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Gladstone High celebrates veterans

Students at Gladstone High honored over 50 veterans and their family members at a school-wide assembly November 9. The event included performances by the school's choir and band, and a speech from GHS alumnus Ben Misley of Mercy Corps

Attendees included veterans of all five branches of the military, including men and women who served during World War II, the Cold War, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Several were alumni of Gladstone High.

Following the celebration, history teacher Matt Misley's *History through Film* class made audio recordings of the stories of several veterans as part of an oral history project.

PHOTO: Members of the Gladstone High School choir joined the school band to perform a medley of military themes.

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Rotary gives dictionaries to Gladstone third graders

In a continuation of their annual tradition, the Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary handed out free dictionaries to over 150 third graders at John Wetten Elementary.

Rotarian Baldwin Van der Bijl told students how, as a child, he used a dictionary to learn new words in English after moving to the United States from his native Holland.

The children were excited to discover that besides word definitions, the dictionary also included continental maps, presidential biographies, facts about the states and the planets, and a copy of the U.S. Constitution.

PHOTO 1: John Wetten third graders show off their new dictionaries, a gift from the Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary. Pictured are Izzabella Hyne, Hailey Sue Geroux, Haley Koprowski, Aryton Adams, Eduardo Gutierrez-Vargas, Samuel Quattrocchi (back) and Taeler Pfenning.

PHOTO 2: John Wetten third graders show off their new dictionaries, a gift from the Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary. Pictured are McKenzie Stalberger, Grace Landon, Sage Nelson, Mikayla Pickles and Joseph Magdaleno.

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History & art students team up to study Great Depression

To gain a deeper understanding of the impact of the Great Depression, art students and history students at Gladstone High are teaming up on a unique project.

Teacher Matt Miskey's history students are using narrative writings to create blackout poems depicting the stories, experiences, and emotions of real people from the Depression era.

Next, students from Chris Rich's art classes will illustrate each poem with a work of art. The poems and artwork will be on display in the school gallery later this fall.

PHOTO: Coming very soon . . .

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Gladstone High athletes recognized for scholarship

Competing in high school sports is a big commitment, with practices, workouts, and events taking a lot of time and focus. Despite this challenge, three sports teams at Gladstone High School have also excelled as scholars, recognized by the Dairy Farmers of Oregon and the Oregon State Athletics & Activities Association.

Honored teams include:

Volleyball: 3.68 team GPA

Girls Soccer: 3.62 team GPA

Football: 3.2 team GPA

Over 64 percent of Gladstone High students participate in at least one sport.

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Partners join forces for holiday giving in Gladstone

Knowing that one in five Oregon kids lives in poverty, several Gladstone organizations are combining forces on holiday giving for families in need.

The Gladstone Fire Department, the Kiwanis Club, Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary, and Gladstone Schools are working together to gather and distribute food, toy, and gift donations, with support from the Sunshine Division.

Blue donation barrels are located at 17 locations around Gladstone, including the Gladstone Public Library, Burgerville, Baskin Robbins, Gladstone Nissan, and U.S. Bank.

Needed items include toys and children's books, as well as non-perishable foods. High needs food items include peanut butter, tuna, chili, hearty soups, breakfast

cereals, oatmeal, pasta, rice, and pancake mix.

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