## **Board**

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Division 3; and Mark Schaeffer of Division 10.

Stark represents portions of Yankton County including the Utica and Ziskov areas. Kronaizl represents portions of Bon Homme County including Tabor, Cleveland, Bon Homme and Tabor "S." Schaffer represents portions of Hutchinson County including Sweet, Kassel, Wolf Creek, Capital, "N" Witten-



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board meeting following the election. The term will continue for three years thereafter and will continue until a successor is duly elected and qualified.

During the recent meeting in Scotland, the annual audit was reviewed and approved, Wootton said. The board had

The B-Y district serves thousands of customers, Wootton said. "We have 4,721 members, which isn't necessarily the population being served," he said. "We do serve 16 towns that are bulk consumers."

previously set the budget.

Depending on the time of year, the district serves its customers with around 5.5 million gallons of water a day on the low end to a peak of 10 million to 11 million gallons of water daily, he said.

The B-Y district doesn't plan to take on any construction projects this year, Woottoon said.

"Basically, we're focusing on maintenance this year," he said. "We're not having any expansion (right now).

However, that doesn't mean B-Y isn't planning for growth in the future, he said. "We have projections for future expansion to the year

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2045," he said.

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with sexual assault in our small, close-knit community, and to bring sexual assault out of the shadows," she said.

As of Monday night, the Yankton "It's On Us" video had not been posted.

For more information on

the "It's On Us" campaign, visit http://itsonus.org/.

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He added that this is great addition to the fire department's current program of having fire detectors available to give away at the fire stations in Yankton.

This takes it up to the next level," he said. "We always have smoke detectors available for one- and two-family dwellings. There is no cost whatsoever to the home owners. This is a great project for us. The smaller communities around us have been able to do this, but with so many homes in Yankton, it has been hard for us to do this.'

He said in addition to placing detectors in the homes for people, they hope to educate residents on why it is important to have working smoke detectors.

'We will spend an average of 15 minutes per home getting the detectors and determining where to put them in the homes," Nickles said. "Our goal is to educate people where to put the detectors in each type of home. I think we are going to try to contact more than 280 residents that

Home fires are the single most common disaster across

the nation. In a National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) survey, almost 62 percent of home fire deaths were a result of non-working smoke alarms or because there were no alarms in the home, and only 33 percent of Americans have developed and practiced a fire escape plan.

Every case is different," Nickles said. "Some fires can be just a smoldering fire that allows you to avoid a lot of damage. There are other fires that turn out to be fast moving fires and once they are detected, you have very little time to get out. Sometimes, not even enough time to grab a coat and shoes.'

The volunteers will also be discussing emergency escape plans with residents.

"In the average home, a fire can double in size every minute," said Tom Kurtenbach, fire chief of the Yankton Fire Department. "That's why it's so important to not only have a functioning smoke detector to alert occupants, but to also create and practice an escape plan so residents can get out of their homes safely,'

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"April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, so we're always looking for new ways to promote ending sexual assault and domestic violence," she said. "This (campaign) was featured during the Super Bowl and has been featured with people like Barack Obama and many celebrities over the last several months. We thought it would be something good to bring locally to our community so that when

Us' commercial, they're seeing local community members and realizing that this is an issue in our community as

Community members participating in the PSA included Yankton City Commissioner Pauline Akland, Scott Kooistra of KYNT, District 18 State Rep. Mike Stevens and *Press* & Dakotan assistant sports editor Jeremy Hoeck.

Johnson said she wants the emphasis to be that sexual assault can and does happen in communities like Yankton as well.

"Some of the goals that we have in this are to raise awareness that we do have an issue

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issue in our community as well."

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Search

search was suspended until 6:30 a.m. Monday.

Throughout the day Monday, crews from the Yankton Police Department, the Yankton County Sheriff's Office, Yankton County Search and Rescue, South Dakota Game Fish and Parks, Nebraska Game Fish and Parks, Yankton County Emergency Management, Cedar County Emergency Management and the Brookings Dog Team, as well as a helicopter crew searched the river looking for signs of the

The search was again suspended at about 6 p.m. Monday, with efforts to continue

Monday's weather did not help the search as it was chilly and misted all day with fog rolling in late in the afternoon.

Also handicapping the search were the high, fast mov-ing waters of the Missouri River. Gavins Point Dam is releasing 27,000 cubic feet per second of water due to spring thaws up stream. The spring releases are not above normal, but they do have the added effect of significantly raising the water level of the river near Yankton, which is adding to

the search and rescue efforts. "Currently, in addition to all the search teams, the Yankton Dive team is employing sonar where they are searching the bottom of the river looking for anomalies," Yankton County Sheriff James Vlahakis said. They are trying to identify

anything along the bottom that may be the right shape and size. Once a site has been identified, search crews will send the dive team out to explore the area more in depth.

Vlahakis said the search could be a long one, but he hopes for the family's sake it is resolved quickly.

Rob Sylliaasen, superintendent of Viborg-Hurley schools where Lincoln attends school, said that there will be extra counselors on hand Tuesday when classes resume following Easter Break.

'Our thoughts and prayers are with the family," Sylliaasen said in an interview with the *Press and Dakotan.* "We are there for our students. Counselors will be on hand. If we need to call in additional counselors, we will. There is just not much information to go on at this point."

Family and friends who were waiting for news Monday at Riverside Park said right now they would be glad for any news of Lincoln's location.

Friends and family members had been out in personal boats throughout the day searching alongside of the search and rescue officials as far down stream as St. Helena, Nebraska.

They added that they were thankful for the continued help being offered by the community, noting that several area businesses had brought them supplies, including food and beverages, and that they had several offers to help search from people they had never met before.

Lincoln was last seen wearing tan pants, green shirt and tan shoes. He has blond hair and wears glasses.

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