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*The American Red Cross hosted a Mothers Day Blood Drive in Dexter on Saturday, May 12. Joan Lee (above) was one of those who donated blood at the drive, held at the First United Methodist Church. Blood donations are especially important after the Red Cross saw an 8 percent decline in blood donations in March compared to March 2011. While a number of factors could be contributing to the decline, blood donors in some parts of the country have indicated that allergies are impacting their ability to donate. It is difficult to quantify how many, but some donors have expressed uncertainty about whether they are suffering from allergies versus a cold. While a cold, sinus or respiratory infection could impact someone's ability to donate blood, allergies alone do not necessarily make a donor ineligible to give. A blood drive is scheduled from 3 until 7 p.m., Monday, May 14 at the First General Baptist Church in Bloomfield.*

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