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On the Umatilla project, WSTP crews place rock between K and L streets. They include **Joseph Ashley-Burns**, **Tim Anderson** (owner operator), **Nate Adkins** (background), **Mike Emhoolah**, **Al Frye Jr.**, **Russell True** and operator **Dennis Mittelreider**.

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## Crews excel during busy season



WBC and WCC crews place 120 CY of concrete on the south side of the new scoreboard screen at Autzen Stadium in Eugene. Helping out are **Jason Blackmore**, **Vince Odle**, **Roger Dulcich**, **Mike May**, **Jason Harra**, **Arthur Silva**, and **Gary Martin**.

### Wildish Building Company

Project Manager **Tim Bonn** said the City of Dallas' new 4,171-SF Senior Center building is complete except for awning installation, which needs a redesign to accommodate the building's structural limitations.

At the Chintimini Senior Center in Corvallis, the 2,500-SF addition and 5,000-SF remodel is mostly complete.

The \$1.2M Phase I Elkton School Remodel CMGC project begins in July with late August completion so students can attend in fall. The construction team is led by Project Manager **Tim Bonn**, Project Superintendent **Brian Hill**, and Project Engineer **Myranda Kelly**. The remodel includes new classrooms, multipurpose cafeteria, kitchen, bathrooms, vestibule entrance and walk-in cooler/freezer. The Phase II Elkton School Gym & Classrooms project is being redesigned and will start in late August/early September.

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## Wildish Standard Paving Co.

Project Manager **Alan Bird** says that in Umatilla, **Nate Adkins** and **Al Frye Jr.** have finished most of the northside reconstruction from A to L streets. Crews placed asphalt in the pipe trench areas and in front of new curb and gutter. After traffic shifted in mid-June, crews began removing curb and sidewalk on the south side in advance of storm drain, electrical and irrigation. Residents have appreciated the new streetscape with stamped colored-concrete accents, and the City is installing new street lights under a separate contract. Asphalt grinding and overlay is planned for late August to complete the project by late September.

WSTP employees **Tim Whiteis**, **Nick Griffith**, **Adam Deutsch**, **Thomas Holland**, and **Juan De La Cruz Sala** work on grading operations at Boones Ferry Road.



Project Engineer **Nathan Gilbert** shared that the Boones Ferry Road Project in Lake Oswego continues. COVID-19 policies are still in place. Our crews are using wash stations and necessary PPE to stay safe. As businesses have begun reopening throughout Oregon, we are seeing a large increase in public traffic through the job site, which requires our crews to be more cautious.

In early June, crews completed the first major traffic switch, a huge milestone. They opened the whole roadway to construction. Next, we'll complete the work in front of the school before it reopens around Labor Day.

**Dan Payne** and **Doug Cline** have been leading field coordination with multiple

subcontractors, suppliers and our own crews led by **Adam Deutsch**. Project Manager **Raleigh Larson** works with the city and engineer daily. **Rene Miller**, **Tim Whiteis**, and **Nathan Gilbert** help with paperwork, submittals, RFIs and more.

Project Manager **Eric Holland** reports that onsite work on the Yaquina Bay Bridge in Newport is awaiting the engineer's final scaffolding plan approval. Our scaffolding subcontractor will install access to arch spans 7 and 8, and approach spans 5s and 6s. Once completed, the cathodic protection subcontractor will map the bridge for repairs. Wildish crews led by **Dan Lutze**, will replace bearings and pour beam seat extensions. Once work is complete in these areas, we will move our access and start again.

In mid-February, the I-105 crew began work on the Willamette River Bridge, reports Project Engineer **Matt Olney**. The project entered the last phase in early June. Major work will be completed by late August. Crews will replace an end panel, and continue installing bridge rail, steel railing, bridge joints, seismic restraints, and the HPC deck overlay. After the Willamette River Bridge is completed, crews will finish other work by late fall. The two-year project has been successful despite political and COVID-19 challenges, with field supervision provided by **Shawn Cook**, **Tony Perez**, **Joe Reyes** and **Jason Baxter**. Support from **Them Kjar**, **Zonnie Borg**, **Rob Tarrant**, **Peter Suzuki**, **Andi Mendes**, **Simitrio Acuna**, **Scott Brown**, **Matt Hedrick**, **Gerardo Carlos**, **Troy Witzel** and others will be important to finish strong.

## Wildish Construction Co.

Project Manager **Colin Cunningham** says Wildish was the successful bidder on the City of Cottage Grove "Safe Routes to Schools" project. This \$3.5M job involves reconstruction of S. 4th from Hwy 99 to Grant, work on Harrison, Taylor, and Fillmore, and includes new storm, sanitary and water lines, as well as curbs, sidewalks and paving. The first phase of the job will construct new storm drainage from 7th and Fillmore through a new large storm drainage swale behind Lincoln Middle School and outfall to the Coast Fork of the Willamette River, as well as the reconstruction of S. 4th from Grant to Fillmore. This work will finish this summer. The next phase includes reconstructing S. 4th from Fillmore to Hwy 99 and work on Taylor, Fillmore, and Harrison streets. Work will be completed in early 2021.

Project Manager **Stan Gappa** says that **Rick Hamm** and his crew have completed the City of Eugene's Courthouse District Vegetated Planter Renovation project. This project involved replacing existing landscape planter swales with new stormwater planters. Rick's crew also did the excavation and backfill of the planters for **Tom Bumgarner**'s concrete crew. The project was completed in mid-June.

**Scott Rogge** and his crews, led by **Stormy Bateman** and **Tara Wilson**, began the final phase of the Taxiway Alpha Rehabilitation project at the Eugene Airport. They have 57,000 CY of excavation to remove, 17,000 CY of topsoil to remove at the beginning of the project and put back at the end of the project, 38,300 tons of aggregate base to



# Recognition of Service

Special thanks go to all who joined Wildish one, five, 10, 15 or more years ago during the months of August, September and October.

## 41 YEARS

Gary Essig

## 23 YEARS

Robin Chord

## 1 YEAR

Jesse Linares-Valdes

Micole Coupchiak

Jason Meadows

Vernon Squiemphen

Forrest King

Abel Tovar-

Hernandez

Anthony Imel

Enrique Castaneda

Matthew Hedrick

Jesse Kindler

Brett Young

Ansel Howard

## 31 YEARS

Robert Bohnet

## 15 YEARS

Gerardo Carlos

Gary Hoffman

## 30 YEARS

Mike Skeelee

## 10 YEARS

Elliot Marples

## 24 YEARS

Raul Torrez

## 5 YEARS

Jaime Sepulveda

place, as well as 27,000 tons of cement-treated base. Work will be coordinated with subcontractors doing rotomilling, electrical, and landscaping.

Scott and his crew are working with **Jason Johnson's** and **Mike Skeelee's** pipe crews who have been putting in 4,750 LF of storm drain pipe, 13 large manholes and 3 aircraft-rated manholes. **Jay Ross** and his paving crew will be onsite to place 28,900 tons of asphalt. Work needs to be completed within 120 days.

Sand & Gravel Dispatch has been sending trucks and materials to meet the busy schedule, while mechanics from Wildish Equipment Company have been keeping the equipment going. **Tom Bosworth** and his QC crew are providing all the materials in spec and communicating with our onsite testing subcontractor. **Dave Lamb** and his drivers are shuttling equipment to the project.

This year **Ian Pargeter** is completing quantity documentation, submittals, as-builts and learning how the different crews perform work. Ian is a junior in Civil Engineering at OIT.

Project Manager **Kevin Friedel** reports that the busy 13th, Lincoln St. to Alder St. project continues for the City of Eugene. Crews led by **Jeff Frank** and **Matt Parker** are working to complete 45 sidewalk ramp corners and construct a new concrete traffic separator for dedicated bike lanes. Work is expected to finish in mid-August.

On the City of Eugene South Willamette Street Enhancement project, Wildish crews will reconstruct South Willamette and its sidewalks, driveway aprons, streetlights, pedestrian signals, and storm drainage system from 23rd to 29th. The new pavement

will be concrete, except the portion from 23rd to 24th, which will receive new asphalt surfacing.

Crews are adding new stormwater treatment planters to some side streets near their intersection with Willamette. They're widening sidewalks to 9 feet and reconstructing driveway aprons while consolidating some driveways. Four intersections will receive new traffic signals.

Onsite activity began in mid-July and take 7 months, with an anticipated shutdown in winter, wrapping up in spring 2021. Multiple pipe and concrete crews will be working on the project, with **Pete Linscott** as the project supervisor.

Project Manager **Justin Besotes** shares that on the Country Crossroads project, crews led by **Tony Koker**, **Tom Bumgarner**, and **JP Williams** have substantially completed Phase 1. In Phase 2, they completed installation of 13,000 SF of sidewalks, 4,170 SF entrance & roadway concrete along 17th, 2,000 LF type "C" curbs, 30,400 SF grading for parking lots with an additional 13,000 SF grading for sidewalks. Scheduled paving of Phase 2 will include 650 TN of AC by crews under the direction of **Pedro Regalado**.

**JP Williams** and **Tom Bumgarner** are working together to install a clubhouse fountain water feature for the centerpiece of this project. The fountain construction shows off the true skills of our employees.





# From the Top

We've been living in extraordinary, uncertain times for several months. To say it is unsettling would be an understatement. Over just a few weeks, our country went from a thriving economy with record-low unemployment to something completely different.

The uncertainty seems to be increasing rather than decreasing. This causes stress. We all are bothered differently, depending upon our circumstances and individual makeup. We are in this together, more so perhaps than ever before in our lifetimes. It is important to remember that we have each other. While we may not be able to give each other a hug, we certainly can express and provide our support in other meaningful ways.

When the pandemic started, Wildish management quickly assessed what we needed to do to keep our doors open and continue to provide construction services and aggregate materials to the communities we serve. We secured sanitation supplies and masks, initiated policies to keep people safe and constantly monitored the latest information.

The initial rush was a bit overwhelming, but we got through it. Because of our response, we are pleased to report that we know of no positive COVID-19 cases among our Wildish workforce. Some of our workforce was tested for COVID-19 because of positive tests for non-Wildish personnel on project sites. We've been lucky. Given the spike in positive COVID-19 cases in Oregon, it would not be surprising if someone at Wildish tests positive at some point.

It is extremely important to remember that we need to continue to do what is required to stay safe. No doubt, fatigue is setting in. This makes taking the necessary precautions more difficult.

We want to thank everyone at Wildish and their families for helping us stay safe and allowing us to do our important work.

On a final note, following the death of George Floyd, our country has experienced an immense measure of pain and strife. Our eyes and hearts have opened to see and feel a reality among the Black community that cannot be fully appreciated by those of us born with white skin.



Just as the COVID-19 pandemic will forever be a defining time in the lives of all people worldwide, let's hope that this, too, will be a defining time of positive change and progress such that going forward all Black people will feel that they matter, that Black Lives Matter. We owe it to each other. We owe it to our children.


- **Steve Wildish**

## Get a Load of This

WCC Project Manager **Stan Gappa** shared this:

OR 126B and McVay Highway, the Franklin Roundabouts project, won first place in the paving division at this year's Excellence in Concrete Paving Awards. The project included 5,785 CY of concrete. Congratulations to **Scott Rogge, Matt Parker, Tom Bumgarner, Tom Miles, Mike Skeele, Ken Parker** and their crews for an excellent job!



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# Around The Yard

## Welcome

WSTP has 2 engineer interns this summer. Both from northern California, they just completed their sophomore years at Oregon Institute of Technology. **Thomas Dodgen** is working on Fremont and Flanders bridges. **Mitch Hokanson** is assigned to Cornelius Pass and Yamhill River Bridge. Welcome!

WCC welcomes intern **Ian Partenger** back for another summer. A junior at OIT, he is working on the Eugene Airport project. **Jeremy Smith** will begin his senior year at Oregon State University in the fall. He is helping WCC estimators stay on top of their assignments.

**Dondi Russell** has joined WCC. He brings over 30 years of concrete construction experience to Wildish. He and his wife, Margo, live in Eugene. Welcome to Wildish!

## Kudos

Kudos to everyone at WSTP's Boones Ferry Road job.

In a recent milestone celebration/safety committee meeting, we heard some welcome comments from the City of Lake Oswego project management team, including **Crystal Shum**, Project Manager; **Stacy Bluhm**, Project Engineer; and **Chad Maxwell** of OTAK Engineering.

Chad shared that during an intense screening of eligible contractors and competitive proposal process, Wildish stood out because its goals matched the owner's priorities. Chad said he has never done a project with such a high level of collaboration between an owner and a contractor. This was a great team experience, especially while dealing with the COVID-19 precautions.

Crystal said she agreed with Chad's comments. She really enjoys the great working relationship with Wildish.

Stacy truly enjoyed everyone on this project. It's a great group of people. Everyone is always receptive, and "I love having that rapport with the contractor. We are all a team and I am here to serve."

Chad said this is a signature project and one for which everyone can be proud of their accomplishments.

## Congratulations


This October, WBC Project Engineer **Myranda Kelly** will start her one-year tenure as president for the Eugene Chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC), which just celebrated 57 years of strengthening and amplifying the success of women in the construction industry. Her duties as president include ensuring that everyone upholds standards and observes policies, leading members with a focus on the organization's mission, and serving as the connecting voice between the chapter, community and industry. Congratulations, Myranda!

Wildish Building Company promoted **Matt Wynne** from Project Engineer to Project Manager. Way to go, Matt!

## Milestone Birthday

Wildish Sand and Gravel Manager **Karl Walrod** recently celebrated his 70th birthday! While current conditions prevented a grand celebration, he said that he doesn't really need an excuse to eat cake. Here's to many more birthdays, Karl!



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