



NHS Blood Drive Draws People In

Brenda Ries donates blood at the NHS blood drive Monday. (photo by Kathie Palmer-sheim)



by Jessica Krogmann

Every day, thousands of people need blood. To help out, the National Honor Society held a blood drive for any students who were 17. Faculty as well as the public were invited to donate also. One pint of blood is given per person and the set goal was 60 pints. However, when everyone was completed, there were 67 total pints!

The NHS students volunteered from 1:00 until after 6:00 on Monday, along with the help of the American Red Cross.

Students were taken from class at allotted times to give blood. Ashley Kramer, one of the donors, stated that it really wasn't that bad, and the guy taking her blood was just joking around with her the whole while.

Blood taken from teenagers, 17 and 18, is used in infants, and every pint of blood given can save a life. Thanks to everyone who gave their time and their blood, and congratulations to the National Honor Society on a great success!

Christmas Music is In the Air

by Jessica Krogmann

Next Thursday, the high school band and choir students are having their annual Christmas concert in the auditorium at 7:30 PM. The choir will perform, "Carol of the Bells," "Fum Fum Fum," with Lalaina Rabary playing the piano, "Bashana Habaha," "Companions All Sing Loudly," with Abby McDonald on recorder/flute, and Adam Ries and Jessica Krogmann on percussion, "Did Mary Know?" with soloists Melanie Kintzle and Amy Salow, "O Magnum Mysterium," and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

The band will play, "Sleigh Ride," "Bossa Nova Holiday," "Home for the Holidays" and "Ammerland."

Between performances, prizes will be given out winners of the Iowa Ambassadors of Music and the Music Boosters' raffle. If you haven't bought any tickets yet, it's not too late! Also, the students traveling to Europe next summer are selling live Christmas cards for \$5.00. Spread some holiday cheer and share with others what the M.V. Music Department has to offer.

Student Donates to Locks of Love

by Ashley Kramer

People cut their hair all the time. Often times, teenagers take their hair for granted. However, recently one senior girl cut her hair and donated it to charity, making her hair serve a purpose.

Senior Lisa Jesenovec used to be known for having long hair. In fact, she hadn't had a major haircut in about three years... until just a few weeks ago. Recently, Lisa chopped her hair and decided to donate it to Locks of Love. According to their website, Locks of Love is "a nonprofit organization which provides hairpieces for children who can't afford them and whose hair isn't growing due to medical purposes. Each hairpiece is valued at \$3,000, so a person can see how important it can be to donate their hair in order for someone to receive a free hairpiece.

It was during the summer that Lisa made the decision to donate her hair. Her sister Mary convinced her to "help those in need of hair."

In order to donate, Lisa had her sister Amy cut off ten inches of hair. It needed to be clean and dry. Along with the hair, Lisa has to send a form that she got off the internet to Florida.

Lisa's hair made one ponytail. It takes six to ten ten-inch ponytails to make one hairpiece.



Lisa Jesenovec poses with the hair she donated.