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CHAMPAIGN COUNTY ENGINEER'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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

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Thank You

..... for a very busy and successful year and for what you do that we know and mostly what you humbly do that we do not know.

The holiday season is before us and we are finishing up our work for 2002. It is the season that we stop to count our blessings and thank those who directly or indirectly contribute to our success.

2002 was a significant year for Champaign County. The Office of the Champaign County Engineer was able to secure the largest combination of grant and other state financing dollars in the history of Champaign County to fund highway and bridge improvements.

The efforts made by our employees made 2002 the most successful year ever in construction work and service delivery. It was obvious that 2002 was a very active year and we were able to meet all the commitment dates for our projects. The workload that was completed this year speaks for itself and is listed in the Construction Update section of this newsletter as well as previous newsletters that were published this year.

Thumbs up to all our teammates, our employees, staff and to the other County offices that played a role to make these much needed improvements possible. Your willingness to participate and your commitment is invaluable to the success of

our work. Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for 2003.

## October, November and December Birthdays

Ted Black 11-02  
Lawrence Nott 12-24

## Employment Anniversaries

Rick Bails	10-1-84
Lawrence Nott	10-13-87
Fereidoun Shokouhi	12-21-87
Phil Kandel	10-31-88
Brett Herron	10-25-93
Mark Watkins	11-15-93
Todd Anderson	10-17-94
Tom Alexander	10-23-00
Chris Louth	10-9-01

## Did You Hear That?

Although most noise-related hearing loss is gradual and painless, it's permanent. Here are four self-defense steps for your ears:

**1** Avoid loud noise. Prolonged exposure to any noise above 90 decibels (dB), like that of a lawnmower, can damage your hearing.

*Rule of thumb:* if you have to shout to be

heard, move away or wear ear protection.

**2** Wear hearing protectors - ear muffs or plugs as protection from noise on the job and at home when using motorized tools, enjoying hobbies like auto racing or attending concerts. *Fact:* In a recent study, two out of three frequent concert goers suffered temporary hearing loss and ringing in the ears.

**3** Don't play headphones too loud or wear them too long. Even a cheap set can blast your ears at more than 110 dB, equivalent to that of a chain saw.

**4** Get your hearing tested periodically if you're often exposed to noise.

## Construction Update

We had an extremely busy and productive construction season this summer and fall. Major projects included: Millerstown Road which was widened and paved by contract in cooperation with the Ohio Public Works Commission. Ludlow, Parkview, Ward and Hanna roads were widened by the Engineer's workforce and paved by contract, also in cooperation with the Ohio Public Works Commission. We replaced bridges on Dump, Ward and Dialton roads as well as on Woodville Pike. We did major repairs to two bridges on Hanna Road and a bridge on Millerstown Road. We did extensive storm sewer installation and paving in the Village of Millerstown. In addition, we replaced over 30 culverts and also did major grade work in several locations. Thanks to everyone for a job well done! (See photos right)



Road Widening on Ward Road



Paving on Ludlow Road



Storm sewer installation  
in Millerstown