



Building future tradeswomen

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Creating usable projects may be a fun way to pass the week for a group of girls at Warrenton High School.

But those in the Girls Build camp will also pick up valuable skills that could land them a lucrative job when they get older.

Portland-based Girls Build was founded by Katie Hughes, a carpenter who longed to see more women working in the trades. All of the skills during camp are taught by tradeswomen.

The Warrenton camp brought 27 girls together ages 8 to 14.

They got to use power tools to make personalized marquee signs, piggy banks, kazoos, belts and concrete boxes.

The camp is cosponsored by Hampton Lumber.



Above: Teslyn Wintersteen, 11, of Astoria shows off her lightbox.

Left: Clara Moore, 10, of Astoria sands the rough edges of her box before drilling them together.

Right: Onyx Nelson and Eleanor Nye, both 10 and from Astoria, use power tools to put their projects together.

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Three seek open seat on commission

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Three Warrenton residents hope to win the seat that will be vacated by Commissioner Pam Ackley in November.

Allen Berry, Gerald Poe, and Brandon Williams each filed by the Tuesday night deadline.

Berry, a retired electrician from Hammond, initially had filed to run against Commissioner Tom Dyer.

But he withdrew from that race and filed a new application this week for the Position One spot.

He'll face off against Poe, a merchant sailor who lives in Hammond, and Williams, a contractor who is active with the Clatsop County Republican Party.

Also on the ballot will be Dyer, a retired Oregon State Police officer, who is running unopposed to retain his Position 3 seat.

Mark Baldwin, a general contractor, also will be unopposed in his campaign to retain his Position 2 seat.

Tide gate inventory to provide game plan for environmental improvements

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CREST, a group whose mission is to improve the region's natural resources, will conduct an inventory of tide gates along the Columbia River and south to Gearhart during the next two months.

Information gleaned from the field studies, which are sponsored by The Nature Conservancy, will help several organizations make decisions about future estuary restoration projects.

Tide gates lock into place when tides are high, stopping the flow of water upstream. But as the tide subsides, the gates open, allowing water captured above it to freely flow out.

Tide gates help regulate the amount of water passing through a river or stream by locking into place when tides are high, stopping the flow of water upstream. They provide a way to protect property and allow the development of agriculture and roads in

flood-prone areas.

Yet the total number and condition of tide gates along the Columbia River and North Coast is a bit of a mystery, said organizers at CREST, which stands for Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce.

Information from the field study will be shared with the Tide Gate Partnership, a statewide group initiated by the Oregon Farm Bureau and representing

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The Eighth Street Dam looking upstream at high tide.