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OHIO GAS & Appliances crews worked with Clearcreek fire personnel to ensure this propane tank had no leaks Tuesday afternoon after it went off the berm and rolled over on Barr Road. (E-G photo by Dave Kline)

Tanker rolls over

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A blustery Tuesday left some residents on Barr Road shaking their heads after a tanker carrying propane gas rolled over between two farm fields.

David E. Drake Jr., 29, Coshocton, was driving a 1990 Ford propane tanker north on Barr Road, making home deliveries for Ohio Gas & Appliance Company, Columbus, when a sudden wind gust caught his truck and forced him off the berm at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Drake told state highway patrolmen that he was unable to regain control, over-corrected and the truck went back up on the road and rolled over.

"He was a pretty lucky indi-

vidual," said Lt. Mike Wolford of the Clearcreek Fire Department. The propane truck rolled completely over, coming to rest on its side.

Drake was wearing his seat belt at the time.

"Our first concern is for injuries and then look for leaks," Wolford said. "The driver was shaken, but OK."

Hazardous material teams were called out, along with the Lancaster Fire Department. However, close inspection of the tank determined there were no leaks in the truck, which contains about 4,000 pounds of propane when fully loaded.

It was estimated this truck had less than 1,400 pounds remaining in the truck.

Wolford praised the Ohio Gas company for sending rep-

resentatives out to the scene so quickly.

"They had three or four guys here within minutes," Wolford said.

With fire department personnel and company representatives going over the truck, no leaks were discovered.

The propane truck was put onto its wheels and the remaining propane was transferred to a second propane brought to the scene by Ohio Gas.

Barr Road was blocked for the afternoon while the truck was put back on its wheels and the gas transferred. There were no injuries and no one was evacuated from nearby homes following the accident.

Drake was cited for failing to maintain reasonable control.