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she said. "And I looked out the window and it hit me like a ton of bricks. What am I doing to my children? My children are a part of this."

The decision to leave her husband was one of the scariest decisions of her life, Visker said.

"When you're leaving your abuser, it's one of the most dangerous times you can be in," she said. "Because when you're leaving, they're losing that control."

Visker said that once she decided to leave, it was important that she had a plan in place.

"When I speak to women today, that's one of the main things I talk to them about — making sure they have a safe exit plan," she said.

"The very moment that he was gone, I began to get my life back. It wasn't easy," she added. "With the support of family and friends and the local shelter in my area, I

began to get stronger."

While Visker was crowned Mrs. South Dakota in December, she said that triumph wasn't the highest moment in her life.

"As much as this has been an honor for me, my true crowning moment for me was when I took my life back," she said.

As part of Monday's vigil, the family of Brianna Knoll, a 25-year-old Yankton woman who was killed in April during an alleged act of domestic violence, lit a candle in her honor.

"Brianna Knoll touched the lives of many," said Desiree Warren, executive director of the Yankton Women's/Children's Center. "Her dedication and passion to succeed and help others still lives strong in all those who were blessed to know her."

"Not only the family and friends of Brianna were impacted, but this community and this state were affected by the tragic loss of Brianna," Visker added. "Even though it's hard, especially those who knew her, please try to celebrate the memories (of her) that you have."

Monday's vigil was organized by the Yankton County Sexual Assault Response Team/Community Response Team that was formed earlier this year. The group includes members of the Yankton Police Department, the Yankton County Sheriff's Office, Yankton County Court Services, the Yankton Women's/Children's Center, the Avera Sacred Heart Emergency Department, juvenile corrections, Child Protection Services, Emergency Medical Services, the Yankton County State's Attorney Office and Mount Marty College.

"We want you to know that we, as a team, are here to help so we can stop domestic violence and sexual assault in the Yankton community," said Brian Paulsen, Yankton Chief of Police.

Paulsen concluded the ceremony with one final request.

"Ask those tough, tough questions," he said. "If you think (domestic violence is) there, ask. If it's not, they'll understand. If it is, you may have just broken the ice and given them an opportunity to say something."

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sell. "We'll further the engineering design and also some of the gravity mains going to and from that project. It's one of those projects we've worked on in the budget each of the last two years in terms of identifying the future growth in that area."

In other business Monday, the commission held a lengthy and sometimes emotional discussion about whether or not city staff should work to develop an ordinance regarding daycare facilities.

Commissioners and daycare providers had many opinions on whether such an ordinance would be of use and what the requirements of it should be.

While some daycare providers supported limited measures, others felt that their profession was being unfairly singled out by the fact that such an ordinance was even being discussed. Some com-

missioners said the onus should be on the parents and also voiced concerns about liability issues for the city.

Commissioner Dave Carda, who requested Monday's agenda item, said he would like to see an ordinance brought forward that would require a background check on those living in the home, CPR certification and a fire inspection.

Ultimately, there was not enough support on the commission to direct staff to draft such an ordinance.

The *Press & Dakotan* will cover the discussion in more detail in a

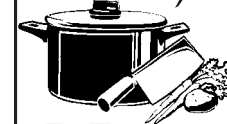
future edition.

Also Monday, the commission:

- heard concerns from resident Tom Nelson about temporary signs and banners in the community. He asked that the commission study the subject and consider some limitations; and
- heard concerns from resident Paul Harens about snow removal. He said some streets become impassable during the winter and create safety hazards because they aren't adequately cleaned. Russell asked that such streets be brought to the attention of city staff so that they can be addressed.

## Soup Kitchen

Wed., Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> • 11am-7pm



Serving Homemade Soups: Chicken Noodle, Ham & Bean, Chili, Taverns, Chili Dogs & Pies

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# Out On The Town

## Celebrate Oktoberfest 4ks

At The 504 W. 27th Yankton

**Saturday, October 1st • 4pm-11pm**

Social Hour 4:00-5:00 • Dinner 5:00-7:00  
Dance 6:30-10:30 **The Bumble Bees**  
Adults \$15.00 • Children: \$5.00 (under 12)

**Authentic German Food**  
German Sausage, Pork Roast, German Potato Salad, Red Cabbage, Black Forest & German Chocolate Cupcakes

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## Model Train Show

Sat., Oct. 1 • 10am-5pm  
Sun., Oct. 2 • 10am-3pm

4-H Grounds  
901 Whiting Dr., Yankton

Adults: \$4 • Children 5-12: \$1

For info, contact Francis Serr (605) 660-4237

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# Bazaar

At Tabor ~ St. Wenceslaus Parish

**Sunday, October 2, 2011**

Chicken • Dressings • Dumplings • Sauerkraut  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy • Vegetable & Fruit Salad  
Rolls • Kolaches • Desserts

**SERVING 2:30-7:30PM**  
**BESEDA HALL (Air Conditioned)**

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7:00pm Kickoff

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## VFW Post 791

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**Thursday**  
6-7pm - Domestic Beers \$1.50  
5-7pm - Hamburger/Pizza Burger & Fries \$5.00  
**Friday**  
Swedish Meatballs w/Noodles or Menu  
Serving 5:30-8:00  
**Saturday**  
Veryl Hahn  
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Warm-Ups 6pm, Reg. Session 6:30pm  
Mgmt. has the right to make changes at any given time.

## Avera Yankton Care Center

# Soup Kitchen

**Moose Lodge**  
Wed., October 5<sup>th</sup> • 11am-7pm

Serving Soups, Taverns, Hotdogs, Pies  
Proceeds will go towards decorating the neighborhood for the residents.  
Matching funds provided through Royal Neighbors of America

**Avera Yankton Care Center 50/50 Raffle**  
1 for \$1.00 6 for \$5.00  
Tickets on sale October 5th - Drawing November 4th  
Tickets may be purchased from any Care Center staff member

## Godfather's Pizza

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