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Homecoming Theme for 2015-2016 is Holidays.

Daily Themes

Monday--MS/HS is Sports Day; Elementary is Camo Day

Tuesday--MS/HS is Toga Day; Elementary is Sports Day

Wednesday--MS/HS is Tacky Tourist Day; Elementary is Pajama Day

Thursday--MS/HS is Color Day (Seniors-black, Juniors-white, Sophomores-blue, Freshmen-yellow, 8th grade-red, 7th grade-green, 6th grade-purple, Staff-pink); Elementary is Holiday Dress-up Day.

Friday--Spirit Day

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The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

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Sunday, September 20

Anniversaries: • Chuck & Sheila Johnson • Loren & Crystal Wheeler

Birthdays: • Marjory Townsend • Jordan Flihs
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

5:00 pm: Worship at Trinity Historic Church

Monday, September 21

School Breakfast: Ham and egg sandwich, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Turkey gravy, whipped potato, corn, tea bun, fruit.

Senior Menu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, fruit cocktail, zucchini bread.

Birthdays: Julie Milbrandt • Joseph Groeblichhoff • Collin Gengerke • Larry Harry • Darlene Jones • Regan Lewandowski • Mary Lou Bierman • Dillon Freeman • Rhonda Swanson

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

7:00pm: City Council Meeting at Groton Community Center

Tuesday, September 22

School Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese, carrots and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Creamed chicken, buttermilk biscuit, peas, pineapple/Mandarin orange sauce, peanut butter cookie.

Birthdays: • Katie Kampa • Darin Krueger • Alex McKiver • Keegan Schelle • Jason Mettler • Rose Waage • Madison McNickle • Jay Peterson

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

4:00pm: JHFB at Milbank (7th at 4 pm, 8th at 5

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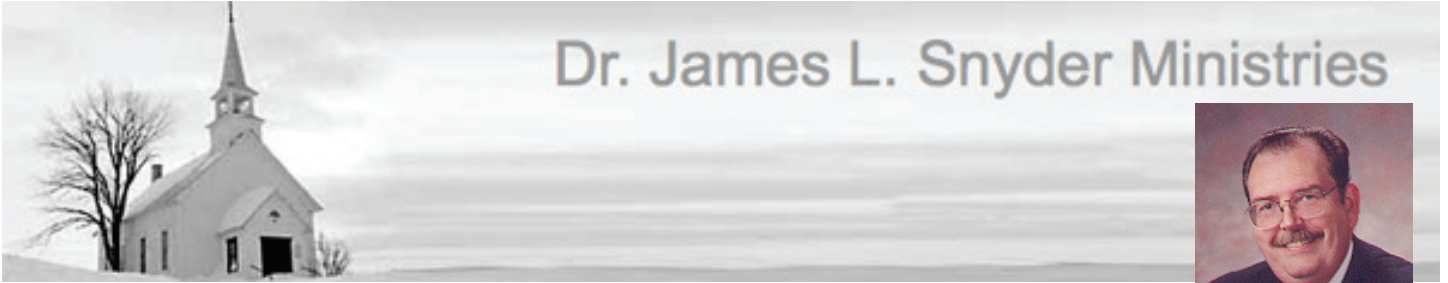
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Dr. James L. Snyder Ministries



I Really Meant to Behave Myself...

I have never been in serious trouble except with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. I must have gotten in trouble with my parents when I was young, but I am too old now to remember that. The great thing about getting old is having a selective memory.

Now, the only trouble I get into is with her. And trust me; I have had my moments of trouble with her and can remember every one.

We were getting ready to visit our son and his family for a week. Four of our grandchildren live with my son and his wife.

Grandchildren are God's way of apologizing for children. When you have children, you are too young and busy to know what to do with them. At the grandfather stage, it is a different story altogether. I now have the experience and the time to spend with these grandchildren.

Half of my grandchildren live here in Florida and the other half lives in Ohio. It would be great if I could spend half of my time in Florida and the other half in Ohio, but nobody has bought into that suggestion, and by "nobody" I'm referencing my children.

Grandmothers have a positive influence on their grandchildren. Grandmothers teach the grandchildren many nice things. My wife always has a craft party when she gets together with the grandchildren. They are so excited to see her and so eager for the next craft she has prepared for them.

Therefore, it is always a great pleasure to set aside a week and spend with the grandchildren up in Ohio.

As we were packing to head for the airport to catch our plane for Ohio, my wife looked at me with one of "those looks," and said rather sternly, "Do you think you can behave yourself this time?"

Honestly, I am not sure what the phrase "behave yourself" really means. As far as I know, and my memory does not go back too far, I have never behaved like anybody else. After all, I am not an actor. I can "act up," but I cannot act.

I looked at her rather meekly, well, as meekly as I could look and said rather frankly, "I will behave like nobody else."

"No," she said, "you must promise me that you're going to behave yourself on this trip to Ohio."

I remember another promise I made to her around 44 years ago when I said, "I do." That promise carried on for 44 years and now she wants another promise? Isn't one promise enough for her?

Then she said, "Do you remember the last time we were up in Ohio? Do you remember the trouble you got into then?"

I did, and it was difficult for me not to laugh out loud. I must confess I laughed on the inside, but was trying to "behave myself," whatever that meant.

The last time we were in Ohio, I took all the grandkids out for supper at a restaurant. It is always good to get together on neutral territory. Because, on neutral territory I can really behave like myself and no other.

We were in the middle of supper when casually I picked up my straw. Now, when I am at home my wife forbids me even to have a straw because she knows what a temptation a straw is for me.

However, these grandchildren needed to be instructed on the proper use of a straw. A straw is not just to drink your soda. It has other more ambitious functions.

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Casually, I put a little wad of paper in my straw; nonchalantly put the straw to my mouth and one little puff and that wad of paper hit one grandchild in the face.

At first, they did not know what had happened. I looked the other way as though I did not know what had happened. The grandchild said, "Who did this?"

Confession may be good for the soul, but it is also good for the turmoil. I acknowledged it was me and immediately a very aggressive spitball fight ensued right there in the restaurant, no straws barred. After all, grandchildren need to know the level of fun a person can have, especially with a straw.

Glancing over at my wife at the time, I saw her glaring at me with one of "those looks" and I knew I was in trouble. Since I was already in trouble, it could not get any worse, so we exhilarated the spitball battle and by the time we were ready to leave, spitballs were all over the floor like snow on a winter day.

I think that was what my wife was thinking of when she asked me to remember the last time we were in Ohio.

Looking at my wife, I smiled with one of those freaky little twinkles in my eye, and said, "I will behave just like myself and no other while in Ohio."

I'm not sure, Paul may have had this in mind when he wrote, "These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Timothy 3:14-15).

I always mean to behave myself, but often there are too many other options.

GROTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

September 21, 2015 - 7pm
Groton Community Center

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Bills
- 3) 7:05pm Pool Managers – 2015 Swimming Pool Report
- 4) 7:30pm Sue Fjeldheim- 2016 Silver Skates Carnival
- 5) 7:30pm Open Airport Land Rent Bids
- 6) 8pm Special Assessment Role Hearing
- 7) NSF Check fees
- 8) Refinancing
 - a) 2015 Bond Resolution
- 9) Budget
 - a) 2nd Reading Ordinance #700-2016 Appropriation Ordinance
- 10) Exe Session – Legal or Personnel

AND any other business that may come before the Council

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Groton Lions Club

First vice president, Justin Olson; led the business session, for the monthly meeting of the Groton Lions Club.

New member, Greg Heilman, was welcomed.

Nancy Larsen and Topper Tastad reported that the Wheel of Meat project will start again, September 26, at the Groton Legion.

Topper and Troy Lindberg are in charge of the annual breakfast , served at the Andover threshing show. This year the club is serving breakfast both Saturday and Sunday..

President Chris Frost is in charge of the new highway signs.

The club will again have an entry in the homecoming parade.

The Muilenberg family is handling the fall rummage this Saturday, as well as the Punt, Pass and Kick contest, after the homecoming parade.

Nancy reported on progress selling tickets for the gun raffle.

Lee Schinkel presented information on Brock Abeln's needs for a new chair. Brock is a member of the club, and the club made a monetary donation to Brock.

Justin was thanked for his work on Facebook, and a website is also being worked on.

This is Lions International's centennial year, and the Groton Club is meeting all of the requests to honor this centennial year.

The Groton Club has been asked to host the zone meeting, with a supper. The club voted to do this, date yet to be decided.

Lee presented an application for Ron Gubin . Ron was voted to become a member of the Groton Club.

At the end of the meeting, vice president, Justin, presented Lee Schinkel with another membership gains pin and award from International Lions.

Schinkel Family News

Lee Schinkel spent his 72nd birthday with the Carter Schinkel, in St Cloud, Minnesota

Junior High Football

Sisseton 7th 6, Groton Area 0. It was a close, hard fought game

Sisseton 8th 28, Groton Area 0

Groton Area 7th 12, Redfield 6: Alex Morris scored the first touchdown on a rushing attempt. The second TD was on a pass from Alex Morris to Chandler Larson.

Groton Area 8th 6, Redfield 6: Darien Shabazz scored the touchdown on a rushing attempt. Groton had many other opportunities to score, but just couldn't get it in. The defense also did a good job of holding Redfield out many times. Peyton Johnson and Cole Johnson had some big defensive tackles for the Tigers.

Aberdeen Central 7th 18, Groton Area 6: The game actually was very good right down to the end. Groton trailed 6 to 0 at the half, then on the first offensive play of the second half the Tigers got on the board with Alex Morris scoring on an 80 yard run off of a reverse. The Eagles later scored and went ahead 12 to 6. The Tigers were then threatening late in the game with the ball inside the 10, but had to turn it over on downs. Aberdeen was later faced with a third and long in their own territory with Groton just needing a stop to get the ball back again with good field position, BUT it was all for naught as the Eagles connected with about a 90 yard pass play, thus ending the Tigers' chances and the scoring for the game...

Players on the JH football teams include:

7th grade- Douglas Ellingson, Caleb Furney, Alex Morris, Kale Pharis, Jack Achen, Chandler Larson, Lee Iverson, Kaden Carda, Hunter McClean, Dragr Monson, Lucas Simon, and Trey Gengerke

8th grade- Garret Schroeder, Cyrus DeHoet, Jameson Stange, Thomas Cranford, Darien Shabazz, Cole Johnson, Austin Jones, Peyton Johnson, Jonathan Doeden, Kayde Stange, Grady O'Neill, and Colby Merkel.

Coaches: Lance Hawkins and Greg Kjellsen

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Today in Weather History

September 20, 1970: During the late afternoon golfball hail fell in and around Redfield with a tornado reported just north of Doland. No damage was reported with the hail or the tornado.

September 20, 1972: About 430 pm, in Southeast South Dakota a tornado caused an estimated 95,000 damage to property and 50,000 damage to crops in Utica and nearby rural areas. Buildings were damaged; trees and power lines were downed.

1909: A large and deadly Category 3 hurricane made landfall near Grand Isle, Louisiana during the late evening hours. The states of Louisiana and Mississippi show catastrophic damage resulting in 371 deaths and \$265 million in damage (2010 USD).

1845 - A tornado traveled 275 miles across Lake Ontario, New York and Lake Champlain. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1926 - A hurricane which hit Miami, FL, on the 18th, pounded Pensacola with wind gusts to 152 mph. Winds raged in excess of 100 mph for four hours, and above 75 mph for 20 hours. (The Weather Channel)

1967 - Hurricane Beulah moved into South Texas, and torrential rains from the hurricane turned the rich agricultural areas of South Texas into a large lake. Hurricane Beulah also spawned a record 115 tornadoes. (David Ludlum)

1983 - The temperature at West Yellowstone MT plunged to six degrees below zero, while the temperature at San Francisco CA soared to 94 degrees. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Afternoon and evening thunderstorms produced severe weather in Oklahoma and west Texas. In Oklahoma, a thunderstorm at Seiling produced three inches of rain in one hour, golf ball size hail, and wind gusts to 60 mph which collapsed a tent at the state fair injuring nine persons. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Showers and thunderstorms produced locally heavy rains in central Wyoming, and snow in some of the higher elevations. Casper WY reported 1.75 inches of rain in 24 hours, and a thunderstorm north of the Wild Horse Reservoir produced 1.90 inches of rain in just forty minutes.

1989 - Hugo jilted Iris. Hurricane Hugo churned toward the South Atlantic Coast, gradually regaining strength along the way. Tropical Storm Iris got too close to Hugo, and began to weaken. A cold front brought strong and gusty winds to the Great Basin and the Southern Plateau Region, with wind gusts to 44 mph reported at Kingman AZ. (The National Weather Summary)

2005 - Hurricane Rita tracked through the Florida Straits and just south of the Florida Keys. Winds were sustained at tropical storm force at Key West, where peak winds gusted to 76 mph.



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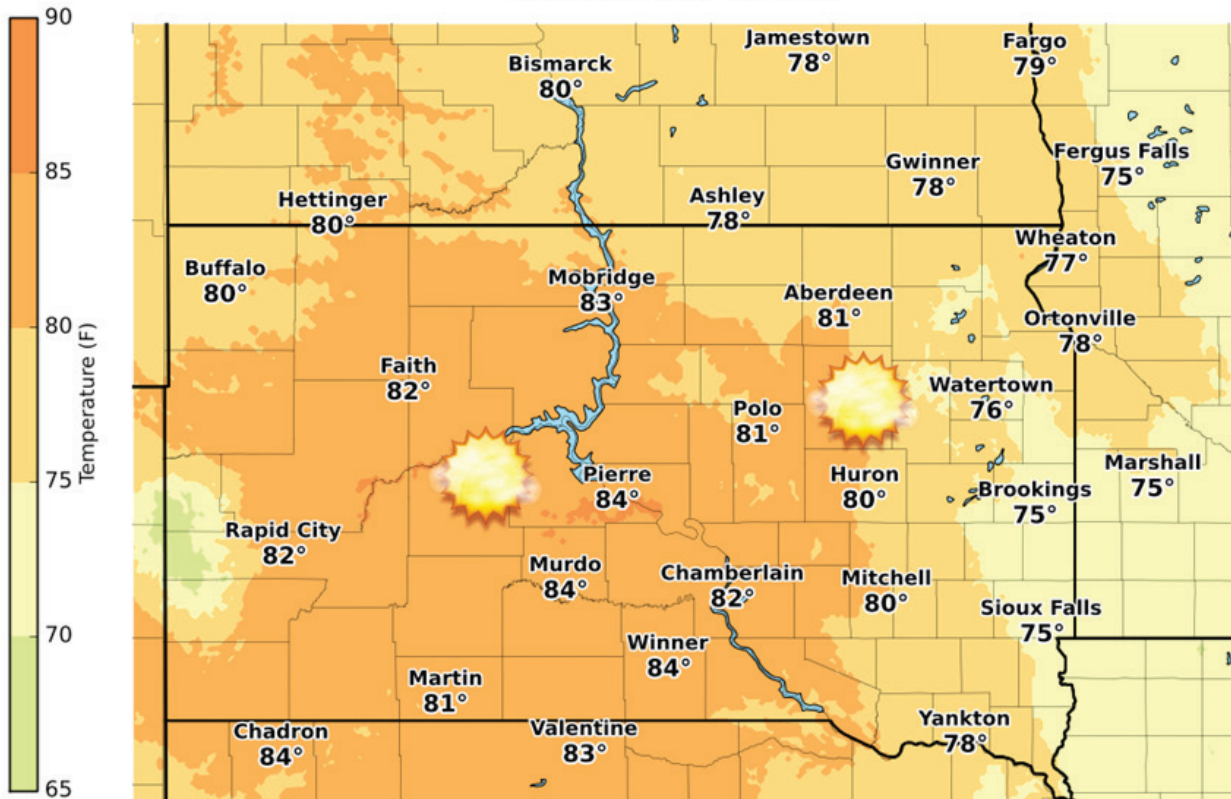
Sperry Stump Removal

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Today	Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
						
Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms
High: 80 °F	Low: 50 °F	High: 85 °F	Low: 51 °F	High: 73 °F	Low: 56 °F	High: 77 °F

Mostly Sunny and Warm Today Valid: September 20, 2015



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Warmer temperatures will move back into the region today with mostly sunny skies and dry conditions. Highs will range from the upper 70s east to the low 80s west. Even warmer temperatures are expected on Monday!

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 71.5 at 4:33 PM

Low: 37.3 at 6:25 AM

High Gust: 20 at 2:58 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 94° in 1937

Record Low: 20° in 1910

Average High: 70°F

Average Low: 44°F

Average Precip in Sept.: 1.48

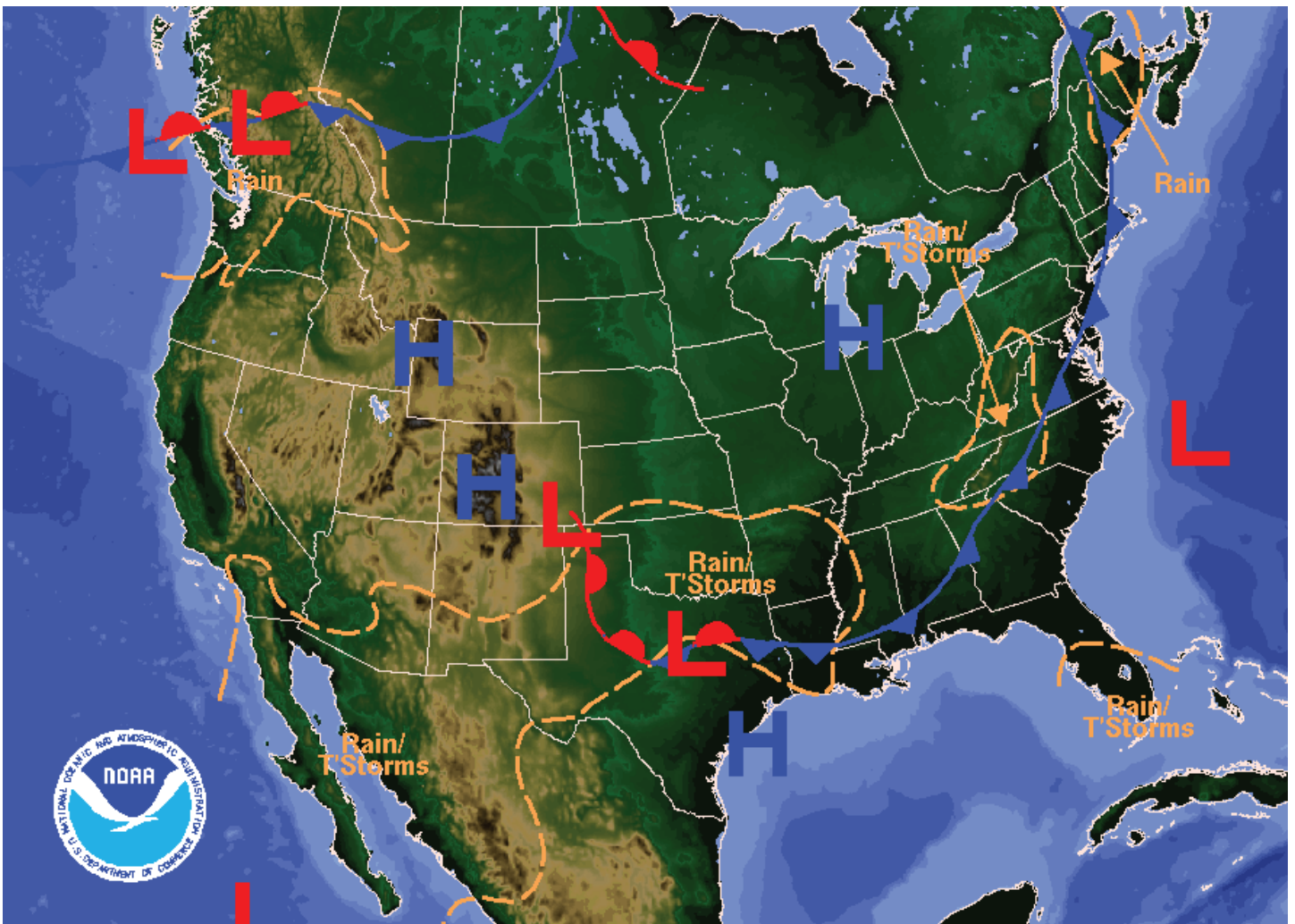
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.35

Average Precip to date: 17.77

Precip Year to Date: 17.15

Sunset Tonight: 7:35 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:19 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Sep 20, 2015, issued 4:27 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Santorelli based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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SEIZE THE MOMENT!

A young, unemployed musician had spent weeks walking the streets of New York looking for work. One afternoon he walked into a theater, sat in the front row watching the organist closely. Finally, the organist stood up and left the stage for a break. At that moment he jumped up, ran to the organ, sat down on the bench and started to play an inspiring blues song.

Immediately, the owner ran onto the stage and began to reprimand him for what he had done. But the crowd began cheering loudly and clapping wildly. As he listened to the response of the audience, he realized what had happened, turned to the musician and said, "Want a job?"

"Yes!" said Count Basie and the career of one of the world's most recognized musicians began at that moment.

God often presents a "once in a life time" opportunity for us to use the talents He had given us. It may be in the least expected place at the most unusual time. But opportunities will come. And when they do, we must be ready and willing for He will always – and also – give us the talents to do what He has for us to do.

Prayer: Lord, grant us Your approval and blessings by making our efforts to serve You successful. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 90:17 And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.

News from the Associated Press

Woman sentenced in Lower Brule stabbing

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A 33-year-old Lower Brule woman has been sentenced to 2 years, 8 months in prison on a charge of assault resulting in serious bodily injury related to a stabbing in October.

Acting United States Attorney Randolph Seiler says Leaf Colette Byington was indicted by a federal grand jury in March and pleaded guilty to the charge in July. She was sentenced this past week.

The conviction stems from an incident on October 24 when the victim tried to break up an argument between Byington and others. Prosecutors say Byington stabbed the woman in the back of the head and ear with a knife.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Lower Brule Agency.

Byington was turned over to the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service.

Dakota Lakes Research Farm in Pierre marks 25th anniversary

STEPHEN LEE, Capital Journal

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Dorn Barnes credits the work at Dakota Lakes research Farm — and particularly soil scientist Dwayne Beck — as a main reason he's still a farmer.

Things weren't going well for Barnes back in the mid-1990s — crops weren't doing well and prices weren't great and he wasn't long for farming, he said.

Then he heard Beck's pitch for no-till farming.

"First thing Dwayne made me do, he said, 'Sell all your tillage equipment, or the first thing you will do when it doesn't go well, is start using it again,'" Barnes said earlier this month at the 25th anniversary gathering at the farm, 17 miles east of Pierre.

Beck had it pegged, Barnes said. He did sell his tillage equipment. And about the third year, the no-till thing seemed to have made things worse. But he stuck it out and the fourth year was the charm, Barnes said. "By the fourth year, the soil had mellowed out," Barnes said and the no-till methods began to pay off.

Now he looks back and says, if it wasn't for Beck and his message of no-till farming, "I probably wouldn't be farming," Barnes said.

That was a common theme as about 60 supporters of the Dakota Lakes Research Farm gathered to celebrate its founding 25 years ago, with a tour of fields, a meal and short remarks, the Capital Journal reported (<http://bit.ly/1Mc6aVe>).

It's a cooperative, with farmers owning the 840-acre farm managed by scientist Beck who is on staff with South Dakota State University.

Beck is internationally known for promoting no-till farming and he took a couple wagons of people around to show the fruits. It shows up on the way soil comes up out of the ground in the roots of plants, he said. And he has a good model, he said: a grassy field that shows "17,000 years of no-till," native plants that never have been plowed under since left by glacial action.

Earlier this year, the farm received a \$1 million check from the Howard G. Buffet Foundation in Decatur, Illinois. A farmer, Buffet gives away millions every year to support sustainable agricultural research.

Beck says the money is being directed so far to three projects:

One is a seed-coating study to find ways that cover crops can be easily planted just by spreading them across fields already standing with, say, wheat. It could be a better, more sustainable way to suppress weeds and provide food for the soil and animals, such as ducks and pheasants, with little muss or fuss, even from the air, maybe.

A second initiative is integrating livestock back into crop production, after a segregation between the two naturally complementary operations began in American agriculture about 50 years ago. Using new technology that could allow farmers to move cattle pasture pens automatically might do the trick, via cellphones and satellite links.

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A third project starts out more as a social experiment: how to find the best ways and means to plant the best plants on public lands such as road ditches, parks and federal lands that will help wildlife, keep the soils healthy and perhaps provide biomass for ethanol production in better ways than using crop residue from farm fields. His first step will be "just getting everyone in the same room," Beck said of highway, agriculture and federal parks people to talk about what works for everyone.

Those projects aim to meet Buffet's brief requirement, that his grant be used for "something you aren't already doing," Beck said.

Meanwhile, Beck is working to get state officials to create another scientist position at Dakota Lakes Research Farm.

He's the only scientist and has three full-time technicians, as well as graduate students who usually spend two years during their college careers working on Farm projects.

"And I'm a little over-taxed," he said. Beck also is nearing retirement age, so he figures state officials at SDSU and the Legislature might want someone around who is familiar with the farm if someone else is going to take over its management.

The earliest such a position could be created would be July 1, he said.

Whoever might be hired for the role would be learning from the best. Dwayne Beck was initiated into the South Dakota Hall of Fame in 2007 for his work in no-till farming.

Saturday's Scores The Associated Press

Volleyball

Bison def. Bowman County, N.D., 25-21, 26-24, 20-25, 25-20

Custer def. Edgemont, 25-13, 25-18, 25-8

Harrisburg def. Pierre, 25-21, 25-22, 25-22

Lyman def. Bennett County, 25-16, 25-21, 25-15

Red Cloud def. Sturgis, 25-21, 25-19, 25-19

Bon Homme Cavalier Clash Tournament

Semifinals

Bon Homme def. Wagner, 25-14, 26-28, 25-17

Northwestern def. Parker, 25-21, 29-27

Pool Play

Pool A

Bon Homme def. Canton, 25-15, 25-9

Canton def. Scotland, 19-25, 25-21, 25-20

Canton def. St. Thomas More, 25-12, 25-17

Scotland def. Bon Homme, 25-18, 25-17

Scotland def. St. Thomas More, 21-25, 25-16, 25-21

St. Thomas More def. Bon Homme, 22-25, 25-21, 25-15

Pool B

Alcester-Hudson def. Parker, 25-13, 25-19

Alcester-Hudson def. Andes Central/Dakota Christian, 20-25, 25-17, 25-21

Andes Central/Dakota Christian def. Parker, 25-20, 25-22

Parker def. Parkston, 25-19, 25-12

Parkston def. Alcester-Hudson, 25-21, 22-25, 25-20

Parkston def. Andes Central/Dakota Christian, 25-16, 25-20

Pool C

Avon def. Platte-Geddes, 25-18, 20-25, 25-15

Avon def. Northwestern, 25-13, 25-13

Northwestern def. Vermillion, 25-15, 25-12

Platte-Geddes def. Northwestern, 25-19, 25-13

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Vermillion def. Avon, 25-15, 20-25, 25-15
Vermillion def. Platte-Geddes, 12-25, 25-12, 25-23
Pool D
Beresford def. Wagner, 25-22, 25-16
Elk Point-Jefferson def. Wagner, 25-16, 25-10
Elk Point-Jefferson def. Beresford, 21-25, 25-22, 25-17
Gregory def. Elk Point-Jefferson, 25-20, 25-13
Gregory def. Beresford, 25-20, 25-13
Wagner def. Gregory, 25-14, 25-6
Final
Northwestern def. Bon Homme, 25-22, 25-11
Quarterfinal
Bon Homme def. Platte-Geddes, 21-25, 25-10, 25-17
Northwestern def. St. Thomas More, 25-21, 25-13
Parker def. Beresford, 25-9, 25-14
Wagner def. Alcester-Hudson, 21-25, 25-11, 25-19
Bridgewater-Emery Tournament
First Round
Bridgewater-Emery def. Centerville, 25-18, 25-21
Ethan def. Canistota, 25-15, 25-14
Hanson def. Tripp-Delmont/Armour, 25-12, 25-14
Mitchell JV def. Marion, 25-20, 24-26, 15-6
Britton-Hecla Jamboree
Britton-Hecla def. Tiospa Zina Tribal, 19-25, 25-18, 25-15
Britton-Hecla def. Langford, 25-18, 25-12
Herreid/Selby Area def. Britton-Hecla, 25-20, 16-25, 25-19
Leola/Frederick def. Britton-Hecla, 25-13, 25-17
Leola/Frederick def. Langford, 25-15, 24-26, 25-14
Leola/Frederick def. Herreid/Selby Area, 25-21, 25-23
Tiospa Zina Tribal def. Leola/Frederick, 25-15, 25-11
Hamlin Tournament
Pool Play
Pool A
Hamlin def. Clark/Willow Lake, 25-22, 10-25, 25-23
Madison def. James Valley Christian, 25-21, 25-16
Madison def. Clark/Willow Lake, 25-18, 25-13
Madison def. Hamlin, 25-17, 25-15
Pool B
Deubrook def. Mitchell Christian, 25-13, 25-21
Deubrook def. Deuel, 25-15, 25-10
Deuel def. Mitchell Christian, 25-19, 25-13
Hamlin def. James Valley Christian, 18-25, 25-19, 25-7
Lake Preston Tournament
Semifinals
Sioux Valley def. Arlington, 25-20, 19-25, 25-17
First Round
Arlington def. Estelline, 25-9, 25-22
DeSmet def. Flandreau, 25-17, 25-18
Sioux Valley def. Webster, 25-19, 25-17
Waubay-Summit def. Lake Preston, 25-14, 25-15

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Winners Bracket

Arlington def. Sioux Valley, 13-25, 25-21, 25-23

Arlington def. DeSmet, 25-22, 17-25, 25-14

Sioux Valley def. Waubay-Summit, 25-19, 25-15

Losers Bracket

Flandreau def. Estelline, 19-25, 25-18, 25-22

Flandreau def. Waubay-Summit, 25-22, 25-22

Flandreau def. Webster, 25-20, 22-25, 25-23

Sioux Valley def. Flandreau, 25-15, 25-18

Webster def. DeSmet, 18-25, 25-23, 25-19

Webster def. Lake Preston, 25-22, 25-9

Championship

Sioux Valley def. Arlington, 25-20, 25-14

Tournament

Hamlin def. Mitchell Christian, 25-17, 25-13

PREP FOOTBALL

Philip 48, Hill City 28

Ethanol tankers derail in South Dakota, at least 1 has fire

SCOTLAND, S.D. (AP) — Seven ethanol tanker cars derailed and at least one caught fire Saturday in southeastern South Dakota, according to Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. The company said no one was hurt.

The 98-car train carrying ethanol derailed about 6:15 a.m. in a rural part of Bon Homme County awash in corn fields between the towns of Scotland and Lesterville, BNSF spokesman Andy Williams said. There were no injuries and no nearby structures were threatened by the fire, he said.

Williams said three tankers were compromised and lost their contents, but crews haven't yet determined which of those three actually caught fire. Officials aren't yet sure what caused the derailment over a small bridge that spans a dry creek.

"It's too early to tell," Williams said. "It will be under investigation."

The derailed tanker cars were near the front of the train, said Lee Rettig of the Bon Homme County Emergency Management Department.

Rettig said one rural road was shut down as firefighters who responded from Scotland, Lesterville, Menno, Tyndall and Tabor worked to extinguish the blaze. It was put out about 2:30 p.m., he said.

BNSF hazardous materials teams responded to help with the cleanup. There are no waterways near the accident scene.

"We'll be assessing any environmental damage," Williams said.

South Dakota routs Drake 52-0

VERMILION, S.D. (AP) — Trevor Bouma ran for 177 yards and three touchdowns as South Dakota rolled to a 52-0 win over Drake for its 13th straight home-opening win on Saturday.

The Coyotes' second straight win and third in a row over the Bulldogs moved South Dakota over .500 for the first time since the 2013 season.

"You can see now how the kids are starting to grow up and fit into the system," USD coach Joe Glenn said. "We haven't had a game like this since I've been here. We've got a pretty decent football team."

Bouma, who was the Missouri Valley Football Conference player of the week last week, scored on runs of 1, 10 and 1 yard as the Coyotes (2-1) built a 31-0 halftime lead.

USD quarterback Ryan Saeger completed 11 of 19 passes for 157 yards and two touchdowns, including a 35-yarder to Nick Meyer late in the second quarter.

USD had 233 yards by halftime and outgained the Bulldogs 476-282 in total yards.

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"We played hard in the first half and had it put away. But we talked about not letting up," Glenn said. "But we probably left four or five touchdowns on the field, so there is a lot we can improve on. It was a big win, but we can also see where we laid too many eggs."

Saeger tossed a 44-yard TD pass to Brandt Van Roekel in the third quarter. Van Roekel caught three passes for 74 yards.

Saeger also ran for 67 yards of the Coyotes' 296 yards.

"It's part of our package," Glenn said of the quarterback option. "We don't want to run our quarterback a lot. They were not having anybody ready for our quarterback and he made some hay today."

Michael Fredrick scored on a 1-yard run and Nate Gunn added a 5-yard scoring run.

USD held Drake to just 116 yards rushing. Conley Wilken had 59 yards on 16 carries.

Quarterback Cody Thibault completed just 14 of 37 pass attempts for 147 yards. He was sacked twice and threw two interceptions.

The Bulldogs drove into Coyotes' territory four times in the third and fourth quarters but missed two field goals, fumbled and ran out of time at the end of the game.

South Dakota cattle on feed up 17 percent

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more animals reported 205,000 cattle on feed on September 1, up 17 percent from last year.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says in its latest report that placements in feedlots during August totaled 31,000 head, down 11 percent from 2014.

Marketings of fed cattle during in August totaled 34,000 head, unchanged from last year.

Other disappearance during August totaled 2,000 head, up 1,000 head from last year.

Attorney general warns of potential hail repair scams

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Attorney General Marty Jackley is urging South Dakota consumers to use caution when making home and auto repairs as a result of the recent hail storms.

Jackley says consumers who need repairs may be the target of unscrupulous business practices. His office's Consumer Protection Division is urging consumers to take necessary steps to evaluate a business before agreeing to a repair job.

Jackley warns people against getting pressured into a quick agreement. He says they should ask to see proof of insurance and/or bond and request a written contract specifying in detail the work to be done and the agreed upon price.

He says people should be cautious if cash-only terms are required and people should not make full payment before the job is satisfactorily completed.

Ag specialists: Corn farmers could be looking at losses

DIRK LAMMERS, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Corn farmers in the Dakotas will likely face per-acre losses this season as high seed, land and fertilizer costs eat up any potential profits from low commodity prices, farm management specialists in the region said.

Jared Hofer, director of the South Dakota Center for Farm/Ranch Management at Mitchell Technical Institute, said some grain farmers either broke even or faced small losses last year, but this year's spread between input costs and sale prices will likely widen.

"So your revenue is half but your expenses are still as high as they were three years ago," Hofer said. "The math doesn't work very well."

Farmers in the Dakotas experienced historically high net farm incomes from 2010 through 2012 as corn, soybean and wheat prices skyrocketed while input costs trended higher but at a lesser rate. Since then, South Dakota corn prices decreased more than 50 percent while soybean and wheat prices each slipped

by about 25 percent, according to the most recent farm trends report from SDSU Extension.

Andrew Swenson, a North Dakota State University Extension Service farm management specialist, said the total production cost for a bushel of corn in North Dakota will likely be about \$4, though this year's excellent growing conditions could likely boost yield and bring that cost down to about \$3.80. The current sale price in the state is about \$3.10, he said.

"It will be tight, for sure," Swenson said. "The Impacts are going to vary from farm to farm."

Swenson said farmers with little or no land debt might have a better shot of breaking even or turning a small profit.

Hofer, whose center aims to help South Dakota farmers and ranchers become better business managers, said landlords, crop insurers and those who sell seed, fertilizer, chemicals and machinery will all make a profit, so they should consider working with farmers so they, too, can profit.

"Everybody in that cycle is making money except for the farmer," Hofer said. "Why should the farmer be the only one to have to bear that burden? So I guess what I'm trying to get at is if you're truly a friend of agriculture, you'll give a little bit to help keep the farmer going."

Hofer said a diversified agriculture operation can help. For a farmer and rancher selling livestock and grain, livestock sales might help offset grain losses. Diversification could also include having a side job.

"Being a diversified operator is a great way to manage risk," he said.

AP News in Brief

Pope likely to shift to pastoral message on 1st full day in Cuba with Mass in Revolution Plaza

HAVANA (AP) — Pope Francis opens his first full day in Cuba on Sunday with what normally would be the culminating highlight of a papal visit: Mass before hundreds of thousands of people in Havana's evocative Revolution Plaza.

The morning Mass kicks off a busy day for Francis, including a formal meeting with President Raul Castro and a likely encounter with his 89-year-old brother, Fidel. Francis will finish the day with an evening vespers service in the San Cristobal cathedral and meet with Cuban young people.

Young and old turned out in droves Saturday to line Francis' motorcade route and welcome a man that many credit with helping bring about the thaw in relations between Cuba and the United States.

"This visit is like a breath of hope blowing over Cuba," Diego Carrera, a retiree, said as he awaited Francis at the start of a 10-day trip to the onetime Cold War adversaries.

Francis wrote a personal appeal to Presidents Barack Obama and Raul Castro and hosted their delegations at a secret meeting at the Vatican last year to seal a deal after 18 months of closed-door negotiations. Since then, the two leaders have reopened embassies in each other's countries, held a personal meeting and at least two phone calls and launched a process aimed at normalizing ties in fields ranging from trade to tourism to telecommunications.

The Latest: 11,000 migrants have entered Austria, at least another 7,000 expected Sunday

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The latest developments as European governments rush to cope with the huge number of people moving across Europe. All times local:

11:40 a.m.

Austria says 11,000 migrants crossed into the country from Hungary in the 24-hour period that ended on midnight Saturday.

The country's interior ministry says that another 7,000 are expected Sunday at the main Nickelsdorf crossing, east of Vienna.

Trump tells Iowa teens to follow your heart, do what you love as he speaks at homecoming dance

URBANDALE, Iowa (AP) — Donald Trump's advice for high school students in suburban Des Moines, Iowa, is uncharacteristically wholesome: Avoid alcohol and drugs as well as cigarettes.

The billionaire businessman and Republican presidential candidate is also encouraging the teens to follow their hearts and do something they love, even if it means making less money.

"You represent so much. You represent the future. You represent something very important," he said.

Trump offered his views Saturday night in the parking lot of Urbandale High School as he addressed a group of students dressed in sparkly mini dresses and suspenders and bowties ahead of their fall homecoming dance. A social media campaign brought him to the celebration and hundreds of students, parents and others turned out to hear him.

"If you can stay away from the alcohol and stay away from the drugs, it's a big, big barrier that you won't have to work out. And it's so important," he said.

Phoenix freeway shooting suspect appears in court, says authorities have 'the wrong guy'

PHOENIX (AP) — A landscaper arrested in a series of Phoenix freeway shootings told a judge that authorities have "the wrong guy" as investigators stood by their detective work that traced the gun to the suspect after he took it to a pawn shop.

Leslie Allen Merritt Jr. was charged Saturday with counts including aggravated assault, criminal damage, disorderly conduct, carrying out a drive-by shooting and intentional acts of terrorism.

In a brief court appearance, a prosecutor said the 21-year-old should face a high bail after drivers spent the last three weeks on edge.

"The suspect presents a dramatic and profound threat to the community," said Ed Leiter of the Maricopa County attorney's office.

Superior Court Commissioner Lisa Roberts set bail at \$1 million, and Merritt, who had remained quiet during the proceedings, asked in a soft-spoken voice to address the court.

Greeks vote in 3rd national polls this year expected to yield coalition government

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greeks were voting Sunday in their third national polls this year, called on to choose who they trust to steer the country into its new international bailout.

Former Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras' left-wing Syriza party, which made pledges to implement austerity measures in return for billions of euros in rescue loans, was marginally ahead of the rival center-right New Democracy in opinion polls leading up to the vote.

But the surveys, which showed many of the 9.9 million voters were undecided until two days before the vote or might abstain altogether, indicated the winner would not have enough votes to form a government alone.

Early turnout appeared low Sunday — a warm summer day that could tempt vote-weary Greeks to opt for the beach instead of casting yet another ballot.

Tsipras, 41, triggered the election by resigning barely seven months into his four-year term, after facing a rebellion within Syriza over his policy U-turn in accepting the spending cuts and tax hikes stipulated by the bailout. Tsipras had won January elections on pledges of abolishing such measures, tied to Greece's first two bailouts.

Concerns over cyberattacks, territorial ambitions overshadow Chinese leader Xi's US visit

BEIJING (AP) — As Chinese President Xi Jinping makes his first state visit to Washington this week, the outlook for relations is decidedly murkier than when he hosted President Barack Obama at their last summit less than a year ago.

Tensions are rising over allegations of Beijing-directed cyberattacks on the U.S. and China's moves to assert its South China Sea territorial claims. Much of the American public sees China as an economic threat and criticisms are rising over a sweeping crackdown on civil rights.

"U.S. suspicions regarding Chinese intentions are growing," said Aaron L. Friedberg, professor of politics and international affairs at Princeton University.

"The atmosphere surrounding this summit may be more negative than any in the post-Tiananmen period," Friedberg said, referring to China's bloody crackdown on pro-democracy protesters in 1989 that marked the nadir in relations.

At the same time, belief in China's inexorable rise has been shaken by a stock market plunge and an economic slowdown that have sent shockwaves through global markets. And last month's catastrophic chemical warehouse explosion in a city just east of Beijing that killed 173 people have also underscored concerns about corruption and incompetence, increasing doubts about the viability of China's model of authoritarian governance.

Gains made, but destruction revealed as Northern California wildfires burn over 1,000 homes

MIDDLETOWN, Calif. (AP) — It has been several days since two huge wildfires in Northern California peaked in their ferocity, yet the damage they did is still being revealed daily.

The tally of homes destroyed topped 1,000 on Saturday after authorities assessing damage in the Sierra Nevada foothills counted another 250 houses destroyed by flames still threatening thousands of more structures.

"Some of the homes are tucked back in rural areas, so it's taken time to reach them," state fire spokesman Daniel Berlant said.

The new count of 511 homes destroyed by one of the blazes — up from 252 a day earlier — comes as firefighters make significant progress against it.

The fire, which killed at least two people, was 67 percent contained. Another 6,400 structures remain under threat.

Jackie Collins, novelist who reveled in the steamy side of wealthy lives, dies at 77

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The novels of Jackie Collins dramatized the lives of the most elite people and places, but they were read by everyone, everywhere — from airports to beaches to, sometimes, under the covers with a flashlight to hide from disapproving parents and partners.

Collins, whose books like "Hollywood Wives" were as brazenly sexual as they were proudly pulpy, sold hundreds of millions of novels in dozens of countries, and it led to a level of wealth, celebrity and glamour that in many ways surpassed her own characters, and arguably matched that of her older sister, "Dynasty" actress Joan Collins.

Collins died at age 77 of breast cancer in Los Angeles, her publicist Melody Korenbrot said.

Collins' tales of sex, glamour, power and more sex were a forerunner to the culture of "Desperate Housewives" and "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills." Her books provided at first more than some wanted to hear, but she became the kind of author from whom readers could never get enough, providing forbidden fodder for housewives and for teenagers raiding their parents' bookshelves.

Collins told The Associated Press in a 2011 interview that she "never felt bashful writing about sex."

Veteran New Zealand zookeeper attacked and killed by Sumatran tiger

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — A veteran New Zealand zookeeper was attacked and killed by a Sumatran tiger Sunday inside the animal's enclosure.

Police said they were called to the Hamilton Zoo at 11 a.m. after reports that 43-year-old Samantha Kudeweh had been attacked by one of the zoo's five tigers. Police said she died at the scene.

The zoo asked all visitors to leave and said it was closing its doors until Thursday. Authorities are investigating to determine exactly what happened.

Zoo visitor Adam Rich told The New Zealand Herald that he saw the tigers Sunday morning and noticed a female zookeeper opening up a gate to allow them access to an outdoor enclosure.

He said that about 45 minutes to an hour later, zoo staff approached him and asked him to leave. He said they were offering everyone a refund.

No. 15 Mississippi holds on in wild 2nd half to beat No. 2 Alabama 43-37

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — With a desperation fling and an array of big plays, Chad Kelly and No. 15 Mississippi ended a quarter century of futility at Bryant-Denny Stadium.

Kelly completed a deflected 66-yard touchdown pass and added two more long ones in the fourth quarter, and the Rebels held on to beat No. 2 Alabama 43-37 on Saturday night.

The Rebels (3-0, 1-0 Southeastern Conference) left the topsy-turvy game with their first victory in Bryant-Denny Stadium since 1988, and second straight in a one-sided series. The Crimson Tide (2-1, 0-1) had been 25-1 in Tuscaloosa against Ole Miss and had never lost two straight in the series.

Both games went down to the wire and were settled with the help of Rebels interceptions.

"We certainly think we're at a point now where it's not a shock," Mississippi coach Hugh Freeze said. "I still say it would be an upset in most people's eyes to do it here."

Today in History **The Associated Press**

Today is Sunday, September 20, the 263rd day of 2015. There are 102 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 20, 1973, in their so-called "battle of the sexes," tennis star Billie Jean King defeated Bobby Riggs in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3, at the Houston Astrodome.

On this date:

In 1519, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan and his crew set out from Spain on five ships to find a western passage to the Spice Islands. (Magellan was killed enroute, but one of his ships eventually circled the world.)

In 1870, Italian troops took control of the Papal States, leading to the unification of Italy.

In 1884, the National Equal Rights Party was formed during a convention of suffragists in San Francisco; the convention nominated Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood for president.

In 1911, the British liner RMS Olympic collided with the Royal Navy cruiser HMS Hawke off the Isle of Wight; although seriously damaged, the Olympic was able to return to Southampton under its own power.

In 1947, former New York City Mayor Fiorello La Guardia died.

In 1958, Martin Luther King Jr. was seriously wounded during a book signing at a New York City department store when Izola Curry stabbed him in the chest. (Curry was later found mentally incompetent.)

In 1962, James Meredith, a black student, was blocked from enrolling at the University of Mississippi by Democratic Gov. Ross R. Barnett. (Meredith was later admitted.)

In 1973, singer-songwriter Jim Croce died in a plane crash near Natchitoches, Louisiana; he was 30.

In 1980, Spectacular Bid, ridden by Bill Shoemaker, ran as the only entry in the Woodward Stakes at

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Belmont Park in New York after three potential challengers dropped out in horse racing's first walkover since 1949.

In 1984, a suicide car bomber attacked the U.S. Embassy annex in north Beirut, killing at least 14 people, including two Americans and 12 Lebanese. The family sitcoms "The Cosby Show" and "Who's the Boss?" premiered on NBC and ABC, respectively.

In 1999, Lawrence Russell Brewer became the second white supremacist to be convicted in the dragging death of James Byrd Jr. in Jasper, Texas. (Brewer was executed on September 21, 2011.) Raisa Gorbachev, wife of the last Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, died at a German hospital after a battle with leukemia; she was 67.

In 2000, Independent Counsel Robert Ray announced the end of the Whitewater investigation, saying there was insufficient evidence to warrant charges against President and Mrs. Clinton. Former Soviet cosmonaut Gherman Titov died at age 65.

Ten years ago: The number of U.S. service members killed in Iraq topped 1,900. Rapidly strengthening Hurricane Rita lashed the Florida Keys and headed into the Gulf of Mexico. Holocaust survivor and Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal died in Vienna, Austria, at age 96. The Sacramento Monarchs won their first championship with a 62-59 victory over the Connecticut Sun in Game 4 of the WNBA Finals.

Five years ago: The United Nations opened a three-day Millennium Development Goals summit to assess members' progress in the decade since promising to end global poverty. President Barack Obama reached out to skeptical voters who were still hurting long after the declared end of the recession, imploring them to stick with him in upcoming midterm congressional elections. Leonard Skinner, 77, the basketball coach and physical education teacher who inspired the name of the Southern rock band Lynyrd Skynyrd, died in Jacksonville, Florida.

One year ago: Turkish authorities reported freeing 49 hostages held by the militant Islamic State group without firing a shot, paying a ransom or offering a quid pro quo. Emmy-winning actress and singer Polly Bergen, 84, died in Southbury, Connecticut.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Gogi Grant is 91. Actress Sophia Loren is 81. Pro Football Hall of Famer Jim Taylor is 80. Rock musician Chuck Panozzo is 67. Actor Tony Denison is 66. Hockey Hall of Famer Guy Lafleur is 64. Actress Debbi Morgan is 64. Jazz musician Peter White is 61. Actress Betsy Brantley is 60. Actor Gary Cole is 59. TV news correspondent Deborah Roberts is 55. Country-rock musician Joseph Shreve (Flynnville Train) is 54. Rock musician Randy Bradbury (Pennywise) is 51. Actress Kristen Johnston is 48. Rock singers Gunnar Nelson and Matthew Nelson are 48. Rock musician Ben Shepherd is 47. Actress Erika Okuma (TV: "Rookie Blue") is 43. Actress-model Moon Bloodgood is 40. Actor Jon Bernthal is 39. Singer The Dream is 38. Actor Charlie Weber is 37. Rock musician Rick Woolstenhulme (WOOL-sten-hyoolm) (Lifeshouse) is 36. Actress Crystle Stewart is 34. Rapper Yung Joc is 33. Actor Aldis Hodge is 29.

Thought for Today: "A faith is a necessity to a man. Woe to him who believes in nothing." - Victor Hugo, French author (1802-1885).