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Gladstone teacher honored by university

Gladstone math teacher Casey Webster won an Inspirational Teacher Award from Eastern Oregon University. He was nominated by the honor by former student Sierra Freeman, a 2014 GHS alumni, now a first year student on the Dean's List at Eastern Oregon University.

EOU presents the Inspirational Teacher Awards annually in recognition of outstanding high school teachers who encourage students and help them understand the importance of higher education.

Webster was also one of this year's recipients of the Gladstone School District's Thank A Teacher award in August. Besides teaching math, he also coaches baseball at Gladstone High.

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GHS swimmers compete at State

Gladstone High sent one relay team and two individual swimmers to the state championship.

The boys' 200 freestyle relay team finished ninth, with a best time for this year of 1:39:49. Team members included Andrew Gross, Trask Telesmanich, Harrison Jarrett, and Alex Stewart.

Sarah Clyde finished 4th in the 500 meter freestyle with a time of 5:22:10 and took sixth in the 100 meter butterfly with a time of 1:00:66.

Alex Stewart placed 11th in the 50-meter freestyle, with a time of 24.46 seconds.

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Gladstone wrestlers succeed at State

Gladstone High's wrestling team finished their season with the state tournament at the Memorial Coliseum.

Senior Blake McNall placed second and Kyle Kintz placed third, with both finishing their careers with over 100 wins. The team finished in 13th place.

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Gladstone earns top rating for school safety

The Gladstone School District received a Gold Star rating in recognition of proactive efforts to prevent harassment, intimidation, bullying, dating violence, and cyber bullying. The Oregon Safe Schools & Communities Coalition presented the recognition.

“We work hard to build a culture of caring in our schools,” said John Wetten Principal Wendy Wilson. “Positive Behavior Support is one strategy, with continual reinforcement of positive behaviors, and counselor instruction on conflict resolution skills.”

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Sign-up begins for spring recreation classes

Want to try ukulele, yoga, birding, gardening, or a cooking class? Eager to sign your child up for dance, sports, tae kwon do, or guitar lessons? Check out the [spring recreation guide](#) from Gladstone Community Schools and sign up now!

“Families interested in teen driver education are encouraged to apply as soon as possible for spring or summer classes,” said Community Schools Coordinator Sue Surratt. “Teens who take our ODOT-approved course can skip the DMV drive test if they pass the drive test during the class, and a \$75 discount is available for many low-income students. This class saves lives, so it’s well worth the investment.”

Gladstone offers dozens of affordable options to pursue new interests for children, teens, and adults. Register on-line at <http://ow.ly/IVyj8> or call Sue Surratt at 503.650.2570.

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Gladstone science hour includes free project

Children age 3 to 8 are invited to a monthly Science Hour event at the Gladstone Center for children & Families. The event is at 4:15 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 18905 Portland Avenue.

Wonderful Water is the theme of the event, which provides hands-on learning activities plus a free activity kit to take home.

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Gladstone library offers literacy fun for parents and kids

This month the Gladstone Public Library will be hosting an Early Literacy Workshop for caregivers. This early literacy workshop is for parents, grandparents, and caretakers! Children are welcome.

The information session will include tips for parents to enhance reading and ideas for every day literacy activities at home. Participants will receive a FREE picture book and a \$10 waiver for fines at the library.

The event is scheduled on Monday, March 23, at 3 p.m.