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Nicole Couzens appointed to Gladstone School Board

At their July 9th meeting the Gladstone School Board unanimously voted to appoint Nicole Couzens to the Gladstone School Board until June 30, 2015, filling a vacancy left when long-serving board member Denise Browning resigned.

Couzens, a manager for Head Start, holds a master's degree in early childhood education. She has worked at the Gladstone Center for Children and Families, where she serves on a committee addressing kindergarten readiness and the needs of students from preschool to grade 3. Couzens is the mother of two young children.

Gladstone robotics teams win grant funding

Gladstone High School's robotics team is the recipient of a \$3,000 grant from the Oregon Department of Education. The two robotics teams at Kraxberger Middle School were awarded a \$2,500 grant from the Gladstone Education Foundation. The funds will allow both schools to compete in regional events during the coming school year.

Gladstone's robotics teams are part of the FIRST robotics competitions that encourage students to venture beyond their comfort zones to learn computer programming, computer-aided design, mechanical engineering, and computer-aided manufacturing. Along the way, they also learn teamwork, planning, marketing, electronics recycling, fundraising, and communications skills.

"It's exciting for us to see the applications of science and math while we build and program our robot for competition," said Gladstone High team president Eli Bliss. "Many of our team members have had the opportunity for paid technology internships that lead them to pursue technology careers."

Sponsors of Gladstone's robotics clubs include Intel, Boeing, A-dec, the Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace, Quickor Garage, Clackamas Steel and Manufacturing, Leupold and Stevens, Inc., and Olympus Controls.

Golf Tournament to raise funds for Gladstone schools

Golfers can register now for the August 1 golf tournament fundraiser organized by the Gladstone Education Foundation. The event at Stone Creek Golf Course will benefit Gladstone Schools.

The tournament is at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, August 1. Participation is \$125 per Golfer. Hole sponsorship is \$1000 and includes golfing for 4. To sponsor a hole, to donate prizes, or to register your team, call Bill Kemnitzer at 503-522-2884 or email billkemnitzer@aol.com.