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Wishing you a safe and healthy 2013 construction season.



National Lime & Stone - Carey Quarry Carey, Ohio



ODOT Innerbelt Bridge Cleveland. Ohio



Huron Hospital Demolition East Cleveland, Ohio



Starpointe Business Park Burgettstown, Pennsylvania



Ohio River Bridge Demolition Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



Independence Recycling of Florida • Independence Communications, Inc.

CONSOL Mannington Pipeline Mannington, West Virginia



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Vic DiGeronimo Jr.

Safe and happy New Year! I'd like to thank the entire Independence Excavating team for your constant awareness and diligent effort to work safely. We completed 2012 without a single loss time injury. Our safety director, Tom Steblinski sent a congratulatory email shortly after the ball dropped in Times Square informing management of this great accomplishment. A special thank you to our safety team: Tom Steblinski, Frank Berzansky, Eric Sears and Victoria Scafaro as they continue to do their best to keep us safe.

Congratulations to all our employees who have adopted the culture of zero tolerance for accidents and injuries despite the challenging and high risk work we perform. We are given opportunities to work for great clients on great projects due to our commitment to safety, and for that we should all be very proud.

As a member of the management team for Independence Excavating, I promise we will continue to do our very best to train, educate and provide the latest

equipment available to continue to be on the cutting edge with our safety program.

The DiGeronimo family believes this is one of the highest and most recognizable milestones in our history. A list of our employees by years of service, who are responsible for making this happen,° are listed on the following page. Thank you again. We are so proud, as you should be of yourselves, of our accomplishment in 2012. Let's do it again in 2013!

Have a nice day!

CURRENT PROJECT

Demolition Underway at NASA Plumbrook Station

NASA Plumbrook Station is a research and development facility in Sandusky, Ohio that has been around since 1941. The facility was operated by the war department as a munitions plant until the end of WWII. In 1956, NASA began its involvement with the facility, and through the years has worked with government and private industry to develop and refine many of the advanced aspects of our space program.

In October of 2012, Independence Excavating was awarded the first of two demolition contracts at the facility. We were to remove some features that had long outlived their usefulness at the H&K sites of the facility. The features to be demolished included concrete structures, along with steel buildings and test equipment that were outdated and decommissioned by NASA. The wide range of things to be demolished definitely added to the difficulty of the job.

Our crew started by tearing down complex equipment like a hydrogen slushier unit, which consisted of tubes and tanks and insulating chambers that all had to be carefully separated to be properly recycled. We then moved on to a concrete



building. From the outside it did not look like much of a challenge, but with more investigation, we learned that it was built to protect its contents. The walls were a minimum of 18 inches thick and heavily reinforced. The demolition of this building was carried out systematically to separate and recycle about 95% of the material from the site — leaving very little waste for the landfill.

We have worked very hard to make this a successful job for both Independence Excavating and NASA. At this point we have one more site under contract at the facility and are hoping to expand our working relationship with NASA in the future.

SAVE THE DATE

DiGeronimo Companies Safety Day Breakfast

Saturday March 2, 2013 7:00 AM

Embassy Suites Independence, Ohio

5800 Rockside Woods Boulevard Independence, OH 44131

Pittsburgh Branch Safety Day Breakfast

Saturday March 9, 2013 7:00 AM

DoubleTree GreenTree, Pennsylvania

500 Mansfield Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15205



Employees by Years of Service

50+ Years

Vic DiGeronimo Sr.

45+ Years

Edward Wilk Robert J. DiGeronimo

30-40 Years

David Bronza Donald Mahnke Ronald Benedek Terry Tomasko Andrew Fetzer Robert Sixta **David Staten Lawrence Hrovat** Nicholas DiGeronimo Theodore Chuha Pasquale Ciccone **Ronald Brocco** Victor DiGeronimo Jr.

20-29 Years

Michael DiGeronimo Joseph Tretinik Eric Dombrowski **David Bevan** Michael Orlando Wayne Mellinger Steven Wilk Scott Schroeder Sergio Mauretti **Beverly Raymond** William Behrens Michael Todt **Larry Judd** Craig Webb Rick DiGeronimo **Clifford Hunkley Kevin Conrad Edwin Butler** Michael Zaz John Percun Linda Zastwany **Ruth Ann Cottle Gregory Spagnola** Christi Tripodi Rick Robertson Scott Lamere Rob DiGeronimo

10-19 Years

Edward Gilbert Richard Gilbert John Christopher **Thomas Sudetic** John Vance Amrit Rebello Richard Pavelecky Steve Hall **Scott Rodgers** Lawrence Malone Scott Padgett Charles Knotts Jeffery Bonomo Vince Lasalvia

Donald DiGeronimo Stacey Kirth William Moro George Bihun Sebastiano Conti Melissa Balser Steven Slansky Richard Miller

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Shawn Robertson Mark Cerny Lisa DiGeronimo-Woods

Rodney Johnson Justin King Jeff Ruldolph

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Chuck Begue Gregory Rieth Douglas Bryant Rick Evans

Richard Boone Vito Pavia **Matthew Gilbert**

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Todd Hoover Steve Self II Stephen Cindric **Thomas Green**

Victor Robison **Edward Vizdos** Don Sample

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Keith Kist Kevin DiGeronimo **Justin Fox**

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Thomas Steblinski Robert Murphy **Chris Bowers** Johnnie Saraney Tracie Wells Joseph Rhinehart **Brian Cuson Todd Armbruster Brian Weiland** Jerome Ward **Brandon Brazis** Andrew Gyongyosi

Matt Ottinger **Matthew Slansky** Brian Latessa Tracy Scheall **Kevin Scott** Marcello Silvestri

Lloyd Crawford **Douglas Thomas** Stephenie Mahnke Steven Showman Mark Horvath Frank Kordinak

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Jeff Vivian Keith Barauskas Adam Ihlenfield Alfredo Salvatore

Pierre Woods James Brace Anddru Hampton

Brian Kalal Stephen Manila Victoria Scafaro

Ronald Shuffstall **Craig Smith** Raymond Wiecek

John Dombos Jeremy Polter Mary DiGeronimo

Stephanie Tube **Eric Sherrill Carrie Sears Daniel Brooks Gregory Sanders Christopher Larson** Timothy Jablonski Mike Switzer Frank Berzansky Jr. Rick Kraszewski Karl Horvath Jr. **Donald Young II** Dale Scafaro **Thomas Shimek**

Lawrence Panik

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Barry Sims Timothy Kren Kenneth Anderson Scott Hadsell

Donald Castella John Carroll Philip Latessa

Mark Rice Alexandria Wiecek **Daniel Weimer Denver Wolf**

Less Than 5 Years

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Maria Pinizzotto Robin Eckelberry Thomas Jenkins

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Russell Ensley



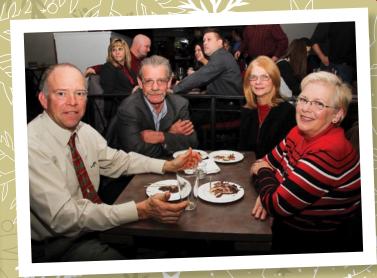


Independent Christma

Independence Excavating hosted their 2012 Chi Cleveland on Friday, December 14. All enjoyed Orchard Park, fantastic food, cocktails, and des night with a sidesplitting show due to his sharp va a chance to relax and unwind after a sa

Thank you to everyone who attend









4th Annual Founders Awards Presented to Two of DiGCo's Finest

The DiGeronimo family members working across the organization, and past award recipients submitted their nominations and casted their votes for two deserving employees to receive this distinguished award for 2012. The following two recipients demonstrate our core values of safety, integrity, loyalty, commitment, respect and quality workmanship, as well as the work ethic instilled by our founders, Sam, Mary, Don and late brother, Rich DiGeronimo.

Congratulations to you both!

Don Mahnke

Written by Tony DiGeronimo

Don Mahnke is a great walking example of the DiGeronimo Company core values. He is also a great testament to our company, our union relationship, and our industry. Don came to us as a

"recommended apprentice" back in 1975 through our Local 18 representative. He started out as an oiler (#2 man on backhoes), and rose through the ranks to be one of our top operators. In the late 1980s, we began the "tug-of-war" for him to be a great operator or a new supervisor. After digging his last 30' hole in hard rock in 1992 at Ford Avon, he was convinced to become a superintendent. He was always accepting to learn a new scope of service or to take on a challenging project. Don has represented our core values in the many projects he has completed, from gabions, sewer lines through the wilderness, highway express lanes, and then the last few years handling many jobs in Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. Our core values are truly his values.

We thank you, Don!

Ted Chuha

Written by Rob DiGeronimo

Ted Chuha joined the Independence Excavating team in 1982, working in the truck maintenance facility. Like many of our long-term employees, Ted's loyalty and dedication allowed him the opportunity to work his way through a variety of roles including welder, fuel truck driver and equipment field mechanic. Ted's newest role entails managing our demolition equipment fleet. His knowledge, experience and attention to detail have helped us grow and diversify.

Ted, we thank you for your commitment to our company and all of your many contributions over the years!

NEW PROJECTS

Fort Meade Shopping Center

Location: Fort George Meade, Maryland Start date: November 2012 Completion date: July 2014 Scope of work: Site work including demolition, earthwork, utilities and grading for future shopping center.

Burgettstown Infrastructure Phase A

Location: Burgettstown, Pennsylvania Start date: November 2012 Completion date: May 2013 Scope of work: Street, sanitary, storm, communications and electrical package for building package at a business park.

First Energy Eastlake Tank Removal

Location: Willoughby, Ohio Start date: November 2012 Completion date: November 2012 Scope of work: Cleaning and removal of sulfur tank and associated piping within 6" of building.

Waterfront Place

Location: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Start date: December 2012 Completion date: February 2013 Scope of work: Water main and sanitary installation.

Alcoa Eastside Building Demolition

Location: Cleveland, Ohio Start date: December 2012 Completion date: January 2013 Scope of work: Demolition and haul away of five buildings, and grading of lot to meet existing contours.

Valley Freightliner Demolition

Location: Brookpark, Ohio Start date: December 2012 Completion date: December 2012 Scope of work: Demolition of fire damaged commercial building and removal of debris.

Lorain Tower Demolition

Location: Lorain, Ohio Start date: December 2012 Completion date: December 2012 Scope of work: Removal of six overhead towers to 1' below grade.

CONSOL Energy Salem Bath House Demolition

Location: Langsville, Ohio Start date: December 2012 Completion date: January 2013 Scope of work: Complete demolition of existing 15,000 SF of a former bath house for coal mine to slab on grade.

Wexford Medical Mall

Location: Wexford, Pennsylvania Start date: December 2012 Completion date: April 2013 Scope of work: Site demolition in preparation for building construction of medical facility. Scope includes erosion control, site and building excavation, storm sewer, pond installation and remediation of pyritic soils.

Tulsa International Airport

Location: Tulsa, Oklahoma Start date: January 2013 Completion date: April 2013 Scope of work: Crushing 130,000 tons of

concrete into P-304 and 3" minus base.

Ft. Irwin Soil Management Services

Location: Ft. Irwin, California Start date: January 2013 Completion date: March 2013

Scope of work: Excavation of 23,000 cubic yards of potentially explosive material utilizing armored excavators and remote dump mechanisms to prepare site for future medical facility.

Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky International Airport

Location: Cincinnati, Ohio Start date: December 2012 Completion date: December 2012 Scope of work: Crushing of 35,000 tons of recycled concrete into P-209 FAA base.

BDM Warren Steel Operations

Location: Warren, Ohio Start date: October 2012 Completion date: October 2013 Scope of work: Miscellaneous scrap harvesting in support of new joint ownership.



CURRENT PROJECT

Norfolk Southern Railway: Relocation of Triple Crown Services Entrance and New Parking at Intermodal Facility in Rutherford, PA

On July 30, 2012, Independence Excavating (IX) began construction on an ambitious project with Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS) for the relocation of the Triple Crown Services Entrance and construction of a new parking area at the Intermodal Facility in Rutherford, PA, which is just north of Harrisburg the state Capitol.

The purpose of the project is to expand operations for the Triple Crown Services Intermodal Facility, which is essentially a freight terminal where truck trailers (RoadRailers) are assembled onto a train for shipment to another terminal location or disassembled at a terminal for local distribution. Service from terminal to terminal is accomplished with dedicated NS rail service utilizing RoadRailer equipment, which makes Triple Crown Services unique. The steps to assemble a train using this equipment include Triple Crown trailers that ride on rail bogies rather than being lifted up and placed on rail cars. Independence Excavating and our subcontractors are responsible for the complete development of the nearly 20-acre site. The overall project is comprised of two areas separated by seven sets of railroad tracks.

The first area is the 16-acre parking lot and entrance located south of the tracks. This area accounts for the majority of the work items, including tree clearing, earthwork, and site utilities, including 12"-48" storm sewers up to 24 feet deep (some of which required blasting of hard rock), trench drains, 365 LF pre-cast retaining wall, concrete flatwork, asphalt paving, extensive electrical work for site lighting and equipment, landscaping, fencing and guardrail. This segment of the project presented some distinctive and challenging work items for the IX team. The first being a 52-foot long pipe bridge that spanned a heavily travelled road, 13 feet above the road elevation. The bridge consisted of one piece of 36" diameter HDPE pipe threaded inside a single piece of 48" diameter

steel casing pipe, insulation around the HDPE pipe to thwart freezing, concrete foundation supports on either side and gabion basket retaining walls. Due to the considerable elevation changes required, the south site also required construction of a 260 foot long, 12 foot high gabion basket wall and a structural concrete wall in very close proximity to an industrial railroad track. Another unique feature requires the complete installation of a modular office building for use by NS and Triple Crown personnel.

The second construction area is a 3-acre, 24-foot deep detention basin north of the tracks, which is designed to receive storm drainage from the entrance road and parking area. Due to a layer of extremely hard rock in the basin, the excavation required that the rock be blasted with explosives prior to loading and hauling off site. In order to channel the drainage flow from the south to the north detention basin, the project necessitated the installation of 221 LF of 72" diameter steel casing pipe beneath six sets of railroad tracks, which includes three main tracks for Norfolk Southern's east and west bound traffic. Since disruption of the rail traffic is not allowed, the design employed the method of boring and jacking to install this pipe 24 feet underneath the tracks and requires that extreme care and safety precautions be taken.



Regarding the project schedule, IX and NS set an aggressive goal of having the parking area and entrance road paved out prior to the conclusion of the 2012 paving season. We are pleased to report that we have met this critical milestone prior to the onset of winter weather. This achievement is attributed to the planning, hard work, long hours and effort of the IX team and our valued subcontractors and suppliers. The cooperation of the NS management team and Michael Baker Jr. Design and Construction Management Group were also instrumental in this accomplishment. The remainder of the work will be ongoing through the winter with completion anticipated in the spring of 2013.

Finally, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to Norfolk Southern for the opportunity to demonstrate our capabilities in the Harrisburg, PA area, which is a new market for our company.





2012 Fleet Additions



John Deere 450C



Fuchs 350 Material Handler





Komastsu PC 228



Mechanic's Truck



CAT 740B



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