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Flipping out



To describe Regan Bye, a member of the Vermillion Post 3061 15-16 Teener baseball team as happy Sunday afternoon may be a bit of an understatement. Vermillion defeated Harrisburg 8-1 at Westerman Park in Lennox to claim the Region 1A championship. Next stop for the Vermillion team is the State A Teener Tournament, to be held in Harrisburg Aug. 9, 10 and 11. The Vermillion team's first game at the state tournament is scheduled at noon Friday against Volga. (Read about the Teener team's tournament play on Page 05.)

(Photos by David Lias)

Wakonda man pleads not guilty to sex abuse charges

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A Wakonda man has pleaded not guilty to two counts involving the abuse of a 13-year-old girl. Larry Rederick, 38, appeared in the Clay County Courthouse Tuesday morning in regard to the charges of sexual contact with a child under 16 and sexual exploitation of a minor. Rederick was indicted by a Clay County grand jury on Aug. 1 after an investigation by the Clay County Sheriff's Office. Judge Glen Eng said Tuesday that if Rederick is convicted, there will be an enhancement of the charges due to prior convictions, with sexual contact being considered a Class 2 felony and sexual exploitation a Class 5 felony. If he is convicted of the enhanced charges, Rederick will face a maximum of 25 years in the state penitentiary and/or a \$50,000 fine for the first charge, and five years in the state penitentiary and/or a fine of \$10,000 for the second. Rederick currently is at the Clay County Jail, where he is being held on a \$50,000 cash-only bond. His attorney, public defender Jason Rumpsa, requested a bond reduction, stating that his client is going through a divorce and unsubstantiated allegations have been made by the same child in the past. Rumpsa added that he did not think Rederick would be a flight risk, and that on release he would go to live at his parents' farm and continue to participate in the 24/7 program. Rederick has a job lined up and "would like to be able to make some money to support his family," Rumpsa said. "My client has no plans to go anywhere. He wants to take care of this matter," Rumpsa said. States Attorney Teddi Gertsma asked the judge to deny the motion because Rederick is facing "serious charges of possession of a controlled substance" in Yankton.

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Terrorist threat cancels local athlete's trip to Turkey

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Dylan Fischbach has always managed to come out on top, despite the adversity life has thrown in his direction. He and other young men much like him have found that athletic competition mixed with a bit of courage is a great way to deal with some of the difficulties they've had to face. They have also, collectively, achieved the good sense to know when to say "no," especially when a possible future adversary may be overseas terrorism. Dylan lost a leg, but fortunately, not his life, to cancer when he was an infant. He spent his youth mastering his skills at wheelchair basketball, competing for years as a member of the Nebraska Red Dawgs basketball team. Dylan, the son of Kelly and Bruce Fischbach of Vermillion, is now an 18-year-old man who graduated from Vermillion High School last spring. A few weeks after receiving his high school diploma, he was selected as a member of the prestigious 2013 USA Men's Under-23 Wheelchair Basketball Team. The team was scheduled to participate in the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation



Steve Miller, of the Vermillion All-Stars, tries with no avail to keep up with Dylan Fischbach (right) of Vermillion, a member of the Nebraska Red Dawgs, in this Plain Talk file photo from February 2011 taken as the two teams played on the DakotaDome court.

(Photo by David Lias)

(IWBF) U23 World Championships, set for early September in Adana, Turkey. Along with the hard work, courage, and determination it takes to win a spot on this esteemed team comes a bit of wisdom. There are things going on in

Turkey and nearby nations that make a trip to the world championships too dangerous. The USA men's wheelchair basketball team has politely declined its invitation to travel to Adana in approximately a month.

"We actually knew (the decision) about three weeks ago," said Bruce Fischbach, in a phone conversation Tuesday with the Vermillion Plain Talk. "It was one of those things where the

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