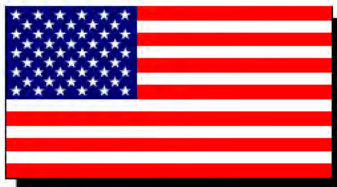


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County Update

The Quarterly Newsletter For The Belmont County Engineer's Office

2019 Belmont County Fair

September 3rd - 8th

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Terry's Desk



Our bridge crew began the month of April by reinforcing a single-span bridge on CR 5 Glencoe-St. Clairsville Road. The bridge is posted and scheduled for replacement in 2019, but needed immediate repairs to stay in service. Thanks to the frequent rains, our road crews stayed busy with downed trees, berm washouts, and plugged culverts. When they could catch a day or two of dry weather, they focused on reshaping the gravel roads and preparing the chip seal roads for work later this year. The State passed a new transportation bill which included a 10.5 cent/gallon increase for gasoline, the first increase in nearly 15 years. While most of the new revenue will go to ODOT, the townships, municipalities, and counties will all see a much needed boost in road and bridge maintenance funding. The funds won't start coming in until the fall of 2019, but at least we know help is finally on the way. April 24th we opened bids on the annual chip seal project. Youngblood Paving was awarded the contract with a bid of \$333,670. On April 26th we held our annual safety training day. About 2 PM we had to end the training and respond to a major landslide. Approximately 7000 cubic yards of mud and trees slid off the hill and completely blocked CR 16 Nixon Run. All of our crews pitched in and had the road re-opened by about noon the next day. Late in April we conducted field reviews with officials from ODOT and Federal Highways to begin the process of repairing our new 2019 disaster sites. Unfortunately, the CR 16 Nixon Run damage is not eligible for reimbursement.

In May, with the asphalt plants re-opened, our road crews began asphalt hot patching. The rains continued, so they patched whenever the weather allowed. The bridge crew completed the rehabilitation of a small bridge on Wayne Twp. 41. The bridge abutments had been reinforced with concrete late last fall, and now it has new exterior steel beams, new railings, and a new wood deck. On CR 5 Willow Grove Road, a sinkhole in the road was repaired by Energy Transfer at the intersection of Richland T-219 Ebbert Road. The sinkhole was apparently caused by a void created during a pipeline road bore done almost four years prior. The bridge crew also replaced guardrail over a Warren Twp. 139 bridge. But while transporting the equipment back to the garage, our equipment trailer was rear-ended by a motorist on I-70. Fortunately her injuries appeared minor, and our driver was unhurt. Our road crews finished the month of May by ditching, patching, mowing, and preparing various county highways for the chip seal project.

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In early June, we began our annual guardrail vegetation control. DBI Services will be performing the \$19,752 contract. Our bridge crew began repairs on the Somerset Twp. 37 Gunn Road bridge. The work includes concrete wing wall improvements and new decking. Our road crew completed some much-needed tree trimming and patching on CR 3 St. Joe Road. On June 11th, one of our road mowers was involved in a three vehicle accident on CR 214 High Ridge Road. Once again, we were very fortunate that the injuries were relatively minor, and that our driver was unhurt. June 12th we opened bids on the first of our two FEMA slip repair projects on CR 86 Pleasant Ridge and CR 5 Ramsey Ridge. Ohio West Virginia Excavating won the contract with a bid of \$389,239. Heavy downpours hit several times throughout the month, once again causing significant damages. CR 5 Willow Grove Road sustained the worst damage, with the loss of approximately 45 feet of timber retaining wall. But we also saw new damage on CR 16 Nixon Run Road, CR 48 Wegee Road, CR 100 Egypt Valley Road, and CR 74 Rock Hill Pike. Despite all the storm clean-up, our road crews managed to clean curbs along CR 34 Hospital Road, and continue some of their normal duties. And finally, our bridge crew completed repairs on the CR 108 North Road bridge, as well as minor railing repairs on our historic covered bridge.

On a personal note, the past several weeks have been tragic and quite difficult. On June 2nd, one of our new employees, John Tetley, suddenly passed away. John had been hired to replace our office manager John Parkinson, who was set to retire after 30 years with the Engineer's Office. John had only worked for us for two weeks, but he was doing a terrific job and was learning his responsibilities very quickly. On June 18th, our County Auditor Roger Conroy passed away after a long illness. And finally, on June 24th, our recently retired Board of Elections Director Bill Shubat passed away unexpectedly. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work and dedicated public service, and offer my heartfelt prayers and condolences to all their families and friends. May they all rest in His peace...

Retaining wall failure on County Road 5
Willow Grove Road

Major landslide on County Road 16
Nixon Run Road



Wedding Anniversaries	Birthdays	Employment Anniversaries
JULY		
STEVE & DONNA CLARK July 3, 37 years BRENT & MARCI BRUBAKER July 7, 6 years DAYLE & RHONDA CONAWAY July 8, 41 years WESLEY & MOLLY WELLS July 21, 35 years KEITH & MELISSA LUYSTER July 30, 17 years	MARVIN HICKENBOTTOM, July 19 RANDALL HAMMOND, July 22 TROY DUFFY, July 28 DAVE FISHER, July 30	
AUGUST		
ANTHONY & KRISTY ATKINS August 3, 7 years KEVIN & LISA WEST August 27, 31 years	DUSTIN ROE, August 5	TERRY LIVELY August 1, 5 years ELIZABETH VINCENZO August 24, 30 years STEVE CLARK August 31, 21 years
SEPTEMBER		
DAVE & TWILA FISHER September 3, 36 years	KEITH WILLIAMS, September 10 KEITH LUYSTER, September 16 WESLEY WELLS, September 25 STEVE CLARK, September 28	SHEREZA OHARA September 5, 24 years ANDREW HADZIMA September 11, 2 years SCOTT SALL September 27, 9 years

Congratulations John Parkinson!



Congratulations John Parkinson on your 30 years of service to the Engineers Office, you will be greatly missed!