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Gladstone stadium rentals fund turf replacement

When Gladstone High installed artificial turf in 2006, the district knew it would need to replace it in 8 to 10 years.

For 11 years, the district set aside field rentals from outside groups and fees from the owner of an on-site cell tower for eventual turf replacement. This summer, new turf was installed using the collected savings, which provided enough funds to cover the cost.

“We know our athletes are excited about starting fall sports on the new turf,” said Athletic Director Ted Yates.

“This brings our field up to industry standards, providing better impact resistance and safety for all the athletes and community members who use it.

PHOTO: Gladstone High senior Konnor Hathaway will be one of the athletes competing on the school’s new all-weather field this fall. The district’s 11-year savings plan invested cell tower and field lease fees from the site to fund the project.

GHS robotics team builds t-shirt launcher

The Gladstone High robotics team had a productive summer. Together they built a robotic t-shirt cannon that can fire a t-shirt over 50 feet into the air.

“This June the team demonstrated the t-shirt cannon at Milwaukie’s First Friday event,” said club mentor Mayo Marsh. “In August, we marched in the Gladstone Parade, firing 50 t-shirts into the crowd. People thought that was pretty amazing.”

The robotics team plans to compete in several regional events this fall and winter as part of the FIRST program, For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology.

PHOTO: Gladstone High School Robotics team members Katherine Wilmot, Billy Siegle, and Simon Tidrick demonstrate their robotic t-shirt cannon with mentor Mayo Marsh, right.