

## Ione engineering class races soap box derby cars



The Ione High School engineering class, taught by Eric Jepsen, spent recent weeks designing and building soap box derby cars. They raced them on a gradual one-mile downhill stretch of Gooseberry Road last week. Fastest times went to Austin Morter and Daniel Eubanks. An engineless lawnmower also entered the race. -Contributed photo

## IMESD receives safety award from PACE

Pendleton—The Property and Casualty Coverage for Education (PACE) program's board of trustees recently recognized the InterMountain ESD as a School Safety Star. Phil Wentz, chairman of the PACE board, presented the award in Salem during the "PACE Day: Safe and Secure Schools" event.

The IMESD was honored as the inaugural School Safety Star for its regional school security initiative, an innovative program to provide the ESD's 18 component school districts in three counties with evaluation tools, resources and training to improve school security and increase student safety. The award included \$5,000 from PACE to be used in a school safety improvement effort.

"The IMESD is honored to receive this safety award from PACE, but we share this recognition with the many regional partners who continue to collaborate with us on the crucial issue of school safety. We know there is more work to be done," said Michele Madril, IMESD's director of communication and print solutions.

Stuart Roberts, Pendleton's chief of police, is an integral partner in the school security initiative. Roberts said that safety should be a priority for everyone, and educating people about appropriate responses to perceived/identified threats is important.

"Through the leadership of IMESD Superin-

tendent Mark Mulvihill and his IMESD peers, deficiencies were identified and solutions were vigorously pursued in order to meet the agency's charge of not only educating, but also protecting students, staff and visitors alike," Roberts said. "Albeit safety responses and protocols will always

be a work in progress, I applaud the IMESD's vision, commitment and leadership in the area of school safety."

PACE (pace.osba.org) is an insurance pool made up of roughly 300 Oregon member school districts, charter schools, education service districts and community colleges.

## Author to enlighten kids about eclipse

On June 15, the Ione Public Library is getting ready for the upcoming solar eclipse by holding a talk with the children's author and illustrator Nancy Coffelt.

"The Big Eclipse" author will hold an hour-long workshop at 3 p.m. at the Ione Legion Hall (located next door to the library).

This presentation will include a reading from her book, a craft, many exciting facts about eclipses and information to get everyone ready for the total eclipse, which will take place on August 21 of this year.

This presentation is suitable for all ages and is part of the Ione Summer Reading Program.

## Ione library board to meet

The Ione Library District Board of Directors will hold its monthly meeting and budget hearing on Thursday, June 22, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Ione Public Library, 385 W. 2nd Street. The public is welcome to attend.

## Community lunch menu

Christian Life Center volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, June 21, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will include hot turkey sandwiches, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin cakes.

Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

## Ione plans Music in the Park for 2017

This summer Ione will host Music in the Park at Ione City Park. The summer lineup will begin June 24 at 6 p.m. with Frank Carlson from Baker City with his easy listening, country-western style of music and entertaining.

On July 22 at 6 p.m., Corey Peterson's band will be the entertainment. The five band members are Corey Peterson, Justin Estabrook, Dan Bellmore, Rich Daniels and Cole Croth-

swaite; they play traditional country and classic rock music. It promises to be a fun evening with the hometown group.

The August event will be on Saturday, Aug. 26, at 6 p.m. at the park. Save the date; the entertainment will be announced soon.

On Friday, Sept. 22, at 6 p.m. the final event of the year will feature Countryfied, a regional favorite with high energy and a country-rock based

repertoire that offers plenty of variety. They have list of more than 300 songs, not to mention plenty of laughs and smiles.

The Morrow County Unified Recreation District and Ione Library Board will sponsor these free events. Everyone is invited, just bring a chair and cooler. Concessions may be available. In case of rain the events will move to the Legion Hall.

## Ione kicks off summer reading with the 'Ribbles'



The Ione Public Library hosted the Traveling Lantern Theatre presentation of "The Ribbles Build a Residence" on Tuesday, June 6, at the school gym as its kick-off for the Summer Reading Program. Insect newlyweds Ima and Ura Ribble (and soon to be born Baby Ribble!) entertained and incorporated the ABCs of Architecture, Building and Construction using audience participation. The presentation was sponsored by Libraries of Eastern Oregon. The Ione Public Library's Summer Reading Program will be held on Tuesdays, June 13 through July 25, in the Legion Hall next door to the library. The preschool program is 10-11 a.m. and the kindergarten through sixth-grade program is 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. -Contributed photo

## Boardman adopts 2017-18 city, URA budgets

City council changes meeting date in July

During its June 6 meetings, the Boardman City Council adopted the 2017-2018 city budget of \$20,686,642 and the Urban Renewal Agency adopted its 2017-2018 budget of \$2,835,850. City property taxes will be levied at a rate of \$4.2114 per \$1000 of assessed valuation and \$441,000 will be levied for bonded indebtedness not subject to Measure 5 or Measure 50 limitations.

City Finance Director Thomas Kligel said the city

will end the current fiscal year, ending June 30, in a strong cash position. The focus for 2017-2018 will be to support continued housing development started in the previous years and, additionally, activity in city road maintenance and to be proactive in the continued development of the Urban Renewal District's projected long-term capital projects.

In other city business, the council approved the

first reading of an ordinance for a franchise agreement with Zayo Group, LLC, a communications infrastructure services company.

The next meeting of the Boardman City Council will be Tuesday, July 11, at 7 p.m. Please note that the meeting date has been changed due to the regularly scheduled meeting falling on the Fourth of July holiday. The meeting will be held at Boardman City Hall Council Chambers.

## Local host families sought for high school exchange students

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs (ASSE), in cooperation with your community high school, is looking for local families to host boys and girls between the ages of 15 to 18 from a variety of

countries—Norway, Denmark, Spain, Italy, Japan, to name a few.

ASSE students are enthusiastic and excited to experience American culture while they practice their English. They also love to share their own culture and language with their host families. Host families welcome these students into their family, not as a guest, but as a family member, giving everyone involved a rich cultural experience.

The exchange students have pocket money for personal expenses and full health, accident and liability insurance. ASSE students

are selected based on academics and personality, and host families can choose their student from a wide variety of backgrounds, countries and personal interests.

To become an ASSE Host Family or to find out how to become involved with ASSE in your community, please call the ASSE Western Regional Office at 1-800-733-2773 or go to [www.host.asse.com](http://www.host.asse.com) to begin your host family application. Students are eager to learn about their American host family, so begin the process of welcoming your new son or daughter today.

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