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## 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.

12/8	Thurs.	1:00-7:00	Lakewood Church in Baxter
12/14	Wed.	9:00-3:00	Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby
12/16	Fri.	11:00-5:00	St. Mathias Community Ctr. in Fort Ripley

The **Brainerd Lakes Salvation Army's** annual **Red Kettle Campaign** is underway 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).

**Port Group Homes** will be home to about 20 children this **holiday season** who will not be with family or friends for celebrations. The children range in ages from 10-18 and enjoy simple gifts like hygiene items, socks, underwear, shoes, sweatshirts, pajamas, clothes, hats, mittens, ethnic hair care supplies, puzzles and games. Financial **donations** can also be made to contribute to their special needs and recreation fund via the website [PortGroupHomes.org](http://PortGroupHomes.org). Port is accepting physical donations at its administration building at 115 North First Street in Brainerd. Port is located behind the Dairy Queen on Washington Street. Contact them for pick up in town at 218-454-7219. Port is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

**Home Instead** in Brainerd is once again asking lakes area residents to **Be a Santa to a Senior**, which promises another season of holiday cheer. *Be A Santa to a Senior* supports older adults who may be overlooked, isolated or alone during the holiday season. This is the 14<sup>th</sup> year for the local program that gives back to older adults and reminds them they are cherished by our community. The gifts collected, which are often necessity items such as toiletries, clothing, and blankets, make a big impact and help area seniors combat the holiday blues. Individuals can visit one of the participating locations and look for the *Be a Santa to a Senior* tree on display from **NOW to MON. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>**. Each tree will be decorated with ornaments featuring seniors' first names and gift suggestions. Holiday shoppers can choose an ornament, buy the requested gift and return it unwrapped to the store with the ornament attached. For a list of the tree locations, visit [BeASantaToASenior.com](http://BeASantaToASenior.com). For more info, call 218-303-4056.

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 each night that it's open. 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/check only. [SertomaWinterWonderland.com](http://SertomaWinterWonderland.com).

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. Tickets are \$50 and available at Fleet Farm in Baxter. For other ticket locations and to register or learn more, visit [IceFishing.org](http://IceFishing.org).

**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).

## **12/5 – 12/12**

**Cherrywood Fabrics** will present its entire **Diana Quilt Collection** from its quilt challenge in 2020 at the Northern Pacific Center in Brainerd **NOW through Sat. Dec. 10** from 10:00-4:00. The exhibit will also include the latest themed challenge quilts: **Graffiti**. This is the first time that Cherrywood will have its entire Challenge Displays shown in the Brainerd area. For more info, visit [CherrywoodFabrics.com](http://CherrywoodFabrics.com).

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**Lakewood Health System**, in partnership with the **Alzheimer's Association**, will be offering a **Support Group For Caregivers** of those with loved ones diagnosed with dementia or Alzheimer's disease. The group meets the first Wednesday (**Wed. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>**) of every month from 11 to 12 in the Burlington room, located through Door C at Lakewood's Senior Campus. The group is designed to provide emotional, educational and social support for those who care for a loved one with dementia or Alzheimer's. For more info, call 218-894-8818.

Join **Jack Pine Brewery** in Baxter on **Wed. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>** for **Pints for a Purpose** where \$1 from every pint sold will go directly to an area non-profit. From 5:00-8:00 this evening, dollars raised will be donated to Breath of Life Adult Day Service in Brainerd.

The **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holly Jolly & Tuba Christmas** concert will take place on **Wed. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>** at Central Lakes College in Brainerd starting at 7:00. Join the CLC band, choir, orchestra and local tubists for a free holiday concert and a chance to donate to some great local charities. Free-will donations will be accepted and donated to the Brainerd Area Overnight Shelter, Salvation Army and Toys for Tots.

**Actors Repertory Theatre** presents ***It's A Wonderful Life – A Live Radio Play*** from **Wed. Dec. 7-Sat. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>** at the Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts in Brainerd with all showtimes at 7:00. General admission tickets are \$16 for adults....\$13 for seniors... \$11 for those 18 and under. For tickets, visit [Art4MN.org](http://Art4MN.org).

**Second Harvest Food Bank** will host another **Pop Up Food Pantry** on **Thurs. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>** at Central Lakes College Brainerd Campus starting at 10:00. The drive-thru pick up style event will supply families in need with healthy food that will be placed into your vehicle as you drive into the parking lot. The food will be available until 11:30 or until gone. For more info, visit [SecondHarvestNCFB.com](http://SecondHarvestNCFB.com).

Join the **League of Women Voters Brainerd Lakes Area** for food and fellowship at their **Holiday Potluck** at the Brainerd Public Library in the large meeting room on **Thurs. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>** starting at 5:00. Guest speaker will be Dan Hegstad, a professional speaker and author, videographer and avid mountain biker, among other things! To learn more, visit [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/LeagueofWomenVotersBrainerdLakesArea) and search *League of Women Voters Brainerd Lakes Area*.

**First Lutheran Church** in Brainerd will host its **Holiday Cookie Walk & Bake Sale** on **Sat. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00-1:00. Guests will be able to purchase holiday treats including lefse, krumkaka, rosettes and other Christmas confectioneries and crafts. Lunch will also be available for sale... homemade soup, fresh bread, dessert and a beverage for just \$7.

The **Crosslake American Legion Auxiliary** will host a **Cookie Walk** on **Sat. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00-3:00 at the Legion on County Road 3. The walk will feature an assortment of cookies (buyer's choice) for \$9/pound. Other baked goods will also be available for sale. Proceeds go toward the Auxiliary Scholarship Fund... \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to 2 or 3 local students in the spring of 2023.

The **Brainerd VFW** invites all kids 12 and under to a **Children's Christmas Party** at the Brainerd VFW from 11:00-1:00 on **Sat. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>**. The event is free. There will be food for all and gifts for kids when they visit with Santa. The VFW is at 309 South Sixth Street in downtown Brainerd. Visit [BrainerdVFW.org](http://BrainerdVFW.org) for information.

**Santa is Bobbin' Into Town** in Pequot Lakes on **Sat. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>** and the fun starts at 2:00 in Trailside Park. Enjoy a bonfire with cocoa, s'mores and caroling, hosted by the Miss Pequot Lakes Royalty. Free horse and wagon rides, a kids bobber hunt. At 3:00 there will be a Magic Show at the Cole Memorial Building, from 4:15-5:30 there will be photos with Santa, candy canes and dinner at the PL Legion and the Light Up The Night Parade will start at 6:00 followed by FIREWORKS at 6:20! For more information, visit [Facebook](#) and search *11<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa's Bobbin Into Town*.

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

The public is invited to **Open Curling** at the **Brainerd Lakes Curling Club** on **Sat. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>** (and Sat. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>) from 6:00-9:00 at the club located on the Crow Wing County Fairgrounds in Brainerd. Open curling id for members AND the public, including those who are just curious about what curling is all about. You can try curling, work on skills or play a pick-up game. Brooms and sliders will be available and free to use. Just bring clean, rubber-soled athletic shoes and warm, comfortable clothes. The cost is \$10 for non-members (\$25 for families). It's free for members. Learn more online at [BrainerdCurling.org](http://BrainerdCurling.org).

Area dogs and dog-owners are invited to **Santa Paws at Buster Park** on **Sun. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>** from 12:00-1:00. This is a chance for your dog to have a photo taken with Santa Paws – and elves will be on hand to take the photos if you'd like to be in the picture, too! Dogs will each get a treat from Santa Paws. The event is free to attend and will be set up on the "shy-dog" side of the park with 1 family entering at a time to keep the event low-stress. If you have questions, call 828-2320.

Join [Hubbard Radio](#) on **Sun. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>** as **Tonic Sol-Fa** brings its **Misfit Tour** live to the Gichi Ziibi Center for the Arts in Brainerd. Get tickets for this holiday concert at your favorite Hubbard Radio station's website. \$30 for general admission, \$40 for VIP.

# **12/12 – 12/18**

**Ruby's Pop Up Pantry** will be up and running on **Tues. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>** at the Northern Pacific Center in Brainerd, hosted by The Journey North Church. The drive thru-style food distribution will start at 4:30 and go until 6:00. For just \$25 per share, you will receive up to \$120 worth of food (or more). The variety and amount of food varies each month. To learn more, visit [RubysPantry.org](http://RubysPantry.org).

It's time to jingle and mingle at the **2022 Business After Hours Holiday Extravaganza** on **Tues. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>** at Madden's On Gull Lake. More than 400 guests will enjoy networking at this holiday-themed cocktail party, housed by the beautifully decorated Town Hall of Madden's Resort. The cost to attend is \$5 (all food and drink samples included). It's open to the public for both Chamber members and non-members. RSVPs are required online at [BrainerdLakesChamber.com](http://BrainerdLakesChamber.com).

**Silent Night of Hope** will be held on **Wed. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>** at the Westport Shopping Center in Brainerd starting at 6:00. The light-up ceremony will be held to raise awareness of the homeless, Veterans, domestic violence, suicide, and mental health. The event is free to attend and open to the public and will feature speakers and resources. Santa will be there and pizza will be available for sale. Donations will also be collected for holiday gifts for those in need. With questions, call Tammy at 218-838-1057.

**Crossing Arts** in Brainerd offers **After School Art Classes** for kids and teens in its **Studio Wednesday** program. In December, they will be teaching kids how to make a gnome ornament out of yarn and felt. The Kids class for ages 7-12 will be held **Wed. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**, from 3:00 to 5:00. (Teens class for ages 13-18 will be held Wed. Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00.) Classes will take place in the Crossing Arts classroom, and are \$25 per student. ((Youth who qualify for free or reduced lunch are eligible for a full scholarship through the Cindy Buxton Scholarship Fund.)) Contact Crossing Arts for more information by calling 218-833-0416 or going online to [crossingarts.org](http://crossingarts.org).

**CLC Performing Arts** announces the **Brainerd Community Theater** production of **Christmas Carol** by Charles Dickens (a new adaptation by Patrick Barlow) **Tues. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>-Thurs. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>** at the Dryden Theater on the CLC Brainerd Campus. Guests will be treated to a dessert buffet at 6:00, with the show starting at 7:00. For tickets, call visit [CLCPerformingArts.com](http://CLCPerformingArts.com) or call 218-855-8199.

**Casino Assembly of God Church** in Pillager invites the public to the **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Live Drive-Thru Nativity** on **Wed. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>** and **Fri. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00-8:30 at the Cass County Fairgrounds in Pillager. It's the complete Christmas story portrayed in live drama. It takes about 10-15 minutes to drive through the nativity, where you will see live animals including camels, horses, sheep, and donkeys. Admission is free. Watch for the signs.

Performances of **State North Theater's** production of **ANNIE Jr.** will be held **Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>** at the Franklin Arts Center in Brainerd. The show is based on the popular comic strip and adapted from the Tony-award winning Best Musical and features everyone's favorite little redhead in her very first adventure. Show times are the 15, 16<sup>th</sup> at 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30... there are also two 2:00 matinees on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$10 (\$12 if purchased online). Learn more and purchase tickets at [StageNorthTheater.com](http://StageNorthTheater.com) or call 218-232-6810.

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The **Brainerd Lakes Salvation Army** will host the **Brainerd Lakes Day of Caring** on **Fri. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>** at Cub Foods in Baxter. All donations to the Red Kettle at Cub that day will be doubled thanks to the generosity of Cub Foods and other local businesses. Please consider making a donation at the red kettle at Baxter Cub Foods.

**CLC Performing Arts Center** presents **Rock & Roll Xmas Spectacular** on **Fri. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>** at the Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts in Brainerd and tickets are on sale NOW! This Las Vegas-caliber, multimedia, rock & roll extravaganza mixes hilarious stories with your favorite holiday songs in a way you've never heard them before! Show starts at 7:30. Doors open at 7:00. Tickets are \$35 and available by calling 218-855-8199 or going online to [CLCPerformingArts.com](http://CLCPerformingArts.com).

**The Brainerd Elks** will host their **51<sup>st</sup> Annual Hoop Shoot** on **Sat. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>** at Forestview Middle School in Baxter. Boys and girls from ages 8 to 13 are invited to compete. The contest is a Free Throw contest where each participant will get 25 shots in their respective age groups, boys 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. And girls (the same). Registration and warm-ups will start at 12:00 and the contest starts at 1:00. For more information, call Dick Lyscio at 218-851-1753 or visit [Elks.org/HoopShoot](http://Elks.org/HoopShoot).

Join the **BNNA (Brainerd Northside Neighborhood Association)** and **Brainerd Community Action** for a free **Christmas Caroling Event** on **Sat. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>** at Gregory Park in Brainerd. The caroling will take place from 2:00-4:00. Choirs from The Center, Teen Challenge, First Congregational Church and Sister In Christ will be performing, with breaks to enjoy refreshments. To learn more, visit [Facebook](#) and search *Christmas Caroling in Gregory Park*.

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**Vacationland Figure Skating Club** invites the public to its annual **Holiday Extravaganza** on **Sun. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>** at the Essentia Heath Sports Center in Brainerd. From 5:00-6:30, watch skaters as they show you what they have learned on the ice this year. The event will also include a family skate and a bake sale. The event is free to attend, but guests are asked to bring a donation for the area food shelf. For more information, visit [Facebook](#) and search *Vacationland Figure Skating Club*.

## 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.

The **Brainerd Lakes Area Women's Fund** (BLAWF) invites everyone to save the date and plan to join them at Grand View on **Tues. Apr. 18, 2023**, to honor the **Women Making Waves and Ripple Maker Recipients**. The Woman Making Waves and Ripple Maker awards recognize women who have significantly contributed by giving of their time and/or financial resources to help local charities. We ask that if you know any local women who fit either of these criteria to please nominate them online at [CommunityGiving.org/BrainerdWomensFund](http://CommunityGiving.org/BrainerdWomensFund).

**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.

**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).

**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).

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.