

# April Students of the Month named

Michael Oberle and Emily Holoch are the recipients of the Vermillion High School April Students of the Month Award. These seniors are finishing stellar efforts in their high school careers and will be rewarded with a \$100 scholarship from First Bank & Trust.

Oberle "is a role model for the children of Vermillion and will accept this award with modesty and heartfelt appreciation," as noted in his faculty recommendation. He plans to major in biology at Black Hills State University in Spearfish.

His activities have included track, National Honor Society, football, Quiz Bowl, baseball, and Science Bowl. His efforts in football gained him recognition as the Most Valuable Player and an Argus Leader Elite 45 selection. His parents are Susan and Rodney Oberle.

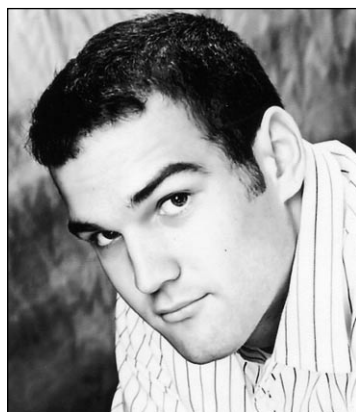
Holoch "gives everyone a reason to belong in the class or the activity," according to her endorsement. "She is positive, cooperative and dependable." Her parents are Connie and Duane Holoch.

A sampling of her activities includes Show Choir, German Club, Pep Band, theatre, Art Club and National Honor Society. She placed first locally and fourth at state in Senior FCS Judging. Holoch also plans to attend BHSU with a major in mass communications.

This is the final selection of VHS seniors for the 2008-2009 school year. Previous award winners were Ji Wen Li and DJ Donahue-September, Philip



Emily Holoch



Michael Oberle

Munkvold and Alicia Enterman-October, Rosalyn LaMie and Sam McBride-November, Chris Cameron and Shannon Jepsen-December, Lance Hubert and Leah Miller-January, Kayla Gale and Dan Davies-February, Shanon Skillman and Tony Thomas-March.

Other students nominated were Rebecca Hawley, AJ Walker, Matt Andrews, Donica Crichon, Kelly O'Dea, and Mason Eichelberg.

# Labor Department creates summer work experiences through stimulus funding

The South Dakota Department of Labor (DOL) has received almost \$3 million in federal stimulus funds for youth job training. The money will pay for work experiences this summer for people 14 to 24 years old.

DOL is eligible for a total of \$26.9 million for workforce programs through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

"DOL is working with employers to create summer job opportunities for eligible young people in South Dakota," said State Labor Secretary Pam Roberts. "The stimulus funds will pay for their summer employment."

Work experiences will help less experienced workers, such as teenagers, establish a work history and gain references. They will earn cash while building good work habits and skills.

In addition, paid internships are being set up for college and technical institute students to practice the skills they have already learned. Young adults will benefit from work and training experiences by exploring their career options. Wages will be paid by DOL from the additional stimulus funds.

"DOL staff are anxious to discuss these options with job seekers," said Secretary Roberts. "Any one of our 18 local offices can provide assistance."

Applicants must meet federal economic guidelines to qual-

ify. Eligibility is based on the applicant's work experience and current situation.

DOL works to provide businesses with employment-related solutions and help people with job placement and career transition services. To learn about available programs and view an office directory, visit [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org).

# Orientation sessions for Boys and Girls Staters to be held

South Dakota American Legion and Legion Auxiliary are holding orientation sessions for Boys and Girls Staters for District 7, counties of Clay, Yankton, Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Hutchinson, and Douglas.

The District 7, American Legion and Legion Auxiliary orientation sessions will be held on May 3 in Irene at the school, use the west door. This is for the counties of Clay, Yankton, and Bon Homme.

The times orientation sessions will be registration starting at 1:30 p.m., program at 2 p.m. This is a very important information program for the boys and girls going to Boys and Girls State. It is good for the parents or guardians to come too, so they will know what will be going on with their son or daughter.

Boys and Girls State sessions are June 1-6. Boys State will be in Aberdeen on the campus of Northern State University.

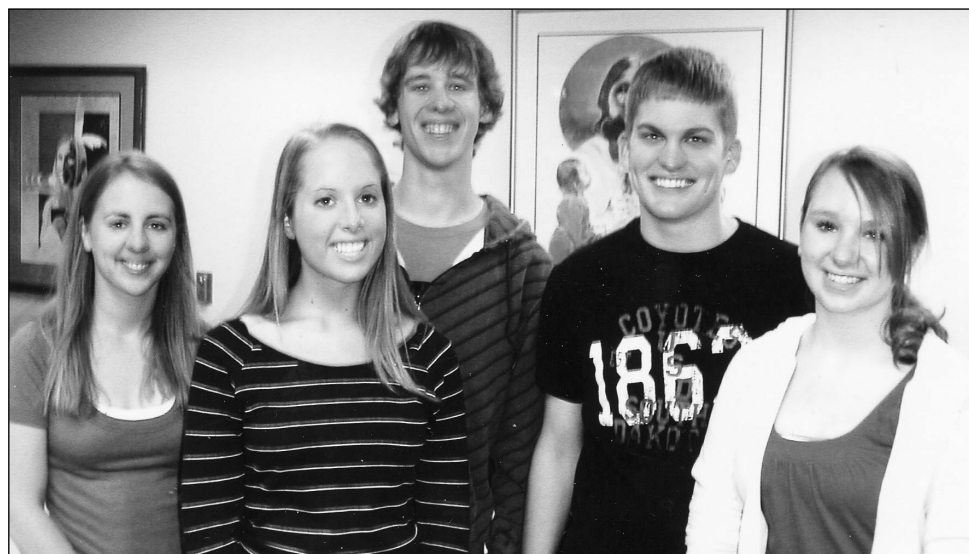
Girls State will be in Vermillion on the campus of The University of South Dakota.

District 7 has a bus set up to get the Boys Staters to Aberdeen on June 1. If you want more information on the bus or Boys State contact James Hornstra at 605-369-5555 or 605-661-9117 or e-mail [ledjimdis7@yahoo.com](mailto:ledjimdis7@yahoo.com). For more information on Girls State contact Cheryl Hovorka at 605-665-5635 or 605-677-5702.

## Retired teachers met April 8

Four Vermillion High school students presented a program of vocal solos to members of the Retired Teachers Association on Wednesday morning, April 8. The group met at the Community Room of the Vermillion Public Library. Emily Vandenhul, Tony Thomas, Philip Munkvold and Leah Miller sang under the direction of choral director, Trisha Fisher.

The next meeting of the Retired Teachers Association will be on Wednesday morning, May 6. Newly retired teachers will be welcomed to membership and current members will report on the state meeting in Pierre.



Pictured are Trisha Fisher, choral director, Leah Miller, Tony Thomas, Philip Munkvold and Emily Vandenhul.

## At the Vermillion Public Library

By Anne Marshall

### New Adult Historical Fiction Novels

A Christian citadel in the Albanian mountains is confronted by envoys of the Ottoman Army with the message to accept their terms of total submission or suffer the inevitable violence. From the winner of the 2005 Man Booker International Prize, author Ismail Kadare, brings readers a gripping, brilliant portrait of human cunning and battlefield strategy. His novel, *The Siege*, is recently available in English.

Upon the death of her father, King Henry VIII, Queen Mary assumes the throne after a long and bitter wait. Her first order of business is to wed the devout Prince Philip of Spain, creating a powerful alliance that will transform Mary's fanatical dream of ridding England of Protestantism into a terrifying reality. *The King's Daughter*, by Barbara Kyle, is filled with lavish period detail and fascinating characters that will mesmerize readers and take them into a riveting world of riches, pageantry, passion and danger.

### Top Ten Reasons to Support Libraries

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The public library is the only institution whose purpose is to guard against the tyrannies of ignorance and conformity. Its existence indicates the extent to which a democratic society values knowledge, truth, justice, books, and culture.

Look for the other reasons to support your library in the next article.

### DearReader.com Book Club

The DearReader.com Book Club offers many selections to Internet patrons. Each book runs for five days, Monday through Friday. Some genres offer selections every other week. Check out this service by registering at the library's Web site, <http://vpl.sdl.net> and clicking on the book club icon. Online patrons can also find the club at [www.supportlibrary.com/su/su.cfm?x=470596](http://www.supportlibrary.com/su/su.cfm?x=470596). The following selections for the week of April 20 are:

AUDIO BOOK: *The Commission: The Uncensored History of the 9/11 Investigation*

BUSINESS: *Jewish Wisdom for Business Success*, by Rabbi Levi Brackman and Sam Jaffe

FICTION: *The Private Lives of Pippa Lee*, by Rebecca Miller

GOOD NEWS: *The Bell Messenger*, by Robert Cornuke with Alton Gansky

## CHECK IT OUT

MYSTERY: *Collision*, by Jeff Abbott

NON-FICTION: *Listening is an Act of Love*, by Dave Isay

PRE-PUB: *The Sign*, by Raymond Khoury

ROMANCE: *Accidentally Yours*, by Susan Mallery

SCIENCE FICTION: *Planet of the Damned*, by Harry Harrison

TEEN: *Genesis Alpha*, by Rune Michaels

THRILLER: *Forgotten*, by Mariah Stewart

### Vermillion Public Library Upcoming Activities

Do you like playing board games or putting together jigsaw puzzles? Come to the Fun & Games activity on Saturday, April 18 from 1-4 p.m. in the Community Room. This program is for patrons 12 years old and up. Extra Games and puzzles are welcome.

The USD chapter of the American Medical Student Association (AMSA), in conjunction with the Vermillion Public Library, will sponsor a discussion for the book, *Why Beautiful People Have More Daughters: From Dating, Shopping, and Praying to Going to War*

and *Becoming a Billionaire*, on Sunday, April 19 from 3-5 p.m. in the Community Room. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk.

A memoir is a piece of autobiographical writing that often tries to capture certain highlights of one's past. Greg Dyer, University of Sioux Falls professor and consultant for the Dakota Writing Project, will be facilitating a memoir-writing workshop in honor of Vermillion's sesquicentennial celebration. The last two meetings of a three-part workshop will be held in the Community Room at the library on the Saturdays of April 18 and May 16 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Classes & Flicks is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, from 6-9 p.m. in the Community Room of the library. Join us for the movie, *O Pioneers!*, by Nebraska author Willa Cather and the book discussion. The discussion will be facilitated by Jim Zuercher, a writing specialist from Morningside College.

For any information concerning these activities, please call the library at 677-7060.

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The Vermillion PTA would like to say THANK YOU to the following sponsors and volunteers who made our Sixth Annual PTA Family Fun Carnival a fantastic celebration of our community:  
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An extra special thanks to Jim Brady for his grilling expertise. And also thanks to the parents, teachers, and administrators who donated cakes, pop and hot dogs, or gave of their time to help run the carnival and put smiles on so many little faces!

**South Dakota's State Dessert!**  
**Pietz's Kuchen Kitchen & Specialties, LLP**  
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