

then the challenges came one after the other.

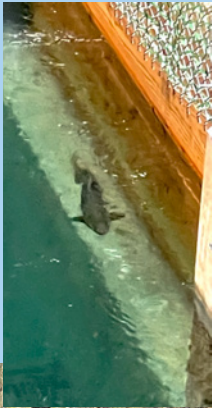
First was the procurement of materials for our jobs. Between supply chain interruptions and out-of-control prices for lumber, steel, pipe, oil, gas, diesel and natural gas, getting jobs started was difficult, completing them even more so. These issues continue, as we strive to meet schedules on several of our projects.



Get a Load of This

WCC Manager **Jason White** received this nice note from EWEB's Jon Thomas regarding the EWEB Spawning Channel project:

.... The Wildish crew did great meeting this weeks' deadline and we had several salmon already exploring their new space within just a few hours of opening it up. Still a bit of loose ends yet to wrap up but [EWEB] is appreciative that Wildish delivered and met the critical schedule constraint to return flows by the 15th. Nice work by Tim, Jake, Brandon and others to make it happen Thanks!
Jon



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Recognition of Service

Special thanks go to all who joined Wildish one, five, 10, 15, 20 or more years ago during the months of November, December and January.

44 YEARS
Karl Walrod

30 YEARS
Thomas Bosworth

24 YEARS
Tina Merrill

21 YEARS
Jim Gibson

20 YEARS
Tony Perez
Alan Bird

15 YEARS
David Lamb
Sean Williams

1 YEAR
Kevin Malmstedt



Gary Munson, Scott Tullock, and Brandon Preston raking rock for a recreational trail at the Trail Bridge Campground project for EWEB.

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Crews construct the temporary bridge on the Yamhill Bridge project.

Blessed with family and work




Reflecting on 2021, it's been a year of transitions and challenges.

It began with the passing of our company President Jim Wildish, leaving the family business in the hands of the third and fourth generations. Everyone who knew Dad struggled with his passing. His warm smile, character, wisdom, and compassion for others will always be with us. In fact, he set such a great example that we often ask ourselves, "What would Jim do?"

We entered the spring with a large backlog of work, and continued to be successful in bidding jobs, so this season promised to be a good one—and

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

- Mike Wildish



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On the Stanfield I-84 Slab Repair project, PM **Alan Bird** reports that supervisors **Nate Adkins** and **Al Frye Jr.** brought their crew over from La Grande in late September to work with **Elliot Marples**. The team replaced concrete slabs at 9 locations for the Pendleton ODOT maintenance crew. After 2 days of saw cutting and 2 days of slab replacements, the work was done.

The Union County curb ramps project finished at the end of October. **Nate Adkins** and **Al Frye Jr.** led a crew that removed and reconstructed 225 ADA ramps at 135 locations in the cities of Cove, Imbler, Elgin, Island City, and La Grande. Next season ODOT has plans to complete over 900 ramps throughout this region. That's a tall order, but it is God's country according to those who live there..

PM **Eric Holland** shares that the crew on the OR18 McMinnville Spur: South Yamhill River Bridge project has been busy completing the in-water work on the Diversion bridge. This 1,150-ft long temporary structure will carry traffic and pedestrians over the South Yamhill River and wetlands, while the existing bridge is removed and replaced. Structure crews led by **Shawn Cook** are driving 86 support pilings and building the 36 spans of superstructure by the end of the year. Site work crews led by **Scott Wade** provide critical support by building access roads, ramps, and crane pads, as well as constructing the widening and approaches to the bridge. They also focus on an early contract completion requirement to construct two water quality bio-filtration swales at a mitigation site along OR18. Ongoing utility relocations are essential to the progress of the work. **Nathan Gilbert** provides project engineering and support.

Work on the Yaquina Bay Bridge project is nearing completion on the third segment of 6 at the arch spans over the bay. The prep work inside the containment – including sandblast removal of the existing zinc coating, concrete and rebar surveys and repairs, epoxy injection and reference cell installation – is complete, and work has begun on applying the new zinc coating. Then, the electrical system will be installed, and containment and scaffolding will be removed, and relocated to the next arch segment. The work alternates between the arch spans over the bay and the approach spans on land, so there is always a place for the work to move ahead. Wildish crews perform concrete and rebar repairs, construct beam seat extensions, and replace the rocker bearings with new elastomeric bearings, while also cleaning up and providing ventilation and heat inside the containment. **Dan Lutze** and **Tony Perez** are supervising with support from Project Engineer **April Nelson II**.

PM **Sean Williams** says that after waiting more than 2 months for politics and FAA funding approval, WSTP began rebuilding portions of taxiway A that were under-designed for heavier jet traffic at the Hillsboro Airport. The project has 7 stages split into 2 years. Some of the project demands are tight, including only 21-days for a full runway closure to shorten the runway by a few hundred feet. We

coordinate the work and subcontractors while taking care of erosion control, flagging and some permanent material purchasing. PM **Sean Williams** and PS **Dan Payne** manage the project. Supervisor **Joe Peterson** has loaned some help to get the first stage set up. More to come!!

Wildish Construction Co.

General Superintendent **Jason Armstrong** tells us that work continues through fall and winter on the Kendall Collision and Kendall Bronco projects. Led by supervisor **Jeff Deschamps**, the crew is excavating, grading, and doing underground work.

PM **Stan Gappa** shares that **Jeff Frank** and his crew completed the City of Springfield's Mohawk & Olympic Streets project. They excavated and backfilled 66 ADA ramps so that **Tom Miles** and his concrete crew could pour them and minimize closure time. Jeff's crew also provided traffic control for **Jay Ross** and his asphalt paving crew to complete repairs and overlay the roadways.

Scott Rogge and his crew have completed another project at the Eugene Airport. They removed and replaced approximately 6,000CY of topsoil, excavated close to 10,000CY of material, placed 10,100TN of aggregate base, and placed 3,700TN of cement-treated base in preparation for **Jay Ross**' paving crew to place approximately 28,000TN of asphalt. The pavement had a ¼" tolerance from finished grade. **Tony Koker** and his pipe crew were on the job to install new pipe, and Matt Parker and his crew poured the tops to inlets and inspection pits. Congratulations to the Wildish crews for a job well done!



On the Stanfield project, **Ryan Ashley**, **Nate Adkins** and **Elliot Marples** drill holes into the adjacent slabs.

WCC was the successful bidder for another Springfield Utility Board (SUB) waterline trench pavement restoration project. **Jay Ross** and his crew began work on this project in late October.

Work at local mills has been very busy this summer, PM **Colin Cunningham** reports. Supervisor **Rick Hamm** and crew have completed grading and drainage improvements at Zip-O-Log mills in Eugene and Goshen, and paving crews placed over 12,000TN of asphalt. We have also completed asphalt paving at Seneca mills in Eugene and Noti and are working on improvements at the Swanson mill in Noti.

Supervisor **Jeff Frank** oversees improvements to the Primrose/Laurelhurst Drive project in Eugene. Work includes ADA ramps, pavement repairs, and grinding and asphalt overlays with completion projected in early November.

PM **Kevin Friedel** shares that the City of Eugene South Willamette Street Enhancement should be completed in November. **Tommy Bumgarner**'s concrete crew, with help from other crews, placed over 6,000YDS of concrete in planters, sidewalks, curbing, and concrete street paving. **Jason Johnson** and crew installed over 2,800FT of pipe, and **Pete Linscott** managed the workflow through 15 different phases.

At the City of Eugene Willamette, 20th Ave., and Oak Street 2-Way Conversion project, concrete and asphalt work was finished in late August, but signal pole delays have pushed out final completion to December. Work was led by **Pete Linscott**, with concrete work by **Tom Miles**' crew and **Matt Parker**'s crew. **Allen Taylor** and crew did the asphalt paving.

The Coburg Creek Subdivision project is a 26-lot subdivision for Bruce Wiechert Custom Homes, which began in late September and is expected to be done before Christmas. **Mike Skeelee** and crews are working to complete 7,500FT of pipe, 6,500YDS of import fill, and 1,000TN of asphalt.

At the University Overlook Subdivision project, **Rick Hamm** and crew are focused on the new roadway along Capital Dr. and Cupola Dr. in Eugene, according to PM **Justin Besotes**. The crew excavated approximately 12,000CY of dirt and rock in preparation for the underground utilities and road widening. **Jason Johnson**'s crew is installing the storm drain system on Cupola Dr. including 200LF of 60" storm drainpipe detention system, and 180LF twin 8" storm drain outfall down the east hillside of the project to 2 level spreaders that will disperse the storm water runoff. In the upcoming weeks, both crews will work on the installation of a concrete storm water capture system with vaults up to 18FT deep. Everyone is working hard to keep the site protected from the upcoming rainy season.

Pete Linscott, **Jason Johnson**, and **Tom Miles**' crews worked tirelessly to meet an aggressive schedule on the Lincoln Street project. Work involves the replacement of 49 ADA ramps, 2,900LF of storm and sanitary pipe, placement of 1,600CY of PCC roadway paving, 7.5" thick dowelled fiber reinforced concrete, and 5,400CY



Pete Linscott gives the thumbs up on the Lincoln Street project in Eugene

of general excavation for installation of new asphalt and concrete roadways. To date this team has installed 2,900LF of storm and sewer pipe, 36 inlet structures, 16 manhole structures, 31 ADA Ramps 4,500SF of sidewalk, 1,800LF of curb and gutter. In addition, 3,000TN of aggregate base was placed for 1,700TN of asphalt paving in late October.

Brandon Preston's crew has been on the Trail Bridge Campground project since early July. This project consists of installing 132,000SF of gravel roadways and RV loops, 34,000SF of campsite walkways (both gravel and native earthen paths), 2,500LF of water main including hose bibs to campsites, 1,000 boulders along the roadway limits where each rock placed weighs at least 2,000 pounds. Upcoming work consists of installing and placing a new fishing node and boat ramp on the project including 2,400SF of Articulated Concrete Mats and armor stone to surround the boat ramp. This crew has completed 80% of the grading onsite and is working toward the installation of the boat ramp and fishing node within the in-water work window.

On the Eugene Signal Enhancements project, **JP Williams** and **Matt Parker** finished the installation of 26 ADA corners from Beltline and HWY 99 south to Royal Ave, including 4 corners at the MLK and Kinsrow intersection. These crews removed and installed 5,500SF of sidewalk, 800LF of curb and gutter, and patch paving of 300TN of asphalt and coordinated with the electrical subcontractor to place electrical conduits and ped bases throughout the ADA ramp locations. This project had a 50-day work schedule, which the team met.

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In late September, **Tony Koker** and crew started night work on Hwy. 99 in Corvallis for the installation of 1,200LF of 12" storm drain main, 12 concrete manhole structures, placement of 2,000CY of concrete slurry backfill over the storm drain trench, and installation of 10 water quality structures. This project consists of excavation up to 14FT deep and working along HWY 99 (4th Street) in Corvallis.

Wildish Building Co.

At the Millersburg Fire Station 15 project in Albany, PM **Matt Wynne** shares that under the direction of Superintendent **Dennis Montgomery** and Supervisor **Lee Peterson** subcontractors are currently wrapping up interior framing. Mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire suppression rough-in are all underway, as well as roofing and siding work. Wildish Construction Co. crews led by Supervisor **Tony Koker** prepped the site, provided site utility work, and will be working on fine grading and site concrete in the coming months. This \$6 million, 10,084SF building project, on a 3.61-acre site is scheduled to wrap up in May 2022.

PM **Tim Bonn** reports that work is nearly complete on EWEB's Spawning Channel project just downstream of the Trail Bridge Reservoir on the McKenzie River. Flow has been restored to the channel and within hours a half dozen salmon were spotted. The only remaining work is to install some new handrails. Completing this work was a fantastic effort by WBC Superintendent **Jake Stucky** and WCC Supervisor **Brandon Preston**.

In Adair Village, WBC will install a new headworks system at the wastewater treatment plant. Project Superintendent **Jake Stucky** and Supervisor **Aaron Hamrick** mobilized the jobsite in October, and work is expected to last about 9 months. The scope of work includes a new pump station, headworks concrete structure, and a variety of screening equipment.

In January, **Jake Stucky** and crew will demolish and install a new screw conveyor system for a wastewater treatment plant biosolids processing station in Newport. Once all new equipment has arrived, the crew will have 10 days to complete the work and test the new equipment.


At the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, PE **Alex King** tells us that work by Wildish crews and subcontractors continues with the installation of linear wood paneling in the reading area, a custom built-in seating area, linear wood ceilings, and illuminated display cases. Wildish Project Superintendent **Jason Blackmore** is overseeing all work.

Around The Yard

Babies **Nathan Gilbert** and his wife, Brooke, welcomed their son Holden Dean Gilbert on August 1. He joins brother Kaden (3 years old)!

Welcome WCC welcomes Project Manager/Estimator **Charles Stouder**! He grew up and went to school in Philomath before attending Oregon State University (Go Beavers!) where he received his bachelor's degree in Construction Engineering Management. Following that, Charles worked for Gerding Companies in the building division then transferred to the excavation side 2 years later. In his free time, he enjoys hunting for deer and elk, ocean fishing for halibut and salmon, four wheeling with his Toyota pickup, and country line dancing with his fiancée, Whitney. The couple plan to marry in July of 2022.



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