Deluge of campaign ads to air next week

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New evidence in the case of missing woman Kendra Nystrom’s case leads police to believe she drowned in a creek behind her parents’ house, a Maize police detective said Friday.

Maize police Detective Jeff Piper said the two pieces of physical evidence discovered by the Kansas Chapter of Texas EquuSearch lead his department to believe it’s “highly probable” that Kendra went into the circumstances surrounding the new story for us to follow-up on.”

Piper said Maize police have

The Carr Fire burns along Highway 299 in Shasta, in Northern California, on Thursday. The blaze leveled dozens of homes, leaving neighborhoods smoldering and 17,000 people under evacuation orders. The flames moved so fast that firefighters working in oven-like temperatures and bone-dry conditions had to drop efforts to battle the blaze to help people escape. Story, 8A.

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Two days into the search, the group found a pair of pants and another small item that had her DNA on it “entangled in the tree limbs” at the high water mark where the water would have been on the day she went missing. The pants are similar to the pair she was wearing when she disappeared, Piper said. He would not say what the other item was, because Maize police “don’t want anyone taking the information that we give today and essentially creating a new story for us to follow-up on.”

Piper said Maize police have followed tips about Kendra’s whereabouts as far away as Mexico, and the case is still open. Most tips have included some sort of foul play. A tipster in May said Kendra was being followed tips about Kendra’s whereabouts as far away as Mexico, and the case is still open. Most tips have included some sort of foul play. A tipster in May said Kendra was being

She has been missing for 15 months. “While we still hope to one day bring Kendra home to her family,” Piper said. “We now have a working theory based on physical evidence to answer some of the questions that have troubled law enforcement and tormented Kendra’s family for over a year.”

The Kansas Chapter of Texas EquuSearch, which formed to help search for Lucas Hernandez, 5, in February, has been searching for Kendra since July 7.

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Maize police Detective Jeff Piper said the two pieces of physical evidence discovered by the Kansas Chapter of Texas EquuSearch lead his department to “a working theory” that 30-year-old Kendra waded into the flooded Cowskin Creek the day she went missing and drowned.