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# 2 Killed In Crash

It's Not Known If Weather Was Factor In Accident

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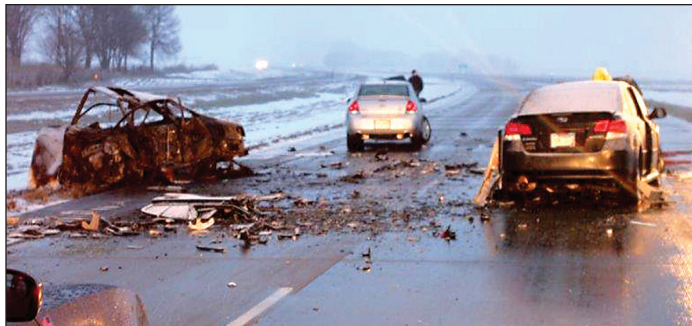
Two people were killed in an accident on Highway 50 east of Yankton early Monday.

According to the Yankton County Sheriff's Office, a report was received at 5:33 a.m. of a 1999 Acura 2.3 CL driving the wrong way west in the eastbound lane of traffic on Highway 50 near the intersection of County Road 448 (Mission Hill oil). The Acura collided head on with a

2012 Subaru, and both vehicles caught fire.

According to a press release from the South Dakota Department of Safety, a 2000 Chevrolet S-10 pickup and a 2009 Chevrolet Impala, both driving through the crash scene, each struck one of the vehicles involved in the initial crash. The two people in the pickup and the one in

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Two people were killed in a two-vehicle accident east of Yankton on Highway 50 early Monday morning. According to the Yankton County Sheriff's Office, a vehicle began heading west in the east-bound lane when it collided head-on with another vehicle.

## Heavy Snow Sweeps Area



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

The grill of this semi is decked out for the season while Yankton police officer Scott Schindler directs traffic during an accident at 15th and Broadway at approximately noon on Monday. Heavy snow moved into the area early Monday, causing several accidents and postponing numerous events.

## Program Lets YPD Spread Holiday Cheer

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Yankton police officers have the opportunity to help brighten a child's holiday season.

On Saturday, Dec. 12, local law enforcement will accompany approximately 15 children to Wal-Mart to purchase Christmas gifts as part of the Kids, Cops and Christmas program. The project involves local law enforcement collecting monetary donations for children from low-income families. The money is then used to purchase Wal-Mart gift cards to be used in the shopping excursion.

The program primarily targets elementary-aged children, but children of older and younger ages have participated in the past.

According to program coordinator Officer Jeremy

## Heavy, Wet Snow Blankets The Region

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When it comes to the current snowstorm, Brad Schardin is glad history isn't repeating itself.

Schardin, the general manager of Southeastern Electric Cooperative, saw his Marion hometown and headquarters dumped with 16 inches of snow during the Nov. 20 storm. Ten days later, the region was again hit with heavy snowfall.

"We've got 4-6 inches. It's coming down hard, but it's all snow. We don't have ice," he said Monday afternoon. "Right now, I haven't heard anything from our crew and the radio is quiet, which is a good sign."

Schardin said he was grateful that both November storms didn't produce ice.

"Even when we got 16 inches of snow the last time, and it was coming down strong, we stayed on that perfect line and didn't get ice," he said. "When that (ice) happens, it can be a real pain in the neck."

He speaks from experience, referring to the

10th anniversary of a major weather event.

"In 2005, we had the Thanksgiving ice storm," he said. "That was a huge one for us. We had major problems back then. We had people who were without power for up to two weeks or longer."

The current storm, which began early Monday morning, has still brought its challenges. Yankton reported 5 inches of snow as the storm intensified during the afternoon. Some traffic accidents were reported. To the south, frozen drizzle created icy conditions and hazardous roads.

The city could receive up to 10 inches of snow by the time the storm is expected to end tonight (Tuesday).

The City of Yankton declared a snow emergency which went into effect at 2 a.m. Tuesday. The Department of Public Works was scheduled to be plowing streets at that time. Vehicles were ordered removed from city streets and to remain off the streets until plowing is complete. Vehicles left on emergency snow routes will be ticketed and

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## Dakota Pipeline Gets PUC Approval

BY BOB MERCER  
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — The Dakota Access pipeline received state regulators' approval Monday to be built through South Dakota.

The project must meet a long list of conditions set by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

The commission's decision can be appealed to state court under South Dakota law.

The vote was 2-1. Commission chairman Chris Nelson and acting commissioner Rich Sattgast supported granting the permit.

Commissioner Gary Hanson, a former mayor of Sioux Falls, voted against.

Hanson said he wanted the company to receive the permit but the proposed route was too close to the growth areas of Sioux Falls, Tea and Harrisburg.

Hanson tried to deny the permit but his motion lost 2-1.

He said he wanted Dakota Access to alter its route away from the state's largest metropolitan area.

The commission doesn't have legal authority to order a route change.

"I simply want it done right," Hanson said.

Most of the conditions added by the commission Monday deal with protecting landowners whose property will be crossed by the underground pipe.

If built, the pipeline would carry 450,000 barrels of crude oil per day from the Bakken and Three Forks formations in western North Dakota and could handle 570,000 barrels or more daily.

That is approximately half of the daily production from the Bakken area, according to the company.

The route would go through seven counties in North Dakota and enter South Dakota at Campbell County.

It would cross through 12 counties in South Dakota altogether.

The others are McPherson, Edmunds, Faulk, Spink, Beadle, Kingsbury, Miner, Lake, McCook, Minnehaha and Lincoln.

From Lincoln County it would go through Iowa to a junction point with other pipelines at Patoka, Illinois.

The \$3.7 billion project would cover 1,168 miles through the four states.

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## Wanted: One Events Coordinator

Yankton Adding A New Position To Work With Local Events And Organizations

BY ROB NIELSEN  
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Numerous special community events continue to grow in number and scale — and starting in 2016, the City of Yankton will have a new City Events and Promotions Coordinator to work with events from Ribfest to Riverboat Days.

The coordinator will serve in the Parks & Recreation Department under director Todd Larson.

Yankton City Manager Amy Nelson told the Press & Dakotan that any major event going on in town requires a large amount of planning.

"When we put on an event in our community — even though it's not necessarily city-sponsored like Ribfest, or the Rock & Rumble or even parts of Riverboat Days

— the city does play a large part," Nelson said. "When a group or organization has an idea for an event and they need city assistance, all of that needs to be coordinated from police presence, to blocking off streets, if there's alcohol involved we have permitting and things like that."

Larson said that his department has been doing a lot to aid major events.

"The City Park & Rec brings in picnic tables, trash cans, fencing, benches," Larson said. "Some of the events, if it's a city partnership, we supply personnel for cleanup. ... There's just a lot of coordination that goes into meeting with those groups."

The events coordinator will be responsible for helping coordinate services for Ribfest, Riverboat Days, races, the Harvest

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The City of Yankton plans to hire an events coordinator who can work with such events as Yankton's Rockin' Ribfest in regards to coordinating services and other items.

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