



KERR Newsletter



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Kerr is Back in Black



Kerr Contractors, Inc. is back in the paving business. This summer John Arambul was hired to oversee Kerr Contractors new paving division.

John came to Kerr from Western States Paving, where he was Vice President and General Manager for the company. We are excited to welcome John and the paving crew to the team.

So far the paving department has successfully bid and completed a number of jobs. Some of these jobs include the Lewis County ARRA 2009 Overlays Project, the Hillhurst Rd. Overlay project for the State of Oregon Facilities Division, and the Lincoln City Overlay project.

The paving division increases opportunities for the entire company.



Welcome aboard John!

KERR STAYS BUSY DESPITE DOWN ECONOMY

Despite the down economy, through aggressive estimating and hard work Kerr Contractors has managed to stay above it all and continues to expand the business. Over the past few weeks we have added many new faces to both the office and the field. With other businesses in the area feeling the effects of the down economy, many of their key employees are out looking for work. We have taken the opportunity to hire a number of these qualified applicants. We would like to welcome all the new faces and commend all of our employees for all of their hard work and dedication. It is our employees that separate us from other companies. We look forward to another successful year ahead.

Employee News

Congratulations to :
the following employees
and their families...

Quinn Cox and family:
who recently welcomed a
baby boy, Gabriel Qinnicy
Cox born 7/7/09.

Nate Gregory and family:
who recently welcomed new
baby girl, Mercie Venice
Gregory born 9/15/09.

CONGRATS

**KLAMATH FALLS AIRPORT
CREW**

FOR

ZERO TIME LOSS INJURIES!

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!

Welcome New Hires!

As we continue into our busy season, you may notice a few new faces around the company. Kerr Contractors, Inc would like to congratulate and welcome all of our new employees to the team!

We apologize if we left out other newborns/newlyweds Let the office know if your family has recently expanded and we will be sure to mention it in the next newsletter!

Please contact the office @ 971-216-0054 if you have any suggestions, updates , pictures or employee announcements for the newsletter.



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Tri-Cities Airport



*Milling Crews at
N. Oregon Street.*

*"If the road to
success is always
under construction,
become a construction
worker."*

Front St.- Woodburn

Since June crews have been working in our home town for the City of Woodburn on the North Front Street Improvements project.

Crews have been working overtime to re-vamp the downtown area of Woodburn, which will receive a make-over with a newly paved road, new sidewalks and curbs, brick pavers and landscaping.

Kerr has worked closely with the City to ensure that local residents maintain easy access to their homes, and that local businesses remain open during construction.

Kerr Contractors is excited for the opportunity to work with and help improve our local community.

Crews are on schedule to complete the project in December.



Tri-Cities Airport

Another successful airport project began in mid July at the Tri-Cities Airport in Pasco, Washington.

Work on the project includes excavation and sub grade, concrete paving, removal of asphalt concrete paving, construction of storm drain structures and concrete curbs and gutters.

Currently crews are concrete paving and

will be rotomilling the last phase by the end of the week and finishing up by asphalt paving the following week.

The project is expected to wrap up on time by mid November.



N. Oregon Street- Ontario, OR



Crews in Ontario are keeping busy with a 2 million dollar road re-construction project on North Oregon Street for the City of Ontario.

The work includes the re-construction of 3500 ft. of road in the downtown area of Ontario, as well as installation of new curbs, sidewalks, storm drainage and waterline.

Mill Creek Corporate Center Phase 1A

Work began on an aggressive earth-moving project at the Mill Creek Corporate Center Site.

The 1.25 million dollar contract from the state calls for 600,000 cubic yards of fill to be placed in 60 days on a 100 acre portion of the 551 acre site.

Crews have been working overtime, taking advantage of the warm dry weather, in order to ramp up production to meet the aggressive schedule.



Scott Erickson and Quinn Cox @ Mill Creek with Senator Jackie Winters.

Klamath Falls Airport

Our \$16 million dollar contract for the Klamath Falls Airport Runway Reconstruction project is continuing to grow.

Crews have faced rigorous specifications and tight schedules, which have lead to some long work weeks. However, the crews have been able to safely and successfully overcome any challenges that come their way, and plan to open the new and improved runway on time by November 1, 2009. Additional work will run through summer of 2010.

The project includes concrete and asphalt paving, taxiway repairs, aircraft arresting systems and taxiway and runway lighting.



Highway 6- Slide Repair

I-405



With Traffic volumes on I-405 ranging from 83,000 to 125,000 vehicles per day, ODOT had no choice but to shut down this busy freeway for four weekends this summer to pave the road in order to increase highway safety.

During the four 55 hour shut downs milling, asphalt paving, striping and electrical crews took over the stretch of I-405 starting from the Marquam Bridge to the Fremont Bridge.

Work on this 11.7 million dollar job includes milling and paving of 25,000 tons of asphalt, 150,000 ft of striping, 11,000 cubic yards of backfill covered by 15,000 square feet of concrete surfacing, approximately 40 manholes and 90 inlets raised to grade and 220 new light poles, new lighting within the tunnels and 2 new sign bridges will be installed.

Kerr has received a number of compliments from the general public and the State on the new and improved freeway.



Nick Bezates welding away on the Georgia Pacific-Toledo Project



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Paving on I-405



Loren Ziebert and the milling crew hard at work



Central High School
Project for LCG Pence
Independence, OR

GEARING UP FOR FALL...



With the changing of the seasons comes wet, soggy and cold working conditions for those who have to work outside, not to mention safety hazards: slippery surfaces, slippery tools, electrical hazards; all of these things are potential disasters. Let's take some time to remember some common safe practices for working in wet weather:

- Plan ahead for site drainage and/or pumps to ensure the site dries out quickly after wet weather ends.
- To minimize slipping hazards, check all treads (steps, ladders, trucks, etc.) before wet weather occurs to be sure they are in good condition.
- Make sure all electrical equipment is kept out of the water.
- Minimize the work that has to be done at heights. If height work is necessary, use fall protection, take your time and be extra cautious.
- Be extra cautious when driving around the jobsite. Avoid driving near trenches, excavations or spoil piles.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Watch foot placement and keep an eye out for falling objects, slipping equipment, etc.
- Set up tarps to provide temporary shelter from the weather.
- Wear waterproof clothing, including shoes or boots that have slip-resistant soles. Always wear your hardhat!
- Do not continue work in trenches or excavations until a competent person has deemed it safe.
- If lightning is imminent, seek shelter immediately.
- If the wet weather is accompanied by wind, be sure loose items or structures are tied down or braced.

Preparing for Flu Season...

Staying healthy and taking care of yourself is extremely important. If you happen to become ill with a cold or the flu this winter, you won't be able to give your full attention to your family and all of your many responsibilities. *Here are a few things you can do to help you stay healthy: Eat Well, Wash Your Hands, Get Plenty of Sleep, Take a Multi-Vitamin, Get a Flu Shot...*

There are many flu clinics at grocery stores and pharmacies where you can get a flu shot for around \$20. Or, if you prefer to see your regular doctor, you might consider getting the flu mist, which is a vaccine inhaled through the nasal passages.

*** To find locations that offer Flu Shots you can go to: www.getaflushot.com**