

County Update

The Monthly Newsletter For The Belmont County Engineer's Department

Fred's Desk



PUT AWAY YOUR SNOW SHOVELS, and fire up your lawn mowers. Our long, suffering winter is over.

Finally! It just seemed like it was never going to end.

A lot of construction is going on in the county. Ohio/West Virginia Excavating continues work on the new bridge at Sand Hill. They have completed the new south abutment, and are beginning work on the north one. BOG Construction is working on the Historic Bridge rehabilitation project and Shelly & Sands have removed the deck and beams on the two interstate overpasses and are in the process of building new superstructures.

Lash Paving resurfaced County Highway 40-A last week for Hess

Ohio Resources. This was for access to a well site in Guernsey County. XTO has Ohio/West Virginia Excavating and Lash Paving ditching CH 56 (Cats Run and Mt. Victory Roads) and CH 5 (Ramsey Ridge Road) in preparation for paving these roads.

Bids will be opened April 30 for a \$300,000 Guardrail project and on May 7th for our annual road oil for dust control project will be bid. We will have several more projects bid later this year.

The road crews have been busy filling potholes and installing drainage culverts. The bridge crew is currently building wing walls in preparation of a new box beam deck on a bridge on Cats Run road.

A few weeks ago, we held our annual Township Trustees Meeting on a Thursday evening, followed on Friday with our annual Employees Safety Meeting. We had outstanding speakers and very good catered meals at both events.

As busy it's been this past month, as the year goes on, it's only going to get more hectic down the road. Before we know it, we'll be getting out the snow shovels. Enjoy the spring.

Reminders
May 11th
Mother's Day



May 26th
Memorial Day

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Meeting with Township Officials

Fifty five Township Trustees, Fiscal Officers, County Officials and guest were present during the evening of April 10th for the meeting.



Mike Fitch gives an overview of the services offered by the Local Technical Assistance Program.

Franklin Shaffer, President of the Belmont County Township Association, gives an update.



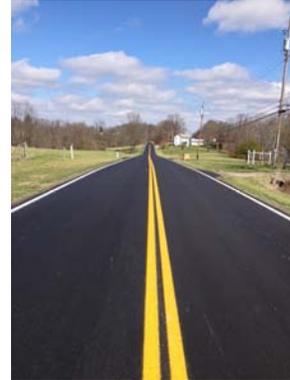
2014 Employee Safety Meeting Group Photo



Projects



Work continues on the wingwalls of a bridge on County Road 56, Cats Run.



County Road 40A, recently paved by Lash Excavating and Paving.



New bridge being built on County Road 26 over Interstate 70.



South abutment being built on County Road 4, Sand Hill bridge replacement project.

2014 Employee Safety Meeting



The annual employee safety meeting was held on April 11th. Bryan Minder, Belmont County 911 Director, and Dave Lucas, Belmont County Sheriff, gave presentations on how their departments operate.

More next month!