



The Orange Brigade



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Logan County Highway Department

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Coleman's Comments

Once again, we are near the end of another busy year. This year we resurfaced 45.7 miles of county highways, sealed 65 miles of county highways, replaced 6 bridges, and more than 44 culverts. Of the bridges that have been replaced in 2005, two had been closed to traffic for several years and three could not carry school buses. We have also assisted the Township Trustees with the resurfacing of 10 miles and chip-sealing 22 miles of roads with a combination of sales tax and the Townships' own funds.

The Traffic Department has replaced 1,752 permanent signs and installed 30 flip-up signs for high water locations in 2005. This year, they have placed 456 temporary construction signs, repainted the railroad and school crossing zones, and trimmed brush around signs to provide clear sight distance.

During the winter months of 2004-2005 we spent \$357,849.81 on snow and ice control. This includes 1,772.25 hours of overtime and 5,449 tons of grit.

The Map Room and the Building Authority have been very busy this year as well. The Logan County Building Authority issued 327 permits this year, of which, 153 were new dwellings. They also performed a total of 2,943 inspections in 2005. New home valuations totaled \$23,098,896.

The Map Room has been continuously updating and maintaining the County GIS (geographic information system) for all existing and new parcel splits. This information has been made available to the public on the Logan County Auditor's website at <http://lcaweb.co.logan.oh.us/aweb/>. In spring of 2005, the county contracted to have new digital aerial photography and LiDAR (light detection and ranging) data collected for the county. The new data should be available in February of 2006. The LiDAR data will provide highly accurate ground elevations for the entire county. The Map Room has recently acquired a large format plotter and scanner, which will enable the staff to print the most current aerial photography and digitally archive our large format

documents.

The engineering and administrative staff has overseen the design and construction of the TR 61 Relocation Project, designed all of the bridges and large culverts replaced in 2005, prepared all bid documents and specifications for all construction projects, prepared cost estimates, and performed hydraulic analyses for bridges and culverts. We plan bridge replacements and maintenance, road reconstruction, ditch maintenance, equipment needs, and building and grounds maintenance. We maintain and track our inventory, manage billing and payments, track project costs, inspect and issue driveway permits, prepare press releases, plan safety training, perform annual bridge inspections, maintain and update county mapping, inspect subdivisions and stormwater control measures, comply with state and federal regulations, and answer questions from the public. We perform design and analysis, construction inspection, and surveys for the townships. In 2005, we received \$ 2,486,376 in state and federal grant assistance and applied for \$ 1,163,923.21 in grants for future projects.

The road and bridges sales tax income for 2005 was \$2,472,931.34. Of these funds, 13.5 percent, or \$333,845.73, are provided for township roads and bridges each year.

For 2006, we have scheduled another 26 miles for asphalt resurfacing and have planned a chip-seal program to preserve the roads that have been resurfaced recently. The bridge crew will be very busy completing the bridges scheduled for 2006. The traffic department will be busy overseeing pavement markings, replacing signage, and adding more flip-up signs for high water locations.

NEW ASSISTANT ENGINEER

Derek A. Heitzman

We are pleased to announce that Derek Heitzman has accepted a position as an Assistant Engineer with the Logan County Engineer's Office.

Derek was born and raised in Continental, Ohio in Putnam County and is a graduate of Tri-State University in Indiana with a B.S. in Civil Engineering.

WELCOME ABOARD, DEREK!

Employee Birthdays

July

Dennis Grogan
Steven Tracey
Anna Furrow

August

Larry Artis
Jeremy Burrey
Jon Hines

September

Charles "Ron" Hanson
Rick Archer

October

Shane Long
Dennis Stryker
Brian Todd Coleman
Don Phipps

November

Gregory Swonguer
Gregory Dappert
Charles "Butch" Banning

December

Mark Dearwester
Richard Cooksey
Rebecca Jolliff
Kristin Knight

Work Anniversaries

July

Carolyn Grimes - 4 Years
Michael Reffitt - 8 Years
Dennis Grogan - 2 Years
Michaela Brunke - 1 Year
John Berry - 23 Years

September

Don Phipps - 1 Year
Rick Archer - 21 Years
Scott Coleman - 12 Years
Rebecca Jolliff - 16 Years
Dan McMillen - 12 Years

October

Sam Ragland - 1 Year
Jon Hines - 18 Years
D. John Cummins - 1 Year
Mark Dearwester - 3 Years
Joel Miracle - 2 Years
Gregory Swonguer - 3 Years
Jeremy Burrey - 2 Years

November

Harvey Grimes - 15 Years

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
YEARS OF SERVICE!**

Recent Promotions

Matt Archer - Highway Worker Trainee 2
Jeremy Burrey - Highway Worker 2
Mark Dearwester - Route Marker 2
Larry Garwood - Highway Worker Trainee 2
Joel Miracle - Highway Maint. Supt.
Robert Schrader - Operations Supt.
Robert Simmons - Survey Technician 3
Steve Tracey - Highway Worker Trainee 2
Congratulations!"

Notice to Employees - Direct Deposit Available

If you wish to enroll in the Direct Deposit Program, forms are available from the Personnel Specialist, Dianne Gauder. There are still three enrollment times available during 2006.

<i>Deadline for Form</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>
02/17/06	04/01/06
05/19/06	07/01/06
08/18/06	10/01/06

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Thank You!

