

**Kraxberger Band takes second at festival**

The Kraxberger Advanced Band took second place out of 13 middle schools at the Baker Prairie Band Festival with ratings of "Superior" from each judge. They missed first place by just one point.

"The students organized multiple rehearsals outside of school and rehearsed diligently everyday to be get to this level," said band director Seth Arnold. "I couldn't be more proud!"

**PHOTO: The Krasberger Band took second place at the Baker Prairie Band festival in a field of 13 competitors.**

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**Gladstone High Key Club plans blood drive**

Gladstone High's Key Club will host a May 1 blood drive. The event is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the school gym at 18800 Portland Avenue.

"Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood," said club sponsor Lynnda Prom. "Each pint of blood donated can help multiple patients, including those with injuries, surgery patients, and people battling cancer, leukemia, or sickle cell disease."

To make an appointment to donate blood, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code GladHS. For more information, contact Mrs. Prom at [proml@gladstone.k12.or.us](mailto:proml@gladstone.k12.or.us).

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**John Wetten students help families in conflict zones**

The Leopard Leaders at John Wetten Elementary led a school wide project to raise funds for Students Rebuild, which helps children and families around the world impacted by conflict.

The Facing the Difference Challenge encouraged students to submit self-portraits reflecting their uniqueness and the diversity of their school. Each portrait resulted in a \$6 contribution to the project. This year 375 students submitted artwork, raising \$2,250 to help others.

**PHOTO: John Wetten students submitted 375 self-portraits demonstrating the diversity of their school community. The effort raised funds to help children in war-torn areas around the world.**

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**Kindergarten scientists study butterflies**

Kindergarten science classes at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families have been studying the life cycle of butterflies this spring.

"Together they observed the progression from caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly," said science teacher Kassy Babeckos. "They also planted a butterfly garden to provide habitat for the butterflies they will release."

**PHOTO: Twins Aiden and Jaxson Cule add the finishing touch to the butterfly garden at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families.**