

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

The purpose of the "Road Report" is to communicate to our employees, former employees, County Commissioners and the general public, the activities of our office. The Ohio Revised Code requires the County Engineer to file an Annual Report with the County Commissioners. Instead of filing one formal report, the "Road Report" also serves this purpose in several installments.

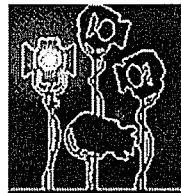
I attended a "Fatality Review Committee" meeting recently. Other members include the State Highway Patrol, Sheriff's office, ODOT, Health Department and the State Department of Safety. The purpose is to review fatal accidents to see what can be done to prevent similar accidents. Last year there were 11 traffic fatalities in Sandusky County which reinforces the purpose of this Committee. The four leading causes are alcohol, excessive speed, failure to yield and not using seat belts. I heard a new slogan: "Look Left Twice". Makes a lot of sense.

We will be holding our "annual" Township Trustee meeting on April 12th. Although this is supposed to be an annual meeting, we have gone to every other year as there is not a whole lot to talk about. This year there will be some new Trustees and Fiscal Officers.

I hope your favorite team wins the Super Bowl!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Perry Hill	February 8 th
Elizabeth Royster	February 12 th



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Employee: Elizabeth Royster

Title: Civil Engineer

Date Hired: January 4, 2016

Spouse: Dale

Children: Elsa – 5 years old,
Matthew & Evelyn – 2 years old

Pets: Bear the cat.

Favorite Song: Anything by the Beatles.

Hobbies: Working out, dancing, and kids.

Claim to fame: Runner – up in
Miss Fremont, (lost by half a point).

Pet Peeve: Slow Pokes

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

Sandusky County Employee – Esuite HR Portal

Once you activate your account, you will have access to your paychecks and other personal information. This program is only available using a County Computer.

To set up your account, **you will need to create a username and password.** Road crew employees will be able to access their account at the following computers: Mechanics, Sign Shop and my computer. Instructions are posted at each computer. If you need assistance let me know.

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

With the milder winter weather so far, we have been able keep working on our ditch cleanings. Mark finished up a ditch last week on CR 41 and has now moved up to CR 82, north of the Turnpike, cleaning a ditch there. Also, last week, Eric finished cleaning a ditch on CR 198, north of CR 201. Once Mark finishes the ditch on CR 82, we are finally going to hook up the Fecon mulcher for the first time. We are going to try it out on TR 260 by TR 183. I am looking forward to seeing what this machine is capable of doing.

As weather allows, we are still hauling dirt from the Ally Ditch to the culvert on CR 177. Things are slowly shaping up out there.

The Brush crew is out working on the east side of the county, removing ash trees, cutting limbs and brush back away for the roadways, and cleaning up around utility poles.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- A couple sections of damaged guardrail were replaced on CR 1.
- Vehicles and equipment are getting washed and waxed.
- Pot holes filled as needed.
- Chad and Kory have been out spot berming.
- Culverts on Limerick, CR 198, CR 181, CR 185, and Finefrock were located and inspected for replacement this summer.

FROM THE SIGN SHOP

The Sign Grant that we have been working on this past year is nearing the end of the line. Perry and Rich are presently processing the paper work that has to be turned in to the state to receive our reimbursement for the installed signs (80% of the material cost), tying up loose ends and making sure that nothing was missed. After that, Perry will have to input the sign data into the computer and update the LJB sign program.

The process has been a long one. THANK YOU to all that helped out, from laying out the signs to doing all the sign replacement and resets. This was a great improvement to our county roads and hopefully will make our roads safer.

- Every sign on the county roads was inspected for work to be done except green signs.
- There were approximately 1,900 signs in the work orders that had to be changed, moved or just reset.
- We used approximately 700 new 8' 2 pound posts, 350 11' 2 pound posts and we even used 25 3 pound posts where the ditch banks were deep.
- We double posted most of 36" X 36" signs, where needed.
- There were approximately 750 new or replaced signs.
- We wore out the Post pounder, so a new one had to be purchased half way through the project.

The next project up, once we regroup, will be to update all of the green signs in the county. This last project was small compared to the green sign project coming up. Any volunteers??

While doing research on the Quinn Ditch, we ran across our very own Mark Auxter!! Way to go Mark!!

Thursday, Dec. 26, 1974, The News-Messenger, Fremont, O.

Residents of Whites Landing road problem corrected

Sours said he was hoping to get some help through the Corps of Engineers flood control funds for the project but the corps denied that request Monday saying that there was no emergency situation involved. The corps suggested that the planning commission seek help from the state Department of Transportation and the Soil Conservation Service. Planning Director John Plahovinsak indicated he would look into those possibilities.

What is happening on the road, Sours said, is that water backing up from Lake Erie during periods of high water is eroding the long banks of the ditch and is threatening the road.

"I'm worried we're going to lose the road if something is not done," Sours said.

The residents are more worried about losing lives and property, though. They say icy conditions on the roadway, coupled with areas where the guardrail is being eroded into the ditch, and a pitch to the road will make it treacherous during this winter.

"The banks along the ditch have eroded and sunken away on the road side so that it will no longer hold the guardrail which, in some places, has almost fallen into the ditch. Instead of providing protection, it is actually a deterrent to safety," their letter says.

"Route 290 will not be safe to travel this winter when it becomes snow covered and icy because of the depth of the ditch and the unsafe guardrail. Passing, and meeting vehicles will be endangered on the west side of the road which

build a wall along the entire length of the ditch to prevent erosion. The county could encase the ditch in a large pipe. Or, the county could buy rights of way behind the houses existing along the road, and divert the ditch there.

"Every solution we've considered has been costly," Shaffer said.

No one seems to know when the project might be started.

Sours points out that the engineer's office has a backlog of petitions. He does not fault Shaffer whom he says is trying to clean it up.

"You've got to give Shaffer credit," he said. "He's trying to take care of catching up."

Sours said he was not sure how priorities for projects were handled in the past, although he knows that the Indian

Creek project was petitioned after the Quinn project and has been completed.

For whatever consolation it might provide to the Whites Landing residents, there are 22 petitions which still must be acted upon in the engineer's office. Although projects amounting to about 108 miles have been completed, the remaining projects involve roughly 160 miles of ditches.

Lakota students earn high grades for 6-week period

KANSAS — The following list is the Lakota High School honor roll for the second six-week grading period.

SENIORS: Jill Miller, Stan Wasserman, Debi Tahy, Sue Bowe, Rose DeVanna, Beth Murray, Linda Strausbaugh, Cindy Gillespie, Deb Baker, Janice Swaisgood, Debbie Naderer, Bill Baldwin, Mike Adams, Darla McCoy, Edsel Clark.

Sherry Leemaster, Susan Sams, Gregg Cline, Sharon King, Jeff Kline, Fred Hoffman, Scott Watson, Cindy Flagg, Brenda Miller, Jane Harpester, Deb Meyer, Sue Gosden.

Phil Upole, Deb Earl, LaRetta Ginnever, Ann Wonderly, Cindy Isch, Sue Davidson, Cathy Williams, Deb Wank, Val French, Anne-Grethe Svenstrup, Tim Haubert, Brenda McCoy, Barry Finsel, Linda Morris.

JUNIORS: Eileen Wolf, Karen Wasserman, Vanessa Harshman, Sara Ezzone, Cindy Naderer, Becky Graber, Lavern Miller, Karen Fisher, Tracy Schmeltz, Beth Upole. Tammy

Stephenson, Karen Miller, Chip Nieset, Mark Bonawit, Paul Corbin, Clarissa Reinhard, Teresa Soule, Teresa Kosta.

Elizabeth Salas, Bruce Snyder, Lanny Leemaster, Chris Ickes, Julie Allen, Julia Shafferly, Amanda Hernandez, Kathy Peppers, Jeff Gschwind, Sandy Sabo, Roxanne Hammer, Shawn Daugherty, Vic Walters, Paul Luclus, Jeff Huff, Martha Entsminger, Irvin Reinhart.

SOPHOMORES: Jeff Youster, Brenda Grankart, Theresa Gosche, George Strausbaugh, Linda Gwiner, Linda Baldwin, Todd Graber, Ed Myers, Brenda Findley, Kent Kline, Steve Naderer, Penny Saalman, Jon Gamertsfelder, Mike Williams, Jim Kuisely.

Ron Kibley, Marianne Hammer, Julie Abel, Marty McDole, Deb Bateson, Kathy Madden, Al Aldrich, Phil Hedden, Rhonda Weaver, Roger Sams, Lynn Klotz, Shellie Hossler, Carol Wasserman, Carolyn Archibald, Jeff Hammer.

Tina Blackburn, Jenny Kline, Mark Auxter, Mike Clauss, Gail Wellington, Fay Armon, Juanita Brown, Hope Hernandez, Lom Foster, Cindy Halfhill, Gene Peppers, Lisa Miller, Kim Thaxton, Dan Vitte.

Cindy Weyant, Mary Smith, Cathey Gangwer, Mike McDonald, Mike Dennis, Mark Pine, Lynda Kreais, Rick Whetsel, Jeff Ramey, Lynett Hunter, Deb Ickes, Lynn Boff, Connie Johnson, Larry Steyer, Francis Kimmert.

FRESHMEN: Suzie Pelton, Pam Bingle, Bob Murray, Amy Boucher, Tammy Hull, Kevin Gabel, Mark Stearns, Kim Turner, Donna Stockmaster, Susan Ezzone, Jean Markel, Dave Pine, Becky Harris, Dianna Klotz, Bev Bingle, Jon Foster.

Bill Ireland, Jennifer Hartley, Pam Meyer, Phil Hoffman, Jane Gosche, Debbie Holman, Cathy Nieset, Layne Leemaster, Bob Hoffman, Faye Eckhardt, Richalene Braunbeck, Ginny Ickes, Wendy Bowe, Marsha Huff, Joel Chambers.

Way to go Mark!!