# Bencardino's

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PROFILE Dave "Tweet" McIlwain

#### How long have you worked for Bencardino and what jobs have you held here?

I was Bencardino's first employee, hired 13 years ago as a truckdriver. Now I'm a truckdriver's foreman. I basically learned everything through Lou.

#### How did you start out with Lou and what was it like when you started?

Compared to now, it was real hectic. We started out in a little container shed, had an old dump truck and a backhoe. Gradually things started taking off and look where we're at today.

#### What's the best part about your job?

I'm always on the go, doing something different all the time, going to different areas. I like not knowing where I'm going to be from day to day.

#### What's the biggest challenge your job presents?

Every day's a good challenge. Most of our work is on-site, working in debris, steel, rock, so just getting through the day without blowing a tire off, without anything breaking, that's the challenge.

#### What's one thing people might not know about you?

I collect and restore old cars. Right now I have a Camaro SS, an Olds 442, and a Chevelle, I drive them once in awhile when I have time.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

The following people have birthdays this quarter. Please wish them well!

Frank Peatross	October 2
Allen Clinton	October 5
Roberto Garcia	October 11
Joshua Eckert	October 22
Ronald Bates	October 24
Michael Pape	November 13
Luis Burgos	November 14
Louis Biskup	November 23
Joseph DiGirolamo IV	November 27
David Fink	November 28
Barry Jones	December 6
Ben Taylor	December 11
Stephen Ryan	December 12
Leo Yackamovitch	December 20
Ronald Krajewski, Sr.	December 29
Michael Slowe	January 2
Linda Frye	January 15
Robert McGrath	January 23
Scott Gaugler	January 30
Robert Belisle	January 31

#### SAY HELLO TO THE NEW GUYS!

Welcome aboard Mike Harris, Chris Cannon, Al Clinton, David Robinson, Hector Cosme, Ronald Bates and Luis Burgos.

Kick off the holiday season with Bencardino's 4th Annual Turkey Bowl Game! Join us at 9:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day (November 25th). Location TBA.

#### PARTY!

Please join us for the annual Bencardino Christmas party on Friday, December 3rd at Celebrations in Bensalem.

## HOME DIRT

#### **People**

Here's a hats off to our truck drivers. We expect a lot out of these guys. They move all our equipment and work long hours, weekdays and weekends. Dave McIlwain, Josh Eckert, Frank Peatross, Leo Yackamovitch and Jim Bencardino are all doing a nice job, working well with one another and communicating well with superintendent, Rich Held. They work hard, they're good at what they do, and they're an important part of our whole operation. Thanks guys.

#### **Processes**

**Safety tip:** We're going to have a busy end of season so let's keep an eye on each other. Don't walk away from a fellow employee when he's in a trench. Be alert.

And before we know it, the winter months will be here and we'll start our snow plowing operations. Remember to keep all your lights on and ensure that backup alarms and beacon lights work. Snowplowing is very hard on our trucks and equipment so please take it easy on the transmissions.

#### **Progress**

**New equipment:** We're pleased to announce the acquisition of a Case 90XT Skidsteer with a millinghead for our paving crew, a new auger for one of our backhoes and a new superintendent's truck for Rich Held.

Paving division update: The paving crew is slowly coming together and gaining continuity; the quality of our paving is getting better every day. The crew recently had a night out at the Eagles/Vikings Monday night game and the guys reportedly had a well-deserved good time.





# THESE JUST IN...

#### **Safeguard Storage Facility**

Tacony Street, Philadelphia Client: Island Construction

Foreman: TBA

Project Manager: Silvi Iannuzzi

#### **Safeguard Storage Facility**

Fox Chase, PA

Client: Island Construction

Foreman: TBA

Project Manager: Silvi Iannuzzi

Both of these are sitework packages with dirt fills and all utilities through curbs and blacktop.

#### **Commerce Bank Plymouth**

Client: Kay Construction

Foreman: TBA

Project Manager: Silvi Iannuzzi

This is a complete sitework package including demolition of a building, cuts, fills, storm, sanitary and water through curbs and paving.

## Bensalem Commerce Bank/CVS

Client: Builders Inc. Foremen: Jeff Whitesell

and Mike Slowe

Project Manager: Steve Borusiewicz

This job involves 60,000 yards of imported fill material, underground detention basins with storm, sanitary and water through curbs and paving.

#### **Commerce Pennsauken**

Client: Kaye Construction Foremen: Joe Digirolamo and Joe Hathaway

Project Manager: Steve Borusiewicz

This complete sitework project includes cuts, fills, storm, sanitary and water through curbs and paving.

#### Yorktown Plaza

Client: Sullivan Construction

Foreman: TBA

Project Manager: Steve Borusiewicz

This is a sizeable demolition project with a total sitework package including cuts, fills, storm, sanitary and water through curbs and paving.

#### Ivy Ridge

Client: Whiting-Turner

Foreman: TBA

Project Manager: Dave Fink

This is a total sitework package—including demolition of a 300 ft. by 20 ft. high concrete wall—with cuts, fills, storm, sanitary and water through curbs and paving.

#### **Manayunk Canal Lighting**

Client: Carr-Duff

Foreman: Lou Bencardino Project Manager: Tom Donnelly

Work includes 45 light foundations and excavation of electrical conduits for new canal walkway lighting.

# DONE AND NEARING COMPLETION

100%

#### **Lutheran Seminary**

Dave Fink and Lou Biskup are finalizing all underground utilities this month. Lou did a nice job coordinating with Butz under difficult circumstances with a lot of unknown underground obstructions.

#### **Packer Marine Terminal**

This job involved all underground duct banks and blacktop restoration with an unusual I-beam protection system. The job was very time-consuming with installation requiring close attention to leveling to make everything line up and look good. Chuck Woelk did a nice job on a tight schedule.

#### Philadelphia Phillies

As of the end of October, **Joe Hathaway** is finalizing all underground electrical excavation and backfill for the new Philadelphia Phillies ballpark.

#### Merck Building 60 and Merck Building 10

Joe Hathaway and Marc McKinley finalized both jobs through curbs and paving. They did a nice job working in a tough environment.

#### **Monument Village**

Steve Borusiewicz and Ron Krajewski, Jr. finished the project up while the paving crew finalized all paving.

#### **Temple University**

Tom Donnelly and Mickey Staffieri both did a nice job on an underground electrical duct bank, down the side of a busy street with a lot of underground obstructions.

#### The Enclave

**Ron Krajewski, Jr.** finalized all grading work, while the paving crew came in behind and finalized all the paving.

#### **Wachovia Bank**

This job will be complete by November, thanks to the hard work of **Dave Fink** and **Randy Fluck**. Randy is installing all underground utilities and curbs, as well as stoning for asphalt paving.

#### **SEPTA Media**

George Hislop and his crew, Rick Woelk, Don McCaughey and Jeff Hoover, did a nice job on the railroad in a difficult situation, excavating for utilities, building retaining walls and dealing with progress-impeding track outages.

#### 80%

#### **Peddie School**

This job is being handled by **Dave Fink** and **Mike Pape**. Mike is in the process of backfilling the building with about 4,000 cubic yards of backfill, plus finalizing all underground utility work.

#### 75%

#### **Haverford College**

Dave Fink and John Johnson have kept this job on track. John is finalizing all underground utilities and has had to deal with an extremely challenging site as well as a client who expects a lot—yet the job is right on schedule.

#### 70%

# Holy Family College

**Lou Biskup** has backfilled the building, installed all utilities, and installed curbs for a new parking area.



65%

# Camden Technology Center

Steve Borusiewicz and Joe Digirolamo accomplished a difficult sewer tie-in to a 60-inch storm main. Joe's crew has had to deal with a difficult water situation that involves working with the tides.

# Packer Marine Port Security

**Chuck Woelk** is handling this underground utility project with curbs and paving. He's doing a nice job on an extremely tight schedule.

#### 50%

#### **West Chester University**

This ongoing site has progress-delaying problems with geo-peers that will support the building. **Joe Iannuzzi** has been doing a nice job of working around this situation.

#### 15%

#### **Underwood Hospital**

Ron Krajewski, Jr. is tackling this very difficult job. To complete this 25-foot deep, 60-inch sanitary relocation, his crew has to bypass a pump across Rte. 45 in Woodbury, NJ.





## OVERHEARD

What our clients are saying about us

"The rates at Bencardino are competitive and the whole organization is well organized and responsive. If other trades need to get their work done, Bencardino understands that. They're good playmates in the sandbox."

—Dean Gaffney, Project Manager SKANSKA

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