

-Brainerd History Week, June 16-22, 2014, Schedule of Events-

DAILY:

- Downtown Brainerd History Walk:** Call ahead [(218) 829-3268] to reserve your Walk Guide Booklet at the *Crow Wing County Historical Society*, and look for days and times for a free GUIDED tour. You can also check out one there or at the *Brainerd Public Library*, and walk it yourself ANY TIME, as it is also designed to be a self-guided tour. Or, do a "Virtual Tour" online! here: [Brainerd History Walk](#)
- Vintage cars:** Daily, at each event. Main meet for cars at NP Center's Roundhouse bays, Tuesday.
- City Hall building tours:** Open house, displays and historic photos and videos.
- Brainerd Historic Art and Photo List:** Many business locations are offering an all week or special time "open house" showing of their private displays! Use this list to see some Brainerd art and history in these public spaces. Create your own tour!
- Tours available all week long at the *Crow Wing County Historical Society's Museum*. See the 1917 Sheriff's Residence! **Special Displays, "History On Loan":** 1) Brainerd Bottles, 2) Brainerd Advertising, 3) Brainerd Advertising Plates
- Historic geocache event.** Week-long "Geocaching a Brainerd Historical Mystery", by Candice Simar, *Brd. Public Library*.

Monday, 16th: "Official day"

- 9:00:** All-County **Mayors' Breakfast** at the *Sawmill Inn*.
- 11:00:** The event starts (and ends on Sunday) with the county carillons and a city-wide **simultaneous church bell ringing**.
- 11:05:** **City Hall and Fire Hall Centennial** celebration, birthday cake and refreshments until 4:00. Tour of building, historic photos and info. Music on the west lawn.
- VFW & American Legion program introduction**, honor guards converge from east and west on Laurel St. -**Flag Raising/Pledge of Allegiance** (Original 1914 cedar pole is on top of City Hall, recently refurbished by the BFD!) -**21 Gun Salute**. -**Taps** played. -Local **pastor's blessing & invocation**. -**Mayor's Proclamation**. Short remarks by various speakers. -Honoring **Walt Straaka**, Tower Award presentation by the Mayor. -**Time Capsule** presentation, east lawn.
- 1:00:** Old **Fire Hall photo shoot**, out front with any members that used to work out of this building on 5th St. Special guest presentation! Vintage fire truck and more!
- 2:00-4:00:** **Open house at the current Fire Hall**, East River Road. Lots of photos and awards. Bring the kids!
- 4:00:** **Downtown Brainerd History Walk, guided:** Pick up your Walk Guide Booklet at the *Crow Wing County Hist. Society*. Please call ahead, (218) 829-3268.



Tuesday, 17th: "Railroad Day"

- 10:00:** **Downtown Brainerd History Walk, guided:** Pick up your Walk Guide at the *Crow Wing County Historical Society*. Please call ahead, (218) 829-3268.
- 1:00:** **Railroad Day, Northern Pacific Center (NPC)**, just look for the Clock Tower on 13th St., old NPRR Repair Shops. Info at the old Roundhouse site; look for signs!
- 1:00-5:00:** **car show** "in" the Roundhouse, outside. -**1:00:** Hourly tours of the Clock Tower building and grounds; 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00.
- 1:00-3:00:** **Honoring of Pioneers' descendants, Builders of Brainerd families, Meet & Greet.** *NPC Event Space*, Blacksmith Shop building.
- 3:00-5:00:** **History Display Booths** open to the public, *NP Event Space*, Display Booths close at 5:30.
- 6:00:** Event starts with the 6:00 "dinner bell" **whistle** that was from the old Power Plant! The NPC is hosting a "**Gala Event**", complete with a catered (*Prairie Bay*) sit-down dinner and entertainment in the new Blacksmith Shop's "**Event Space**", on the east end! The Space seats 500+. Display Booths open all evening. All NPRR former employees invited. Ticket holders only, tickets available at the *Crow Wing County Historical Society* and at the NP Center Clock Tower, or online at the NP Center's official [BrainerdHistoryWeek.com](#) website. \$15 from each ticket, and all proceeds go to the *Crow Wing County Historical Society*.

Wednesday, 18th: "Teddy Bear Parade & American Indian Day"

- 10:00:** **Parade** downtown. This is a parade where the kiddies don't just watch the parade...they ARE the parade! 10 year-olds and under, strollers welcome. Smokey Bear will be there, and he turns 70 this year!
- 2:00:** **White Earth Nation American Indian Honor Guard**, SW corner of S. 4th & Front Sts. -City of Brainerd **Proclamation** read by Mayor. -**Oral history** of events of 1872. -**Address by Tribal Leader** on reconciliation, tribal blessing, drum group. -**Reconciliation plaque unveiling**. Blessing, Brainerd Lakes Ministerial Association.
- 3:00:** **Reception** at the *Lecture Hall, Central Lakes College*. -**Tribal Historian overview** of Anishinabee people of this area. -**Refreshments**. Tour of the (Pete) *Humphrey Center* at *Central Lakes College*.
- 3:00-7:00:** **Brainerd Express Roundabout**, Downtown Brainerd.

Thursday 19th: "Crow Wing County Historical Society Day"

- 10:00-11:30:** **Historical Cemetery Walking Tour**, highlighting distinctive monuments and notable pioneers, *Evergreen Cemetery*, NE Brainerd.
- 12:00:** *Crow Wing County Historical Society* events at the **Fairgrounds**, **Carbine House** ribbon cutting, **vintage tractors**, **blacksmithing**, **wool spinning**. "Mary Tornstrom" portrayed in the school, and food. **Close at 6 pm**.
- 1:30:** **Downtown Brainerd History Walk, guided:** Pick up your Walk Guide at the *Crow Wing county Historical Society*. Please call ahead, (218) 829-3268.

Friday, 20th: "Downtown Day"

- 11:00:** **Buffalo Hills Marker** tour (2 blks.) new this spring! Meet just south of the High Rise. Bird watching tour continues, east side of Boom Lake, and MORE history!
- 1:00:** **1933 Baby Face Nelson robbery display**, history and artifacts, bullet holes and more! SE corner of Front & S. 6th St. The Foy's will host for this history.
- 2:00:** **Downtown Brainerd History Walk, guided:** *Crow Wing County Historical Society*. Please call ahead, (218) 829-3268.

Saturday, 21st: "Gregory Park Day"

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- 9:00:** **Downtown Brainerd History Walk, guided:** Pick up your Walk Guide at the *Crow Wing County Historical Society*. (218) 829-3268.
- 11:00:** Centennial "birthday" celebration for the **Parker bandstand**, Gregory Park. **11-3:00:** **Petting Zoo** by *Safari North*, SE corner.
- 12:00:** **Old-fashioned kiddie games** of the 50's & 60's at Gregory Park, SE corner of park. *Adult & Teen Challenge* officiating.

- Sunday 22nd: "Church Day"** -**1:00:** Non-denominational **church service** in **Gregory Park**. -**2:00:** City-wide simultaneous **church bell ringing** to end Brainerd History Week.



Let's have some fun by celebrating our local history!

UPDATED: 6/9/2014

Brainerd History Week-2015

-Calendar of Events-

Sun., June 14, Railroad Day: Car show at the *N.P. Center* at noon. Tours of the old **RR Shops**, including sections of the Clock Tower, Blacksmith Shop and Machine Shop at 12, 1, 2, 3, 4:00 PM. Refreshments after each tour in the *Event Center/Blacksmith Shop*. Sign-up sheets are at the entrance of the Clock Tower building.

Mon., June 15, Area Veteran's Day: 10 AM Memorial on the Historic Courthouse grounds by the Veteran's Memorial. Color guard and salute at 11 AM. From 2-4 PM at the County courthouse meeting room, there will be a Bataan Death March remembrance. Also from 2-4 PM, the D.A.R. (Daughters of the American Revolution) will host an open house honoring Vietnam War veterans at the Crow Wing County Historical Society's museum next door. At 7-9 PM, Bob Brekken and Bill Wroolie will give a Vietnam War presentation at the college.

Tues., June 16, History Walk Day: New **2015 Evergreen Cemetery History Walk** highlighting the prominent builders or owners of the historic homes featured in the Northside Brainerd History Walk conducted later that day. Tour begins at 10:30 AM. Later in the day, the new **Northside Brainerd History Walk**; guided tours at 1, 4, 7:00 PM. Transportation available at the 1:00 tour only; meet in the Sawmill Inn parking lot's north end. Please register for tour and time. Sign-up sheets at City Hall, Crow Wing County Historical Society County Museum, and the Brainerd Public Brainerd library; stop in or phone. From 1-3 PM, the **Northside churches** will be open for tours, and also information about them will be provided. Also from 1-3:00 PM some of the locations found in the Northside Brainerd History Walk will offer an Open House, independent of the walking or riding tours:

-#3, **First Crow Wing County Courthouse**, SE corner N. 4th & Kingwood Sts.

-#4, **Werner Hemstead house** (Fine Line), 303 N. 4th St. [Tours inside AFTER the 1, 4, 7:00 Walks]

-#7, **Clark house**, 501 N. 5th St. [1:00 only.]

-#9, **Anderson house**, 523 N. 5th St.

-#10, **Camp house**, 403 Bluff Ave. [Outside only.]

-#14, **LaBar house**, 324 N. 7th St.

-#15, **Carnegie Public Library**

From 3-5 PM **pie and coffee** will be served at St. Francis Church.

Wed., June 17, Downtown Day: Treasure Hunt at 9:30 AM. Register at the Office Shop, outside at 9 AM. \$50 gift certificate (redeemable from participating stores \$5 for each store, 10 stores participating). **Teddy Bear Parade** in downtown Brainerd 10:30 AM, with a RR theme, and prizes for first, second and third winners. Children 10 and under. You are encouraged to bring new teddy bear for donation to the local ambulance service. All children 10 and younger welcome. A **puppet show** in downtown Brainerd from 1-2 PM in the building next to *Fancy Pants Chocolates* on Laurel St. 7-10 PM a **chicken dance**! There is no wrong way to do the chicken dance. **Old-time dance** at Yesterday's Gone. All kinds of old time music. Come and enjoy! All day face painting! Everyone join in!

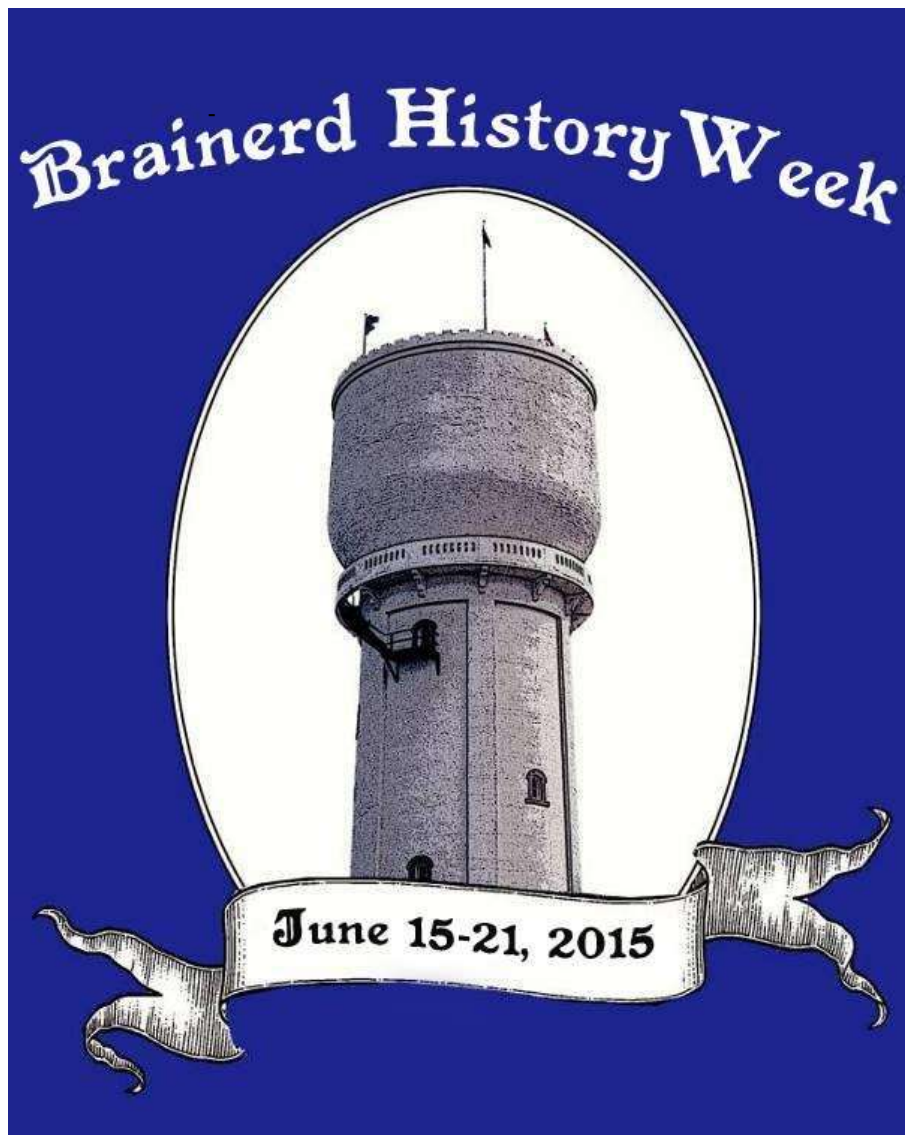
Thurs., June 18, Paper Mill Day: A full day of events at the new **Brainerd Industrial Center** (the former Potlatch/Wausau Paper Co. Paper Mill site). The mill building will be open from 1:30 to 8 PM, with a dam tour from 1:30 to 3 PM and a 3:30-5:30 PM Paper Mill tour & paper machine No. 7 tour. (Continued)

This is expected to be the last year to see the massive paper-making machine. From 6-8 PM a public meeting will include: CEO Mike Higgins will introduce the Brainerd Industrial Center, former paper mill employees and US Military Veterans will be honored, and Jeremy Jackson, the coordinator of the ***Paul Bunyanland Cultural-Historical Society***, will give a presentation on the beginning of the pulp and paper industry, and early days of the paper mill in NE Brainerd. The public is invited and encouraged to attend this exciting event!

Fri., June 19, Community Day with our Native American neighbors. Discussion of tribal government at Central Lakes College, 10 AM-12 PM.

Sat., June 20, Children's Day in Gregory Park. ***Brainerd Community Festival*** 10-3:00, games, prizes & booths with arts & crafts, and LOTS of food! Sponsored by ***Youth As Resources & Community Action***. Then from 4-11 PM is the **Battle of the Bands** in the First Lutheran Church parking lot. Live music, a variety of performers and prizes. (For Battle of the Bands, admission is \$5 in advance and \$8 at the door.)

Sun., June 21, Ecumenical church service in Gregory Park at 1 PM.



-Brainerd History Week Committee. [New, 6/13/2015.]

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HISTORY WEEK

Will there be a 2015 event?

What shall it be?

Community Discussion on 2015 Brainerd History Week

Brainerd Public Library, Tues., Sept. 16, 2014 at 6:00 PM

You are cordially invited to a **Community Discussion** “brainstorming session” to see what folks would like to see in next year’s Brainerd History Week! What did you enjoy the most in the 2014 event, and how can the committee improve the week for 2015? Make this your celebration! Come with ideas or just listen in, at the Brainerd Public Library, Tues., Sept. 16, 2014 at 6:00 PM, in the large meeting room. Open to the public, Brainerd area and surrounding community residents alike!!!

-Brainerd History Week 2015 Committee

Brainerd History Week – 2016

June 14-19, 2016



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TUESDAY -- 6/14 FLAG DAY

4:00 pm - 4:45 pm Elk's Lodge Flag Day Ceremony @ Veterans Memorial (CWC Courthouse)
6:00 pm Downtown Brainerd History Walk

WEDNESDAY -- 6/15 DOWNTOWN DAY

10:00 am - 6:00 pm Salvation Army Celebrates 125 Years in Brainerd
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Antique Fire Truck Viewing @ Salvation Army
10:00 am Downtown Brainerd History Walk
10:30 am Children's Parade, staging in front of Fancy Pants Chocolates (704 Laurel Street)
Escort by Bikeable Committee
11:00 am Scavenger Hunt
12:00 pm Tour of Historic Courthouse, meet at Courthouse steps
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Puppet Show @ 618 Front Street
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Tours of the old Brainerd Library @ Carnegie Building, 206 N 7th St - on your own
2:00 pm Traveling Art Pub, 502 South 6th Street
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Open House at SEH Building
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm SEH Welcomes Walking Tour Participants
5:00 pm Downtown Brainerd History Walk
6:30 - 8:00 pm Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Dance, Video, and Discussion of Cultural Issues
Meeting room of the Crow Wing County Land Services Building

THURSDAY -- 6/16 NORTHERN PACIFIC CENTER DAY

10:00 am - 12:00 pm Franklin Art Center Open House - Guided Tours and Refreshments
2:30 - 5:00 Every Half Hour NP Center Tour (Powerhouse?)
2:00 pm - 8:00 pm Roundhouse Brewery Beer Tasting
1:00 pm Arboretum Tour
3:00 pm Arboretum Tour
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm CWCHS Fundraiser and a Social Event for Andy Walsh's Facebook page
"Share History and Stories about Brainerd Lakes Area History"
\$15 for adults, \$7.50 for kids 5-12; under 5 free and \$50 max/family

FRIDAY -- 6/17

10:30 am "Oldest Rifle Artifact", Ray Nelson Presentation @ CWCHS
2:00 pm - 5:30 pm Exploring Danish History & Culture @ CWCHS
Crafts, Aebleskiver and other treats
3:00 pm Story Time for Children - Session 1 @ CWCHS
4:00 pm Story Time for Children - Session 2 @ CWCHS
11:59 AM - 7 PM 194TH REGIMENT OPEN HOUSE @ BRAINERD NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY
194TH REGIMENT HISTORY DISPLAY
CAMP RIPLEY MILITARY MUSEUM DISPLAY
6:00 pm Strong Towns Presentation - Charles Marohn @ Brainerd City Hall
Followed by downtown walk to illustrate presentation

SATURDAY -- 6/18 NE BRAINERD DAY

10:00 am - 12:00 pm Bike Event - Kiwanis Park to the Brainerd Industrial Center
10:30 am Evergreen Cemetery History Walk
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Brainerd Industrial Center & Dam
12:00 Noon Doors Open - Food Available (Subs or Pizza) @ B.I.C.
12:00 Noon NE Brainerd Historical Bus Tour # 1 - Reservations
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Paper Machine Open House and Tours
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Presentations and Historical Slideshow, Welcome to B.I.C.
Honoring military veterans and former paper mill employees
3:00 pm Dam Guided Tour
3:30 pm NE Brainerd Historical Bus Tour # 2- Reservations (B.I.C.)
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Hydroelectric Dam Open House
4:30 pm Doors Close

SUNDAY -- 6/19 LUM PARK DAY

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Children's Events
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Church Event
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Ski Loons
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm Disk Golf
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Concert - Teen Challenge

Brainerd History Week 2017 itinerary:

Monday, June 12

9 am - Downtown Brainerd History Walk. Meet at the Brainerd Public Library (rain or shine) a few minutes prior to scheduled walk. There are no stairs or steep grades. Please wear appropriate walking shoes. We'll be walking about 1.4 miles. Contact Carl Faust with questions, fertfaust@msn.com

10 am - Tour of City Hall. Contact Mary Koep with questions, marywalk@gmail.com

12 pm - Tour of Historic Courthouse. Contact Mary Koep with questions, marywalk@gmail.com

3 pm - Riverview Brainerd History Walk. This walk starts at the parking lot SOUTH of the High Rise Parking lot, and goes to Kiwanis Park, Buster Park, then around Boom Lake. Meet in the lower parking lot a few minutes prior to the walk. The distance is 1.9 miles, and it takes about an hour. Contact Carl Faust with questions, fertfaust@msn.com

6-8 pm - Music through the decades at Tornstrom Auditorium. Enjoy up to 10 minutes of slides and live music from each decade, starting from the 1900's to current day. Contact Laura Busch with questions, 331-2251.

Tuesday, June 13

10 am - Children's Day Parade. Children are invited to participate in their own parade that will navigate around Harrison School. Contact Lisa Stawarski with questions, 454-6956.

2 pm - Genealogy Program - Descendants of the Brainerd settlers at the Library. Contact Jolene Bradley with questions, 829-5574.

4 pm - Downtown Brainerd History Walk. Meet at Brainerd Public Library (rain or shine) a few minutes prior to scheduled walk. There are no stairs or steep grades. Please wear appropriate walking shoes. We'll be walking about 1.4 miles. Contact Carl Faust with questions, fertfaust@msn.com

6-8 pm - Presentation on SE Brainerd followed with a walk about. Meet at Harrison School. Contact Chuck Marohn@strongtowns.org with questions.

Wednesday, June 14

10 am - 2 pm - Armory open house will highlight Brainerd's Military History in the Colonel Miller Room and the Regimental Room. Our display includes the 34th Tank Company starting in 1936, 94th Tank Battalion in WWII, Mobilization for Korean War, and Deployments to Iraq. The Camp Ripley Military Museum staff will be set up in the Regimental Room with a WWII display of US and Japanese uniforms and equipment as worn in Bataan. Walter Straka, the last survivor of Bataan, 194th Tank Battalion will be in the Regimental Room from 11am - 1 pm. Contact Larry Osvold with questions, 218-851-7154.

4 pm - Flag Day Ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial (near Historic Courthouse). Social hour at The Elks Lodge to follow.

7 pm - Downtown Brainerd History Walk Meet at Brainerd Public Library (rain or shine) a few minutes prior to scheduled walk. There are no stairs or steep grades. Please wear appropriate walking shoes. We'll be walking about 1.4 miles. Contact Carl Faust with questions, fertfaust@msn.com

Thursday, June 15

1-5 pm - NP Center Tour. Guided tours will be scheduled every 30 minutes, starting at the Clock Tower building. You determine your ending location - The NP Center for light refreshments, or Roundhouse Brewery. Contact Rick with questions, 839-5758.

5-8 pm - Learn some River History as you participate in the Community Paddle down Mississippi River. Launch from Evergreen Cemetery Landing. \$20/person to rent a kayak/canoe, or you are encouraged to bring your own. Call Brainerd Community Action for reservations and more information. 218-829-5278.

Friday, June 16

2 - 4:30 pm - Enjoy at your leisure, a Centennial Birthday Celebration for the Crow Wing County Museum, along with a new display featuring the recent privy dig bottles. 320 Laurel Street, Brainerd. Contact Pam Nelson with questions, 829-3268

2:30 pm - County/Society Ceremony & Re-dedication of the museum building.

Saturday, June 17

10 am - Did you know that SE Brainerd once had an airport? Join us as we dedicate a marker for Rosko Field. Ceremony will take place at Shipman Auto Parts, 1711 SE 13th Street, Brainerd. You are encouraged to bring a lawn chair. Contact Mike with questions, 612-750-2981.

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