

County Update

The Monthly Newsletter For The Belmont County Engineer's Department

Fred's Desk



THANKSGIVING HAS PAST, so we are officially in the Christmas Season. This can only mean one thing – SNOW. It looks like we made it through November with very good fall weather. Let's just hope that it keeps up.

Starting next Monday we begin our afternoon shift. We will have three men and one supervisor working from 3:30 P. M. to midnight 5 days a week. This will last for 12 weeks, with the workers and supervisors rotating every two weeks.

Ohio/West Virginia Excavating Co. continues work on the York

Township T-810 bridge (Town Hill) and plan on setting the box beams this weekend (Dec. 1 & 2). State Route 148 will be closed from Saturday morning to Sunday afternoon while the beams are being set. The bridge should be opened by Dec. 15th. This will end our 2012 construction season.

The oil and gas drilling activities is starting to pick up. We have signed Road Use Maintenance Agreements (RUMA's) for CH 100 (McMillan Road), CH 78 (National-Oco Road), CH 122 (Slabtown Road), CH 128 (Boston Road) and

CH 80 (Lloydsville-Bannock Road). We also have a RUMA signed for CH 100 (Egypt North Road) for the purpose of building a gas pipe line. As weather permits, the various companies will have contractors working on our roads in December.

Last winter was one of the mildest winters that I can remember. The good news is that we have enough salt left over that should last until mid winter, but you never know what is going to happen. It would be fine with me if we keep it until next winter.

Most Snow in One Day

The most snow to fall in any 24 hour period is 75.8 inches, well over six feet, that landed at Silver Lake, Colorado. The mountain lake sits at 10,220 feet elevation about 40 miles northwest of Denver. Its record-setting snowstorm began at 2:30 PM on the afternoon of April 14, 1921.



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Past Bridge Projects



Pultney Township T-476 that connects State Route 147 and State Route 149 west of the Village of Bellaire. The picture on the right was taken in January 1996 after flooding of the Ohio River shut down construction for a few days. Located to the right of the old bridge is the contractor's crane. The picture on the left was taken later in the spring.



Shown from left to right at the 1992 ribbon cutting ceremony for the new bridge at Alledonia are Kelly Perkins, Tom 'Boog' Powell, (Times Leader photographer), Fred Bennett and an unknown man.



The historic Blaine Bridge closed to traffic in 1984.

Most Population Counties in the USA

- 1 Los Angeles County, California - 4,057.88 Sq. Mi., 9,818,605 Population Los Angeles
- 2 Cook County, Illinois - 945.33 Sq. Mi., 5,194,675 Population, Chicago
- 3 Harris County, Texas - 1,703.48 Sq. Mi., 4,092,459 Population, Houston
- 4 Maricopa County, Arizona - 9,200.14 Sq. Mi., 3,817,117 Population, Phoenix
- 5 San Diego County, California - 4,206.63 Sq. Mi., 3,095,313 Population, San Diego

Overtime

The table below shows the average hours of overtime worked during snow removal beginning on December 1 through April 1 of each year beginning in 2000.

DECEMBER 1 THRU APRIL 1	AVE. OT HOURS PER EMPLOYEE
2000 / 2001	110
2001 / 2002	57
2002 / 2003	167
2003 / 2004	132
2004 / 2005	115
2005 / 2006	68
2006 / 2007	35
2007 / 2008	116
2008 / 2009	122
2009 / 2010	107
2010 / 2011	102

State Route 148 Captina Creek Crossing

As announced on the ODOT website - New Philadelphia, Ohio (Monday, November 26, 2012) – State Route 148 will be closed to traffic this Saturday, December 1st, at 7 a.m. to allow for bridge repairs on York Township Road 810 (Town Hill Road) in Belmont County. Beginning at the intersection of SR 148 and SR 9 in Armstrongs Mills, traffic will be detoured north on SR 9 to SR 147 in Centerville, then east on SR 147 to SR 7 in Bellaire, then south on SR 7 back to SR 148, and reverse.

The road is expected to reopen by 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 2nd. All work is being performed by the Belmont County Engineer.

The road is being closed so concrete beams can be set on the YOR T-810 bridge project.

