

# PSA

## Oct. 5 – Oct. 21

**This is an AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DONATION ALERT!** The Red Cross continues to face a critical blood shortage and is issuing an emergency call for eligible blood and platelet donors of all types to give NOW and help save lives. Blood donations are being distributed to hospitals faster than donations are coming in. Commit to give and make a difference. Use the Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

### **Upcoming blood donation opportunities:**

Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) (where you can download the FREE Red Cross Blood Donor App) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make your appointment:

<b>Fri.</b>	<b>10/12</b>	12:00-6:00	Roosevelt Township Hall in Brainerd
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>10/17</b>	8:00-2:00	Karvonen Funeral Home in Wadena
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>10/17</b>	9:00-3:00	Pillager High School in Pillager
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>10/22</b>	12:00-6:00	Gull Lake Center at Grand View Nisswa
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>10/23</b>	12:00-6:00	Community Center in Staples
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>10/24</b>	10:00-3:00	VFW in Brainerd
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>10/25</b>	12:00-6:00	Browerville Elementary School
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>10/29</b>	1:00-7:00	St. Francis Center in Little Falls
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>10/30</b>	12:00-6:00	St. Francis Center in Little Falls
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>10/30</b>	9:00-3:00	Northland Arboretum in Baxter
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>10/31</b>	8:30-2:30	St. Francis Center in Little Falls
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>10/31</b>	10:00-4:00	Brainerd Public Library

**Cass County Public Health** is hosting some upcoming walk-in **Immunization Clinics** for children who are on MA/MnCare or who are un- or under-insured.

Select immunizations are available for adults who are un- or under-insured:

		9:30-11:30	Pine River-Backus Family Center
<b>10/12</b>	<b>Fri</b>	10:00-12:00	Northland Area Family Center
<b>10/16</b>	<b>Tues</b>	10-12 & 1-2:30	Pillager Family Resource Center
<b>10/23</b>	<b>Tues</b>	9:00 – 11:00	Cass Co. Health, Human & Vet. Services

For more information, call 218-547-1340 ext. 246

**Free Master Gardener classes** through the UMN Extension Crow Wing County Master Gardeners will take place at the Brainerd Public Library each month in 2018 from 12:00-1:00. Monthly presentations facilitated by certified UMN Extension Crow Wing Master Gardeners will discuss subjects ranging from garden tools to gourds. (Schedule subject to change...check their website for updates)

<b>Tues. Oct. 9</b>	"Spring Blooming Bulbs for North. Gardens" – Jennifer Knutson
<b>Tues. Nov. 13</b>	"Worm Composting (Vermicomposting)" – Jackie Burkey
<b>Tues. Dec. 11</b>	"Holiday Pizzazz: Using Plants for Holiday Décor" JoAnn Weaver

The **Crow Wing County All Veterans Memorial** in Brainerd is holding a **Donor Brick Program Fundraiser** to present a visual experience showing respect and thankfulness to those who have and are defending our freedoms. To honor a veteran in your life, you can purchase an engraved brick with his or her name on it to use on the walkway to the memorial. To order a brick, log onto [www.BrainerdVFW.com](http://www.BrainerdVFW.com) and click on the Bricks link.

**\*\*Kinship Partners is looking for mentors** for a number of lakes area children who are on a waiting list. If you would like to make the difference in the life of a child here in our community, please contact Kinship Partners. Mentors can be individuals, couples, or families. It doesn't cost a lot of money, just a little time. Visit [KinshipPartners.org](http://KinshipPartners.org) for more information.

In an effort to provide a safe environment to share stories, provide support and education to those who have lost a loved one to suicide, a **Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group** invites you to its bi-weekly **Monday** meetings on the first and third Monday of each month. The group meets from 7:00-8:30 at Lutheran Church of the Cross on County Road 13 in Nisswa. This is a group for adults only. With questions, contact Jeri Borgwarth at [jeriborg@hotmail.com](mailto:jeriborg@hotmail.com)

**Crow Wing County and Lakes Area Law Enforcement** have come together to introduce **The Vitals App**. Vitals is the new app that helps protect people with visible and invisible conditions and disabilities by voluntarily communicating critical information to law enforcement and first responders. Each Vitals individual is assigned a Vitals beacon that transmits a private and secure signal to authorized first responders that are within 80 feet, allowing them temporary access to critical information that can help the individual and law enforcement de-escalate what could become a dangerous or emergency situation. To learn more, or to register for the service, visit [TheVitalsApp.com](http://TheVitalsApp.com) or text VITALS to 797979.

The **Veterans of Foreign Wars** has TWO essay competitions each year. The **Patriot's Pen** is for students in grades 6 to 8. They write a 300-400 word essay on the topic, "Why My Voice Matters." The **Voice of Democracy** is for grades 9-12. They write and read a 3-5 minute essay on the topic "Why I Honor The American Flag." Those participating can earn scholarship dollars and maybe win a trip to the national competition in Washington D.C. If you'd like more information on these essay contests, please visit [BrainerdVFW.org/contest.html](http://BrainerdVFW.org/contest.html) or call Mark at 829-1326. The deadline to submit an essay is **Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018**.

It's time again for the annual **Coats For Kids Drive** – a partnership between **Kinship Partners, Hubbard Radio Brainerd and Crystal Cleaners**. From now **until October 23<sup>rd</sup>**, you are encouraged to bring your gently used or new coats to Crystal Cleaners in Brainerd or Crosby. They will clean them up and get them ready for distribution to those in need at the Westgate Mall in Brainerd on October 27<sup>th</sup>. ALL SIZES are needed – even adult sizes! For more information, please visit [KinshipPartners.org](http://KinshipPartners.org).

**Essentia Health** clinics will be offering 10-minute scheduled appointments during a **flu shot clinic** in the **month of October**. Clinics in Baxter, Brainerd, Crosslake, Emily, Hackensack, Pequot Lakes, Pierz, Pillager and Pine River will vary with dates and times. Call 218-828-7100 to schedule an appointment at the clinic near you.

**The Heartland Animal Rescue Team** (or HART) and all the helpless abandoned, abused and neglected animals of the community are in desperate **need of immediate financial help**. The community has always stepped up in a time of need and they are hoping this plea is no different. The past year has been a struggle financially and it continues to be. Due to circumstances beyond their control HART has lost impound contracts with several municipalities when they voted to use a shelter that did not charge for services. HART cannot compete with a foundation that has an endless supply of revenue. Please help HART keep moving forward with continued care of the victims of society, the animals. They need your support at this difficult time. You can donate directly at the shelter, with credit or debit card over the phone or check mailed to HART 15494 Dellwood Drive in Brainerd. The HART Team thanks you for caring. More at [HARTPets.org](http://HARTPets.org).

## **10/8 - 10/14**

**October 7 - 13 is Fire Prevention Week.** This year's theme is "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere". Brainerd Firefighters would like to remind everyone to test your smoke alarms regularly and replace the batteries when needed. Smoke alarms have a shelf life; if yours are 10 years old or older, replace the entire unit as soon as possible. Plan ahead how you will escape a fire in your home, create and practice home escape routes. Every second counts.

**Mon. Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> is "Find Foster Parents Day"** in Minnesota and the Crow Wing County foster care licensors will be at the Westgate Mall in Brainerd in an effort to recruit foster care providers. If you or someone you know has questions about foster care, stop by the mall between 10:00 and 5:00 that day.

**Two U.S. Congressional candidates** will participate in an **October debate** in the Brainerd Lakes area. Republican Pete Stauber and Democrat Joe Radinovich will discuss policy issues and make their case to Minnesota's 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District voters at 6:30 on **Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** at Madden's Resort in Brainerd. KSTP 5 Eyewitness News anchor and Brainerd native Kevin Doran will moderate the debate. The event is presented by the Brainerd Lakes Chamber of Commerce and the League of Women Voters. Attendance is open to everyone, but advance registrations are required. Register online at [BrainerdLakesChamber.com/debate](http://BrainerdLakesChamber.com/debate) or by calling 218-822-7107. Doors will open at 5:30.

A **fall mission "Living a Life Fully Alive in Christ"** will be presented at **Saint Andrews Catholic Church** in Brainerd **Mon, Tues, Weds Oct 8-10** at 7:00 pm. The mission will feature Hallie Lord (A radio host and author) along with Fr. Kyle Manno, and will address: Overcoming Fear and Finding Peace. Each night before the mission all are welcome for Mass at 5:30 and supper to follow in the social hall at St. Andrew's. These events are open to all who wish to attend and there is no charge.

It's that time of year again for a **Fall Clean Up Days at Wild and Free Animal Rehabilitation Center** in Garrison. **From Oct. 8-13<sup>th</sup>**, the crew is looking for help with cleaning inside the building AND they could really use help with moving wood chips into the coyote and bear pens. The sheds could also use some organizing. If you are able to help anytime during the week, contact Mary Roach at 952-594-9273.

It's time for another **Brainerd Lakes Chamber Business After Hours...** hosted by the Brainerd Dispatch. The Dispatch will host the event on **Tues. Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>** from 4:30-6:00 at their location in Brainerd. As a courtesy to the host, please RSVP online at [ExploreBrainerdLakes.com](http://ExploreBrainerdLakes.com) or call 829-2838. The event is free to attend.

The public is invited to the **Nisswa Fire Department** for its annual **Open House** as part of fire safety week. The open house will be held on **Tues. Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00-9:00pm. Guests will enjoy fire safety demonstrations, the DNR's Smokey the Bear, North Ambulance, North Air Care, Fire Safe House, Bounce House, and more! Free Hot Dogs and Soda will be served. All are welcome!

The **Pequot Lakes Fire Department** will host its annual **Fire Prevention Open House** from 4:00-7:00 on **Wed. Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>** at the Pequot Lakes Fire Hall. There will be fire safety demonstrations, fun activities for kids, along with fire truck rides. Hot dogs, chips and juice will be served. The event is free to attend as part of Fire Prevention Week.

**Region Five Development Commission** is hosting a **community meeting** at Sprout in Little Falls on Wed. Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. You are invited to join our community conversation to learn about building a Minnesota where we can all thrive. This is for residents of Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena counties. We need your ideas and your voice because we all contribute to and benefit from a thriving, inclusive economy. Visit [regionfive.org](http://regionfive.org) to register today!

**Pine Mountaineer Senior Center** on Front Street in Backus will host a **Customer Appreciation/Anniversary Day** on **Wed. Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>** from 10:45 to 1:00. The meal will consist of spaghetti, meatballs and garlic toast for just \$5.00. Free cake, milk and coffee, too! Pine Mountaineer serves a home cooked hot meal every Wednesday at a low price to all. They average about 125 people each week which come from all over our area. The \$5 helps cover the food and operating cost of their building. Any remaining profit is donated to local charities. Our Facebook page is Backus Senior Center. Call 218-947-3844 for more information.

Join **master storyteller and historian Alan Bohme** for an informative workshop titled **Judaism and the Holocaust** from 6:00-7:30 **Wed. Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>** in Room K114 at Pequot Lakes High School. The cost is \$5. To register, contact the Pequot Lakes Community Ed office at 568-9200 or log on to [ISD186.org](http://ISD186.org) and click on 'community education.'

The **Geritol Frolics** presents their show "**The Final Curtain.**" The show will continue its run **Thurs. Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, Fri. Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> and Sun. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>** at 1:30. There will also be a 7:30 show on **Sat. Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>**. All shows are performed at the Franklin Art Center in Brainerd. Tickets are \$15 and \$17. Get tickets online at [GeritolFrolics.com](http://GeritolFrolics.com) or by calling 825-4993. All seats are reserved (and no refunds). This will be the last show for the Geritol Frolics.

Join **CLC Performing Arts** for **Happy Hour for A Cause** on **Thurs. Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>** at Prairie Bay in Baxter. For a minimum \$15 donation at the door, enjoy light appetizers from Prairie Bay and wine tasting from Cash Wise Liquor in Baxter from 5:00-7:00. All proceeds will go to community outreach events sponsored by CLC Performing Arts. RSVPs are appreciated. Call 855-8199 to reserve your spot.

A **Mid-Minnesota Women's Center** fundraiser called **Luminating Life** will be held on **Thurs. Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>** at the Luminary Fern, located in the historic Clocktower at Northern Pacific Center in Brainerd. Ms. United States Alyssa Deltorre will speak at the event, which begins at 5:30. Guests will enjoy food from Prairie Bay Grill & Catering, a cash bar, music, silent auction and a wine/liquor lottery! Tickets are limited; they are \$50 and can be purchased at EventBrite.com. Every dollar raised at the event will go directly to the women's center's efforts to end domestic violence!

The **Mid Minnesota Builders Association** invites the public to the **Lumber & Lace Fashion Show** on **Thurs. Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>** the NP Event Space in Brainerd. Show starts at 5:30. Lumber & Lace is an abstract fashion show dedicated to bringing attention to the local building industry, showcasing the creativity and resourcefulness of the industry professionals, while raising funds and awareness for local causes. Tickets (before 10/4 are \$35.) are \$40 after 10/4. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity and tools In Our Schools program. For more information, contact the MMBA office at 218-829-4982 or visit [MidMNBA.org](http://MidMNBA.org).

The **Brainerd Lakes Chamber** invites the public to a **Candidate Forum** on **Fri. Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>** at Yesterday's Gone in downtown Brainerd. This forum will feature the candidates running for Brainerd and Baxter City Councils. It will start at 7:30am. For more information, visit [ExploreBrainerdLakes.com](http://ExploreBrainerdLakes.com).

It's time for the **Raise The Barn Fundraiser** on **Fri. Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>** at the NP Event space in Brainerd. This event sells out quickly and this year they will have a shabby chic Barn dance that you won't want to miss. Bluewater Kings band along with a large online silent auction and an amazing meal. It's a great date night for a wonderful cause... the **Brighter Days Foundation**, which helps bring smiles to very sick children in our community. The event runs from 6:00-10:00. Tickets are available online at [BrighterDaysFoundation.org/tickets](http://BrighterDaysFoundation.org/tickets).

**The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention** and **Out of the Darkness Community Walks** will host a **Walk To Fight Suicide** on **Sat. Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>** at The Pines at Grandview Lodge. The **Nisswa Out of the Darkness Community Walk** will begin registration at 9:00 that morning. The Walk will take place from 10:00-12:00 and is free to attend, however donations will be welcomed and encouraged. When you walk in the Out of the Darkness Walks, you join the effort with hundreds of thousands of people to raise awareness and funds that allow the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) to invest in new research, create educational programs, advocate for public policy, and support survivors of suicide loss. Register in advance at [www.AFSP.org/nisswa](http://www.AFSP.org/nisswa).

The **Crosby Volunteer Fire Department** will host its annual **Open House** on **Sat. Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>** from 4:00-7:00pm. Guests will get to check out the fire trucks and equipment, and enjoy games, demos and free hot dogs! This event will take place the last day of Fire Prevention Week. All are welcome!

Old Fashion Races, prizes, pumpkins, an inflatable slide, crafts, pie eating/throwing contests, horseback rides and MORE await at The **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Pumpkin Festival** on **Sat. Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>** in Gregory Park in Brainerd. The event is hosted by the Brainerd Parks and Recreation, Brainerd Lakes Area Women of Today, Outback Trail Rides, Traveling Art Pub, Walmart, Winners Trophy & Engraving. It will run from 1:00-4:00 and is free to attend!

**Faith Baptist Church** in Brainerd is hosting a **Fall Family Festival** on **Sat. Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>** And everyone is invited! The festival will be held from 1:00-4:00 outdoors on the church grounds. (They're on the east end of Brainerd as you head south on Hwy 25). There will be games, hayrides, door prizes for the adults, treats, prizes, and just plain FUN. The event is FREE to attend!

**First Lutheran Church in Pine River** will host its annual **Lutefisk Dinner** and everyone is invited! The dinner will be held on **Sat. Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>** from 3:30-7:00 (or when the fish is gone). The cost is \$15 for adults...\$6.00 for children 5-12. The menu includes lutefisk, Swedish meatballs, squash, coleslaw, potatoes, lefse and dessert.

The family and friends of **Jodi McGaffey** invites the public to a **benefit** for Jodi on **Sat. Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>** at the Lake Region Christian School in Brainerd. Jodi was recently diagnosed with colon cancer for the second time and will be undergoing radiation and chemotherapy. The benefit will run from 3:00-7:00 where a pulled pork supper will be served with a free will donation. There will also be a silent auction and gun drawing. For more info, visit Facebook and search McGaffey Benefit.

The **Crossing Arts Alliance** in Brainerd will host its **Second Saturday for Kids** event on **Sat. Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>**. The theme is **Harvest Time Arty Party**. Classes are held from 10:00-11:30 and again from 12:00-1:30 at the Crossing Arts Alliance in downtown Brainerd...711 Laurel Street. A \$3 per child (or \$5 per family) materials donation is requested. To register, visit [CrossingArts.org](http://CrossingArts.org) or call 833-0416.

The **Pelican Lakes Conservation Club** invites everyone to another **Pancake Breakfast** on **Sat. Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>** from 7:30-11:00 at the club off County Road 4 in Breezy Point. The Pelican Lakes Conservation Club volunteers will be serving a full breakfast including Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs with Ham & Cheese, Sausage, Biscuits & Sausage Gravy, Orange Juice and coffee. Tickets are \$7 for ages 6 and older....free to children 5 and younger. Purchase tickets at the door.

The **Annual Fall Arts & Crafts Festival** will be held on **Sat. Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>** at the Brainerd High School. The festival runs from 9:30-4:00. Enjoy over 150 Exhibitors and refreshments. Admission is free.

The Continental Ballet's "**Sleeping Beauty**" will be performed at the Chalberg Theater on the CLC Brainerd Campus on **Sat. Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 AND 7:00! Tickets are \$17 for adults... \$13 for those under 18. Get tickets online at [CLCPerformingArts.com](http://CLCPerformingArts.com) or by calling 855-8199.

## **10/15 – 10/21**

A **candidate forum** has been scheduled for **Mon. Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>** for candidates for the **Brainerd School Board**. The forum will begin at 6:30 at the Washington Education Services building in Brainerd. It is free to attend.

The **Motley United Methodist Church** invites everyone to its **Fall Harvest Turkey Dinner** on **Wed. Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>** from 4:30-6:30. It's a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. You'll also enjoy music by Rod Enberg. \$10 for adults.... \$5.00 for 6-12 year olds....5 and under are free. Motley UMC is on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South in Motley.

Monsters are waiting for those who are not scared of the dark at the **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Haunted Trail** at **the Northland Arboretum**. From 7:00-9:00pm Fri. and **Sat., Oct. 19-20<sup>th</sup>**, the Arboretum trails turn thrilling and chilling for those who enjoy a little shock and gore. The mile and a half-long trail is broken into "scare sections" which are run by volunteers. Ticket prices are \$10/person and will be available at the door. Advanced tickets, to help avoid the lines, are available at the Visitors Center, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4:30 and on weekends, 10 am to 4 pm.

**Essentia Health St. Joseph's Medical Center** and the **Pay It Forward Brainerd Lakes Cancer Fund** present the first annual **Rock It Forward** event on **Sat. Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>** at Pine Peaks Wedding & Event Center north of Crosslake. The evening will feature ZEPPO, playing the music of Led Zepplin, with special guest, lakes area favorite Wyld Ryce. The event is for all ages, as in addition to the music, there will be a cash bar, non-alcoholic beverages, food from Maucieris and more! Tickets are \$20 with all proceeds going to the Fund. Get tickets online at : [BrownPaperTickets.com/event/3601916](http://BrownPaperTickets.com/event/3601916) or at the door. The Pay It Forward Fund helps provide financial assistance for basic living expenses to lakes area residents who are undergoing cancer treatment.

A **benefit** called "**Baggin' To Beat Leukemia**" will be held on **Sun. Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>** at the Pelican Lak Ballroom in Avon in support of **Theresa Lamser Gerads** who recently was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia, began chemo and is now awaiting match results for a stem cell transplant. The benefit will be held from 11:00-6:00 and include a chicken dinner, bean bag tournament and silent auction. When the transplant happens, Theresa will need to be at Hope Lodge in the Twin Cities for 3 months. The money raised will help the family with medical bills and expenses. For more info, call 320-266-4635. Monetary donations can also be made or mailed to any Central MN Credit Union, attention Theresa Gerads Benefit.

**Sober Squad** presents: **Rising To Recovery Walk** on **Sun. Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>** at Lum Park in Brainerd. The event, that will run from 11:00-4:00, hopes to empower people who are in recovery, add value to recovery, raise awareness to the drug problem in our community and support those who support people who are in recovery. There will be food, fun, games, fellowship and music... and a number of prizes! Organizers say, "we don't want your money, just show up and show support." For more info, contact Nicholas at 218-821-0892.