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Gladstone schools offer free summer lunch for kids

Two sites in Gladstone will provide free hot lunches for youths age 1 to 18 this summer. The program is sponsored by the Gladstone School District and funded by the Federal government. Schedules are listed below:

Gladstone Center for Children and Families

18905 Portland Avenue

11 a.m. to noon, Mondays to Fridays

June 17 — August 16 [closed July 4-5]

Children’s events each Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m.

Kraxberger Middle School

17777 Webster Road

11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Mondays to Thursdays

June 17 — July 11 [closed July 4-5]

Middle School KAOS club open 9 a.m. to noon, M-Th

All youths are welcome, regardless of race, national origin, sex, religion, language, disability, income, or culture.

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Gladstone High students and staff appear in Netflix series

In Gladstone, people are excited about the June 14, premiere of a new series called Trinkets that was filmed last fall at Gladstone High School.

The series, based on the novel by Kirsten Smith, tells the story of three teen girls who meet in a shoplifters anonymous group. The trio finds strength in each other as they navigate family issues, high school drama and the complicated dilemma of trying to fit in while longing to break out.

Most filming was done on weekends last fall, when the school building was closed. Gladstone High students, including the cheer squad, had the opportunity to be extras in the film. Duncan Harris was paid for his acting role, and drama teacher Emmett Pearson-Brown had a few lines. Principal Kevin Taylor made a cameo appearance in the last episode.

Class of 2011 GHS alumna May Saelee returned to Gladstone for the filming and found work as a stand in and background extra. “Filming Trinkets was such an amazing experience and I would not trade it for anything, “ she said. “I learned a lot.”

“This was an amazing opportunity for our students to explore careers in entertainment,” said Taylor. “Duncan Harris was paid for his acting role in the series and Jordyn Maresh did a job shadow with the hair and makeup crew. Senior Kelley Grant spent two days shadowing the director, and now plans to make this her career.”

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