

One in a Million

Meet Kris Kallsen

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To say that the Vermillion Area Dance Organization (VADO) serves a vast clientele in the community may be a bit of an understatement.

"Our youngest dancer is 3, and our oldest dancer is 72," said Kris Kallsen, VADO's studio manager and one of the organization's dance instructors. "We accommodate men and women, and people of all ages."

Registration for VADO's 2013 classes were held Thursday, Jan. 3, at VADO's studio located at 19A South Plum Street, across the street from Sanford Vermillion Hospital. Another round of registration is scheduled at the studio from 6 to 8 p.m. Jan. 9.

The studio is housed in a building owned by the hospital. Sanford Vermillion has played a major role in VADO's recent success. When the organization was seeking a home a couple years ago, it took temporary refuge in the basement of city hall, where classes were held for a time.

VADO's organizers kept searching for a space in the community, and hospital administrators agreed the dancers could put the structure on Plum Street to good use.

VADO having a good home has given the organization the opportunity to greatly improve the courses it offers its students.

The building also provides room for VADO to grow, which is crucial right now, for it appears dance is taking off in popularity in Vermillion.

"I think there are a



variety of factors at work. I think we have a lot of kids who had danced before, but then didn't have the opportunity until we started up again," Kris said. "We have lots of new dancers, and definitely, our facilities are awesome. The floor that we have (in the studio) is a professional-grade, floating floor. To have a facility like this in Vermillion is awesome."

The dance organization has already outfitted a small "warm-up room" just off its main dance studio space inside the building. Across the hall from the warm-up room, a larger room awaits to soon be prepared to serve as additional studio space.

"We're putting up all the mirrors and beginning to paint, and with this room we can almost double the number of classes that we're able to offer," Kris said.

There is a rich history of dance in Vermillion, and Kris has been involved in

much of it. She became involved with VADO a little more than a year ago, shortly after it moved into its present studio on Plum Street.

"There used to be a studio in Vermillion years and years ago. First it was under Linda Creehan, and then Judy O'Connell out of Yankton took it over," she said. "Back then, I taught ballet and jazz, beginning through advanced."

"Right now I am teaching Creative Movement, which is for 3- and 4-year-olds. This is the first time I've taught the real, real little girls, and they're challenging, but they're a lot of fun," Kris said, laughing.

Besides Creative Movement, VADO offers young children pre-ballet classes. From there, they may advance through four levels of instruction, each level being more advanced. Ballet classes are also offered to older students with no ballet background.

Other styles of dance instruction offered by VADO include three levels of tap, three levels of dance team, two levels of hip hop, and several individualized dance styles, ranging from lyrical and contemporary jazz, to clogging and mom & tot dance.

Kris estimates there were approximately 175 dancers involved with VADO at the conclusion of its last session of courses. "That went up from around 140 the previous session," she said.

The new session of dance classes is scheduled to begin Jan. 10. "People can come and register, basically, the first couple weeks of class."

People who want more information may e-mail VADO at dance@vermillionareadance.com, or check out the organization's web page at vermillionareadance.com.

VHS boys' comeback not enough Friday

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

The Vermillion Tangers lost their undefeated status but showed some grit and gumption in the process at Tea Friday night.

Down and seemingly out by a 17-point spread at halftime, the Tangers crawled and clawed back to within two points twice in the fourth quarter before falling to Tea Area, 49-41.

It was the first loss in four games for the Tangers, who, after going to West Central last night (Thursday), will be home in a girls-boys doubleheader against Parkston tonight (Friday). Vermillion will also be home Tuesday against Bon Homme.

Tea Area, which improved to 5-1 for the season, went on a 14-4 run in the first quarter to outdistance Vermillion by 17-8 at the break. The domination continued in the second period as the Titans scored 18 points to lead at the intermission by 35-18.

Tea Area's defense strangled the Vermillion offense in the first half as the Tangers struggled mightily to get good shots at the hoop. At the same

time the Titans beat the Tangers down the floor numerous times. At halftime the outlook was gloomy indeed.

But it was a new Tanager team in the second half. The defense stepped up big-time, and as Tanager shots started to fall, that slowed down Tea Area's running game.

A 9-0 run to start the third quarter was the impetus for the near-miracle rally. Three-point baskets by Austin Krier and Anthony Leber and a three-point play by J.T. Sorensen changed a 35-18 deficit to 35-27.

Surprisingly Sorensen and Nick Jensen would be the only Tangers who would score for the remainder of the game. Sorensen had two more field goals in the third quarter after which Vermillion was still down by eight, 39-31.

While Tea Area could manage only a free throw, the Tangers got a free throw from Sorensen and two field goals from Jensen. Then with 4:40 left Sorensen stole the ball and scored to cut the deficit to 40-38. After a Titan basket Sorensen fed Jensen for

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Attorney General announces settlement with 85-octane wholesalers

Attorney General Marty Jackley announced today that an agreement with Harms Oil and M.G. Oil has been reached in regards to the investigation into the labeling of 85-octane gas. Both Harms Oil and M.G. Oil fully cooperated throughout the investigation. While the investigation revealed that 85-octane had been distributed and sold contrary to administrative rule, it did not reveal any unusual profits or unusual profit margins during the

relevant time period.

Harms Oil agreed to pay \$25,000 to the South Dakota Department of Public Safety to recoup the cost of purchasing a Zeltex portable octane tester and the cost associated with the first year of use. Harms Oil has agreed to pay \$3,500 to produce educational materials to be distributed to retail businesses. Harms Oil has also agreed to pay to the Office of the Attorney General \$21,500.00, which the Attorney General intends

to turnover to the State's general fund.

M.G. Oil has agreed to pay \$25,000 to South Dakota Department of Public Safety to recoup the cost of purchasing a Zeltex portable octane tester and the cost associated with the first year of use. M.G. Oil has also agreed to pay \$3,500 to produce educational materials to be distributed to retail businesses.

"This settlement resolves the outstanding 85-octane sale issues

between the State and these wholesalers, and establishes reasonable standards to protect consumers," said Jackley.


As part of the Settlement, Harms Oil and M.G. Oil have agreed to:

- obey all state and federal laws and administrative rules regarding the labeling of gas at the retail level, including but not limited to the accurate labeling of the octane rating and presence and percentage of ethanol.

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