

# Pinewood derby raises \$1,600 for museum



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Beachcomber Pub and Lagunitas Brewing Company sponsored a pinewood car derby race on April 1 to benefit the Oregon Coast Military Museum. The race raised \$1,600 for the museum's general fund. Oregon Coast Military Museum's President Wayne Sharpe said, "The fundraiser was a success. The cooperation and donations of businesses and this community are what support the ongoing efforts of the museum." Scott Waiss, owner of the Beachcomber, says they are planning another pine car race to benefit the museum in the near future. Pictured from left to right are Waiss; Sam Caylor, Lagunitas Brewing Company's southern Oregon sales representative; Oregon Coast Military Museum's board member Tom Benedict; Sharpe; chief of staff Geoffrey Cannon and board member Gary Cannon; and Scott McMillan of Columbia Distributing.

# Red Cross urges blood, platelet donors to give this summer

While thousands of people from across the country responded to the emergency request for blood and platelet donations issued by the American Red Cross in early July, a critical blood shortage remains.

Donors of all blood types are urgently needed to help restock the shelves. The Red Cross is thanking those who come in to donate blood or platelets between this week and Aug. 31 by emailing them a \$5 Amazon.com gift card claim code.

Those in Florence who would like to donate can do so at the Lane Blood Mobile, which will be in Florence on Monday, Aug. 8, from noon to 5 p.m., at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

The Red Cross urges eligible donors to give now to help ensure blood is available throughout the rest of the summer to meet patient needs.

At times, blood and platelets are being distributed to hospitals faster than dona-

tions are coming in, which impacts the ability to rebuild the blood supply.

Right now, the Red Cross has less than a five-day blood supply on hand.

The Red Cross strives to have a five-day supply at all times to meet the needs of patients every day and be prepared for emergencies that may require significant volumes of donated blood products.

"The Red Cross continues to have an emergency need for blood and platelet donors to give now and help save patient lives," said Neil Tosuntikool, donor recruitment director of the Red Cross Pacific Northwest Blood Services Region. "We are grateful for those who have already stepped up this summer to give and want to remind those who are eligible that hospital patients are still counting on them to roll up a sleeve."

In the United States, every two seconds someone like Ray Poulin needs blood or

platelets.

Poulin's liver and kidneys failed following a serious blood infection. The situation became urgent when his liver hemorrhaged. He was given a 10 percent chance of survival.

After receiving 77 units of blood, Poulin defied the odds.

"There was a lot that went into saving my life, but if the blood wasn't available when I needed it, I wouldn't be here

today," said Poulin.

Blood and platelets are needed for many different reasons.

Accident and burn victims, heart surgery patients, organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease may all need blood.

For more information, go to redcross.org.

# KB Gallery to host artist Q&A Saturday

On Saturday, July 30, Kenneth B Gallery will sponsor an artist question and answer session from 1 to 2 p.m. with featured artist Tamarah Phillips.

Phillips was charged with producing more than 24 new paintings in less than four months for her exhibit that runs through Aug. 5.

The result was a profound success and has nearly been a sellout exhibit for the gallery. Learn about the rigors of discipline Phillips tasked herself with in order to accomplish her goals and the joys of developing a new found "creative consciousness" as a result of hard,

focused work.

In addition, there may be a surprise of one or more new paintings added to the exhibit.

Enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments for this session as the artist explains how she broke through old routines and developed new painting skills.

The Kenneth B Gallery Art Studios is at 1458 First St. in Old Town Florence, just one block from Bay Street, next door to Lovejoy's Tea House.

For more information, contact the gallery at 541-999-5875, or visit [www.KennethBGallery.com](http://www.KennethBGallery.com).

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