

Southern Oregon Sparrow Clubs and USA Dance Southern Oregon, in partnership with NewsWatch 12 KDRV and Radio Medford, PROUDLY PRESENT:



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2011

Mark your calendars because Southern Oregon's most exciting celebrity dance competition is back! On Saturday, November 12, 2011, the newest cast of twelve local celebrities and personalities will take to the stage as Southern Oregon Sparrow Clubs, USA Dance Southern Oregon, and KDRV NewsWatch12 present the 3rd Annual Dancing with the Rogue Valley Stars!

More people than ever before will be able to attend this special family-friendly event due to the addition of a matinee show\*, which will begin at 2:00 pm, with the evening show scheduled for 7:00 pm, both occurring at the North Medford High School auditorium. Get your tickets now. Last year's show sold out.

PROUDLY PRESENTS THE 3RD ANNUAL  
**DANCING**  
with the  
Rogue Valley **STARS**

Saturday Nov 12, 2011  
Performances  
at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM  
North Medford High School Auditorium

Tickets \$15 matinee - \$20 evening performance  
available now online at [www.dwtvs.com](http://www.dwtvs.com),  
or at any Premier West Bank Branch location

DANCING WITH THE ROGUE VALLEY STARS is a local dance competition that exists not only as a fun family friendly event, but also as a significant fundraiser for two local nonprofit organizations, Southern Oregon Sparrow Clubs and the Southern Oregon Chapter of USA Dance. Two thirds of the proceeds go to Sparrow Clubs, supporting the work of enabling kids to help other kids in medical need. The remaining one third helps fund the Youth Scholarship Program of the Southern Oregon Chapter of USA Dance. This event is a great way to help youth right here in Southern Oregon!

You can help your favorite Star win the prestigious "Shining Star Award" award by making a donation of any amount to their team! Just click on the "Meet the Stars" tab, find your favorite Star, and click "Donate to my team now!"

For full details and to order tickets online log on to:  
<http://www.dwtvs.com>  
or stop by any Premiere West Bank.



Sparrow Clubs believes that "Kids will do heroic things when they have heroic things to do." Since its inception in 1995, Sparrow Clubs has helped children in medical crisis through the work of thousands of young people. Sparrow Clubs is proof that you're never too young to make a difference.

As the nation's only youth-based charity of its kind, Sparrow Clubs not only provide financial and emotional support for critically ill children and their families, but also empowers kids to help others through charitable service experiences. It helps students find their wings through giving, expressing compassion, and in serving others. For more information about Sparrow Clubs, including local schools that are participating, see the website: [www.sparrowclubs.org](http://www.sparrowclubs.org)



## Extreme Makeover: Home Edition and Southern Oregonians Rally to Build a New Home for a Well Deserving Medford Family

Editorial by Cynthia Rucklos-Spry, Publisher

MEDFORD, OR - "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" with Team leader Ty Pennington, designers Paul DiMeo, Paige Hemmis, Ed Sanders, and Jeff Dye, traveled to surprise the McPhail family of Medford, Oregon, on Sept. 7th, 2011 with the door knock that would change lives. Not only the lives of the recipients, but lives in the community as well.

C.J. and Lindsay McPhail, when they were newlyweds, decided they wanted to spend their lives helping others. They started the Southern Oregon Chapter of Sparrow Clubs, a non-profit organization, which helps children with medical issues by pairing them with a school which adopts a child as their school's "Sparrow."

C.J. found himself speaking to students, businesses, and anyone who would listen, about the incredible power Sparrow Clubs gives to both students and Sparrows. He motivated thousands of students to raise funds, perform service work, and create programs all in the name of their Sparrow.

Not only were C.J. and Lindsay a part of raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for kids with medical needs, they were also able to help transform schools through challenging students to look beyond themselves and serve.

C.J. and Lindsay never imagined that they would one day need the help from the very same organization they devoted so much of their time to. Soon after moving to Portland and running a chapter there, their oldest son Sawyer was diagnosed with a form of Autism and their second oldest son Thatcher began to start showing signs of Autism as well.

With their children regressing, the family moved back to Medford to live on a 50-acre family property next to Lindsay's parents. The boys showed great progress, but Sawyer still faced several challenges due to his lack of social cues. Much to the family's surprise, Sawyer became a Sparrow and through his endearing personality,

he helped put a face on autism and brought awareness to over 900 students in his adopted school.

While the property and the outdoors are great for the children, the aging cinderblock home was not. It had electrical problems, an outlet actually sparked and shot small flames. The windows were old,



The "Old Home" - Photo courtesy Tara Behnke

leaky and a safety hazard. The plumbing was poor and leaked, creating mold in the bathrooms. There was no heat in the back of the house so the family had to rely on space heaters in the winter, which is extremely costly, not eco-friendly & another safety hazard. Moving away from the house was financially impossible and not desired since the property is crucial to the boy's progress.

The McPhail s were nominated for this Extreme Home Makeover by their friends, and fellow Sparrow and Autism advocates, Matt & Emilie Sampson. Matt is the Southern Oregon Regional Director of So. Oregon Sparrow Clubs. Emilie is Program Director for Families for Community and speaks all over Oregon bringing Autism awareness to thousands.

During the emotional announcement, Lindsay cried. The couple said they felt they should be helping others, but hoped this opportunity would help to bring attention to autism and families it affects.

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WATCH THE 2 HOUR SPECIAL, FRI. OCT 28 ON ABC!

# A Community with Hearts of Gold!

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The McPhail home was not worth repairing, so in the typical “Ty Pennington” Extreme Makeover fashion - it was demolished and a brand new home was underway in no-time-flat.

Around 2,800 skilled and unskilled volunteers from all over the Region helped to build the home. By the time it's all over around 6,000 people will have helped put it all together. (Editors Note: Several volunteers from the local homeless community came to help! Now that is what I call the heart of giving!)

Hundreds of Local and Regional business donated materials, labor, supplies, furniture, and more for the build, as well as meals, food, water, massage therapy, medical help, and transportation for the crew & spectators. Local business and big hearted community members also donated thousands of dollars to be put in a trust fund for the family to help them pay for the projected increase in property taxes and future needs.



Rush Behnke, president of Ark Built Renovations and the lead Contractor on the project said it took around 130 hours to build the home from the ground up. The build began Sept 7th - and crews worked around the clock, 24-7. "We went and and knocked this thing out of the park," said Behnke.



9/11/11 - You could see the flags flying from the base of the hill all the way up to the build site. Workers & Crew gathered in front of the home to observe a tragic day in American history with a prayer & a moment of silence. What a wonderful community we live in!



RVTD provided free bus shuttle services for Spectators to and from the site which allowed them to watch the progress from a special viewing area from 8 a.m. to 8 pm. All Volunteers were shuttled to and from the site via RVTD buses which ran non-stop during the whole building project.

Spectators were encouraged to bring cans of non-perishable food with them on the shuttle with drop off locations at the job site to benefit the ACCESS Food Share Pantry Network in Jackson County. Workers & Volunteers brought food, too! At last count the community donated 3824 pounds of food!



A Virtual City was erected to shelter & feed the 1,000's of volunteers & Film Crew.



Photo courtesy Tara Behnke



A “Sea” of hundreds of well-wishers gathered to welcome home the McPhails. While they waited Paul DeMio signed autographs and Ty rallied the troops.



Here They Come! Ty Waves Them In!

Bus Driver Move that Bus!



**REVEAL DAY! Sept. 14, 2011.** The McPhail's new home looks like a movie set. The impressive, roughly 3,800 sq.ft., energy efficient home is complete with solar panels, a U.S. Forest Service style lookout tower overlooks the landscaping which was designed to replicate the Rogue River - complete with a recirculating "River" water feature, a custom-built barbecue area, and so much more!

One of the 1,000s of volunteers summed it up perfectly: "I always wondered how much of this show was "show-biz" and how much was real. I thought the network just handed over a credit card and did it all. I had NO idea what an amazing community event this was. The behind the scenes of this is incredible. An amazing way to get an entire community to rally together for a wonderful cause. So many volunteers, so much donated, so much money raised. This is even better than I imagined. This is legit, it's the real deal and it is incredible. Some 'reality' shows are just fake. This is not one of them. The McPhail family are not the only ones to benefit from this.....we all have!"

**LET'S KEEP ON PAYING IT FORWARD!**



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**WELCOME HOME MCPHAILS! WELCOME HOME!**

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