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Hudson Steffen went to the NFL Pro Bowl in Hawaii

It's pretty special when 'a trip of a lifetime' comes when you're a freshman in high school. Hudson Steffen's trip to Hawaii to the 2013 NFL Pro Bowl was exactly that trip.

Hudson is the son of Bob and Joie Steffen, and they went on this trip along with sister Hannah and brother Hayse. The Pro Bowl, played by the best players in the National Football League was held at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu, Hawaii, Sunday, January 24.

"The whole week in Hawaii was pretty awesome," said Hudson. "The seats at the game were 11 rows up on the 30-yard line, so that made it really fun."

This trip was made possible by Make-A-Wish® South Dakota, with Dacotah Bank, Webster as the Adopt-A-Wish Partner.

MPS VI

In November of 2010 Hudson was diagnosed with Mucopolysaccharidosis VI (MPS VI). MPS VI is a genetic lysosomal storage disease caused by the body's inability to produce a specific enzyme. Normally, the body uses enzymes to break down and recycle materials in cells. In individuals with MPS VI, the missing or insufficient enzyme prevents the proper recycling process, resulting in the storage of materials in virtually every cell of the body. As a result, cells do not perform properly and may cause progressive damage throughout the body, including the heart, bones, joints, respiratory and central nervous systems.

"We are fortunate in that Hudson has a very mild form of the disease, it appears that his body is producing the enzymes from time to time

and so far there has been notable damage only to his bones," said Hudson's mom Joie. There is no cure for this disease but treatment is available to slow the progression. This treatment is Enzyme Replacement Therapy, which is essentially like a blood transfusion. The infusion will supplement Hudson with the enzyme that he is now insufficiently producing, in hopes that the disease will not move on to attack his heart and such. This treatment is once a week, lasts for five hours and takes place in Watertown. This will be a life long endeavor.

Joie continued, "We still do not know a lot about this disease and Hudson is somewhat of a mystery to his doctors. We are thankful that there is a treatment available and that our son should enjoy a full life."

Back to Pro Bowl

Hudson, as his Aaron Roger's jersey reveals, is a huge Packer fan. "When I was younger I liked the colors and I've always been a Packer fan." Hudson even went to Lambeau Field to tour the stadium in Green Bay last summer while on a motorcycle trip.

"My medical coordinator set up this trip for me. I had the choice of this Pro Bowl or the 2015 Super Bowl in Arizona. I couldn't wait that long and I'm really glad I chose the 2013 Pro Bowl."

The Steffens arrived in Honolulu late Thursday, Jan. 24, with the Pro Bowl game being the following Sunday, Jan. 27.

Friday was a special day for Hudson as it was his day after the morn-

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Hudson Steffen proudly displays his autographed football that all players signed at the Friday practice before the 2013 National Football League Pro Bowl, a week ago Sunday, in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Motorcycle event looking to re-locate to Clark

The Clark County Riders (CCR) motorcycle group has started the 'wheels' rolling to move their annual weekend event from Bradley to the Clark County Fairgrounds on the east edge of Clark.

Representatives of several groups met with the Clark County Board of Commissioners Tuesday morning. Nothing official has happened to this point, but conversations and discussions were leaning to this becoming reality, as no opposition was in attendance at the commissioners meeting.

The CCR weekend event will be the weekend after Father's Day, which will be the weekend of June 21-23.

The county board made it very clear that they were not pushing this move whatsoever and commissioner Bob Bjerke felt it important that the CCR group meet with the Bradley contingent as things move forward.

"I've received a little bit of criticism from Bradley people as it will be a loss for that community," said Bjerke, and he had some questions concerning liabilities, noise issues and all things that go with an event of this sort, involving motorcycles, adults and weekend events.

Larry Nielson, Tulare, represent-

Motorcycle event
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Somewhat quiet night at City Hall

The February meeting of the Clark City Council was highlighted by decisions being made of issues which had been tabled or researched further from earlier meetings.

◆ The council voted unanimously to approve Delta Dental insurance. This will cost the city \$612.00 a month but, in the council's estimation will be an asset for employees as well as council members who choose to be part of this plan.

◆ The council, sitting as the planning and zoning committee approved the Clark County Farmers Elevator plat. The elevator is pursuing 10 acres of land owned by Ken Bell just west of Clark, for a fertilizer plant site. In attendance

were Clark Farmers Elevator manager Jeff Olson along with elevator board members Harley Lamb, Jory Maynard and Gary Kolden.

◆ No decision was made, but Mayor Larry Dreher wanted to re-visit December vacations. "It seems we have too many people gone the last part of the month," said the mayor. He will check with First Planning District to get some guidelines and directions to follow and this discussion will continue next month.

◆ Council person Belinda Hanson visited with the group about the potential proposed motorcycle rally

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Terry Schlagel's involvement with the Watertown Farm Show stretches back over three decades. Many families have participated as long, and Schlagel commented that he is now seeing a third generation in the show ring.

2013 Watertown Winter Farm Show dedicated to auctioneer Terry Schlagel

By Terry O'Keefe, Public Opinion Staff Writer

The Watertown Winter Farm Show is taking place this week, through Saturday, in Watertown.

This year's show is being dedicated to long-time Clark County auctioneer and announcer, Terry Schlagel.

The long-time Clark County figure has been a fixture at the Farm Show since the late 1970s and at the 2013 show he will be recognized for those years of dedication.

A natural-born auctioneer and announcer, the quick-witted Schlagel said Friday he was quite surprised when committee members Keith Mack and Chuck Langner told him of the honor.

"I said, 'I'm sure you could find someone more deserving than me,'" Schlagel said. "Keith said the other two guys they asked weren't going to be in town that week."

A native of the Raymond area, Schlagel graduated from Clark High School in 1970.

He graduated from the Western College of Auctioneering in Bill-

ings, Mont., in 1972 and began a career that took him throughout the area for sales and he still announces high school football games for Clark, along with high school and 4-H rodeos.

He and his wife, Deb, a retired Clark school teacher, have been married for 35 years. Schlagel started his career in sales barn auctions in 1974 and has been a partner in F-S-L Auction Services since 1980. He has been a fixture at S.D. Livestock in Watertown since 1981.

Schlagel, 60, said he first got started with the Farm Show in the late '70s and is now on his fourth county Extension agent since that time.

"I first became involved in the Watertown Winter Farm Show when I was asked by Jack Thomas as if I would help him with his sheep show," Schlagel said. "That was when Fred Morris was county agent."

Since then, Schlagel has worked with agents Bob Schurrer and Chuck Langner and now with Paul Johnson.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday services

Next Wednesday, February 13, Ash Wednesday begins the Easter Lenten Season with most churches in the area starting the first of a season of worship services.

In Clark, a joint service will be held at the United Methodist Church, starting at 7:00 p.m., this service includes the United Methodist Church in Garden City. A pancake supper will precede the service at 6:00 p.m. at the Clark UMC Church fellowship hall. At St. Paul Lutheran Church, a Lenten worship will be held at 7:00 p.m., and at the Plymouth Congregational Church, the service will be held at 7:00 p.m.

St. Michael's Catholic Church in Clark will hold their Mass with distribution of Ashes at 7:45 p.m.

In Bryant, Mass with distribution of Ashes will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church at 5:30 p.m.

In Carpenter, the United Methodist Church, will have services at 7:00 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church in Bradley will combine with Crocker Lutheran Church for a service to be held in Crocker at 7:00 p.m.

Willow Lake Evangelical will have their service on Ash Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m.

Also in Willow Lake, the Ash Wednesday season starts with a

noon service at Grace Lutheran Church.

At the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Vienna, the service will begin at 7:00 p.m. with the Christian Youth Organization (CYO) leading this service.

At the United Presbyterian Church, their Ash Wednesday service which includes the Congregational Church, will be held at 7:00 p.m. at UPC.

In Raymond, the First Presbyterian Church will have their Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. The Bethlehem and Peace Lutheran Churches will have their Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 p.m. at the Willow Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church on Wednesday, February 13 in Willow Lake.

WEATHER

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| Jan. 31 | -11 | -17 | 0 |
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| Feb. 2 | 28 | 5 | .02 |
| Feb. 3 | 19 | 1 | 0 |
| Feb. 4 | 27 | -2 | 0 |
| 2013 precipitation to date | | | 0.10" |
| 2012 precipitation to date | | | 0.43" |

Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer

Clark's blood drive is Thursday, February 14

The Clark Area blood drive, sponsored by the Clark Lionesses will be Thursday, February 14, at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, from 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Joyce Helkenn is the coordinator of the drive, and one can make an appointment to donate blood by calling Joyce at 532-3808. Volunteer blood donors must be at least 16, weigh at least 110 pounds and

in good health. Additional height/weight requirements apply to donors 22 and younger, and donors who are 16 or 17 must have signed permission from a parent or guardian. Anyone who receives a flu shot can still donate the same day as long as they are symptom free, feeling healthy and meet regular eligibility requirements.



Former CHS graduates Levi Seefeldt, Kelsey Luckhurst and Kallan Christman are shown in their Marching Wolves band uniforms on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. The trio had the honor of being among the band members who played for President Barack Obama's inauguration ceremony on Monday, January 21, Martin Luther King Day. Northern State University's band was chosen for the second time in eight years for the honor of playing in the inaugural parade. The band also played in the 2005 inaugural parade, according to Luckhurst.

NSU band marches in inaugural parade

"I was only about 20 feet from President Obama and it was the greatest feeling in the world to see him smiling and waving and just in general seeing him enjoy our performance," stated Levi Seefeldt, one of three CHS graduates who are members of Northern State University's marching band. Seefeldt, Kallan Christman and Kelsey Luckhurst were among the approximately 130 members of the NSU Marching Wolves who performed at President Barack Obama's inauguration cere-

mony on January 21, 2013 in Washington, D.C.

"I was so proud to be an American. I felt the most patriotic knowing and realizing that I can march for my president yet still have the freedom of speech to disagree with his policy if I choose," noted Luckhurst, who is a junior going into political science at NSU. Both Seefeldt and Christman are freshman this year, having graduated

NSU band
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