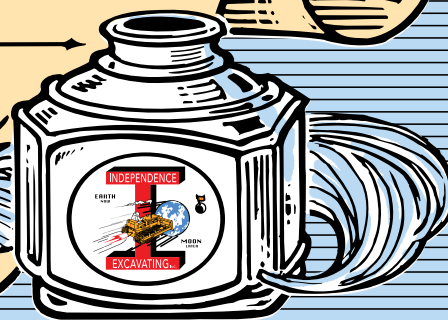


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## FEATURE PROJECT

### “Independence ‘Locks Down’ on FCI Hazelton”

This January Independence Excavating bid the site work contract on the new Federal Correctional Institute Hazelton. Even though the site was covered in four feet of snow, in March, Independence began mobilization for the construction season and positioned to meet a very aggressive construction schedule. Erosion and sedimentation controls were established through the spring to mitigate any negative consequences of construction on the area's pristine West Virginia wilderness.

#### A Tight Schedule

Mass earthwork started May 19, and entailed approximately 800,000 CY of total earth movement, 600,000 CY of blasted rock moved to two fill locations, and a demanding August 13 hard delivery date. That's 52 schedule days!

Independence successfully completed all mass earthwork operations within the schedule. The assistance and resources of Beckley Drilling

and Blasting were integral in meeting this challenge. The two fill areas were a side slope fill and a valley fill. The valley fill is nearly 60 ft deep in some locations and required dynamic compaction (calculated dropping of a steel weight for fill consolidation). In addition to the aggressive schedule, Hazelton West Virginia presented challenging site conditions, which kept our equipment and support shops busy.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Vic DiGeronimo, Jr.**

Recently we had the opportunity to again experience what we have been taught all our lives, and that is teamwork. Approximately eight months ago, we signed a teaming agreement with Walsh Construction from Chicago for the Inner Belt Bridge project in Cleveland — the largest ODOT project ever to be bid on. From the time we signed the agreement until September 9, many of our employees worked as a team for countless hours putting together a most challenging proposal with very limited

information. Being a design/build project, we worked with only 30% of the drawings to develop our proposal. Working hand in hand with Walsh Construction, HNTB Engineers and Beaver Excavating (the other team members), we were able to achieve our goal of being the successful bidder on this historic project.

I am honored to be a part of the Independence Excavating team. Each member of our team works hard on every project. Although our hard

work was successful on this project, on a daily basis there are countless other jobs we bid on, that our team works just as hard on, that we are not successful. The team effort is there just the same. In these extremely difficult economic times, our team work approach will ensure our continued success. What an accomplishment and great opportunity we have that will change the Cleveland skyline forever!

**Have a nice day.**

## Innovative Technology = Protecting Our Environment and Cost Savings

**Terry Tomasko, Equipment Superintendent**

The last issue of the *Declaration of Independence* featured a new addition to our equipment "family", a Cat D7E Electric Drive Dozer. Both Independence Excavating management and Ohio Cat were optimistic that the D7E would meet or exceed our expectations for performance and fuel economy. This tractor had been in engineering, testing and field trials at Ohio Cat for many years. The innovating features listed are designed to reduce owning and operating costs while increasing performance:

- Diesel engine driven generator/motor combination provides propulsion to final drives — similar to locomotives
- Removes power losses due to inefficient torque connector, transmission, bevel gear and steering clutch design
- 10–30% less fuel used than earlier D7 designs — resulting in lower emissions
- No external moving parts on engine such as A/C compressor or alternator — all are driven by generator power
- Reduced preventative maintenance costs due to less fluids and filters

Presently, the machine is working at the Jimmy Stewart Airport project in Indiana, PA. It has accumulated over 250 hours and is averaging

5.96 gallons per hour of fuel consumption compared to 8.02 on a comparable machine working in Bruceton Mills, West Virginia. ■





## CURRENT PROJECT

### Alcoa Receives 650 Tons of Parts to Rebuild Cleveland Works Press

On July 20, Alcoa received 650 tons of parts needed to rebuild a 55-year old, 50,000 ton forging press that makes parts for fighter planes and other aircraft. All Erection & Crane supplied a Manitowoc 2250 crawler crane combined with a MAX-ER 2000 attachment to create a 500 ton capacity lift crane. Off-loading of the barge was done by "The Selinsky Force". Two base castings weighing 232 tons each, two stool casting weighing 86 tons each, and miscellaneous part crates were off-loaded. Independence Excavating supplied the off-loading location, as well as security at the dock during the unloading of the barge. The castings were manufactured by Siempelkamp Press Systems in Germany and brought to Erie, PA by an ocean going vessel where they were transferred to the barge for the final leg of their trip up to our dock in Cleveland. We should be getting one more barge in October with the rest of the parts for Alcoa. ■



# North Coast 99 WINNER

## Independence Excavating, Inc. Wins NorthCoast 99 Award

### Recognized as One of Northeast Ohio's Best Places to Work for Top Talent

Independence Excavating, Inc. is proud to be recognized by Employers Resource Council as one of Northeast Ohio's best places to work! This year's NorthCoast 99 winners were honored at a recognition dinner held on September 14 at LaCentre in Westlake. This is the first time our organization has received the award.

"The past, present and future success of our company has always stemmed back to our greatest asset, our employees. The entire DiGeronimo family could not be happier about receiving this humbling award. We will continue to do our best to provide a safe and positive workplace for our current and future employees." stated President, Vic DiGeronimo Jr.

We would like to congratulate all of the award winners. We are honored to be coupled with such great organizations in Cleveland. We believe in this great city and will continue to keep it alive and vibrant. ■

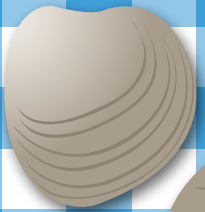


## DiGeronimo Companies Annual Picnic

On Sunday, September 12, the DiGeronimo Companies held their annual company picnic and clambake at Astorhurst Golf Course. Being the company's fourth year to host the event in Walton Hills, the team at Astorhurst once again hosted well over 300 DiGCo employees and their family members. Another gorgeous day set the stage for all to enjoy a delicious menu, time with family and co-workers, and numerous games and attractions making it yet another memorable picnic. A special thank you goes out to Jennifer Boczek for planning such a great event!











## NEW PROJECTS

### Almira School Demolition

**Location:** Cleveland, Ohio

**Start Date:** September 2010

**Completion Date:** October 2010

**Scope:** Complete demolition of Almira School including the removal of all concrete that is below grade, backfill, removal of asphalt parking surface, and planting of grass.

### Andrews Air Force Base R/W 01L/19R

**Location:** Andrews AFB, Maryland

**Start Date:** September 2010

**Completion Date:** November 2010

**Scope:** Crushing of 140,000 tons of concrete into 1½" minus base.

### Brainard Park Pool Demolition

**Location:** Lyndhurst, Ohio

**Start Date:** August 2010

**Completion Date:** October 2010

**Scope:** Complete demolition of concrete pool, removal of concrete slabs, fencing and capping of conduits.

### Co-Gen Facility

**Location:** Somerset, PA

**Start Date:** August 2010

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Scope:** Construction of 2 buildings; a co-generation building approximately 10,042 sf, and a compressor building approximately 3,546 sf. Including 21,000 cy of cut and 30,000 cy of fill.

### Settler's Ridge Phase 2

**Location:** Pittsburgh, PA

**Start Date:** August 2010

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Scope:** Installation of 2,800 lf of storm sewer, waterline, and tie-ins, as well as asphalt paving and curb.

### Shoreway Industrial Park Road

**Location:** Cleveland, Ohio

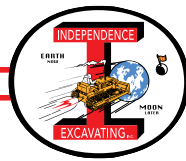
**Start Date:** September 2010

**Completion Date:** February 2011

**Scope:** Pavement and utility demolition, storm and sanitary sewer, waterline, and new concrete paving.



Crushing of approximately 400,000 tons of limestone into ODOT 304 material and 6" granular fill for Beaver Excavating in Waterville, Ohio for the extension of Rt. 24.



## CLIENT SPOTLIGHT

### C.J. Betters Enterprises / Bet-Tech Construction Company



**Chuck Betters, Sr.**

Over the past seven years, the DiGeronimo Companies have been fortunate to be able to team up with C.J. Betters Enterprises / Bet-Tech Construction Company on a variety of demolition and abatement projects.

From our initial project for the demolition of a large tin mill in Aliquippa, PA, to our currently ongoing abatement and demolition project in Lorain, Ohio, we have worked together in Aliquippa, Beaver Falls, Butler and Somerset, Pennsylvania, and Springfield, Akron, Toronto, and Lorain, Ohio. Even though these projects are often difficult with aggressive schedules and complex work scopes, this relationship has quickly become a mainstay of our business that is mutually beneficial.

Our current abatement and demolition projects at the Mad River (Springfield, OH) and Edgewater (Lorain, OH) Power Stations owned by First Energy are no exception. Similar to the Akron Gorge and Toronto Power Station abatement and demolition projects completed last year, Precision Environmental and Independence Excavating have again teamed up with Bet-Tech Construction Company for all the environmental, demolition and salvage work associated with the complete removal of both of these decommissioned, coal-fired plants owned by First Energy.

Beginning in April of this year, Precision Environmental has already completed the abatement and residual waste removal work at the Mad River plant, and Independence Excavating is currently in full swing performing the building structural demolition and scrap generation phases of the project. The 90' tall Boiler House building included three boilers, steam turbines, condensers, electrical gear and large amounts of smaller supporting equipment that had to be cleaned, abated, demolished and hauled offsite. Essentially, the complete removal of a heavy-duty steel frame building with brick infills was the bulk of the work. In addition to

the main building, there is also a large concrete exhaust stack (approx. 250' tall), coal conveyor systems, a portion of the existing switchyard and several smaller outbuildings that have either already been removed or soon will be under our existing contract. Once all the demolition work is complete, the site will be backfilled, graded and seeded by November of this year to provide a clean, open site back to First Energy for potential future re-use.

While still working at the Mad River Plant, Precision Environmental and Independence Excavating also began a similar—and larger—scope of work at the Edgewater plant in June of this year. Abatement and residual waste removal work is currently ongoing and is expected to be completed in November. Independence Excavating has started demolition of the outlying buildings including the coal conveyor systems, transfer towers, crusher building, a brick exhaust stack and a long list of smaller structures. Once abatement, equipment relocation and salvage work has progressed enough to allow demolition on the main Boiler House to begin safely, Independence Excavating will ramp up to start removing the entire building that includes seven

boilers and three turbines with their associated condensers, electrical gear and support equipment. Located on the edge of Lake Erie, this project is approximately twice the size of the Mad River project, and work is expected to be ongoing all the way until June of next year. As with the Mad River site, once all demolition and removal work is completed, the existing Boiler House basement will be backfilled and the site graded off and seeded to provide a clean, open site back to First Energy.

We're looking forward to completing these large, ongoing projects safely, on time, and on budget to the combined advantage of the DiGeronimo Companies and C.J. Betters Enterprises / Bet-Tech Construction Company. With several more projects already looming on the horizon, we are looking forward to continuing to work together and, ironically, keep "building" on this relationship forged out of demolition! Last, but definitely not least, a special thanks goes out to Chuck Betters, Sr., Chuck Betters Jr. and Mike Moidel for all their efforts to forge such a great relationship with the DiGeronimo family that will hopefully continue to result in many more mutually beneficial projects in the future! ■



**Edgewater Power Station, Lorain, Ohio**





## University of Akron Concrete Canoe Team Second to None

The University of Akron Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers participated in the 2010 ASCE Ohio Valley Student Conference hosted by the University of Kentucky in Lexington. After another long year of hard work and dedication, the UA Civil Engineering students showed that they are a cut above the rest. The concrete canoe team won first place overall. This gave the team a chance to compete at the national competition held at the California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo in June where they placed ninth overall out of 22 who qualified.

Independence Excavating, Inc. is a proud sponsor of this great event. We feel lucky to have the lead captain as one of our own — Mr. Dan Bender. Congratulations, Dan! ■



Paddlers for the men's competition races are mix captain Joe Morris, left, Cameron Carris and Dan Bender.

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## “Independence ‘Locks Down’ on FCI Hazelton”

### Storm, Sanitary, and More Utilities

Storm/utility installation began shortly after mass earthwork started. The project entailed

installation of five miles of storm sewer pipe, most going into blasted rock trenches, just over one mile of sanitary sewers also in blasted rock trenches, and two miles of new domestic/fire water service in blasted rock trenches. Along the

way Independence also had the opportunity to team up with onsite mechanical and electrical contractors to excavate for the myriad of utility/electrical/communication spider webs that a state of the art facility of this magnitude demands.

Independence expects to wrap up utility work this fall. A short remobilization will happen next year to put some finishing touches on grading and grass. ■



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