

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### TODAY, APRIL 15

- Brown Bag Lunch Program, "All About Jazz," featuring the USD music faculty jazz ensemble, 12:05 p.m. at the National Music Museum located on the USD campus, corner of Clark & Yale streets. Open to the public at no charge.
- Annual Bike Helmet Day, 2 p.m. at Jolley School. Sponsored and presented by the Vermillion Medical Clinic and the Vermillion Rotary Club. Special thanks to Vermillion Schools and the Vermillion Wal-Mart Super Center. Presented annually to all second graders in the Vermillion Schools.
- Seventh/eighth grade track, 4 p.m. at Elk Point-Jefferson.
- Boys Tennis, 4 p.m., at Mitchell.
- Williams & Ree, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. at Vermillion Eagles Club. For ticket information, call 624-9934.
- 88th annual Strollers, 7 p.m. in Slagle Auditorium, located on Clark Street, USD campus.
- USD Theatre presents: "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," 7:30 p.m. at Wayne S. Knutson Theatre in Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. For reservations, call 605-677-5400 or visit [www.usd.edu/theatre](http://www.usd.edu/theatre) for more information.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 16

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- Winter Farmers Market, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Extension Building.
- MWA Pro Wrestling, 7:30 p.m. at National Guard Armory, 603 Princeton St. Event website: [mwaprowrestling.com](http://mwaprowrestling.com).
- Jr/Sr Grand March, 7:45 p.m. followed by prom from 8:30-11:30 p.m. at Vermillion High School.
- Gayville Hall presents, "An Evening of Old Time Gospel," starring John & Susan McNeill, Owen DeJong and Nick Schwebach, 8 p.m. at 502 Washington St., Gayville. Call 267-2859 for ticket information.
- The Friends of the W.H. Over Museum will be sponsoring a Basket Making and Easter Candy Hunt at 10:30 a.m. at the museum. The candy hunt will be outside. A fee will be charged for materials.
- Junior Varsity Baseball Double Header, 10 a.m. at Dakota Valley.
- Art from the Heart and Home is from 3:30-7:30 p.m. at Washington Street Arts Center, 202 Washington Street. This visual art showcase will feature works from home-schooled students from southeast South Dakota, northeast Iowa and northwest Iowa. Show is hosted by the area's cooperative, Vermillion Christian Home Educators. An artists' reception will be held at 6 p.m. Best of show and Viewer's choice awards will be presented and refreshments served. This Vermillion Area Arts Council sponsored event is free and open to the public.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 17

- USD Theatre presents: "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," 2 p.m. at Wayne S. Knutson Theatre in Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. For reservations, call 605-677-5400 or visit [www.usd.edu/theatre](http://www.usd.edu/theatre) for more information.
- Earth Day Celebration featuring music by Jami Lynn from 3:30-5 p.m. at Valiant Vineyards, 1500 W. Main, Vermillion. This year's topic is green energy. Cost is \$5 at the door for music and wine tasting.
- Music Recital: Lee Schneider presents graduate clarinet recital, 5 p.m. in Colton Recital Hall in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.
- Music Recital: Andrew Paa presents graduate violin recital, 7 p.m. in the Colton Recital Hall in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.
- Varsity Baseball, 2 p.m./JV Baseball, 4 p.m. at Lennox.
- Music Recital: Rachel Poss presents a sophomore percussion recital, 3 p.m. in Colton Recital Hall at the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.
- The Festival of Nations hosted by the International Students Club features samples of food from native cooks, as well as entertainment, dress, artifacts and pictures from 5:30-9 p.m. in the USD Muenster University Center Grand Ballroom.

### MONDAY, APRIL 18

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- USD Blood Drive, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Lee Medical Center on USD campus. The Blood Drive registration table will be located on the south side of the Lee Med Atrium with the Blood Mobile parked at the south entrance.
- Seventh/eighth grade track, 4 p.m. at Harrisburg.
- Girls golf vs. Lennox, 4 p.m. at home.
- Boys Tennis, 4 p.m. at Sioux City North.
- "Money Skills Workshop," 6-8 p.m. in the USD Muenster University Center Conference Room.
- Third/Fourth Grade Concert, 6:30 p.m. at Vermillion High School.
- Dr. C.J. Kocher's USD Saxophone Studio Students present a music recital, 7:30 p.m. in Colton Recital Hall at the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.
- Al-anon meeting, 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner of Main & Linden streets. For more information, call 624-9764.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 19

- USD Theatre presents: "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," 7:30 p.m. at Wayne S. Knutson Theatre in Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. For reservations, call 605-677-5400 or visit [www.usd.edu/theatre](http://www.usd.edu/theatre) for more information.
- Vermillion Rotary Club meeting, noon-1 p.m. in the Freedom Forum Conference Room of the Al Neuharth Media Center.
- Girls Golf, 2 p.m. at West Central.
- Annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Sanford Care Center Vermillion and Hy-Vee, 1-3 year olds at 5 p.m. at Sanford Care Center, Vermillion Courtyard (enter from the south on Jane Street); 4-6 year olds at 5:30 p.m. at Prentis Park (south side); 7-8 year olds at 5:30 p.m. at Prentis Park (south side). Two special prizes per age group.
- Community Education: "Historic Sites of Clay County," 7 p.m. at 1101 James St. Second session April 26.
- All School Band Extravaganza, 7:30 p.m. at Vermillion High School.
- USDs Brass Choir concert, 7:30 p.m. at the Colton Recital Hall in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

- Preservation Wednesday with Jason Biggins, "State Historic Preservation Office," 7 p.m. at the Vermillion Public Library. Presented by the Clay County Historic Preservation Commission. Open to the general public at no charge.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 21

- Seventh/eighth grade track, 3:45 p.m. at Canton.
- High School Track, 4 p.m. at Lennox.
- Boys Tennis vs. Sioux Falls Washington, 4 p.m. at home.
- Lecture and book signing with Jorge Cham, creator of the grad student comic strip Piled Higher and Deeper ([www.phdcomics.com](http://www.phdcomics.com)). Lecture is at 7 p.m. in Farber Hall, USD Old Main. This lecture is free and open to the public.

### PLANNING AHEAD:

- APRIL 22 — No School (public school and USD).
- APRIL 28 — Vermillion All-Schools Art Show reception, 4-6 p.m. at the Washington Street Arts Center, 202 Washington Street. The show will also be open from 2-5 p.m. April 30 and May 1. The exhibit is free and open to the public and sponsored by Vermillion Area Arts Council.
- APRIL 28 — The Kyai Rengga Manis Everist Gamelan featuring the Tatag Gamelan Ensemble (USD), 7:30 p.m. at the Arne B. Larson Concert Hall at the National Music Museum, corner of Clark & Yale streets on the USD campus.
- APRIL 28 — Historical Heritage discussion, "The Land They Possessed" by Mary Worthy Breneman, 6-8 p.m. in the Community Room of the Vermillion Public Library. Copies of the book are available at the Circulation Desk. Norma Wilson, USD professor emeritus will facilitate the discussion. Hot drinks and refreshments will be provided.
- APRIL 28 — Clay County Historical Society potluck and "Antiques Appraisal Fair," presented by Joe Hoffman, 6:05 p.m. at the Austin Whittemore House, 15 Austin St. Bring an antique and find out the value/information from Hoffman. Annual Board meeting to follow.
- APRIL 29 — Brown Bag Lunch program, "The Kyai Rengga Manis Everist Gamelan," 12:05 p.m. at the National Music Museum located on the USD campus, corner of Clark & Yale streets. Open to the public at no charge.

Does your business or organization have an event you would like included in the Community Calendar? If you do please call the Vermillion Area Chamber of Commerce and Development Company at 605-624-5571 or e-mail [vcdc@vermillionchamber.com](mailto:vcdc@vermillionchamber.com) or contact the Plain Talk at 605-624-2695 or e-mail [david.lias@plaintalk.net](mailto:david.lias@plaintalk.net).

## Pulpit Reflections:

# Is war in Libya an issue of morality?

By Rev. Robert Grossmann  
Providence Reformed Church

As the president of the United States has once again plunged American armed forces into war, it is important for all of us as citizens to consider whether what our nation is doing is right or wrong. Are we truly on the side of the angels in making war upon the government of Libya or not? Please note that we are at war, American air power is flying combat missions against Libyan army positions, killing their soldiers and inflicting tons of damage to civilian life and property as well.

Libya's dictator, Muamar Gaddafi has been killing Libyan folks to defend his government against an armed and violent takeover. Is it therefore righteous for us to kill even more Libyan citizens to make sure that the takeover does succeed? Is Gaddafi's killing bad, while ours is good? We have no idea of the real character of the Libyan rebels or that Libya will be

better off with them in control. The fact is that refugees from Libya, of which there are now a couple of million, speak of danger from the rebels as much as from the government forces. Egypt, of course, is a case in point, it now seems that the government there is being taken over by the radical "Muslim Brotherhood," thus demonstrating once again that anyone can call themselves "freedom fighters."

When President Bush led America into war against the government of Saddam Hussein in Iraq, and the Taliban in Afghanistan, in response to the 9/11 attacks on the American trade center, he was at least supported by the American people because the purposes were to retaliate against regimes that support terrorism and stop terrorists from further attacks on our homeland (which are legitimate functions of government). There is no such excuse for present attacks on the forces of the government of Libya, or any other excuse that we can see except for our President and nation to act as a big

bad bully across the Middle East, to which people there will doubtless respond negatively. When Mr. Bush changed our purpose into establishing democracies in Iraq and Afghanistan, a form of government incompatible with Islam, he mired our nation in wars we cannot justify or win.

The very obscure language with which our present administration speaks about the war in Libya should warn us to wonder about its morality. Before this the American government has always defended the morality of its cause for going to war. Until we hear some sound reasons for this war, we cannot support it. Certainly no one of a sound mind wants to support or justify Gaddafi's actions. On the other hand, most of the nations sitting in the United Nations are run by rather nasty folds, Lowering ourselves to their level of immorality by throwing our force around and killing their people is hardly a method of showing them a better way.

## Citizens' guide to climate change

Dr. Mark Sweeney of the USD Earth Sciences Department will give his presentation entitled, "Citizens' Guide to Climate Change" at the W.H. Over Museum in Vermillion, Tuesday, April 19 at 7 p.m. What is controlling Earth's thermostat? Learn about the roles that geology, astronomy, the atmosphere, and humans play in our changing climate.

Climate models give us a peek into the future: what are the models based on, and what is in store for the future climate of the Great Plains? Dr. Sweeney's talk is sponsored by the Living River Group of the SD Sierra Club. Contact Dean Spader at 624-6831 for more information.

## CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

### Grant Conductress visits Juno Chapter

The Grand Conductress, Gayle Parmeter, Huron, made her official visit to Juno Chapter 44, O.E.S., March 11.

Worthy Matron Grace Bick and Worthy Patron Calvin Rosenbaum, presided over the day's activities in the Masonic Temple.

Grand Conductress conducted a school of instruction at 2 p.m. Several sections of the Ritual were performed.

Chapter recessed for supper at a local café. In evening the candle lighting service was performed by Tom R. Hummel, Star Points and Grace Bick as soloists. The Degrees were conferred upon the new member.

Introductions were conducted by Kym Hummel and Vera Emerson as follows: Official Visitor Gayle Parmeter; Past Grand Matrons, Phyllis King and Hazel Urevig, Brookings, Connie White,

Parker and Jan Gruening, Reliance; Past Grand Patrons, Arnie Appelt, Brookings, and Calvin Rosenbaum, Vermillion. Grand officers introduced were Terri Veen, Grand Adah, Brookings and Electa Jane Horustra, Yankton. Grand Committee members, Host and Hostess Janelle Kribbell, Yankton; Registration, Jan Grage, Centerville; Education, Grace Bick, Vermillion; and Membership, Marvella Horstman, Sioux Falls. Protem officers assisting were Jan Gruening, Jan Grage, Beverly and Vernon Anderson, Debra McNary and Tom R. Hummel and Suzanne Willadren and John Ryger.

The Grand Conductress gave a short address. A monetary gift was presented to instructor Gayle. A coin march will go to S.D. Education fund. Evening refreshments were served by Betty Johnson, Jan Rosenbaum, Beverly Orr and Betty McCambridge. Juno's Past Martrans served salad luncheon at noon in the Temple.

## CHAMBER CHAT

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### Chamber Business:

"Business After Hours" hosted by Great Plains Therapy, 1407 East Cherry St., is Tuesday, May 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served. Please join us to make new contacts, socialize, and find out what Great Plains Therapy has to offer!

Tour de Kota: This year's Tour de Kota "College Campus Cruise" will bring hundreds of bike riders to Vermillion Thursday, June 9. Riders will bike from Freeman to Vermillion on June 9 and stay for the day and last overnight of the

tour. Food vendors, KVHT live remote, and live music will entertain the crowd at the Tour de Kota campsite on the USD tailgate grounds between Coyote Village and Dakota Street south of the Dome. Plans are being made to transport visitors around town so businesses and attractions can roll out the red carpet. Watch for more details in the coming weeks – this is a great opportunity to welcome visitors to Vermillion!!

Business After Hours: Are you looking for an opportunity to showcase your business and network with your peers? Sign up to host a Business After Hours event! These events generally run from 5 to 7 p.m. on a weeknight and the hosting business provides hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. If interested, please contact Ann at: [annb@vermillionchamber.com](mailto:annb@vermillionchamber.com) or at 624-5571.

## Vickrey to step down in July

The University of South Dakota announced that Barry R. Vickrey, J.D., will resign as dean of the School of Law effective July 21 to become a member of the full-time faculty.

"It has been a privilege to serve USD and the legal profession of South Dakota as dean of the law school for 18 years," Vickrey stated. "Professionally, I look forward to the challenges and opportunities of fulfilling the teaching, research, and service responsibilities of a full-time faculty member. Personally, I plan to use the summers and other breaks in the academic calendar to spend more time with my family, and especially my two grandchildren."

Vickrey has served as a professor and dean of the School

of Law since July 19, 1983. Before coming to USD, he was on the faculty of the University of North Dakota School of Law for 11 years, including five years as associate dean. He was on the staff of the American Bar Association for five years, serving as assistant to the president-elect/president and director of the Division of Professional Education. Between college and law school, he was a staff aide on the Policy Planning Staff of the Governor of Tennessee.

Vickrey earned a B.A. in history from Vanderbilt University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He also received his J.D. from Vanderbilt and has been admitted to the practice of law in Tennessee and South Dakota.

## OBITUARIES

### John Boerema

John Boerema, 85, of Vermillion, formerly of Yankton, passed away Thursday, March 31, 2011, at the Wakonda Heritage Manor.

John was born Dec. 7, 1925, in DeSmet to Jake and Alice (Riepma) Boerema. He married Delores Thornton on Nov. 3, 1957, in Yankton. They then moved to Vermillion where he spent more than 50 years in the community. During his time in Vermillion John, who was a tireless and steadfast worker, was a meat inspector for Dean Packing until the effects of a childhood battle with polio caused him to retire. John was a devoted family man who loved spending time with his children and grandchildren as well as spending time on the water with a fishing pole in his hand.

John is survived by his daughter, Lisa (Joe) Brown of Piedmont; his son, Larry (Patty) Boerema of Yankton; and his sisters, Gertrude (Jim) Tichy of Meckling, Alice (Eddie) Ellis of Yankton, and Edna Hensley of Santa Clara, CA; his grandchildren, Michael and

Brittany Boerema, and Christopher and Kayla Brown.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Jake and Alice Boerema; his brother,

Ike Boerema; and his wife, Delores (Thornton) Boerema.

The memorial service was held at 10 a.m., with visitation one hour prior to the service, on Monday, April 4, 2011, at the Kober Funeral Home in Vermillion.

Placement of the cremated remains will be at a later date.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Kober Funeral Home in Vermillion.

Condolences can be posted online at [www.koberfuneralhome.com](http://www.koberfuneralhome.com).

### George Ufford

George S. Ufford, 75 of Vermillion, passed away Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Saturday April 16 at the First Baptist Church in Vermillion with a

visitation one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in the BluffView Cemetery.

Visitation will be Friday April 15 from 6 to 7 p.m. with a prayer and Masonic service to begin at 7 p.m. at the Kober Funeral Home in Vermillion.

**Thank You!** Thank you to our family, Pastor Anna, neighbors, friends, Davis Pharmacy and coworkers for your visits, cards, flowers, gifts, and food brought to our home during my return from the hospital. A special thanks to our daughters, sons-in-law and families for your love and support during our stay in Rochester.

*God Bless You All,  
Carol & Marvin Waltz*

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