

THE DIRT

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GRADEX RECEIVES LETTER FROM BEECH GROVE MAYOR

Gradex recently received a letter from Dennis Buckley, the Mayor of Beech Grove, regarding our work on Main Street. Following are a few excerpts from his letter:

"I learned by experience that Gradex was a good company who had many good workers. They worked all the time, caused few problems, were clean, professional and finished the project on time and under budget."

"This project is complete and it has changed the whole outlook of the city. If I was to do it again, I would hope that Gradex, Inc. be the general contractor."

"I would certainly recommend Gradex, Inc. for consideration on any road or sewer project that would come before the public."

Thank you to everyone that helped on this project. We are very proud of our reputation and employees.

As we approach the end of the construction season, I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for another successful year. We should all be proud of the great work we do to make Indiana a better place to live. No matter where you are in the state, you're never very far from a project that Gradex worked on sometime over the past 40 years. We are looking forward to another great year in 2015. Thanks to everyone.

Happy holidays to you and your families! - *Jason Dapp, President*



Illinois St. Extension excavating for new creek channel to redirect the flow of Williams Creek. Pictured are laborer Greg Blackburn checking grade, dozer operator Blue Southard, and working in the distance foreman Danny Gahs and operators Josh Schlabach and Richard Stewart.

DIRT Quote: "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill

BUTLER TO BEGIN WORK ON \$20M PROJECT

Butler University officials broke ground in September on a \$20 million mixed-use parking facility. The school says it will include space for businesses and restaurants to serve students and the surrounding neighborhood.

The garage will help ease some campus parking concerns for student and faculty, as well as visitors at events at Hinkle Fieldhouse, Clowes Memorial Hall, the Howard L. Schrott Center for the Arts and the Butler Bowl.

Butler is currently receiving improvements in several campus areas including a streetscape project at one of its main gateways and major upgrades to Hinkle Fieldhouse.

Gradex is pleased to be a part of this project. We are performing the earthwork and utilities for Keystone Construction, the Design/Build contractor building the garage.

Source: Butler University



Operator Travis Koontz on US 31 cleaning the windows on one of the new 336 excavators while waiting on concrete trucks.

SHOP SPOTLIGHT

With demanding workloads and tight schedules, sometimes it's easy to overlook procedures. Let's not forget the importance of machine inspection booklets and daily walk around inspections prior to equipment use. Please inform someone of any issues that you may be experiencing. Thanks for the cooperation!



Clint Gingrich and Neil Bolakowski discuss an issue with a dozer on the 146th street project.



US 40 in Brazil ready for pavement and curb.

Gradex enacted a safety plan to handle an unforeseen impacted ground water plume and was able to complete the work within the area safely and efficiently. Thank you to all the employees who practiced and enforced the plan in Brazil this year.

SAFETY

As the holiday season is quickly approaching, it is a time to gather with friends and family. Often these gatherings can include alcohol. According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), alcohol accounts for 52% of fatal collisions on Christmas and 57% on New Year's. Gradex is a family-owned company and we consider each of our employees part of our extended family. Please make the right choice to not drive if you have been drinking, we want to see everyone back again next year.

NEW JOBS

Butler Mixed-Use Parking Garage

Earthwork	5,000 CY
Storm	1,500 LF
Sanitary	130 LF
Water	400 LF

IR-35187, I-65 & Worthsville Road

Earthwork	321,000 CY
Storm	9,500 LF

North Lockerbie

Earthwork	50,000 CY
Storm	400 LF

Gradex Trivia: "My unwritten business plan since I had no work, no employees, no equipment, no office, no shop and no money was to secure a contract, rent equipment, hire people, build the project, return the equipment, and layoff the people. We were able to link projects to keep equipment and people." - Tom Dapp, Founder & CEO



Operators Randy Certolic on CAT 349E excavator and Duane Land on Komatsu PC300 excavator excavating through 146th Street for 8'x12' box culverts. In the background operators Chris Harris on grader and Joe Stewart on roller installing stone for temporary widening with laborer Josh Mahaney checking grade.