

County Update

The Monthly Newsletter For The Belmont County Engineer's Department

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Fred's Desk



SUMMER IS HERE, and the 2012 construction season is in full swing. Within the next two weeks, the new bridge on County Highway 10 (Barton-Blaine Road) will be opened to traffic. The \$647,135 project is being built by Ohio/West Virginia Excavating Co., and is 57% funded by the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) and 43% local funds.

Work will soon begin on the replacement of two bridges which were washed away last June during a very heavy rainfall. Both bridges will be built by Ohio/West Virginia Excavating at a cost of \$335,105, with OPWC providing 85% of the funding. The bridges are located on Colerain Township 426 (Sloans Run Road) and Richland Township 436 (Rehm Road). Both will be opened by this fall.

B.B.R. Drilling Co. has begun work on a \$267,845 drilled piling project on County Highway 5 (Ramsey Ridge

Road). This project is for the placement of 43 steel piling, 32 feet in length, encased in concrete, with concrete lagging between the beams, creating a new retaining wall along the outside edge of the roadway. The project is funded by FEMA (75%), OEMA (12.5%) and local funds (12.5%). This work should be completed by the end of July.

The bridge crew just completed a new bridge of CH 102 (Mt. Olivett Road) This is the fifth bridge completed by them this year. They have now moved on to Wheeling Township Road 704 where they will remove the existing girders and replace with new concrete box beams.

The road crew has recently completed two FEMA roadway repair projects, one on Ramsey Ridge Road and the other on Mt. Victory Road. When the drilled piling project on CH 5 is completed, only one FEMA project remains. This is also a drilled piling re-

taining wall on CH 2 (Deep Run Road). This project will be bid in the near future.

The road crew has also been busy with road oiling. Lash Paving has the \$213,440 project for furnishing and placing the road oil, while our crews prepare the roadways and apply the cover coat of aggregate. They also continue to repair slips, ditch roadways and mow weeds.

Trucco Construction Company, under contract with ODOT, recently completed a stabilization project on CH 10, Fairpoint-Maynard Road. This project was funded by FHWA and was completed ahead of schedule. Many "thanks" to all at ODOT who made this project possible.

County Road 5 Ramsey Ridge

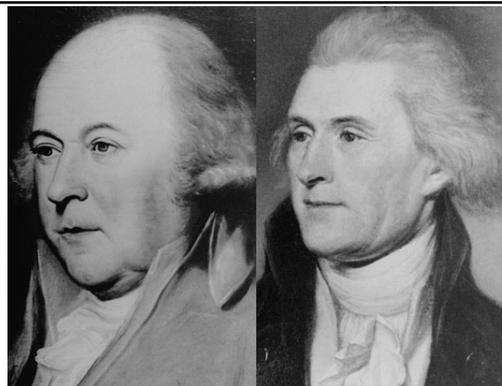
Crews from BBR Drilling are working on the slip project on County Road 5. This is a repair project costing \$267,845.00.



Group photo from the April 20 safety training.

4th of July Facts

In a remarkable coincidence, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the only signers of the Declaration of Independence later to serve as Presidents of the United States, died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the 50th anniversary of the Declaration. Although not a signer of the Declaration of Independence, but another Founding Father who became a President, James Monroe, died on July 4, 1831, thus becoming the third president in a row who died on this memorable day. Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President, was born on July 4, 1872, and, so far, is the only President to have been born on Independence Day.



Information found at: wikipedia.org

County Road 122 Slabtown Ditching



County Road 102 Mt Olivett

This project on County Road 102 replaced a steel beam, wood deck bridge.



Upcoming CEAO Conferences

July 18 and 19 - Ohio Traffic Safety and Roadway Conference & Trade Show

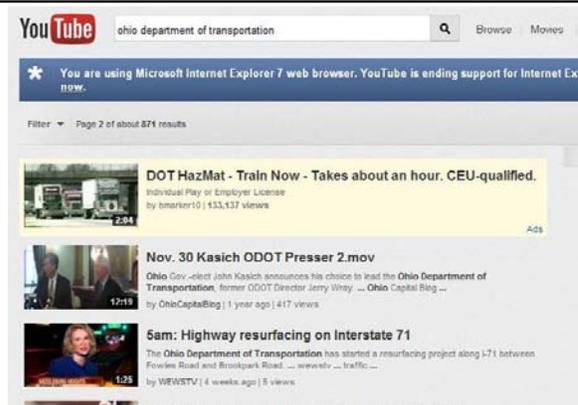
August 15 and 16 - Ohio Bridge Conference & Trade Show

September 19 thru the 21 - Ohio GIS Conference

October 31 and November 1 - Superintendents and Mechanics Conference and Trade Show

ODOT on YouTube

I was surprised to find that ODOT has a lot of videos on the website YouTube. Of course, this makes a lot of sense these days, as this is just another tool to get information out to the public. If you search for ODOT at the YouTube site, you will find videos that cover a variety of subjects such as ice & snow control, backhoe safety, paving project and the demolition of the Fort Steuben bridge in Steubenville.



Drilling Rigs

A sight that is becoming more common in Belmont County. This rig is located near the Mt. Olivet.



County Road 56 Maynard Road Slip Project

A slip repair project on County Road 56, Maynard Road, is finished. This is one of the few remaining repair project from the FEMA Disaster that occurred in 2011.



County Road 10, Fairpoint Maynard Road

This completed FHWA/ODOT project on Fairpoint Maynard Road stabilized a slip which had caused the pavement to buckle in several locations. The project included excavation, rock fill and pavement replacement.

