

Mark Cross... the Mayor's Desk in Troy

I guess the most significant item this month is the South Lincoln Drive overpass. You can already see that the overpass project is moving quickly to grade and clear trees. The project broke ground just a month ago. The first phase is to build the service road from where it ends at Bueneman Lane extended it to the Whitcomb Woods subdivision. Currently those folks have to pull right out onto the north bound lane of Highway 61. During construction, these residents will take the service road south to Highways C and 61. The new interchange, with three roundabouts, is scheduled for completion in spring 2014.

While we are talking about streets, Troy was recently awarded \$756,000 by the Department of Commerce's office of Economic Development Administration. This money, along with a matching funds from the City, will be used to rebuild and improve Cherry Blossom Way between Main Street and 3rd Street. When complete Cherry Blossom Way will have three lanes, one for the trucks going to Bodine and MOST and an eastbound and westbound lane to allow traffic to keep moving. Cherry Blossom Way carries a lot of very heavy traffic and after 20 plus years is worn out. I know that when this project is complete almost everyone will be happy with the results.

Water production for the month of August fell by almost 12 million gallons from July. Thank goodness the temperatures broke and we finally got some much-needed rain. I'm pretty sure that it was too late for most of the corn and bean crops, but on the bright side, it looks like almost everyone's yard is coming back.

Sales tax deposits for September 2012 were up approximately 35 percent as compared to September of 2011. The one percent local sales tax was up 33.97 percent for a total of \$560,683 and the 1/2 percent transportation tax was up 35.04 percent for a total of \$271,499. For the Fiscal Year 2013 we are now down by approximately one percent compared to the same period in FY2012.

The Building Department issued two new residential permits

and 14 other types of permits for construction valued at \$264,000 for August.

The Planning and Zoning Commission approved plans for Lincoln County R-III School District the final (record) Plat for "Crooked Creek Estates Plat

3". This site is located at 80,90,91 Willow Springs Dr. in Crooked Creek Estates. These lots will be used by the high school to build houses as projects in the coming school years.

The commission also approved the rezoning of an 8 plus acre site on Mennemeyer Road, just south of Hwy 47, next to the Victory Lane gas station. The site will be used for the Troy Senior Villas, a 48-unit condo complex for senior citizens.

City Hall has been a hive of activity the last week of September as we host the 64th Annual Photography event. Approximately 40 photographers from around the world came to Troy to tell a story based on a person, place or thing from this area. Eventually they will publish a book with their work in it and I believe the books will be available to the public in about a year.

Finally, the board of aldermen passed an ordinance regulating the sale of precious metals, jewelry, gems and coins within the City of Troy. The provisions are designed to provide protection by recording the sale of any of the mentioned items, retaining those purchases made by businesses in the City for fifteen days and allowing law enforcement to inspect the business premises for stolen property. With the price for gold, silver and other metals at all-time highs and burglaries and theft becoming rampant, the Chief of Police requested that this ordinance be adopted.

Until next month, please be safe and God bless you all.



Mayor of Troy Mark Cross

Celebrating Halloween around the area

It's another **Hawk Point Halloween**...Once again Mortimers Hall and the Hawk Point Chamber of Commerce will host a Halloween Party for ghouls and goblins (children and parents) on Saturday, October 20, from 4-6 pm at Mortimers Hall behind Backroads Pizza and Grill off Highway 47. Come dressed to trick or treat!

In addition, Hawk Point City is having a mini-haunted house at the civic center for little ghosts and goblins on Halloween night from 5 pm to 7 pm where they will hand out candy.

Celebrate the Pumpkin Festival in **downtown Troy** on Saturday, October 27, starting at 9 am with crafts, a chili cook-off (register to vote in People's Choice award), a pumpkin carving contest, a costume contest and a scarecrow contest. Winners receive cash prizes.



August Hawk Point Police Report

911 Hang up: 3
Assisted other agency: 3
Assisted FIRE: 1
Assisted LCSD: 2
Business check: 110
Civil matter: 1
Community patrol: 14
Directed patrol: 34
Domestic: 1
Follow up: 1
Funeral procession: 1
Motor vehicle accident: 2
Ordinance follow up: 11
Ordinance violation: 2
Peace disturbance: 1
Stealing: 1
Stealing of motor fuel: 1

Summons traffic: 34
Suspicious persons: 3
Suspicious vehicle: 1
Traffic patrol: 3
Traffic warning: 15
Warrant arrest: 1



August calls for service: 234
Total summons issued: 34

For comparison:
July calls for service: 432
Total summons issued: 66
June calls for service: 364
Total summons issued: 52
May calls for service: 275
May summons issued: 43