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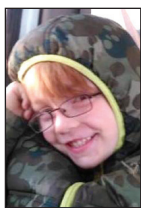


SHAUNA MARLETTE/D
The Yankton County Search and Rescue Dive team was on the scene at Riverside Park Monday in search of a missing 6-year-old boy who fell in the Missouri River Sunday evening. The search, which has been changed to a recovery effort, is using sonar to help identify potential search locations that the dive team.

Boy Went Missing Sunday Evening In Riverside Park

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The family of a 6-year-old Hurley boy is waiting for news — any news — regarding their son. Lincoln Hilt — presumed to have fallen into the Missouri River — went missing at approximately 7:30 p.m. Sunday during a family fishing excursion to Yankton's Riverside Park.



Lincoln Hilt

In an interview with KTIV television, Lincoln's mother Tina Hilt said the family had traveled to Yankton to celebrate Easter with family.

"We were fishing, and then I got a bite, and I looked away for like a minute, maybe a minute and a half," she said. "Then we looked back, and Lincoln wasn't there. We thought that maybe he had gone up to the bathroom, so we ran up to search the bathroom, and we noticed his rod wasn't around."

After a quick search of the area, the Hilt family notified law enforcement that he was missing and the searching began in the Riverside Park area.

The Yankton County Search and Rescue and Dive team searched both the park and the waters near the docks until late Sunday, at which time the

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KELLY HERTZ/P&D
Search crews used the boat docks at the southeast corner of Riverside Park as a base of operations Monday in search of a missing 6-year-old boy who is presumed to have fallen in the Missouri River.

Fire Preparedness Outreach Slated

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In an effort to increase community awareness of the danger of home fires, the Yankton Fire Department and the American Red Cross are planning a fire preparedness event Saturday, April 11.

The project, which will include volunteers from YFD, Yankton County Emergency Management, the University of South Dakota and Mount Marty College students, will be going door to door in two Yankton neighborhoods distributing both education and 10-year lithium battery smoke detectors in

homes that do not have working smoke detectors.

"Obviously, early detection is the key to any fire as long as someone is in the home, unless you have a system that calls the monitoring company," said Yankton assistant fire chief Larry Nickles. "The early detection does a lot of things: it alerts you to what is going on in the house, it gets you out of the house earlier and gets the fire department notified a lot quicker. It is just super important to have a working fire detector. We can't emphasize how much life and property can be saved with working detectors."

Volunteers will be working in two neigh-

borhoods of Yankton on Saturday. "We are catching from 8th and Burleigh down Whiting Drive and everything south of there between Highway 50 and that area there," Nickles said. "We will also be working between 19th and 23rd on Douglas."

Nickles said those neighborhoods have older homes and two trailer courts in them. "These are homes that were not built with detectors in them," he said. "So, those are main target areas to get them covered. Then next time, we will target other areas of the community."

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Local Leaders Raise Awareness On Assault

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April is National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, and a number of familiar faces from around Yankton spent part of last Friday in Riverside Park trying to raise some of that awareness through by filming a new PSA.

Desiree Johnson, executive director of the River City Domestic Violence Center, said the PSA is

an effort to get the word out to the community.

"We're doing a community initiative to prevent sexual assault," Johnson said. "We pulled some community members to be featured in an 'It's On Us' commercial."

Johnson said this was the first time the center had ever done a video PSA like this.

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ROB NIELSEN/P&D
Desiree Johnson, executive director of the River City Domestic Violence Center, preps community members Friday to film a PSA raising awareness for National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

Yankton's Welch Elected To B-Y Water Board

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TABOR — A new face will join the B-Y Water District board of directors.

Michael "Moose" Welch of Yankton recently won election for the three-year term representing District 1. He won the office during the annual meeting recently held in Scotland.

Welch couldn't be reached Monday for comment. Welch replaces incumbent Chris Nelson as the Division 1 representative. The director

represents portions of Yankton County including Mission Hill, Gayville and Volin.

"We take nominations from members (at the meeting), and Chris had no nomination at that time," said B-Y manager Terry Wootton.

Welch did receive a nomination and won the District 1 seat, he added.

Re-elected to three-year terms as directors were incumbents James Stark of Division 2; Gary Kronaizl of

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