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Anniversaries: Curtis & Janice Sombke • Chuck & Carrie Cole

Birthdays: Audrey Thurston • Melinda Eikamp • Travis Swisher • Aubray Harry • Gene Loeschke
9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass
9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship
10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church
10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran worship
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship
7:00pm: Snow Queen Contest at GHS Gym

Monday, November 30

School Breakfast: Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Chili, corn bread, carrots and dip, fruit.

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

Birthdays: Tanner Johnson • Jesse Anderson • Denny Davies

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

7:00pm: Winter Sports Parent-Athlete Meeting

Tuesday, December 1

Lisa Sippel Novice Debate in Groton after school Practice ACT at GHS

School Breakfast: Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.

School Menu: Meatballs, baked potato, tea buns, mixed vegetables, fruit.

Senior Menu: Chili, cornbread, coleslaw, lime pear Jell-O.

Birthdays: Darrel Hendrickson • Ahmad Shabazz Jr • Kevin Raap

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

6:30pm: 7th GBB host Clark/Willow Lake

Baby Shower for Eva Roy Olson, daughter of Nick and Stephanie Olson, will be held Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Eva was born October 7, 2015. They are registered at Target.

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

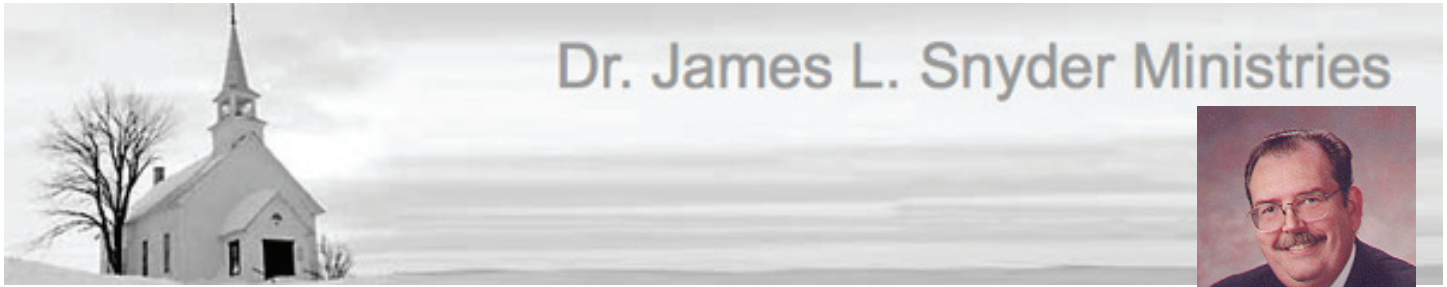
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Dr. James L. Snyder Ministries



Another Thanksgiving under My Belt

The house is quiet now, although a few hours ago it was thumping with all kinds of noise and chatter. Once again, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I sponsored another Thanksgiving dinner.

My role, of course as in previous years, is to stay out of the kitchen and let the wife do what only the wife can do. My sponsorship is finished right there.

Now everything is quiet and I am sitting back reflecting on the marvelous dinner and time with the family. In the quietness of the time, I began to think about those Thanksgiving dinners with my grandmother back in "the day." They all blur together, but the one thing that stands out from everything is my grandmother's marvelous turkey and all the trimmings and went with it.

As I was thinking about that, I remembered some of my relatives who faithfully joined us for that marvelous Thanksgiving dinner. What great times we had.

There was Uncle Ralph, for instance. He was a fisherman, or so he said, and had so many fishing stories I could write a book. If half of what he said in his stories were true, there should not be any fish left in the world. He would entertain us with all those marvelous fishing stories of his. Being a young person, I believed everything he said. After all, what uncle would lie to his nephew?

Then I cannot forget Uncle Andrew. He was the hunter in the family. If the deer population is on the brink of extinction, it is because of Uncle Andrew. According to him, no deer was safe from him. All except for one.

As he told the story, he was out hunting early one Saturday morning and ran across the biggest deer he had ever seen in his life. According to him, this deer went easily 1,000 pounds. As he focused that deer in his scope, he noticed the deer was staring at him. As he looked at that deer and looked into those big brown tear filled eyes good old Uncle Andrew broke down.

He put down his rifle, walked over to that huge deer, shook his hoof and said, "My friend, I just want to wish you a good day." With that, he turned around and walked away from the largest deer that ever lived in the world.

It took me years to realize no deer ever comes near the 1000-pound trophy that he talked about.

Then I remembered Aunt Sally. Boy, did she have stories to tell.

According to her stories, she was the world's most frugal shopper. If there ever was a bargain in the

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world, it was negotiated by Aunt Sally. If what she said was anywhere near the neighborhood of truth, all the shopkeepers downtown paid her just to come and haul stuff out of their store.

She could negotiate to the point, or so she said, that the stores would pay her to buy items in their store. I never could figure out how that worked. As she would toss out the figures, I started doing a little bit of arithmetic and all I can say is, my arithmetic teacher did not teach me everything about arithmetic.

I would not go so far as to say these relatives of mine lied. As far as they were concerned, a lie is a devious intent to hurt someone. If you knew my relatives, that was the furthest thing from their mind.

Thinking about those relatives and their stories, I can see where I inherited some of that inclination. The thing I have that those relatives did not have was the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. That makes all the difference in the world.

Whenever I get started on one of my stories, she stares at me with one of "those stares," and says, "Seriously?" Believe me that takes all the wind out of my sails.

So, with another Thanksgiving dinner under my belt, I have the privilege of all of those wonderful memories. Family is made up of memories. I do not know what it is, but the older I get, the more memories I seem to have and those memories seem to be enhanced along the way.

The funny thing about a memory is it can be anything you happen to remember at the time. I get that from my relatives.

Those relatives are gone now. All I have are their memories, which seem to be sharp this time of the year. I believe the key element of a memory, and I got this from my relatives, is exaggeration. What good is a memory if you cannot spice it up a little bit with exaggeration?

Thinking along this line, I came to one very solemn conclusion. The only thing I cannot exaggerate is God and His wonderful love for me. That I am most thankful for this one thing.

No matter how far I go in talking about God's amazing love for me, I've never reached the point or come near the point of exaggeration. God loves me with an eternal love that nothing I can do can ever compromise.

A Bible verse says it all. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

God never exaggerates His love for me, it is the same yesterday, and today and forever.

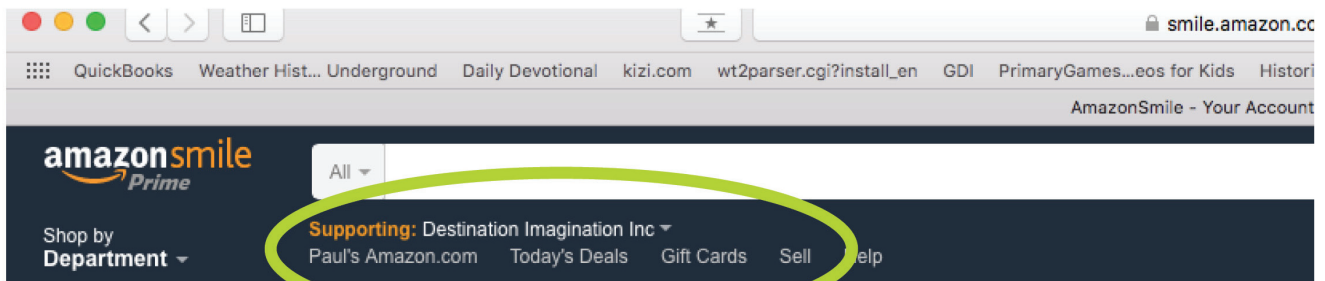
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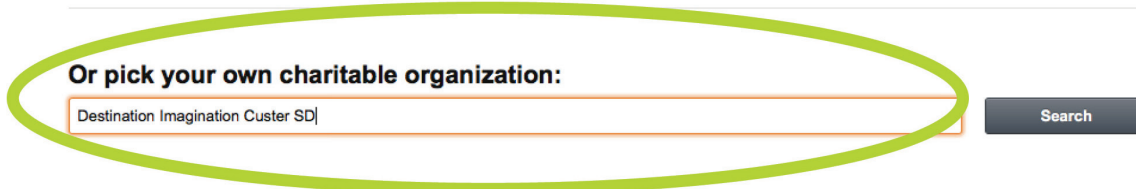
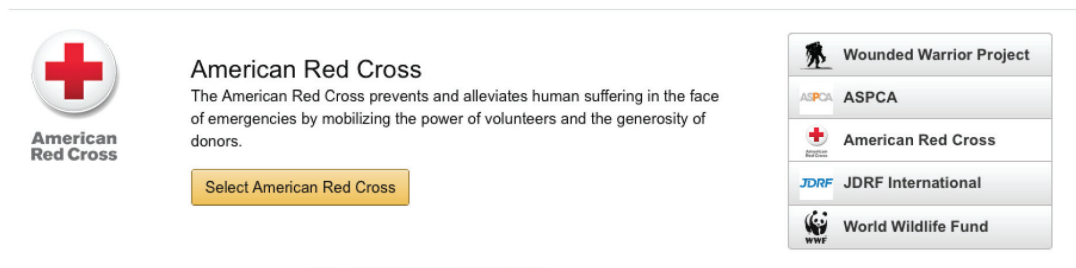
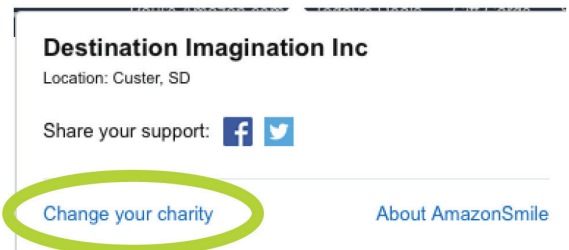
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Groton Chamber Holiday Boxes are out & about in Groton!

This Week (thru 11/27) – Groton Ford
\$25 Chamber Bucks OR Free Oil Change!

Next Week (thru 12/04) – Dairy Queen
\$25 Chamber Bucks OR 10" Ice Cream Cake!

Stop by each participating business and register for \$25
Groton Chamber Bucks – or a prize supplied by the business.
Prizes will be drawn weekly – starting over each week with
entries!



Merry
Christmas

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Today in Weather History

November 29, 1896: The mercury plunged to 51 degrees below zero at Havre Montana. It marked the culmination of a two week long cold wave. A stagnate high-pressure area similar to those over Siberia during the winter was the cause. During the month of November temperatures across Montana and the Dakotas averaged 15 to 25 degrees below normal. Aberdeen's low temperature on this day was 25 degrees below zero. The average temperature for the month was 9.7 degrees, or 19.6 degrees below normal.

November 29, 1996: Widespread freezing rain laid down a thick layer of ice across a large part of northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota on the 29th and 30th, making driving on area highways and Interstate 29 treacherous. Later on the 29th, the freezing rain changed over to snow. Snowfall amounts ranged from 2 to 4 inches across the area. Numerous accidents occurred throughout the weekend with mainly minor injuries. Many cars and trucks also went into ditches. The South Dakota Highway Patrol reported in, one three hour period that along I-29, from the Clear Lake exit to the Codington County line 40 to 45 vehicles were in the ditch. Many activities and sporting events were also postponed or cancelled.

November 29, 2002: High winds of 30 to 50 mph, gusting to near 70 mph, occurred much of the afternoon across central and north central South Dakota. A tractor-trailer, carrying a load of livestock, was overturned on Highway 12 about three miles east of Mobridge. The tractor was totaled, four cattle were killed, and the driver suffered minor injuries. High winds of 30 to 50 mph, with gusts to near 60 mph, also occurred across Roberts and Grant counties in the late afternoon hours.

1896 - The mercury plunged to 51 degrees below zero at Havre, MT. It marked the culmination of a two week long cold wave caused by a stagnate high pressure area similar to those over Siberia during the winter. During the month of November temperatures across Montana and the Dakotas averaged 15 to 25 degrees below normal. (David Ludlum)

1969 - Dense fog along the Jersey Turnpike resulted in a chain reaction of vehicle collisions during the morning rush hour. A propane truck jackknifed and was struck by a trailer truck, and other vehicles piled into the fiery mass. (David Ludlum)

1975 - Red River was buried under 34 inches of snow in 24 hours, establishing a record for the state of New Mexico. (The Weather Channel)

1985 - The temperature at Bismarck, ND, plunged to 30 degrees below zero to establish their record low for the month of November. The high that day was 4 degrees below zero. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Snow blanketed the Upper Mississippi Valley, with heavy snow reported near Lake Superior. Up to ten inches of snow was reported in Douglas County and Bayfield County of Wisconsin. Brule WI received nine inches of snow. Heavy rain soaked the Middle Atlantic Coast States, while gale force winds lashed the coastline. Flooding was reported in Maryland and Virginia. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)








1988 - Nine inches of snow at Alta UT brought their total for the month to 164 inches, surpassing their previous November record of 144 inches. Snowbird UT, also in the Little Cottonwood Valley, surpassed their November record of 118 inches of snow. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Strong Santa Ana winds diminished over southern California, but record cold was reported in some of the California valleys, with readings of 27 degrees at Redding and 31 degrees at Bakersfield. Gale force winds, gusting to 44 mph at Milwauakee WI, produced snow squalls in the Great Lakes Region. Sault Ste Marie MI finished the month of November with a record 46.8 inches of snow. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

November 29, 1991: A tornado struck southeast Springfield, Missouri, causing F4 damage. Shortly after touchdown, the tornado reached F3 intensity, approximately 3 miles north of the town of Nixa. While crossing Highway 65, the tornado picked up a truck and dropped it onto a frontage road, killing one passenger and injuring ten others. The tornado intensified to F4 strength as it moved through the Woodbridge and Natural Bridge Estates subdivisions where 15 homes were destroyed. Altogether, two people were killed and 64 others were injured.

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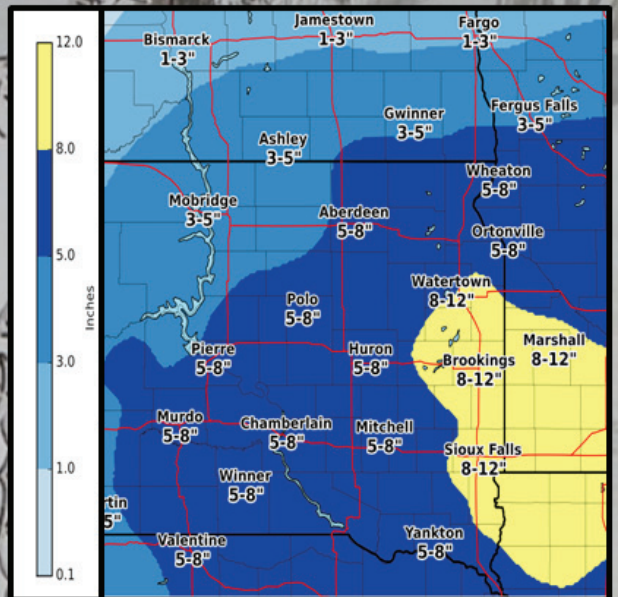
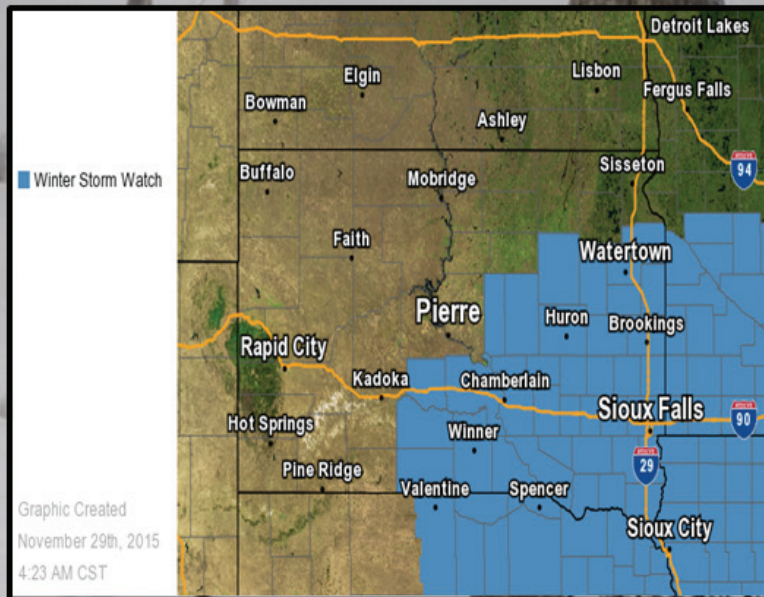
| Today | Tonight | Monday | Monday Night | Tuesday | Tuesday Night | Wednesday |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mostly Cloudy | Cloudy | 30% → 70% Chance Snow then Snow Likely | 80% Snow | 60% Snow Likely | Partly Cloudy | Sunny |
| High: 36 °F | Low: 22 °F | High: 31 °F | Low: 24 °F | High: 32 °F | Low: 15 °F | High: 32 °F |



Winter Weather Headed Our Way!



Increased Confidence For Significant Snow Monday into Tuesday



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Winter weather conditions will begin early Monday in southern South Dakota and continue to build north during the day. Snow will persist Monday night and through Tuesday morning before weakening and pushing east. The rest of the week looks dry.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 38.5 at 3:33 PM

Low: 8.1 at 12:20 AM

High Gust: 17 at 12:39 PM

Precip: 0.00 trace of Snow

Today's Info

Record High: 55° in 1951

Record Low: -26° in 1964

Average High: 32°F

Average Low: 12°F

Average Precip in Nov.: 0.71

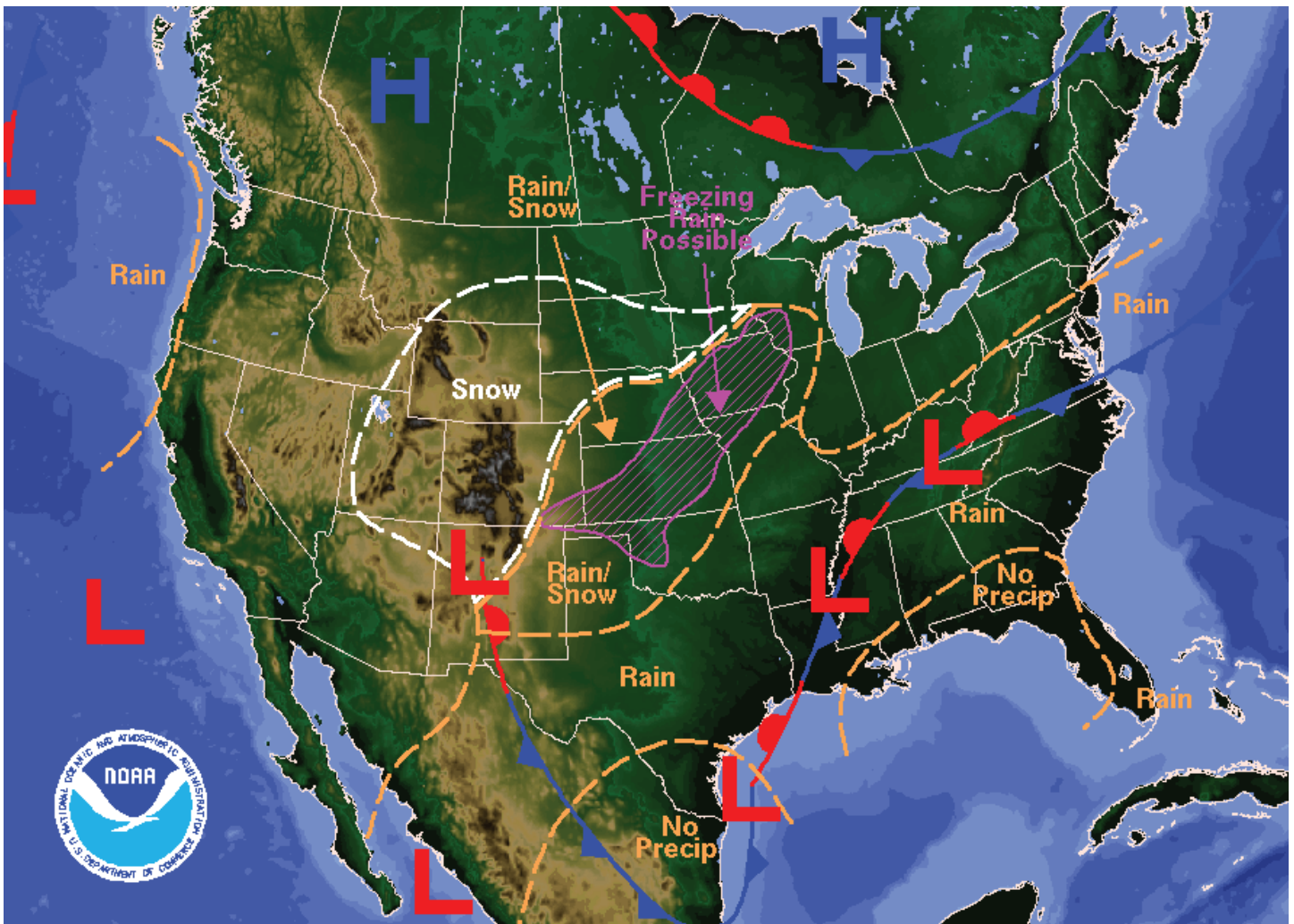
Precip to date in Nov.: 0.71

Average Precip to date: 21.18

Precip Year to Date: 19.82

Sunset Tonight: 4:53 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:51 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Nov 29, 2015, issued 4:52 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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SURE I DO!

Two men were having an intense discussion about the Bible. Said one, "So, you think that you know a lot about the Bible. O. K. Here's ten dollars that says you can't repeat the Lord's Prayer without making a mistake."

The other quickly replied, "Here's twenty dollars that says I can." With a brave smile and a voice filled with confidence he began: "Now, I lay me down to sleep..."

Interrupting him, his friend said, "You sure surprised me. I didn't think you knew it. Here's the money."

What an insightful story. Over one hundred million Bibles are sold each year. How astounding! Dare we ask: What difference will they make in the lives of people who purchased them? Or, what difference has the Bible made in the lives of those of us who have owned one for years? With all of the Bibles in circulation, no one can estimate how many are opened, read, understood, believed and have brought about changes in the lives of the owners.

People, even Bible owners, seem to be losing their moral compass. There is a lack of direction, determination and diligence to live God-honoring lives. The Psalmist said that the only way a person can "stay pure" is to "obey Your Word and follow its rules." No matter how corrupt our environment may be, or how strong the temptations, or how much the "evil one" may try us, we can "stay pure" if we stay in His Word – the Bible.

Prayer: Help us, Father, to allow Your Word to make a difference in our lives as we accept and apply its truth. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 119:9-16 How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.

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News from the Associated Press

Historical Society hosts webcast on American food traditions

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota State Historical Society is screening a webcast that focuses on American food traditions.

The program sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution will be broadcast Dec. 15 at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

During the nearly 30-minute "Stories from the Vault: Let's Eat," host and actor Tom Cavanaugh tries his hand at cooking American Indian dishes. He then visits the National Museum of American History to learn the origins of the American coffee break, and finally, he stops by the National Museum of Dentistry, where he learns how some of the foods that Americans love have a less-than-loving relationship with their teeth.

There is no fee to view the program, but visitors wanting to go into the museum's galleries must pay standard admission.

Jech leads South Dakota to 96-90 win over Sacramento State

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Dan Jech was 9 of 10 from the floor and made all four long range attempts to score 22 points as South Dakota held on for a 96-90 win over Sacramento State in the Sacramento State Invitational on Saturday night.

Tre Burnette had 16 points and 13 rebounds and Shy McClelland added 15 points with six assists and three steals for South Dakota (3-3).

The Coyotes were 12 of 19 (63.2 percent) from beyond the arc.

Cody Demps scored 19 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead Sacramento State, which suffered its first loss of the season. Justin Strings added 17 points for the Hornets (4-1).

A Burnette jumper gave South Dakota a 70-69 lead midway of the second half. A Nick Hornsby layup gave Sacramento State an 81-80 lead at the 4:39 mark. The Coyotes answered with an 8-0 run for an 88-81 lead and held on for the win.

Montana advances in FCS with 24-17 win over South Dakota St

FRITZ NEIGHBOR, Associated Press

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — Brady Gustafson threw for two touchdowns and Montana held off South Dakota State 24-17 in a Football Championship Subdivision first-round playoff game Saturday.

Gustafson threw for 202 yards to spark the Grizzlies (8-4) to a 24-0 halftime lead.

The Grizzlies head to four-time national champion North Dakota State for a quarterfinal game next Saturday. Montana beat NDSU 38-35 in Missoula in August.

Gustafson had scoring passes of 4 yards to Jamaal Jones and 26 yards to Ellis Henderson as Montana took a 14-0 lead at 10:42 of the second quarter.

Jeremy Calhoun added a short scoring run for the Grizzlies.

South Dakota State (8-4) controlled the pace in the second half, getting a touchdown pass and scoring run from quarterback Taryn Christian.

The Jackrabbits closed to 24-17 when Christian hit Dallas Goedert for 30 yards and the score with 4:44 left in the game. Montana, with John Nguyen pushing his rushing total to 107 yards, then ran out the clock.

Man killed in rollover crash near Artesian

ARTESIAN, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Highway Patrol says a man was killed in a one-vehicle crash near Artesian.

The Patrol says the crash occurred Friday night, about five miles west of the town.

The man's name has not been released pending notification of family. He was the only person in the

vehicle.

The Patrol says the man's vehicle was eastbound Highway 34 and was preparing to turn south on Highway 37. The driver lost control of the vehicle, which rolled and hit an electrical pole.

The Patrol says the incident remains under investigation.

Harrison leads UMKC to 64-57 win over South Dakota State

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Martez Harrison scored 25 points, 17 in the second half, and dished out six assists as Missouri-Kansas City slipped by South Dakota State 64-57 on Saturday.

UMKC (4-2) trailed most of the first half but grabbed the lead in the second and held on to give the Jackrabbits (6-1) their first loss this season.

UMKC was trailing 32-31 at the break but Harrison nailed consecutive treys to start the second half to take a 37-32 lead and the Kangaroos never trailed again.

South Dakota State's Jake Bittle, who finished with 10 points, made four-straight free throws and Deondre Parks sliced in for a layup to tie at 57 with 1:02 remaining. Harrison made seven free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

George Marshall led the Jackrabbits with 14 points. Bittle had seven rebounds and five assists.

SD hunters encouraged to register for depredation hunts

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Wildlife officials are encouraging South Dakota residents to sign up to participate in potential winter depredation hunts.

The state Game, Fish and Parks Department says the hunts allow individuals to help manage wildlife during winter months. Registration for potential deer, antelope and turkey hunts opens Tuesday.

Keith Fisk is the state's wildlife damage program administrator. He says depredation hunts are used in some cases to alleviate wildlife damage to landowners' stored-feed supplies. He says these hunts are largely dependent on the severity of winter and the number of animals involved.

Residents who register for the program are put into a random drawing to determine eligibility once a depredation hunt is authorized. The department is encouraging hunters to register for counties near their home because these often are time-sensitive hunts.

'No more baby parts': Reclusive suspect's words draw focus

SADIE GURMAN, Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Robert Lewis Dear was reclusive, and he seldom spoke to neighbors in a desolate stretch of land in rural Colorado where he lived.

Now, it's his words that are drawing the most attention as police try to discern his motivations for a shooting attack they say he carried out Friday at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado Springs that killed three people, including a police officer.

After his arrest, Dear said "no more baby parts," according to a law enforcement official, who could not elaborate and spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to speak publicly about the ongoing investigation.

Planned Parenthood cited witnesses as saying the gunman was motivated by his opposition to abortion.

The attack thrust the clinic to the center of the debate over Planned Parenthood, which was reignited in July when anti-abortion activists released undercover video they said showed the group's personnel negotiating the sale of fetal organs.

Planned Parenthood has denied seeking any payments beyond legally permitted reimbursement costs for donating the organs to researchers. Still, the National Abortion Federation says it has since seen a rise in threats at clinics nationwide.

Vicki Cowart, the regional head of Planned Parenthood, said Sunday on ABC's "This Week" that the organization has faced hateful speech.

"I can't believe that this isn't contributing to some folks, mentally unwell or not, thinking that it's OK to — to target Planned Parenthood or to target abortion providers," she said.

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Anti-abortion activists, part of a group called the Center for Medical Progress, denounced the "barbaric killing spree in Colorado Springs by a violent madman" and offered prayers for the dead and wounded and for their families.

The Planned Parenthood facility in Colorado Springs provides women's health services and has long been the site of regular anti-abortion protests. A Roman Catholic priest who has held weekly Mass in front of the clinic for 20 years said Dear wasn't part of his group.

"I don't know him from Adam," the Rev. Bill Carmody said. "I don't recognize him at all."

Neighbors described Dear, 57, who was in custody and is expected to make his first court appearance Monday, as reclusive. They said he stashed food in the woods, avoided eye contact and warned neighbors about government spying.

At a vigil Saturday at All Souls Unitarian Church, the Rev. Nori Rost called the gunman a "domestic terrorist." In the back of the room, someone held a sign that said, "Women's bodies are not battlefields. Neither is our town."

Cowart, of Planned Parenthood, drew a standing ovation when she walked to the pulpit. She promised to quickly reopen the clinic.

"We will adapt. We will square our shoulders and we will go on," she said.

After her remarks, a woman in the audience stood up, objected to the vigil becoming a "political statement" and left.

Cowart said the gunman "broke in" to the clinic Friday but didn't get past a locked door leading to the main part of the facility. She said there was no armed security when the shooting began.

He later surrendered to police after an hourlong standoff.

In the parking lot of the two-story building, one man said the gunman shot at him as he pulled his car out, blasting two holes in his windshield. Inside, one worker ducked under a table and called her brother to tell him to take care of her kids if she was killed.

At one point, an officer whispered reports into his radio as he crept through the building. Others relayed information from surveillance cameras and victims in hiding.

In the end, a six-year veteran University of Colorado police officer was killed. Two civilians also died, though their identities were not immediately released. Nine other people were hospitalized, including five officers.

Cowart said all 15 clinic employees survived and worked hard to make sure everyone else got into safe spaces and stayed quiet.

Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper said the city is mourning and praised the bravery of first responders. He said the nation is wrestling with the causes of violence but that it's too early to discuss that while the city is reeling.

"This is the kind of thing that hits the entire community in the gut," he said.

Cowart said the organization would learn from the attack. When asked if the clinic should have more security, she said the clinic's clients shouldn't have to walk through metal detectors.

The attack marked the latest mass shooting to stun the nation. It drew the now-familiar questions about a gunman's motives and whether anyone, from government to relatives, could have done anything to prevent an attack.

Those who knew the 6-foot-4-inch, 250-pound Dear said he seemed to have few religious or political leanings.

Neighbors who lived beside Dear's former South Carolina home say he hid food in the woods as if he was a survivalist and said he lived off selling prints of his uncle's paintings of Southern plantations and the Masters golf tournament.

John Hood said Saturday that when he moved to Walterboro, South Carolina, Dear was living in a double-wide mobile home next door. Hood said Dear seemed to be a loner and very strange but not dangerous.

He pointed to a wooden fence separating their land and said he put it up because Dear liked to skinny dip.

Hood said Dear rarely talked to him, and when he did, he tended to offer unsolicited advice such as recommending that Hood put a metal roof on his house so the U.S. government couldn't spy on him.

"He was really strange and out there, but I never thought he would do any harm," he said.

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Dear also lived part of the time in a cabin with no electricity or running water in Black Mountain, North Carolina. He kept mostly to himself, his neighbors said. When he did talk, it was a rambling combination of different topics that didn't make sense.

He tended to avoid eye contact, said James Russell, who lived a few hundred feet down the mountain from Dear's cabin.

"If you talked to him, nothing with him was very cognitive," Russell said.

Other neighbors knew Dear, too, but they didn't want to give their names because they said they were scared of him.

Russell and others said the only companion they saw with him was a mangy dog that looked to be in such bad shape that they called animal control because they worried he was beating it.

Dear bought land about a year ago in the small town of Hartsel, Colorado, about 60 miles west of Colorado Springs, property records indicate.

Authorities on Saturday searched a small white trailer belonging to Dear located on land surrounded by the Rocky Mountains but found no explosives, another law enforcement official said.

The official, who has direct knowledge of the case, said authorities also talked with a woman living in the trailer. The official, who lacked authorization to speak publicly about the investigation, spoke on condition of anonymity.

Zigmond Post, who lives near Dear's trailer, said he didn't have many interactions with Dear but that Dear once gave him a pamphlet opposing President Barack Obama.

"He didn't talk about them or anything. He just said, 'Look them over when you get a chance,'" Post said.

Jamie Heffelman, owner of the Highline Cafe in Hartsel, said residents would occasionally see Dear at the post office to get his mail, but he never said much.

"Nobody really knows him. He stays to himself," she said.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Sunday, Nov. 29, the 333rd day of 2015. There are 32 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Nov. 29, 1890, the first Army-Navy football game was played at West Point, New York; Navy defeated Army, 24-0. The Imperial Diet, forerunner of Japan's current national legislature, opened its first session.

On this date:

In 1530, Cardinal Thomas Wolsey (WOOL'-zee), onetime adviser to England's King Henry VIII, died.

In 1864, a Colorado militia killed at least 150 peaceful Cheyenne Indians in the Sand Creek Massacre.

In 1924, Italian composer Giacomo Puccini died in Brussels before he could complete his opera "Turandot." (It was finished by Franco Alfano.)

In 1945, the monarchy was abolished in Yugoslavia and a republic proclaimed.

In 1947, the U.N. General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the partitioning of Palestine between Arabs and Jews.

In 1952, President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower secretly left on a trip to Korea, keeping his campaign promise to assess the ongoing conflict first-hand.

In 1961, Enos the chimp was launched from Cape Canaveral aboard the Mercury-Atlas 5 spacecraft, which orbited earth twice before returning.

In 1972, the coin-operated video arcade game Pong, created by Atari, made its debut at Andy Capp's Tavern in Sunnyvale, California.

In 1981, actress Natalie Wood drowned in a boating accident off Santa Catalina Island, California, at age 43.

In 1986, actor Cary Grant died in Davenport, Iowa, at age 82.

In 1990, the U.N. Security Council voted to authorize military action to free Kuwait if Iraq did not with-

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draw its occupying troops and release all foreign hostages by Jan. 15, 1991.

In 2001, George Harrison, the "quiet Beatle," died in Los Angeles following a battle with cancer; he was 58.

Ten years ago: Al-Jazeera broadcast video of four Western peace activists taken hostage in Iraq by a previously unknown group, the Swords of Righteousness Brigade. (Three of the hostages were later released, but one of them, American Tom Fox, was killed.) The Vatican issued a document defending a policy designed to keep men with "deep-seated" homosexual tendencies from becoming priests, but said there would be no crackdown on gays who were already ordained. Actress Wendie Jo Sperber died in Sherman Oaks, California, at age 47.

Five years ago: An Afghan border policeman killed six American servicemen during a training mission in a remote area near the Pakistani border. Iran's president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (ah-muh-DEE'-neh-zahd), admitted for the first time that a computer worm had affected centrifuges in Iran's uranium enrichment program. Climate negotiators began a two-week conference in Cancun. Former Rep. Stephen J. Solarz, D-N.Y., died in Washington, D.C. at age 70.

One year ago: An Egyptian judge dismissed murder charges against former President Hosni Mubarak and acquitted his security chief over the killings of protesters during Egypt's 2011 uprising. Pope Francis stood in two minutes of silent prayer facing east inside one of Istanbul's most important religious sites, the 17th-century Sultan Ahmet mosque, on the second leg of his three-day visit to Turkey.

Today's Birthdays: Hall-of-Fame sportscaster Vin Scully is 88. Former French President Jacques Chirac is 83. Blues singer-musician John Mayall is 82. Actress Diane Ladd is 80. Songwriter Mark James ("Always on My Mind"; "Suspicious Minds") is 75. Composer-musician Chuck Mangione is 75. Country singer Jody Miller is 74. Pop singer-musician Felix Cavaliere (The Rascals) is 73. Former Olympic skier Suzy Chaffee is 69. Comedian Garry Shandling is 66. Actor Jeff Fahey is 63. Movie director Joel Coen is 61. Actor-comedian-celebrity judge Howie Mandel is 60. Former Homeland Security Director Janet Napolitano is 58. Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel is 56. Actress Cathy Moriarty is 55. Actress Kim Delaney is 54. Actor Tom Sizemore is 54. Actor Andrew McCarthy is 53. Actor Don Cheadle is 51. Actor-producer Neill Barry is 50. Musician Wallis Buchanan is 50. Pop singer Jonathan Knight (New Kids on the Block) is 47. Rock musician Martin Carr (Boo Radleys) is 47. Actress Jennifer Elise Cox is 46. Actor Larry Joe Campbell is 45. Rock musician Frank Delgado (Deftones) is 45. Actress Paola Turbay is 45. Contemporary Christian singer Crowder is 44. Actress Gena Lee Nolin is 44. Actor Brian Baumgartner is 43. Actress Anna Faris is 39. Actor Julian Ovenden is 39. Gospel singer James Fortune is 38. Actress Lauren German is 37. Rapper The Game is 36. Actress Janina Gavankar is 35. Rock musician Ringo Garza is 34. Actor/comedian John Milhiser is 34. Actor Lucas Black is 33.

Thought for Today: "When you've seen beyond yourself, then you may find, peace of mind is waiting there." — George Harrison (1943-2001).

More deaths blamed on wintry storm moving through central US

DALLAS (AP) — A slow-moving wintry storm system that has been blamed for more than a dozen deaths began moving eastward out of Texas on Saturday but kept coating some states to the north in ice, making driving dangerous.

The band of storms that has been moving through parts of the Plains and the Midwest since Thursday has been blamed for at least 14 deaths, including eight in Texas and six in Kansas. A 70-year-old woman whose car was swept away by flash flooding Friday in Fort Worth remained missing Saturday.

Although the icy conditions were expected to persist in parts of Oklahoma and Kansas through the end of Saturday, temperatures on Sunday were expected to be above freezing in the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles, allowing the region to thaw out, the National Weather Service said.

After "a major refreeze" Saturday night, "we're expecting a much better day" Sunday "and Monday is expected to be beautiful," said Texas Department of Transportation spokesman Paul Braun in Amarillo.

On Saturday, authorities in Kansas blamed icy roads for four Friday traffic deaths near Wichita, adding to two others in the state Thursday.

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In central and southwestern Oklahoma, broken ice-covered tree limbs downed power lines and cut electricity to more than 60,000 customers.

Northeastern Texas and central Arkansas were still expecting up to 4 more inches of rain, adding to the threat of flooding.

Seven people were rescued from vehicles in floodwaters in separate incidents at the same intersection near Afton in northeastern Oklahoma. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol and Afton firefighters said three small children and two women were rescued from their car after the car was swept into a creek at the intersection of two county roads.

Rain was forecast Sunday from Texas to the Mid-Atlantic states. Freezing drizzle was expected in southern Nebraska and central Kansas, while snow was expected from Colorado to the western Dakotas.

Tropical Storm Sandra weakens in Pacific

MIAMI (AP) — Mexico has cancelled tropical storm warnings as Tropical Storm Sandra is weakening rapidly. The storm's maximum sustained winds decreased early Saturday to 40 mph (65 kph).

The U.S. National Hurricane Center says Sandra is forecast to become a remnant low later Saturday or early Sunday.

Sandra is about 115 miles (180 kms) south of Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, and is moving north at 2 mph (4 kph).

The storm is still expected to produce 2 to 4 inches of rain in parts of Mexico, and strong winds are expected in Las Islas Marias.

NYC-area ports stare down sizeable challenge of modernizing

DAVID PORTER, Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — From ultra-thin laptops to drones to smartphones, the shelves of big-box retailers overflow with gadgets to help us communicate and conduct business at greater and greater speeds.

What's largely unchanged is the way many of those goods arrive on those shelves, as they did in the era of the rotary phone and transistor radio.

It's a supply chain fraught with the potential for disruption, particularly in the sprawling ports that hug Newark Bay just east of the New Jersey Turnpike — an aging complex where weather, labor issues and even computer problems have caused significant delays in recent years. But other factors embedded in the process itself are a concern as the ports prepare to begin accepting larger ships when work to raise New Jersey's Bayonne Bridge is finished in two years.

Take, say, a gadget made in China. It would take about a month to reach the Port of New York and New Jersey. Once arrived, it can take nine days for the 20-foot cargo container carrying them to be unloaded; stacked; picked up by a truck, barge or train; and taken to a warehouse for distribution to stores.

"Once we start getting those 14,000-container ships, and possibly larger, we're going to have to do it differently," said Molly Campbell, director of port commerce for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. "Because of the enormity of just trying to move out the goods, we have to find a different way to do it, and it's more than simply saying, 'I'm going to raise the bridge' or 'I'm going to bring in more rail' or 'bring in more trucks.'"

In 2014, the ports handled cargo valued at about \$212 billion, according to the Port Authority. The Port of New York and New Jersey is the busiest on the East Coast and second-busiest in the country, behind Los Angeles/Long Beach, California.

The operation at the Port Newark Container Terminal, one of several terminals at the port, is breathtaking in its size and scope, starting with the 350-foot-high cranes that unload the ships.

Straddle carriers, essentially shorter cranes with wheels, then stack the containers for pickup by trucks. The straddle carriers weigh 75 tons each and require special pavement so they don't sink.

The terminal epitomizes both the port's transformation and the steps still untaken. It is tearing down two warehouses and moving its office building to create more space, and is installing technology to streamline

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the systems for loading and unloading of trucks. It's even building two wider cranes in a lot nearby, a process that will take two years.

"You can't just go down the street and buy one of those at the appliance store," said Jim Pelliccio, president of the Port Newark Container Terminal.

For all the time and money invested — about \$230 million in the past several years — \$120 million more is needed to fix up an unused and dilapidated berth where an additional ship could dock and be near a railroad link, Pelliccio said.

The Port Authority also has sunk significant capital into improving the system, including the \$1.3 billion Bayonne Bridge elevation in preparation for bigger ships plying a widened Panama Canal, more than \$2 billion for harbor deepening and \$600 million for rail improvements.

The infrastructure upgrades won't really pay off, Campbell cautioned, unless the port adapts by doing things like expanding the hours that truckers can pick up and unload containers.

"If we had a wish list and Santa Claus could bring it, it would be the expanded hours," said Gail Toth, head of the New Jersey Motor Truck Association. "I don't even want to see the larger ships yet; we can't handle what we've got now."

The delays can hurt retailers. When computer glitches at one of the New Jersey terminals caused backups in summer 2013, one retailer had 21 containers worth \$2 million apiece stuck at the port, while another had 1.6 million boxes of back-to-school items that were delayed by weeks, according to the National Retail Federation, an industry advocacy group.

Whether those costs are passed on to consumers can depend on the product and the retailer, said J. Craig Shearman, a spokesman for the federation.

Ocean carriers can shift to different ports if congestion and delays become a problem, said Lawrence Gross, an expert with FTR, a freight transportation research firm. After West Coast labor troubles led carriers to shift more business to the East Coast this year, not all that freight returned west when the situation was resolved, Gross said.

That makes it even more crucial for the New York-New Jersey ports to be ready.

"I don't want to be in a position where the industry's changed because the carriers have done what's best for them, where they've built these ships that are more efficient," Campbell said. "They didn't have the conversation that said, 'What does that mean for you?' It's, 'I've got (bigger) ships coming; do you want the goods? Adjust.'"