

County Update

The Monthly Newsletter For The Belmont County Engineer's Department

August is
Back to School
Month!



Fred's Desk



OIL AND GAS DRILLING continues to grow in Belmont County, and predictions are that this growth will continue. Between the drillers and the pipe line construction, there are currently over 50 Road Use Maintenance Agreements (RUMA) on file with the county commissioners, with over 20 pending at this time. These agreements protect our roads and bridges from damage caused by the heavy use of trucks and equipment necessary to drill the wells and lay the pipelines. At this time there are six companies drilling, and four or five companies installing pipelines in and through the county.

During July, Gulfport Energy Corp. upgraded CH 86 (Pugh Ridge Road) from the Monroe County line to their well site by cement stabilization of the base, then placing an asphalt con-

crete surface, berming and then striping the road.

Ohio/West Virginia Excavating should complete the new bridge project on Sand Hill Road within the next couple of weeks, and Lake Erie Construction should finish the guard rail project in the Maynard-Barton area soon. Our road oil for dust control project should begin this week.

Bids will be opened on August 6th for the resurfacing of CH 26 between Bethesda and Morristown. This estimated \$539,000 project is funded by the Ohio Public Works Commission, the Belmont County Commissioners, and the Villages of Bethesda and Morristown. The completion date is October 31th.

Three more projects will be bid in August. One project is for the replacement of two county bridges, one on CH 54

(Pipe Creek) and the other on CH 56 (O.K. Road). This \$540,000 project is 74% funded by OPWC. Another is a \$200,000 project, funded by the county commissioners, is for the placement of guard rail on County Highways 42, 22 & 34. The third is for an emergency slip repair project on CH 86 (Pugh Ridge Road). This \$200,000 project is also being 80% funded by OPWC.

The bridge crew is finishing the new box culvert project on CH 80 (Lloydsville-Bannock Road), and the road crews continue to ditch, mow, and prepare the roads for road oil.

Things are busy here. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

County Road 80 Lloydsville Bannock



Work continues on County Road 80 Lloydsville Bannock Road. The concrete box culverts were set on July 2nd.

Schools Starting in August

Schools will be back in session on various dates throughout the county. Be on the lookout for stopped school buses and children crossing streets and roads!

Listed below are the starting dates for schools in Belmont County.



SCHOOL	START DATE	SCHOOL	START DATE
BARNESVILLE	AUGUST 20	NOBLE LOCAL	AUGUST 18
BELLAIRE	AUGUST 20	SHADYSIDE	AUGUST 20
BRIDGEPORT	AUGUST 21	ST. CLAIRSVILLE	AUGUST 19
EAST GUERNSEY	AUGUST 19	SWITZERLAND	AUGUST 26
HARRISON HILLS	AUGUST 25	UNION LOCAL	AUGUST 26
MARTINS FERRY	AUGUST 19		



Construction Projects



Work is progressing on the renovations of 2 historic stone arch bridges located on Union Township Road 814 and County Road 40B. Shown at left is poured footers on County Road 40B.

On the right, Lake Erie Construction working on the guardrail project.



Shown on the left is the new concrete deck curing on the County Road 4, Sand Hill bridge replacement project.

Shown on the right is the newly paved portion of County Road 86, Pugh Ridge Road, which was done by Gulfport Energy as part of their RUMA.

