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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.

8/22	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!**

8/15 – 8/21

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 **NOW 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.

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Kinship Partners invites the public to **play mini-golf** and support youth mentoring in the Cuyuna Lakes area on **Tues. Aug. 16th** from 3:00-7:00. Grab your friends and family and/or your Kinship Partner and play some mini-golf at **Traditions at Cuyuna Falls** in Deerwood and Traditions will donate 50% of the proceeds to Kinship! At only \$8.95 per person, it's an affordable way to be outdoors, have some fun, and know it's for a great cause – Kids. Learn more at KinshipPartners.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.

Join **Jack Pine Brewery** in Baxter for its **Pints for a Purpose** fundraiser on **Wed. Aug. 17th** in support of the **Brainerd Family YMCA**. On this day, from 5:00-8:00, \$1 from every pint sold will go directly to the local YMCA. Representatives from the Y will be on hand that evening to meet with guests and talk about their impact on the community. For more info, go to Facebook and search Pints for a Purpose Brainerd.

Staples Motley Communities Connect will host an event on **Wed. Aug. 17th** where lakes area residents can come and make connections to local resources in the area. The connect-event will be held from 10:00-2:00 at Timbers Restaurant & Event Center. Resources available for mental or physical health, education, housing, employment, financial problems, chemical dependency and legal services. The event will also provide a free lunch, free haircut vouchers, free consultations and prizes. Providers will include county services, health care providers, Veterans services, senior citizen services, legal aid, mental health professionals and more. For information, Google Staples Motely Area Communities Connect.

Happy Dancing Turtle in Pine River will host an **Open House** on **Thurs. Aug. 18th** at the Hunt Utilities Group Resilient Living Campus from 5:30-7:00. HDT is a nonprofit dedicated to growing good stewards of the planet by providing education, programs, and experiences for youth and adults. The event will offer campus tours, delicious snacks and drinks, and staff meet & greets. The event is free and open to the public. Learn more at HappyDancingTurtle.org.

The **Pine River Duck Races** will host its **final race** of the 2022 season on **Fri. Aug. 19th** at the Pine River Dam on Barclay Avenue. Rent a (rubber) "duck" for just \$1 and be ready to cheer on your duck as it swims toward the finish line on the Pine River. Registration begins at 1:30 with the first flight at 2:00. Races usually run for 1 – 1.5 hours. All ages are welcome. Learn more at PineRiverMN.com.

The **Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce** presents **Heritage Days** **Thurs. Aug. 18-Sun Aug. 21st** in and around the Cuyuna Lakes area! ((On Thursday, make sure to join their [Night To Unite](#) event from 5:00-9:00 at Crosby Memorial Park.)) Most events will be held on **Saturday**, including free yoga at Crosby Beach at 9:00. Then enjoy an arts & crafts show, food vendors and Scottish Highland Heavy Games all in Crosby Memorial Park. A children's festival will also be held from 10:00-1:00 and a car show will go until 3:00. There will be a number of other events as well... and on Sunday, there will be a Scholarship Fundraiser Buffet Breakfast at the Ironton American Legion from 9:00-12:00. Learn more online at CuyunaLakes.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.

Don't miss out as the **Pillager Flea Market** will host its **final market** on **Fri. Aug. 19th** at the Pillager Fairgrounds from 9:00-5:00. You'll find vintage items, household goods, refurbished furniture, clothing, footwear, food, beverages, ice cream, Haitian coffee and much more! The market is sponsored by the Pillager Area Lions and the Cass County Pillager Fair Board. For more information, visit Facebook and search Pillager MN Flea Market.

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 city of Staples will celebrate **Staples Railroad Days** from **Wed. Aug. 17th through Sun. Aug. 21st**, with the majority of events taking place **Sat. Aug. 20th**. On that Saturday, there will be a car show from 9:00-1:00 at the Sourcewell parking lot, a vendor show from 10:00-6:00, a kids pedal pull at 12:00, a sand volleyball tournament, a bank robbery reenactment (1:00 & 3:00), fish fry, corn feed, pizza eating contest and much more! Do not miss the PARADE, too, that starts at 10:00! (On **Friday**, the 19th, there will be FIREWORKS at the airport at dusk!). For a full lineup of events, visit Facebook and search Staples Chamber.

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.

An Evening of Love to Benefit Mindy High-Nieman will be held on **Sat. Aug. 20th** at the Ideal Town Hall from 4:00-7:30. Mindy is a devoted mother of 5, grandmother to 6 and friend to many. This past May, at 48 years old, Mindy was diagnosed with Stage 4 breast cancer. Due to a fracture in her spine and extensive chemo/radiation, she has been unable to work. The money raised from this event will provide her with emotional and financial support as she continues her battle. Food, games, raffles, a silent auction and fun – all to help Mindy. Dinner and a raffle ticket will be \$10 for adults. Kids (no raffle ticket) will be \$5 for the dinner. Don't forget to wear the color pink for a chance at an additional "pink" drawing! For tickets or to make a donation, contact Mariah at 218-839-6222.

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. 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. For more information, call the zoo at 320-616-5595 send an email to info@pinegrovezoo.com.

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 **City of Pequot Lakes** will hosts its **FINAL Band in the Park** concert on **Sat. Aug. 20th** and will feature the classic rock and jazz music of ROCKIN’ HILL. The **FREE** concert will take place on the north side of Trailside Park from 7:00-9:00pm. So grab your family and friends, a lawn chair or blanket and head to the park for some great music!

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.

Join more than 500 mountain bike racers and their families for the ninth race of the **Minnesota Mountain Bike Series – The Cuyuna Crusher** on **Sun. Aug. 21st** at the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area. Pre-registration is required as there will be **NO DAY-OF** registration. Mountain bikers of all ages and skill levels will be taking part. Proceeds from the event will support the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber. To register or for more information, visit MNMTBSeries.com.

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The community is invited to join one of **Central Lakes College's 11 Musical Ensembles**. Ensembles meet at different times throughout the day and evening hours, and are open to musicians of all levels, from beginner to expert. There will be an audition and meet & greet with Director of Instrumental Music Jonathan Laflamme on **Mon., Aug. 22** from 4:30-6pm and 7-8:30 pm at the college. The audition will be for chair placement and will include a two-octave scale and piece of music of your choice. Contact Jonathan at Jonathan.Laflamme@CLCMN.edu for more information. All musicians, involved in any ensemble, will be invited (but not required) to tour Spain, France & Italy at the conclusion of the academic year. More information visit CLCMN.edu/events and search music department.

Join the Brainerd Lakes Chamber invites the public to join them on the 18th green of the **CRMC Championship at Cragun's Legacy Courses** for **Business After Hours** on **Tues. Aug. 23rd** from 4:30-6:00. Expand your network while enjoying appetizers and beverages from the VIP tent overlooking the course. Learn more about the PGA Tour Canada golf tournament during an interview with the tournament's director and possibly one or two of the golfers! As a courtesy to the host, please RSVP if you plan to attend at BrainerdLakesChamber.com.

The **Brainerd Sports Boosters** will host a **Booster Social** on **Wed. Aug. 24th** at Shep's On 6th in Brainerd and everyone is invited! Join the club for food and beverages as they kick off another Warrior season! The event will be held from 5:00-7:00. *With a paid membership*, guests will enjoy free gilled brats and two beverages. Learn more online at BrainerdSportsBoosters.org.

"He Lived the Good Life", a 1970's rock musical by Minnesota composer Richard Wilson, will be presented by the Crosslake Lutheran Church Choir. It musically tells the story of Jesus from birth to resurrection. As a free gift to the community, the musical will be performed **Wed., Aug. 24 at 7:00 pm** at Crosslake Lutheran Church, 35960 Co Rd 66 in Crosslake. It will also be live-streamed. Then, on **Sun., Aug. 28 at 10:00 am** the musical will be presented during worship at the Outdoor Worship site, 14019 Daggett Pine Rd in Crosslake. All are welcome.

The **Northern Pacific Center** in Brainerd will host a **Farmer's Market** on **Thurs. Aug. 25th** 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.

Enjoy **Markets & Music on the Mississippi** in Little Falls on **Thurs. Aug 25th** from 3:00-9:00 at Le Bourget Park. You'll find live entertainment, crafters, food & beverage vendors, a farmers market, kids activities and much more! To learn more, visit LittleFallsMN.com.

The **City of Crosby** presents **Music In The Park** the SECOND and FOURTH Thursday in June, July and August from 5:00-8:00, with the next concert scheduled for **Thurs. Aug. 25th**. 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 14th Annual Walk A Mile in Her Shoes International Men's March to stop rape, sexual assault and gender violence will take place on **Sat. Aug. 27th** in front of Mills Ford in Baxter. The event starts at 10:00 and the "march" will start at 12:00. The event, which will run until 2:00, will feature a Live DJ, food, activities, a silent auction, a liquor raffle, trophies, prizes, face painting and more! The registration fee is \$30 and includes a 2022 WAP T-Shirt. Register and learn more online at SASMN.org/events. Proceeds will benefit **Sexual Assault Services**.

Motley United Methodist Church in Motley invites the public to come enjoy the music of The Purple Hulls on **Sun. Aug. 28th** at 2:00. The Purple Hulls are a Texas bluegrass/gospel band with identical twin sisters Katy Lou and Penny Lea Clark as the musicians in the band. The concert is free to attend but a free will offering will be collected. Motley United Methodist Church is at 847 3rd Ave. S. in Motley.

8/29 – 9/4

The Brainerd Lakes Chamber encourages all those who will be affected by the 2026/2027 Washington Street/Hwy 210 construction project to attend **"Washington Street Input Session 2.0"** on **Wed. Aug. 31st** from 7:30-9:00 a.m. The session will be held at the Brainerd Lakes Chamber offices at 224 W. Washington Street in Brainerd and will include an in-depth overview of the updated plan as well as simulated traffic animations. Registration is REQUIRED to attend in-person. A ZOOM option is available. RSVP at BrainerdLakesChamber.com. ((**MN-DOT will also offer a session on Tues. Aug. 31 from 4:30-6:00 at the CWC Land Services Building. NO registration is required there.))

Explore Pequot Lakes monthly **Business Meeting** will be held from 7:45-9:15 a.m. on **Wed. Aug. 31st** at Shiloh Assisted Living on Country Care Lane in Pequot Lakes. This is a chance for Pequot Lakes business owners, managers and key staff to meet and network with others. Contact Nichole at the Pequot Lakes Chamber office for more information or visit PequotLakes.com.

The **Explore Crosslake Business Meeting** will be held on **Thurs. Sept. 1st** from 7:45-9:15 a.m. at the Northern MN Railroad Heritage Association on County Road 66 in Crosslake. The event is free for Crosslake business owners, managers and staff to attend. Guests will meet and network with others, learn more about events, activities and organizations in Crosslake and share information about your business. For more information, visit Crosslake.com.

Arts Off 84 will celebrate its 15th year in 2022 over the Labor Day weekend, **Sat. & Sun. Sept. 3 & 4th**. Make your way along Highway 84 on Saturday from 9:00-5:00 and/or Sunday from 10:00-4:00. Enjoy art from "here to there." The event is held rain or shine.

MISC....

Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity is in **need of volunteers** to help us complete three current build projects, as well as in our bustling ReStore. Here are the areas where we need help right now: Construction, ReStore staff, pick-up/salvages and others. If you want a rewarding volunteer experience, many of our volunteer say that they receive more by volunteering than they feel they give...and that there is so much to learn! To volunteer or see opportunities, visit LakesAreaHabitat.org/Volunteer or call 218-454-7021.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.