

Throughout every month, I attend a variety of functions. One I want to particularly draw your attention to is the Cache C.A.S.T.L.E. After School Program. On November 15, I attended their program honoring our military moms and dads. These 2nd – 5th graders did an outstanding job honoring our service men and women and their families. I would urge you to lend your support to this program. It helps keep kids safe and healthy, inspires learning and supports working families. I believe it is extremely important for all of us to maintain functions that support our kids and grandkids in such a positive manner.

In District 3, the rains we have received have allowed us to continue to grade and work on the roads. After the tough summer which took its' toll on them, it will take a lot of work and time to get them back into shape again.

It seemed the weather went from hot to cold very quickly and to chip-and-oil we must maintain a temperature of 50 degrees or higher for three nights in a row. We did get one layer of oil and chips and almost all of a second layer on Miller Road, from Meers-Porterhill Road to Shroyer Road, before it got too cold. Also a portion of Paint Road was oil and chipped north of Lee Blvd. But we did not get to some of the roads in the District that we had planned to oil and chip before the cold weather set in. Those roads were Indiahoma, Big Bow, Gore, Paint, Chibitty, and McIntosh roads, as well as 1st and Elm streets in Cache. These will be done when it warms up. Tinney Road was disked up and the road bed shaped from 67th Street west for about a half mile. The trees in the bar ditches were cleaned out and the ditches shaped to improve the flow of water away from the road.

We met with Cobb Engineering, ODOT, and Circuit Engineering District 6 in a “plan in hand” meeting to review the primary plans for the bridge to replace the Boulder Creek low-water crossing on Gore Blvd.

We graveled King Road, from Four Mile Road to Stoney Point Road, using some “yellow gravel” from the Gene Warner pit. After being watered and packed with rain and traffic, it has become a better road.

On October 17, the City of Indiahoma held their semi-annual clean up day. The guys hauled off loads of trash to the dump for them.

Kenny Kinder and I sponsored the second meeting of the small town mayors in District 3. It was an opportunity to exchange ideas among the mayors and to determine how we can help them. Attending the gathering were Mayors Perry from Indianola, Humble from Chattanooga, Cope from Medicine Park and Reed from Faxon. All of the small town's mayors in our district are invited to attend each meeting. We enjoy the camaraderie and exchange of ideas. The next meeting will be in the spring. The fairground's catering service prepared another fine dinner for the group.

The following does not fit the "duties as usual" category. We took surplus fire trucks to Goldsby, OK for the Indianola and Chattanooga volunteer fire departments. Also, Fort Sill gave the town of Medicine Park three small cabins which they asked us to move. Given a new challenge, Kenny and the guys used their ingenuity and were able to get them safely moved.

Kenny and the crew have been working on cleaning up the yard here at the barn and sold over \$11,000.00 in scrap metal. We also found a company to pick up our old grader and loader tires. We had over 200 of them which had accumulated over the years.

In upgrading our equipment, we took delivery of three new John Deere road graders to replace older ones. We received a grant for a new tree shredder to replace the old one, and we have ordered a new John Deere backhoe to replace our oldest one.

Lee Blvd status: Smith Roberts has completed their task of acquiring the right-of-way. If you have been down Lee Blvd lately, you may have noticed the Comanche County District 4 water lines are being moved. Contracts have also been issued to move the Cotton County water lines. AT&T and Cotton Electric will need to move their lines. We continue to push the project along where we can. The time line has slipped a little. We are expecting ODOT to let the road construction contract next February or March, with a begin date of sometime in May.

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