

Shakespeare Festival visits Gladstone High

Two actors from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival came to Gladstone High School, providing performances and drama workshops for English students. The project was funded in part by a grant from the Gladstone Education Foundation.

“Several English classes had the opportunity to view the shows,” said drama advisor Emmett Pearson-Brown. “My creative writing class was blown away with the performances. Many students were surprised how much they enjoyed it.”

Two workshops gave 35 drama students the opportunity to learn performance skills from professional actors. Pearson-Brown hopes the experience will motivate more students to participate in the school’s next trip to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland.

PHOTO: Gladstone High students Isaiah Garcia, Austin Senn, D.J. Adolf, and Sadie Klaus participate in a drama workshop with actors from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

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Adin Williams makes waves at para swimming nationals

Gladstone High senior Adin Williams returned from the para swimming nationals in Tucson with plenty of hardware, including gold medals in the 50-meter freestyle, the 200-meter freestyle, and the 50-meter breaststroke. He shaved a full second off his 2017 winning time in the 50-meter freestyle, finishing in 33.84.

Williams also earned silver medals in the 50-meter butterfly and the 50-meter backstroke, as well as fourth in the 100-meter freestyle. Williams, an S6 competitor, has dwarfism. He has been a competitive swimmer since his freshman year.

“The event was outdoors, and over the three days of competition, the temperature was as low as 38 degrees during some of Adin’s events,” said his mother Shonna Schroedl.

PHOTO: Gladstone High senior Adin Williams won three gold medals at the para swimming nationals. Last summer he won gold and silver medals from the International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports Federation Youth World Games in Athlone, Ireland.

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Shop with a cop event helps Gladstone families

Thanks to the generosity of Gladstone/Oak Lodge Rotary, Baskin Robbins, and other local donors, 10 students from John Wetten Elementary had the opportunity to participate in Shop with a Cop this holiday season.

Students started their day with breakfast at High Rocks with the Gladstone Police, Principal Wendy Wilson, and counselor Naomi Stadel. Next they got a police car ride to Walmart, where each child chose gifts for each family member, plus a gift for themselves. Rotarians helped wrap the presents for each child to take home.

“This is my favorite day every year,” said Wilson. “I’m grateful to the Gladstone Police and all who contributed to make this holiday a little brighter for some struggling families. It’s so much fun!”

PHOTO: The Gladstone Police hosted 10 students from John Wetten Elementary for breakfast and gift shopping, part of the countywide Shop with a Cop program to help local families.

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