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Aug. 26 – Sept. 15

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:

Thurs.	8/29	10:00-4:00	Arrowwood Lodge at Brainerd Lakes
Tues.	9/3	11:00-5:00	Clow Stamping in Merrifield
Tues.	9/3	12:00-6:00	VFW in Aitkin
Wed.	9/4	12:00-6:00	Deerwood Auditorium in Deerwood
Thurs.	9/5	12:00-6:00	Lutheran Church of the Cross in Nisswa
Thurs.	9/5	12:00-6:00	VFW in Randall
Thurs.	9/5	10:00-4:00	CRMC in Crosby
Fri.	9/6	8:00-2:00	CRMC in Crosby
Tues.	9/10	12:00-6:00	Hill City Assembly of God Church
Wed.	9/11	12:00-6:00	Emily City Hall
Thurs.	9/12	9:00-3:00	Morrison County Gov't Ctr in Little Falls
Thurs.	9/12	12:00-6:00	Crosslake Lutheran Church

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	10-12 & 1-2:30	Pillager Family Resource Center / Pillager
Tues	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.

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 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 BLAWoFT 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 **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 **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.

Lunch Buddies is a relatively new School-Based Mentoring Program provided by **Kinship Partners** and is designed to introduce students and adults to the art of mentoring. The object of the program is to improve a child's social skills and self-esteem in order to foster a better attitude for learning: ultimately improving school success. The program is at a crossroads as it has grown faster than anticipated and Kinship has lost key funding that is jeopardizing launching and maintaining new Lunch Buddy programs. However, the Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation has awarded a \$10,000 donor challenge that will keep Kinship Partners and expand the Lunch Buddies program. Donations received **BY SAT. AUG. 31st** WILL BE MATCHED dollar-for-dollar! If you would like to give a monetary gift to be matched visit this radio station's website. Thank you!

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.

8/26 – 9/1

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.

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.

Join the **Central Lakes College Foundation** for **The Night Out: A Magical Night** on **Thurs. Aug. 29th** at the NP Event Space in Brainerd. The event runs from 5:30-9:00 and will feature appetizer and dessert stations along with sips from Cash Wise Liquors and a cash bar. Enjoy magical entertainment, music and a program along with a silent auction featuring items created and donated by CLC students, staff, faculty and supporters. Tickets are just \$50. Order yours online at CLCMN.edu/TheNightOut.

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.

Celebrate the history of Ironton at the **Ironton Miner Days** coming up on **Fri. Aug. 30th – Sat Sept. 1st** in beautiful Ironton! On Friday, enjoy a meat raffle and bingo, then Saturday, the town will be hopping with fun including a Kid Fest and a street dance with the group "Pandemic" at the Ironton American Legion. For more info, search Ironton Miner Days on Facebook.

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. All of the proceeds will go to the Wounded Warrior Project. Learn more online SafariNorth.com.

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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.

It's time for the **Annual Art Crawl: Arts Off 84** happening **Sat. Aug. 31st and Sun. Sept. 1st**. There will be over 80 juried artists showcasing their goods and wares along Highway 84 between Pine River and Longville. The event Saturday will be from 9:00-5:00...Sunday from 10:00 to 4:00 and happens rain or shine! It's free...it's fun and more can be learned by visiting Facebook and searching Arts Off 84.

Ruttgers Bay Lake Lodge in Deerwood continues its **Summer Concert Series** with Betty and The Noise on **Sat. Aug. 31st** on the shore of beautiful Bay Lake. General admission is just \$5 and you are asked to bring a lawn chair. Food and drink will be for sale.

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

A **Solidarity Day 2019 Labor Day Picnic** will be held on **Mon. Sept. 2nd** from 12:00-4:00 at Oscar Kristoffeson Park on Lions Road North in Baxter. Join the fun at this free community picnic where you will also enjoy games, music, door prizes and fun! If you are a worker, or the family of a worker, you are invited!

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! PLEASE RSVP NO LATER THAN NOON ON MON. SEPT. 2ND by calling 651-303-3701 or send an email to admin@LegacyChorale.org.

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The **Pine River United Methodist Women** are having their annual **Quilt Show** on **Fri., Sept 6th and Sat., Sept. 7th** from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm at 348 Barclay Ave in Pine River. We will have an appraiser speak on the care of Quilts at 1:00 pm Friday and 10:30 am Saturday. Come enjoy the free show! We will be handing out free little vintage cookbooks while supplies last. Lunch is also available.

The annual **Lakes Rodeo** will be taking place on **Sat. Sept. 7** at the Crow Wing County Fairgrounds in Brainerd and everyone is invited! The rodeo will feature professional bull riding and barrel racing. There will also be Mutton Busting! The Rodeo will start at 7:00... doors will open at 3:00. There will be a free concert after the rodeo with Shotgun Drama Junkies at 9:30pm. For ticket information, visit LakesRodeo.com.

Mounted Eagles Therapeutic Horsemanship will host its **17th annual Walk N Roll So They Can Ride** event on **Sat. Sept. 7th** in Pequot Lakes in conjunction with its **Run for the Horseshoes** event and all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast. The Walk N Roll event will start (at 9:10) and end at the Trailside Center at the P.L. Baptist Church. Walkers, bikers, strollers and wheelchair users are required to collect a minimum \$25 for participation. The 5K Run for the Horseshoes will start at 9:00. The cost is \$25. The pancake breakfast will be served from 9:00 til noon. \$6 for adults..\$4 for kids. For more info, visit MountedEagles.org.

The public is invited to a FREE **Fall Family Festival** at **Faith Baptist Church** in Brainerd on **Sat. Sept. 7th** from 1:00-4:00. Enjoy carnival games, hayrides, door prizes, candy, popcorn, a bouncy house and FUN. For info, visit FBCBrainerd.com or find them on Facebook.

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 **47th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair** is coming to Little Falls on **Sat. & Sun. Sept. 7th & 8th** where you will find over 600 booths of arts, crafts and food. The fair will be open from 8:00-6:00 on Saturday... and open 9:00-4:00 on Sunday. There will be some parking on city streets, but it is recommended that you park for free at the Morrison County Fairgrounds and take the free shuttle to the fair. Please leave pets and young children at home. For more info, a map and a list of vendors, visit LittleFallsMNChamber.com.

As part of the Little Falls Arts & Crafts Fair, **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.

9/9 – 9/15

In honor of all first responders, police officers, EMT workers and our military, **Pine Grove Zoo in Little Falls will be offering free admission** to these community heroes from Mon. Sept. 9-Sun. Sept. 15th. Personnel who qualify for free admission include police officers, firefighters, EMTs, county sheriff officers and state troopers. The Zoo is also extending this offer to active and retired members of the military. Professional credentials and a valid government ID must be presented. Call the zoo with questions at 320-616-5595.

Join the Brainerd Lakes Chamber for another **Business After Hours** on **Tues. Sept. 10th** at **The Office Shop** in downtown Brainerd. Business After Hours runs from 4:30 to 6:30 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!

It's time for **2nd Thursday Happy Hour for a Cause** at Prairie Bay Grill & Catering on **Thurs. Sept. 12th** from 5:00-7:00. Prairie Bay will provide a variety of hors d'oeuvres and Cash Wise Liquor of Baxter will provide a number of beverage samples. For a minimum \$15 donation per person, you will enjoy an evening of great food, great drinks and you'll learn more about a local non-profit. RSVPs are appreciated by calling Prairie Bay. By the way, this month, proceeds will benefit the Heartland Symphony Orchestra.

Deuces Wild – a dueling piano show – will launch the 2019/20 season for **the Central Lakes Community Performing Arts Center's Cultural Arts Series** at the Chalberg Theater at CLC Brainerd campus at 7:30 on **Fri. Sept. 13th**. Deuces Wild is a mix of music and parodies ranging from country to rap to show tunes. For tickets, call 855-8199 or get them online at CLCPerformingArts.com.

The **Heartland Animal Rescue Team** in Baxter will host **the 1st Annual Happy Hound Homecoming & Annual Walk** on **Sat. Sept. 14th** at Whipple Beach in Baxter. Registration will start at 10:00 and the 3-mile walk start at 10:30. HART invites all past adoptees, as well as all community dogs and their folks to participate. After the walk, there will be a Homecoming King & Queen contest, and awards for oldest dog, most recent adoption, dog that's traveled the farthest and a costume contest. There will also be animal-related vendors and lunch available for purchase. Visit HARTpets.org for more information.

True North Ranch Ministries will present its **2nd Annual Country Western Harvest Hoedown** fundraiser on **Sat. Sept. 14th** from 3:00-7:00 at 12600 Pelican Beach Road in Merrifield. The featured concert will be by Kent Dudley & Bended Knee. The tickets include "grub, games and gabbin'." And feature a trading post and line dancing. Tickets are available online at TrueNorthRanch.org.

IT's time for the **Mille Lacs Bourbon, Beer & Brat Bash** on **Sat. Sept. 14th**. Grand Casino Mille Lacs will be featuring over 30 bourbon and beer vendors along with a brat vendor. Live entertainment with music by The Divas and at 7:00pm, Pop Rocks takes the stage. The event will be held from 2:00-5:00 and is \$40 for admission. VIP admission is also available. Visit Grand Casino's website for more information.