

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

Retired Drainage Engineer Carl Hahn passed away on August 12, 2012 at the age of 88. Carl started working for Sandusky County the same year the Ohio Drainage Laws were changed to include maintenance. Prior to that time, when ditches were petitioned, they were simply cleaned and that was the end of the project. Carl thought the first ditch placed under maintenance in Ohio under the new law was one he did right here in Sandusky County. It is the Duffet Ditch #571 which is along TR 280 in Townsend Township. I just discovered recently that Carl may also have had the distinction of doing the last ditch under the old Law. This one is located in Woodville Township and was also completed in 1957.

Carl developed the assessment procedures that are still used in Sandusky County with only minor modifications from the originals he developed. They have been used as examples in many counties in northwest Ohio. Carl was always proud of the fact that this procedure was tested in Court and was eventually upheld by the Ohio State Supreme Court. The project involved with that process was Sugar Creek #593, which was always one of Carl's favorites. Carl was also proud of the fact that when a dispute arose about how wide to make the lower end of Scherz Ditch, the Corp of Engineers sided with his calculations. This was a unique problem since there was zero grade from Route 6 to the Sandusky Bay. This is located near the north end of CR 268 in what is now the Pickerel Creek Wildlife Area.

I owe Carl a personal debt of gratitude. I know he was instrumental in hiring me way back when and always supported me as county engineer. He will be missed.

Recent events around here can basically be summarized by saying Tindall Bridge, CR 177, and mowing! 177 should open today, and we'll come back later to finish the channel work. Structural repairs are being made to the Tindall Bridge by our own crews. This work will continue until the painting contractor arrives in the next

week or so. Once they start, the bridge will remain closed for about another two months. Mowing is in progress on the west end of the county in what will hopefully be the final round. Also, paving has started on the multi-Township paving contract and the contract has been awarded for concrete repairs to the State Street Bridge. Kim and crew have also been very busy getting OPWC applications around for future projects. All in all, we're still very busy!!!!!!!!!!

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

For those who have not registered yet –a letter with instructions is w/your paycheck. It is important to register, the County will be using this system to send out emergency notifications to all employees.

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

TINDALL BRIDGE REPAIRS

Work continues to progress out on the east side of the bridge. The old back wall and beam seat have been removed. This week the new beam seat was formed up and poured. Monday should be the pour day for the backwall. Repairs on the stringers, railing, and cross bracing are still being worked on as well. Keep up the good work.

CR 177 BOX CULVERT

Since the last road report, a lot of work has been completed on this job. The old structure was removed, stone set to grade, boxes were set into place, and then back filled. Mark and Cody have been working on removing the brush and trees along the ditch channel to the north. This week we were able to get the stone base flooded and pave the base course. We still have the ditch on the north side to move back and some cleanup to do, but that may be put on hold for a bit so we can go and install the box on TR. 265. Thanks to all for their hard work.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Mailboxes set back on CR 39.
- Started setting mailboxes back on CR 12.
- Roads were ran to identify dead trees for removal.
- Brush was cut on S. River Rd. north of TR 43.
- A few dead trees were removed on CR 65.
- 3rd round of mowing started this week.
- Catch basin lid and bottom formed up for SC.10-1.99.

IN THE SHOP

Last week Jeff and Andy attended a seminar at the Fremont Bus Garage on the diagnostic software we have for the dump trucks. As normal, they have been working on services for us and a few for the sanitary department. Jeff has been doing some fabrication work on the ditch bucket for the backhoes. Andy will be taking care of the mower services since they are back out on the third round.

SIGN SHOP

It's that time of the year again, Fair Week. Last week Perry and Tony H. got the supplies and material out and loaded for the fair booth. Monday the frame work and picture boards were put together. The display looks good. Perry has also been busy touching up the school zone signs for the upcoming school year, getting signs ready for the East State St. Bridge construction, plus keeping up with the other repairs need.