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Mike Miller was among several shop mechanics recently trained on the proper way to extinguish a fire.

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At the Carmen Powerhouse project, WBC employees Scott Tullock, Patterson Hoopai, Philip Decicco, Scott Brown, and Roger Dulcich prepared the substation deck for the new topping slab.

Work Keeps Crews Busy!

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Project manager **Tim Bonn** says crews have finished construction on the new laboratory building at the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission (MWMC) facility in Eugene. The plan is to transfer operations in early July. Supervisor **Jared Sanchez** will handle punchlist items through September.

Led by **Brian Hill**, crews are working on the new 4,171-square-foot stick frame building that will become the two-story Dallas Senior Center. They poured concrete footings followed by slab, and then framed and dried-in the building. Inside finish work, the parking lot and landscaping will be finished by Christmas.

At the Chintimini Senior and Community Center in Corvallis, crews continue work on the 2,500-square-foot addition. They installed the footing and slab, framed it and dried it in, built a new parking lot and made sidewalk improvements. In September, the owner will vacate the facility for six months, allowing remodeling of the 5,500 square foot interior and installation of finish work.

Directed by **Brian Hill** and **Brent Sandbach**, the project will be completed in early spring 2020.

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Project Manager **Matt Wynne** says demolition work at the Carmen Substation and Switchgear Installation Project was completed in early summer. Wildish crews are constructing new concrete equipment pads and the slab atop the powerhouse, complete with a new equipment access hatch. Led by Superintendent **Jake Stucky**, the Wildish team continues improvements including raised guardrails, seismic bracing for piping, roadway hatch repairs, and new non-conductive fencing. Wildish crews also are supporting subcontractors with surface prep and application of waterproofing to protect the powerhouse's interior, and traffic coating to protect the new topping slab. The crew assisted with hauling two transformers weighing 165,000 lbs. each and installing high-voltage substation equipment on top of the powerhouse as well as medium voltage switchgear inside the powerhouse. Crew members are **Roger Dulcich**, **Troy Witzel**, **Patterson Hoopai**, **Scott Tullock**, and **Scott Brown**.

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Work continues on the 2 1/2-year Boones Ferry Road project in Lake Oswego, reports Project Engineer **Scott Hovgaard**. It will reconstruct and improve the entire roadway section from south of Madrona Street to north of the Oakridge/Reese intersection, which includes a new signalized intersection at Lanewood Street. Improvements include a new roadway section, improved drainage and stormwater-quality facilities, new and upgraded traffic signals, mid-block pedestrian flashing beacons, crosswalks, street lights, sidewalks, traffic signs, bike lanes, left turn lanes, center medians, landscape features, and undergrounding utilities. The construction staging and laydown yard at the corner of West Sunset Drive and Boones Ferry Road included clearing and grubbing the lot, removing a few trees, installing erosion control and rocking the construction entrances. Crews resurfaced the lot with recycled asphalt grindings and installed security fencing.



WSTP employees Ryan Winn, Rob Tarrant, Jason Baxter, Chandler Plummer, and Marco Vasquez Owen pour a moment slab on the 6th Street onramp in Eugene.



Supervisor Joe Peterson guides Barry Schafer (on the forklift) into place, while crew members Dan Sotin, Jon DeWeese, Elliot Marples, Austin James, and Jesse Peone wait to secure the joint and then tie rebar.

A subcontractor is removing trees. The city of Lake Oswego is a new client for Wildish and is great to work with! Leading the team with Scott includes **Raleigh Larson**, **Dan Payne**, **Mike Kivett**, and summer intern **Wyatt Webber**.

Crews worked weekends on joint replacement for the Fremont Bridge project, says Project Manager **Ryan Elliott**. Led by Project Superintendent **Joe Peterson**, they will now focus on continuing containment installation, bird waste cleanup and support of the concrete PCC work. Joint replacement will begin again this fall.

Wildish crew members and subcontractors are applying deck seals to 18 bridges in the Portland area in the Region 1 Deck Seal project headed by Wildish Lead **Donna Prominski**.

The Portland Bureau of Transportation project on Marine Drive Path consists of building new asphalt pedestrian/bike pathways, Ultrablock walls, pedestrian signals at pathway crossings along Marine Drive, and a traffic signal at NE 122nd Avenue. Marine Drive is a busy single-lane roadway with virtually no shoulder or laydown space for crews and equipment, so flagging is needed. This \$800,000 project, headed by **Mitch Bergman** and **Nate Adkins**, will be completed in late August.

On the north side of Arata Road in the Portland area, crews are installing the final six feet of the northern travel lane, a five-foot-wide water-quality planter, and a 10-foot-wide multiple-use walkway, says Project Manager **Sean Williams**. The project has been challenged with numerous underground conflicts and multiple redesigns of storm drainage systems. Crews led by **Nate Adkins** and **Barry Schafer** with support from **Mitch Bergman** will complete it by late autumn.

Work began in July on the Cornelius Pass project in rural Multnomah County and is to be substantially completed later in the fall. To improve driver safety, crews are adding safe vehicle pullouts, new guardrail and a realignment at a set of "S" curves for sight improvement, which will involve rock blasting. A 30-inch culvert will be replaced with an 80-foot-long, 12-foot-tall and 8-foot-wide precast box culvert to improve fish passage by reducing flooding during high rain. **Kris Boylan** leads the site work, with **Scott Wade** assisting with site coordination. **Nathan Gilbert**, summer intern, is

providing office engineering support, including learning Multnomah County’s online document system, PMWeb.

ODOT work at OR99W Lane St. to Naeve St. ramped up in late July, with a push to complete it by late October. Work is at five sites over 11 miles of Hwy 99W from Tigard to downtown Portland. Each has different contract day counts and work hour restrictions, with two requiring night work only. The project includes retaining walls, a soil nail wall, curb and gutter, sidewalks and many ADA ramps. Superintendent **Scott Wade** leads the project, which **Nathan Gilbert** is also working on.

Project Manager **Eric Holland** says crews on the I-105 project recently completed the final four-week ramp closure on the Viaduct Bridges section of the project. This included the removal and replacement of bridge joints, bridge rail, and moment slabs, as well as deck strengthening, new illumination, and ramp paving. PPC overlay is scheduled for late August through early September. WSTP project supervision and support is being provided by **Shawn Cook**, **Tony Perez**, **Ryan Winn**, **Jason Baxter**, **Ryan Drake**, **Matt Olney**, and many others.

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Project manager **Colin Cunningham** announces that work on the Skycastle subdivision has wrapped up and thanks the crews for their hard work on this 2-plus-year project.

Jonpaule Williams is directing site work around the final two buildings at the Parkway Industrial Center on Barger Drive in Eugene.

Rick Hamm directed crews on a \$540,000 City of Eugene street project from 24th to 30th Ave. on Alder Street, including some speed bumps on Avalon St. **Tom Miles’** crew performed all the concrete work.

Mike Skeele led the Barger Drive project including new center medians and bike lanes. Barger Drive from Primrose Street to Altimont Street will be repaved—before school starts in September!

Bryan Spangler and his crew completed asphalt paving on the Centennial Road Overlay project for Lane County, project manager **Stan Gappa** reports. **Rick Hamm** and his crew raised the existing storm and sanitary manholes and then supervised the traffic control for the electrical and striping subcontractors.

Jonpaule Williams and his crew started the Amazon Active project for the City of Eugene after the project’s planned winter shutdown to preserve native soils and grasses. They will construct three miles of new foot paths and complete the site work for the pedestrian bridges installed this summer. **Jason Blackmore** and his carpenters formed and poured the footings and abutments for the new bridges, and they assisted in their placement. Completion is planned for mid-September.

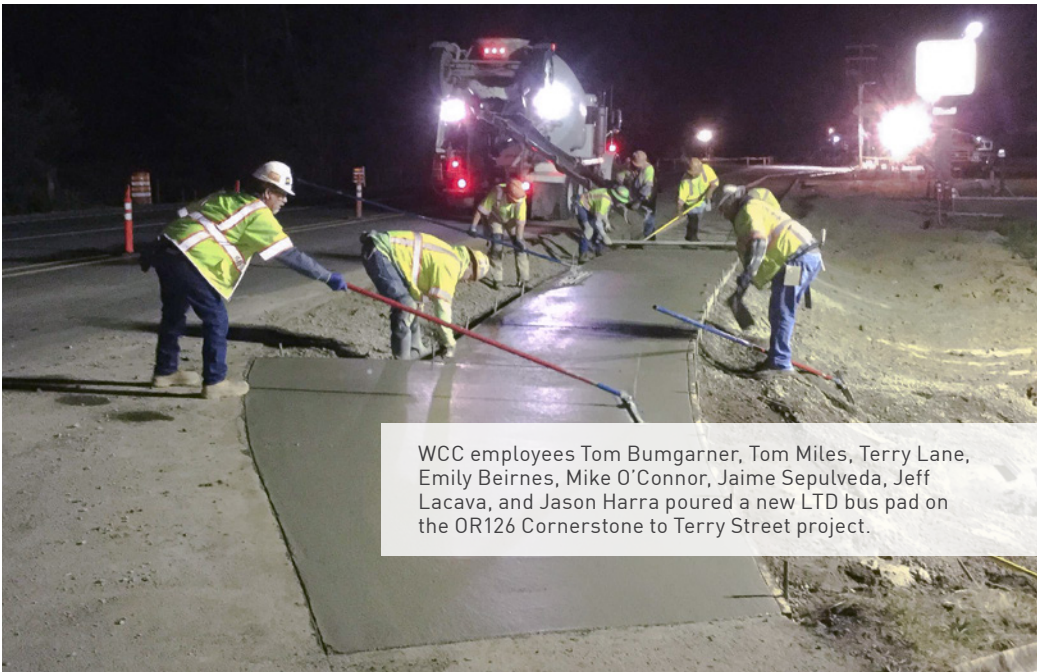
Under **Scott Rogge’s** lead, crews continue work on the Taxiway A Rehabilitation project

at the Eugene Airport. Scott’s crew excavated 18,300 cubic yards, and placed 39,083 tons of subbase aggregate and 20,106 tons of cement treated base. They removed 12,252 lineal feet of existing electrical conduits, 7,400 lineal feet of existing underdrain pipe, and 1,844 lineal feet of existing storm drain piping. Eleven acres of existing in-field area need to be stripped and graded. **Jason Johnson** and his pipe crew placed 2,200 lineal feet of storm piping, as well as four large manholes and six new drainage structures. **Allen Taylor** and his paving crew will place 25,000 tons of asphalt. Work will be completed by mid-September. **Roger Bankes** and his dispatchers coordinated delivery of aggregate materials and hauled excavated materials. **Tom Bosworth** and his quality-control crew ensure the materials delivered to the project meet the tight FAA Standards and verify that the placement of the materials meet the required densities. **Gary Hoffman**, **Jed Bradshaw** and their mechanics keep equipment and trucks operational. Summer intern **Chad Stichter** is managing paperwork and scheduling.

Project Manager **Kevin Friedel** says that **Jeff Frank** and his crews have been busy with road widening, storm culvert and bus pad work on the OR126 Cornerstone to Terry project. In late July, crews began rebuilding shoulder slopes around the Greenhill Road area and resumed asphalt inlay/overlay paving operations. Approximately 11,000 tons of paving were completed.

On the Lane County Coburg Road project, concrete crews led by **Tom Bumgarner**, **Matt Parker**, and **Tom Miles** completed over 100 ADA ramps and new bridge end panels at the McKenzie Overflow Bridge. **Rick Hamm** and his crew excavated and kept traffic control in order, while **Tony Koker** and his crew completed over 1,300 feet of waterline that was added to the project. **Marty Collins** and his crews completed AC repairs and 10,000 tons of overlay paving.

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WCC employees Tom Bumgarner, Tom Miles, Terry Lane, Emily Beirnes, Mike O’Connor, Jaime Sepulveda, Jeff Lacava, and Jason Harra poured a new LTD bus pad on the OR126 Cornerstone to Terry Street project.

The Fair Oaks, Bedford, and Lariat project for the City of Eugene includes 2,200 feet of pipe, 3,700 cubic yards of street excavation, 20,000 square yards of full depth cement treated grade and 7,400 tons of asphalt paving. Crews are expected to begin this 60-day project in early August.

On the 14th Street and Commercial Avenue Overlay project for the City of Springfield, crews will work in four locations, including on busy 14th at Main and G streets. They will build nine new ADA ramps and complete 700 tons of asphalt paving. Work is expected to take about three weeks.

Mike Skeele and his crew began work on the City of Veneta 8th Street Water Main project in May, reports Project Manager **Matt Young**. They installed over 2,400 feet of 12-inch ductile iron water main with 41 new water services. **Jerry Cantrell** and crews worked on roadway excavation and regrading of the entire road with new paving.

Jason Johnson and his pipe crew installed a new water main on Villard Street for EWEB in front of Matthew Knight Arena. Work included over 800 feet of new water line and eight new service laterals.

Directed by **Jason Johnson** and **Pete Linscott**, crews installed storm and sewer structures, and excavated and graded two new ADA ramps on Villard Street for the City of Eugene. The street was completely excavated and new aggregate base placed prior to paving. The largest challenge for the project was maintaining access to Matthew Knight Arena.

The Country Crossroads project in Junction City involves installing all new water, fire, storm, sewer, electrical, communications, three public street sections, seven parking lots, numerous ADA ramps, concrete planters, concrete paving, and asphalt paving to support 21 new apartment buildings, including a club house. This 18-month project continues under the direction of **Jason Johnson**, **Tony Koker**, and **Pete Linscott**.

General Superintendent **Jason Armstrong** says the 2-year Northern Gold Foods project is complete. As a subcontractor to Chambers Construction, Superintendent **Pete Linscott**'s crew led the project from start to finish with the mass excavation (50,000 CY) and base rock placement (~200,000 Tons) of the building pad and parking areas to prep the site for winter construction. WCC crews completed the site work package, including the large settling pond and ditch system (~12,000 CY) that handles all the storm runoff from the new facility. **Jason Johnson** and crew installed the ~5,000 LF of underground utilities, while **Matt Parker** and his crew finished it with 5,500 CY of concrete paving, curbs, and sidewalks. Lane County public improvements on Meadowview Road and Prairie Roads were completed to handle the expected increase in factory traffic. Great job, team! (See video footage by searching "Chambers Construction May" on YouTube.)

Around The Yard

Summer Interns WSTP has two summer interns from Oregon State University. **Nathan Gilbert** from Silver Lake is working at the Fairview office and helping multiple job teams. **Wyatt Webber** from Hood River is working in Lake Oswego on the Boones Ferry Road project.

WCC also has two summer interns. **Ian Pargeter** from Eugene, a civil engineering student at Oregon Institute of Technology, is working from the home office on various projects with the estimators and project managers. OSU construction engineering management student **Chad Stichter** from Grants Pass is working at the Eugene Airport Taxiway Rehab project.

Welcome. **Kris Boylan** joined WSTP as a superintendent. Site work is his specialty and he also operates equipment. He lives in Molalla and has a 13-year-old son in Reedsport. He's running the Cornelius Pass job this summer.


Duston Cabrera, superintendent on the Fremont Bridge project, began with WSTP in mid-July. He lives in Portland with his fiancé, Libby. He has exceptional experience with civil works in the areas of inspection, quality control and utilities. Duston received a Construction Management Certificate from University of Texas. His first assignment is working on the Fremont Bridge team. He is also a licensed locksmith.

WBC welcomes Project Engineer **Alex King**. Alex is a 2019 OSU graduate with a civil engineering degree, and just passed the fundamentals of engineering exam. He will work with Project Manager **Matt Wynne** on the EWEB Substation project. Alex is from Eugene and is engaged to Brooke Allison Bardwell.

Supervisor **Lee Peterson** recently joined the WBC team on the Dallas Senior Center project in Dallas. He lives in Springfield with his wife, Allyson. Between them they have five adult children: Brayden (20), Austin (22), Taylor (24), Kristen (27), and Jesse (29).

Paving supervisor **Pedro Regalado** joined WCC in July. He lives in Lebanon with his wife, Laurie, and their three children: Chloe (10), Isabella (15), and Vanessa (17). Welcome to the Wildish family!



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From the Top

2019 Oregon Legislative Session

Our company tracked the recent legislative process closely. The partisanship was at a feverish pitch. With a supermajority in both the House and Senate, the Democrats pursued an aggressive agenda.

In the end, a paid family leave bill was passed, funded through payroll taxes shared by employers and employees, and takes effect in 2023. A \$2.00 per pack increase in the tobacco tax, as well as campaign limits legislation, were referred to the voters in November 2020. The tri-county metro area will experience diesel emission limits over the next several years, as older truck engines are phased out.



A gross receipts tax will pay for school funding. While businesses will pay the tax, individuals are expected to pay through increased prices for goods and services. At the end of the session, the carbon bill caused high drama, when Senate Republicans walked out denying the Senate a quorum to debate the carbon bill and to vote on remaining bills. While walking out is rare, it is not unprecedented. This practice has been used when a party has a supermajority. It happened: In 2007 when Senate Republicans walked, 2001 with House Democrats, and in 1971 with House and Senate Democrats.

The carbon bill – also referred to as the climate bill and cap and trade – pitted the environmental community against the rural community. Emboldened by the supermajority, the environmental community viewed the 2019 session as the time to pass the bill. The rural community rose up and protested causing the Senate Republicans to walk out. At the 11th hour, the Senate Republicans came back to vote on remaining legislation after Senate Speaker Courtney assured them that the carbon bill was dead.

I was struck by the statement of one of the carbon bill's main advocates who was quoted as saying that our democratic system should not be held hostage by a "small minority." Is rural Oregon a small minority? No, it is not. It occupies the majority of the landmass of the state and about 40% of our population. The divide between urban and rural is growing. As indicated by the above comment, some do not believe that the voice of rural Oregon deserves due consideration.

Civility in politics is becoming an oxymoron. For the sake of our community and state, all voices should be heard and considered.

- **Steve Wildish**

Recognition of Service

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

40 YEARS

Gary Essig

30 YEARS

Robert Bohnet

29 YEARS

Michael Skeelee

23 YEARS

Raul Torrez

22 YEARS

Robin Chord

Ryan Elliott

15 YEARS

Timothy Bonn

Jerry Cantrell

10 YEARS

Marvin McLaren

5 YEARS

Brian Hill

Scott Tullock

1 YEAR

Nancy Hill

Vincent Odle

Peter Suzuki

Lonny Strickland

Erik Gribbskov

Rhett Ortmann

Pamela Blankenship

Chad Nama

James Sullivan

Mitchell Bergman

Simitrio Acuna

Nathan Woodruff

Get A Load Of This

The Shell New Energies game ball was signed by each employee who worked on the project as a commitment to jobsite safety, and was recently presented to Wildish Construction Co. for the successful completion of the project with zero accidents! **Pete Linscott, Matt Young, Jason White, Jason Armstrong, Mike Skeelee, JP Williams, and Mike Wildish** accepted the award. Congratulations to everyone on the Shell New Energies team!

