

A Night in the Lights: A Red Carpet Affair

VHS Dance Inferno performs their annual Holiday Recital

The Vermillion High School Dance Inferno kicks off its winter season with their 8th Annual Holiday Dance Recital this weekend. The 16-member group will be performing 14 dances from a variety of musical genres. These performances include three routines highlighted during this fall's VHS football season, two new full-ensemble routines to be performed at upcoming VHS basketball games, and a variety of smaller group dances by Dance Inferno members. As tradition, the full group will also be performing their unique "glow dance" and a Christmas themed routine.

Guest performer junior Alex Card will present a tap duet with sophomore Dance Inferno member Krissy Zalud. A number of the dance team members have also been broadening their skills by learning an original lyrical dance choreographed and taught by U.Dance member and VHS Dance Inferno assistant coach Amy Mart. Lyrical dance focuses on expressing the text of a song through movement and includes slower, more free-flowing move-



Members of VHS Dance Inferno practice as they prepare for their holiday dance recital scheduled for this weekend. They will perform Friday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 5 at 1:30 p.m. in the Vermillion High School Auditorium.

ment than many of the jazz and hip hop routines the dancers perform regularly. "Everything else we do is very sharp, but this dance is graceful," freshman Dance Inferno member Rory Tucker said. Mart is pleased with the dancers' abilities in the new style of dance. Mart said, "Even though the majority of the girls had never tried lyrical dance before, they picked up the style very easily. It is

good for them to be exposed to different styles of dance and to expand their skills."

Don't miss the chance to watch the VHS Dance Inferno in action this weekend to help jump start the holiday season. Performances are on Friday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 5 at 1:30 p.m. at the VHS Auditorium. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.



Representatives from the Lewis & Clark Board of Realtors, its' affiliates and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans presented Sherry Conkling with funds raised at the recent Extreme Chili Cook-off, auction and raffle held on her behalf. Over \$19,000 was raised to help Sherry defray expenses during her cancer treatments.

Pictured are: center, Sherry Conkling; kneeling, Carol Breck; front row, Sarah Kanable, Nikki Peters, Deb Specht, Kelly Filips, Micki Schievelbein, Todd Woods and JoAnne Christensen; back row, Mary Pfeiffer, Jim Kirk, Tom Goddard, Carla Schlingman, Bob List and Bill Conkling.

Handicrafts for sale at First United Methodist

Exotic jewelry from India, hand-woven baskets from the Philippines, ceramics from Vietnam, and palm leaf Christmas decorations from Bangladesh will be among the Third World handicrafts for sale at First United Methodist Church in Vermillion on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The items will be presented by Ten Thousand Villages, which sells handicrafts for artisans from more than 30 Third World countries. Ten Thousand Villages is a fair trade organization and a job creation program of the Mennonite Church denomination. Last year Ten Thousand Villages worked with tens of thousands of artisans who

otherwise would be unemployed or underemployed. This income pays for food, education, health care and housing.

The public is cordially invited to browse and purchase beautiful hand-made crafts from around the world. A gift from Ten Thousand Villages is a gift that gives twice - once to the recipient, and once to the artist who made it.

Also on that day you will have the opportunity to purchase gifts from the Alternative Gift Market. Goats and job training, medicines and eye surgery, solar cookers and bicycles relief for orphans and shelter for the homeless - these are some of the authentic life giving gifts made available through

Alternative Gifts International.

The UMC Outreach committee will be selling holiday cookies. Lunch will be provided on Saturday.



Matching funds

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Communications Director Bob List presents Julie Dykstra, executive director for Habitat for Humanity, a matching funds check for the money raised at their annual golf tournament. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans' gift of \$600 helps offset building costs allowing Habitat the opportunity to continue to offer 0 percent interest loans to families in need of decent housing. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Habitat for Humanity work together to provide a better world.

Pictured in photo are Phyllis Nielsen, JoAnne Christensen, Pastor James Mueller, Julie Dykstra, Bob List, Eugene Olson, Michelle Nielson, Choyce Vilhauer and Karen Lindgren.

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