



Sgt. Erin Brisben of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office chats with (from left to right) Carpenters apprentice Kristin Masaki, Kristi Pagel of Clackamas County Department of Transportation and Development, and ironworker apprentice Anna Bromley. Masaki and Bromley are graduates of the Oregon Tradeswomen pre-apprenticeship program.



Brenda Cartino, (left) demonstrates how to butter and place a brick. The former Marine is a 12-year member of Portland Bricklayers Local 1 and a graduate of their apprenticeship program. "It's been a dream of mine since I was a kid," said Cartino. "It's a great trade. I love what I do."

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Sandra Hewitt of Operating Engineers Local 701 shows a youngster how to operate a bobcat. Operating the heavy equipment was a big hit at the fair.



At the firefighting workshop hosted by Portland Fire and Rescue and Tualatin Fire & Rescue, participants don some of the gear firefighters wear into a burning building before challenging the ladder climbing station. Assisting is PF&R firefighter Kelli McIntire.



WALKING ON IRON. Pepper Rafanan (left) and Efracinia Efimoff demonstrate how to walk on a 4-inch iron beam at the Women in Trades Fair. Both women are members of Iron Workers Local 29. Efimoff is a third year apprentice and Rafanan is a 39-year journeyman—and the first woman to go through the ironworkers apprenticeship training program.



Youngsters attending the Women in Trades Fair pay close attention to Heidi Kameroff of Roofers Local 49 as she demonstrates how to install a green roof. Kameroff is a graduate of the Roofers apprenticeship program.