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- 9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School
9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship, too!
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass
9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship
10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church
10:00am: St. John's Lutheran School
10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship ant Rite of Confirmation
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship
3:00pm: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Golden Living Center
5:00pm: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Trinity
6:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Adult Bible Study

Monday, October 26

National FFA Convention

School Breakfast: Egg and cheese omelet, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, tea bun, fruit.

Senior Menu: Chicken rics casserole, green beans, spinach salad, chocolate pudding with bananas, whole wheat bread.

Anniv: Harry & Gloria Pharis

Birthdays: Ethan Charles Briggs • Marie Sternhagen

- 6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study
3:30pm: 5th Grade Band Instrument Introduction
6:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study
7:30pm: School Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 27

First Round of Football Playoffs

Removal, Grinding, Chipping, Trimming

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**Groton Area School District #06-6
School Board Meeting
October 26, 2015 – 7:30 PM – GHS Conference Room**

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order with members present. Approve agenda as proposed or amended.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Open Forum for Public Participation...in accordance with Board Policy & Guidelines.

2. Program Overview Presentations CTE... D. Donley, A. Franken, L. Tietz, B. Lingbeck

3. School Board Committee Reports:

a. Building, Grounds, & Transportation: Lars Hanson, Merle Harder, Marty Weismantel

b. Personnel, Policy, & Curriculum: Dorene Nelson, Grant Rix

c. Negotiations: Kelly Kjelden, Steve Smith

4. Administrative Reports: (a) Superintendent's Report; (b) Principals' Reports; (c) Business Manager Report

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review Food Service Inspection of Groton MS/HS Food Service Facility conducted by South Dakota Department of Health on 10/15/15.

2. Other items, as may be appropriate or as deemed necessary.

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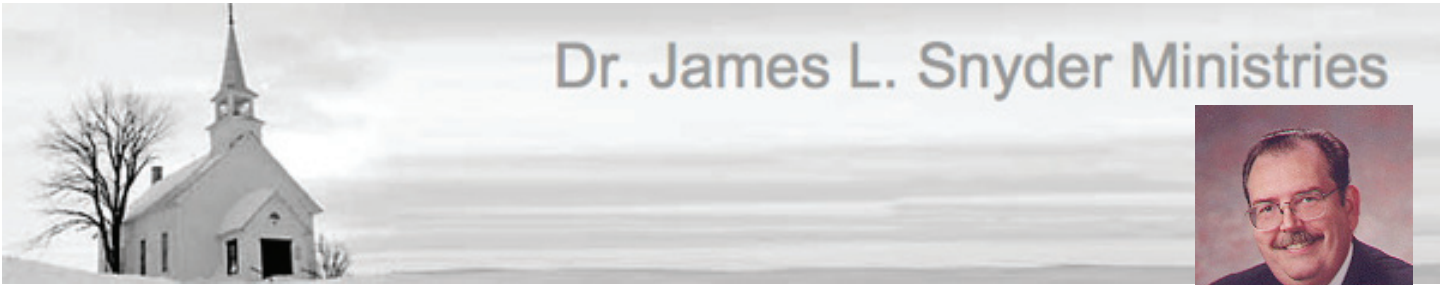


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"Say It Ain't So, Dear"



Honesty is a relative thing and with my relatives, it sometimes is not even a thing.

Take Auntie, for instance. She wore such big hats, especially on Sunday, that if a breeze came by she would fly far away. Why she likes these hats, I don't know. Maybe it's because her relatives are not honest with her.

"How do you like my hat," she would inquire.

Question: do I want to make her angry or sad? I think the rest of the family felt the same way. To tell the truth, it is a hard thing to do in this instance, her hats are terrible. Where she gets them, nobody really knows. Rumor has it she made those hats in her craft room in the back of her house.

I don't know, I stay out of that room as much as possible.

"Isn't my hat divine," she would bustle.

I do not have the heart to tell her how awful that hat is and how silly it makes her look. Therefore, I cave in to relative dishonesty, "That hat makes you look wonderful, Auntie," I rejoin.

At times, I feel a little guilty about this. Is it really lying when you do not want to hurt someone's feelings? Like when your wife says, "Does this dress make me look fat?" The husband who will answer that question truthfully will pay for it the rest of his married life.

I try to be as honest as I possibly can. I do not like dishonesty or people who tell lies. Who do you think I am, a politician?

As I think of it, maybe these politicians are looking at me as if I was Auntie and not wanting to hurt my feelings. All I can say is, I have no feelings for any of these politicians so just tell me the truth.

I can well remember back in the good old days & the old family picnics, when all the relatives would get together on a Saturday for a picnic. What a good time that was the end what good memories I have today.

At these family picnics was good old Uncle Fred, who had more stories to tell than any man could actually live. If he started one of his fishing stories that was the end of the day.

I am not sure if old Uncle Fred was consciously lying or if he was dreaming out loud. That is a distinct possibility. Maybe when he was talking about his fishing days they were really dreams he had about going fishing. I can certainly understand that.

I have had so many wonderful dreams throughout my life, but the difference is, I do not tell anybody about my dreams. Some of them are just too spooky.

If Uncle Fred is referring to his dreams, I am not sure I ever want to sleep over at his house.

Between Auntie and Uncle Fred, honesty is a relatively scarce thing in our family.

At the end of one of Uncle Fred's stories I just want to look at him and say, "Tell me it ain't so, Uncle Fred."

Then, it might hurt his feelings and he may never entertain us again with one of his dreamy stories. Is that really worth being honest with him?

Both Auntie and Uncle Fred are long gone. The only thing I have are memories of the stories they told. You know it's kind of tempting to me? Retelling their stories as though they were my stories.

Now that I think about it, perhaps that is what Uncle Fred was doing. Perhaps when he was younger he heard one of his uncles tell some fishing stories and somehow through the mystery of life they became

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his stories.

In reflecting on both of these relatives, I am so glad that I was not so pompous as to catch them in some wee bit of dishonesty. They meant well, I am sure. They felt part of the family because Auntie loved to show off her hat and Uncle Fred loved to show off his stories.

We do not have big hats anymore for ladies, which Auntie would kinda feel out of place. And with all the emailing and texting and technology today, nobody has time to listen to Uncle Fred's stories.

Man I miss those days. Those days before social media took over and made us all strangers.

I still have my memories, and I am wondering how I can pass them on to my children and grandchildren. If only they could have met those relatives of mine and heard those stories there would be a little bit of joy in their heart that nothing else can create.

Occasionally I think of Auntie and Uncle Fred and for some reason a smile dances across my face. I want to bring joy to my family and when they think of me long after I am gone, a smile will dance across their face.

The apostle Paul had the right attitude when he said, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:8).

I discovered that what a person thinks about reveals a lot about who they really are.

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Today in Weather History

October 25, 1954: A storm dumped snow over the region with the highest snowfall amounts at Devils Tower with sixteen inches. Other snowfall totals from the area included four inches in Colony and Faith, eight inches in Custer and Lead, and eleven inches in Spearfish.

1918: The Canadian steamship Princess Sophia carrying miners from the Yukon and Alaska becomes stranded on Vanderbilt Reef. A strong northerly gale hampers rescue attempts the day before. The ship sinks on this day, killing the 268 passengers and 75 crewmen on board.

1921 - A hurricane with 100 mph winds hit Tampa, FL, causing several million dollars damage. (David Ludlum)

1977 - Dutch Harbor in Alaska reported a barometric pressure reading of 27.31 inches (925 millibars) to establish an all-time record for the state. (The Weather Channel)

1981 - A northbound tornado caused two million dollars damage to Bountstown, FL, in less than five minutes. Fortunately no deaths occurred along its six mile path, which was 30 to 100 yards in width. Radar at Apalachicola had no indication of a tornado or severe weather. (The Weather Channel)




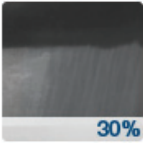
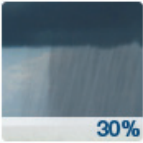
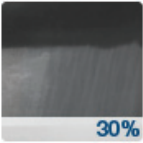

1987 - A storm system moving across the Saint Lawrence Valley produced 40 to 50 mph winds east of Lake Ontario. High winds downed some trees around Watertown NY, and produced waves seven feet high between Henderson Harbor and Alexandria Bay. Mason City IA and Waterloo IA tied for honors as cold spot in the nation with record lows for the date of 19 degrees. Severe thunderstorms in Oklahoma and northern Texas produced golf ball size hail and wind gusts to 65 mph. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Severe thunderstorms erupted over northeastern Texas during the late evening producing softball size hail at Newcastle and Jonesboro. Low pressure over James Bay in Canada continued to produced showers and gale force winds in the Great Lakes Region. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Low pressure over Nevada produced high winds in the southwestern U.S., and spread heavy snow into Utah. Winds gusted to 63 mph at the Mojave Airport in southern California. Snowfall totals in Utah ranged up to 12 inches at Snowbird, with 11 inches at Alta. "Indian Summer" type weather continued in the central and eastern U.S. Twenty cities in the north central U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date. Highs of 77 degrees at Alpena MI and 81 degrees at Saint Cloud MN were the warmest of record for so late in the season. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

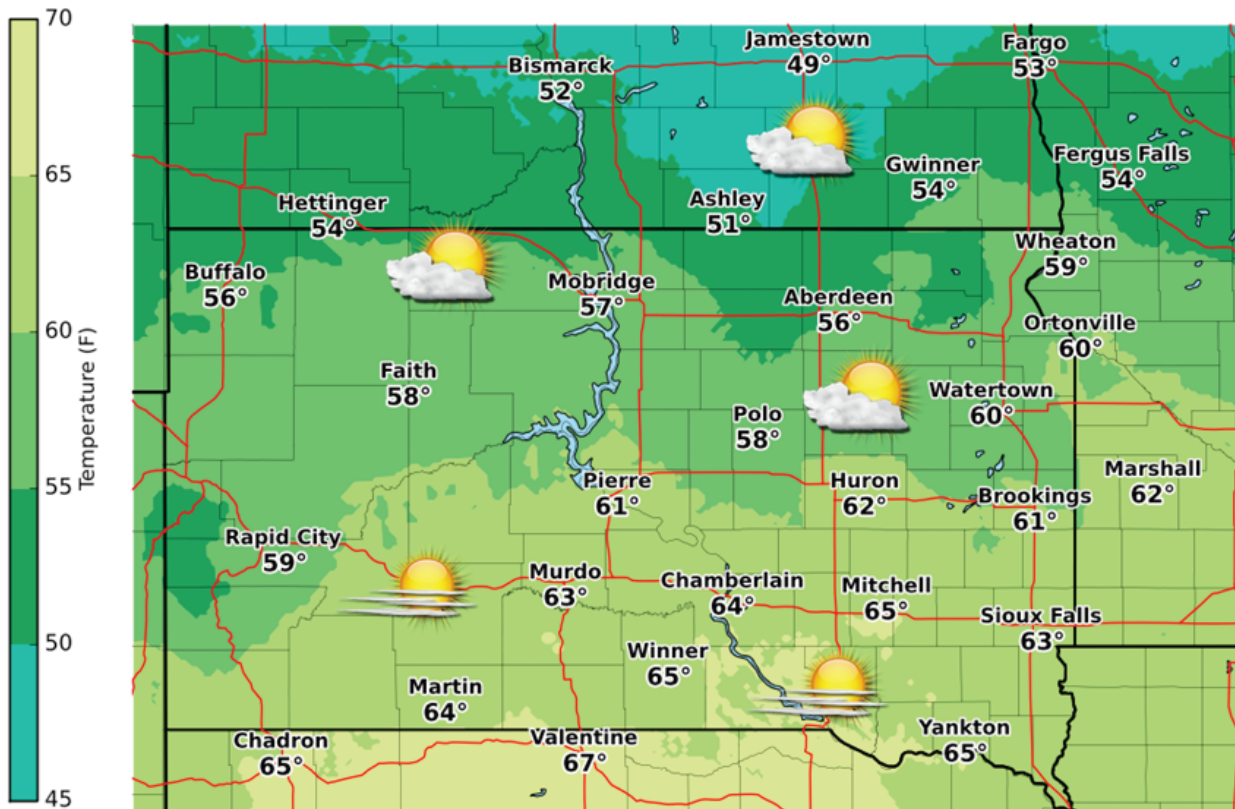
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Today	Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
						
Patched Fog then Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Chance Showers	Chance Showers	Chance Showers	Slight Chance Showers and Breezy
High: 54 °F	Low: 36 °F	High: 53 °F	Low: 40 °F	High: 57 °F	Low: 35 °F	High: 46 °F

Sunday's High Temperatures

Valid: October 25, 2015



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Surface high pressure will bring seasonal temperatures to the region on Sunday. There will be a mix of sun and clouds for much of the day, especially across northern parts of the area.

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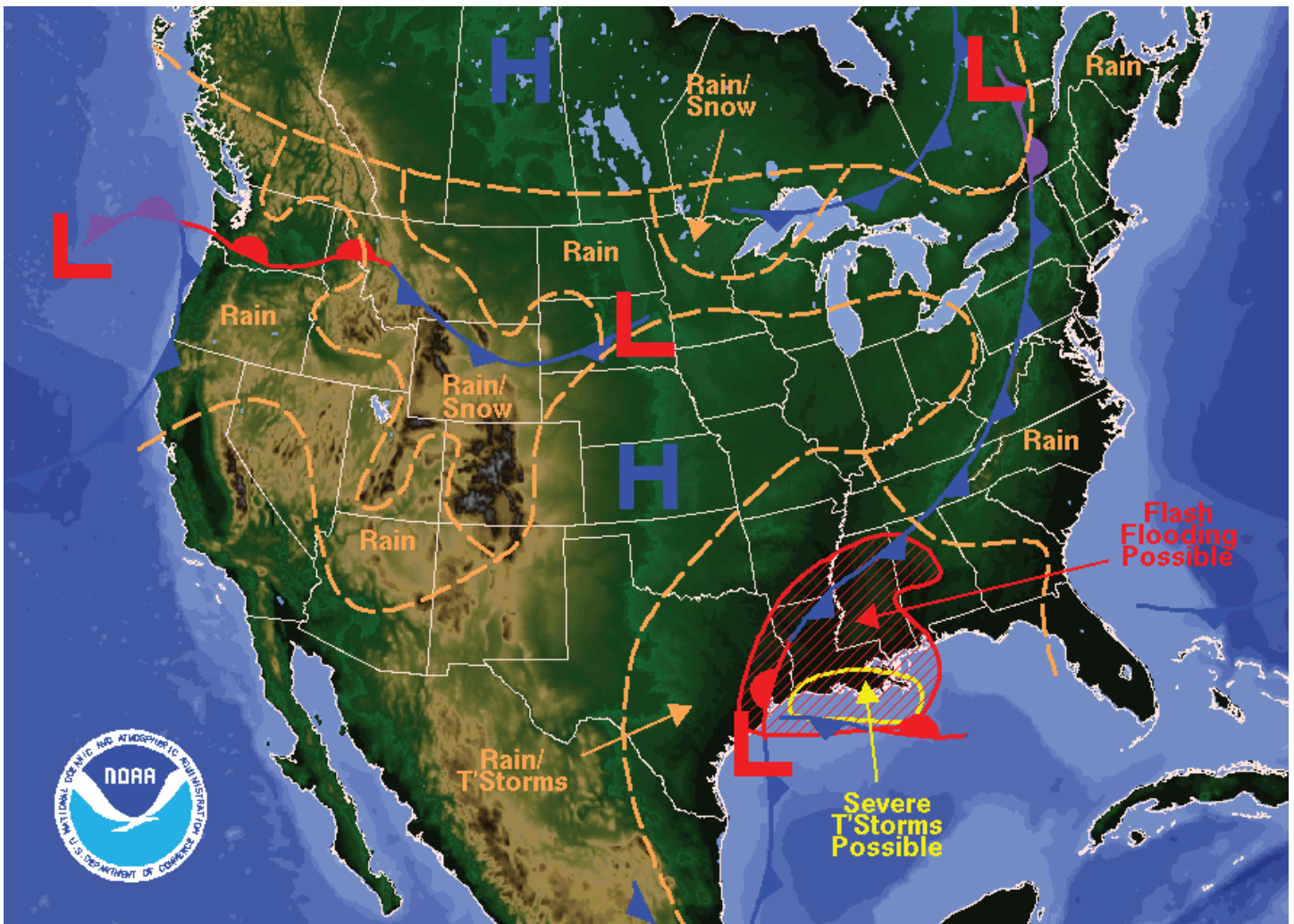
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 59.1
Low: 34.8
High Gust: 18
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 81° in 1989
Record Low: 10° in 1942
Average High: 53°F
Average Low: 30°F
Average Precip in Oct.: 1.72
Precip to date in Oct.: 0.99
Average Precip to date: 20.20
Precip Year to Date: 19.11
Sunset Tonight: 6:31 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:04 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Oct 25, 2015, issued 4:41 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



TRUSTING THE PLAN

Years ago I would watch my mother embroider beautiful napkins, pillowcases and tablecloths. She would spend hours working within a small "hoop" that stretched the fabric tight so she could follow the pattern. She would work with one color of thread at a time until she finished that part of the pattern.

If I looked underneath the "hoop," I would see many knots and dangling threads that made no sense at all. It looked like a real mess. Looking carefully on the top side of the "hoop," however, I would eventually see a pattern emerge that followed the plan of an artist. And when the product was finished, it was beautiful.

There are times when it seems as though life is made up of "many knots and dangling threads." No matter where we look, nothing makes any sense at all. We feel forced to cry out, "Lord, what are You doing?" or "Where are you taking me?" or "What's happening?" or "I want to give up!" or "Is there no plan, God?"

When times are tough, we must turn to and trust in His Word: "I know the plans I have for you; Plans for good and not for evil; to give you a future and a hope!" Look for the pattern. It's there!

Prayer: Lord, when days are dark and the path is perilous, let us sense Your presence and trust Your plan. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

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News from the  Associated Press

Saturday's Scores The Associated Press

Volleyball

Brandon Valley def. Pierre, 20-25, 25-17, 25-16, 25-22

Mitchell def. Brookings, 24-26, 25-21, 27-25, 25-19

Sioux Falls Roosevelt Triangular

Rapid City Stevens def. Sioux Falls Roosevelt, 25-11, 15-25, 25-17, 20-25, 15-9

Rapid City Stevens def. Sioux Falls O'Gorman, 25-23, 18-25, 25-15, 25-19

Sioux Falls O'Gorman def. Rapid City Central, 25-22, 25-16, 25-22

Sioux Falls Roosevelt def. Rapid City Central, 25-7, 25-11, 25-21

Southeast South Dakota Conference Tournament

Pool Play

Pool A

Mt. Vernon/Plankinton def. Gregory, 25-7, 25-7

Mt. Vernon/Plankinton def. Scotland, 25-11, 25-11

Mt. Vernon/Plankinton def. Platte-Geddes, 11-25, 25-20, 25-19

Mt. Vernon/Plankinton def. Winner, 25-18, 27-25

Platte-Geddes def. Gregory, 25-15, 25-17

Platte-Geddes def. Scotland, 25-9, 25-18

Platte-Geddes def. Winner, 25-17, 23-25, 25-1

Scotland def. Gregory, 26-24, 25-21

Winner def. Gregory, 25-23, 19-25, 25-15

Winner def. Scotland, 25-10, 25-21

Pool B

Bon Homme def. Parkston, 25-18, 8-25, 25-10

Bon Homme def. Chamberlain, 25-12, 25-6

Bon Homme def. Burke/South Central, 25-10, 25-11

Burke/South Central def. Chamberlain, 25-12, 25-19

Burke/South Central def. Parkston, 25-19, 25-23

Parkston def. Chamberlain, 26-24, 25-15

Wagner def. Parkston, 25-15, 25-10

Wagner def. Chamberlain, 25-10, 25-11

Wagner def. Burke/South Central, 25-16, 25-17

Wagner def. Bon Homme, 22-25, 25-19, 25-19

Semifinal

Bon Homme def. Mt. Vernon/Plankinton, 25-21, 25-20

Wagner def. Platte-Geddes, 25-17, 25-16

Championship

Wagner def. Bon Homme, 25-15, 25-27, 25-22

Northern Iowa with 10-7 win over South Dakota State

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Aaron Bailey ran for 169 yards and the game-winning score as Northern Iowa picked up its first conference win on Saturday with a 10-7 victory over South Dakota State.

Bailey also had 113 yards passing for the Panthers (3-4, 1-3 Missouri Valley Conference). He outperformed the entire South Dakota State offense with 282 total yards. The Panthers' defense held the Jackrabbits (5-2, 2-2) to 259 yards total and to just 71 yards in the first half.

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Bailey's game-winning 35-yard touchdown run came with the Panthers trailing 7-3 and capped a five-play, 79-yard drive with 6:04 left in the third quarter.

But Northern Iowa defensive lineman Karter Schult can be credited with preserving the Panthers' winning lead.

Trailing 10-7 with 1:31 to play, South Dakota State coach John Stiegelmeier went for it on fourth-and-1 from the Northern Iowa 10 rather than try a tying field goal. Running back Kyle Paris took a direct snap but lost a yard after Schult raced in from the left and disrupted the play before it got started. Northern Iowa took over and ran out the clock to notch its first MVFC win of the season.

"We needed to catch and break, we needed to make a break happen and we did that on fourth down" Panthers coach Mark Farley said. "You can swing a whole season on a couple of plays and this is one of those we can build momentum on."

The Jackrabbits had marched 68 yards in 12 plays and burned 6:21 off the clock before the drive stalled. "This one's on me," Stiegelmeier said. "We played well enough to win this game. I didn't coach well enough. I didn't make the right decisions. That's not acceptable. There were a lot of guys that played their tails off today and I didn't get it done."

Northern Iowa gained 188 yards in the first half but managed just three points on a Michael Schmadeke 24-yard field goal with 2:43 to play in the half. Schmadeke missed a 56-yard attempt with 18 seconds before the break.

The Jackrabbits led 7-3 in the third quarter after Taryn Christion's 6-yard TD pass to Connor Landberg. Christion replaced Zach Lujan after two ineffective series to start the game and was instrumental in putting the Jackrabbits in position to tie or go ahead late. He finished with 156 yards passing and a team-high 61 yards rushing.

S. Dakota beats Missouri St. 40-10 with 529 yards of offense

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota shook off the euphoria of beating North Dakota State last week and downed Missouri State 40-10 in the Missouri Valley Conference on Saturday.

After 14 straight conference losses, the Coyotes have won two in a row behind strong defensive efforts. "Our defense was swarming all day long. It starts with great defense," South Dakota coach Joe Glenn said. The Coyotes held the Bears to just 155 total yards, while rolling up 529.

"We're pretty happy with the way the guys played up front," Glenn said. "You've got to feel good about putting 529 yards on somebody."

Kicker Miles Bergner, whose last-second field goal lifted the Coyotes to a stunning win over North Dakota State last weekend, kicked three field goals in the first quarter to give USD a 9-0 lead. He added one more in the second half to tie the school record of four in a game.

"Happy day for Miles Bergner. He did a good job for us," Glenn said.

The Coyotes (4-2, 2-2 Missouri Valley) took the opening kickoff and moved into field goal range where Bergner kicked a career-long 53-yarder for a 3-0 Coyotes lead. He later kicked field goals of 29, 28 and 36 yards.

Missouri State (1-6, 0-4) erased most of the early lead when Deion Holliman returned a kickoff 100 yards to make it 9-7 with 1:40 left in the first quarter.

The Bears' only other threat ended at the USD 4, following a 60-yard run by Jason Randall. Marcelo Bonani kicked a 21-yard field goal.

Randall ran 10 times for 77 yards.

Defensively, USD held Missouri State to just 49 yards in the first half. The Bears' longest drive in the first two quarters was 13 yards.

Michael Fredrick and Nate Gunn filled in for injured starter Trevor Bouma. Fredrick ran for 129 yards and a score and Gunn added 46 yards and a TD.

Ryan Saeger completed 20 of 29 passes for 275 yards, including a 34-yard TD to Eric Shufford.

Brandt Van Roekel caught seven passes for 86 yards.

The Coyotes took control in a 17-point third quarter.

"We've got some wind in our sails and bounce in our step," Glenn said. "I knew we could play better."

Highway Patrol trooper assaulted during stop near Rapid City

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a South Dakota Highway Patrol trooper has been assaulted during a traffic stop near Rapid City.

The South Dakota Department of Public Safety said the assault occurred Saturday morning. Four suspects fled the scene in their vehicle after the assault and were apprehended by Pennington County deputies near Wall.

Authorities say the trooper is being treated for serious injuries that are not a threat to his life. Officials are not releasing the trooper's name at this time.

The investigation is being led by the Pennington County Sheriff's Office.

Rapid City working on master development plan for downtown

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Rapid City is pursuing a bright future for the development of its downtown area. The Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/1LNJ6dm>) reports that city planners started work this week with a consulting firm to create a comprehensive plan for the city's greater downtown area.

The roughly eight-month process includes discussions with businesses owners and residents from downtown Rapid City.

The city council has approved an agreement of up to nearly \$200,000 with the consulting firm to develop the recommendations.

Sarah Hanzel works in the city's long-range planning department. She says the city's downtown is its heart, economic engine and cultural hub.

Hanzel says she expects the discussions to address a variety of issues. They include meeting the growing demand for urban housing, adding parking and the mixture of residential and commercial zoning.

Northwest Sioux Falls shooting victim dies from injuries

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a 19-year-old man has died from his injuries after a shooting in northwest Sioux Falls.

The Sioux Falls Police Department said Saturday that the incident happened at about 2:40 a.m. on Saturday at a residence. When police arrived, they found the unresponsive victim, who died a short time later.

Authorities say several people were inside the dwelling at the time of the shooting. Police say David Randle was handling a rifle, which discharged and hit the victim.

Officials believe alcohol and marijuana factored into the incident. Randle has been charged with manslaughter. It's unclear if he has an attorney.

The victim's name is being withheld until his family is notified.

AP News in Brief

Once a megastorm, Patricia inflicts little damage on Mexican coast, weakens and moves inland

CHAMELA, Mexico (AP) — Just a day after menacing Mexico as one of history's strongest storms, Hurricane Patricia left surprisingly little damage in its wake Saturday and quickly dissipated into a low-pressure system that posed little threat beyond heavy rain.

The hurricane's most powerful punch landed on a sparsely populated stretch of Mexico's Pacific Coast before the system crashed into mountains that sapped its potentially catastrophic force. The popular beach city of Puerto Vallarta and the port of Manzanillo were spared the brunt of the violent weather.

Authorities were still checking on some isolated areas, where roads had been blocked by downed trees, but the devastation appeared to be far less than feared.

There were no reports of deaths or injuries, said Roberto Lopez Lara, interior secretary for the state of Jalisco. Later, President Enrique Pena Nieto reported that between 3,000 and 3,500 homes had been

damaged and the storm also affected 3,500 hectares (about 8,650 acres) of farmland. He said 235,000 people had lost electricity when the storm hit, and about half had power restored by Saturday.

It was a remarkable outcome, considering that Patricia had once been a Category 5 hurricane with winds up to 200 mph (325 kph) before coming ashore with slightly less power in an area dotted with sleepy villages and a few upscale hotels.

Homecoming parade crash that kills 4 is latest tragedy for Oklahoma State; driver jailed

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Lawn chairs, blankets and water bottles were strewn in the street and bodies remained at the scene as Oklahoma State University fans walked past an intersection where a woman had plowed her car into a homecoming parade crowd hours earlier and killed four people.

Some lingered Saturday to look at the aftermath that also included a gray car with a smashed side and shattered windshield, and a crumpled motorcycle. Dozens more were injured in the collision that sent some spectators flying through the air.

The driver is suspected of being under the influence, and investigators were awaiting results of blood tests to determine if she was impaired by drugs or alcohol.

"You look at the carnage alone. (Someone) had a little baby stroller crushed up. It's disgusting," said Dan Whitmire, who was visiting his daughter from Dallas and had planned to attend Saturday's homecoming game, which was held anyway, but changed his mind after the crash.

Three adults died at the scene and a 2-year-old boy died later, Stillwater police Capt. Kyle Gibbs said. He said 44 people were injured.

Sanders sharpens contrast with Clinton, she goes after Republicans at high-stakes Iowa dinner

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Bernie Sanders sharpened the contrast with Hillary Rodham Clinton on a bevy of liberal causes on Saturday, casting himself as a principled progressive before thousands of Iowa Democrats in an appearance that could set the tone for the leadoff presidential caucuses in February.

Sanders, the independent Vermont senator, never mentioned Clinton by name at the high-profile fundraising dinner but implicitly criticized her delayed opposition to the Trans-Pacific Partnership and Keystone XL pipeline as well as her vote in favor of the Iraq war and passage of the Defense of Marriage Act during her husband's administration.

"I promise you tonight as your president I will govern based on principle not poll numbers," Sanders said, eliciting roars from his supporters.

Clinton did not respond in kind, making the case that she would be best equipped to take on the Republicans. "I hear Donald Trump when he says we have to make America great again," Clinton said. "America is great — we just have to make it fair and just."

Clinton and Sanders sit atop a Democratic presidential field that was effectively pared down to two after Vice President Joe Biden announced this week he would not seek the nomination.

Kerry says video monitoring of Jerusalem holy site to ease tensions that sparked violence

JERUSALEM (AP) — Looking to reduce tensions at a Jerusalem holy site that set off weeks of Mideast violence, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry announced Saturday that Israel and Jordan had agreed on steps, including round-the-clock video monitoring, to bring an end to the unrest.

But the announcement contained few details on how the monitoring system would work, and it was not immediately clear whether it would be enough to calm the unrest that has raised fears that the region is on the brink of a new round of heavy fighting.

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Late Saturday, Israel said it welcomed "increased coordination" with the Jordanians. There was no immediate Palestinian reaction.

Kerry had spent several days holding talks with Israeli and Arab leaders, capping his efforts with meetings Saturday with the Palestinians and Jordan. Kerry said King Abdullah II of Jordan suggested the monitoring and that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu accepted.

"All the violence and the incitement to violence must stop. Leaders must lead," Kerry told reporters in the Jordanian capital after meeting with the king and with Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas.

Pope at end of divisive family synod: 'Today is a time of mercy'

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis is celebrating a final Mass to close out a historic meeting of bishops that, by a single vote, approved an important new direction in welcoming divorced and civilly remarried Catholics into the church.

In his homily Sunday in St. Peter's Basilica, Francis declared "Today is a time of mercy!"

Without changing church doctrine, the 275 synod "fathers" on Saturday approved a 94-point final document endorsing Francis' call for a more merciful and less judgmental church. The most disputed section of the document concerned whether remarried Catholics can receive Communion.

While the document doesn't chart any specific path to receiving the sacraments as originally sought by liberal prelates, it opens the door to case-by-case exceptions by citing the role of discernment and individual conscience in spiritual direction.

Southeast Texas to get heavy rains from hurricane remnants, storm; flooding to continue

DALLAS (AP) — Heavy rains were expected to fall in Southeast Texas through midday Sunday as the remnants of Hurricane Patricia combined with a powerful storm system that has flooded roads in the state and caused a freight train to derail.

Houston Mayor Annise Parker said people should be "prepared to be patient."

"There will be localized flooding in Houston, primarily street flooding," she said Saturday.

Brian Kyle, lead meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Houston, said forecasters expected Saturday's rains in Southeast Texas to intensify overnight. He said most of the heavy rainfall would occur overnight to noon on Sunday, with amounts ranging from a couple of inches to up to 1 foot offshore.

Galveston County Judge Mark Henry issued a voluntary evacuation Saturday for Bolivar Peninsula, just northeast of Galveston Island, after forecasters predicted the area would get 8 to 12 inches of rain and tides 4 to 5 feet high.

North Korean sister and South Korean brother can't resolve decades-long grievance at reunion

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — This weekend, scores of Koreans on both sides of the border are holding reunions with family members divided by the Korean War some six decades ago. Most have not seen each other since then — and may never again.

This is the second three-day session of reunions organized by the two countries held at the Diamond Mountain resort in North Korea.

South Korean Lee Cheon-wu, a 78-year-old retired farmer, was at the first session, held during the middle of the week. Here, in his own words, is what he will remember about what will likely be his last meeting with his 84-year-old sister, North Korean Ri Mun Wu.

When the North Korean participants came into the reunion center, I quickly recognized my elder sister because she looks exactly like our late mother. I quickly shouted, "Sister!" and rushed over and embraced

her. She asked me "Who are you?" So I said, "It's me. Cheon-wu!" She wept and hugged me.

Laser treatments may ease pain for 'napalm girl' decades after attack captured in AP photo

MIAMI (AP) — In the photograph that made Kim Phuc a living symbol of the Vietnam War, her burns aren't visible — only her agony as she runs wailing toward the camera, her arms flung away from her body, naked because she has ripped off her burning clothes.

More than 40 years later she can hide the scars beneath long sleeves, but a single tear down her otherwise radiant face betrays the pain she has endured since that errant napalm strike in 1972.

Now she has a new chance to heal — a prospect she once thought possible only in a life after death.

"So many years I thought that I have no more scars, no more pain when I'm in heaven. But now — heaven on earth for me!" Phuc says upon her arrival in Miami to see a dermatologist who specializes in laser treatments for burn patients.

Late last month, Phuc, 52, began a series of laser treatments that her doctor, Jill Waibel of the Miami Dermatology and Laser Institute, says will smooth and soften the pale, thick scar tissue that ripples from her left hand up her arm, up her neck to her hairline and down almost all of her back.

'Tonight Show' host Jimmy Fallon honored by Harvard Lampoon for his contribution to comedy

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Jimmy Fallon got the royal treatment at Harvard.

The "Tonight Show" host and "Saturday Night Live" alum was honored Saturday by the Harvard Lampoon, the country's oldest continuously published humor magazine.

The magazine awarded Fallon its Elmer Award for Excellence in Humor.

The comedian was crowned "Emperor of Comedy" and paraded through Harvard Square in a Roman chariot. The parade started by the Inn at Harvard and ended at the steps of the magazine's headquarters, Lampoon Castle, where he was presented with a trophy and an 85-cent check.

It's just the seventh time the undergraduate organization says it has bestowed the honor. Previous recipients include Jay Leno, John Cleese and Robin Williams.

AFC East lead on the line as bluster-less Jets face Brady, Patriots

The bluster is gone from the Jets, it's now residing in Western New York with Rex Ryan and the Bills.

In his stead as coach is Todd Bowles, who has the Jets off to a 4-1 start in his tenure. New York is the league's dominant defensive team, has a penchant for takeaways, and will blitz from the time the team leaves the hotel until the final seconds tick off the clock.

Here comes the big test, and a chance to make a huge statement. The Jets travel to Foxborough, and a win Sunday over the 5-0 Patriots would establish New York's credentials as a contender. But don't expect any outlandish statements from Bowles or his players.

"I don't discourage anybody," he says of holding back what his players say. "I just try to make sure we act professionally and we do the things that we need to do to win. It's not about talking or discouraging or monitoring guys' conversations or anything like that.

"It's about being mature as a football team and understanding where we are and what we need to do."