

# Duffee to perform July 10 in Hackensack Lakeside Concert

For the past several years, Josh Duffee and his Big Band have played to standing room-only indoor crowds at the Northwoods Arts Council’s annual two-day music festival. This year, the world-renowned percussionist is mixing it up by bringing his four-piece jazz quartet to the Birch Lake Park pavilion in Hackensack. This outdoor concert will feature songs from the 1920s-1960s, with a few ‘80s songs.

The concert will be held from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, July 10. Bring lawn chairs, blankets and refreshments to enjoy the music and ambience of an outdoor setting. There’s no cost to attend, but free-will donations will be gratefully accepted.

The Northwoods Arts Council has been “Bringing the Arts to Life” in the area for 26 years and is pleased to sponsor this concert. The NAC thanks the Five Wings Arts Council, Sourcewell, Hackensack Lions Club, Itasca-Mantrap Co-op and the Hackensack Lakes Area Community Foundation for their generous support in making the NAC’s Lakeside Concert Series a possibility.

For more information, visit the NAC’s Facebook page or [www.northwoodsartscouncil.org](http://www.northwoodsartscouncil.org).

# Author to sign books at Hackensack Sweetheart Days

Author Julie Jo Larson will sign copies of her new book, “100 Things to Do in Minnesota Northwoods Before You Die” from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 10, at Hackensack City Park during Sweetheart Days.

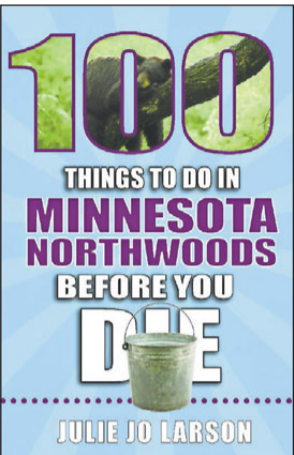
The event is free and open to the public.

Up in the land where Paul Bunyan statues are big and the tall tales about him are even bigger lie some of Minnesota’s most beautiful resort communities. This is the land of 10,000 lakes and truly untouched wilderness surrounding Bemidji, Cass Lake and Blackduck, among others, otherwise known as Minnesota’s northwoods.

The book will attempt to entice readers to try new outdoor activities, such as wading across the headwaters of the Mississippi, eating unusual foods and sipping flavorful beverages. Readers will also find a plethora of activities to do inside on rainy days, such as exploring the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Museum. Carefully crafted itineraries and seasonal activities will provide plenty of inspiration for visitors and locals alike.



Larson



**Submitted photo**  
The book cover of Julie Jo Larson’s debut book titled “100 Things to Do in Minnesota Northwoods Before You Die.”

Larson’s own wanderlust led her to share her penchant for her

hometown with the world.

“100 Things to Do in Minnesota Northwoods Before You Die” is available wherever books are sold.

Larson is a writer, story catcher, public speaker and professionally trained social worker. She spent the last decade exploring the Minnesota northwoods and writing MsStorian Adventures. She lives in rural Brainerd with her husband, family pets and a flock of chickens. When not advising college students, Larson can be found on the trail with a walking stick in hand and worn mukluks on her feet.

### LOCAL BRIEFS

#### History of logging program on tap in Crosslake

Ollie Skurdahl’s “Ripsaws to Rafters” program was rescheduled to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, July 7 and 14, at the Crosslake Historic Log Village after being postponed due to extreme temperatures June 9.

Skurdahl will tell the history of logging in two sessions. Both programs will be in the Learning Livery.

Skurdahl will lead an imaginary walk into the virgin forests around Cross Lake that in 1890 touched the sky with the sound of ripsaws cutting into the massive white and red pine trees and that would crack just before the shouts of “timber” from the lumberjacks.



**Submitted photo**  
Presenter Ollie Skurdahl will share the history of Crosslake’s logging past.

#### Fundraiser breakfast set July 11 in Backus

The Backus American Legion Auxiliary will serve its monthly breakfast from 7:30-11:30 a.m.

Sunday, July 11.

The breakfast includes fried or scrambled eggs, pancakes or French toast, sausage and bacon, juice, water and coffee for \$10 a plate or \$5 for children under 7. Everybody is welcome.

Proceeds go to community, education and veterans programs, active-duty military holiday gifts and other auxiliary charitable projects.

#### Crossing Arts Alliance Creativity Kits available July 10

The Crossing Arts Alliance will have its new Creativity Kits available from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 10, for anyone who wants some creative fun.

Kits will be available on tables inside of Crossing Arts in Brainerd. This month’s kit is all about printing, featuring projects to learn about monoprinting, stamping and other creative mark-making techniques. Kits also include a coloring sheet and more.

Creativity Kits are free to the public. Kits are limited. First-come, first-served.

Creativity Kits are a way to engage young artists and spread the joy of art to the community. The goal is to offer projects that show the many different ways of being creative, because you never know what’s going to light up a kid’s imagination and help their creativity bloom.

Crossing Arts offers them for free so everyone can enjoy them and receive the support of

numerous businesses, individuals and Crossing Arts members who believe that the arts are for everyone.

This event is funded, in part, by the voters of Minnesota through grants from Five Wings Arts Council and the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

For more information, contact Crossing Arts at 218-833-0416, [info@crossingarts.org](mailto:info@crossingarts.org). Crossing Arts is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit located in downtown Brainerd at 711 Laurel St.

#### Crossing Arts presents Art Work(ers) exhibition

Crossing Arts presents Art Work(ers), an exhibition of artwork from Crossing Arts staff, board members and volunteers.

Outside of their roles at Crossing Arts helping to support and spread the arts in the community, these individuals engage in the arts in many different ways. This exhibition showcases that diversity. While viewing the work on display, attendees will see an array of skill, exploration and joy within each piece.

Opening Friday, July 9, this exhibition will be on display in the gallery through July 31.

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legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

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### REMINDER

#### Camp Knutson music

Camp Knutson will host a free concert from its docks between Lower Whitefish and Big Trout lakes in Crosslake from 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, July 9. Folksinger-songwriter Kelley Smith and

multi-instrumentalist Don Gorham will perform vintage tunes from bluegrass, folk, country blues and jazz genres, as well as modern Americana. Donations to [www.campknutson.org](http://www.campknutson.org) are welcome.

### CALENDAR

#### WEEKLY

- **Tuesdays:** Hackensack Children’s Fishing Contest, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., fishing pier
- **Wednesdays:** Nisswa Turtle Races, 2 p.m.
- **Thursdays:** Nisswa farmers market, 8 a.m.-noon, American Legion parking lot
- **Fridays:** Pine River Market Square farmers and crafters market, 2:30-5:30 p.m., near Pine River Depot
- **Saturdays:** Bands, Crosslake Town Square, 6-8 p.m.
- **Saturdays:** Bands in the Park, 7-9 p.m., Trailside Park, Pequot Lakes

#### JULY

- **7-11:** Grandpa’s Virtual Run for the Walleye, Crosslake
- **7:** Divas Through the Decades, 6:30 p.m., outdoor stage, Central Lakes College, Brainerd
- **7, 14:** Ripsaws to Rafters historic program on logging, 7 p.m., Crosslake Historic Log Village
- **9:** Live music on the

- docks, 6-8:30 p.m., Camp Knutson, Crosslake
- **10:** Ruby’s Red White and Blue 5K, Acorn Hill Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies, 8 a.m.-noon, Crosslake
- **10:** Author Julie Jo Larson book-signing, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Hackensack City Park
- **10:** Lakeside Concert Series: Josh Duffee and his Quartet, 5-7 p.m., Hackensack Park pavilion on Birch Lake
- **10:** Bands in the Park: Uncle Wheat & Eddie (rock), 7-9 p.m., Trailside Park, Pequot Lakes
- **13-14:** Pequot Lakes Bean Hole Days, Trailside Park, free beans served at noon July 14
- **15:** Kitchigami Regional Library virtual program: Storytime with The Shaskans, 10-11 a.m., get link on Facebook @ KRLSLegacy or call a local library
- **15:** Summer picnic and concert with Maddy Braun, 6 p.m., Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, Pequot Lakes