



Youth from Camp Florence got to test heavy equipment as they practiced at the City of Florence's Quince Street site last week. Instructors were able to offer advice as they monitored the youth at work.

state-of-the-art CAT simulators. Upon successful completion of the simulation tests, the students moved to the field instructors for actual hands-on machine operation. For another week they practiced their skills in pre operation inspections, counterweight and positioning, trenching, loading, grading and more."

The need for construction equipment operators has seen an increase in recent years. Locally, it has stated. "And especially to

TRAINING from page 1A been seen as an obstacle Multnomah Educationfor those wishing to build housing in the area.

> Funding for the instruction of Camp Florence residents has been split among a number of different entities, all involved in educating Oregon's youth.

the City of Florence, for instructors for the trainallowing the use of the land, to BTI for their professional instruction, to Oregon Youth Authority and Oregon Department instructors monitored the of Education for their vision and support," English

al Service District for the financial support. It is funded through a grant made possible by the CTE Revitalization Grant from ODE through grant fund-

Dawson Vanderwiele, Dave Frazey, Tres Tucking sessions, and all have worked closely with the Camp Florence Youth.

During the training, the youth and communicated about a number of different pieces of equipment.

They all believe the skills learned will be a benefit not only to those they teach but the larger community as well.

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"The young men gained valuable skills and certifications that will last a lifetime," Tucker said. "This will provide real "A huge thank you to er and Heath Paxton are living-wage career opportunities and will help with construction in housing and commercial buildings, which will benefit everyone."

> For more information on Camp Florence, go to Oregon.gov.

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### Chamber, city initiate banner program Florence Area Chamber those visitor dollars for our approximately 1,900 of the

of Commerce, in partnership with the City of Florence, Central Lincoln PUD and Three Rivers Casino Resort, is preparing to hang festive, colorful banners on power poles along the Highway 101 corridor and at the casino.

But first, they need some submitting the winning design suite could win \$1000.

pass through Florence on Highway 101 every year. We want to capture some of stances, tourism employs

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economy. When we do, everyone benefits."

The chamber's call-toartists to submit design ideas closes June 14. To learn more and submit designs, entrants are directed to FlorenceChamber.com/ FlorenceBannerArtistCall.

"This will be in harmodesign ideas. The person ny with our installation of those 120 magnificent flower baskets that adorn "The chamber is pleased Old Town and Highway to launch this program to 101 from the bridge to catch drivers' attention at Highway 126; but the banthe casino and through ner project goes farther, all our Highway 101 corridor, the way up to Fred Meyer," Arts Fine Art Materials & Beaudreau added. "We get them to slow down a Hannigan said. "It's also Gallery at 2285 Highway hope to receive the best little, and help direct visi- part of the new streetscape tors to stop, shop, eat, play, improvements on Highway and stay here in Oregon's 101, and a way to bring a Coastal Playground," ex- little joy, celebrate optiplained Chamber Presi- mism and good will and dent/CEO Bettina Han- mark our cautious steps nigan. "Four million cars toward the restoration of tourism."

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4,600 people working in the Chamber's other tour-Florence and pumps about \$147 million into the Florence area economy. The average tourist spends about \$175 per day when they stay in town overnight.

"By hanging these banners along the new 101 streetscape, at the casino, and uptown, we will give all drivers and pedestrians a positive impression of our community, and that helps commerce in our area," Hannigan added.

101, is helping drive the initiative.

She said the program will include six primary themes and three sizes to hang in different locations. Banners will rotate seasonally and feature the themes "Shop, Eat, Stay, Play," "Oregon's Coastal Playground" and

"Florence," to coincide with ism marketing messages.

The program is possible through a partnership between community stakeholders — the chamber, the city, Central Lincoln, businesses, civic clubs and individuals — that will invest in this program.

Those interested in sponsoring banners can visit the Events tab at Florence-Chamber.com.

"This is also an exciting way to showcase local pub-Jo Beaudreau, of Beaux- lic art and design talent," designs from right here in Florence. We also want to show that art and the public display of art, even when functional in nature as these banners are, is worth compensating."

For more information on the banner project, contact Hannigan at 541-997-3128.

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### HIGHLIGHT:

The Sports Club, the Siuslaw News and Coast Radio Sports congratulate junior Siuslaw basketball player Brody Terry. Brody has been a consistent contributor to the Viking's wins and on Saturday led the team with 22 points, knocking down 6 3-pointers in the win against Elmira.

### **Honorable Mention:**

A.J. Moso-Mapleton Basketball

Honorable Mention goes to senior Mapleton Basketball player A.J. Moso. A.J. led the Mapleton Sailors to a victory over Crow last week, scoring 21 points in the 62-9 rout.

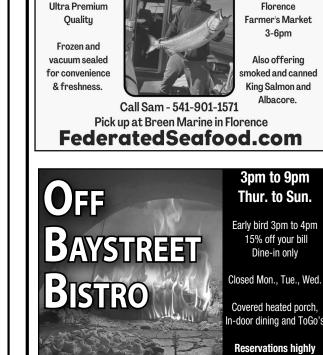
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