

# ROAD REPORT

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## FROM THE ENGINEER

We have the RUMA for the NEXUS pipeline nearly completed. The biggest remaining factor is who the “Responsible Representative” will be. This person is supposed to be familiar with road repair and able to speak on behalf of the Pipeline Company in case of road damage. So far, we haven’t agreed on the representative they want to appoint.

You may recall that we applied for a \$275,000 grant for the paving of CR 198. That grant was not funded, but we were given the opportunity to convert the grant into a zero percent loan. After talking to the County Commissioners, it was decided to go ahead with the loan. The Commissioners will repay the loan, which is the best news yet! We will contribute \$275,000. The project is scheduled to bid on April 27<sup>th</sup>, along with the SR 101/CR 175 intersection improvement project. Thank you, Commissioners Kay Reiter, Charlie Schwochow, and Scott Miller!

We held an office staff meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is something that has come and gone over the years. Sometimes it seems these meetings were productive and at other times, not so much. This was a productive meeting, so we plan on holding office staff meetings on the fourth Wednesday of the month, for the time being.

I had the pleasure of looking at a ditch problem with Commissioner Scott Miller earlier this week. We not only came up with a solution to the problem, but Scott also got to see, firsthand, a ditch that is under maintenance. He immediately commented that some of the problem could have been avoided if the filter strip would have been wider and not farmed so close to the ditch. We are trying to establish 10 foot wide filter strips on each side of all new petition ditch projects.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Austin Gill  
Chad Fisher

April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
April 11<sup>th</sup>

## FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

The Brush Crew has been working around the west side of town. They have cleared out and around the bridge on West State Street, and around the box culverts on Hayes Avenue and Napoleon Road. This is how we would like all of our bridges and culverts to look in the county.

Ditch cleaning on CR 39 is now complete. Eric is now up along CR 11 by Risingsun, where he is cleaning part of the Bonawit Ditch. We will be cleaning the upper end and Ron Hovis has started on the lower end. Steve was also working on a ditch cleaning out along CR 33. This ditch was finished earlier this week. Tim followed along behind Eric with a dozer, levelling spoils in the fields on CR 39. Tim is now up along CR 32 where we cleaned up a bunch of brush, taking out stumps and debris so we can add dirt along the shoulder.

We contacted Jarrett Tree Service to cut down 13 trees on CR 175. Our department worked with them on the traffic control. Our department will also finish the dirt work and grass seeding once all the stumps are removed.

## ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Some snow fence has been taken down. The rain over the past 2 days has put a damper on that for now.
- A tile was repaired along Napoleon Road
- A log jam was removed from under a bridge on CR 128
- Mark is back out today with the grinder on the excavator, working around bridges and some other spots in Scott and Madison Townships, grinding brush
- We started power washing the plows and salters, getting them ready to be put away for the year – I hope!
- Barricade repairs and cleaning in the buildings continues on inclement weather days
- Potholes were filled as needed