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WBC Superintendent **Jake Stucky** and Project Engineer **Alex King** assist with the final inspection of the new boom on the Carmen-Smith Debris Boom project.



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A Busy Spring Ahead



WSTP crew members **Dale Luckcuck**, **Gerardo Carlos**, **Peter Suzuki**, **Joe Reyes**, and **Robert Tarrant** strip forms for the beam seat extension (a type of seismic restraint) on the I-105 project in Eugene.

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Project Engineer Matt Olney reports that crews led by **Shawn Cook**, **Tony Perez**, **Ryan Winn**, **Jason Baxter** and **Joe Reyes** finished the major work on the I-105 viaduct bridges, which included concrete F-rail, new bridge joints, moment slabs, seismic restraints, and a PPC deck overlay. Now, the focus shifts to the Willamette River Bridge. In mid-February, the project entered a two-phase traffic configuration. Crews will replace end panels and bridge joints, install seismic restraints and bridge rail, and place a high-performance concrete bridge deck resurface. Support from **Zonnie Borg**, **Rob Tarrant**, **Them Kjar** and **Peter Suzuki** will continue to be critical.

Project Manager **Alan Bird** says Wildish has started a street improvement project in downtown Umatilla to install new drainage, lighting, irrigation, ADA ramps and sidewalks on US 730. The crew, led by **Nate Adkins** and **Al Frye, Jr.**, has completed the storm retention pond, shifted traffic, and is removing old

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sidewalks along the north side of the street. A cultural monitor will be present during some phases because of the possibility of encountering Native American artifacts. The project team expects to complete the north side in May and the south side during summer.

On I-84, about 30 miles from the Idaho border, **Nate Adkins** is leading a silica fume concrete deck overlay, which requires traffic control and barrier moves to first close the westbound half of the bridge followed by the eastbound side.

On the Boones Ferry Road project, work continues in the first two stages of construction between I-5 and Kruse Way in Lake Oswego. The Wildish grading crew led by **Adam Deutsch** is placing base rock and grading for curbs, sidewalks, ADA ramps and driveways so subcontractor RLC can form and place the concrete. With construction of cast-in-place concrete walls 1 through 4 complete, the structures crew led by **Joe Peterson** is continuing work on walls 5 through 10 with a subcontractor following behind them to install stone veneer. Underground work continues on the joint utility duct bank, and storm and water line. Electrical work includes new signal and illumination pole bases and conduits. The completed Stage-1 portion of the joint utility duct bank has been turned over to PGE, Comcast and Century Link to start the process of moving lines underground. Asphalt base lift paving in the current Stage-1 work area should be completed soon. Most work in the initial phases of Stages 1 and 2 should be completed in the next few months, allowing work to continue on the opposite side of the road. **Doug Cline, Dan Payne, Scott Hovgaard, Jim Thomas, Rene Miller** and **PM Raleigh Larson** have been involved in the project.

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Project Manager **Kevin Friedel** says the City of Eugene 13th Avenue: Lincoln to Alder project involves installing a protected two-way bicycle lane on the north side of 13th Ave from Lincoln to Alder. The bike lane will be protected from motor vehicles by a continuous concrete traffic “separator.” The project includes

removal and replacement of 45 ramp corners, with almost 25,000 square feet of concrete flatwork. The existing traffic signals will be upgraded. Work should start mid-April.

Extra work has been done on the Amazon Active Corridor project to correct a drainage problem, according to Project Manager **Stan Gappa**. Supervisors **JP Williams, Jason Johnson, Tom Bumgarner** and crews installed storm pipe, a new catch basin, curb and gutter, and a driveway approach. **Tom Miles, Matt Parker** and crews completed the installation of the pedestrian handrail at two of the bridges. We have heard several compliments about the how the new trails and bridges have enhanced the neighborhood.

Scott Rogge and his crew completed the cleanup of the Taxiway Rehabilitation project at the Eugene Airport. They put the finishing touches on the grade work adjacent to the new pavement and sign bases. The electrical subcontractor raised light fixtures to final grade. The permanent markings subcontractor placed two coats of striping and markings on the taxiway.

Project Manager **Colin Cunningham** says work has finished on the City of Eugene Alder St. and Barger Drive, Skycastle Subdivision, and Parkway Industrial Center. This spring, Wildish crews will start the site concrete work at the U of O Knight Science Building. Meanwhile, estimators are bidding work, including the Lane Transit District’s \$5M Santa Clara Station and several large mill jobs.

Project Manager **Matt Young** reports that work on Country Crossroads was active in the months prior to Christmas. Crews under the direction of **Pete Linscott, Tony Koker, Matt Parker, Pedro Cortez** and **Tom Bumgarner** all worked on this project. From Sept. 1, they installed 702 LF of sanitary, 1,275 LF of storm, 1,829 LF of water, 10,087 LF of electrical, 725 tons of asphalt, 8,847 SF of sidewalk, 2,363





WCC employees **Christopher Hill** and **Francisco Herrera Sanabria** install sanitary piping on the Country Crossroads project in Junction City.

SF of drives/concrete paving, 2,424 LF of curbs, 585 LF of planter walls, 937 LF of valley gutter, along with preparing for 12 building foundations. This crew worked hard. Current work includes site concrete, shallow storm pipe, paving parking lots and preparing for landscaping.

A week before Christmas Day, the Silver Lee Apartments project asked WCC to place a new sanitary line within 8 feet of the existing apartment buildings, 8- to 10- feet deep, with water, telephone, and internet directly above the new sanitary line. The owner was in a rush to finish this job in 9 days, before the sale of the property. **Pete Linscott, Pedro Regalado, JP Williams, Jason Johnson, Jacobo Herrera** and **Francisco Herrera Sanabria** all worked diligently to meet this deadline. Special thanks to **Pete Linscott** for coming in at 8:30 pm on Christmas Eve to fix a broken water line so the apartments could have their water working on Christmas Day.

Work on the Chamotee Estates project started with a few hundred feet of sanitary line. This project required shutting off an entire neighborhood’s daytime access for a week. **Jason Johnson** and his crew did a great job communicating with residents. Wildish field personnel received a lot of praise from the neighborhood.

Wildish Building Company

Project Manager **Tim Bonn** says the new Senior Center building in Dallas is framed, roofed and dried in. The building’s drywall is installed, interior painting completed, the concrete floor polished and finish work begun. The new facility should be completed by spring. Project Superintendent **Brian Hill** and Supervisor **Lee Peterson** are leading this project.

At the Chintimini Senior and Community Center building in Corvallis, the 2,500-SF addition is framed in and roofed. Directed by project superintendent **Brian Hill** and supervisor **Brent Sandbach**, the majority of the existing 5,500-SF building is in the middle of remodeling with demolition and new framing complete. Multiple subcontractors are roughing in new services. Completion is scheduled for spring.


Project Manager **Jesse Bluhm** reports that Wildish was selected as the CM/GC for the Elkton Elementary Renovation/Expansion project. Six months of preconstruction services begin immediately, construction begins in May, and completion is scheduled for August 2021. This \$4.8M project includes: new instructional space, new gymnasium, renovation of existing space, campus-wide general building capital maintenance and improvements including security, safety, ADA, HVAC, and asbestos abatement. The team includes **Spencer Lemmon, Kevin Froehlich, Jesse Bluhm, Tim Bonn, Brian Hill** and **Myranda Kelly**.

Under the leadership of **Jake Stucky**, several EWEB projects at the Carmen Smith Hydroelectric Project were completed this winter, reports project manager **Matt Wynne**. The Carmen Substation and Switchgear Installation project finished on time to resume generating electricity. Wildish completed the Smith Debris Boom project, drilling and setting grouted rock anchors, constructing four new concrete anchor blocks, and assembling/installing a new floating debris boom to protect the spillway for this hydroelectric facility. With assistance from lead man **Jason Blackmore, Jake Stucky** led the charge here and on the Ice Cap Campground Breezeway Cover project, which finished in late 2019.

Recognition of Service

Special thanks go to all who joined Wildish one, five, 10, 15, 20 or more years ago during the months of February, March and April.	38 YEARS Terry Lane	28 YEARS Debbie Mitchell	5 YEARS Matt Young Stacy Roth Cory Gowin Spencer Lemmon Justin Tena Michael Cruikshank Brent Sandbach
	35 YEARS Bob McDonald	26 YEARS Jeff Frank	
	33 YEARS Stan Gappa	22 YEARS Bruce Turner	
	31 YEARS Scott Vogl	15 YEARS Ken Savaloja	1 YEAR Ricky Clark Jeffrey Whitney Crystal Tipton Leo Muller Ryan Young
	29 YEARS Dave Robertson	10 YEARS Emily Beirnes Juan De La Cruz Salas	



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From the Top

Sometimes it takes a monumental life event to remind us about what's most important. My most recent reminder came with the birth of my second grandchild, Reier James Tennyson, on Jan. 28, 2020. His birth reminded me of the importance of family, and why each of us get up and go to work each day, work long hours and go home tired at the end of the shift. Sure, we do it for the satisfaction of contributing something useful to our communities, but the main reason we go to work is to take care of our family. And, because of this, it's also important that we value our time with our family.

2020 marks the 85th year that Wildish has been in business, and for all those years company owners have viewed employees as an extension of the Wildish family. We take great pride in paying our employees a living wage, and work to create an environment that is safe, productive, and allows employees to thrive.



This environment isn't just because of management's efforts, but it is a team effort that involves every company employee.

Ward Insurance, our workers' compensation insurance carrier, recently informed us that the Wildish Experience Modification Rating (also known as the mod rate) is their 5th lowest out of a client list of 647, and is the lowest mod rate among the contractors they cover. This is a tremendous achievement! A low mod rate allows Wildish to be competitive when bidding jobs, which translates into potentially more work for the company and keeping employees working.

However, we are seeing an uptick in recordable incidents so far this year as compared to the same time period last year. These incidents are minor, but all have the potential to become serious injuries, and all incidents affect our safety record.

So what do we do going forward?

It starts with the hiring process. We need to continue to look for workers who share our values and work ethic, and who want to be a part of our company... a part of the Wildish family. Those whom we choose to hire, whether they're returning employees or new employees (even with decades of experience elsewhere), will be trained in our safety and family culture. This is especially critical as we head into a new season that looks to be as challenging as last year.

We also need to thoroughly address near hits so we can learn from them and take the necessary steps to prevent them from becoming an accident. As we all know, an increase in near hits translates to a higher probability of a serious injury occurring.

One of our goals is for Wildish to be the go-to employer in our communities. Without question, our employees have had a huge hand in making the company what it is. We want to continue to build a reputation for providing a living wage, creating a safe environment where employees can thrive, and ensuring that we hire the best employees available. This is what it takes to build a business that benefits everyone.

On behalf of Wildish owners, thank you for being a part of the Wildish family!

- Mike Wildish



WCC employees **Jay Hamlin, Harry Totten, Bryan Spangler, Gerardo Carlos, and Gonzalo Sanchez** pave over a pipe trench on the Chamotee project in Eugene.

Get A Load Of This

Did You Know?

The Wildish Wellness Program is in full swing for 2020! Wildish employees can earn up to 12 points a day for getting their exercise on. This means activities APART from what's done during the work shift. Some employees swim before coming to work or work out at the end of the day. Others earn points by walking their dog!

When you've met a minimum of 110 points at the end of the month, you're eligible to win one of two \$35 gift cards. These cards are distributed at the monthly Lunch and Learn (need not be present to win), where you can join us for a company-sponsored lunch that also features a speaker who addresses one of seven areas of individual wellness: social, environmental, financial, spiritual, emotional, intellectual, and physical. (You don't need to be a member of the program to participate in the lunches, so please join us.) The best part? There are 10 spaces available for a family member to attend! Simply contact Mary Lou Wilson at marylou@wildish.com to reserve a spot.

Not yet a member? Contact Mary Lou Wilson to join today!

Here's the schedule for the next six months:

March 18th Travel Lane County: What to Do and See in Our Own Backyard

April 15th Signs and Symptoms That Your Car Needs Help

May 20th How Does Your Garden Grow?

June 17th Sick Home Syndrome - Symptoms and Remedies

July 15th Beyond Spaghetti and Burgers: 5 Low-cost, High-Impact Meals for Busy Lives

August 19th How to Establish and Maintain Healthy Relationships

Monthly yoga and foam rolling continues for 2020, too. Healthy, relaxing, rejuvenating. (Did anyone hear an "ouch" from the foam rollers?) Again, there's room for a few family members, so please contact Mary Lou Wilson to reserve a spot.

Hope to see you at these wellness activities!



Around The Yard

Farewell After 41 years with Wildish, Concrete Superintendent **Ken Parker** retired Dec. 31st. Ken is looking forward to traveling, but will help us out as a consultant when needed. Thank you for all your years of dedicated service, Ken!

Baby WBC Project Engineer **Alex King** and his wife Brooke welcomed a baby girl on Jan 24th. Kella Adrian King arrived in the morning and weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces. Alex reports that mom and baby are doing well. Congratulations!

Grandbabies Reier James Tennyson was born on Jan 28th to Mike and Sonia Wildish's daughter and son-in-law, Noelle and Chad Tennyson. Reier weighed 8 pounds 11.7 ounces, and measured 21½-inches long. Big sister Elliot is thrilled with the new addition! Congratulations!

WSTP Project Superintendent **Shawn Cook** announced the birth of his granddaughter, Echo Chloe Gorman, on Jan 21st. She weighed 8 pounds 5 ounces, and measured 20-inches long. Shawn tells us that he's excited about the newest addition to the family. Congratulations!

Thank you WCC project manager **Kevin Friedel** shared this e-mail forwarded by a City of Eugene engineer on the Fair Oaks, Bedford, Lariat project from Paul and Kit Duchin, "My wife and I would like to thank you and Wildish for the work done on Lariat Drive. The Wildish employees were always courteous and helpful getting us in, out and around the paving project. It was clear the logistics to pave a road of this type and allow residents to still enter and exit the construction was daunting. Please let the project manager and the workers know that we appreciated their efforts..." Great job to the crews headed by **Jason Johnson**, **Rick Hamm**, **Pedro Regalado** and **Tom Miles**!

In the Portland area, Wildish received these words of praise from an area motorist on the Boones Ferry, Lake Oswego project, "I think you are doing a great job of managing the traffic through Lake Grove. Keep up the good work!" Kudos to the team and its leaders: **Adam Deutsch**, **Joe Peterson**, **Doug Cline**, **Dan Payne**, **Scott Hovgaard**, **Jim Thomas**, **Raleigh Larson**, and **Rene Miller**!