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WBC employees **Vince Odle** and **Paki Hoopai** build a temporary wall at the Corvallis Public Library project.

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Welcome to Another Busy Season



WCC employees **Jaime Sepulveda**, **Ryan Long**, **Manny Alonso**, **Danny Alonso**, **Tom Bumgarner**, **Terry Lane**, **Matt Parker**, and **Pedro Ordenez-Urena** assist with an early morning concrete pour on the South Willamette Street project in Eugene.

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PM **Colin Cunningham** reports that **Rick Hamm** and crews wrapped up work on the Cottage Grove Safe Routes to Schools project. Initially bid at \$3.48M, additions brought the total project to \$4.3M.

The Polk/Chambers St. project is complete. **Jeff Frank** supervised operations that started last November, shut down for the winter and concluded this April.

Utility pipe work is now underway at the Tyree Oil facility on Irving Rd., and **Dondi Russell** will be setting in a concrete crew soon to install two new truck docks, which will be followed by excavation, grading and 1,300 tons of asphalt paving.

Several projects are in the planning stages at local mills, making for another busy season.

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From the Top

As I think about the past year and all the changes we've been through within the construction business, my thoughts drift back to Jim Wildish. For over 30 years, Jim took great pride in serving as company president and in being involved in the community. What he was most passionate about was his family, including the employees whom he considered an extension of the Wildish family. Jim was a determined, compassionate leader, and he served as an example of how much good can come from one man's life. He is missed by many.



A year ago, I wrote about the pandemic and the requirements that were put in place for Wildish to continue to keep employees working. Now, with the advent of successful vaccines, there appears to be light at the end of this long tunnel. As more and more people become vaccinated and we reach herd immunity, a return to normalcy seems possible. But we're not there yet.

Keep in mind that Wildish has an established set of protocols that must be followed for those who were exposed or exhibit symptoms of exposure. In each case, management ensures that these protocols are followed, and that employees are isolated when necessary. Given our current workload, this hasn't been easy, but we're committed to doing what we can to stop the spread of this disease.

The continued challenge calls on all of us to remain resilient and recognize that we must keep doing what's necessary for people to stay healthy, working, and provide for their families. Remember you're not alone.

Through Cascade Behavioral Health, the company offers resources to help you or someone in your immediate household, and the topic isn't restricted to just COVID-19 concerns. Financial issues, relationship issues, or anything that causes mental and/or emotional stress can all be discussed with a therapist. Rest assured that the identity of those who use the service remains anonymous. They'll be happy to help, please contact them directly at (541) 345-2800.

Yes, we're one step closer to normalcy, but we all need to hang on and push through just a little bit longer. As I said last year, by working together, we'll get through this.

Stay safe. Stay resilient.

- **Bill Wildish**

Around The Yard

Welcome Robert Stanton recently joined WSTP. He lives with his wife, Melissa, and 2 teenage sons in Washougal, Washington. He has degrees from Portland State in Architecture and ITT Technical Institute in Mechanical Drafting Design. He boasts extensive experience in industrial/mechanical, Corps of Engineers, and underwater construction, with projects all over the US. Robert focuses on safety, quality and performance with a keen interest in business development and all financial aspects of construction. He will work out of the Fairview office.

WCC welcomes two new interns this summer! **Bryce Nelson**, a junior at Oregon State University's Construction Engineering Management program, has 10 years of experience as a laborer in the construction industry, with two of those years at WSTP. He enjoys outdoor sports like running and snow skiing. OSU sophomore **Alex Penfold**, a Eugene-area resident, is also in the CEM program and comes with experience operating equipment such as skid steers and excavators.

Mitch Hokanson from Oregon Institute of Technology returns to WSTP for a second summer, where he will assist with Portland area projects. Welcome back, Mitch!


Babies and Grandbabies WCC PM **Justin Besotes** and his wife, Courtney, welcomed their first child last March. Clayton James Besotes weighed in at 6.4 pounds and 18.5" long. Both mom and baby are doing well, and Justin is adjusting to his new sleep schedule.

WSTP employee **Ryan Winn** and his wife, Sarah, recently welcomed their first grandchild, Kinsley Anne from their daughter, Bradleigh. Kinsley arrived weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces, and 19-inches long. She'll be known as a Georgia Peach, from where she begins her life!

WBC General Superintendent **Kevin Froehlich** welcomed twin grandsons, Tyson Adonis White and Curtis Scott White in April. Born to daughter Amy and son-in-law Curtis, Tyson weighed in at 7.9 pounds while brother Curtis weighed in at 8.9 pounds. Both boys measured 19.3 inches long. Big sisters Amiyah (8) and Kenley (7) are also thrilled with their baby brothers!

Congratulations to all on the newest additions to the Wildish family!



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On the Carmen Spawning Channel project, WCC crane operator **Jason Johnson** assists with building the cofferdam along with WBC employees **Peter Suzuki** and **Scott Tullock**.

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PM **Stan Gappa** tells us that **JP Williams** and his crew started the City of Eugene's NE Livable Streets project, which consists of constructing new ADA ramps and safe crossing islands. JP and his crew will complete the earthwork for the project, and **Matt Parker** and his crew will perform all of the concrete work. This project is expected to be finished on July 2.

Jeff Frank and **Tom Miles**, along with their crews, launched the Mohawk & Olympic Overlay project for the City of Springfield in the middle of February. This project consists of the construction of 66 ADA ramps at 44 different corners. Once the concrete is done, Jeff and his crew will work with **Jay Ross** and his paving crew to finish pavement repairs and move on to the project's asphalt pavement inlay. They will place 14,945 tons of asphalt with the goal of wrapping up by July 1.

Jay Ross and his paving crews have two Springfield Utility Board (SUB) short duration paving projects. The first is a trench patch repair on Mohawk & Olympic. (Yes, that trench is within the limits of our City of Springfield project.) Jay's crew will coordinate with **Jeff Frank**'s crew to complete this work before the paving begins on the City project. The second is a trench repair on Thurston Rd. Both projects are scheduled for completion in May.

WCC was the successful bidder on this year's Eugene Airport project, which involves rotomilling and paving the runway on the East side of the Airport that WCC built in 2005 and 2006. This project has 11,700 cy of excavation, 12,000

tons of aggregate, 4,700 tons of cement treated base and 41,400 tons of asphalt. **Scott Rogge**'s crew will be on the project along with **Jay Ross** and his paving crew. **Roger Bankes** and his dispatchers will provide trucking. **Scott Stinson** and the asphalt plant crew will work with **Tom Bosworth** and his Quality Control staff to provide asphalt that meets FAA's tight tolerances. **Brian Childs** and **Trevor Thomas**, along with their Sand & Gravel crews, will mine and crush the aggregates needed for the project. **Josh Craigmiles** and **Dan Hurst**, along with their mechanics, will keep the trucks and equipment running so the project goes smoothly.

PM **Kevin Friedel** notes that the City of Eugene South Willamette Street Enhancement project recently resumed. **Tom Bumgarner**'s crew, with assistance from other concrete crews, will place nearly 130,000 square feet of concrete paving, sidewalks and driveways between now and November. **Pete Linscott** and his crew will coordinate the excavation, electrical and landscaping work through the 13 remaining phases of the project.

The City of Eugene Willamette, 20th Ave and Oak Street 2-Way Conversion project started in early May and is expected to conclude before the end of July this year. Work includes nine new ADA ramp corners, dowelled concrete paving and asphalt paving.

The High Banks Estates Subdivision project, a 20-lot subdivision for Bruce Wiechert Custom Homes, is expected to begin in May of this year and take almost two months. Work includes 2,100 feet of pipe, 4,000 cy of fill, 1,100 feet of curbing and 300 tons of asphalt.

Wildish Building Company

PM **Jesse Bluhm** reports that WBC was awarded the new \$6M Millersburg Fire Station 15 in Albany, Oregon. This state-of-the-art 10,000 square foot facility was designed by Soderstrom Architects Ltd. WBC's PM **Matt Wynne**, project superintendent **Brian Hill**, and project engineer **Myranda Kelly** will lead the successful completion of this project that started in May.

In 2021, WBC continues to perform preconstruction services for the EWEB Fish Passage Facilities projects. In addition to procuring long lead material items, a handful of smaller construction task order projects will occur this summer in preparation for the main Trap and Haul facility project that begins in April 2022.

Wildish crews and subcontractors are in the final push to complete the 17,343 square foot single story corporate office building for Weyerhaeuser by end of May. Exterior building finishes are complete with interior still in progress. Other civil site work such as curbs, sidewalks, fencing allow for paving, striping and landscaping to be completed soon. WBC's PM **Matt Wynne**, and project superintendent **Jake Stucky** managed the project along with the help of WCC's **JP Williams** and **Matt Parker** with earthwork and site concrete respectively.

Wildish began work on the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library remodel project

this spring. WBC’s PM **Alex King**, and project superintendent, **Jason Blackmore**, continue to manage the project through its final completion this August.

WBC crews are on the EWEB City View Reservoir Access Improvements Project that kicked off this March. The work involves installing a new access hatch, ladder, and security vent on an existing concrete water storage reservoir located in Eugene’s South Hills. Project superintendent **Jason Blackmore** and PM **Alex King** manage the project.

PM **Tim Bonn** says work has begun on EWEB’s Spawning Channel project on the McKenzie River. In early April, erosion control was installed along the 1,000 foot spawning channel, and trees were removed. On April 12, the bulk bag cofferdam was installed. The following day, the channel was dewatered and biologists removed fish. Supervisor **Brandon Preston** leads channel excavation with the WCC crew, while **Jake Stucky** serves as project superintendent. Later this summer, new concrete structures and two new slide gates to control water flow will be installed. Flow will be restored to the channel in mid-August in time for the annual salmon run.

Wildish Standard Paving Co.

According to PM **Alan Bird**, the Union Curb Ramps project is underway in north-eastern Oregon. A crew led by **Al Frye Jr.** is removing ADA ramp corners and re-grading them for new curbs and ramps in Imbler, Cove and Elgin into the summer. The project will finish this summer with work in La Grande and Island City.

After delaying this project for a year due to Covid, a crew led by **Nate Adkins** shifted traffic at the Huntington overpass onto I-84 eastbound lanes. Crews then prepped the deck for a silica fume overlay put down in April. The other half will complete the project by mid-June.

Project superintendent **Dan Payne** shares some exciting news on the Boones Ferry Rd. project. Despite the challenges experienced since starting (utilities, Covid shut down and restrictions, snow and ice, and smoke and fire), the crew is ahead of schedule! Completion is expected by early fall versus December 2021. Out of



the original nine phases, currently only three are left. The middle stretch will finish by June and the northern stretch in July with final paving, striping, three new signals and seeding, planting and irrigation. **Adam Deutsch** and **Michael Parrish** managed Wildish crews on grading, concrete paving, asphalt paving, striping, and traffic along with the lighting and signals. All work was performed with a stellar safety record – ZERO reportables or lost time! Congratulations. The project was staffed by **Nathan Gilbert**, **Joel Fairchild**, **Doug Cline**, **Jim Thomas**, **Rene Miller**, and **Dan Payne**.

PM **Eric Holland** shares that work on the Yaquina Bay Bridge project in Newport, Oregon is moving into its second stage. The restoration and cathodic protection work inside the containment includes sandblast removal of existing zinc coating, concrete and rebar surveys and repairs, cathodic system installation and a new zinc coating. Wildish crews are working on bearing replacements by jacking up the bridge span, removing the existing rocker bearings, forming and pouring beam seat extensions and grout pads, and installing the new elastomeric bearing pads. **Dan Lutze**, **Tony Perez**, **Scott Brown**, **Troy Witzel** and **April Nelson** are directing and supporting the effort.

Recognition of Service

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

45 YEARS

Tim Hendrix

43 YEARS

Rick Hamm

33 YEARS

Jeff Frank
Colin Cunningham

32 YEARS

Trudy Peron
Dawn Drury-Odom

31 YEARS

Mary Lou Wilson

30 YEARS

Jim Anderson

28 YEARS

Phil Johnson, Jr.

26 YEARS

Mike Dahl
Jason White
Scott Rogge

25 YEARS

Tony Koker

24 YEARS

Matt Parker
Gary Monson
Eric Holland

21 YEARS

Erica French

20 YEARS

Mark Harrington
Wayne McCracken

15 YEARS

Jacobo Herrera
Robert Coop

10 YEARS

Kevin Friedel
Michael May

5 YEARS

Terry Peterson
Jason Blackmore
Curtis Fenner
Jared Sanchez
Scott Wade

1 YEAR

Jerry Ross, Jr.
Calvin Seeley
Brandon Preston
Alex Perkins
Jordan Ross
Robert Wilson
Christopher Hendrickson
Dondi Russell
Alejandro Martinez-Walters