

# County Update

The Monthly Newsletter For The Belmont County Engineer's Department

## August History

Colorado becomes a state in 1876

Statue of Liberty cornerstone laid in 1884

Li'l Abner comic strip debuted in 1934

The first licensed radio broadcast in 1920

Second Battle of Bull Run (Manassas) began in 1862

## Fred's Desk



**THREE PROJECTS** will be bid by the County Commissioners during the next two weeks. Next Wednesday, bids will be opened for the construction of two new bridges on CH 48 (Wegee Road). The estimated construction cost for both bridges is \$540,000 with the Ohio Publics Works Commissioners (OPWC) providing 74% of the funds. On August 4<sup>th</sup>, bids will be opened for the resurfacing of CH 56 (Cats Run Road) from SR 148 to the Monroe County line, a total length of 3.12 miles.

Bids will also be opened on Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> for the resurfacing of 6 roads in four townships. This \$430,950 project is also being funded 74% by OPWC, with the various townships providing the other 26% of the funds. Scheduled to be resurfaced are portions of T-700 (Old Cadiz Road)

and T-478 (Starlite Drive) in Pease Township, T-325 (Indian Run Road) in Pultney Twp., T-385 (Oak Hill Road) in Union Twp., and T-41 (New Castle-Beallsville Rd) and T-804 (Crum Road) in Wayne Township.

Last week, the bridge crew completed the second bridge project on Richland T-723 (Tar Run Road). This week they removed a bridge on Main Street in Bethesda. Next week they will set a new 9' x 4' concrete box culvert at that location.

On June 30<sup>th</sup>, Lash Paving began applying road oil for dust control on various county highways. Our road crew followed the oiling by applying gravel to cover the oil. Our contract with Lash is for \$148,790 for their work.

Shelly & Sands, Inc. will begin their \$511,596.50 project in early August for the resurfacing of CH 28A

(Mall Road) and CH 28B (Banfield Road). This project is 80% funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Once completed, A&A Safety, Inc. will apply pavement markings on these two roads. This \$28,236.02 project is also funded 100% by FHWA using federal stimulus monies.

In addition to road oiling, the road crew has been very busy with their summer maintenance program, which includes road grading, road patching, mowing, tree trimming, ditching, installing culverts and various other projects. Best wishes and congratulations to Dominic Buonamici who retired June 30th after 54 years with the Belmont County Engineer's Dept. He began work on June 12, 1956 and has worked on the bridge crew his whole career. Don, enjoy your retirement. You earned it.

## *Road and Bridge Work*

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Guardrail replacement BEL-10-20.22.



Completed RIC-723-01.14.



Completed RIC 723-01.08.



Ditching and culvert replacements on Cats Run.



Patching on Pipe Creek Road.

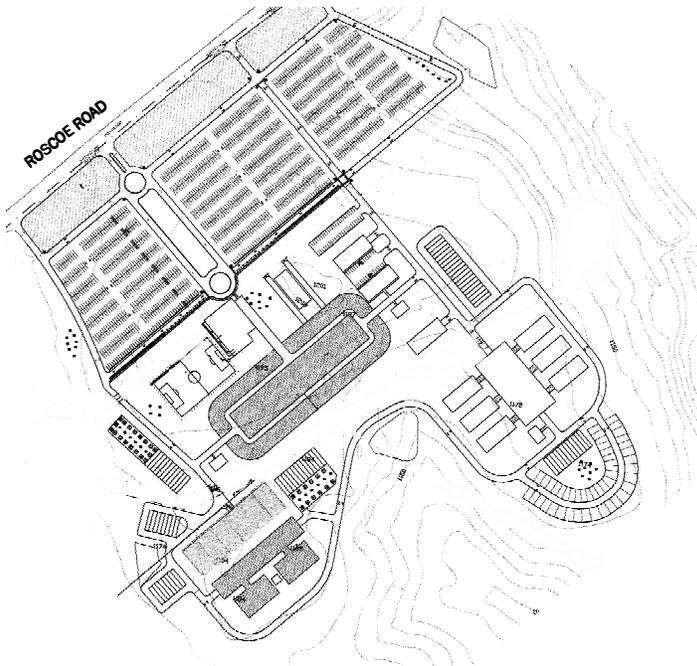


Wilbur the Donkey observing the work on Pipe Creek Road.

# 2010 Belmont County Fair



The 2010 Belmont County Fair will be held September 7th through the 12th at the *new fairgrounds* which are located at 45420 Roscoe Road, west of St. Clairsville, Ohio. From Interstate 70 Exit 213 travel west on U.S. Route 40 for a distance of 0.5 miles. Turn left onto County Road 84 and travel south 1.1 miles and then turn left onto Roscoe Road. Travel east 0.3 miles and turn right into the fairgrounds entrance.



DEED TRANSFERS			
MONTH	DEEDS	TRACTS	EASEMENTS
APRIL	209	368	45
MAY	240	412	54
JUNE	243	474	52

## Electronic Recycle Event

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The Jefferson-Belmont Regional Solid Waste Authority announced the dates for this year's e-cycling collections.

The E-cycling events will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 21 at the Fort Steuben Mall and Aug. 28 at the Ohio Valley Mall.

According to Jack Cera, executive director of the solid waste authority, it is the third year in a row the e-cycling collection will be held at the local malls.

"This is an chance for the residents of both Jefferson and Belmont counties to get rid of their old electronic items without sending more of these hazardous materials to our local landfills," said Cera. "Many electronic items contain copper, lead and other hazardous materials which can add to pollutants in a landfill."

According to Cera, the list of acceptable materials that can be dropped off for e-cycling include hard drives, mainframe servers, keyboards, cell phones, telephones, power cords, fax machines, printers, CDs, floppy discs, UPS batteries, car batteries and cell phone batteries.

"All of the electronic items will be refurbished or recycled. All computer hard drives will be thoroughly destroyed to remove any confidential information," Cera added.

For information, contact the Jefferson-Belmont Regional Solid Waste Authority at (740) 266-6899.

The information above was found at the Jefferson Belmont Regional Solid Waste Authority website: <http://www.regionalsolidwaste.org>.



The pictures above are just a small part of the items collected at the 2009 Electronic Recycle event.

## *Engineer's Employees*

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From the Lloydsville garage are from left front row; Albert Muntz, Roy Fatula, Dave Fisher and Carey Greco. Back row; Alan Hornyak, Eddie Bond, Marvin Hickenbottom, Rudy Meholovitch, Brett Hess, Steve Clark and Don Pickenpaugh.

## *Buonamici Retires*

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On June 30 of this year, long time employee Dominick “Don” Buonamici retired from the Bridge Department with 54 years and 2 weeks of service. Don started working when he graduated from Martins Ferry High School. He is a die hard Cleveland Browns and Indians fan. Good luck Don!

