

Vermillion Parade Of Lights Dec. 4

VERMILLION — The Special Events Committee for the Vermillion Area Chamber and Development Company (VCDC) is sponsoring the seventh annual “Parade of Lights” in Downtown Vermillion on Friday, Dec. 4, at 6:30 p.m.

Vermillion area merchants, businesses, schools and organizations are encouraged to put together a float or entry for the parade. The theme is “Light Up Vermillion.” First, second and third places will be awarded. Entry forms can be found on the VCDC website, www.vermillionchamber.com, or at the Chamber office at 1012 Princeton St. Deadline to enter is Nov. 30.

At the end of the parade, Santa and Mrs. Claus will light the community Christmas Tree at Ratingen Platz on the corner of Market and Main streets. After the tree lighting, children and parents are invited to the Edith B. Siegrist Public Library to make a holiday craft and are asked to bring a donation for the Vermillion Food Pantry.

Children in grades 5 and under are encouraged to enter a coloring contest for a chance to have “Lunch with Santa,” sponsored by Hy-Vee, on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 11:30 a.m. at Hy-Vee and meet him before Christmas. Coloring pages will be available at the public schools, Hy-Vee and the VCDC office at 116 Market St. The coloring entries must be received by Nov. 23.

Also on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 12:30- 2:30 p.m., bring the children for FREE pictures with Santa at Hy-Vee by Peterman Photography.

For more information, call the VCDC office at 605-624-5571.

Snow

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November one-day totals.”

The NWS website lists moisture, a front and atmospheric instability as key factors for a major storm.

The NWS was still compiling snowfall totals Sunday. Tea and Harrisburg recorded a respective 18 and 17 inches, followed by Alcester and Marion with 16 inches each.

Besides Yankton, next in line among reported totals were Centerville with 12.5 inches, Wakonda 12 inches,

Tripp and Tyndall 11 inches, Vermillion 9 inches; Menno, Armour and Ponca, Nebraska, 8 inches each; and Corsica and North Sioux City 7 inches each.

The Weatherology website reported 8.5 inches at an unidentified Knox County, Nebraska, location. The Cedar County, Nebraska, emergency management office in Hartington, Nebraska, received several reports of 6 inches in the western part of the county.

Today noted the very sharp dividing line for Friday’s storm. The NWS reported Interstate 90 appeared to be the line. Over a distance of approximately

20 miles, snowfall increased from a total of 2-4 inches in the north to a total of 16-18 inches to the south.

“Looking at NWS reports, much of the area of southeast South Dakota into northwest Iowa reached double digit snowfalls, though there was a very sharp cut-off on the north end around Sioux Falls,” he said. “Amounts dropped very quickly in that Brookings and Huron had no accumulating snow. I saw only a few flakes (Friday in Brookings).”

For the record, Today found the state’s largest one-day November snow total was found at Lead with 45.1 inches. Outside the Black

Hills, Kennebec recorded the highest figure with a 20-inch total during the 2005 ice storm.

When it comes to Thanksgiving plans, travelers should watch for another storm system that could move through the area.

The NWS has said this week looks to bring a roller coaster of conditions.

“The first half of the upcoming week will feature good weather and near normal late November temperatures,” the advisory said. “The second half of the week looks to bring another storm system through the region Wednesday afternoon through Thursday night, fol-

lowed by cold and dry conditions Friday.”

So what does that mean for hitting the road this holiday weekend?

“Those with travel plans for the Thanksgiving holiday should monitor the forecast for the latest updates on location and timing of fog, freezing drizzle, sleet and light snow,” the NWS advises.

Wednesday’s forecast calls for early morning fog and areas of drizzle with a slight chance of rain after noon. The chance of precipitation stands at 20 percent.

Wednesday night calls for a chance of rain, snow and sleet before 2 a.m., followed

by a chance of snow, freezing rain and sleet between 2-3 a.m. and a chance of snow after 3 a.m.

The Thanksgiving Day forecast calls for a chance of snow, cloudy and blustery conditions with a high temperature near 28. The chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

Thursday night calls for a chance of snow and blustery conditions. The low temperatures are forecast around 14, with a 30 percent chance of precipitation.

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Mead

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places in America.

“We never liked the idea that (HSC buildings) would be demolished,” she said. “There were 14 original buildings (on the HSC campus), and the Mead Building is one of only three from those 14 original structures that are still remaining.”

SMILE!

When they offered the upcoming photo shoot, organizers didn’t know what to expect for public response, Beall said.

“We have 24 spots during that (six-hour) time period. We’re very pleased they’re filling fast,” she said. “We have a lot of families and groups using these photos for Christmas cards. One family booked a solid hour so they could photos of different groups, like cousins.”

The staircase holds a special attraction because of its location, Beall said.

“I think, just the fact it’s a remarkable marble staircase in an institutional building,” she said. “This was a hospital, not a home or mansion. It’s the sort of staircase you would find in a large estate’s home.”

The staircase formed part of the hospital’s receiving area, Beall said.

Saturday’s participants in the Mead Building photo shoot can keep the images for a variety of uses, said Joan Neubauer, president of the Yankton County Historical Society.

“The photo area will be appropriately decorated, and at the conclusion of your shoot, you’ll receive the original negative to be printed by you to suit your needs,” she said.

The idea of taking photographs at the marble staircase holds historic roots, Neubauer said. During the height of the Mead Building’s existence, its staircase

served as an ideal photo setting.

“For decades, during the mid-1900s, the marble staircase at the historic Mead Building was the preferred site for photos commemorating special events,” she said. “With its lofty balustrades, curved second floor balcony, vantage point of the landing below and sweeping ascent, it was easy to imagine that one was in a royal ballroom or presidential entertainment center.”

As the building fell into disrepair, the staircase’s elegance lived on through photographs, Neubauer said.

“Generations of these photos exist in scrapbooks, hang framed on walls and sit on bedside stands,” she said. “Marriage parties live on forever in pictures taken during the ‘40s, ‘50s, ‘60s and into the ‘70s. Graduations are celebrated over and over – and then the Mead Building was closed down and left to suffer the ravages of time.”

The Mead Building restoration has resurrected the staircase’s grandeur, Neubauer said.

COMPLETING THE WORK

The upcoming photo shoot provided extra incentive to complete the remainder of the work under way, Beall said.

“We saw how close we were (toward completing that phase) and pushed it a little bit to get it ready (for the photos),” she said. “It wasn’t a big push, though. Right now, we’re right on our time line.”

The Mead Building originally featured chandeliers, Beall said.

“Most of the building had the original light fixtures, but we’ve replaced a lot of wiring,” she said. “For me, it’s really exciting to get the scaffolding down after two years.”

About two years of work remains on the Mead Building restoration, Beall said. The project calls for installing a modern heating and air conditioning system with modern ventilation. The original radiation heat has been disconnected.

Other parts of the building provide painstaking challenges. “There are 286 windows and doors. The windows are a never ending project,” she said.

However, the restoration has retained the original structure where possible.

“We’ve done a lot of work in preserving it,” she said, noting the warmer fall weather allowed outdoor work a couple of weeks longer than expected.

FINDING A HOME

The renovated Mead Building will provide a new home for at least one entity, Beall said.

“Yankton College will be an occupant (for its records and memorabilia), located on the third floor,” she said. “We have a few other organizations we haven’t finalized yet (in terms of a move).”

For Neubauer, the Mead Building project meshes perfectly with her work as chair of the Yankton College

Board of Trustees for the past 20 years. YC has sought a permanent home for items retained since the campus closed in 1984. The college currently occupies an office in the Summit Activities Center.

“(The college) had been searching for a permanent home for the college’s historical and educational documents as well as for student records and Ward family history,” she said. “There was a gradual awareness of the possibility that the Mead Cultural Center was the perfect place.”

Action moved forward to make the home a reality, Neubauer said.

“The college began negotiations with the Historical Society, and about two years ago executed a preliminary agreement through which the majority of the space on the third floor will eventually be known as the Yankton College Alumni and Educational Center,” she said.

“The college is presently engaged in a fundraising campaign to assure that, when the State of South Dakota releases the Mead Center to the Historical Society, Yankton College will have what has been dreamed of for so long – a permanent home.”

The Mead Building restoration has saved not only a part of Yankton and South Dakota history, Beall said. The structure itself carries tremendous significance, she added.

“It’s an excellent example

of architecture and something we don’t usually see in this area,” she said. “It was an era in medical history, and you don’t see hospitals like that anymore. It was somewhat common to have those grand buildings, but it wasn’t seen as much with institutions.”

Saturday’s fundraiser will achieve more than generate

money, Beall said.

“This (photo shoot) gives us exposure,” she said. “We want people to see the building and be aware that we’ve made progress.”

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OBITUARIES

Wilbur Foss

Wilbur Foss, 94, of Scotland, South Dakota passed away on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at Landmann-Jungman Memorial Hospital in Scotland. Visitation with family present will be held on Friday, November 27 at the Goglin Funeral Home in Scotland from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 28 at Zion Lutheran Church in

Scotland with Rev. Jonathan Vehar officiating. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

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Harold Smith

Harold Smith, 89, of Winner passed away Nov. 19, 2015, at Avera Rosebud Country Care Center in Gregory. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday Nov. 25, at 10:30 a.m. at St John Lutheran in Gregory. Burial with, military honors, will follow at the IOOF, Gregory. There is a prayer service Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at

the church. The Kotrba-Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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All other routes as scheduled.

TRANSFER STATION WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY, NOV. 26TH CLOSING 1PM, FRIDAY NOV. 27TH

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