

JUNE 2010

What's Happening at Satsop!

- June 7** **Micro Green Conference** for small business owners who want to tap into the green industry market <http://retc-satsop.org>
- June 14** **Coaches and Champions Consultation Session**
<http://retc-satsop.org>
- June 18** **Advanced Team Building**
<http://retc-satsop.org>
- June 24-25** **Energy and Construction Centers of Excellence Summit**
Innovation, new technologies and long-term solutions to energy and environmental needs <http://retc-satsop.org>
- June 24** **What is Six Sigma?**
<http://retc-satsop.org>
- June 24** **Summer Institute Seminar**
<http://retc-satsop.org>
- June 25** **Team Project Management**
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Mike Kuntz, left, shows Ross Hunter of Onalaska and Ben Snodgrass of Morton High School how to operate a lift during the Try-a-Trade in Construction event at Satsop Development Park.

Hundreds of students trekked to Satsop to 'Try a Trade' in May

Building scaffolding, operating cranes, driving backhoes and running a jackhammer isn't how most high school students spend their school day. But for more than 500 students from 20 school districts in Western Washington

May 7 was spent literally trying out a trade.

It was the annual Try-a-Trade in Construction career fair sponsored by the Regional Educational and Technical Center (RETC) at Satsop Development Park.

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The message was clear throughout the event: An apprenticeship in the building and construction trades is a career option that includes family-wage pay, excellent benefits, and even the opportunity to get a college degree.

The Try-a-Trade event comes out of a U.S. Department of Labor program that issued 39 grants nationwide. The Pacific



Kenneth Sutherland, left, of Mossyrock High School, learns how to solder copper pipes.





Students work together to build a tunnel.

'Try a Trade' *(continued)*

Mountain Region, which includes Lewis, Thurston, Mason, Grays Harbor and Pacific counties, received one of the Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development

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(WIRED) grants and, among other things, created the Regional Education and Training Center in 2008 at Satsop Development Park.

"I'm very happy with the turnout and the motivation of the students. They asked good questions and learned good skills," said Matt Gordon, event organizer.

He praised the many labor organizations that offered one-on-one coaching of students and explained about their apprenticeship programs.

For three Elma students standing in line for a turn operating a crane – Kat Hennigar, Shelby Weiller and Ally Bertsch – the tunnel



making was particularly interesting.

"You just had to listen to the directions and work together as a team," said Weiller.

"There's going to be a need for a lot of people with tunnel training in the next 25 years in the Seattle area," said Stan Simons of the Laborers Union, who teaches tunnel classes at Satsop.

"We love hosting this event," said Tami Garrow, CEO of Satsop Development Park. "The energy level is high and the campus is full of young people exploring career options. What a great way to match tomorrow's workforce with those high-wage, high-demand job-training opportunities." ■



Devin Tucker of Tenino High School takes a turn tackling a jackhammer.

SR 520 Pontoon Testing at Satsop Complete



The construction of the test pontoon at Satsop Development Park for the State Route 520 Bridge replacement was a "complete success" with engineers learning a "tremendous amount" about how to build the actual pontoons, according to Scott Ireland, Washington State Department of Transportation's project engineer. The actual 33 pontoons will be built in Grays Harbor. The test pontoon, built by Quigg Bros. Construction Co., of Aberdeen, was 120 feet long, 38 feet wide and 28.5 feet tall, roughly a one-sixth piece of the largest of the final pontoons to be built. Shortly after engineers finished their analysis of the test pontoon, it was destroyed. ■

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Satsop Development Park is a 1,700-acre mixed-use business and technology park in scenic Grays Harbor County, just 30 minutes from Olympia. It is home to more than 30 businesses and 440 acres of developed, pad-ready land and buildings supported by super-sized infrastructure and surrounded by 1,200 acres of forestland.

The Park is managed by the Grays Harbor Public Development Authority, a public corporation whose mission is to create new jobs and investment for the region.

