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thy to those less fortunate than you," Steve said. "I think that came from his humble beginnings when he had nothing.'

After graduating from Sioux City Central High School as both a multi-sport athlete and honor student, Ed entered the U.S. Army and was part of the Allied Invasion of Normandy on D-Day +6 during World War II. He was a member of Gen. George Patton's Third Army, which helped liberate more than 1,500 cities in Europe. He also took part in the Battle of the Bulge, the last great German offensive, that saw nearly 90,000 soldiers killed.

"My dad was part of all of that as a 19-year-old kid," Steve said. "Imagine the horrors he saw. He prayed to God to come home safe, and he never picked up another gun for the rest of his life. It transformed who he was. He went away to war as a kid, and he came back a grown man."

Following World War II, Ed used the G.I. Bill to become the first member of his family to attend college. He graduated from the University of Iowa and then podiatry school in Chicago.

"He was a big believer in those types of programs, because they helped his parents and they helped him when they had nothing," Steve said. "His life was a true American story.'

FAMILY BUSINESS

After podiatry school, Ed moved to Yankton and with his wife, Suzanne, raised their two sons, Steve and Scott.

Scott described Ed as a familyoriented man and a caring, honest father.

'He did what he could for his family, and that's one thing he instilled in my brother and I," Scott said. "Your family is the foundation of your life, and that is something to be cherished.'

Scott said his father carried the same type of attitude with his work at Shindler Foot Clinic, which he established around 1950. Of the thousands of patients Ed treated during his 51 years at the clinic, many of them were less fortunate and couldn't pay, but that didn't matter.

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"He would take care of any type of patients, regardless of income, and would even offer to treat some patients for free," Scott said. "He knew people need help regardless (of their financial situations). Scott joined Ed at the clinic as a

fellow podiatrist in 1982 and worked alongside his father until Ed retired in 2001.

"I had a very close relationship with him that I cherished," Scott said. "I got to see him every day, not only as a family member, but as a colleague. Not a lot of people get the opportunity to do that. He taught me about business and about life, and I've tried to carry that on from him.'

Along with his work at his clinic, Ed was also very involved in the Yankton community. He was involved with the local Masonic center and Shrine Club, the Elks Club, the VFW and the Yankton Quarterback Club. He had a passion for golf and was a founding member of Hillcrest Golf and Country Club, helping oversee the purchase and design of the original nine-hole course.

"He was a pillar of the community in the 1950s when Yankton was growing," Steve said. "He was part of the group of people that helped form Yankton. He excelled in everything he did, and he was an example to others in the community.

A MAN OF FAITH

Throughout the troubles and successes of Ed's life, one thing that remained constant was his dedication to the Jewish faith, Scott said.

"He had a small prayer book he had that he used in the war that he brought back with him, and he used to use that quite a bit to pray out of in his own way," he said. "He used it up until the very end."

It was also important to him that the traditions and teachings of the faith were passed on to later generations, even if that meant making an extra effort, Scott said. Since Yankton does not have a synagogue, Ed had to take his sons out of town for their training.

"He was dedicated enough to take us to Sioux City for training every Sunday for over six years, Scott said. "He and my mother dedicated themselves to making sure my brother and I each had a bar mitzvah.'

He added that his father would

also get many questions from community members about his Jewish faith since the religion is not very prominent in Yankton As with all the other aspects of his life, Ed did his best to help, Steve said.

"He was never one to push religion on anyone, but he was never one to shy away from explaining it to people who were interested," he said.

Steve and Scott both said that their religious upbringing helped shaped who they are today, and they have worked to provide the same opportunities for their own children that Ed did for them.

My three kids and my brother's two kids have gone through religious training and have been bar mitsvahed," Scott said. "We carry on Dad's tradition of practicing our faith.³

BEDTIME STORIES

As Ed's experiences added up throughout his life, he was always one to share them with his family.

Steve and Scott said they remember well the stories they would hear before bedtime, as Ed regaled them with tales of underhanded free throws, football games without facemasks, and even war.

"He had one were he went to the dentist in Germany during the war and they didn't have anesthesia and they pulled his tooth. He said he almost punched the guy,' Scott said with a laugh.

As time passed, Ed also made a point to share those memories with his grandchildren.

"A lot of people don't take time to tell their grandchildren about that stuff, and they lose that history," Scott said. "So over the last few years, we made sure his grandchildren heard those stories.

Even though his father may gone, Scott said he's pleased to know those late night tales will help Ed's story live on.

"I'm just glad he got the chance to share it," he said.

Funeral services for Ed Shindler will be held at 4 p.m. today (Thursday) at Congregation Beth Shalom Synagogue, 815 38th Street, Sioux City, Iowa, with interment to follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, also in Sioux City.

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motorists that conditions are less than ideal for traveling and we recommend postponing travel until conditions improve," says Col. Craig Price, superintendent of the South Dakota Highway Patrol. "If you must travel, please slow down and drive with extreme caution."

The freezing rain has resulted in ice accumulations throughout the region.

The NWS reports ice accumulations a half-inch or greater for Yankton County, northern Clay and Union counties, most of Turner County and all of Lincoln County. The ice accumulations are a quarter-inch to half-inch for Charles Mix, Douglas, Hutchinson and Bon Homme counties and northwestern Turner County.

Rural electric cooperatives have experienced a number of power outages. As of Wednesday morning, four cooperatives in southeastern South Dakota were reporting outages to 4,575 members. The number surpassed 5,000 members by Wednesday afternoon.

South Dakota's electric cooperatives have developed an interactive map that provides information on outages during major power outages affecting more than one cooperative at a time. The map is available at www.sdrea.coop.

The following were figures posted Wednesday on the site: • Bon Homme Yankton Electric

in Tabor, 50 members without power, 8 poles down (by late afternoon, the figure was revised to 30 members without power, 14 poles down)

Of the latter figure, Bon Homme County had four members without power and three poles down. Yankton County had 26 members without power and 11 poles down.

 Charles Mix Electric in Lake Andes, one member without power and no poles down.

• Southeastern Electric in Marion, 3,210 members without power, 148 poles down.

The breakdown by county found Hutchinson with 200 members without power, 10 poles

down; Lincoln with 1,700 members without power, 65 poles down; Mc-Cook with 500 members without power, 15 poles down; Minnehaha with 10 members without power, no poles down; and Turner with 800 members without power, 58 poles down.

The Yankton County Office of Emergency Management is encouraging local residents to continue monitoring local media and weather information sources for updated information on the continued threat from the winter storm impacting the region.

NorthWestern Energy reported no widespread outages, but some isolated outages. Lesterville was without power for a time, but it was restored at 11 a.m. Yankton County opened an emergency shelter in Lesterville on Wednesday morning for those without power.

In Yankton, the postal facility at Fox Run reported power outages Wednesday.

Because of this week's storm, the City of Yankton is asking residents who have downed branches or trees to keep them clear of streets and alleys. The need for plowing is expected today.

The City of Yankton has suspended Citywide Cleanup operations until the inclement weather passes. The area east of Burleigh has been completed and crews will resume the cleanup when weather permits.

This week's inclement weather has resulted in a number of closings or postponements:

 State offices will remain closed today (Thursday) in the following counties in eastern South Dakota: Bon Homme, Clay. Hutchinson, Turner, Union, and Yankton counties.

Even where regular business hours are conducted, state officials still suggest calling ahead before visiting any state office, to make sure the office is staffed. There may be areas where, because of the impact of the spring storm, employees are not able to reach a specific office by the start of business hours.

Citizens with emergencies should call 9-1-1.

Urgent questions regarding state government offices may be directed to 1-866-320-2740 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. CDT. For routine state business, citizens are asked to contact the appropriate office once it is reopened.

• The Yankton High School debate team was scheduled to attend the Student Congress Event in Pierre on Friday (April 12). That event has been postponed and no reschedule date has been set at this time.

 The following city and school elections have been postponed for one week and will take place on April 16: Delmont municipal, Freeman school, Geddes municipal, Marion school and Parkston municipal.

These elections will take place at the regular polling locations and hours originally scheduled. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

• The National Weather Service in Sioux Falls and the Yankton **County Emergency Manager have** canceled the Severe Weather Awareness class in Yankton. The rescheduled dates have not yet been determined but will be announced on their web pages.

• U.S. Army Corps of Engineers spillway flow test which was scheduled for April 10 at Gavins Point Dam has been postponed due to inclement weather. The new test date is Tuesday, April 16.

• The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the National Park Service (NPS) postponed both of this week's public meetings on the proposed Niobrara Confluence and Ponca Bluffs Conservation Areas.

The meetings are now sched-uled for April 17 at the Vermillion Public Library on 18 Church Street and April 18 at the Lutheran Fellowship Hall on 2532 Apple Street (just south of Moody Motors) in Niobrara, Neb. Both meetings run from 6-8 p.m.

• The future of sediment in Lewis and Clark Lake will be discussed at the Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition (MSAC) annual membership meeting, postponed to 5:30 p.m. April 24, at the Riverfront Event Center, downtown Yankton.

Tim Cowman, director of the Missouri River Institute (MRI) in Vermillion, will discuss the project and present a sample of the visual products at this meeting. More meeting details will be posted at www.msaconline.com and listed with Yankton's media outlets.

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Thursday.

Storm warnings remained in place for most of South Dakota.

The National Weather Service said 20 inches of snow fell in Rapid City on Tuesday — the city's snowiest day of all time. Other records set Tuesday included 1.42 inches of precipitation in Sioux Falls, which broke the city's previous record for that date: 0.59 inches set in 1925.

The weather service said the bad weather could extend into southeastern North Dakota. The forecast called for up to a foot of snow in that region Thursday, and the weather service issued a winter storm watch. On Monday, southwestern North Dakota saw heavy snow, but the state escaped the brunt of the storm Tuesday.

Meanwhile, up to 5 inches of snow was expected Wednesday in parts of central and northeast Nebraska from a spring storm that had already claimed one life.

Searchers on snowmobiles found the body of Lisa Conrad, 35, Tuesday evening in a field near Berea in the Nebraska Panhandle. The searchers also found her 19year-old son, Brandon Conrad Jr., alive at a nearby abandoned farmhouse. He was hospitalized with hypothermia and frostbite.

Lisa Conrad had called her husband around 12:30 a.m. Tuesday on her way home from work to tell him she'd been stranded by the powerful snowstorm. Her son was able to walk from the family's house to his mother's car, but the mother and son became disoriented when they tried to walk back home, the Nebraska State Patrol reported.

The storm, which dropped heavy snow in Colorado and Wyoming on Tuesday, crawled across Nebraska throughout Tuesday and Wednesday. It brought with it snow, hail, rain and freezing rain and winds gusting to more than 70 mph in places.

In western Nebraska, road crews reported 8- to 9-foot drifts of snow, and Interstate 80 from Kearney in central Nebraska west to Wyoming was closed due to dangerous road conditions and lack of lodging accommodations along the route. The interstate reopened around midday Wednesday.

Hail also plagued much of central and eastern Nebraska on Tuesday. Hail up to 2 inches in diameter damaged vehicles and buildings in western Omaha and pummeled Hastings in central Nebraska and Norfolk in the northeastern part of the state.