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CORRECTION

In Thursday's *Press & Dakotan* story about Lake Andes radio station KDKO, Gail Hubbeling's name was misspelled. We apologize for the error.

Napa Moving Forward

Local Officials Say They Are Seeing Progress On Rail Park

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Another important milestone has been achieved in realizing a long-sought industrial rail park at Napa Junction. When the South Dakota Transportation Commission set a new policy for making state highway fund loans to local governments last week, it was simultaneously announced that the first loan would be a \$6 million loan for construction of an industrial-grade service road connecting the rail park to Highway 50 in the hope that Dakota Plains will commit to anchoring the proposed Napa Junction rail park with a grain terminal.

Yankton County Commission chairman Todd Woods told the *Press & Dakotan* that there's still some work to do on the loan.

"It's not a completed deal by any means and we're still in the process," Woods said. "There's some things that have to be finalized, but they've awarded us a loan. We have to get an agreement in place within 90 days with the developer's agreement."

Woods said while the county will act as a go-between, the loan payment is the responsibility of Dakota Plains and not taxpayers.

"The long and the short of it is, it's part of the TID (Tax Incremental District) that we passed several months ago," he said. "The county will be a pass-through. The funding will actually come from Dakota Plains to pay the loan off."

John Kramer, president of Yankton Area



Woods

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YSD's Five-Year Plan Quickly Stems Results In School Updates

BY ALISSA WOOCKMAN
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The Yankton School District's five-year strategic plan is seeing a steady progress. The School Board held a public forum Thursday at the High School Theatre where officials discussed recent improvements and what the continued goals mean for the district.

The previous five-year strategic plan was approved in August 2014. The plan included dividing the plan into short-term and long-term goals devised from a community survey in September 2013. The short-term goals were separated into action objectives with deadlines in the next 1-2 years.

The district used the forum to highlight successes it's had in implementing these goals.

"We are just beginning a second year and this district has really moved forward in a lot of areas," Superintendent Dr. Wayne Kindle said. "Our staff has spent a tremendous amount of time making this happen."

The first short-term goal discussed was increased Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) course offerings in grades K-12.



Yankton High School senior Andrew Smith discusses the 3-D printer technology now available at YHS. The presentation was made at a special school board meeting Thursday to examine the Yankton School District's five-year strategic planning.

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Preparations Begin For Care Center Transfer To MMC

BY RANDY TRAMP
P&D Correspondent

Plans are under way for a big move. Yankton's Avera Sacred Heart Hospital announced last week it is giving the Avera Yankton Care Center building to Mount Marty College (MMC). The college will assume ownership of the 20,000 square-foot building, located at 1212 W. 8th Street, at the end of December.

"We are pleased to contribute the Avera Yankton Care Center building and property to Mount Marty College," said

Avera Sacred Heart president and CEO Doug Ekeren. "Avera Sacred Heart has had a long history of working with our neighbor, Mount Marty."

Mount Marty College President Marc Long said his school "is enormously grateful to Avera Sacred Heart Hospital for this gift. The Onward Yankton process has started an important discussion between MMC and the Yankton community about how we can grow together. I look forward to continuing those conversations know-



Avera Sacred heart Hospital in Yankton recently donated the Avera Yankton Care Center on W. Eighth St. to Mount Marty College to use as education space. The transition is scheduled to take place in December.

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