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Gladstone High Band takes top honors

In the Tri-Valley League competition, the Gladstone High School band took first place. This is the sixth year in a row that the band has qualified for the Oregon State Championship.

Gladstone will compete against the best bands in Oregon at Oregon State University on May 13.

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Gladstone kindergarten revives classic playground games

With child obesity is on the rise, and children spend increasing time playing computer games, Gladstone’s kindergarten is reviving classic playground games at recess.

“We are teaching children chalk art, hop scotch, tetherball, and how to jump rope,” said Carol Kemhus, interim director of the Gladstone Center for Children and Families. “Besides increasing coordination and fitness, it’s just plain old-fashioned fun!”

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Saturday sale offers books for 50 cents

Gladstone’s only bookstore, the non-profit Clackamas Bookshelf, plans a Saturday sale of used and new books at the bargain price of just 50 cents each.

The sale will be held in a portable behind Kraxberger Middle School, 17777 Webster Road, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 17.

Proceeds will support the non-profit’s work to provide free books to low-income youths across Clackamas County. Recently, the organization donated 550 books to children served by the Backpack Buddies program in Gladstone Schools. Since August, they have provided over 5,000 books to local kids.

Donations of used children’s books will be accepted at the sale, and there will be an opportunity to sign up as a volunteer.

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Gladstone plans drug turn-in event

To keep drugs from getting into the hands of addicts or youths, a no-questions-asked drug turn-in event is planned in Gladstone. Prescriptions, vitamins, over-the-counter medicines, samples, and pet medications will all be accepted for safe disposal.

Sponsored by the Gladstone Youth Coalition and the Gladstone Police Department, the event will take place on Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Gladstone Police Department, 535 Portland Avenue.

“Prescription medications are among the most commonly abused drugs. Flushing them down the toilet or putting them in the trash can be dangerous for people and for wildlife,” said event organizer Jeremy Schumacher. “We want people to know that they can bring unused prescription drugs to the Gladstone Police department any time, not just at this event.”

Gladstone Food Pantry needs food donations

An increasing number of families are seeking help from the new Gladstone Food Pantry, and the volunteer-run organization is requesting food donations to replenish bare shelves. Donations can be delivered to Gladstone High School at 18800 Portland Avenue during school hours.

The Food Pantry, in a portable on the north side of the GHS campus, is open Thursdays from 3 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Easy access is provided via Nelson Lane.

Immediate needs include:

peanut butter
jam, jelly, & honey
tuna
canned chicken, turkey, and other meats
canned fruit
pasta and spaghetti sauce
stew
pancake mix & syrup
potatoes
carrots
apples
onions
cloth or plastic grocery bags