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Prices Climb For Athletes' Secondary Insurance

However, USD Will See Decline In Rate Under New Plan

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PIERRE — South Dakota's state universities will pay about \$207,000 more for secondary insurance coverage of their student athletes in the coming year, rather than about \$741,000 more.

The South Dakota Board of Regents voted Thursday to keep the Dissinger Reed firm and accept its price of \$825,612.

The six universities paid Dissinger Reed a total \$618,460 in premiums in 2013 for their athlete policies.

The initial quote from Dissinger Reed for 2014 was \$1,359,299.

The regents asked their staff to see if a better price could be found.

Dissinger Reed came up with a new claims administrator and a new policy carrier that allowed for the \$825,612 price.

Two of the campuses, University of South Dakota and South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, will pay less under the new plan.

The other four will pay more.

The staff found another company, Cypress Risk Management, that was willing to provide a quote of \$781,200 but for only five of the universities, excluding the University of South Dakota.

The staff's recommendation was that the regents should stick with Dissinger Reed.

"The good news is they came down from the original. The really bad news is they went up from last year," regent Terry Baloun of Highmore said.

Athletic directors sent notices to all of the coaches once the agreement was reached, Northern State University president Jim Smith said.

Smith said secondary insurance in a group format is cheaper than athletes adding a rider to their personal insurance.

Less than 50 athletes opted out of the coverage last year throughout the universities system, according to Kayla Bastian, the regents assistant director of human resources.

Bastian said three other insurers were approached about price quotes for the universities and one wouldn't even bid because South Dakota's claims history was so volatile.

"It just didn't seem right there's no break for a deductible," regent Randy Morris of Spearfish said.

Regent executive director Jack Warner said a no-deductible policy isn't sustainable. He said premiums would turn "very high" as the claims history catches up.

South Dakota needs a plan to manage deductibles, Warner said.

Morris asked whether the regents could impose a deductible. "I'm worried. If there's no deductible, everybody goes to the doctor," Morris said.

Sheila Gestring, vice president for finance at USD, said USD's athletic programs operate under a \$3,000 deductible and pre-approval of medical visits is required.

She said most athletes have private primary insurance that covers up to the \$3,000.

Stacy Krusemark said Dakota State University is charging \$100 per athlete this fall and probably will increase the amount in 2015. He is DSU's vice president of business and administrative services.

USD's cost for the secondary insurance will decrease under the new coverage to \$82,612 from \$90,950.

South Dakota School of Mines and Technology also decreases, from \$67,410 to \$53,000. Mines originally faced an increase to \$85,272.

The other four universities face hefty amounts in the 2014 premiums, even with Dissinger Reed coming up with a better deal for each on the second try.

South Dakota State University paid \$212,930 and goes to \$350,000. SDSU originally faced \$588,892 this year.

Northern State jumps from \$99,510 to \$150,000. NSU originally faced \$292,118.

Black Hills State climbs from \$93,000 to \$115,000. BHSU originally faced \$186,652.

Dakota State rises from \$54,570 to \$75,000. DSU originally faced \$123,753.

SD To Require Flu Vaccination For Its Health Care Workers

From P&D Staff Reports

PIERRE — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has signed an executive order Thursday requiring annual flu vaccination for state employees who deliver health care services. The order goes into effect for the 2014-2015 flu season and requires vaccination by Dec. 1.

"State employees providing health care serve those who are most at risk for complications from the flu," said Gov. Daugaard. "Ensuring those state employees are vaccinated is vital to protecting vulnerable populations from the flu as well as preventing spread of the disease to critical health care personnel."

The governor noted that many health care facilities and systems across the county already require flu vaccination for their workers, including Avera Health, Regional Health and Sanford Health.

The order requires flu vaccination for all state employees who provide direct health care services, have regular contact with vulnerable populations, or have a role in responding to disease outbreaks. The requirement also applies to contract staff, vendors, students, supervising faculty, or volunteers who provide services in state institutions and offices.

South Dakota provides influenza vaccine free-of-charge to state employees.

State Fairs Wooing Omaha Visitors

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The Nebraska State Fair's new home in Grand Island places it closer to the center of the state, but the move from Lincoln four years ago has created a potential opening for Iowa.

Iowa State Fair organizers are working to attract visitors from Omaha, which sits halfway between Nebraska's fair in Grand Island and Iowa's in Des Moines.

Both fairs are advertising to Omaha residents, but organizers say they aren't competing. They argue that the fairs are scheduled at different times of the month, and offer different concerts and events.

Marla Calico of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions says fairs want to draw as many patrons as possible, but attendance alone isn't the best way to measure success. Sometimes, revenue will increase even when turnout is down.

Man Charged In Road Rage Incident

RAPID CITY (AP) — Police say a Rapid City man has been charged with aggravated assault in an alleged road rage incident.

Police tell the *Rapid City Journal* that 21-year-old Jordan Derstine was arrested Wednesday afternoon for allegedly pointing a gun at a woman from his vehicle.

Police say the 30-year-old woman claimed Derstine cut her off in traffic and she honked her car horn at him.

Police spokeswoman Tarah Heupel says Derstine allegedly followed her through two parking lots before driving away. Heupel says the woman had three young children with her and called police.

Officers arrested Derstine a few blocks away. Heupel says a gun was found in the man's vehicle.

Patrol: 4 Died During Sturgis Rally

STURGIS (AP) — The South Dakota Highway Patrol says four people died at the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, which officially ended on Sunday.

The Patrol says the number of deaths recorded this year is down from six last in 2013 and nine in 2012.

Pennington County Capt. Jay Evenson tells the *Rapid City Journal* that a drop in attendance at this year's rally could have been a factor.

Officials: Body In River Is Missing Man

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Officials say a body recovered from the Missouri River near Omaha is that of a man reported missing.

The Douglas County Coroner's Office said Thursday that an autopsy confirms the body is that of 23-year-old Aung Thu. Officials say he drowned.

Thu was reported missing Sunday night after witnesses said he swam toward the center of the river and disappeared. He had been swimming earlier with his family.

Anglers spotted a body in the river Wednesday. It was caught in submerged branches.

Driver Dies After Truck Hits School Bus

VALPARAISO, Neb. (AP) — Authorities say a pickup driver has died after his pickup collided with a school bus at a rural intersection in eastern Nebraska's Saunders County.

Sheriff Kevin Stukenholtz says several children on the bus suffered minor injuries. The accident occurred around 7:30 a.m. Thursday about six miles north-northwest of Valparaiso.

Stukenholtz says the pickup was headed south on County Road 29 when it collided with the bus, which was going west on County Road H. The intersection had no stop signs.

The sheriff says the pickup driver died at a Lincoln hospital where he'd been flown. Two other people in the pickup also were injured.

The bus was carrying children from East Butler Public Schools. The district superintendent didn't immediately return a call Thursday from The Associated Press.

OBITUARIES

Marjorie Bash-Krcil

Marjorie Marie (Voelzke) Bash-Krcil a long time resident of Yankton, SD died Tuesday August 5, 2014 at the Good Samaritan Center in Valentine, NE at the age of 84.



Bash-Krcil

Born in Dallas, SD on March 19, 1930 to Paul and Marie Voelzke, Marjorie or Marge as she was known to her family and friends, grew up in the Dallas/Gregory area and graduated from Gregory High School in 1946. She received a teaching certificate from Black Hills State in Spearfish, SD and taught briefly before marrying Fred (Bud) Bash in 1950. Together they had five children and farmed south of Dallas, SD for many years. Marge moved to Yankton, SD in the late 1960's where she married Henry Krcil and had two sons.

Marge worked for many years at the Yankton Area Adjustment Training Centers caring for the residents. She enjoyed Bingo, playing cards, and spending time with family. She was an avid gardener and enjoyed working outside. Marge's strong work ethic inspired many who knew her.

Marge is preceded in death by her parents, a son, Bobby Bash and a daughter, Lori Bash-Roberts.

She is survived by three daughters, Marcia (Dale) Alt, Linda (Randy) Huddle and Kathleen (Keith) Kolstad, two sons Terry (Marcie) Krcil and Tim (Liane) Krcil, 11 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren; two sisters, Gladys Harder and Vergie (Al) Aspers and two brothers Vernon (Cathy) Voelzke and Harry (Jan) Voelzke.

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Art Hasker Jr.

Art Hasker Jr., 81, of Yankton died Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014, at Avera Queen of Peace Hospital, Mitchell.

Funeral services are pending with the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton

Leroy Smith

Funeral services for Leroy Smith, 72, of Burke are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug.

Florene Dobesh

Florene (Byrum) Dobesh was born November 4, 1917 in Pettus, Arkansas to John Floyd and Edith Irene Byrum. Florene married Joseph J. Dobesh on April 5, 1947 in Corinth, Mississippi. Florene was a member of the Tyndall United Methodist Church where she was organist for 30 years. She was past Matron of Elizabeth Chapter #54 (Tyndall), past Matron of Rachel Chapter #11 (Springfield), and a member of Keystone Chapter #33 (Yankton) Orders of Eastern Star. She was a member of Tyndall P.E.O. Chapter AZ. She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Tyndall.

Florene died on August

16, 2014, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Burke. Burial will be in the Grace-land Cemetery, Burke.

There will be a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Friday) at the church.

Visitation will be one hour prior to both services at the Church. Leroy died Aug. 12, 2014, at the Gregory Hospital in Gregory.

Albert Gall

Albert J. Gall, 93, died Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2014, at Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton.

Memorial services are at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton, with Pastor Bob Cappel officiating. Burial of his cremated remains will be at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19, at the Garden of Memories, Yankton, with military graveside rites by the SDARNG Honor Guard and the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post No. 791 Honor Guard.

Visitations are 5-7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18, at the funeral home, then one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Delores Novak

Delores Katherine Novak of Glendale, Arizona, formally of Yankton, died Aug. 11, 2014.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 18, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Mark Lichter officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton.

Visitation begins at 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home

10, 2014 at the Tyndall Good Samaritan Center.

Survivors are her four daughters: Betty (Carl) Hall of Phoenix, Arizona, Donna (Ed) Garcia of Henderson, Nevada, Patricia Clarke of California, and Catherine Pesek of Peoria, Illinois; seven grandchildren: Dennis Roberson, Steve Roberson, J. Frederick Roberson, E. Scott Garcia, Kelly A. (Garcia) Harris, Thomas Pesek, and Erin (Pesek) Cotton; and 15 great-grandchildren, and one brother, Fritz Byrum.

Florene was preceded in death by her husband, Joe, her parents, Floyd and Irene Byrum, her brother, James Byrum, her sister, Fae Nelson, and her grandson, Michael Garcia.

Memorials may be sent to the Tyndall Good Samaritan Society or the Tyndall United Methodist Church.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements will be provided by Goglin Funeral Home in Tyndall.

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Helen Hovorka

Funeral services for Helen Hovorka, 86, of Tyndall, will be held at 10:30 am on Saturday, August 16 at Presbyterian Church in Tyndall. Burial will follow at Czech National Cemetery in Tyndall.

Visitation will be held Friday from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Goglin Funeral Home in Tyndall.

Helen died on Wednesday, August 13 at St.

Michael's Hospital in Tyndall, South Dakota.

Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

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and Crematory, with a rosary at 7 p.m. and a Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers will be grandsons: Richie Novak, Jason Novak, Chris J Novak, Justin Novak, Christopher M. Novak, Brian DeNomme, Joey Novak and Adam Novak.

Travis Hayes

Travis Gustav Hayes, 21, of Yankton died Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014, in a car accident west of Yankton.

Arrangements are pending with the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Yankton.

Thank You
My thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff of Avera Sacred Heart Hospital during my stay for surgery. Many thanks for the flowers, phone calls, visits and cards. I will be forever grateful.
Thank you to my family for all they have done and will be doing. Keep me in your prayers. Also for the visits and food brought to my home.
Betty Adam

IN REMEMBRANCE

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