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**Search Continues
For Hurley Boy**

From P&D Staff Reports

The search resumed Wednesday for a missing 6-year-old boy who is believed to have fallen into the Missouri River at Yankton Sunday night.

Lincoln Hilt has been missing since Sunday when he is believed to have fallen into the river while fishing at Riverside Park.

In a press release, Yankton Police Chief Brian Paulsen said there are two additional boats in the water from the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks.

"The two additional boats will have equipment that will give us a better view of the river and the area we are searching," Paulsen said. "We will have an exchange of boats occur this afternoon but will maintain four boats on the water until late this afternoon/evening or we are forced off the water by weather."

Paulsen added, "Every indication we have indicates that Lincoln Hilt entered the water on Sunday. We have nothing to indicate otherwise. We continue to follow up on any information/tips that we receive. ... At this time, Yankton Police do not believe a crime has been committed."

Weather began impacting the search late Wednesday afternoon. There is rain in the forecast for today (Thursday).

In a second press release issued later Wednesday, Paulsen said, "Our extended plan is to use limited resources (Thursday) and gear up for the weekend, starting on Friday as the weather gives us the opportunity."

Officials have called a press conference for today to update the situation.

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The Sound Of Sirens



Cedar County, Nebraska, emergency manager Kevin Garvin is working with Yankton County and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on a proposed outdoor warning siren for the Gavins Point Dam area. Testing of possible sites is scheduled for next week.

**Cedar Co.
To Test
Emergency
Equipment
In L&C
Lake Area**

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HARTINGTON, Nebraska – Kevin Garvin has seen firsthand the devastation of tornadoes.

The Cedar County, Nebraska, emergency manager helped coordinate clean-up and relief efforts following last year's twisters striking the Coleridge and Laurel areas.

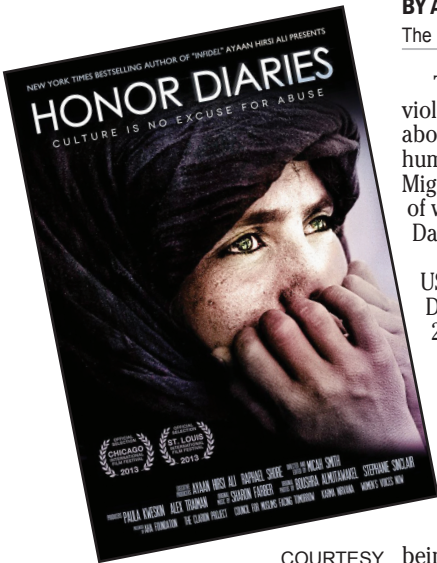
"It showed the need for good sirens and the importance of an early response by residents," he said.

Now, he's working with other entities to protect Lewis and Clark Lake along his county's northern border.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Yankton County and Cedar County are exploring installation of an outdoor warning siren in the Gavins Point Dam area, Garvin said. The proposed outdoor siren will send a crucial warning to take shelter in a high-traffic area, he added.

USD Coping With Film Controversy

BY ALAN DALE
The Plain Talk



The controversial movie "The Honor Diaries" is about violence against women in honor based societies. It is not about disparaging religion, but more about fighting for the human rights of a select group of women, according to Miglena Sternadori, an associate professor and coordinator of women and gender studies at the University of South Dakota (USD).

It is Sternadori's hope to feature the film Friday at USD's annual Women and Gender Conference. "The Honor Diaries" is scheduled for screening at 1:45 p.m. in room 216 of the Muenster University Center.

However, Sternadori is facing resistance to the screening because it, "features women activists who hope to stop the honor killings of women, female genital mutilation, forced marriages of young girls and other abuses of women."

Sternadori is concerned about perceived attempts to censor the film.

The film has been attacked by some critics as being anti-Muslim and they say it offers a one-sided view of the subject.



Sternadori

The film was previously scheduled to run on March 29, but the showing was canceled.

"The University of South Dakota supports free speech and robust discussion of controversial topics in a setting that offers respect to all involved," Jim Moran, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at USD, stated in an email to the Plain Talk requesting information on the previous cancellation. "The earlier showing of 'Honor Diaries' was cancelled because the format and setting did not allow for appropriate discussion following the screening. Whenever USD hosts speakers or films that are controversial, the goal is to promote education and better understanding of the people and issues involved."

So what happened?

Cindy Johnson-Struckman, professor of Psychology at USD, attended a March 27 meeting originally scheduled

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G-V Team Advances To Global Finals

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GAYVILLE — May the odds be ever in your favor — in the Improv Games.

The Gayville-Volin School District's middle school Destination Imagination (DI) team will be moving onto the Global Finals in Tennessee later this year.

Eighth-grader Shelbi Lindner, seventh-graders Tori Gale and Paige Wise and fifth-grader John Nelson will be joining approximately 8,000 from more than 15 different countries to compete and showcase their challenge's solutions.

The group chose the improvisational challenge at the beginning of the year and did well enough in state to make it to the Global Finals. There, the team will be fighting to gain a global title in The Improv Games — not to be confused with "The Hunger Games."

According to Gayville-Volin's DI coach, Samantha Pol-



Shelbi Lindner, Tori Gale, Paige Wise and John Nelson are moving onto the Global Finals in Tennessee with their coach Samantha Polzin. The Gayville-Volin team will be participating in the "Improv Games." According to the team is known by judges for their wacky, zany sense of humor.

zin, this team always keeps the judges on their toes.

"These guys are known for their wacky, zany sense of humor," she said.

The last skit the team played out was a person who couldn't quit coughing at a silent movie theater.

Throughout the year, the team has been able to discover each other's strengths and weakness, Wise said.

"With improv, it is kind of hard to practice," she said. "But we know who is best at what."

For Nelson, it's not

always easy being the only boy in the group.

"I have played a snake charmer, street performer — pretty much anything these three girls don't want to do," he said.

"But he is good at it!" Gale chimed in.

The girls said Nelson has become their little brother throughout the year.

"He is something else," Wise said. "But he is very intelligent."

The main points of interest the team will have to focus on for the Global Finals is creating three independent improvisational sketches, researching and incorporating improvisational games and street performances, and integrating randomly selected situations and settings.

"There are a lot of components in it," Gale said. "It's going to be fun."

Nelson said he enjoys making any odd bits of a

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Utica Township Looks At Tax Opt Out

BY ROB NIELSEN
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A need for road repairs has driven the Utica Township to opt out of paying \$45,000 in property taxes each year for the next three years.

The Utica Township Board proposed the opt-out late last month.

Board supervisor Bob Cap told the *wsaid* the township was in need of money for gravel on its roadways.

"The big reason for the opt-out is the Utica Township needs gravel on the gravel roads," Cap said. "With our current funding in place, we're subject to the tax limitations and that is not sufficient to operate Utica Township. With the opt-out, we will use that money for gravel."

Cap said most of the money that gets used on roads is typically eaten up by other maintenance items.

"The current funding received by the township really only covers the maintenance of the township roads," he said. "Most of that money goes to ... road grading and snow removal. With a light winter — a winter without much snow — we have a little bit of money left over to use for gravel. With a hard winter — a winter with a lot of snow — we have very little to no money left over for gravel to put on our gravel roads and we have been in this situation for several years."

He added that the years have taken a huge toll on

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