

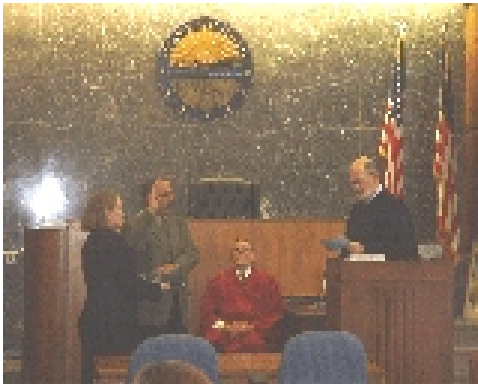
# Beech Street Journal

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY ENGINEER'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## Installation Ceremony



On December 27, 2004 Fereidoun Shokouhi was sworn in to a third full term as Champaign County Engineer. Taking part in the ceremony was Mrs. Shirley Shokouhi, Municipal Court Judge Roger Wilson and Judge John Newlin. Pictured above is Judge Newlin administering the oath of office.

## Snow Storm 2004

On December 22<sup>nd</sup>, we received record snowfall. Champaign County, along with several others, was at a Level 3 Emergency on Thursday, December 23. It is a credit to our snowfighting crew that our county highways were cleared as soon as possible with an absolute minimum of inconvenience to the public. Well done to everyone involved.



Shown above is Ward Road, looking East to Millerstown. This photo was taken on December 24 at about 11:15 AM.

## Annual Christmas Potluck

Our Christmas potluck was held on Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. It was postponed from December 23<sup>rd</sup>. (See preceding article). This is our opportunity to invite our retirees to share a delicious potluck meal with us and to reminisce about times past. At this year's potluck Steve Kite and Todd Anderson were recognized for ten years service with the Engineer's office. Rick Bails was also recognized for twenty years of service.

# October, November, and December Birthdays

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| Mark Mowrey   | 10-27 |
| Ted Black     | 11-02 |
| Joey Boggs    | 12-06 |
| Lawrence Nott | 12-24 |

# Employment Anniversaries

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Rick Bails         | 10-01-84 |
| Lawrence Nott      | 10-13-87 |
| Todd Anderson      | 10-17-94 |
| Tom Alexander      | 10-23-00 |
| Brett Herron       | 10-25-93 |
| Phil Kandel        | 10-31-88 |
| Mark Watkins       | 11-15-93 |
| Fereidoun Shokouhi | 12-21-87 |
| Mark Mowrey        | 12-30-02 |

# New Employee

On November 29, 2004 we welcomed back Bob Thomas. Bob was employed by the Champaign County Engineer from 1994 to 2000. He left to pursue other interests in October of 2000. He has been re-employed as a Highway Maintenance Assistant. Bob is married to Molly and has three children. Bob, its nice to have you back with us.

# Forklift Training Session

On December 16, 2004. We will have a Forklift training and certification session conducted by Kim Mitchem of the Ohio Public Employees Risk Reduction Program. She will be conducting a morning and an afternoon session and Employees will be split into two groups. Upon completion of this program we will be better equipped to safely operate our forklift.

# Safety Tip

## The Scoop About Snow Shoveling

While shoveling snow can be good exercise, it can also be dangerous for optimistic shovelers who take on more than they can handle. The National Safety Council offers the following tips to help you get a handle on safe shoveling:

Individuals over the age of 40, or those who are relatively inactive, should be especially careful.

If you have a history of heart trouble, do not shovel without a doctor's permission.

Do not shovel after eating or while smoking.

Take it slow! Shoveling (like lifting weights) can raise your heart rate and blood pressure dramatically; so pace yourself. Be sure to stretch out and warm up before taking on the task.

Shovel only fresh snow. Freshly fallen, powdery snow is easier to shovel than the wet, packed-down variety.

Push the snow as you shovel. It's easier on your back than lifting the snow out of the way.

Don't pick up too much at once. Use a small shovel, or fill only one-fourth or one-half of a large one.

Lift with your legs bent, not your back. Keep your back straight. By bending and

"sitting" into the movement, you'll keep your spine upright and less stressed. Your shoulders, torso and thighs can do the work for you.

Do not work to the point of exhaustion. If you run out of breath, take a break. If you feel tightness in your chest, stop immediately.

Dress warmly. Remember that extremities, such as the nose, ears, hands and feet, need extra attention during winter's cold. Wear a turtleneck sweater, cap, scarf, face protection, mittens, wool socks and waterproof boots.

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*We invite your ideas! If you have any suggestions or comments about this newsletter, contact Rick Bails*

## Construction Photos



Deck Repair on Kennard-Kingscreek Road



Nettle Creek Road



Elm Tree Road



Elm Tree Road