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The Monthly Newsletter For The Belmont County Engineer's Department

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LAST MONTH I

wrote about the record snowfall for the month of February, but once March arrived things sure changed. As I write this on March 24th, I'm glad to report we have not had one flake of snow so far this month. We have had a lot of sunshine and above average temperatures. At this point, there is no snow forecast for the immediate future, but remember, we usually get snow around Easter. The good news, with the snow melt, the anticipated flooding of the Ohio River did not occur.

Last week, our bridge

crew set concrete box beams on a new bridge on Richland T-284 (Bull Run), and will soon set beams on a second bridge on Bull Run. New abutments for both bridges were built this winter, when the bridge crew wasn't busy plowing snow. The road crew spent most of March patching pot holes, trimming trees, cleaning culverts and grading and placing stone on our unpaved roads.

Plans have been filed with ODOT for the upcoming resurfacing project of Mall and Banfield Roads. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is expected to approve these plans in early April, and once this occurs, this project will be advertised and bid. When we have a contract with the successful bidder, we will then bid the pavement marking project for the some roads.

Other projects expected to be bid within the next three months are for road oil (for dust control) and for two new bridges on CH 48 (Wegee Road). If money is available, other projects may be bid at a later date.

Let's hope that winter is over, but don't forget about the "Easter snow".



1930's dump truck.

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Road & Bridge Work





Concrete box beams being set on Richland Township Road T-284, Bull Run Road.





Mechanics Frank Mayo (left) and Scotty Britton (right) working on equipment.

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.

2010 Community Cleanup Schedule

Keep Belmont County Beautiful, in association with the Belmont County Township Association, is again sponsoring Community Cleanup Days at various locations around the County.

- March 27 in Colerain Township at the Maynard Fire House Community Park 50266 Fairpoint May nard Road Maynard, Ohio
- April 10 in Pease Township open lot behind Chapter Square 68200 Belmont Avenue Bridgeport, Ohio
- April 17 in Goshen Township at the Goshen Township Garage 61124 Hunter Bethesda Road Be thesda, Ohio
- April 24 in Warren Township Barnesville Train Depot parking lot 300 East Church Street—Barnesville, Ohio
- May 1 in Mead Township under the Moundsville Bridge Ohio Edison Burger Station 57246 Ferry Landing Road Shadyside, Ohio
- May 8 in Pultney Township at the Neffs Fire Hall parking lot 54044 Pike Street Neffs, Ohio May 15 in Richland Township at the Richland Township Garage 66565 Warnock St. Clairsville Road St. Clairsville, Ohio

Community cleanups are provided to assist Belmont County residents in the disposal of household junk, appliances, furniture, mattresses, car tires, batteries etc.

Absolutely no liquids or household hazardous waste will be accepted.

Items such as organic waste, household garbage, construction debris and televisions can not be accepted.

Paint cans can only be accepted if empty or if paint is completely dried out and hardened - lids must be removed.

A recycling event for electronics only is being planned for later in the year.

Keep Belmont County Beautiful is a division of the Jefferson / Belmont Regional Solid Waste Authority.

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 Victoria Beale 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.