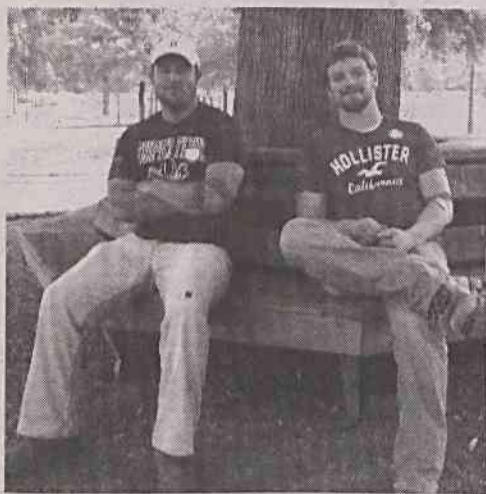


# WCC Saves 204 People In One Day!

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WCC Students Sean Cheek and Travis Clark waiting to donate blood at the college blood drive.

Wilkes Community College had its blood drive on September 12 of this year. The Red Cross came to the school with the Bloodmobile and were ready to accept donations starting at 9:30 am. The Bloodmobile is a traveling bus that carries all the supplies needed to aide in collecting donations. This includes the booths set up inside Alumni Hall to help with the screening process, and the beds inside the bus for donors to lie in while donating blood.

Many people are nervous about donating, so there are plenty of Red Cross people around to walk you through the process, answer any questions you may have, and stay by your side at all times. The process for donating blood is the same everywhere. They recommend drinking lots of water beginning a few days beforehand, and eating a good meal a few hours before donating. When you come in, sign up at the front where they take your name and give you a packet of information to read. Next is a short questionnaire, where you are asked about your general health and if you have visited any foreign countries lately. Then, they take you to a separate corner to review the questionnaire you filled out and check the iron level in your blood. Once you are finished there, they take you to the bus, where you lay on one of the six beds and you donate your blood. After you are finished donating, they wrap your arm with a small bandage and colorful tape, and send you to the treat table, where you have plenty of snacks to "recover" with. You are then able to go about the rest of your day wearing your 'badge of honor' showing you donated blood that day.

The Red Cross accepts all types of human blood- A, AB, B, O, and positive or negative for each- and they are in need of all types right now. One unit of blood equals one pint, and that one pint can benefit up to three people. (The blood will be separated into the red blood cells, the plasma, and the platelets at a later time.) They are also

encouraging the donation of platelets- the part of the blood that helps with clotting- and were offering a free T-shirt and water bottle to anyone interested in signing up today. The response from WCC students and staff was overwhelming. After ending their busy day around 4:00 p.m., the Bloodmobile had a full 68 units that had been donated that day, which means a total of 204 people could have benefited! Way to go WCC!

If you missed the opportunity to donate at the school, you can see the schedule of the Bloodmobile in either of the Wilkes County papers, and you can visit them at any location. If you would like to donate blood, plasma, or platelets at their main location, you may visit them in Winston-Salem (336) 725-4346 Monday thru Friday between 8:00 am and 5:00 p.m.

To the right: Special Populations Coordinator- Sheneele Wagoner waiting her turn to be screened. Anyone wanting to donate blood must go through a short screening process before being able to donate blood.



## Holiday Christmas Sale

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Please join us for refreshments and receive 25% discount on gifts and clothing



# WCC Absher Bookstore

October 16th

## National Boss Day



## College Ring Day with Jostens

November 5th 10:30am to 3:30pm

