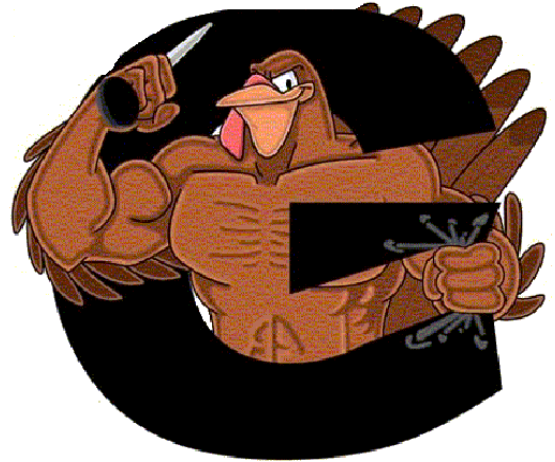


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The Prognosis Is Good

By Peter Yunker
Staff Writer

Veteran teacher Mr. Cox was diagnosed with cancer late June and is currently going through chemotherapy and radiation. Mr. Cox is well known by students and staff for his “dry-humor” and sarcasm. He is often considered one of the most influential teachers at AHS, as his strict, yet funny, teaching method is both effective and memorable.



Mr. Cox

Mr. Cox originally scheduled an endoscopy for pain in his stomach, thought to be an ulcer, but turned out to be cancer. The cancer was caused by acid reflux, which has ailed him for years. The prognosis is not as bad as originally thought, and action has already been taken. As soon as he finishes his six weeks of chemotherapy and radiation he will get a month’s rest, and then go to St. Cloud for reconstructive surgery. The cancer is located at the end of the esophagus and the start of the stomach, and is about 2 cm long.

With this type of cancer, normally by the time you experience pain it has spread. However, with Mr. Cox this wasn’t the case, so the treatments have been designed to kill the cancer as opposed to halting it. Right now Mr. Cox is going through the worst of the pain. He feels ill frequently



Mr. Cox holding a nice northern.

and can’t eat or drink much. So far he has lost 28 pounds and is beginning to lose his hair. “Imagine *Breaking Bad*,” he said.

Last month students signed and sent several cards to Mr. Cox, who responded to them by saying, “The cards that you guys sent over were unbelievable. I was actually speechless. Got those cards on a day that was a tough one as far as pain goes. I read and reread them! What a lift. The students at AHS cannot be compared to any other High School — there’s

just no competition!”

I asked if there was anything he wanted to tell the students and he said, “I guess I’d like to tell the students at AHS to enjoy yourselves and your learning. Take some time to do things you enjoy all the while doing the balancing act with grades.”

He said he hopes to get over to the school during October to hassle some of the students. “So if you spot a bald, slightly thinner image of me stop and say hi. I still have a few C minuses to pass out.”



Michelle named Student of the week

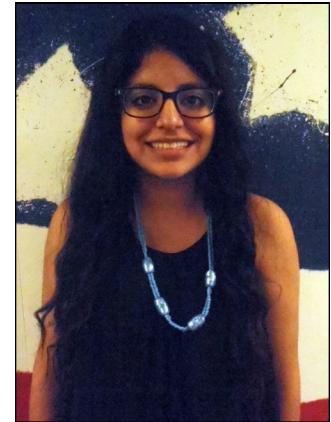
Alexis Wagner
Staff Writer

Michelle Alvarez moved to Aitkin in seventh grade, a tough age to move schools but she fit in well here. Michelle and her family became a huge part of our school. They are very involved with many schools activities, and contribute greatly to our school.

Michelle has contributed many things to our school. Michelle is in seven extracurricular activities; S.A.D.D., P.A.L.S., Peer Helpers, Student Council, Spanish Club, class officer and is senior editors of our 2013-2014 yearbooks. Michelle and Kelly Schneller have also put up donation boxes around Aitkin for St. Jude's Hospital.

Michelle has been a member of student council for four years, contributing time and effort to make our school a fun and better place for students and staff. She has also been in Spanish Club and Peer Helpers for three years, expressing the culture and guiding younger student that could use extra help.

Michelle participates in S.A.D and P.A.L.S, coming up with ideas to show destructive decisions impact lives and interacting with the special needs gym class. They play games and interact with the students. She has also recently just this year taken on responsibility of Senior Editor of the Yearbook and Class Officer, designing the senior class attire and making our 2013-2014 yearbooks awesome!



Michelle Alvarez proud to be student of the week.

Teachers Enjoying Cell Phone Pockets

Hope Mitchell
Staff Writer

The cell phone pockets are a new experience here at Aitkin High School. The teachers who have a schedule filled with tenth graders have a cell phone pocket on the wall for students to hold their cellular devices. Teachers have done this to take the distraction of the cell phones away from the students during class. The teachers were trying to find a solution to this ongoing cell phone problem: Students not paying attention during class.

In Mrs. Ratz's classroom students are allowed to have their phones out of the pockets when it's I.S., study hall, and if you are in her senior math classes. According to Mrs. Ratz "the only students that have a real problem with this are people who are addicted to their cellular devices." Most students in her classes may secretly like them be-

cause it allows them to keep up with their classes without the distraction in their hands all hour. When asked how she thinks the pockets help her classes, Mrs. Ratz said "I have eye contact from students all the time." To teachers this helps them get a lot more done in one class period that used to take two.

If this were a school wide project it would become more of a problem. The classes are not supposed to leave until all the cell phones are returned to the rightful owners and nothing is missing. If someone's device is missing, the class cannot leave until it is returned or they sit in the room until someone fesses up. The only time Mrs. Ratz would have wanted the units would be in the few occasions that she had a cell phone violation. Even though the pockets are on the wall you are not forced to use it, teachers prefer that you do put your cellular devices on the wall but a few stu-

dents always end up making excuses about why it's not up there.



The cell phone pocket in Mr. Jaskowiak's room.



Sandberg: Teacher of the week

Hailey Everson
Staff Writer

Mrs. Sandberg has been a teacher here at AHS for 34 years! She was born and raised in Bottineau, ND and attended high school there. Then, she attended 2 years at a branch of NDSU and 2 years at Moorhead State, MN. When I asked her if this was her first career choice she told me that she had always wanted to do something in business and when she was attending college she had different teaching experiences in college that made her love being around high school students.

Mrs. Sandberg offers many classes at AHS, they are; Eighth grade Computer Applications, Word Processing, Advanced Word Processing, Managing Your Money and Law for Personal Business. When I asked her favorite class to teach she gave me two: Her Law for Personal Business class and her Advanced Word Processing class. She enjoys teaching them so much because she can teach real life events that could happen. In Mrs. Sandberg's law class she likes seeing that so many of her students have gone into the law world and that what she taught had applied when making their decision. I asked Mrs. Sandberg about the most satisfying moment in her career and she said she didn't have just one moment. "I love



Mrs. Sandberg

when I make a connection with a student later on in life and they still remember the things I taught in class. She paused for a moment and started tearing up a little. She then recalled, "I ran into a former student of mine from about 10 years ago, and he came up to me and hugged me and said, 'Thank you for what you taught me in your class. I

am now a successful lawyer and some of the things you taught me, were exactly what they covered in college.' That is one of the most satisfying moments to me."

I then asked her what is the best thing about teaching here at AHS and she said, "The students, no question about it! I think we have fantastic students and also I have a lot of fun here on the third floor with the teachers. It's like we are in our own little world." I asked Mrs. Sandberg, what she did differently to engage her students. She told me that in her business class she tries to show how it can apply to your everyday life. Mrs. Sandberg says that the best part about working here is that the staff at AHS truly cares about the students. They put the students first and many teachers know the families outside of school.

Mrs. Sandberg said that something she loves about teaching is knowing that she can show a student that someone cares about them. If you're having a bad day or just need your own cheerleader, she would be there for you. She believes in putting her students first. I concluded my interview with her by asking if there was anything she would like to add and she said she was very honored to be selected as teacher of the week. She appreciates students looking at her in a positive light. Mrs. Sandberg is AHS' teacher of the week.

New face in the math department

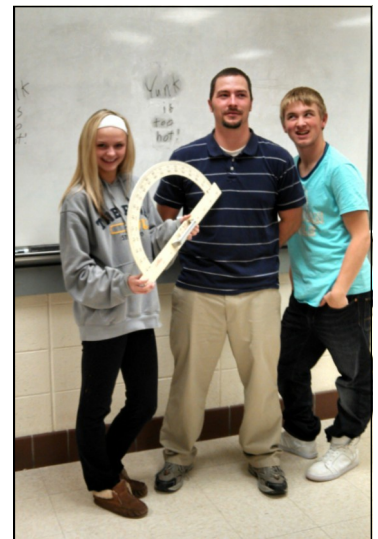
Peter Yunker
Staff Writer

Mr. Schwarz is AHS' newest teacher and is excited about working in the Aitkin school district. His current teaching schedule includes Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry. He said, "Most of my students are great, especially Cierra LaPlante." (Cierra may have been present at the time of the interview.)

Mr. Schwarz attended Lake View High School in Cottonwood, Minnesota. He graduated from the U of M Morris in 2013. During his academic career he participated in a plethora of activities, including basketball, baseball, football, rugby, band, campus radio (where he hosted a sports show), and Destination Imagination.

I asked him "What is the wildest thing that has ever happened to you?" In response he said, "When I was 10, I was riding my bike to go fishing, and I got hit in the back by a mini-van and broke my tailbone and my collarbone. There was no bike path, so I would ride on the road, and when I would see an oncoming car, I would switch lanes. Well, when I switched lanes I didn't check behind me and got hit by the van." And when asked what he thought of Grant Espe-
seth's fashion choices, he said, "He is either bold or color blind."

In his spare time, the math instructor enjoys hunting, fishing, and playing disk golf. He hopes that his students will remember him for his hard work, humor, and aspires to one day be as good of a math teacher as Mr. Mehr.



Mr. Schwarz with students Cierra LaPlante and Teddy Mishler



October is Breast Cancer Month

Kalley Duggan
Staff Writer

October is National Breast Cancer month. It is estimated that among the United States alone, there will be about 200,000 new cases of breast cancer; this is including the ones whose cancer will return. There will be approximately 60,000 new cases of breast cancer. About 30,000 will result in deaths. Breast cancer in men is rare but, does indeed happen. In 2013, it is estimated that among men in the United States there will be 2,000 new cases of breast cancer. About 400 men will die from breast cancer. Treatment for men is the same as treatment for women and usually includes a combination of surgery, radiation, chemotherapy, hormone therapy and or targeted therapy. In Minnesota alone last year there was 129 people diagnosed with breast cancer, and 21 of them were deaths.

While breast cancer risk is generally much lower among younger women, certain genetic factors can put some women at a higher risk. Women who are diagnosed at younger ages may have a BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene mutation. Women who carry one of these gene mutations have an increased risk of both breast and ovarian cancers. Now with all of the technology we have the ability to find breast cancer earlier. As mammography screening rates have increased, more cases of breast cancer have been found at earlier stages, when chances of survival are highest.

Deb Exsted, who works at the



sheriff's office, was diagnosed with breast cancer. The type of cancer that Deb was diagnosed with was typically found in older women in their 60's and African Americans, which she was neither. Deb found a lump under her armpit in April of 2009. Generally women don't have a mammogram until at least 40 years old. She was only 36 years old. Deb said, "I was not planning to have a mammogram for several years." At first Deb was referred to have an ultrasound because they thought it was only a cyst, but then after the ultrasound she was referred to have a mammogram done, which was abnormal. A few days later she had a biopsy and the results came back as cancer. The tumor was the size of a large grape.

Deb then had a lumpectomy. She then had to be tested to find out if the cancer had spread to the nodes or not. She was very lucky that they had caught it in time.

Within a week her cancer had grown to the size of a golf ball so they had to take more than they thought. Deb was diagnosed with T1c Negative Breast Cancer. Deb then started Chemotherapy in June of 2009. After the tough battle, her last chemotherapy was on October 31, 2009. Then, following the chemo, she began radiation. She finished radiation in March of 2010. Now in 2013 she still has a mammogram and a breast MRI every year, and she will continue to do so, unless her doctor says otherwise.

T1c Negative Breast Cancer has a high rate of being hereditary. She had a genetic test done and had found that she does not have mutated gene that would pass on. If she had that gene all of her sisters, daughters, and niece's would have a higher risk of getting cancer. Deb states, "Any woman that has survived breast cancer is an amazing person. We are very fortunate in this day and age that a lot of breast cancer diagnosis can be treated with lumpectomy or radiation which many years ago the only option was mastectomy. Deb says, "The toughest part about being diagnosed with cancer was, to watch my family be worried about me, and working, I only missed work on my Chemo days." Deb is a 4 year Cancer Survivor!

Class Celebrates Spanish Heritage

Jessica Stephens
Staff Writer

Spanish Heritage Month occurs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. The month begins on the independence day of several Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. As the month progresses, Mexico and Chile observe their independence days as well. Columbus Day is an important date also

included in the month. To celebrate, Spanish Club members participated in activities.

An activity day was held on Oct. 9. The activities originated from Chile, Spain, and Mexico. They were "la Gallina Ciega" (the blind hen), "Corre Corre la Guaraca" (run run Guaraca), and "Loteria Mexicana" (Mexico's lottery).

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Camille Cummings 3rd and 2nd place skull colorings followed by Jenna Bordwell 1st place contribution.

The Unsung School Sport

Erik Sanbeck
Staff Writer

Trapshooting is an activity enjoyed by several students, including the Gobbler Times' own Aaron Rinta. The trapshooting team, comprised of students from Aitkin, McGregor, and Cromwell, meets every Tuesday at the Minnewawa Gun Range. Last year, the top shooters for the team were former seniors Mike Monson and Matt Sass and current senior Aaron Rinta. Every weekend, the team travels to McGregor to compete at the shooting range, although the method of competition is a bit different: Each shooter's scores are recorded and entered online,



Things needed for trapshooting

and results are posted against other teams.

For those unfamiliar with trapshooting, it's a sport in

which contestants shoot clay 'birds,' and, along with skeet shooting and sporting clays, is the most notable competitive

clay target shooting sport. The targets are launched from a machine, usually away from the shooter. When ready, the shooter will load one shell and close the action on the gun, and yell *pull* when they're prepared. If the target is hit, the scorekeeper says nothing, but the scorekeeper will say 'Lost' if the target is missed. After five shots, the shooter moves to the next station, and repeats the process until the fifth station, where they'll go back to the first station and wait until the rest of the team is finished. Scores are how many shots out of 25 were made.

Jesse Larson Is Still Missing

Peyton Brezinsky
Staff writer

Jesse Larson has been missing for over 100 days. He is a 27 year old male from Crosby. Jesse is 5'9" tall, weighing 175 pounds with brown hair. He has tattoos of a duck head and shotgun shells.

There are no leads to where Jesse is. He was last seen

on June 20 when he left in his truck, to take his dogs for a swim at their family farm. The next day his family tried to contact Jessie's friends but they didn't know where he was. The family filed a missing person's report.

Jesse's truck was found a couple of miles out behind the family home, stuck in the mud with his stuff in it.

One of the dogs was found on day two of a four wheeler search. The other came running up the driveway on day eight of Jesse's disappearance.

After conducting numerous searches in water and on land, the family and investigators are left with no leads. If anyone has any ideas were Jesse is please contact the authorities immediately.



Jesse Larson before he went missing.

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In La Gallina Ciega, one player is blind folded, spun around several times and then attempts to catch other players. The game is played in a small space. Once another player is caught, the captured player assists in directing the blind folded player so that he or she can catch other players. In Corre Corre La Guaraca players sit in a

circle, while another player sets a handkerchief on one of the stationary player's backs. If the handkerchief placing player takes the seat that of the player he/she placed the handkerchief on the player wins. Loteria Mexicana is similar to bingo. Many symbols are on a playing card which is then covered with chips as symbols are called.

In addition to game day, over the course of the month, a skull coloring contest occurred. Jena Bordwell took first place. Camille Cummings, who contributed two skull colorings, took second and third.



'Cell phone jails' topic of debate



"The cell phone storage pockets have eliminated the need for me to speak to a student about their cell phone or take one away."

-Mr. Jaskowiak



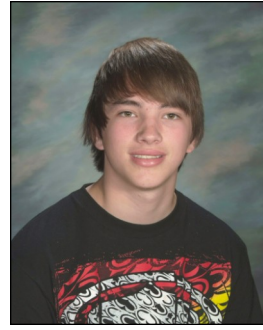
"They are AWESOME! I should get one... anything that removes a distraction in the class room is a great idea!"

-Mr. Richters



"I have not had any problems because I haven't been caught with my phone yet."

-Peyton Brezinsky



"I think the cell phone jails are just plain stupid. We shouldn't have to put our phone in these, just because some kids text in class doesn't mean others do."

-Darin Doely



"I believe in some ways it eliminates the distraction but I don't believe it's fair."

-Sammi Boyd

What was the strangest thing you believed as a child?

Katilee Leathers
Staff Writer



"I used to believe that babies magically appeared in hospitals."

-Elizabeth Tibbitts

"I believed in gremlins because I watched the movie *Gremlins* at a very young age. So I believed that gremlins were real and that they were underneath my bed. I blame that on poor parenting decisions, allowing a three year old to watch *Gremlins*."

-Mr. Richters

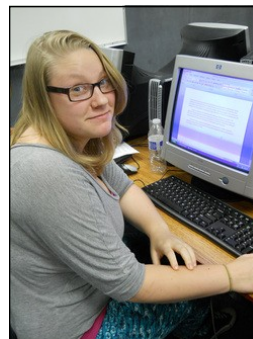


"When I was little my dad told me on Christmas Eve at midnight, all of the animals could speak in the barn. They could talk for like 10 minutes. I believed that when I was a little girl."

-Geni Patrick

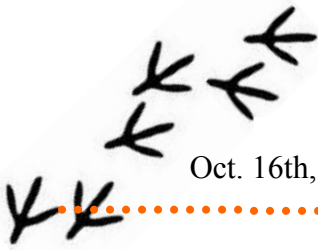
"In my elementary and middle school, when I was growing up there were giant vents and I believed that there was creepy old guys living in them."

-Hope Mitchell



"I believed that if you fell asleep with your feet not covered up by your blankets in the night little elves would visit you and tie your feet together so you would trip and fall in the morning."

-Tyler Hagen



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Sisterly bond spans 14 years

Marissa Kinzer
Staff Writer

My family was somewhat normal until two and half years ago, when my parents decided to have another kid. My sister, Lynae, and I are about fourteen years apart. It was a huge shock at first. Right away my sister, Bethany, and I were fighting over who would change her diapers. It sounds ridiculous, but we did. These past years have been a rollercoaster of mixed emotions. At first it was exciting and then for a while she was somewhat annoying, because my parents had less time to go to my sports events and help with other things. I was forced to grow up much faster because my parents weren't always there checking up on me and helping me through things. Recently my perspective has changed.

This new addition to my family has helped me realize what it means to be a parent. Having a kid is a permanent decision; you can't change your mind half way through. You have to be dedicated all the time. My parents never gave up on my sister even when they were frustrated

One of the greatest aspects of having a baby sister is the unconditional love she has for me. She is always excited to see me, even when I am tired or crabby.

or tired. My parents had many late nights; they would wake up the next morning really crabby because my sister had kept them up all night. Boy was I happy that I wasn't in their situation.

I finally realized how expensive it is to have a baby. Diapers cost a lot and if you have a kid similar to my sister she eats a lot, but she is also super picky. This makes it hard to buy the correct food, we were constantly throwing away half eaten food. To make it worse she only ate the expensive kind.

I also learned the basics of being a parent. I'm an expert at changing diapers and giving baths, things that many first time parents struggle with. This ex-

perience has also helped me to understand why kids misbehave. I now realize that children are very difficult and parents are under a lot of stress.

One of the greatest aspects of having a baby sister is the unconditional love she has for me. She is always excited to see me, even when I am tired or crabby. After every single tennis match, she runs towards me and gives me a giant bear hug and a slobbery kiss. Regardless of the score or the outcome of my match, Lynae always gives me the same bear hug and kiss. Most of the time, when you lose a match a person's reaction to this is different than if you win. They still try to compliment you and build you up, but there is a difference in their body language or their tone of voice. Little kids, especially two year olds, can't tell the difference between whether you won or lost, so their reaction is the same no matter what the outcome is. This really helps me after I have lost a difficult match. I have to keep my composure because I know that there is a little girl on the sidelines that loves me, and she wants the biggest bear hug I can ever give.

Are Minnesota winters really that bad?

By Haley Cannon
Opinion Editor

Who in their right mind would live somewhere when the schools are open even when it is 30 below outside? Well, we do! Most people whine and complain about the coldness and chills of winter, but none of us have died and we're still here — if we didn't move out of state.

Think about the summer, with all those nasty mosquitoes. No one likes them! So one great feature about a Minnesotan winter is the entire population of little mosquito devils disappear!! Finally

we are at peace with them for at least four or five months.

Next to think about is how safe it is for all the young children. You might think the cold would be dangerous, but when they get all wrapped up in their warm winter clothes, if they were to fall down a flight of stairs they would be safe because of all the padding they are wearing!!

Now if you're a procrastinator like most of us, you or a parent of yours likes to do some late night grocery shopping. A great benefit of winter is that if you're in a big hurry to get out of the car

and into your nice warm house and happen to leave some groceries in the car and aren't brave enough to hop, skip, and dive into the car and back to the house, there are no worries because the temperature will act as an extreme refrigerator.

Another thing that is great about winter is we can walk out on the lakes and rivers and go ice skating, and ice fishing, and have a blast building forts out of the billions of inches of snow we get each year! Did you guys know that some people in Florida have absolutely no idea what ice fishing is?



Football squares off with CI

Bryan Haugly
Staff writer

The gobblers won homecoming, defeating the Ogilvie Lions 57-14! Coach Sanford was telling his team all week about getting off to a fast start because of the weather, and get off to a fast start they did with Daniel Bender taking it all the way on the first play with an 85 yard touchdown.

"The kids have bought into the program," said Sanford in a recent interview. "That is, they have worked hard in the off season lifting, and most importantly are living our team motto of 'We Not Me.' This is in large part from the leadership of the captains and upper classmen." Wednesday night the gobblers were featured on Lakeland News listening to what Coach Sanford and senior Captain Dan Bender had to say.

The seventh game of the year was against Hermantown. Hermantown is a 4A team and Aitkin is a 3A team so the Gobblers were playing up a class. Going into the game Sanford said, "They have a very good team and program. But the reality is that we are playing up a class so it puts the pressure on them not us. This will be a chance for us to really find out where we are at." The 12th man was a huge part of the game and has been the whole season. Many Aitkin fans went and supported their team at Hermantown. People even say Aitkin was cheering louder than Hermantown. Unfortunately, the Gobblers fell short and lost. Final score was 32-14. Junior lineman Ryan Cordie said "We didn't play our best, too many turnovers."

At this time last year the Gobblers were 1-6, this year they are 5-2. When Coach Sanford was asked if the team is where he

had planned he responded, "Our team has surpassed where we thought we would be at this time by leaps and bounds." With a tough loss in Hermantown the Gobblers will have to come back strong on a short week of practice and take on the Crosby-Ironton Rangers, fighting for the stump. Sanford said, "We will get it back by controlling the clock and the tempo on offense and swarming the ball on defense"

After Wednesday, with Crosby being the last regular season game, who knows what sections will bring. Sanford said, "We sure hope to see this team playing a home game first round of sections. At that point it is win or turn in gear. One game at a time is the approach we have taken all year; this will be especially true for sections. At that point it is win or turn in gear. one game at a time is the approach we have taken all year."

Aitkin looks to reclaim the stump in 32nd meeting

Marissa Kinzer
Staff writer

Tonight is the 32nd annual Stump game, Aitkin vs. Crosby-Ironton. The stump is the traveling trophy between the Gobblers and the Rangers that has been around since 1974. Whatever school wins the game, wins the right to house the trophy for one year. The Stump has been played for 31 times since the first Stump game on October 2, 1974, making this year the 32nd game. The overall record of The Stump is 20-11 with The Rangers on top. Crosby has won nine games since 2000 and Aitkin has only won four. Last year the Aitkin Gobblers fell to The Rangers, 16-10. The Gobbler football team is ready to bring The Stump home.

The idea for The Stump came while the co-creators, Ron Luoma, the principal at Rippleside in the early 1970s, and Bob Allguire, a Crosby man, were playing golf one hot summer day. Luoma thought that an incentive, such as a trophy, should be added to this rivalry. Luoma approached the Quarterback's clubs in both towns. "The Quarterback's Clubs agreed," said Luoma in an Aitkin Age article, "so I went home and dug up a stump from my yard on Little Pine Lake."

When asked in the Age article,

"Why a stump?" Luoma responded, "Why not? We live in northern Minnesota with lots of trees and logging. A stump seemed like an appropriate trophy."

Luoma cleaned off the bark, shelled the stump, and put on a black metal plaque to record scores.

I asked players and coaches, "What makes the rivalry between Aitkin and Crosby so fierce?"

It's the, "Proud communities and rich history" between these small neighboring towns, said Mike Gindorff, C-I football coach. "Friendly competition" said Sam Hanson, "Our schools are really close to each other and we are good friends with the people from Crosby." Nathan Ehnstrom added, "We know a lot of people over there, [Crosby] so you want to have bragging rights over them."

Since Aitkin and Crosby is such a fierce rivalry, I asked Cathy Hughes, "What's the craziest thing a fan or a player has done for The Stump?"

Hughes replied, "Lots of different things". When I asked if she could give me any examples, she didn't want to give anyone ideas. She also added that there will be more police at tonight's game than any other night, just in case the fans get out of hand.

I asked the same players and coaches, "How does The Stump affect this game versus any other game?"

Hanson said, "Having the Stump gives you bragging rights for an entire year so everyone wants that right." Gindorff said, "It has the greatest effect on the seniors. You don't want to be known as a class that lost The Stump."

Ehnstrom said, "Some games you may need a little bit of help to get pumped up, jacked up and ready to go, like a speech from a coach or an intense video or music. Where during a rivalry game or some reason, that level of intensity is that much higher. Someone asked our coach how he was going to get us pumped up for the Crosby game. He said, "I won't need to; they will be ready on their own. It's just a different level of emotion involved. It's a lot of fun to play in these kinds of games, and even more fun to win them."

If we win tonight, The Stump will be placed in our trophy case in AHS, or it will be returned to Crosby and placed in their trophy case or in Coach Gindorff's classroom. The Stump is on the line for The Gobblers. Kickoff is at 7PM. Be there tonight to cheer and help them bring home The Stump for the first time since 2007.



Gobbler Gals Look To Sections

Ethan Croatt
Staff Writer

The Aitkin Gobbler Volleyball team came up short of one of their goals last Thursday night with their loss to Braham, now the Conference champions. With that loss the team is now 14-4. The next one they will try to overcome is to make it to the second round of sections. Here they would have to play one of their toughest competitors, Mora, according to Mr. Michaletz.

"The girls have been working on passing the ball more accurately to the setter," said Jenna Bordwell. Mr. Michaletz thinks they could improve on their blocking but says they also have great hustle compared to other teams and if any of you have watched the girls play, it's easy to see this. The seniors have been good role models and inspire their fellow players to push themselves said Rachel Curtis. She likes how her team cheers and has fun while they are playing. Ashley Handt said that being on Varsity for her meant that she needed to be a leader, good influence, and also have the skill.



The Varsity volleyball team

The girls have been a fun team to watch this year. The student section is usually full of cheers to pump up the girls. Mr. Michaletz stated there have even been community members who have commented on

how fun the team is to watch. The girls played Pine City Monday night but results were unavailable.

Gobblers Tennis Team Wraps Up The Season

Joseph Fontaine
Variety Editor

With the girls' tennis season winding down, final statistics and opinions are here. The tennis team has had a decent season so far. Claire Browning is currently ranked first in her division. When asked how she feels about her ranking, she said, "Feels good, I guess." Her favorite match she said was against Virginia, where she lost 3-10. Elise Courtemanche, ranked number four, said her favorite match

was the first one at sub-section competition; a tie breaker where she won 8-6 against Duluth Marshal. Claire Browning, Elise Courtemanche, and the duo of Lindy Lahmann-Sharbonda and Lisa Anderson all have the chance to move on to state after the subsection competition, if they place in the top two.

As a sort of celebration, at the end of the season the tennis team is having an intersquad match to 'see who the best is.' Also, as a show of appreciation to their manager, half



The girls tennis team

of the team is deciding to dress up as Franklin Real, and surprise him by playing the match in costume. The other half of the team is dressing up as teach-

ers and playing the match in costume. Good luck at sections to the girls moving on!



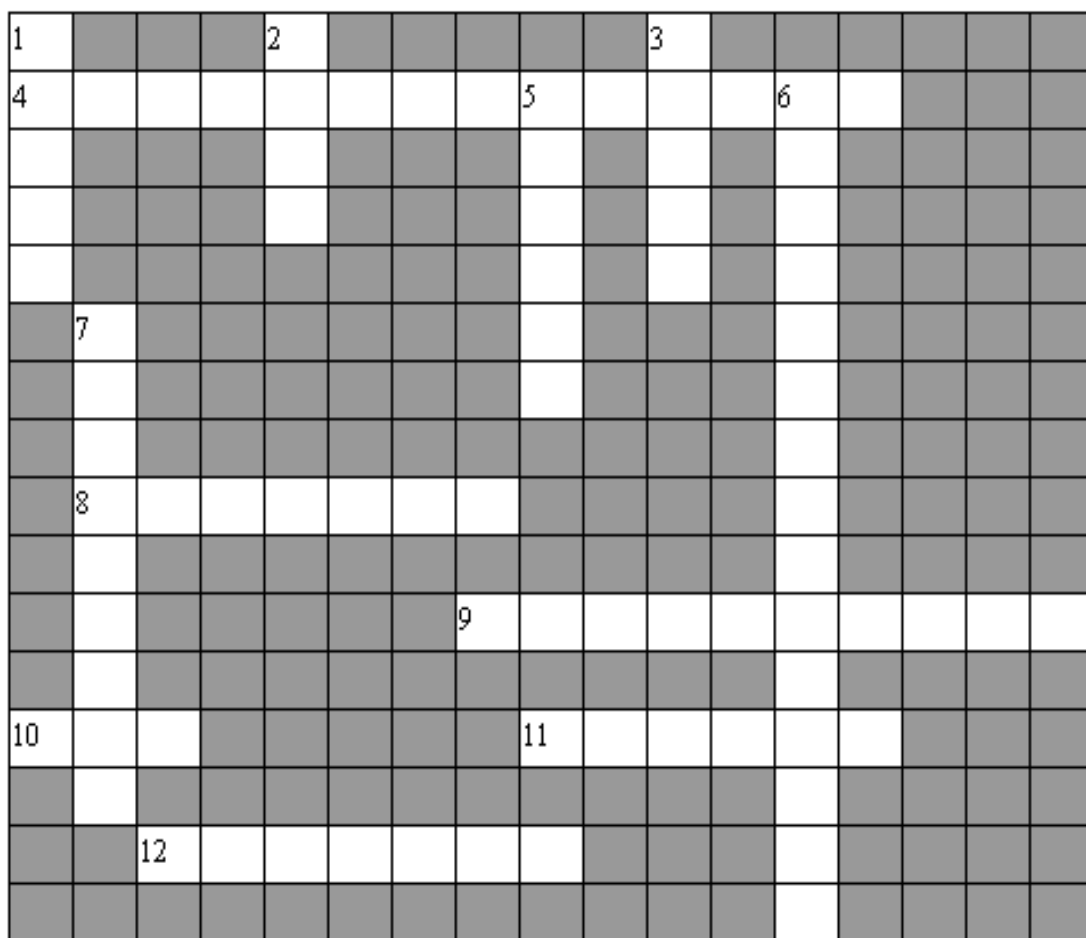
'This Is The End' provides plenty of chuckles

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'This Is The End,' starring Seth Rogan, James Franco, Danny McBride, Jonah Hill, Jay Baruchel, and Craig Robinson, is yet another movie about the apocalypse, but with a twist: All the actors are playing themselves. After James Franco's house is destroyed in an earthquake (which kills a number of notable celebrities, including (but not limited to) Michael Cera, Rihanna, and Aziz Ansari, the six actors/comedians are trapped inside with limited resources.

Even though apocalypse movies have pretty much run their course, this movie offers comic relief in a rather melodramatic and serious genre of film. Personally, I thought it was hilarious on several levels, from five of the six main characters arguing over a Milky Way candy bar to Emma Watson forcibly taking the group's supplies at proverbial gunpoint (axe-point?). When everything is said and done, the movie is fantastic, albeit extremely vulgar, and I give 'This Is The End' four-and-a-half Milky Way bars out of five.

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ACROSS

4. Core value, making sure you complete your tasks.
8. Core value, treating those around you with courtesy
9. Girl's Football Game
10. School's secondary color
11. A-Town
12. Boys volleyball game.

DOWN

1. Core value, taking pleasure in your schools success
2. Homecoming King
3. School's black color
5. Homecoming Queen
6. You're Reading It!
7. Core value, being a good person, even when people aren't looking