

## Firefighters team up to fight cancer

Firefighters from Cloverdale Fire District, Black Butte Fire District, and Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District are teaming up to fight blood cancer.

Next March is the 25th anniversary of the Scott Firefighter Stairclimb. It is an event organized by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, which brings firefighters from around the world to Seattle, Washington, to make the grueling climb up the Columbia Center tower in full firefighter protective clothing. This year marks the first year where all three Sisters Country fire departments have formed a single team to help find a cure.

The team hopes to raise a combined total of \$20,000. You can expect to see firefighters around the community for the next several months with boots in hand trying to garner community support. The official kick-off to fundraising efforts will be this Saturday at the Christmas Parade, which is to be held at 2 p.m. on Main Ave.

“We are asking our Sisters Country neighbors to come out with cash in hand and stuff the boots to help those suffering from blood cancer,”

said team captain Damon Frutos.

In 2014, DeRew Frutos, the brother of Damon Frutos, was diagnosed with lymphoma and began undergoing treatment. In 2015, DeRew was declared cancer-free but will still need to undergo continued testing and treatment for another five years before he can be considered cured. DeRew will again be an honored patient at the upcoming event and will provide special inspiration to the team.

At 788 feet of vertical elevation, the Columbia Center in downtown Seattle stands as the second tallest building west of the Mississippi. It takes 69 floors of stairs and 1,356 steps to reach the observation deck overlooking the city.

The Scott Firefighter Stairclimb supports the mission of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, raising money through sponsorships, individual and department fundraising, and entry fees.



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Sisters firefighters will again climb the Columbia Center tower to help find a cure.

In 2015, the event featured 1,900 firefighters from over 330 different departments and brought in a record \$2.2 million dollars for blood-cancer research and patient services.

Get more information and donate online at [www.firefighterstairclimb.org](http://www.firefighterstairclimb.org). Click on “Donate” in the upper right-hand corner, and do a search for the Sisters Country Firefighters team.

## Sisters Middle School hosts art show

Sisters Middle School staff and students invite the community to an art show honoring participating students on Monday, December 7, at the Sisters Middle School library. Students will be displaying artwork they created throughout the first trimester in both art and Americana classes.

“The students created some truly unique pieces,” says Kit Stafford, Sisters Middle School Americana teacher. “There are a variety of mediums represented including pit-fired folk-art animals, duct-tape paintings, rugs, rattles, baskets and more.”

The Sisters Middle School library will be open for viewing from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a reception held for participating students during both lunch breaks — 11:30 a.m. to noon and 12:40 to 1:10 p.m. The public is invited to attend, but must check in at the school office when they arrive. Artwork will go home with students after school the same day as the show.

For more information on the Sisters Middle School Art Show, contact Kit Stafford



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Student art featured in show.

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