

# PSAs

## Week of 11 / 14 / 22 A

### BLOOD DRIVES:

Call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://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 very low levels. Donors of all blood types – especially type O – are urged to make an appointment to give now.

11/16 Wed.	9:00-2:00	Central Lakes College in Staples
11/16 Wed.	12:00-6:00	Outing Town Hall in Outing
11/17 Thurs.	8:30-2:30	Central Lakes College in Brainerd
11/17 Thurs.	12:00-6:00	Immaculate Heart Catholic Church in Crosslake
11/21 Mon.	12:00-6:00	Vets Club in Onamia
11/23 Wed.	9:00-3:00	Verndale High School
11/25 Fri.	10:00-4:00	Team Ascension Martial Arts in Brainerd
11/28 Mon.	11:00-5:00	Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena
11/28 Mon.	12:00-6:00	American Legion in Ironton

Crossing Arts presents its annual *Kringle Market* from **NOW through Fri. Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>** at Crossing Arts in downtown Brainerd. Kringle Market is an art and fine craft market featuring work from over 100 of the alliance member artists. Find pottery, blown and fused glass, books, paintings, knitted goods, unique jewelry, ornaments, stickers, woodworking and more! You'll also find a selection of art supplies for kids and adults, and take-home art kits. The Market, open to the public, will be open Tues. – Fri from 10:00-5:00 and Saturdays from 10:00-4:00. (If you're a Crossing Arts Member, join them Fri. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 for a sneak peak.) For more info, visit [CrossingArts.org](http://CrossingArts.org).

The **Brainerd Jaycees Ice Fishing Extravaganza** is back with their in-person ice fishing contest held on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at noon on Hole-in-the-Day Bay on Gull Lake. The Extravaganza draws over 10,000 anglers annually who compete for more than \$200,000 in prizes. All proceeds from the event are donated to charities. **RIGHT NOW**, annual sponsor, Fleet Farm has their month long **early bird sale** with contest tickets discounted to \$35.00. This is the biggest sale on the Extravaganza tickets, so contestants will want to buy early to save. Catch of the Day and raffle tickets are also sold in Minnesota Fleet Farm stores this year as well. On December 1st contestants can find their \$50.00 tickets at participating outlets. To learn more, visit [IceFishing.org](http://IceFishing.org).

**NOVEMBER** is **National Runaway & Homeless Youth Prevention Month** as youth on their own who are experiencing homelessness are less visible in our community. Most are sleeping on a friend's couch, in their cars or camping in tents for shelter. This can be lonely and scary. Fortunately, Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota provides transitional housing, crisis shelter, street outreach and more for youth age 24 or younger experiencing homelessness. If you or someone you know is experiencing homelessness and are 24 or younger, please call 888-828-4383 for support.

## **11/14 – 11/20.**

**Verse Like Water**, the visiting poet program at **Central Lakes College**, presents **Chris Abani**, an acclaimed Nigerian novelist, poet, essayist, screenwriter, and playwright, at 12:00 on **Wed. Nov. 16** in the Chalberg Theatre, Brainerd campus. Book signing and craft talk to follow. For more info, call Jessie at 218-855 8131.

**Motley United Methodist Church** will host a **Fall Harvest Turkey Dinner** on **Wed. Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>** at the church on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue S. The dinner with all the fixings will be served from 4:30-6:30. The cost is \$15 for adults... \$7 for those ages 6-12...and kids 5 and under eat for free. All are welcome.

Join **Jack Pine Brewery** on **Wed. Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>** for another **Pints for a Purpose** as the brewery supports another lakes area non-profit! From 5:00-8:00 on this evening, \$1 from every pint sold will be donated to Breath of Life Adult Day Service, which works to enrich the quality of a dependent adult's life, adding fun and fulfillment to their life through a variety of activities. To learn more, visit [Facebook](#) and search Breath of Life Adult Day Service.

The community is invited to attend the next **Rosenmeier Forum** with **Minnesota State Demographer Susan Brower** at 7 p.m. on **Wed., Nov. 16** in the Chalberg Theatre, Central Lakes College Brainerd campus. Brower will lecture on the results of Minnesota's 2020 Census and its impact on the state of Minnesota, legislative and congressional redistricting, Minnesota's economy, and its effects on Minnesota's educational system. For more information on the forums, visit [CLCMN.edu](http://CLCMN.edu).

Don't forget that **Give To The Max Day** is **Thurs. Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>** and lakes area residents are encouraged to make a monetary donation to their favorite non-profit organization or to their favorite school (or two, or three, etc.). To donate, visit [GiveMN.org](http://GiveMN.org) and find your favorite non-profit.

The **Brainerd Lakes Salvation Army** will kick off its annual **Red Kettle Campaign** on **Thurs. Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>** as the army works to help families during the Christmas season. As thousands of people continue to struggle to meet basic needs, the Salvation Army of Brainerd is calling on everyone to help individuals and families overcome the threat of eviction amid the holiday season. To learn more, visit [BrainerdLakesSA.org](http://BrainerdLakesSA.org). To **volunteer to ring bells** this season, visit [RegisterToRing.com](http://RegisterToRing.com).

The **Babinski Foundation** in Pequot Lakes will host a **Microchip Clinic** on **Thurs. Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00-4:00 and walk-ins are welcome. The cost per pet is \$25. No need to make an appointment. Please call the shelter if you need info. 218-568-7387 or go to [Facebook](#) and search Microchip Clinic Babinski.

Kids ages 2-8 are invited to the **Brainerd Public Library** on **Thurs. Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>** for **Family Story Time!** Storytime starts at 11:00 and goes to 12:00. The story – along with songs and crafts – will all be around the theme THANKFUL! For more information, contact the Brainerd Public Library.

Appointments are available for **Free Breast and Cervical Cancer Screenings** being offered at **Cuyuna Regional Medical Center's Crosby Clinic** on **Thurs., Nov. 17**, from 5 to 7 p.m. for uninsured and under-insured women age 40 years and older who meet income guidelines. At the event, eligible women will receive clinical breast examinations, mammograms, Pap tests, pelvic examinations, Human papillomavirus (HPV) tests, diagnostic testing if results are abnormal, and referrals to treatment. Family Physician Monica Goodwin, M.D., and Kristen Maylott, D.O., are volunteering their time to assist women. Light refreshments will be served at the event and ladies will receive a swag bag. For a screening appointment, call 218-546-7000, ext. 2135.

The **Little Falls Lindbergh Lions** will host **Designer Purse Bingo** on **Fri. Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>** at the Little Falls VFW (Post 1112) starting at 6:00. Not only could you win a designer purse, shoulder bag or clutch, but you'll also enjoy a pulled pork or sloppy joe dinner plus chips and a cookie for just \$7. All are invited!

The community is invited to "**Strings of Europe,**" a **Central Lakes College string orchestra concert** on **Fri. Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30. The concert will take place in the Chalberg Theater at the CLC Brainerd campus. The concert will also be streamed on YouTube. Contact the college for details.

The **Pohl Children's Foundation** will host **Camp Forever**, a FREE winter camp that is provided for children who have lost a loved one. It's held at camp Knutson in Crosslake. Camp dates are **Fri. Nov. 18-Sun. Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>** and registration is now underway. If you want to learn more and/or register for the camp, call 218-820-2626 or visit [PohlChildrensFoundation.org](http://PohlChildrensFoundation.org) and click on What We Provide–Camp Forever.

The application due date for **Christmas For Kids Nisswa/Pequot Lakes** is coming very soon. If you or a family you know are in need of a bit of help this holiday season, look no further. This program serves the Nisswa, Pequot Lakes, Jenkins, Breezy Point, Merrifield, and Lakeshore communities to help spread some holiday cheer. **Applications are due by Fri. Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>** and can be picked up at Lakes Area Food Shelf in Pequot and the Chamber in Nisswa. If you have any questions, send an email to [CFKNisswa@gmail.com](mailto:CFKNisswa@gmail.com). Or visit [Facebook](#) and search *Christmas For Kids – Nisswa/Pequot Lakes*.

The **Christmas For Kids** committee for 2022 has announced that it is now **taking applications** for its upcoming **Christmas For Kids program**, which helps area children, ages birth to 18, have a brighter Christmas. Individuals complete applications to provide information about the children and their gift wishes. Each child will receive clothing, a book, a toy that they asked for, and a Christmas stocking full of personal care items. Each family will get a gift card, too, to shop for Christmas groceries at Reeds Market in Crosslake. If you know a child who would benefit from this program, ***The deadline for applications to be turned in is Sat. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>.*** Applications are available at Maucieris in Crosslake, Crosslake Community School, the Crosslake Chamber office, Pineview Day Care, the Crosslake Food Shelf. Donations of new items are much appreciated, too. If you have questions, call Deanne at 612-281-5306 or visit **FACEBOOK** and search "Christmas For Kids Crosslake."

The **Holiday Market at the Northland Arboretum** will be open on **Sat. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00-3:00. Guests will find home décor, fall and Christmas décor, paintings, woodland gnomes, re-furbished décor, jewelry, kettle corn and more! Hot chocolate, concessions, snowman water and pizza by the slice will be available for sale. Stop by for a few of your favorite things! For more info, visit [NorthlandArb.org](http://NorthlandArb.org).

**Northern Lakes Youth Hockey Association** will host **Come Try Hockey for FREE** on **Sat. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>** at the Hallett Community Center in Crosby from 12:00-1:15. Gear will be provided at no charge. Register online at [NorthernLakesLightning.com](http://NorthernLakesLightning.com).

A **Chili Feed Fundraiser** will be held on **Sat. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>** from 4:00-6:30 at the Pine River American Legion to honor **Riana and Sean Barry and their daughters Shiway and Sadie**. Riana was a graduate of Pine River High School and she and her family were murdered in Duluth back in April after moving there from Alaska. Family and friends want to raise money to fund the Shiway & Sadie Scholarship as part of the Barry Family Endowment at the Fairbanks Children's Museum, a place that was very special to the family. The meal will consist of chili, cornbread and dessert. A suggested \$10 donation is requested. There will also be a silent auction. For more info, call 218-831-8601

It's more wild than a rodeo and funnier than a circus! It's **Donkey Basketball!** And a doubleheader donkey extravaganza will be held on **Sat. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 at the Foothills Christian School in Backus and everyone is invited! Real, live donkeys have been selected for this show, presented by Backus Cornfest. See "Earthquake" or "Widow Maker" along with other world-famous comedy donkeys as they are ridden by basketball players who are lookin' to win! For info, visit [DairylandDonkeyBall.com](http://DairylandDonkeyBall.com).

The **Brainerd VFW Auxillary** will present a **Bake Sale Fundraiser** on **Sun. Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>** during the VFW's November Breakfast. The breakfast will be served from 8:00-12:00 and feature seven menu choices for just \$9. The bake sale will raise money for the general fund and feature pies, lefsa, canned goods and more! For more info, visit [BrainerdVFW.org](http://BrainerdVFW.org).

# 11/21 – 11/27

Join **Lakes Proud & Mills Automotive Group** as they host a special **Lakes Proud Business After Hours** on **Tues. Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>** at the Mills Ford Lincoln Dealership in Baxter. The event will celebrate the Lakes Proud shop local campaign and Mills' 100-year Anniversary as the two kick off the holiday season. From 4:30-6:00, guests will enjoy networking, delicious appetizers from Pit Happens (pork and brisket sliders, mac n cheese, chips with smoked queso, fresh fruit salsa and guacamole) and beverages served by Westside Liquor. All guests will receive a Lakes Proud trunk organizer and Mills will have fun giveaways, too! As a courtesy to the host, please RSVP in advance at [BrainerdLakesChamber.com](http://BrainerdLakesChamber.com).

The **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Brainerd Turkey Run** will be held on Thanksgiving Day, **Thurs. Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>** starting at 9:00 at the Brainerd National Guard Armory. There is a 5K or a 1 Mile option and all of the proceeds from the run will benefit the Shriner's Health Care for Children – Twin Cities. A great way to kick off the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend... for more information and to register, visit [BrainerdTurkeyRun.com](http://BrainerdTurkeyRun.com).

The **Brainerd American Legion, Brainerd Eagles, Brainerd Elks and the Brainerd VFW** will sponsor the **2022 Thanksgiving Community Dinner** on Thanksgiving Day, **Thurs. Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>**. This year, dinners will be available for pick-up or delivery only. Deliveries will be made between 9:00-10:30 by the Brainerd Fire Department, Brainerd Police Department, Baxter Police Department and the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office. Drive-by pick-up will be at the Brainerd Legion on Front Street from 11:00-1:00. Please call the Brainerd American Legion on or prior to Wed. Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> to order your meal. All meals MUST BE ordered in advance.

Enjoy the magic of the holidays and drive through the **Northland Arboretum** to experience **Sertoma's Winter Wonderland**! See the light displays set in a wooded backdrop. Gates open at 5:30 on **Thurs. Nov. 24**. It's \$20 per vehicle at the gate. You can buy advanced tickets online and across the Lakes Area for \$10 at Brainerd and Baxter Cub Foods, Super One Foods, SuperValu Pequot Lakes, and the Northland Arboretum. Tickets are cash or check only. Info at [SertomaWinterWonderland.com](http://SertomaWinterWonderland.com).

The **Annual Fish House Parade** will take place on **Fri. Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>** in downtown Aitkin and EVERYONE should be there! The day starts with The Fish House 5K at 9:00 and the parade will start at 1:00, but the town will be hoppin' all day with a visit expected from Santa & Mrs. Claus, a vintage snowmobile display, shopping, raffles and tons of prizes! Don't forget, at the end of the parade they will do the showering of "Great Balls of Holiday Savings" to help you shop and save on Black Friday! For more information, visit [Facebook](#) and search *Fish House Parade*.

**Nisswa City of Lights** Celebration will take place on **Fri. Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>** throughout downtown Nisswa. City of Lights is a delightful holiday tradition for all ages. Head to downtown Nisswa to see the Christmas lights, ride on the horse-drawn wagon, take a photo with live reindeer, listen to stories, warm up at bonfires and enjoy a spectacular fireworks display. Santa & Mrs. Claus will be in the Nisswa Square Courtyard from 4:00-5:45. The town will light up at 5:30 and Fireworks will start at 7:30. Learn more online at [Nisswa.com](http://Nisswa.com).

## **11/28 – 11/30**

**Salty Dog Fundraiser** for the **RadioThon to End Child Abuse** will be held on **Tues. Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>** at The Salty Dog in Backus. From 5:00-7:00, money from sales of the dinner will benefit Pine River-Backus Family Center through the RadioThon.

The community is invited to attend the next **Rosenmeier Forum** with **former State Department official Thomas Hanson** at both 12:00 noon AND at 7:00 pm on **Wed., Nov. 30** in the Chalberg Theatre, Central Lakes College Brainerd campus. With winter approaching, war in Ukraine rages and US allies struggle with energy crises that have caused some to turn away from green policies. Meanwhile, the world economy is impacted by food and energy inflation and by an incipient U.S. tech war against China. This program will analyze these and other global trends. To learn more, visit [CLCMN.edu](http://CLCMN.edu).

## **MISC....**

With the holidays fast-approaching, now is the perfect time to stock up on **Lakes Proud Chamber Bucks**! The Brainerd Lakes Chamber's newly re-branded Chamber Bucks have a fresh, new look, but the benefits of this program have remained the same. Chamber Bucks are a great way to show your appreciation to your employees as a gift, prize, or reward this holiday season. And, when you support the Chamber Buck program, you also support shopping local at small businesses throughout the Lakes Area. It's just another way to show your **Lakes Proud** spirit and give back to your employees and our community. Make sure that dollars spent here, stay here.

Tickets are selling fast for the **2023 Clear Vision with Confidence** event coming **Mon. Mar. 6, 2023** to Grand View Lodge. The event will be held from 11:00-5:00 where attendees will enjoy a Keynote Presentation about "Powering Up: How Self-Awareness Helps Women Succeed (by Dr. Tasha Eurich), networking opportunities, a panel of local leaders, a plated lunch, silent auction and more! Tickets start at \$75 for general admission. Get tickets online at [ClearVisionWithConfidence.com](http://ClearVisionWithConfidence.com). Funds raised will benefit The Confidence Learning Center and Camp Confidence, a camp that serves people of all ages with cognitive and developmental disabilities.

**Bridges of Hope** announces that the **Brainerd Area Overnight Shelter** is now open for the season. If you are in need of a warm, safe place to sleep between the hours of 7:00PM and 8:00 AM and are 18 or older, you are welcome. Those who need a bed need to arrive at the shelter between 7:00 and 11:00 PM. The shelter address is 1926 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information, visit [BridgesOfHopeMN.org/WarmingShelter](http://BridgesOfHopeMN.org/WarmingShelter).

**The Crow Wing County Landfill** has now gone to its **winter hours** of operation. The landfill will no longer be open weekends. It will be open from 8:00-5:00 Monday through Friday and is located just east of Brainerd on State Highway 210. The landfill can accept household garbage, mattresses, furniture, recyclables and other items for proper disposal. For more information, visit [CrowWing.us](http://CrowWing.us) and search Solid Waste.

**My Neighbor To Love Coalition** is a local non-profit with a mission to end homelessness in the Brainerd Lakes Area by building affordable rental housing, connect people to supportive services and create a community of hope and belonging. They are raising funds right now to build the first four housing units. To learn more or give a donation, visit [MNTLC.org](http://MNTLC.org).

**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](http://LakesAreaHabitat.org/Volunteer) or call 218-454-7021.

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](http://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!

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](http://RiverwoodHealthCare.org/foundation/giving) or call 218-927-5158.

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](http://SharingBread.com) for more. Volunteer opportunities are available.

**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](http://CrowWing.US) for more information.

**The POHL Children's Foundation** is offering a **Forever Family Grief Support Group**, a 6-week grief support group that invites families who have lost a loved one to come together and create a community of support that encourages healing and growth of the entire family who are in transition after loss. The groups are FREE to families through scholarships provided by the Pohl Children's Foundation. The groups are offered in Little Falls, Staples, Deerwood and Baxter. For more information, send an email to [PohlChildrensFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:PohlChildrensFoundation@gmail.com) or call 218-820-2626. The website is [PohlChildrensFoundation.org](http://PohlChildrensFoundation.org).

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.