**PINE RIVER BACKUS FAMILY CENTER**

**November 2024 “HAPPENINGS”**

**245 Barclay Ave, P.O. Box 1, Pine River, Mn. 56474**

**(218) 587-4292**

**Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8-4 p.m., Friday 8-3 p.m.**

**The Family Center will be closed during the following holidays:**

**November 11th - Veteran’s Day**

**November 28-29th - Thanksgiving**

**December 24th – 31st Christmas Week**

**January 1st – New Year’s Day**

**The Pine River Area Food Shelf will be closed:**

**November 28th – Thanksgiving Holiday**

**December 24th – Christmas Eve**

**December 31st – New Year’s Eve**

**Radiothon: The 31st Annual Radiothon to End Child Abuse! This 24-hour event, Thursday, December 5, 2024 12:00 PM - Friday, December 6, 2024 12:00 PM., helps to raise awareness of the problems of child abuse and neglect in our communities. Please join the staff of Family Center at the Salty Dog in Backus on December 3rd from 5:00pm - 7:00pm for our fundraising event.**

**Pine River Area Food Shelf:** Is open Tuesday and Friday from 10-1 p.m. except the 2nd Tuesday, November 12th, **3:00 - 6:00 pm. The Justice Bus will be at the Food Shelf on Tuesday, November 19th to provide help with legal questions.**

**Pine River-Backus CommUnity Meals**: A local collaborative which provides a free weekly meal for anyone who is hungry. Please stop by to pick up your boxed meal each Monday at the Riverview Church in Pine River or each Thursday at the Backus Pine Mountaineer Senior Center. Serving time is 4:00 p.m. – until gone. **There will not be a meal served the Monday or Thursday of Thanksgiving week**. A **curbside pickup CommUnity Thanksgiving Eve** **Meal** will be served beginning at **4pm** on Wednesday, November 27th at the Pine River Legion. For more information, please call the Family Center at 218-587-4292.

**CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS:** Application forms for Christmas for Kids are available at the Family Center and on our website. Applications have been provided to Pine River-Backus elementary students. Please be sure to return your application the Family Center by November 15th. You may also register on our website. Families will be notified by e-mail or phone call if your family will be a recipient of the Christmas for Kids program 2024. Christmas for Kids donations can be sent or dropped off at the Family Center. If you would like more information on making donations or participating in our Christmas for Kids program, please call the Family Center at 218-587-4292.

**The Family Centers Home Visiting Program:** Are you pregnant? Could you use a little extra help with your questions around your pregnancy and about your child’s growth and development? The Family Centers Home Visiting Program has immediate openings for families who would like additional support. **Free Swag Bags** are available to all families who are expecting a baby that live in the Pine River-Backus school district.

**CFPS/NAPS:** Pick up is November 19th, from 10:00 am – 1:00 p.m.

**WIC:**  Please call Cass County Public Health at 218-547-6872 for information for an appointment or questions.

**Family Planning:** Please note: Family Planning will be at the Family Center **Monday, November 11th**. Please call (877) 275-6123 to schedule an appointment or for more information.

**Child and Teen Check-Ups:** Please call Cass County Public Health at 547-6872 for an appointment or

questions.

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