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# Office News & Information

On May 4th and 5th staff attended the first combined Administrative Professionals and County Engineer's conference at the Cherry Valley Hotel, in Newark, Ohio. The Ohio Department of Transportation had a significant presence during the conference where they either presented or participated in multiple sessions.

One session, titled "Working with Local News Reporters and Managing Social Media Now and in the Future" drew a lot of interest. Matt Bruning, ODOT Press Secretary, and Erin McBride the ODOT Social Media Coordinator, lead an interactive discussion. They discussed the way the state reaches out to all districts via a variety of social media platforms. Each of ODOT's regional districts maintain their own social media accounts that contain localized road conditions, construction information and job postings. Belmont County is in District 11. Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram have accounts just for District 11.

Each week ODOT releases a video on You Tube called the "The Loop". The videos have a wide variety of topics and are featured across multiple social media platforms. Matt & Erin are the hosts. Go to you tube and subscribe to, "The Loop" if you are interested.



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In June staff also attended the Land Records and Modernization Conference in Columbus Ohio. ODOT presented at this conference as well. This time the subject was Right of Way Manual Updates. Other presenters discussed Sheriff Sales, Working with the Public, Eminent Domain, Understanding Original Land Subdivisions, and House Bill 93 which discussed the Safe at Home Program.



## Employment Anniversaries

- JULY**      **Stephany Crist—1 Year**
- AUGUST**    **Jonathan Walker—1 Year**
- Brian Ware—4 Years**
- Steve Clark—24 Years**
- Beth Vincenzo—33 Years**
- SEPTEMBER** **Andy Hadzima— 5 Years**
- Scott Sall—12 Years**
- Shereza O'Hara—27 Years**

## Birthdays

- JULY**      **19- Marvin Hickenbottom**
- 22- Randall Hammond**
- 28- Troy Duffy**
- 30- David Fisher**
- AUGUST**    **5- Dustin Roe**
- SEPTEMBER** **10-Keith Williams**
- 16- Keith Luyster**
- 25-Wesley Wells**
- 28-Steve Clark**

# Let's Celebrate!!!

**BELMONT COUNTY  
 ENGINEER'S OFFICE**

# 2nd Quarter 2022

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## From Terry's Desk



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# Belmont County Update

County Route 10  
Blaine Barton Road



### DATES TO REMEMBER

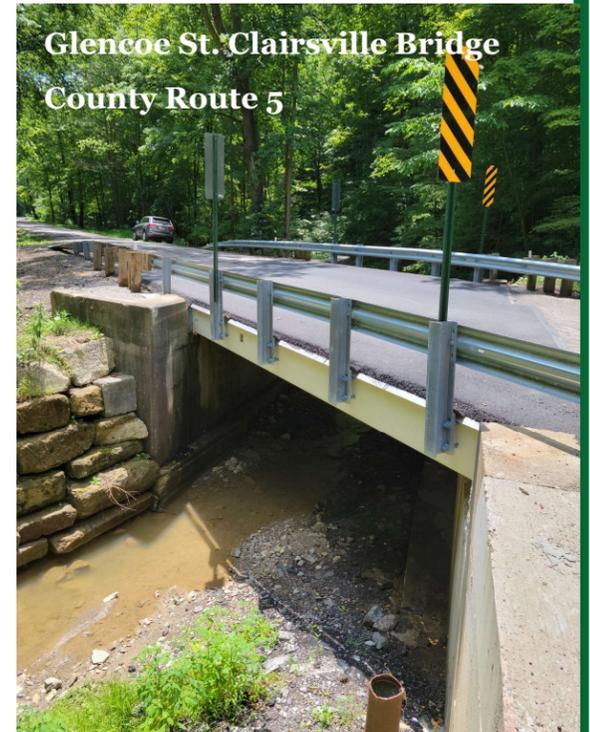
- July 4th—Independence Day (Closed)
- July 25th—National Hire a Veterans Day
- August is National Wellness Month
- August 7-13 National Stop on Red Week
- August 15-21 National Aviation Week
- September 5th—Labor Day (Closed)

As **April** arrived, we began preparing our roads for the upcoming chip seal project. The road crews repaired soft spots, cleaned ditches, and replaced culverts. Of course they were also busy with the usual cold patching and tree clean up. The State announced some new bridge funding, and we had a few candidates ready to go thanks to our recently completed bridge inspections. Our bridge crew rebuilt some guardrail on CR 4 Glenns Run, CR 54 Pike Creek, CR 28A Mall Road, and CR 56 Maynard Road. They also made repairs to a bridge on CR 102 Johnson Ridge Road. A sinkhole developed below CR 29 Commons Mall Crossing Road, and our investigation revealed a defective storm and sanitary sewer junction. Repair plans are being drawn up. The wet spring also allowed us to drag and stone our gravel roads, and overall they came through the winter in good shape. The office staff assisted Richland Township with an emergency slip application, while our crews performed the annual inspection of traffic signal strain wires near the mall. On the 20<sup>th</sup> we opened bids on the chip seal project, and once again it was biggest chip seal contract to date. Eight of our sixteen townships participated this year, and the \$1.4 million contract was awarded to Youngblood Paving from PA. The project will be funded by a combination of Engineer's MVGT funds and township funding. On the 27<sup>th</sup> we performed our spring truck inspection, and by the end of the month we had started this year's mowing cycle.

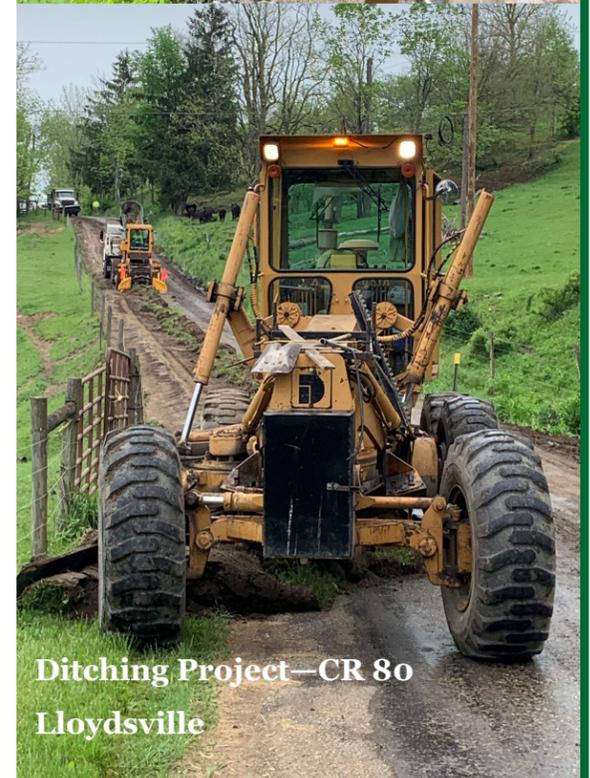
**May** began on a positive note as ODOT completed three slip repairs on CR 46 New Cut Road. Two of the slips were from 2018 and the other was from 2019. All three projects totaled \$745,310 and were funded using 80% FHWA (Federal Highways) and 20% Engineer's MVGT funds. The road crews continued replacing or repairing culverts on CR 3 St. Joe Road, CR 44 Winding Hill Road, CR 108 North Road, and CR 80 Lloydsville Bannock Road, while the bridge crew replaced guardrail on CR 56 Vineyard Road and CR 100 Egypt Valley Road. The bridge crew also completed an underpinning project on CR 56 OK Road, and cleaned three of our truss bridges on CR 24 Boydsville Road, CR 92 Newcastle Road, and Pease Twp. T-652. They also cleared trees from the Richland Twp. T-314 bridge. We kicked off design contracts on a pair of small bridge projects in Pultney Twp.,

one on T-317 McGregor Hill Road, and the other on T-323 South Moss Run Road. Near the end of May ODOT completed repairs on two 2018 disaster projects on CR 16 Nixon Run Road totaling \$369,213. The first was a retaining wall replacement, and the other was a large culvert headwall and retaining wall project. Again, the projects were funded 80% FHWA and 20% Engineer's MVGT funds.

In **June** our road crews were busy with the normal mowing, ditching, and hot patching. Unfortunately they were way behind on all three, thanks to frequent spring storms and downed trees. And on the 14<sup>th</sup> a big storm set us back even further. Many residents were without power for days, and for the first few days we had our hands full just getting the roads reopened. Despite the weather, our bridge crew completed the rehabilitation of a bridge on CR 5 Glencoe St. Clairsville Road. The project included replacing the concrete slab deck with prestressed concrete box beams and an asphalt wearing surface. The project was funded by the Engineer's MVGT funds. By mid-June Shelly & Sands completed the CR 10 Blaine Barton paving project. The nearly \$600,000 project was funded by a \$500,000 Local Roads Oil & Shale grant, and the remainder using the Engineer's MVGT funds. On the 29<sup>th</sup> we opened bids on our two Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) paving projects. The successful bidder in both cases was Shelly & Sands, Inc. The CR 44 Winding Hill project was awarded at \$765,111.50 and is funded by a \$400,000 grant, \$136,439 loan, and \$228,672.50 in Belmont County Port Authority funds. The CR 5 Glencoe Roads & CR 26 South project was awarded at \$968,252.55 and is funded by a \$400,000 grant, \$235,229 loan, and \$333,023.55 in Engineer's MVGT funds. Both projects should be completed by fall. And finally, the road crew finished out the month by replacing a culvert on CR 4 Sand Hill Road. We have a lot of projects under construction right now, so please be patient and extra careful in the construction zones. **Have a great summer!**



Glencoe St. Clairsville Bridge  
County Route 5



Ditching Project—CR 80  
Lloydsville