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All American scorcher heats up Aitkin High School gym



Kylie Monson does some ball handling for C-1.

By ANN SCHWARTZ

The fans cheered and booed, the students yelled their throats out, tears were shed and memories shared as the Aitkin Gobblers defeated the Crosby-Ironton Rangers in a real barn burner on February 11 in Aitkin.

Law enforcement officers were on hand to be honored and Deputy Steve Sandberg, who was killed in the line of duty last fall, was remembered.



Ellie Michaletz scored 19 for the Gobblers.



Caleb Curtiss got an Excel award for being a credit to his school and community.

"We not only honor Steve Sandberg...but all those who protect and serve. We ask for a brief moment of silence

for Deputy Steve Sandberg," announced John Woodrow at the start of the game.

Even the half-time was exciting as Nathan Davies, Gobbler boys' basketball player, was awarded for achieving 1,000 points by his coach Jordan Moss. Caleb Curtiss, an Aitkin high junior, received the ExCel award from the Minnesota State High School League for showing leadership, being active in school activities and volunteering in the community. And Carter Dox sunk a



Officers and firefighters line up for the National Anthem.

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half-court shot to win \$250 through a Shirts Plus promotion.

Meanwhile, back to the game...

Cabin fever was chased away as Crosby pulled to an early lead. Both teams played hard and fought harder with lots of turnovers throughout the night.

Katrina Bloom sank a three-pointer for the Rangers, who lead 14-9 early in the first half. With 7:59 left in the half, the game was tied. Aitkin sunk a three-pointer and C-I tried four times to put it in from under the basket and failed. The Gobblers pulled ahead with another three-pointer, at 19-16 with six minutes left in the half.

Fighting hard for every rebound, the Gobblers ex-



The crowd filled the Aitkin gym with the student section at the left Ann Schwartz photos

tended the lead to 22-18 and at halftime led 27-21. The referees got their work-



Taylor Ehnstrom at the line for the Gobblers.



Aitkin Boys' Basketball Coach Jordan Moss awards Nathan Davies for scoring 1,000 points.

out with the fast-paced game. The Aitkin student section was on their feet throughout most the game, leading their own cheers. And fans on both sides of the aisle made numerous unkind remarks to the refs.

Following the half-time festivities, C-I scored first,

the Gobblers returned with a basket and C-I answered them, an opening to a lightning second half.

Amid raucous shouts from the student sections and jeers from the adults, the keyed-up young women played neck and neck, working for each basket. C-I almost caught up

at 30-28, but Aitkin came back and pulled ahead to 35-28.

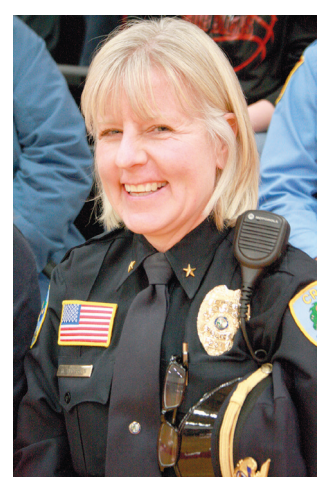
Timeouts were called as the C-I coach Randy Swanhorst got his emotions going. With about five minutes left to play, the score was 46-37 and C-I missed an easy layup, stopping their momentum. C-I pulled within six, with the game stalled at 46-40. With two minutes left, C-I pulled within four and it looked like anybody's game to win.

In the last two minutes, there were lots of fouls called and free throws sunk. C-I pulled within four again with 1:15 left -- 48-44.

Some great free-throw shooting was demonstrated under pressure by both sides and then, with 18 seconds left, Aitkin led 54-46 and C-I got called for traveling.

When a timeout was called with 12 seconds left the entire student section was on their feet and fans were leaving. The final score was Aitkin 56, C-I 48, with a tremendous effort expended by all the student athletes.

Aitkin Coach Robb Williams was grinning from ear to ear. "What a fantastic night to be a part of," exclaimed Williams. "Between the crowd and the players this



Crosby Police Chief Kim Coughlin.

was a fantastic opportunity and I'm very proud of my players."

Statistics

For C-I: Cyan Hale and Karina Bloom each got 11 points. Alyssa Klancher, 8; Jami Nelson, 7; Shyanne Loiland, 6; Kylie Monson, 2; Shaila Loiland, 2; Debbie Kotona, 1. The girls sank 5 three-pointers.

Gobblers: Taylor Ehnstrom had 22 points with six 3-pointers; Ellie Michaletz, 19; Maggi Fellerman, 6; Naomi Lane, 4; Brooke Miller, 3 and Casey Coombs, 2.

Nearly \$2,800 was donated to the 203 (badge number) Steve Sandberg Memorial Scholarship.



Donations were collected for a scholarship fund in the memory of Deputy Steve Sandberg.

Aitkin Women of Today receives recognition

The Aitkin Women of Today was honored at the 2016 Minnesota Women of Today Winter State Convention held recently in St. Louis Park.

Erin Wagner and Heather Simenstad were honored with a Presidential Pin. The Presidential Pin is designed to recognize a member's commitment to her local chapter. It exemplifies dedication and belief in the Women of Today Creed that emphasizes service to the community, personal growth, and friendship.

The MNWT State President personally selected Wagner and Simenstad for this award.

One Outstanding Local Programming Award is given in each area (there are nine) of the MNWT to honor individuals who go above and beyond in their service and dedication.

Dorothy Dotzler received the award in the area of Community Connections; Joy Gruhlke received the award in the area of Living and Learning; and Leslie Goble

received the award in the area of Public Relations. The Project of the Trimester award is given to local chapters for each area of the MNWT to honor chapters that hold innovative and successful projects. Only one award is given for each area. The Aitkin Women of Today was honored with the Records and Recognition Project of the Trimester award for their Social Media Night event.

Heidi Westerlund, MNWT Administrative Vice Pres-

ident, received one of the highest awards given to a MNWT officer, that of Presidential Award of Excellence. Westerlund and Jessy McShane also received a United States Presidential Pin and Leslie Goble earned recognition as Fired Up District Program Manager for Public Relations in District 3.

If you would like more information at the Aitkin Women of Today, please contact President Suzanne LaLond at 218-251-5024. The organization is open to anyone 18 years or older.

Lower risk of death

A 2015 study published in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* finds eating foods that are high in flavonoids may help lower risk of death from any cause.

Australian researchers followed more than 1,000 women ages 75 and older for five years. At the beginning of the study, women completed questionnaires about the foods they typically ate, from which researchers determined the flavonoid content in their diets. Five years later, researchers checked in on the ladies' health.

Compared with women who had the lowest amount of flavonoids in their diets, those with the highest flavonoid intakes had about 60 percent lower risk of death. For cancer and heart disease specifically, risk of death dropped by 40-50 percent. The compounds in apples, pears, onions and tea (flavanols and flavonols) offered the strongest level of protection. Though flavanones, found mainly in oranges and citrus, were not as strongly correlated with lower risk of death, this could be due to limited study data.

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By Janet Tharpe

Pure Pleasure—Pancake Cupcakes with Maple Bacon Buttercream

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Moist and delicious Sheila Devor's Pancake Cupcakes with Maple Bacon Buttercream Frosting is one of those times when bacon really DOES belong in dessert! I loved the maple-bacon flavor in the icing. You can add a bit of bacon to the batter too for an extra pop of flavor... Because you can never have enough bacon. Right? Quite the treat!

See step-by-step photos of Sheila's recipe plus thousands more from home cooks nationwide at:

www.justapinch.com/pancakecupcake

You'll also find a meal planner, coupons and chances to win! Enjoy and remember, use "just a pinch"...

-Janet



Sheila Devor
Towanda, KS
(pop. 1,450)

Pancake Cupcakes w/ Maple Bacon Frosting

What You Need

FOR THE CUPCAKES

- 2 c all-purpose flour
- 1 tbsp sugar
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 1/2 c whole milk
- 2 eggs
- 2 tbsp unsalted butter, melted and cooled

FOR THE FROSTING

- 1 c unsalted butter, room temp
- 2 1/2 c powdered sugar
- 3 tbsp maple syrup
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 3 slices bacon, cooked, cooled and crumbled

Directions

- Preheat the oven to 400 F. Line a muffin pan with liners

and spray with non-stick spray.

- Whisk together flour, sugar, baking powder and salt in a large bowl; set aside.
- In a separate medium bowl, whisk together milk and eggs, then stir in butter.
- Add the milk mixture to the dry ingredients. Whisk until just moistened and combined.
- Divide batter among the muffin cups. Bake until puffed and firm to the touch, about 10 min.
- Let cool for about 5 min; remove cupcakes to a wire rack. Cool completely.
- To make the frosting, whip butter on medium-high for

about 5 min.

- Reduce mixer to low; add powdered sugar a little at a time, waiting until it's mostly incorporated before adding more.
- Once all of the powdered sugar has been added, scrape the sides of the bowl and increase the speed to medium-high and whip until fluffy, 1 to 2 min.
- Add maple syrup and vanilla; whip for 1 min or so to incorporate.
- Add the bacon and mix to combine.
- Spread frosting on cupcakes.
- Top with additional crumbled bacon, if desired.

Submitted by: Sheila Devor, Towanda, KS (pop. 1,450)
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Fish house break ins on Rice Lake

Items were stolen February 12 from several fish houses on Rice Lake in Brainerd, the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office reported.

The sheriff's office and the Brainerd Police Department responded to the 10:20 p.m. Rice Lake complaint and met the complainant. The complainant advised that someone attempted to break into his fish house and believed the suspects were still on the lake.

Law Enforcement made contact with two juvenile

males in a portable fish house on the lake. A deputy noticed numerous items believed to be stolen from other fish houses on the lake near the portable fish house the juveniles were using. An adult male, the father to one of the juveniles in the portable fish house, was also located on the lake and is believed to be involved in the incident.

During the investigation, deputies located several fish houses on the lake that had been forcibly entered.

It was believed the property located in the possession of the juveniles was stolen from these fish houses. The suspected stolen property in the possession of the juveniles was collected by deputies and is being held pending owner notification.

The case is still under investigation by the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Todd Dahl reminds citizens to call in and report any suspicious activity no matter what time of day or night.

Kaleidoscope class at the Jaques



Taught by Angie Barnhart, children learned about fascinating mobiles at the February 13 Kaleidoscope class at the Jaques Art Center. Heart shapes were cut from the blend of red, purple, pink and white crayons which were melted together between waxed paper. The children learned the secret to a good mobile is balance. Kaleidoscope is usually held on the first Saturday of the month. Call 218-927-2363 for more information.

New art club at Jaques Art Center



The newly formed Art Club met on Tuesday, February 9, from 1-3 p.m. at the Jaques Art Center. A discussion about current projects individual artists were working on was of significant interest. Other artists or people interested in art are asked to join the group. Bring a piece of art, any media, for a 'show and tell'. Art Club will be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin.

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Cuyuna Range Youth Center



Several students from the Cuyuna Range Youth Center played bingo with residents at the Cuyuna Range Care Center on February 10. The youth and seniors are working together as part of the Generational Opportunities (GO) program, which is a community collaboration between the Youth Center and the Care Center. Shown (left to right) Paige Granlund, Helen Etzler and Samantha Witt.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ongoing Events:

AA - Aitkin - 322 1st Ave. NE 218-927-2651 Sun. Women's Meeting 5:30 pm, Tue. Open Meeting 8 pm, Wed. Women's Meeting 6 pm, Thu. Sober Sailors Open 9 am, Friday Night Grape Vine 6:30 pm.

AA Garrison: Monday Night AA (open) 7:30 PM and Wednesday 7:30 PM at Community Alliance Church, 9475 Jefferson St.

ALANON - 322 1st Ave NE, Aitkin 6:30 pm Thursday evenings.

ALANON Garrison: Wednesday 7:30 PM at Community Alliance Church, 9475 Jefferson St.

Aitkin Friends of the Library meet 4th Tue. each month, 1 pm, Aitkin Public Library.

Aitkin Women of Today meet 2nd Mon. of month, 6:30 pm, Mille Lacs Energy Coop, info call 218-927-4558. Evening care is available and free. All are welcome!

American Legion Aitkin Lee #86 & Unit 86, meets the 2nd Thurs. of each month at 7 p.m. 'Ask an Attorney', Aitkin Co. Sheriff's conference room, 2nd Tue. of month at noon.

Bay Lake Area Lions are currently collecting items for their upcoming June 13 auction. If you have non-rummage items, please call 218-678-9090 to arrange a pick-up or drop-off.

Blow-Hards, a lung disease support group, meets the 4th Thu. of each month, Kanabec Hospital in Mora. Contact Carol, 320-225-3646.

Care N Share Community Cafe Community Meal, Wednesdays Located in the fellowship hall in the Wesleyan Church on Highway #6 in Emily. Please call Sharon - 612 669-3295

Caregiver/Memory Loss Support Group, meets first Wed., 1-2 pm, Aicota Rehab Center, Aitkin & 3rd Tue., 3-4 pm, DAC, McGregor. 218-927-1383

Circles of Support meets every Tue., 6-8 pm If you are living paycheck to paycheck and are ready for a change, Circles may be right for you, call Brandi, 800-997-5723.

Clear Lake Grange meets second Tue. each month, 6 pm potluck, 7 pm meeting. Meet in member's homes. Info call Vern 320-684-2244 or Roxy 218-927-4558.

Closet is open second and fourth Saturday of each month from 8 am - noon. Free clothing for men and women. Narrows Community Church, 6297 Woods Bay Drive NE, Outing (look for yellow signs). Call Pastor Stanley Mikles at 218-820-5365 for more information.

Cooks Night Out - 3rd Wed of month, McGregor Comm. Ctr., 5:30 p.m., no restrictions, donations welcome.

Cuyuna Rock Gem & Mineral Club, meet 2nd Sat. each month, 2:30 at Cuyuna Range Community Center, lower level.

Dance every second Tuesday at Moose in Grand Rapids.

Dance at Waukenabo the second and last Wednesday of the month.

Deerwood Lakes Lions meet the 2nd Monday of every month, 5:30pm social, 6:00 pm dinner/meeting, at the Heartwood Senior Living. Call 218-831-5683, if you need more information or would like to join our club. Lions affordable hearings aids available to those who qualify. For more information, call Diann Bates 218-546-5237 or 218-838-4768 cell.

Evergreen P.A.C. ATV Club meetings 1st Thu. each month, 7 pm, Jackson Hole, Lawler, open to public.

FASD Caregiver Support Group - For caregivers of individuals with a diagnosed or suspected Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Meet with other caregivers (adults only please) for support, understanding, and networking. Meetings are 9 am the second Saturday of each month at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 418 8th Ave. NE, Brainerd. For more information, please contact Sheila York at 218-820-5903 or syork@mofas.org

Friends of Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge meet 3rd Wed. each month, at 1 pm. at the Visitor Center at 36289 State Hwy. 65, McGregor 218-768-2402

Food Shelf: Community Food Shelf at First Lutheran Church open on 2nd and 4th Thurs, 9:30 AM-5 PM, at 107 2nd St SE Aitkin. Must register by 4:45 PM to be served.

Food Shelf: Emergency Food Shelf at St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin. Hours are Tuesday from 12 to 3 pm. To enter the food shelf go to the South side of the building, go to the 4th door and look for signs.

Food Shelf: Garrison Area Community Food Shelf open Tue. & Thu. 1-5 pm, at 9541 Madison Street; Garrison. For emergency Food Shelf, call 320-692-5399 and leave a message.

Gamblers Anonymous meets each Mon., 7 pm, First Lutheran Church, Aitkin, for info call 218-393-0935.

Garrison Fire Auxiliary meets 2nd Thu. 7:30 pm, Garrison Fire Hall.

Garrison Thrift Store, Thurs.-Fri. 10-4, Sat. 11-4.

Heart to Heart Support Group, 4th Tue. of month, 2 pm, Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.

Hope for the Future Support Group for those dealing with emotional issues, every Thu., 1 pm, 210 2nd St. NW, suite A, Aitkin, 927-3748.

Ironton TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Tue., 4 weigh-in, 9-9:30 a.m. Meeting 9:30-10:30 a.m.. at Immanuel Lutheran Church Crosby Men & women invited. Call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523 for meeting location information.

Jacobson Seniors meets every Thu., 10-2 pm at Jacobson Comm. Ctr. Potluck at noon. Beverage provided. All are welcome. For more info., 752-1515.

Lymphedema Support Group, 3rd Mon. of month, 6:30 pm, Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.

Marsh and Meadows Hunting Retriever Club, Mon. 5:30 pm in Pequot Lakes, for more info call Brett 651-270-5648 or facebook/Marsh and Meadows Hunting Retriever Club

McGrath City Council, first Thu. of the month, 6:30 pm at fire station hall.

McGrath Senior Center meets every Mon. 1-4 pm, cards & games, all are welcome.

McGregor Community Meal served at the Community Center on Highway 65 on the Third Wednesday of each month serving from 5:30 - 6:00 pm.

McGregor TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thu., 4 pm weigh in, 4:30 meeting, Minnewawa Sportsman's Club, Goshawk St. (Co. Rd. 6). 218-768-2340 for more info.

MS Support Group, meets the 1st Thu. of the month at 7 pm, 606 NW 5th St, Brainerd, 218-824-5228.

Mystic Masonic Lodge meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm except June, July & August meet only 1st Tuesday at 7 pm over the

Eye Care Center in Aitkin.

National Alliance on Mental Illness meet Fri., 2:30, Community Presbyterian Church, 703 Pokegama Ave., room 105, Grand Rapids, Call Terrence at 218-327-1347.

North Central MN Farm & Antique Assn. meet 1st Wed. of month, Blackberry Town Hall. Info: Bruce 218-752-6592.

Order of Eastern Star, Woodland Chapter 122 in Aitkin meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays September through May and 2nd Tuesday in June and 4th Tuesday in August at 7:30 PM above the Eye Care Center in Aitkin; dark July, January & February.

Operation Minnesota Nice meets 3rd Monday each month at 6 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hill City. For info call Tina Harcey at 218-697-8144. www.operationminnesotanic.com.

Praise & Worship Services, 101 S. Maddy St., McGregor. Intercessory prayer Wed 6-7 pm; Praise & Worship Services Sat. 2 pm, Sun 10 am.

Recovery Worship Service, Cascade United Methodist Church, Crosby/Deerwood, 1st Sat., 5 pm. Everyone is welcome.

RSVP Bone Builders Tue. & Thu from 10-11 am First Lutheran Church, Aitkin; 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 at Black Rock Terrace. Free of charge. Info call 218-927-1383.

Second Tuesday Card Party, Deerwood American Legion. Open to public, 1 pm social, card playing 1:30-3:30 pm. Cost \$3 per person. Refreshments. For info call Kathy at 218-546-5486.

Senior Dance at Deerwood Legion, 1-4 pm, 1st and 3rd Fri. each month.

TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) Every Tues at East Entrance , First Lutheran Church, 101 2nd St SE, Aitkin Weigh in at 4:30pm and meeting at 5pm

White Pine Riders ATV Club meet 2nd Sat. each month (Feb. - Oct.) at McGrath Fire Hall, 10 am, open to public.

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26th - 28th - Gull Lake Frozen Fore Frozen Flop The World's Largest Golf & Snowmobile Charity Event

25th - Palisade Assembly of God Church Red Cross Blood Drive noon - 6 pm. For additional information or to schedule an appointment contact Charles Engels at 845-3893. Appointments are not required but help to reduce waiting time.

27th - Perch Extravaganza Nitt's Hunters Point on Mille Lacs Lake, 8 am - 2 pm

27th -Opening Reception 'Vietnam-A Window to War', photographs of the soldiers, the land and the citizens at the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin, noon to 3 pm. The photographs were taken by Aitkin High School graduate and Vietnam veteran, James R. Thompson. He will speak at 1 p.m. about his photographs. We are still looking for non-weaponry items which might enhance the exhibit. If you have anything you think may be of interest please call us at 218-927-2363.

March

5th - 2016 Polar Plunge at Breezy Point Resort at Breezy Point Resort 10 am - 2 pm www.plungemn.org

10th - Cuyuna Lakes Chamber Business After Hours 5 - 7 pm at the Sno-Serpents Snowmobile Club at 24197 Mohs St. and Hwy. 6, Deerwood.

February

20th - Nitt's Hunters Point Great Perch and Eel-pout Hunt 7 am - 2 pm on Mille Lacs Lake

20th - Ducks Unlimited Fishing for Ducks, 9 am, Mille Lacs Lake in Garrison Bay.

20th - Central Minnesota CMTA (Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease) Branch meeting 10:15 11:45 am at the Brainerd Public Library, 416 S 5th Street Brainerd. If you have a relative or friend with CMT, you are more than welcome to attend the meeting. Coffee, water and cookies will be provided. If you plan to attend or would like more information about future meetings, please call Jo Smith 612-807-4729.

20th - Open and free discussion, Saturday, Feb. 20, 1:00 pm, Brainerd Public Library, 416 S. 5th St,



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Chicken Wings
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Woman of the Moose Thurs., March 3 & 17 (1st & 3rd Thursdays)
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5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Hall Available for Rent (Seats 250) Weddings Reunions, Graduation & Other Events Now booking holiday parties. Call Lodge for info.

Aquaponics and hydroponics food workshop

Community members are invited to an Advanced Indoor Food Workshop titled "Aquaponics and Hydroponics Systems" at Central Lakes College.

from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 26 at CLC's Brainerd campus.

The workshop will feature aquaponics and hydroponics systems and components, a case study of an aquapon-

ics food production facility, regulations and biosecurity, environmental and economic viability of aquaponics growing systems, and a panel question and answer session.

There is a \$10 fee for

adults. Students get in free, but must register. Lunch will be provided.

For registration information email indoorfood@clcmn.edu.

Leap Year Concert at Central Lakes in Brainerd

Central Lakes College will hold a special Leap Year Concert featuring the CLC Woodwind Ensemble, Brass Ensemble and the CLC Jazz Band at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 29 in the Chalberg Theatre, Brainerd

campus.

Admission is only \$5 for adults, with children 12 and under and CLC students with I.D. admitted free of charge.

For more information contact CLC music instructor Steve Anderson at Sander-

son@clcmn.edu.

The Woodwind Ensemble features several performances by small groups within the ensemble. The Brass Ensemble will feature Bach, Bliss, British classics and bombastic trombones.

The CLC Jazz Band will round out the evening with a mix of contrasting styles of swing from Dizzy Gillespie to Woody Herman and Duke Ellington, with the added attraction of a female chanteuse.



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Minnesota elk survey results underscore importance of elk research



Aerial view of seven elk bulls.

Fluctuations in the 2016 annual elk population survey illustrate one of the primary reasons wildlife researchers have begun placing GPS collars on elk in northwestern Minnesota and tracking their movements.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' aerial survey counts elk in three herds in the state's elk range. This year's survey results show large population swings in two of the three herds that might be caused by elk traveling into and out of Canada – and across the survey boundary.

“These survey results underscore the importance of upcoming research into elk movements,” said John Williams, the DNR’s northwest region wildlife manager. “The aerial survey is a snapshot in time. Tracking elk movements over a longer time period will provide information that will make our elk survey more effective and allow us to better manage elk.”

In total, survey spotters counted 83 elk in the state's elk range in Kittson, Marshall and Roseau counties, down from 131 in the 2015 survey. In the Grygla herd in Mar-

shall County, spotters counted 21 elk, up slightly from the 18 counted last year and 20 counted in 2014. The current population goal for the Grygla herd is 30-38.

“While the number of elk in the Grygla herd remains stable, its status is still of concern,” Williams said. “This herd hasn’t been hunted since 2012.”

In the Kittson-Central herd located near Lancaster in Kittson County, spotters counted 52 elk compared to

34 in 2015 and 37 in 2014. This year’s count remains above the current population goal of 20-30 animals.

In the Caribou-Vita herd (also known as the Cross Border herd or the International herd), spotters also counted 10 elk, down from 79 animals counted in 2015 and 51 in 2014. This is Minnesota’s largest herd, which migrates between northern Kittson County and Manitoba. The Caribou-Vita herd’s current population goal is 150-200 elk inhabiting both sides of

the border.

“We continue to see the Caribou-Vita herd regularly travel between Minnesota and Canada,” said Williams. “We know these animals move back and forth across the border daily, and perhaps intermix with the Kittson-Central herd.”

Elk study begins

The DNR’s recently begun research into elk movements and habitat use stands to help managers speed up and improve the effectiveness of the elk surveys, as well as improve knowledge of Minnesota elk biology and management of the species.

As part of the study that began Feb. 16, the DNR will collar approximately 20 adult female elk, some from each of the three herds.

“This research project is the first of its kind in Minnesota,” said Gino D’Angelo, DNR deer project leader. “Our goal is to improve understanding of the species and ultimately develop management programs that benefit elk and their habitat while also minimizing conflicts with landowners.”

The study is being conducted by researchers from the

DNR and Minnesota State University-Mankato and will run through June 2018.

Funding for this project was provided by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) and approved by the state Legislature. The DNR and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation are also providing funding.

Elk are managed to main-

tain a free-ranging, wild population in far northwestern Minnesota. These herds afford recreational and economic opportunities, including wildlife watching and hunting seasons when their populations can sustain a hunt.

Current population goals for each herd were established in the 2009 elk management plan, which DNR developed with local landowner groups. The plan reflects a priority to increase

landowner acceptance of elk.

The DNR is in the process of finalizing the 2016-2020 plan. A public input process was completed Jan. 22. The management plan will address population goals, landowner concerns about crop damage and opportunities to hunt and view elk.

For more information on Minnesota’s elk management, visit www.mndnr.gov/elk. Elk survey results underscore importance of elk research

LEGAL NOTICES

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BAY LAKE TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Bay Lake Township, County of Crow Wing, and the State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until March 15, 2016.

The Election Poll hours will be open from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at which time the voters will elect:

1 - Supervisor for a (3 year term) previously held by Don Hales

1 - Clerk (2 year term) previously held by Carol Pundt

The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:30 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law. Board of Canvass will convene after the annual meeting.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the following location: Bay Lake Town Hall

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Dated: February 14, 2016
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KIMBERLY TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

The annual election of Kimberly Township will be held at the Glen/Kimberly Community Town Hall on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 to elect one supervisor for a three (3) year term and one clerk for a two (2) year term.

The polls will be open from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. The board of canvass will meet following the election.

The annual meeting will convene at 8:15 p.m. to conduct all necessary business as prescribed by law.

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