

CORONA-TIMES PSAs

WEEK OF 7 / 27 / 20

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 due to Covid 19.

As a special thank-you, those who come to give blood in July will automatically be entered for a chance to win an authentic WONDER WOMAN 1984 movie prop replica package identical to those used in the film.

Tues.	7/28	9:00-2:00	American Legion in Nisswa
Wed.	7/29	12:00-6:00	Emily City Hall in Emily
Thurs.	7/30	10:00-4:00	Camp Ripley in Little Falls
Wed.	8/5	12:00-6:00	American Legion in Pequot Lakes
Thurs.	8/6	9:00-2:00	American Legion in Pequot Lakes
Fri.	8/7	12:00-6:00	Church of J.C. of Latter Day St. in Brainerd
Mon.	8/10	12:00-5:00	First Lutheran Church in Aitkin
Tues.	8/11	12:00-6:00	First Lutheran Church in Aitkin
Wed.	8/12	12:00-6:00	First Lutheran Church in Aitkin
Thurs.	8/13	11:00-5:00	First Baptist Church in Long Prairie
Thurs.	8/13	12:00-6:00	Community Center in McGregor
Fri.	8/14	12:00-6:00	St. Mathias Catholic Church in Fort Ripley
Fri.	8/14	12:00-6:00	Fellowship Bible Church in Pierz
Fri.	8/14	1:00-6:00	Shoe Sensation in Baxter

7/27-8/2

Central Lakes College students and their families are invited to attend **"All Set For Fall 2020,"** a virtual event held **Mon. – Fri., July 27-31.** This unique event is similar to an open house for newly enrolled students. ASFF helps students and families address lingering questions related to college finances, campus supports and resources, course registration and schedules, academic programs, student life and more. ASFF will be held virtually via Zoom from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. July 27-31. It's designed to accommodate students' busy personal lives. Students can attend any number of sessions on any of the days. Only a one-time RSVP is required. Students can sign up: www.clcmn.edu/new-student-orientation-day/. You can still apply for fall semester! Do so at clcmn.edu.

Join **Region 5 Children's Museum** as they host **Business After Hours** on **Tues. July 28** from 4:30-6:00 at the potential future location in Lum Park. The 612 Station will serve utensil free appetizers and beverages, including beer and wine. Prizes will be given out. Everyone is invited to learn more about the Chamber and gain exposure for their business by attending this free event. Business After Hours attendees pass the microphone and introduce themselves to the group, so bring your business cards and get ready to network. As a courtesy to the host, please RSVP through the Brainerd Lakes Chamber website or call 829-2838.

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As part of Gov. Walz's executive order on statewide masking, Crow Wing County chambers of commerce will receive 42-thousand **disposable masks** TO BUSINESSES to help provide them to customers who might forget to bring one. The state will ship 4-million masks to chambers throughout the state with the Brainerd Lakes Chamber expecting to receive some this week. Businesses may indicate their desired quantity by completing a short survey **BY 12:00 noon, Wed. July 29th**. The survey can be found online at TinyURL.com/BizMasks. For More information, contact the Brainerd Lakes Chamber.

The public is invited to meet the **new Executive Director of the Northland Arboretum**, Candice Zimmerman, at a **social** planned for **Wed. July 29th** from 4:00-6:00 at the Arb in Brainerd/Baxter. All are welcome.

Join the **Northland Arboretum** for a "**Naturally Speaking**" **Nature Hike with Master Naturalists** every Thursday at 10:30 at the Arb in Brainerd. Every week covers a new and different topic about nature...everything from bugs to scat, tracks to butterflies!. The "class" is free to Arb members. Non-members pay \$5 gate fee. Meet at the Holden Gazebo! For info, visit NorthlandArb.org or call 829-8770. (The next event is **Thurs. July 30**).

A peaceful **rally** in **support of human trafficking victims** will be taking place in Baxter by the Pizza Hut will be taking place on **Thurs. July 30th** from 4:00-6:00. All are welcome.

The final day to place your peach order is **Fri. July 31st** as part of the **11th Annual Peach-A-Palooza** hosted by **Brainerd Rotary** as a fundraiser for humanitarian projects! The peaches come from an orchard that has been operating since 1975 in Washington state. The peaches are picked when they are ripe so delivery will depend on growing conditions, but should be around mid-August. Order one layer (18-24 peaches) for \$23.... Or 2 layers (36-48 peaches) for \$40. Order them now at BrainerdRotary.org.

Full Tummies - Weekend Edition has just gotten bigger and better at the **Baxter Cafe!** We are pleased to announce the Full Tummies program will now provide free weekend lunches to "anyone" regardless of age. **The Brainerd Outreach Program** is also providing each family with a set of prepacked meals. If you know anyone who might benefit, just have them call The Baxter Café (218) 829-1739, on Saturday mornings, between 8am and 10:30am to order meals to be picked up, curbside, between 11:30 am and 12:30pm. They will be running all summer, including THIS **Sat. Aug. 1st**. Let's make sure everyone has enough to eat!

Shop, Eat and have FUN during **Crazy Days in Pequot Lakes Fri. & Sat. July 31st and Aug. 1st**. Over 26 of Pequot Lakes' businesses and restaurants will be offering great deals and fun sales on many products and services. Vendors will be in town doing the same! For more info, visit CommunityActionPequotLakes.org.

Due to the ever-changing pandemic situation, the **Warehouse in Pine River** has made the hard decision to **cancel the Garage Sale & Flea Market** fundraising event that was scheduled for Aug. 1st. The Warehouse is committed to continuing to serve the community even in the midst of these challenging times and appreciates the ongoing support from individuals, businesses, and the community-at-large. If you are interested in supporting the Warehouse after-school program, you can donate by going to the website at TheWarehousePR.org or by calling 218-587-5404. The Warehouse, Sharing and Serving the Pine River-Backus area since 2003, call or click today to see how you can help.

The **2020 Crosslake Music Series in Town Square** continues each Saturday this summer and the concerts are free to attend. Please bring your family, each with a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the show (while practicing social distancing). The music will play from 6:00-8:00. On **Sat. Aug. 1st**, enjoy the country music sounds of the Honkey Tonk Stardust Cowboys. Learn more at Crosslake.com.

The **City of Pequot Lakes** presents the 2020 Season of **Bands In The Park**, each Saturday evening from 7:00-9:00 at Trailside Park and all are welcome. The concerts are free to attend, but please bring a lawn chair or blanket and adhere to the COVID-19 Guidelines by practicing social distancing. The band performing on **Sat. Aug. 1st** will be the Muddy Water Band that features Country and 50's music.

8/3 – 8/9

How would you like to name the infamous Deer of Deerwood? The **"Name Our Deer Contest"** will run from **Aug. 3rd through Aug. 15th**. Every year, our Deerwood Deer is dressed up in different apparel to go with the changes in season. You will see the Deer wearing Blaze Orange during hunting season, a red nose and Santa hat during Christmas, and even now the Deer is doing its part to stop the virus spread and wearing a face mask. But the Deer does not have a name, and that is about to change. During the weeks of August 3rd through August 15th, anyone can email their suggested names for our "Dear" Deer to **Info@DeerwoodCommerce.com**. Each emailed submission must contain your suggested name for the Deer, your name and your telephone number. One submission per person, no early or late entries accepted. The week of August 18th, Deerwood Civic & Commerce will narrow the names down to 5 (best or 5 most suggested??) and Deerwood City Council will vote (by email) on the final name no later than August 20th. The winning name and winner will be announced at the live concert, and over the air on 8/22. This event will be heavily promoted by Hubbard Radio, as well as by the Cuyuna Chamber, Courier, and The Brainerd Dispatch.

Brainerd Community Theater will present the up-beat musical **"The Marvelous Wonderettes"** the **week of August 3** outdoors at the Brainerd Campus of CLC starting each night at 6:30. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for those under 18 and will be sold **ONLY** on day of performance, and **ONLY** on site. No phone or online sales. General admission, first-come, first served. Cash or check only, no credit cards. Box office opens one hour prior to the show (5:30 p.m., with a 6:30 curtain time). Park in the south lot of Central Lakes College. Exit off College Drive onto Mississippi Parkway (look for signs at each of the roundabouts on College Drive). We ask that you bring your own lawn chair. There will be limited space for on-the-ground seating. Oh, and bring your own bug spray. Seating areas will be marked that maintain proper social distancing. We encourage you to wear a face covering. Performers are distanced 15 feet from the first row of seating. Our ushers and box office staff will be masked and gloved. Hand sanitizer is available to all. We will be monitoring the weather, and will make a final determination as to whether the show goes on 1 hour prior to the starting time of 6:30 p.m.

Be sure to set your appetites on the **MN Adult & Teen Challenge Café at the Fair Food Fundraiser**, scheduled for **Thurs. – Sat. Aug. 6 – 8th** at Central MN Adult & Teen Challenge on Business 371 in Brainerd. From 11:00-8:00 each day, they will be hosting a drive-in offering Freedom Fries and many other yummy fair favorites, without the crowds! Drive into their parking lot and get a personal menu...follow the signs to place your order and pay... pull into an assigned parking spot and wait for your food, then drive away with all your favorites (burgers, brats, HOPE dogs, salad, cheese curds, mini donuts, cotton candy and more)! All proceeds will go toward the programming of the Brainerd Campus clients. Learn more at MNTC.org.

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Boy Scout Troop 100 and **Garrison Bay Lake Area Lions Club** present "**Honey, I Shrunk The Kids**" – a movie night with scouts & Cuyuna Range and Garrison Area Caregivers **Food Shelf Fundraiser**, on **Sat. Aug. 8th** starting at 7:00. The movie will be shown at the Deerwood Ball Field on E. Broadway in Deerwood. Bring a blanket or lawn chair – seating space includes physical distancing and face masks ARE REQUIRED. Tickets are free, but only 250 people allowed total. Get tickets online at DeerwoodCommerce.org. No phone or email orders will be accepted. Concessions will be available. No coolers, large bags or glass containers allowed. No alcohol or tobacco allowed on the grounds. Please bring a food shelf donation, hygiene or baby items donations, which will be collected near the concession area.

MISC.....

As the national pandemic continues, **Cuyuna Regional Medical Center** is again calling on community members for donations of hand-sewn cloth face masks to protect its patients and visitors. Masks may be safely donated Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. at CRMC's main entrance screening station. For answers to any donation questions or an alternative time to make a donation, please contact Jennifer Podsiadly at Jennifer.podsiadly@cuyunamed.org or 218-545-4455.

The **2020 Walk to End Alzheimer's** will still be happening on **Sat. Sept. 26th** because Alzheimer's Disease doesn't stop – and neither do we! Although it may look a little different this year, the walking will take place and will still make a difference in our community. Families living with Alzheimer's and other dementias need us more than ever! Start a team or donate **today** at ALZ.org/Walk. Then get ready to walk wherever you would like on that day! You'll be able to watch a recorded Opening Ceremony starting at 10:00 and even track your walk on an App! We're still walking, just not all together in one spot. If you want to get a T-Shirt and flags to place in your yard, gather and submit at least the \$100 needed and the items will be shipped to you! **You MUST get that in no later than AUGUST 26th**, one month prior to The Walk.

Essentia Health's visitor policy has been updated to protect patients and staff from the transmission of COVID-19 while also keeping in mind the emotional well-being of our patients. Beginning immediately (7/13/20), one visitor per patient per day will be allowed at Essentia Health facilities. Visitors are permitted between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily. This policy applies to all clinic appointments, inpatient and procedural patient care areas, including the emergency department. Adult COVID-19 patients will not be allowed visitors except in end of life situations. Some exceptions in the case of critically unstable patients, end-of-life situations and patients for whom a support person has been determined to be essential to the care and safety of the patient will apply. All those who enter an Essentia Health facility will undergo screening processes including a variety of questions and having your temperature taken. Visitors will be required to wear a mask at all times inside the facility, frequently clean their hands, remain in the room of the patient they are visiting and practice social distancing. You can find the full policy on our website at www.EssentiaHealth.org.

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Big Woods Big River is an introduction to the natural history of Minnesota's deciduous forests. Classroom presentations, outdoor activities and field trips provide opportunities for participants to explore and learn about this biome that expands from Central to Southeastern Minnesota. Participants work together towards completing a capstone project. The course is designed for adult learning of skills and techniques to share knowledge or provide citizen science through Master Naturalist volunteer activities. **The 40-hour course will run August 18 - October 27, 2020**, with weekly meetups and two full-day field trips. The course cost is \$295 and includes course manuals and supplies. To register for the course go to minnesotamasternaturalist.org/courses/. If the course cost is a hardship, please fill out the (<https://z.umn.edu/mnatscholarship2020>). After the scholarship is fully processed, you will receive a code to be entered in the on-line registration process. Please wait until you receive that code to complete registration.

"Salute To The Arts" is a well-received and energizing annual juried exhibit held at **The Crossing Arts** Gallery that highlights exceptional, fresh, new work from area artists. They are looking for your best work yet from the past year! All mediums will be considered, including, but not limited to painting, photography, drawing, printmaking, mixed media, fiber, and sculpture. The theme: **Art To Wear: Textiles & Beyond**. Deadline for submission: August 5, 2020. (Online Exhibition Dates: September 4 - September 25) Art to Wear seeks to discover and showcase wearable art that will dazzle and capture the imagination of viewers for this runway show. All entries must be wearable for the virtual runway show. Visit our website for more information on both of these upcoming exhibitions, full exhibition rules, and our online submission form at CrossingArts.org.

For more than a decade the **Lakes Area Music Festival** has provided opportunities for our audience to learn, grow, and better understand the music that we perform. This season is no different! This summer we will host several series of video presentations:

- Introductory Symphony 101 talks co-hosted by conductor Christian Reif and Associate Artistic Director John Taylor Ward, held Saturday mornings;
- In depth explorations of musical topics hosted by guest lecturer Allison Chu, a Ph.D student in Music History at Yale University, on Tuesday mornings.
- Each presentation will be interactive - hosted on Zoom - allowing you to ask questions along the way. Please pre-register at the link below. Each talk will begin at 10 a.m. (CST) and last about 45 minutes.

On Friday, June 12, Crow Wing County officially **opened** the gate allowing access to the **Historic Fire Tower in Pequot Lakes**. The tower is named after former County Commissioner Paul M. Thiede for his vision and leadership in protecting the tower. The park is now open sunrise to sunset, seven days a week. An ADA accessible vaulted toilet has been installed near the parking lot, and a large picnic shelter is located just a short distance down the main trail. The Paul M. Thiede Fire Tower Park is located at 5230 County Road 11, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472, approximately one mile east of downtown Pequot Lakes.

This year, the **Nisswa Chamber of Commerce** is delaying the **Turtle Races** in order to maintain event integrity in keeping with Minnesota's social distancing guidelines. In the meantime, we are hosting the Turtle Trek Scavenger Hunt! This is a great way to experience everything downtown Nisswa has to offer, enjoy the outdoors, support local business and continue our turtle traditions! We can't WAIT to see you in Nisswa! Visit Facebook and search Nisswa Chamber of Commerce to learn more and to register for the Turtle Trek.

The **Crossing Arts Alliance is open** with new hours and new procedures in place to stay safe. Curbside service is available Tuesdays – Fridays from 10:00-3:00. Shopping can be done by appointment Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00-3:00. Open to the public shopping will take place Thursday and Fridays from 10:00-3:00 with a limit of 6 visitors in the building at a time. Masks will be required. Make sure to ask about their **Crossing Arts Button Fundraiser!** You design the buttons...they make them for you! CrossingArts.org/resources.

Registration Open for the **2020 BLACF Award in Philanthropy** Dinner Virtually and/or at Crosslake Lutheran Church (if able to do in person) on **Tues. Sept. 22** at 5:30 pm. NEW THIS YEAR - Virtual and On-site Event Sponsorships & Tickets Available! \$400 Table sponsorships - 4 ppl. with social distancing or a Virtual Table for your 10 Heroes. \$50 for individual tickets. A portion of your cost will go to support the BLA Response Fund. CONTACT – Karl Samp, Executive Director: 218-824-5633. www.CommunityGiving.org/Events

Nutritious lunches will be available to area youth again this summer through the **Cuyuna Lakes Lunch Bunch**, a free program organized by area churches and **Cuyuna Regional Medical Center**. The lunches are available on weekdays starting NOW through **Friday, Sept. 4**. They will be at the following locations: 11:15 to 11:35 a.m. in Ironton at Grandpa's Park; 11:45 a.m.-12:05 p.m. at Crosby Food Shelf, 302 Cross Ave.; and 12:15 to 12:35 p.m. in Deerwood at Veteran's Park across from the American Legion. Volunteers preparing and distributing lunches will take all safety precautions including wearing gloves and masks. The Cuyuna Lakes Lunch Bunch's goal is to provide meals for students who normally receive free or reduced lunches through school programs. The lunches are prepared and distributed by several local volunteers. For more information contact Ellen Brandt at St. Vincent de Paul, eltrbrandt@gmail.com.

Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity is excited to announce that it has **re-opened its ReStore!** The new hours of operation after that will be Wed-Fri from 9:30 – 4:30 and on Saturdays from 9:30-2:30. They are limiting the number of shoppers in the store at a time and no one under age 16 is allowed. All purchases must be picked up at the time of sale and they are strongly recommending that guests wear a mask, but it is not required. For more info, call 218-828-8517 or visit LakesAreaHabitat.org.

The **Lakes Area Farmer's Markets** are up and running for the season! The markets are open **TUESDAYS** from 8:00-12:30 at The Franklin Arts Center parking lot... **THURSDAYS** from 8:00 – 12:30 at the Nisswa American Legion... and on **FRIDAYS** from 8:00-12:30 at the Vikingland Harley Davidson parking lot in Brainerd. Due to COVID-19, they will have a hand washing station at each market and ask that you wash your hands going IN and coming OUT of the market. They ask that you not touch any of the products/food..the vendor will get it for you. And they do NOT REQUIRE, but they do encourage you to wear a mask.

The **Little Falls Farmer's Market** takes place every **WEDNESDAY** and **SATURDAY** from 7:00-12:00 in the parking lot of the Boys & Girls Club in Little Falls (509 W. Broadway). Fresh produce and crafted items available.

The **Aitkin Farmers' Market** at Butler's Building is now open every **Sat.** through Labor Day. Located in the parking lot of the historic Butler building at 301 Minnesota Avenue North, it is open from 9 am to 1 pm. For more information call 219 678 2441.

The **Ideal Farmer's Market** is open every **Sat.** at the Ideal Green Market on County Road 39 in Pequot Lakes and runs from 9:00-1:00. For more information and an update on available produce, visit IdealGreenMarket.com.

The **Crosby Farmer's Market** is held in Crosby at the Main Street Plaza on the corner of Cross and Main Streets from 9:00-12:00 every **Saturday**. (They accept SNAP/EBT transactions). For info, visit Facebook and search Cuyuna Range Farmers Market.

Twice weekly **family story times** are available on the **Brainerd Public Library** Facebook page: Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. and Thursday 11:15 a.m. This is a great way to experience our newest picture books which are also available for check out.

Bridges of Hope has now begun offering **weekly lunch packs**. These packs will include enough bread, peanut butter and jelly for 1 sandwich per day per person. The packs will also include several snack-type offerings. It will depend upon what they are able to purchase, but will be things like granola bars, snack crackers, and fruit cups. Bridges of Hope needs money to make this happen. Bridges of Hope is Operation Sandwich's fiscal agent and will be processing all donations. To learn more, visit Facebook and search **Operation Sandwich**.

Common Goods in Baxter and Crosslake are once again **accepting donations**. They will accept them Monday through Friday, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. However, due to COVID-19, we are asking that you call ahead to determine our ability and availability to accept donations. (218) 825-7682. You may call our stores to set up an appointment time for later in the week. They'll need to know how many boxes and bags you plan to donate. Due to new safety protocols, you will be required to wear a mask when donating your items. They will not accept any loose items or clothing on hangers. All clothing/ linens must be in bags. All shoes must be in bags. All hard goods must be in boxes or totes with lids or covers so that they can stack items.

Crow Wing County Household Hazardous Waste facility will open for the season on **Thurs. May 21st** at the Crow Wing County Landfill and is a free service for all CWC residents. HHW will be open the second Wednesday and second Saturday of each month from 8:00-4:00, through September. This is a time to dispose of old paint cans, cleaners, automotive products, rechargeable batteries and other chemicals. Upon arrival at the site, stop in front of the Landfill Office and an attendant will direct you how to proceed. Due to the pandemic, all items brought in must be on a trailer, in your trunk or in your trunk bed. You must remain in your vehicle. And the Product Exchange will not be open until further notice. For more info, visit CrowWing.us and search Household Hazardous Waste or call 824-1290.

The **Crow Wing County Landfill has moved to its summer hours** of operation. The landfill will be open Monday through Saturday from 8 am to 5 pm. During these expanded hours the landfill is open to accept household garbage, fiberglass boats, mattresses, furniture, mobile homes, and other items for proper disposal. Due to COVID-19 and to ensure everyone's safety, all customers bringing material to the landfill for disposal must remain in their vehicles. Landfill staff will come out of the main office to assist customers if needed. Customers utilizing the landfill must stop at the landfill office and speak with the attendant to discuss the items to be disposed, pay any fees, and receive directions to the proper drop-off locations. All loads coming to the landfill must be covered, and uncovered loads are subject to a \$5 fee. For items that CAN / CANNOT be brought to the landfill, visit CrowWing.us.

Crow Wing County... regarding has resources for those suffering from mental health issues at this time:

- Call 911 only if you or someone is in danger and an immediate response is required.
 - Call the Crisis Line at 1-218-828-HELP (4357) or 1-800-462-5525 if you need to talk to a trained mental health volunteer who can also connect you with a mental health professional as well as our local Mobile Crisis Team. The Crisis Line and the Mobile Crisis Team are available 24/7.
 - Text MN to 741741 to connect with a Crisis Counselor.
 - Call the Warm Line at 1-844-739-6369 between 5:00 pm and 9:00 am every night to talk to a peer recovery support person. The Warm Line provides a listening ear if you are feeling isolated, depressed or anxious.
 - If you have questions specific to Minnesota COVID-19 there are two hotlines available; Community mitigation questions: 1-651-297-1304 or 1-800-657-3504 7 am to 7 pm or Health questions such as symptoms, testing and exposure call 1- 651-201-3920 or 1-800-657-3903 7 am to 7 pm People with pre-existing mental health conditions should continue with their treatment and be aware if they are experiencing new or worsening symptoms.

You can now shop at **Common Goods Thrift Shop** from the comfort of your couch! They've created an online store for each location (Baxter and Crosslake). You can have items shipped to you or opt for the contactless, curbside pickup! Purchases support Bridges of Hope. Visit CommonGoodsBaxter.company.site or CommonGoodsCrosslake.company.site, whichever you prefer!