



Ridgemount Quarries Update

Crushing has been completed for the season at the Ridgemount Quarries after a busy year. According to superintendent Mark Harmsworth, much of the stone has been used for the manufacture of ready-mix concrete for projects around the Niagara Region.

The quarries hosted a grade 6 and 7 class from St. Michael's School in Dunnville in June. As part of their educational experience, the students hunted for fossils, created bee habitat as part of a workshop on pollination and were treated to a BBQ lunch.

New Equipment Manager

Murray Arcaro is the new equipment manager for Walker Industries. He started his career as a truck, coach and heavy equipment mechanic at the Duntroon Quarry and is now responsible for the purchasing, repair and maintenance of heavy equipment at all Walker Industry sites.



Murray Arcaro



Keith White and his wife Donna.

EMPLOYEE PROFILE

Keith is Happy to be Loading Rock

For some people, work is just a way to pay the bills. But to Keith White, a hard day's work is something to be valued and appreciated. Keith is a shipping loader operator at Ridgemount Quarry, and he couldn't be happier with his job. "I really like it," says Keith. "Being a loader operator involves long days, but it's an honest day's work." Using his loader, Keith moves tonnes of stone from the quarry onto between 50 and 100 trucks each day. He also likes getting to know and developing friendships with the different contractors at the quarry, as well as the truck drivers who pick up stone. "I love meeting people, and we all like to joke around," says Keith.

Before working at Ridgemount, Keith was employed at Walker's compost facility in Thorold for nine years as a loader operator and equipment trainer. When he saw the job posting for Ridgemount Quarry, he didn't hesitate to apply. Keith knew that Ridgemount had a reputation as a great place to work, and it was also closer to home in Port Colborne. So when offered the job, he happily accepted.

In his days off from work, Keith and his wife Donna love to go camping, and they were excited to buy a new 30-foot trailer in 2012. One of their favourite camping locations is Chippawa Creek Conservation Area, where they often take their five grandchildren to enjoy the outdoors and have quality family time.



Walker Team Rides for Cancer

A team of 16 riders from Walker Industries participated in the 2015 Big Move Cancer Ride earlier this fall. The team raised nearly \$36,000 towards the purchase of essential oncology equipment at the Walker Family Cancer Centre.

CUSTOMER PROFILE



Modern Mosaic employees load precast concrete panels onto a truck for transport.

Virginia. That's because Walker supplies concrete stone to Modern Mosaic, a Niagara Falls company that has produced precast concrete panels for these and other landmark buildings.

Since 1968, Modern Mosaic has established a reputation for its high-quality, complicated and detailed work, supplying building projects as far as 1,000 miles away. It manufactures and ships panels as large as 12 feet wide and 54 feet long.

"Everything we do here is custom," says company president Mario Forlenza. "We have perfected our processes and our quality is very high."

Modern Mosaic relies on Walker's quarries to deliver concrete stone that is colour consistent and of high quality. "We have an excellent relationship with Walker," Mario says. He especially appreciates the company's responsiveness. "If we are in a pinch, they will get a load of stone over to us on short notice."

Walker's Niagara marketing manager Frank Hurkmans is proud of the relationship with Modern Mosaic. Even though the company uses a relatively small amount of the stone produced by Walker's quarries, "They are a valuable part of our high-end product market," he says. "When they are successful, we are successful."

Providing Quality in Custom Precast Concrete

Not many people would realize that stone from Walker Aggregates' Niagara quarries has been used in such prestigious construction projects as the New England Patriots' Gillette Stadium outside of

Boston, the United States Institute of Peace and the Association of American Medical Colleges buildings in Washington, the Buffalo School of Engineering and a major office building in Arlington,



Where the Rock Goes

Chippawa Overflow Tank Construction

Some 40,000 tonnes of aggregate from the Ridgemount Quarries is being used in the construction of a combined sewer overflow tank in the Village of Chippawa. The excavated area is more than 10 metres deep, well below the elevation of the Welland River. This means that in the early stages of the project, groundwater is being pumped out of the excavation and into the regional sewer system. Once the project is completed next year, the new overflow tank will reduce the chances of basement flooding during heavy rain events.



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