

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

Dean Silva and I testified at a court hearing regarding a survey in Section 31 in Jackson Township last week. My testimony was relatively short, brief and general. Dean, on the other hand, was on the stand for a long time and gave a very good and detailed testimony about surveying. He had examples of the equipment surveyors used back in the 1820's. It was a very informative presentation—I learned a lot! In fact I want to see if I can get some continuing ed credits. One of the things that is in dispute is the location of the center of section. Dean (and Steve Fisher) located this by using original stones and fence lines. Surveyors today avoid this laborious procedure in favor of using modern equipment to shoot straight lines and measure distances precisely to establish new points, something the original surveyors attempted to do, but they were limited by their equipment and the conditions they had to work under. None the less, the points they set are the ones that are supposed to be used, otherwise property lines will be continuously moving. I think Deuteronomy 19:14 says it all: thou shalt not remove thy neighbor's landmark. But why make things easy when with a little more effort you can make them difficult?? Anyhow, good job Dean!!

We have received both new backhoes now (103 and 104). Hopefully we got our money's worth out the ones we traded in (012 and 013). Both new snow plows (101 and 102) are fully equipped now and ready to go. In other equipment news, the paver is being repaired and will be functional again. At this point we're not sure how much paving we are going to do, but at least we will be able to take care of any emergencies that may arise.

We have started interviews to hire a new engineer. If the first two are any indication, we will have several good candidates. More interviews are scheduled for next week. I hope we can have someone hired and ready to start around the first of the year.

This afternoon Kris and I are going to Owens Tech for public records training. As an elected official, I am required to take this training at least once every term. I think it is very important. I have learned that the records we have are not mine or anybody else's personally. They belong to the public and we are merely care takers of them and it

is our responsibility to make them available to the public. I wonder if there is something in Deuteronomy or Leviticus about that?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Duane Reese November 2nd

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

United Way

Why invest in United Way? Your donation no matter how large or small touches the lives of 52% of Sandusky County residents. That's right, your donation reaches out and helps approximately 31,500 children and adults. Invest in your community, invest in yourself... you will never know when you or your family will need the help of a United Way Funded Agency or Program. As a donor you can be assured that 100% of your donation stays here in Sandusky County. Please return form by December 8th.

Flexible Spending Enrollment

Flexible Spending Account Open enrollment is in December. This plan may (depending on interest) be offered again for 2011. Anyone who is not currently enrolled and is considering signing up please let Kris know.

Income

Comparing January – September, income increased 2%.

2010	\$3,252,649
2009	\$3,184,815

Although income is up in 2010, it actually is less than what we received in 2008.

Budget

Jim and I are working on the 2011 budget. We are interested in hearing any ideas you may have for saving money.

Job Opening

We are still accepting applications for a Civil Engineer, information is available at www.sandusky-county.org.

FROM THE ASSISTANT ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

The cooler weather is here and the leaves are changing and falling! It's hard to believe that October is already ¾ of the way over and Halloween is next weekend already!

Things Going On Around the County

Count Road 312 crew has been working away and they are about done with all of the crossovers on CR 312! All they have left is to pave the two crossovers at 312 and 205.

Tim Below's crew has been working on East State Street basins and will be done today! They just had to pave around the basins to make the project complete.

The excavator has been out doing more silt removal on CR 39 and 58. Today they were placing rip rap on County Road 1 Bridge.

Chad F. and Dave mowed the lawn and all the spots around town last week. Hopefully it's the last time for this year but we will see!

Steve and Chad have been doing some painting touch-ups on Township Road 72-1.50

Tim and Chad saw cut a crossover on County Road 33 to get ready to put a culvert in.

HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

Where: Sacred Heart School-
550 Smith Road

When: Saturday, November 6th

Time: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Cost: \$2.00

A SALUTE TO HEROES

(Tribute to Our Veterans)

Where: Sandusky State Theatre/Terra
Community College

When: Friday, November 5th in Sandusky

November 6th in Fremont

Time: 7:30 PM

Cost \$10.00

Call: 419-559-2233

DIAMOND RIO

Where: Grace Community Church- 900
Smith Road

When: Sunday, December 12th

Time: 7:00 PM

Call: 419-332-2623

THINGS OF INTEREST

FLU CLINIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Date Time Location

11/1/10 - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Health
Department

11/8/10- 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Health
Department

11/15/10- 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Health
Department

Cost: \$20.00 and you may file a claim with insurance for reimbursement. You may also consult local pharmacies regarding co-pay's for shots as well as your family doctor.

8th ANNUAL CANCER BENEFIT

Where: Fremont Eagles 2570 W. State St.

When: Saturday, October 23rd

For more information call: 419-332-7529

RUMMAGE SALE

Where: First Presbyterian Church-
120 S. Park Ave.

When: Friday, November 5th

Time: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

BRANSON ON THE ROAD

Where: Clyde High School Auditorium

When: Saturday, November 6th

Time: 2:00 PM

Cost \$20.00 call 419-547-0588

