

County Update

The Monthly Newsletter For The Belmont County Engineer's Department

May Facts

The Empire State Building opened on May 1, 1931.

Memorial Day was first observed in 1866.

Emerald is the birthstone for May.

On the ancient Roman calendar, May was the third month of the year.

May is named for the Greek goddess Maia.

Fred's Desk



LAST FRIDAY, our annual safety meeting was held at the Roscoe Garage. The meeting began with a session on basic first aid presented by our Sign Worker Steve Clark. This was followed by a talk on drug testing by Wesley Howsare of Crossroad Counseling Services.

Next, Dean Dillon and Rose Gear of South Central Power Co, gave a live electricity demonstration. In the afternoon, Eric Freeland of Bridgeport Equipment, Bo Slaughter of Bryan Equipment and Garet Smyth gave a presentation and demonstration of chainsaw safety.

Then Bob Tschappat of the Health Plan talked about changes in our health coverage. All presenters did an excellent job, and were well received by all of our

employees.

Last Thursday evening, our annual meeting with the Township Trustee and Fiscal Officers was also held at the Roscoe Garage. A total of 58 attended, which included representation from 15 of our 16 townships, several county office holders and other guests. This meeting was a great success.

Bid dates have been set for the resurfacing of Mall and Banfield Roads (May 5th at 11:00 A.M.) and for the placement of pavement markings on Mall & Banfield Roads (May 12th at 11:00 A.M.).

Both projects should be completed by early fall. Also in May we will be bidding our annual road oil for dust control, and in June for two bridge replacement projects on

CH 48, Wegee Road.

The bridge crew completed two new bridges on Bull Run which were recently opened to traffic. This week, they added temporary supports to a bridge on CH 56 (Morgan Hill Road). This bridge was closed about one month ago, but is now opened to traffic with a 12 ton load limit.

The road crew has been ditching, grading, patching and other daily maintenance on various county highways.

Although we haven't had any snow since the end of February, this winter has been harsh on our highway system. We are all glad winter is behind us.

Jim Lukacsko Retires

On March 31, Jim Lukacsko retired from the Belmont County Engineer's Department after 19 years. A small party was held at Roscoe Garage. Jim and his wife Olga live in Fairpoint. They have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. Jim just finished rebuilding a 1984 Toyota 4x4 truck which took first place in its class at a car show in the Ohio Valley Mall. Jim also enjoys gardening and restoring old tractors.



Best wishes Jim and many thanks for your hard work and dedication!

Fred

Road Work



The top two photos show ditching on County Road 10, Crabapple Road and the bottom two photos are of ditching on County Road 48, Wegee Road.

2010 Employee Safety Meeting



Steve Clark presented a first aid review.



Wesley Howsare of Crossroads Counseling Services, talked about drug testing.



Dean Dillon and Rose Gear of South Central Power Company gave a live electricity demonstration.



Garet Smyth of Stihl, Beau Slaughter of Bryan Equipment and Eric Freeland of Bridgeport Equipment gave a chainsaw safety presentation.



Eric Freeland (left) shows how safety chaps will stop a chainsaw.

Bob Tschappat (right) of the Health Plan talks about insurance coverage.



Bridge Work - Richland Township Road 284



Two bridge replacements are nearly complete on Richland Township Road 284, Bull Run. Both bridges were force account projects with the concrete beams being supplied by Carr Concrete.



2010 Employee Safety Meeting

2010 Meeting with Township Officials

On April 15 Fred had the Annual Meeting with Township Officials at the Roscoe Road garage. 62 people were in attendance.



Fred kicks off the meeting.



Victoria Beale, LTAP Assistant Director, talks about the services offered by LTAP.



Steve Marincic of Kokosing talked to the Township officials about the I-70 project.



Dick Bible, Deputy Director of District 11, brought everybody up to speed on ODOT projects.



Greg Bizzarri, Association President, talks about Issue 1 projects.



Jeff Gazdik, Greg Bizzarri, Cindy Henry and Mike Bianconi, Belmont County Township Association officers.