

County Update

The Monthly Newsletter For The Belmont County Engineer's Department

August Facts

1877 - Edison invented the phonograph

1898 - Hawaii was annexed by the United States

Fred's Desk



AS JULY COMES TO AN END, the 2015 construction season is now in full swing. This week, Ohio-West Virginia Excavating Co. started the bridge replacement project on County Highway 10, Barton-Blaine Road. This road is closed to all traffic as the existing concrete arch bridge is being replaced with a 3 span, 130' long continuous reinforced concrete slab bridge. This \$948,283 project is funded 80% by FHWA and 20% OPWC. TRC Solutions has been hired to do the Construction Engineering and Inspection for this project.

Bids were opened on July 15th for the repair of three roadway em-

bankment failures, one on CH 2 (Deep Run Road) and two on CH 54 (Pipe Creek Road). Ohio/West Virginia Exc. was the low bidder at \$214,214, which is funded 90% by OPWC. This work should begin soon.

Lash Paving should soon begin resurfacing 5.5 miles of Pipe Creek as the final part of \$1,131,805 paving project funded by the County Commissioners. Portions of CH 18 (Lansing Cheermont), CH 20 (Blaine Cheermont) and portions of CH 214 (High Ridge Road) were paved during May and June.

Lash Paving is currently paving all of CH 5 (Clover Ridge Road),

a total of 5 miles in Belmont County and about ¾ miles in Monroe Co. This project is being funded by Rice Energy and XTO Energy to repair damage caused by drilling operations and pipeline construction. This should be finished within a few weeks. Lash Paving just recently resurfaced about 1.8 miles of CH 4 (Sand Hill Road) for XTO Energy. Several other roads will be resurfaced during the next couple of months.

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Our Bridge Crew just completed a small bridge replacement project on CH 48 (Wegee Road) and our Road Crew is ditching and replacing bad culverts on this road. Once this is done, Spectra Energy will hire a paving contractor to resurface this 7.5 mile road. The road crew is also currently preparing other roads for the application of road oil, which is used for dust control. We are also doing our regular summer work, such as mowing, patching our blacktop roads and grading our aggregate surfaced roads.

As you can see, things are very busy at this time of the year. After a very wet spring and first month of summer, we have had a few dry days. We need it to stay dry for the rest of the year.

A lot of work remains to be done.

Project 15-4 Slip Repair Locations



At left - County Road 4, Sand Hill Road (south end)

Below left and right - a common sight in Belmont County, new pipeline construction and drilling rigs.



Welcome Steve Hill

Steve Hill began his employment on Monday, July 20th. He was a self employed Professional Surveyor from 1990 through 2002 and most recently worked at the North America Coal Company.

Steve will be working as the Oil and Gas Coordinator for our department.

He and his wife Karen reside in Barnesville.

Steve and Karen enjoy riding motorcycles and gardening.



Current Road Closures

Belmont County Road 64, Unity Church Road, will be closed to all traffic beginning at 7:30 A.M. on Monday, August 3, 2015 for 2 weeks, weather permitting.

The road will be closed 0.5 mile north of County Road 66 (Gun Club Road) for a culvert replacement project.

Belmont County Highway 10, Barton Blaine Road, is closed to all traffic at a location 150 feet northwest of Richland Township Road 436 (Rehm Road) for a bridge replacement project.

The existing concrete arch bridge will be removed and replaced by a concrete box beam bridge. The road will be closed until December 15th, 2015.

