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Upcoming Events

Aug. | 15 | National Relaxation Day  
25 | Kiss and Make Up Day  
27 | BF&S Annual Family Outing at Mt. Comfort Airshow

Sept. | 04 | Labor Day  
05 | Be Late for Something Day  
10 | Grandparents Day  
17 | Constitution/ Citizenship Day  
30 | Purdue vs. Notre Dame

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The Lighter Side

To the optimist, the glass is half full.  
To the pessimist, the glass is half empty.  
To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

"Normal people believe that if it ain't broke, don't fix it. Engineers believe that if it ain't broke, it doesn't have enough features yet."  
-Scott Adams, The Dilbert Principle

Q: How can you tell an extroverted engineer?  
A: When he talks to you, he looks at your shoes instead of his own.

Hacker's Corner

I've written so many of these that I really don't know what I've said. Therefore, I may be telling you the same thing over and over again or I may be contradicting myself. But, there is one thing I'm sure of, this "swing hard in case you hit it"-- this is just not right. I had this "hang over" one day and I gave it some easy, smooth swings, and the damn thing went just as far and a lot straighter. Amazing. So stop that "swing hard in case you hit it" and go with my new motto: "Take two weeks off, then quit." Never!

P.S. Don't forget your grip pressure, easy and steady, hold firmly only with the first two fingers of your right hand, that is if you are a righty.

The Hacker

“Work is a necessity for man. Man invented the alarm clock.”  
Pablo Picasso



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## Operation Management Council Takes Control

The newly formed Operations Management Team Council, led by Gary Pohl, has begun to initiate changes within the day to day operations of BF&S. The OMC, formed in October of 2005, is carefully developing a new project progress tracking system. The new system will not only aid BF&S personnel, but also allow our own clients the ability to track their projects through construction completion.

Additional responsibilities of the OMC will focus on improvements to employee training, communication and project scheduling.

The need to address training and continuing education among all BF&S employees, was identified as a company priority. At the same time, INDOT's reorganization has also targeted consultants' pre qualification by task categories, giving BF&S the incentive to meet their goals.

Last year many clients from around the state were sent questionnaires asking for their input in identifying the customers' service desires. The results of this survey as a communication tool, will be used in the upcoming years to allow clients to become better informed. News about their projects, state wide issues as well as funding sources will all benefit from the improvements made by the Communication Group.

Lastly the Project Schedule Group has been assigned the task of coordinating a system which will help departments within BF&S to work in better harmony.

Many hours have already been dedicated to the implementation of the new improvements. This implementation will be the key to the future success of BF&S.



Operation Management Council

The Task Forces

Project Status Reports

David Lahey  
Mike Matel  
Brad Watson  
Mike Mang

The purpose of the Project Status Reports Task Group is to develop & implement project status reporting for all projects.

Project Schedules

Mike Mang  
Jim Deahl  
Ben Zobrist  
Jim Hamilton  
Brad Watson

The Project Schedules Task Force has three main purposes. First--to research and test a template of an initial schedule for all projects that can be reported in a one-page summary. Second--to promote the use of the schedule template. Third--to research and recommend software for full project scheduling, tracking, budgeting and resource planning.

Communication Improvements

Aaron Davenport  
Pete Kohut  
Brent Friend  
Alan Hamersly

The purpose of the Communication Improvements Task Force to implement guidelines for the improvement of communications within the offices of, and between employees of, Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc. (BFS), in addition to improving communication between BFS and our clients, regulatory agencies, consultants and contractors.

Training Needs

Jeremy Brooks  
Paul Shaffer  
Mark Neal

The purpose of the Training Needs Task Force is to optimize the use of our training resources to more efficiently meet our company and our client's needs.

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“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.”  
Aristotle



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## Employer Profile: New Owners

Butler, Fairman and Seufert granted Gary Pohl, Pete Kohut and Brad Watson the title of Executive Vice President in October 2005, joining John Brand and Stephen Weintraut as corporate owners.

Peter Kohut, P.E., graduated from Purdue in 1972 with a BS in Civil Engineering. Following his college graduation, Kohut worked as a city engineer for Greensburg, Indiana. Seven years later, Kohut began work at Butler, Fairman and Seufert in the Construction Inspection Department. His work at BF&S soon moved him up north for the opening of the Merrillville district in 1982. Along with contributing to the company's work, he has also served as editor of the "Infrastructure" newsletter.

Gary Pohl graduated from the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in 1985. After graduating college he worked in Chicago as a structural engineer for

Sargent & Lundy. In 1990 Gary became a registered Professional Engineer and began work with Butler, Fairman and Seufert in the Environmental Engineering Department as a design engineer. Two years later Gary became chief field engineer and eventually a Vice President.

Bradley Watson, P.E., another Purdue alumni graduated in 1987 with a MS in Civil Engineering. Following Purdue, Brad also worked at Sargent & Lundy as a structural engineer for 3 years. In 1987 he began working at Butler Fairman and Seufert as a project engineer in the Bridge Department. He became a registered Professional Engineer in 1988. Brad then took a different route, and began working as a Systems Administrator in 1992 and later becoming the Controller in 1997. These three men have contributed greatly to the company's work and we wish them our congratulations.



The new owners from the left: Pete Kohut, Gary Pohl and Brad Watson.

## Construction in Full Swing

Butler, Fairman and Seufert's "field guys" rarely receive the credit they deserve for enduring the dog days of summer to help in the completion of our projects. There are over 50 active projects this summer with the combined construction cost of \$70 million. These projects include roads, bridges, airports, storm drainage, wastewater treatment plants and trails. Noteworthy projects include (along with cost and supervisor):

- Reconstruction of State Road 22 in Kokomo, IN (11 million)(Russ Whann)
- Anson Development, Phase IIA in Lebanon, IN (5.5 million)(Mike Biesecker)
- Old SR 15 from CR 1000 South to SR 124 in Wabash County (4.5 million)(Matt Bobay)
- Ridge Road from Indiana Street to Pulaski Street in Hobart, IN (4 million) (Dave Collins)
- Reeves Road Relocation and Reconstruction/ Red Pride Drive Construction in Plainfield, IN (4 million)(Jud Huber)
- West Perimeter Bridge at the Indianapolis International Airport (3.5 million) (Jim Hamilton, P.E., project engineer)
- Sam Ralston Road in Lebanon, IN (3.5 million) (Ramon DelReal)
- McKinley Avenue, Phase II on the Ball State Campus in Muncie, IN (3 million) (Chris Wheatley, P.E., project engineer)
- Veteran's Memorial Highway from Gray Road to SR 121 in Fayette County, IN (3 million) (Tony Mendez)
- Northside Sanitary Sewer Improvement in Yorktown, IN (2.5 million) (Jeremy Campbell)
- Carroll County Bridges Nos. 132, 93 and 25 (2 million)(Ramon DelReal and Dave Garwood)
- WWTP Aerobic Digester Improvement in Shelbyville, IN (1.5 million) (Bret Campbell)
- Decatur County Bridge No.140 (1.5 million) (Jim Moffitt) **progress pictured in the above left**
- Hadley Road and Cambridge Way along with Mood Road South of US 40 in Plainfield, IN (1.5 million) (Drew Kelley)
- Hodgkin Road from Henley Road to 37th Street in Richmond, IN (1 million) (Tom McKee)



- Runway 6-24 Rehabilitation at the Richmond Municipal Airport (1 million)(Jeremy Books, P.E., project engineer)
- Parallel Taxiway for Runway 18-36 at the Putnam County Airport (.6 million) (John Clair)
- Maintenance Hanger Expansion at the DeKalb County Airport (.6 million) (Jeremy Books, P.E., project engineer and Matt Bobay)
- McClanron Drive from State Street to Fields Boulevard in Greenfield, IN (.6 million) (David Kyle)
- Hanson Park, Passive Park, Dickson Street and Connecting Trail in Michigan City, IN (.5 million) (Troy Tharp)
- Clinton County Bridge No. 508 (.5 million) (Dave Garwood)
- Widen Taxiway B-1 North of Runway 9-27 at the Elkhart Airport (.3 million) (Bret Campbell and Troy Tharp)
- Terminal Building Roof Project at the Delaware County Airport (.2 million) (Chad Whitesell)
- Lakeside Drainage Improvement in Shelbyville, IN (.2 million) (Tony Mendez)
- Kennedy Avenue Bridge over Little Calumet River in Lake County (Eric Etter)

clip and save

## Client Recipe Janet Jaros Clerk-Treasurer City of Noblesville

### The Famous Rollins Baked Beans

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|--|---|
| 1 1/2 lb. ground pork large (28 oz. or so) and 2 regular (15 oz or so) cans pork and beans | 1/2 c. catsup<br>1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce<br>2 Tbsp. brown sugar<br>2 Tbsp. vinegar |
|--|---|

I put a chopped onion in mine.

Fry the sausage until it is well done, breaking it into fairly small pieces, then drain off the fat. Add catsup, brown sugar, Worcestershire sauce and vinegar. Bring to boil briefly. Add the beans to the sausage and mix well. Pour the mixture into your bean pot or a baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes



## The Starting Line-Up

Butler, Fairman and Seufert employees are parents of many young athletes.



- 1] A future Tiger Woods, Alex Zobrist poses in his golf gear.
- 2] Michael Heredeen not only played baseball, but enjoyed an occasional golf game.
- 3] Alex Pohl serves as quite the triple treat. Not only does he play soccer, but also basketball and golf.
- 4] After prom, Justin Brand tried out a new sport... sumo wrestling.
- 5] Austin Ellis takes a swing on his baseball team, the Pirates.
- 6] Jared Watson poses after a soccer tournament. He is playing soccer at Hamilton Southeastern High School this fall.
- 7] Maria Brand goes in for the kill on her St. Malachy Middle School Soccer Team.
- 8] Dillon Mang makes a play in his Frankfort baseball game.
- 9] Ashley Carlson poses in her softball uniform.
- 10] Now a science olympiad, Logan Baker (Joyce Craig) attempted soccer at age 8.
- 11] Jenna Lee is currently a sophomore in Color Guard with the Marching Tiger Band at Fishers High School.
- 12] Cameron Carlson poses with his baseball mitt.
- 13] Dane Mang gets ready for the pitch.
- 14] Laura Ashley poses with her fellow teammates. She is in Level 4 of Fitness and Fun gymnastics.

## Partial Listing of Contracts Bid & Awarded Since Jan 2004

- Bartholomew County Bridge No. 64**  
Cost: \$190,000
- Wayne County Bridge No. 186 and 188**  
Cost: \$ 880,000
- Clinton County Bridge No. 503**  
Cost: \$320,000

- Elkhart Municipal Airport Taxiway B1**  
Cost: \$467,900
- Delaware County Airport Terminal Rehabilitation**  
Cost: \$273,600
- DeKalb County Maintenance Hangar Extension**  
Cost: \$650,000

- Old Meridian (Carmel)**  
Cost: \$7,595,000
- McKinley Avenue (Ball State/ Muncie)**  
Cost: \$3,390,000
- Veterans Memorial (Fayette County)**  
Cost: \$273,500
- Ridge road Phase II (Hobart)**  
Cost: \$4,403,000
- 18th St. and Kossuth Street (Lafayette)**  
Cost: \$750,000
- Creamy Lane (Lafayette)**  
Cost: \$1,441,500

- Indianapolis International Airport West Perimeter Road**  
Cost: \$7,066, 829.30
- Rehabilitation Structures 79-64-2268B and JB, and 49-64-2270B on SR 49 in Porter County**  
Cost: \$20,822,639.70
- Rehabilitation of structure 62-65-T402B/(62)762-65-4020B**  
Cost: \$15,477,547.35

## New Employees

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|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Roy Lee              | Survey                   |
| Neal Bennett         | Environmental Services   |
| Joshua Smith         | Environmental Services   |
| Randall Brooks       | Bridge                   |
| Christopher Miniello | Sanitary and Water       |
| Rebecca Harrison     | Accounting               |
| Jason Thurman        | Bridge                   |
| Lisa Brown           | Clerical                 |
| Ben Disbro           | Water Environment Design |
| Andrew Ondecker      | IT                       |
| David Kyle           | Construction Inspection  |
| Gene Gosewehr        | Survey                   |