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CHAMPAIGN COUNTY ENGINEER'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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From the Engineer's Desk

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Weather delays occur frequently on construction projects. While they may not cause direct damage, they can stall the progress of planned work. We started this construction season with the hope that we would not have a wet spring, however, we found April and especially May to be very wet months this year, subsequently, we have been in catch-up mode and it appears that our construction schedule should balance out by mid-summer.

We have completed our project on Cemetery Drive in Goshen Township. The stone arch structure was replaced with a precast concrete box culvert. Two structures on Nine Mile Road were also replaced using precast concrete box culverts. We replaced two narrow culverts on Vance Road and fourteen others on various Township and County roads as of the publication date of this newsletter. We started our mowing operation two weeks early this year, but due to weather we are in arrears compared to a normal year for this operation. We have been reconstructing drainage, constructing shoulders and improving embankment on Millerstown Road and we intend to sell the

contract for reconstruction of the pavement by the second week of July and hopefully to have it completed by the end of September. We will start our road widening operation upon completion of our resurfacing program sometime in the middle of July and have the contract for the reconstruction of more than sixteen miles of county roads available to sell by mid-August.

In as much as we feel the weather has been less than cooperative for our work, with the efforts of our employees and staff we will have our planned projects completed on time.

April, May and June Birthdays

Ned Bailey	04-15
Mark Crowder	05-31
Karen Bolte	06-04
Brett Herron	06-22

Employment Anniversaries

Ned Bailey	06-19-75
John Gillfilan	04-24-78
Carl Davis	06-15-81
Mark Crowder	05-28-85
Ted Black	06-24-85
Ed Markin	05-12-86
Steve McCall	05-28-91
Karen Bolte	05-08-00

Safety Tip !!!!

It's that time of the year again, grass is growing and we are all busy mowing. Did you know that mower blades rotate at nearly 200 miles per hour and can turn harmless objects into dangerous missiles? Before tackling the lawn, make sure it's cleared of sticks, stones, toys and garden hoses. Always turn off the engine if you have to check the blade, clean or adjust the mower or refuel.

New Truck !!!

We have taken delivery of another new Navistar International cab and chassis for dump truck service. This cab and chassis was purchased directly from Navistar under the ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Contract. This truck has been sent to Kaffenbarger Truck Equipment at New Carlisle for installation of a dump body and hydraulics system. We should have the completed unit available to us in late May or early June.

David E. Richards

Retires

On March 31, 2002, David E. Richards retired from the County Engineer's office after 30 years of service. David was a draftsman, survey crew member and in recent years the Manager of Mapping and Planning. We wish David well in his retirement.



Shown above is our new International 7400 Truck getting the finishing touches at Kaffenbarger's Truck Equipment

New Mowers!!!

We have recently purchased a Woods 3180 mower from Lantz Sales and a John Deere 1518 mower from Koenig John Deere for roadside mowing. Both of these mowers were purchased under the MAC 29 State Cooperative Purchasing contract.

Resurfacing Update

We have had a good season for our Chip and Seal Resurfacing Program in spite of several rainy days and some very hot temperatures. We have used over 300,000 gallons of RS-2 thus far. We expect to have our resurfacing completed on or before July 15. Thanks to our crew for a job well done.