



The Finishing Touch

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Featured Project - Advanced Packaging

The Advanced Packaging project began as a big, simple floor job for a good customer with a start date right when we really needed work last winter. Just a big box, 400' wide by 1000' long with standard 5" floors (just like we like it) for Wolverine Building and Grooters Development. They even wanted us to do the site work!

It all looked great at first, but things quickly began to change. We started the dirt work and instead of the ground freezing in January, it thawed and the whole site turned into a muddy mess. The wise thing to do was to wait for a good freeze, but we found out that the owner had negotiated the building being complete and ready for his use early this fall. We had no choice but to fight through the mud and the good freeze never came. The site had to be balanced and a creek running directly across the building pad had to be re-routed around the perimeter of the site. Bad soils not found on the soil borings, had to be removed and 30,000 cys of extra topsoil had to be removed. All this had to take place while we excavated and poured the foundations. Our site crews, our foundation crews, and our subcontractors did a great job fighting through the miserable conditions to supply a good product and to deliver the foundations and site to our customer on time.

If this wasn't enough adversity on one job, we found out that the building did not really have a standard 5" floor any more. The design build for Advanced Packaging completely redesigned the floors and our plans to pour big. The huge, flat floor became a jungle of pits, machine bases, trenches, rails and foundations for German material handling equipment with small, cut-up pieces of floor in between. The real surprise was that even though the schedule was already tight, all of the changes had to be complete within the original schedule! We also found out that very large liquidated damages were negotiated by the owner and the pressure really began to build.

The paper rolls they use are about 6 ton and were to be handled by 39,000 lbs. fork trucks. They would have crushed our floors, so they grew to 8" with steel fiber and dowel baskets. The corrugators turn this paper into cardboard. Their foundations are 50' wide and 400' long and are made up of pits and rails. By the way the cardboard comes off the corrugators, Advanced needed us to install a rail system to move the cardboard around to the next machines. So we installed miles of rails. Next they needed a scrap trench to gather the waste and keep the operation clean. Out of 400,000 sf of floor only 60,000 sf stayed as originally designed and bid. And it had to be done by Oct. 1st - all changes included!

This was the definition of a tough job. Not quite what we bargained for, but an important project that our good customer really needed us to come through on. And our guys did just that. Congratulations to everyone who worked on this project and thanks for a job well done. You proved you have what it takes to come through when it really counts!



Scrap Trench



Corrugators Feed



Machine Bases and Rail



The Finished Product

Kent Companies Scholarships

We are proud to announce the recipients of the 2006-2007 Kent Companies Scholarship! Congratulations to the following students:

Kallie Deters (Clemson) - daughter of Barry Deters

Allison (Michigan State) & Laura (Lake Superior State) Hohendorf - daughters of Carl Hohendorf

Jacqueline Ufer (Western Michigan) - daughter of Robert Ufer

Ryan Willis (Eastern Michigan) - son of Matt Willis.

We wish them all the best in pursuing their educational goals. If anyone has any questions on the scholarship program, please feel free to stop in or call the office and speak with Kristi.



401(k) Investment Performance

The following table shows recent rates of return for the various investment options offered in the Kent Companies 401(k) Savings Plan. To see the latest return or review your own investments, go to Huntington.com and select the Retirement Connection on the Services menu. Data below is through June 30, 2006.

Investment Fund	Investment Type	3 Month	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
American Balanced	Domestic Hybrid	-0.62%	5.04%	8.57%	N/A	N/A
Europacific Growth	Foreign	-0.71%	28.30%	24.47%	N/A	N/A
Bond Fund of America	Intermediate Bond	0.28%	1.09%	3.78%	N/A	N/A
Huntington Intermediate Government Inc.	Government Bonds	-0.11%	-0.91%	0.71%	3.62%	4.90%
Dreyfus S&P 500 Index	Large Blend	-1.56%	8.14%	10.69%	2.00%	7.77%
Federal Capital Preservation	Large Blend	0.98%	3.82%	3.60%	4.13%	4.94%
Fidelity Advisor Dividend Growth	Large Cap Blend	-3.57%	6.29%	6.29%	0.60%	N/A
Growth Fund of America	Large Growth	-1.59%	15.36%	15.14%	N/A	N/A
Huntington Growth	Large Cap Growth	-3.93%	1.94%	6.83%	-0.40%	5.43%
MFS Value	Large Cap Value	0.91%	11.46%	14.62%	6.12%	12.31%
T Rowe Mid Cap Growth	Mid Cap Growth	-4.76%	13.95%	16.96%	8.12%	N/A
Columbia Mid Cap Value	Mid Cap Value	-1.55%	15.44%	21.44%	N/A	N/A
Managers Special Equity	Small Growth	-4.66%	11.55%	16.66%	5.07%	9.81%
Janus Small Cap Value	Small Cap Value	-4.54%	7.48%	15.60%	8.54%	15.06%