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Spring Storm Hits Region In Rounds



KELLY HERTZ/P&D
Sam Wendte of Yankton had a day off from school because of the snowstorm, which meant he spent part of the day helping his mother, Sue, shovel out the driveway along Mulligan Drive. Temperatures were in the low 30s in Yankton Wednesday, allowing Sam, a senior at YHS, to work in shirtsleeves. Another round of wintry weather is expected today (Thursday).

Ice Gives Way To Snow, Wallops Entire Region

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The monster spring storm that hit South Dakota and Nebraska is expected to complete its one-two punch today (Thursday). The inclement weather has already resulted in power outages and restricted or hazardous travel.

The storm's impact will be felt for days, as a number of elections, meetings and activities have been postponed or canceled.

The first wave of the storm, which began Monday night, contained ice storms and thundershowers. Snowfall

began Wednesday afternoon.

As of Wednesday night, the National Weather Service in Omaha reported a two-day total of more than 2 inches of moisture from storms in Knox and Cedar counties and other portions of northeast Nebraska.

Today's forecast calls for an 80 percent chance of snowfall. The Yankton area is forecast to receive at least six inches. The region to the west could receive snowfall of 16 inches or more.

"While most roads throughout South Dakota are open, we want to remind

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Eastern S.D. Preps For Second Wave Of Spring Storm

By The Associated Press

Tens of thousands of residents in eastern South Dakota remained without power Wednesday as they hunkered down for the second wave of a record-setting winter storm that already downed power lines, snapped large trees and closed roads, schools and businesses.

"This is going to get worse before it gets better," Sioux Falls Mayor Mike Huether said.

Meanwhile, the large storm is being blamed for at least one death in Nebraska.

Freezing drizzle continued to fall on mature tree branches already stretched to the ground by nearly three-quarters of an inch of ice. The drizzle was expected to give way Wednesday night to 6 to 12 inches of snow accompanied by winds of 15 to 25 miles per hour, said Philip Schumacher, a National Weather Service meteorologist.

"There may be more issues with branches coming down and such," Schumacher said.

Except for the Emergency Operations Center and other essential services, state government offices closed statewide at noon Wednesday.

Interstate 90 reopened Wednesday between Rapid City and Chamberlain and between Mitchell and Sioux Falls, but a 70-mile stretch between Chamberlain and Mitchell remained closed. Interstate 29 just south of Sioux Falls between the I-229 interchange and the Tea exit was closed Wednesday morning because of downed power lines.

Col. Craig Price, superintendent of the South Dakota Highway Patrol, said Wednesday morning that officers had responded to 52 traffic accidents in the past 24 hours, and 12 of them involved injuries.

"Overall traffic is relatively light across the state," Price said. "People are really using their best common sense when traveling. I think most people are staying put if they can."

Downtown Sioux Falls sat quiet Wednesday as many stores had signs in the windows saying they were closed due to the weather.

Mayor Huether called the ice storm an unprecedented event for Sioux Falls and said it would take months to fully recover. He estimated the storm would cost Sioux Falls "hundreds of thousands of dollars" but said the city is financially strong and can handle it.

Huether warned residents that they'd likely wake up to more downed branches and darkness.

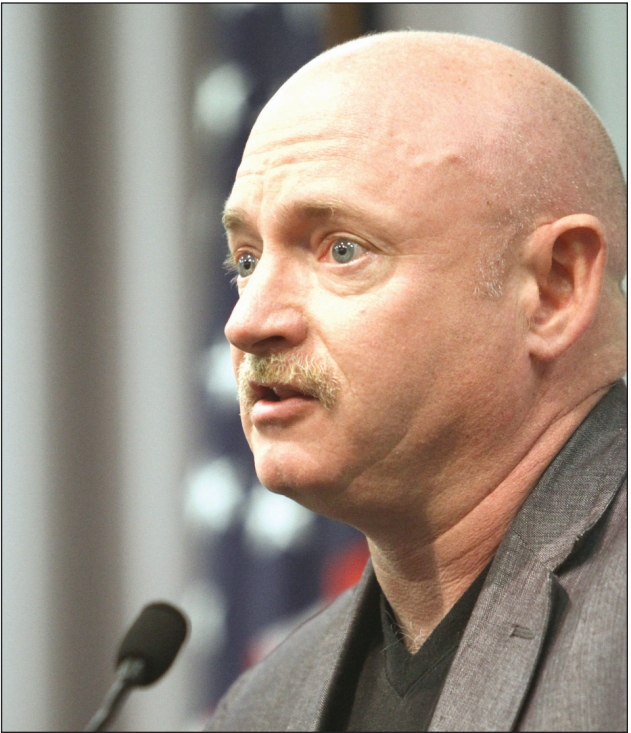
"There is a solid chance that you might lose your power tonight," he said.

Some 35,000 homes and businesses remained without electricity in the greater Sioux Falls area at noon

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DAVID LIAS/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK
Former NASA astronaut Mark Kelly said during a Wednesday afternoon press conference in Vermillion that he is confident Congress will "do the right thing" and tighten rules related to background checks for gun purchasers. Kelly gave a lecture Wednesday night on the USD campus.

Kelly Optimistic As Congress Aims For Tighter Gun Rules

BY DAVID LIAS
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VERMILLION — IdeaFest, an annual event at the University of South Dakota, brought former NASA astronaut Capt. Mark Kelly to the Vermillion campus Wednesday.

Wednesday night, he talked about his success in space as well as his personal life in a lecture in Aalfs Auditorium at Slagle Hall.

During an afternoon press conference, however, his mind was on happenings in the nation's capital, as the U.S. Senate appeared to have struck a deal to expand gun background checks to all commercial sales — whether at gun shows, via the Internet or in any circumstance involving paid advertising.

Kelly and his wife, former U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, are currently at the forefront of pushing Congress to enact stricter gun control measures. It is a role the couple found themselves thrust into after a gunman seriously wounded Giffords in a January 2011 assassination attempt.

The couple's resolve on this issue was strengthened after

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Schindler: A True American Story

BY DEREK BARTOS
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For those who know it best, the tale of Dr. Ed Shindler's life is a "true American story."

Known as "Each" to his family but simply as "Ed" to members of the Yankton community, Shindler touched the lives of many up until the moment he passed away last Sunday at the age of 88.

While most people will remember him for the 51 years he practiced at Shindler Foot Clinic in Yankton, the roots of his story began much earlier, according to his son, Steve.

"His parents came over from Russia as part of the Jewish immigration stream from 1905-1910 when a half-million Jewish immigrants escaped certain death from a czar," Steve said. "They came to this country with nothing more than a hope for freedom. They didn't have a penny."

Ed's parents took advantage of the Homestead Act and received land in Montana. However, they couldn't make a living with the tough conditions, and they moved to Sioux City where they started a family.

Life was difficult, but the family managed, Steve said, as Ed often told him about how he helped his father deliver bread off the back of a horse-drawn truck.

"I always remember him telling me, 'Be kind and show empa-



Schindler

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Remembrance Walk For Brianna Knoll To Be Held Saturday At Riverside Park

BY ANDREW ATWAL
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To her closest friends, Brianna Knoll will always be remembered as lively, bright, generous and kind woman with a "fantastic sense of humor."

April 9 marked the two-year anniversary when Knoll was shot and killed by her boyfriend during a domestic dispute.

In relation with that date, there will be a remembrance walk for Knoll taking place at Riverside Park in Yankton. The event will take place this Saturday from 1-5 p.m.

"The walk this year will feature live music from the Kings of Oblivion and a balloon release at 4 p.m.," said Jolene Beaudette, who was close friends

with Knoll. "There will also be merchandise, food and beverages offered for a free-will donation. Portions of any donations will go to the Yankton Women's and Children's Shelter."

Anne Becker is also helping to organize the event, and she was friends with Knoll as well.

"This is a 'come and go as you please' event, and people can walk Meridian Bridge as many times as they please," she said. "We invite everyone from the community to come down and support the cause."

The walk aims to raise awareness about domestic violence and the problems it can cause.

"The issue is very important. We just had another incident in town where a boyfriend (allegedly)

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SUBMITTED PHOTO
Brianna Knoll, shown here, was shot and killed by her boyfriend during a domestic dispute two years ago. There will be a remembrance walk in honor of her life Saturday from 1-5 p.m. at Riverside Park.

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