

# Area children’s Easter events planned April 16

The following children’s Easter egg hunt activities will take place Saturday, April 16, in area communities.

**Pine River**  
The Pine River Community Easter Egg Hunt will start at 10 a.m. in Forbes Park. Sponsored by area churches and businesses, this event is open to all children up to age 12. The park will be divided into age appropriate hunting spaces. Hidden throughout the park will be various Easter eggs with goodies inside. Inside several special eggs will be items that qualify the finder to prizes.

**Crosslake**  
The Crosslake Ideal Lions Club EGGstravaganza will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the Crosslake Community Center. The event will be held rain or shine (inside or outside, weather permitting), and will include family activities, a short egg hunt, a game maze and a craft table. An Easter Bunny will be there for photos. This event is for families with children ages 0-12. Registration is requested, but not required. Families may register by emailing [info@crosslakeideallions.org](mailto:info@crosslakeideallions.org) or by calling 763-670-1888. More information is available at [CrosslakeIdealLions.org](http://CrosslakeIdealLions.org) or on Facebook.

**Nisswa**  
A Children’s Easter Egg Hunt will take place at 10 a.m. at the Nisswa American Legion for children through age 10. Children will hunt for Easter eggs and visit the Easter Bunny on the back lawn at the Legion. The Auxiliary will serve hot dogs and pop after the egg hunt.

**Lake Shore**  
Lake Shore will host its annual Easter egg hunt for children through age 10 at 11 a.m. at Fritz Loven Park.

**Pequot Lakes**  
A Jack Pine Center Community Easter Egg Hunt will take place from noon to 1 p.m. in Pequot Lakes. Supporting businesses in the Jack Pine Center gathered the Easter Bunny for photo opportunities and 1,500 Easter eggs for an egg hunt. Businesses include Savi Skin Studio, Red Ruby Art Gallery, Seeds of Sommer, Sarah’s Kitchen, and Olathe Beauty Company.

**Backus**  
The Backus Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Pine Mountain Gospel will begin at 1:30 p.m. The event will also feature an egg toss and three-legged race. The hunt will be split into three age categories.

## PR-B High School seeks donations for prom

PINE RIVER — The 2022 Pine River-Backus High School prom, themed “Once Upon a Time,” will be April 30 at Madden’s Resort in East Gull Lake. “I’m excited to have a normal prom this year,” said student Sevanah Butcher. The program will start with a 5 p.m. grand march in the Pine River-Backus High School gymnasium. The doors will open at 4:30 p.m. with participating students expected to arrive and line up by the choir room before 4:30 p.m. Opportunities for photos will be available at the end of grand march after which students will proceed to Madden’s Resort. The dinner and dance will be at the resort’s Town Hall with the dance ending at 11:30 p.m. Students who leave the dance early will not be allowed to return. As prom planning could not begin until February because of COVID-19, traditional fundraising did not take place ahead of time. The Pine River-Backus prom committee seeks donations for the event at the high school or district offices where prom fund donation boxes may be found. “I’d like to thank anybody who has donated for making our senior prom dreams come true,” said student Zack McAllister.

CALENDAR

APRIL

▶ 16: Easter egg hunts: Forbes Park in Pine River, 10 a.m., up to age 12; Nisswa American Legion, 10 a.m., through age 10; Crosslake Community Center, 10 a.m.-noon, up to age 12; Fritz Loven Park in Lake Shore, 11 a.m., through age 10; Jack Pine Center in Pequot Lakes, noon-1 p.m.; Pine Mountain Gospel in Backus, 1:30 p.m.

▶ 21-23, 28-29: Central Lakes Community Performing Arts: “Clarence Darrow,” 7 p.m., Dryden Theatre, Central Lakes College, Brainerd

▶ 24: The Legacy Chorale: “How Can We Keep From Singing,” 3:30 p.m., Aitkin High School auditorium

▶ 27: Old Age is Not For Sissies 2.0: Cyber Security-What You Need to Know, 1-3 p.m. Pine River United Methodist Church

▶ 28-30: Rummage sale, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. April 28-29, 8 a.m.-noon April 30, Lutheran Church of the Cross, Nisswa

▶ 29: Greater Lakes Area Performing Arts: The Legacy Chorale, “How Can We Keep From Singing,” 7:30 p.m., Pequot Lakes High School auditorium

▶ 29-30: Brainerd Jaycees Run for the Lakes, Nisswa

▶ 30: Crosslake Cares: Senior Days & Senior Expo 2022, The Log Church, Crosslake

LOCAL BRIEFS

Pine River Chamber members invited to Lifehouse breakfast April 19

PINE RIVER — The Pine River Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly members meeting at 7 a.m. Tuesday, April 19, at Lifehouse Coffee in Pine River. All chamber members and prospective chamber members are invited to attend.

Songwriter, writer, performer to speak April 21 to Nisswa Women’s Club

NISSWA — Songwriter, writer and performer Elisa Korenne will be the guest speaker at the April 21 Nisswa Women’s Club meeting at Roundhouse Brewery in Nisswa. Her topic is “Madams, Matrons and Madwomen: Extraordinary as artist in residence. She now appears throughout the Midwest sharing stories and music of unusual people and events of the Upper Midwest. Social hour will be at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at noon. The lunch charge is \$25. Club President Ann Swanson will lead a short meeting after Korenne’s presentation, and Mary Anne Bennett with help from Marian Anderson will offer an inspirational message. Guests are always welcome. For information on joining the club or attending meetings, email [info@nisswawomensclub.org](mailto:info@nisswawomensclub.org).

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Thank you all so very much!

## PR-B Community Education announces ‘The Princess and the Pea’ cast, crew

PINE RIVER — Pine River-Backus Community Education announces the cast and crew for the upcoming theater production. “The Princess and the Pea,” by Michele L. Vaca, will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 15, on the Pine River-Backus High School old gym stage. Tickets will be available at the door 45 minutes before showtime for \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. This play is produced in partnership with On Stage! Productions, Chicago, Illinois, and with funding from the Minnesota Legacy Funds distributed through the Five Wings Arts Council. The cast includes: ▶ King Maximillian: Isaak Anderson ▶ Prince Valiant: Miles DeSanto ▶ Queen Maude/Barbiette: Eleanor Peterson ▶ Donald Duncce: Mike Lupella ▶ Princess Olivia: Miquella Williams ▶ Lady Hildegarde: Sarah Good ▶ Mildred/Rosebud: Katie Shetka ▶ Ethelred/Bluebell: Tanya Villano ▶ Alfred: Nathan Shetka ▶ Esmerelda/Glow: Gianna Sechser ▶ Samantha/Princess Diana: Adelheid Gregory ▶ Princess Minerva: Sheridan Wilson ▶ Princess Beaulah/Lady Lulu: Olivia Anderson ▶ Princess Stella/Lady Lilli: Keylah Kendrick ▶ Princess Purity/Jester: Maren Lindquist ▶ Princess Barbiette/Lady Lizzie: Kenzlee Sawyer ▶ Princess Zebrina/Moppe: Sophie Lupella ▶ Princess Allergica/Barbiette: LeeAnn Wynn ▶ Sir Stonewall/Zingon: Zack McAllister ▶ Sir Swagger/Zingon: Skylar Rugroden ▶ Sir Squint/Zingon: Evan Richter The crew includes: Director: Jen Anderson ▶ Stage manager: Sheridan Wilson ▶ Costumes: Jen Anderson ▶ Set design: Isaak Anderson ▶ Stage crew/tech assistants: Kalie Trout, Ava Deplazes and Kelsey Bergem ▶ Spotlight: Ronnie Villa ▶ Technical directors: Brent Passarella and Mike Shetka ▶ Production manager: Troy Gregory

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