

THE FIRST STEP. The nurse prepares **Joe Pittman's, 12**, arm for the needle. She cleans it with iodine.

**BE NICE TO ME
I GAVE BLOOD
TODAY!!!**



“Blood is life. Just give it.”

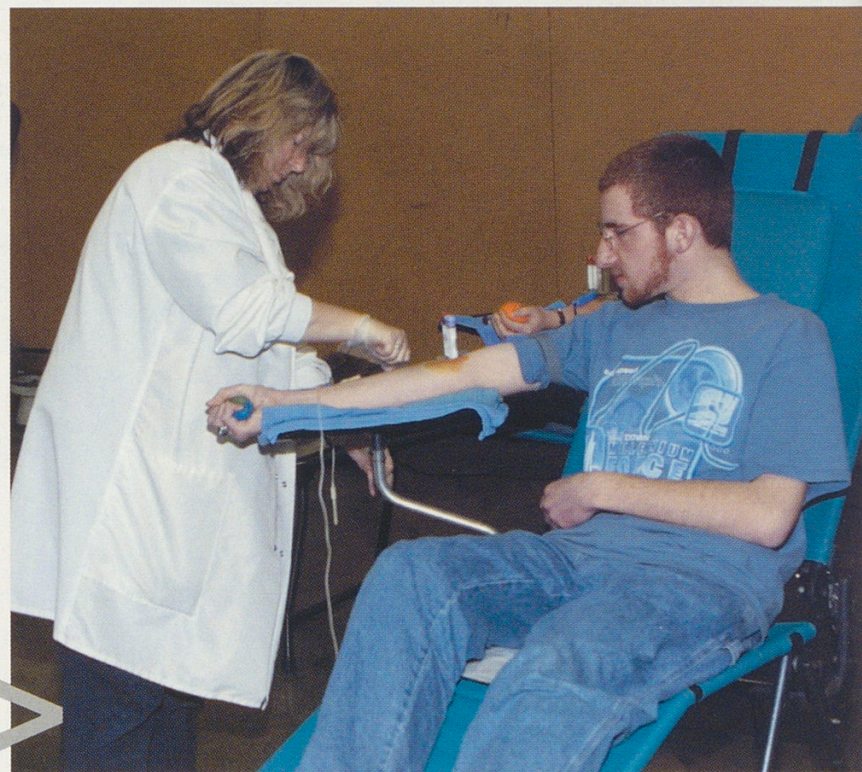
Student donations save lives

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YOU CAN SAVE A LIFE AT THE AGE OF SEVENTEEN! On February 27, students were able to step up and save a life. Hoxworth Blood Center came to school and with the help of Student Council provided the opportunity to donate blood. Students have to go through a selective screening process in order to find out if they are eligible to donate. It is recommended that donors should eat breakfast because “When you give blood it takes a lot out of you,” said **Lindy Herrick, 12**.

Since Hoxworth does not accept everyone's blood, there are stations set up to screen potential donors. The first station is filling out paper work. If your paper work is acceptable, you move on to the next station, the finger prick (iron test) and questionnaire. In station two, a second set of questions are asked involving such information as, “Have you been out of the country?” “Have you had any ear piercings in the last year?” If the qualifications are not matched, then you are unable to donate.

If you pass the second station, then you move on to giving blood. After the procedure is complete, you are sent to refuel.



ALMOST FINISHED. **Jared Drapkin, 12**, watches as the nurse takes out the needle and cleans up his arm. After she finished, he went to the snack table to replenish himself with cookies and orange juice.

