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CHAMPAIGN COUNTY ENGINEER'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## From the Engineer's Desk .....

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Sunny Days Are welcome;

We are wrapping up our 2003 - 2004 winter work which incorporated a number of sever storms that kept us busy. At the end, we were able to manage to provide for the safety of the public with the resources that were dedicated to our snow and ice control operation.

It is noteworthy to know that we received several complements as to the quality of the work our crew delivered. As we got closer to spring, we were anxious to start on our construction work.

We started on Black Road and removed the rail road bridge on February 24<sup>th</sup> and have been constructing the embankment. We plan to complete this work and open the road to traffic prior to June.

We removed the exiting bridges on Rhodehamel Road and Nine Mile Road and we should have completed the pile driving for these structures as of printing of this publication. The bridges are scheduled to be completed by the third week of April.

We are planning to start removing trash from the road right-of-way on April 5<sup>th</sup> and start our mowing operation on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are planning to start our resurfacing the

week of May 24<sup>th</sup>. We are in hopes that the weather will cooperate and we will be able to stay within our schedule and offsetting our plan for the second half of 2004.

I would like to welcome Scott Wright and Joey Boggs to our team again and wish everyone a happy Spring and Iranian New Year.

### Black Road Project Photos



# January, February and March Birthdays

Bob Harmison	01-14
Carl Davis	01-16
Gary Pendergrass	01-20
Rick Bahan	01-30
Steve Uhlenbrock	01-31
Ed Markin	02-04
Dan Belville	03-04
Phil Kandel	03-07
Todd Anderson	03-11
Steve McCall	03-22

# Employment Anniversaries

Paul Wright	02-10-86
Mike Knotts	01-16-90
Mike Toops	01-16-90
Bob Harmison	02-25-91
Steve Kite	03-28-94
Dan Belville	03-26-01
Bill Black	03-26-01

# New Employees

We are welcoming two new employees in March.

Scott Wright is a graduate of Graham High School. Scott lives Mad River Township. He has several years experience in construction. Scott's first day will be March 8.

Joey Boggs lives in Goshen Township and is a graduate of Mechanicsburg High School. He has been active in farming and most

recently worked for Champaign Landmark. He will be starting with us on March 15. Joey has a two year old daughter named Madison.

Lets make Scott and Joey welcome as they join our team.

# New Sign

We have a new, lighted sign at our office entrance. This will make our office much more visible to the public. This sign was fabricated by Wilson Signs in Dayton and installed by the County Engineer's workforce.

Below: Rick Bahan and Gary Pendergrass constructing the sign base.



Ivan Thackery of Thackery Electric makes the final electrical connections.





The finished product.

- Be on the lookout well ahead for changes in traffic or road conditions. When you see brake lights ahead, slow down and be ready to stop.
- Don't tailgate. Stay well behind other vehicles.
- Never challenge another driver with words or gestures even if they are at fault. Such challenges have been the start of many tragic acts of road rage. Stay cool!

**Wear your seat belts- All the time!**

## Safety Tip

Defensive Driving - Be prepared for the unexpected!

Now that spring is upon us, we will all be driving more at work and at play. Here are driving safety tips that will help us all to be safer and enjoy the spring and summer seasons.

Be a defensive driver. Protect yourself and others. Here are some ways...

- Yield to drivers who are determined to get there first.
- Keep checking your rearview and side mirrors for approaching traffic and blind spots.
- Always anticipate that the other driver will do the unexpected—speed up. Slow down, pass, etc.
- Avoid unnecessary lane changes. This is when many accidents occur.
- Keep your mind on your driving and your eyes on other vehicles

We need and want your comments and suggestions for newsletter articles, etc. Please contact Rick Bails if you have any ideas or suggestions.