

County Update

The Monthly Newsletter For The Belmont County Engineer's Department

Father Day Quotes

A father is a banker provided by nature.

A man knows when he is growing older because he begins to look like his father.

It is much easier to become a father than to be one.

Fred's Desk



This is a poor attempt on my part to fill in for Fred with this month's newsletter article, so please be patient.

As summer is approaching, we have been through an extremely wet period with almost daily rain. Ground water levels are at record levels and we all know what that means – SLIPS. There are 13 major slips along our county roads with damages at an estimated 3.9 million dollars. Dave Ivan, of the Belmont County EMA, is in the process of seeing if repairs could be funded through FEMA and we are awaiting word on that process. See page 3 for more details

The emergency repair project on County Road 16, Nixon Run, is starting this week and will take about 9 weeks

to complete. This \$167,000 contract is being done by Ohio West Virginia Excavating.

The recent Road Oil for Dust Control bid was opened on Wednesday May 18, 2011 with Lash Excavating and Paving submitting the lone bid of \$197,825, which was about \$3,500 below the engineer's estimate. The road crews will begin preparing for this project soon.

The bridge replacement projects on County Road 48, Wegee Road, are progressing. One bridge is completed and opened to traffic. Work has begun on the second bridge located near Mead Township 716.

This coming Monday is Memorial Day; the day to honor those loved ones who have served

their country. Memorial Day was first observed in 1868 when John Logan, Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, issued General Order Number 11, designating May 30 as a day "for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land."

This weekend is also the unofficial start of summer when we start to see picnics, parades and fireworks. So light the grill, throw some 'burgers on and have fun!

County Road Projects



County Road 48, Wegee, first bridge completed on Project 10-4.



County Road 16, Nixon Run, piling project started this week.



County Road 30, Dixon Hill. Road crews recently finished this culvert project near the intersection of State Route 149.



Rudy Meholovitch Retires

On April 29th, Rudy Meholovitch retired from the Engineer's Department. Rudy began his employment in October 1987 at the Neffs garage and later transferred to the bridge crew at the Lloydsville garage.

Rudy says that he is enjoying spending more time with his wife Elizabeth. He is also able to spend time in his garden, helping at his Church and of course - fishing!



Slips

As was mentioned on Page 1, several slips have developed because of the wet weather. Listed below are the roads and log points of the slips. They range in length from 50 feet to over 300 feet.

- County Road 2, Deep Run at 4.54 miles
- County Road 4, St. Clairsville Barton at 17.62 miles (ONE LANE)
- County Road 5, Ramsey Ridge at 7.32 miles
- County Road 5, Ramsey Ridge at 8.90 miles
- County Road 5, Glencoe St. Clairsville at 17.3 miles⁶
- County Road 20, Blaine Chermont at 0.62 miles
- County Road 34, Hospital Road at 2.41 miles
- County Road 46, New Cut at 1.75 miles
- County Road 46, New Cut at 3.2 miles
- County Road 56, Mt. Victory at 11.62 miles (CLOSED)
- County Road 56, Mt. Victory at 13.60 miles (ONE LANE)
- County Road 86, Pleasant Ridge at 12.87 miles
- County Road 102, Mt. Olivett at 19.34 miles

A quick estimate puts the cost of repairing the damage at \$3.9 million.



County Road 56, Mt. Victory 13.60 miles.



County Road 56, Mt. Victory 11.62 miles.



County Road 4, St. Clairsville Barton Road
17.62 miles.