

USD Theatre's 'Coyote on a Fence' debates capital punishment

The University of South Dakota Department of Theatre presents Bruce Graham's drama "Coyote on a Fence," March 21-25 in the Arena Theatre of the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts.

"Coyote on a Fence" centers on two death row inmates who approach their time in prison in vastly divergent ways.

Bobby Reyburn, played by Brian Muldoon of Sioux Falls committed a racially motivated crime and John Brennan, played by Iah Kinley of Crown Point, IN, was convicted of killing a drug dealer. The two prisoners are in adjoining cells on death row and while Bobby freely admits his guilt and is ready to die, John insists on his innocence and fights to live.

Bobby is the product of a dysfunctional upbringing and limited mental ability; John is educated and uses his talents as a writer to both delay his impending execution and to

help his fellow prisoners through his writings in the "Death Row Advocate."

The convicts are more dimensional than their crimes and the legal system make them out to be, just as the New York Times reporter Sam Fried, played by Marcus Langseth of South Sioux City, NE, has contradictory reasons for wanting to do a story on death row or why Shawna, played by Erin Gallion of Salina, KS, the seemingly pleasant prison guard volunteers to work executions.

"Coyote on a Fence," which contains strong language, is at 7:30 p.m. on March 21-24 and at 2 p.m. on March 25 in the Arena Theatre on the USD campus. Tickets (\$15 Adults, \$9 K-12 and non-USD students, and \$4 USD students with ID) can be reserved between noon and 5 p.m. starting March 16 by calling the USD Theatre Box Office at (605) 677-5400 or online at www.usd.edu/theatre.

RED Steakhouse will launch MINGLE April 5

RED Steakhouse has announced the launch of an annual philanthropic event that aims to raise funds for causes that benefit the Vermillion community.

The annual event, MINGLE, is a gourmet food and wine tasting event designed to gather people together and raise awareness and funds that will benefit the local community.

For the inaugural event, RED Steakhouse has decided to

MINGLE with the Dakota Hospital Foundation (DHF). Proceeds from this year's MINGLE will go towards funding a third labor and delivery room within the Sanford Vermillion Hospital.

This event will be held from 4:30 to 9 p.m. April 5 at RED Steakhouse. For more information or to purchase tickets call RED Steakhouse at 624-0079.

Presentation: 'Can prairies be farmed sustainably?' set for Tuesday

On 650 acres in Brookings County, EcoSun Prairie Farms uses sustainable farming practices and perennial crops to balance the environment and economics.

Dr. Carter Johnson, EcoSun's chair and distinguished professor of ecology in the Department of Natural Resource Management at South Dakota State University, will present the recently-released documentary film, "Grass Roots: The Prairie Farm Story."

The film describes how restored parcels of the nearly-extinct tall grass prairie (including wetlands) may provide a sustainable living for farm families through the sale of native grass seed, hay, grass-fed beef, fee hunting and likely future income streams such as carbon credits and cellulosic biofuels.

The presentation will be in Vermillion at the W.H. Over Museum, 1110 University at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20. It is sponsored by The Living River Group of the South Dakota Sierra Club. Contact Dean Spader for questions.

The film was produced by Johnson and his sons, Tellef and Tor, who work in the film

industry in Los Angeles. Johnson is a native South Dakotan whose Norwegian ancestors were some of the first settlers in the state.

This Prairie Farm project is managed by EcoSun Prairie Farms, a non-profit South Dakota Corporation dedicated to the development of sustainable farming practices using perennial crops that balance the environment and economics. The Prairie Farm is 650 acres in size, with numerous restored wetlands.

SAAC hosts successful food fight

The University of South Dakota's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) recently completed a successful Food Fight as part of the Summit League program conducted by student-athletes at all 10 conference-member institutions.

SAAC members collected canned food items at two South Dakota home games and also accepted cash donations outside the local Hy-Vee Store in Vermillion during their drive.

As part of the efforts, Andrew Mack of Vermillion's Hy-Vee joined SAAC Members Alexa Duling and Chris Ganious and presented a check for \$925 to Mary Berglin of the Vermillion Food Pantry at the halftime of a recent Coyote Women's basketball game. The money will be used to purchase canned goods.

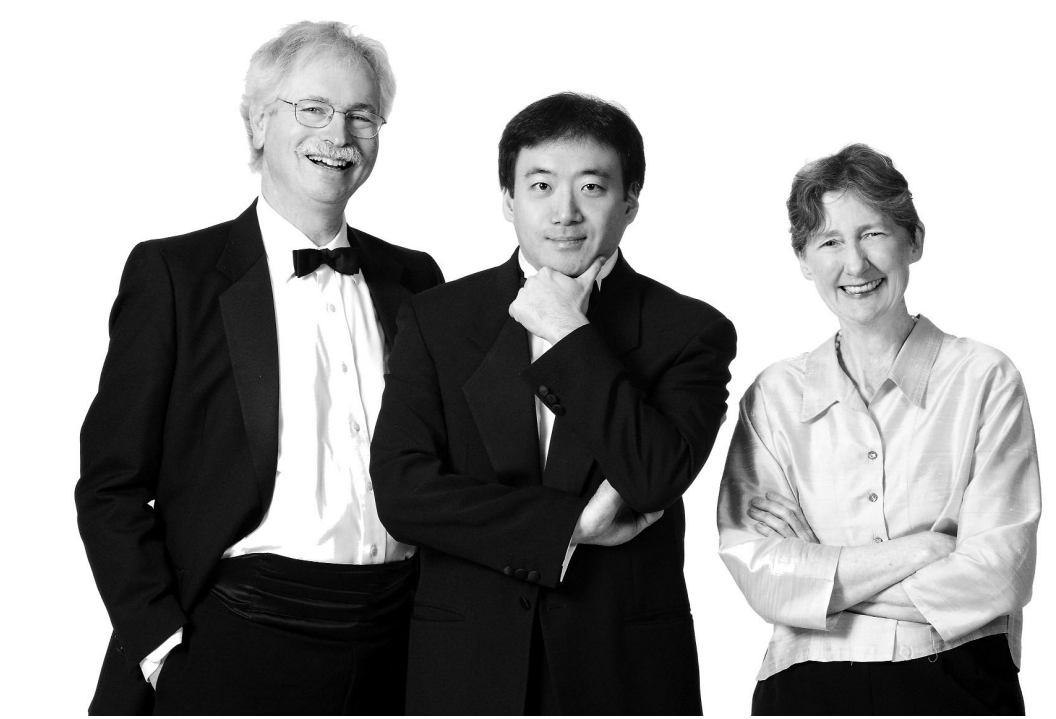
Total weight of the canned goods donated exceeded 5,800 pounds.

Renowned trio to perform at National Music Museum

The National Music Museum, on the campus of the University of South Dakota, is pleased to present the renowned New York ensemble, Avla Harmonia, at its popular Friday noon-hour Brown Bag Lunch Program on March 16.

Avla Harmonia made its debut at the 2009 Boston Early Music Festival, and has since maintained its musical activities with numerous performances in New York, Boston and Albuquerque, N.M. In 2010, Avla Harmonia was invited to participate in the VIII Festival Internacional de Música Antigua de la Pontificia Universidad Católica de Perú, in Lima, as well as Universidad Católica San Pablo, de Arequipa, for successful performances in the historical 16th Century Monasterio de Santa Catalina.

Avla Harmonia is dedicated to the performance of Baroque music, in order to provide immediacy of sound. The group balances interpretative modes of music of the past with the emotional vibrancy intrinsic to each score, and aims to expand the horizons of its repertoire to



include Renaissance and Classical works through personal research, study, and editions of original sources. Avla Harmonia artistic director, flutist Sang Joon Park, is joined by renowned musicians Martha McGaughey, viola da gamba, and Arthur Haas, harpsichord, in a friendly

consort of purpose, knowledge and skills.

The NMM's public programming is underwritten by the USD Student Association and the South Dakota Arts Council, the support for which is provided with funds from the State of South Dakota, through the Department of Tourism and

State Development, and the National Endowment for the Arts. Additional support enabling "Free Fridays" admission to the NMM during the month of March, is generously provided by Ted and Karen Muenster, Vermillion, in honor of their 48th wedding anniversary.

Vermillion Community Theatre announces summer season

The Board of Directors of Vermillion Community Theatre (VCT) has scheduled two events for the summer of 2012.

There will be a summer children's workshop June 11-15 for 50 young actors K-5 with a few openings for older assistant directors. Registration will be \$30 through Vermillion Parks and Recreation on May 2. There are a limited number of scholarships available.

The workshop is held in

cooperation with Dakota Players and runs 1-5 every afternoon at the Vermillion High School Performing Arts Center culminating in a performance of "Image Nation" on Friday, June 15 at 7 p.m.

The performance will be a hot dog dinner theatre for actors and the audience, but show tickets may be purchased separately.

The VCT Main Stage production will be the popular

Broadway musical, "Annie." Performances will be July 20-23 at the Vermillion High School Performing Arts Center. The show will be directed by Jen Dickenson with musical direction by Anthony Burbach.

Last year had separate shows for adult and young actors, but "Annie" has parts for all ages. Auditions will be May 20 from 4-6 p.m. and May 21 from 6-8 p.m.

In addition to actors,

assistance is needed with costumes, sets and running crew. A dog trainer has already been found, but if dog owners think they have the perfect "Sandy," they may contact the board.

Volunteers can check the Web site or contact Sandy Dickenson at (605) 624-6670.

Information on all our programs can be found at www.vermillioncommunitytheatre.org.

Vintage quilt show set for March 23-24

A vintage quilt show, including a private collection on display, will be hosted by the Clay County Historical Society at the Austin-Whittemore House, 15 Austin

Street, Vermillion, on Friday and Saturday, March 23 and 24, from 1 to 4 p.m. each day.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 624-3548 or 624-8266.

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The Annual VERMILLION AREA CHAMBER & COMMUNITY AWARDS BANQUET
Tuesday, March 20th
Pro's Bar & Grill
912 North Dakota Street
Social 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Dinner & Program to Follow
Featured Speaker
Joe Glenn
USD Head Football Coach
The Public is Welcome!
Cost is \$30 per person.
For more information and to reserve your tickets please call the VCDC at 624-5571 by March 15

ATTENTION TAXPAYERS:

Notice of Property Tax Increase of \$20,000 Resolution for Opt Out

The Governing Board of Pleasant Valley Township does state that the above said Board is unable to operate under the tax limitation measure currently in statute.

We therefore OPT OUT of such tax limitation in the amount of \$20,000 starting with the calendar year 2012 taxes payable in the calendar year 2013. This opt out will be for (1) year, which will be through taxes payable in the calendar year 2013. This action has been taken by the board and approved by at least two-thirds vote of the board. The decision may be referred to a vote of the people upon a petition signed by at least five percent of the registered voters in the district and filed with the governing body within twenty days of the first publication of this decision.

Unless this action is referred to a vote of the people and reversed by such vote, this resolution authorizes the county auditor to spread an excess levy to raise tax dollars in the above stated amount.

Signed
Louise Gregoire, Board Chairman
Ron Huot, Supervisor
Rick Wolfswinkel, Supervisor

Dated: March 6, 2012
Brandi Johnson, Clerk
Rick Peterson, Treasurer



Welcome to the World

The following babies were born at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in February 2012:

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| ABEL | CLAIRE | LEXIS |
| ADRIAN | ELSIE | LILY |
| ALENA | EVA | MEREDITH |
| ALEX | EVERETTE | MIKAYLA |
| ALINIA | ILY | MONICA |
| AMBER | JADYN | MYRON |
| AUDRINA | JAMES | NELIA |
| AVERY | JASPER | NEVAEH |
| BRYNLEY | JAZEN | NOLAN |
| CARSON | JOSEPH | TOBIAS |
| CASH | KEIRA | TREV |
| CHLOE | KENDALL | VICTOR |

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