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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...

5/31	Wed.	10:00-4:00	Central Lakes College - Brainerd
6/2	Fri.	10:00-4:00	Milaca Evangelical Free Church in Milaca

5/29 – 6/4

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.

An event entitled **Bringing RADKids to the BLA: Program Awareness & Fundraising** will be held **Tues. May 30th** at MN Traders Co. in Pequot Lakes from 3:00-7:00. The Dru Sjodin Purple Elephant Run/Walk is spearheading an effort to bring RADKids programming to the Brainerd area and this event will help explain what RADKids is all about and how it is the national leader in Children's Safety Education. It empowers children and parents with revolutionary skill-based curriculum that strengthens children's personal boundaries and parental confidence. The cost to bring the program to the area is \$16,000. A portion of food and drink sales at MN Traders that day will be donated to the cause.

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 for more information.

The **Northland Arboretum** will host a **Spring Bird Hike** on **Wed. May 31st** 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.

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.

BIR will host the **Bracket Drag Racing Series** the weekend of **Fri.-Sun. June 2-4** at BIR in Brainerd. The series features some of the best amateur drag racing in the country at 250+ drag racers compete in 1- different classes. Fans can see dragsters, cars, trucks, bikes, snowmobiles and Junior Dragsters, all of which are competing for prize money, hardware and all-important series points! For more info, visit BIRMN.com.

Paul Bunyan Cyclists will host its annual **Tour of Lakes** ride on **Sat. June 3rd** from 6:00-3:00 starting at Sage on Laurel in downtown Brainerd. The tour is NOT a race, but a one-day recreational ride for cyclists of all abilities. They offer two route choices, a roughly 35 or 66 mile ride. Check in will be at Sage on Laurel in downtown Brainerd from 6:00-8:00 a.m., with all riders asked to begin by 8:00. For more information and to register, go online to PaulBunyanCyclists.com.

Mount Ski Gull will host its **Last Runner Standing** event on **Sat. June 3rd** starting at 8:00. You must be 12 or older to participate and the cost is \$20/person. The course, -which contains lots of rocks, grass, dirt, sand, bumps, pot holes, uphill, downhill and fun - is roughly 3 miles with a 700ft elevation gain and loops will start every 45 minutes starting at 8:00. Participants must complete each loop in that allotted timeframe or you will be eliminated. The race goes as long as needed or until 8pm. For more information, visit MountSkiGull.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.

Rock the Lantern for a Cure will be held on **Sat. June 3rd** at The Green Lantern, 9 miles east of Brainerd on Hwy. 18. The bands include Xpedition and Betty & The Noise. The event is being held to raise money for **Lymphoma and Leukemia Cancer Research**. The gates will open at 4:30 and the cost to attend is \$25. For a link to purchase tickets, visit [Facebook](#) and search *Rock the Lantern for a Cure*.

Sunday, June 4th is the deadline to register for the **Relationship Safety Alliance's Annual Gala**, which will be held on **Thurs. June 15th** at The Pavilion at Madden's on Gull Lake. The event on the 15th will start at 5:00 and will feature guest speakers, Louise Seliski (the founding mother of the Relationship Safety Alliance) and Angie Plantenberg, the mother of Alex & Brandon, for whom the Alex & Brandon Child Safety Center is named. Comedian Jason Schommer will make you laugh, too, and music will be provided by James Squared. The event will also feature an online auction, wine pull and a special raffle to be announced that night. Register online at RelationshipSafety.org.

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. This time, Minnesota author and fisheries biologist **Paul J. Radomski** will discuss his book "Walleye: A Beautiful Fish of the Dark." 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*.

The **Brainerd Jr. Jaycees** will host the annual **Lil' Rubber Duckie Race** on **Sat. June 10th** at the big hill behind Brainerd High School. Those who wish to participate are asked to "purchase" a duckie (raffle ticket) for \$5 from any Jr. Jaycee member or at HyTec Construction or B. Johnson & Associates for a chance to win the top prize of \$2,500 cash! 2nd Place, 3rd Place and even 30th Place will win cash prizes as well! 30 winners in all – others will win items or gift certificates from lakes area businesses! The duckies will be released down a huge slip-n-slide at 12:30 on the 10th and spectators are welcome! To learn more, visit [Facebook](#) and search *Brainerd Jr. Jaycees Lil' Rubber Duckie Races*. Proceeds raised will benefit a number of area youth activities.

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.

6/12 – 6/18

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 12th** 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*.

The **Longville Turtle Racing Season** gets underway for the season on **Wed. June 14th** in downtown Longville. The event starts at 1:00 on Main Street and will be complete with other kids games, food, hula-hoop and dance contests and more! To learn more, visit Longville.com.

Brainerd Elks Flag Day Observation will be held on **Wed. June 14th** at 4:00pm....

The **Farmer's Market** will be held at the **Northern Pacific Center** in Brainerd on **Thurs. June 15** (and every-other Thursday until Sept. 21) from 3:00-7:00. 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 **2nd Annual Brainerd VFW Freedom Festival** will be held on **Sat. June 17th** from 12:00-4:00 and all are welcome. The event, which will take place in the Laurel Street parking lot behind the VFW, includes the posting of the colors, free kids games, a silent auction, music, food, face painting and the chance to win prizes! For more info, visit BrainerdVFW.org.

Join Dos Guys at the **Pequot Lakes Bands in the Park** event on **Sat. June 17th** from 7:00-9:00. The live band will perform free of charge in the band shelter in Trailside Park. All are welcome!