

# ROAD REPORT

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## FROM THE ENGINEER

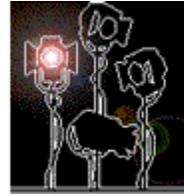
I have been on vacation the last two weeks, so I don't have a whole lot report about. I will say, we live in a nice area, weather-wise. We get a touch of really hot weather and touch of really cold weather and plenty of snow, but not the extremes or the durations other areas have. I also have to admit, Michigan is a very beautiful, diverse state. I am just glad we are much better football players than them at the present time!

I would like to welcome our four new employees—Travis Arter, Nick Collins, Austin Gill and Matt Wonderly. Hopefully we'll have an "employee spotlight" in the Road Report soon about each one of them so we get better acquainted. I don't recall ever having a "boot camp" for so many new employees at one time. We also ought to have some kind of contest to see who the first is to know all their names! Welcome aboard men!

On Tuesday we will be having a meeting in Ashland with the other thirteen counties involved with the Utopia pipeline. So far, only one county has indicated they will not be attending. The meeting will be held at ODOT's District 3 headquarters.

You may have noticed new stop signs at some railroad crossings on county and township roads. These are not ours! This is a result of a State law passed a few years ago requiring ODOT to install them. ODOT is paying the railroads to install them. We, if they actually remain, will be responsible for stop ahead signs (without any reimbursement from ODOT I might add!)

Paving is in full swing now. The intermediate course is done and the surface course started yesterday and should be completed tomorrow.



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

**Employee:** Travis Arter

**Title:** Maintenance Worker I

**Date Hired:** July 18, 2016

**Girlfriend:** Celina Rodriguez

**Children:** Ayden, 13 years old and Emmanuel, 6 years old

**Pets:** Shorkie, named Sparty

**Favorite Song:** Tonight Looks Good on You, By Jason Aldean

**Hobbies:** Floating on the pontoon, sports activities with the kids.

**Claim to fame:** I can build anything with my hands tied behind my back.

**Pet Peeve:** Lazy people

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY (Years of County Employment)

Dean Silva      July 23<sup>rd</sup>      37 years

# FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

I would like to welcome Austin Gill, Nick Collins, Matt Wonderly, and Travis Arter to our Road Crew. They have already been out doing different jobs this week. Dirt hauling, crack sealing and power washing truss bridges, just to name a few.

## CULVERTS

CR 181 and 185 culverts have now been completed in front of the pavers. Crews are still hauling dirt from the Alley and Miller Ditches to build shoulder along CR 185. We will also be hauling dirt and placing it along CR 185, in front of the cemetery, where the plan is to elevate the curve during paving.

These shoulder improvements have turned out great and have made the road much safer.

## FAIRGROUNDS

Dirt work and stone work is complete at the fairgrounds. A couple of new drives were dug out and filled in with berm stone in the north parking lot. The dirt that was dug out was then placed inside the fairgrounds for dirt berm in the grass areas. The areas were then rolled and topped with another layer of dirt. The guys then hand raked, hand seeded, and hydro seeded. We are now running hoses and sprinklers in these areas to keep them watered and to get grass established for this year's fair. So far the grass is coming in well.

## MOWING

Mowers are now back to full force since we have some new personnel. They will be wrapping up on the east side of the county in the next day or so. We will have to jump right back to the west side as soon as the east side wraps up. During the first round of mowing, we couldn't keep up with the grass. Now we can't keep up with the weeds. Ed is also out in the boom mower, working on deeper ditches and back banks. We also got word that we will be putting an order in for a new boom mower real soon.

## ROAD MAINTENANCE

- A section a Limerick Rd. was widened, just east of Maple St. Two feet on each side was excavated and replaced with base hot mix.
- Tree limbs were cleaned up from a storm last week.
- The traffic light on E. State St. and the shopping center was replaced as it was damaged by the storm.
- Mailbox approaches and driveways were shaved down on Finefrock and Limerick Rd. for paving.

- Brush was ground up and cleaned up on TR 220 and TR 93 in preparation for some culvert extensions.
- Our parking lot was crack sealed this week. A contractor will be coming to seal our parking lot.
- We are in the process of power washing all the truss bridge in the county.