

## Feature Project

# GRAND OPENING CONTINENTAL CONCOURSE D

Nick DiGeronimo,  
Project Manager

While numerous articles have filled the local papers with speculation and theories on the future of our airport's expansion, I can emphatically state the existence of a brand new concourse building surrounded by acres of new concrete pavement buzzing with beautiful aircraft. On May 16, 1999 Continental Airlines



opened their brand new concourse D at Cleveland Hopkins Airport.

Independence Excavating is proud to have completed our work associated with Cleveland's newest attraction. Beginning in December of 1997 and following through to opening day our company played a major role in completing this project. As reported in previous newsletters, this project is still the largest contract awarded in our company's history. Independence Excavating was responsible for the management and execution of all site work activities covering over 25 acres outside of the building footprint. A quick summary of the activities completed by Independence Excavating and its subcontractors included over 400,000 c.y. of mass excavation and undercut, 150,000 c.y. of granular embankment, approxi-

mately 7,500 1.f. of storm and waterline pipe, 10,000 1.f. of underground electrical duct, 4,000 1.f. of jet fuel lines, 1,000 c.y. of cast-in-place concrete structures, 108,000 s.y. of permeable treated base material and 45,000 c.y. of new concrete apron pavement.

The new concourse "D" linked to the existing concourse "C" via an underground tunnel, is the home to 30 plus express jets and commuters. Early reports from Continental officials already have 150 flights per day leaving the new concourse.

As this project was completed, Independence Excavating had already begun other associated work under several different contracts to keep pace with the major expansion planned over the next 5-10 years. Our company is prepared to help bring



## President's Message

### First of the Fourth Generation Joins the Independence Excavating Team

Dale Scafaro, my grandson and son of Laurie DiGeronimo Zuchowski and Dean Scafaro has started working with our company this summer. He is thirteen years old and is a very polite, diligent young man. I am sure he will continue the philosophies and work ethics of the previous three generations.

Congratulations Dale, as the first employee of the 4th generation, you have a great future ahead of you!

A few years ago, 1966 to be exact, a now prominent person worked with our company at age 13. Greg Kurtz, Mayor of our great City of Independence worked with me on an excavation project in Cleveland. His job was to time the 15 or 20 trucks hauling excavated material to various dumpsites. I was amazed at his ability to handle his duties so well. Other than breaking my very expensive Timex watch, I would say he did a perfect job. We worked on this project during the Hough Riots, and our trucks were hauling while the National Guard was patrolling the streets. We were all very happy when the job was complete and the riots ended. Dick Strebig, one of our truck drivers on the job is still with our company

Also, Justin Fox, who you read about in a previous newsletter, has started his first job after high school with our company. We feel privileged that Justin wanted to be part of our organization and start his career with us. I have observed him operating equipment already and was amazed with his ability to maneuver with smooth and precise control. All with one hand, unbelievable! Welcome Justin, we look forward to your participation during the summer and any time you can afford while attending college. I hope you continue your future-working career with our company.

*Arrivederci*

## Safety



### Safety by Sicker

Chris Sicker, Safety Director

The employees of Independence Excavating, Inc. are proud to be one of the recipients for the third year in a row of the Construction Employers Association's Constructor Safety Award. The Safety Incentive Program (SIP) has been designed to reward contractors for providing a safe place of employment for trades people, as well as means to determine the effectiveness of the programs efforts to promote safety on the construction job site. Independence Excavating, Inc., and Great Lakes Construction Company were awarded safety plaques for having a lost work day incident rate 25% below the national average for heavy and highway construction category.

The Safety Incentive Program's Fifth Annual Awards Luncheon ceremony attracted nearly 200 contractors, union officials, crafts people, OSHA representatives and trade association executives. Over 15,000 union members participated in the Safety Incentive Program in northeastern Ohio and were eligible for the grand prize, a 1999 Ford F150 pick-up truck, by working at least 1,000 hours throughout the year without having a lost time injury or illness. SAFETY PAYS!!!

Independence Excavating has and will continue to be very aggressive in our approach toward safety and look for new and better ways to improve our Proactive Safety Program. We are proud to participate with Construction Employers Association's Safety Incentive Program.

### Safety Excellence is Good Business!

## Down The Road

Tony DiGeronimo  
Vice President of Operations

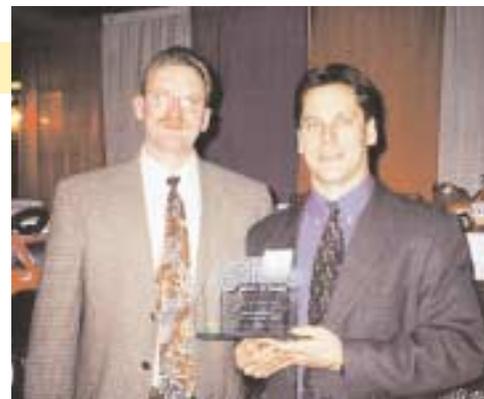
1999 is sure a different year than we've been used to the past couple years. We've been very busy on the smaller jobs and leftover work from last year. Fortunately, all the jobs have been good jobs thanks to great efforts being made by all "the Performance People."

We still believe we will be busy this year, but we may not have the big earthwork jobs we've been used too. Thanks to our great diversification, we're looking at many different jobs.

We hope to add to our demolition work with a couple of significant projects we have been prequalified for. There are quite a few site development jobs that will be

starting in late summer that we should be very competitive. We need more new downtown building projects to replace the work we have completed the past few years. Here is my vote for the City of Cleveland to reward all the contractors who did such a great job completing the new Browns facility, with new contracts for the Cleveland Convention Center!

Lastly, we have done such a great job around Cleveland, that people have inquired us traveling to other cities and working there. One of these days, it will happen. So get on board, "Need work-will travel" should be our motto.



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### Grand Opening Continental Concourse D – Continued from cover

Cleveland's airport into the new millennium.

Before the record books are closed, Independence Excavating would again like to recognize everyone who helped push this project through to successful completion: Continental Airlines (Frank Roetzal, Bill Fraser) Morse Diesel International (The entire management team especially Keith Johnson, John Mattox, Bob McCoy, Jack Raff, Ralph Repp and Rob Walker) URS/Greiner (Greg Fredrickson, Jim Medus). Our subcontractors Allega Cement, Ballast Fence, Berkshire Construction, C.J. Zak, Cook Paving,

Herbst Electric, Lakeside Construction, Lawrence Harris Construction, Ohio Diversified Services, Poling & Bacon Construction, and Trafftech Inc. The Independence Excavating management team (Nick DiGeronimo, Jim Kramer, Ron Paller, Tom Sheets and Dave Staten) and especially all of our laborers, operators and teamsters who's hard work and dedication has earned the respect and admiration of the entire construction industry!

## CITY of INDEPENDENCE 1998 ROAD PROJECT

- Elmwood, Sunset, and Wood Ave.

Larry Hrovat, Project Manager

The City of Independence awarded our company this road rehabilitation project in July of 1998. However, after discussions with City leaders, it was decided that the least disturbance to city residents would necessitate the job being delayed until late winter. This would allow the City and residents to hold their annual Home Day and Christmas season celebrations undis-

turbed by construction interference. This also shortened the overall construction disturbance from 10 months to 6 months.

The roadway work consisted of removal and replacement of the existing pavement, curbs and walks on Sunset, Wood, and Elmwood Avenues, which total

about 5,000 l.f. of roadway. The utility work included installing 5,000 l.f. of storm sewer main, 5,000 l.f. of water main, lowering existing sanitary connections and replacing 92 house storm and water connec-

tions. We also constructed a Con/Span bridge which crosses a creek at the entrance to Elmwood Park. This bridge is to be dedicated to the memory of Lacey Seminsky, the young girl who died in a fireworks accident at the park last Fourth of July.

The contract required the work to be completed in 6 months, which is a pretty daunting task for the amount of work to complete. To get a jump on the schedule, we invaded the project with three utility crews which were supervised by Ron Paller, Don Mahnke and Tom Sheets. The overall coordination of the crews and subcontractors was the responsibility of Steve Minich. In addition to his supervisory duties, Steve also had the very important and sometimes very difficult job of keeping the residents happy (or at least mellow) while the work was in progress.

As of this writing, we are only 4 months into the project and all that is left to complete is the spreading of topsoil, seeding, and the final layer of asphalt. The personnel of Independence Excavating did an outstanding job of pushing this project to come in ahead schedule. We must also acknowledge our fine subcontractors who contributed to the effort:



Anthony Allega Cement Contractors – Curb & Gutter; The Osterland Company – Asphalt Paving; B & C Construction Corp. – Concrete Walks & Aprons.

Credit to all the crews! The residents and city employees have been pleased with our efforts to maintain safety, access and production. We are proud to have had the opportunity to perform so well on such a large scale improvement project in their hometown and hopefully there will be more to come.



## "OBEE & CONEE"

*Reminding All Of Us To Keep Our Highways Safe!*

The Greater Cleveland Safety Council in conjunction with Independence Excavating, Inc., Construction Employers' Association, Great Lakes Construction and The Ruhlin Company recently unveiled the "Obee & Conee Highway Safety Buddies" billboard campaign. The billboard is the first of five billboards that will be erected in the Cleveland area promoting safe driving practices in construction zones.



"When you see us...be alert...be careful...and be patient" declare "Obee & Conee", the orange barrel and safety cone cartoon characters. "Obee & Conee" will be familiar faces at Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles Offices throughout the state thanks to the Allstate Insurance Company. They have published 100,000 "Highway Safety Buddies" flyers that will be distributed to customers.

According to the National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse, more than 700 deaths and 37,000 injuries occur annually on highway construction sites. The mission of the "Obee and Conee" campaign is to encourage all drivers to use extra caution when traveling through construction sites.

## Crushing Corner

Ron Brocco, Operations Manager

This year was another busy and successful year for our crushing division. We crushed nearly 2 million tons for the second consecutive year. 1999 is off to a great start with approximately 1.5 million tons of material already under contract. To accommodate our increased workload and add versatility to the fleet of crushers we have recently added two crushing plants. This brings our fleet total to 8 portable plants. The plant model is an Iroc 250, which was fabricated by our own Indy Equipment. It is currently in full operation crushing milled asphalt at the Coliseum project. This plant mobilizes to just two loads and is capable of crushing either asphalt or concrete. Indy Equipment's engineering and fabricating departments made major changes and custom designed it to meet our specific needs.

The second plant we added was a Pioneer Jaw and Cone Plant. This plant is going to be used specifically for our stone projects. Currently, it is crushing a very abrasive type of sandstone for Rodgers Group in Little Rock, Arkansas.

As always, everyone involved has worked very hard to help us maintain our reputation as a leader in the portable crushing industry. Also, thanks to our fabricating and engineering departments on a great job on our much improved 250 plant.



Pioneer Jaw and Cone Plant crushing for the Rodgers Group in Little Rock, Arkansas.

## Turnpike Plazas

# Ohio Turnpike Travel Centers

Rick DiGeronimo, Project Manager

On July 20, 1998, Independence Excavating, Inc. was awarded three contracts for site-work development on the new travel center. The Travel Centers; Erie Islands (Clyde, Ohio), Great Lakes (Broadview Heights) and Towpath are all part of the Ohio Turnpike Commissions massive \$1.2 billion dollar improvement project.

The Travel Centers, mostly similar in appearance are the award winning design of G.S.I. Architects. These modern facilities will completely replace the travel plazas, which have stood for almost 50 years. Each travel center will include a 4,000 square foot building, auto parking, truck parking, pet walking area, outdoor eating area, two fuel stations, new food vendors, an information center and traffic monitoring system.

Construction of each plaza is being performed by 25 separate general contractors with construction management being carried out by the R.P. Carbone Company. This management team is headed up by Jon Dregalla, Tom McGough and Rich Dopatka, project managers; Mike Russo, Rick Sias and Alan Abegglen, site superintendents; and support team including Carmen Carbone, Allison Carbone, Carl Batson, Matt Smith, Sheila Smith, Patt Dunn, Dan Haines, Tonette Stewart, Rod Johnson and Brian Logue.

Independence Excavating's contract on this project involves complete site-work development including

site demolition, mass embankment, storm, sanitary and water systems, concrete curbs, asphalt paving and landscaping. The Erie Islands Travel Center which is scheduled to open July 1, 1999 was supervised by Independence's Don Mahnke, who also directed subcontractors; Erie Blacktop, Oglesby Construction, Granger Trucking, Lake Erie Construction, Boyer Signs and Kusmer and Associates.

Travel Centers Great Lakes and Towpath were supervised by Steve Minich in 1998 and by Nick DiGeronimo in 1999. The subcontractors on these projects included the entire group from Erie Islands with the exception of Kenmore performing asphalt paving. These projects have a final completion set for the beginning of November 1999.

These first class facilities are a reflection of the high standard of quality demanded during construction. We are very proud to again

be working for the Ohio Turnpike Commission, including Alan Plain, Gino Zomparelli, David Ransbury, Mike Phillips, Bob Arlow, and Dick Lash. We wish to congratulate the Ohio Turnpike on all their efforts in making their road system second to none.



GSI Architects, Inc.



The completed Erie Island Travel Plaza. Photograph compliments of the Ohio Turnpike.

## Current Projects

# OfficeMax Update

Rick Burrows, Project Manager

Since February Independence Excavating has been working with The Whiting-Turner Contracting Co. on the new OfficeMax Corporate Processing Center. As of this printing 2,000 linear feet of sanitary sewer, 4,000 linear feet of storm sewer, and 1,400 feet of water line have been installed. We have also moved and placed 50,000 cubic yards of dirt. There is still plenty of work left to complete. In the next few weeks we will continue placing dirt and grading parking lots. There is also 600 feet of gas line to install and 4,000 cubic yards of top soil to be re-spread. Our thanks go out to Jeff Madder, Project Manager, Eric Betz, Project Engineer, and Mark Brower, Project Superintendent of Whiting-Turner for making this a smooth running project.



## Projects in Progress - As of July 1, 1999

### CRUSHER WORK

#### ANGELO IAFRATE CONSTRUCTION

I-10 / I-12 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
Concrete crushing on highway producing approx. 200,000 tons base material

#### LAKELAND YARD, FLORIDA

Concrete crushing @ I.X. yard producing approx. 45,000 tons base material

#### VULCAN/ICA - SLIGH AVENUE

Tampa, Florida  
Concrete crushing @ their site producing approx. 75,000 tons of base material

#### TAMPA YARD, FLORIDA

Concrete crushing @ I.X. yard producing approx. 40,000 tons of base material

#### APAC

Atlanta, Georgia  
Asphalt crushing @ four different sites producing approx. 100,000 tons of 9/16" (minus) material

#### ORLANDO YARD, FLORIDA

Concrete crushing @ I.X. yard producing approx. 150,000 tons of 1 1/2" stone, 3/4" stone and base material

#### KENMORE CONSTRUCTION

Bedford Hts., Ohio  
Producing approx. 50,000 tons of 1/2" (minus) rap material.

#### APAC/AUGUSTA

Augusta, Georgia  
Asphalt crushing, producing approximately 45,000 tons

#### LANE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

Pennsylvania Turnpike, Pa. (Westmoreland)  
Crushing approx. 72,000 tons of base material on the highway.

#### JONES BROS. CONSTRUCTION

I-30, Hot Springs, Arkansas  
Crushing approx. 160,000 tons base material on the highway

#### ROGERS GROUP

Conway, Arkansas  
Crushing 150,000 tons of sandstone into base material

#### TEXAS INDUSTRIES

Dallas Texas  
Crushing 40,000 tons of concrete into base material

#### INDEPENDENCE EXCAVATING, INC.

Richfield Coliseum, Richfield, Ohio  
Crushing 80,000 tons of asphalt into RAP material

#### ANGELO IAFRATE CONSTRUCTION

I-70 / Richmond, Indiana  
Crushing 60,000 tons of concrete into #53 base material

#### BALDWIN PAVING CO. (NEW)

Atlanta, Georgia  
Crushing 30,000 tons of asphalt into RAP Material

#### TRUMBULL CORPORATION (NEW)

LTV Steel / Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Crushing 15,000 tons of concrete into 4" minus fill material

#### LANE CONSTRUCTION CO. (NEW)

Pennsylvania Turnpike, (Franklin County)  
Crushing 176,000 tons of concrete into 2A base material

#### RON TERRY CONSTRUCTION (NEW)

Memphis, Tennessee  
Crushing 60,000 tons of concrete rubble into base material

#### ST. LUKES HOSPITAL

Cleveland, Ohio  
Crushing 20,000 tons of concrete rubble into base material

#### AMERITRUST DEMO/TIEDEMAN ROAD

Brooklyn, Ohio  
Crushing 25,000 tons of concrete rubble into base material

#### WEST PALM BEACH AIRPORT

West Palm Beach, Florida  
Angelo IaFrate  
Crushing 36,000 tons of concrete into P-209 base material

#### CANAL ROAD CRUSHING/INDEPENDENCE RECYCLING'S YARD

Valley View, Ohio  
Crushing 40,000 tons of concrete into base material