

Proceeds from 16th annual Dance Marathon at USD to benefit Children's Miracle Network

Dance Marathon will host its 16th annual fundraising event at the University of South Dakota beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 23 and continuing through 9 a.m. on Sunday, March 24.

Dance Marathon, the largest student-run philanthropy in the state of South Dakota, donates all proceeds from the event to Sanford Children's Castle of Care, the region's only affiliate of Children's Miracle Network hospitals. Money raised helps local families throughout the Midwest as the Castle of Care, which is located in Sioux Falls, S.D., is a state-of-the-art

facility provided to meet the need of an ill child, giving injured or ailing children a place to forget about their unfortunate circumstances and ultimately heal.

"Last year, more than 450 dancers at USD Dance Marathon raised \$52,000, and this year we hope to raise \$60,000," said Mandi Janicek of Omaha, NE, overall chair of USD DM. "Because this year is our 16th year, each dancer pledges to raise \$116 or more."

The 24-hour event begins at the Muenster University Center and continues at locations throughout

Vermillion, including Vermillion Middle School, Vermillion High School, the USD Wellness Center, the DakotaDome, and returns to the Muenster University Center for a rave at 5 a.m. and a closing ceremony at 8:30 a.m. where this year's final donation totals will be announced. Transportation to each location will be provided by the Security Team.

Participants are awake for all 24 hours but with a variety of events like fireworks, dance lessons from the Moral Captains, Olympic Games, and a concert performance by "Paradise Fears," everyone stays active and alert.

There are also inspirational meetings with families who have been helped by Children's Miracle Network.

"The families give emotional talks and the students get to listen to their stories of how children overcame their sicknesses or injuries," said Janicek. "The students get to meet and play with the kids. Meeting the families and kids really shows us that the money raised is going to something important."

Dance Marathon is a nationwide, student-run philanthropy that raises money for Children's Miracle Network, a unique organization that is

committed to putting children first. Children's Miracle Network benefits an array of pediatric programs and services, impacting young lives battling virtually every type of childhood illness and injury. For more information about Dance Marathon and Children's Miracle Network, visit <http://www.helpmakemiracles.org> while additional information about USD Dance Marathon can be found at <http://usddancemarathon.org>.

Skogsberg is March PRIDE employee

Crissy Skogsberg, RN, Education Coordinator, Sanford Care Center Vermillion was selected as the Sanford Vermillion March 2013 PRIDE Employee of the Month. She has been employed here since June 2003.

Nominations for Skogsberg included the following comments:

Personalized Service: Crissy communicates with the residents and staff with such a calm, caring demeanor. She teaches this effective personalized service with consistent modeling and education. **Respect:** Crissy maintains a high level of respect for residents and staff. She is a strong advocate for respectful interactions whether it is a 1:1 interaction or a group setting.

Innovation: Crissy is innovative in the way she teaches the required programs. She thinks ahead for positive outcomes.

Dedication: Crissy really stepped up and put on many hats during the absence of her manager.

With empowerment, leadership skill and passion with her current responsibilities



Picture are Crissy Skogsberg, March Employee of the Month and Gayle Matzke, director of nursing, Sanford Care Center Vermillion.

and those added during this time, she did a wonderful job!

Excellence: Crissy brings her "A game" to work every day. She greets everyone with a smile. She has a positive attitude toward all situations. She is a realist with determination and perseverance to make everything great.

Additional Comments: Crissy is a great teacher and very dedicated to the residents personally and through the care of the staff she educates. She works very hard at what she does and takes her role as

education coordinator very seriously and with great character.

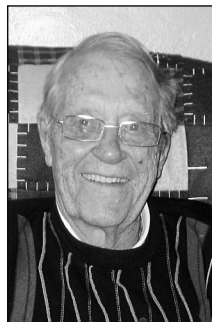
"Crissy is very sensitive and caring in her role as educator. She is a strong resident advocate, fills in wherever needed and is patient when working with staff," comments Gayle Matzke, DON, Sanford Vermillion Medical Center.

Crissy (Wibben) Skogsberg is a native of Rock Rapids, IA. She and her husband Adam live in rural Vermillion along with their two boys; Carter (8) and Bryson (4).

OBITUARIES

Ralph Kittelson

Ralph Kittelson, 89 years, 11 months, died Jan 20, 2013 at Berryville, AR. Ralph Norman Kittelson was born in Milan, MN, Feb 20, 1923 to Selmer and Lillian (Norman) Kittelson. He graduated from Milan High School and went on to serve as a paratrooper during WWII in



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the European Theater. Upon military discharge, he returned to farming in the Appleton, MN area.

Ralph married Carol Olson of Montevideo MN, Jan 15, 1948 and they were blessed with five children. In 1962 he joined the National Farmers Organization at a grass roots level. He was very active in the growth of the organization at both state and national levels. Ralph served as a member of the Appleton School Board, was active in the DFL and many other civic organizations. In 1970 they purchased the Lamplighter Motel and made their residence Vermillion.

On Aug 30, 1980, he married Char Guindon of Beresford.

They bought the Island Motel, Holiday Island, AR with his brother and sister-in-law, Les and Rio Kittelson. Ralph was a Holiday Island commissioner, loved golfing and spent countless hours voluntarily landscaping the golf course. He was very outgoing, a lifelong learner and loved spending time with family and friends.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Char of Holiday Island, AR; children, Kristen (Gordon) Anderson of Lake City MN, Gwen (Kent) of Pelican Rapids MN, Stephen Kittelson of Coon Rapids MN, Susan (Mark) Baldry of Dumont MN, and Barbara (Michael) Kabeiseman of Yankton.

Madison Wallace

Madison Wallace, of Vermillion, passed away Thursday, March 14, 2013 in Sioux Falls. We have all been so blessed to have Madison in our lives. Everyone who knew her was touched by her sweet spirit. Our precious Madison graduated way too soon for us but she graduated in life with high honors. She was 16 years old when she jumped into the frozen river to save her little

brother. She lived her life on behalf of others, and she died doing the same

Madison was born Dec. 13, 1996 in Orem, UT to Jay and Lara (Knaphus) Wallace. She was currently a sophomore at the Vermillion High School.

She is survived by her parents, Jay and Lara of Vermillion; three brothers, Corby, Micah and Garrett, and two sisters, Annika and Jenevieve. She is also survived

by her grandparents, Don (Joan) Wallace and Martin (Margaret) Knaphus all of Orem, UT.

Funeral services were 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Vermillion with visitation beginning at 5 p.m. at the church. Final funeral rites and burial will take place in Orem. hansenfuneralhome.com.

John Larson Jr.

John Melvin Larson, Jr. was born on July 25, 1940, the son of John Melvin Larson, Sr. and Dorothy (McIntyre) Larson in Canistota. He attended and graduated from Meckling High School in Meckling, while in Rockford, IL, he joined the Methodist Church. A member of Teamsters Union 705 and 710, he drove semi-truck for most of his life. He enjoyed boating, fishing, and

photography. John had his pilot's license and flew small planes as a hobby as well. John became a resident of Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Lakefield, MN on Sept. 23, 2011; he passed away there on March 13, 2013 at the age of 72 years, seven months, and 16 days.

His family will have a private family burial at the Bluffview Cemetery in Vermillion at a later date.

He is survived by his children, Susan (Erwin) Ortiz of Mountain Lake, MN, Michael (Christina) Larson of Hartley, IA, and Jane (Shawn) Baird of Hartley, IA. He is also survived by seven grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Dorothy Larson; a daughter, Kristine; and two young brothers. "Live and let live" - John Larson, Jr.

Zelena Weisz

Zelena Weisz, 92, of Vermillion, passed away Friday, March 15, 2013 at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls.

Zelena Fuerst was born on March 17, 1920 in Hutchinson County, SD to Herbert and Anna Fuerst. She married Carl Weisz on June 8, 1939 in Kaylor.

She spent many years working as a nurse's aide at the Dakota Hospital in Vermillion and was a volunteer with the Vermillion Care Center where she earned volunteer of the year in 1999 and the Vermillion Hospice earning Volunteer of the year in 1995. She was also an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church and the quilters group.

She is survived by her two sons, Dennis (Kathleen) of Dakota Dunes, and Duane (Shirley) of Garden City, KS; five grandchildren; two step grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Memorial services will be held at a later date. hansenfuneralhome.com.

Bridge work to begin on Hwy. 50

Work to repair and repaint bridges in Clay County is scheduled to begin next week, according to the South Dakota Department of Transportation.

Industrial Builders, Inc. of Fargo, ND, will begin work on the SD Highway 50 bridges west of Vermillion on Monday, March 25, and traffic will be reduced to one-lane in each direction.

Beginning in June, work will begin on the Highway 50 bridge east of Vermillion. East-bound traffic will be detoured off Highway 50 onto Crawford Road and back onto Highway 50. That phase of the work is expected to continue for about three months.

Other projects included in the \$4.1 million contract include work on Highway 19 one-mile north of Vermillion at the Vermillion River

Bridge, as well as several overhead and mainline structures on Interstate 29 in Deuel, Hamlin, Lincoln and Union counties.

Work on the I-29 structures is scheduled to begin in April.

Motorists should expect delays, suddenly slowing traffic, construction equipment and workers; drivers may want to consider alternate routes until the work is finished.

All of the construction is scheduled to be done by Oct. 1.

For more information, contact Ronald Peterson, Rodney Gall or Joseph Sestak at 605-668-2929.

Complete road construction information can be found at www.safetravelusa.com/sd or by dialing 511.

USD Disability Services welcomes motivational speaker Bill Deering

Bill Deering, a motivational speaker who has dealt with a lifetime of stuttering, will be the featured speaker at the University of South Dakota at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26 at the Muenster University Center Ballroom.

Deering has presented about living with his disability to thousands of junior high, high school and college students. His presentation focuses on how he overcame obstacles, broke

barriers and how people with various abilities can work through their own limitations in life. On his website <http://stuttering-disability-motivational-speaker.com>, Deering highlights that his stuttering was so severe it used to take him more than three minutes to say his name, an additional three minutes merely to answer the phone (he didn't start using the phone until he was 21). The intent of the program is

to leave the audience feeling empowered, inspired and ready to face their own personal challenges with a new sense of possibility. A photograph of Deering is available for download at www.usd.edu/press/news/images/releases/Bill_Deering.jpg.

The presentation is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Disability Services at (605) 677-6389 or visit www.usd.edu/disabilityservices

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