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Aug. 20 – Sept. 8

The American Red Cross continues to face a critical blood shortage and is issuing an emergency call for eligible blood and platelet donors of all types to give NOW and help save lives. Blood donations are being distributed to hospitals faster than donations are coming in. Commit to give and make a difference. Use the Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment. **Remember, NOW THROUGH Aug. 29th, those who donate will receive a \$5 AMAZON.COM GIFT CARD** (via Email).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

Visit www.redcrossblood.org (where you can download the FREE Red Cross Blood Donor App) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make your appointment:

Mon.	8/26	1:00-7:00	St. Francis Center in Little Falls
Tues.	8/27	12:00-6:00	St. Francis Center in Little Falls
Wed.	8/28	12:00-6:00	Good Samaritan Soc. Bethany in Brainerd
Thurs.	8/29	10:00-4:00	Arrowwood Lodge at Brainerd Lakes

Cass County Public Health is hosting some upcoming walk-in **Immunization Clinics** for children who are on MA/MnCare or who are un- or under-insured.

Select immunizations are available for adults who are un- or under-insured:

Wed.		9:30-11:30	Pine River-Backus Family Center in P.R.
Fri		10:00-12:00	Northland Area Family Center in Remer
Tues	8/20	10-12 & 1-2:30	Pillager Family Resource Center / Pillager
Tues	8/27	9:00 – 11:00	Cass Co. Health, Human & Vet. Serv

For more information, call 218-547-1340 ext. 246

Crow Wing County and **Lakes Area Law Enforcement** have come together to introduce **The Vitals App**. Vitals is the new app that helps protect people with visible and invisible conditions and disabilities by voluntarily communicating critical information to law enforcement and first responders. Each Vitals individual is assigned a Vitals beacon that transmits a private and secure signal to authorized first responders that are within 80 feet, allowing them temporary access to critical information that can help the individual and law enforcement de-escalate what could become a dangerous or emergency situation. To learn more, or to register for the service, visit TheVitalsApp.com or text VITALS to 797979.

In an effort to provide a safe environment to share stories, provide support and education to those who have lost a loved one to suicide, a **Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group** invites you to its bi-weekly **Monday** meetings on the first and third Monday of each month. The group meets from 7:00-8:30 at Lutheran Church of the Cross on County Road 13 in Nisswa. This is a group for adults only. With questions, contact Jeri Borgwarth at jeriborg@hotmail.com

The **Crossing Arts Alliance** in downtown Brainerd offers fun **events for KIDS** every **second Saturday** of the month from 10:00 to 11:30... AND from 12:00-1:30. A \$3 per child (or \$5 per family) donation for materials is requested (but no child will be turned away for inability to pay). Pre-registration IS REQUIRED for the classes.

Sat. Sept. 14 Mosaics

For more information and to register (required), visit CrossingArts.org.

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.

Having cancer is often one of the most stressful experiences in a person's life. But support groups help many people cope with the emotional aspects of cancer by providing a safe place to share and work through feelings and challenges. **Any female with a cancer** diagnosis is invited to this **supportive and caring group** facilitated by professionals and meets the second Friday of the month from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Essentia Health-St. Joseph's Medical Center. Speakers will also be asked to attend and discuss various topics throughout the year. For more information about the Women's Cancer Support Group please call 218-828-7685.

Ruby's Pantry is a non-profit food ministry serving rural communities. There are no income qualifications to participate in Ruby's Pantry – Ruby's Pantry is for everyone who eats and would like to save on their grocery budget. For a \$20 cash donation you will receive a "share" with up to \$120 or more worth of groceries. There are no limits of how many shares that can be purchased at this time. Ruby's Pantry food distribution for the Brainerd Area is at the Journey North Church the **2nd Tuesday of the month**. Food distribution begins at 11:00 a.m. and ends at 12:30 p.m. Ruby's Pantry has no government funding. It is primarily funded by the contributions of our guests. Participants should bring containers to put their food in. Contact The Journey North Community Church at 218-824-5617 about volunteer opportunities at Ruby's!

The **City of Brainerd** will use **Crow Wing County Alert** powered by EverBridge to make sure you know about issues that may affect your safety. This system allows the City of Brainerd to contact thousands of residents in seconds, so you can find out about an emergency right away. Receive important messages from the City of Brainerd via email, phone, and much more! Get up-to-the-minute information about severe weather, road closures, snow emergencies, event cancellations, and much more! To register for the Crow Wing County Alert, visit ci.Brainerd.mn.us.

Would you like to make a difference in the life of a child? **Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota** is seeking **individuals and couples who can serve as foster parents** to children, especially older children and sibling groups. Ideal foster parents have compassion for kids and are open to caring for children from different backgrounds. Professional training and ongoing support is provided. If you can open your home and your heart to a child and would like to learn more, visit FosterCareMN.org.

The **Brainerd Lakes Area Farmers Market** will be up and running every Tuesday at the Franklin Art Center parking lot ... And every Friday at the Vikingland Harley Davidson parking lot in Baxter through the fall from 8:00-12:30. Find locally grown fruits, veggies, plants, meats, baked goods, and more!

The **Downtown Brainerd Farmer's Market** will be up and running every Tuesday afternoon from 3:00-6:00 in the parking lot on Laurel Street next to Sage on Laurel. Eleven vendors will be there featuring a large variety of locally grown and made products, including oils, baked goods, flowers, jams, wild rice, meats, veggies, fruit and more. Music will also be featured from time to time.

The **Nisswa Area Farmer's Market** is open every Thursday from 8:00-12:30 in the Nisswa American Legion parking lot. Fruits, meat, veggies, baked goods, crafts... it's all there!

The **Cuyuna Range Farmers Market** offers everything from fresh, sustainable produce, baked goods and organic meats, to crafts and home-made items. It's open every Saturday (through Oct. 12) from 9:00-12:00 on Main Street in Crosby at Cross Avenue.

The **Ideal Green Market Cooperative Farmers Market** will be held every Saturday in Ideal Corners next to the Old Milwaukee Club. The market will be open from 9:00-1:00 and will sell produce, meats, soaps, oils and more. The market will be open each Saturday until mid-October, weather permitting.

The **Downtown Aitkin Farmers Market** will open every Saturday through Labor Day from 9:00-1:00 at the historic Butler Building. Fresh Minnesota grown and raised food, fruits, vegetables, plants, herbs and spices, honey, maple syrup, free range chickens, eggs and more! For more info, visit TheButlerBuilding.org.

Children ages 2 to 8 and their parents/guardians are invited to the **Brainerd Public Library** every Tuesday for **Family Story Time**. From 10:00-11:00 enjoy a story, songs and crafts all based around a different theme each week. The story time is free and all are welcome.

Would you like to be trained to be a **Census Taker** for the **2020 U.S. Census**? 2020 Census Jobs provide great pay, flexible hours, weekly pay and paid training. To apply, visit 2020CensusJobs.gov/jobs. For more information or help applying, call 1-855-JOB-2020.

According to the DEA, most **prescription drug** abuse starts with drugs people obtain from family or friends - often taken right from the medicine cabinet at home. Medication theft, misuse and abuse have been on the rise in our country and communities – with devastating effects. Keep your old or unused prescription or over the counter medications away from potential misuse, **“Take it to the box!”** Dispose of your old and unused medicines for free at the Cass Lake or Pine River Law Enforcement Centers, Thrifty White Pharmacy in Brainerd, Lake Shore Law Enforcement Center, and PHS Indian Hospital in Cass Lake or any Essentia Health Pharmacy. Many police stations in the area are also a good place to dispose of old and unused meds as well.

Looking for fun in **Brainerd** this summer? Check out the city’s **Park & Recreation’s Summer Activities Guide** for more information on all of the exciting summer activities. Whether it’s baseball, a run/walk, fishing or a forest camp, Brainerd has it all! Visit CI.Brainerd.MN.US and search Summer Activity Guide.

The **Crossing Arts Alliance**, a 501c3 nonprofit located in downtown Brainerd is **seeking artists** to make artwork for their upcoming 8x8 Art Auction and Gala fundraiser. Artists are invited to stop in Crossing Arts at 711 Laurel Street to pick up a canvas and create a piece in their signature style to be included in the silent auction fundraiser. All mediums are welcome, but finished work must be 8" x 8". Completed work must be returned to Crossing Arts by August 31. Participating artists will receive a reduced entry fee to the gala in exchange for their art donation. The 8x8 Art Auction Gala will be held Friday September 6th from 5:00 to 7:00pm. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served. The cost is \$20 at the door, or \$10 for participating artists. All funds raised will go towards expanding and enhancing the arts programming offered by The Crossing Arts Alliance. Visit crossingarts.org or call 218-833-0416 for more details.

Join the **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention** on **Sat. Oct. 12th** at Grandview Lodge in Nisswa for the **“Out of the Darkness Walk.”** Those who participate will be walking to fight suicide and raise awareness about mental health. Proceeds will benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Register today at AFSP.org/Nisswa.

The **Brainerd American Legion Post 255** and the **Nisswa Legion Post 627** would like to share with everyone that the Legion Act has passed, and it extends the American Legion membership to honorably discharged veterans since WWII. Previously, only veterans who served during periods of declared hostilities were able to join. “Let Everyone get Involved in Opportunities for National Service” Act was signed into law on July 30th, 2019. For more information about becoming a member of local American Legion, please contact 6th District President Paul Edwards at 218-820-6086.

The greatest gift a dad can give his kids isn't something he can buy. It's something priceless. Time. Studies show that kids with involved fathers are less likely to abuse drugs, commit crimes, get pregnant, get depressed or fail academically. All it takes is time... A public service message from the **Fatherhood Educational Institute**. Call (312) 795-9060. That's (312) 795-9060.

The **Garrison Fire Department** is looking for enthusiastic people wanting to help your community by becoming a Firefighter and they will train you! Join them for an informational open house at the Garrison Fire Department on Tues. Sept. 17th at 6:00 or Sat. Sept. 21st at 10:00. Applications are available Mon.-Thurs. from 7:30-3:30 at Garrison City Hall. If you have questions, call 218-821-5299.

The Brainerd Lakes Area Women of Today encourage you to **Flock Your Friends** and help raise money for HART Animal Shelter & Ruff Start Rescue. Pay to have anywhere from 10 to 50 pink, plastic flamingos put in your friend's yard (or foe, or family, etc) and for \$1/bird, the BLAWoT will deliver the birds to that location, where they will remain for 2 to 3 days. Don't want to be flocked? There is flocking insurance to guarantee you won't be flocked. The flocking will continue through the month of September, and the birds will migrate south Oct. 1st. To order your flocking, visit BrainerdLakesAreaWomenOfToday.com.

The **2019 Brainerd Lakes Area Walk to End Alzheimer's** is coming up on **Sat. Sept. 28th** at Forestview Middle School in Baxter. If you would like to form a team, or walk as an individual, visit www.ALZ.org/Walk and register yourself or your team. Then, start asking your friends, family and neighbors for donations as we work together toward finding a cure for Alzheimer's and its related dementias. If you are not able to walk, please find a team and make a donation. (If you are in need of services from the Alzheimer's Association, visit ALZ.org)

Your father has dementia, your mom can't drive, and you pick up groceries for a neighbor. They all need your help and before you know it, you are a Caregiver. Caregiving is rewarding, but it can be stressful. You are not alone. The **Powerful Tools for Caregivers** Class provides you with skills to take care of yourself as a caregiver and increase your confidence in difficult situations. Faith in Action for Cass County is sponsoring a FREE six-week Caregivers Class on Tuesdays, beginning September 3rd at the Walker Public Library. When you take care of yourself, everyone benefits. Sign up for the Caregivers Class today. To register call Faith in Action at 218-675-5435.

8/19 – 8/25

The **City of Nisswa** and the **Friends of Nisswa Lake Park** invite the public to a **Grand Opening gathering** to celebrate the development at the Nisswa Lake Park & Recreation Area. The free event will be held on **Thurs. Aug 22nd** from 4:00-7:00. Enjoy food, drinks, door prizes and a presentation at 5:30.

It's time for **Happy Hour for a Cause** with **the Iron Range Eatery at Cuyuna Brewing** in Crosby. The next one will be on **Thurs. Aug. 22nd** from 5:00-7:00. For a minimum \$15 donation, you can enjoy an evening of light appetizers, beer tasting and you'll learn about a local non-profit. This time, Saving Hearts For Suicide Prevention will benefit from your donations. 100% of the proceeds collected and kept by the charity.

Enjoy live music by JPACK and Martin Farrell and Jenna Rae while overlooking the spectacular views of Serpent lake at this "**Back to School Night**" themed **Cuyuna Lakes Chamber's Music in the Park** event on **Thurs., Aug. 22**. The free, family fun event will feature music, food, games, and more at Crosby's Memorial Park from 5 to 8 p.m.

Join the **Lakes Area Music Festival** at Roundhouse Brewery in Brainerd for their **Musicians Night Out**. Beethoven and Beer...grab a pint and chat with professional musicians from around the globe in between sets of informal chamber music. The event is open to the public and will run from 6:00-8:00 on **Thurs. Aug. 22nd**. No tickets or reservations are required.

The **2019 Staples Railroad Days** will be taking place **Thurs. Aug. 22nd – Sun. Aug. 25th**, hosted by the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce. It will be a full weekend of family-friendly activities and events, a parade, musical performances, a street dance, fireworks, CLC's Field Day, and so much more! For a lineup of the weekend's events, visit StaplesMotleyChamber.org.

The 2019 Lakes Bluegrass Festival will be held at the Cass County Fairgrounds in Pine River the weekend of **Thurs. Aug 22- Sun. Aug. 25th**. Enjoy a weekend filled with bluegrass music from numerous groups from the upper Midwest. It is the Upper Midwest's Premiere Bluegrass Festival – camping is available. A number of workshops will be held throughout the weekend as well. Get tickets and information...LakesBluegrassFestival.com.

The Community Mammoth Garage & Bake Sale Fundraiser will be held **Fri. – Sun. Aug. 23-25** at the Crow Wing County Fairgrounds, Industrial Building 5. The sale will run from 8:00-5:00 each day. (Drop off for donations will be 8/22 from 8:00-5:00) Suggested donations include toys, bikes, luggage, electronics, music, arts & crafts, clothing, kitchen and housewares, tools, books and more. With questions, call 828-1216.

Central Lakes College Ag & Energy Research Center will host a **Field Day** on **Fri. Aug. 23rd** from 9:00-2:30 at 26505 County Road 2 in Staples. Hands-on drone demonstrations, tractor rides/drives, an edible bean presentation, kids activities, lunch, tours and more are all part of the day. For more info, call 218-894-5123.

Join the Farm on St. Mathias for the **10th Annual Farm to Fork Dinner at St Mathias Farm** on **Fri. Aug. 23rd** from 5:00-8:00. Guests will enjoy a 4 Course Chef Inspired Meal prepared with produce from our local Farmers. Your \$69/person includes complimentary appetizers with a Cash Bar, a 4 course dinner paired with Beer (from Jack Pine Brewery) and Wine. Space is limited. Go to Eventbrite.com and find tickets under: 10th Annual Farm to Fork Dinner.

Head to Trailside Park in Pequot Lakes on **Fri. Aug. 23rd** for the **Pequot Lakes Outdoor Movie Night** from 8:30-11:00. The movie is free – but what the movie will be, well, clues will be given out and you could win a prize if you guess the correct movie! Bring a lawn chair, blankets, pillows or whatever you need to be comfy. The movie will start when it's dark enough to see! More info at PequotLakes.com.

It's dinner time! Join the Brainerd **Center's Annual BBQ Dinner** on **Fri. Aug. 23rd** either from 5:00-6:00 or from 6:30-7:30 for their delicious fundraiser. Purchase tickets at the Front Desk of The Center. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. Menu consists of your choice of ribs or chicken, plus cole slaw, corn on the cob, beans, corn bread, pie and ice cream. Tickets sell out fast, get yours in advance!

It's time for the **12th Annual Walk A Mile In Her Shoes** event, the International Men's March to end rape, sexual assault and gender violence, on **Sat. Aug. 24th** at Mills Ford in Baxter. Men are encouraged to find a pair of women's shoes and be ready to walk a mile down the frontage road to help raise awareness and funds for Sexual Assault Services of Brainerd. On site registration will start at 10:30, entertainment gets underway at 11:00 and the walk will start at 12:30, followed by prizes, awards and fun! To register, visit WalkAMileBrainerdBaxter.com.

The **Homeless/Wounded Warrior Motorcycle Ride** will take place on **Sat. Aug. 24th** starting at The Bridge Tavern on Highway 6 and Co. Rd. 11. Brunch will be served from 9:30 to 11 and the ride will start at 11:00. The ride is about 125 miles and takes riders to Breezy Point, to Garrison, through Crosby, to Fifty Lakes, Jenkins and finally, Crosslake. For more info, visit Facebook and search Wounded Warrior Ride 2019.

The **Greater Lakes Performing Arts** (GLAPA) presents a new tribute/variety show, **"Feeling Alright!", a Tribute To The 50th Anniversary of Woodstock** featuring American Pie, Pat and Donna Surface will perform on **Sat. Aug. 24th** at the Pequot Lakes High School Auditorium at 7:00. Tickets are \$12 for students... \$15 for adults.... And you can get tickets at GLAPA.org. Then be ready to laugh, have fun and maybe win prizes!

It's time for a fun **Bluegrass Festival at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge** in Deerwood! Join the fun on **Sat. Aug. 24th** from 5:00-9:00 where you will find two stages, three bands and an all-American picnic presented by Bent Paddle Brewing Company. The cost is \$25 for adults, \$12 for kids 12 and under. The cost includes food and the three concerts. Music by Isaac Gadiant Duo, Sloughgrass and the Barley Jacks. For more info, visit Ruttgers.com.

The **Cass County Sheriff's Office** will host its **6th Annual Walleye Fish Fry** from 4:30-6:30 on **Sat. Aug. 24th** at the Union Congregational Church in Hackensack. Attendees will be treated to food while learning about the county's TRIAD and chaplaincy programs. Tickets will be sold at the door. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$5 for children under 10, and free for children under 5. Dinner will include walleye, wild rice hot dish, baked beans, fry bread, coleslaw and dessert, along with coffee or lemonade. Chaplains and TRIAD members will serve the food and there will be music, fellowship and door prizes throughout the event.

The **Sons of Norway** will present a **Viking Festival** in Nisswa on **Sat. Aug. 24th** at the Pioneer Village from 10:00-4:00. The family event, entitled "Real Vikings No Horns" will include Viking reenactors, Viking crafts & weapons, Viking wares for purchase, food and non-alcoholic beverages. For more info, visit NisswaVikingFestival.com

Grab a lawn chair and join the **The Crosslake Ideal Lions** for **Music in the Park** every Saturday evening at 6:00 at Crosslake Town Square. The next show, on **Sat. Aug. 24th**, will feature the country music and variety show of Norman's Bait & Tackle Choir. The shows are free and open to the public

The **City of Pequot Lakes** invites everyone to **Bands in the Park** every Saturday evening from 7:00-9:00 through the summer! The concert on **Sat. Aug. 24th** will be performed by Paul Christian...with a variety of different genres of music. Bring your family, friends and a lawn chair to Trailside Park in Pequot Lakes for this free show!

Gather your family and friends for **Outdoor Movie Night** at the **Crosslake Army Corp of Engineers Campground** on **Fri. Aug. 24th** starting at 8:30pm. "Dumbo" will be shown and the movie is free to attend. There will also be complimentary water and kettle corn. Bring a chair or blanket and get ready for a great evening and a free movie!

The **Rotary Club of Central Lakes** will host a **S.T.R.I.V.E Golf Scramble** on **Sun. Aug. 25th** at Bobby's Legacy Course at Cragun's. Lunch will be served at 12:00 with a shotgun start at 1:15. The cost is \$125/person and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, use of the driving range, lunch and entry for prizes. Register online at Craguns.com. All the proceeds will go to S.T.R.I.V.E post-secondary Scholarship Fund for students who complete the 2019-20 S.T.R.I.V.E Program in Brainerd, Pequot Lakes and Pine River high schools.

The **Kiwanis Club of Baxter** is proud to continue and enhance the tradition of **The Lakes County Triathlon** on **Sun. Aug. 25th** starting at 8:30a.m. The race starts with a ¼ mile swim in Whipple Lake, then a 14-mile bike ride and ends with a 3.2 mile run. Proceeds raised from the event will be put back into the community to benefit youth in the lakes area and other Kiwanis charities. To register or for more info, visit LakesCountryTriathlon.com. (There's also a Kids Triathlon the day before, on Sat. Aug 24th.)

The public is invited to a **Trivia Contest** fundraiser for the **Bay Lake Environmental Fund**. The contest will be on **Sun. Aug. 25th** at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge with registration starting at 6:30. The contest starts at 7:00. The cost is \$150/table (up to 8) or \$20/person. Ticket includes an appetizer buffet. A cash bar will be available. All ages are welcome. Drop ins welcome, too. Prizes will be awarded. To register or for more info, please contact Peggy B at 218-851-1208.

8/26 – 9/1

Grab your dog and head to Buster Park in Brainerd on **Mon. Aug. 26th** from 5:30-6:30 for a **National Dog Day Meet & Greet**. The free event will let guests meet others with dogs in the community. You can either hang-out in the park or take a walk around Boom Lake. Outside of the park, dogs MUST be on a leash. All rules of the park must be followed. For more info, search Buster Dog Park Brainerd of Facebook.

The next **Youth On Stage Open Mic Night** will be **Mon. Aug. 26th** at the Eagles Club in Brainerd from 6:30 – 8:30. If you have a talent that you would like to share (singing, play instrument, comedy, dance, etc), sign-up online at YouthOnStageMN.org. Those who get scheduled to perform will get a free cheeseburger, fries and water with a chance to win prizes, too. Learn more on Facebook – search Youth On Stage MN.

The public is invited to **The Center's 40th Anniversary Celebration and Community Open House** on **Mon. Aug. 26** from 4:00-8:00pm. The celebration will feature music, tours, prizes, appetizers, cake and, OF COURSE, DONUTS! You'll even have the chance to make your own donuts! The Center is at 803 Kingwood Street in Brainerd. Visit TheBrainerdCenter.com for more info! Happy Anniversary!

Join the **Brainerd Lakes Chamber** for a **Luncheon with Congressman Pete Stauber** on **Tues. Aug. 27th** at Clow Stamping Training Center in Merrifield from 11:30-1:00. Stauber will provide an update on small business, trade and manufacturing issues. You must register if you plan on attending, space is limited. BrainerdLakesChamber.com to register.

Brainerd Community Theater presents **Mama Mia!** at the Chalberg Theater starting **Tues. Aug. 27th** at 7:30. Run dates are 8/27-8/30 AND 9/4-9/7. All show times are 7:30. Tickets start at \$15 and can be purchased online at CLCPerformingArts.com or 855-8199.

Join the Brainerd Lakes Chamber for another **Business After Hours** on **Tues. Aug. 27th** at **Brenny Funeral Chapel**. Business After Hours runs from 4:30 to 6:00 and guests are encouraged to bring their business cards, be ready to network, have fun, learn more about this chamber business and maybe win a prize! As a courtesy to the host, RSVPs are appreciated. Visit the chamber's website or call 829-2838 to register.

The Crossing Arts Alliance will be introducing Studio Wednesday: Wednesday, August 28th, 10:00am -12:00pm, \$3 per child , \$5 per adult. Trisha Peterson will be our guest artist leading the exploration of creating Artist Trading Cards (ATC). Artist Trading Cards are miniature pieces of art that are traded around the world. Participants will explore a wide array of media such as watercolors, pastels, collage, print making and much more. Students will have the opportunity to keep their ATC, or trade with fellow artist. This class is open to ages 5 and up. No experience is necessary. Call Crossing Arts at 218-833-0416, visit crossingarts.org, or stop in at 711 Laurel Street to enroll. Pre-registration and payment is required. Cancellations made less than 48 hours before the class may not be eligible for a refund. Class will be held in The Crossing Arts Alliance classroom.

The **Cuyuna Regional Medical Center** will host a golf tournament entitled **Driving for Hospice** on **Thurs. Aug. 29th** at Cuyuna Rolling Hills Golf Course in Deerwood. The golf tournament will benefit hospice patients in Aitkin, Baxter, Brainerd, Crosby, Crosslake, Deerwood and Emily. \$100 per golfer includes cart, lunch and appetizers and prizes to follow. Registration will start at 10:00 with a shotgun start at 12:00. For more info and to register, visit CuyunaMed.org/news-events.

Area families are invited to join **Smiles For Jake** for the first-ever "**Smile Fest,**" a free picnic event being held at the Brainerd Industrial Center (on Mill Avenue) on **Thurs. Aug. 29th**. The event, created to heighten the awareness of Smiles for Jake and Suicide Prevention, will begin at 4:30 and run until 7:00. There will be bouncy houses and vendors, mental health awareness booths and information from specialists, music by Seth Doud and the Okee Dokee Brothers and a free meal for the first 1,000 people. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and remember to Smile, High-Five, Limit time on electronic devices, and BE KIND! The event is sponsored by B.I.C and CRMC. More info at SmileForJake.com.

Central Lakes College Performing Arts presents a Brainerd Community Theater Production of "**Mama Mia!**" **Tues Aug. 27-Fri. Aug 30th** (and again Wed. Sept. 4-Sat. Sept. 7th) at the Chalberg Theater at CLC in Brainerd. All shows are at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$15 Under 18. Get tickets online at CLCPerformingArts.com or by calling 855-8199.

The public is invited to **Hangin' With Our Heroes** event on **Sat. Aug. 31st** at **Safari North Wildlife Park** in Brainerd. On this day, there will be free admission for all veterans, active duty military, peace officers, firefighters and EMTs (arrive in uniform OR provide proper ID). All day, everyone can see the military, police, fire and rescue vehicles that will be on display. At 10:30 there will be an animal show... 12:00 Honor Guard Flag Presentation.... 2:30 an animal show and enjoy free face painting from 11:00-5:00. Luminaries will be available for a \$5 donation to honor your hero. All of the proceeds will go to the Wounded Warrior Project. Learn more online at SafariNorth.com.

You are invited to **THE CLOSET's Grand-Closing Event** on **Sat, Aug. 31st** from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at The Closet, located in the Narrows Community Church in Outing, MN. Gently used women's and men's clothes will be available for FREE or you can give a donation. Everything must go, and the price is right! Call Narrows Community Church at 218-792-5530 for information. Everyone is welcome!

Grab a lawn chair and join the **The Crosslake Ideal Lions** for **Music in the Park** every Saturday evening at 6:00 at Crosslake Town Square. The next show, on **Sat. Aug. 31st** will feature the country music of Doug Allen Nash – and his tribute to Johnny Cash and Neil Diamond. The shows are free and open to the public.

Hackensack Lions Pancake Breakfast will be held **Sun., Sept. 1st** from 8am – 11am, at the Hackensack Community Building located one block East of Hwy 371, south of the Do It Best Hardware Store. This Pancake Breakfast is a good-will donation, with all proceeds going to Hackensack City Park Playground. Breakfast includes Buttermilk Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee/water/juice and condiments. The Hackensack Lions Pancake Breakfast will be held the first Sunday of each month, through October 2019. Come join us with your family and friends for a great breakfast!

Holy Cross Church in Harding will host a huge **Bazaar** on **Sun. Sept. 1st**, along with a chicken and ham dinner. A Polka Mass will kick off the day at 10:00. The dinner will be served from 11:00-2:00, but there will be hamburgers, pop and ice cream available all day and evening. There will be entertainment for kids, bingo, refreshments and a gun raffle, with music by Dale Dahment & The Polka Beats and the Waltzateer Band. Tickets are \$10 for adults... ages 6-12 is \$4... five and under, free!

9/2 – 9/8

Join your friends at **Happy Hour For A Cause at Sherwood Forest** in Nisswa on **Wed. Sept. 4th** from 5:00-7:00. Sherwood Forest will provide a variety of light appetizers and Cash Wise Liquor will provide samples for sipping. For a minimum \$15 at the door, you will enjoy all this and support the Legacy Chorale. 100% of the proceeds will be donated to them!

Brainerd Community Theater continues its run of **Mama Mia!** at the Chalberg Theater starting **Wed. Sept. 4th through Sat. Sept. 7**. All show times are 7:30. Tickets start at \$15 and can be purchased online at CLCPerformingArts.com or by calling 855-8199.

The **6th Annual Harvest Moon Brew Fest** will happen on **Sat. Sept. 7** in downtown Aitkin and everyone 21+ is invited! The event features many of Northern and Central Minnesota's best craft breweries, including locally brewed beers. They'll also have food vendors, musical entertainment, games and more! Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$35 at the gate and include a commemorative tasting glass. Designated driver tickets are \$10 and include non-alcoholic beverages and food vouchers. The event will take place rain or shine. For more info, visit Facebook and search Harvest Moon Brew Fest. Proceeds will go to the Aitkin Education Foundation and toward the Showboat of the Mississippi.

The Lone Eagle Auto Club's 45th Annual Car Show & Swap Meet will take place **Sun. Sept. 8th** from 7:00-3:00, rain or shine, at the Little Falls / Morrison County Fairgrounds. General admission is \$5, children under 12 and senior citizens are free. A free shuttle bus will be available to downtown Little Falls for Minnesota's largest outdoor craft show.