

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

▶ **21-23:** Lakes Area Food Shelf Holiday Home Tour, Nisswa

▶ **21-23:** Haunted Trail, 6:30-9 p.m., Northland Arboretum, Brainerd

▶ **21-23, 28-30:** Central Lakes Community Performing Arts: "Wait Until Dark," 7 p.m., Chalberg Theatre, Central Lakes College, Brainerd

▶ **22-24:** Pequot Lakes Community Theatre: "Superhero Support Group," Pequot Lakes High School auditorium

▶ **22-23, 29-30:** Haunted Hidden Hollows corn maze and haunted house, 7-10 p.m., Paul Bunyan Land

▶ **23:** Historic Hauntings, 6-7:30 p.m. for kids 10 and younger, 8-10 p.m. for older kids, Nisswa History Center and Museum, Pioneer Village

▶ **23:** Lakes Area Music Festival: Judy Garland Tribute, 7:30 p.m., Gichi-ziibi Center, Brainerd High School

▶ **27:** Children's program by author/illustrator/musician Douglas Wood, 10 a.m., Crosslake Area Library

▶ **28:** Children's program by author/illustrator/musician Douglas Wood, 6 p.m., Pequot Lakes Community Library

▶ **28-31:** The Haunted Bungalows, 7-9 p.m., Bobbertown Bungalows, Pequot Lakes

▶ **29:** Children's program by author/illustrator/musician Douglas Wood, 9 a.m., Pine River-Backus Elementary School

▶ **29-30:** Dungeon of Doom haunted house, 7-10 p.m., ages 14 and older, Nisswa American Legion

▶ **30:** Community Action of Pequot Lakes Halloween trick or treat event, 10 a.m.-noon, downtown Pequot Lakes

▶ **30:** Drive-thru trunk or treat, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church, Pequot Lakes

▶ **30:** Kids Halloween party, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Backus American Legion

▶ **30:** Low Scare Trail & Trunk or Treat, 4-6 p.m., Northland Arboretum, Brainerd

▶ **30:** Nisswa Fire Department Haunted Barn and Hay Rides, 5-7 p.m. not so scary, 7-9 p.m. scary, 8089 Gardenview Road, Nisswa

Historic Hauntings on tap Oct. 23 in Nisswa

Other area Halloween happenings listed

Halloween season has arrived with a variety of area events taking place the next two weekends, starting with Historic Hauntings on Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Nisswa History Center and Museum.

Sponsored by the Nisswa Area Historical Society and made possible by a donation from the Pequot Lakes/Breezy Point Lions Club in partnership with the Pequot Lakes Eagles 4-H Club and the Black Bear 4-H Club of Nisswa, this Halloween event will take place outdoors.

From 6-7:30 p.m., kids ages 10 and younger can play games and win candy and prizes during the non scary portion of the event.

From 8-10 p.m., scary fun will be had for those old enough to handle a good scare on the haunt-

ed grounds.

All profits from this event will go to the Nisswa Area Historical Society. A minimum donation of \$2 is requested to attend.

Oct. 28-31

▶ The Haunted Bungalows will feature fully decorated grounds at Bobbertown Bungalows on Rasmussen Road in Pequot Lakes from 7-9 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 28-31.

Cost is \$2 per person, or \$5 for families of three or more.

Knock on each bungalow door for a trick or treat.

Oct. 29-30

The Nisswa American Legion will host a Dungeon of Doom haunted house from 7-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 29 and 30, for ages 14

and older. Cost is \$5.

Oct. 30

▶ Community Action of Pequot Lakes and city businesses will host its annual Halloween trick or treat event from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 30, at participating downtown Pequot Lakes merchants.

Participating businesses will have a candy corn sign in their window or on their door.

Miss Pequot Lakes royalty will host a bonfire at Trailside Park with s'mores and juice. The Pequot Lakes PTA will pass out candy.

▶ The Backus American Legion will host its annual kids Halloween party from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at the Legion.

▶ Grace United Methodist Church in Pequot Lakes will host a drive-

thru trunk or treat event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30. View decorated trunks while driving through the parking lot. Bags of treats will be handed out to each child in the car.

Grace Church is located south of Pequot Lakes at 29318 Patriot Avenue. For more information, visit graceumcpequotlakes@gmail.com.

▶ The Nisswa Fire Department's 23rd annual Haunted Barn and Hay Rides event will take place with a not-so-scary option from 5-7 p.m. and a scary option from 7-9 p.m. at 8089 Gardenview Road, Nisswa.

There will also be a bonfire, games and concessions.

Free will donations will go to benefit the Nisswa Fire Department.

Oct. 31

▶ The Nisswa American Legion Auxiliary and

Post will host a Children's Halloween Party for ages 10 and younger from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, in the lower level of the parking lot.

There will be treats, hot dogs and prizes.

▶ Lutheran Church of the Cross in Nisswa will host a trunk or treat event from 3-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, in the front parking lot.

This is an outside-only and an allergy-free event.

All are welcome to host a trunk and dress in costume.

▶ Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Pequot Lakes will host a trunk or treat event from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, or until the candy is gone.

Anyone interested in hosting a trunk should call the church office between 8 a.m. and noon or leave a message. Call 218-568-4670.

Author Douglas Wood to visit area communities

Award-winning author, illustrator and musician Douglas Wood will visit area communities on the following days:

▶ **Crosslake:** 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, at the Crosslake Community Center.

▶ **Pequot Lakes:** 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, at the Pequot Lakes Community Library.

▶ **Pine River:** 9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 29, at Pine River-Backus Elementary School.

The public is invited to these presentations.

Wood was the worst reader in his class, contending with ADHD and dyslexia before anyone knew what those were. But

he was lucky to have a special teacher who gave him the gift of books.

Now Wood is the creator of 34 books with more than 2.5 million copies in print, including classic children's books like "Old Turtle" and "A Quiet Place."

His popular and inspirational program motivates audiences to never give up, to overcome challenges and it teaches the vital importance of reading. Wood's musical presentation is ideal for kids and families.

This free program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.



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Douglas Wood will share his experience with reading with area audiences Oct. 27-29.

Pequot Lakes Library to host author Oct. 28

Be inspired by best-selling author, illustrator and musician Douglas Wood as he presents his program about early childhood struggles and the special person who gave him the gift of learning to read.

He'll be here at the library at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28. This musical presentation is ideal for kids and families. It is funded in part or in whole with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on Nov. 4, 2008, which dedicated funding to



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preserve Minnesota's art and cultural heritage.

Notes about this and that

▶ We truly appreciate our patrons and volunteers. Thank you all for everything you do.

▶ Our rotating art exhibit is featuring photos by Shirley Gorg. This display reminds

us that "where flowers bloom, so does hope." Please come in to feast your eyes on these beautiful works of art.

Dates to note

▶ **Thursday, Oct. 28, 6 p.m.:** Legacy program featuring Douglas Wood at the library. See above.

▶ **Thursday, Nov. 4, 10:30 a.m.:** First Thursday Book Club meeting at the library. Book is Reader's Choice, whereby you read a book that is special to you and talk about it at the meeting. December's book is "Christmas at Cold Comfort Farm," by

Sheila Gibbons. The book club is open to anyone interested. There's no need to call ahead.

▶ **Thursday, Nov. 11, 6-8 p.m.:** WonderTrek Museum, Pipe Cleaner Art and Air Dry Clay at the library. Families are welcome, but activities are aimed at kids ages 3-9. December's visit will be all about wooden block construction and gears. Masks are required for anyone over age 5, regardless of vaccination status.

Library information

▶ **Address:** 3117 Rasmussen Road, Pequot

Lakes, MN 56472.

▶ **Phone:** 218-568-6181.

▶ **Website:** www.pequotlakeslibrary.org. Log onto our catalog at the website.

▶ **Hours:** Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; closed Sundays and holidays.

The library has six computers equipped with DSL internet service available without charge to the public. Wireless internet is also available.

Claire Nagel is a Pequot Lakes Community Library volunteer.

Pequot Lakes Community Education classes listed

Pre-registration is required for all community education classes. Those interested should contact Pequot Lakes Community Education at 218-568-9200 or register online at www.isd186.org and click on "Community Education."

Following are upcoming classes:

▶ **Explore the Mammoth Site:** 6-7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1, online via Zoom. Fee: \$15.

Travel back in time to the late Ice Age and virtually explore the sinkhole in South Dakota where Columbian and wooly mammoths, camels, wolves and giant short faced bears became trapped, leaving this ancient trove of fossil remains.

A Zoom link will be emailed before class.

▶ **Intermediate Knitting:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursdays, Nov. 4 and 11, at Pequot Lakes Baptist

Church or 6-8 p.m. those days at Pequot Lakes High School. Fee: \$15.

Basic skills are required for this class. Attendees will learn several ways to cast on, knitting in the round, knitting 2 colors and multiple ways to increase and decrease.

▶ **Publish Your Book Without Going Broke:** 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, online via Zoom. Fee: \$35.

Students will learn to avoid pitfalls of both conventional and self publishing. Class will explore assembling their book, where to go for layout and design and cost effective printing services, as well as how to set up the business end of selling their book with tips for marketing.

The class fee includes the cost of a book guide.

Nisswa Garden Club to meet Oct. 28

The Nisswa Garden Club will meet Thursday, Oct. 28, at the Nisswa Community Center.

The public is welcome to attend the hot buffet lunch at noon. Cost is \$16 and attendees must RSVP by Oct. 24 by calling Barb at 218-330-6661.

Or just come to the program, "Jam and Jelly Maker's Garden," presented by JoAnn Weaver. The program is free and will start after lunch, at approximately 1 p.m.

Judy Garland Tribute on tap Oct. 23 in Brainerd

Lakes Area Music Festival kicks off the 2021/22 Winter Series with a Judy Garland Tribute concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts at Brainerd High School, featuring Broadway soprano Andrea Ross.

There is no set admission fee to attend, but tickets must be reserved in advance through the organization's website.

From the vaudeville houses of central Minnesota to the silver screen and Carnegie Hall, Judy Garland's legacy continues on. Enjoy the classics that Garland was known for, including "Embraceable You," "You Made Me Love You" and - of course - "Somewhere

Over the Rainbow."

Ross began her career in her hometown of Boston, where she was the youngest recipient of the prestigious Elliot Norton Award for Outstanding Actress. She caught the attention of legendary Broadway composer, Andrew Lloyd Webber, who became her mentor and took Ross under his wing.

Webber and Universal Music Group: Classics and Jazz, produced Ross' solo album, Moon River, which debuted on the Top 50 UK Charts. Ross performed as Maria in the Broadway Tour of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music" and has been a featured soloist with top symphony orchestras including

the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Utah Symphony Orchestra, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, BBC Symphony Orchestra, and KBS Symphony Orchestra in Seoul, South Korea.

For this performance, Ross will be joined by Lakes Area Music Festival Artistic Director Scott Lykins at the piano.

More information - including program information, tickets and COVID-19 safety protocols, which will include showing proof of vaccination or negative test for entry, and masking - is available at <https://lakesareamusic.org/event/judy-garland-tribute-brainerd/>

Tickets may be reserved online through the LAMF website. For assistance, call 218-831-0765. This event will also serve as an announcement of the remaining eight concerts to be presented live at the Gichi-ziibi Center through May featuring favorite festival artists and other internationally acclaimed guest soloists. The next concert will feature LAMF artistic directors John Taylor Ward, voice, and Lykins, piano, on Sunday, Nov. 14. Founded in 2009, the Lakes Area Music Festival is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in Brainerd. To find out more or to make a tax-deductible gift, visit lakesareamusic.org or call 218-ASK-LAMF.