

## Eagles Nest Township bear and cubs to be relocated

A female black bear and her two cubs that are hibernating under a seasonal cabin near Ely will be relocated to a captive facility where they can be cared for and not have uncontrolled interactions with people, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

"This solution satisfies our original and primary concern about public safety," said Michael DonCarlos,

DNR wildlife research and policy manager. "The typical behavior of a black bear, like any wild animal, is to avoid humans. This bear is habituated to humans and has lost its fear of people, which makes it impossible to predict its behavior."

The bears' new home is yet to be determined, but the bears will not be euthanized, he said. The DNR is considering several locations, taking into account

what will be best for the bears' welfare.

"The DNR believes this is a good option because it accomplishes the goal of preventing the bear and cubs from engaging in uncontrolled interactions with people," DonCarlos said.

A final decision about where the bears will be relocated, as well as how and when they will be moved, won't be made until next week.

## Are you legal to ride snowmobile



ways to get a certificate.

First, anyone 11 and older can attend a traditional classroom course taught in local communities. Second, for those 16 or older, a DNR Adult Snowmobile Safety CD-ROM is available.

"With the CD-ROM, people can learn from the comfort of their home, fill out the quizzes/exam and send their results in to be officially certified," Hammer said.

The CD-ROM and the DNR's 2006-2007 Minnesota Snowmobile Safety Laws, Rules, and Regulations handbook, are available from the DNR by phone at (651) 296-6157, toll free 1-888-MINNDNR (646-6367), or by e-mail to info@dnr.state.mn.us.

With some of the best and earliest snow conditions in several years, snowmobilers are hitting trails hard and fast as the 2007-2008 snowmobile season gets underway. That's prompting officials with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to issue some words of advice that just might save lives.

"Snowmobile operators need to contain their enthu-

si-asm and get this season off to a smooth, safe start by being smart and driving safely," said Capt. Mike Hammer, DNR Enforcement Education Program coordinator. "Drivers should also be aware of potential hazards, changing conditions and use good judgment."

Hammer said DNR Snowmobile Safety Training is the best place for people to start their winter snowmobiling season.

To legally ride a snowmobile, residents born after Dec. 31, 1976, need a valid snowmobile safety certificate. There are two

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## Community EVENTS

### Ongoing Events:

Aitkin Singles, meets monthly for various activities such as music, hiking, and dancing. For more info call 218-927-3153.

Blind Lake (Aitkin Area) ATV Club, meets the second Fri. of each month at Aitkin City Hall, 7:30 p.m. New members welcome.

Blow-Hards, a lung disease support group, meets the fourth Thurs. of each month at Kanabec Hospital in Mora. Contact Carol in Respiratory Therapy, 320-225-3646.

Cancer Support Group, meets monthly on the third Tuesday of each month at Riverwood Hospital conference room "B", in Aitkin. This is sponsored by Riverwood Healthcare Center and Cuyuna Regional Medical Center. Call 218-927-2121 x2257 or 218-546-4302 for more information.

Circles of Support meets every Tues., 6 - 8 p.m. If you are living paycheck to paycheck and are ready for a change, Circles may be right for you. Circles of Support provides an informal, confidential support system that consists of volunteers and community-based support networks of allies partnering with families. If you are a self-starter and self-motivated, call Brandi, 800-997-5723.

Dial-A-Ride is offering service in Aitkin. Call for pick up: 218-326-3503 or 1-800-642-6143.

Emergency Food Shelf at St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin. Hours are: Thurs. afternoons only from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. Access the Food Shelf from the south side of the building. Go to the 4th door and look for signs.

Garrison City Council meetings are the first Thurs. of each month at the City building.

Hope for the Future Support Group for those dealing with emotional issues, 1st and 3rd Thurs., 1 p.m., Access North, 105 4th St. NW, Aitkin, 927-3748.

Ironton TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets Mon. evenings, 7 p.m. at 212 Viola Ave., Ironton. All interested is invited. Call Paula Robinson, 218-545-2180 for more info.

Jacobson Busy Bees meets every Thurs., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Jacobson Community Bldg. Potluck at noon. Beverage provided. Cribbage, cards, Phase 10 and socializing are enjoyed. All are welcome. For more info., call 752-6652.

Legal Aid meets in Aitkin every other month on the third Wed., at Security State Bank, 2nd floor, 402 Minnesota Ave. N., 10 a.m. to noon. Contact the Senior Office, 218-927-3811 for appointment.

LinkAge Line™, 4th Thurs. of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 at Aitkin Co. Senior Office (Security State Bank bldg., 2nd floor). Counselors will assist with Medicare-related issues. For an appt., call 800-333-2433.

McGrath Area Civic Organization, first Wed., following the first Thurs. of the month, 9 a.m. at 1865 Cafe.

McGrath City Council, first Thurs. of the month, 6 p.m. at Fire Station Hall.

McGregor TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thursdays, 3:30 p.m. at Lake Minnewawa Sportsman's Club, Goshawk St. (Co. Rd. 6). 218-768-2340 for more info.

McGregor VFW Post dances, 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, 1-4 p.m.

MS Support Group, 3rd Mon., 1 p.m., Access North, 105 4th St. NW, Aitkin, 927-3748.

Ripple River Quilters meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 1 p.m., for location call 218-927-5760.

Rainbows Grief Support Group meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, 9:30 a.m. at Grace Lutheran (Log) Church. For more information call Mary Ann at 218-426-3491 or Diane Mon.-Fri., 9:00 a.m. to noon at 218-426-3343.

Stroke Support Group, meets the fourth Monday of each month at First Lutheran Church in Aitkin, 2-3 p.m. Family caregivers as well as stroke patients are welcome.

Kids Game and Bible Activity night at Palisade Assembly of God. 7-8 p.m., K-12.

### January:

6th - West Range Country Show, 6:30 p.m., Greenway High School Auditorium, Coleraine. Handicap accessible - Door prizes.

7th - McGregor VFW Post dance, 1-4 p.m., Music by Country Pride.

8th - FREE Driver Safety Seminar for Teen Drivers, Northland Arboretum, all day. Call 218-829-3558 for more information.

9th - Dance at Waukenabo Community Center, 1-4 p.m., music by Roman and Don.

10th - Cuyuna Range Youth Center spaghetti dinner, 6-8 p.m. at the Deerwood Auditorium.

11th - Tamarack Sno-Flyers snowmobile club monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse in Tamarack.

12th - IIRA Ice Car Racing, Brainerd International Raceway, Call 1-866-444-4455 for more information.

13th - Silver Riders Dinner Fundraiser, The Old Waterfall, Brainerd, 1-4 p.m. Call 800-450-2838 for more information.

17th - Christian Women's Connection, Aitkin American Legion, 9:30 a.m. Please R.S.V.P. to Judy 218-927-6085 or Christine at 218-927-3677.

18th - 20th - Antique Snowmobile Rendezvous, Trailside Park, Pequot Lakes, 1 p.m. Call 218-543-4146 for more info.

21st - McGregor VFW Post dance, 1-4 p.m., Music by Gary Martin.

22nd - Red Cross Bloodmobile, noon-6 p.m. at Emily City Hall. Walk-ins are welcome, but if you would like to make an appointment call Nancy Moritz at 218-763-3097.

26th - Roosevelt Lake fishing tournament at the Luscher's Park pavilion in Outing, sponsored by the Outing Chamber of Commerce.

26th - Brainerd Jaycees \$150,000 Ice Fishing Extravaganza, Hole in the Day Bay - gull Lake, 12-3 p.m. Call 218-824-9461 for more information.

26th - St. Olaf Choir 2008 National Tour, Tornstrom Auditorium, Brainerd, 7:30 p.m. Cost \$18 adults, \$9 students. Call 800-363-5487 for more information.

26th - Heartland Symphony Auditions, St. Francis Music Center, Little Falls. Students must complete and submit an application by January 12, 2008. For more information call 1-800-826-1997.

27th - 35th Annual Baxter Snowmobile Club Radar Run, Ernie's on Gull Lake, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Come out and see how fast your sled can go! The timing lights don's lie! Call 218-828-4119 for more information.

30th - Dance at Waukenabo Community Center, 1-4 p.m., music by Loren Lindevig.

### February:

2nd - Palisade Mid-Winter Festival, Activities all day long! Bake sale 10 a.m., Meatball Dinner 11:30 a.m., Parade 2 p.m., Fireworks 6 p.m. and much more. Check [www.exploreminnesota.com](http://www.exploreminnesota.com) for updates on events for the day.

2nd - Cuyuna Range Chamber's Ice Fishing Contest, noon-3 p.m. on Serpent Lake (Crosby Memorial Park access).

2nd - Scorpion Homecoming at Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake; registration at 10 a.m., display from noon to 3 p.m., awards at 3 p.m., trail ride from 3:15-4:30 p.m., and open house 3:30-7 p.m.

4th - McGregor VFW Post dance, 1-4 p.m., Music by Jerry Bierschback.

7-10th - MnUSA 2008 Winter Rendezvous, Cragun's Resort. The Rendezvous will include an opening reception, scheduled guided rides, a banquet with entertainment, the MnUSA Silent Auction fund raiser with proceeds going to the legal action fund and the Governor's Ride. The MnUSA Board will conclude the weekend on with its quarterly meeting Sunday morning.

9-10th - USCC Cross Country Snowmobile Racing, Brainerd International Raceway. Come see the USCC Cross Country Snowmobile Racing at Brainerd International Raceway. Call 1-866-444-4455

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