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Food program helps Gladstone kids

Gladstone Schools sponsored a free summer lunch program that served nearly 3000 meals at Kraxberger Middle School and the Gladstone Center for Children & Families [GCCF]. The program is federally funded.

“On average, we fed 80 children a day,” said head cook Lynn Aleksich. “Good nutrition keeps kids healthy, active, and growing.”

The Gladstone Public library provided enrichment activities at the GCCF each Wednesday, ranging from a reptile show and a puppet show to music performances and storytelling.

PHOTO: OMSI’s Science Circus was one of the Gladstone Public Library’s featured presentations during the Gladstone summer lunch program.

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Churches help ready Gladstone Schools

Dozens of volunteers from five Gladstone churches worked August 25 to spiff up Gladstone school grounds in preparation for the return of students September 3.

One group painted the ticket booth at the football stadium, while others painted the kindergarten tricycle paths. Others re-stocked the Clothes Closet, pulled weeds at Kraxberger Middle School, and prepped school garden beds in the Gladstone High courtyard.

“We are so grateful for this group’s hard work to help us prepare for the start of school,” said grounds manager Ted Yates. “What a special way to welcome our students back!”

Volunteers in the project came from The Source, Gladstone First Baptist, Gladstone Christian Church, Gospel Fellowship Community Church, and Gladstone Church of the Nazarene.

PHOTO: Lynae Calquhoun, a volunteer from Gladstone First Baptist Church, pulls weeds in the courtyard at Gladstone High School. The annual Church Left the Building Event is an effort to help schools get ready for the return of students.

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Girl Scouts donate birthday boxes to Food Pantry

Shoppers at the Gladstone Food Pantry can pick up a birthday box containing all the ingredients for a birthday party. Girl Scout Service Unit 11 of Gladstone donated the supplies.

“Each gift-wrapped box contains a cake mix, frosting, candles, party hats, and a hand-crafted birthday banner,” said parent Julie Fulkerson. “We want to be sure everyone has a special birthday celebration.”

The Gladstone Food Pantry is located behind Gladstone High School off Nelson Lane. It is open Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. All are welcome.

PHOTO: A Gladstone Girl Scout helped deliver birthday boxes to the Gladstone Food Pantry.

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GHS student plans blood drive

Gladstone High senior Denali Nelson is planning a blood drive to keep hospital shelves stocked for medical emergencies.

The event is:

Saturday, August 31

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Gladstone Baskin Robbins: 19510 McLoughlin Blvd.

To book an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. This special "pint for a pint" event will provide each blood donor with a pint of ice cream. All participants are encouraged to eat well and stay hydrated.

“Volunteer blood donors are needed to help save lives,” said Nelson. “During the summer months fewer blood donors are available, making this one of the most challenging times of the year to collect blood donations. The Red Cross is grateful for all donors who roll up a sleeve.”