

## Vermillion Group Home Accused Of Negligence In Death

VERMILLION (AP) — The family of a man who died in a Vermillion group home is seeking money damages for wrongful death.

The *Argus Leader* reports trial is being held this week in the case of Darelle “Bill” Red Bear, who died in January 2009 when he choked on his own vomit.

Red Bear’s brothers and sisters contend the Southeast South Dakota Activity Center ignored his worsening health condition for four days without taking him to a hospital. They also say the facility and Red Bear’s state-appointed legal guardian decided to donate his organs and cremate his body without family consent.

Center attorneys say many of the family members hadn’t been in contact with Red Bear for years, and that attempts to reach family members failed because their contact information wasn’t accurate.

### Crohn’s And Colitis Meeting Tonight

There will be a Crohn’s and Colitis support group meeting at 6:45 p.m. tonight (Tuesday) at the Avera Sacred Heart Campus Pavilion 409 Summit, Yankton.

This meeting is for patients with Crohn’s or Colitis and their family and friends.

For information, call Kathy Ryken at 665-8667.

### City Employees Win State Citation

The employees of the City of Yankton received a Bronze Level Loss Control/Safety Achievement Award at the annual South Dakota Municipal League Conference in Watertown Oct. 7.

This award honors the employees for their efforts in protecting the assets of the City of Yankton by making the workplace safer for employees, reducing liability exposures and saving the taxpayers’ dollars, through loss control.

The City of Yankton received a Bronze Level and was one of 32 entities recognized for their loss control/safety efforts.

This was the second time they received an award.

### Gymnastics/Cheer Fall Festival Sunday

The River City Gymnastics & Cheer Fall Family Festival will be held Saturday, Oct. 24, at the NFAA Easton Archery Center in Yankton.

A purchase of a \$100 raffle ticket admits four with a chance to win \$10,000. Other prizes include \$500 and \$1,000 cash prizes and an iPad. You need not be present to win.

There will be dinner, dancing, games, a bounce house and snow cones.

To purchase a ticket, contact Justin Olson at [yanktonrcg@gmail.com](mailto:yanktonrcg@gmail.com) or call or text 605-201-9058.

### Tabor Legion Pancake Breakfast Set

TABOR — The Tabor American Legion will host a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 25, running from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Legion Hall.

The menu will feature Pecan, Blueberry and Chocolate Chip Pancakes; Eggs, Sausage; Ham; Juice and Coffee. Also, fresh hot doughnuts will be available.

### Wakonda Fall Festival Slated Sunday

WAKONDA — The Wakonda Fall Festival will be held at the Wakonda Heritage Manor, 515 Ohio Street in Wakonda, on Sunday, Oct. 25, running from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

The free-will meal will include chili, chicken noodle and vegetable beef soup, pulled pork sandwiches and homemade pie.

Numerous vendors will be on hand with homemade jellies, handmade jewelry, painted pumpkins, bake sale, silent auction baskets/items, raffles and face painting. There will also be live music.

For more information, contact Patty Anderson, Director of Activities, at (605) 267-2081 or [patty.anderson@avera.org/](mailto:patty.anderson@avera.org/).

### Tell Us Your Tales Of Things Unseen

The *Yankton Press & Dakotan* is seeking your spookiest encounters with the unknown for its Oct. 31 edition of River City.

Let us know what hides in your darkened corners. If your house is crawling with ghosts or you have experienced paranormal events that you can’t explain, give us the eerie details.

We want to hear about the best haunted houses or haunted places in the area. There is a lot of history creeping beneath those floorboards. All those spine chilling sounds might be urging you to tell their story.

For tips on where these creatures might linger, submit them to [news@yankton.net](mailto:news@yankton.net) by 5 p.m. on Oct. 23.

Frighten us, if you dare.

### Pickstown

# Sex Trafficking Forum Slated

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PICKSTOWN — A Minnesota advocate will offer training this week on combating the growing problem of sex trafficking.

Bonnie Clairmont will serve as featured speaker at the “Sex Trafficking In Indian Country” conference Wednesday at the Fort Randall Casino near Pickstown.

Clairmont serves as a victim advocacy specialist with the Tribal Law and Policy Institute’s office in Minneapolis.

Prior to her current employment, Clairmont served as the outreach/client services coordinator for Sexual Offense Services of Ramsey County, a rape crisis center.

“Bonnie Clairmont is one of the most knowledgeable authorities on sex trafficking in Indian Country,” said Charon Asetoyer with the Native American Women’s Health Education Resource

Center in Lake Andes.

The conference’s organizers point to one statistic illustrating the problem. Native American women comprise 40 percent of sex trafficking victims in the state, according to Kevin Koliner, the assistant U.S. attorney for South Dakota.

“This conference is for anyone. It has a Native focus, but anybody can benefit from it,” Asetoyer said.

The free conference runs from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. with lunch provided. Registration runs from 8:30-9 a.m. The first 100 participants will receive a T-shirt.

“The conference is looking at sex trafficking from the community level, particularly within Native communities,” Asetoyer said. “The training will deal with the basic aspects of sex trafficking, which is a huge issue in Indian Country.”

Besides the Lake Andes center, the conference is co-sponsored by KDKO Radio, the South Dakota Coalition Ending

Domestic and Sexual Violence, the Yankton Sioux Tribe and Fort Randall Casino.

Native Americans have been targeted for sex trafficking, Asetoyer said.

“It’s easy to target and lure our young people (into sex trafficking),” she said. “They’re living with poverty, unemployment, drugs and alcoholism.”

Asetoyer fears the problem will worsen in the future.

“We have the threat of the XL pipeline coming here, with its (man camps),” she said. “The existing man camps have been a big outreach to (sex) trafficking for the young Native people.”

Wednesday’s schedule calls for opening up the floor at the conference’s conclusion at 3 p.m. and providing an open microphone for participants, Asetoyer said.

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currently just looking at organizational matters and hasn’t considered any projects as of yet.

“We don’t have an agenda set yet (for the next meeting),” Nelson said. “One of the things we discussed on the agenda is having a little more discussion and maybe a short presentation about the breadth of a rail authority, what some of the rail authorities are doing in other areas of the state and what their powers are.”

She added that board members would also like to use the next meeting to start building a vision.

“Don Kettering suggested having some goals we might want to set forth as a rail authority,” she said. “We’re

not talking about any specifics at this point.”

Nelson said she’s happy about the progress made on the new development tool.

“I’m happy that we’re moving forward and we have the structure of the regional rail authority put together,” she said. “That is another tool in the toolbox when it comes to rail and economic development. We’ve been saying that all along, so it’s good to have that in place.”

The rail authority’s next meeting will be Nov. 19 at 5 p.m. at Yankton City Hall. Plans are to hold monthly meetings. Minutes will be taken for each meeting and an agenda will be made available beforehand. They will also be open to the public.

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## Documentary On Rape To Be Shown At USD

VERMILLION – USD Women and Gender Studies invites the public to a screening and discussion of Jennifer Baumgardner’s film, “It Was Rape” at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, at the University of South Dakota’s Beacom Building, room 133.

Eight women tell their diverse personal stories of sexual assault. Gripping and emotional, this film is an opportunity to empathize with people — not just absorb faceless statistics — and to puncture the silence and denial that allow sexual assault to thrive.

Dena Wyum (NDSU) will join attendees for a Q&A about her involvement with the film. [Sara.Lampert@usd.edu](mailto:Sara.Lampert@usd.edu)

## Onward

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how they’ll put some wheels on the project.

“We’re hearing all sorts of different ideas, and what we need to do now is collect those ideas, figure out what our resources are and get them under one action plan,” Hunhoff said.

One part of the plan includes the help of RJ Rieger of First Dakota National Bank, who is helping to put together a work structure and plan committees to help implement the project.

“Right now, the commission has a general layout of what we’re envisioning now,” Rieger said. “We have set ourselves an actual deadline and a goal to announce an actual formal plan by Jan. 1, or shortly thereafter, that we’ll announce to the public and everybody else.”

The action plan will include the formation of three committees that will study the three main elements of the idea, including entrepreneurship, education, creative district and downtown organization committees as per the idea submission. Each committee will consist of about 15-20 community members.

Rieger said there will be other elements in addition to the committees and that the public is welcome to get involved.

“Our primary goal will be for the city of entrepreneurship,” he said. “We’ll have a marketing and PR team that will work with all three groups as well as a financing and fundraising team. ... We’re still on our initial building blocks, we’re open to suggestions. Anybody in the public, as well, who has

any (desire) to help us with this project, we’re more than willing to sign up names.”

Anyone interested in joining a committee is asked to either inquire through the Onward Yankton website, Facebook page or stop by the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce, First Dakota National Bank or South Dakota Magazine.

Hunhoff told the *Press & Dakotan* that once committees form, Onward organizers will begin looking into what the community already has, what it could use going forward and what kind of time frame ideas could be implemented in.

“Those committees will first take an inventory of what we already have here in Yankton,” he said. “I think we’ll be pleasantly surprised to see that a lot of people are already doing some pretty exciting stuff in developing business startups. We’re

going to come up with that inventory and, after that, come up with a list of ideas or other opportunities that we might want to embrace as a community. Then all three of those groups will get together and we’ll try and put together an action plan — both a near-term action plan that we think we could accomplish in the short term along with some of the things we think will take a number of years.”

Rieger said the Onward committee will continue to explore some of the 500-plus idea submissions.

“We’re still going to focus on those other Onward Yankton ideas,” he said. “Out of 501 submissions, we don’t want just one to happen — we want a lot of these to happen.”

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