

Ridgemount Quarries Update

It's been a busy year in stone production and shipping at Ridgemount Quarries. One job in particular has been using a lot of stone from the quarry – a roadway and lot being constructed for an automotive parts recycling facility on Marshall Road in Niagara Falls.

Earlier this year the quarry was a hive of activity that had nothing to do with aggregate production. Over the summer, the site was used for a movie shoot about the experiences of five Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan. The location provided a similar appearance to some areas of the Afghan countryside. The documentary "I AM WAR" will air on the History Channel Friday, November 10 at 9 p.m. and Saturday, November 11 at 9 p.m.

In May and October, groups of students from Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School in St. Catharines came to the quarry for fossil hunts, and in June Michigan's "Paleo Joe" visited for the same reason. Paleo Joe is a renowned fossil collector, story teller and author of several books, including a series of popular children's books.



A film crew visited the quarry during the summer to shoot scenes for a war documentary that will air on the History Channel in November.

Angelo "Bleeds Blue and Yellow" for Walker Aggregates

After 30 years of employment at Walker Aggregates, Angelo Bevilacqua is getting a chance to visit all of Walker's stone, sand and gravel operations across Ontario. Earlier this year he became the health and safety training coordinator for the employees who work in the company's aggregate operations.

Angelo's initial exposure to Walker Aggregates came when he was a young

boy, occasionally visiting his dad at work. Now retired, Antonio spent 41 years with the company, starting in around 1960 as a welder at Walker Brothers Quarries.

It seemed natural for Angelo to also work for Walker, and his career has involved employment as a haul truck driver, general labourer, supervisor, welder, maintenance worker, loader operator and now safety trainer. Until recently, he was located at various Niagara operations, starting at Walker Brothers Quarries in Thorold, then Vineland Quarries, and most recently at Ridgemount Quarries.

"It's always been a pleasure to go to work," he says. "The Walker team is part of my family and it's been great to watch the company grow."

"I bleed blue and yellow," Angelo adds, referencing the colours that adorn all of the company's vehicles.

His job now involves

travelling to Walker's aggregate operations from the McGregor Quarry near Windsor, to the Severn Quarry north of Orillia, and all of the pits and quarries in between.

The work involves extensive safety and hazard training for employees working in what can be a very dangerous environment – with its heavy equipment and machinery, conveyor belts and crushing operations. He also conducts routine safety inspections at all of the sites.

Angelo and his wife Tina live in Welland. He has two grown daughters – Kelsey and Sarah, who now live on their own – as well as a 15-year-old stepson, Anthony, who's in high school.

Away from work, Angelo spends his time taking Anthony to soccer practices and tournaments or watching soccer on television.

"Soccer is my hobby," he says, noting that his favourite teams are Chelsea in the English Football League and Juventus in the Italian league. He also enjoys hosting dinner parties, golfing with friends and a nice bottle of wine with a good cigar.

EMPLOYEE PROFILE



Angelo Bevilacqua at home in Welland with his wife Tina, stepson Anthony and the family's teacup poodle Max.

CUSTOMER PROFILE

Nexterra Balances Construction with Concern for the Public

Anthony Vitaterna knows all too well about the disruption that homeowners must deal with when their streets and sidewalks are torn up to replace aging water and sewer lines. For this reason, the owner of Nexterra Substructures Inc. and his construction crews make every effort to be considerate of – and communicative with – the public.

Most of Nexterra's customers are municipalities, but Anthony says "Our clients are really the taxpayers and we need to be good with the public. We're working in front of people's homes, and we make sure we leave things in better shape than before we started."

Anthony's father had been involved in the construction business since 1962, and Anthony helped out during summer holidays, starting at the age 15. He established his own company, then called Volsci Construction in Niagara Falls in 1984, renaming it Nexterra Substructures in 2001. The company has grown to the point



A work crew from Nexterra Substructures has been busy this fall replacing a watermain along part of Corwin Crescent and adjacent streets in Niagara Falls.

where it now employs 17 or 18 people during the busy summer season, including Anthony's son Michael, his wife Rita and two cousins, David and Luciano.

In addition to sewer and watermain work for municipalities, mostly in Niagara and Haldimand-Norfolk, Nexterra is also involved in providing site servicing for new residential and commercial projects. Anthony says his company's dedication to high quality workmanship, commitment to meeting deadlines and good project management are among the keys to

Nexterra's success, along with ensuring the company's pricing structure is competitive.

Nexterra uses stone from all of Walker's Niagara quarries for its projects, as well as recycled concrete and aggregate. He also provides the quarries with clean soil for their rehabilitation plans from sites where the company has been excavating.

"They're great to work with," he says of the Walker team. "They help us deal with any supply issues that may come up in the middle of a job."

Where the Stone Goes



New Welland High School Sports Field

More than 6,000 tonnes of crushed stone and limestone screenings from Ridgemount Quarries was used in the construction of a new sports field at Welland Centennial Secondary School. The aggregates were used as a base layer to provide stability and drainage underneath the synthetic turf used on the field.



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