

# From the Top

We are family. A lasting Legacy.

Each time that Jim Wildish spoke to Wildish employees and their families, he recognized the sacrifices required by our often demanding work. Jim grew up in the business. He knew first-hand, the hard work and sacrifices required to be part of a successful business in our industry. He believed Wildish was a family business, and that included employees and their families.



Family is the important thing about Wildish and many of us share this view. We are blessed to work in an environment where people truly care about one another. When we care about each other, we look out for each other. This makes us safer and better. The stresses of the work can be overwhelming at times. Knowing that co-workers, supervisors and owners alike, are willing to take the time to understand and support us when we need it, makes all the difference – and it makes us proud.

COVID-19 added a stressful dimension, both at work and at home. We have had to adjust almost every aspect of our lives. Here at Wildish, we found a way to get the work done in the safest manner possible, while being efficient and effective. We could not have accomplished it without teamwork. Even more importantly, we could not have found success in these times without the family values that makes Wildish special.

People have choices about where they want to work. Right now, every business is struggling to find good employees, just as we are. We’ve gone to extra efforts to recruit employees. We’ve passed on some work because we don’t have enough people. If you know of someone who would be a good fit here, let us know and tell them who Wildish is and why we are different.

Now more than ever, if he were here, Jim Wildish would thank all Wildish employees for their hard work, sacrifices and for choosing to be part of our Wildish family. And he’d recognize the families for your support. Thank you for being part of the Wildish family – it means the world to us.

- Steve Wildish

# Get a Load of This

In May 2012, Wildish Cascade Concrete Co. produced its first cubic yard of concrete out of its new Vince Hagan Ready Mix Concrete Plant. On June 24, the one millionth cubic yard of concrete was batched!



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# Recognition of Service

Special thanks go to all who joined Wildish one, five, 10, 15 or more years ago during the months of August, September and October.

## 42 YEARS

Gary Essig

## 31 YEARS

Mike Skeele

## 25 YEARS

Raul Torrez

## 24 YEARS

Robin Chord

## 20 YEARS

Mitchell Harrington

## 15 YEARS

Brandon Bromley

## 5 YEARS

Scott Sanders Anderson

Jacob Hamlin

Josh Craigmiles

## 1 YEAR

Steven De Herrera

Timothy Minter

Christopher Boyd

Jesse Horning

Harold Enick

Joel Fairchild

Britan Nash

Melvin Howard



Deck paving on I-84 southbound with the help of Al Frye, Jr., Nate Adkins, Elliot Marples, Ryan Ashley, and Jesse Sampson.

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# Lots of teamwork on projects



WBC pouring 450 yards of concrete for the 10,000 sf building pad at the Millersburg Fire Station 15 project.

## Wildish Building Company

PM **Matt Wynne** reports that under the leadership of Supt **Dennis Montgomery**, Wildish Building Company and subcontractor crews completed placement of 10,084 sf of building slab for construction of a single-story fire station with room for five apparatus, dormitories for six, and a community meeting room. Soon, subcontractors will begin framing the building. Meanwhile, Wildish Construction Co. crews led by Supt **Tony Koker** are working on the earthwork for the 3.61 acre site. A total of 44 subcontractors and suppliers will contribute to this \$6 million project for the City of Millersburg, scheduled to complete in May 2022.

PM **Tim Bonn** says work is nearing completion on EWEB’s Spawning Channel project just downstream of the Trail Bridge Reservoir on the

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McKenzie River. Wildish Construction Co., led by **Brandon Preston**, excavated about 2,000 cy of earth on both ends of the 1,000-foot long channel, and subcontractor Aquatic Contracting installed a fish-friendly rock and earth lining. A Wildish Building Co. crew led by Supt **Jake Stucky** finished concrete work on a new weir wall. Flow is expected to be restored in early August.

## Wildish Standard Paving Co.

PM **Eric Holland** shared that WSTP crews are currently starting the third of 6 segments at the Yaquina Bay Bridge project in Newport. These segments get larger and encompass greater surface area as work moves north across the bridge. All work is being supervised by **Dan Lutze** and **Tony Perez** with support from **Scott Brown**, **Troy Witzel**, **Steve Scerini**, **Acey Runningbird**, as well as PE **April Nelson**.

Work alternates between the arch span area over the water and the approach section towards the south end of the bridge. Wildish crews are continually installing beam seat extensions as part of the seismic upgrades, replacing old rocker bearings with new elastomeric ones, repairing unsound concrete, providing constant clean up support by removing and disposing of dry blast sand and zinc dust as the old cathodic coating is removed and finally providing heating and ventilation in the containment areas for the new cathodic coating work.

Wildish crews are working hard in McMinnville on the OR18 McMinnville Spur: South Yamhill River Bridge project. Activities included building access roads, erosion control, crane access and beginning to drive pile for the diversion bridge. Overhead utilities and sewer line conflicts presented a few hold-ups, yet ODOT and Wildish have established a great working relationship. The

site will get busier with the start of the in-water work window and pile driving and embankment activities within the regulated work area. The construction of the diversion bridge will keep Supt **Shawn Cook**'s crews busy into the winter months. Site work crews under **Scott Wade** are building access roads and crane pads for the bridge work.

On-site crews consist of **Them Kjar**, **Jason Baxter**, **Joseph Reyes**, **Micole Coupchiak**, **Dan Sotin**, **Marvin McLaren**, **Matt Kaney**, and new hire **Steven Bobb**. **Mitch Hokanson**, who interned last year, is helping with this project. Further planning and support is provided by project team members **Nathan Gilbert**, **Eric Holland**, **Tim Whiteis**, **Doug Cline**, and **Rene Miller**. This exciting project includes many pieces of work that Wildish excels at performing. This project runs for the next 3 years.

PM **Alan Bird** reports that at Huntington Bridge in eastern Oregon, a crew led by **Nate Adkins** completed the I-84 eastbound deck overlay in early June followed by paving, joint work and guard rail. Traffic was shifted back to the eastbound lanes so 1,300 LF of temporary steel barrier could be removed and 2,700 lf of permanent concrete barrier could be returned to the median. Temperatures over 100 degrees hampered efforts a couple of days. Work could only be done in the morning to keep the excavator from sinking into the new asphalt. The project was completed in July.

In Union County in the town of Elgin, Wildish crews led by **Al Frye, Jr.** removed street corners and prepared for new ADA curb ramps. As of July, approximately half of Elgin's 56 corners and 103 new ramps were completed. In August, the crew moves to Island City and then to La Grande with the goal of completing the project by the end of September. **Nate Adkins** and crew will assist with a few corners in the towns of Cove and Imbler. When this project is finished, WSTP crews will have replaced 139 corners and 230 ADA ramps.



## Wildish Construction Company

City of Eugene South Willamette Street Enhancement has been in full swing since early Spring, with **Chase Messerle**'s grading crew and **Tommy Bumgarner**'s concrete crew busy placing over 2,500 cy of concrete in sidewalks, curbing and concrete street paving. **Pete Linscott** kept work of the crews and subcontractors flowing smoothly through multiple concurrent phases. Completion is on- track for November.

City of Eugene Willamette, 20th Ave And Oak Street 2-Way Conversion is nearing completion, with wrap up expected in early August. The project was hampered by delays with electrical materials, but multiple crews contributed to keeping everything moving. Thanks to **Pete Linscott**, **Chase Messerle**, **Jason Johnson**, **Jeff Deschamps**, **Tom Miles**, **Matt Parker**, **Allen Taylor** and their crews for their efforts.

PM **Colin Cunningham** shares that work at the Tyree Oil office/warehouse continues under the direction of Lead Man **Jeff Deschamps**, with storm and utility piping nearly complete. Thanks to assistance from WBC crews under the direction of Supvr **Jared Sanchez**, the truck docks are complete, final grading and paving remain.

The first phase of 9,000 tons of paving at the Zip-O-Log mill in Goshen is complete. Superintendent **Rick Hamm** and crew installed storm piping and graded in preparation for the paving crew. Phase 2 begins in August.

**Rick Hamm** is also supervising the City of Eugene 13th/Dani St. stormwater quality renovation project scheduled for completion the end of July.

PM **Justin Besotes** shares that work is progressing on Lincoln Street, a project that spans from 13th Ave to 22nd Ave, including a sewer extension on High St. and W 28th Ave. This project consists of installing new storm drain and sewer systems, comprised of 2,941 lf of pipe (4" to 16"), 15 manholes (48" to 72"), 19 Type 4A inlets and 17 catch basins. Also, this project includes a complete roadway reconstruct and ADA replacement including 72,900 sf of 7.5" thick concrete roadway paving, 1,733 tn of asphalt paving, and 7,500 sf of concrete walks across 26 corners. Supervisor **Pete Linscott** heads field operations for this project with **Jason Johnson** and his crew installing the storm drain and sewer systems.

According to PM **Stan Gappa**, Paving Supt **Jay Ross** and the paving crew completed three pavement restoration projects for Springfield Utility Board with the help of **Brandon Preston** and **Jeff Frank**'s crews, who excavated the existing waterline trenches and replaced the backfill material with Control Density Fill (CDF). All three projects required coordination and communication to maintain neighborhood access.

Supvr **JonPaule Williams** and his crew excavated 24 ADA ramps and median islands for the concrete crews on the City of Eugene's NE Livable Streets project in North Eugene. Work took place in high traffic areas that required creative planning to keep

vehicles moving through the work zone while the crews performed their work. **Matt Parker** and **Tom Miles**' concrete crews worked closely with JP's crew to achieve the goal of getting the project completed efficiently and cost effectively.

The City of Springfield's Mohawk & Olympic Street project is now complete with the help of Supvr **Jeff Frank** and his crew. Originally intended to be a night job, most of the work was done during the day. In fact, the City of Springfield received several positive comments on its Facebook page about the project, commenting about how the contractor was able to keep traffic flowing. Supt **Jay Ross** and his paving crew completed the paving at night because of the volume of traffic during the day.

Supvrs **Brandon Preston** and **Matt Parker** with their crews completed the City of Eugene's airport sidewalk project. Both crews stepped up and completed the project within 6 days, making the owner very happy!



Project Supvr **Scott Rogge** and his crew started this year's project at the Eugene Airport. Wildish is removing the asphalt from the General Aviation runway that WCC built in 2005/2006 and will replace it with new asphalt. In addition to the runway work, the crews are relocating a taxiway so that it meets current FAA Standards. There are approximately 117,000 sy of asphalt to remove, 18,500 cy of excavation, and 10,900 tn of aggregate base as well as 3,900 tn of cement treated base to place. **Jay Ross** and his crew will place approximately 41,000 tn of asphalt place. Scott and Jay, along with their crews, have 100 days to complete the project. Intern **Alex Penfold**, a student at Oregon State University who is entering the CEM program, will help track quantities and assist with administration.



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# Around The Yard

## Welcome

Former WCC summer intern **Ian Partenger** graduated from Oregon Institute of Technology and joins WCC as an estimator/project engineer. He currently assists WCC's estimating team as he continues his real-life education. Ian's interests include mountain biking, camping, fishing, and generally anything that has to do with the great outdoors. Welcome aboard, Ian!


After a 6 year aperture from Wildish, we are excited to announce that **Dennis Montgomery** is back as project superintendent with Wildish Building Company. Dennis will be onsite supervising construction of the new Millersburg Fire Station project. Dennis and his wife Lisa have been married for 28 years and have 4 children Amber, Jamilyn, Hannah and Noah along with 7 grandchildren. We are excited to have Dennis back as he brings a strong background in commercial building, heavy civil and WWTP experience along with a great reputation for managing subcontractors and working with owners and various design team members. Welcome back, Dennis!

Welcome **Jamie Leroux**, who is taking over for Greg in the truck shop. Jamie has more than 20 years of experience as a buyer for truck/vehicle parts. Jamie will be a good fit.

## Retirement

We want to wish our recent retirees all the best as they replace work with something fun, we hope. On July 1st, **Greg Makinson** retired with one month shy of 20 years at Wildish and **Darrell Jones** retired after over 4 years. With each purchase, Greg looked after Wildish's money as if it was his own, always looking out for what was best for Wildish. Greg, we can't thank you enough. Darrell came to us at a time when we really needed some experience in our truck shop. Darrell, thank you for helping to make our mechanic crew top notch.



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WCC supervisor **JP Williams** placing rock on the NE Livable Streets project in Eugene.



Wildish employees **Rod Wood** and **Steven De Herrera** lay pipe on the High Banks Estates project in Springfield.

