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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...

5/23	Tues.	9:00-3:00	Maslowski Wellness & Research Center
5/23	Tues.	12:00-6:00	Motley United Methodist Church in Motley
6/2	Fri.	10:00-4:00	Milaca Evangelical Free Church in Milaca

MAY is MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH:

Mental Health Awareness Month has been observed in the U.S. since 1949. Every year during the month of May, NAMI joins the national movement to raise awareness about mental health. Together, we fight stigma, provide support, educate the public and advocate for policies that support the millions of people in the U.S. affected by mental illness. To learn more about Mental Health, visit NAMI.org, CrowWingEnergized.org, or contact your local healthcare provider.

5/22 – 5/28

Join **North Central Medical Supply** at they host **Business After Hours** on **Tues. May 23rd** from 4:30-6:00 at their new location on Isle Drive in Baxter. Guests will enjoy networking, shopping, delicious appetizers and beverages from The Shante in Pillager (bruschetta, charcuterie tray, veggies, beer, wine and seltzer), prizes and learning more about the North Country Medical Supply. The event runs from 4:30-6:00 and is free to attend. Please RSVPs in advance at BrainerdLakesChamber.com.

The **Northland Arboretum** will host a **Spring Bird Hike** on **Wed. May 24th** from 8:00-9:00am. The hike is free for Arb members and only \$5 for non-members. Binoculars and guidance are provided. To learn more, visit NorthlandArb.org.

Nisswa Farmer's Market is open **every Thursday (May25)** at the American Legion in Nisswa from 8:00-12:30. Lakes Area Growers feature Minnesota grown fruits and vegetables like asparagus, peas, green beans, broccoli, peppers, cucumbers, tomatoes raspberries, grapes, apples and more! They will also have hand-crafted items and locally raised food like meat, breads and dairy products, buffalo meat, eggs, etc.

The **Pequot Lakes Splash Pad** committee invites everyone to the town's **Splash Pad Grand Opening** event on **Thurs. May 25th** from 4:00-7:00 at Trailside Park in Pequot Lakes! Over 25 local organizations, non-profits, vendors, crafters and food trucks will be on-site to celebrate the occasion! The Miss Pequot Lakes Royalty will be there with face-painting and tattoos! You can also learn more about joining the Boy Scouts or the Girl Scouts and maybe win prizes! For more information about the event, visit [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com) and search *Pequot Lakes Splash Pad Grand Opening*.

A **Memorial Service** will be held on **Thurs. May 25th** at 7:00pm at the **Brainerd American Legion** in honor of **Post and Auxiliary members** who passed away between May 1, 2022 and April 30, 2023. Friends and family of deceased members are invited to attend this ceremony. Coffee and cake will be served following the ceremony.

The **Lakes Area Grower's Market** is open for business **every Friday (May 26)** at the **Westport Shopping Center in Baxter** (next to Pizza Hut)! Shop for honey, maple syrup, soaps, salves, lotions, pickles, jams, and meat! The market is open from 8:00-12:30. Here's to another great season!

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Crosslake Lutheran Church will again host a **Community Observance of Memorial Day** on **Sun., May 28th**. A more traditional worship service will be held at 8:30 am in the sanctuary at Crosslake Lutheran Church. The 10:00 am Outdoor Worship will feature a larger 'community-wide' Memorial Weekend observance. This is located on Daggett Pine Road, across from the Crosslake Community Center baseball field. Both services are open to the public. The celebration will include recognition of all veterans and military personnel in attendance, special music and guest speaker, Ken Neihart. The outdoor service will feature an aerial fly-over (weather permitting), the Crosslake-Fifty Lakes American Legion Post 500 Color Guard will provide appropriate honors to the colors and to the dead, including a bugler playing "TAPS." Please join us to honor our troops, veterans, and country.

The **Minnesota High School Rodeo Association** will host the **Junior High State Finals** on Memorial Day Weekend in Pine River. Come watch all the excitement on **Sat. May 27** at 6:00, **Sun. May 28th** at 2:00 and **Mon. May 29th** at 12:00 at the Cass County Fairgrounds in Pine River. Admission is \$10 for those 13 and older... \$5 for those 12 and under... and FREE for those who are 5 and under. Food and vendor booths will also be onsite. All are welcome!

Bridges of Hope invites the community to join their **Common Goods Summer Sunday Kick Off** event on **Sun. May 28 & (Memorial Day) Mon. May 29th**. Common Goods will be expanding their summer hours to include Sundays during the summer at all three locations (Baxter, Crosslake and Crosby). To celebrate, they are hosting this two-day event where shoppers will enjoy free treats and can pick up a Sunday Savings Pass! Expanded Sunday store hours will be from 11:00-4:00 starting May 28th through Labor Day weekend. Learn more at BridgesOfHopeMN.org.

5/29 – 6/4

Memorial Day is **Monday, May 29th** and everyone is invited to take part in the ceremonies that will be held in **Brainerd**. At 9:00, a wreath will be tossed into the Mississippi River at the Laurel Street bridge in honor of those who we have lost at sea. Then, a short ceremony will take place at 9:45 at the All-Veteran's Memorial near the Crow Wing County Courthouse in Brainerd. A parade that will end at the Evergreen Cemetery will make its way on 3rd Ave. NE starting at 10:30. The main ceremony will be held at 11:00 at Evergreen Cemetery. ((For those not able to be there in person, the event will go **live online** at [Facebook.com/BrainerdMemorialDay](https://www.facebook.com/BrainerdMemorialDay).) In case of rain, the 11:00 ceremony will be held at the National Guard Armory on Wright Street in Brainerd. There will also be a lunch served to veterans and their families at 1:00 at the Brainerd American Legion. For more information, visit [BrainerdVFW.org](https://www.BrainerdVFW.org).

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The **Lakes Area Growers Market - Brainerd** is open for the season **every Tuesday (May 30)** from 8:00-12:30 in the parking lot of the [Franklin Arts Center](#) in Brainerd. Visit us Tuesdays starting mid-May through October for fresh produce and other locally sourced food and goods.

Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union will host a **FREE Community Shred Day** on **Tues. May 30th** from 2:00-3:00 at their office in **Staples**. Shredding documents that have your personal information is a great way to protect yourself from identity theft by keeping the wrong person from finding your social security number, financial account numbers, credit card numbers and any other valuable identifying data. They ask that you limit your documents to THREE BOXES at most. Shred day will take place rain or shine.

Cherrywood Hand Dyed Fabrics will be exhibiting work from 50 artists starting **Tues. May 30th through Sat. June 3rd** at **Crossing Arts Gallery** in downtown Brainerd. This collection of 20-inch quilted squares were created by fiber artists from around the world! Each year Cherrywood Hand-Dyed Fabrics issues a challenge to create a quilt square within a specific theme and color palette. This year's challenge, "Graffiti", aims to encourage these artists to think outside the box creatively! Head to Crossing Arts to see the newest interpretation of an art form that dates back thousands of years, with The Cherrywood Challenge's, "Graffiti"! [CrossingArts.org](https://www.CrossingArts.org) for more information.

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Little Falls Theater Company is excited to announce that they will be putting on Rogdger's and Hammerstein's "**The Sound of Music**" this summer! **Auditions** will be held on **Wed. May 31 and Thurs. June 1**, with callbacks on June 2nd. More information about the program, auditions and shows can be found online at LFTheater.org and click on Auditions. Show dates will be Aug. 3-5 and 11-13 at the Charles D Martin auditorium.

The **Farmer's Market** will be held at the **Northern Pacific Center** in Brainerd **every-other Thursday** from 3:00-7:00 starting **June 1st**! Shop and support a number of lakes area farmers, vendors and crafters. The market will vary each time, but you'll likely find seasonal produce, meat, honey, cut flowers & plants, craft items, jewelry, homemade food products, dog treats and so much more.

The **Brainerd Lakes Chamber**, as part of their **Blue Ox Success Series**, will host a **Digital Marketing Workshop** on **Thurs. June 1st** in the CTC Room at the Chamber office in Brainerd from 2:00-4:00. The workshop will help attendees learn practical, hands-on training that you can apply to your business marketing. Bring your laptop and get ready to work and have fun! The cost is \$90/person. Registration is required in advance at BrainerdLakesChamber.com.

LADIES! If you are interested in being part of the next **Women Build with Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity**, please RSVP and attend "**Construction 101**" on **Thurs. June 1st** from 5:30-7:30. This will be a get-together where you will learn about materials, how things go together and in what order, the nail types and more! All tools will be provided and light snacks will be available! To join the group, visit Facebook and search Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity Women Build. Or call the Habitat office and let them know you are interested in being part of this life-changing group! When you RSVP, they will let you know the location of this "class."

Cuyuna Cares Connections and CRMC will host a **Free Lunch & Learn** seminar focusing on **Alzheimer's Disease & Dementia** on **Thurs. June 8th** at Heartwood Senior Living Community in Crosby. The seminar will start at 12:30 and feature guest speaker Kent O'Grady, an Alzheimer's Association Volunteer. He will speak about waring signs of Alzheimer's and dementia and how you can recognize common warning signs, get tips and learn more about TYPICAL age-related memory issues. **Registration is required by Fri. June 2nd**. Register by calling 218-546-2357.

The **Lakes Area Grower's Market** is open for business **every Friday (June 2)** at the **Westport Shopping Center in Baxter** (next to Pizza Hut)! Shop for honey, maple syrup, soaps, salves, lotions, pickles, jams, and meat! The market is open from 8:00-12:30. Here's to another great season!

Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union will host a **FREE Community Shred Day** on **Fri. June 2nd** at their Pequot Lakes office from 11:00-12:00 and at their Brainerd office from 2:00-3:00. Shredding documents that have your personal information is a great way to protect yourself from identity theft by keeping the wrong person from finding your social security number, financial account numbers, credit card numbers and any other valuable identifying data. They ask that you limit your documents to **THREE BOXES** at most. Shred day will take place rain or shine.

The **Crosslake Area Library Book Sale** will be held **Fri. & Sat. June 2nd & 3rd** at the Crosslake Area Library. Hundreds of books will be on sale with all the proceeds going to support the library. Donations of new or gently used books and some multi-media materials are also gratefully accepted. The sale will run from 10:00-3:00 both days. Learn more at Crosslake.com.

The **15th Annual Pequot Lakes Cherry Car Show & Craft Fair**, hosted by the **Pequot Lakes-Breezy Point Lions Club**, will take place on **Sat. June 3rd** from 9:00 to 4:00 at Trailside Park. Registration starts at 7:00. Pre-registration by mail prior to the show is \$10... day of the show will be \$15. The event is free to spectators. More information can be found on **Facebook** by searching *Pequot Lakes Cherry Car Show & Craft Fair*.

Join the fun and support the **Fight Against Cancer** at the **6th Annual Hoppy Horse Rodeo** on **Sat. June 3rd** at Merrifield Lions Park in Merrifield, starting at 12:00. Registration starts at 11:00 for the four arena events. Barrel Race, Create a Clown, Obstacle Course and Straight Race. Races are divided up by age groups and the suggested donation to participate is \$10 for all 4 events. Raffle tickets will be sold for a number of prizes, there will be a kids carnival, and concessions will be available on-site. The event is hosted by **Branden's Cancer Crusaders** and all the proceeds will go to the **American Cancer Society**. For more info, visit **Facebook** or **Google** *HoppyHorseRodeo*.

The **American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Post #557** will host a **Hog Roast Fun Day Fundraiser** on **Sat. June 3rd** at the Walter Scott Erickson Legion on Forest Road in Deerwood. The fun will start at 12:00 with a beer garden and charitable gaming. There will also be a bake sale during that time and a meat raffle will start at 2:00. There will be raffle drawings and live music by Yester Daze Gone! All proceeds will benefit the Deerwood American Legion and its support of the community. For more info, visit **Facebook** and search *Deerwood Legion*.

The community is invited to attend **Central Lakes College's Annual Diesel Program Truck Show** from 3:00 to 7:00 on **Sat., June 3** at the CLC Staples campus. New this year, the event will also have a Meat Cutting & Culinary demonstration from 3 to 5pm. Attendees will learn sausage grinding & stuffing techniques, as well as grilling techniques and side dishes. There will be free brats at 5pm. Everyone is welcome to enter their diesels and gassers in the show. To register a truck, please contact Erich at 952-807-3279.

6/5 – 6/11

The Cuyuna Lakes Lunch Bunch will once again be providing **free lunches** to kids in need this summer. Starting **Mon. June 5th through Fri. Sept. 1st**, lunches will be distributed at Cuyuna Lakes Area locations (NO MEALS served on Tues. July 4). The times and locations are as follows:

11:00-11:10	Veteran's Park in Deerwood
11:20-11:30	Grandpa's Park in Ironton
11:35-11:45	Assembly of God Church in Crosby
11:50-12:00	Cuyuna Range Food Shelf in Crosby

The Brainerd Public Library invites the public to its monthly author event entitled **Brown Bag Author Visit**. The next visit will be held on **Mon. June 5th** from 12:00-1:00 in the Large Meeting room at the Brainerd Public Library. Visit with great Minnesota writers and artists. For information on the day's feature author, visit [Facebook](#) and search *Friends of the Brainerd Public Library*.

Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union will host a **FREE Community Shred Day** on **Tues. June 6th** from 11:00-12:00 at their Aitkin office and from 2:00-3:00 at their Crosby office. Shredding documents that have your personal information is a great way to protect yourself from identity theft by keeping the wrong person from finding your social security number, financial account numbers, credit card numbers and any other valuable identifying data. They ask that you limit your documents to THREE BOXES at most. Shred day will take place rain or shine.

Actors Repertory Theater presents ***God of Carnage***, directed by Patrick Spradlin, **Tues. June 6 through Fri. June 9th** at the **Dryden Theater** at CLC, Brainerd Campus. This sharp comedy explores the boundaries of civilized behavior. (When an 11-year old boy smashes a playmate in the mouth with a stick, the boys' parents feel compelled to meet and discuss what to do about it. The more they discuss, the more they become like their children – brash, petulant, and even violent.) NOTE: The adults in the play may behave childishly, but their language is VERY ADULT. Tickets are \$18 and can be purchased in advance online at Art4MN.org.

Nisswa Turtle Racing is back and the first race of the 2023 season is **Wed. June 7th**! Registration will start at 1:00 in downtown Nisswa at the Turtle Track behind the Chamber Building. Races start at 2:00. The cost to race a turtle (THEY PROVIDE THE TURTLES – DO NOT BRING YOUR OWN) is \$5. There is no cost to be a spectator. To learn more, visit Nisswa.com.

The Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office and the **Pelican Lakes Conservation Club & Association** will host a **Youth Operator Boat Safety Class** on **Wed. June 7th** starting at 8:30. The class, for those ages 12-17, will take place at the canopy deck at Breezy Point. Upon completion, students will obtain a MN Watercraft Operator Permit. Registration is required by calling Verla at 218-562-5647. Learn more by visiting [Facebook](#) and searching *Pelican Lakes Association of Crow Wing County*.

Join Jenn Morris of **Thairapy Lash & Beauty Bar**, along with Scott & Chris from **Digital Horizons** at **Jack Pine Brewery** in Baxter on **Wed. June 7th** for **Pints for a Purpose!** Between 5:00-8:00 that evening, Jack Pine will donate \$1 from every pint sold to their **Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity CEO Build**. Food will also be available. Music will also be provided by Skarlett Woods. See you there.

Crow Wing Energized and **Lakes Area United Way** announce another **Free Pop-Up Food Pantry** on **Thurs. June 8th** at Central Lakes College-Brainerd campus. The drive-up/drive-thru food distribution event will run from 10:00 to 11:30 or until the food is gone. Second Harvest Food Bank will be there to distribute free and healthy food to those in need. To learn more, visit UnitedWayNow.org.

Join the fun in **Crosby Memorial Park** every **Second and Fourth Thursday** in June, July and August during **Music in the Park** starting each evening at 5:00. Right there on the shores of Serpent Lake, the concert area offers a perfect place for adults and families to bring a blanket or chair and relax on a summer night. Local food vendors will be on-hand so you can enjoy food while listening to great music! On **Thurs. June 8th**, enjoy the music of **Roy Liljequist** and **The DuChane Brothers**. Learn more about the concert series online at CuyunaLakes.com.

Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union will host a **FREE Community Shred Day** at their [Baxter](#) office on **Fri. June 9th** from 11:00-12:00. Shredding documents that have your personal information is a great way to protect yourself from identity theft by keeping the wrong person from finding your social security number, financial account numbers, credit card numbers and any other valuable identifying data. They ask that you limit your documents to THREE BOXES at most. Shred day will take place rain or shine.

The **Committee for the Awareness & Prevention of Suicide** (CAPS) will host an event entitled **Reach Out & Reach Up: A Celebration of Life** on **Sat. June 10th** at Aitkin High School starting from 10:00-3:00. The event will feature live performances by Christian McShane, Aurora Baer and Jan & Mike Cherry along with speakers, yoga and art classes and a Mental Health Fair, including food trucks, food vendors and more! For more info, visit CO.Aitkin.MN.US or visit [Facebook](#) and search *Aitkin County Public Health Education*.

Roundhouse Brewery in Nisswa will host **Sunday Funday** in support of The Walk To End Alzheimer's. On **Sun. June 11th** from 1:00-4:00, Roundhouse will donate \$1 from every pint sold to the **Home Instead Walk To End Alzheimer's** team! Stop by for a pint and help a good cause. Roundhouse Brewery is on Smiley Road in Nisswa.