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Area Digs Out After Friday's Big Storm

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The Yankton region spent the weekend pulling itself out of the first major snowstorm of the season, which saw nearly two feet of snow dumped on some areas.

Last Friday's major snowfall totals ranged from 7-18 inches. Yankton reflected the major difference seen in just a few miles. The city itself recorded 8 inches of snowfall, while a site to the east-southeast of town recorded about a foot of snow. Yankton's record snowfall for Nov. 20 stood at 12 inches, set in 1975.



KELLY HERTZ/P&D
 One of the new holiday fixtures in downtown Yankton was stuffed with snow during Friday's storm, which officially dropped 11 inches on Yankton.

Don't look for last Friday's white stuff to remain for long, according to South Dakota state climatologist Dennis Today.

"As for moisture, this will wet up the upper layers of soil. A chunk of this will run off. There is just too much here for there not to be run-off," he told the Press & Dakotan.

"I wasn't concerned about moisture totals in the southeast (part of South Dakota). Precipitation has been above average throughout the area over the last 90 days."

Today stressed what sidewalk shovelers had learned — early season snows can be heavy at times. "With the warmer temperatures, you're able to have 'wetter' snow," he said.

The "Big Dig" following Friday's storm was already giving way to the "Big Melt" over the weekend. Yankton recorded Sunday temperatures in the 40s.

Today said he was waiting to talk with National Weather Service (NWS) officials for more details on the unexpected brunt of last Friday's storm. Early forecasts for snow totals were lower. However, the forecasts were quickly upgraded as the intensity of the storm became more apparent upon its arrival.

"Something happened in the storm because there was a fairly large 'under forecast' of snow. That's not common," he said. "This was quite large in any context for the snow. There was a report from Marion around 16 inches. That would make for their second largest snow total ever. Sioux Falls officially will come in the top 10 (for

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Stepping Down

Joe Glenn Retiring As USD Football Coach



JEREMY HOECK/P&D
 University of South Dakota football coach Joe Glenn congratulates one of his players during the Coyotes' game with Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, Iowa, Oct. 31. USD announced Sunday that Glenn is retiring from his post. A press conference has been scheduled for today (Monday) in Vermillion. For more details, see page 7.

MMC Continues Giving Tradition

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For several years now, Mount Marty College (MMC) has found a way to participate with the community for the Thanksgiving holiday, and this year is no exception.

On Tuesday, Nov. 24, MMC will deliver Thanksgiving food baskets to 25 low-income area families.

The Thanksgiving basket coordinator, Sister Maribeth Wentzlaff, had the idea for the project after attending a conference for Benedictine campus ministers and hearing about another Benedictine college, Saint Anselm College in New Hampshire, that did a similar program.

MMC has since done area Thanksgiving baskets for approximately 15 years for 20-25 families each year.

The Yankton Area Banquet coordinator provides MMC with a list of families who would benefit from the Thanksgiving baskets.

From there, the rest of the MMC campus gets involved.

"We contact various clubs, faculty and divisions on campus who would like to participate," said Wentzlaff.

The groups are then provided with a list of items needed for the one or two families for whom they will provide baskets. Each member of the club, faculty or office provides one or two items on this list until it's complete.

The groups are encouraged to decorate their baskets with the theme of their departments, according to Wentzlaff.

"The bookstore and library get assigned families with kids, so they always include books in their baskets," she added.

The baskets are blessed in a ceremony before being delivered to its recipients.

"The people's gratitude is very touching," Wentzlaff said. "They're in a time of need and it's good to see that the baskets go to people who need them."

It's also a good experience for the students, she added.

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Mead Project Restoring Grandeur

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A number of families are making history with this year's Christmas photos.

Actually, they're recapturing a piece of history.

The families and others are posing for photos on the marble staircase of the Mead Building on the original Human Services Center campus at Yankton. The grand staircase represents a major part of the restoration effort for the 1909 neo-Renaissance building.

The Dakota Territorial Museum is coordinating the 15-minute photo shoots as a fundraiser for the Mead Building restoration project. The photo session will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

"This is a brand new event. We're taking reservations, and



KELLY HERTZ/P&D
 The Mead Building restoration project will host a fundraiser this weekend, as members of the public can reserve blocks of time to have photos taken on the building's marble staircase.

they're almost filled," said Laura Beall, the museum's marketing coordinator.

The funds from Saturday's

photo shoot will help continue the Mead Building restoration project, Beall said. The structure consists of three stories in the front, two

stories in the wings and a full basement.

"We've secured \$2.1 million in pledges or donations," she said. "We're going with the work as far as we can (with the current funds)."

A great deal of fundraising work remains on the Mead Building restoration, Beall said.

"We've raised 50 percent of the total final project costs, including an endowment for the future," she said. "The total amount (needed) comes to \$4.7 million."

However, the project has already achieved one goal by saving the Mead Building from the wrecking ball, Beall said. The HSC campus was placed on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's 2009 list of the 11 most endangered historic

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Sioux Falls Shelter Could Close

SIoux FALLS (AP) — One of the two domestic violence shelters serving South Dakota's most populous city may soon be shuttered if supporters can't secure funding to keep it open.

The *Argus Leader* reports that Sioux Falls-based Mita Maske Ti Ki could be closed by January.

Sue McComber is coordinator for the shelter, which is also known as "My Sister's Friend's House." She says the 12-bed shelter didn't get a competitive grant it has previously used to pay for operations.

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