

*County Update*

The Monthly Newsletter For The Belmont County Engineer's Department

**Labor Day**

**September 1st**

All Garages And

Offices Will Be

Closed

For The Day

*Fred's Desk*



AUGUST IS ABOUT OVER, school is back in session, but our construction season is far from over. Lake Erie Construction has completed our first guardrail project in the Maynard, Crescent and Barton area. This \$174,942 project was funded 100% by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

The new Sand Hill Bridge was opened to traffic on August 19, but some paving and guardrail remains to be completed before the project is 100% finished. The final cost of this project was \$721,350, with the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) funding \$399,600.

Youngblood Paving has about completed the road oil project. This \$194,654 project was funded 100% by local funds.

On August 6, bids were opened for the resurfac-

ing of County Highway 26 from State route 147 in Bethesda to US 40 in Morristown. Two bids were opened, one by Shelly & Sands in the amount of \$449,343.99 and the other by Lash Paving Company in the amount of \$468,394.05. This project is 74% funded by OPWC and has been awarded to Shelly & Sands.

On August 20, bids were opened for the replacement of two bridges, one on CH 54 (Pipe Creek Road) and one on CH 56 (OK Road). Cross Roads Construction of Cambridge submitted the only on bid in the amount of \$588,000.

Bids were opened on August 27 for our second guardrail project. This is for new rail on CH 22 (Ferryview Road), CH 34 (Hospital Road) and CH 42 (Fulton Hill Road). The low bid received was from M. P. Dory Co. in the amount of

\$219,985.94. Also bidding was PDK Construction Co. (\$222,093.91) and Lake Erie Construction (\$225,175.00). This project is 100% funded by the Belmont County Commissioners.

As in past years, we joined with ODOT on bidding for furnishing rock salt for snow and ice control for the upcoming year. Cargill Salt Co. was low bidder at \$73.43 per ton delivered, and we are committed to buy 3500 tons. In previous years was \$45.12 for the winter of 2008, \$61.61 in 2009, \$65.65 in 2010 and 2011, \$63.42 in 2012, \$46.81 in \$2013, and \$36.45 last year. It is my understanding that some counties are paying over \$100 per ton this year.

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## ***Welcome Terry Lively***

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August 1st saw the addition of Terry Lively as the County's new Deputy Engineer. Prior to joining Belmont County, Terry WAS the City Engineer of Marion, Ohio and was formerly the Deputy Engineer for the City of Delaware, Ohio. He is a 1985 graduate of Stark Technical College with an Associate's degree in Civil Construction, and is a 1992 graduate of The Ohio State University with a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. While a college intern, Terry led the first team to perform detailed night surveys of ODOT suspension bridges using adapted rock climbing techniques. He has worked as a surveyor in most of Ohio and in parts of Indiana and West Virginia. Terry obtained his Professional Surveyor's license in 1994 and his Professional Engineer's license in 1997. While working in the consulting engineering field, his experience included inspection and load ratings of bridges, landfill design, cell tower foundation design, and various commercial development projects. Terry is a native of Canton, Ohio and currently resides near Flushing, Ohio. Terry is an inaugural member of the ORIL (Ohio's Research Initiative for Locals). He is a member of the Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio and is the proud father of two beautiful daughters.



Welcome aboard Terry!

## ***Co. Rd. 20 Blaine Chermont***

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This slip on County Road 20, Blaine Chermont Road was recently repaired. A county waterline had to be relocated during the repair. We very much appreciate the help of the Belmont County Sanitary Sewer Authority.



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Monday is Labor Day, which means the Belmont County Fair begins on Tuesday. Good luck to your children and grandchildren who have 4-H projects this year. I hope they bring home a lot of ribbons.

## ***Internet Safety Tips for Elementary School Children***

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Kids today can go online from so many different sources, including video game consoles, iPhones and smart phones, and even handheld gaming devices. Young people are increasingly living their lives online, and their digital devices are some of their favorite toys and tools.

Help your kids understand that they should: never share their names, schools, ages, phone numbers, or addresses; never send pictures to strangers; keep passwords private (except to parents); never open email from strangers – it may contain viruses that can harm a computer; and immediately tell an adult if something mean or creepy happens.

Avoid strangers. Tell your kids that people aren't always who they say they are in cyberspace. Explain that if someone they don't know talks to them, they shouldn't respond but should let you know.

Be a good cyber citizen! Remind kids that an Internet playground is still a playground and they need to play nicely. A good rule of thumb: If they wouldn't do something in real life, they shouldn't do it online.

Keep the computer in a central place. So you can see what's going on. Establish expectations and limits about the amount of time your children spend online and what they do.

View your own habits carefully. You are their role models.

But, mostly, be involved and have fun with them! Keeping kids safe and teaching them how to use digital technology responsibly is all about staying involved.

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## ***Heavy Rains***

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During the early hours of August 20th, our area was hit with a heavy downpour that lasted about 6 hours. Different areas of Belmont County reported between 3 inches and 5 inches of total rainfall over that time period. Shown below is a bridge off of Co. Rd. 4 Willow Grove. No significant damage was reported.

