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# Declaration of Independence



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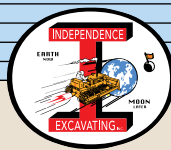
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## Commemorative 100<sup>th</sup> Issue of the Declaration of Independence

On behalf of the DiGeronimo family, we are proud to present the 100th issue of the Declaration of Independence newsletter.

Since the beginning of our company in 1956, and the first issue produced in 1988, our goal has been to highlight, not only, the unique projects we have performed, but also showcase the talents and skills of our employees, past and present, which are the true essence of our company. If you were to scan some of the older issues, it is

clear that the core values instilled by our founders, has been passed on through the years, to those who helped build our organization, as well as our current team members. This culture has allowed us to build our company reputation and foundation in Cleveland and expand operations into western Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic region.

The Declaration of Independence also highlights the path of our success through our many clients. We want to thank those clients who gave us the

opportunity in the early days to help build our reputation, and also thank our current clients who we are now establishing relationships with.

As we continue to move the company forward, we thank all those who have contributed to our success over the years and we look forward to celebrating our future accomplishments with you through The Declaration of Independence.

*The DiGeronimo Family*

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual DiGeronimo Companies Founders Awards Presented to Wayne Mellinger and Andy Fetzer

The DiGeronimo family and previous DiGCo Founders Award recipients nominated two of the companies finest employees to receive the award this year. Both demonstrate our core values of safety, integrity, loyalty, commitment, respect, quality workmanship and work ethic instilled by our founders. Congratulations to you both. We are fortunate to have you both on our team.

### Wayne Mellinger

There was no doubt from the first day back in 1986 when Wayne was hired by Rich DiGeronimo, that he was going to be a key player for our company. As an operator, he has always represented himself and our company in the highest regard. Wayne has been involved in some of the biggest and most challenging projects in the last 28 years for a reason. While his operational skills are unmatched by most, his knowledge and demeanor when completing these projects are what sets him apart. Currently, as one of the demolition team leaders, crews look to him for guidance and knowledge. Wayne brings a confidence to the entire crew that enables the project to be completed safely and efficiently, no matter how challenging the job may be.



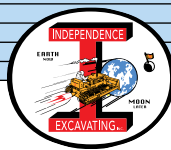
**Pictured left to right:** Vic DiGeronimo Jr., Vic DiGeronimo Sr., Andy Fetzer, and Bobby DiGeronimo

### Andy Fetzer

Andy joined Independence Excavating in 1979, working at the Southerly sewage plant under Orie Fontana and Ed Wilk. Like many of our long-term employees, Andy's skills and work ethic allowed him to work his way through a variety of roles, including operator, shop mechanic, fuel truck driver and equipment field

mechanic. His knowledge and experience have been helpful as our equipment fleet has grown both in numbers and complexity. Andy has demonstrated the true values of our company for over 30 years. His loyalty and commitment to his fellow team is unmatched. ■





## CURRENT PROJECT

# Independence Teams with Clark Construction in our Nation's Capital

Independence Excavating was awarded the contract to perform the demolition of the existing building and excavation of the foundations for a new office building to be constructed at 400 6th Street in downtown Washington, D.C. by Clark Construction.

The first phase of the project consisted of installing erosion control measures and demolishing the 7-story concrete frame building. Skid steers were crane lifted onto each floor of the building to assist with the removal of all internal nonstructural elements of the building, and a high reach excavator was used to demolish the building structure. This work was completed during the night shift to decrease the impact on the public in this business district. Special precautions such as protective netting and plate barriers needed to be installed prior to demolition as the adjacent buildings are within 15' of the building. During the day-shift, demolished material was processed and loaded into disposal containers and taken to a recycling facility in accordance with the project's LEED requirements.

The second phase of construction starts with the installation of a bench for the beam and lagging shoring operation. When demolition is complete there will be a 15' deep hole where the bottom two parking levels that were below street level used to be. In order to provide a bench at existing street level for the shoring contractors drilling machine to sit, Independence Excavating will build a bench using the processed concrete from the demolished building. After the bench is built, the shoring contractor will install the beams for the beam and lagging retaining wall.

Independence Excavating will then coordinate the 30,000 CY of excavation with the installation of the lagging to provide for a safe excavation to a depth 20' lower than the current buildings foundation, or approximately 35' below street level. Portions of the excavation



contain petroleum-contaminated soil. Geotechnical inspectors will be on-site full time during excavation to measure levels of contamination and direct Independence Excavating if the soil needs to be transported to a normal waste facility or a specialized facility for disposing of contaminated soils.

During the excavation, Independence Excavating will also be responsible for connecting the water, sewer, and storm utilities to the existing city lines. Independence Excavating will obtain all permits and set up the traffic control to connect the utility lines in the street.

Construction of the new building at 400 6th Street is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2015. Independence Excavating looks forward to contributing to Clark Construction's successful completion of this project along with future opportunities to work with Clark Construction and other new partners in our expanding Mid Atlantic division. ■

## Independence Excavating Sponsors Kayak of Veteran Lonnie Bedwell

Team River Runner was established in 2004 by kayakers in the Washington, D.C. area to help active-duty military personnel who were wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. Independence Excavating sponsored the kayak of Navy veteran, Lonnie Bedwell, the first completely blind solo kayaker to make history on, August 21, 2013, by traveling 226 miles down the Colorado River — the entire length of the Grand Canyon! Bedwell was guided by three military veterans from Team River Runner relying only on a system of voice commands to navigate him through the trip which included Class V rapids.

Lonnie, thank you for your service and inspiration to all of us!

*"Running the Grand Canyon was a dream for Joe and me, and now that dream has become a reality. I hope that other disabled persons will be able to share this feeling with me one day and achieve their dreams as well," said Bedwell.*

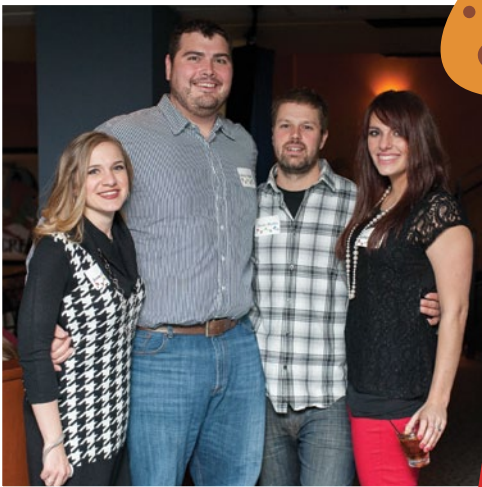
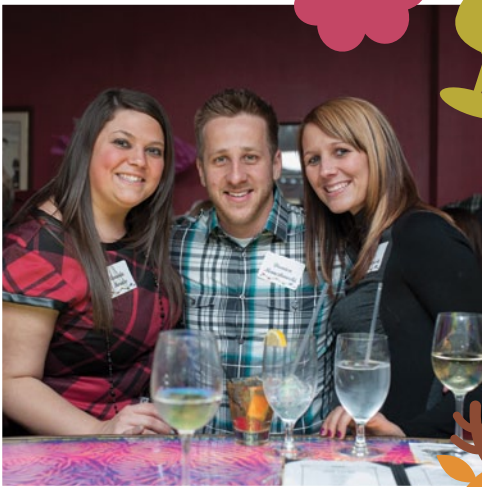
**Pictured from left to right:** Senior Project Manager, Dave Kirila, U.S. Veteran, Lonnie Bedwell, Vice President, Rick DiGeronimo and Team River Runner Executive Director, Joe Mornini







# Independence Excavating Christmas Party





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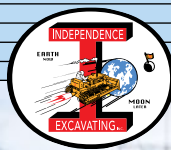


Independence Excavating hosted their 2013 Christmas party at Pickwick & Frolic in downtown Cleveland on Friday, December 13. IX employees, families, and friends enjoyed the sounds of Taylor Tripodi, fantastic food, cocktails, and desserts. The comedy show featured Wil Anderson. The entire night gave us a chance to relax and unwind after a safe and productive construction season.

**Thank you to everyone who attended to make this event a success!**







## 2013 Fleet Additions

Takeuchi TL10 Track Skid Steer



(4) CAT 773E



CAT 930K



CAT 980H



(2) CAT D8T



CAT 740B



John Deere 650J

LaBounty MSD1500R  
Shear w/Rotation



Dust Destroyer & Trailer

2013 Ford F750 Mechanic's Trucks



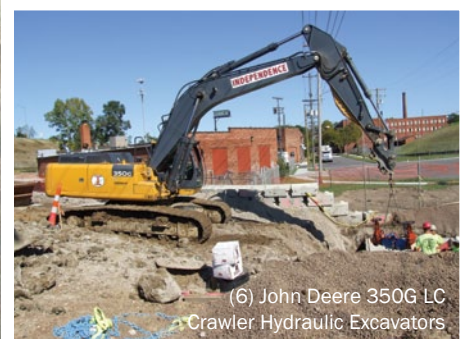
John Deere 724J



CAT D6N Dozer

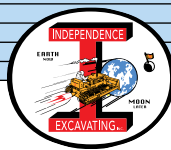


Takeuchi TB235 Mini Excavator



(6) John Deere 350G LC  
Crawler Hydraulic Excavators





## NEW PROJECTS

### **Infiniti of Beachwood**

**Location:** Beachwood, Ohio

**Scope of work:** General contractor for a new 30,000SF+ state-of-the-art car dealership. The building houses a car wash, service center, quick check system, and vehicle showroom. The building incorporates custom details and premium level finishes that need to meet stringent Infiniti design standards. Our self-performed activities include site demolition, grading, and compaction, utilities installation, structural concrete and paving.

### **Steelyard Commons - Phase II**

**Location:** Cleveland, Ohio

**Scope of work:** Foundation package for expansion of commons including three new structures, driven H-pile foundations and concrete footings.

### **Hollow Rock Landfill Cell 4 Facility**

**Location:** Stratton, Ohio

**Scope of work:** Install new site haul roads and MSE retaining wall, erosion control pond, cell 4 landfill, liner, pump, and leachate system.

### **Cornerstone Business Park**

**Location:** Twinsburg, Ohio

**Scope of work:** Demolition of high bay and former powerhouse including utilities, concrete slab, structure, and foundations. Complete backfill of basement and onsite removal of pavements and rough grading of site for future development.

### **Bruce Mansfield - Glenwillow First Energy Transmission Line Project**

**Location:** Various locations throughout Ohio and Pennsylvania

**Scope of work:** Installation of 115 miles of construction access roads for substation transmission line project including 37 acres of crane mats, 65,000 feet of Silt Sox and removal of roads at project completion.

### **Tulsa Airport - Runway 18L-36R Rehab Design Package #4t**

**Location:** Tulsa, Oklahoma

**Scope of work:** Crushing 45,000 tons of concrete into 3" minus material.

### **London-Tangy First Energy Transmission Lines**

**Location:** Various locations

**Scope of work:** Installation of 50 miles of construction access roads for substation transmission line project including crane mats and removal of roads at project completion.

### **GFS Distribution Center**

**Location:** Findlay Township, Pennsylvania

**Scope of work:** Sixty-two acre site

development including mass excavation, gas and water line, sanitary and storm sewers.

### **400 6th Street SW**

**Location:** Washington, D.C.

**Scope of work:** Demolition of a five-story building, 30,000 cubic yards of excavation, site water, storm and sewer utilities, erosion control and support of excavation earthwork.

### **Sentara Medical Center OR Replacement**

**Location:** Woodbridge, Virginia

**Scope of work:** Clearing, erosion and sediment controls, storm drainage, pre-cast, earthwork and shoring.

### **Cheltenham Youth Detention Center**

**Location:** Cheltenham, Maryland

**Scope of work:** Site work and utilities including clearing, erosion control, limited site demolition, earthwork, storm and sanitary sewers and waterline.

### **Rittman Paper Mill Demolition**

**Location:** Rittman, Ohio

**Scope of work:** Complete demolition of 630,000 SF concrete and steel building including disposal of all C & D.

### **Keller Building Demolition**

**Location:** Sandusky, Ohio

**Scope of work:** ACM abatement and demolition of five-story commercial building.

### **Northrup Grumman - St. Augustine**

**Location:** St. Augustine, Florida

**Scope of work:** Demolition and abatement of multiple buildings including removal of residual wastes, backfill and concrete work as well as salvaging items for the Owner.

### **ODOT I-480 Noise Mound**

**Location:** Cleveland, Ohio

**Scope of work:** Construction 50,000 CY earth mound including drainage, clearing, seeding and mulch.

### **I-40 Rehab - Cittenden County**

**Location:** West Memphis, Arkansas

**Scope of work:** Crushing 61,000 tons of concrete into a 1 1/2" minus base material.

### **CCLRC Demolition**

**Location:** Cleveland and East Cleveland, Ohio

**Scope of work:** Mass demolition of four properties including two apartments, two commercial buildings with two alternates to demo. Approximately 90,000 SF of building demolition, loading and hauling.

### **Camp Ravenna HQ Demolition**

**Location:** Newton Falls, Ohio

**Scope of work:** Abatement of transite siding,

mass demolition of 5,000 CY of C & D, foundation removal, trucking and backfill of 2,000 CY of imported fill.

### **CSX Coal Tipple Demolition**

**Location:** Cleveland, Ohio

**Scope of work:** Demolition of 90' coal tipple structure for CSX.

### **Citrus Bowl Demolition**

**Location:** Orlando, Florida

**Scope of work:** Structural demolition of lower and mid-seating bowls of the Citrus Bowl Football stadium while protecting upper seating stands above the new football stadium. Demolition includes full stair and ramp access, towers, utilities and all foundations. Work to be performed on an aggressive 4-week schedule on double shifts.

### **Ontario Stone Building Demolition**

**Location:** Cleveland, Ohio

**Scope of work:** Structural demolition and removal of debris from site including backfill using crushed brick and masonry, and cut and cap utilities.

### **Browns First Energy Stadium Modernization - Phase 1**

**Location:** Cleveland, Ohio

**Scope of work:** Dismantlement and demolition of scoreboards and 50% of upper deck and zone seating. Select demolition of bathrooms, elevator shaft, ADA platforms, new structural columns, handrail and vomitories.

### **Hanna Loop Substation**

**Location:** Ravenna, Ohio

**Scope of work:** Installation of 4,300 LF of access roads, crane matting and 47,000 SY of stone pads to support First Energy's Bruce Mansfield to Glenwillow transmission lines upgrades.

### **Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission - Southern Beltway**

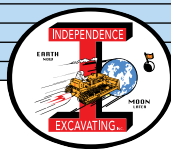
**Location:** Bulger, Pennsylvania

**Scope of work:** Approximately 150,000 CY of fill for new bridge abutment from adjacent area including blasting and installation of 600 LF of storm and 14 associated structures.

### **Addison Terrace**

**Location:** Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Scope of work:** Site demolition, public and private storm, sanitary and water to within 5' of all buildings, 92,000 CY export, 27,000 CY cut to fill, 5,000 LF of utility demolition, clearing, pavement demolition, building undercuts, pre and post E & S.



## COMPLETED PROJECT

### Commercial Development - Earthwork Remediation and Renovation in Washington County, PA

In the 2013 construction season, Independence Excavating, Inc. teamed up with Mosites Construction and the Staenberg Group for a project near the transportation hub at the intersection of Interstates 79 and 70, in Washington County, south of Pittsburgh. The 70-acre site was a historic coal mining site, which was developed into a commercial site in 2006, with various retail stores. Shortly after construction, there were issues at the site causing damage to buildings, and the overall instability of the grade. In the last few years, the Staenberg Group teamed with Mosites Construction, and ultimately Independence Excavating, to remediate the ground issues and redevelop the site.

The major portion of the remediation was the removal of the 95-foot high reinforced earth basket retaining wall to create a lush grass slope. All of the excavation spoils from this removal were reused on site to re-grade and redevelop the site for future new commercial and retail development. The planning and coordination of the work along the leading edge with our safety department was implemented flawlessly – not only to keep our workers and other trades safe, but to remove the leading edge effectively and efficiently ahead of schedule.

The project also included installation and revision to existing wetlands and water features of the site to preserve the environment. Our heavy iron danced around the delicate eco-system features



to preserve a vibrant site in coordination with environmental consultants and regulators. Independence Excavating crews also installed all new drainage systems throughout the site to work with the new eco-systems.

By the time the fall weather hit, the developers had a re-graded and brand new site ready for buildings, pavement and all the follow-on trades to make a new commercial development for a busy area.

We appreciate the work and coordination with the Staenberg Group and Mosites Construction to make this a successful project. Our work force performed this project with professionalism and attention-to-detail allowing for a successful turnover to redevelop the site. Thank you to our subcontractors and supplier members of our team, as well as our support shop and dispatch throughout the project. ■

## CURRENT PROJECT

### Citrus Bowl Demolition Underway

On January 29, Independence Excavating's demolition division kicked off the renovation and reconstruction of the historic Citrus Bowl by bringing down the scoreboard amidst fireworks and AC/DC's "Thunderstruck" resounding over the stadium speakers! We have teamed with Turner Construction to give the City of Orlando, Florida a brand new, state-of-the-art stadium facility in 11 months before the 2014 college football season begins. We have mobilized our largest iron from all over the country to demolish this historic structure, first constructed in 1936, while protecting the precast upper bowl seating structure that is intertwined in the lower frame work.

Working closely with John Ryfa of Turner Construction as well as Turner's Orlando office, Independence Excavating crews are working double shifts to surgically demolish the stadium in four weeks. Our project milestones are simple, to be on the 50 yard line in two weeks and completely wrecked in four.

While our forces have mobilized for this challenge, we have also teamed with great local partners in Central Hauling and Excavating of Florida and Abatement Central, in order to help meet the challenging project schedule. This project is an exciting one for the City of Orlando and residents of Central Florida, as well as our team. We are proud to be a part of history in the making.

Visit our website at [www.indexc.com](http://www.indexc.com) to watch the video of demolition kick off. ■



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