

County Update

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Fred's Desk



Belmont County Fair

September 6th
thru
September 11th



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THE OHIO BRIDGE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM is now in full swing in Belmont County. This program was created in 2013 by the Ohio Department of Transportation when \$110 million was set aside to replace about 200 local bridges statewide. Belmont County will receive ten new bridges by the end of next year. ODOT is funding 100% of the costs.

The first bridge, located of Colerain Township Road T-436 (Buzz Ayers Road), was completed and opened about one month ago. Two more bridges, one on Pultney T-304 (Trough Run Road) and one on Richland T-289 (Cumberland Run Road) are about completed and will open sometime in August. Construction will soon begin replacing a bridge on CH 4 (Willow Grove Road). This bridge is located just west of the Ebbert and Huddock Roads intersection with Willow Grove Road. This new bridge will be completed this fall.

The remaining six bridges are under various contracts, but since these are "design-build" contracts, most will be built next spring. The six includes two structures on CH 72 (Mt. Hope), one on CH 2 (Deep Run), one on CH 4 (Colerain Pike), one of Mead Township T-291 (Crozier Ridge Road) and one on Colerain T-454 (Hall Street in Maynard).

The bridge crew just completed the placement of new concrete box beams on Mead T-715 (Mills Hill Road). This is the part of an approved Ohio Public Works project which includes two more bridges, one on CH 132 at Temperanceville, and the other on CH 92 (New Castle Road).

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On Wednesday, August 3rd, bids will be opened for a slip repair project on CH 54 (Pipe Creek Road) just north of Warren Hill Road. This \$112,000 project is being 90% funded by Ohio Public Works Commission. Work should be completed by early November.

The road crews are busy getting some of our roads ready for our Road Oil Project. They are also patching potholes, installing culverts, ditching, mowing and all the other work that is needed to maintain our roads. We never run out of work to do.

Volunteer Work

When the Lloydsville Garage and GIS office needed a new gate, our bridge crew saw an opportunity to showcase their talents. Using mostly scrap materials, parts from the old gate, and a lot of donated hours on their own time, they built the entrance gate shown on the right. Since the building itself is nearly impossible to see from the road, first time visitors have had a difficult time finding the facility, but not anymore! Nice work guys, it's an improvement to be proud of.

Members of the bridge crew are: Ed Bond, Bob Saffell, Marvin Hickenbottom, Dave Fisher, Steve Clark, Scott Sall, Carey Greco, Albert Muntz, Brett Hess and Keith Williams.



CEAO Conferences

From the County Engineers Association of Ohio website (ceao.org).

Upcoming Conferences

August 17-18, 2016 Ohio Bridge Conference

September 28-30, 2016 Ohio GIS Conference

October 19-20, 2016 Superintendents & Mechanics Conference & Trade Show

County Engineer Information

Today, the elected County Engineer is to "perform for the county all duties authorized or declared by law to be done by a Civil Engineer or Surveyor." Although specifically exempt from engineering duties affecting public buildings, he or she is the engineer for all public improvements under the authority of the Board of Commissioners within and for the County.

Ohio has the most rigorous standards in the United States for qualifying its Professional County Engineers. Ohio requires its County Engineers to be a fully licensed "Registered Professional Engineer," and a fully licensed "Registered Professional Surveyor."

Information above was found at: <http://www.defiance-county.com/engineer/>

Schools Back In Session Soon

Area schools will be back in session near the end of August. Be on the lookout for school buses, children walking and stopped traffic during you commutes.

Starting dates are as follows:

Barnesville - August 24

Bridgeport - August 22

East Guernsey - August 22

Martins Ferry - August 23

Shadyside - August 24

Switzerland of Ohio - August 30

Bellaire - August 23

Buckeye Local - August 29

Harrison Hills - August 22

Noble Local Schools - August 17

St. Clairsville - August 24

Union Local - August 22

