

# Humbolt third-graders get their own dictionary

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Third-graders at Humbolt Elementary School each received a dictionary recently.

Students in the classes of Joan Walczyk and Robyn Miller were presented dictionaries as part of an annual event for American Legion Auxiliary John Day Unit 77 and Mt. Vernon Grange 659.

This year Joyce Nodine, Jessie Lewis, Ruth Harris and Mary Ellen Brooks from the Auxiliary and Jean Sagert, Frances Preston and Brooks from the Grange had the honor of making these presentations.

Brooks, Sagert and Preston shared with the students the history of the 150-year-old Grange organization centered around agriculture, education, volunteering, community, families and coexistence.

Nodine and Harris explained how the Auxiliary supports the men and women of the military in many ways including their annual gift donation, coming up soon for veterans who are in the hospital to provide their family members with gifts.



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Humbolt Elementary School third-graders each received a dictionary donated by the American Legion Auxiliary John Day Unit No. 77 and Mt. Vernon Grange No. 659 Oct. 3. Representatives from the groups delivered the dictionaries, including from left, back row, Frances Preston, Grange; Mary Ellen Brooks, Grange and Auxiliary; and Joyce Nodine, Auxiliary; front row, Ruth Harris, Auxiliary; Jean Sagert, Grange; and Jessie Lewis, Auxiliary.

Nodine challenged the students to put those dictionaries to work to discover the meaning of two words, "veteran" and "volunteer."

Lewis started the "Words for Thirds" program many years ago, and the students enjoyed that story she shared with them.

All public school third-graders in Grant Coun-

ty will soon receive dictionaries. Seneca third-graders will receive dictionaries from the John Day Legion Auxiliary and the Grange; Long Creek, Monument and Dayville third-graders will receive theirs from the Grange; and Prairie City third-graders will receive theirs from the Prairie City Legion Auxiliary.



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Mt. Vernon History Book co-chairs Mary Ellen Brooks, left, and Lyle Williams, right, present a \$5,000 donation to Mt. Vernon Scholarship president Joy Myers, second from right, and treasurer Darlene Muzzy.

# Mt. Vernon scholarship donation received and funds awarded

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The Mt. Vernon High School classes of 1955 through 1959 recently held a reunion at the Mt. Vernon Community Center. During the event, a \$5,000 contribution was made to the Mt. Vernon High School Memorial Scholarship Fund. The donation was presented to Joy Myers and Darlene Muzzy by Mary Ellen Brooks and Lyle Williams who represented the Mt. Vernon History Book Committee. The endowed scholarship was established in 2003 by the classes of

1955 through 1959. Grants are awarded to Mt. Vernon area youth to further their post-secondary education. For more information about the Mt. Vernon History Book, contact Mary Ellen Brooks at 541-932-4540 or Lyle Williams at 541-932-4721.

The scholarship fund recently awarded two \$500 scholarships to Mt. Vernon residents: Bayley Harper and James Clay Johnson. Harper is a graduate of Grant Union High School. She is the daughter of John and Doris Harper. She began nurse's

training at Linn Benton Community College this fall. Guy and Angie Johnson are the parents of James Clay Johnson, who recently graduated from Rimrock Christian Academy. He is attending Eastern Oregon University, majoring in business administration and physical education.

Since its inception, more than \$6,500 has been awarded to 13 recipients.

For additional information about the scholarship, contact Rick Hehn, 7827 Mountain Aire Loop, Olympia, WA 98503.

# FLAGS INSTALLED AT STATE PARKS



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Park host Lynn Ostensen, right, of Mt. Vernon shakes hands with Boy Scouts during a flag ceremony at Unity Lake State Park on Sept. 23. Ostensen, a longtime host, requested flag poles at Unity Lake and Clyde Holliday state parks, and Park Manager Dennis Bradley had them installed in August.

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