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With none to spare, Imperial met its 100-unit goal Monday in a summer Red Cross Bloodmobile coordinated locally by a high school student.

Blair Hartman, a Chase County Schools senior, said they hit the goal right on the nose with 100 good units taken in during the six-hour blood drive at St. Patrick's parish hall.

That was key because the 100-unit goal had to be met for Hartman to earn a \$500 scholarship for college next year.

"I just want to thank the community. They saved 300 lives Monday with this drive," she said.

Ninety-eight donors came in to donate blood, Hartman said. Nine of them gave double red units (counts as two units each), and seven were deferred to reach 100 exactly.

One of the efforts of this drive was to target the 16 to 24-year-old age group, and Hartman said there were a lot of young people who donated, and many first time donors.

"There were so many first-timers I couldn't count them," she said.

One of the first-timers was her dad, Rob. Her brother and sister, Spencer and Jessica, also donated, as did her grandfather, Bob Hartman. Her mother Carma worked all day at the drive. Blair said she really appreciated all the support from her family.



The Red Cross officials seemed to like the larger St. Patrick parish hall facility, Hartman said. It allowed them to increase the number of beds to eight, and thereby could increase the drive's goal to 100.

She thanked Subway and First Bank & Trust which donated the sandwiches, Super Foods donated orange juice and St. Patrick's parishioners contributed the cookies served all day to donors.

Hartman said she slept well Monday night after the Bloodmobile. She plans to continue to serve on the school's blood drive team for the drives held during the 2013-14 school year.