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Public health emergency spurs needle-exchange

BY MAUREEN HAYDEN
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INDIANAPOLIS – Gov. Mike Pence declared a public health emergency in Scott County due to an outbreak of HIV that health officials warn will continue to spread quickly. Pence's order calls for multiple state agencies to respond to the outbreak, which includes sending more resources to Scott County. His plan allows for a "targeted, short-term" needle-exchange, something that local health officials had requested.

So far, 79 cases of HIV have been confirmed in Scott County since December. All are linked to contaminated needles shared among intravenous drug users, according to state health officials, who've warned that the virus is also spreading by sexual contact.

Typically, the county would see fewer than five new cases of HIV in a year.

"We expect that number to go up," Pence said at a press conference Thursday. "This is about health and lives."

Pence's executive order calls on the state health officials to set up a command center to coordinate HIV and substance abuse treatment, and it requires cooperation among state and local health, law enforcement and emergency response agencies, as well as hospitals and health care providers.

In addition, the state health department will set up a mobile, one-stop shop to help people enroll in the state's Medicaid program, Healthy Indiana Plan 2.0, while also offering vaccinations and providing other information.

"People who may have been exposed to the virus should know the costs of testing and cost of treatment

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No increase in positive HIV cases has been seen in Boone County for the last five years, said Cindy Murphy, RN, administrator for the Boone County Health Department.

"We haven't seen an increase of persons seeking testing as a result of the outbreak in southeastern Indiana, either," Murphy said.

The health department offers free, confidential testing for chlamydia, gonorrhea, HIV and Hepatitis C on a walk-in basis, from 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. on Thursdays, at the health department, in the basement of the Boone County Office Building, 116 W. Washington St., Lebanon.

CORRECTION

The mascot name for Thorn-town High School was misspelled in an article in the Thursday, March 27, issue of *The Lebanon Reporter*. The actual mascot name is Keewasakees.

Western Boone launches college savings initiative

■ Kindergarden program thought to be only one in Indiana

BY ROD ROSE
THE LEBANON REPORTER

Parents of kindergartners who will attend Western Boone schools this fall will have an opportunity to begin saving for their child's college education through the Western Boone Promise Scholars program.

Planning for the program's kickoff has been underway for some time. "We're really excited to make a big splash about it," Western Boone Community School Corp. Superintendent Dr. Judi Hendrix said.

For the next 12 years, the Greater Jamestown Area Fund will donate \$100 annually to establish Indiana College Choice 529 savings accounts



Submitted photo

NEW SAVINGS PLAN: Kindergartners who will attend Western Boone schools this fall will be eligible for an education savings plan called the Western Boone Promise Scholars program.

for every child who graduates from kindergarten at Granville Wells and Thorntown Elementary schools, Hendrix said. If those children complete

third grade at either school, another \$50 will be donated to the college account.

The annual investment in kindergar-

ten accounts alone is \$19,500. Over the next 12 years, up to 1,500 children could participate in the initiative.

It's believed to be the only program of its kind in Indiana, Hendrix said. The Western Boone Education Foundation will direct the program. The Community Foundation of Boone County administers the Greater Jamestown Area Fund.

The programs will be explained, and applications taken, on April 14 and 21 at Thorntown Elementary, and April 16 and 23 at Granville Wells Elementary. All meetings begin at 7 p.m. Parents must provide their driver's license, Social Security number, and their child's Social Security number.

Matt Foxworthy, Western Boone Jr.-Sr. High School television instructor, and his students taped commercials for the program, interviewing kindergar-

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GIVING BACK: Indianapolis Colts Quarterback Coach Clyde Christensen spoke Thursday at Teen Challenge about why he donates to and supports the organization.

Colts coach speaks at Teen Challenge home

BY SARAH LANG
THE LEBANON REPORTER

After keeping a low profile for several years, Teen Challenge in Lebanon opened its doors Thursday to the community and Indianapolis Colts Quarterback Coach Clyde Christensen.

Dawn Rose, who runs the residential home for teenage girls with her husband Dave, said they have kept quiet since opening their doors in 2001.

"We're just starting to let it be known that we're here," she said. "We're really glad to open our doors to all of you. We're grateful you're here."

Christensen spoke at the gathering Thursday about why he is a donor and supporter of Teen Challenge. That came after three girls shared their stories of drug addictions, broken families, sexual abuse and self abuse that led them to Teen Challenge, and how their lives have since improved.

"I support Teen Challenge because lives are being changed, and you just heard three of them," Christensen said. "I think you guys in Lebanon can be

proud of what's going on here. Lives are being changed right smack in the center of your city."

Christensen spoke about his own past, being put up for adoption by a teenage mother from Hawaii. She came to Los Angeles to give birth in a Salvation Army hospital, putting him up for adoption there. And now, he has three daughters and three grandchildren, and he cannot imagine the world without them. Likewise, he spoke about the potential future of the 21 girls at Teen Challenge, what generations down the road might accomplish thanks to them.

Though Christensen did talk about football, he said he wants his life to be bigger than football.

"If at the end of the day, all I have is football, shame on me," he said. "That's a shallow, shallow life. I want to be about bigger things, eternal things that have an impact. And that's what I love about Teen Challenge; they are working for eternal things."

He took questions from the audience, which ranged from how the Colts

will strengthen their offensive line to how hard it was to get rid of Reggie Wayne. To the former question, Christensen said they will focus on that when the draft starts, on April 30. To the latter, he said it was heart-wrenching.

"It was awful," he said. "First it was Saturday, then Peyton, Dallas, now Reggie. Those are tough, emotional. We were together for 13 years."

Christensen also said he still talks to former Colts Head Coach Tony Dungy, saying they have a "friendship bigger than coaching."

Lebanon is home to the girls Teen Challenge home, where girls are assigned by their parents, guardians or the courts. They work with girls involved in alcohol, drug and substance abuse and behavioral problems, such as cutting and bulimia. The program is an average of 15 months long. There are three other locations in the state – Terre Haute and Elkhart for men and Evansville for women.

Visit www.teenchallengehelp.com for more information.

Council funds downtown parking study

BY SARAH LANG
THE LEBANON REPORTER

Lebanon Mayor Huck Lewis hears the complaint a lot – there is no parking downtown. Monday, the Lebanon City Council voted to fund a downtown parking study to see if it is true.

"I hear it from residents and from downtown businesses," Lewis said. "We want to see if it's a perception or a problem."

Engineering and surveying company DLZ, of Indianapolis, was hired to conduct the study. The funds for the \$18,000 study were approved from the rainy day fund, which had a balance of \$371,666 prior to the approval.

Haseeb Ghuman of DLZ was at Monday's council meeting to explain the process of the parking study. It will be conducted in nine square blocks surrounding the Courthouse Square. Only public parking will be surveyed, and an inventory of the existing parking will be created. If there is a need for additional downtown parking, that will also be identified.

The study will be completed in six hours, in two-hour increments on three different days. They will work to figure out the peak times for parking, and conduct the study during those times, Ghuman said. That will give them a good sample of traffic information, which will then be presented to the city.

"There's always been a perception there is a parking problem downtown," said council member Mike Kincaid. "It will be interesting to find out how close that is to being true."

Lewis asked if traffic information simulating a jury trial could be added to the study, because that's one of the times downtown parking is at a premium, he said. A high-profile case could bring in 50 or more potential jurors, said City Attorney Bob Clutter.

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VISITATIONS AND SERVICES

Virginia "Ginny" Burgess Services: 11 a.m. Saturday, March 28, in the Powell Chapel at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lebanon.

Jack L. Gosewehr Visitation: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. today, March 27, at Goodwin Funeral Home, 200 S. Main St., Frankfort. Services: 12 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Susan P. Mason Visitation: 4 to 7 p.m. today, March 27, at 730 E. Washington Street, Lebanon.

Brian L. Toney Visitation: 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, March 30, at New Life Christian Church, 1025 N. Ind. 39, Lizton. Services: 6 p.m. Monday at the church.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY AUCTIONS
FOOD ITEMS AT MARCH MEETING



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HIGH BID: Zionsville Board of Zoning Appeals member Larry Jones outbids Faye Peter, right, for some cinnamon pecans, while auctioneer Liz Dale looks on earlier this month at the Beta Epsilon chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society meeting at Zionsville Town Hall. Special guest was Rebecca Roland, Beta Mu chapter, Muncie, state finance committee chairwoman. She gave a short presentation on the work of the state committee. Barbara Anderson was installed as first vice president. After a short business meeting, the rest of the time was devoted to an auction of food items donated by members, with the proceeds going to the scholarship fund.

Temple honored with key to city

BY SARAH LANG
THE LEBANON REPORTER

Tom Temple was honored with a key to the city by Lebanon Mayor Huck Lewis at Monday's city council meeting.



Temple

"I haven't given a whole lot of these away since I've been mayor," Lewis said. "But I think it's very important for somebody who has dedicated their life in service to the city of Lebanon." Temple stepped down from the Lebanon Utilities board last week after 29 years of service. LU General Manager Jay McCoskey shared about Temple at the Lebanon Board

of Works meeting, preceding the city council meeting.

"Saying we are sorry to see Tom go is an understatement of epic proportions," McCoskey said. "He continually championed what was right for our community, our customers as well as our employees."

Temple was appointed to the utility board by former Mayor Ann Garoffolo. He has worked for four different mayors of different political parties, which says a lot in itself, McCoskey said. During Temple's time on the utility board, he has seen three waste water plant expansions, the rebuilding of the Sugar Creek Water Plant, \$12 million in electric system renovation and upgrades, the development of Golf Side, Countryside, Auburn Meadows, Hickory

Meadows and Daniel's Crossing neighborhoods, and the development of the Lebanon Business Park.

Temple was formerly the associate director of the United Methodist Children's Home in Lebanon. He helped rehabilitate an old home, which now serves as the Shalom House. He has been a trustee in his church and is active in the Lebanon Kiwanis Club. Council member Mike Kincaid said Temple holds a very prestigious position in Kiwanis – the pancake flipper trainer. He trains volunteers each year how to flip pancakes the proper way for the Lebanon Kiwanis Pancake Supper.

Temple will be replaced on the utility board by Gary Ladd.

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ten students at Thorntown and Wells. The commercials are being shown on the corporation's website.

In one scene, Foxworthy asks children on what would they spend \$150. One chose gum, another dolls.

Asked whether they would want to go to college, one child responded, "We've never been to college."

David Rodgers, a 1989 Western Boone graduate, "is the grandfather, the forefather," of the savings program, Hendrix said.

Rodgers told the Western Boone school board at a recent meeting that he had been thinking for several years about ways

to change the attitude toward education in the community, and came upon the concept of college scholarships "for kids who have never thought about it."

"As little as \$500 has been shown to make a difference" in whether a student attends college, Rodgers said. Families that put money aside for college costs tend to be more stable, and are more likely to stay in a community, he said.

"It could be a transformational investment in the community," Rodgers said. Through the program, families could be in contact with a financial planner for the first time, he said.

School board member Debbie Smith said the program "could really be a nice little jump start" in funding college educations.

"Wouldn't it be great to pull

in the other kids who will be hearing about it?" Smith said. "It would be cool to get different community organizations or groups behind the idea of including them."

The Greater Jamestown Area Fund was established in 2003 by the estate of Virgil Bengé "to promote education, health, arts, humanity, spiritual and the general vitality of Jamestown."

Smith, who is an attorney, had represented Bengé. "He would be dancing a jig just knowing this was happening," Smith said. "He had dreams of keeping this community growing."

Hendrix said the five members of the Greater Jamestown Area Fund board "were so excited to have this before them to represent Virgil Bengé's will."

Needle ...

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Lewis said he would like to get this study started as soon as possible, but the council did not have to vote on it Monday because it was new information. Clutter said the study would be done within 90 days of the council's approval. Kincaid made the motion to approve, seconded by Preston Myers, and

it passed 5-2. Keith Campbell and John Copeland dissented.

Also Monday: Lebanon Utilities General Manager Jay McCoskey said the winter moratorium on disconnecting customers ended March 15. There were around 400 customers receiving assistance during the winter months, and those not currently making payments or with no payment arrangements have been receiving automated calls warning of disconnection since

the beginning of March. Of the 84 still without payment arrangements as of last week, only five were up for disconnection on March 17. After disconnection, four came in and paid, and one remains disconnected, he said. The total owed for these five disconnections was \$1,641. Last year, without the automated dialer, McCoskey said there were many more customers up for disconnection and thousands of dollars owed.

And a phone upgrade last week now allows LU to receive 48 incoming calls, instead of the previous 24. This will help response time when there are large outages, McCoskey said.

Three honored
by IBCA

Three Boone County boys basketball players were honored on the all-state teams released by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA).

Zionsville's Derrik Smits was named to the Senior Large School All-State team. Smits averaged 14.9 points and 5.8 rebounds for the Eagles. The Valparaiso signee helped the Eagles to a 19-7 record this past season.

Western Boone's Riggs Baxter was named Honorable Mention Senior All-State.

Baxter averaged 21.9 points and 5.2 rebounds for the Stars this season.

He set the school record with 48 points against North Putnam and surpassed

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1,000-career points in a win against Speedway and finished with 1,104 points for his career.

Lebanon's Trevor Lakes was named Honorable Mention Underclass All-State.

Lakes averaged 17.8 points and 5.9 rebounds for the Tigers.

He was named first-team all-Sagamore Conference and helped the Tigers win the sectional for the first time since 2002.

The IBCA/Subway All-State teams are selected through a process organized by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association and presented by Subway Restaurants of Indiana.

All IBCA-member head coaches have the opportunity to nominate top players from schools in the traditional regional structure of the non-

class tournament format. Representatives from each of those 16 regional areas, plus six district representatives (two each from IHSAA Districts 1, 2 and 3), then meet to review those nominations, vote and finalize the selections.

Cancellations

Bad weather once against postponed events around the county.

The Western Boone softball game against Brownsburg was postponed. No makeup date was announced.

The Lebanon softball game against Tri-West was postponed and will be made up on April 27. The postponed game from earlier in the week will be made up on May 8.

NCAA says it will monitor
impacts of Indiana religious law

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
AP COLLEGE SPORTS WRITER

With the Final Four a week away from shining a spotlight on Indianapolis, NCAA President Mark Emmert said Thursday that the governing body for college sports is concerned about an Indiana law that could allow businesses to discriminate against gay people.

The law would prohibit state and local laws that "substantially burden" the ability of people – including businesses and associations – to follow their religious beliefs.

The NCAA offices are located in Indianapolis, and Emmert said the organization was concerned about how it might impact student athletes and employees. His terse statement also suggested the NCAA might consider moving future events out of Indianapolis.

"We will work diligently to assure student-athletes competing in, and visitors attending, next week's Men's Final Four in Indianapolis are not impacted negatively by this bill," Emmert said, hours after Gov. Mark Pence signed the measure into law. "Moving forward, we intend to closely examine the implications of this bill and how it might affect future events as well as our workforce."

The conflict arises as thousands of college basketball fans prepare to converge on the city for the conclusion of the NCAA Tournament, an economic behemoth in college sports. The 14-year television contract alone for the event is worth \$10.8 billion.

The NCAA has been a mainstay in downtown Indianapolis since 1999, when it relocated from its Kansas location in part because of a rich public-private investment deal from the city to establish the headquarters.

But the new law could put the association in a difficult

position. While it has a close relationship with Indiana's capital city, college sports have been at the forefront of several breakthroughs for gay rights in the last two years, and the young adults and college students the NCAA represents have generally been supportive of those changes.

Last year, former University of Missouri football player Michael Sam came out as gay as he prepared for the NFL draft. Sam had told his teammates and coaches months early and said he found nothing but support among them and on campus. When Sam and his teammates were honored at halftime of a Missouri basketball game, hundreds of students lined up outside the arena to block a handful of anti-gay demonstrators.

This past season Derrick Gordon became the first openly gay men's Division I basketball player at the University of Massachusetts. Gordon, who has said he plans to transfer, has had nothing but good things to say about how his teammates and coaches reacted to his coming out last year. And he said not once was he hassled at opposing arenas for his sexuality.

An online push for the NCAA to react to the bill began a couple of days ago with the hashtag #Final4Fairness.

Former professional basketball player Jason Collins, the first openly gay athlete to play in the NBA, tweeted: "@GovPenceIN, is it going to be legal for someone to discriminate against me & others when we come to the #FinalFour?"

The LGBT Sports Coalition also called for the NCAA, the Big Ten, the NFL and USA Diving and USA Gymnastics to pull events from Indianapolis over the next 16 months.

A spokesman for Pence reiterated that the governor does not believe the bill "in

any way legalize discrimination in Indiana."

"For more than twenty years, the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act has never undermined our nation's anti-discrimination laws, and this law will not do so in Indiana either," he said.

Indianapolis, a hub for major sporting events, is booked for several over the next decade.

The Big Ten has held its football championship game at Lucas Oil Field since 2011 and has contracted to remain there until 2021. The conference also is scheduled to hold its men's basketball tournament at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis in 2020 and 2022. The Big Ten women's basketball tournament is set to be held in Indianapolis from 2017-22.

This year's U.S. national gymnastics championships and next year's Olympic diving team trials will be held in Indianapolis.

The Final Four is scheduled to return to Indianapolis in 2021 and the women's Final Four is set to be there next year. The city is also hoping to land the 2019 Super Bowl.

The NCAA has stepped into social debates before, and there is precedent for it taking events elsewhere.

The association in 2001 imposed a ban on holding championship events in South Carolina and Mississippi because Confederate battle flags fly at state capitols. The ban does not prevent schools from earning the right to host a regional event, as with postseason baseball and women's basketball tournaments.

In 2005, the NCAA banned schools that had what it deemed to be hostile or abusive mascots from hosting championship events. That ban mostly targeted schools with Native American mascots.

Notre Dame races by Wichita
State 81-70 for Elite Eight spot

BY WILL GRAVES
AP SPORTS WRITER

CLEVELAND (AP) – Notre Dame's march through March is picking up speed.

Demetrius Jackson scored 20 points and the third-seeded Irish dominated Wichita State 81-70 in the Midwest regional semifinals on Thursday night to advance to the Elite Eight for the first time in 36 years.

The Irish (32-5) shot 75 percent (18 of 24) in the second half, easily pulling away from the seventh-seeded Shockers (30-5) after Wichita State took its first and only lead on a layup by Darius Carter early in the second half. Pat Connaughton added 16 points and 10 rebounds for Notre Dame and Jerian Grant had nine points and 11 assists as

the Irish won their eighth straight.

Notre Dame will play either unbeaten Kentucky or West Virginia on Saturday night with a Final Four spot on the line.

Fred VanVleet led Wichita State with 25 points but the Shockers simply couldn't keep up with the sharp-shooting Irish.

The Shockers appeared ready to take control after climbing out of a 13-point deficit to go up 38-37 on Carter's basket with 16:37 to go. Jackson knocked down a 3-pointer to put the Irish back in front.

Once Grant decided to become a distributor after missing his all five of his first-half shots, the Irish soared. Notre Dame hit eight straight during a 38-18 surge that left Wichita State reeling pushed the

Irish to the Elite Eight for the first time since 1979, when Bill Laimbeer, Orlando Woolridge and Kelly Tripucka fell to Magic Johnson and eventual national champion Michigan State.

Carter had 19 points and eight rebounds for the Shockers but guard Ron Baker had just nine points and went scoreless in the second half.

Notre Dame picked Wichita State apart in the early going. The Irish hit eight of their first 10 shots and led by as many as 13 points before the Shockers settled in behind Carter, Baker and VanVleet, who long ago grew accustomed to performing in the unique crucible the tournament provides.

VanVleet scored Wichita State's final seven points of the first half to pull within 33-30.



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