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## **Milk River Bridge Replacement Project**



*Pouring the bridge deck on the new 2 span steel truss bridge.*

**Zurich, Montana** - The Milk River project, four miles west of Zurich, is owned by the Montana Department of Transportation. It was bid by Olivia Poettmann in the amount of \$2,811,194 and began on March 26, 2018.

The project was led by Jason Fenhaus as the Project Manager along with Superintendent, Dave Burg. The crew had approximately 7 employees, a few of which were from the Havre/Chinook area.

The work consisted of reconstruction of approximately .5 miles of gravel roadway, demolition of an existing truss bridge and construction of a new 2 span steel truss bridge with a concrete deck. The project had 32 16-inch pipe piles to be driven at three bents. Bent 2 required a sheet pile cofferdam approximately 50-foot x 20-foot deep for the seal slab and footing construction. Once the three bents were complete, the steel truss bridge was delivered in large pieces that had to be bolted together and lifted into place. The two trusses for the 147-foot span required a 300 ton crane to install them. The shorter trusses for the 78-foot span were placed with the COP-owned 110 ton crane.

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

### Blocking and Tackling

All of us are very fortunate that the economies in Utah and Montana continue to be strong. In Utah, the projects being bid are numerous and larger in size, but on the down side, the competition remains fierce. In Montana, the projects are smaller and fewer in number, but the amount of competition is much more realistic. These excellent economic conditions have created a situation where competition for qualified craftsmen and supervisors remains a challenge in both markets.

In competitive markets such as what we are experiencing now, it is more important than ever that we concentrate on doing our respective jobs as best as possible. To say it a different way, now that the football season is again upon us, it is how effective we can be in our “blocking and tackling”. If each of us understands the responsibilities associated with our positions, and we all strive to complete those responsibilities as consistently and as effectively as possible, the entire COP Team can maximize our successes in these very competitive times.

With all the challenges and obstacles that we face in our everyday lives, it is important we all get back to the basics. We need to take time to clearly understand the responsibilities we each have been given and concentrate our efforts on successfully completing those responsibilities. If everyone on the COP Team completes their assigned “blocking and tackling”, all of us will be able to continue maximizing our chances for success in the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Bedell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Ed Bedell**  
President & CEO

# MILK RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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The project was challenged with significant flooding in April, 2018. Of the 21 available working days in April, we were able to work 8 of those days due to record flooding on the Milk River.

The project also had some challenges with the uniqueness of constructing a bolted connection steel truss bridge.

The Superintendent, Dave Burg, did an exceptional job completing this project and meeting a deck pour date, to the day, that was scheduled six weeks prior to the pour. The project was completed on September 6, 2018.

*Right: Existing truss bridge prior to demolition.*

*Below: Preparing for the concrete deck pour.*



*Milk River flooding April 23, 2018.*



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# MILK RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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*Demolition of the existing truss bridge.*



*Installation of the Bent 2 cofferdam.*



*Bridge column replacement.*



*View from above placing the bridge columns.*



*Bent 2 pier cap.*



*Installation of the two shorter trusses.*

# FACES OF COP

*The crew on the Livingston 2018 Capital Improvements Project in downtown Livingston, Montana, received many accolades from the local community for a job well done. The following employees helped make the project a success.*



**Name:** John Dudley  
**Position:** Equipment Operator  
**Greatest Project Challenge:** At the end, setting up the asphalt grade  
**What do you want to be when you grow up?** Retired  
**Known For:** Unsure  
**Favorite Food:** Steak & Lobster  
**Favorite Pet:** Chihuahua mix named Paris



**Name:** James Hammer  
**Position:** Equipment Operator  
**Greatest Project Challenge:** Driving there everyday  
**What do you want to be when you grow up?** I'm there  
**Known For:** Operating, truck driving, working hard  
**Favorite Food:** Steak & Shrimp  
**Favorite Pet:** Horse named Bay

**Name:** Colton Jansma aka Biscuit  
**Position:** Equipment Operator  
**Greatest Project Challenge:** Learning to run the loader  
**What do you want to be when you grow up?** Project Manager  
**Known For:** Hard worker  
**Favorite Food:** Spaghetti  
**Favorite Pet:** Border Collie named Jessie



**Name:** Bruce Nealy  
**Position:** Truck Driver  
**Greatest Project Challenge:** Traffic/people passing through jobsite  
**What do you want to be when you grow up?** Unsure  
**Known For:** Looked up to for guidance  
**Favorite Food:** Steak  
**Favorite Pet:** Dogs named Sadie & Jedd



**Name:** Shane Sheridan aka Tonto  
**Position:** Foreman  
**Greatest Project Challenge:** The unknowns  
**What do you want to be when you grow up?** Supervisor for COP  
**Known For:** Leadership  
**Favorite Food:** Chicken Fried Steak  
**Favorite Pet:** Dog



**Name:** Jay Walker  
**Position:** Equipment Operator  
**Greatest Project Challenge:** Safety with tourists  
**What do you want to be when you grow up?** Marine Biologist or Michael Jordan  
**Known For:** Working well with others  
**Favorite Food:** Pizza  
**Favorite Pet:** Dog named Ike



**Name:** Chris Wientjes  
**Position:** Laborer  
**Greatest Project Challenge:** Traffic control  
**What do you want to be when you grow up?** Job Supervisor  
**Known For:** Teaching new people; being friendly  
**Favorite Food:** Pizza  
**Favorite Pet:** Dog named Paisley



**Name:** Carson Willis  
**Position:** Equipment Operator  
**Greatest Project Challenge:** Getting close to buildings when doing sewer services  
**What do you want to be when you grow up?** Toys R Us Kid  
**Known For:** Personality  
**Favorite Food:** Pizza  
**Favorite Pet:** Border Collie named Savannah

Not shown: Zach Donnot, Equipment Operator; Eric Smith, Project Manager; Jerrod Winderl, Superintendent; Reddie Spencer, Project Engineer



*Street excavation on Callender Street.*



*Paving Callender Street in downtown Livingston.*



*Brad Cutler-  
Utah Area Safety  
Manager*

## SAFETY MESSAGE

### Changing of the Seasons

Summer is coming to an end and fall is right around the corner, with winter closely behind it. The changing of the seasons brings on new safety challenges and we must remain alert and diligent on the jobsite, practice self care with hydration and proper clothing, and continue to put safety first.

Rain storms are more common this time of year and the ground will soon begin to freeze and thaw, making surfaces wet and slippery. Take extra time to evaluate the soil in trenches and watch for icy, slick surfaces. When the snow falls, tools will need to be put away so they are not buried overnight and get lost or become a walking hazard.

The weather outside may not be hot like in the summer months, but hydration is still a factor. Breathing cool and dry air causes the body to lose fluids, making it important to drink water throughout the day. PPE still needs to be worn at all times. As we change to coats and jackets, the proper outerwear still needs to be used to insure everyone's safety. Statistics show that the likelihood of being injured in the fall or winter is just as high as the summer months. We still need to look out for each other and work together to put safety first.

The work environment changes as the seasons change, but our goal to work safely, to work hard, and finish the job so everyone goes home, remains constant. Safety First is not just a slogan, it is a way of life.



### 3rd Quarter Anniversaries

**July:** Ryan Nutt – 3 years, Josh Dupea – 4 years, Calvin Southwick – 4 years, Taylor Bryson – 5 years, Johnny Heinzman – 17 years, David Spencer – 1 year, Todd Ames – 4 years, Dustin Rahn – 3 years, Brad Cutler – 6 years, Jacob Beeman – 1 year, Neil Boyce – 3 years, Jace Miller – 3 years, David Dalke – 1 year, Joe Hickey – 4 years, Sam Aiton – 5 years, Harold Stewart – 16 years, JD Myhre – 5 years; **August:** Ed Allen – 45 years, Josh Pearson – 13 years, Kimberly Hope – 15 years, Stephen Salz – 4 years, Ken McNeil – 5 years, James McClain – 3 years, Shawn Houston – 5 years, Tom Eastlick – 2 years, Tony Whitley – 2 years, Keith Sorum – 2 years, Troy Bowen – 1 year, Drake Riddle – 4 years, Rodney Castro – 2 years, Billy Thomas – 2 years; **September:** Nick Myhre – 6 years, David Black – 1 year



# EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Our Employee Recognition Program focuses on COP's Core Values and recognizes any employee who best exemplifies those values while carrying out their work assignments.

*\*Safety \*Excellence \*Integrity \*Positive Attitude \*Teamwork \*Dedication*

## Shawn Houston



*Shawn Houston – Equipment Operator*

According to the Industrial Manager, Shawn wanted to make sure that his crew was paying attention to the work permits at CHS refinery. He informed CHS that he was going to use a “fake” permit and see who on his crew would catch it. Only 2 employees noticed the “fake” permit and this information was used as a learning tool for the entire COP crew.

\* SAFETY \*

## Jerrod Winderl



*Jerrod Winderl – Superintendent*

COP's COO said “the COP main office got a call from a business owner in Livingston praising Jerrod and his crew for all of their good work and even building a wheelchair ramp for one of their customers. Great job, Jerrod!”

\* EXCELLENCE \*

\* INTEGRITY \*

**\* DEDICATION \***

## Kim Hope



*Kim Hope – Utah Office Manager*

Kim's coworker said, “due to a misunderstanding or plain foul up, the Accounting Department was low on blank checks and it was a check run with discounts. It occurred to me that Utah has blank checks at their office so I called Kim and asked if it would be possible to print Wyoming checks there and for her to stuff them into envelopes for me? This is not in her list of responsibilities but she cheerfully agreed. Saving my bacon, she also sent blank checks to the Montana office for payroll and Montana to use.”

\* TEAMWORK \*

## John Dudley



*John Dudley – Equipment Operator*

According to John's superintendent, “throughout this spring our crew has worked on a wide array of jobs. John has been able to acclimate quickly to the type of work and at every possibility, did what he had to do to make the job come in efficiently without cutting corners. When faced with adversity, he worked with me to overcome the issues and continue forward in a positive and productive manner. His dedication is appreciated and a trait that exemplifies the values of COP Construction.”

\* DEDICATION \*

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**EMPLOYEE  
RECOGNITION**  
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**Mike Bazzano**



*Mike Bazzano – Superintendent*

According to Mike's Project Manager, "Mike was challenged with setting up and removing 10 miles of traffic control barrels daily. This operation took 3 people and had a physical strain to the body. Mike innovated and fabricated, at home, after work, a barrel sliding device that is mounted to his truck hitch. They now do traffic control with 2 people and have eliminated the physical strain to the crew."

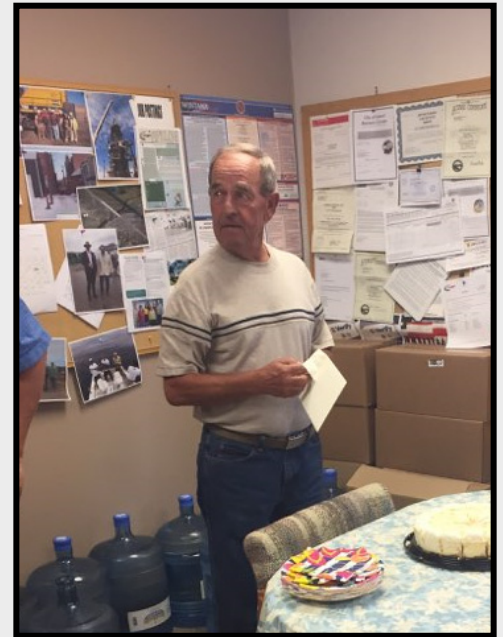
**CONGRATULATIONS**



*Kim Hope, Utah Office Manager, receiving her 15 year sticker from CEO, Ed Bedell*



*Ken McNeill, Yard Assistant, receiving his 5 year sticker from Calvin Southwick, Equipment Manager*



*Ed Allen, Estimator, at his 45th work anniversary celebration.*



# CURRENT PROJECTS

## COP CONSTRUCTION, LLC

### ABSAROOKE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Absarokee Water & Sewer District  
Absarokee, Montana

### CHS PROJECTS

CHS, Inc.  
Laurel, Montana

### EAST HOLLY STREET

Sub to Knife River  
Sidney, Montana

### EBURD

City of Billings  
Billings, Montana

### EXXONMOBIL PROJECTS

ExxonMobil  
Billings, Montana

### FOX PUMP STATION

City of Billings  
Billings, Montana

### LAUREL PHASE 3 WTP

City of Laurel  
Laurel, Utah

### MDU PROJECTS

Montana Dakota Utilities  
Billings, Montana

### P-732 RIMROCK ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Copper Ridge West, Inc.  
Billings, Montana

### PHILLIPS 66 PROJECTS

Phillips 66  
Billings, Montana

### ROUNDUP PH 4 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

City of Roundup  
Roundup, Montana

### SIDNEY WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

City of Sidney  
Sidney, Montana

### W.O. 18-01 N 27TH WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

City of Billings  
Billings, Montana

### 500 SOUTH PUMP STATION

Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities  
Salt Lake City, Utah

### 1500 SOUTH RECONSTRUCTION

Utah Dept of Transportation  
Bountiful, Utah

### CREEKSIDE WWTP

Park City Municipal Corporation  
Park City, Utah

### FRANCIS WWTP

Francis City  
Francis, Utah

### HAFB WARDLEIGH WATERLINE

American Water  
Layton, Utah

### HOYTSVILLE STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT

Utah Dept of Transportation  
Hoytsville, Utah

### MANTUA BARRIER INSTALLATION

Utah Dept of Transportation  
Brigham City, Utah

### MARINA PUMP STATION

City of Saratoga Springs  
Saratoga Springs, Utah

### SILVER CREEK TRUCK SEWER REHAB

Snyderville Basin Water Reclamation District  
Park City, Utah

### SOUTH WEBER DRIVE

Weber Basin Water  
Riverdale City, Utah

### SOUTHWEST AQUADUCT REACH 1

Jordan Valley WCD  
Bluffdale, Utah

### TIMPANOGOS CANAL LINING

Central Utah Water Conservation District  
Heber City, Utah

## COP WYOMING, LLC

### ROCK SPRINGS WATER TRANSMISSION

City of Rock Springs  
Rock Springs, Wyoming

### GILLETTE MADISON 18-INCH BLENDING WATERLINE

City of Gillette  
Gillette, Wyoming

### GILLETTE 2018 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

City of Gillette  
Gillette, Wyoming



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## MISSION

*Through safe, innovative and quality solutions, we are building infrastructure in the communities where we live and work.*

## CORE VALUES

COP's culture is defined and driven by the following values:

**SAFETY:**

LIVING IT BECAUSE FAMILIES COME FIRST

**EXCELLENCE:**

DOING IT RIGHT AND DOING OUR BEST EVERY DAY

**INTEGRITY:**

DOING THE RIGHT THING

**POSITIVE ATTITUDE:**

CAN DO, WILL DO AND HAVE FUN

**TEAMWORK:**

DOING OUR JOBS WITH EMPOWERMENT, TRUST, RESPECT  
AND UNSELFISHNESS

**DEDICATION:**

COMMITMENT AND LOYALTY TO OUR PEOPLE, COMPANY,  
CUSTOMERS AND PARTNERS

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

### MONTANA, UTAH and WYOMING

Pipe Layers

Equipment Operators

Civil Carpenters

General Laborers

Truck Drivers

Concrete Superintendent - Utah

Underground Utility Superintendent - Utah

Project Engineer - Utah

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