

Crossing hosts abuse program

BY ANDY MOORE
Staff Reporter

In a dimly lit room at The Crossing church in Kirksville, a non-denominational congregation, about 20 people from the area gathered for the second weekly meeting of the Celebrate Recovery program on Tuesday.

Celebrate Recovery is a faith-based program intending to help people with a variety of issues, including addiction, physical and sexual abuse and bad habits.

The leaders of Celebrate Recovery in Kirksville, Mel and Joni Hoffman, said 24 people attended the meeting last week. It is a 12-step program that applies biblical principles, Joni said.

"You can be a victim of abuse, you can be someone involved in any part of substance or alcohol abuse, the devastation that comes from that, or divorce, anger, depression, bad relationships or eating disorders," Mel said. "There's not just a certain category of issues that would

lead people to this [program]."

The programs have different groups for men and women and subgroups for different forms of abuse. Among the issues that could compel people to use the program are gambling, grief, smoking and pornography. Celebrate Recovery also is attracting people who grew up with someone addicted to any of the above.

"What we're finding, even in just the one meeting we've had [last week], is people that might not have been actively addicted to anything, but they've been a victim of it, and they've suffered some of the fallout," Mel said.

Pastor John Baker began the program 16 years ago at Saddleback Church in California, 500,000 individuals have completed the program, according to the Celebrate Recovery Web site.

Jim Dennis, Affinity Pastor at The Crossing, said the Celebrate Recovery program has been implemented in approximately 10,000 churches nationwide. He said the New Mexico

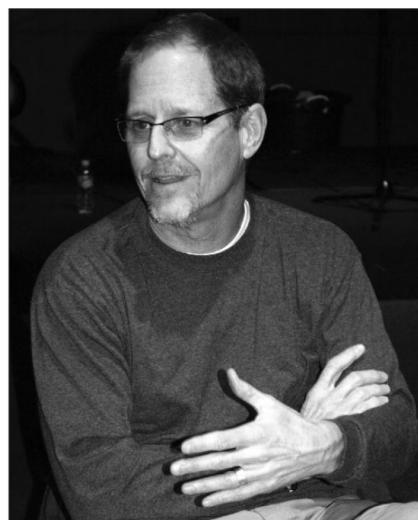
State Prison Ministry has adopted the program in every prison in New Mexico.

Dennis said he has been through the 12 steps to alleviate alcoholism.

"The first step of a 12-step program is to admit that our lives had become unmanageable, and a lot of us probably have something that's caused our lives to become unmanageable," Dennis said. "We just haven't faced it yet. That's the denial stage."

Dennis said one of the differences between Celebrate Recovery and other 12-step programs is other programs, such as Alcoholics Anonymous, are only associated with one ailment. He added that it is different from seeing a psychologist because the leaders and members of the program have had similar experiences with abuse or addiction, whereas a psychologist might not have.

"This is a program that if you do the [12] steps, you have to identify some of the issues that are in your life," Dennis said. "You just can't avoid it."



Amy Gleaves/Index
Leader of Celebrate Recovery Mel Hoffman speaks at the Crossing on Tuesday.

Burglar enters home, grapples with homeowner

BY KELLY KIESEL
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Police still are investigating a burglary that occurred at Kirksville Village Apartments at 2118 E. Normal St. between 9:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., April 13.

The victim, Laura, said she left work sick that morning and went to bed. A friend came by to visit, and after the friend left, she went back to bed. Laura said she then heard some strange sounds and frustrated grunts coming from her kitchen.

She said she got up and encour-

tered the suspect in her dining room, where he had been going through drawers. Laura said she yelled at the man, and he chased her down the hallway as she ran to her bedroom. After the man tripped over the bookcase in the hallway, he grabbed her right arm and hit her on her right cheek with his left hand. Laura said he had a tattoo on the inside of his left wrist that looked like a chain link. She said the man ran from the scene.

"I remember unlocking the door to allow the visitor in that I had, but I don't recall if I locked it afterwards," Laura said.



She said the police think the suspect decided to come in when he saw the visitor leave without locking the door.

Detective Justin Jones of the Kirksville Police Department said the sus-

pect is a white male with slender build between the ages of 15 and 25. The suspect had dark, possibly black, hair and weighed between 100 and 125 pounds. While running from the scene, the suspect was seen wearing a brown baseball cap, a gray hooded sweatshirt and baggy blue jeans.

Jones talked with neighbors after the crime occurred but none of them had witnessed the incident. The police also put out a press release to see if anyone might recognize the suspect from the sketch or description. Jones said the suspect did not steal anything, but if caught he will be charged with

first degree burglary and civil assault.

Jones requested that the public call the direct administration line at 660-785-6945, central dispatch at 660-665-5621, or anonymously at 660-627-BUST if they see the suspect.

He said individuals who encounter burglars should notify the police immediately.

"If you find yourself in that situation, don't be afraid to go to an empty room of the house where you have access to a phone line," Jones said. "If you do find someone inside your home, it is probably best not to confront the suspect."

Motion passed to protect student personal information

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Truman staff now has the responsibility to protect personal information on campus in accordance with new regulations by the Federal Trade Commission.

The Federal Trade Commission recently amended the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 to require institutions that provide loans, such as Truman, to establish an Identity Theft Prevention Program. This regulation sometimes is called the "Red Flags" rule, effective since Jan. 1, 2009. To adhere to the FTC's new regulations, the Board of Governors at Truman unanimously passed a motion last Saturday to create such a program to protect financial and account information.

Donna Liss, chief information officer at ITS, said the program should be effective May 1, 2009. Although the program was written primarily for banks, it also applies to universities because they provide student loans.

"Basically, the university is kind of acting as a bank," Liss said. "So, what we're doing is we're following the general guidelines that basically say, 'Here's what you have to do for the program.' It's really just good practice from an identity theft perspective."

The Red Flags rule requires that Truman staff members who normally have access to personal information, like Social Security numbers and account information, receive training. Liss said the training program consists of very simple, practical guidelines for staff members who deal with loan information, such as those in the busi-

ness office or financial aid. The guidelines are as simple as advising staff to lock their office doors when handling personal information.

Warren Wells, general council at Truman, said the program was prompted by the FTC regulations that require these programs for providers of student loans, such as the University, which have access to Social Security numbers, tax information, account numbers and other personal data.

"[The FTC] concluded that these rules should apply to higher education institutions and not just your normal banks and loan companies and so forth because of the fact that we're in the student loan business," Wells said. "For that purpose, we're a lending institution, same as other normally-considered financial institutions."

Wells said the Red Flags rule also

requires a written statement that such a program will be implemented. It offers a framework for loan providers for what issues should be covered in the program for protecting personal information, but the specific details are left to the institutions, he said. The staff is responsible for deciding specifically how to protect personal information, especially electronic data, he said.

"The purpose of the policy that was on the Board agenda Saturday was to, in a general way, create the model for the University's operation of what they're calling the Red Flags rules [for] data protection," Wells said.

The FTC requires these programs to "identify patterns, practices and specific forms" that might indicate identity theft, or "red flags," and then eliminate these threats, according to an FTC press release. A red flag pattern could

mean an irregular charge to a credit account (i.e. a charge from another state or country or an unusually large withdrawal from a bank account).

For lending institutions such as banks and universities, a red flag could mean a phone call asking for personal information or someone who frequently attempts to change address.

The rule also requires these programs to constantly re-evaluate and update to find new risks to personal information.

Student representative to the Board of Governors senior Cody Sumter, said this new program will not directly affect students but mostly is intended for Truman staff.

"This is more on the administration's side to make sure that our data — frankly, anyone's data ... is safe from identity theft," Sumter said.

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