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The month of March is always nice to see turn up on the calendar because it means winter is almost over. March stayed true to the old saying of “in like a lion and out like a lamb”. We went out six times this month for mostly minor accumulations except for the unexpected eight inches we received on the 3rd which was only forecast as 1” to 3”. That’s just how mother nature seems to roll these days.

Another sign that winter is winding down and spring is here means that extra season we have called “mud season”. We placed a ton (several ton actually) on most of our dirt roads. Miller and Barrett Hill had particularly bad spots on them which were impassible without 4wd. Getting stone was not easy as it was early in the season and all but one contractor had been crushing. We managed to haul several loads during a two-week period, and now all our dirt roads are very passable. I check them daily to make sure cars, school buses and most importantly, emergency vehicles can get through.

The last sign that spring is here is the annual opening of Ayer Park. We spent a couple days cleaning up not only Ayer Park, but also Founders Park and the ball courts. The porta potties were serviced and open for use as well. We also began replacing some of the bird house road signs that have been missing and/or in need of repair. The bird houses are now being made by Union resident Tom Pitzi, who makes them on an as needed basis. He also made a new Ayer Park sign that looks fantastic.

Finally, this month we have a new employee, Corey Witham, who was hired to fill the spot that was vacated last month. Corey is from Warren and is eager to learn the job. I know he will be a good addition to our crew.

Respectfully submitted,

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New Ayer Park sign made by Tom Pitzi