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## DeKalb Co. Snapshot: Blood Drive

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The storm that struck two weeks ago did more than dump several inches of snow on much of the country.

Red Cross Donor Recruit Representative Phillip Sanfratello said Saturday, the storm also hurt blood donations, as about 750 scheduled blood drives and 280,000 scheduled blood donations had to be canceled throughout the U.S.

Headquartered in Peoria, Sanfratello said the local Red Cross region covers much of Illinois, from the border of Wisconsin on the north stretching as far south as Hannibal, Mo. A total of 2,500 units a week and 10,000 a month are needed to keep up with the demand for blood among the 53 hospitals in this region, including Northwestern and Loyola in Chicago.

"It goes where it's needed," Sanfratello said.

The annual blood drive at the Sycamore United Methodist Church, held last Saturday, is one of about 50 Red Cross blood drives held in DeKalb County every year. Those conducting the drive came from as far away as Sterling, Rock Falls, Peoria and even the Quad Cities. Besides churches, Sanfratello said that blood drives can be held at a number of different places, including libraries and any public place.



Phlebotomist Iesha Alexander takes blood from Eric Menzer.

Cheryl Calligan, a local Red Cross volunteer, said last year's blood drive at

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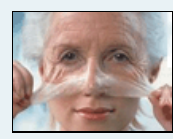


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"We're hoping to meet or exceed that," she said, adding that 95 percent of the 56 donors who signed up this year are members of the church. As with any blood drive, however, anyone who is eligible can donate. Donors must be in generally good health, at least 17 years old, or 16 with parental consent, and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds.

Each unit of blood, Sanfratello said, can affect as many as three people's lives.

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