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430-pint blood drawing in local record

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MISSOULA--

A two-day blood drawing last week at the University of Montana netted 430 pints of blood, a record total for blood drawings in the Garden City.

Vedder M. Gilbert, a University English professor who is blood program chairman for the Missoula Red Cross Chapter, said a total of 490 persons volunteered to give blood Thursday and Friday, but rejections prevented some University students, faculty, staff and townspeople from donating this time.

"Our quota for the two-day period was 370 pints," Gilbert said. "We are very pleased that the generosity of local residents--particularly University students--enabled us to top that number."

Gilbert said the 430 pints of blood given last week in the University Center represents a gain "of about 80" over any previous donation.

The next local blood drawing will be Jan. 9 at the Missoula Vocational Technical Center, 915 South Ave. W.