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## City health insurance goes up 5.37%

The Groton City Council was full of reports and information, but most of it pertained to the day-to-day operations of the city.

The insurance inspection report was presented with only 10 items being documented for repairs among all of the city buildings.

Nearly \$100,000 in contingency transfers were approved. The funds were already spent, but it has to be appropriated.

There was a request from the state Department of Environment and Natural Resources to allow the state to withdraw funds from the city's checking account for loan payments. City Finance Officer Anita Lowary said all of the paperwork still has to be done and the only thing it would save is writing and mailing a check. "We offered to send them the money if they give us their checking account, but they don't want to do that," Lowary said. "So why should we give them our checking account information?" The council agreed and decided not to participate in the program

The employee's health insurance will go up a little over 5 percent for next year. Lowary said that other towns are experiencing a 19 percent increase. The council decided to renew its policy with Blue Cross/Blue Shield with no change in deductions.

The second reading of the speed ordinance was approved. This would set the speed limit to 25 miles per hour instead of 20 miles per hour in through and side streets.

The council decided to start advertising for skating rink staff, decided to have a Christmas Lighting Contest and Santa Day—both in conjunction with the Chamber, and reviewed the proposed safe route to school. The late Mayor Roy Olson had made plans to have the city staff Christmas Party at the Groton Legion on December 6th with the Auxiliary Ladies catering the meal. The council gave the okay to keep those plans.

Reports were given by Mary Flihs, Drew Johnson and Anita Lowary from the South Dakota Municipal League. Lowary reported on the Heartland meeting she recently attended.

## Thomas the Train comes to Aberdeen

It was all part of a promotion of South Dakota Public Broadcasting as Thomas the Train was at the Milwaukee Train Depot in Aberdeen on Saturday. Hundreds of people came to have their picture taken with the television star train. The event was free and open to the public. There was also a toy train show and other events going on at the depot.



**Allison McNamara is an intern at South Dakota Public Broadcasting. She is working in the marketing division and will be working there through May. She was at the Thomas the Train event yesterday in Aberdeen handing out stickers to the children.** (Photo #4362 by Paul Kosel)



**Jamie Krueger said she was drafted to run the elevator at the depot. People were having problems running the elevator so they needed someone to push the buttons.** (Photo #4368 by Paul Kosel)



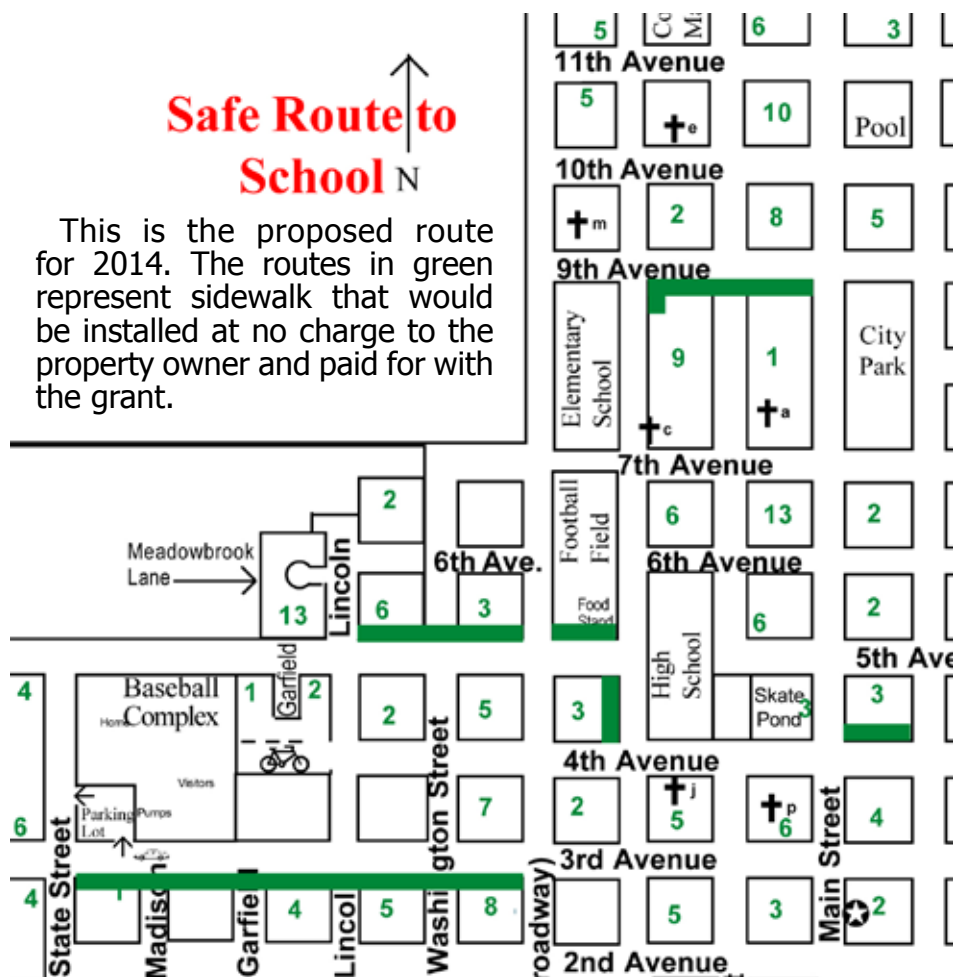
**Vicki Ryan and Elda Stange were among the many volunteers at the Thomas the Train event held yesterday in Aberdeen. They handed out bags with coloring books and other goodies to everyone who came.** (Photo #4356 by Paul Kosel)



**Thomas the Train had its picture taken with a lot of children.** (Photo #4360 by Paul Kosel)

## Safe Route to School

This is the proposed route for 2014. The routes in green represent sidewalk that would be installed at no charge to the property owner and paid for with the grant.



## SDHSAA State Cross Country Meet Site Change

PIERRE—Due to significant damage from this month's winter storm at the Elks Club Golf Course in Rapid City, the SDHSAA State Cross Country Meet scheduled for Saturday, October 26, will now be run at Robbinsdale Park (626 East Fairmont Boulevard) in Rapid City.

## Rogers places at Warner MathCounts

Indigo Rogers placed sixth at the Warner MathCounts competition held recently. Pictured in back, left to right, are 6th, Indigo Rogers, Groton; 5th, Sarah Aman, Warner; and 4th, Kara Vetch, Simmons; in front, left to right, are 3rd, Jacob O'Keefe, Roncalli; 2nd, Riley Weinmeister, Roncalli; and 1st, Travis Sharp, Holgate.



## The Life of LeRoy Bahr

LeRoy Bahr 79 of rural Groton died Saturday October 19, 2013 at St. Lukes Hospital in Aberdeen.

Funeral services will be 10:30 A.M. Thursday October 24, 2013 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ferney with burial in the church cemetery. Rev. Lloyd Redhage will officiate.

LeRoy Herman Bahr was born on October 30, 1933 to Herman and Martha (Sauer) Bahr on the family farm in east Hanson Township near Groton. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ferney. He attended school in Groton and graduated in 1951.

After his education he farmed the family farm with his father.

On June 27, 1970 he was united in marriage to Janice Maynard at the United Methodist Church in Aberdeen. To this union two children were born, Daryl and Lori. The family made their home on the Bahr family farmstead.

LeRoy had a great passion for farming and loved taking pictures of the farmland. He also enjoyed visiting with friends and family.

LeRoy loved his family dearly and will be greatly missed by his wife Janice and daughter Lori both of Groton. He was preceded in death by his parents, his father-in-law, mother-in-law, son Daryl, and one sister Deloris Holler.

### Service Notice: Larry Pharis

Memorial services for Larry Keith Pharis, 74, Sioux Falls and formerly of Aberdeen, will be 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at First United Methodist Church, Aberdeen, with Pastor Eldon Reich officiating. Inurnment at Groton Union Cemetery, Groton. Larry died Monday, October 21, 2013 at Dougherty Hospice House, Sioux Falls, SD. A time to sign the register book will be 1:00-7:00 p.m., Tuesday with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m., at Spitzer-Miller Funeral Home, Aberdeen.

### Men's Fall Dinner

Groton United Methodist Church  
Sunday, Nov. 10, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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## The Life of Ruth Raap



Services for Ruth Raap, 86, of Pierpont was held Tuesday, Oct. 22, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pierpont. Pastor Paul Kosel officiating. Burial followed in Homer Cemetery, Pierpont.

Ruth died Oct. 17, 2013, at Avera St. Luke's Hospital, Aberdeen.

Ruth Mildred was born

on Aug. 5, 1927, to Yetsie and Anna (Mohaw) Doktor in Bristol. She attended and graduated from Andover High School. Ruth worked at the drug store in Andover for several years before uniting in marriage with Marvin Raap on July 2, 1953. Together they made their home on the family farm and were blessed with three children. Ruth later worked at the Pierpont General Store, retiring after 14 years. Marvin passed away in February 1999.

Ruth was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and enjoyed quilting with the ladies circle. She enjoyed playing Yahtze and gardening in earlier years.

Celebrating her life are her children, Gary Raap of Pierpont, Douglas (Jasmin) Raap of Oberursel, Germany, Lori (Carl) Klaudt of Sioux Falls; and three grandchildren: Andrew, Autumn and Emily.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband, three brothers; one half brother and two half sisters.

Casketbearers were Tom Woods, Andrew Klaudt, Jon Raap, Jerry Mork, Kevin Holler and Morgan Holler. Honorary casketbearers were her many friends and family.

Memorials can be directed to the Homer Cemetery or to the charity of your choice.

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### Haunted Warehouse

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Saturday, November 2

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## Claremont Recorder

by Becky Patterson

The Harvest and Hunters Breakfast held at the Claremont United Methodist Church was once again a success. It was held on Saturday morning, October 19th. They served lots of delicious dishes as well as rolls, juice and coffee.

The Claremont Fire Department Fundraiser was a roaring success once again this year! These firemen are one dedicated group of people that have made the Claremont Fire Department one to be very proud of. A huge crowd filled the Legion Hall to enjoy all the delicious food and drinks they could handle as well as take part in a number of raffles held during the event. Stephen Wright was the lucky winner of the 4 Wheeler and Sherm Cutler won the Ipad. The names of the cash prize winners were not available at news time but one lucky person received \$100 cash and six others received \$50 cash prizes. There may be some of you that will be happy to hear that Don Wegleitner did not win any guns this year. He did receive a special gift shipped to him from some friends in Texas however and it was presented to him at the fundraiser. You'll have to ask him how his little piglet is doing the next time you see him!

Marie Patterson attended the Firemen's Fundraiser and had a wonderful time visiting with family and friends. Some of those she enjoyed visits with were her nephew Duane Hinman, her niece, Tina Fordham, and granddaughters Allison and April Wegleitner. This fundraiser is a lot of fun so if you missed it this year, be sure to get your tickets next year so you can join us!

It's time once again to say goodbye. I'm quite sure I won't be doing a lot more pheasant hunting until I complete the "How Not To Talk About Everything Under The Sun When Your Guy Is Watching The Sky For Flying Pheasants" Course and I wouldn't be surprised if I will also be required to pass the "Yes, I Can Run Through Those Weeds Like A Dog With My Nose On The Ground" Course. I'm not sure if it's worth it. I think I'll just go shopping instead! Hunting for bargains, now that's my specialty! Have a great week!

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## Thursday, October 24

National Bologna Day  
United Nations Day  
School Breakfast: Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice, milk.  
School Lunch: Taco salad, oven fries, fresh and canned fruit, garlic toast.  
Senior Menu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.  
Birthdays: Robbie Thurston Darac Harry Barb Leshar Beth Ankeny Nick Weber  
7:00pm: FB at Sisseton

## Friday, October 25

World Pasta Day  
Frankenstein Friday - last Friday in October  
School Breakfast: Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk  
School Lunch: Pizza, green beans, tossed greens, fresh and canned fruit, ice cream.  
Senior Menu: BBQ chicken, baked potato and sour cream, green beans, chocolate cake, whole wheat bread.  
Anniv: Brad & Darliss Larson  
Birthdays: Lars Hanson Sarah Leonhardt Tasha Dunker Joshua Dennert Paige Heintzman  
6:30pm: VB at Hamlin (No C match)

## Saturday, October 26

Make a Difference Day- neighbors helping neighbors.  
National Mincemeat Day  
ACT Test in Groton  
State Cross Country at Rapid City  
Anniv: Harry & Gloria Pharis  
Birthdays: Ethan Charles Briggs Marie Sternhagen  
10:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran serve @ Kids Against Hunger - Aberdeen

## Sunday, October 27

National Tell a Story Day - in Scotland and the U.K.  
Mother-In-Law Day  
Navy Day  
Potluck/New Member at United Methodist  
Anniv: Dick & Judy Fliehs Lars & Darinda Tunby  
Birthdays: Tina Kosel Matt Groeblichoff Randy Hjermstad Dylan Anderson Molly Jordan Lars Tunby  
9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship / & Affirmation of Baptism  
9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship  
10:00am: Chili Cook-off for Missions at UMC  
10:00am: Quarterly Voters' Meeting  
10:00am: Worship at the Lord's House, Pierpont  
10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran School & sing at nursing home  
11:00am: 3rd Grade Bibles Presented at UMC  
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship  
5:00 pm: Worship at the Historic Trinity Church in Groton  
7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Choir

## Monday, October 28

Plush Animal Lover's Day  
Brookings Oral Interp  
School Breakfast: Toast, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.  
School Lunch: Taco burger, oven tots, assorted relish, canned and fresh fruit.  
Senior Menu: Turkey chow mein, rice and chow mein noodles, broccoli, Waldorf salad, whole wheat bread.  
6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study  
10:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran WELCA Bible leaders & Pastor meet  
6:00pm: JHVB hosts Britton-Hecla  
7:30pm: School Board Meeting

## Tuesday, October 29

Hermit Day  
National Frankenstein Day  
First Round Football Playoffs  
School Breakfast: Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice, milk.  
School Lunch: Turkey wrap, baked beans, assorted greens, canned and fresh fruit.  
Senior Menu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, lime pear Jell-O, whole wheat bread.  
Anniv: Gilbert & Rochelle Hinkelman  
Birthdays: Connie Nilsson Sheryl Hanlon Shelby Hjermstad Jeremy Price Butch Radke  
10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

## Wednesday, October 30

National Candy Corn Day  
Mischiefs Night  
School Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, juice, fruit, milk.  
School Lunch: Meat balls, tiny potato, steamed carrots, fresh and canned fruit, tea bun.  
Senior Menu: Lasagna Rotini, tossed salad with dressing, ambrosia fruit salad, cookie, whole wheat bread.  
Birthdays: Laurie Pray Bob Swisher  
7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study  
12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center  
3:40pm: United Methodist Confirmation  
3:45pm: St. John's Lutheran Confirmation  
6:00pm: United Methodist WOW Service  
7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

## Thursday, October 31

Halloween  
Carve a Pumpkin Day - no surprise here  
Increase Your Psychic Powers Day  
School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.  
School Lunch: Spookey stew, bat biscuits, fresh and canned fruit, fresh greens.  
Senior Menu: Ranch chicken, boiled potato, green beans, cake with strawberries, whole wheat bread.  
Birthdays: CJ Barton Becky Washnok Marion Mortenson Marshall Lane Kristie Tullis Shelley Freeman  
6:30pm: VB hosts Britton-Hecla with C/JV at 6:30

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## Wildcats hand Groton 3-1 loss

Northwestern handed the girls a 3-1 loss in volleyball action played Tuesday in Groton.

In the first game, Northwestern led all the way with a 25-11 win.

The second game was more competitive with the game being tied nine times as Groton led early in the game. After a tie at 14, Northwestern took the lead and went on for the win, 25-18.

The third game was close at the beginning with the game being tied eight times and there were four lead changes. After the match was tied at 11, the Wildcats scored seven straight points to take an 18-11 lead. Groton was trailing, 20-14, when the Tigers started to rally. Groton scored eight unanswered points to take a 22-20 lead. The game was tied at 22 and 23. The Wildcats took a 24-23 lead, but a block by Halle Dohman tied the game at 24. The Tigers scored the last two points of the game to win, 26-24.

The fourth game was tied four times at one, seven, nine and 10 before Northwestern started to rally. The Wildcats scored the last five points of the game to coast to a 25-14 win.

In attacks, Groton was 74 of 101 with 28

kills. Kylie Hawkins was 14 of 19 with seven kills and Camille Sippel was 18 of 24 with six kills. The Wildcats were 154 of 171 with 50 kills. Jordon Peterson was 47 of 53 with 21 kills and Julia Sparling was 45 of 51 with 13 kills.

Groton was 58 of 67 in serves with one ace serve. Kasey Waage was 17 of 18 with one ace serve and Kylie Hawkins was nine of 10. The Wildcats were 82 of 96 with 14 ace serves. Darby Duncan was 24 of 26 with five ace serves and Kennedy Sparling was 14 of 16 with three ace serves.

Groton had 109 digs compared to 85 for Northwestern. Camille Sippel had 25 and Kylie Hawkins 20 for Groton while Kennedy Sparling had 28 and Jeanna Duncan had 19 for Northwestern.

In sets, Groton was 81 of 83 with 20 assists. Courtney Kurtz was 73 of 75 with 17 assists and Regan Lewandowski was seven of seven with two assists. The Wildcats were 163 of 165 with 46 assists. Darby Duncan was 123 of 124 with 39 assists and Kennedy Sparling was 12 of 12 with five assists.

Groton had four blocks with Josie Doeden having two and the Wildcats had one solo block by Jordon Peterson and two block assists with one each by Peterson and Haley Grandpre.

Groton won the C match, 2-1, and lost the junior varsity match, 2-0.

Coach Aaron Helvig had the following comments after the match: "I told them hey are very beatable and stoppable. Jordon Peterson is their gun and we did a good job controlling her. We tried to get a double block on her during the night. It was a successful night.

"Our first pass was not on target and that set the tone for the rest of the game.

"They got most of their points from two servers in the first game. If we get our serve receive down, then we can play the ball.

"We got off to a good start in the third game. We heated up on the serving line. Kasey did a good job on the serving line during that late stretch in the third game.

"Northwestern is a very disciplined team.

"I'm happy with the way we played a times. We didn't play our best. We had some little letdowns and it's overcoming those bumps in the road."



**Camille Sippel saves the ball and returns it to the Northwestern side.** (Photo #7743 by Paul Kosel)



**Kasey Waage has a nice save in the back court.** (Photo #7758 by Paul Kosel)

## Netters beat Florence-Henry

Groton Area kept Florence-Henry winless Monday night at Henry as the Tigers posted a 3-0 win in volleyball action.

Game scores were 25-15, 25-15 and 25-17.

Groton was 66 of 74 in serving with 10 ace serves. Kylie Hawkins was 10 of 10 with three aces and Courtney Kurtz was 15 of 15 with two ace serves.

In sets, Groton was 89 of 91 with 26 assists. Courtney Kurtz was 77 of 78 with 24 assists.

Groton was 63 of 89 in spikes with 35 kills. Camille Sippel was 16 of 19 with eight kills and Kylie Hawkins was 17 of 23 with eight kills.

Josie Doeden had two solo blocks and Regan Lewandowski had one.

Groton had 50 digs with Skyler Bonn having 14 and Camille Sippel 10.

## Soccer Players Recognized

Several Groton Area soccer players earned awards after the state soccer tournament. Madison Profetta, Cheyenne Schaller, Luca Kother and Landon Larson were named to the All Tournament Team. Also, Rayce Harder was selected as the Athlete of the Week by ESPN radio last week for his game against Sioux Falls O'Gorman.

## Street Sign project completed



**Justin Clark of Joe Hamm Construction puts up the final sign in Groton. The Yield Sign at Ninth Avenue and Fourth Street was changed out yesterday. All of the "control" signs such as stop signs, speed limit signs and no parking signs were changed out as part of a grant.**

## Kiwanis Club

Nineteen members and one guest attended last week's Kiwanis dinner meeting, at the community room. Pastor Matt Richards was program leader. Pastor gave an outlook of activities at his local Methodist Church, sang a solo, accompanying himself on the guitar, and showed a video on anger, and how to handle it.

Tom Paepke, new president; called for new business before the club. Lori Giedt, chairman, reported on the annual Halloween party, scheduled for 6 p.m, October 31. Roger Rix, chairman, reported on the annual Snow Queen and talent contest, set for November 17.

Last week, Larry Wheeting was elected as the new vice president. Harlan Radke, Jr., had the program and had Paul Kosel as a guest. Kosel took the members to the historic Trinity Episcopal Church and talked about the history of the church and plans for the future to keep it in Groton.

## Groton Garden Club

The Groton Garden club met at the home of Suzy Oliver with Elda Stange assisting. Vice president, Suzy Oliver, opened the meeting in due form with nine members and one guest answering roll call with a crop grown locally. The guest was Brook Gengerke. Several memorials given in Renee McKiver's name were announced. Plans have begun for the Smokey Bear Woodsy Owl poster contest for grades 2-5. Tree business will be discussed next meeting. The next meeting will be November 18, at 5:30 with Janice Flihs and Eunice McCollister assisting and giving the program. Linda Gengerke gave the program on aronia berries, a new crop being grown in South Dakota and other Midwestern States.

## Sunday Worship at the Historic Trinity Church

*Third Street and Third Avenue, Groton*

*5 p.m.*

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**Fey's fumble recovery touchdown gives Groton win over Tiospa Zina**



**Spencer Knecht caught this pass from Kasey Kurtz for a 24 yard touchdown.**  
 (Photo #7628 by Paul Kosel)



**Sheldon Herr (60), Wyatt Larson (55), Spencer Knecht (19) and Jackson Doeden (22) team up on this ball carrier for Tiospa Zina.** (Photo #7632 by Paul Kosel)

A very small crowd was on hand Friday night to watch Groton Area tally up 50 points by early in the third quarter to end the game with Tiospa Zina.

Coach Shaun Wanner, "It's a tough situation. We had not played since October 4th with 14 days off. You're a little worried about execution on offense and tackling on defense. This time of year, you let off a little bit in practice."

Groton scored its first touchdown on three plays as Jeric Albrecht scored on a 51 yard run with 11:05 left in the first quarter. Jacob Milbrandt kicked the PAT and it was 7-0.

Groton's next touchdown was scored on the first play from scrimmage as Kasey Kurtz scored on a 21 yard run. Milbrandt kicked the PAT and it was 14-0 with 8:30 left in the first quarter.

Tiospa Zina fumbled on the kickoff return and it was recovered by Jackson Doeden. On fourth and eight, Groton scored on a pass from Kurtz to Spencer Knecht for a 24 yard touchdown. The PAT kick was no good and it was 20-0 with 6:21 left in the first quarter.

Alec Olson would score on the first play from scrimmage on the next drive on a 34 yard run. Kurtz caught the pass from Parker Rossow for the PAT and it was 28-0 with 4:22

left in the first quarter.

Groton had the ball one more time in the first quarter, but did not score by the time the quarter ran out. The drive continued into the second quarter and Jacob Milbrandt ended up kicking a 30 yard field goal with 9:37 left in the second quarter. Groton took a 31-0 lead.

Groton would have a first down before Jackson Doeden would score on a 33 yard run with 6:14 left in the half. The two-point conversion was no good and it was 37-0.

Carter Jondahl would score on the next drive on an 11 yard run with 2:30 left in the half. The PAT kick by Milbrandt was good and it was 44-0 at half time.

Groton would score just eight seconds into the second half when Stevie Fey picked up a fumble and ran it back 33 yards for the final 50-0 score. "Some of the younger kids had a chance to make big plays," Wanner said. "You don't get that too many opportunities on the varsity team."

Groton had 12 first downs while Tiospa Zina had none. Groton had 23 carries for 217 yards. Jeric Albrecht had one carry for 51 yards, Bennett Shabazz had seven for 41 yards, Alec Oleson had one for 34 yards, Kasey Kurtz had three for 22 yards, Adam Herman had one for 22 yards, Carter Jondahl had three for 18 yards, Jackson Doeden had four for 16 yards, Dylan Krueger had one for 13 yards and Isaiah Cutler had two carries for no gain. Tiospa Zina carried the ball 17 times for a minus 21 yards. Gabe Guy had two carries for seven yards.

Parker Rossow completed one of three passes for 11 yards and Kasey Kurtz completed two of two passes for 57 yards. Spencer Knecht caught one pass for 24 yards, Jackson Doeden one for 33 yards and Mason Madsen one for 11 yards. Tiospa Zina attempted three passes.

Jackson Doeden had five tackles and two fumble recoveries, Wyatt Larson and Austin Merkel each had four tackles and Stevie Fey had a touchdown fumble recovery. Bailyn Bursheim and Gabe Guy each had six tackles for Tiospa Zina.

"My goal was to run 15-20 players for the varsity team and let the JV kids play the rest of the game," Wanner said. "We have a big game on Thursday and we have to win to get into the playoffs." Groton will travel to Sisseton on Thursday for the last regular season game. "A couple of other teams won that I didn't expect so that put a wrinkle in our playoffs. You just never know what will happen. That's why we have to win this game. Sisseton always seems to be ready to play us. We'll have to turn it up a notch."

Groton is now 3-4 on the season while Tiospa Zina is 1-6.

- Paul Kosel



**Bennett Shabazz carried the ball seven times for 41 yards.** (Photo #7636 by Paul Kosel)



**Adam Herman gets a first down on a 22 yard run.** (Photo #7634 by Paul Kosel)

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# Grams works with compliance at NCAA



Adam Grams has been named Assistant Commissioner for Compliance Services, Frisco, Texas. Grams, a new hire, joins Southland staff after stints at Nevada and the NCAA national office.

The Southland Conference has named Adam Grams as assistant commissioner for compliance services, commissioner Tom Burnett has announced. Grams joins the Conference office staff after serving as compliance coordinator at the University of Nevada, Reno since January 2012.

Grams will manage day-to-day compliance issues, including interpretations of conference and NCAA legislation for member institutions. He will also serve as a liaison with the NCAA national office and institutional compliance personnel, and oversee the conference's National Letter of Intent program and the NCAA coaches' certification process.

"We are very pleased to announce that Adam is joining the Southland staff," Burnett said. "He has great on-campus compliance experience and a legal background that will serve the league and our member institutions very well."

Prior to his position at Nevada, he spent a year as an enforcement intern at the NCAA national office in Indianapolis, Ind., from 2010-11. Grams also served as an athletic compliance intern at Tulane University from 2009-10.

Grams received his Juris Doctorate degree and sports law certificate from Tulane in 2010, and earned his negotiation and mediation certificate from Tulane in 2008. A native of Groton, S.D., Grams graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2007 with a bachelor of arts in political science.

## Claremont Recorder by Becky Patterson

Virginia Pulfrey served a delicious brunch for the Cheerful Chimes Extention Club on October 9th. It was held at 10:00am in her home and nine members were present. It was a "bittersweet" meeting as it signaled the end of a club that contributed 62 years of service to the community. Their average membership was sixteen for all of those years. They cooked together many times, sponsored a lot of Christmas parties and "Antique Teas", packed Christmas boxes and contributed to the local 4-H club yearly. This group also enjoyed many wonderful trips together. They were like a family - great friends doing great things! The Cheerful Chimes will surely be missed. Thanks for the memories and for all the many contributions you made to enrich the lives of so many!

Roy, James and Virginia Pulfrey drove to Sioux Falls on Thursday to attend the Timberwolves and Milwaukee basketball game at the new Sanford Arena. The picked up Laura, who works at Sanford, to go with them. Nate Wolter, who was drafted by the Bucs, started the game. He and Laura both graduated from SDSU this spring. Kevin Lone plays for the Wolves. Virginia saw him play in a high school game in Portland Oregon. Adelman, the Wolves coach, was also at the game because his son played with Kevin. The new sports complex contains the arena, a field house, a cafe and a hotel. More things will be built later.

Roy and Carrie Pulfrey drove to Sioux Falls on Tuesday for a doctor appointment. Carrie had a total knee replacement done earlier. Adah Chapter met on Tuesday night with ten members present. Election of officers was held with Mara Hart Worthy Matron, Ron Jarrett Worthy Patron, Virginia Pulfrey Associate Matron, Jim Bush Associate Patron, Sharon Tisher Secretary, Vollie Ann Williams Treasurer, Judy Albrecht Conductress and Tammy Jo Kessler Associate Conductress elected for the ensuing year. Lunch was served by Mara Hart.

I don't know about you but I sure learned a lot about pheasant hunting this weekend. I've lived such a sheltered life up until now. For starters I learned that the guy with the gun doesn't want to do a lot of chit chatting when he is in "shoot mode" and the easiest way to tell that he is in this mode is when his gaze is fixated on the sky for long periods of time. I also learned that what is said while the hunter is staring at the sky is not to be taken to heart. He might even appear a bit cranky but he doesn't mean it. It's wired into that hunt mode in

his brain and holding him accountable just wouldn't be worth it provided he is capable of a calm and relaxed conversation following this staring phase. I learned that there are quite a few varieties of weeds with stickers and they absolutely love polyester exercise pants and I learned that it's best not to witness the union of polyester exercise pants and sticky weeds if you have an incredibly painful migraine. Laughter and migraines mix about as well as oil and water! The pheasant population did not suffer any drop in numbers because of us but we still had a good time trying. Whenever you can spend time with people you love, it's all good!

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