

## Mid-Columbia Celilo DAR makes donation of books, bags to Children's Book Bank



Photo by Trisha Walker

PICTURED WITH some of the donated books and bags are Honorary State Regent Ellen Hopkins, State Treasurer Nancy Slagle, State Literacy Chairman Barbara Menard, and Grace Poole of CBB.

The Mid-Columbia Celilo Daughters of the American Revolution chapter donated over 550 books for the Children's Book Bank, a nonprofit located in Portland, which will distribute them in the Portland area to low income preschool and grade school children.

The donation was given during the Daughters of the American Revolution's 101st State Conference, held in Wilsonville, May 14-17. Grace Poole, Community Engagement Manager at The Children's Book Bank, accepted the donation.

Celilo Chapter members also made and donated handmade book bags.



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Subbu Palaniappan and Jessica Bryan

## Bryan to wed Palaniappan

John and Alison Bryan of Hood River announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Reid Bryan, to Subbu Palaniappan, originally of Chennai, India.

The future bride graduated from Hood River High School, received her Bachelors of Arts from the University of Oregon, and re-

cently completed her Masters in Public Health from the University of Colorado.

Her fiancée is employed as a computer engineer, and is currently finishing his MBA at the University of Denver.

An August 2015 wedding is planned and the couple will live in Denver, Colo.



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COMMUNITY MEMBERS taught origami, provided music, and showed aspects of their folklore during the first Gorge Culture Fest, May 21 at Columbia Gorge Community College. In the commons and adjoining classrooms, students and others shared food, crafts, and other examples of cultures. DJ Wicked, left, spun the tunes as his sideman Wes provides rap lyrics. Other members of the Defcon5 group performed breakdance moves. Cecelia Pulard shows off servilletas made by her mother, Maria Castro. The richly embroidered cloth were traditionally used to wrap around food and keep it hot, Cecelia explained.



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Bobbi Jo Bond and Curt Kane

## Bond, Kane to wed

Bobbi Jo Bond and Curt A. Kane, both of Gladstone, have announced their en-

gagement. They will be married Aug. 8, 2015, in Gladstone.



## WESTSIDE 'CHASE'

In the May 21 Wildcat Chase at Westside Elementary, Ayleen Avelar crawled through the flexible tunnel pronto and when she got to the other end, her hair got caught in the sleeve. Parent Melanie Salisbury freed Ayleen and the first-grader headed for another lap around the field with her classmates. At left, the reward: fresh fruits and vegetables awaited Chase participants after they lapped the field numerous times to raise funds for school enrichment programs. If the students surpass their \$15,000 goal, principal Bill Newton has agreed to dress up as the book character Captain Underpants.

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