

# ROAD REPORT

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## FROM THE ENGINEER

Progress is being made on the new SR 53 entrance for Terra. Various options have been analyzed, and the field has been narrowed to four. All include a roundabout. ODOT is currently reviewing the four options. Once their preliminary approval is obtained, a hearing will be held for public opinion. All four options have been rated using criteria such as environmental impact, preservation of farm ground and economic development. The highest rated option involves the replacement of the bridge over Muskellunge Creek on Muskellunge Creek Road. The design of this is to begin immediately. The current schedule for the entire project calls for construction to begin next spring and be completed by next fall. The biggest hurdle was overcome when Terra said they would cover the \$3.76 m. estimated cost!

We recognized Administrative Professional's Day on April 25<sup>th</sup> by going out to lunch at the 818 Club and then touring some County projects. Normally this is just Kris and Kim, but this year Jenna joined us. Jenna is being trained in the office and has been doing a great job. She will be filling in for Kris when she takes extended leave in the near future.

Here's wishing Eric Wheatley a speedy recovery from his recent surgery. It's too bad what seemed like a pretty simple injury turned into such a major problem for Eric. Here's hoping for the best for you Eric!

This has been a busy week in the yard. Both overhead doors in Building 9 have been replaced and Tim Below, Jan Dorr and Tony Hartshorn have been busy preparing Building 7 for two new doors that will replace four existing overhead doors. Once this work is complete, we will be able to park the bucket truck in this building. The yard has also been swept. Not only does this make the yard look better, it disposes of the sediment that supposedly absorbs any contaminants.

Our new bridge forms have arrived. This one should be placed in the "should have done this years ago" category.

Later today I plan on attending a meeting in Tiffin regarding the widening of SR 53 to four lanes from Route 30 to the

Turnpike. This project is being promoted by Seneca County. I am going for informational purposes. I think they want to tap the recently enacted "Turnpike money". Although this sounds like a good idea, I suspect the State already knows where this money will be spent. A project such as this will take years to accomplish, but it has to start someplace.

On May 13<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> St. Joe student Alex Chlosta will be joining us to complete his senior project. Alex has aspirations to be a civil engineer.

Our next Staff meeting will be on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. I would like to extend an invitation to interested highway workers who might want to attend just to get an idea what happens at these meetings. If two would attend each meeting, it wouldn't take too long for everyone to attend. This, of course, is strictly voluntary.

Finally the weather is catching up with the calendar. Enjoy this beautiful spring weather!!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tim Reed  
Adam Kozak

May 4<sup>th</sup>  
May 5<sup>th</sup>

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

(Years of County Employment)

Eddie Fisher    May 15<sup>th</sup>    24 years

## FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Well, it's the first of May and the weather is finally straitening around. Better temperatures and, knock on wood, the rain have slacked off. Another construction season is already underway. Crews have been working hard on replacing culverts and setting mailboxes back on the road that will be paved this summer. We also have two bridges and one box culvert on the schedule for this year. It will be a busy construction season once again, and let's make it a safe one.

## ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Trash was picked up along county road, in front of the mowers.
- Culverts on Smith Rd. are being replaced.
- Tim R. worked on leveling spoils on Twp. Rd. 59.
- JA. 39-4.20 was cleaned up and paved.
- Jeff and Andy have the mowers ready for the first round starting next week.
- Mailboxes are being set back on Smith Rd.
- The yard was swept. #9 stone was cleaned up around the salt shed.
- Darrs Cleaning blew out tiles on River St. and Cr. 39.
- Contractor cleaned a ditch on Cr. 229, road crew hauled the spoils.
- Pot holes were filled as needed.
- Some trees and brush were removed on Cr. 109 and S. River Rd.
- Tim B., Jan, and Tony H. are working on the door openings in building #7 to replace the four single doors with two double doors.
- Fremont Overhead is working on replacing the two overhead doors in building #9.
- Crews have been out seeding and strawing areas from last falls projects and projects from over the winter.

**Don't Forget your Mom!!**

**Mother's Day is next  
Sunday, May 12th**