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Last week the Rotary Club of Cottage Grove distributed about 250 dictionaries to third-graders at five elementary schools. Rotarians demonstrated the use of guide words and had fun interacting with students as they explored the resources the dictionaries offered. Parents or guardians of home-schooled third graders can check with the CG library so their student can receive a dictionary. Pictured above is Deb Henderson's second- third grade class at London Elementary with their new dictionaries. Rotarians Karol Kuhn and Tyson Woodard led the handover along with Chandra La Husen.

GARDENS

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having a backup plan can be invaluable to protect against unforeseen circumstances.

"We've suggested to plant fruit trees that bloom at different times, and for vegetables this strategy is also important," Mull said. "Instead of just having one broccoli crop, what about planting for a fall crop in case something happens in the spring?"

Mull spoke of the importance of pest management in warm, dry conditions, suggesting the use of plants that can be given over to pests like aphids to keep the bugs off the other plants a gardener wants to keep. Mulch can help hold in moisture in dry years, which will of course affect other regions before they cause problems in the Willamette Valley.

"We'll be okay because we have more water here, but

southern California and eastern Oregon are going to be in big trouble this year," Mull said. She said the weather is "right on track" to begin planting cool crops like peas and lettuce soon, though jumping the gun can have its consequences.

"The soil is still really cold," she said. "Seeds aren't going to germinate in it; they just rot or animals get them, and people end up thinking they've got bad seeds. Seeds need a soil temperature of at least 45 degrees to germinate."

Despite the surprise that a warmer, drier than normal winter can generate, Doyle said such weather isn't actually all that unusual.

"The Willamette Valley has a few secrets," she said. "One of them is that late January can be very nice. We typically have about 15 days of sun, even in a bad year."

LAKES

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melt and rainfall, has filled up 19 of the last 25 years and come close to filling in three of the other six years."

The bottom line, Clemans said, is that it's too early to tell how the reservoirs might fare in the near future. In the meantime, though, visitors to the lakes can be seen enjoying themselves on the extra terrain exposed with the dry conditions. The Corps enforces all its rules in the same manner on the dry lake bed as it does in its established parks, Clemans said, including the pro-

hibition of driving on the lake bed (though an old road near the Cottage Grove Reservoir dam still provides fishing access in dry weather.)

"Visitors have to be very careful about what they collect," he said. "Collecting rocks in the lake bed is not permitted, nor is the taking of any item that may be considered a historical resource by us or any of our tribal partners. If someone finds something like that, it would be great if they would report it to our ranger's office."

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LORANE COUNTRY NEWS

March Madness, Movie Night, Spaghetti on the menu

BY LIL THOMPSON
For the Sentinel

Congratulations to our Crow Middle School boys for making it to the playoffs undefeated.

Thursday, March 12, is the first round of the middle school boys' basketball game at home starting at 4:30 p.m. with our boys on the court. On Saturday, March 14, the middle-school boys' basketball tournament begins.

The last Rural Arts Center Movie Night for this season is this Saturday, March 14. An Oregon classic, "Sometimes A Great Notion," will be the main feature at 7:30 p.m. This is an adaptation of the novel by Ken Kesey. The Crow Middle/High School is the beneficiary. The soup dinner begins at 6 p.m. The movies will resume in October.

A special thank you to the

sponsors and Rural Art Center members who make these evenings possible. Come out for another fun evening in Lorane!

The CAL School Board will meet at Lorane Grange Monday, March 16 at 7 p.m.

Mark your calendars to come out to the next spaghetti dinner and bingo evening at Lorane Grange on Saturday, March 21 starting at 5:30 p.m. for dinner. Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m.

Again this year, Lorane Christian Church will host a presentation of the Living Last Supper. It will be presented on Sunday, March 22 at their 11 a.m. service. If you have never experienced this performance, it is a must for your Easter season. It is so moving, you feel like you have stepped back in time. You will be captivated!

The Lorane Celebration 2015 community event plans to incorporate arts, crafts, baked goods, music and a host of other ideas. Do you have an idea? Call Jeri at 541-942-2448. Plans are forming.

We want your talent! Call Lil at 541-942-5701 or Lisa Lively-brooks to sign up for the RAC/ Lorane Grange Talent Show on Sunday, April 12 at 3 p.m.

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