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Bryce Nelson and Brian Chilton excavating for a pipe tie-in at the Coburg Crossing project.



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Getting back to normal



Wildish subcontractor crews building the scaffold framework for the next segment of bridge to be rehabilitated on the Yaquina Bay Bridge project.

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PM **Colin Cunningham** shares that it's shaping up to be another busy season. Supvr Jeff Deschamps is finishing up site work for the new Tyree Oil office/warehouse on Irving Rd.

Work on the \$2.1M Eugene 17th Ave. job will be managed by Supvr **Pete Linscott**. The project includes 40 new ADA ramps, 3 concrete intersections, 7 blocks of FDR (full depth reclamation) and 5,000 tons of asphalt paving.

Supvr **Jeff Frank** will be busy with 2 Eugene jobs E4th Ave and Jessen Drive, including more ADA ramps, storm pipe, milling and another 7,200 tons of asphalt paving. All those jobs started early are to be completed before the World Athletics Championships. *(continued)*

From the Top

Happy New Year! 2022! ... Back to Normalcy?

I hope that you enjoyed a mostly “normal” winter holiday season. That is, before the next Greek letter arrived with its aggressive COVID variant and swept over us in early January.

As I write this in February, the outlook is better. The hope now is that in the next month or two, we will emerge from this dark and winding COVID tunnel into a place of Normalcy — or at least close to it. Like most of you, I’m optimistic, and hopeful as we anticipate the promise of Oregon’s spring and summer weather, and the numerous opportunities for outdoor recreational activities that so many of us enjoy.

We are also anxious to continue and begin many new and exciting construction projects. Some are highlighted in the newsletter.

We have a fair amount of work on the books for this season, and I know we’re all looking forward to grading roadways, forming ramps, pouring concrete — basically, all the things that wet weather prevents us from doing. But as we transition into work mode, it’s important that we keep our safety and the safety of others in mind.

Remember to wear your safety gear: hard hats, safety vests, safety glasses, and work boots are a minimum — follow safety procedures and stop anyone who looks like they might hurt themselves or others. Take the time to evaluate your work areas for hazards and mitigate those hazards immediately.

In addition to our workload with projects, Wildish management is looking forward to more in-person meetings and trainings as well as the company picnic this summer.

While there continue to be unknowns, we’re hopeful. As tough as things have been these past couple of years, we have stayed the course with the fantastic skills and resilience of Wildish employees, following the science, the vaccines, and little bit of common sense.

Thank you, stay safe, and be well.

– **Bill Wildish**



Get A Load Of This

WCC paving crews recently received two awards from the Asphalt Paving Association of Oregon.

First place award was in the Commercial/Industrial category for work done on the Runway 16L – 34R Rehabilitation and Taxiway B2 Relocation at Mahlon Sweet Airport in Eugene.

A third place award in the Rural Road category was given for work done on the Clear Lake Road project from MP 4.50 to 5.15 and MP 7.00 to 8.40.

Congratulations to Paving Supt **Jay Ross** and paving crew members **Allen Taylor, Brittan Nash, Jay Hamlin, Jordan Ross, Gonzalo Sanchez, Gavin Ross, Scott Sanders–Anderson**, and **Andrew Jensen**.

Around The Yard

Welcome

Crystal Roby, our new Personnel/Worker’s Compensation Administrator, takes over from Tennesa White who is now a stay-at-home mom following the addition of her third child. Crystal comes to us with a background in both human resources and worker’s compensation. Crystal, it is great to have you join the Wildish team!

Retirement

After working for WBC since 1977, PM **Jim Thomas** officially retired from Wildish in 2019, but has been doing consulting work for WSTP on the Lake Oswego – Boones Ferry Road project. The project recently completed and Jim tells us he *may* be ready to hang it up for good. Retirement for Jim means spending time riding his motorcycle through the countryside, as well as traveling to visit his family. Thanks for 42 years of service, Jim!

Bob McDonald, Chief Estimator for WBC, also recently retired after 36 years. Bob, we hope you enjoy your time with your wife, kids, and grandkids. Happy retirement!

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Wildish was successful bidder on the \$3.1M Corvallis Airport runway overlay, milling and 16,000 tons of paving to start in mid-August (subject to FAA funding). Along with various mill projects, this should keep us hopping.

PM **Stan Gappa** reports that we were the low bidder on a Lebanon School District project, which includes constructing underground utilities and roads for a new 12-lot subdivision. Vocational classes at the high school will develop one to two lots each year. Work for WCC is scheduled to start the first of May and be completed by the end of August

According to PM **Kevin Friedel**, work on the 26-lot Coburg Creek Subdivision for Bruce Wiechert Custom Homes continued into the new year. Offsite waterline and street improvements happened in January and February. Onsite, the dry utilities were completed and final lot grading should be done by March. Multiple crews have contributed to the project, led by **Mike Skeele**, **Jason Johnson**, **Tony Koker**, **Scott Rogge**, and **Jay Ross**.

The ODOT Sweet Home Ramps project has 245 ADA ramps at 41 intersection sites on Highways OR228 and US20 through Sweet Home. Work associated with those ramps includes 11,600 lf of curbing, 20,000 sf of ACP Repairs and modifications at 4 traffic signals. Work is expected to begin in March 2022 and be completed by April 2023.

On the Arcimoto rAMP Building Site Work project with Chambers Construction, WCC crews will perform general site work for the new manufacturing facility in Eugene. Final scope of work is still being determined and will likely include dry and wet site utilities, earthwork, sidewalks and curbing, and concrete and asphalt paving. Initial site activities began in January, and all work should be finished by year's end.

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PM **Tim Bonn** says work on the EWEB Trail Bridge campground project is on hold until spring snowmelt allows the project to resume. Last fall, the boat ramp and fishing node work wrapped up the in-water work. Multiple roads and trails were completed as well as the setting of pit toilets. The pavilion structure was also installed. Next, crews will finish various trails, install a new septic system, and hook up a new flushable toilet structure. **Brandon Preston** is leading the WCC crews and **Jake Stucky** is the project supt.

In Adair Village, crews have installed a new 10-foot diameter wet well structure. After some redesigns, concrete work began on the new headworks structure and will

continue into the spring. Installation of the screening equipment, as well as a new shop building, will keep crews busy the next 6 months. Supvr **Aaron Hamrick** is coordinating the on-site work with WCC Supvr **Mike Skeele** whose crew is performing earthwork.

A new screw conveyor system for Newport's wastewater treatment plant's Biosolids processing station was recently completed. The equipment arrived in late January, and during an intense 10-day shutdown, existing equipment was removed, installed, and tested. Use of the new equipment began February 7th. **Jake Stucky** was the project supt.

Under the leadership of Supt **Dennis Montgomery**, WBC subcontractors are working on interior and exterior building finishes to the Millersburg Fire Station 15 project, including paint, flooring, polished concrete flooring, wall protection, casework, acoustic wall panels, and mechanical, electrical, and plumbing fixtures. WCC crews led by supvr **Mike Skeele** are working on a new public roadway to the fire station, as well as grading and preparing for site concrete. This 10,084 sf building and 3.61 acre site is scheduled to be completed by May 2022.

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According to PM **Alan Bird**, Wildish is nearly finished constructing a new flashing pedestrian crossing on a 4-lane roadway on Sandy Blvd at 108th in Portland. **Scott Wade** started the project in November before returning to McMinnville to finish detour approaches, splitting time between 108th and other projects. If the electrical equipment arrives and there's a nice day to stripe, this project will be done by March 1st.

PM **Eric Holland** reports that work has begun on the last segment at the south approach on the Yaquina Bay Bridge in Newport. The sand blast prep will be followed



Dennis Mittleider and **Marvin McLaren** remove asphalt for the median refuge on the Sandy Blvd. project.



Dennis Montgomery, Aaron Hamrick, and Patterson Hoopai place concrete in forms for precast architectural concrete panels that will be a wainscot at building exterior on the Millersburg Fire Station 15 project.

by concrete and rebar surveys and repairs, epoxy injection, reference cell installation, and finally application of the new zinc coating. Then, work will shift back to the arch spans over the bay. Scaffold installation started in March to prepare for this work. An ambitious goal calls for the project team to complete two arch span segments before next winter. Additionally, the fully contained work areas over the bay will have to be removed in late fall due to high wind loading concerns.

Wildish crews are continually busy cleaning up blast sand and zinc dust, providing ventilation and heating inside the fully contained negative air pressure work areas. They also perform concrete repairs, replace the existing rocker bearings with new elastomeric bearings, and construct the beam seat extensions that are part of the

seismic upgrades. **Dan Lutze** and **Tony Perez** are providing supervision with support from PE **April Nelson II**.

Work in McMinnville on the South Yamhill River Bridge project has focused on completing the Diversion Bridge and installing a temporary bypass pipe for the SSFM. The Diversion Bridge, a 1,150-ft long temporary structure, will carry traffic and pedestrians over the South Yamhill River and its wetlands while the existing bridge is removed and replaced. Once the diversion bridge and the SSFM work are complete this spring, traffic will be shifted to this temporary alignment, and the project will move onto the demolition of the existing bridge, which will require the installation of containment platforms to keep debris out of the river and wetlands. Then, crews will gear up for a busy season that will include installing the work bridge, excavating the new pier footing, driving pile, and installing temporary shoring and cofferdams. Crews are being led by supervisors **Shawn Cook**, **Scott Wade**, **Nathan Gilbert**, **Joe Reyes**, and **Jason Baxter**, supported by PE **Nathan Gilbert** and Const. Asst. **Rene Miller**.



Crews are finishing work on the diversion bridge for the South Yamhill River Bridge.

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.

35 YEARS

Stan Gappa

33 YEARS

Scott Vogl

30 YEARS

Debbie Mitchell

15 YEARS

Kevin Froehlich

5 YEARS

Serio Mora Flores

Curtis Boggs

Nathan Garber

1 YEAR

Jackie Mayfield

Ryan Long

Kevin Perez

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