

County Update

The Monthly Newsletter For The Belmont County Engineer's Department

September..

Was originally the 7th month on the oldest known Roman Calendar.

The fall equinox will occur on September 23rd at 8:20 AM

Fred's Desk



SEPTEMBER ARRIVES next Tuesday, school is back in session, football season is here, and a lot of activity is happening here at the County Engineer's office. A lot of construction work is going on in the county, both public and private.

Lash Paving has about completed the county's first resurfacing project, paving 11.63 miles of portions of 4 county highways at a cost of \$1,131,805. Bids will be opened on September 2nd for resurfacing another 10.63 miles of portions of 5 other roads at an estimated cost of \$1,078,478. Both projects have been funded by the County Com-

missioners. "Thank you" Commissioners for your help.

In addition to the above, the oil and gas drillers and the pipeline companies have this year paved 20 miles of our highways with about 15 more miles possible before bad weather.

Ohio-West Virginia Excavating Co. is working on two of our projects, the first \$948,283 bridge replacement project and the second a \$214,214 drilled piling project. Both are scheduled to be completed before Thanksgiving.

Beaver Excavating Co. is nearing completion

of the construction of the first portion of a new roadway which begins on Route 40 and ends in the City of St. Clairsville. The second phase, which is a couple years away, continues to the corporation line of the city at I-70 right-of-way, then crosses I-70 and circles around the west and south sides of the Ohio Valley Mall, ending at the intersection of Mall and Banfield Roads. This project is under the jurisdiction of the Belmont County Transportation District (TID). This project will relieve traffic problems on Mall Road and open a wide area for development.

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Belmont County Fair

September 9th through September 13th

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Our road Crew is now oiling some of our roads for dust control. Lash Paving has the \$188,575 contract for furnishing and applying 60,000 gallons of bituminous liquid asphalt. Once applied, our employees cover the oil with gravel. This project will finish soon.

Although it is summer, we have been stockpiling materials for this coming winter's snow and ice control. Once again, salt prices are high. We purchased 1000 tons under ODOT's summer fill-up contract at \$80.82 per ton. The remaining 2500 tons of salt to be purchased will come under ODOT's winter fill-up contract at a cost of \$74.51 per ton. This amounts to \$267,095 just for salt, and does not include the cost of cinders and grits which are mixed with the salt. With labor and equipment, it costs a lot to keep our roads safe for the travelling public. Let's hope for a dry winter.

September 7th is Labor Day, which means the Belmont County Fair opens the following day. Good luck to your children and grandchildren who have 4-H projects this year. I hope they bring home a lot of ribbons.

It's County Fair Time!!!

Opening ceremonies for the 166th Belmont County Fair will be held Wednesday, September 9th at noon. The fair will be open through Sunday September 13th.

As usual, lots of food be available; different exhibits and animals will be on display as well as all types of music and motorsport events for the crowds to enjoy.

Prices for tickets are as follows:

Tuesday Only Admission – \$5.00

General Admission – \$8.00 Wednesday through Sunday

Season Ticket – \$21.00 Good each day Wednesday through Sunday. Does not include rides.

Lunch Hour Pass – \$5.00 Wednesday through Friday



Weather permitting, mechanical rides will be open following this schedule: Wednesday 5:00 to 10:00 PM, Thursday 5:00 to 10:00 PM, Friday 4:00 to 10:00 PM, Saturday 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM and Sunday 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM.

For more information see the website: <http://www.belmontcountyfair.org>

And their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BelmontCountyFair>

Current Projects



From page 1. This is the Belmont County Transportation Improvement District road-way project located near Rehm Road .

Piling in place at the County Road 10 - Barton Blaine bridge project. Ohio West Virginia Excavating is the contractor for this project which will be completed in December.



Low Volume Roads



The Transportation Research Board (TRB) 11th International Conference on Low Volume Roads was held July 12th - 16th in Pittsburgh, Pa. Belmont County Deputy Engineer Terry Lively and Greg Butcher of Violet Township attended as representatives of ORIL (Ohio's Research Initiative for Locals), along with some 260 other attendees representing 25 countries. Some interesting research papers were presented and innovative ideas discussed. More information about the conference and sessions can be found at:

<http://pressamp.trb.org/conferences/programs/programs.asp?event=740>.