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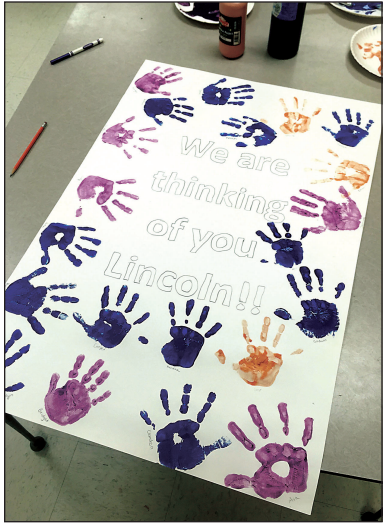


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The kindergarten classmates of missing Lincoln Hilt know that they cannot help in the search for their friend, but in a small way they wanted to show his family that their thoughts are with them. Pictured is a poster of their hands the class is creating for the family.

Limited New Information In Search For Lincoln

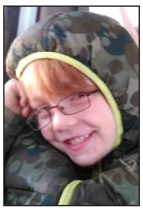
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As the search for missing 6-year-old Lincoln Hilt of Hurley in the Missouri River near Yankton passed the 48-hours mark Tuesday, little new information was available for the public.

On Tuesday, operational control of the search was transferred from the Yankton County Sheriff's office to the Yankton Police Department.

Repeated requests for information from several agencies were not answered. All contacted referred requests for information back to the agency in charge.

The only official comment from law enforcement on Tuesday was a press release issued by Police Chief Brian Paulson at 4:30 p.m. It read: "Staff continues to search for



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Dakota Plains Renews Napa Junction Interest

YAPG Proposes TIF Process To County Commission

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Dakota Plains has renewed interest in locating a facility near Napa Junction, northwest of Yankton, and a Tax Increment Finance (TIF) district would be key to such a development.

This was the main message Yankton Area Progressive Growth (YAPG) executive vice president Jeff Jones brought to Tuesday's meeting of the Yankton County Commission.

"We have been approached, again, by Dakota Plains about the possibility of building a grain facility at Napa Junction," Jones said. "They would like us to move forward with the development of a TIF district."

Jones was careful to point out this wasn't a solid commitment at the moment and that YAPG is just seeking to get the ball rolling on the process.

"I don't think that's necessarily their commitment that they've chosen Napa (Junction) or Yankton County as their site," he said. "What we were hoping to do was at least get the process started with (the commission) on the development of a TIF district and a show of support that we're at least moving forward."

He added that currently the group is looking into building an industrial rail park at Napa Junction, and a Dakota Plains grain handling facility could potentially help anchor it.

"We're interested in developing a rail-industrial park in that area and Dakota Plains just happens to be the first entrance into that market," he said.

Commission chairman Todd Woods told the Press & Dakotan that the potential return of Dakota Plains is a boost to the area.

"It's exciting — we need to continue building our communities so we can keep young people in here and keep our communities growing so we can keep taxes low," he said.

Jones said the TIF is being sought as a way of helping with the costs of the site.

"The TIF district is important for the construction of a lot of different infrastructure out there, including roads," he said.

According to Jones, construction costs on the 193-acre plot of land including electrical, dirt work, building a rail loop and purchase of the land are



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Yankton County Commissioner Debra Bodenstedt questions Yankton Area Progressive Growth (YAPG) executive vice president Jeff Jones during a commission meeting Tuesday. Jones appeared before the commission to announce a renewed interest in Napa Junction on the part of Dakota Plains and ask the commission to start the process to explore a TIF for a proposed industrial rail park.

Yankton County Exploring Establishing Rail Authority

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Yankton County has started the ball rolling on the process of possibly creating its own regional rail authority.

Yankton County Commissioner Debra Bodenstedt said during Tuesday's meeting that she'd had conversations with

Darin Bergquist, secretary of transportation for South Dakota, about regional rail authorities in South Dakota — and Yankton County has yet to become part of one.

"The current Napa-Platte Rail Authority includes only Bon Homme and Charles Mix (counties)," Bodenstedt said. "There is no

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Lt. Gov.: SD 2nd In US For Juvenile Lock-Ups

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South Dakota locks up more juveniles — often for minor offenses — than nearly any state in the nation, Lt. Gov. Matt Michels said Tuesday.

"We're incarcerating children at the second highest rate in the nation," he said. "I'm shocked at the number of kids we send away. And it's not because they're more violent."

In response, the 2015 Legislature passed the Juvenile Justice Public Safety Improvement Act. Gov. Dennis Daugaard signed the law, which goes into effect July 1. The juvenile justice package,

known as Senate Bill 73, uses a work group's recommendations and builds upon earlier reforms in the adult corrections system.

Michels, a Yankton native, described the law and its goals Tuesday at the Rotary Club meeting at Hillcrest Country Club.

The juvenile justice reforms follow three goals: hold youth offenders more accountable, improve public safety and save money.

The reforms will hopefully reduce the number of youth offenders in Department of Corrections (DOC) custody in



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Lt. Gov. Matt Michels discussed the ramifications of the Juvenile Justice Public Safety Improvement Act during an appearance at the Yankton Rotary Club Tuesday.

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GOP Leadership Elections Expected Within Month

BY JAMES NORD
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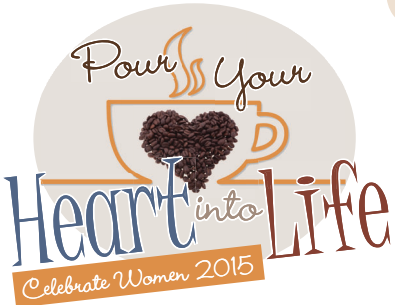
PIERRE — The Senate GOP caucus likely will meet in the next month to fill the leadership void left when two top Senate Republicans resigned shortly after the legislative session ended.

Senate President Pro Tempore Corey Brown said Tuesday he would like to hold caucus elections within roughly the next month. The 25-member Republican Senate conference — which could grow if Gov. Dennis Daugaard fills the two vacancies before the caucus elections — will vote to fill the spots that Senate Majority Leader Tim Rave and Assistant Majority Leader Dan Lederman vacated with their midterm departures from the Legislature.

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