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BLOOD DRIVES:

Call **1-800-RED-CROSS** or visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule a donation time or to find a drive near you. **NO WALK-INS at this time...**

The American Red Cross continues to experience *an emergency blood shortage* that has caused the blood supply to drop to the lowest level in at least six years. Donors of all blood types – especially type **O** – are urged to **make an appointment** to give now.

8/12	Fri.	11:00-5:00	Fellowship Bible Church in Pierz
8/22	Mon.	1:00-7:00	St. Francis Center in Little Falls
9/9	Fri.	10:00-4:00	Heartwood Senior Living in Crosby

**MAKE SURE TO CHECK THE SEPARATE
DAILY / WEEKLY PSA LIST IN THE STUDIO, TOO!**

8/8 – 8/14

Coco Moon Coffee Bar in downtown Brainerd will showcase the **collage work of Brainerd artist Lisa Ackerman** throughout the **month of August**. Ackerman creates her collage paper through a process called mono-printing. This method employs a gel plate, acrylic paint, and a variety of tools to create a singularly unique, or mono, print. She then creates designs by cutting the paper and affixing them to a surface. Ackerman's work seeks to capture details and scenes inspired by nature, often in a naive style. She also works in wool felting and painting. By day she is the Director of Crossing Arts, located in downtown Brainerd, and teaches there regularly. Coco Moon is located at the corner of Laurel and South 6th in downtown Brainerd. For more info, visit CrossingArts.org.

Join the **Businesses of Crosslake Town Square** as they host **Business After Hours** on **Tues. Aug. 9th** from 4:30-6:00. Guests will enjoy networking, delicious treats and beverages at each store! Stop by the Townsquare gazebo to receive a list of participating businesses then enjoy the afternoon strolling from business to business! As a courtesy to the hosts, please RSVP at BrainerdLakesChamber.com.

Ruby's Pop Up Pantry will be up and running on **Tues. Aug. 9th** at the Northern Pacific Center in Brainerd, hosted by The Journey North Church. The drive thru-style food distribution will start at 4:30 and go until 6:00. For just \$25 per share, you will receive up to \$120 worth of food (or more). The variety and amount of food varies each month. To learn more, visit RubysPantry.org.

Join **Mount Ski Gull** for a family-friendly adventure as they host a **Guided Night Hike** on **Tues. Aug. 9th** from 7:00-8:30 at Mount Ski Gull. The hikes include stops to do fun, educational night activities. Topics COULD include using your senses at night, learning about nocturnal animals, predators/prey, astronomy and more! The hike is about 1 mile (1.5 hours) with stops along the way. MUST register in advance at MountSkiGull.com. The cost is \$10 for adults... \$2 for youth.

A **2022 Community Celebration** will be held on **Wed. Aug. 10th** from 12:00-7:00 in the parking lot of **Cygnature Title Solutions** on Evergreen Drive in Baxter. The FREE event will have games, bouncy house, food from Bob's Backyard BBQ, live music, kids activities and mini horses from Gabriel's Home, giveaways and more! A dunk tank fundraiser will also happen with proceeds going to the Pohl Children's Foundation. Learn more at CygnatureOnline.com.

Central Lakes Community Performing Arts will present the bluegrass music of the group **Monroe Crossing** on **Wed. Aug. 10th** on the outdoor stage at CLC Brainerd Campus starting at 7:00. Tickets for adults is \$25... CLC Students and those under 18 is \$20. [Learn more at CLCPerformingArts.com](http://CLCPerformingArts.com).

The **Brainerd Ski Loons** will host a free, family-friendly water ski show on **Wed. Aug. 10th** at 5:00 and guests are invited to Lum Park to watch the show! Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on, concessions will be available for purchase and you can learn more online at SkiLoons.com.

The **Northern Pacific Center** in Brainerd will host a **Farmer's Market** on **Thurs. Aug. 11th** in the parking lot of the NP Center from 4:00-8:00. The market will feature a wide variety of vendors from around the Brainerd Lakes area. To learn more, go online to NorthernPacificCenter.com/FarmersMarket.

The **City of Crosby** presents **Music In The Park** the SECOND and FOURTH Thursday August from 5:00-8:00, with the next concert scheduled for **Thurs. Aug. 11th**. Everyone is invited to grab a lawn chair or blanket, friends and family, and head to the shores of Serpent Lake at Crosby Memorial Park for these free concerts which will also feature food, giveaways and fun.

The Grandview Summer Concert Series will conclude on **Thurs. Aug. 11th** at the Pines at Grandview with The Fabulous Armadillos and The Collective Unconscious's tribute to The Eagles. **"Takin' It To The Limit"** will start at 6:00, but the gates will open at 5:00. Get tickets in advance at (THIS STATION'S WEBSITE) or the day of the show at the gates. The weather will be good, so we hope to see you there!!!!

Backus Corn Fest Days will take place in Backus **Fri. Aug. 12-Sun. Aug. 14th**. It's all about family fun and making memories! Corn Fest Days has a meat raffle, horse shoe tournaments, bean bag tournament, raffle drawings, kids games, a street dance, fireworks and good ol' fashion CORN ON THE COB! The annual **CornFest Dinner** will be held on **Sat. Aug. 13th** from 11:00-4:00 at the Backus Firehall. The dinner includes hot & cold drinks, BBQ ribs, wild rice hotdish, watermelon, potato salad and, of course ALL YOU CAN EAT Corn On The Cob. Backus Corn Fest on Facebook for more.

The **Brainerd Police Department** invites kids ages 17 and under to its **Bags With Badges** event on **Fri. Aug. 12th** from 10:00-5:00 at the Northern Pacific Center in Brainerd between buildings 1 & 2. Kids are invited to sign up to play Bag Toss with local law enforcement and firefighters for a chance to win prizes! There will be two age brackets – Ages 12 and under will play bags from 10:00-1:00...then ages 12-17 will play from 2:00-5:00. Space is limited. Registration is required. Call the Brainerd PD at 218-829-2805 to register! For more info, visit the Brainerd Police Department's Facebook page.

Deerwood Summerfest presents a **Benefit Concert** featuring the Chicago tribute band, **Duluth Transit Authority** on **Fri. Aug. 12th** at the Deerwood Auditorium. The concert starts at 7:00 with the doors opening at 6:00. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served by The Deerstand and the proceeds from the event will go to upgrade Elmer Park and to raise money for an electric community sign. Get tickets at DeerwoodSummerfest.org/tickets.

Area youth are invited to try their skill at a giant target station, bear pong, and hole in one; throw a bean bag through an Operation Game patient; and paint rocks with positive messages at **Deerwood Summerfest** on **Fri. & Sat. Aug. 12-13**, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Prizes will be awarded. Staffed by **Cuyuna Regional Medical Center** employees, in addition to the activities, clinicians will expertly fit bike helmets for safety and give away free helmets to youth on Friday, Aug. 12, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more info, visit CuyunaMed.org.

Central Lakes Community Performing Arts Center invites the public to an **outdoor movie** showing of Disney's **FROZEN** on **Fri. Aug. 12th** on the outdoor south lawn of the CLC Brainerd Campus. Activities start at 7:00 and the movie will start around 8:30 (darkness permitting). The cost is just \$5 for a family of 4. Learn more online at CLCPerformingArts.com.

Deerwood Summerfest will take place on **Fri. & Sat. Aug. 12 & 13** in Deerwood and everyone is invited for the fun! This family-friendly two-day event is designed to celebrate Deerwood by offering fun activities, terrific food, arts n' crafts and many activities for kids! Proceeds from the weekend benefit the area community. There is also a raffle taking place with \$3,500 in cash prizes (DeerwoodSummerfest.org/raffle) and you can also check out the online auction (DeerwoodSummerfest.org/auction.) Learn more about it all by searching Deerwood Summerfest on Facebook.

The **Central Lakes Rotary Foundation** presents the **REHT Music Festival** the weekend of **Aug. 12-14th** at the Lakes Music & Events Park in Pine River. (REHT stands for Rotary Ends Human Trafficking). Live music by 32 Below, Corey Medina & Brothers, Kent Dudley and Bended Knee, The Rush Tribute Project, Tim Eggerbraaten and many others will perform. Event speakers will include Dawn Heath-Fiedler, Shantel Dudley and Stacy Schaffer. All profits will be used to bring awareness and education to central Minnesota about human trafficking and also to support survivors with their healing. Learn more at REHTMusicFestival.com. Sponsored in part by Hubbard Radio Brainerd and 2060 Digital.

A **Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser** will be held on **Sat. Aug. 13th** at the Pelican Lakes Conservation Club in support of **Northern Lakes Lightning High School Girls Hockey**. The breakfast will be served from 7:30-11:00. The breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, biscuits & gravy, orange juice and coffee. The cost is just \$7 per person. The Pelican Lakes Conservation Club is south of the Breezy Point Resort Gates on Thrane Drive. Learn more by visiting Facebook and searching Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser.

The **Northwoods Art and Book Festival** in Hackensack will celebrate its 27th year on **Sat. Aug. 13th** as the longest running art and literature festival in the country. The festival (9-3pm) and feature 60+ artists, 26 authors & author presentations in Hackensack! Fun will include live music, pies, children's art tent, food trucks, & beer!

The **11th Annual Harvey Kack Cardboard Boat Races** will be held at Moonlite Bay in Crosslake on **Sat. Aug. 13th** and everyone is invited! Registration starts at 10:30 with the Kids races (12 and under) starting at 1:00... The Adult Race is at 2:00. For more information, rules and schedule, visit MoonliteBay.com.

The town of **Palisade** will host **RiverFest** on **Sat. Aug. 13th** and the public is invited to take part in the fun! Take part in open-play pickleball from 9-11... then visit the HQ Tent for food, drinks, local apparel and raffle tickets (10-10) They will also have a vendor market, a bean bag tourney, music and more! Plus don't miss the Centennial Parade that will start at 12:00. Outdoor music will feature the classic rock performed by Scot-Free! All are welcome!

Camp Knutson will host its **36th Annual Quilt Auction** on **Sat. Aug. 13th** at the camp in Crosslake. The ONLINE SILENT auction bidding will begin Wed. Aug. 10th and will continue in person AT camp on the 13th starting at 9:30. At that time, the live auction quilt viewing will start. That goes until 11:30 and the LIVE AUCTION BIDDING will start in-person at 12:00. Visit CampKnutson.org/Quilts for more information and to preview some of the quilts prior to the auction. The event raises funds for campers who have disabilities and/or other medical needs.

The annual **Dru Sjodin Purple Elephant Walk/Run** will take place on **Sat. Aug. 13th** in Pequot Lakes starting at 9:00. Created to raise awareness of violence against women and children, the funds raised will go towards bringing RadKids to the Pequot Lakes area. The 10K will start at 9:00, the 5K starts at 9:10 and the 1K will follow the last finishers of the 10K and 5K. The earlier you sign up, the lower the entry fee. To register for the race, OR to just make a donation to the cause, go online to RunForDru.ItsYourRace.com/event. Or go to Facebook and search The Dru Sjodin Purple Elephant. ((RadKids provides educational tools and resources that enhance the ability of children, parents and families to utilize knowledge, skills and power to protect themselves from violence and harm.

Music, meditation, and fitness come together at **Yoga + Live Music** on **Sat. Aug. 13th** at Gregory Park in Brainerd. This hour-long outdoor yoga class will be guided by Jennifer Smith of Nisswa Yoga. There will be Sun Salutations under the morning sun, with music provided by a quintet of **Lakes Area Music Festival** musicians from around the country. All levels of yoga practice are welcome. Pre-registration is recommended online at LakesAreaMusic.org/event/yoga. The event is free, but donations to LAMF are encouraged.

Join the **Crossing Arts** on **Sat., Aug. 13** from 10:00 to 12:00 noon, as they give out **creativity kits** to anyone who wants a little bit of creative fun. Kits will be available on tables inside of Crossing Arts. Kits include two art projects, a coloring sheet, and more! This month's kit will feature Bookbinding & Stick People. Creativity Kits are free to the public. Kits are limited. First come, first served. For more information contact Crossing Arts at 218-833-0416 or visit CrossingArts.org. Crossing Arts is a 501c3 nonprofit in downtown Brainerd at 711 Laurel Street.

The **Experimental Aircraft Association Brainerd Chapter 1610** presents **FREE Youth Eagles Flights (rides)** for youth ages 8-17. The event will be held on **Sat. Aug. 13th** at the Brainerd Lakes Regional Airport from 8:00-11:00, weather permitting. To sign up in advance, email your name and phone number to TrudiAmundson@yahoo.com. Walk up registration will be welcome, on a first come first served basis.

Join the **Northland Arboretum** for its **Firefly Festival** on **Sat. Aug. 13th** at the Northland Arboretum. This outdoor music event will run from 5:00-9:00 and will feature One Night Stand and Bruce Archer. While there, be the first to try Jack Pine Brewery's "Firefly Light" – the Arb's limited NEW release! Advance general admission tickets are \$20. A limited number of V.I.P. tickets are also available for \$45. Call to reserve your tickets – 218-829-8770 or learn more online at NorthlandArb.org.

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ArtWorking is a newly formed and growing network of lakes area artists and creative minds and is working to expand a sense of community amongst diverse artists of all mediums. They meet to talk, bounce ideas around, and inspire each other. This is an informal **gathering of "artsy oddballs."** Looking for your people? They invite you to join them! The group meets on the third Tuesday of every month from 5:00 - 7:00 pm, at Ya Sure Kombucha (right around the corner from Crossing Arts, at 216 S 8th St, Brainerd, MN). Their next meeting will take place on **Tues., Aug. 16th**. Afterward, everyone is invited to shop local at Crossing Arts to stock up on supplies! For more information contact Crossing Arts at 218-833-0416 or by visiting CrossingArts.org.

The **Brainerd Lakes Sunrise Rotary Club** will host its 30th **Annual Rotary Rose Sale** starting **Wed. Aug. 17th** and ending **Wed. Sept. 14th** at Noon. The cost is \$20 per dozen and you can choose from red roses with baby's breath OR multi color (no baby's breath). Pickup of the roses will take place from 11:00-6:00 on the 29th & 30th of September at Midtown Depot convenience store in Brainerd. Delivery available for \$5. To purchase roses, visit Brainerd-Rotary-Roses.MyShopify.com. Or visit Facebook and search Brainerd Sunrise Rotary Club for a link to the site. Money raised stays local and will benefit area youth.

The **Lakes Area United Way** will host a **Retro Movie Night at The Woods** on **Fri. Aug. 19th** where guests will get to enjoy the movie, The Karate Kid! Tickets are \$20/vehicle and proceeds from both ticket sales and concessions will benefit the United Way. Tickets can be purchased by contacting the local United Way office via their website, UnitedWayNow.org or get them the night of the event at The Woods.

The **Panda Project, A Walk to End Veteran Suicide** will be held on **Sat. Aug. 20th** at **The Eagle's Healing Nest** in Sauk Centre. The event is held in honor of Sgt. Cody Lee Randall, a 2010 graduate of Brainerd High School. The registration fee is \$20 and includes a Panda Project t-shirt and dinner. There will also be a silent auction and tours of The Nest during the walk. Banners to honor or remember loved ones may also be purchased (1 for \$10....3 for \$20). They will be displayed along the walk route the day of the walk. All money raised will go to The Eagle's Healing Nest where veterans are given task and purpose as they heal from the silent wounds of war. More information is online at EaglesHealingNest.org. Donations can also be made there.

Pine Grove Zoo in Little Falls is excited to announce their **"Roar and Pour"** Wine and Beer Tasting Event on **Sat., Aug. 20** from 6:00 – 8:30. This new fundraising event for the zoo will highlight wines, ales, coffees, and foods from area businesses. This "21 and over" event will also feature Michael Shynes performing from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Not only will patrons enjoy viewing Pine Grove Zoo's animal family during this memorable evening, but there will be special animal encounters at a special reduced "Roar and Pour" rate of just \$10.00 per person. Visitors will have their choice of Kangaroo, Capuchin/Squirrel Monkey or Sloth encounters to add to their evening at Pine Grove Zoo. There are limited tickets available, and tickets will not be sold the night of the event. Tickets can be pre-purchased at Pine Grove Zoo in their admissions any day before the event from 9:00 – 6:00 pm or you can purchase tickets over the phone at 320-616-5595. Tickets are just \$40.00 per person. Since this is a fundraiser, memberships do not apply. If you have questions about Pine Grove Zoo's Roar and Pour Event or about any of the summer events at Pine Grove Zoo, you can contacting them at 320-616-5595 or info@pinegrovezoo.com.

The **NHRA Lucas Oil Nationals** will be taking place at Brainerd International Raceway **Thurs. Aug. 18 through Sun. Aug. 21st**. Tickets can be purchased on line at BrainerdRaceway.com.

The Pillager Flea Market will be held at the Pillager Fair Grounds on **Fri. Aug. 19th** from 9:00-5:00, sponsored by the Pillager Area Lions and the Cass County Pillager Fair Board. The market will feature vintage, household and unique items... refurbished furniture, chalk couture Kits, clothing, footwear, food, beverages, ice cream, antiques, live animals and more! All are welcome! The fairgrounds can be found at 207 East Second St. S. in Pillager.

Auditions for **Stage North Theater's** performance of **THE CRUCIBLE** will be held **Aug. 19th & 20th** at the Franklin Arts Center in Brainerd. Learn more online at StageNorthTheater.com or Call 218-232-6810.

The Lakers Lions will host their **Annual Corn Feed** on **Sat. Aug. 20th** at the Pickled Loon Saloon in Emily from 2:00-4:00. All funds raised will support the club's scholarship program, which is open to high school seniors in the area, granting each recipient \$1,000 toward their higher education. There will be all the free corn you can eat, along with pork-on-a-stick, brats, hotdogs and beverages for purchase. For more info, visit Facebook and search Lakers Lions.

The public is invited to **Sunday breakfast** at the **Brainerd VFW** on **Sun. Aug. 21st** from 8 am to noon. Seven menu choices for \$9. Support this veteran organization at 309 South Sixth Street in downtown Brainerd. Find out more at BrainerdVFW.org.

Join Tom Lehman, Minnesota's most decorated golfer, aboard Cragun's North Star luxury yacht on **Sun. Aug. 21st**, and sail away on Gull Lake while raising funds from healthcare at **Cruising For Charity**, an exclusive fundraising event benefitting **Cuyuna Regional Medical Center's Charitable Fund**. Cruising For Charity is part of the inaugural CRMC Championship Golf Tournament to be held Aug. 21-28 at Cragun's Legacy Courses. A native of Alexandria, MN, Lehman is the event's honorary Chairman. The cruise begins at 5:00 and will include live music, tastings, a feast of cuisine, premium libations and raffles. Tickets are \$200 per person and all proceeds will support critical health care needs in the Brainerd Lakes Area. For more info about the event and tickets, visit CuyunaMed.org or call Jennifer at 218-545-4455.

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A new **mental health crisis line** is now available to Minnesota residents as part of a nationwide effort to make the **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** number easier to remember. Now, Minnesotans can **CALL or TEXT 988** any time of any day to access resources. There are currently four call centers across the state of Minnesota.

The **Lakes Area United Way** is proud to announce that the annual **Chili Cook-Off** is returning to the Westgate Mall in Brainerd on **Wed. Oct. 5th** from 11:30-1:00. The celebratory theme is "Together Again!" The UW is looking for businesses to register, with booth sponsorships starting at \$100. Tickets for the event will be \$10, which will include entry into the event and a bowl for tasting! Visit UnitedWayNow.org for info.

The Brainerd Lakes Area Chapter of Let's Go Fishing serves seniors living independently or in a care facility, families, disabled adults and veterans on Gull Lake or Bay Lake who want to go fishing or simply go on a lake cruise from May through September 1st. All pontoon trips have two trained volunteers on board to guide the fishing and provide a safe, enjoyable trip. Outings are offered morning and afternoon and last about 2.5 hours. Call to reserve a trip or get more information, 218-851-6028 or go online to Brainerd.LGFWS.com.

Crow Wing County DWI Task Court is **looking for monetary donations** so it can continue its efforts to work with people who are repeat offenders of DWIs and are in need of long term support as they work to keep those who drive drunk from repeating the offense. (80% success rate!). The funds raised are used to purchase incentives such as gas cards, food cards, small reductions in fees and to host two annual events with all of the members and their families in an effort to build community. Checks can be made out to Brainerd Community Action and mailed to 321 S. 7th Street, Suite 105 in Brainerd or online at BrainerdCommunityAction.org.

Earn extra income, stay connected, give back and impact the lives of children and youth in your community as a **Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota Foster Grandparent Volunteer**. Foster grandparents are adults age 55 and older that provide one-to-one mentoring a few hours a week to at-risk children and youth to help them boost their self-esteem and overall academic success. No prior experience is required and training is provided. Get started today by calling 888-205-3770 or by going online to LSSMN.org/Volunteers/FosterGrandparent. (Run through end of Aug).

Every month during 2022, **The Crossing Arts Alliance** is hosting a **Second Saturday Creativity Kit Giveaway** at its downtown Brainerd location. These kits are free to the public on a first come, first served basis. If you are interested in **donating to the Creativity Kit Program**, they are in need of certain new, unused supplies for the kits like Elmer's Glue Sticks, Q-tips, boxes of extra-fine Sharpies, pieces of colorful fabric (cut into strips 1"-2" wide), bags of balloons, misc. patterned scrapbook paper and student Fiskars scissors (in the package). If you are able to make a donation, you can drop them off at Crossing Arts on Laurel Street in Brainerd during their business hours, or visit CrossingArts.org/donate for more ways to help.

If you are looking for **volunteer opportunities** here in the lakes area, the **Lakes Area United Way** has a bunch of choices for you! Visit UnitedWayNow.org and click on the Get Connected banner. From dog walkers, to crisis line volunteers, to handyman services... game players, wheelchair transport drivers... the list goes on. If you want to volunteer, visit that site. Non-profits are also encouraged to register if they are in need of volunteers!

The **Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen** in Brainerd offers free meals to those in need every **Mon.-Sat. from 5:00-6:00** p.m. and on **Sun. from 12:30-1:30** p.m. If you are in need of a meal during the week, please stop by during these hours and food will served free of charge. Sharing Bread can be found at 923 Oak Street in Brainerd. Visit SharingBread.com for more. Volunteer opportunities are available.

Brainerd Lakes Area residents are encouraged to **turn in your empty toner and ink jet cartridges** at either of **The Office Shop** locations (Brainerd or Aitkin) for recycling. By doing so, you will be helping the **Zachary Johnson Kids with Cancer Fund**. The fund offers grants to surrounding area families with a dependent child (age 21 or under) who has any form of cancer. It can be used for anything that the patient or caregiver wishes. If you are interested in applying for a grant, contact Riverwood Foundation or stop at either Office Shop location. Or to donate, visit RiverwoodHealthCare.org/foundation/giving or call 218-927-5158.

Find your next career in the **Brainerd Lakes Area as local businesses** are **searching for employees** in a wide variety of sectors. Retail, healthcare, finance, construction, hospitality, manufacturing, and more! **The Bridges Career Depot** is a one-stop shop for exploring careers. Visit Chamber.BridgesConnection.org and click on Jobs. (There are currently over 300 job postings for 14-18 year olds – so LIKE the Bridges' Facebook Page and updates will be immediately sent to your FB page!).

The Crow Wing County Land Services Department's Household Hazardous Waste Program is now **open Monday – Friday** from 8AM-5PM. County residents can bring in all types of household chemicals for disposal such as cleaning products, pesticides, herbicides, paints, stains, and automotive chemicals. Upon arrival at the landfill site, residents must stop at the Landfill Office where you will get instructions on how to proceed. Visit CrowWing.US for more information.