

# Roscommon County Weekly

## **ROOC Visits the Road Commission for a Tour and Rides**

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On Wednesday February 6, ROOC had what chaperone Jessica Sharrard said was their “first big field trip at the Roscommon County Road Commission”. Road Commission manager Tim O’Rourke led the group of six on a tour of the facility.

The tour started with an introduction of what exactly the road commission does here in Roscommon County. The group was then led to the main garage where they saw the many different vehicles and equipment and learned how each operates and what part of the road maintenance they are responsible for. The newer stainless steel trucks were a big hit. A driver explained his truck and how the salt dispensers and scrapers work. Next the group happened upon a blade change and was able to watch some of the procedure.

O’Rourke then led the group to the basement where they toured the boiler room and learned about the massive in floor heating system and how it works. As they followed O’Rourke down the hallway to see the mechanics’ garage, he described the annual Road-E-O event and how some of the employees get their name on mini-shirts displayed on their very own wall of fame. The halls were lined with pictures and letters from local school children as thanks for their field trips. After a brief tour and explanation of the mechanics’ garage, the group was surprised with a ride in a truck. Three drivers lined up with their trucks to take each participant for a ride around the property, and equipment was engaged for even more entertainment. This tour highlight was followed by many smiles.

By Jennifer Ferguson



Roscommon County Road Commission Manager Tim O'Rourke (left) led students from ROOC on a tour of the facility.