

Blood Drives scheduled in Hood River, The Dalles, Dufur

Red Cross and the NFL team up to encourage blood donations

The American Red Cross and the National Football League are teaming up this January, during National Blood Donor Month, to urge individuals — especially those who have recovered from COVID-19 — to give blood and to help tackle the national convalescent plasma shortage. Right now, more donors are needed to help hospital patients.

During this critical time, the Red Cross and NFL are thrilled to offer all those who come to donate an opportunity to receive a special thank you this month. Those who come to donate blood or platelets this January will be automatically entered to win two tickets to next year's Super Bowl LVI in Los Angeles. In addition, those who come to give Jan. 1-20, will also be automatically entered to win the Big Game at Home package for an awesome viewing experience safely at home, with a 65-inch television and a \$500 gift card to put toward food and fun.

Individuals can schedule an appointment with the American Red Cross by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or activating the Blood Scheduling

Skill for Amazon Alexa.

"Blood and plasma donors who have recovered from COVID-19 may have the power to help critically ill patients currently battling the virus," said Dr. Erin Goodhue, Red Cross medical director of clinical services. "With hospital distributions for convalescent plasma increasing about 250 percent since October, these generous donations are vital in helping to save lives throughout the winter — a time that is often challenging to collect enough blood products for those in need."

As COVID-19 cases have risen across the U.S., so has the need for convalescent plasma — leading to a shortage of this potentially lifesaving blood product. Like "special teams" units on the field, COVID-19 survivors have a unique ability to make a game-changing difference in the lives of COVID-19 patients. Individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 may have antibodies in their plasma that could provide a patient's immune system the boost it needs to beat the virus.

How those recovered from COVID-19 can help

There are two ways COVID-19 survivors can help — through a convalescent plasma donation or by simply giving whole blood. Plasma from whole blood donations that test positive for COVID-19 antibodies may be used to help COVID-19 patients. Health emergencies don't pause

for holidays, game days or a pandemic — blood is needed every two seconds in the U.S. to help patients battling injury and illness.

To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, individuals who do not feel well or who believe they may be ill with COVID-19 should postpone their donation.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions, including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff, have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

Hood River

Jan. 19, 1-6 p.m., Oregon National Guard Armory, 12th and Belmont

Jan. 25, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Hood River Valley Adult Center, 2010 Sterling Place

Dufur

Jan. 14, 1-6 p.m., Dufur High School, 802 N.E. Fifth

The Dalles

Jan. 15, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church, 3350 Columbia View Drive

Jan. 26, 12:30-6:30 p.m., Ft. Dalles Readiness Center, The Dalles Community, 402 E. Scenic Drive

HR District Attorney sworn in



District Attorney Carrie Rasmussen takes the oath off office from Judge John Olson on Jan. 4 in Hood River County Circuit Courtroom. Rasmussen was elected in November to succeed her boss of the last 15 years, John Sewell, who has retired. Rasmussen vowed to uphold the constitutions of the United States and Oregon "and faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of District Attorney." On hand were Judge Paul Crowley, and several local attorneys and members of the County Prevention and Juvenile Department, as well as her husband, Chris Hertel. "I am honored that the citizens of Hood River County have elected me as their next district attorney," Rasmussen said in a prepared statement. "I look forward to working with the county administration to build a new team and improve the transparency and accountability of this office," Rasmussen said. "I know our communities are yearning for leaders and public servants who will build trust in our institutions once again and I will be such a leader. I will do this by fostering relationships with other city, county and state departments and regional partners." Rasmussen thanked those present, saying, "Each and every one of you has been a great support. I have learned from each one of you and am humbled by our presence, and I hope I make each and everyone of you proud of the work that I will do in improving the criminal justice system for Hood River County." Kirby Neumann-Rea photo

'Postcards from the Borderlands' Jan. 13

The Dalles Public Library hosts virtual event

Join historian and journalist David Mould on a journey to borders, both real and imagined in this virtual event at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13.

In his latest book on travel, history and culture, *Postcards from the Borderlands*, Mould explores the meaning of borders. Are they simply political and geographical, marked

by posts, walls and fences, or should we think of them more broadly? Some borders, set by surveys and treaties, take no account of geography, language or culture. There are borders within countries — physical, economic and social. And finally, there are the borders of our minds — the way we may think of unfamiliar places.

Mould's journey begins with maps and cartoons that poke fun at how we view other parts of the U.S. He

moves on to the carve-up of Africa, the artificial (and often straight-line) borders drawn by colonial powers. In South Asia, he explores what *The Economist* called "the world's craziest border" between India and Bangladesh. He ends up in Central Asia, in that gerrymandered jumble of former Soviet republics whose names end in -stan.

This will be a Zoom online event. Sign-up at The Dalles Public Library website or call the library at 541-296-2815.

White Salmon schools consider reopening

■ By Jacob Bertram
Columbia Gorge News

The White Salmon Valley School Board is set to vote on a proposal to reopen to in-person instruction, the first time since last March most students in the district would be able to make a return to the classroom.

In an update posted Jan. 6, Superintendent Jerry Lewis wrote that "new guidance and recommendations from our local health department allow us to bring students back into an in-person learning model, once our

per thousand rate is at 350 or below for a period of two weeks."

Should the proposal receive approval of WSVSD board-members, the reopening plan would follow the schedule below:

- Week 1: Grades K-1 at Whitson Elementary School and Grade 4 at Wallace and Priscilla Stevenson Intermediate School
- Week 2: Grades 2-3 at Whitson Elementary School and Grades 5-6 at Wallace and Priscilla Stevenson Intermediate School
- Week 3: Grades 7-8 at

Henkle Middle School

The board will have voted for or against the proposal at a special board meeting scheduled for Mon. Jan 11 at 6 p.m.

"The first week of in-person learning could begin as early as Jan. 25 if we are meeting the state and health department guidelines," Lewis wrote.

More information will be shared after the special board meeting.

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Tight spots
5 Transport for Sinbad
8 Son of Aphrodite
12 Tabloid tidbit
13 Four quarters
14 Warrior princess
15 Bartok or Lugosi
16 — Aykroyd
17 Move freight
18 Main course
20 Meager
22 Low card
23 Search engine find
24 Slack
27 Set straight
30 Put — fight
31 Caesar's day
32 Away
34 Catch on
35 Klondike strike
36 Debate side
37 Slacks
39 Minuscule
- 41 Riled up
42 Groaner, maybe
43 Slouch
46 Farm vehicle
50 Synthesizer inventor
51 Dog days, in Dijon
53 Hydrox competitor
54 Eye amorously
55 Crater edge
56 Crevice
57 Takes off
58 Stockholm carrier
59 Cut some slack
- #### DOWN
- 1 Correspond
2 Ra's symbol
3 Soften
4 Stings
5 Wild West show
6 Stop — dime
7 Criticized vehemently
8 Expel air

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

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- 1 Crown wearer
5 Qt. fractions
8 Gloomy
11 OPEC member
12 Arguments
14 TV brand
15 Met celeb
16 — — for keeps
17 Be ill
18 Replaced a button
20 Henson creation
22 Poet's before
23 — -do-well
24 Walks heavily
27 Gourmandizes
29 State VIP
30 Installments
34 Got up meas.
37 Fabric meas.
38 Proficiency
39 Honking birds
41 Boxers' milieu
43 Gear
- 44 Stovetop whistler
46 Ms. Winfrey
49 Blvd.
50 — Derr Biggers
52 Lamb's pen name
54 Pirate's quaff
55 Scrape aftermath
56 Made haste
57 Brown the bandleader
58 Attention-getter
59 Mediocre (hyph.)
- #### DOWN
- 1 Nanny's offspring
2 Eye part
3 Pew locale
4 Nibbled
5 It comes before the fall
6 Cargo unit
7 Do the backstroke
8 Hang in folds
9 Slicker

Answer on following page, B4.

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