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Car club donates to Gladstone’s early childhood center

A classic car club, Associated Fords of the Fifties, donated nearly \$1800 to the Gladstone Center for Children and Families (GCCF). Funds were raised this month during the club’s Classic Car Show during the Gladstone Cultural Festival.

“We are grateful for this generous contribution to help us get children ready for kindergarten and school success,” said GCCF Director Don Brown.

The GCCF is a hub of early childhood education programs and family services coordinated by Gladstone Schools. For more information, call 503.496.3939.

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Golf tournament raises \$7,000 for Gladstone schools

Golfers contributed \$7,000 to support Gladstone Schools at the annual golf tournament sponsored by the Gladstone Education Foundation (GEF).

“Our morning at Stone Creek Golf Club was a fun way to kick off the Gladstone Cultural Festival,” said GEF Executive Director Kathy Beykovsky. “We were pleased to see so many alumni and community members turn out to support our students.”

Funds raised will support classroom grants, staff development, after school activities, and family support programs in all four Gladstone schools.

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GHS band plans car wash fundraiser

The Gladstone High School band plans car wash fundraiser to support music education and band performances in the upcoming school year. The event, at the Gladstone Baskin Robbins, is planned from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12. The ice cream store is located at 19510 McLoughlin Blvd.

The band program includes concert band and jazz band classes. Last year the group competed in the state competition at Oregon State University.

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GHS sports boosters plan barbecue, raffle

Gladstone High School sports fans are invited to the Gladstone Boosters’ annual barbecue. The free event includes dinner, raffle drawings, and information about how to support sports programs at the school through several fundraisers.

The event will take place at 6 p.m. on Friday, August 15 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Gladstone High’s Garrett Field, 18800 Portland Avenue.

“Over 43% of Gladstone High students participate in at least one sport, and it’s a great way to teach them life lessons in teamwork, strategy, and the importance of a strong work ethic,” said Athletic Director Ted Yates. “I am so thankful for all the Boosters do to support our teams.”

Gladstone Public Library wins grant for school outreach

Students at Gladstone’s John Wetten Elementary will learn about library programs, books, and resources thanks to a new Gladstone Public Library outreach program.

“Funded in part through a \$2,000 literacy grant from Target, the ElementaryReads program will expose first, second, and third grade students to high-interest paperback books,” explained librarian Arwen Ungar. “Lively book talks will engage students and generate excitement about new materials, and each classroom will receive collections of featured items to share.”

Each class will be visited several times.