

# ROAD REPORT

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## FROM THE ENGINEER

Much of my time since the last road report has been spent on the Turnpike situation. As in the past, it has been a roller coaster ride—one day we're on a high and the next day a low. The Turnpike testified against HB 40 on March 2. They did their usual professional, smooth presentation while distorting everything in their favor. The difference this time that our State Rep Rex Damschroder asked them a lot of very good questions that really set them back! They are accustomed to everyone accepting what they say as fact. That wasn't the case that day! On top of that, the Chair of the Committee got on their case too and advised them to work out a deal with Sandusky County. It was enjoyable watching the proceedings go in our favor for a change! In regard to a "deal", I believe they will be presenting the same offer they have in the past—they'll fix them all, if we agree to maintain them for eternity. Based on their past work, I am not sure we will be able to do that.

Duane and I also met recently with representatives from ODNR, Division of Wildlife and the US Fish & Wildlife Service about mowing on CR 259. They are concerned about a very rare (and beautiful) orchid growing in this area. It only grows in a handful of locations in the State and 259 happens to be one of them. They are going to put up additional signs so the area is easily recognized and we will be making only a narrow road cut in this area.

The Stahl Road drainage plans are now done for Ballville Township. I intend to deliver them to their meeting on Tuesday.

Yesterday Dean, Mark and I attended a surveyor's workshop at Ohio Northern University. This is the second year for this event and is still one of the better ones I have had the opportunity to attend. They had a nice display of surveying equipment used in the past. We each received CPD hours, better known as continuing education, for attending. We need to get at least 15 hours a year and this was good for 6.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Steve Pfeiffer

March 19<sup>th</sup>

## FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

### Income Comparison

(License, Permissive, Gas Tax)

January - February

2011 \$684,359

2010 \$668,239

## FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

I was hoping a new month would give us some relief, but if we weren't fighting snow and ice, we were dealing with high water. I think after today all of the high water signs should be down and all the washouts repaired. Let's hope today's snow is it for the year, but I have a feeling it is going to drag on for awhile. So much for the ground hog predicting an early spring!

The few days that the weather cooperated we were able to trim some brush, fill pot holes, spot berm and repair mailboxes and signs.

On the rainy days, we were able to repair barricades, clean buildings, and remove a wall in bldg. #7.

Dean, Jeff and Jimmy have been busy repairing and servicing the trucks.

The night shift was able to get some of the trucks cleaned and waxed.

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead Sunday morning. We wouldn't want you to be late Monday morning!

# THINGS OF INTEREST

## **Clyde St. Mary's Fish Fry**

Alaskan Walleye, Potato, Salad Bar / Drink

When: March 11, 25 and April 15

Time: 4:30 – 7:00 PM

Where: 615 Vine Street – The School

Cost: Adults - \$8.50

Kids 10/under -\$3.00

Carry Outs Available

More information call: 419-547-9687

## **An Evening of Mozart**

Featuring Mozart's Requiem & Concertante

E♭ for Violin & Viola

When: Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

Time: 7:30 PM

Where: St. Mary's Catholic Church

429 Central Ave., Sandusky, OH

Cost: \$10.00 (\$8.00 Students & Seniors)

More information call: 419-559-2233

When: Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

Time: 4:30 PM

Where: St. Joseph's Catholic Church

709 Croghan St., Fremont, OH

Cost: \$10.00 (\$8.00 Students & Seniors)

More information call: 419-559-2233

## **26<sup>th</sup> Annual Fremont Toy Show**

Buy-Sell-Trade

When: March 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

Time: Saturday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Time: Sunday, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Where: Sandusky County Fairgrounds

Cost: \$2.00 – under 10 Free

More information call: 419-307-5026 /

419-637-7067

## **St. Paddy's Night**

Must be "21" to Enter

When: Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

Time: 5:30 PM – 10:30 PM

Where: Clyde St. Mary's School, 615 Vine

Street, Clyde, OH

Cost: \$10.00 - Includes 5 Drinks Tickets &

All You Can Eat

More information call: 419-547-9687