

Anyone else tired of the rain? I know I’m ready for some summer sunshine and warmth. It’s going to be a busy construction season for the workforce at Hamilton Construction Co., and what a great team of people to do it with.



We will be hiring quite a few new hands this summer. Everyone needs to help them become a safe productive member of our team. We have lots to be proud of, and they need to be a part of it. One item is our safety record: this year to date is amazing! After 7 months of work, SAIF, our workman’s comp insurance carrier, predicted we would have 14 medical claims—we’ve only had 4 very minor incidents. They predicted we would have 4 time loss injuries, we have had 0. Time loss, as you know, are the ones where a member of our team can not come to work due to an injury. Your efforts are really paying off, and all of our working buddies are going home injury-free and coming back the next day. What a great compliment to hard work. Strive for perfection, it’s important to all of us.

The partners are striving to provide the best people and equipment to keep us safe, productive, profitable, and to be “The Northwest’s Premier Bridge Builder.” Your efforts to help us find, interview, and hire qualified people are greatly appreciated. This system was implemented on your suggestion and is a success. Over the last year we have invested in new safety equipment, forming systems, cranes, hand tools, trucks, trailers, and more. We are hearing good things from all of you about these purchases. We’ll continue to make these purchases because we know when you are provided the right tools for the job, that work properly, you can be a very safe, productive team that builds quality into the things we construct. These ideas come from you and again it is a success. Keep the ideas coming our way.

These three things and many others cannot be done without you. It’s great to work with people that are on top of their game, healthy, and happy.

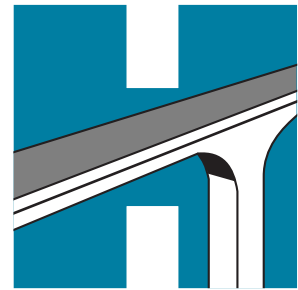
Have a great safe summer,
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McKenzie River – Goshen Design Build

In May 2006, Hamilton was awarded the \$60 million design-build project to replace the I-5 McKenzie River Overpass and the full reconstruct of the Hwy 58 – I-5 Intersection. The project is a joint effort between Hamilton/Wildish/DEA, with Hamilton building the McKenzie River bridges and Wildish doing the site work and building the Goshen area bridges.



Hamilton’s portion of the work is to rebuild the North Bound and South Bound structures over the McKenzie River. As you may remember, 3 years ago, Hamilton/Wildish teamed up to build the detours over the Willamette & McKenzie River. This is the subsequent job to build the new bridges using the detour bridge for traffic during construction. The new structures will be 790’ long, 6 spans, and have enough width to handle 4 lanes of traffic as compared to the two lane structures that exist now.

We’ll build the South Bound Bridge this year. Then move all traffic onto that bridge in the summer of 2008, and then

permits, etc... We are pretty excited to start thundering away at the bridge. The new structures we are building will be founded on drilled shafts and have a precast beam superstructure. The main span over the river will have the 180’ long girders, not quite as big as the beams Hamilton erected in Chemult, but close.



begin building the sister North Bound Bridge from 2008 till summer 2009. Job completion is September 2009.

For the past year, we’ve been working with the engineer to gather up all the documents that it takes to start a project of this magnitude Ie... Engineering,



Without a doubt, this is a bridge builder’s project. Most things that we do as bridge builders can be seen here. Lots of workbridge, cofferdams, drilled shafts, big demolition, erecting big beams, etc... all of which are on a tight schedule over one of Oregon’s most pristine rivers. Sounds right up our alley to me. When the In-Water Work window opens up on the first of July, we’ll be moving full steam ahead. We’ll slow down about September 30, 2009.

Like I said, we’re pretty excited to be building these structures in our backyard here in Eugene. DEA has put forth a bridge design that begs to be built. We’re looking forward to getting our great craftspeople here and doing what we do best!

BETH WERNER has for years been the person we all call with health insurance and retirement benefit issues. There is more to her presence at Hamilton and her life.

Beth came to the Roseburg area when she was 14 years old and graduated from Roseburg High School. She married Ken in 1977, and for the next 7 years they alternated working and getting their college degrees. She received her BS in Biology from Portland State University in August 1980. They then moved to the Eugene area so Ken could attend the University of Oregon.

Daughters Caitlin and Ashley were born in 1985 and 1989 respectively. Caitlin lives in Medford, has a degree in criminology, and is working toward her goal of Federal employment in her field (FBI or similar). Ashley works in Roseburg and just completed her high school work and first year of college at Umpqua Community College.

Beth's greatest joy has been motherhood. She loved raising two wonderful daughters, and has been a second mom to many of her friends' children and foster children. For many years she has been a Sunday school teacher and school volunteer. When not working with children, she enjoys playing the piano, reading, singing in choir, hiking, kayaking, and camping.

Beth started with Hamilton in December 1980 where she worked as the estimating secretary in the days before computers. She had Hamilton's first personal computer and helped implement Excel spreadsheets into the estimating process then moved to Apple Macintosh computer use during the 1980's.

In 1989 several things came together to set the future. Beth and Ken had a family and wanted to return to the Roseburg area. Hamilton was just ending our union agreements and the company was struggling with four different health insurance programs and a similar number of pension programs. Beth and Jack Hamilton worked out a deal for Beth to work from home managing these plans.




That same year the family moved from Eugene to Glide so Ken could work in the family business building backpacks and various work clothing. Beth worked at home, kept a Hamilton computer and answered calls from employees and office people. This continued until 2005 when Ken's family sold their business and he started a new career.

In 2006 Beth returned to working at Hamilton's Springfield office 3 days a week, and the remaining days at home. She continues to handle company benefits, work with View Point software reports, and is leading a new effort into reviewing subcontractor payrolls.

Among Beth's most memorable times at Hamilton are those opportunities she's had to visit job sites to see Hamilton employees in action. She also enjoys meeting many of you at the annual Christmas party, with the opportunity to personally visit those she's helped during the year by phone.

BOB OREM is a pretty familiar face to a lot of people. He has been working for Hamilton for 14 years now although most everyone knows him as Bobo. Bob got his start at Cedar Hills with Brad Sullivan and has pretty much been able to work in the Portland area since. He is a pretty darn good carpenter with some pilebuck tendencies. Bob is also one of the best hose men we have for pouring decks. Anyone that has to muck on a deck pour will know what I'm talking about. He is currently working on the Washington County Commuter Rail project, but his favorite job so far has been Barney Reservoir. Bobo has definitely been a welcome addition wherever he goes. He has been working in the bridge industry since 1983, so he has seen quite a bit over the years.



Bob was born in Nampa, Idaho and moved to the town of Starbuck (it is really small) in Eastern Washington soon thereafter. His Dad was in construction and had moved the family to the work. Bob and his wife moved over to the west side in 1983. They moved from Portland out to Willamina with their boys a couple of years ago to a place with some acreage. Now Bob has the room to work on his hobbies, although from his stories lately he seems to be creating more work for himself than necessary. It is apparent that while he may be an expert carpenter, his skills with raw, unfinished lumber leave something to be desired. Bob decided to re-route the power to his place the hard way using a tree to knock down the old power lines. Now Bob has brand new lines courtesy of PGE.

He likes to work on older cars and ride his Harley on the weekends with his wife. They belong to a local bike club called the Coast Range Wrecking Crew. The hog collection currently is a '03 Roadking, a '79 Shovelhead, and a '99 Sportster. Bob said that the boys have to get their own bikes if they want to ride with him and his wife. His current car project is an '85 Corvette. It's not as old as he would have liked, but it was one of those deals you can't pass up. Bob is also working on building a mini-lumber mill out at his place to mill all those trees he has been falling.

Thank you Bob for your hard work over the years, you have made each job a bit more fun with your attitude and positive outlook on life. We really appreciate it!

June/July Anniversaries

Jim Sly	30	Tino Gutierrez	7	Pat Lujan	3
Scott Williams	28	Bob Hirte	7	Mike Sheeley	3
Dave Place	27	Jean Ross	7	Danny Doyle	2
Randy Burg	13	Kathleen Smith	7	DaJoshua Foskey	2
Jason Stone	13	Bob Walker	7	Donnie Fradd	2
Jeff Firth	12	Dave Owsley	6	Stacey Fradd	2
Joel Matzen	12	Ken Maddox	5	Aaron Standeford	1
Andy Solberg	10	Chris VanderPloeg	5	Tony Strain	1
Evan Stuart	10	Bob Fletcher	4	Brandon Young	1
John Prendergast	9	Doug Ginter	3		
Neal Spoon	9	Arnie Kautto	3		

Welcome/Welcome Back:

Dave Alexander
Dwight Allen
Dennis (Mark) Berg
Steve Brooks
Dennis Hornbeck
Terry Jorgensen
Levi Niemann
Steve Vaughn

Do you know a good worker with experience as a laborer, carpenter, pilebuck, finisher, or crane operator? Ask them to fill out an application, and let us know!

Hamilton is an Equal Opportunity Employer who is interested in applications from qualified candidates.

Reminder:
In order to keep our information current, we need your help. When your address or phone number changes—please complete a Change of Address Form and submit to Payroll. Thanks!

Bee Sting Relief

- First, remove the stinger by gently scraping it away with a credit card, license, or dull knife.
- Next, grab a tablet of Alka-Seltzer® and moisten it slightly so that it starts fizzing when you apply it to the sting. Its baking soda reduces inflammation... and aspirin, which relieves pain. The fizzing allows both substances to travel beneath your skin, providing immediate relief!

Letter of Commendation for Safety



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Dear Scott,


We at ODOT send our hearty congratulations to Hamilton for the remarkable achievement of 50,000 injury-free work hours on the OTIA III State Bridge Delivery Program project, Interstate 5: N. Santiam to Kuebler Blvd.

We are pleased and impressed by your company's commitment to safety and to the community. Your generous donation to Miller Elementary School for a safety improvement is a wonderful way to share your success in a manner that will positively affect students for years to come.

I also commend your company's business manager, Ken Maddox, on the great job he did overseeing the donation to the school. Ken created an excellent opportunity to show students, teachers and community members how important safety is to Hamilton and to ODOT.

Your outstanding safety record is a positive reflection on the bridge program and ODOT, and we are always proud to work with companies that embody ODOT's commitment to safety.

I wish you success on your future work sites, and I look forward to your continued commitment to safety and to the community.

Sincerely,

Matthew L. Garrett
Director