

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

Unfortunately, in the next paycheck, we will all see an increase in our health insurance cost. There are basically two reasons for this. One, our premiums went up about 20% and two, to maintain the premium policy we have, it was necessary for employees to pay a larger portion. We will now be paying 8.5% instead of 6.5%. None of us want to pay more, but keep in mind the rest of the County pays 13% and that is going to increase to 15% next year. We are good for another year now, but it is getting increasingly difficult to maintain our current policy, which has very low deductibles.

The good news is, raises have been evaluated and will be effective earlier this year than normal. In fact, they are already in place and will show up in the next paycheck. That will help offset the increase in health insurance.

We recently lost two friends of our Department. Former County Commissioner Dave Forgatsch passed away on June 1 at the age of 88 and former Rice Township Trustee and Clerk Howard King passed away on June 18 at the age of 77. Our condolences go out to their families.

In other news, Madison Township opened paving bids on June 19, dates for bids and the Final Hearing for the Schwochow Ditch have been set, the Ditch Maintenance assessments have been determined for next year, Tindall Bridge has been inspected by Richland Engineering and the County has joined TMACOG (Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments). Carlos and I attended a tour of their office on June 21. We have already taken advantage of some of their services by involving them in getting the railroad crossings on CR 30 improved. I have been working on this for over a year, and still no results. Hopefully they will be more successful.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jeff Dymond July 6th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

(Years of County Employment)

Tony Miller July 5th 6 years

FROM THE ASSISTANT ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Steve has been in the excavator working on the CR 201 box culvert. He has been grinding brush and cleaning the channel. We rented a walk-behind skid steer for cleaning out the culvert. The excavator then moved to CR 198 to help level and pave a culvert, and will now be moving to the bridge on CR 118 for channel work.

Eric, Tim, Jimmy, Tony, and Austin have been keeping busy as well. They have replaced a culvert on CR 106, did some miscellaneous dirt work, and have paved CR 106, CR 198, and 3rd Ave.

Kory and Matt have gotten equipment around and have started sandblasting the bridge on CR 268.

Adam, Travis, and Ed are out on the second round of mowing on the west side of the county, keeping the roadside grass mowed down.

Perry and Nick have been busy in the sign shop. The sign shop's old software has become obsolete and they have purchased new software. They will be busy learning and exploring the new technology. In between the sign shop work, they have also been helping with the other crews.

Jeff, Jim, and Remington always have work to be done. They have been keeping the trucks and equipment in working order, along with servicing them.

Good job to all of the Road Crew, Service Shop, and Sign Shop employees for all of their hard work.

Have a safe and happy Independence Day!

