

Jewelry Repair Volunteer, Vernetta Shaw, Is Honored

Thinking that she was coming to a surprise birthday party for Goodwill Industries of Eastern North Carolina (GIENC®) Vice President Linda McLain, our jewelry repair volunteer, Vernetta Shaw, was delighted to find out



Linda McLain, GIENC® vice president, presents a letter from GII President Jim Gibbons congratulating Mrs. Shaw for her volunteer efforts. Mrs. Shaw was surprised when she saw that the cake was for her.

that the party, held at the GCF Donation Center & Store® on Grove Barton Road in Raleigh, was actually a celebration for her.

The occasion was the receipt of a letter for Mrs. Shaw from Jim Gibbons, president of Goodwill Industries International. In the letter he congratulated Mrs. Shaw for her many years of volunteer service at the Detroit Goodwill and now at GIENC®.

Mrs. Shaw began volunteering for GIENC® almost three years ago and, in that time, she has repaired hundreds of pieces of donated broken jewelry. In addition, she has taken pieces of jewelry that could not be repaired and has created original bracelets, necklaces and earrings that have been sold in our stores.



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Vernetta Shaw, our jewelry repair volunteer is honored for her service.

Fall Vegetables Donated to Food Bank

The cabbages are plentiful and huge this year in the GCF Nature Center and all of them are being donated to the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina. The GCF Nature Center serves adults with disabilities who come to the center two days a week and help with the production of fresh fruits and vegetables which are donated to people in need. Thus far this year, the nature center has donated over 3,000 pounds of produce.

But cabbage is just part of the fall crop which also includes kale, turnips, carrots rutabagas, beets, onions, tomatoes, collards and herbs.

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Our Mission...

To create and provide education, employment and life enrichment opportunities for people who desire to improve the quality of their lives.

Nature Center Produce Goes to the Food Bank

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Harvesting rutabagas and turnips from the raised beds in the Nature Center gardens.

“We are able to utilize the greenhouse as the weather gets cooler to grow vegetables, including tomatoes, that are usually grown in the summer,” said Kimi Dew, nature center coordinator.

Also currently growing in the greenhouse are turnips and collards in addition to those being grown outside in the raised beds.



Boy Scout Builds A Gazebo for the Nature Center

Thank you to Lucas Speaker from Cary, NC, who recently completed building a gazebo for the GCF Nature Center as his Eagle Scout project. Vines will be planted on the gazebo to provide shade for the nature center participants.

“A place was needed near the raised beds for participants to sit and drink their water and cool off,” said nature center coordinator Kimi Dew. “We appreciate the efforts of Lucas to provide this great seating area.”

The gazebo is very sturdy and is constructed from IPÊ wood from Brazil. It will seat eight to twelve people. This is the fourth project on the grounds of the nature center completed by Boy Scouts.



Should You Upgrade Your Computer's Operating System?

Microsoft recently released its new operating system, Windows 7, and you may be wondering if it is right for you. It is good to have a source of information that is without bias toward the product.

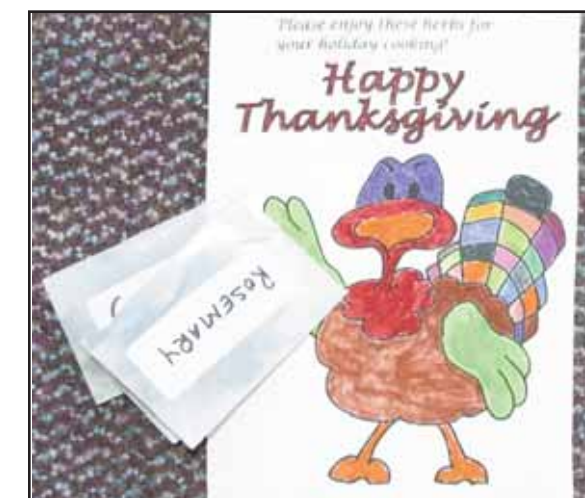
GCFLearnFree.org has examined the new system and is offering information that can help you decide if the system is what you need. The site offers a detailed explanation of Windows 7 including the features that set it apart from Vista and Windows XP.

There are also questions for you to consider when deciding whether Windows 7 is right for you. Additional information and videos will be added to help you learn about Windows 7, so check back often for updates.



GCFLearnFree.org is also a wonderful resource for free computer training, including instructor-led online classes that offer continuing education credits, math and money basics and lifeskills training.

Herbs Flavor Thanksgiving for Food Bank Clients



Special attention was given to the preparation of GCF Nature Center donation to the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina in the weeks just before Thanksgiving. Herbs grown in the Nature Center were dried and prepared for the clients of the Food Bank with the hope that the herbs would brighten the flavors of their Thanksgiving meals.

The program participants dried the herbs, then packaged them individually and stapled them onto Thanksgiving cards that they prepared during their craft time. Each card had packages of rosemary, sage and thyme.