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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...

6/21 Wed. 11:00-5:00 Lakewood Church in Baxter (hosted by BHS Key Club!)

6/5 – 6/11

The Brainerd Public Library invites kids ages 0 to 18 to join its **Summer Reading Program: Find Your Voice!** Parents, caregivers, and families can register their kids online at KRLS.BeanStack.com/Reader365 or by using the BeanStack app on their phone. The program begins **Mon. June 5th and runs through July 28th**. Log your minutes for a chance to win some great prizes! Learn more by visiting [Facebook](#) and searching *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.

The Center in Brainerd, along with **Brainerd's Parks & Rec. Dept.**, invites everyone to **Performances in the Park** on **Thurs. June 8th** (and every Thursday through the summer) at 7:00 at Gregory Park in Brainerd. The June 8th show will feature **Diane Saumer & Friends**. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy an evening of great music. The shows are FREE to attend! (If it rains, the concert moves to The Center).

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. Shows are nightly at 7:00.

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.

The **Northwoods Arts Council in Hackensack** is thrilled to announce a special event featuring renowned author, **Allen Eskens** on **Thurs. June 8th** at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hackensack. The engaging author presentation will start at 1:00, it's open to the public and it's free to attend! They ask that you please RSVP online at NorthwoodsArtsCouncil.org to secure your spot. Whether you're an avid follower of Eskens' captivating mystery novels or are eager to discover his work for the first time, you do not want to miss this event!

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.

Crossing Arts in downtown Brainerd will host a **workshop** where students will create **Mini Masterpiece Refrigerator Magnets** out of shrink plastic on **Fri. June 9th** at 10:00. The class will be taught by Tracy Miller and students will have time to create 3 or more magnets. The cost is \$40 per student. Visit CrossingArts.org to register.

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

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The public is invited to a **Pancake Breakfast** supporting the **Miss Nisswa Scholarship Program** on **Sat. June 10th** from 7:30 to 10:30 at the Pelican Lakes Conservation Club in Breezy Point. The breakfast cost is \$7 (cash only) for All You Can Eat – Kids under 6 eat for free. The breakfast includes pancakes, scrambled eggs with ham & cheese, sausage links and biscuits & gravy. For more info., visit PLCCMN.org. The club is located on Thrane Dr. off County Rd.4 in Breezy Point.

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

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Zion Lutheran Church in Brainerd will host its **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** from **Tues. June 13-Thurs. June 15th** from 5:00-8:00 each day. Each night, a meal will be served. This is a free event and everyone is welcome. To register your child or to learn more, visit ZionBrainerd.com or call Tracy at 218-513-1350.

Join **Crosswoods Development** as they host **Business After Hours** on **Tues. June**

13th from 4:30-6:00 in the redesigned and beautiful Crosslake Townsquare. Mix with members of the Brainerd Lakes Chamber community while enjoying delicious appetizers and beverages (courtesy of Rafferty's Pizza, Patriot Lakes Nutrition and WineDown) and learn more about Crosswoods Development while they highlight the opening of the Legacy Gardens. Network, learn and maybe win prizes, too! Please RSVP if you plan to attend, as a courtesy to the host: BrainerdLakesChamber.com.

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 at the All Veteran's Memorial on the lawn next to the historic Crow Wing County Courthouse in Brainerd. All are encouraged to attend. More info at BrainerdElks615.org.

The **Northland Arboretum** in Brainerd will host a **Pink Lady's Slipper Hike & Party** on **Mon. June 19th** starting at 5:30. Guests will enjoy a guided walk through the Arb that will showcase the live, blooming Pink Snowy Lady's Slippers followed by a pink theme party with food and beverages. Bring your camera and wear PINK! The cost is \$20 for Arb members... \$25 for non-members. **Pre-registration is required by Wed. June 14th**. Learn more and register online at NorthlandArb.org.

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.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Pequot Lakes will host a **Free Picnic & Concert** on **Thurs. June 15th** from 6:00-8:30. All are welcome.

CRMC will host **Driving For Hospice** golf tournament fundraiser for hospice patients on **Fri. June 16th ...**

The **Pohl Children's Foundation** will host the **3rd Annual Volleyball Tournament Fundraiser** on **Sat. June 17th** at the Oak Lawn Tavern (on State Hwy 18). The event will also feature a taco bar, vendor and craft fair, a silent auction and more! It will run from 10:00-6:00 and all the proceeds will go to the Pohl Children's Foundation, a non-profit memorial foundation providing services to children and their families who are dealing with loss or those living with illnesses or diseases. Learn more online at PohlChildrensFoundation.org.

The **2nd Annual Brainerd VFW Freedom Festival** will be held on **Sat. June 17th** from 12:00-4:00 and all are welcome. This free family 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.

Everyone is invited to experience the magic of an outdoor summer night at the **Firefly Festival** on **Sat., June 17**, while enjoying the music of Mason Dixon Line and imbibing food and beverages on the grounds of the **Northland Arboretum** in Brainerd. Amongst hundreds of lights flashing on the Arboretum grounds will be several area food trucks with the Lakes area's best handheld eats, adult beverages, and yard games. The fun begins at 4:30 p.m. and will feature music from Norman's Bait & Tackle Choir and Mason Dixon Line. There will also be a raffle to support the Arb so be sure to bring dollar bills. Advance tickets are \$25 and VIP tickets, which include a commemorative glass and signature drink are \$35. Tickets are now available online at NorthlandArb.org, by calling 218-829-8770, or at the front desk of the Arboretum's Visitor's Center. Those attending should bring their own blankets or lawn chairs. Tickets will also be available at entry for \$30 general admission or \$40 VIP.

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!

6/19 – 6/25

The public is invited to participate in a one-hour **CPR Class** at **Crosslake Lutheran Church** on **June 19, 20 or 21st**. This one hour class is geared towards non-professional rescuers and includes hands only CPR and use of an AED. It also includes other important topics including barriers to effective responses, where local AEDs may be found, and how to partner with EMS and other parts of the team. The class is taught by Gail Smith, RN BSN, who is the Parish Nurse for Crosslake Lutheran and also a clinician with Minneapolis Heart Institute. She brings 50 years of EMS, ER, and ICU experience including flight nurse status. Classes are free and open to all members of the community, but do **not** include certification. You will have the opportunity to practice your skills at this session. Please call Crosslake Lutheran (218) 692-3682 to register since class size is limited. There are sign up sheets also posted in the hallway at the church. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall on the following dates: **Mon. June 19th**—1pm and 2pm; **Tues. June 20th**—11am and 1pm; **Wed. June 21st**—2:30pm and 3:30pm.

Lakes Area Music Festival will host its **Summer Solstice** event on **Sun. June 19th** at Madden's Resort on Gull Lake starting at 5:30. The annual fundraiser, complete with raffles, auctions, and opportunities to give, benefits the LAMF youth education program, including the Music Mentors Project, which brings professional musicians into the public schools in our region to inspire young musicians. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased online at LakesAreaMusic.org.

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The **Brainerd Elks Lodge #615** will host another **Youth On Stage Open Mic Night** on **Tues. June 20th** 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 **Central Lakes Community Performing Arts Center** is thrilled to announce its upcoming two-week summer program, **Spotlight Youth Theater Camp**, for students in grades 5-8 and 9-12. The camp, led by some of the most talented teachers in the area, is structured with a unique tuition model called Pay-What-You-Wish. Some options will be available upon registration. The camp will be held at CLC Brainerd campus, weekdays only, from **June 20-June 30** from 12:30-4:00. For more information on this camp AND the Play Off The Page camp: CLCPerformingArts.com and search for Summer Youth Theater Workshops.

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Pine River Summerfest 2023 will take place all over Pine River on **Sat. June 24th**. Join the town for a full day of family fun. Kayak race, yoga in the park, bounce houses, sidewalk sales, food trucks, a community picnic, fire truck tours, a parade, fireworks and MORE! For a schedule of the day's events, visit [Facebook](#) and search *Pine River Summerfest 2023*.

The **Nisswa Lions** will **Celebrate 50 Years** in the community with a **Community Picnic in the Park** on **Sat. June 24th** at the Nisswa City Park & Community Center. The public is invited to help them celebrate from 11:00-3:00 when they will have a kids fun zone, outdoor games (cornhole, ladder golf, kickball and more) and a guest speaker (at 1:00). Lunch will be available for a free-will donation... pulled pork, hot dogs, sides and beverages. For more info, visit NisswaLions.org. The public is invited (and encouraged) to attend a **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Natalie Honzalek's Battle with Sarcoma** on **Sat. June 24th** at the Crosslake Fire Hall in Crosslake starting at 5:00. In early April, Natalie was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer and her parents have been staying in Rochester so Natalie could receive treatments at Mayo Clinic. The money raised will help lessen the financial burden of them being away from home for so long. The cost of the dinner is a minimum \$10 donation (cash or check only) and the dinner is being catered by

Maucieri's Italian restaurant. For more information on this event and how you can help, visit [Facebook](#) and search *Spaghetti Dinner for Natalie Honzalek*.

6/26 – 6/30

Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union will host a **FREE Community Shred Day** on **Mon. June 26th** from 2:00-3:00 at their Little Falls 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.

Join **Advantage Seamless Gutters, Neumann Construction and Mosquito Squad** as they host **Business After Hours** on **Tues. June 27th** from 4:30-6:00 in their new facility in the Brainerd Industrial Park. Enjoy networking with other chamber members, delicious appetizers and cash bar catered by B Merri and the chance to win prizes! If you plan to attend, please RSVP online at BrainerdLakesChamber.com.

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