

Red Cross urges blood donations

The American Red Cross urges donors to donate blood or platelets during the “100 days of summer. 100 days of hope.” campaign, sponsored by Suburban Propane.

“Memorial Day marks the unofficial start of summer and vacation season, and the start of a seasonal decline in blood and platelet donations,” said Jared Schultzman, communications manager, Pacific Northwest Blood Services Region. “By choosing a day to give blood or platelets, volunteer donors can give hope and help maintain a sufficient supply for patients in need.”

To encourage donations around the Memorial Day holiday, those who come to give blood or platelets from May 23-25 will receive a Red Cross RuMe tote bag, while supplies last.

Summer vacations and travel can contribute to less availability for people to give blood or platelets. In a spring survey of Red Cross blood and platelet donors, nearly 90 percent indicated plans to take vacations this summer. However, patients don’t get a summer holiday or vacation from needing lifesaving blood. The Red Cross relies on volunteer donors for the 15,000 blood donations needed every day to support patients at about 2,600 hospitals and transfusion centers nationwide.

As official sponsor of the

summer campaign, which begins Memorial Day weekend and runs through Labor Day weekend, Suburban Propane will support an advertising public awareness campaign about the constant need for blood and platelet donations, and encourage employees and customers to give.

“Donors can give hope and help maintain a sufficient supply for patients in need.”
— Jared Schultzman

Download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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Coffee kiosk reopens in new spot

By Diane Goble
Correspondent

The popular Huckleberry Bush coffee kiosk is back in business. The owner, Tiffany Adrian, at the end of her first week said, “We had a great turnout and our grand opening was quite successful.”

This kiosk on wheels had been parked in the precarious traffic lane off Highway 20 in front of the Shell station. Cars occasionally rammed the structure, so a better location would have been desirable, but the kiosk was there when she bought the business in March 2014.

A few months later, the owner decided to tear down the Shell station, dig up the fuel tanks, and put the one-acre property up for sale; so the kiosk had to go. Adrian was told in August that she had until October 31 to tow it away.

The winds of fortune shifted in her favor when the new owners of Three Wind Shopping Plaza (Dickerhoof Properties, Penn St. LLC) asked if she would be interested in putting her kiosk on the property between Takoda’s and Highway 20. She didn’t have to think twice about that offer, and has been patiently waiting while permits have been approved and the vacant lot has been improved and landscaped to accommodate a pad for the kiosk and two-way traffic lanes.



PHOTO BY DIANE GOBLE

Huckleberry Bush has a nice, safe traffic flow in its new location.

Not letting a little thing like having the road pulled out from under her while struggling to support her family (Aidan, 8 and Aela, 5) get her down, this hardy entrepreneur has been attending OSU working on her business degree. She may end up with a whole chain of Huckleberry Bushes before she’s done.

Adrian is serving favorite coffees, teas, and continuing locally made chai teas and syrups from My Chai in Bend, and her famous Huckleberry Smoothies from

6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Food service will consist of homemade paninis with gluten-free choices made fresh daily, as well as fresh-made salad specials with house-made dressings, baked goods and homemade hot and chilled soups to serve this summer.

Parents can pre-order fresh, healthy school lunch sacks to pick up before 5 p.m. or before school.

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