



Vineland Quarries Update

Five new employees have recently joined the Vineland Quarries including production supervisor Mike Deluca, quality control technician Jennifer Koros and three workers who replace employees who have left.

The kitty litter plant is now running well, after concerns raised by neighbours about dust. The plant was temporarily shut down and modifications made to resolve the issue. The quarries also hired a student from May through September to monitor dust emissions.

The plant is now well within guidelines from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.

The quarries were prepared for bank swallows to migrate to the site in late spring and build their nests in the sand piles, as per usual. The practice has been not to disturb the habitat of the swallows during their stay at the quarries, but no swallows appeared this year.

In other news, production at the quarries is the same as last year, according to superintendent Angelo Bevilaqua.

A Proud Family Man



Jennifer and Laurence Leriger with their children (from left) Seth, Finn, Sam and Maggie

EMPLOYEE PROFILE

When Laurence Leriger met his wife Jennifer at a rodeo in Alberta, he knew she was 'the one'. Originally from the Fonthill area, she had moved out west to attend university and was currently working in Alberta. Over a year later, the two were happily married and starting to raise a family. But Laurence was working in the oil fields, and as a devoted family man he found it hard to be away from his family for weeks at a time. So in 2005, the Leriger family moved to the small West Lincoln community of Boyle, Ontario, which was also closer to Jennifer's family.

When asking his father-in-law where he should look for a new job, Laurence was told that Walker had a reputation as the best company in the region, and that he should start there. Laurence applied to Walker shortly after, and eagerly joined the company when he received a job offer to be a tower operator. Laurence has now been a Walker employee for 10 years, and is currently working as a yard loader operator at the Vineland Quarry.

Laurence and Jennifer have four children: Maggie, Sam, Seth and Finn. The family's home has a small acreage where they homeschool their children and also raise chickens, rabbits and goats. "We love raising the animals and working around our property," said Laurence. "There's always something to do."

The Leriger family is also extremely passionate about their faith, and active in their church, the Boyle Brethren In Christ Church. The Lerigers attend weekly, and Laurence also leads two Bible study groups.

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HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS RECEPTION

Wednesday, November 25, 2015

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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CUSTOMER PROFILE



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

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, 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."

Where the Rock Goes



Lakehouse Condo Site Development

Nearly 60,000 tonnes of rip rap and armour stone from the Vineland Quarry are being trucked to the site of the Lakehouse Condominium and Townhouse Development on Winston Road in Grimsby. The stone is being placed in Lake Ontario to minimize the impact of rough water and shoreline erosion on the site of the housing development.



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.



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