

# Southeast CASA Services Seeking Volunteers

When children have been removed from their home due to parental abuse or neglect and placed in foster care, their best interests could easily slip through the cracks. But a small, determined, group of volunteers from Clay County will make sure that the best interests of these children are heard in court.

The Southeast CASA Program, Court Appointed Special Advocates, has been advocating for children in Yankton County for three years, and recently began advocacy services for the children in Clay County as well. No longer will abused and neglected children in Clay County go without a say in their future.

A CASA advocate promotes and protects the best interests of the child

until he or she is placed in a safe and permanent home. A child with a CASA volunteer is half as likely to languish in foster care, and much more likely to grow up in a safe, permanent home. Ideally, that will be back with parents who have made improvements in their ability to properly care for their child. If that is not the case, the Court needs factual information to support an alternative decision that would be best for the child.

"We are committed to ensuring that every abused or neglected child in foster care has a dedicated CASA volunteer assigned to them. To do this, we need to recruit more CASA volunteers from Clay County," said Sherri Rodgers-Conti, the Program Director for Southeast CASA.

Training sessions for new volunteers are set to take place in September, and interested adults are encouraged to begin the application process soon.

"A person who would make a good CASA is someone who is dedicated to children," Rodgers-Conti said. "The 30-hour CASA training prepares the volunteers for the work that needs to be done in a case."

For more information, those interested in becoming CASA volunteers should contact Program Director and trainer Sherri Rodgers-Conti at 605-760-4825, or by email at [contactus@southeastcasa.org](mailto:contactus@southeastcasa.org).

## POLICE REPORT

### SUNDAY, AUG. 16

12:54 a.m. - Caller requested help as a drunken man was pounding on his front door. Officers contacted the man who was lost and could not find his way home. He was intoxicated. Officers had the man contact a friend who came and got him.

1:51 a.m. - The Yankton Drug Court requested a curfew check on a client. The check was conducted and the client was in compliance.

### TUESDAY, AUG. 18

4:14 p.m. - Officers were called to a domestic fight in progress. The fight was between a father and his adult daughter over a cat. The investigation resulted in the daughter being arrested for domestic assault.

### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19

7:32 a.m. - Caller reported a vehicle burglary sometime in the night. Under investigation.

9:13 a.m. - Another agency reported a possible sex crime. Under investigation.

10:51 a.m. - Caller reported several items had been stolen out of her vehicle the night before. Officers did recover possible evidence. Under investigation.

1:24 p.m. - Caller reported that several items had been removed from her vehicle the night before. Under investigation.

3:25 p.m. - Caller reported several items left at a Laundromat had been stolen. No suspect information is available.

4:33 p.m. - Caller reported a possible sex crime which is under investigation.

### THURSDAY, AUG. 20

11:30 a.m. - Officers responded to a report of a man having seizure. Officers provided care until EMS arrived and took over care.

1:21 p.m. - A possible sex crime was reported and is under investigation.

3:13 p.m. - Caller reported her picnic table had been stolen and taken to a nearby apartment. Officers contacted the owner of the apartment who claimed he knew nothing about the table. The table was returned to the owner.

4:33 p.m. - Caller reported a child had not returned from school. Officers began a search and expanded over the next couple hours. Video from schools and buses was reviewed, possible acquaintances were contacted and the Fire Department started a grid search from the last known location of the child. A witness told an officer he had seen the child with another child and the missing child was located at a new friend's house having dinner.

9:50 p.m. - An officer stopped a vehicle for speeding. The driver did not have any insurance and was cited.

### FRIDAY, AUG. 21

3:10 a.m. - An officer contacted a man stumbling down the train tracks on the south side of town. The man was very intoxicated. The officer made sure he was alright. Nothing further.

3:26 a.m. - An officer stopped a vehicle for erratic driving. The driver was intoxicated and was arrested for DWI. It was his 2nd DWI.

10:26 p.m. - Officers responded to a 911 call about a disturbance at a local convenience store. Officers found a woman who was crying and spoke at length about the upcoming Biblical Apocalypse and other paranormal events in her life. Officers could not find a crime that had occurred. Although the woman confused them, she appeared to be able to care for herself.

11:16 p.m. - Bike officers smelled the strong odor of burnt marijuana. They tracked the odor to a nearby detached garage. As officers approached, several people exited and fled the building. Others were detained. Marijuana and various paraphernalia were discovered. One man was charged with multiple offenses for possession of marijuana. Another was charged with underage consumption of alcohol.

12:28 a.m. - While conducting a routine bar check, an officer saw a woman who appeared to be trying to avoid the officer and when unable to get out the back door, fled into the women's restroom. The female officer followed her in and identified her. She was underage and was very intoxicated. She was cited for underage consumption of alcohol.

1:42 a.m. - VPD officer responded to assist University Police. They had stopped four men that they found on the roof top of a University Building. During the contact, it was discovered that one of the men had a warrant for his arrest and he was arrested.

1:46 a.m. - An officer on patrol saw a man walking across a parking lot with what appeared to be a flag. As the officer stopped and turned toward the man, he dropped the flag and ran. The officer chased him and took him into custody. The flag was a coyote flag that had been taken down from a holder on Main Street. The man was charged with vandalism and failure to obey an officer.

7:39 a.m. - Complainant reported a domestic dispute had just occurred. Investigation revealed the complainant's boyfriend had assaulted her and interfered with her calling 911. Additionally, he was on probation and he had been using methamphetamine. The subject was arrested on multiple offenses.

7:26 p.m. - Officers were advised of a probation detainee that had been issued out of Yankton County for drug violations. Officers located the subject and arrested him.

## CLAY COUNTY COURTS

### Cases Disposed August 14 - 20, 2015

Backer, Danielle, Vermillion; Careless Driving; Fine: \$54; Fail To Stop - Accident Causing Property Damage; Fine: \$300; Incarceration: Begins: 08/18/2015 Sent. To: Jail 30 Day(s) Susp.: 30 Day(s); Based On Conditions Of The Court.

Blue, Jasmine, Freeman; Speeding On Other Roadways; Fine: \$39.

Brooke, Owen, Topeka, Kansas; Fail To Maintain Financial Responsibility; Fine: \$80; License: Suspended For 30 Day(s).

Erlenmeyer, Eric, Vermillion; Possession Of Alcohol By Minor; Fine: \$54; License: Suspended For 30 Day(s); Based On Conditions Of The Court.

Fleming, Victoria, Mission Hill; Speeding On Other Roadways; Fine: \$19.

Garcia-Coto, Milton, South Sioux City, Nebraska; Reckless Driving; Fine: \$350; Based On Conditions Of The Court.

Gebauer, Ryan, Sioux Falls; Speeding On Other Roadways; Acquitted At Trial.

Gratzfeld, Tyler, Beresford; Driving With Suspended (Not Revoked) License; Fine: \$204.

Halverson, Scott, Vermillion; Seat Belt Violation; Fine: \$25.

Horn, Hannah, Yankton; Possession Of Alcohol By Minor; Fine: \$54; License: Suspended For 60 Day(s); Based On Conditions Of The Court.

Intveld, Emma, Woodberry, Minnesota; Possession Of Alcohol By Minor; Fine: \$54; License: Suspended For 30 Day(s); Based On Conditions Of The Court.

Jenks, Taylor, Vermillion; Use Or Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia; Fine: \$204. Ingest Intoxicant Other Than Alcohol Beverage; Fine: \$371. Distribute/Possess With Intent Distribute Less 1/2 Oz Marijuana; Dismissed-Motion By Prosecutor. Possess Two Ounces Of Marijuana Or Less; Dismissed-Motion By Prosecutor; Based On Conditions Of The Court.

Kuschel, Laura, Vermillion; Renewal Registration During Assigned Month; Dismissed-Motion By Prosecutor.

Mickiewicz, Robert, Sioux Falls; Speeding On A State Highway; Fine: \$39.

Milbrodt, Jennifer, Elk Point; Speeding On Other Roadways; Fine: \$19.

Munro, Ryan, Vermillion; Speeding On Other Roadways; Fine: \$19.

Ordaz, Ana, Yankton; Speeding On Other Roadways; Fine: \$79.

Peterson, Gregory, Wakon-

da; Speeding On Other Roadways; Fine: \$19.

Poorbear, Tiffany, Mission; Speed On Four-Lane In Rural Areas; Fine: \$19.

Qualls, Lindsay, Vermillion; Speeding On Other Roadways; Fine: \$39.

Reiners, Devin, Vermillion; Possession Of Alcohol By Minor; Fine: \$54; License: Suspended For 60 Day(s); Based On Conditions Of The Court.

Robertson, Alexander, Vermillion; Speeding On Other Roadways; Fine: \$39.

Sejnoha, Jeremy, Crofton, Nebraska; Fail To Maintain Financial Responsibility; Fine: \$64; License: Suspended For 30 Day(s); Based On Conditions Of The Court.

Slothouber, Joshua, Vermillion; Ingest Intoxicant Other Than Alcohol Beverage; Fine: \$371. Possess Two Ounces Of Marijuana Or Less; Dismissed-Motion By Prosecutor. Use Or Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia; Dismissed-Motion By Prosecutor; Based On Conditions Of The Court.

Stevenson, Katherine, Vermillion; Possession Of Alcohol By Minor; Fine: \$54; License: Suspended For 30 Day(s); Based On Conditions Of The Court.

Sudbeck, Kelby, Gothenburg, Nebraska; Driving Under

Influence-1st Offense; Fine: \$350; License: Revoked For 30 Day(s); Based On Conditions Of The Court.

Szczesny, Adam, Yankton; Speeding On A State Highway; Fine: \$19.

Van Voorst, Kolten, Maurice, Iowa; Speeding On Other Roadways; Fine: \$39.

Vanwyk, Kassie, Hawarden, Iowa; County Speeding; Fine: \$85.

Vejvoda, Linda, Crofton, Nebraska; Speeding On Other Roadways; Fine: \$39.

Wait, James, Killeen, Texas; Speeding On A State Highway; Fine: \$39.

Waiter, Zachary, Vermillion; Possession Of Alcohol By Minor; Fine: \$54; License: Suspended For 60 Day(s); Based On Conditions Of The Court.

Walker, John, Vermillion; Driving Under Influence-1st Offense; Fine: \$350; License: Revoked For 30 Day(s); Incarceration: Begins: 08/18/2015 Sent. To: Jail 5 Day(s) Susp.: 5 Day(s); Based On Conditions Of The Court.

Warlow, Karen, Evergreen, Colorado; Municipal Speeding; Fine: \$39.

Wetzel, Claire, Vermillion; Failure To Make Proper Stop At Stop Intersection; Fine: \$54.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

### SUNDAY, AUG. 16

1:17 a.m. - A deputy assisted a SDPH trooper and the Union County Sheriff's Office with a report of an assault that occurred in Union County. The suspect vehicle was located on Hwy 50 near Vermillion. The female driver was arrested for DUI and the male passenger was arrested for simple assault.

10:34 a.m. - An Irene woman called to report her teenage son had run away from home. The teenager was located in Yankton and returned to his mother.

11:53 a.m. - A caller reported 3 stray horses on Bluff Road. The owner was contacted and he resolved the problem.

6:25 p.m. - A deputy responded to a report of a broken down vehicle on Hwy 50 near Meckling. The vehicle had a flat tire and did not have a spare tire. A tow truck was contacted to remove the vehicle. The deputy provided traffic control until the tow truck arrived and removed the vehicle from the roadway.

8:30 p.m. - A juvenile female was transported from JDC in Sioux Falls to her home in Vermillion after completing a weekend sentence.

### MONDAY, AUG. 17

7:42 a.m. - Deputies responded to a report of a past tense theft from a rural business. Evidence was collected at the scene and the incident is under investigation.

8:05 a.m. - A deputy responded to a minor two vehicle crash at a Vermillion restaurant.

10:11 a.m. - A Burbank resident called to report he received a call from a person claiming to be from the IRS stating he owed taxes. The man recognized this as an attempt at a scam and did not give any information or money.

11:22 a.m. - A woman called the Sheriff's Office to report that she believed someone had attempted to steal cattle from the pasture outside her residence. No suspects have been located and no cattle were stolen.

5:56 p.m. - A deputy mediated a verbal dispute between a mother and her adult daughter.

9:37 p.m. - A deputy stopped a vehicle in Wakonda with a broken headlight. The driver was informed of the issue.

### TUESDAY, AUG. 18

4:18 a.m. - A deputy responded along with Vermillion police officers to a report of two men standing outside the back window of a Vermillion residence with flashlights. Units canvassed the area but did not immediately locate the suspects. The Vermillion Police Department is investigating.

9:56 a.m. - A deputy spoke with a man concerning a child custody disagreement.

4:15 p.m. - A concerned citizen reported two people walking down the middle of Hwy 50 near Vermillion. A deputy responded but did not witness anyone walking in the area.

4:36 p.m. - A rural resident reported that someone else had filed taxes using his social security number. The man had already spoken with his financial adviser and had filled out

paperwork to report the incident to the IRS.

9:17 p.m. - A deputy investigated a report of teenagers living at a Wakonda residence without parental supervision. A deputy spoke with the teenagers' mother at the residence and discovered that the juveniles were being supervised and cared for.

### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19

8:32 a.m. - A deputy assisted Vermillion Police Officers in an attempt to locate burglary suspects at a Vermillion residence.

9:01 a.m. - Deputies responded to a medical emergency in Burbank and assisted the patient until the ambulance arrived.

9:45 a.m. - A caller reported a dispute over plumbing work done in a mobile home in Vermillion. The matter was resolved between the two parties and no action was necessary.

6:46 p.m. - A caller reported a suspicious man walking near his rural housing development. A deputy contacted the man who was out for a walk.

### THURSDAY, AUG. 20

12:51 p.m. - A caller reported a vehicle parked on a rural road for 30 minutes with a man sitting inside. A deputy responded and found the man had stopped to work on his computer between appointments.

4:33 p.m. - A deputy assisted Vermillion Police Officers in an effort to locate a child who did not get off the school bus at the location she was supposed

to. She was later located at a friend's home.

### SATURDAY, AUG. 22

7:39 a.m. - A deputy assisted VPD officers with a domestic assault that occurred in Vermillion and transported a juvenile child from his home to the Sheriff's Office, where his mother was waiting for him.

8:55 a.m. - A Wakonda resident reported backing into a parked vehicle that belonged to a family friend in his driveway. A deputy responded to the residence and collected insurance information for both vehicles and completed an accident report.

9:20 a.m. - A rural resident reported that he located a large amount of trash littered on the side of the highway. The citizen had located a document in the trash with a name on it. A deputy called the subject who advised that he had recently taken a load of garbage to the landfill and that he likely lost the garbage on his way. The man agreed to return to the area to collect the garbage.

12:27 p.m. - A deputy located an unattended fire near a cornfield in the northeast portion of the county. The landowner was contacted and advised that the fire was controlled.

4:00 p.m. - A deputy spoke with a rural resident concerning a neighbor's dog that continuously runs onto his property. The man simply wanted information pertaining to laws and ordinances and advised that he would attempt to peacefully resolve the situation by himself.

## CHAMBER CHAT

### CHAMBER BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENTS

You can now go to: [www.LiveVermillion.com](http://www.LiveVermillion.com) and click on the tab "Things to Do" in the center of the page. It takes you directly to the community calendar of events listing all of the areas posted events. If your event is not listed, this page will allow you to submit an event to be included.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

The VCDC office will be closed Mon., Sept. 7 in observance of Labor Day

### THIS WEEKS HAPPENINGS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help support the Main Street Mural by Termes Restoration project in downtown Vermillion. Contributions accepted at any level. To help support the mural project, go to: [www.gofundme.com/3u7qj6sf7q](http://www.gofundme.com/3u7qj6sf7q)

Vermillion Area Community Foundation (VACF) updated grant application information: Beginning this year, there are only two grant periods: The second Thursday in April and the second Thursday in October. Grant submission dates are March 15 and Sept. 15. Grant guidelines can be found at: <http://vermillion.sdcommunityfoundation.org> or applications can be picked up at the VCDC, 116 Market Street.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

Cross Country: Beresford Invite, Fri., Aug. 28 @ 10 a.m. (T)

Past & Present Firefighters, EMS & Families: BBQ, Fri., Aug. 28 at Clay County Park Playground Area (by the trailer house). Social: 5-6 p.m.; Dinner: 6 p.m. All past & present firefighters, EMS & their families are welcome.

Varsity Football: Canton, Fri., Aug. 28 @ 7 p.m. (T)

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

Huntsafe Class offered free of charge at Clay County Safety Building, 15 Washington St., Aug. 29 from 8-10:30 a.m. Students must register at: <http://gfp.sd.gov/outdoor-learning/hunter-education/ClassList.aspx>

1st Annual Eagle Riders Salsa Contest, Aug. 29 at Eagle Club, 114 W Main St. Admission Fee: \$5.00 to enter your salsa. Please drop salsa off at the Eagles Club by 4pm, Aug. 29. \$2 tasting & vote for your favorite from 5-7:30 p.m. Winner announced at 8 p.m. More details or to pre-register your salsa email us at [eagleriders2421@gmail.com](mailto:eagleriders2421@gmail.com). Phone: 605-670-9454

Vermillion Area Farmers Market, Sat., Aug. 29 at Ratingen Platz in downtown Vermillion from 9 a.m.-noon. Call 605-659-3399 or email [VAFarmersMarket@gmail.com](mailto:VAFarmersMarket@gmail.com) for more information.

Overeaters Anonymous: Sat., Aug. 29 @ 9 a.m. Location: Newman Center-USD Campus, 320 E. Cherry across from the MUC at the corner of Rose & Cherry St. (West Door-straight through double glass doors on left & first door on left; North Door-down hall to left & first door on left). Description: Overeaters Anonymous is a 12 step program for people with eating disorders & struggles

Award winning CSA Heikes Family Farm, 1408 317th St., open Sat., Aug. 29, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. for fresh local produce.

The Great Dakota Wine Fest 2015, Sat., Aug. 29, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sun., Aug. 30 from noon-5 p.m. at Valiant Vineyards, 1500 W. Main St. Food, wine tasting, crafts, cooking with wine demonstrations, live music, amateur wine making competition, and winery tours. Visit [www.greatdakotawinefest.com](http://www.greatdakotawinefest.com) for more information.

Girls Soccer: Groton, Sat., Aug. 29 @ 2 p.m. (H)  
Boys Soccer: Groton, Sat., Aug. 29 @ 4 p.m. (H)

### NEXT WEEKS HAPPENINGS MONDAY, AUGUST 31

JV Football: Canton, Mon., Aug. 31 @ 4:30 p.m. (T)  
Welcome Table serves a free meal on Mondays at the First United Methodist Church, 16 N. Dakota St. Public is invited to enjoy fellowship & food prepared & served by volunteer groups, Mon., Aug. 31, 5:30-7 p.m. Groups interested in volunteering to serve at the Welcome Table can contact John Lushbough at 605-670-0958 or email: [jlushbough@gmail.com](mailto:jlushbough@gmail.com). For more information, visit: [www.welcometable.org](http://www.welcometable.org)  
Al-anon meeting at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mon., Aug. 31 @ 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 624-9764

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

"Technically Speaking" at Vermillion Public Library: an open lab format in which a selection of general tech topics will be covered each week on Tuesdays from 10:30 am-12:00 pm. To register for Sept. 1 for "E-books/Audiobooks", call 677-7060 or stop by the Circulation Desk.

Vermillion Rotary Club meeting, Tues., Sept. 1 @ noon in the Al Neuharth Media Center conference room. For more information, visit: [www.vermillionrotaryclub.org](http://www.vermillionrotaryclub.org)

Artists & Authors (1st Tues. of each month through Dec) at Vermillion Public Library, Tues., Sept. 1, 7 p.m., Patti Roberts Pizzuto, Visual Artist, will share her mixed-media work with the public, ahead of her hands-on workshop, Sat., Sept. 12.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Award winning CSA Heikes Family Farm, 1408 317th St., open 4:00-7:00 pm, Wed., Sept. 2 and Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. for fresh local produce.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Vermillion Area Farmers Market, Thurs., Sept. 3, 3-7 p.m. at Clay County Fairgrounds. Call 605-659-3399 or email [VAFarmersMarket@gmail.com](mailto:VAFarmersMarket@gmail.com) for more information.

"Thursdays on the Platz" in downtown Vermillion, corner of Main & Market, Thurs., Sept. 3, 6-8 p.m. Sponsored by USD, music by Austin Hahn, food by RED Steakhouse. It's a great chance to sit outdoors with friends & family, listen to music, & enjoy the great outdoors. Bring the family! Last Platz of this summer—don't miss it!

Teen Lounge at Vermillion Public Library (Thursdays Sept.-Nov), Thurs., Sept. 3, 6:30 p.m. in the Teen Room. Weekly social hour for teens will include book clubs, films, crafts, snacks, & much more (grades 6-12)

## @your library

Early September events:

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Please call the library at 677.7060, or stop by the Circulation Desk to register.

**Sept. 1st - E-books/Audiobooks**

**Artists & Authors**  
**1st Tuesday of each month (Sept. - Dec.) at 7pm**

**Tuesday, Sept. 1st**  
**Patti Roberts Pizzuto, Visual Artist**

**Tech Hour, one-on-one sessions with our Tech Assistant, or other staff, who are available to answer your tech questions every Friday from 10:30 am - Noon. It is recommended that you call us at 677.7060, or stop by our Circulation Desk to make an appointment.**



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