So if you are into palindrome days, then this past series of days have really been something. With Mother’s Day’s seven digit palindrome until next Tuesday’s 5/19/15, I guess it is should be kind of neat.

More interesting is one word in this palindrome phrase—“Madam, I'm Adam. A man, a plan, a canal: Panama.” That word is canal. Then and now, infrastructure improvements are being made for betterment of the community.

During Mother’s Day week, a significant part of the former Ohio & Erie Canal was excavated on South Second Street as part of Newark’s sewer separation project. Massive cut limestone rocks were set off to the side of the deep construction trench. Depending on one’s perspective, the last time some of these stones were seen was well over 100 years ago and some may have been last seen in 1825-1831 when this major state project started here in Licking County and connected Lake Erie to the Ohio River. So that the historical significance of that canal is not lost to the reader, here is one link to Ohio History Connections that describes the Ohio and Erie Canal:

http://www.ohiohistorycentral.org/w/Ohio_and_Erie_Canal?rec=778

We have been documenting some of the construction and conversion of the Re-Newark sewer separation project with aerial videos and photos. Here are two photos:

View of the blocks that had been in place for 180-190 years, looking west, in line with the former 1835 Ohio and Erie Canal running through Newark, Ohio. The white line depicts the approximate alignment of the canal. These blocks were unearthed during the palindrome week of May 10, 2015.

One of the old limestone blocks with the historic jail in the background.

Aerial videos and other photos of the Re-Newark sewer separation project can be found at our website or by clicking here: http://youtu.be/uPFy6KgTrkQ