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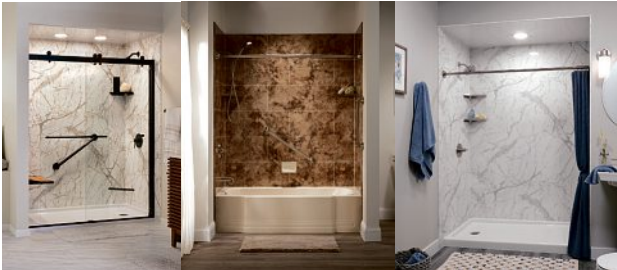
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Zombies dance to Michael Jackson's "Thriller" during Zombie Walk at the Downtown Library in Sioux Falls.
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Man tied to death of deputy facing charges

Angela George
Sioux Falls Argus Leader
USA TODAY NETWORK

The man arrested in relation to the fatal shooting of Minnehaha County Deputy Katherine Frank is facing new charges.

As of end-of-day Tuesday, 39-year-old Brandon Oetken, of Sioux Falls, has been charged with first-degree murder of a law enforcement officer, with prosecutors alleging the act was premeditated; and second-degree murder of a law enforcement officer, with prosecutors alleging the act was committed without regard for a human life, court documents say.

On Wednesday afternoon, Oetken arrived to an initial hearing at the Minnehaha County jail, appearing in a wheelchair and with a wrapped left

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Spooky season is here

2026 Halloween events throughout Sioux Falls

Vanessa Carlson Bender
Sioux Falls Argus Leader | USA TODAY NETWORK

'Tis the season for Halloween, when witches soar across moonbeams, mysterious fog shrouds in and out like wandering ghosts and candlelight illuminates grimacing carved pumpkins. The aroma of mulled cider, woodsmoke and cinnamon wafts through the air and that overall chill of cooler weather and more ancient traditions start to take over.

The Sioux Falls community is embracing all such things eerie and festive this October with haunted trails, zombie walks, trunk-or-treats, costume contests and thrilling stage performances.

Whether you're looking for family-friendly fun or a fright-filled night out, there are plenty of ways for ghosts, goblins and other creatures of the night to celebrate the season.

Have something to add? Email reporter Vanessa Bender at vanessa.bender@lee.net.

Terror 29 Haunted House/Zombie Corn Maze

- **When:** Events run from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursdays and 7 to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 31
- **Where:** Terror 29 Haunted House - 1420 E.



Katy Burggraff, 6, trick or treats on Halloween in the McKennan Park neighborhood in Sioux Falls on Oct. 31, 2014. EMILY SPARTZ/ARGUS LEADER

Cedar St., Brandon (year-round Halloween store location)

Terror 20 Haunted Corn Maze: Zombie Break-out - 26076 484th Ave., Valley Springs (About 5 minutes from the Haunted House)

- **Cost:** General admission per event: \$15 (Thursday, except on Oct. 29) and \$20 (Friday and Saturday). Add Fast Pass for the Haunted House for \$10 more. Purchase tickets online at terror29.com.

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Funeral services will be Monday for Frank

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USA TODAY NETWORK

The Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office announced Wednesday afternoon that a memorial service for their recently fallen deputy will be held next week.

Funeral services for Deputy Katherine Frank, who died Monday from a fatal shooting, will be 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, at the Denny Sanford PREMIER Center. Frank was 26.

Law enforcement said the invitation is extended to all law enforcement and any members of the public, who also are invited to line the procession route.

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