

## From the Top

Of all our accomplishments, we are exceptionally proud of our Experience Modification Rate (mod rate).

The mod rate is a system developed by the workers' compensation insurance industry that assigns a number to a company based on its injury record. An industry average of 1.0 is the norm. Companies with a mod rate lower than that are able to adjust their workers' compensation premium costs to pay less and are, therefore, more competitive when reaching out for new work.

A few months ago, we were fortunate to have learned that the mod rate for Wildish is at an all-time low of **0.55!** Not only are we more competitive, but a good safety record ensures that our employees go home from work no less healthy than when they arrive-- ready and able to come back for the next shift.

We are fortunate to employ dedicated, loyal and talented people. As a family business, we're proud of the accomplishments of all our employees and their families, whom we consider to be a part of our own extended family. Because of this, we make it a top priority to invest in our employees by providing multiple training opportunities to enhance their lives and make them safer. This benefits the employees and the company.

The winter months find our employees attending continuous leadership and technical certification classes. These help to enhance skills both at work and in their personal lives. We encourage each employee to take advantage of these opportunities.

It takes the collective effort of management AND employees to make positive steps forward in safety, quality and efficiency. By working together, 2018 is going to be another safe and productive year.

- **Mike Wildish**



175th in Portland - X marks the spot where WSTP crews installed a manhole about 20 feet deep and extended the 18-inch pipe run 100 feet.

## Get A Load Of This

**Mike McIntosh**, Sand and Gravel Co. production crew employee, recently reported that he'd gone home at the end of his shift and, as he came through the door, he heard his daughter screaming. She was on the phone with EMS, and that's when he saw his 18-month old grandson on her lap, with his face and lips turning blue. Mike said he immediately knew baby Ryland was choking. Without hesitation, he took the baby from her, flipped him over, and with one hand on his sternum, he squeezed Ryland's back. The obstruction came out and the baby gasped for breath. When his grandson caught his breath, Mike said that Ryland proceeded to help him take his shoes off, as if nothing had happened. Mike credits his ability to save his grandson's life to the first aid classes he took at Wildish. He hopes it's the only time he'll need to use these skills. He's very grateful to have had the knowledge in what could have been a tragic outcome. Ryland was later seen by a doctor and pronounced "healthy." Great job, Grandpa Mike!



Drier weather keeps the concrete crew busy



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## Spring – A Season of Possibilities

Spring is when the bulk of bid preparation occurs. While our estimators are focused on responding to requests, crews continue to work on projects in the field. Thanks to a busy bidding season, we can look forward to a busy 2018!



Wildish estimators expect a busy bidding season

### Wildish Standard Paving Co.

Project Manager **Alan Bird** reports work began the first of the year at Washington County's 175th Ave. road-widening project that runs north from Scholls Ferry Road on the border of Tigard and Beaverton. The \$4M project includes 8,000 CY of excavation, 5,600 LF of storm/sanitary pipe (some 20-foot deep)/waterline, 10,000 tons of aggregate base, curbs/walks/drives, 5,500 tons of paving, and signal upgrades. Much of the sanitary and water pipe will be installed in the next three months. Field work is led by **Scott Wade, Barry Schafer** and **Donna Prominski**. **Matt Olney** and **Rene Miller** provide project support.

Project Engineer **Scott Hovgaard** reports a projected Aug. 15 completion date on the Portland Bureau of Transportation's \$1.8M Burgard/Lombard project. Nearly 700 LF of storm pipe will be installed, along with curbs and 33,500 SF of sidewalks/drives, and 3,000 tons of asphalt. Work will begin by mid-February. The project is headed by Project Manager **Raleigh Larson** and Project Supervisor **Joe Peterson** with a lot of help from **Rene Miller** and **Alisha Nicholson-Pope**.

Project Manager **Ryan Elliott** reports that **Shawn Cook** and his crew are beginning work on the \$2.1M Myslony Bridge for the City of Tualatin. The project involves the construction of a single span bridge and new street to tie into the street grid in the area.

Project Supervisor **Dan Payne** and Project Engineer **Eben Babb** continue on the \$6.7M Washington County Springville/185th project that started last season and should finish well before the busy summer season. **Mike Kivett** is pushing the pipe and site crews on this one. A lot of existing utilities add to the challenge of installing new water, storm and sanitary pipes.

Two new jobs with awards that went to Wildish are ODOT's \$3.7M OR 213 (82nd Dr): Lindy-King rebuild in east Milwaukie and a \$4.5M Multnomah County job called Arata Rd: 223rd to 238th in Fairview. Wildish's new office in the Portland area is at 230th and Sandy, less than a half-mile from the latter job. **Scott Vogl** is coordinating the move of our important accumulated belongings (and all the people) from Vancouver. We expect to be working at the new location starting sometime between late February and mid-March.

## Wildish Construction Company

Work on the Skycastle subdivision is resuming after the Christmas break, reports Project Manager **Colin Cunningham**. The soil nail walls are now complete and the remaining roadwork will start again when the weather breaks. Utility installation will continue as long as the weather holds.

**Tony Koker** and his crew are continuing the site work on the Parkway Industrial Center in West Eugene, where work has started on the footing excavations for four buildings. Paving is scheduled for this summer.

**Marty Collins** and his crew completed paving work at the Zip-O Mill in Goshen with more work scheduled at that facility.

Wildish Construction will team with Wildish Building Company for an expansion of the Kingsford Manufacturing truck dock facility and truck parking area. The first phase of the job started in mid-February with **Ken Parker** and crew scheduled to excavate rock and place 800 CY of concrete for the truck parking area.

Project Manager **Stan Gappa** reports that **Rick Hamm** and his crew, along with **Ken Parker** and the concrete crew, have completed the site work for the Stonebridge Apartments. This was a two-year project that had several stages and a lot of other subcontractors. It's important to note that there were no time-loss injuries on this project.

Project Superintendent **Scott Rogge** and his crew took the month of December off from the Franklin & McVay Roundabout project and now are back on the job. They still need to do approximately 4,500 CY of excavation and place 1,900 tons of aggregate. Once completed, **Ken Parker** and his crews will place approximately 3,500 SY of concrete pavement, 3,500 LF of curbing, 10,000 SF of sidewalk, 7,800 SF of stamped concrete, and 800 SY of pervious concrete. **Marty Collins** and his crew have approximately 340 tons of slope paving to complete. **Scott** will also coordinate the Wildish crews with the landscaping, electrical, striping and signing subcontractors. This project has a completion date of Sept. 20, 2018.

**Rick Hamm** and his crew completed the Taxiway Rehabilitation project at the Eugene Airport. There were 20,000 CY of excavation, 5,100 LF of pipe, 18,000 tons of aggregate base and 19,500 tons of cement-treated-base placed before **Marty Collins** and his crews paved 13,700 tons of asphalt. WBC Project Superintendent **Jake Stucky** and his carpenters constructed manholes, inspection pits, and inlets for the drainage on this project. This project was completed without any injuries.

WCC was recently awarded the City of Eugene's 2018 Wastewater Extension project. This project has approximately 1,000 LF of sanitary sewer to be installed along with as five manholes. Pipe will be installed in five different locations in an area south of the University of Oregon surrounded by houses or apartments with students in residence. Traffic control and pedestrian safety will be a top priority on this project.

## Wildish Building Company

Project Manager **Jesse Bluhm** reports that for the EWEB Turbine Shut-off Valve (TSV) Install Project, all 108-inch diameter TSV materials are currently on site and being stored in the Carmen Hydroelectric Powerhouse. This project is still scheduled to begin construction in May.

Project Superintendent **Jake Stucky** and his crew did a great job working on both the EWEB Cooling Water and EWEB Dewatering projects for the past several months. They completed work and wrapped the projects up by February.

At the EWEB Carmen Draft Tube Stop Log Sealing Project, Wildish is currently under negotiations with EWEB to define the scope of work. Sometime this spring, divers will perform stop-log sealing on the existing draft tube gates. The goal is to reduce the amount of residual flow to under 500 GMP prior to the EWEB TSV Install project start date.

Wildish is currently performing pre-construction services for the EWEB Carmen Diversion Possible Maximum Flow (PMF) Improvements project. The primary project objective is to provide easily removable facilities that prevent flow diversion from Carmen Diversion Reservoir to Smith Reservoir during PMF conditions, while allowing only moderate leakage into the tunnel. The secondary objective is to replace the spillway structure sluiceway stop logs so that the reservoir can be drained allowing permitting inspection of the diversion tunnel. **Jake Stucky** will eventually head this project.

**Jesse Bluhm** is currently negotiating a pre-construction services contract with Willamette University for the Sparks Field Turf project, with work to begin in June 2018.

In early spring 2018, Wildish will remove the existing eight-lane track that is around Marist High School's football field and install a new track. Additional scope could include a new synthetic turf infield/outfield for the baseball field.

Project Manager **Tim Bonn** reports that at the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission (MWMC) Eugene facility, work has started on a new two-year building project. The past six months were spent performing partial demolition on the facility's maintenance building as well as realigning multiple buried piping systems. Project Supervisor **Brian Hill** and crew poured footings for the new laboratory building as part of the expansion to the maintenance building. This spring, installation of over 100 precast concrete panels for both buildings will take place. Project Engineer **Myranda Kelly** is handling numerous RFIs, transmittals and as-built drawings.

# Around The Yard

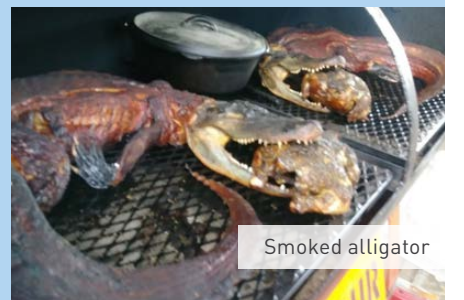
**Condolences** We were saddened to hear that Wildish Sand and Gravel Co. retiree **Jim Young** passed away Dec. 18, 2017. He was born April 25, 1947 in Roseburg. Jim graduated from Sutherlin High School, and attended Southern Oregon College. He later started his own company in the rock crushing/construction industry. He finished his 19-year career by retiring from Wildish in April 2013. Our condolences go to his wife, Janice, and his children Tina, Brandie, and Brian.

**Welcome** **Matt Olney** has joined WSTP as a project engineer after two summers of internship on the Newberg Bypass project. He graduated from the CE program at OSU in December and began full time at Wildish after the first of the year. Matt hails from Dundee. Welcome, Matt!

Project Engineer **Matt Wynne** comes to Wildish Building Co. with a background in project and department management through Servpro, a Eugene-area restoration contractor. Matt enjoys spending time skiing and rafting with his wife, Teagan, and daughter, Madison (7). He will be helping with closeout on the EmX project as well as helping to manage various upcoming EWEB projects. Welcome, Matt!

## Congratulations

WCC employee **Braxton Westmoreland** married **Sheena Schultz** in an outdoor wedding last fall. Thanks to Wildish employee **Phillip Kivela**, family and friends enjoyed smoked alligator at the reception, a delicacy from the south, where Braxton was raised. The couple resides in Eugene. Congratulations to you both!



# 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.	<b>40 YEARS</b> Ken Parker	<b>27 YEARS</b> Dave Robertson	<b>5 YEARS</b> Ali McCleod Michael Silva
	<b>36 YEARS</b> Terry Lane	<b>26 YEARS</b> Deborah Mitchell	<b>1 YEAR</b> Donald Price Elizabeth Morrison
	<b>33 YEARS</b> Bob McDonald	<b>20 YEARS</b> Antonio De La Rosa Bruce Turner	Darrell Jones Ryan Enos Sergio Mora Flores
	<b>31 YEARS</b> Stan Gappa	<b>10 YEARS</b> Eron Davis	Curtis Boggs Nathan Garber
	<b>29 YEARS</b> John Vogl	Anthony Cuddie Scott Stinson	



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