

Our office space, an addition to the County barn, was finished this past month and we finally are all moved in. As soon as we get settled, we are planning an open house.

Summer has set in and the grass has started to grow at a rapid rate. The mowing crews have begun mowing their territories. The bridge guard railings have been sprayed with weed killer. The intersections that had trees and shrubs blocking the view of oncoming traffic were trimmed back.

The rains this month have slowed getting the roads that are scheduled to be redone. The road crew finished preparing Stoney Point Road and is now working on Tackle Box Road and will move on to Four Mile Road and also we are widening a narrow bridge on Four Mile Road north of Tackle Box intersection. There have been several fatalities at the bridge through the years.

With the warm temperatures, we plan to start oiling and chipping the roads that were prepared this past winter. As of now, we plan to start with Post Oak Road and work our way east to Crater Creek Road and Paint Road and then move to the roads in the northern part of the District to include Stoney Point, Tackle Box and Four Mile roads.

After several meetings with Lawton engineers and Cobb Engineering, the final engineer's plan and design for Phase 1 of the 112th Street project has been approved by the Comanche County Board of County Commissioners and the Lawton City Council. We have had a meeting with the utilities companies and they should have their part done by July 17. The construction of Phase 1 of 112th Street from Lee Blvd to the Railroad tracks will begin on June 17. This portion of the road will be closed to traffic during construction.

This past month we had a rash of street and stop signs taken from the area of Madische and McCracken Roads. There is a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons committing these crimes.

The two-year drought has caused trees to die along many of our right of ways and with the high spring winds some have fallen onto the roads. We try to identify and remove the dead trees before they fall into the roadway, and we appreciate residents alerting us to possible hazards.

District 3 employees enjoyed the appreciation dinner given by members of Deyo Mission Church. This is an annual event and we look forward to their generous hospitality and the tasty Indian tacos.

The Pecan Cemetery was enlarged and we assisted them in making gravel roadways through the expansion.

We helped the Town of Indianahoma with their clean-up day. We did the hauling for them.

Jamie Dorrell demonstrated how the back hoe operates to the Cache School primary classes.

We graveled the parking lot of the little league ball fields at the Wichita Mountain Senior Citizens Center, which was formerly the VFW at the Medicine Park "Y". A league from Elgin made arrangements with the Center to use the fields this summer.

I want to remind our constituents that the County barn closes during the week of July 4th. It is an occasion when District 3 county workers all take their vacation time. If you need to contact us you may do so by calling the courthouse office at 580-353-3717.

If you have questions or concerns, I can be contacted at don.hawthorne@comanchecounty.us .