

We have continued to work on Tinney Road, between 97th and 112th streets. This month we have cleaned the bar ditches so the water can drain away from the road, thus making it last longer. The road base is ready to be oiled and chipped next spring when the weather warms.

Cobb Engineering completed the bridge inspection for District 3. We have 133 bridges in our district and 97.5% of them passed without need of maintenance. The remainder needs some degree of maintenance to ensure their continued safe use. It might be surprising to know that two of the earliest bridges were built in 1915. Quite a number were constructed in the 1930's and 1940's.

Must have been boring football games Thanksgiving weekend because we had a rash of road signs knocked down and/or stolen. In September, the Board of County Commissioners approved a reward of \$1,000.00 for information and/or evidence leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone stealing or defacing county road signs. People convicted of stealing or vandalizing county property can be ordered by the court to pay the county for the cost of any rewards granted concerning the defendant's case.

When stop signs are stolen, it not only creates a safety problem, it also costs the county money to replace them. Every dollar used on replacing signs is one we do not have to spend on roads. If you witness or know of any attempt to vandalize or destroy road signs, please contact the Comanche County Sheriff's Department at 580-353-4280 or call the Comanche County Dispatch Center at 580-355-9303.

Kenny and the guys put 1 1/2-inches of gravel on 4-Mile Road, going south from King Road. They also cleaned out the bar ditches on Woodlawn Road, starting at Timberlane Road and Rogers Lane Road. We had a controlled burn of the trees and brush that were taken out of Miller Road bar ditches last summer and repaired school bus turn-a-rounds on Sunset and Holsey Lane Roads. The crew also put in playground equipment for Indianhoma Public Schools.

**Lee Blvd status:** We are still in the "*moving utilities*" phase of the project as we continue to push for an April letting of the construction contract.

The Board of County Commissioners selected Dist. 1 and Dist 3 employees who selflessly gave their time to assist in fighting the many wildfires this summer. They were credited in saving pasture, property and homes. Employees of the Month from District 3 were: Mark Barefoot, Bobby Bay, Melvin Beeson, Billy Bigbow, Dustin Boswell, Wayne Cassell, Arnold Dale Fischer, John Mark Fisher, Bill Foster, Tim Henson, Dennis Long, Kenneth Roach, and Flint Runyan.

We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The county barn will be closed through the holidays. If you have a matter which needs attention, please call 580-353-3717.

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