

## **World Blood Donor Day, Give blood in Wauneta or Palisade this month**

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Giving blood is timeless. With no substitute for human blood, those in need rely on the kindness of volunteer donors.

To raise awareness and inspire action about this cause, Nexcare Bandages, in partnership with the Red Cross and supermodel Niki Taylor, announce the fourth annual Nexcare give program.

This nationwide initiative shines a light on the World Health Organization's World Blood Donor Day on June 14 by thanking those who give blood and encouraging others to get involved.

World Blood Donor Day is a day set aside to celebrate those who donate blood and help save lives without expecting anything in return. It is also a day to raise awareness about how a safe and stable supply of blood products is vital for hospitals and patients.

The theme this year is "Every blood donor is a hero" and focuses on the idea that every one of us can become a hero by giving life saving blood. While recognizing the silent and unsung heroes who help save lives every day through their blood donations, the theme also strongly encourages more people all over the world to donate blood voluntarily and regularly.

For more information about World Blood Donor Day, visit [wbdd.org](http://wbdd.org).

### **Give blood in Wauneta or Palisade**

The Red Cross will be accepting blood donations on Monday, June 11 from 12 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. CT at the Auxiliary Building on Main Street in Palisade.

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The Red Cross will be back in the area on Thursday, June 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. MT at the American Legion Hall at 325 North Tecumseh in Wauneta.

### **How to Donate Blood**

Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to make an appointment or for more information.

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license, or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

### **About the American Red Cross**

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies more than 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families.

The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or

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