

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

The biggest event this past month was the Final Hearing of the Michaels Ditch. The Commissioners held their final hearing here in our Ready Room with about 15 property owners in attendance. The majority of the property owners in attendance were in favor of the project with a very small minority against it. The Commissioners decided to approve the project unanimously. Now we have to wait until November 3rd to see if any property owners file to appeal the Commissioner's decision. This project begins north of the crossover under CR 13, just west of Burgoon, in Jackson Township, and follows the existing ditch all the way north until it reaches Muskellunge Creek on TR 23. It also includes a ditch coming from TR 80 that flows east to the main channel. Total length of the project is approximately 7,800 Feet. We will be replacing the crossover under CR 13 with a 30" RCP. The low bid was Great Lakes Demolition out of Vickery, OH for \$83,968.20.

Rich, Elizabeth, and I also participated on the project walkthrough for the proposed bike path along Napoleon Road and through Terra State Community College. We met with the consultant of the project, along with representatives from Terra, and the Parks Department. The project begins on the corner of Brush and Napoleon, it continues along the north side of Napoleon until it turns north on Terra's property. It continues north through Terra and also through a private property until it meets Muskellunge Creek Road just south of West State Street. We will coordinate the work along Napoleon Road and also will develop an agreement to maintain the bike path in our existing R/W. We will be extending some of our crossovers on Napoleon and possibly enclosing some of the ditch on the north side of the road.

Last month, Lisa Kuelling from EMA and Bethany Brown with the Health Department asked our office for help building a concrete pad for a container that the County is purchasing through the CARES Act. We then met on the field to layout this pad. Our guys finished this past week laying out, excavating, and pouring a 50' long x 12' wide concrete pad (*It looks great!!!*). The container measuring 40' long x 8' wide will be used by the Health Department and EMA to store extra PPE, and other materials necessary for public health. We also used the Facilities Management Department and Burkett Electric to provide power to the container.

I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone about the dangers of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The virus is very much alive and active in our community. We need to continue to observe our social distance and please wear your masks or your gaiters whenever you can't achieve the 6' minimum distance. When we are riding in vehicles together please remember to wear your masks. If you feel sick or have any symptoms, please stay home. Also, wash your hands often and use the hand sanitizing stations that we have installed throughout our facilities. The numbers keep going up in our county, so we need to do our part to keep the numbers down.

Condolences go out to the family of Jerry Preston and also to Rice Township for the loss of one of the good ones. Jerry was a good worker and a good friend, he will be missed by all. R.I.P. Jerry.

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Hello again everyone! Another month has gone by and it's time for another update. First thing I would like to say, and for those who have not heard, Jerry Preston (aka Jerry Rice) passed away on October 15th. Jerry was a great ally and friend. Jerry cared about his job, and all the roads in Rice Township. He will be missed greatly.

Mowers have now finished the last round of road mowing on the east side of the county this week. They will have to go back out, weather pending, to get some back banks as the crops come off. Matt and the boom mower finished up the west side last week. Now he is moving over to the east side. He will also be trying to get some of the township roads, if time allows.

Mark finished the ditch and rock work on TR 223 awhile back. The machine is still at that location, but will be moving soon to fix a washout on 229. Then he will start cleaning the ditch on CR 11.

Cracksealing continues on CR 117. The rain has put a damper on finishing this road for over a week now. If the weather comes back around, we will continue cracksealing on some other roads yet this year.

In the shop, Jim has been working on the new Dodge Pickups. He has been wiring the new strobe lights. Rem did some engine repairs to Vehicle #124 and beefed up the older snow plows. These are just a few things on top of services and other maintenance that have come up.

We lent a hand to the EMA/Health Department last week. They decided to put up a storage unit to store a bunch of COVID

relief products. They asked if our department would be able to build a concrete pad for the storage unit. So last week, our forces dug, formed and poured a 12 x 50 concrete pad. We also worked with Burkett Electric digging a trench for electric to the storage unit. We still have dirt work to complete around the pad as soon as it dries up some.

The Sign Shop has been busy with green signs. Seems lately quite a few green signs have come up missing. So they have been making new green signs and replacing where needed. They have also been re-facing stop signs and stop ahead signs for stock. Next week we plan on relocating the west flashing school sign at Lutz Elementary. We will be moving it about 100ft to the west. We are also looking to install a cross walk with flashing signs on Buckland. We are still waiting on those quotes.

Miscellaneous Road Work

- ✓ *Assisted Riley Township with hauling stone and asphalt for TR 253.*
- ✓ *Repaired two culverts on CR 128. Replaced rotted corrugated pipe ends with N-12 plastic pipe.*
- ✓ *Spot bermed around the county.*
- ✓ *Tim leveled spoils for Ditch Maintenance on the C. Russell and Little Bark Creek.*
- ✓ *The guardrail at River Street and Siler Street were repaired after an accident.*
- ✓ *A new pallet shelving unit was installed in Building #1 to store cracksealing material.*
- ✓ *On rainy days the guys have been cleaning trucks and getting them ready for under body hot oil treatments.*
- ✓ *Changing all fluorescent bulbs to LED lights in building #9.*
- ✓ *Kory and Jimmy have started sandblasting and painting the plows that Remington has rebuilt.*
- ✓ *Eric and Matt helped Facility Management replace a hydrant at the Community Garden.*

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

Income Comparison
(January – October)

2020 - \$4,840,143
2019 - \$3,920,692

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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| Kristine Randolph | Nov 20 th | 31yrs |
| Jenna Sommers | Nov 8 th | 16yrs |

FROM THE CIVIL ENGINEER

SAN-Terra Bike Trail:

Rich, Carlos and I met on site with CT Consultants, Terra State Community College Facilities Management and Sandusky County Parks District to lay out the future bike path, which starts along Napoleon Road (north side, as a path separated from the roadway), meanders through Terra State and surrounding property, and follows along Muskellunge Creek Road as a path sharing the road, and terminating at the current West State Street on-road bike path. Terra and the Parks District will own and maintain the bike path and the path will connect Terra State to the North Coast Inland Trail as a safer route, using ODOT Transportation Alternatives Program grant funding. I provided all historical survey information for CT Consultants, who will begin surveying the properties next week.



The Terra Bike Path is expected to meander along near Terra's conference center, and cross farmland east and north of Terra State.

The fall leaf colors are out; Carlos walks towards Muskellunge Creek, north of Terra State property.



Who Am I?

Last month's participants were Elizabeth (Employee #1) & Kris (Employee #2)...

Who guessed that?!

See if you can get this months!

EMPLOYEE #1

As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up? *Baseball Player*

Favorite activity to do with your family?
Hang out, cook out, go out to eat...

Favorite song?
"Help Me Find It" (Sidewalk Prophets) and anything by Bob Seager

Favorite sport?
Baseball

Favorite season?
Fall

Favorite restaurant?
Burdines Waterfront (Florida Keys)

Hobbies?
Shooting, Kid's Sports & Activities, Teaching/Serving Church and Youth

EMPLOYEE #2

As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?
Police Officer

Favorite activity to do with your family?
eat

Favorite song?
Let it Roll

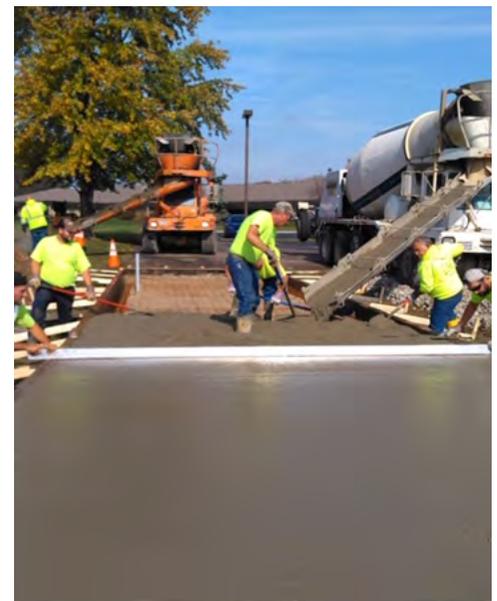
Favorite sport?
Football or Baseball

Favorite season?
Spring

Favorite restaurant?
M S T (Madison St. Tiffin)

Hobbies?
Traveling to new places

Concrete Pad for the
EMA/Health Department



November

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Get your stretchy pants ready...

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 Election Day | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY JENNA!! | 9 | 10 | 11 Veterans Day OFFICE CLOSED | 12 | 13 <i>World Kindness Day</i> | 14 <i>World Diabetes Awareness Day</i> |
| 15 <i>World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims</i> | 16 | 17 <i>Nat'l Take a Hike Day</i> | 18 <i>GIS Day</i> | 19 | 20 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY KRIS!! | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Thanksgiving Day OFFICE CLOSED | 27 <i>Black Friday</i> <i>(Hide your credit cards guys!</i> <i>LOL)</i> OFFICE CLOSED | 28 |
| 29 | 30 <i>Cyber Monday</i> | | | | | |
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