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ODOT's \$9.6M, 2-year project north of Florence starts in August

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Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will begin a major paving project north of Florence on

Highway 101 in August. This two-year project will work on paving and curve widening. The "Highway 101: Cook's Chasm to Sutton Creek" project, which covers a 17-mile segment of

Highway 101 in Lane County, between mileposts 167 and 184, will replace failing pavement and construct safety improvements that will benefit bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists. Rocky Mountain Construction, LLC, of Klamath Falls, was awarded the low-bid contract of \$9.6 million.

According to ODOT spokesman Rick Little, the pavement within this section of Highway 101 is failing and in need of replacement. He said the pavement core samples have indicated pavement failure from 2 to 4 inches depth in many locations. Several curves have been identified as needing safety

enhancements to reduce large vehicle off-tracking outside of the travel lane. The curves will be widened to enhance safety. Center line rumble strips also will be installed to reduce the chance of cross-over accidents.

See **HIGHWAY 11A**

Teen Center to reopen this fall

Key focus placed on programs designed to help boost graduation rates

By JACK DAVIS
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The newly painted and remodeled Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County Teen Center will reopen in September, coinciding with the start of the 2015-16 school year.

The center, located at 1601 15th St., will be open to all Boys and Girls Club members in grades seven through 12 from 3 to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 2 to 6 p.m. on Fridays.

The remodel is not the only improvement afoot. Three specific programs adopted from the Boys and Girls Club of America curriculum specifically designed to help increase student graduation rates have been added to the club's after school agenda.

"These are national programs that the Boys and Girls Club has used over the past several years that have helped schools across the country boost graduation rates to the 90 percent range," club vice president Chuck Trent said. "They have been developed by professional educators and developers who have expertise and experience that we simply don't have. We are going to take advantage of work that has already been done and has been proven across the state of Oregon and nationally."

Trent said the three programs are "Power Hour," "Money Management" and "Project Learn."

"Power Hour — Making Minutes Count" is from 3 to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday during the school year," Trent said. "This program helps club members succeed academically by providing homework help, extra credit, tutoring and high-yield learning activities."

See **CLUB 11A**

ACTIVE TRAINING



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OPERATING UNDER FIRE

Emergency agencies train for active shooters, integrate forces

By CHANTELE MEYER
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In a continuation of the ALICE (Alert-Lockdown-Inform-Counter-Evacuate) training held in June, Florence Police Department, Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue and Western Lane Ambulance District

joined the Lane County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) in an active shooter training session July 23 at Siuslaw High School. LCSO regularly participates in full-day training exercises to ensure that it is ready to respond to a variety of incidents. Florence Police Chief Tom

Turner said, "Our department is very interested in participating in every bit of training we can get." He added that this training session is similar to other trainings going on across the nation to prepare for active shooter scenarios. One sheriff's deputy said, "We're changing our tactics to get person-

nel in sooner." This means that paramedics, firefighters and other emergency medical personnel can enter an active situation to provide care to civilians while law enforcement handles the active threat.

See **TRAINING 11A**

Local law enforcement and emergency operations agencies participate in an active shooter training at Siuslaw High School.

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