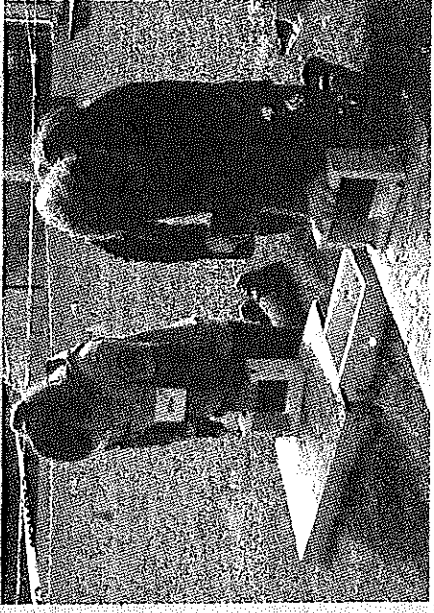


and concrete boxes.
The camp is cosponsored by Hampton Lumber.



Above: Teslyn Winterstein, 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.
Cindy Yingst
The Columbia Press



Tide gate inventory to provide game plan for environmental improvements

The Columbia Press
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.

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.

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County due to the virus. Other new cases in the past week include a male between the ages of 10 and 19, a female in her 50s and a man in his 70s; all of them live in north county.

Statewide, there had been 25,571 coronavirus cases and 433 deaths as of Wednesday.

An outbreak of 22 cases was reported last week at Columbia Basin Union in Hermiston. The case count includes all persons linked to the outbreak, such as household members.

NEW CASES DROPPING
Oregon Health Authority released its weekly report Wednesday, which showed a 13 percent drop in daily cases for the week ending Aug. 23.

OHA recorded 1,704 new cases — down from the previous week's tally of 1,963.

Slightly fewer Oregonians (24,177) were tested during the week. The total includes testing at all commercial labs,

dropped to 5.1 percent from 5.4 percent.

The age group most affected by the virus remains those in their 20s, although the elderly are the hardest hit age group.

COVID-19 hospitalization and death rates increase with age; almost half of the 420 deaths have been among persons 80 or older, and 75 percent in persons 70 and older.

REVISED MASK GUIDANCE
Gov. Kate Brown and Oregon Health Authority revised their rules adding private work areas to the spaces where employees must wear face coverings or shields.

Employees in hallways, bathrooms, elevators, lobbies, break rooms, and other common spaces now must wear face coverings unless they're in an individual work space or in meeting rooms where 6 feet of distance from others can be maintained.

evidence of past infection of the virus in their blood, state epidemiologists have concluded.

The evidence of past infection is about 10 times higher than 17 and younger. The rate was contained antibodies against the virus. The study also suggested that rates of infection increased with age, with no antibodies detected in the blood of those 17 and younger. The rate was

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more than 50 organizations and individuals. The partnership has compiled an inventory of tide gates and, earlier this year, announced it had developed engineering tools to help replace aging and inefficient gates, making them fish-friendly and more cost-effective.

CREST, based in Astoria, will evaluate the accuracy of the partnership's inventory. The field studies will verify specific information on the number of tide gates, their locations, the waterways to which they connect and add or remove tide gates as appropriate to reflect what is truly on the water, according

In Warrenton, removal of tide gates at the Eighth Street Dam by the Skipanon Water Control District led to a dis-

count for people who were infected but didn't seek testing — such as those with mild or no symptoms, or people unable to access testing — the rate is believed to be lower than the state's actual infection count.

pute with city officials a few years ago. More recently, the city hired a consultant and asked for advice from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether it should replace the gates at Eighth Street.


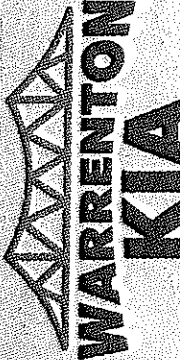
The city learned state law precludes Warrenton from reinstalling the old gates, which were hinged at the top and made fish passage nearly impossible. A fish-friendly structure would likely cost \$1 million or more.

The Eighth Street Dam was built in the early 1960s. The water control agency first operated the gates in an open position in 2002, and kept them open permanently beginning in 2012. The gates were removed in 2015.

With dissolution of the water control district this year, Warrenton will become owner of the Eighth Street Dam structure.

Warrenton has other tide gates that are aging and need repair or replacement.

In addition to improving natural resources, CREST specializes in environmental planning, ecological monitoring and habitat restoration for fish and wildlife.





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