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County Update

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Fred's Desk



THE 2010 CONSTRUCTION SEASON

is winding down, as it has been a very busy and successful year. A total of six projects were bid, including two paving projects, one pavement marking project, a project with two bridges, one retaining wall project and one dust control project. The six projects bids totaled \$1,615,154, with \$437,513 of Federal Highway Funds (FHWA), \$751,956 of Ohio Public Works (OPWC) funds and \$425,685 of local funds. All projects have been, or are about to be completed, except for the bridge project which has a completion date of June 30, 2011. We are also working on plans for several new projects which will be bid in the coming years. An application for a \$700,000 project has been submitted to (OPWC) for the replacement of a 2 span arch

concrete bridge on CH 10 (Barton Blaine Road), located 3.2 miles north of US Route 40. Funding will be available July, 2011. A second bridge on Barton Blaine Road, located 2.1 miles north of US 40, has been programmed for federal (FHWA) funding. The replacement of this 3 span concrete arch bridge is expected to cost \$1,184,623 and is expected to be bid in 2013. Also in the works is a project for the rehabilitation of two historically significant bridges located on the Old National Road, one of CH 40B (Lloydsville Road) and one on Union Township T-814, just east of Morristown. The estimated overall cost is \$923,000 and is expected to be bid also in 2013, using 80% FHWA funding. We have also applied for \$230,000 in FHWA funding to replace the traffic signals at the intersection of Mall and Banfield

Roads. Hopefully, this will be bid in 2012. Our bridge crew completed another bridge this week, the third one on Pease T-458 (Buckeye Run Road). This make a total of nine (9) bridges for the year, and they are now working the replacement of a bridge over Nixon Run on Pease T-471, Jones Road. This new bridge is expected to be completed before Thanksgiving. Last week, the road crew completed a slip repair on CH 5 (Ramsey Ridge Road), located on Mooney Hill. Others have also worked the last few weeks on CH 86 (Pleasant Ridge Road) grading and applying stone and mill slag to the surface. They also continue to do routine maintenance on all of our roads, getting our roads and equipment ready for winter. Let's just hope it doesn't arrive too soon.

All offices will be closed on November 11, 25 and 26, 2010.

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Deed Transfer Stats

	DEEDS	TRACTS	EASEMENTS
JULY	221	391	52
AUGUST	177	302	47
SEPTEMBER	206	372	57

Belmont County Fair Pictures

James Earliwine (at right) had a Champion Lightweight Lamb, 4th place Market Hog, 2nd place Dairy Heifer and a 1st place Beef Heifer.

Devin Earliwine (at left) had a Champion Pigmy Goat, Reserve Champion Ram, 1st & 5th place Market Hog and a 1st place Beef Heifer.

Courtney Earliwine (no picture) had a Champion Lightweight Lamb, 4th place Market Hog, a 2nd place Dairy Heifer and a 1st place Beef Heifer.



Amy Wahl with her Champion Crossbred Heifer.



Amanda Wahl with her Lightweight Market Steer.

Road and Bridge Work



County Road 54 piling project looking downstream.



County Road 54 piling project.



Pease Twp. Rd. 458, third bridge completed.



Pease Twp. Rd. 458, forming abutment.

How Many People Use the Internet

The number of Internet users will surpass 2 billion before the end of 2010, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) said in a report.

The current world population is estimated by the U.S. Census Bureau to be 6.876 billion, which would mean that approximately 30% of the population will be online at the end of this year.



There will be 226 million new Internet users this year, 162 million of which will be from the developing countries. Despite the fast growth of Internet users there, the developing countries still have a long way to go to catch up with the developed world.

By the end of 2010, 71% of the population in developed countries will be online, compared to only 21% of people in developing countries. Regionally, 65% of the population is online in Europe, 55% in the Americas, 21.9% in the Asia/Pacific regions, while a mere 9.6% of the population is online in Africa.

The ITU, United Nation's agency for information and communication technologies, sees broadband and public internet access as the most important factors that will drive growth in the developing countries.

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