

Summer blood drive important for Red Cross



Joyce Williams of Brightwood, an employee of The Independent Bank of Sandy, talks with Tom Farrell and Julia Perala, Red Cross representatives.

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The onset of the Labor Day weekend, coupled with a diminishing supply of blood, makes the coming blood drives at the Boring and Hoodland fire departments all that much more important.

Summer has always been a critical time, with blood supplies low. A deficiency is serious and supplies must be replenished "regardless of economic conditions," according to Tom King, blood services consultant for the American Red Cross.

The blood drives serve an important function in the collection process. About 585 units of blood must be collected each week to meet the needs of the state of Oregon.

The mobile units make it convenient and easy for donors to give blood. An individual can be in and out in about an hour.

Type O negative is the blood most needed. It can be administered without mishap to nearly anyone in an acute emergency. It is, however, not a common blood type.

Blood supply conservation is currently being practiced at Red Cross through compo-

nent therapy. Blood is separated into four usable parts. Risks of overloading the circulatory system with fluid from whole blood are eliminated by using the individual components.

The four components are red cells, white cells, platelets and plasma. Each serve a specific purpose. A single unit of blood may be used by four to six patients after the division is made.

Sponsored by the Boring Kiwanis, the blood drive at the Boring Fire Department will be tomorrow, Aug. 28, from 3 to 7 p.m. The Red Cross hopes 100 units of blood can be obtained during the drive.

The Hoodland blood drive will be Sept. 18 from 2 to 6 p.m. Red Cross officials hope that drive will gain at least 50 units of blood.

No appointment will be necessary. From 12 to 15 volunteers, including eight nurses, will conduct the drive.

To give blood one must be between the ages of 17 and 66, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health.

Each participant will need to register and be screened for medical and donor history.

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Activities set for Historical Days

Clackamas, an Indian name meaning swiftly flowing waters, is living up to its name, with 11 more days of "swiftly flowing activities" under the heading of Clackamas Historical Days.

The old town of Clackamas was laid out by William T. Matlock on his donation land claim in 1852. It consisted of 11 city blocks then, for years the center of a thriving farm community and logging industry. Clackamas is again experiencing growth, in population as well as new business and industry.

Clackamas Historical Days is a way of keeping the

past alive in the present. The pioneers who settled in Clackamas were a sturdy yet neighborly group of people and those qualities of life the present Clackamas want to keep alive and well.

Throughout the festival historical exhibits from pioneer life will be displayed at the Clackamas Town Center, located on Sunnyside Road, off I-205.

Everyone is invited to the free show, "Under the Stars," next Friday, Aug. 28, at 7:30 p.m. on the outdoor stage at Clackamas Town Center.

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Frazer (the original voice of Popeye) and the Rhythm Ranch Hands will entertain.

Square dance clubs will take over the parking lot at Greenhouse Square, Highway 212 and 82nd Drive Saturday, Aug. 29, for a 7:30 grand square dance exhibition.

Junior Historical Days kick off Aug. 31 with the Junior Parade. Parade time is 1 p.m. and Ronald McDonald will be the grand marshal.

The parade will form at Lot Whitcomb Grade School, located on Thompson Road. The parade will head east to

Price-Fuller Road and then proceed south to Michael Street.

Junior Historical Days continue through Sept. 3, with a golf tournament, chess and checkers tournament, ye olde Mutt and Pet Show, an old-fashioned field day and a model show.

Food, arts and crafts, games, amateur entertainment and a beer garden will be open Sept. 4 through 7. These will be located at or adjacent to the festival activities site on 98th and Highway 212.

For train buffs, Southern Pacific will have one of their

new engines on the tracks next to the festival site during the Labor Day weekend. Besides the engine a boxcar and cabooses will hold pictures of trains of the past.

Sept. 5 and 6 the Clackamas Rotary Club will serve Sourdough Pancake breakfast at the festival site. Serving hours are 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. On Sept. 5, one could have breakfast and watch the Great Hot Air Balloon Fly-In.

Clackamas Historical Days Parade begins at 2 p.m. on Sept. 5. The 5.7 mile parade route starts and ends at Clackamas High School.

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