

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

Townsend and Rice Townships have both opened their paving bids now, and the Court Street parking lot by the Court House was bid yesterday. That should complete all the paving bids for the year. Prices for the year have been in the \$60 a ton range.

Paving has resumed on CR 11 and should be completed in the next day or two. Once it is completed, our road paving for 2011 will be finished. We have paved all of CR's 11, 58, and part of 33 for a total of 16 miles.

Kris and I attended the BORMA (Buckeye Ohio Risk Management Association) meeting on August 18th in Maumee. The association decided to raise health insurance rates by only 1.5% for next year. This is great news and so much better than the double digit annual increase we were receiving prior to joining BORMA.

Dean Silva and I attended continuing education for surveyors in Findlay on August 19th. The speaker covered the history of the original surveys done around 1820 in northwest Ohio. This is when the townships and sections were first laid out and formed the basis for property lines when land was first sold to individuals by the federal government and are still in existence today.

Carlos and I attended a meeting at ODOT's District 2 office in Bowling Green on August 22. The purpose of this meeting was to go over pending federal aid projects. The projects we have in the pipeline are paving CR 41, painting Tindall Bridge and installing some more RPM's.

The office is busy preparing OPWC applications that are due next week. Looks like we will have a couple of paving applications (CR's 12, 39, 92, 106 and 109) and one for the bridge on 232. It's way too early to have any idea which ones, if any, will be funded.

Congratulations to the Jarrett's on the birth of their daughter. Also, we wish Steve Fisher a full recovery from his recent major surgery. Of course Eric is still recuperating from his injury, so we also wish him good luck too.

Last but not least, we wish Mark Swartz all the luck on his retirement. Mark has been a real work horse around here for a long time. He will be sorely missed. I can't prove it, but I would venture to say that Mark has designed more bridges in Sandusky County than any other individual without any exceptions. He has made immeasurable contributions to make the roads and bridges in Sandusky County among the best in the State. Good luck Mark and we will truly miss you!

CONGRATULATIONS GOES OUT TO SHAWN & DAWN It's a Girl!!

Name: Kourtney Barnes
Height: 21 inches
Weight: 8 lbs 9 oz
Date: Tuesday, August 9th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY (YEARS OF COUNTY EMPLOYMENT)

Rick Villarreal August 12th 15 yrs

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

Income Comparison
(License, Permissive, Gas Tax)
January – July

2011	\$2,495,543
2010	\$2,524,209

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

It's been a couple of weeks since the last road report, and plenty of jobs have moved right along since then.

SA128-2.80

Steel was tied for the south footer with a pour soon after. The south wall was tied, formed up, and poured also. Mark has been working on cleaning out the channel and placing rip rap in front of the walls. Both walls have been sealed, painted, and backfilled. Looks like Tuesday the beams are scheduled to be set. Looking good!

SA211-0.41

Things have progressed on this bridge as well. The channel has been cleaned. Rock in front of the walls have been backfilled. Beams were set, end plates were welded on and then it came time for the nailing of the deck. The new palm pounders worked great. The crew is in the process of raising the east approach. GOOD JOB TO EVERYONE INVOLVED ON THESE BRIDGES!!

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- 2ND round of mowing was finished up.
- The spots around town were mowed
- Driveways on C.R. 312 and C.R. 11 were shaved down for paving.
- Clean up of trees and tree limbs from some recent storms on Smith Rd. and in the city of Bellevue.
- A new ramp was built at the bottom of the fairgrounds hill.
- Picture boards were put up in the county tent for the fair.

SIGN SHOP

Perry has been busy with his signs, plus other jobs like repairing a pump station on C.R. 169, painting the school signs, and E. State St. traffic lights.

SHOP

Jeff and Andy are busy in the shop with repairs, services, mowers, and installing the DMI's in the new pickups.