

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

You may have read articles about the shortage and cost of salt for this winter, but nothing has been said about our own salt situation, so here it is. Based on salt usage over the years, we have enough salt on hand to carry us through an average winter. Of course we all know there is no such thing as a “average” winter, so to be safe, we have ordered an additional 2,000 tons through ODOT at the ridiculous price of \$105.25 per ton (last year it was about \$32 a ton). It is very expensive, but if it keeps the roads safer, it will be worth it. Although we should have plenty of salt, we still have to use it very conservatively. We’ll be mixing it with 9’s and, in some cases, may use only 9’s. My fear is that if we don’t conserve it as we go along, we may get hit with an ice storm in March and may not have any salt when that’s the only thing that will work. So... please conserve!! As they say, use all you need, but need all you use.

It doesn’t seem possible, but it’s Christmas time again! Merry Christmas to everyone and your families!!

THANK YOU!!!!

We would like to thank everyone who purchased raffle tickets for the benefit to raise money for Jennifer Randolph and her family, with a special thanks to those people who offered to help sell the tickets. With your generosity, we were able to raise \$7,100.00! It is safe to say that this raffle far exceeded our initial hopes, and so many people had a hand in making a difference for the Randolph family. It’s heartwarming to see a community rally for one of its own.

The winner of the Buckeye tickets and autographs was Nate Lance.

Thank you all for your Kindness!!!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY (YEARS OF COUNTY EMPLOYMENT)

Kris Foreman	November 20 th	25 years
Tim Below	December 6 th	15 years
Tim Reed	December 6 th	15 years
Carlos Baez	December 6 th	4 years
Cody Amor	January 3 rd	10 years
Kim Foreman	January 3 rd	14 years
Matt Reinhart	January 3 rd	4 years
Jim Moyer	January 7 th	29 years

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan Door	December 6 th
Jim Moyer	December 29 th
Jim Sanford	January 7 th

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

MOWING

Road side mowing has been completed on the west side of the county. Since then, the mowers moved back to the east side finishing up back bank areas. Ed continues to work on the west side with the boom mower on the larger ditches. Once completed with our ditches and weather cooperation, the boom mower will give a hand to a couple of townships.

BRUSH CREW

The brush crew has been out the past few weeks running roads by plow routes. They are keeping an eye out for road hazards around bridges, guardrails, and utility poles. If anybody knows of something, please let me know.

SIGN SHOP

Perry, Jimmy, and Tony have been steadily working on our sign grant project, moving and replacing signs according to our last sign study. The main objective is the curves on our county roads. Things are going along pretty smooth. From what I’ve seen so far, it’s definitely a good improvement. Keep up the nice work.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Log jam was removed from under the bridge at Cr. 169 and 44.
- We installed a new driveway and parking area at Otis school. Hopefully this stops the congestion on Brush St.
- Cr. 1 was bermed from St. Rt. 590 to St. Rt. 635.
- Snow fence was installed around the county.
- Pot holes filled as needed.
- Since last road report, we have had a few snow and ice events back in November.
- Guardrail repairs were completed from inspection list.

