

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

It has been sometime since I have submitted an article to the Road Report. A lot has transpired since then and I am not going to attempt recap it all. Just about everything can be summarized by one word: weather!

On July 10th, the entire county was rocked by a terrible storm that knocked down trees, power lines, and damaged homes, barns, and buildings. Damage was widespread, but Bellevue seemed to be worst hit.

In the early morning of July 20th, the county was hit with heavy rain. The amounts I heard were anywhere from three to seven inches—all in a couple of hours.

Essentially, we lost the month of July due to the weather. We not only cleaned piled trees and brush from along county roads, we also helped other agencies including townships, Clyde, and Fremont. We rented a mini excavator with a clam shell and a front end loader with a grapple bucket. These were used to load brush onto our trucks. We also purchased a new, larger wood chipper and ordered a grapple bucket for our loader.

In spite of the weather, some of our normal work went on when possible. The east footer and wall have been poured on the bridge on 247. The wall was the first poured with our new forms, and it came out very nice. Mowing has been resumed, but we are naturally behind schedule. Starting Monday, we plan on having six tractors mowing in hopes of getting caught up. Paving has been completed on South River Road and the painting of Tindall Bridge has also been completed. Quotes for a new office boiler have been received, and there have been several township bid openings. A ca-zillion drainage complaints have also been investigated.

Let's hope the weather returns to normal and we can get back to a normal schedule for the rest of the summer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tony Hartshorn

July 13th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

(Years of County Employment)

Rich Randolph

July 16th

23 years

Dean Silva

July 23rd

34 years

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

INCOME COMPARISON

(License, Permissive, Gas Tax)

January-July

2013 \$2,474,729

2012 \$2,482,857

Alarm System

Please remember to swipe your fob (after hours) at the gate when leaving.

FROM THE ASSISTANT ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

A lot has happened around the county in the last month! On July 10th we had a huge storm go through, and that's what we have been working on ever since.

We started cleaning the tree limbs Monday after the storm, which is after we took care of all the flooding from all of the rain we got. We rented 2 pieces of equipment to help out with the damages. The first one was the mini excavator from Buck and Knobby and the second was a loader from Southeastern Equipment. We cleaned up our roads first and then helped the City of Clyde and then the City of Fremont. We rapped up our brush clean up with those 2 machines in about 2 weeks. In the middle of the entire cleanup we purchased a new Vermeer Chipper. Currently we are still fixing any guardrail damages or picking up any limbs that are still laying along the road. It's been a long few weeks but I think we are finally rapping up with this storm!

County Road 247 Bridge is another story! We have been set back and set back on this project. The flooding out there has been something to deal with. Then a break was taken for brush clean up from the storm. For the last 2 weeks the guys have been back at it and full speed ahead. The East wall is poured, striped, and painted. Today they will be moving to the west side.

Other than those projects, mowing is continuing on the East side of the county, Perry has been keeping up in the sign shop, and Jeff has been working on equipment in the shop.