

# ROAD REPORT

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## FROM THE ENGINEER

The Sandusky County Fair is underway! This is one of the nicest Fairs around. Thanks to the Fair Board for providing a pass to each of our employees. This is a case of “do the right thing and it will eventually pay off”. Although we didn’t do much this year for the fair, over the years we have and it has resulted in a very nice “fringe”. Unfortunately, someone thought they needed more and almost ruined it for everyone.

We’ll see how doing the right thing, etc., works out when it comes to loaning out our equipment. Our crack sealer was destroyed in an accident when it was on loan to a Township. Fortunately, no one was seriously injured and we have ordered a new one.

The County, along with Ballville Township and the Parks District, has received a grant to repair the Mull Covered Bridge. The plans will be prepared by Smolen Engineering out of Ashtabula. The owner of the company, John Smolen, is the former Ashtabula County Engineer and a leading expert when it comes to covered bridges.

The future of the new Terra entrance is in jeopardy. It seems there is now a lack of funding and, as a result, an effort is underway to change the plans. I am not in favor of this. I think we have a good plan and if money isn’t available, then we should wait until it is and do the job right (another adage that seems to work well over time). It was determined through the traffic impact study for this project that a traffic signal is warranted at the 53/Napoleon intersection and that exit ramp(s) from 53 to Napoleon are a possibility. If the original plan is dropped, then maybe we can pursue these improvements as an alternate along with better access from State Street to 53 South.

I would like to recognize the bridge crew for an outstanding effort to pour the last wall on the 247 bridge today. We lost the month of July due to the weather. Tim and crew have worked hard to overcome that. We originally planned on setting the beams in August. Although we didn’t quite meet that, we could technically still set the beams in August.

They are now scheduled for September 5<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all who made this possible!

Enjoy the last few days of summer! Now that it is about over, it looks like we’re in for some real summer weather. A Toledo TV station reported that we were under the average temperature for 26 consecutive days.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kris Foreman August 12<sup>th</sup>  
Kim Foreman August 18<sup>th</sup>

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

(Years of County Employment)

Rick Villarreal August 12<sup>th</sup> 17 years

## FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

### Uniforms Tax

The first time uniform tax was applied to your paycheck; there was four weeks of uniform rental included. On this paycheck, there are five weeks of uniform rental included - June 25<sup>th</sup>, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup>, and July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

### RY. 247-1.38 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

The bridge crew has been hard at work to get the last two concrete pours finished up. Last Thursday, the west footer was poured. Since then, the crew has worked hard to get the wall steel tied and the wall formed up. This morning, they are pouring the west wall. Next week will be just as busy with stripping the forms, sealing, and painting, back filling, and cleaning out the channel in preparation for the beams. This has been one of those nightmare jobs. A larger job than we are used to and we all know the weather did not cooperate. I just want to give everyone a big thanks and a good job for the hard work on getting these footers and walls completed.

## **MOWING**

Here is another job that got pushed to the side during the storm cleanup. By the time we got back to mowing, crews had to deal with some pretty tall grass and weeds. Crews finished up the east side of the county last week and they have now started back on the west side of the county with the third round. Don't think your work goes unnoticed. Everything that I have seen shows that crews have taken their time and cut everything possible. We have also received some complements from property owners around the county about the mowing. Well done everyone.

## **ROAD MAINTENANCE**

- Spots around town were mowed.
- Guardrail was repaired on CR 177.
- Catch basin lid was repaired on CR 107.
- Culverts on CR 260 were patched with asphalt.
- Asphalt repair was done on CR 119.
- One of the new tandems has arrived and is being shown off at the fair.
- Tile repair on Limerick Rd.
- Fair booth was set up.
- Yard was mowed.
- Offices were cleaned.
- Weeds and grass were cut and sprayed around Tindall Bridge.
- Trees were trimmed up in the yard from storm damage.