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Sidewalk work at Mystony Bridge

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We Are Wildish – Building Projects Together



Work on I-105 in Eugene is coming along!

Wildish Standard Paving Co.

Project Manager **Eric Holland** reports that the I-105 project started in fall 2018 and is now fully underway. It has progressed to Stage I Phase II, where the last half of the 250-foot, six-lane bridge on the North-South section of I-105 near Skinner Butte Park is being removed and filled in. Earlier, the area under the bridge was partially filled with nearly 8,000 cubic yards of low-density cellular concrete. After removal is complete, this will be topped with another 12 feet of stone embankment. A new concrete roadway will be constructed on top of the fill. Crews are also working on the removal and replacement of an existing strip seal bridge joint that has failed. Already, individuals from many of the Wildish Companies have contributed to the early success of the project. Asphalt paving has been provided by Wildish Construction Co., as well as support for the grading and concrete work. Wildish Sand & Gravel is providing the aggregates and asphalt materials for the project. Wildish Standard Paving Co. project supervision and support

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is being provided by **Shawn Cook, Tony Perez, Ryan Winn, Jason Baxter, Ryan Drake, Matt Olney** and many others. After completion of Stage I this spring, crews will move to Stage II, which will upgrade the viaduct bridges. This work includes new bridge rail, bridge joints, deck strengthening, illumination and PPC overlay, as well as new impact panel and moment slabs on the approach ramps.

Project Manager **Ryan Elliott** reports that at the Foster Road project, **Scott Wade** and crew are finishing the last of the sidewalk and ramp replacement work. The signal poles have been set. Crews will be finalizing what can be done by the end of February and await better paving weather in the spring to finalize this \$5.5M project. **Curtis Fenner**, along with many other crew members, has provided engineering support.

At Myslony Bridge in Tualatin, the city held opening ceremonies before Christmas on the new road and bridge that now connects this section of town. Site work crews were led by **Dan Payne** and **Mike Kivett**. Bridge crews were led by **Shawn Cook, Ryan Carter** and **Tony Perez**.

Joint replacement and bridge deck overlay work will begin on the Fremont Bridge in downtown Portland in the next couple of months. This \$15M project will last into late 2020.

On the slide repair project just east of Springfield, crews headed by Wildish Construction Co., supervisor **Jonpaule Williams**, built an access road for Wildish Standard Paving Co.'s drilling subcontractor, reports PM **Ryan Drake**. Now that 21 pre-bored piles have been placed in the ground, and the access road removed, this slide-repair project at MP 9 on Hwy 126 will be ready for a spring-time grind and pave back of the slide area.

Get A Load Of This

WCC recently received a letter from Lebanon High School that states, in part, "On behalf of Lebanon High School, the Lebanon Warrior Booster Club, and most of all, Lebanon's baseball and softball athletes, THANK YOU for your generous participation in the High School Baseball and Softball Turf Infield Project. We initiated this project in June 2018 and the turf fields were completed on October 25, 2018. This is a testament to this community, businesses and individuals, coaches and former players..."

Kudos go to **Tony Koker, Pete Linscott, Gary Monson** and **Scott Liabraaten** for fine-grading the infields with turf-specific aggregate. Well done, guys!

Wildish Construction Co.

Project Manager **Colin Cunningham** reports that work at the Sky Castle Subdivision should finish up this spring. Wildish Building Co. crews completed the two cast-in-place retaining walls, and Wildish Construction Co. crews finished up storm, sanitary and utility piping. Once the remaining curbs are placed, the asphalt paving crew will step in for the final paving.

Wildish will be soon be constructing the site work for the next phase of the Parkway Industrial Center in Eugene. Work involves a building pad preparation, footing excavation, storm piping, concrete work and asphalt paving.

Paving and concrete crews have completed improvements to the Zip-O-Log mill in Goshen, and will be starting work this spring at the Roosevelt log yard.

Rick Hamm's crew has completed work at the Kingsford Manufacturing Plant and the City of Eugene Garfield Street project.

Scott Rogge's crews finished up a busy 2018 by completing the Albany Oak Street job, Corvallis Maple/Dixon Street job and the Albany Airport project.

Project Manager **Kevin Friedel** reports that work on the ODOT OR126 Cornerstone to Terry project will resume in early spring with tree removal and road-widening work near the Ellmaker, Shady Rest, and Lakeside intersections. Inlay/overlay paving from Greenhill Road to Terry Street will be done later in the spring.

At the University of Oregon, work was recently completed on the Walton parking lot on campus, during the holiday break. Grading work was done by **Pete Linscott's** crew and asphalt was paved by **Bryan Spangler's** crew.

Project Manager **Stan Gappa** says that **Scott Rogge, Ken Parker** and their crews completed Phase A of the Amazon Active Corridor project for the City of Eugene in October of 2018. They are now shut down due to the sensitive soils and grasses that are adjacent to the project. Construction of Phase B will begin in June. Scott and his crews will construct approximately 16,400 lineal feet of new walking paths, as well as install three pre-manufactured pedestrian bridges. The completion date for this work is September 27.

Rick Hamm and his crew have begun the earth work for new ADA ramps for Lane County on Centennial Boulevard in Springfield. **Ken Parker** and his crew will pour the ramps. The concrete work should be done by mid-February. In May, **Marty Collins** and his paving crew will begin placing 6,000 tons of asphalt. The paving crews will have to deal with traffic on Centennial, as well as the narrow streets in the neighborhoods. This project has a completion date of June 28th.

Project Manager **Matt Young** tells us that on the Shell New Energies project, Superintendent **Pete Linscott** and Supervisor **Jonpaule Williams** and crew have been excavating more than 20,000 cubic yards and placing more than 50,000 tons of

aggregate. With adverse weather conditions and a small work area, they've successfully performed their tasks safely and have received numerous compliments from our client and others. Wildish Building Co. Superintendent **Jake Stucky** and crew will build two tank foundations. We will also install 3,330 linear feet of 6-inch water line, eight fire hydrants, 470 linear feet of 6-inch storm pipe, and a storm-retention system.

Wildish Building Company


The EWEB Carmen Power Plant Substation and Switchgear Installation project is currently in preconstruction phase, reports Project Manager **Matt Wynne**. Long-lead items are being procured. The site is being readied to begin construction mid-April. Under the leadership of Superintendent **Jake Stucky**, work includes structural improvements and roof system replacement to the powerhouse; rehabilitating the substation, including transport and installation of two 165,000-lb. transformers; constructing a new control room; and installing new switchgear, relay and controls in the powerhouse. Completion is set for November 19th.

Project Manager **Jesse Bluhm** reports that Wildish Building Co. broke ground in February 2019 on the \$1.3M Cottage Theatre Act III project. Both Jesse and **Bob McDonald** have led preconstruction services over the past six months. The construction will be led by Project Manager **Tim Bonn** and project superintendent **Brian Hill**. It includes a 1,500 square foot multipurpose room/restroom expansion and approximately 13,000 square foot of interior/exterior modifications and upgrades to the theater. The Cottage Theatre is one of a very few buildings in Oregon that was originally built to be a theater, rather than remodeled from an existing building.

Project Manager **Tim Bonn** said **Brian Hill** and crew are concluding work on the maintenance building expansion and the new laboratory building at the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission facility in Eugene. In the maintenance building, installation of all materials is complete and the building's HVAC system is in the middle of the test and balance process. The owners will be taking occupancy of the building by early February. In the new laboratory building, the exterior shell is complete and interior finish work is in progress. Once the fume hoods are installed, the HVAC system can be commissioned and the building turned over to the owner in March.

At the Kingsford project, the installation of the new pre-engineered metal building is complete. Supervisor **Jared Sanchez** coordinated the electrical, fire prevention and plumbing subcontractors to finish this January. Installation of 13 overhead doors began February 3rd. The new loading dock building will be turned over to the owner by the end of the month.



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Around The Yard

Congratulations **Matt Young** and wife, Jenny, welcomed baby Jonathon Scott into the world on December 30th. He weighed in at 8 lbs. 14 oz., and is 21-inches long. His sisters Chloe (4) and Juliette (2) are excited about their new baby brother!

Retirements **Red Gilliland** was employed for 32 years at Wildish. Plus, he worked with us since 1979—a total of 37 years! To say he will be missed is understating his importance to the company.

Noteworthy projects (a very SHORT partial list) include: 181st interchange; I-5 7 Oaks Medford; I-84 Mountain Home (Idaho); Central Oregon Bridges; Mt Hood-Chemult Bridges; South Medford Interchange; McKay-Silvies Slough; airfields at K Falls, Medford, and Pendleton; Linn Lane Bridges Raising; Sheep Creek Bridge; I-84 Ontario; I-84 7 Oaks (Medford); I-5 barrier upgrades (Southern Oregon); I-84 Cabbage Hill (Pendleton); Cascade Lakes Highway; I-5 Interstate Bridge Oregon Street. Yes, Red has been everywhere and participated in many of our most exciting and successful ventures. And, Red and his wife, Linda have lived wherever the ship sailed for Wildish—at the helm.

Professor Red led Wildish from paper estimates to computerized estimating (at least three different software programs and many updates)... to heavy bid estimating and electronic bid submissions.

Red and Linda are planning to lead an ever-growing Crossfit following, travel, and enjoy “free time.” But, he’ll help however he’s needed when a Wildish phone call comes in!

Walt Westmoreland retired on November 2nd after serving as Wildish Equipment Manager for 11 years. Walt has relocated back to Georgia, where he continues to help us out. Recently, we found an asphalt distributor truck advertised for sale in Georgia, about 65 miles from Walt’s home. Walt checked it out for us, spoke to the owner, and negotiated the purchase. The truck recently made its way to Oregon. Thanks, Walt!

From the Top

Congratulations, everyone, on a safe and profitable 2018 season!

This time last year I spoke about our .55 mod rate being the lowest in the history of the company, and it turns out I was right. This year's mod rate is .56, which is again unprecedented in the history of our company. Back-to-back very low rates! Chris Christensen with Ward Insurance, our insurance broker, said to me in a recent e-mail: "...I want you to know that the Wildish Companies' experience mod of .56 for 2018 is the best of all our 586 policyholders."



What does a low mod rate mean? It means that our employees aren't getting injured, are going home to their families at the end of their shift and are continuing to support their families. It means we achieved this low rate because we are all working together as a team, sharing the same goals and watching out for each other. It means the company would not be where we are today without you ... our valued employees and your families. Thank you!

In addition to our low mod rate, company-wide we experienced no time-loss injuries this past year! This could not have happened without the help of a good, loyal and consistent workforce, and the families that support them.

As a result of this success and profitability, we are able to reinvest in our operations, which enables us to continue to be successful for many decades to come and to continue to provide employment in our communities. You know how vital strong employment is to a thriving city, county and state.

Looking forward to the 2019 season, our 84th year in business, we are geared up for another busy year. The company has a backlog of work that's 33 percent higher compared to this time last year, which is keeping our workforce busy. Coming up are many private and public projects we will bid on. With all of these projects, there will be night and weekend work, as well as some long hours, so we will be drawing on the talent and dedication of our employees and their families in order to continue our success. We cannot stress enough our appreciation and thanks for your loyalty and dedication to the company, and the family atmosphere we strive to maintain at Wildish Companies.

Thank you everyone. We should all take great pride in our teamwork and our jobs, well done.

- Mike Wildish

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.

41 YEARS
Kenneth Parker

37 YEARS
Terry Lane

34 YEARS
Bob McDonald

32 YEARS
Stan Gappa

30 YEARS
Scott Vogl

28 YEARS
David Robertson

27 YEARS
Deborah Mitchell

21 YEARS
Bruce Turner

15 YEARS
Shawn Cook
James Jones

10 YEARS
Nathan Adkins
Donna Prominski

5 YEARS
Phillip Kivela
Brian Neyman
Brian Childs
Michael McIntosh
Clayton Struck
Jedidiah Bradshaw
Rene Miller

1 YEAR
Brad Prescott
Mark Hunter
Thomas Ottem
Kelly Wood
Maxwell Metcalfe
Scott Parker
Jason Stoneburner



Carmen Powerhouse Project



Loading trucks at Shell New Energies