

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

On Wednesday, May 25, 2016, beams were set on at least the 136th bridge that has been built over the last thirty years. We had a small luncheon to recognize employees that made this possible. Although just current employees attended, it was also in honor of past employees who also worked hard to make this happen. My thanks go out to everyone who made this possible. That doesn't just mean those who worked on the bridges, but every employee. After all, everything else had to be done as well—roads had to be mowed, signs taken care of, surveys made, plans prepared, equipment had to be repaired, records had to be maintained, the list goes on and on.

As a result, bridges in Sandusky County are in very good condition. No more replacements are planned for the foreseeable future. Rather, money will be diverted to paving. None of the remaining bridges qualify for any type of outside funding. Tindall Bridge is as close as we can get, and it is in very good condition. It serves as an reminder that every generation here at the County has done their part, otherwise it would not be in such good condition at over a hundred years old. Tindall has a "State" rating of 108.6. By comparison, a neighboring County to the west has over 30 bridges that rate higher (which is worse) than this. Our next bridge is State Street at 66.5.

Sandusky County doesn't have a bridge problem because a lot of people worked diligently. And it was largely done with our own funds—only a few bridges received 80% Federal Funding. We didn't get any free bridges from the State like other counties have. The above mentioned neighbor will be receiving over twenty bridges courtesy of the State, scot – free, including the design. I know of one other county that is also getting at least twenty.

Again, thanks to all—job well done!

If the State is trying to freeze income to local governments, they sure are doing a good job with us. Our income through April of this year from gas taxes and license fees was \$210 less than a year ago. That's out of over \$1.4m.! A variation of 0.015%. A little too close to be a mere coincidence I believe. Well I guess they have to raise the money for these free bridges for other counties somehow.

Memorial Day traditionally marks the beginning of summer. For once, we will also be having beautiful summer weather with temp's forecast in the 80's. Enjoy and remember friends and family members that have gone on before us.

SUPPORT BOY SCOUT TROOP 302

Pulled Pork Dinner Fundraiser
Sunday, June 12, 2016 -11:30 am to 2:00 pm
Pulled Pork, Baked Potato, Applesauce,
Roll & Dessert, cost \$8.00 per dinner
Hayes United Methodist Church, located
behind the Fremont YMCA.
For ticket information contact Dean.
Perry, how many would you like for the
Clyde Fire Department??

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

INCOME COMPARISON
(License, Permissive, Gas Tax)
January – April

2016 \$1,432,494
2015 \$1,432,704

MUTUAL HEALTH SERVICES

Handling your health insurance just got easier with our improved website. Visit MutualHealthServices.com to find:

- Enhanced search functions for products and services
- Mutual Appreciation information – our employees become your customers

- Community involvement updates – discover the ways we serve the community
- User-friendly site navigation
- Easier to read page layouts and tabs

MHS is very excited to announce a new interactive voice response (IVR) system that will allow members to access more information about benefits, claims, and eligibility, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The attached letter details the services that will be offered by the system. If the member elects not to go through the IVR prompting system they can opt out by stating either “agent” or “representative” anytime during the call. The member will be transferred to a Customer Care Specialist during regular business hours.

THE JEFFERSON HEALTH PLAN

Healthy Lifestyles Program is an online supplemental wellness program offered through our health insurance, please enroll in this program at www.jeffersonhealthplan.com.

New program begins July 1st, please get signed up to participate in upcoming events.

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

SC. 32- 0.19 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Since the last road report, the north wall was stripped, ground, and painted. The dike has been removed and rip rap was placed in front of the walls. Beams were set on Wednesday and grouted on Thursday. Now the crew is in drainage and clean up mode. Great Job to everyone involved.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- The mowing crews have finished the road cut on the east side and now have started on the west side of the county.
- Cody, Andy and Tim R. have been out with the hydro - seeder seeding the Alley and Miller Ditch projects.
- Shoulder work on CR 177 was completed. We were able to get a few dry days to finish hauling from the Alley Ditch to complete this. This area and the culvert will need to be seeded now.
- ODOT has been using our crack sealer for about a month now and getting the material from us. In exchange they are reimbursing us with 300 tons of salt. ODOT brought over there conveyor system and helped us stack it. It was a slow process, but it got er stacked up there.