

National Blood Donor Month Marked Locally

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York, PA - Kinsley Construction held its first of two blood drives in 2011 on Friday at Kinsley Education Center in York, marking National Blood Donor Month.

Donating blood is easily forgotten around the holidays, and winter weather often means people are not able to honor their donation appointments, said Mike Baisey, Red Cross communications manager for the Greater Chesapeake and Potomac blood service region, which serves part of Pennsylvania, Maryland and northern Virginia.



Andy Volovar of Walton Inc. signifies that his blood donation is complete by raising his arm and putting pressure on the stick point. Type O-negative and B-negative blood are badly needed in the region. (DAILY RECORD/SUNDAY NEWS- BIL BOWDEN)

The regional Red Cross relies on 10 to 30 blood drive sponsors daily to keep supplies at adequate levels, Baisey said. Blood types O-negative and B-negative have dropped to an emergency level, meaning less than one day's supply remains, he said.

Dozens of local drives are scheduled for January, and free blankets will be given to all donors all month. Go to redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS to find a place to donate.



Collection Technologist Erica Teel checks on the progress of Jay Shaffer, an accountant at Kinsley Properties, as he donates blood Friday at the Kinsley Education Center in York. January is National Blood Donor Month. (DAILY RECORD/SUNDAY NEWS- BIL BOWDEN)

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