

The American Red Cross Blood Drive, sponsored by the Perkins County High School National Honor Society, held a blood drive on Wednesday, Nov. 21, at Perkins Co. High School in the main gym.

This blood drive was held in memory of Michael Dreiling and Katie Rowley, both of whom where NHS members.

The Red Cross paid the NHS group for donors. In total, the Red Cross paid the NHS \$500. Adding that to the \$165 from patron contributions, the NHS will have \$665 to present to the Dreiling and Rowley families to be put towards the Michael Dreiling and Katie Rowley Memorial Scholarship.

There were 78 registered donors, 69 of whom were able to donate. During the blood drive people were able to donate either whole blood or a double red cell count. Double red cell donors count as two units of donation. So in total, 77 units were collected (a combination of 61 whole blood units and 16 double red units).

Twenty-six first time donors registered at the drive. First-time donors included: Quinton Hite, Brendon Barry, Patrick Teppert, Carlie Waitley, Lacey Jensen, Jessi Hoffert, Brenda McClenahan, Courtney McClenahan, Hailey Sletten, Susan Scrivner, Rebecca Johnson, Alex Malmkar, Christine Maston, Mark Hanson, Austin Thelander, Hannah Beck, Jessie Woodmancy, Justin Briggs, Callie Meyer, Rachel Patrick, Kaden Kammerer, Tayler Walter, Krystal Gaar and Samantha Snogren.

The coordinator for this blood drive was the NHS Chapter Adviser, Deanne Bishop. NHS members staffed working areas during the drive.

In addition to this, the Lion's Club helped unload the trucks in the morning. Dawnya Dreiling assisted at the greeting station. Sandy Glenn, Bonnie Taubenheim and Joyce Hightower assisted in the canteen area.

A free, post-donation meal was donated by Perkins County High School.