

## Montgomery County Blood Lead Screening

KDHE's Kansas Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Prevention Program, in partnership with the Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics (BEPHI), Bureau of Environmental Remediation (BER), the City of Cherryvale and the Montgomery County Health Department held a free blood lead screening clinic on Nov. 13 and 14 in Cherryvale at a local community building. The clinic was provided to all residents – children and adults - of Montgomery County. The purpose of the clinic was to give Montgomery County residents an opportunity for a free assessment of their blood lead levels. A total of 133 citizens were screened during the clinic.



State and local health officials were on hand to answer questions and provide information on sources of lead exposure and potential health outcomes. In addition, BER representatives provided educational materials to citizens pertaining to the National Zinc Company Site, located in Cherryvale. The Site was a zinc smelting facility operating from 1898 to 1976 that generated large volumes of solid waste which was historically used as fill material in the Cherryvale community. These waste materials can be contaminated with heavy metals like lead, cadmium, arsenic, and/or zinc. BER is currently overseeing investigation activities to determine the extent of soil contamination in the City of Cherryvale. Additional information for the Site is available at the BER webpage: [http://www.kdheks.gov/remedial/site\\_restoration/national\\_zinc.html](http://www.kdheks.gov/remedial/site_restoration/national_zinc.html).