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**Gladstone High to stage musical comedy**

Drama students at Gladstone High School will stage A Midsummer Night’s Dream – the musical. Performances will be at 7 p.m. on April 14 and 15, with tickets sold for \$5 at the door.

Whimsically adapted from Shakespeare's classic romantic comedy, the play features the usual magical forest and spellbound lovers, but also an upstart Puck who decides to liven things up by modernizing the dialogue and adding song and dance numbers.

“This play is fun for the whole family,” said director Emmett Pearson. “This is the largest cast I’ve ever worked with, and there is tremendous energy in this production.”

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**Gladstone Food Pantry hosts free cooking demo**

Those wanting to learn a quick and easy dinner recipe are invited to a free cooking demonstration sponsored by the Gladstone Food Pantry.

Chef Stephanie Kurzenhauser, a professional nutritionist, will prepare Whole Grain Veggie Quesadillas. Besides a free taste, attendees will receive a copy of the recipe and ingredients to make the dish at home.

The event will take place Saturday, April 15 from 10 a.m. to noon in the food pantry, located on the north side of the Gladstone High School campus off Nelson Lane. All are welcome to choose free food for their family, or to find out about donation and volunteer opportunities.

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**Photo: After taking first at State, Gladstone Cheer traveled to Anaheim, California in March to compete in Nationals, finishing second.**

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**Photo: Gladstone Robotics Team 3131 finished second in the FRC Regional Tournament in late March. Coach Steve Stewart said this has been an outstanding year for the team despite tough competition.**

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**Run to support scholarship for Gladstone High**

This spring, a fun run is planned to raise scholarship funds for a passionate runner graduating from Gladstone High School. This is the 29<sup>th</sup> annual run to honor the memory of Gladstone School District employee Winterhawk Semler, a groundskeeper and courier who loved running. Semler died in a car crash in 1987.

The event, at Gladstone's Dick Baker Stadium, will take place at 8 a.m. on Saturday, June 3. The format is for student and adult teams of five, with each person running or walking for 30 minutes in succession, and the final person running for 40 minutes. In addition, a solo walk event is included, with individuals walking the full 2 hours and 40 minutes.

To register, visit the event website at <https://hawkstrun.racedirector.com/>. Registration costs \$200 per running team or \$45 per walker for those who register by May 23, with a \$25 discount for student teams. Those who don't participate but want to donate to the scholarship fund can do so at <https://hawkstrun.racedirector.com/donate>.

"Winterhawk left his mark on the campus at Kraxberger Middle School, where he designed, planned, and built a running trail around the school," said retired Kraxberger Principal Nancy Bailey. "Hawk lives on, too, in the cross country and track participants from Gladstone High School. Since 1988, this event has provided \$26,400 in scholarships to 28 graduates of Gladstone High School."

**PHOTO: Winterhawk Semler, a groundskeeper at Kraxberger Middle School, left a legacy for Gladstone runners by creating a jogging trail around the school. The 29<sup>th</sup> annual run to honor his memory will raise funds for a college scholarship.**

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**Spaghetti dinner to support grad night party**

A spaghetti dinner fundraiser is planned to support Gladstone High's Class of 2017 grad night party. To buy tickets, contact Loni Riley at 503.341.0065 or email [gladstonegradparty2017@yahoo.com](mailto:gladstonegradparty2017@yahoo.com).

The event is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12 at High Rocks Restaurant & Lounge, located at 915 E. Arlington Street. Admission is \$10 per person. A gift basket raffle and wine wall are planned.