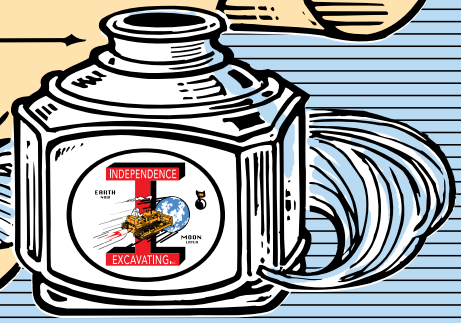


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## Constructing the West Virginia Route 9 Highway to the Shenandoah River

While the snow was still flying and the temperatures were still their typical Cleveland lows this past winter, our estimating department secured the contract and our crews began preparations for the next section of State Route 9 in Charles Town, West Virginia, approximately 40 miles outside of Washington D.C.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Bob Lucey — Friend Extraordinaire, Truly an Example of a Man from the Greatest Generation

**Vic DiGeronimo Sr.**

On May 17, Bob Lucey, a beautiful person and close friend, passed on to the Lord at 92 years of age. I have known him for over thirteen years, and wish it could have been longer, but I am grateful for the time given to me.

Most of my messages, as you know, praise our employees for honesty, integrity, character, quality workmanship, and innovation. Bob exemplified all of these traits to the maximum, and in addition, a charisma that made myself and others want to spend as much time with him as possible.

A master craftsman and woodworker, Bob built many items for churches and friends, always of the utmost quality and craftsmanship. He is also responsible for me building my woodworking shop, which he often prodded me to "get going and build some big stuff". We took several field trips over the years, which we always looked

forward to. He enjoyed going on job sites, to our crushing operations, fabrication shop where we build crushers, our Haydite quarry, heavy equipment shop and many other places. He always had a compliment, and usually a suggestion for a possible improvement.

We took many field trips to Angelo Petitti's Casa Verde Greenhouse and John VanWingerden's Green Circle houses, both of which were huge facilities. On one occasion, John, the driver of the golf cart and host of the Green Circle Tour, said to Bob, "Sit up front with me, Bob. We put the Italians in the back." As you would expect, Bob zinged Angelo and myself with this once in a while. However, he always managed to equal things out. On another occasion, when John was thirty minutes late, Bob's first greeting to him was, "Where the hell have you been?" Atta way, Bob!



**Bob Lucey's medals from serving in the 3rd division in World War II, including three purple hearts and five bronze medals.**

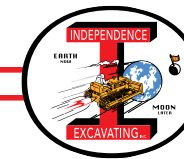
A true example of a person from the greatest generation, he was with the 3rd division in World War II. He achieved three purple hearts, five bronze medals, and many combat missions. I heard many war stories over the years including, losing a friend in a foxhole next to him, storming the beaches, and many other battle issues. It really made me appreciate all of the efforts of these great men. He had many bad memories of the war as many veterans do, and he would sometimes say, "I don't know why God took them and not me." I would always say, "Because He wanted me to meet you!" But really I think we all know the reason.

Bob's most important mission of all was to marry Kathleen and raise a beautiful, responsible, hard-working, prominent family of eight children, and consequently 22 grandchildren, including a pair of twins, and 10 great grandchildren, including a set of triplets. Awesome!

I will miss my visits and field trips with Bob, but I am comforted by all my great memories of him and knowing that he is in a better place with his wife and son. We will now pray to him instead of for him. In the true meaning of the word, Bob, **Arrivederci!**



**Vic DiGeronimo Sr. and Bob Lucey at Steelyard Commons project for the delivery of a new D8T in October of 2005**



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### Constructing the West Virginia Route 9 Highway to the Shenandoah River

The contract is with the West Virginia Division of Highways and includes 2.3 million cubic yards of earthwork, a 415 ft. bridge, and associated drainage and erosion control for approximately a 2-mile stretch of 4-lane road. Our work will move all the dirt and get the grade ready for future packages including a later paving contract in this section, as well as the 1,200 ft. steel bridge to span the Shenandoah River and eventually carry Route 9 to the border with the State of Virginia.

Independence mobilized in March with erosion control, clearing and blasting work leading the charge over the area. Our earthwork crews began a double-shift schedule in April. The main cut on the project is approximately 140 ft. deep through Snyder Hill located on the west side of the Shenandoah River.

As an environmental restriction, we have an intricate schedule for 1,300 ft. of the project to work without disturbing the habitat of an American Bald Eagle nest. The eagle is regularly seen watching over our operations from his nest just outside the project limits. Also, a historic hydroelectric dam on the river and high-voltage line crossings at several locations on the project have added to the complexity in planning our work. These concerns, as well as the overall protection of the Shenandoah River Watershed and the historical significance of the area, add to



the challenge and the success of this project.

Additionally, with our bridge sub-contractor, Ahern and Associates (South Charleston, WV), the project team is proceeding on a value engineering proposal to replace the 415 ft. precast concrete bridge with a precast arch-span. The arch culvert will be 293 ft. long in the valley of a 90 ft. fill to convey the existing two-lane County Road 27 beneath the highway.

From working around the spring rains, as well as managing the soil-material that varies from clay and silt to sandstone and hard limestone,

the success of this project will ultimately bring the West Virginia Route 9 corridor right to the bank of the Shenandoah River for the Division of Highways to let the bridge crossing still this year.

Everyone's efforts are ensuring an efficient project that we can all take pride in. Thank you to all of those who have contributed to this project thus far, including the West Virginia Division of Highways, Baker Engineering, Operating Engineers Local 132, Laborers District Council Local 379, our sub-contractors, suppliers and Independence team members. ■



On August 15, 2009, PMP Research Foundation will host its first annual 5k Walk/Run, and 10k Race

in Independence Public Square. The event is being organized by the DiGeronimo and Kurtz family in support of Lisa (Kurtz) Luciano of Kurtz Bros. Lisa, sister-in-law to Bobby DiGeronimo, started the foundation following her diagnosis in November 2007 with a rare cancer known as PMP. It was discovered that no federally funded research was being conducted on this form of abdominal cancer, which is linked to colon and ovarian cancers. For information on this unique and family-friendly event, please visit [www.pmpcure.org/summerscurry.asp](http://www.pmpcure.org/summerscurry.asp)

### Independence employees volunteer for Rebuilding Together



On Saturday, April 25, 2009, teams of volunteers from Independence Excavating, Marous Brothers

Construction, and St. Hubert's Episcopal Church dedicated their time to help a homeowner in need. Under the direction of Rebuilding Together Lake County and the generous support of Lowe's Home Improvement, much needed repairs were performed to allow a woman and her beloved dogs back into their home.

**Thanks to all who participated!**







## CURRENT PROJECT

### University Hospitals Hanna Pavilion Demolition

Work is underway to demolish a 5 ½ story, 100,000 square foot, concrete and brick structure for University Hospital's Main Campus in Cleveland. The building is located on University Hospital Drive adjacent to the main hospital entrance and main loading dock. The project will require 13,000 cubic yards of backfill material to bring the site back to grade. We will also be removing approximately 700 lineal feet of an underground steam tunnel, which is no longer needed throughout the site. The project

also includes minor concrete work, and several separations of adjacent buildings, including a 40-foot separation 25 feet below existing grade.

The project requires attention to detail, as the surrounding hospital buildings and entrance way are to remain fully operational throughout the duration of the project. Extreme importance has been placed on the protection of these areas as they are heavily congested with both pedestrian and vehicular traffic. In addition, there is a strictly enforced zero dust policy that calls for extensive

use of water cannons and additional manpower to keep the area saturated, so that patients, employees and visitors may continue their normal day-to-day activities uninterrupted.

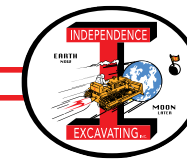
The removal of the 54 year old structure is the first step in University Hospital's parking garage project, which will begin construction immediately following the demolition of the building.

We look forward to completing this project by the end of July 2009. ■



**Independence Demolition**, along with our sister companies, Independence Recycling and Precision Environmental, combines the resources of the nation's largest and most experienced demolition, environmental and site preparation companies. In doing so, we are able to provide a comprehensive service package backed by vast labor and technology resources.

For additional information on our demolition services, please contact Don DiGeronimo at **216-446-3436** or visit us on the web at [www.indexc.com](http://www.indexc.com).



## CURRENT PROJECT

### ODOT 626(08) Seasons Rd. Interchange

This past spring construction began on ODOT project 626(08), Seasons Road Interchange, to help promote development in northern Summit County between the Stow and Hudson border. Four new ramps and a reconstructed Seasons Road will tie into SR 8 to allow direct access to this area.

As is customary with soils in this region, it has made the project unique in terms of treating the subsurface conditions. The new diamond interchange lies adjacent to large wetlands with underlying organic material. The new southbound entrance ramp required 4,000 wick drains installed 28 feet through an aggregate drainage blanket to maintain the 4-month settlement period called for in the plans. Piezometers were installed to monitor soil pore pressure while constructing the embankment/surcharge. Fills had to be placed at a controlled rate so as not to exceed pre-determined PSF limits. Independence earthwork crews had to carefully plan their work to stay within these limits while also maximizing the productivity of the Cat 385 excavator loading operation.

In addition to challenging soil conditions on the ramps, ODOT will close Seasons Road for 120

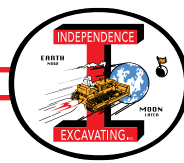
days to have 1,900' of existing road completely reconstructed. Approximately 20,000 cubic yards of granular type D material, sized 8" will be utilized to bridge over soft sub-grades, and the asphalt road will be widened to accommodate turn lanes for the interchange. Once the grading and drainage work is complete, the 25' wide ramps will receive 10" of concrete paving where they will meet the existing SR 8 lanes. Various

other project improvements include lighting and signage upgrades for all the ramps.

Independence would like to thank ODOT District 4 personnel Bulent Bilgin, Tony Pamer, Jim McCleary with the City of Stow, and all of our subcontractors involved with this necessary highway improvement. ■







## NEW PROJECTS

### Ashtabula River AOC - Water Line

**Location:** Ashtabula, Ohio

**Start Date:** April 2009

**Completion Date:** June 2009

**Scope:** Clearing and grubbing, HDPE waterline including bore and jack under the railroad tracks, plug and remove the existing water line, and surface restoration.

### Avon Lake Tank Salvage

**Location:** Avon Lake, Ohio

**Start Date:** May 2009

**Completion Date:** July 2009

**Scope:** Provide truck to remove six steel storage tanks. Owner to set tanks on Independence Excavating's truck with a crane.

### Butler Memorial Hospital

**Location:** Butler, Pennsylvania

**Start Date:** May 2009

**Completion Date:** October 2009

**Scope:** Parking lot improvements including lighting, painting, and a 140 ft. long caisson retaining wall that will shore-up the existing

helicopter landing pad. New access drive for the hospital, which will be approximately 500 ft. long, and be constructed from engineered fill. The access drive drops 85 ft. in elevation around a hillside and connects to Pennsylvania State Route 68. Traffic signals, road widening and curb improvements are included in the Route 68 tie-in.

### Conesville Plant Lateral Expansion Landfill

**Location:** Conesville, Ohio

**Start Date:** May 2009

**Completion Date:** December 2009

**Scope:** Excavation of 1,300,000 cubic yards, processing 450,000 cubic yards of material, and rock blasting.

### Shaker Heights House Demo

**Location:** Shaker Heights, Ohio

**Start Date:** May 2009

**Completion Date:** June 2009

**Scope:** Demolition of 3 houses in Shaker Heights for part of a neighborhood revitalization program.

### Ravenna Arsenal - Phase 2

**Location:** Ravenna, Ohio

**Start Date:** April 2009

**Completion Date:** August 2009

**Scope:** Removal and disposal of concrete slab, footers and foundations.

### Vista Point Landfill Repair

**Location:** Cleveland, Ohio

**Start Date:** April 2009

**Completion Date:** May 2009

**Scope:** Repair the liner of the Vista Point landfill.

### West End Lumber Demolition

**Location:** Cleveland, Ohio

**Start Date:** May 2009

**Completion Date:** June 2009

**Scope:** Demolition of a hardware store and house.



Ashtabula River AOC - Water Line



## Independence Recycling merges with Independence Excavating

### Ron Brocco, Vice President – Recycling Group

As of April 1, 2009, Independence Recycling has merged with Independence Excavating, condensing two historically profitable organizations. The merger helps in these economically trying times to maximize the efficient utilization of our equipment, employees and allow us to be better positioned to acquire work as a very comprehensive organization.

Some of the many obvious benefits for the recycling side of the company will be the addition of the very efficient equipment maintenance and

repair shop and our talented group of estimators and marketing staff. The pool of experienced mechanics and shop support people are unparalleled and will be a tremendous asset to the recycling projects and equipment. The combined efforts of everyone to help market and sell all of the services we offer will be a great benefit.

Recycling brings approximately over 15 million dollars worth of equipment consisting of 11 complete crushing plants, 22 loaders, four excavators and various other support equipment.

The Recycling Group has crushed approximately 1 million tons year-to-date, and typically performs about 3 million tons of contract crushing work per year. Thanks to everyone from Independence for continuing to make the transition seamless. ■



**Independence Recycling** is one of the largest contract crushing companies in the USA with approximately 4 million tons produced annually. We provide turnkey crushing operations that provide processing of any type of aggregate at any location for any size project with capabilities of 5,000 ton to several million tons.

We have two recycling yards in the Cleveland area, six locations in Florida where recycled products and virgin materials are processed and sold, a sand and gravel operation in Chester, West Virginia, and a large air-cooled blast furnace slag crushing operation in Cleveland.

Visit us on the web at [www.indrec.com](http://www.indrec.com) or call Ron Brocco or Scott Schroeder at **216-524-0999** to learn more about our portable crushing operations and how we can help on your next project.

## RECYCLING GROUP CRUSHING PROJECTS

### ALLIED CORP.

W. 3rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio

50,000 tons of 1 ½" minus RAP material

### ALLIED CORP.

Bedford Hts., Cleveland, Ohio

30,000 tons of 1 ½" minus RAP material

### ANDERSON-COLUMBIA CO.

Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City, Florida

90,000 tons of 1 ½" minus concrete subbase

### CENTRAL STATES AGGREGATES

Zephyrhills, Florida

25,000 tons of rip-rap limerock

### DIGERONIMO AGGREGATES, LLC

Independence, Ohio

150,000 tons of 2" minus shale crushing

### GOAT HILL TRUCKING

Alliance, Ohio

20,000 tons of 1 ½" minus concrete crushing

### INDEPENDENCE FACILITY

Independence, Ohio

50,000 tons of ODOT #304 base material

### JACKSONVILLE FACILITY

Jacksonville, Florida

50,000 tons of 2" minus base material

### KAMMINGA & ROODVOETS, INC.

Memphis International Airport, Memphis,

Tennessee

50,000 tons of 1 ½" minus concrete crushing

### LAFARGE – NORTH AMERICA

Cave in Rock, Illinois

400,000 tons of limestone crushing into various stones

### LAKELAND FACILITY

Lakeland, Florida

50,000 tons of 2" minus base material

### McCARTHY IMPROVEMENTS

I-80, Port Byron, Illinois

32,000 tons of 1 ½" minus concrete crushing

### MOUNTAINEER QUARRY

Newell, West Virginia

200,000 tons of sand and gravel crushing

### ORLANDO FACILITY

Orlando, Florida

200,000 tons of stone and base material

### PUNTA GORDA FACILITY

Punta Gorda, Florida

50,000 tons of 2" minus base material

### STEIN/I.S.G. SLAG CRUSHING

ISG Mill, Cleveland, Ohio

400,000 tons of slag crushed into #57, #8 and #10 stone

### TAMPA FACILITY

Tampa, Florida

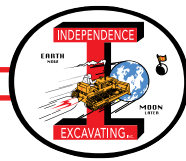
50,000 tons of 2" minus base material

### TAYLOR MURPHY CONSTRUCTION

Asheville, North Carolina

770,000 tons of granite crushing producing various sized materials





## CURRENT PROJECT

# Independence Takes on Unique Remediation Job for Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District

In April, Independence Excavating was awarded a contract by the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) to remove approximately 15,000 cubic yards of digested sludge from the Southerly Waste Water Treatment Plant and then perform a complete demolition of the six 90' diameter digester tanks and control chamber. At first glance, it seems like a fairly normal demolition and site work contract, but throw in the fact that the sludge was previously contaminated with low level radioactive particles, and the job takes a whole new direction.

The story begins over thirty years ago when a local medical equipment manufacturer contaminated the sewers with Cobalt 60 from their facility. The contamination was discovered and traced back to the company and the operation was shut down. The impacted sewage ended up in the digesters at the sewer district's Southerly Waste Water Treatment Plant. The digesters were taken offline and have been sitting idle for close to 30 years due to the contamination. The Cobalt 60 has a half-life of approximately 5 ½ years and a good deal of the material is already spent.

The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District is currently performing expansion and an upgrade of facilities at the Southerly Treatment Plant and needs to remove the sludge and the digesters to make way for a new incinerator facility. Our portion of the contract is to remove the sludge, scan it for any radioactive particles, perform grab sample tests and haul it to a municipal waste facility once it is cleared. The task is not easy since the sludge has to be dried, run across a belt at a uniform depth for scanning and then loaded into trucks for disposal. A very detailed plan had to be compiled by T.G. Adams & Associate, the Sewer District's radiological consultant for approval by NEORS and the Ohio Department of Health. The plan had to cover all aspects of the process from drying to removal and handling to cleaning and decontamination of equipment. Everything in the digesters, including all piping and concrete,



will have to be scanned, tested and cleared prior to being removed or demolished.

Once we have removed the digesters, we will install wick drains and a surcharge to help consolidate the soils in that area in preparation for the new incinerator facility. We will also be installing sheeting test piles so the new foundations can be designed and eventually built. The new facility is to be constructed on the digester site and is expected to be a 100 million dollar construction project. Independence is pleased to be working with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District on this unique project. ■



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