



TRICK OR TREAT...IT'S HALLOWEEN!

All Hallows' Eve, better known as Halloween, is Monday, October 31. Ghosts and goblins, spooks and all sorts of costumes, some even not so spooky, will be out in full force. The weather is forecasted to be cold and dry.

In the photo above, all dressed and excited for Halloween, are the children of Steven and Denise LaFortune. Five-year-old Aria is dressed as a princess, and three-year-old Carson is Bumble Bee from Transformers.

princess for Halloween because she wanted to wear a pretty dress. When asked what her favorite thing about Halloween is, she said it is getting candy and seeing her friends.

Carson had similar answers as his older sister Aria. When asked why he wanted to dress up as Bumble Bee from Transformers, he said because he likes robots and cars. Carson's favorites about Halloween are getting candy and trick-or-treating with his friends.

Photo by Carolynn Olson

Aria said she wanted to be a

Statewide group representing news rebrands

The association representing the state's newspapers and other news media outlets has changed its name to the South Dakota NewsMedia Association (SDNA), effective Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023. For the past 35 years, the association was known as the South Dakota Newspaper Association.

The name change coincides with the association's recent decision to expand its membership ranks to include not only newspapers but other types of news media organizations that have started the past few years including certain digital-only news outlets.

"The printed newspaper remains the bread-and-butter product in our communities, but newspapers large and small today are delivering news, information and advertising on many different media platforms," Hine said. "It's about meeting the expectations and news consumption habits of our readers and customers."

"While the name is changed, our association remains committed to our core mission of serving and supporting the newspapers and news organizations that serve their communities with quality journalism and relevant news and information."

Prior to becoming the South Dakota Newspaper Association in 1988, the organization was known as the South Dakota Press Association for most of its 141-year history. The change to South Dakota NewsMedia Association was approved this fall in a vote by members of the organization.

More information about the South Dakota NewsMedia Association can be found at www.sdna.com.

WEATHER			
Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer			
	HI	LO	PR
Oct. 17.....	58	38	0
Oct. 18.....	71	45	0
Oct. 19.....	52	43	0.08
Oct. 20.....	65	44	0
Oct. 21.....	73	43	0
Oct. 22.....	62	39	0
Oct. 23.....	57	40	0.02
2022 precipitation to date	18.42"		
2022 precipitation to date	17.10"		



The annual gun raffle in Bradley on Friday night, hosted by the Bradley Fire Department, had an extra special, bittersweet feature this year.

Twelve commemorative mugs were auctioned off, all for a chance to win a .22 Henry Golden Boy lever action with 'In Memory of Bob Steffen' engraved on the barrel. Bob Steffen was a member of the Bradley

Fire Department for several years.

Pictured in the photo above, left to right: Bob Steffen's mom Nancy Steffen, daughter Hannah Steffen, John Austin, son Hudson Steffen and son Hayse Steffen. Austin was the winner of the gun, but graciously gave it to Hannah, Hudson and Hayse.

Photo by Trudi Gaikowski

Bradley gun raffle honors memory of Bob Steffen

By Carolynn Olson

The Bradley Fire Department has been putting on their annual gun raffle for about 16 years and always schedule it the day before the opening of pheasant hunting season.

This year, the Bradley Gun Raffle was held to honor the memory of the late Bob Steffen, who passed away May 14. Each year they sell 200 tickets for the raffle. This year 26 guns were given away, they also auctioned off twelve pink commemorative mugs for a chance to win the top prize of a .22 Henry Golden Boy lever action gun with 'In Memory of Bob Steffen' engraved on the barrel. John Austin was the winner of the gun and chose to donate it back to Bob Steffen's three children, Hannah, Hudson and Hayse. Monies for the Steffen gun mug auction totaled over \$13,000, with plans for a scholarship to be established in Steffen's memory.

The Bradley Fire Department chose to dedicate this year's auction in memory of Bob Steffen due

to Steffen's big involvement in the community, not only of Clark but also Bradley. Steffen was also a former member of the Bradley Fire Department.

Steffen was the President of the Clark School Board and also President of Clark County Pro Pheasants at the time of his passing. He was also took part in the wrestling booster club. Before becoming a member of the Bradley Fire Department, he was the owner of a local bar in Bradley called 'BJ's, Bob And Jo's Bar and Grill.' He owned the bar for about six years. After closing the bar doors in 2005, he decided to join the Bradley Fire Department.

Aside from being a huge part of the two communities, Bob was also a very dedicated and loving husband to his late wife Joie and father to their three children Hannah, Hudson and Hayse.

"Bradley's Fire Department's crew really showed up for us!" said Hannah Steffen. "They all showed up in their t-shirts from when they held their raffle in memory of our

mom," she said. Joie Steffen passed away on November 29, 2018. "After dad's funeral, we had a huge send off for him and let him 'check the cows' one last time. Bradley Fire Department was leading the way," she continued. "My brothers and I were so content in that and we were hoping to go to the raffle to give back to them, just to show our appreciation and support them and their cause, only to find out right off the bat that part of their cause was our dad," she recalled. "They were able to raise over \$13,000, in one night, in our dad's name for a scholarship. That's just not something you see happen outside a small town," she stated. "My brothers don't cry, hardly ever, but man, there was barely a dry eye in the room at the end of the night, because yet again, we were blown away," she said. "I will never be able to thank them enough, it's just so overwhelming to know that so many people love our dad and are keeping his name alive for us and with us," she ended.

Recognizing Joel Huber, Clark School teacher for 38 years

By Danielle Batchelor
CHS student intern

Born in 1964, Joel Huber was raised by his parents, Roy and Helen Huber, in Hendricks, Minn. Huber grew up with two older brothers, Keith and Kevin.



Joel Huber, pictured above, is in his 38th year of teaching in the Clark School District.

In the beginning of fall in 1986, Joel Huber, known as Mr. Huber to students and athletes, begin his career as a middle school teacher and football coach for the Clark School District. "When I first started, I was teaching middle school math. Later, I switched over to teaching social studies. Looking back now, I would say that I preferred teaching math because there was always an answer to the question," said Joel Huber.

Huber came from a family of teachers, including his mom and brother. Mr. Huber said that he knew that teaching and coaching was the career path he wanted to pursue. "There is never a dual moment with the middle schoolers.

Trying to keep them focused and on task can be very challenging, especially with technology. But, at the end of the day, it's all worth it to me because I get to see the kids grow into young adults," he stated.

"This is my first year with Mr. Huber as my teacher. I like him, because he is nice and doesn't give too much homework," said seventh grade student Nevaeh Wretze.

Mr. Huber has now been teaching for thirty-eight years at the Clark School District. "After working at Clark for as long as I have, I have seen many changes, each with their own benefits and downfalls," said Joel Huber. According to him, some of the changes that he has seen are the use of technology, school standards, as well as testing. "Today we offer more standardized testing, such as maps testing, than we did five years ago. It helps other teachers and I, as well as the administrators, to see what our students are excelling at and where they are struggling."

Huber is married to his wife Jill. They raised three children in Clark, including Morgan (Huber) Hurlbut, Mackenzie (Huber) Bue-low and Noah Huber.

The Clark community is blessed to have amazing teachers such as Mr. Huber. His dedication and hard work have and will continue to play an important role in the lives of our students. To them, he is more than a role model. To them, he is a friend.



Choir members from Clark High School selected for All State Choir include, from left to right, soprano Leah Nelson, bass Jarrett Maynard, alto Hannah Heiman, and tenor Waylan Olson. Their director is Amy Nelson.

Photo by Carolynn Olson

Clark and Willow Lake students ready for All State Choir

By: Carolynn Olson

The 71st Annual All State Chorus and Orchestra Concert will take place at the Summit Arena in Rapid City on Saturday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time.

This year's chorus will be directed by Ryan Person, the director of the choral activities at Morningside

University in Sioux City, Iowa. The orchestra will be conducted by Dr. Mark Laycock from Wichita State University. Both the chorus and orchestra will spend two full days in rehearsals preparing for Saturday night's grand concert.

South Dakota Public Broadcasting will air the event live on their



Choir members from Willow Lake High School selected for All State Choir include, from left to right, bass Seth Poppen, tenor Levi Atkins, soprano Ella Vandersnick and alto Kelsey Hofer. Their director is Kristin Vandersnick.

Photo by Kristin Vandersnick

channel as well as on their website. It will also be rebroadcast on Thanksgiving Day.

From Clark High School, soprano Leah Nelson, bass Jarrett Maynard, alto Hannah Heiman and tenor Waylan Olson will be participating. Amy Nelson is the choral director at Clark High School.

From Willow Lake High School, Seth Poppen, Levi Atkins, Ella Vandersnick and Kelsey Hofer will be participating this year. The choral director at Willow Lake High School is Kristin Vandersnick.