



DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan is planning his second trip to Iowa since running as the Republicans' 2012 vice presidential nominee. In a statement Tuesday from the Republican Party of Iowa, state Chairman A.J. Spiker says Ryan plans to headline the party's annual Lincoln Day dinner in Cedar Rapids on April 11.

Ryan campaigned regularly in Iowa in the fall of 2012 before he and GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney failed to carry the swing state in their losing bid for the White House. But Ryan, viewed as a 2016 presidential prospect, returned last November to headline a fundraiser for Republican Gov. Terry Branstad.

Iowa is expected to host the first nominating caucuses for the 2016 presidential election. Ryan visited New Hampshire last month, saying he's keeping his 2016 options open.