

# County Update

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**March**  
**8th Daylight Savings Time Begins**  
**17th St. Patrick's Day**  
**SPRING BEGINS**  
**March 20th**  
**Thank goodness!**

## Fred's Desk



**THIS IS THE LAST WEEK** of February, a very cold February. During December and January, we've had a very normal winter, not extreme cold temperatures and not a lot of snow, but once February got here, that all changed. Most mornings hovered below 10 degrees, some even below zero. By the end of the month, we will have set 7 new records for the lowest daily temperature. Snowfall increased this month, with the ground covered most of the month.

In checking back on previous years, 2010 had a really bad February. It began with a 12" to 24" snowfall, depending where you were in the county, followed with 10 days of 2" to 4" snowfalls daily. 2011 was nor-

mal, and 2012 was mild with below average snowfall. The winter of 2013 had an above average amount of snow. Last year, we had a winter that seemed like it would never end. Since March arrives on Sunday, let's all hope for an early spring.

Although it's still very cold, Ohio-West Virginia Excavating began repairing the roadway slip on County Highway 4, Barton-Colerain Road. They also plan starting on the slip on CH 86 (Pugh Ridge Road) within the next few days. Both projects totaled \$260,674, with OPWC paying 90% of the cost.

On March 11th, bids will be opened by the County Commissioners for the resurfacing of

four separate county highways. Included in the project are the eastern 1.98 miles of CH 214 (High Ridge Road), the western 5.47 miles of CH 54 (Pipe Creek), 2.00 miles of CH 18 (Lansing Chermont Road) from US 40 to CH 20, and 2.18 miles of CH 20 (Blaine Chermont Road) from Blaine to CH 18. This 11.63 miles of resurfacing is estimated to cost \$1,153,998 and is funded by the Commissioners.

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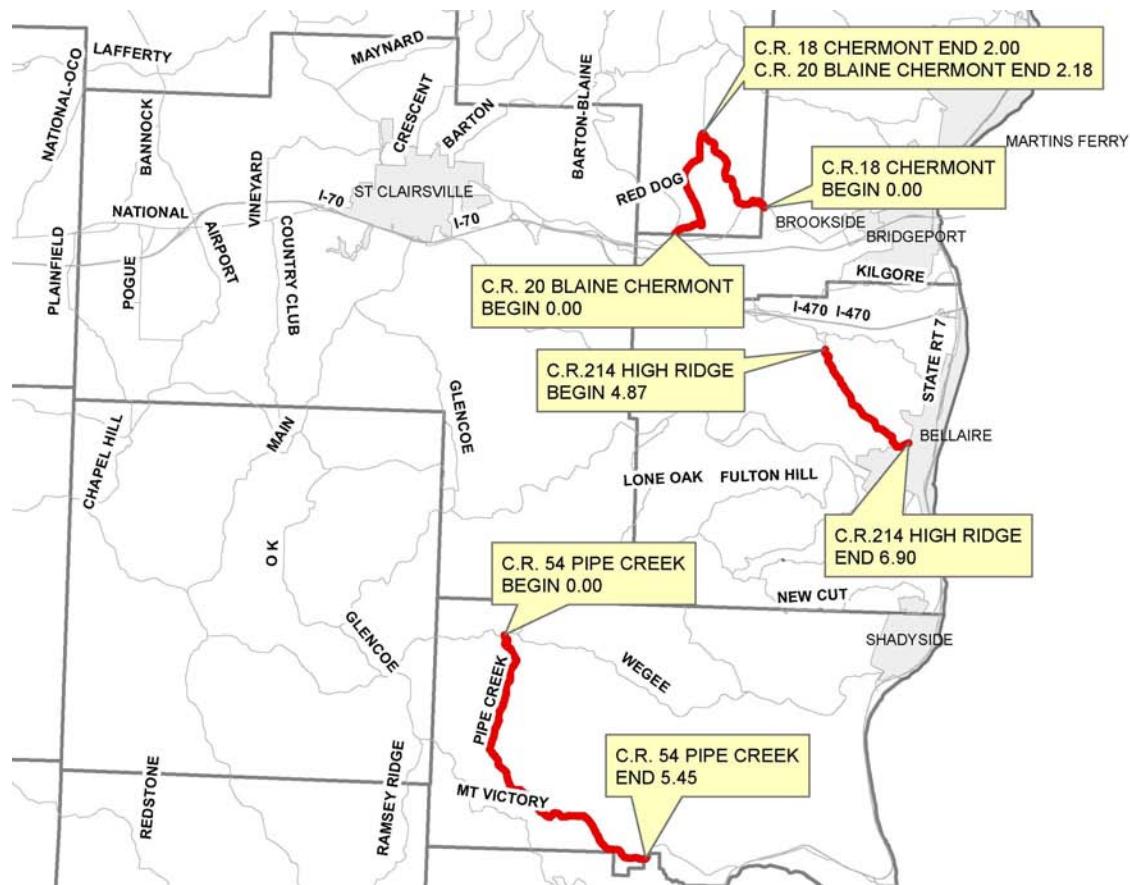
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## ***CEAO Conference***

The Ohio County Engineer's Conference was held the February 5th & 6th in Columbus. Some of the topics presented included the Economics of Equipment Maintenance and Replacement by Mark Zimmerman, P.E., P.S., Seneca County Engineer, and updates on Bridge QA/QC and SMS from Mark Stockman, P.E., P.S., CEAO Bridge QA/QC Engineer. Information sharing among this organization is critical as we all try to do more with less. Hats off to all the presenters for a job well done.



## ***2015 Resurfacing Project***



## ***Fred's Desk.....continued from page 1***

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In early summer, bids will be opened for a new bridge on County Highway 10 (Barton-Blaine Road). This new 3 span bridge will replace an existing narrow three span concrete arch bridge built about 1930. This project is expected to cost about \$1,000,000 and is 80% funded by FHWA and 20% by OPWC.

Spring is just a little over 3 weeks away. I hope it comes early this year.

April 16th, 2015  
***Annual Meeting with Township Officials***  
6:00 P.M. Roscoe Road Garage

April 17th, 2015  
***Annual Employee Safety Training***

All garages and offices will be closed.

## **Welcome Rob Barr**

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Rob Barr began his employment with the Engineer's department on February 9th of this year. Rob obtained his Professional Surveyor license in 1996 after working for local surveyors. Rob and his wife, Dawn, reside near Morristown and have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. He is a basketball referee with the Ohio Valley Board of Officials and works a busy schedule during the winter months. Rob also enjoys golfing once or twice a year.....a month.....a week.....a day (or more).

