

Parade of Lights on tap Dec. 10 in Pine River

PINE RIVER — The Pine River Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Parade of Lights festival Saturday, Dec. 10, with the theme “Frosty the Snowman.”

Following is a schedule of events:

- ▶ **10 a.m.-noon:** Crafts at Life-house Coffee, a free Legacy event on behalf of the Pine River Public Library.
- ▶ **1:30-3 p.m.:** Selfies with Santa at the Pine River Depot, “Frosty” movies and free popcorn.
- ▶ **2-4 p.m.:** Activities, music and soup at New Life Community Church.
- ▶ **3:30-4:30 p.m.:** Stuff Your Stockings event modeled after the trunk or treat events of Halloween at the Pine River Information Center and Depot parking lot.

Children may bring bags, buckets, stockings or other containers to hold candy and small prizes. Those with floats in the parade might find this to be a safe opportunity to hand out stocking stuffers from their decorated floats before the parade.

Other participants are encouraged to decorate their vehicles or ice houses for the Stuff Your Stocking event.

- ▶ **5 p.m.:** Parade of Lights on Barclay Avenue.
- ▶ **5:30-7 p.m.:** Bonfire, food and drinks at the Information Center and Pine River Depot.
- ▶ **6 p.m.:** Fireworks.

The festival will also feature a snowman building contest and shop local event.

Snowman building contestants may enter for \$10 in a split-the-pot fundraiser. Snowmen will be built in designated locations in front of the

Information Center and Pine River Depot.

Participants will have until 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, to build and decorate their snowman. Spots will be assigned after entry fees have been paid.

Participants should build their snowman, take a photo and email it to pinerivercofc@yahoo.com to be voted on anonymously.

Snowmen may be decorated with spray bottles with food coloring and water, props and more. Participants must not drive vehicles onto the bricks at the Pine River Depot.

Winners will be awarded part of the registration fee with the remainder supporting chamber programming.

Those who wish to participate in the shop local event will receive a shop local passport with deals listed from participating local businesses.

Passport cards may be purchased for \$3 at the Information Center, to be used through Saturday, Dec. 24, at participating businesses.

Participants must save their receipts from qualifying deals and complete their passports before bringing them to the Information Center to be verified and registered.

Those who complete the passport and register will be entered into a drawing for a gift card to the business of their choice from among participating businesses.

Participants are not limited to one passport. More cards means more chances to win.

Cards must be turned in by Wednesday, Dec. 28, to be entered into the drawing Friday, Dec. 30.



Contributed Sharon Gensmer and Pat Johnson, with the Pine River 150th Committee, have commemorative sesquicentennial fundraising bags ready for sale during the Saturday, Dec. 10 Pine River Parade of Light Celebration.

Pine River sesquicentennial bags ready for Parade of Lights

PINE RIVER — Pine River shoppers in town Saturday, Dec. 10, will be able to support the Pine River sesquicentennial celebration events July 6-8 by purchasing commemorative fundraising bags.

These reusable shopping bags, printed with a Pine River map and ads for local businesses, will provide funds for events during the summer celebration. The bags will be available at various Pine River businesses.

Santa’s Bobbin Into Town Dec. 10 in Pequot Lakes

PEQUOT LAKES — The 11th annual Santa’s Bobbin Into Town event in Pequot Lakes will kick off at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, including the Light Up the Night Parade and fireworks, as well as activities in Trailside Park and elsewhere.

Following is a schedule of events:

- ▶ **3 p.m.:** Magic show sponsored by the Friends of the Pequot Lakes Library at the Cole Memorial Building.
- ▶ **4-6 p.m.:** Bonfire with hot cocoa, s’mores and caroling hosted by Miss Pequot Lakes royalty at Trailside Park.
- ▶ **4-6 p.m.:** Free horse and wagon rides at Trailside Park.
- ▶ **4 p.m. until found:** Kids

Bobber Hunt at Trailside Park.

- ▶ **4-6 p.m.:** Snow art fun by Country Financial at Trailside Park.
- ▶ **4:15-5:30 p.m.:** Photos with Santa, candy canes and dinner at the Pequot Lakes American Legion.
- ▶ **6 p.m.:** Light Up the Night Parade starting on Sibley Street, moving to Government

Drive and concluding on Main Street. Participants will compete for a traveling trophy and cash prizes. There is no entry fee and participants may sign up with Barb Merritt by calling 218-568-4695.

- ▶ **6:20 p.m.:** Fireworks, visible from Trailside Park.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Jason Lewis to sign books at Moonlite Bay in Crosslake

CROSSLAKE — Former Congressman and radio host Jason Lewis is holding a meet and greet at Moonlite Bayin Crosslake at 6 p.m., on Thursday, Dec. 8.

Lewis will be selling signed hard copies of his book “Party Animal, The Truth about President Trump, Power Politics & the Partisan Press.”

Pine River group to talk about fashion consumption Dec. 13

The discussion about fashion consumption will include the five billion to six billion pairs of jeans made every year and the 1,800 gallons of water it takes to produce a single pair of jeans.

Interested participants may register at happydancingturtle.org/classes to access materials for December’s topic.

Participants may take as much or as little of the materials or may just come to exchange ideas on problems or solutions.

More information is available on the Happy Dancing Turtle webpage.

With headquarters in Pine River, Happy Dancing Turtle is a nonprofit dedicated to growing good stewards of the planet by providing education, programs and experiences for youth and adults.

Nisswa Women’s Club to meet Dec. 15

NISSWA — The Nisswa Women’s Club will

celebrate the holiday season starting at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, with a program at the Lutheran Church of the Cross in Nisswa.

Those who attend will hear a Christmas organ recital by Laura Rae-deke, concert organist, and will have a chance to view the long-promised “One Hundred Years and Counting” video of the club’s 100 years of history, produced by Gary and Sharon Harris.

Social hour with viewing will be from 11:30 a.m. to noon with lunch at noon. The organ recital will begin shortly after lunch.

President Ann Swanson will pass on her gavel to new president Vicki Reineck. The club will welcome new board members at a short meeting following the concert.

Guests are welcome, including spouses and partners for the recital. Information on joining the club or attending meetings is available at info@nisswawomen-sclub.org.

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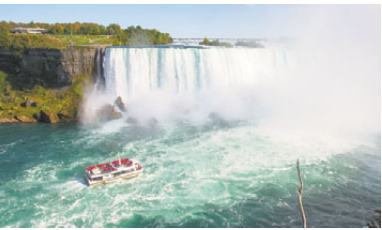
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CALENDAR

December

▶ **7-10, 14-17, 21-31:** Sertoma Winter Wonderland, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Northland Arboretum, Brainerd

▶ **7:** Holly Jolly and Tuba Christmas featuring Central Lakes College music ensembles, 7 p.m., CLC campus commons, Brainerd

▶ **7-10:** Actors Repertory Theatre: “It’s a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play,” 7 p.m., Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts, Brainerd High School

▶ **10:** Santa’s Bobbin’ Into Town & Light Up the Night Parade, Pequot Lakes: parade at 6 p.m., fireworks at 6:20 p.m.

▶ **10:** Pine River Parade of Lights: parade at 5 p.m., fireworks at 6 p.m.

▶ **10:** Cookie Walk/Bake Sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Crosslake-Fifty Lakes American Legion

▶ **10:** Children’s Shop Day, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church, Pequot Lakes

▶ **11:** Tonic Sol-Fa, 6 p.m., Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts, Brainerd High School

▶ **13-15:** Brainerd Community Theatre: “A Christmas Carol,” 7 p.m., Dryden Theatre, Central Lakes College, Brainerd

▶ **16:** Central Lakes Community Performing Arts: Rock & Roll Xmas Spectacular, 7:30 p.m., Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts, Brainerd High School

▶ **18:** A Magical Christmas at Breezy Point Resort, 5:30 p.m. cocktails, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. holiday show featuring Doug Allen Nash, Chris Olson and Patty Carlyle and the A-List Big Band Orchestra, Whitebirch Ballroom

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