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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.

Tues.	9/19	12:00-6:00	The Church of J.C. Latter Day Saints in Brainerd
Wed.	9/27	12:00-6:00	Community Center in Browerville
Thurs.	9/28	9:00-3:00	Northland Arboretum in Brainerd
Fri.	9/29	9:00-3:00	Brainerd VFW

The **Annual Coats for Kids Drive**, hosted by **Crystal Cleaners, Kinship Partners and Hubbard Radio Brainerd**, is up and running **NOW through Oct. 6th**. During this time, donations of gently used coats, snowpants, boots, hats, mittens and gloves will be accepted at Crystal Cleaners in Brainerd. C.C. will clean the items and have them ready for distribution in October to those in need. (Donations can also be dropped off at Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union in Crosby). Coats (and winterwear) are needed in ALL SIZES (adult, too) and need to be in working order with not rips or tears. For more information, visit KinshipPartners.org and click on Coats for Kids.

September is National Suicide Prevention Month and Hubbard Radio wants to remind you that if you are experiencing thoughts of suicide – or you are concerned about someone who may be – resources are available:

- The 988 Suicide & Crisis line is available 24/7. Just dial 988 to talk to – or text with – people from the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.
- The 24-Hour Lifeline if you need to talk is 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- If you need resources in Crow Wing County, call Community Services at 218-824-1140.

September is Recovery Month, which promotes and supports evidence-based treatment and recovery practices when it comes to substance use disorders. In 2021 alone, more than 900 residents in Crow Wing County sought treatment for addiction. If you are in need of help to deal with alcohol or drug addiction, please reach out. Help is just a phone call away. Visit FreeRehabCenters.org for more information.

The **Outreach Program of Brainerd Lakes** is located in Nisswa MN and is a **humanitarian food aid organization**. They package 10 different meals that are distributed to local area food shelves and other locations where food insecurity is present. 80-90 % of the meals they package stay in Minnesota. The Outreach Program of Brainerd Lakes is always **looking for donations** to support their mission of feeding families in need, as well as volunteers to package the meals. To learn more, visit OutreachProgramBLA.org.

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Crow Wing County is working to update its Comprehensive Plan now through May of 2025 and they need public input and involvement in making the plan for the future of the county. The **Comprehensive Plan Open House** will take place on **Mon. Sept. 18th** from 3:00-6:00 at the Land Services Building, which is behind the Historic Courthouse in Brainerd. All county residents are invited! A presentation will be made between 3:00-5:00 with a Q&A Session from 5:00-6:00. To give feedback, input and take an online survey, visit CrowWing.gov or call Land Services at 824-1010.

Dairy Queen in Pequot Lakes (only) will host a fundraiser for the **Breezy Point Figure Skating Club** on **Tues. Sept. 19th** from 3:00-8:00pm. During that time, 20% of all sales will be donated to the club! So enjoy a sweet treat or a delicious hot meal and support the BPFSC!

The **Brainerd Elks Lodge #615** will host another **Youth On Stage Open Mic Night** on **Tues. Sept. 19th** at Ya Sure Kombucha in the James Cullen Room starting at 6:30. If you are ages 5-25, and you have family-friendly talent to share (singing, playing an instrument, comedians, poets, story-tellers, etc.), sign up at YouthOnStageMN.org. 15 minute time slots are available from 6:30-8:30pm.

The deadline to order your **Brainerd Lakes Sunrise Rotary Club ROSES** is **Wed. Sept. 20th at 12:00** Noon! You can brighten a day and support the future of area youth by purchasing a dozen roses for just \$20! Choose from a dozen red roses or a dozen multi-colored roses. Once ordered, roses can be picked up between 11:00-6:00 on Thurs. or Fri. Oct. 5 or 6 at the Midtown Depot convenience store at 321 Washington Street in Brainerd. (additional charges for a box and/or delivery). To order online, visit **Facebook** and search *Brainerd Lakes Sunrise Rotary* and click on the rose sale link.

Jack Pine Brewery in Baxter will host **Pints for a Purpose** on **Wed. Sept. 20th** as a fundraiser for **Be A Pal**. From 5:00-8:00 that evening, Jack Pine will donate \$1 from every pint sold to Be A Pal which connects adults living in senior living facilities with community members through hand-written notes/correspondence. For an extra donation, food may be served as well.

The Bridge Overnight Shelter in Brainerd will **open again for the season** on starting on **Wed. Sept. 20** and will be open seven days a week. The shelter, which provides a safe and warm place for adults 18 and older to sleep, will be open from 7:00 **PM** to 8:00 **AM** – Walk-Ins are welcome between 7:00-11:00 **PM**. The Bridge is located at 1926 S. 7th Street in Brainerd. For more info, visit BridgesOfHopeMN.org.

Actors Repertory Theater presents ***The Woman in Black*** at 7:00, **Wed. Sept. 20-Sat. Sept. 23rd** at the Chalberg Theater on the Brainerd campus of CLC. This play ran for 33 years on London's West End, making it the second-longest running non-musical play in theater history. Kevin Yeager and Patrick Spradlin reprise their roles from the original 2017 productions, calling it the most effective spine-tingling chillers of the modern stage. Reserve your seats online at Art4MN.org.

The **Pequot Lakes Public Works** says they will be **flushing fire hydrants** during the day on **Thurs. Sept. 21** and the process may cause temporary discoloration of water. To remove the discoloration, turn on several faucets inside or outside your home or business to let the water run until it's clear. For more information, contact Pequot Lakes City Hall at 218-568-5222.

The **Crow Wing County Recycling Center** east of Brainerd will host a **Business Electronics Collection Event** on **Thurs. Sept. 21st** from 9:00-1:00. This is a time for county businesses to dispose of old electronics like computers and monitors, printers and scanners, circuit boards, wires, cable and phones. Contact the Solid Waste office so paperwork can be started ahead of your drop-off... 218-824-1290.

The **Farmer's Market** will be held for the final time this season at the **Northern Pacific Center** in Brainerd on **Thurs. Sept. 21st** 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.

BLADE (Brainerd Lakes Area Drug Education) invites the public to a **Recovery Walk** from 4:00-7:00 on **Thurs. Sept. 21st** at Kiwanis Park in Brainerd. Guests will be able to celebrate our recovery community and build relationships while enjoying food, fun activities and door prizes. The event is held to honor those in recovery and their families. All are welcome. For info, visit BLADEinitiative.org or visit [Facebook](#) and search *BLADE Brainerd Lakes*.

Join **Northern Lakes Lightning Boys High School Hockey** for **Pucktoberfest** on **Thurs. Sept. 21st** at Moonlite Bay in Crosslake. The fundraising event will take place from 5:30-8:0 and include a social hour, food, live music, a silent auction and raffles! The ticket price is \$30 and includes entry into the event, along with dinner and live music by Bud Roberts. The dinner consists of burgers, brats, chips, cold salad and cookies. Tickets can be purchased in advance from any of the high school hockey players or at the door. Payments for the auction items can be made via cash, check, credit card or Venmo.

Lutheran Church of the Cross in Nisswa will host its **Annual HUGE FALL RUMMAGE SALE** on **Thurs. & Fri. Sept. 21 & 22** from 8:00-6:00 and on **Sat. Sept. 23rd** from 8:00-12:00 (Half Price on Sat.) at the church behind Schaefer's Foods on Co. Rd. 13. You will find furniture, clothing, coats, shoes, home décor, collectibles, jewelry, housewares, electronics, toys, books, linens, tools, sporting goods and SO MUCH MORE! Proceeds from the sale will benefit charitable organizations supported by LCC. For more info, contact Lutheran Church of the Cross.

The advocates of **St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls** will host its annual **Concert Fundraiser** featuring **The WhiteSideWalls Rock N' Roll Revue** on **Fri. Sept. 22nd** at The Falls Ballroom in Little Falls. The concert will be held from 7:30-10:30 and tickets are available now at the St. Gabriel's Hospital Gift Shop. Advance tickets are \$30, they will be \$40 at the door. Come enjoy the "Midwest's Premiere Doo-Wop, Rockabilly and Rock & Roll Band" while raising money for St. Gabriel's. The proceeds will go toward purchasing additional equipment for the hospital departments, scholarships and Lifeline support. More information can be found by logging on to **Facebook** and searching *CHI St. Gabriel's Health*.

Lakes Area Habitat For Humanity will be **fundraising for its Women Build project** at Roundhouse Brewery on **Fri. & Sat. Sept. 22 & 23**. Volunteers are needed from 12:00-4:00 and from 4:00-8:00 to collect money from the Oktoberfest buffet, help Roundhouse staff clear tables and to sell cupcakes and pretzels! For more information on the Oktoberfest event or Lakes Area Habitat For Humanity's Women Build project, visit **Facebook** and search *Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity Women Build*.

Gather your family and friends – get dressed in your favorite flannels and join the **City of Brainerd**, Brainerd Community Action, the Brainerd VFW for the **3rd Annual Paul Bunyan Flapjack Festival** and **Touch-A-Truck** event, on **Sat. Sept. 23rd** on Laurel Street in downtown Brainerd. The pancake feed will be held from 8:00-12:00. The cost is \$10 donation for adults and a \$5 donation for kids (Money raised goes toward the restoration of Brainerd's Historic Water Tower). The Touch-A-Truck portion for the kids runs from 10:00-12:00. The events are free to attend (other than the pancake feed). Learn more on **Facebook** by searching *3rd Annual Paul Bunyan Flapjack Festival*.

The **Brainerd Warrior Nordic Ski Team** will host the **2023 Warrior Homecoming Run** on **Sat. Sept. 23rd** starting at Kiwanis Park in Brainerd. Kick off Homecoming Week with the 1K or 5K Homecoming Race – run it, walk it or participate virtually! Dress up in your Warrior Pride blue and white! The race takes place rain or shine – starting at 9:00. To register or learn more, WarriorHomecomingRun.ItsYourRace.com. Costs vary, but the earlier you register, the better chances you'll guarantee a t-shirt! Proceeds from the event will benefit the Brainerd Warrior High School Nordic Ski Team.

The **23rd Annual Ripple River Gallery Fall Open House** and **Wild & Free Benefit** will be held on **Sat. Sept. 23** from 10:00-5:00 where guests will enjoy fun activities, refreshments and wonderful art as they celebrate the season! At 1:00, be there to watch Wild & Free Wildlife crews do a bird release (depending on the bird's readiness to fly). Wild & Free will also have a booth at the event with merchandise for sale. Visit WildAndFree.org for more information. The Ripple River Gallery is on Partridge Avenue in Aitkin.

Celebrate **National Alpaca Farm Days** on **Sat. Sept. 23rd** at **Stella Farms in Jenkins** with an event that runs from 10:00-3:00. Visit the farm to meet the alpacas, meet this year's babies, say hello to the horses and kick off the holiday shopping season in their store that is filled with tons of cozy alpaca products. To learn more, visit PineRiverMN.com.

The **Brainerd Lakes Walk to End Alzheimer's** will take place on **Sat. Sept. 23rd** at Forestview Middle School in Baxter, with doors opening at 1:00. Get there early to register, turn in any donations, enjoy some goodies and entertainment and visit with the sponsors and vendors who support the Walk and the Alzheimer's Association. The walk will start at 2:00, but be there early for the festivities and the opening ceremony... it's a great way to honor a loved one and connect with a community of others how are impacted by this disease! Registration is free, but fundraising is strongly encouraged. Those who raise at least \$100 will receive a free Walk T-Shirt. To learn more, to donate or to register for the Brainerd Walk, visit. ALZ.org/Walk.

Zion Lutheran Church on N. 8th Street in Brainerd invites the public to a **special worship service** on **Sun. Sept. 24th** that will feature Dave Anderson and Roger Walck. The two will lead with songs, stories and more. The service starts at 9:00. All are welcome.

The **Nisswa Lions Club** will host a **Childhood Cancer Lunch** fundraiser on **Sun. Sept. 24th** from 11:00-1:00 at Lutheran Church of the Cross in Nisswa. The lunch consists of chicken, mashed potatoes, veggies, roll and dessert. Dine in or take out! Proceeds from the lunch will be designated to help families in the BLA that have a child (ages birth to 19) who are battling cancer. Only 300 tickets will be sold – the cost is \$15. Get tickets at the Nisswa Chamber Office or online at NisswaLions.org.

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The **Brainerd Lakes Area Women of Today** are ready to help you **Flock Your Friends** and raise money to help animals! Right now, you can have a small, medium or large flock of pink, plastic flamingos delivered and set up at a location of your choice (within a 15-mile radius of Brainerd/Baxter) for \$1/bird. Twenty to fifty birds will "migrate" from location to location and stay in each spot for 2-3 days (restrictions apply). All the money raised from the flocking will be donated to the **Heartland Animal Rescue Team** (HART) and the **Ruff Start Rescue**. The flocking will continue until **the birds fly south on Oct. 1st**. Visit BrainerdLakesAreaWomenOfToday.org to order your flock!

Northwoods Arts Council welcomes award winning **author, Marcie Rendon** to Hackensack for an author presentation on **Mon., Sept. 25th**, at 1:00 PM at the Union Congregational Church. Marcie will discuss her books and answer questions at this free event for the public. RSVP online at NorthwoodsArtsCouncil.org. This is an author presentation not to be missed.

Join the **Brainerd Lakes Chamber** as they observe **Minnesota Manufacturing Month** at their annual event, "**Celebrating Manufacturing**" when they partner with Lakes Area Manufacturers Alliance to host a special Business After Hours on **Tues. Sept. 26th**. The presentation will be held at the Greater Lakes Association of Realtors office in Baxter – doors will open with breakfast starting at 7:30 and the event will end around 11:00. The keynote speaker will be Mike Henke with MHI Consulting, "Stopping the Revolving Door" and "Developing Your Workforce – the Next 10 Years." The cost is \$50 for Chamber members and \$65 for the public. The fee includes breakfast and the guest speakers. Register online at BrainerdLakesChamber.com.

As part of its **Blue Ox Success Series**, the **Brainerd Lakes Chamber** will present a **Sales Training Workshop** on **Tues. Sept. 26th** from 1:00-3:00 at the Greater Lakes Association of Realtors office in Baxter. Attendees will learn how to build trust with customers while selling with integrity, understand who being vulnerable and authentic will build rapport and discover how to deliver consistency and follow-through. Mike Henke with MHI Consulting will be the trainer. Register: BrainerdLakesChamber.com.

Join the **Brainerd Lakes Chamber** and **Central Lakes College** as CLC hosts **Business After Hours** on **Tues. Sept. 26th** at the Brainerd Campus of CLC. The event will run from 4:30-6:00 and is free to attend. Attendees can enjoy delicious appetizers provided by CLC's Mad Hugger Café and beverages from Ya-Sure Kombucha. You can network with other and could win prizes all while learning more about CLC from President Dr. Hara Charlier. Please RSVP in advance if you plan to attend: BrainerdLakesChamber.com.

The **Brainerd Lakes Area Audubon Society** will host guest speaker James Wanstall at the Northland Arboretum on **Wed. Sept. 27th** at 7:00. Wanstall is with the Minnesota DNR and will be presenting the **Brainerd Conservation Focus Area** and how landowners can benefit species within the MN wildlife Action Plan. He will discuss the primary causes of species population declines and options open for landowners to help. The event is free to attend and is open to the public. Refreshments will be provided. For more info., send an email to: BrainerdAudubonSociety@gmail.com or contact the Northland Arboretum.

The Nisswa Chamber invites everyone to the annual **Nisswa Chamber "Pretty Good" Golf Tournament** that will be held on **Thurs. Sept. 28th** at The Pines at Grand View Lodge in Nisswa. Registration starts at 10:30 with a shotgun start at 12:00. Get your group of 4 golfers together to form your 4-some scramble and enjoy some fun and networking while supporting the mission of the Chamber. Visit Nisswa.com for more information and for registration.

WAVE Young Professionals Network invites area professionals ages 18-39 to its **Launch Event on Thurs. Sept. 28th** on a Gull Lake Cruise from 4:30-7:00. WAVE works to connect young professionals with others in the lakes area to build lasting relationships for professional success and career advancement. The cost of the event is \$20 for non-members. Learn more and/or register for the cruise online at WAVEypn.com.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Pequot Lakes will host a Three Day **Rummage Sale, Thurs. & Fri. Sept. 28 & 29** from 8:00-5:00 and on **Sat. Sept. 30th** from 8:00-2:00. Find great deals on household items, books, clothing, sporting goods and TONS of other items! Free-will proceeds will go toward missions of Our Savior's, located on Front Street in Pequot Lakes.

The Charles Lindbergh House & Museum invites the community to celebrate a significant milestone in the site's history. The **50th Anniversary** of the **Minnesota Historical Society's** public operation of Charles Lindbergh's childhood home will be on Sat. Sept. 30th and on that day, from 10:00-4:00, visitors can take part in special events and activities. Highlights include house tours, special presentations, a photo booth, birthday treats, and a shuttle between the Lindbergh House and the Little Falls Airport, which is hosting a fly-in. All is included in the cost of regular site admission. More information is available online at MNHS.org/Lindbergh.

Crosslake Days will be celebrated **Sept. 28- Sept. 30** in beautiful Crosslake....This event is a weekend of family fun with activities for all ages. The Art & Craft Fair, **Chili Cook-Off** (37 businesses will have chili starting at 12:00!!!), lost chili pepper hunt, cider & candlelight tours, corn-hole tournament and street dance are all part of the fun! To learn more, visit Crosslake.com or download the Crosslake App.

Celebrate **Jul Fest** as part of **Crosslake Days, Sat. Sept. 30th** at Crosslake Lutheran Church from 8:30-2:00. Guests will find crafts, cards, lefse, cinnamon rolls, other baked goods, coffee and juice! Proceeds from this specific event will benefit many local charities in Crosslake and beyond!

Crosslake Town Square will host a **Street Fair on Sat. Sept. 30th** from 11:00-4:00 as part of **Crosslake Days** 2023. They'll have vendors, food items, music, family activities, sidewalk sales and more! Visit Crosslake.com for more info.

Boxing is coming to the Northern Pacific Center in Brainerd! **Takedown Boxing Academy & Golden Lakes Boxing** present **Rumble on the Rails** on **Sat. Sept. 30th** at the Northern Pacific Center in Brainerd. Doors will open at 5:00 with the first bell at 6:00. ((Minnesota Boxing Hall-of-Fame Member and Crosby-Ironton native Anthony "The Bullet" Bonsante has been volunteering to train some of these up-and-coming boxers and will be there to support these boxers in the ring.)) Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$35 for ring-side and \$10 for those 10 and under. Get your tickets online at NorthernPacificCenter.com/RumbleOnTheRails.