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From Terry's Desk 2nd Quarter 2024

April began with some very good news: Our application for the Local Roads Shale and Oil Grant was approved. This grant will provide \$500,000 towards the resurfacing of CR 82 Airport Road in FY 2027. Unfortunately, April 2-4th and 11-12th, our area was hit with heavy rains which caused mudslides, flooding, and downed trees. The damage was widespread and affected many of our townships as well. FEMA and the State of Ohio EMA were contacted and assessed the situation, but no disaster was declared for our county. We spent a lot of time cleaning up the debris and getting our roads and bridges back in shape, but it could have been much worse. The extra effort we have been putting into our ditching recently paid off. Eventually we were able to return to our normal maintenance, stoning the gravel roads and patching potholes. Our annual guardrail spraying resumed on the 22nd, and our culvert replacement work began shortly afterwards. On the 26th, we held our annual Safety Training Day at the Roscoe Garage. The bridge crew finished replacing a bridge on Somerset Twp. T-728 Rock River Road. And we closed out the month by opening bids on our annual chip seal contract. The successful program expanded again in this year, with nine of our Townships participating in the contract, the most we have ever had. This year's contract was won by Youngblood Paving of Wampum, Pennsylvania.

The office staff began **May** by doing design work on some upcoming bridge projects. These projects are still a couple of years out, but it'll be time to go to construction before you know it. The road crew was busy repairing soft areas on CR 66 Unity Church Road and repairing washouts on CR 22 Ferryview Road and CR 4 Colerain Pike. The bridge crew performed the annual inspection of traffic signal cables in the mall area, while the road crew replaced a 36" culvert on CR 64 Gun Club Road. They also completed culvert replacements on CR 34 Hospital Road. We completed the remodel of the Engineer's Office in the Courthouse, and the results are stunning. Thank you to the County Commissioners for funding the long-overdue project! We were still cleaning up some of the storm damage from April when we were hit again with more storms the last weekend in May. Again, we were fortunate the storms were not severe, but they meant we had to start over on ditching, clearing plugged culverts, and cleaning up downed trees. Finally, the road crew was successful in locating and reopening an old culvert on CR 56 Maynard Road that had not functioned properly for many years. Their efforts saved the cost of a total replacement and the associated traffic delays. Good work guys!

In **June**, the office staff assisted the Village of Bellaire with engineering advice and estimates on a failing five-foot metal culvert. Our GIS office uploaded the new 2024 tax map scans. Along with the six-inch orthographic imagery, our GIS website is one of the finest in the State. Be sure to check it out at belcoGIS.com. In the middle of the month, we signed a new three-year labor contract with our bargaining unit employees. The road crew continued to prepare for the upcoming chip seal project by repairing soft areas and replacing a culvert on CR 56 Country Club Road. A storm brought more trees down on the 23rd, while the bridge crew placed erosion control stone on a CR 102 Mt. Olivett Road bridge. We ended the month with some more good news, the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) funding was reauthorized by the State legislature for the next two years. This program has been a great success statewide, and in Belmont County it has funded many much-needed projects. Finally, the bridge crew finished replacing the bridge on Richland Township T-431 Jug Run Lane. Enjoy the summer and drive safe, especially in the construction zones.

T728 Rock River Bridge



T433 Jug Run Bridge



CR 66 Gun Club Culvert Replacement



CR 66 Gun Club Culvert Replacement



2nd Quarter 2024 Office Activity

Property Transactions	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
DEEDS	270	235	219
PARCELS	561	433	338
TNN	120	95	84

Permits Processed	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Utility	6	5	4
Special Hauling	61	1	0
Driveway//Culvert	1	0	0

Employment Anniversaries

JULY

Stephany Crist—3 Years
Joshua Crowley—1 Year

AUGUST

Elizabeth Vincenzo—35 Years
Steve Clark—26 Years
Terry Lively—10 Years
Brian Ware—6 Years

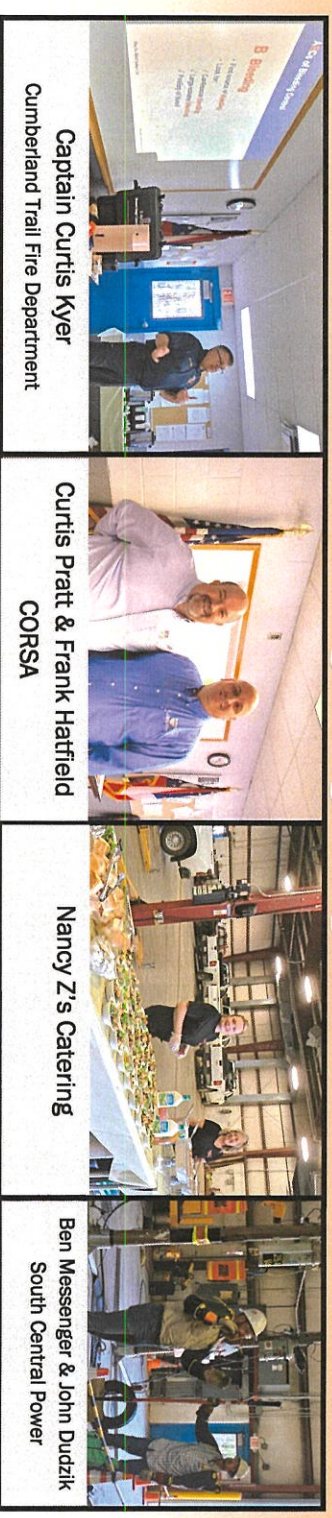
SEPTEMBER

Shereza O Hara—29 Years
Scott Sall—14 Years
Andrew Hadzima—7 Years
Robert Beckett—2 Years

THANK YOU!

BELMONT COUNTY UPDATE

2024 Safety Day - April 26th



Captain Curtis Kyer from the Cumberland Trail Fire Department started the full day of training with a tourniquet presentation called "Stop the Bleed." The presentation included demonstrations and examples of their application. 2024 marks the second year Captain Kyer has presented to Engineer employees.

Next in the line-up was Frank Hatfield and Curt Pratt of our County Risk Sharing Authority. CORSA manages the property and casualty insurance for many counties, including Belmont County. The pair shared our claim history noting a marked improvement over the last few years. The focus of the presentation was to emphasize the importance of our actions before, during, and after an accident occurs. Stephany Crist, Office Manager for the Engineer's Office, followed up with a brief presentation on where to locate accident forms and the internal process to follow.

Lunch was provided by Nancy Z's Catering. City Chicken and Beef Roast were the main courses, followed by a beautiful array of multi-flavored cupcakes. After lunch, everyone gathered for photos. *(Posted in the center of the newsletter)*

South Central Power Company offered a live wire demonstration provided by Ben Messenger & John Dudzik. This valuable education tool was built by a number of South Central Power employees. It features three poles and it uses 7200 volts back-fed through a transformer. This allows the demonstrators to show how safety gear is used and what it looks like when live wires come in contact with everyday items. It was an excellent reminder to our staff for safety protocol when lines are encountered on the ground.

Ohio State Patrol finished the day with a presentation by Officer Dennis Wilcox who is an employee favorite. Officer Wilcox touched on many safety topics including weight limits, cell phone use, and human trafficking.

JULY

22nd Randy Hammond
28th Troy Duffy
30th David Fisher

AUGUST

No Birthdays

SEPTEMBER

8th Michael Burkhardt
10th Keith Williams
16th Keith Luyster
28th Steve Clark

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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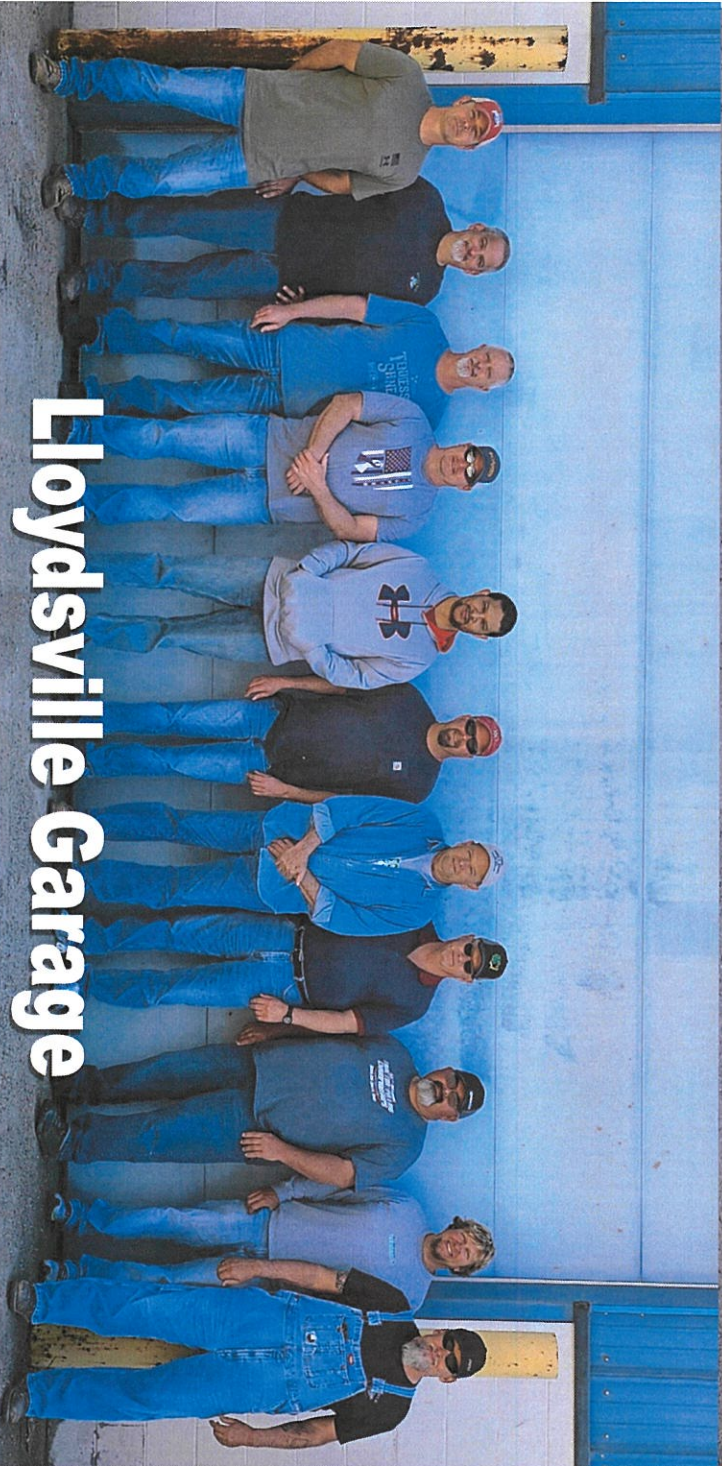
July 25, 2024



Tacoma Garage



Roscoe Garage



Lloydsville Garage

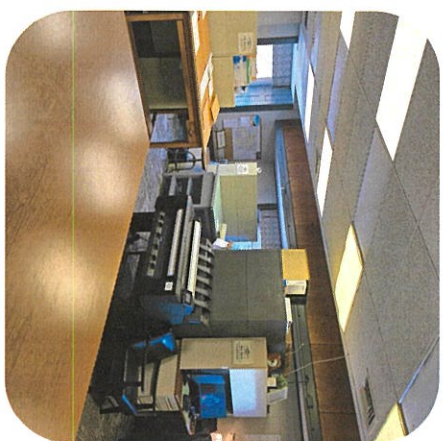
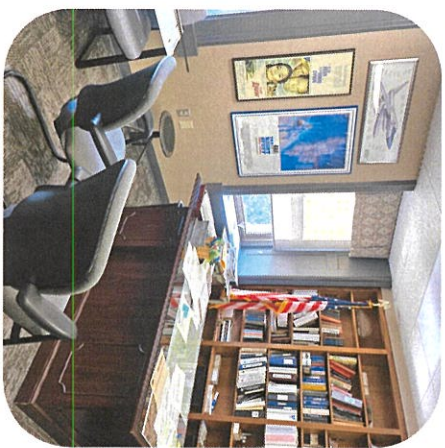


Neffs Garage

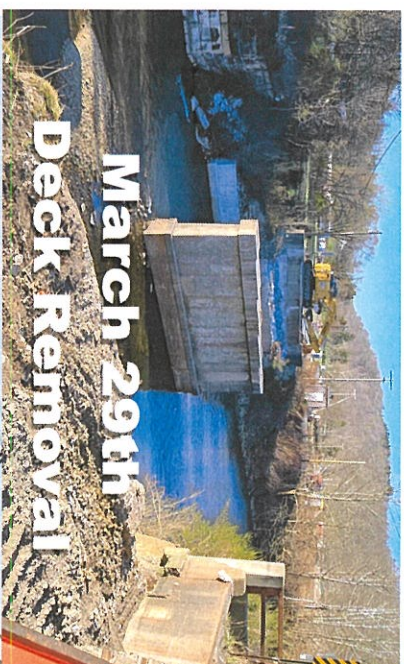
2024 Safety Day



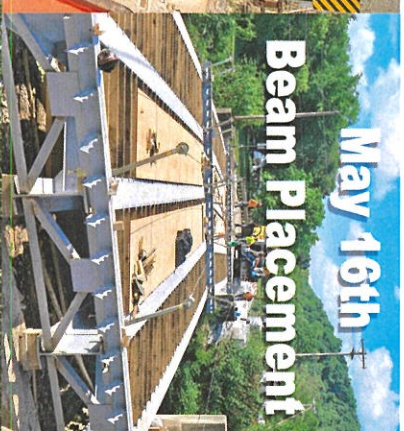
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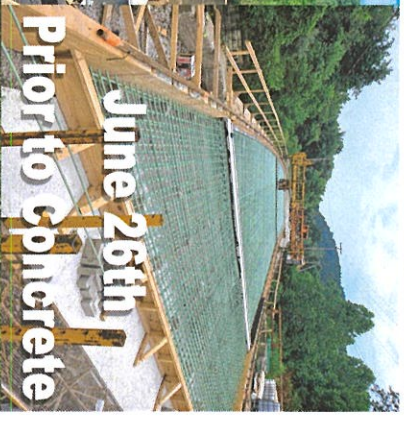
CR 10 Barton Blaine Progress



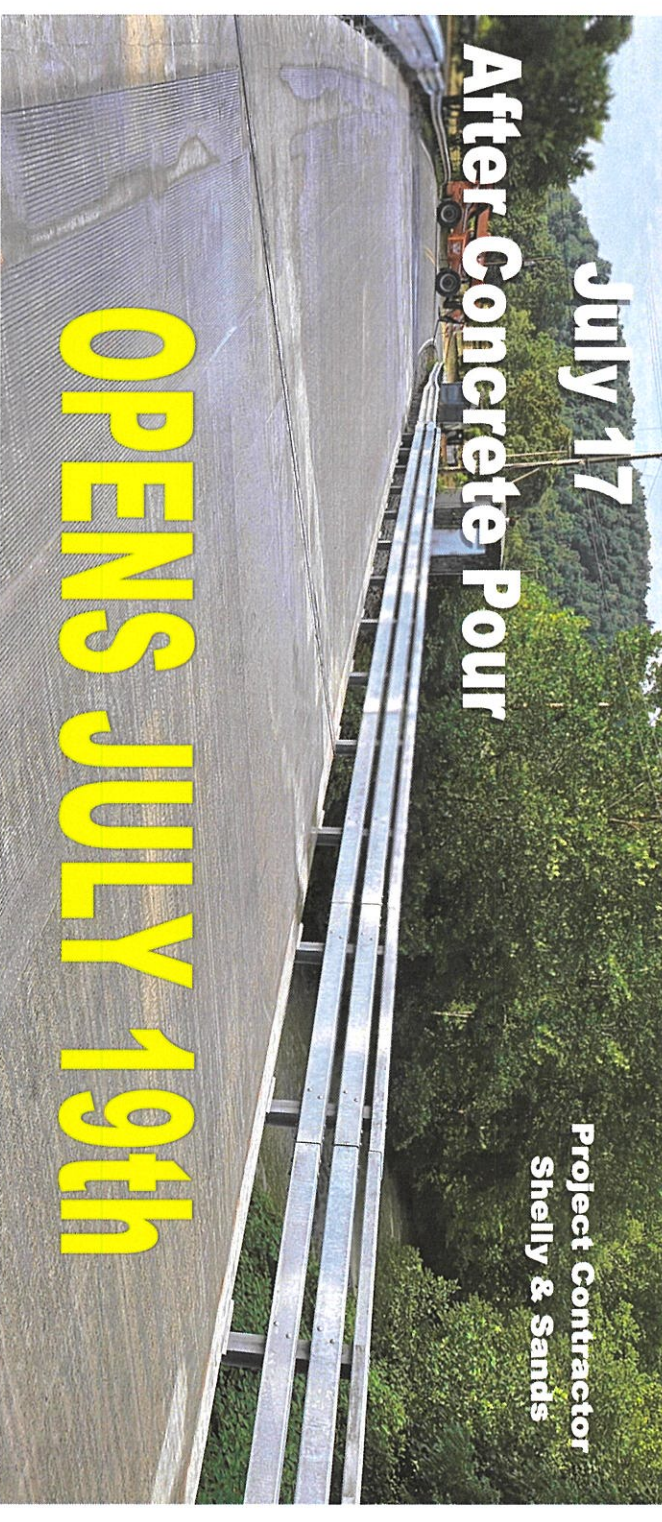
March 29th
Deck Removal



May 16th
Beam Placement



June 26th
Prior to concrete



July 17
After Concrete Pour

Project Contractor
Shelly & Sands

OPENS JULY 19th



26 Culverts were replaced in preparation for the 3rd Quarter paving job.

Project Contractor
NLS

2024 Safety Day - Office Staff

