

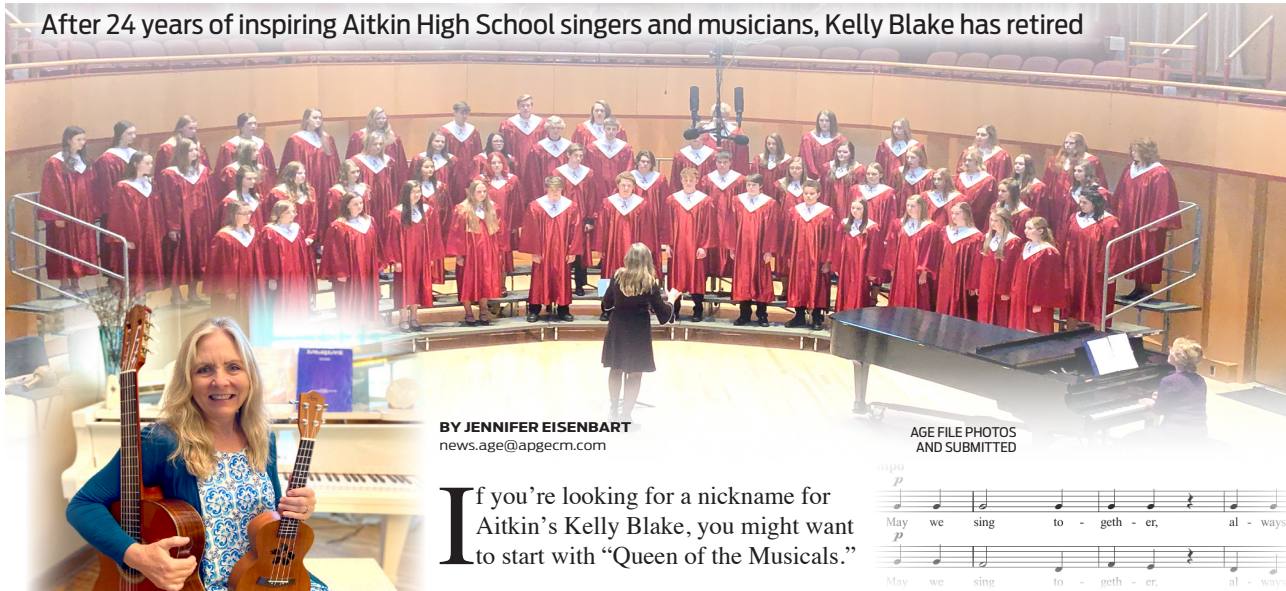
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After 24 years of inspiring Aitkin High School singers and musicians, Kelly Blake has retired



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If you're looking for a nickname for Aitkin's Kelly Blake, you might want to start with "Queen of the Musicals."



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Chamber welcomes new owners

The Aitkin Area Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed the new owners of Aitkin Flowers and Gifts. From left, Mary Rea, chamber; Joe Gans, New York Life; Gretchen and Tim Catlin, new owners of Aitkin Flowers; Mark Meyer, Edward Jones Investments; and Rusti Kallem, KLKS Radio.

Local clowns meet famous grandson



The Deerwood Lakes Lions Club met Joey Kelly, Emmet Kelly's grandson at Subway in Crosby. Pictured, from left: Rose Puckett, Cathy McDougal, Delores Marquardt, Marlys Orr, Adelia Goetsch.

50 years ago

Peat fire burns 250 acres



Chemical fertilizer is loaded aboard the plane used to combat the fire. The mixture, dyed red so the pilot can easily see areas covered, is the same used to fight the forest fires in northeastern Minnesota this past spring.

Elden Rueger III fishes Hanson Lake



A 2 pound, 6 ounce northern was a winning entry from Elden Rueger III of Aitkin. The fish was caught out of Hanson Lake.

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