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We'd love to hear from you!

The cost of postage is ever increasing and mailing these newsletters throughout the year is quite expensive and not using public funds in the best way possible. It is also very inefficient today with so many other ways to communicate. Were you aware that our newsletters are available on our website? Did you know we can send the newsletter as soon as it is available to your email address?

We ask that you send us an email to Office.Manager@BelmontCountyEngineer.com with Email Newsletter as the subject. Include your contact information (name, address, home and mobile phones, and email address). If preferred, go to our website, www.BelmontCountyEngineer.com, and complete the Newsletter form directly from the Home page
(Click **HERE** to receive our newsletter in PDF format via email.)
If you no longer need wish to receive the newsletter, let us know that, too.

Together we can save the public this extra expense and use the funds to better serve Belmont County roads and bridges!

County Update

The Quarterly Newsletter For The Belmont County Engineer's Office

Terry's Desk



The wet weather in June continued into July, and on the 7th we were hit with another severe storm. We had moderate damages at various locations around the County, mostly berm washouts and debris removal, but the Willow Grove/Neffs area had severe damage. Approximately 220' of timber retaining wall along CR 4 Willow



Bridge prior to repair on Wasniak Road
Pultney Township T-281

Grove Road was washed away by a flash flood, and a 40' steel beam bridge on Pultney Twp. T-281 Wasniak Road was heavily damaged. This bridge is on a dead-end road, so the bridge crew worked overtime to get a temporary bridge in place to maintain access. An emergency

inspection of the damaged bridge confirmed that one abutment was ruined, all of the steel beams were bowed and twisted, and that a new bridge was needed. We ordered materials and began construction immediately. On CR 6 Sharon Road, Ascent Resources upgraded the road with a Full Depth Reclamation (FDR) and overlay to provide access to their new well pad. We conducted site inspections with FEMA at our 2019 damage sites, and AEP began relocating power lines to allow construction at some of our 2018 damage sites. After cleaning up storm debris, our road crews continued preparations for the chip seal project. On July 20th, the Governor declared a State emergency for the June and July storms, and authorized the use of the State's 'Rainy Day' funds. The damages to County roads and bridges for these two months totaled over \$600,000. There wasn't enough damage for the President to declare another FEMA disaster, but nevertheless we are still working under two Federal disasters and three State disasters.



New Bridge following repairs on Wasniak Road
Pultney Township T-281



In August, after almost a year and a half of above-average precipitation, the rains finally stopped. Alan Stone Co., ODOT's contractor, began repairs on the CR 10 Crabapple Road slip. This project was estimated at \$115,200, with 80% funding from FHWA and 20% County funds. However, the project had to be expanded and modified when unmarked coal mines were discovered below the slip. Our road crews made good use of the dry weather by catching up on asphalt patching and ditching. The wet spring and early summer had given the weeds a good foothold, so we worked overtime on two consecutive Saturdays to get caught up on the roadside mowing. We also received a 90% HSIP safety study grant to conduct speed studies on various County and Township roads. The results of these studies will allow posting of reduced speed limits and increase public safety. And after almost a year and a half of working through red tape, we were FINALLY able to complete repairs on our first two FEMA slips. CR 5 Ramsey Ridge, a \$198,368 project, and CR 86 Pleasant Ridge, a \$187,871 project, were both completed by Ohio-West Virginia Excavating. The 2018 FEMA projects are funded 75% by FEMA, and 25% by the State of Ohio. More repair projects are being bid and are in the pipeline.

In September, we completed our \$333,670 chip seal project with Youngblood Paving. This project was funded 100% from our MVGT funds and treated approximately 14 miles of County roads. The project included portions of CR 46 New Cut Road, CR 56 OK Road, CR 56 Vineyard Road, CR 64 Unity Church Road, CR 66 Gun Club Road, CR 98 Badgersburg Road, CR 102 Stumptown Road, and CR 128 Boston Road. Our bridge crew completed emergency construction of the Pultney Twp. T-281 Wasniak Road bridge, and began scheduled repairs on the Somerset Twp. T-6 W. Homer Reed Road bridge. Our road crews continued patching, ditching, mowing, and clearing plugged culverts in preparation of another winter season. Let's hope it is a mild one!

STOP THE SPREAD OF COLD & FLU

REMEMBER THE 3 C'S

1 CLEAN

Wash your hands often. Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand cleaner.



2 COVER

Cover your cough. Use a tissue to cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.

Don't have a tissue? Your sleeve will do.



3 CONTAIN

Contain germs by steering clear of others who are sick. If you do get sick, stay at home until you're well again, so you don't spread more germs.



ANNIVERSARIES		
Marriage	Birth	Employment
OCTOBER		
Edward and Jennifer Bond - 2nd, 20 years Keith and Luci Williams - 10th, 9 years	Frank Mayo, 3rd Forrest Kemp, 5th Brett Hess, 6th Scott Sall, 23rd Scot Ferguson, 25th	Edward Bond, 15th, 17 years Forrest Kemp, 16th, 13 years Scot Ferguson, 9th, 12 years James Pyles III, 29th, 1 year
NOVEMBER		
Henry and Darlene Kolodziej - 22nd, 39 years Forrest and Deanna Kemp - 20th, 31 years	None	Wesley Wells, 26th, 29 years Virgil West, 28th, 25 years Keith Luyster, 13th, 12 years Anthony Atkins, 13th, 2 years
DECEMBER		
None	Terry Lively, 10th Albert Muntz, 20th William Eddy III, 20th	Dwayne Leach, 4th, 13 years Robert Saffell, 12th, 8 years Dustin Roe, 9th, 6 years Charles Crolley, 30th, 6 years Jonathan Walker, 10th, 1 year

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT!



NAME:
Steven L. Clark

POSITION:
Sign Worker

EMPLOYED WITH THE ENGINEER'S OFFICE:
Since August 31, 1998

MEMORABLE PROJECT AT ENGINEER'S OFFICE?
I've had many enjoyable projects over the years. The most memorable was in 2015 when we replaced every sign in the county.

INTERESTS OUTSIDE OF WORK?
I farm with my father and brother. I am also the Assistant Chief at the Somerton fire department. You may find it interesting that I help my wife cater weddings and that I am a grave digger.

IDEAL VACATION?
Cruising in the Caribbean!

FAVORITE MEAL?
Chinese food, but I hate Salmon.
(treat Steve to Chinese one day 😊)



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Tech Tip

Phishing: Don't Take the Bait

Phishing is when you get emails, texts, or calls that seem to be from companies or people you know. But they're actually from scammers. They want you to click on a link or give personal information (like a password) so that they can steal your money or identity, and maybe get access to your computer.



The Bait

Scammers use familiar company names or pretend to be someone you know.

They ask you to click on a link or give passwords or bank account numbers. If you click on the link, they can install programs that lock you out of your computer and can steal your personal information.

They pressure you to act now – or something bad will happen.

Avoid the Hook

Check it out.

- Look up the website or phone number for the company or person who's contacting you.
- Call that company or person directly. Use a number you know to be correct, not the number in the email or text.
- Tell them about the message you got.

Look for scam tip-offs.

- You don't have an account with the company.
- The message is missing your name or uses bad grammar and spelling.
- The person asks for personal information, including passwords.
- But note:** some phishing schemes are sophisticated and look very real, so check it out and protect yourself.



Protect yourself.

- Keep your computer security up to date and back up your data often.
- Consider multi-factor authentication – a second step to verify who you are, like a text with a code – for accounts that support it.
- Change any compromised passwords right away and don't use them for any other accounts.

Report Phishing

- Forward phishing emails to spam@uce.gov and reportphishing@apwg.org.
- Report it to the FTC at ftc.gov/complaint.

