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College maintains

Campus security

By KAT GROVER
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The U.S. Department of Education recently released a list of 55 colleges and universities under investigation for possible Title IX violations. Title IX is a law that ensures women and girls in athletics are treated equally in universities, and part of that law covers how schools should handle sexual assault cases.

The universities on the list are in California, Illinois, Indiana, Georgia, Maryland, Kansas, Florida, and Mississippi. Colleges in Maryland, Kansas, Florida, and Mississippi, College and Pennsylvania State University.

Still, Dessel County Community College was not on the released list. If the U.S. Department of Education and Security Department Program, Dessel County Community College is always vigilant about sexual assaults when they are reported.

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Seward County Health Dept. can help with vaccines for people of all ages

By KAT GROVER
• Leader & Times

Immunizations are considered one of the top ways for people to stay healthy, and the Seward County Health Department is helping with that.

The department now approximately 20,000 doses and gave 10,000 shots last year, said Vicki Hixson.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices has a calendar of sorts that tells people when it is time to get certain vaccinations.

"If they were 2 months old, they would get a DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, Hepatitis B and IPV (which is polio)," explained Hixson, who is a public health nurse at the Seward County Health Department. "And then they would get a booster for that, and they would also get a MMR for the measles, mumps, rubella and Hepatitis B and also a booster for varicella."

Hixson said that overall, the flow of people coming in for vaccinations has increased since the Affordable Care Act. However, she added that there is somewhat of a sport dipping flu and school enrollment seasons.

"When the season does approach, we do get a variety of age groups in the flu vaccine, and a lot of the population that just come in for that shot. So starting about September, we do get a variety of ages," she said. "In school seasons have been very good about sending out letters to parents saying, 'Your child is going to become due, they have school physicals and then periodically throughout the year so that has helped us to be more on time.'"

Hixson and Vicki Hixson, another registered nurse at the Seward County Health Department, say they encourage people to get vaccinated.

"Our organizations are what we are trying to do is to protect and 'Without immunizations there would be outbreaks – for example, if we didn't have the measles vaccine without vaccination people are encouraging everyone to immunize because immunization is the best protection.

"The vaccines are giving to protect people from things that otherwise be rampant," Hixson added. "So they're preventable with the vaccine."

Both Hixsons and Hixson discussed about potential side effects of vaccines, the most common one

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Seward County Health Department saw approximately 20,000 clients in the last year and gave 9,000 vaccinations to people of all ages. Courtesy photo

Pregnant women gain new options under health law

By MARIALUISA RIZZO/AP
• Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The health care law opened up an unusual opportunity for some motherwives to come on inside of the childbirth.

Pregnant women who signed up for a private policy in the new insurance exchanges will have access to additional benefits under the health care law's program if they get pregnant. Some women could save hundreds of dollars on their share of the cost of a baby's care.

Medicaid already pays for nearly half of U.S. births, but this would create a way for women who have been uninsured, perhaps because they were rejected for another.

Officials and advocates say the enhanced coverage will be available no matter whether or not a state expands Medicaid under the law. It would be available to different income strata for eligibility, ranging from near the poverty line to solid middle class.

The main roadblock right now seems to be that the insurance companies that have looked complete certain to recognize that certain pregnant women have a legitimate reason to sign up for a private health plan on the insurance exchange. Ordinarily they can pick one or the other, or a mixture of.

Insurers and insurers will have to sort out who pays for what.

Another big challenge will be educating the public about this issue health. In this Sept. 25, 2011, file photo, Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., center, and Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., second right, and other Democratic lawmakers joined new mothers and their families on the Capitol to criticize Republican efforts to kill the Affordable Care Act, saying it would be a "Obamacare," in

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