Nuts, bolts and thingamajigs







Staff photos by Ben Lonergan

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: 1) Leah Mueller, 12, paints a step stool that she constructed as a part of the Nuts Bolts and Thingamajigs camp at Riverside High School in Boardman, Ore; 2) Liam Heideman, 12, paints a step stool that he constructed; 3) Wyatt Browne, 13, sands a piece of wood to construct a step stool; 4) Kids work on constructing and finishing step stools.

By JESSICA POLLARD STAFF WRITER

Elaina Salgado has big plans for the future.

The 11-year-old, who is headed into the sixth grade at Windy River Elementary in Boardman, plans on becoming a veterinarian. And as of last week, she was also hoping to design and custom-make her own chair out of a tree stump.

She's one of 21 middle school kids from Morrow and Umatilla participate in the second annual "Nuts, Bolts and Thingamajigs" camp, which focuses on manufacturing.

"I'm used to tools," she explained. are more capable than we give them

Prior to the camp, Salgado said she had helped her family out with maintenance projects around the house, including oil changes on her family's

But last week, she and the other campers took their math, science and manual skills to a new level when they built their own step stools and solar cars with the guidance of Ken Jacobs, a wood shop teacher at Pendleton's Sunridge Middle School.

Jacobs has been in the wood shop at Sunridge for five years, but has been working with kids for three decades. He said the projects this summer are no simple feat.

"It's challenging," he said. "They

credit for."

Last week, campers toured the Port of Morrow, SAGE Center, and Lamb Weston before heading back to the wood shop at Riverside High School each afternoon to work on their projects.

They also got their feet wet with the 3D design software SOLID-WORKS, which they used to design the step stools.

On Thursday afternoon, the wood shop behind Riverside High School was bursting with the noise of power tools and the scent of wood. Kids were drilling, cutting, sanding and painting their stools while a troop of solar cars waited ready to roll for Friday's parent showcase in the next room over.

"You're sawing, you're sanding, you're measuring," said Colby Crowell, a soon-to-be sixth-grader at Windy River. "It's building stuff. I learned that manufacturing is building things, putting them together and designing them."

The camp is funded with a threeyear tiered grant from the Fabricators and Manufacturers Association. The camp was made possible from a partnership between OSU Extension Service, the POM and Blue Mountain Community College.

"It really gives these students an opportunity to look at a wide range of manufacturing careers," said Kalie Davis, a workforce training program manager at the Port of Morrow.

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Clue: W equals F

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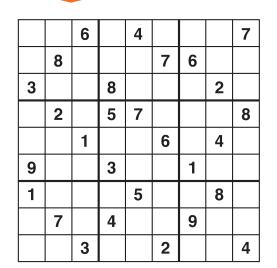
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