

Orscheln Farm & Home Partners With Wreaths Across America

MOBERLY, MO - Orscheln Farm & Home, along with other vendor partners, has joined Wreaths Across America by providing a trailer to join the organization's Wreath Across America Honor Fleet. Each year, with the help of hundreds of volunteers from trucking companies, Wreaths Across America is able to honor our fallen heroes. The trucks are responsible for carrying thousands of wreaths to participating veteran cemeteries across the United States. The efforts of these generous trucking company owners, the drivers, and all their employees make the mission possible.

"This year Orscheln Farm & Home is honored to be participating in delivering wreaths by transporting a load from St. Louis, MO, the week of Dec. 10, to numerous veteran cemeteries for National Wreath-laying Day on Dec. 15," said Marc Johnson, President & Chief Operating Officer of Orscheln Farm & Home.



"The Orscheln Farm and Home team is proud to have several drivers that have served our country, some of whom will be honored with picking the load up in St. Louis and delivering the wreaths to their final destination. Thank you to Erle Bergstrom, Jr., CTP, OF&H Transportation/Private Fleet Manager, for championing this terrific program."

Other participating vendors include Stoughton Trailer, Pumps Tire, MHC Kenworth; Jim

Hawk Truck and Trailer, and MFA Oil, who are depicted on the rear trailer doors of the truck for their contributing sponsorship of the program.

About Orscheln Farm & Home:

Family-owned, Orscheln Farm & Home has served Midwest communities for more than 55 years and owns and operates more than 165 stores located in 11 states: Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Arkansas, Okla-

homa, Nebraska, Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio and Texas. All operations originate from the corporate offices in Moberly, Mo., which is also the home of its distribution center and one Orscheln Farm & Home store.

Orscheln believes in providing the communities we serve with quality products, trusted value and neighborly service with the highest level of integrity and appreciation. For more information, visit www.orscheln-farmhome.com.

Severe blood shortage: Red Cross issues immediate call for blood donations

Blood drive hosts also needed this winter to stop prolonged shortage

WICHITA - The American Red Cross is facing a severe blood shortage and urgently needs blood donors to give now to avoid delays in lifesaving medical care for patients. Volunteer blood drive hosts are also critically needed to prevent the shortage from worsening this winter.

During September and October, the Red Cross collected over 21,000 fewer blood donations than what hospitals needed. Blood donors of all blood types, especially type O, are urged to make an appointment to donate at RedCrossBlood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Fewer blood drives in September and October coupled with hurricanes Michael and Florence, which caused thousands of blood donations to go uncollected, were key contributing factors to the current blood shortage.

"This time of year, as many give thanks for family, friends and good health, it's important to remember that patients across the country cannot survive without your generosity," said Cliff Numark, senior vice president, Red Cross Biomedical Services. "From traumas to ongoing cancer treatments, the need for blood doesn't stop for the holidays. People can give back – and help those in need – by making a lifesaving blood or platelet donation now and hosting a blood drive in the weeks to come."

An additional 4,300 blood drives nationally are needed in December, January and February to help stop the shortage from continuing throughout winter. Donations often decline during the winter holidays when many groups postpone blood drives while regular donors are busy with holiday activities and travel. Severe winter weather may also cause blood drive cancellations contributing to fewer donations than needed.

To encourage donations around the Thanksgiving holiday, those who come to donate with the Red Cross Nov. 21-24 will receive a long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

How to help

Eligible donors can find a blood donation opportunity and schedule an appointment to donate by using the free Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donation appointments and completion of a RapidPass, are encouraged to help speed up the donation process. RapidPass lets donors complete the pre-donation reading and answer the health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, from the convenience of a mobile device or computer, or through the Blood Donor App.

Those interested in hosting a blood drive can learn more and sign up to sponsor a drive this winter, by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/HostADrive.

Who blood donations help

Kylee Durham, 11, had a rare type of vascular tumor in her right jaw bone. When the tumor ruptured in August, the hemorrhage caused Kylee to lose so much blood that she needed two units of blood

Carbon Monoxide: The Invisible Hazard in Your Home

State health, safety and fire experts recommend CO alarms

TOPEKA - The arrival of colder weather means more homes will be turning up the heat with fuel-burning appliances. These appliances include furnaces, ovens, space heaters, generators, indoor grills and fireplaces that can unknowingly cause dangerous levels of carbon monoxide (CO) to build up in the home.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, from 2010 to 2015, an average of 374 people died each year from unintentional

carbon monoxide poisoning in the United States. In Kansas, from 2011 to 2015, there were annually an average of 146 emergency department visits, 22 hospitalizations and 12 deaths due to unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning. On May 11, KDHE updated regulations for the reporting of notifiable disease conditions, adding CO poisoning to Kansas' list of reportable diseases.

"KDHE will use the reported information to

better understand the circumstances of CO poisonings that occur in public settings in Kansas," said Dr. Farah Ahmed, KDHE Environmental Health Officer and State Epidemiologist. "This additional information will be used to determine if there are any potential interventions that partners can help devise to reduce the risk of another CO poisoning event in the public location."

"CO is known as the invisible killer because it

is colorless and odorless," said Cherie Sage, Safe Kids Kansas. "The symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to those of common winter ailments, like the flu. Without a CO alarm in your home, your family can be poisoned without even realizing it's happening." CO poisoning can happen suddenly or cause poisoning over a longer amount of time.

CO alarms cost approximately \$20 and can be purchased at

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