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Remember your blessings through the holidays and beyond

2020. What a year it has been so far. Our lives changed dramatically last March with the COVID-19 outbreak. At the time, most people thought that with the implementation of safety protocols our lives would get back to pre-pandemic conditions by the end of the year. Unfortunately, this won't happen. We now know that the pandemic will be with us for some time to come. Hopefully, by the summer of 2021, effective vaccines will be available to the public. If so, we may be able to start having a normal life again with kids returning to school, family vacations, walking around without a mask, giving each other a hug instead of a fist bump and so many other things.

The restriction on social gatherings has been especially difficult. We've had to give up backyard barbeques, company picnics, birthday parties, church services, weddings, concerts, sporting events, you name it. Our kids lost their chance to go to summer camp, play sports and interact with their friends. On a personal note, it has been difficult to watch my mom and dad refrain from embracing their grandchildren. So many joys that we used to take for granted have been put on hold. *(continued)*





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Along with COVID-19, we've experienced social unrest, devastating wildfires and a nasty political climate. All of this in 2020, and the year isn't over yet. Sometimes we can't help asking ourselves, "What's next?"

With all of these life changes and challenges, it is natural to be stressed, even depressed. When this occurs, it is best to talk to someone. Comforting words from a friend, a spouse or family



member can make a big difference. Knowing that we're not alone with our feelings can be just the therapy we all need. Sometimes it takes more though. A professional counselor can be extremely helpful in assisting any of us with our troubles and maintaining our overall health.

So, reach out to someone. Don't forget, as an employee of Wildish you and your family have access to the services provided by Cascade Behavioral Health and EAP. Cascade provides free, confidential counseling services. Their experienced, professional staff are just a call away. Look up www.cascadehealth.org to find out more or call 541-345-2800.

On a final note, these times have provided an opportunity for reflection, to count our blessings. Many of us haven't been able to see our children who live far away. While this is difficult, we take comfort in knowing they are safe and healthy. This is truly a blessing. We are surrounded by life's blessings each and every day, we just need to remember to look for them. How many blessings have you counted today?



– Steve Wildish





Around the Yard

Babies WCC project manager **Colin Cunningham** and his wife, Jolene, welcomed their first granddaughter, Zuri Nicole Ross. Zuri was born on August 26th to their daughter Erin and her husband, Chris. She weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces and was 21.5 inches long. Of course, Colin reports she is the cutest baby ever!

WCC employee Stormy Bateman, along with his wife, Whitney, and their three-year-old son Declan, welcomed baby Dawson on July 17th. Dawson weighed 9 pounds 14 ounces and was 21 3/4 inches long.

WCC supervisor Jason Johnson and his wife, Liz, welcomed their fourth child, son Finley James. Finley arrived on July 18th at 8 pounds 5 ounces and was 20 inches long. Older siblings Felicity, Jaden, and Caleb are excited about the newest family member, too!

Congratulations to all on the newest members of the Wildish family!

WSTP bridge crews, along with help from WCC concrete crew members, pour the last of the bridge deck. Special thanks go to WSTP and WCC employees

- Shawn Cook **Tony Perez** Joe Reves Andi Mendes **Rob Tarrant** Peter Suzuki **Simitro Cacuna**
- Troy Witzel Scott Brown Gerardo Barrnco Carlos Them Kjar Ryan Winn Ken Savaloja
- Tom Miles Jeff Lacava **Curtis Boggs Justin Tena** Daniel Alonso Alonso Christopher McGee **Cary Stover**
- Matt Parker Arthur Silva **Jason Harra** Michael May Jesse Linares-Valdes Stevan Amaya Gary Martin



Welcome Joel Fairchild joined WSTP as a PM. He lives in Vancouver with his significant other, Lisa Jewell (a chiropractor), and 3-month-old son, Charles. He has 12 years of heavy civil/highway/bridge experience. Originally from Eugene, he earned his bachelor of science degree in sociology with a psychology minor from the University of Oregon. Now that's an interesting major for a construction guy! Joel contends that it has helped him many times in his dealings with owner representatives. Welcome, Joel and family!

Retirement Raleigh Larson retired October 2nd after more than 41 years with Wildish. He and his wife, Becky, plan to spend more time with their grandkids and kids, as well as do other traveling. Raleigh worked for Willamette Crushing, Wildish Construction, Wildish Southwest and Wildish Standard Paving, thereby allowing him to gain a unique perspective on many parts of Wildish. Thank you, Raleigh, for your dedication!



Recognition of Service

Special thanks go to all who joined Wildish one, five, ten, fifteen, twenty or more years ago during the months of November, December, and January.

43 YEARS Karl Walrod

29 YEARS Tom Bosworth

24 YEARS Tom Bumgarner

23 YEARS Tina Merrill **21 YEARS** Tom Miles

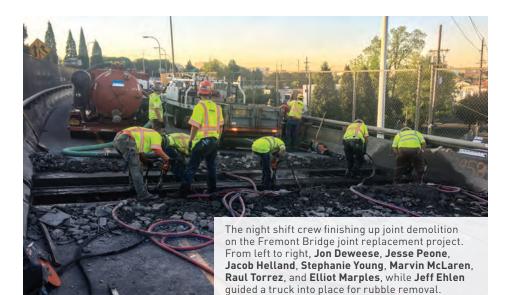
20 YEARS Jim Gibson

> **15 YEARS** Linda Bickers Ryan Winn

5 YEARS

Misty Flatt Andi Mendes

1 YEAR Tyler Pulliam Michael Emhoolah



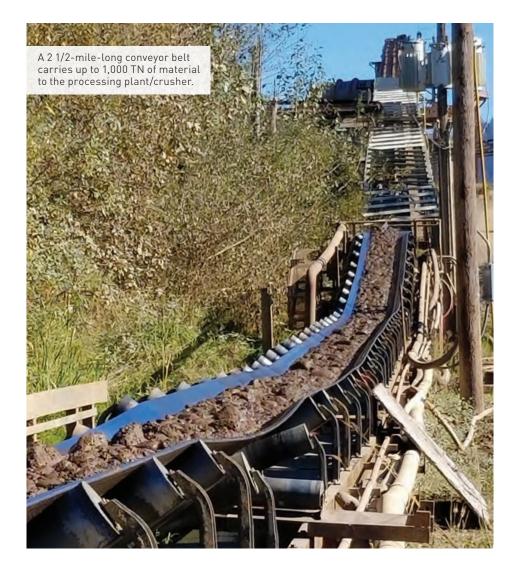


volunteer at a site for evacuees of the Holiday Farm Fire.



Get a Load of This

Kudos Calls came in from many locations for Wildish to assist recent firefighting operations. One of those was from a Portland-area mill whose logs had caught on fire. They desperately needed as many water trucks as could be mustered. Wildish made a 4,000-gallon truck ready and kept it at the mill throughout firefighting efforts. The mill was very thankful and credited friends like Wildish that supplied water trucks for saving their mill and a lot of logs. Many thanks to **Scott Vogl** and **Dan Payne** for making it happen!





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