

# County Update

The Monthly Newsletter For The Belmont County Engineer's Department



## Fred's Desk



**RECORD SNOWFALL FOR FEBRUARY.** According to local television, we received more snow this month than any previous February on record. This all started on Friday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> when we received about 12" to 24" depending on your location in the county. This snow also brought down many trees and power lines, closing some roads for several days. Some trees couldn't be removed until the power lines were removed.

Then we began a pattern of 2" to 4" of snow almost daily for about 10 days, when we received another 10" -12" of snow. Again, the daily pattern of 2" to 4" of snow followed. Finally, this past weekend the skies cleared, but most of the

snow is still on the ground. Cold weather is predicted well into the first week of March. With the snow before Christmas, and the snowfall during the first two weeks of January, we have well exceeded the annual snowfall average for Belmont County. And we still have March to go. This February is a lot like the February of 2003 when we had a two day event which covered us with 24" to 30" of snow. A federal disaster was declared at that time which provided financial help.

Because of the heavy cover of snow in this region of the country, including western Pennsylvania and the mountains of north central West Virginia, there is a potential

for flooding of the Ohio River if we have a quick thaw and/or heavy rains. Let's hope this doesn't happen. The cold weather next week should help.

A big "THANK YOU" to all of the Employees of the Belmont County Engineer for their hard work and dedication during these past few weeks. They worked many hours each day, and have had very few days off during this period. Again, "Thanks for a job well done." Spring is just a month away.

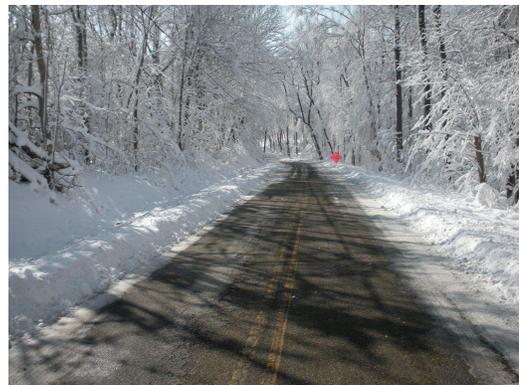


Covered bridge photo by Eric Costine.

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## ***February 5th and 6th Snowfall***

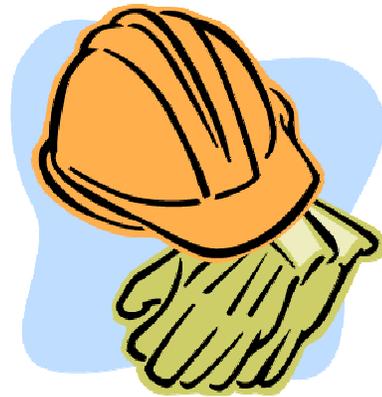
On the days following the February 5th and 6th snowfall, Fred took these photos. At the right is County Road 16, Nixon Run Road. Below left is County Road 4, Willow Grove Road. Below right is County Road 10, Crescent Barton Road.



## ***2010 Employee Safety Meeting***

Will be held on April 16, 2010  
at the Roscoe Road Garage.  
The meeting will begin at 8:00 A.M.

All offices and garages will be closed.



## PLSO Installs Officers for 2010-2011

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The Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio held their Annual Conference in Cincinnati February 11-13, 2010. Officers for 2010 were installed during the Friday night banquet at the downtown Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza Hotel. Oaths of office were taken for President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, NSPS Governor, Past President and Second Past President.

Albert O. "Rion" Myers III of Columbus was installed as President, and is the third in his family to hold this position, following in his grandfather's and father's footsteps. Named as President-Elect was Brett R. Tieben of Bucyrus, Ohio. Secretary for 2010 is Don Pickenpaugh, Belmont County GIS Director. Dana Parsell of Findlay is entering his second term as Treasurer. Mr. Mike Besch of the University of Akron is now serving his third year of a second three-year term as Governor to the National Society of Professional Surveyors. Dean Frederick completed his term as President and becomes Past President for 2010, and Paul Dinan becomes Second Past President for the coming year.

The Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio is headquartered in Columbus and employs Melinda Gilpin as Executive Director and Barb Jones as Assistant Executive Director. PLSO's purpose includes promoting the advancement of professional surveying and protecting the rights of those engaged in the profession.

There are 20 Chapters across the state, including two student chapters at OSU and the University of Akron. The Ohio Valley Chapter includes Belmont, Guernsey, Harrison, Jefferson, Monroe and Washington Counties and meets the fourth Thursday of each month from January to October and the first Thursday in December. Chapter officers for 2010 are Dave Siembab, President; Dan Duche', Vice President; Don Pickenpaugh, Secretary; Jim Deitrick, Treasurer; Al Smith, Delegate; and Larry Gardner, Alternate Delegate. More information about PLSO can be found at [www.ohiosurveyor.org](http://www.ohiosurveyor.org).

PLSO officers for the 2010-2011 year are, left to right, Dana Parsell, Treasurer; Don Pickenpaugh, Secretary; Brad Kramer, PLSO Member of the Year, Rion Myers, President, Brett Tieben, President-Elect; Mike Besch, NSPS Governor; and Dean Frederick, Past President. Not pictured: Paul Dinan, 2nd Past President.

*Photo by Bill Vondra*

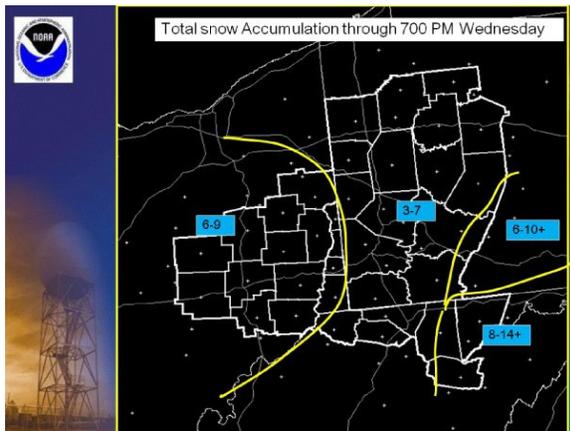


## Emergency Operations Weather Update

On February 4th, the Emergency Operations Center hosted a webinar that was presented by the Pittsburgh office of the National Weather Service. Rich Kane, Warning Co-ordination Meteorologist for the NWS, provided information on the upcoming snowfall and what could be expected for a 48 hour period. Dave Ivan, EMA Director, invited various state and county officials to view the webinar. The NWS began this service to provide warnings to local officials on moderate to severe weather events. Besides snowfall predictions, the NWS also had wind, snow cover amounts, temperature forecast etc. The meetings have been attended locally by the EOC, Engineer's Department, Sheriff's Department, ODOT, Ohio Highway Patrol, 911, American Electric Power, South Central Power, among others. The webinars have proved to be most helpful. Many thanks to the EOC and the NWS!



From left to right: Fred Bennett, Dave Ivan of the EMA and Rich Warren of the Ohio EMA.



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March 14, 2010

Is Pi Day!!!!

Order a pie at 1:59 P.M. to receive an extra discount!

(just kidding)

## ***Paving Cost***

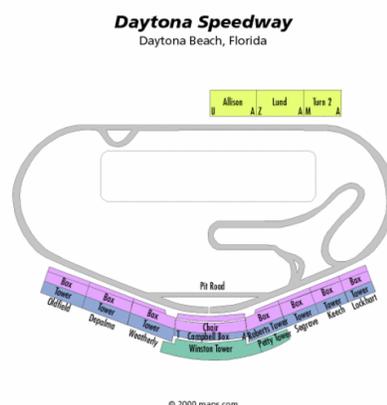
The Belmont County Engineer’s Department paid \$100,000 per mile for road paving in 2008.

The day after the 2010 Daytona 500 race, during which the race had to be halted twice to repair a pothole, paving cost of \$20,000,000 were tossed about. Because of the race being stopped and the yellow caution flags, the race was over 6 hours long.

The Daytona International Speedway is a 2.5 mile tri-oval with 40 feet wide lanes and 12 to 30 feet wide aprons. The turns are banked at 31 degrees. The pit road is 1,600 feet long and 50 feet wide. The road course adds 1.01 miles to the tri-oval and is 30 to 50 feet wide.

The track was last paved in 1978 and is scheduled to be paved again in 2011.

By the way, the \$20,000,000 figure comes in at \$5.3 M per mile!



***The 2010 Meeting with Township Officials  
will be held on April 15, 2010  
at the Roscoe Road Garage.  
the meeting will begin at 6:00 P.M.  
the public is invited***

The featured speaker for the evening will be Raymond Brushart of the Ohio Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP).

The mission of Ohio’s Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) is to assist local governments in managing and maintaining a safe, cost-effective and environmentally sound transportation system by providing training and technical assistance in the areas of safety, workforce development, infrastructure management and organizational excellence.