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DNR to update Minnesota's wolf management plan



The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is updating the state's wolf management plan and is looking to the public for input.

To that end, the agency is creating a new wolf plan advisory committee to help inform the update to the management plan. Applications are now open for the committee, which is one of several ways the DNR will engage with the public on the plan.

According to a DNR's news release, the state's wolf management plan that was drafted in 2001 provides the framework that guides the state's decisions about wolf regulations, population monitoring, management, damage control, education, research, and other issues.

In addition to the advisory

committee, the DNR will gather public input through:

- A public perception survey;
- A public comment period; and
- Open houses at area wildlife offices.

Separate from, but complementary to, these public engagement efforts,

the DNR will coordinate and communicate work on the wolf plan directly with Minnesota's tribal governments. In addition, the DNR is seeking to form a technical committee that will include natural resource agencies, tribal representatives, agricultural agencies, and universities to provide expert review of the information presented and discussed during the 12-month planning process.

How to apply

The DNR seeks committee members who represent diverse perspectives, including hunting and trapping; wolf advocacy and animal rights; livestock and agriculture; forestry, conservation and environmental protection; and local governments.

People interested in serving can find information

about the advisory committee's structure and functions, expectations of members, and how to apply on the DNR website. The application deadline is Dec. 20. The

DNR will select members in January, and convene the committee's first meeting in February.

Meetings and engagement opportunities will begin in

spring 2020 and continue through the summer. The plan is expected to be ready for final public review and comment next October and finalized in December 2020.

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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 IOOF 164 meeting every 4th Monday at 2 pm

Aitkin Lions meet on the 3rd Tuesday at 6 pm at the Aitkin Forty Club restaurant. Call 218-839-3954 for more info.

Aitkin Rebekah lodge. 151. Meets the 1st and the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Come join us. We meet at the IOOF hall. 22 2nd st. Above the Napa auto parts store. The 1st Tues. is a business meeting. The 3rd one is a social meeting

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" Workforce Center - 20-3rd St. NE, Aitkin, 4th Tuesday of month at noon Pre-registration required call 218-723-4005

Clear Lake Grange meets second Tue. each month, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Meets at the Aitkin Library Community Center. More info call Bonnie 218-927-3485 or Roxy 218-927-4558.

Co-dependants Anonymous meeting. 332 1st Ave. NE Aitkin. Wednesday evenings. 5:30.

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 the lower level of the Franklin Arts Center at 1001 Kingwood St, Brainerd.

Deerwood Lakes Lions meet the 2nd Monday of each month at the Heartwood Senior Living Complex. Social begins at 5:30pm followed by Dinner/Meeting at 6:00pm. We are very involved in community events and would love to have you join us. If you would like to come to a meeting and see what we do or going to be doing, please call Lion Nancy at 218-678-4165 and let me know by the Thursday before our meeting.

Dyed in the Wool Spinners meeting 1st Tuesday of the month 1-4 p.m. If you knit, crochet, spin, weave or do any other fiber arts please join us in the Club Room at the Security State Bank, 402 Minnesota Ave. N., Aitkin.

Emily Community Care N Share is serving meals on Wednesdays in the fellowship hall at the Wesleyan Church, Highway 6, Emily

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

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Meeting Tuesday evenings, 6:30 pm small conference room at Aitkin Library. No dues, fees or weigh ins. For more information call: 217-248-6434. www.foodaddicts.org

Food Shelf (Aitkin) Open every Wednesday, 10:30 am - 3 pm. 102 4th St. NW, Aitkin

Food Shelf (Aitkin) 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 (Aitkin) 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 (Emily) First Wednesday of the month for produce and bakery only, 9:30 - 11:00 am. Third Wednesday distribution 9:30 - 11:00 am, followed by Thursday distribution 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Enter from south door.

Food Shelf (Garrison) Open Tue. only 1-5 pm, at 9541 Madison Street; Garrison. For emergency food, call 3320-433-9435 and state needs, name & phone number, or leave message of same if no answer.

Food Shelf (Hill City) Trinity Lutheran Church 3rd Saturday 8 am - Noon or by Appt.

Food Shelf (Jacobson) Carmel Lutheran Church 60346 240th Ave, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 4 - 6 pm

Food Shelf (McGregor) 45898 Hwy 65 2nd and 4th Wednesday of Month 9 am - Noon

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.

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR, Woodland Chapter #122 in Aitkin meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month at 7PM, EXCEPT January, February and July which are dark. 4th Tuesday in June and 2nd Tuesday in August also are dark. Meetings are held on 2nd floor of the EyeCare Center 312 Minnesota Ave No. Aitkin, MN

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.

Overeaters Anonymous 9:30am at Aitkin Library, 7:00pm at 112 1st Ave SW - house next to New Life Church. Everyone is welcome, especially newcomers. OA is a 12 step program fashioned after AA. Not a diet club, no dues or fees or weigh-ins. For more info: OA.org, or call meeting contact Cheryl at 770-576-5984.

Praise & Worship Services, 101 S. Maddy St., McGregor, Intercessory prayer Wed 6-7 p.m.; Praise & Worship Services Sat. 2 pm, Sun 10 Recovery Worship Service, Cascade United Methodist Church, Crosby/Deerwood, 1st Sat., 5 pm. Everyone is welcome.

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TOPS Ironton (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Monday, 4 pm weigh-in, 4:30 pm meeting at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Crosby, Call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523 for meeting location

information.

Weight Watchers (now called WW) meets at Hallett Center in Crosby every Wednesday at 5:45 pm. Weigh in begins at 5:15 pm. For more information call 218-820-9725.

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

November

29th - Sixth annual Fish House 5K Run and Walk at 9 a.m. in Aitkin as the official kickoff to Aitkin's World Famous Fish House Parade. The race starts and ends in Downtown Aitkin and the course runs through the streets of Aitkin and the city park. A 5K Run/Walk category for ages 12 and under will make this event more affordable for entire families. For questions, please call Brian at the Aitkin Chamber of Commerce at 218-927-2316.

29th - Fish House Parade in Aitkin

29th - Chili Cook-off & Fund-raiser, 2 p.m. - Aitkin Moose Lodge 1060 - Aitkin

29th - Toys For Kids Kickoff in the parking lot of the Brainerd Chamber of Commerce and Ace Hardware, (west of the Mississippi River). Donations will be received 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. by the Heartland Detachment of the Marine Corps League

30th - Small Business Saturday - Bring more holiday shopping to local small businesses.local For every dollar spent at a small local business approximately 67 cents stays in the local community.

December

2nd - CRMC Home Health & Hospice Tree of Love Lighting, 4:15 p.m. at Heartwood Senior Living Community Conference Room in Crosby. in Heartwood's Conference Room

8th - Visit Santa and Mrs. Claus Dec. 8 at Main Street Nutrition downtown Crosby 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. Please bring a non-perishable food item

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4. **Alcohol only in moderation, if at all.** Be aware of your alcohol consumption. It can help prevent you from

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5. **Immune Boosting soup.** A favorite of ours is printed below.

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1 1/2 tsp sea salt, 1/4 tsp black pepper, 1 tsp. turmeric, grated fresh ginger (to your taste), and
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Crosby mayor's good governance?

Resurfacing articles show our mayor, along with other area self promoters, crediting bicycle related tourism saving our town. Really... The truth is the GRANTS that our city admin. retained for the hand selected businesses, on taxpayer's time, for renovations, demolitions, etc. of these once decaying buildings is what really drew these entrepreneurs into our town.

Sadly, this leadership didn't think of helping any of our local business owners. Instead they only worked within the mayor's pro-tourism circles. If these major IRRRB grants hadn't happened, I suspect a couple of the shining stars of our main street wouldn't even be here. We can't even mention the supposed incoming businesses that our mayor so gleefully announced at council meetings that never came to be without embarrassing ourselves. But for this mayor to so arrogantly speak of our town as saved proves the people he gets his information from must be the same people who have yet to see a pigeon in Crosby.

Its time to take care of our existing businesses needs and a major upcoming concern is how the lack of traffic in 2021 is going to negatively impact their businesses. For years, city endorsed committees studied what other cities had done during these projects and had submitted ideas that could have been utilized for our businesses benefits. One such idea had been to pursue grants from the IRRRB for improvements to the rear alley entrances of downtown businesses. Apparently our city admin. with all her other duties didn't feel it was worthy of her time. Nor was the idea of budgeting funds for alley improvements. The idea of pursuing low interest loans for business owners during this period got scrubbed as well.

But the grants kept rolling in for the selected few. This mayor, his tourism mafia and blindly loyal city admin. continue to cheerlead their few accomplishments, but in the interest of fairness, someone should point out the shortcomings and discrimination that's being brought forth against our existing businesses.

A healthy, economically diverse city shouldn't have a large majority of its new businesses come from outside communities. It appears this administration has created circumstances that prevents locals from being able to compete with the selected few.

Is this Good Governance?
Chris Ryan, Crosby

Giving thanks for freedom of speech

I want to thank the NewsHopper for publishing my letters, even when their views aren't in cohesion with mine. The freedom of speech should never be threatened or silenced from anyone — due to intimidation from those in power, for favoritism in order to protect alliances or friendships, and most importantly, political gains.
Chris Ryan, Crosby

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