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Blood donations help child's struggle for life

A fighting chance for life was indirectly given to little Joelly Bogess Tuesday through donations of blood plasma by fellow employes and friends of a Seguin family.

The 5-year-old grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Creager and nephew of Mrs. Susan Stevens of Rt. 4, Seguin, has been unconscious since admission to the Santa Rosa Children's Hospital following an accident late Saturday.

A 30-foot fall from a San Antonio train trestle about 4 p.m. that day left Joelly in critical condition with multiple skull fractures.

He was still in deep coma in the surgical intensive care unit at the San Antonio hospital early Wednesday.

Reportedly, there were only 10 pints of blood on hand at the Santa Rosa when the unconscious boy was admitted and he required seven pints between Saturday and Tuesday, said and the Santa Rosa Blood Bank was subsequently replenished by some 22 pints of blood plasma in the boy's name by 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Joelly's father, Ivan Jay Bogess of San Antonio and several young friends were with him at the time of the accident. It is said that he had climbed into the trestle when he heard a train coming, became frightened and fell.

Doctors now hope that cranial swelling will soon be relieved and Joelly will regain consciousness soon.

Although the shortage of blood does not seem a critical issue in Seguin, this community receives its supply from San Antonio where the need sometimes becomes acute.

Dr. John Mueller heads the committee for local donors and regular visits of the Blood Donor Service from San Antonio are scheduled here.

Joelly Bogess
. . . fell 30 feet

Faith Lutheran Church has arranged for a drive for members of the congregation on Thursday, Jan. 30 (today), while a community collection drive is tentatively set for April 3

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