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Gladstone High students help with SOLVE beach cleanup

Twenty-five Gladstone High students from the Key Club and the Environmental Science class traveled to Fort Stevens State Park last Saturday to join the annual Oregon beach cleanup sponsored by Stop Oregon Litter & Vandalism [SOLV].

Math teacher Lynnda Prom and science teacher Kevin Zerzan led the group.

“Half of us cleared an acre of invasive Scotch Broom from the park, and the other half went down to the beach near the Peter Iredale and picked up trash,” said Zerzan. “Afterwards, PGE served us a delightful lunch of Clam Chowder and Vegetarian Chili with fresh baked bread.”

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Gladstone student raises guide dog

Avery Williams, a sixth grader at Kraxberger Middle School, has already completed a two-year service project, raising a guide dog puppy to serve a blind person.

Avery attended training sessions and worked daily to socialize and teach basic skills to Truckee, a golden Labrador retriever. This summer, all her hard work paid off, when Truckee completed training and began assisting his new owner. Avery plans to start training her second guide dog in December.

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WIC opens Gladstone office

Low-income families have a new resource in Gladstone, now that the Women, Infants, & Children program [WIC] has opened a new office at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families [GCCF].

WIC is a nutrition program designed to provide food to pregnant women, new mothers, and small children who need food assistance, education, and support.

Hours for the new office are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on designated days, including September 25 and 30. The WIC office is located inside the GCCF at 18905 Portland Avenue. For more information, call 503.655.8476.

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Auction to benefit Gladstone kids

To raise funds for education and youth programs in Gladstone, the Gladstone Education Foundation plans an auction and dinner on Saturday, February 20, at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds. The event will have a Country Chic theme.

Those interested in event sponsorship, donating auction items, or purchasing tickets

should call GEF Executive Director Tammy Tracy at 503.655.2777.

The last GEF auction raised over \$56,000 for classroom grants, athletic programs, and support of the district's Food Pantry and Clothes Closet.

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GHS robotics club seeks teens to join

The Gladstone Robotics Club is kicking off the new school year with a barbecue in hopes of recruiting more high school students to join the group. The club, now six years old, competes in a national program called FIRST, For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology.

"Joining the club is a great way to build skills in electronics, computer programming, and fabrication," said club member Eli Bliss. "Along the way, you also learn public speaking, publicity, project planning, and leadership skills."

The barbecue is on Saturday, September 26, at Gladstone High's Robotics workshop located behind the batting cages at 18800 Portland Avenue. Students need not attend Gladstone High to join the club.

For more information, see the club's website at www.gladstonerobotics.com/home

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Robotics club recycles electronics

Cleaning out your garage? If you're not sure what to do with aging technology, Gladstone's middle school robotics club can help.

The Kraxberger Gearheads will recycle your old flat screen TVs, audio equipment, computers, printers, cords, cables, chargers, server racks, servers, and routers. In addition, they also take donations of metal and recyclable cans and bottles.

To schedule pickup of your donations, email mentor Shawn Price at shawn.price@gladstonerobotics.com.

Unfortunately the group *cannot* recycle microwaves, olds TVs, or CRT monitors.

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