



## Girls Build! Day camp promotes life/work skills

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Forty girls came to Warrenton High School last week to build things and lay a foundation for future job and life skills.

The annual Girls Build event had them working with power tools of all sorts – drills, circular saws, soldering irons.

“Our mission is to inspire curiosity and confidence in girls through the world of building,” said Katie Hughes, executive director of Girls Build. “We have fully sponsored this program for the last six years in both Warrenton and Tillamook, offering financial and in-kind support.”

Hampton Lumber in Warrenton, always looking to hire skilled workers, is a co-sponsor.

Girls Build is based in Portland and serves girls ages 8 to 15 throughout Oregon with hands-on building workshops, summer camps and after-school programs.

The story of Girls Build, as well as some of the projects, can be found in Hughes’ book, “Girls Who Build,” available at Amazon, Barnes & Noble and other book sellers.



**Above and right:** Girls work on projects during the weeklong day camp at Warrenton High School.

**Below:** Girls Build founder Katie Hughes.

Photos by Bruce Dustin



## City seeks code enforcer, HR head to reach goals

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Warrenton is a growing city, necessitating an increase in people to manage that growth.

After adding another person in the Building and Planning Department last year, the most noticeable personnel needs are in code enforcement and human resources.

City commissioners held a work session prior to their last meeting to see how well the city is meeting its goals for the year. The two missing staff positions were glaring needs.

“We’re trying to, first off, make some efficiencies ... which helps reduce the workload,” City Manager Linda Engbretson told commissioners.

“The No. 1 recommendation I would make would be a human resources officer. You cannot expect all your department heads to be professionals and knowledgeable” on human resource issues.

City Recorder Dawne Shaw, often called upon to deal with HR problems, wrote in her report that a dedicated human resources director is needed to stay on top of policy and legal changes, to review and update all job descriptions, and to serve as a point person for all city staff.

Police Chief Matt Workman wrote that his department needs to fill its 12th sworn officer position, which has been vacant since 2018. It has led to increased overtime and the inability to staff some events.



Engbretson

## Warrenton-Hammond officially a three-campus district

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A new school year begins Tuesday throughout much of the state and within all Clatsop County school districts.

The Warrenton-Hammond School District officially becomes a three-campus district with the opening of Warrenton Middle School. Some of the district’s administrators have shifted around as a result.

Since February 2020, Rod Heyen has served as principal at Warrenton Grade School with Josh Jannusch serving as principal at Warrenton High School.

“Both have served our students with

distinction,” Superintendent Tom Rogozinski wrote to parents. “With the addition of this third campus come changes and additions to our team of building administrators.”

### WARRENTON HIGH SCHOOL

Classes are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Rod Heyen will return to his familiar position as Warrenton High School’s principal. In 2004, he started his career in Warrenton as WHS principal. The 2020-21 school year was the only time he has not been WHS principal; instead, he served as principal of the grade school.

Rogozinski, Heyen and Jannusch jointly agreed to the shift a year ago, as a way to give Jannusch – formerly one of the high school’s two assistant principals -- some experience as a principal before taking the reigns at the new middle school.

Heyen and Jannusch both excelled, Rogozinski said. “We are excited to have him (Heyen) returning as our high school principal.”

He will be joined by Ian O’Brien, who will continue as assistant principal, athletic director, and head football coach.