

Harlan woman dies in accident

DENISON -- A 21-year-old Harlan woman was killed in a traffic accident here Saturday, Sept. 30.

Jennifer Obrecht died when she allegedly attempted to pass a line of cars on U.S. Highway 30 east of Denison.

Iowa Highway Patrol reports indicated Obrecht was driving eastbound about 9:15 p.m. when she tried to pass a line of cars. While in the westbound lane, her vehicle allegedly hit a westbound pickup truck driven by Ervin Behrens, 46, of Carroll.

Obrecht was taken to St. Joseph Hospital in Omaha where she was pronounced dead. Behrens was not injured in the accident. No charges were filed.



*Jennifer Obrecht
HCHS senior photo*

Services...

Services for Obrecht will be held today, Tuesday, Oct. 3 at 11 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, with burial in the Harlan Cemetery.

A wake service was held Monday evening, Oct. 2 at 8 p.m. at Pauley Funeral Home, Harlan. Visitation was held Monday from 8 a.m.-9:30 p.m. at Pauley's.

Obrecht is survived by her parents Tom Obrecht and Margaret (Bruck) Obrecht, of Harlan; her brother, Steve Obrecht, of Harlan; her maternal grandparents Richard "Dick" Bruck and Zita Bruck of Earling; her paternal grandmother, Iona Playle, of Harlan; and her maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Lidwina Rau, of Portsmouth.

Obrecht was a resident counselor at REM Leadway in Shelby. She was a 1993 graduate of Harlan Community High School.