

# Only got \$20 in your pocket?

## I'M IN THIS BIG ASS COAT, FROM THE THRIFT STORE DOWN THE ROAD

Nowadays, \$20 won't get you very far when it comes to retail shopping. For \$20 or less, you can buy a t-shirt at full price or a sweater from the sale rack at any store in the mall. It's almost become too expensive to treat yourself to a new, stylish outfit on a whim. When the Goodwill opened in Oak Grove on Jan. 19, The Clackamas Print staff decided to see how far we could stretch \$20 at any local thrift store.

### GOODWILL

For those of you that don't know, Goodwill has a weekly 50 percent off sale based on the color of the tag on the item. When I went shopping, the color of the discounted tag was red. The first shirt I found was a taupe-colored tank with a red tag, so I only paid \$2.50. I found another super trendy light pink shirt for \$4.97. Then, I really scored when I found pants that looked like they came straight out of the Beetlejuice movie for only \$7.99. Normally, I can find a cute pair of shoes in the right size, but for some reason I fell short of a full outfit. I decided to see if I could finish off my look with a necklace, and I scored again with a red-tagged necklace for only \$4. I found all of this for a grand total of \$19.46.

— Victoria Tinker

### RED, WHITE AND BLUE

The Red, White and Blue thrift store in Gladstone, like many of its kind, has everyday household items, toys, tools and more. It's often filled with customers because of their high quantity, low prices and great quality of items in their store. The clothing section is broken down into five sections: infants, boys, girls, men and women, taking up the majority of the store. After searching through the rows of polos, sweater vests, leather jackets and suits, I happened to spot the perfect item amongst the bunch. It is a grey overcoat lined with black fur in very good condition. The coat is complete with three black and white blended buttons to close it up and two pockets at hip level on both sides. The heavy winter coat, which would typically run about \$300 used, only cost me \$19.95, and I consider it one of my top thrift treasures. I plan on revisiting Red, White and Blue thrift store and recommend it to anyone who wants to try their luck at finding thrift gold.

— Doug Fry



Students Doug Fry and Alexis Wagar show off their haul from the local thrift.