

OBITUARIES

Nebraska

Timothy Schlaefli

Timothy C. Schlaefli, age 24 of Yankton, SD, our beloved son and brother, passed away on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 as a result of a car accident in Centerville, IN.



Schlaefli

Funeral Services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 18th, 2012 at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton with Rev. Ken Lulf officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery.

Visitations will begin at 4 p.m. Monday, September 17, 2012 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with a 7 p.m. wake service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Tim was born November 26, 1987, in Loveland, CO, to Rob and Lynn (Williams) Schlaefli and moved to Yankton in 1992. Tim graduated from Yankton High School in 2006.

Tim's smile would light up any room he entered. Above all, his family and friends came first. Family outings on the river, Mom's home-cooked meals, long chats with Dad, camping, fishing, hiking, frisbee golf, and road trips to music festivals with his friends were a few of the things that Tim enjoyed most. His unspoken bond with his mother will never be forgotten. He never left home without the reassurance of his mother's love; be it, through a big hug or an "I love you" whispered in his ear. His response then would always be, "Don't worry Mom, I'll be okay."

He loved playing his bass guitar; his passion for music cannot be emphasized enough. He enjoyed time spent and a good specialty beer with his big brother, Tyler, and his friends. He had a home-based computer business which he loved. He was always available to offer his friendship and knowledge of computer skills to his little brother, Cole. He enjoyed the pool parties at his sister's (Dee and Ryan's) home. His sister, Ashlee, has fond memories of his laughter and silly sense of humor. His nephew, Tryker, was always calmed by Tim's presence. Tim always greeted him with "Hey little buddy!"

Tim touched so many with his kind heart and humble personality. His arms were always open wide for wonderful strong hugs, each accompanied by an "I Love Yo."

A man who refused to be bound by what other people envision as the path of his life, Tim wanted nothing more than to experience this Earth on his terms. He will be forever missed.

He is survived by his Father and Mother, Brothers — Tyler and Cole Schlaefli, Sisters — DeAnna (Ryan) Hackett and Ashlee Schlaefli, all of Yankton, SD, and maternal grandmother — Wilma Williams of Ipswich, SD, including numerous Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Charles & Virginia Schlaefli, grandfather, Virgil Williams, Deb Hines, uncles, Virgil Williams and Jim Williams.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials be directed to the Timothy Schlaefli Memorial Fund at the Services Center Federal Credit Union, 609 W. 21st Street, Yankton, SD 57078.

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Hospitals May Lose Money If Medicaid Not Expanded

BY GRANT SCHULTE
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — The University of Nebraska Medical Center's two hospitals in Omaha stand to lose millions of dollars in federal aid under the new federal health care law unless the state expands Medicaid coverage, and administrators said those cuts could mean problems for academic programs that rely on the hospitals for revenue.

Administrators said the law will eliminate federal payments to the Nebraska Medical Center and the Children's Hospital and Medical Center. Both qualify for special aid because they serve as safety-net hospitals for patients who are on Medicaid or uninsured, said Cory Shaw, the chief executive officer of UNMC Physicians.

Medicaid is a federal health program administered by states covers low-income adults and children as well as people with certain disabilities.

One provision of the Affordable Care Act, which the U.S. Supreme Court deemed optional, called for states to expand Medicaid coverage to people who make up to 133 percent of federal poverty levels, starting in 2014. The federal government would pay all costs until 2017, when states would gradually begin contributing, though the federal share wouldn't drop below 90 percent.

Under the federal law, the university's hospitals are expected to lose more than \$10 million in special federal funding they receive as so-called disproportionate share hospitals — facilities that treat a large number of uninsured patients. The cuts were set to coincide with the expansion of Medicaid coverage, which would insure more people and reduce the need for the special payments.

Expanding the program would require coverage for an estimated 108,000 to 145,000 Nebraska residents, according to the state Department of Health and Human Services. Supporters argue it's a great deal for states compared to current Medicaid rates,

wherein Washington pays as little as half of the cost. For hospitals, more patients covered by Medicaid would reduce the amount of care they give to people without reimbursement.

Unless Nebraska expands its Medicaid program, Shaw said the hospitals would have to absorb the estimated \$10.8 million in cuts starting in 2014.

"In the absence of expanded Medicaid in Nebraska, we'll likely not replace those dollars," Shaw said at a meeting of the University of Nebraska's Board of Regents last week.

Also in question is a federal program that allows hospitals to receive discounts between 20 percent and 50 percent on prescription drugs. Shaw said the program applies to the two Omaha facilities because of their safety-net status, but its future under the health care law is unclear.

UNMC College of Medicine Dean Bradley Britigan said the cuts would also hurt his academic programs, which receive nearly \$60 million per year from the hospitals.

Expanding Medicaid in Nebraska has proven a divisive issue in Nebraska and other states as they prepare to enact the health care law's requirements.

Although the federal government initially would pay for all of the Medicaid expansion, it would cost the state an estimated \$140 million to \$168 million between 2017 and 2020, according to a university report released in August. It also would reduce the cost of so-called uncompensated care for the uninsured by an estimated \$650 million between 2014 and 2019. Uncompensated costs without the expansion would top \$1 billion without the expansion.

Supporters argue that expanding Medicaid coverage will reduce a "silent tax" that consumers pay through premiums when the cost of caring for the uninsured is passed along to them.

The report estimates that extending coverage would provide health care access to 90,000 new enrollees over six years.

South Dakota

Man Experiments With Hops Method

BY DIRK LAMMERS
Associated Press

SIoux FALLS — A Spearfish entrepreneur is developing a method to flash freeze fresh hops instead of the traditional drying of the beer ingredient before freezing the buds.

Hops are used by home, craft and commercial brewers to add bitterness, taste and aroma to the potent potable.

Steve Polley, of Dakota Hops, said early tests of the method are showing higher alpha and beta acids than with first drying the hops. The acids are key measures to determine the hops' potency.

"It makes beer with more flavor and more aroma," Polley said. "You're freezing all the acids and all the oils."

Hops have been used in beer for centuries, but home and craft brewers over the past 30 years have developed an affinity for high-hopped beers, labeling them with such creative names as Modus Hoperandi, Hoppportunity Knocks and Hoptimus Prime. Beer connoisseurs measure a brew's bitterness in IBUs, an acronym for international bittering units.

Polley, who since 2008 has been working off of four USDA-state agriculture research grants

totaling about, has been experimenting with the method using hops collected from small research plots in Rapid City and the Newell-Nisland area. He had been growing them and giving them fresh to local brewers to tinker with and was wondering if he could capture that freshness but give them some shelf life.

Polley picks the hops buds

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LANDON SWANSON

fresh and grinds them in a meat grinder before freezing them into 2-ounce "hockey pucks" or 4-ounce to 8-ounce bricks.

But he doesn't have enough hops from his two fields to develop a commercial-scale method, so he'll be sending his son and a friend with a refrigerated truck to a hop farm in Idaho ahead of this month's harvest.

"We only got an acre," Polley said. "An acre doesn't produce much in the way of hops."

Michael Zehfus, a Black Hills State University chemistry professor, has been performing tests on Polley's hops. He said early results have been promising.

"When you fresh freeze it, you

keep more of the acids," Zehfus said.

One difference is that the fresh hops have more water content than the dried ones, so brewers will have to use more by weight in a batch of beer, he said.

Landon Swanson, owner and brewmaster of Bitter Esters Brewery in Custer, said he likes the quality of the locally grown hops and they work nicely with some of the ales he brews.

But he said the industry in South Dakota is way too new to count on the local hops consistently. He said he'd like to see more South Dakota farmers plant

hops and begin to develop a commercial-scale industry in the state.

"With the short season and the demand with craft brewers, it's a no brainer," Swanson said. "Why wouldn't you start growing hops here? We've got great soil."

He said a big challenge will be adapting the growing methods to a completely different client than popular hops growing regions such as Oregon.

"Our climate and rainfall and everything else is so much different than say the Yakima Valley and the Willamette Valley and places where they're having a lot of success with this stuff," he said.

Man Accused Of Stabbing Wife, Male Friend

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Police say a Sioux Falls man is accused of stabbing his wife and her male acquaintance in an early morning attack on Sunday.

Officers were dispatched to the scene at about 4:30 a.m. and found the woman with three stab wounds to her chest and stomach.

Police say the suspect was being restrained by the woman's male companion when officers arrived.

Police say the suspect had been waiting in a nearby car lot armed with two knives. Police say he came sprinting across the lot as the woman and her companion got out of a vehicle.

Police say the male acquaintance was stabbed in the shoulder but was able to restrain his attacker.

Police say none of the injuries to the woman or her companion appeared to be life-threatening.

Omaha Police Shoot And Kill Armed Man

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Omaha police are trying to determine whether two officers acted properly when they shot and killed a man early Sunday.

Police Lt. Darci Tierney says gunshots were reported in northeast Omaha around 2:15 a.m. Sunday.

Officers who were investigating the gunshots encountered 29-year-old Jermaine Lucas. Tierney says Lucas was armed.

During the encounter, officers fired their weapons and Lucas was killed.

The *Omaha World-Herald* reports Lucas was on a two-day furlough from the Community Corrections Center of Lincoln when he was killed. Lucas was serving five to eight years for illegally possessing a gun.

The officers involved were Alvin Lugod and Joseph Koenig. Both are 28-years-old and joined the force in December 2008.

Lugod and Koenig are on administrative leave, and a grand jury will also review the shooting.

Officials Find Fault With S.D. Detox Center

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A state inspection of the Minnehaha County Detoxification Center found problems that require immediate action, and the county will be required to file a plan to correct other issues.

The *Argus Leader* reports that state regulators interviewed more than 20 staff members at the facility last week amid allegations of safety problems for staff and patients at the 16-bed facility.

State Department of Social Services spokeswoman Amy Iverson-Pollreis says the inspection turned up practices that conflict with the department's administrative rules. She says some involve the documenting of vital signs for patients and tuberculosis testing.

She says problems also were found with documenting medicines dispensed to patients. A final inspection report is expected in about two weeks.

Kansas Man Dies In SE Nebraska Crash

DESHLER, Neb. (AP) — Authorities say a Kansas man is dead following a head-on crash in southeastern Nebraska.

Thayer County Sheriff's officials tell the *Lincoln Journal Star* that 27-year-old Andrew Sandoval, of Concordia, Kan., died in the Friday morning crash. Investigators say he was traveling westbound on U.S. Highway 136 just east of Deshler when his car hit another car head-on.

Investigators say Sandoval died at the scene. The driver of the other car, a 21-year-old Deshler woman, was taken to Thayer County Health Services in Hebron. Her condition is not known.

The accident closed down a section of the highway for more than two hours.

Report: Human Error Caused Miscount

MITCHELL (AP) — A new report issued by South Dakota Secretary of State Jason Gant says a miscount in the Davison County's primary election results was not caused by the ballot scanner.

That means human error caused the miscount, which left the county's election results in doubt for several days.

Davison County Auditor Susan Kieppe acknowledged to *The Daily Republic* that human error caused the miscount. But she says she still believes the machine had a glitch.

An analysis of the scanner's audit log determined ballots from Precinct 8 were led through the machine twice.

A recount established that winners in all races remained the same, though some of the numbers changed significantly.

Calif. Man Reported Missing From Train

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Family members and Amtrak officials are looking for a retired California man who disappeared from a train somewhere between Denver and Chicago.

Amtrak spokesman Marc Magliari said Sunday that the railroad is searching for 69-year-old Charlie Dowd.

Dowd, who lives in San Mateo, Calif., boarded the Amtrak train on Wednesday in the San Francisco area.

Dowd's son talked to him by cellphone on Thursday evening when the train was in the Denver area. That was the last time family members talked to Dowd.

Dowd's luggage, cellphone and medication arrived in Chicago without him on Friday. Family members say they are worried that Dowd may become disoriented without his medication.

Dowd is a retired firefighter who is 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighs 175 pounds.

Bernice Cwach

Bernice Pauline Cwach, 90, of Yankton died unexpectedly early Friday morning, Sept. 14, 2012, at her residence.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. next Monday, Sept. 24, at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton with the Rev. Ken Lulf officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Visitations begin at 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, with a 7 p.m. rosary followed by a 7:30 p.m. Scripture service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Volga Man Dies In Train-Tractor Accident

BROOKINGS (AP) — A Volga man has died in a train-tractor crash near Brookings.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says 71-year-old Stanley Hesby was traveling north in his tractor when a Dakota, Minnesota, and

Eastern Railroad single locomotive struck the tractor about 12:35 p.m. Friday. The impact tore the tractor cab from the rear axle. Hesby was ejected and died. The train's driver and passenger were not hurt.

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September 18, 2011

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6pm Potluck Dinner
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