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A whopping 100 units of blood is the goal for the Chase County Schools (CCS) Scholarship Bloodmobile July 29. Chairman Blair Hartman is optimistic that the goal can be reached.

Hartman, a senior at CCS, was chosen by School Nurse Angie Paisley to head the drive, as she was on the blood drive team at the school.

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be held on a different day and location this time, landing on a Monday from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Parish Hall.

Hartman said the drive is different from those held during the school year. If the 100-unit goal is met, Hartman will receive up to a \$500 scholarship. However, one third of the units must be donated by people between ages of 16 and 24.

Also, since the drive is held during the summer, Hartman said she has more responsibility than at those held during the school year.

American Red Cross officials have issued an emergency request for donations of all blood types, especially O negative, A negative and B negative.

Donations through the Red Cross were down approximately 10 percent in June, resulting in about 50,000 fewer donations than expected.

On average, the Red Cross must collect almost 17,000 pints of blood every day for patients at nearly 3,000 hospitals and transfusion centers across the country.

To schedule an appointment at the July 29 blood drive, contact Hartman at (308) 883-0446, the Red Cross at (800) 733-2767 or go online at redcrossblood.org.