

Red Cross seeks holiday blood, platelet donations

Volunteers and eligible donors can give a gift that can help save lives

As millions of Americans make their final gift purchases this holiday season, the American Red Cross reminds eligible donors to give the most meaningful gift of all—the gift of life—by donating blood or platelets.

Blood donations often decline during the holidays when busy schedules, inclement weather and seasonal illnesses can make it more difficult for donors to make and keep donation appointments, but the need for blood doesn't get a break for the holiday season. During the final two weeks of the year, the Red Cross needs to collect more than 175,000 blood and platelet donations for those depending on transfusions at hospitals and transfusion centers locally and across the country.

"When you donate blood or platelets, you are not only giving the gift of life to someone, you are also giving their loved ones hope for more holidays and joyous occasions together," said Neil Tosuntikool, donor recruitment director of the Red Cross Pacific Northwest Blood Services Region. "To the parents of a child going through cancer treatment or family of an accident victim, that is a priceless gift."

Blood donors of all types, particularly AB, O, A negative and B negative, and platelet donors are encouraged to make an appointment to donate and help ensure hospitals have the blood they need for patients this winter. As a special thank you for taking the time to donate, those who come out to give Dec. 23 through Jan. 3 will receive a long-sleeve Red

Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

Volunteers provide vital support

In addition to the three million volunteer blood and platelet donors who roll up a sleeve to give each year, Red Cross Blood Services also depends on about 84,000 volunteers across the country to fulfill its lifesaving mission. Volunteers serve in a number of roles, from hosting blood drives in their communities to transporting blood products for patients in need. Noel Macek is one such volunteer.

When many people are anxiously awaiting the delivery of their latest purchase, Macek is awaiting the next opportunity to deliver blood and platelets to local hospitals. He has volunteered as a transportation specialist for six years and drives about 14,000 miles each year.

"(Red Cross) Hospital Services knows that anytime that they have an emergency run, they can catch me answering the phone at home," said Macek, who has also donated more than 16 gallons of blood. "My favorite part is to deliver blood products to a hospital or location and be able to bring a smile to people's faces."

Macek looks at the holidays like any other day, except that he wants to relieve other drivers so they can celebrate with their families. He knows patients depend on generous blood donations every day – even on holidays.

More information is available at redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Tamástslikt seeks artists for youth art show

Pendleton—Tamástslikt Cultural Institute invites all youth under the age of 19 years old to participate in an upcoming art show and competition, ArtWORKz 2016.

Young artists, both tribal and non-tribal, from around the region are encouraged to submit an original art object for competition.

"This art show and competition has grown every year and the caliber of art is incredible. Young artists are excited to display their artwork in a true gallery setting," said Randall Melton, Collections Curator, "Last year we had over 90 talented artists of all ages compete."

The ArtWORKz show will be on exhibit in the Tamástslikt gallery from Jan. 23 through Feb. 27. Art submissions must be received at the Tamástslikt Cultural Institute between Dec. 2 and Jan. 18. There is no entry fee. An information sheet and entry forms can be accessed on the Tamástslikt website, <http://www.tamastlikt.org/exhibits.cfm>.

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Only one piece of art may be submitted for competition. The show is open to individuals and groups of collaborating artists. All forms of art media are acceptable and any discipline of artwork including traditional Tribal work such as beadwork, weaving and parfleche painting.

The show will be judged by recognized professional artists and awards will be presented at an Artists Reception on Saturday, Feb. 6, at 1 p.m. There are three age categories: 10 and under, 11-14, and 15-18.

Young artists will compete for Grand Prize, Awards of Excellence, Awards of Merit, Honorable Mentions, Best Emerging Artist, and Artists' Choice.

Art will be on display Jan. 23 through Feb. 27. For more information, call Randy Melton, Tamástslikt Cultural Institute at 541-429-7720 or email him at randall.melton@tamastlikt.org.

Mustangs crown wrestling champions at Christmas tourney

The Heppner wrestling team competed at the Mac-Hi Christmas Tournament on Saturday. The tournament included 15 teams from Oregon and Washington ranging in size from 2A to 6A. Pendleton won the team title.

The Mustangs had two champions and a total of four individual placers.

Ryan Smith and Cord Flynn both went 3-0 for the day and brought home gold medals at 120 pounds and 220 pounds respectively.

Smith had one technical fall (decision of 15 or more points) and two pins, including a late come-from-behind pin over a Walla Walla wrestler in the finals.

Flynn won with two pins and a major decision (decision of eight or more points) in the championship over a Mac-Hi opponent.

Trevor Chamberlin led

the younger Mustang wrestlers, wrestling up a weight class at 126 pounds and finishing in fifth place.

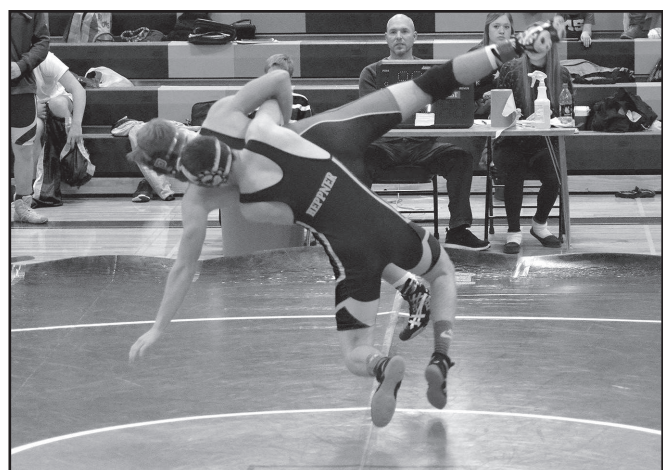
Leo Waite placed sixth at 120 pounds.

Senior Will Lutchter, wrestling at 160 pounds, went 2-2 for the day in a full 16-man bracket. He was one win short of placing in probably the tournament's toughest bracket.

Tim Jaca also won a match for Heppner at 170 pounds.

Also competing for the Mustangs were Carson Brosnan, Zach Bredfield, Charles Cason and Jacob Wallace.

Despite having only 10 wrestlers, over half of whom are freshmen, and filling only seven of the 14 weight classes, Heppner finished in seventh place as a team.



Above: Will Lutchter shows a Pomeroy, WA wrestler who rules the mat at the Heppner Invitational last week. Below: Tim Jaca goes head to head with an opponent at the Mac-Hi Christmas Tournament. —Photos by Kirsti Cason



Irrigon adjusts utility rates for next fiscal year

Irrigon sewer and water rates will see some changes beginning next July.

The Irrigon City Council at its Tuesday, Dec. 15, council meeting deliberated at length in seeking ways to "fiscally manage resources as expenses greatly increase," according to a statement by the city. "The city council desires to continue to remain transparent and ensure all users contribute equally," stated the release.

City manager Aaron Palmquist says the city has made fiscal progress

but there continue to be challenges to system maintenance and needed conversions. With this in mind, the city council approved lowering the collectable bond fees because of a very slight user growth and moving the change to the basic utility charge and providing for a minimal increase of \$1.67 per month. All the adjustments and increases will be earmarked for Capital Improvements (reserves).

Due to these changes, a single-family dwelling currently paying \$98.33 per month would pay \$100

per month for all combined charges beginning July 1, 2016.

Single family detached residences, permanent dwellings, manufactured home parks, duplexes and multiplexes, and extended stay RV park spaces will all have a basic sewer rate of \$46.17 per month with a user loan fee of \$14.88. RV park spaces of less than 30 days and motel/hotel units will have a basic sewer rate of \$23.09 per month with a user loan fee of \$7.44. A permanent dwelling with

connected RV will have a basic sewer rate of \$69.26 with a user loan fee of \$22.32.

For water, the basic utility charge will be \$23.63 for 1,336 cubic feet with a \$0.02596 charge per cubic foot beyond the minimum. The user loan fee inside the city limits will be \$15.32, while outside the city limits it will be \$25.94.

For more information, contact Irrigon City Manager Aaron Palmquist at 541-922-3047 or manager@ci.irrigon.or.us.

Sheriff's Report

October 31 (cont.): -MCSO received report from a subject in Irrigon who was having trouble with a 16-year-old. The call was cancelled.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman who requested a deputy concerning her juvenile daughter attempting suicide. MCSO responded.

-MCSO received report that Hermiston Police Department arrested Jessica Cruz, 31, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine. She was lodged in Umatilla County Jail with \$1,111.50 bail.

-MCSO received report from a man who said he followed a vehicle down Heppner Hill possibly driven by an intoxicated subject. MCSO was unable to locate anyone.

-MCSO received report of subject in a white Suburban in Irrigon driving too fast. The caller said that there were kids in the area and he was afraid the driver would hit someone.

-MCSO received report from Pioneer Memorial Hospital that a very intoxicated male subject came in complaining of vomiting blood and then left. PMH advised he could be a danger to himself. MCSO checked the area, but was unable to locate the subject.

-MCSO received report

from a motorist on Hwy. 74, Ione, who said he hit a boulder the size of a pumpkin. ODOT advised and responded.

November 1: -Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report from a subject at Sub Zero Restaurant in Irrigon who said his ex-girlfriend's boyfriend wanted him to come outside and fight. The caller advised he would be inside for contact. MCSO made contact with all parties and determined it was verbal only. All would be going in opposite directions.

-A male on Hwy. 74 near Ione advised MCSO that the neighbor's dogs were coming and trying to get in to harm his farm animals. He advised the animals were going to be staked out soon and were not in the actual pen. The caller advised he was worried that his goats would be harmed by the dogs. He requested that the neighbor be advised to keep the dogs in; he said he had already talked to them about it. He advised if the dogs attacked his animals he would shoot them. MCSO advised the dog owner, who was not aware the dogs were out and said he would tie them up and apologize to the neighbor. He advised they would not be a problem again.

-MCSO received report

of a black F350 dumping garbage at the turkey shoots in Irrigon. A deputy made contact with the vehicle and determined it was the owner.

-A female in Irrigon advised MCSO that her son was punched in the face by an adult at the skate park. MCSO arrested Bradley William McCord, 38, for harassment.

November 2: -Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report of possible shotgun fire in Heppner. The caller did not request contact, just wanted the area checked.

-MCSO arrested Adrian Ahumada, 32, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear on Criminal Trespass. The subject was released on his own recognizance per Judge Spicer.

-A subject on Dee Cox Road, Heppner, advised he had found two compound bows in a shed at his rental property, unknown who they belonged to. He advised he had had them for a month and no one had claimed them. He advised he was home for contact.

-MCSO was advised of a lost cell phone in the Ditch Creek area out of Heppner.

-MCSO received a call from Irrigon regarding a child with a black eye

caused by his father hitting him in the face. The caller requested that a deputy accompany her to the residence. A deputy responded and determined the call to be unfounded.

-MCSO received report of a vehicle the subject found that went through their fence and got stuck. Location was straight south of the dairy in Boardman, in the tree farm. License plates showed the vehicle stolen out of Hermiston. The caller advised they were available by phone to show law enforcement where the car was.

-MCSO, Boardman PD and Boardman ambulance responded to an overturned semi, single-vehicle accident, on I-84.

November 3: -Morrow County Sheriff's Office was advised of a male subject smoking a meth pipe in front of a residence in Irrigon. MCSO responded and checked the area but was unable to locate.

-MCSO cited John Carey Breidenbach, 78, for code violation Abandonment of Nuisance.

-MCSO was advised that La Grande PD arrested Anthony Michael Shroud, 34, on Failure to Appear on Driving While Suspended Misdemeanor and Failure to Appear on Failure to Appear II.

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