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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...

Tues.	8/29	9:00-3:00	First Lutheran Church in Aitkin
Wed.	8/30	10:00-4:00	Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby
Wed.	8/30	12:00-6:00	Crosslake Community Charter School
Thurs.	8/31	12:00-6:00	Randall VFW
Tues.	9/5	12:00-6:00	American Legion in Milaca
Wed.	9/6	12:00-6:00	Lutheran Church of the Cross in Nisswa

***** See the new WEEKLY EVENTS PAGE, too!**

The Cuyuna Lakes Lunch Bunch will once again be providing **free lunches** to kids in need this summer. **NOW through Fri. Sept. 1st**, lunches will be distributed weekdays at Cuyuna Lakes Area locations. 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

Share today. Shape tomorrow as a Foster Grandparent Volunteer. Earn extra income, stay connected, give back and impact the lives of children and youth in the community as a **Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota Foster Grandparent volunteer**. Foster grandparents are adults aged 55 and older that provide one-on-one mentoring a few hours a week with at-risk children or youth to help them boost their self-esteem and overall academic success. No prior experience is required and training is provided. Get started today by visiting LSSMN.org/Volunteer/FosterGrandparent or call 888-205-3770.

The **Minnesota Department of Transportation** is seeking the traveling public's feedback for a study of **Highway 371 between Nisswa and Baxter** in Crow Wing County. The public can share their experiences traveling along or across Highway 371 via an online survey and an interactive comment map on the study website, Talk.DOT.State.MN.US and search "371." This road is critical for both the local community and the greater region. The purpose of the study is to gain an understanding of transportation needs, identify potential future improvements, and determine how and when these improvements should be implemented. The study will include an analysis of traffic, safety, land use and demographics.

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). Don't want to be flocked? You can "purchase" flocking insurance for a \$50 donation. 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**. To flock your friends, relatives, rival business, visit BrainerdLakesAreaWomenOfToday.org.

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Gather your team and join **CRMC Championship** as they host **Business After Hours** on **Tues. Aug. 29th** from 4:30-6:00 at the **Cragun's Legacy Courses**. Network with others, enjoy appetizers and beverages, maybe win some prizes and learn more about Cragun's and the CRMC Championship along the way! If you plan to attend, please RSVP online at BrainerdLakesChamber.com.

Everyone is invited to a **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** for the **Nisswa Fire Department** on **Thurs. Aug. 31st** at Ye Old Pickle Factory in Nisswa from 4:00-7:00. The dinner is a free will offering-style fundraiser with the dinner provided by Zorbaz! In addition to the meal, there will be raffles, an auction and drink specials at The Pickle. Join your friends and neighbors for dinner and support the Nisswa Fire Department!

Deerwood Bank presents the **Grand View Summer Concert Series** at The Pines at Grand View Lodge in Nisswa, and the third and final show in the series will be held on **Thurs. Aug. 31st** starting at 6:00 and will celebrate the music of legends **Bob Seger and Tom Petty**. Free parking will be available in the field south of 77 off 371 by the Holiday gas station with free shuttles running before, during and after the concert. Tickets are available online at *this station's website*. VIP tickets are also available. Gates open at 5:00, the show starts at 6:00.

Do you want to take part in helping end homelessness in the lakes area? Join **My Neighbor to Love Coalition** for a fundraiser on **Thurs., Aug. 31** from 6:00-8:00 at The Gathering Event Center in Crosslake. Appetizers will be provided by Maucieri's, and there will be a silent auction and cash raffles. Bring a friend and enjoy the evening! Come and learn more about how you can help someone get off a path of trying to survive and onto a path of possibilities. The Gathering is located at 34212 County Road 3 in Crosslake.

The Center in Brainerd, along with **Brainerd's Parks & Rec. Dept.**, invites everyone to its **FINAL Performance in the Park** on **Thurs. Aug. 31st** starting at 7:00 at Gregory Park in Brainerd. The show is **FREE** to attend, they just ask that you bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy an evening of great music. (If it rains, the concert moves to The Center). The final concert will feature **ONE NIGHT STAND**.

The Heartland Animal Rescue Team (H.A.R.T.) in Baxter will host a **Garage Sale & Kids Daze** from 9:00-3:30, **Thurs. Aug. 31-Sat. Sept. 2nd** at the shelter. The sale will be only animal-related items such as crates, beds, dishes, towels, leashes, collars, pet clothes and more fun items! There will also be a kids table with fun grab bags for sale as well as a take-home craft. The event is for **HUMANS ONLY**, please do **NOT** bring your dog. The shelter is celebrating 37 years in service this year and is grateful for any monetary donations given at this time as the cost of supplies have gone up and the number of adoptions has decreased. Learn more by contacting the shelter or going online to HARTPets.org.

Camp Knutson will host its neighbors, volunteers, friends and families at the camp on **Sat. Sept. 2nd** from 8:30-10:30 for a complimentary/free will donation **Open House Pancake Breakfast**. This "thank you" breakfast is always held the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. For more information, contact the camp via LSSMN.org/CampKnutson.

The Farmers' Market at Ideal Green Market in Ideal Corners is open for one last Saturday, (**Sat. Sept. 2nd**) from 9:00-1:00 next to the Old Milwaukee Club in Ideal Corners. Local farmers and food producers showcase their products, meats, soaps, oils and more - weather permitting. For more info, visit IdealGreenMarket.com.

The **Crow Wing County Fair Grounds** will be rumbling as it welcomes the **Monster Truck Nitro Tour** to Brainerd on **Sat. Sept. 2nd** for two **MONSTER Shows!** See these incredible 10,000-pound, car crushing giants compete in racing, wheelie contests and then with the amazing freestyle action! Get tickets online at MonsterTruckTour.com.

Everyone is invited to the **Trinity/Thrivent Annual Ice Cream Social** (with homemade Ice Cream & Pie) on **Sat. Sept. 2nd** from 4:30-8:00 at Trinity Lutheran Church (on Island Ave) in Isle. The event is a fundraiser for the Isle Schools Playground Project and is sure to be an evening of fun, fellowship and good eatin'! All are welcome!

Head to **Crosslake** on **Sat. Sept. 2nd** for the final installment of **Music in the Square** from 6:00-8:00pm. The Crosslake-Ideal Lions featured some great **FREE** entertainment this year, so grab a lawn chair or blanket and find your spot for the final show of the 2023 season! **The Jimmys** will be on stage on Sat. Sept. 2nd. All are welcome!

The **16th Annual Arts Off 84 Art Crawl** will take place Labor Day weekend, **Sat. & Sun. Sept. 2 & 3** along scenic Highway 84 between Pine River and Longville. The crawl will run from 9:00-5:00 on Saturday....and from 10:00-4:00 on Sunday. The free event promotes the work of local artists and provides an art presence to the Pine River, Longville and surrounding area. For more info, visit ArtsOff84.com.

The **Native American Music & Arts Festival** will take place at the Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post in Onamia on **Sun. Sept. 3rd** from 10:00-5:00 and all are invited! It will be a day filled with music and art featuring artists and demonstrations along with the sharing of information about the art they are selling. Music will include a number of Native American musicians and will feature Corey Medina & Brothers. To learn more, visit [Facebook](#) and search *Native American Music & Arts Festival*.

9/4 – 9/10

The **Solidarity Day 2023 Labor Day Picnic** will be held on **Mon. Sept. 4th** from 12:00-3:00 at Oscar Kristofferson Park in Baxter and everyone is welcome. Join Brainerd Trades & Labor for food, beverages, music and fun, plus special guest Bernie Burnham, President of the MN AFL-CIO (former Education MN V.Pres.) at 12:30. Food will be served until it's gone! You could also win door prizes! For more info, call 218-839-0850.

Crow Wing Energized will host their **10th Annual Summit: Rooted in Wellness**, on **Fri. Sept. 15th** from 8:00-1:00 at Lakewood Church in Baxter. Local health and wellness partners from the community will join the event (Deanna Olson, Jami Nelson, Julie Vandeputte and Michelle Toft) and seating is limited. **Registrations due by Tues. Sept. 5th**. Reserve your spot at CrowWingEnergized.org and click on events.

The **Nisswa Lions Club** thanks everyone who ordered fresh *peaches and cheesecakes* as part of its annual Peach Sale and now it's time to enjoy your goodies! The Delivery Date has been announced – 11:00 **Tues. Sept. 5th** at the Nisswa Fire Hall. Payment is due upon pick-up, if not already taken care of. They accept cash, check or credit/debit cards. Visit the *Nisswa Lions* [Facebook](#) page for more information.

The **Farmer's Market** will be held at the **Northern Pacific Center** in Brainerd on **Thurs. Sept. 7th** (and Thurs. 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.

Advanced Massage & Skincare Specialists will host a **Stress Less Event** on **Thurs. Sept. 7th** at Arrowwood Lodge at Brainerd Lakes. The event will run from 5:00-8:00 and feature vendors, speakers, prizes and more! Learn more online at NisswaSpa.com. (??????\$\$\$\$\$)

The **Minnesota DNR** will host an **Open House** on **Thurs. Sept. 7th** to collect public comments and share information about a **proposed northern pike regulation change** for the Gull Lake chain, including Gull Lake and connected Upper Gull, Margaret, Ray, Love, Nisswa, Roy and Round Lakes in Cass County. The purpose of the proposed regulation is to provide better protection for large northern pike in the chain and reduce enforcement complexities by applying the same regulation to all connected waters. The open house will take place from 6:00-8:00 at the Brainerd DNR office's lower-level conference room (1601 Minnesota Drive in Brainerd). Attendees are asked to enter through the main entrance door facing the guest parking lot. Comments are also being taken online at [MNDNR.gov/FishRegs](https://www.mndnr.gov/FishRegs).

Join **Mount Ski Gull** for its **End of Summer Bash Festival** on **Sat. Sept. 9th** from 12:00-4:30 with fun for the whole family! Ski Gull will host chairlift rides, scenic hiking trails, an inflatable obstacle course and concessions, including cotton candy, popcorn, hot dogs and more! The event will also include live music, a yoga class, bingo, and a Fruit Race! Pre-register to get tickets for \$5 – Tickets bought the day of the event are \$10. Learn more online at MountSkiGull.com and click on the event bar.

The **2023 Lakes Rodeo** (...presented by **B93.3**) will be held on **Sat. Sept. 9th** at the Crow Wing County Fair Grounds in Brainerd and tickets are on-sale now. The Rodeo will start at 7:00, but gates will open at 5:00 and feature bull riding and barrel racing! After the rodeo, enjoy a free concert on the Free Concert Stage featuring Wayside from 9:00-11:00pm. Advance tickets are \$20, gate tickets will be \$25. Those ages 6-12 will cost \$15 and those 5 and under are free. Get tickets at Cub Foods in Brainerd or Baxter, The Green Lantern or online at LakesRodeo.com.

2023 DAILY / WEEKLY EVENTS (PSA)

Updated: 8/29/23

MONDAY – FRIDAY:

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The Lakes Area Growers hosts the **Brainerd Farmer's Market** **every Tuesday** in the parking lot of the Franklin Art Center in Brainerd from 8:00-12:30. Find 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 and dairy products, buffalo meat, eggs, etc.

WEDNESDAY...

The Northern Minnesota Railroad Heritage Association (NMRHA) Train Club invites the public to stop by their club in Crosslake to see all the trains! They have three different scale layouts in their 8,000 square foot facility in Crosslake. There are fun things for kids and free gifts for them as well! The club is located on County Road 66 across from Zorbaz in Crosslake and is open to visitors **every Wednesday** from 3:00-6:00 **now through LABOR DAY 2023**. (They are also open Saturdays year round-see *below*) A donation of \$5 for those over the age of 5 is appreciated.

Care N Share in Emily serves **FREE Meals** **every Wednesday** afternoon from 4:30 to 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall at the **Wesleyan Church** on State Highway 6 just north of County Road 1. All are welcome to dine in or pick up a hot, nutritious meal. Delivery is also available for those without transportation. Each week, Care N Share volunteers serve over 250 free meals to families and individuals from Emily, Outing, Crosby, Fifty Lakes, Crosslake, Merrifield, Pequot Lakes and Pine River. (((Volunteers are needed, too, for food preparation on Tuesdays, or Wednesdays serving or providing meal delivery, please call Lori Nelson at 651-246-7292. Donations are always welcome.)))

The **Back Porch Series** is held at **Crosslake Historic Log Village** in Crosslake **every Wednesday** evening from 7:00-800pm. Each session features a different presentation by experts in their field. Refreshments, including select foods, beer, wine and soft drinks will be available for sale. There is no cost to attend, but donations are gratefully accepted to cover the costs of running the Village. Learn more online at Crosslake.com.

THURSDAY...

Nisswa Farmer's Market is open **every Thursday** 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.

Family Storytime will take place **every Thursday** at 11:00 in the Large Meeting Room at the **Brainerd Public Library**. The readings are geared toward children ages 2-8, but all are welcome. Stories, songs and crafts will be based around a different theme each week! Contact the Brainerd Library for more information.

FRIDAY...

The Lakes Area Growers Baxter Farmer's Market is open **every Friday** in the parking lot of the Westport Shopping Center and will be open 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 **Pine River Market Square**, the area growers' & crafters' market, is open **every Friday** afternoon from 2:30-5:30 in the parking lot of the Pine River Chamber on the corner of Barclay Ave. & Highway 371. The market features fresh local produce, baked goods, crafts and occasionally music, demos, kids' activities and more! The market accepts SNAP/EBT and is open Fridays **now through Sept. 29th**. To learn more, visit PineRiverMN.com.

SATURDAY...

The Aitkin Farmer's Market is up and running **every Saturday** from 9:00-1:00 in the (new location) parking lot of the Tractor Supply Store in Aitkin! You'll find everything from flowers and produce to soap, home baked goods, local meats, jewelry, and food vendors. Learn more on **Facebook**: search *Aitkin Farmer's Market*.

The Cuyuna Range Farmer's Market will be open **every Saturday** from 9:00-1:00 at the Main Street Plaza at the corner of Cross Ave. and Main St. in Crosby. The market will feature over 28 local crafts, artisans, and farmers, while also providing a fun opportunity for children and parents to engage in the local food system through conversation with farmers, educational games, demos and exposure to new fruits and veggies through the POP Club (Power of Produce).

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