Event group partners with Kids on the Move

Runtastic Events partnered with Kids On The Move to hold the 6th annual Haunted Half Marathon, the largest Halloween race in the state of Utah.

Two races will be held during the month; one in Salt Lake on Oct. 14 and the other in Provo on Oct. 28.

More than 5,600 runners participated between the two races last year, and more than 6,000 are expected to race this year.

Each race starts with a headless horseman ceremoniously throwing down a jack-o’-lantern at the starting line. Runners and volunteers are encouraged to wear costumes while participating to join in on the Halloween fun. Once runners have completed the race, they can enjoy a Halloween after-party at the finish line consisting of massages, photo ops and prizes.

Proceeds from the Haunted Half go to Kids On The Move, a nonprofit in Orem which helps children with developmental delays and disabilities.

More than 100 volunteers are needed for each race day. Volunteers can sign up at www.kotm.org/volunteer-portal.

Salem Tractor Supply celebrates homemade goods

Customers of the Salem Tractor Supply Co. store are invited to shop crafts, produce and other local goods at the Tractor Supply Co. Farmers Market on Saturday.

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., local farmers and crafters will showcase and sell their homemade and homegrown goods in front of the Tractor Supply Co. store at 326 N. State Route 198.

Some participating local vendors include Fundraiser for Demarie and Imaginator Sindy, which will be on site from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To participate in the farmers market, participants can still sign up at TSCEventPartners.com or contact the store by phone at (801) 423-7978. Nonprofit organizations and food trucks are also encouraged to register.
A Child’s Hope Foundation hosts golf fundraiser

Orem-based nonprofit A Child’s Hope Foundation is hosting its first golf tournament fundraising event on Monday to fund electricity at the new Buena Vida Orphanage in La Mision, Baja Mexico.

The event will be held at the Riverside Country Club in Provo with the tee off for the 18-hole scramble at 8:30 a.m. A luncheon, raffle, and an awards ceremony will follow.

Proceeds from the golf tournament will be used by A Child's Hope Foundation to fund electrical work at a new orphanage built by volunteers during the last 24 months. Land for the new building was purchased with donated funds when A Child's Hope Foundation learned that the Buena Vida Orphanage was losing its current home. Getting the electrical needs met is the last step before the children and their caregivers can move into the new building.

The event is sponsored by a variety of local businesses and private donors.

For more information about the “Light the Orphanage” Golf Tournament, call Erin Knudsen at (480) 326-3870.

Swordsman Association to hold competition

The United Clans Swordsman Association, as well as True Edge Academy of Swordsmanship and other sword classes from outside of Utah, will be holding a sword fighting competition from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Oct. 14 at Liberty Park in Salt Lake City.

Weapons being practiced include long sword, short sword, dagger and unarmed fighting and defense. Participation in the competition will be limited to members of both groups; as well as groups in the HEMA Alliance. However, all are welcome to come to watch the event which will be held on the east side of the park by the large stone fireplace.

There will be a synthetic open weapons tournament, and a steel long sword tournament, all taking place during the competition on Oct. 14.

Both groups teach classes throughout the week. More information about the organization, as well as the Historical European Martial Arts, can be found on their websites at www.TheUCSA.com, and http://trueedgeacademy.com/ as well as on the Facebook pages for both groups.

Local continuum of care to sponsor housing week

The Mountainland Continuum of Care will be sponsoring an Affordable Housing Week on Monday through Friday to bring awareness for the need for affordable housing in our community, to help better show the barriers to housing and to demonstrate the importance of HUD funding to local housing projects.

The week will include an Affordable Housing Walk and showings of the documentary “Not for Rent!”

The Affordable Housing Walk is Wednesday beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Food and Care Coalition in Provo. Tara Rollins, the executive director of the Utah Housing Coalition, and Lynell Smith, the executive director at the Housing Authority of Utah County, will speak. Following their remarks, community leaders, legislators, candidates, students and the public will be walking to various downtown Provo locations, where local housing providers will be highlighting successful projects along the housing continuum.

“Not for Rent!” will be shown throughout the week at various locations in the valley. The feature-length documentary was directed by Matt Duhamel and looks at the rental barriers ex-felons face as they attempt to rebuild their lives in the community. The hour-long film will be shown on Tuesday at the American Fork Library at 6:30 p.m., at the Golden Spike Genesis Outreach Project following the walk on Wednesday around 11:30 a.m. and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Payson City Library.