

Golf tournament raises funds for Gladstone kids

This summer, the Gladstone Education Foundation [GEF] raised more than \$12,000 at their annual golf tournament to support education and youth programs in Gladstone. The event was held July 11 at Stone Creek Golf Course.

Proceeds from the event will be used to grants to schools, classrooms and organizations that support Gladstone youths. To contribute to the GEF, contact Executive Director Tammy Tracy at 503.655.2777.

.....
150 church volunteers help Gladstone schools

All four Gladstone schools are spiffed up and ready for students thanks to an effort by 150 volunteers from six local churches. The effort was part of the group's annual Servant Sunday effort, with volunteer projects taking the place of each congregation's regular worship service.

Together, volunteers did outside painting, planted shrubs, pruned trees, pulled weeds, spread fresh bark mulch, and organized the Gladstone Kids Clothes Closet for the back-to-school rush.

"I appreciate everyone who gave their time and talents to support Gladstone Schools," said Principal Wendy Wilson. "Our schools look wonderful!"

Volunteers came from St. Stephen Lutheran, Gladstone First Baptist, Gladstone Christian Church, Gladstone Church of the Nazarene, The Source Church, and Gospel Fellowship Community Church.

PHOTO: Youth Pastor Glen Suckow, Worship Director Adam Owings, and Ben Moore from Gladstone Christian Church work to remove a stump from the courtyard at John Wetten Elementary.

.....
PHOTO: Rotary President Steve Leitz presents Gladstone High School graduate Andrew Prom with a \$1,500 scholarship from Gladstone/Oak Lodge Rotary. Prom plans to attend Oregon State University this fall.

.....
Recreation program offers classes for all ages

As families prepare for fall, the Community Schools program in Gladstone offers a wealth of recreation and learning opportunities for youths and adults.

"From basketball skills and dance classes to water aerobics, martial arts, and driver education, we offer over 150 fall options at an affordable price," said coordinator Jennifer Ingram. "Whether you want to learn Spanish, yoga, cooking, or first aid, adults and kids will find a class to meet their needs."

A course catalog and on-line registration are available at www.bit.ly/2MMivsb.

.....
Gladstone summer program provides free lunch, activities

Gladstone Schools provided nearly 3500 free lunches to children and teens this summer as part of a federally funded food program. The meals were served at the Gladstone Center for Children [GCCF] and Families and Kraxberger Middle School.

"Between the two sites, we fed an average of 102 kids per day," said head cook Lynn Aleksich. "Thanks to our volunteer Susie Chapman, we were able to serve fresh produce from the school garden and provide families with free vegetables to take home."

Both sites offered youth activities in addition to meals. Kraxsberger hosted a middle school enrichment program and robotics workshops, while the GCCF hosted Gladstone Public Library's opera, symphony, reptile, and border collie shows for kids.