

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

The CR 175 project started on Monday, July 17th. This project involves raising the approach on the west side of SR 101 and replacing the existing arch bridge with a concrete box. Everything started out really well, but then a gas line was encountered where it shouldn't have been. Thanks to Carlos' work, the line should be relocated next week. The boxes were scheduled to be set on Monday the 24th, but of course, that will now be delayed.

Townsend and York Townships combined their paving projects into one contract this year. Bids were opened in York Township on July 11th. Erie Blacktop was the low bidder at \$311,800.

Bids were opened yesterday for paving all of CR 175. Although both Erie Blacktop and Gerken Paving have high production asphalt plants within three miles of the northeast end of the job, neither of them was the low bidder. M & B Asphalt, whose plant is about ten miles from the southwest end of the job, was the low bidder at \$1,497,745. We will be receiving Federal Funds for 80% of the cost of this project. Paving on this, or CR 198, probably won't start until September.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

(Years of County Employment)

Dean Silva July 23rd 38 years

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

Today is MJ's last day. It has been a pleasure working with her, and we wish her success in her future career endeavors.

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Last week, Mother Nature was in charge with our area receiving anywhere from 4 to 8 inches of rain. We battled high water for most of the week and weekend, having to close most of our normal roads like CR 65, CR 90, and Christy Rd, and having to place numerous high water signs. By the end of the week, CR 201 and South River Rd had to be closed due to the river overflowing its banks. The one good thing is that the flooding didn't last long. The water went down as fast as it came up. Once the water receded, some berm repairs had to be done on CR 117, CR 201, and South River Rd.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- The guys spent time cleaning and washing down vehicles during the rain events last week.
- Tindall Bridge was washed down, and a minor welding repair was done on the east side of the bridge.
- We have started washing and getting the loose paint off of Building #9. We are going to give this building a fresh coat of paint soon.
- Asphalt repairs were done on Brush St, where the road was starting to break up.
- Equipment was moved into the north parking lot of the fairgrounds last week. This week, the guys worked on striating some of the drives in the northeast corner of the parking lot. Next week, ODOT will be hauling some road grinds to fill in the drives and touch up the parking lot where needed for this year's fair.
- Sandblasting and painting on TO. 268-1.72 started back up this week, since the water has receded.
- Mowing also started back up this week. The grass has really taken off again, with the rain last week. Crews are now on the east side of the county.