

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

So far it has been a hard winter—lots of snow and cold temperatures and there was no January thaw. So we're stuck with mounds of snow that cause drifting every time the wind blows! Thanks to everyone that has worked hard to keep the roads in good shape. It's been a long haul and we have a ways to go, but the end is in sight! Saint Patrick's is only a little over a month away and spring training is starting up. Maybe next week's "heat wave" will bring some relief.

The Turnpike Bill has been introduced again by our State Rep Rex Damschroder. Proponent testimony will be given on Wednesday the 16th. From Sandusky County, Commissioner Dan Polter, Sheriff Kyle Overmyer, Paul Fiser and I plan to testify. Representatives from the County Commissioners, Engineers and Townships state associations and the Farm Bureau will also be there. I am meeting with our State Senator Karen Gillmor in Columbus Monday morning to see how she will be helping us out. We would like to pack the hearing room with supporters so anyone who is available is welcome!!

The Sandusky County Soil and Water Conservation District will be holding their monthly meeting here on Thursday, February 17th at 7:00 AM. We are discussing the possibility of returning the maintenance of petitioned ditches to our department. We will begin with a tour of our facilities.

The following Tuesday we will be hosting a committee that was formed at District 5 to consider changes to the rating system for OPWC projects. Members are coming from Erie, Ottawa and Wood Counties.

Last week I attended a County Engineers conference in Columbus. It was one of the better ones I have had the privilege to attend. Jerry Wray, Director of ODOT, was one of the speakers. Jerry was also Director several years ago. Prior to that he was the Licking County Engineer and that is when I first met him. I had the opportunity to talk with him about the Turnpike situation.

The new ventilating system in the office seems to be working well now. Our design engineer inspected it yesterday and was satisfied. There are only a few minor things that remain—namely removing all of the original controls.

Speaking of the office, the old office, which most present employees would know as the old sign shop, is hardly recognizable now. The interior has been gutted and it is only a matter of time until it will just be another part of Building 7. Hard to believe that it actually housed more office employees than we now have! Tom Morrison and I are the only remaining employees who actually worked in there when it was the office.

I hear through the grape vine retired employee Orville Moore is going to have surgery. Good luck Orv—we'll be thinking about you! Also Phyllis Hahn is home again after suffering a broken hip. I understand Carl learned some new domestic chores in her absence. By the way, we always appreciate news from retirees.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Cody Amor	February 22 nd
Dave Beeker	February 24 th

VALENTINE'S DAY

Don't forget your sweetie this Monday. ♥

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

First of all I want to thank everyone for their dedication this winter.

It's been a long time since I can remember snow being on the ground this long. It seems like if it isn't snowing it is blowing and I know everyone is getting tired of fighting it, but it sounds like a thaw is on its way.

I even heard Blizzard Bill say he missed the snow on Saturday.

Nine of the last fourteen days were spent in the trucks.

Thanks to the midnight shift and Dean for keeping everything going.

Other things we were able to do.

- Repair mailboxes.
- Clean the sidewalk on Ballville Bridge
- Rearrange bldg. # 3.
- Strip out the old sign shop.
- Cut brush and remove low hanging limbs.
- Dip a ditch on Tiffin Rd.
- Paint the frame of 984 for the water truck.

THINGS OF INTEREST

Communities for the Arts Presents:

STRAIGHT NO CHASER

Celebrate Valentine's Day by coming to see the all men's a cappella singing group

When: Saturday, February 12th

Time: 7:30 p. m.

Where: Clyde High School Auditorium

Cost: \$15.00

Call: 419-547-0588

Grace Lutheran Church Crafting Day

When: Friday, February 11th

Time: 4-10 p.m.

Where: 705 W. State St.

Call: 419-332-1558