

County Update

The Monthly Newsletter For The Belmont County Engineer's Department

April 11th, 2014

Annual Employee Safety Training

All Engineer's Offices and Garages Closed for the Day

Fred's Desk



SPRING IS FINALLY HERE, but winter doesn't want to go away. It's been a long time since we've had such a cold, snowy winter, but we've had them in the past. Our employees did an outstanding job of snow and ice control this winter. Hopefully, snow is over for the year.

Ohio/West Virginia Excavating Co. began work on March 11th for the construction of a new bridge on County Highway 4 (Sand Hill Road) over McMahan Creek near Neffs. This \$721,350 project will be completed sometime this summer. A temporary bridge has been built to eliminate a long detour.

The bridge on County Highway 26 which crosses I-70 was closed

a few weeks ago for the construction of a new superstructure, and will be closed for about 80 days. Shelly & Sands Company is the contractor for this ODOT project. They are also about to close the bridge on County Highway 80 (Pogue Road) over I-70 for a similar project. This project should be completed in about 60 days. Both bridges were built as part of Interstate 70 construction in 1964.

This past Monday, Peram Electric, Inc. activated the new traffic signals at the Mall Road, Banfield Road intersection. This \$118,494 project was 100% funded by FHWA. This project replaces the original signals that were placed in 1978 when Mall Road was built.

Bids will be opened on April 30 for the placement of about 10,300 lineal feet of new guardrail on portions of County Highways 5, 10 & 56 in the Maynard to Barton area. This \$300,000 project is also 100% funded by FHWA.

BOG Construction is scheduled to begin work this week on the rehabilitation of two historic bridges on the old National Road. These bridges were built in the 1830's and are still opened to traffic.

As you can see, this is the start of a busy construction season. There will be several more projects bid later this year. Hope the weather warms up and is dry.

Bob Detling Retires

Bob Detling is retiring on March 28th. He started with the Engineer's Department during June 1986, working with the Bridge Crew. In 1993, he moved to the Tacoma Garage as the Highway Maintenance Supervisor.

Bob and his wife Dana (a retired school teacher with the Barnesville School District) reside near Somerton.

Bob and Dana are looking forward to spending time with more time with their 10 grandchildren.



Superload

On March 5th a superload was moved from the Village of Bellaire, west on State Route 149 to an AEP electrical substation located near the west end of St. Joe. To move the load on County Road 3, a bridge jumper was used to cross a weight restricted bridge about 1 mile west of the intersection with the state road. The 450,000 pound load reached its destination without incident.



2014 Spring Community Clean Up Schedule

JB Green Team announces the following dates for Community Clean Up Days.

April 5, 2014 - Colerain Twp. - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM - RST Excavating Garage

April 12, 2014 - Wheeling & Union Twp. - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM - Wheeling Twp. Garage

May 3, 2014 - Warren Twp. & Barnesville Village - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM - Train Depot

May 17, 2014 - Richland Twp. - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM - Richland Twp. Garage

For additional details about cost and regulations go to:

<http://www.jbgreenteam.org/news-events/upcoming-events/>

Congratulations Don Pickenpaugh

At the Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio (PLSO) Executive Committee meeting March 14, 2014 at Columbus State Community College, George Hofmann, PS, 2013 President, presented the annual Presidential Merit Award to Don Pickenpaugh.

This award is presented annually at the discretion and selection of the outgoing President to a member who has demonstrated special service to PLSO and the profession. George Hofmann discussed Don's efforts as the chair of the 2013 Constitution and By-laws Committee Chair, and his demonstrated leadership in taking on the project and completing it by organizational deadlines.

Mr. Hofmann included the following in his President's Report for 2013:

This year we faced the issue of revising our constitution and bylaws. I asked our past president Don Pickenpaugh to chair this committee. He agreed to do this and through his efforts and the efforts of those members of his committee we were able to update the constitution and bylaws. I thank all those who took the time to respond to his request to review and comment on changes to the constitution and bylaws. It is always a group effort to accomplish these tasks and the more input we receive from the membership the better we are able to serve you.

Executive Director Melinda Gilpin wrote in her annual report and March eNews:

This year has been a big year for the PLSO Constitution, and the tireless efforts of Past President Don Pickenpaugh stand out. Don has worked so hard to ensure the members of this organization had meaningful and necessary changes to the governing documents, and found ways to articulate those adjustments in a way we could all understand. Congratulations to Don and thanks for a job well done!

Don has served at the State level of PLSO as Secretary in 2010; President in 2011; Immediate Past President in 2012, and Constitution and Bylaws Review Committee Chair in 2013. This year he is serving as Secretary and Delegate of the Ohio Valley Chapter. The award is proudly displayed in the Belmont County GIS Office at the Lloydsville Garage.

"This is awarded as a token of gratitude for providing many years of service and leadership to the land surveying profession within the State of Ohio and beyond, for enduring the difficulties inherent with the changing faces, the diversity of opinions, and varying personalities of a professional organization such as PLSO. Be it remembered that on the 13th day of February, 2014, the society has offered its collective gratitude and appreciation."
 -- George A. Hofmann, 2013 President



Good Luck Mike Wahl

We would like to wish Mike Wahl good luck with his new venture. Mike is leaving the Engineer's Department at the end of March to pursue other opportunities.