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Students donate to local blood supply

By Kelsey Sullivan

Getting stuck with a needle was not quite what some of the first-time blood donors expected. About 35 students and teachers gave blood to the Community Blood Center Oct. 6.

"I don't think it hurt that bad," says junior Martha Bourbon. "I thought it was going to hurt

worse."

Some were expecting it to hurt badly, however, others thought it wouldn't hurt that bad and were totally wrong.

Donating blood is a great way to give to other people, especially when the person is in the need of blood. Many were extremely happy that they got the chance to

give blood.

Once the students gave blood, they got a T-shirt. Many students liked the shirts even better than last year's shirts.

The goal for the Center was to get 32 donors, however, 35 participated.



Steven Slavens getting his blood drawn. Photo by Caitlin Wilkins.



KU Honors include from left to right: John Kirkpatrick, Nichole Bradley, Marybeth Duda, Michelle Nelson, Leah Kennedy, Rose Griffin, and Cody Miller. Photo by Connie Hoyt.

KU honors top scholars

By Martha Bourbon

Seven West Franklin seniors were recognized by the University of Kansas for being in the top 10 percent of seniors from the high school.

Those honored included Nichole Bradley, Mary Beth Duda, Rose Griffin, Leah Kennedy, John Kirkpatrick, Cody Miller, and Michelle Nelson.

To get this honor the students must rank in the top 10 percent in their senior class. The students got a Webster's Dictionary and their meals were paid for by KU.

The ceremony was held at St. Rose Philippine Duschene school Oct. 8 in Garnett.

Principal Rick Smith, assistant principal

Robert and counselor Connie Hoyt also attended with members of the students' families. Smith introduced the seven seniors and asked their parents to stand.

"I didn't expect it, but I am really happy, and this will make me work harder to stay in the top 10 percent," said Duda.

This ceremony was sponsored by a grant from KU and has been going on since 1977. Franklin county locals Charlie and Margy Porter put the whole evening together. Seven West Franklin seniors last week were recognized by the University of Kansas for being in the top 10 percent seniors from the high school.

National Honor Society names new inductees

By Grace Stewart

On Oct. 15, 10 WFHS students dressed in their best for the NHS induction ceremony. The ceremony was held to congratulate and honor the new inductees.

The inductees included Nichole Bradley, Emma Brann, Jessica Cates, MaryBeth Duda, Amy Fine, Steven Lemons, Kyle Nitcher, Laiken Rockhold, Cara Yuen and Leah Kennedy.

"It was an honor to be inducted and everything was really nice," said Lemons, a junior.

Each inductee was introduced individually and parents spoke about their students while a slide show featured pictures of students' childhoods and high school activities. At times the parents became emotional as they spoke of their



NHS members for the 2008-09 school year include from left to right: Steven Lemons, Amy Fine, Jessica Cates, Kayla Hendershot, Kyle Nitcher, Marybeth Duda, Nichole Bradley, Cara Yuen, Michelle Nelson, Laiken Rockhold, Emma Brann, and Leah Kennedy. Photo by Jessica Brittingham.

students.

Brann said she was very moved. "It makes you realize how fast high school goes," the junior ex-

plained. "It was such a great honor, but all of the crying made me very sad."

To end the ceremony a closing

statement was given by Michelle Nelson, the NHS president, and everyone headed for the reception for cake.

"The ceremony was very well put together," said Rockhold, a junior. "It felt great being honored with my friends."