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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.	9/12	9:00-3:00	Pine River State Bank in Pine River
Wed	9/13	9:00-3:00	Morrison County Government Center in Little Falls
Wed.	9/13	10:00-4:00	Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union in Aitkin
Thurs.	9/14	8:00-2:00	Camp Ripley in Little Falls
Fri.	9/15	11:00-5:00	Faith Lutheran Church in Isle
Mon.	9/18	12:00-6:00	The Church of J.C. Latter Day Saints in Brainerd
Tues.	9/19	12:00-6:00	The Church of J.C. Latter Day Saints in Brainerd

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.

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 **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**. Visit BrainerdLakesAreaWomenOfToday.org to order your flock!

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.

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Join **Lakes Area Habitat For Humanity and The ReSotre** as they host **Business After Hours** on **Tues. Sept. 12th** from 4:30-6:00 at their new location in the East Brainerd Mall. While attending this networking event, you can also enjoy appetizers (pulled pork sliders, smoked chicken and lavender salad wraps from B*Merri) and beverages (water, lemonade and cash bar), possibly win prizes and learn more about LAHFH. If you plan to attend, please RSVP online at BrainerdLakesChamber.com.

Head to **Jack Pine Brewery** in Baxter for another **Pints for a Purpose** on **Wed. Sept. 13th** from 5:00-8:00. During that time, \$1 from every pint sold will be donated to **The Outreach Program Brainerd Lakes Area** and \$1 from every pint will be paid for by Party Time Rental! Food will be available from 3 Cheers Hospitality and there will be entertainment by Luke Friedrich. See you there!

The **Confidence Learning Center** will host its annual **Camp (rummage) Sale** from 7:00-5:00 on **Thurs. Sept. 14th**... from 8:00-3:00 on **Fri. Sept. 15th** ... and from 8:00-12:00 on **Sat. Sept. 16th** at the camp (on Mary Fawcett Memorial Drive) in Brainerd. Get great deals on household goods, clothing, toys, tools, furniture and much more! All proceeds will benefit the Confidence Learning Center. Donations are also being accepted. Visit [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ConfidenceLearningCenter) and search *Confidence Learning Center* for more.

An **Armed Forces Tribute Event** will happen on **Fri. Sept. 15th** at the All Veterans Memorial in Brainerd starting at 1:00. The event will feature guest speaker, Erik Flowers, the Crow Wing County Veterans Services Director. For info, call Tammy at 838-1057.

Join the **Minnesota Loons Junior Hockey Team** for their **Home-Opener Weekend** on **Fri. & Sat. Sept. 15 & 16** at the Breezy Point Ice Arena! Tailgating and live music with Lisa Wenger starts at 5:00 and the puck drops at 7:30! Enjoy a fun evening of food, music and hockey – learn more online at MNLoons.com!

Join the **Lakes Area Restorative Justice Program** for a **three-day, Facilitator Training** when, upon completion, participants would be able to be a facilitator of restorative conferences with LARJP. The project, which helps give a voice to parties that have been harmed, the people that caused the harm and the community by shifting the focus from punishment to repairing the harm and building the community, is in need of facilitators. LARJP Co-founder, Stephanie Haider (who is also a nationally recognized Restorative Justice Trainer) will be the facilitator for the training. The training dates at LARJP are **Fri. Sept. 15th from 5:00-8:00, Sat. Sept. 16th from 8:30-5:30 and on Sun. Sept. 17th from 12:00-6:00** and those who wish to become a facilitator **MUST ATTEND ALL THREE SESSIONS**. To register, call Zanna at 218-454-4145.

Acts of Kinship Day will be held on **Sat. Sept. 16th** – an event all about giving back to our community. Sponsored by Lakes Proud, Kinship Partners encourages friends, neighbors, and the business community to demonstrate acts of kindness. PLUS, it's easy to show your acts of kinship by donating non-perishable food items or new/gently used coats for Coats For Kids on the 16th at The Cuyuna Range Youth Center from 9:00-3:00! Otherwise, your acts can include anything, from offering a kind smile, helping someone with yardwork, watching someone else's kids, etc! Then, all you need to do is SHARE your act/s of kindness (or those you saw from others) on social media using the hashtag: #ActsOfKinship.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Brainerd is raising funds for the area's poor. It's the **Annual Friends of the Poor Walk around Gregory Park** on **Sat. Sept. 16th**. They ask that everyone meets in the St. Francis School parking lot where both people and pets are welcome. Registration starts at 8:30 AM and the walk begins at 9:00. No donation is too small with all proceeds to help the local needy in a financial crisis. Visit FOPWalk.org and find the Brainerd walk.

The **48th Annual Nisswa Fall Festival** will be held on **Sat. Sept. 16th** along with the **18th Annual Smokin' Hot BBQ Challenge**, which is part of the tradition! Start the day with a pancake breakfast hosted by the Nisswa Fire Department. Then participate in the medallion hunt, compete in a bean bag tourney, get the kids to the Pioneer Village for KIDZONE, plus enjoy the Fall Artisan & Crafters Market, music and more! Visit Nisswa.com for more information on the festival and the Smokin' Hot BBQ Challenge!

Attention **Leader area citizens**: "**A Celebration of the Century 1923-2023**" will be held at the Bears Den in Leader on **Sat. Sept. 16th** from 1:00-5:00. This event will honor Ruth Boldan and Harry McCoy, each for their 100 years with the town. The event will honor the two neighbors with well-wishes and sharing of memories as Ruth and Harry have been neighbors for 65 years and friends for 86 years. Those who know the two are encouraged to attend.

Central Lakes Community Performing Arts Center will present **Ronstadt Review featuring Gesenia** on **Sat. Sept. 16th** at the Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts in Brainerd starting at 7:00. The show will feature the world's finest celebration of the incomparable, 11-time Grammy winner Linda Ronstadt. Tickets start at \$25 and can be purchased online at CLCPerformingArts.com.

The Brainerd VFW will host its monthly **Fundraising Breakfast** on **Sun. Sept. 17th** from 8:00-12:00 and the cost is just \$10/person. Choose from Omelets, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, French toast and more! Just two blocks south of Brainerd's Historic Water Tower... visit BrainerdVFW.org for more information.

The **American Legion in Pequot Lakes** will host its *final* **S.A.L Omelette Breakfast** of the season on **Sun. Sept. 17th** from 8:00-12:00. These omelettes are huge and you can choose your fillings! Toast, beverages and other items are included. The cost is \$14 for adults and \$6 for those 10 and under. All are welcome!

Camp Ripley in Little Falls will host its Bi-Annual **Open House** on **Sun. Sept. 17th** from 11:00-2:00 and the event is free to attend. Get a tour of the grounds, see the large equipment and check out the Camp Ripley Museum while enjoying snacks and beverages and visiting with the soldiers and on-site vendors. For directions and more information, visit [Facebook](#) and search *2023 Camp Ripley Open House*.

The public is invited to a **Designer Purse Bingo** event on **Sun. Sept. 17th** starting at 1:00 at the **Eagles Club Bar in Brainerd**. Early Bird tickets are \$45, they will be \$55 at the door. Doors open at 11:00, Bingo starts at 1:00. Tickets are for 10 rounds of bingo with 2 purse wins each game. All ticket buyers will be entered into a wallet drawing. Food will be available for purchase. All proceeds will benefit Gillette Children's Hospital and its outreach clinics throughout the state. Learn more by visiting [Facebook](#) and searching *Designer Purse Bingo for Gillette*.

All area Bridge players are invited to attend a **fundraising Bridge event, The Slams & Sets Bridge Outing**, on **Sun. Sept. 17th** at the Legacy Clubhouse. All proceeds from the event will go to the Pink Cupboard, a local organization dedicated to helping those undergoing breast cancer treatment with non-medical needs and expenses. The outing will start at 1:00 in the Legacy Clubhouse. Both duplicate bridge and party bridge games will be played. Prizes and refreshments are part of the event, which has a \$25 entry fee (\$50 for a team of two). To register, please send an email to PatrickSpradlin55@gmail.com.

The **Breezy Point Figure Skating Club** invites everyone to **Family Skate Night** on **Sun. Sept. 17th** at the Breezy Point Ice Arena from 5:00-6:00pm. The cost is \$5 per skater (with a \$20 cap for families). Price includes rental skates – limited adult sizes. Skate sharpening will be available on-site (Free-will donation). Bring some money for hot chocolate, popcorn and other goodies! Learn more on [Facebook](#) by searching *Family Skate Night Breezy Point*.

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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.

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*.

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!

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.

The **Actor's Repertory Theatre** will present **"The Woman in Black"** from **Sept. 23-30** at the Chalberg Theater at the Brainerd Campus of Central Lakes College... Tickets are only available online at Art4MN.org.

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.