

County Update

The Monthly Newsletter For The Belmont County Engineer's Department

Holidays

Thanksgiving
November 27 & 28

Christmas
December 25th

Garages & Offices
Will Be
Closed For The Day

Fred's Desk



WINTER HAS ARRIVED a month early this year. As I write this, it is 15 degrees outside with a wind chill temperature below zero. Hopefully, we will soon have an "Indian Summer", but it may be too late for that to happen. We do need some warmer and dryer weather to finish our construction season.

Shelly & Sands has finished the County Highway 26 paving project, but Cross Roads Construction continues work on the replacement of two new bridges, one on Pipe Creek road and one on O.K. Road. M.P. Dory Co. is presently installing new guardrail on Fulton Hill Road, and then will move to Ferryview Road to complete that project. Both

projects are scheduled to be completed this year.

Last year Governor Kasich announced that the State of Ohio is going to invest \$120 million to repair and replace more than 200 county and city owned bridges. Belmont County will have built a total of 10 new bridges over the next two years, with ODOT administering their construction. The first four bridges will be bid by ODOT next spring, with the other six bridges the following fiscal year.

The first bridges are on County Highway 4 (Willow Grove Road), Richland Township Road 289 (Cumberland Run Road), Pultney Township Road 304 (Through Run Road) and Colerain Township

Road 426 (Sloans Run/ Buzz Ayers Road). The remaining bridges for the following year includes one on CH 2 (Deep Run Road), one on CH 4 (Colerain Pike), two on CH 72 (Mt. Hope Road), one on Pultney Township Road 291 (Crozier Ridge Road) and one on Colerain Township Road 454 (at Maynard).

Next week, as you celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday, let us remember to take time to give "Thanks" for your family and friends, and for all of the blessings you receive. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.



Strange Names



The Village of Sherman, Fairfield County, Connecticut is the location of Naromiyocknowhusunkatankshunk Brook (29 letters), in the north end of town near the New Milford border. The Indian name means "water flowing from the hills" (the English wording is 17 letters long).

Embankment Failures by Terry Lively

One of the many challenges of maintaining roads in Belmont County is embankment failures, commonly referred to as ‘slips’. Embankment failures are often caused by saturated soil, erosion of banks, or weak soils. These ‘slips’ can occur suddenly, and when they happen along roadways the results can be deadly. In addition, embankment failures are not easy to repair. The repairs are often time consuming and expensive. The County road crews are constantly on the lookout of these problems, but we need your help. If you see something that appears suspicious, or know of plugged roadway culvert, please contact the County Engineer’s office immediately. Above is an embankment failure that happened without warning along CR4 just north of Barton. The damage to the road required closure of one lane. County crews will be making repairs to CR4 in the coming weeks.



OUPS

Since 2012 there has been a marked increase in the amount of email notifications that we receive from OUPS.

Through November 2012 we had about 3,200 notices from Call Before You Dig about some type of construction taking place in various areas of Belmont County. That number went up in 2013 to roughly 3,700 and in 2014 we have over 4,400 notices.

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BMT 00002 OUPsb 11/14/14 17:09:58 B431800652-00B ROUT UPDT POLY LREQ
Ticket : B431800652 Rev: 00B Taken: 11/14/14 05:09 PM Channel: WEB
Old Tkt: A430801039 Taken: 11/04/14 09:53 AM

State: OH Cnty: BELMONT Place: WASHINGTON TWP

Address : Street: PUGH RIDGE RD
Cross 1 : SAFFELL CHURCH RD Intersection: N
Rail/Hwy: Milemarker(s):
Where : EAST SIDE OF PUGH RIDGE ROAD (AKA 86). STARTING AT THE INTERSECTION OF
       : SAFFELL CHURCH (AKA 101) AND PUGH RIDGE ROAD. CONTINUING 800 FT SOUTH
       : FROM THAT POINT. FARTHEST POINT OFF THE ROAD: 5100 FT EAST.
    
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A large part of the increase can be attributed to the oil and gas activity taking place in our area.

Special Hauling Permits

Applications for Special Hauling Permits are needed for loads or equipment that weigh in excess of 80,000 pounds or are either over length or over width. So far this year, 840 permits have been issued.

To one oil and gas company!

A typical frac pump unit weighs about 90,000 GVW.

APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL HAULING PERMIT			
BELMONT COUNTY ENGINEER 101 W. MAIN STREET ST. CLAIRSVILLE, OH 43950 PHONE 740-699-2160 FAX 740-695-8894			
APPLICANT NAME		PERMIT NUMBER	
ADDRESS		APPLICATION DATE	
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	AREA CODE TELEPHONE NUMBER
PERSON REQUESTING PERMIT		PERMIT TRANSMITTAL <input type="checkbox"/> PICKUP <input type="checkbox"/> MAIL <input type="checkbox"/> FAX NUMBER	
FEIN	ICC-MC NO.	DOT NO.	PERSON ISSUING PERMIT



One load that was moved this year was a transformer unit that went to an AEP site on St. Joe Road. It weighed over 450,000 pounds and required a bridge jumper to cross a bridge on the county road.