



FIVE WINGS
ARTS COUNCIL
**Arts News &
Opportunities For YOU!**

*Start your holidays off with some sparkle and shine with
music and creative activities!*

HAPPY
Holidays



Wadena Holiday Events

**Christmas in Wadena
Light Show**

Nightly until New Years Eve
414 Third Street SW
Monday through Thursday
5:30-9:00 pm
Friday through Sunday
5:30-10:00 pm



A must see for travelers and locals alike. The Christmas in Wadena Light Show is ready to help make your holiday season sparkle. Homeowners Greg and Nancy Anderson use the light show to raise awareness and funds for Project Share of Wadena County (the local food shelf). Non-perishable food items are accepted and small donations. Donations and food items can be left inside a box outside on the sidewalk. Make sure to tune your AM/FM car radio to 88.1 to see the music sync with the lights.

FREE Christmas Shows at the Cozy Theatre

223 Jefferson Street Wadena
Saturdays December 8th, 15th, and 22nd
Showtimes at Noon & 2:00 pm

Do your Christmas shopping while the kids enjoy a free movie sponsored by local businesses.



Check the Cozy's Facebook page for movie titles and more!

Madhatters Community Theatre Presents: Believe

First Congregational United
Church of Christ
Hwy 29 and 1st Street SW
December 14th-16th 7:00 pm
December 15th -16th 2:00 & 7:00 pm



Believe!

A Play with Traditional Christmas Music
By Faye Couch Reeves

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Alex is a teenager who has become disillusioned with Christmas, seeing it as nothing more than an excuse to spend money and indulge in greed. But with the help of his family and the youth group at church, maybe Alex can be reminded what Christmas really means. Join us for this joyful and inspirational story for all ages, told with traditional Christmas music we all know and love!

Tickets run \$7 for adults, \$4 for students and are available at Wadena Thrifty White, online at madhattersinc.org and at the Church Door.

Brainerd Holiday Events

**Central Lakes College
Performing Arts Center
Presents: Rhythmic
Circus - Holiday Shuffle**



**Sunday, December 16th,
6:00PM to 8:00PM at the
Tornstrom Auditorium located
at 804 Oak Street in Brainerd.**

This season, don't miss out on a wildly-imaginative, "not-so-silent night" the whole family can celebrate together. A perfectly un-traditional holiday experience for the entire family. Four world-renowned hoofers and a swingin' seven-piece band inject the signature Rhythmic Circus style of rapid-fire tap into upbeat holiday classics. These homegrown tap phenoms from Minneapolis hit the road with a trunk full of tap shoes, funky costumes and a big brass band, ready to burst onto the stage with their holiday spectacular, Holiday Shuffle. It's a joyous parade of genre-hopping holiday music and hard-hitting percussive dance that will have you jumping out of your seat, dancing to the beat, and filled with holiday spirit! Among the many festive wonders in store, Holiday Shuffle features a wildly-imaginative beatboxing rendition of "The Grinch", a full-cast performance of "Linus and Lucy" (A Charlie Brown Christmas), five new originals, and a bright mash-up, syncopated percussive dance medley titled "Toy Soldier March" performed at eye-popping speeds. With their combined and highly integrated talents, the dancers and musicians are known for leaving audiences on their feet and dancing in the aisles. www.rhythmiccircus.com

Purchase 10+ adult tickets & receive a 15% discount.

Tickets: \$20 Adult / \$15 Under 18 * Service fees apply to online ticket purchases.

www.clcperformingarts.com or 218-855-8199

**Santa at the Northland
Arboretum & Sertoma
Winter Wonderland**

**Santa is coming to the
Arboretum Saturdays in
December - 5:30 pm - 8:00
pm. Bring the kids to visit
Santa and stay for the annual
Winter Wonderland.**



**Sertoma Winter Wonderland
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
December 5th - 8th, 12th-15th, 19th-31st**

Entrance Directions:

From Highway 210, turn north
onto NW 7th Street Brainerd

Do not enter on Conservation Drive.

Breathtaking lights, reflecting off of the sparkling white snow and strung into captivating displays will delight visitors as they drive through the Sertoma Winter Wonderland. This spectacular holiday tradition includes a driving tour of 75 colorfully animated lit displays. These are sure to add a sparkle of excitement to the eyes of families

throughout the Lakes Area as they awe over the intricate presentation of lights. Funds raised from this event go back to local non-profits and clubs. - Cash or checks only
- Free candy canes for the kids.

Storytime with Santa

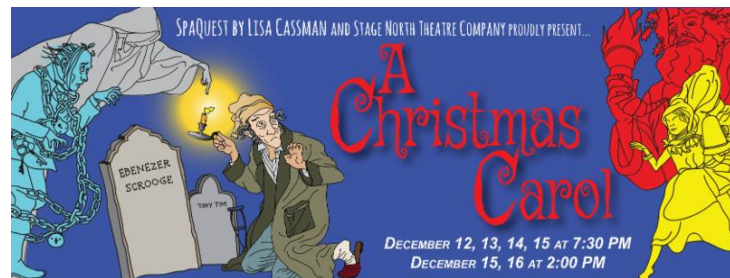
**Monday, December 17th from
6:00PM to 7:00PM
Brainerd Public Library
416 South 6th Street Brainerd**

Bring the kids to the Brainerd Public Library for a great evening of stories and songs with Santa himself! He'll read to you, then hear your requests and pose for pictures--so bring your camera. All are welcome, and be sure to come early for a good spot!



Stage North Theatre Company Presents: A Christmas Carole

**Dec. 12-15, 7:30 p.m. and
Dec. 15-16 2 p.m.
at Franklin Arts Center,
1001 Kingwood, Brainerd**



Tickets: 218-232-6810 or online at www.stagenorththeater.com or stop in at the A-2-Z Yarn Shop on the main level of the Franklin Arts Center. Nothing says "Christmas" more than 'A Christmas Carol.'

Legacy Chorale Presents Joy To The World

**Sunday, December 9th at 3:30 pm
Tornstrom Auditorium
804 Oak Street Brainerd**

Featured Music includes: "International Carol Suites," arranged by Mark Hayes, contains 30 carols, representing 20 countries, arranged in a group of five geographically themed suites with both English and native languages. Other songs performed will include the Hanukkah song "Dai Diddle Dai," a rip-roaring rendition of the gospel spiritual "Go Where I Send Thee," and the ironic, new millennial holiday song, "I Want to Stare at my Phone with You." Singers will be accompanied by a 10-piece chamber orchestra.



All concerts are free will donation at the door.

For more information please visit the Legacy Chorale website at:
<https://legacychorale.org/events/>

Staples Holiday Events

Community Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 8th at 7:30 pm
Sacred Heart Church 310 4th Street NE
Staples

Join the Staples Area Men's Chorus, the Staples Area Women's Chorus, the Colla Voce Girl's Choir, and the Central MN Boys Choir for an evening of Christmas music.

Purchase tickets online at www.staplesmen.org
\$10 single, \$25 family



North Pole Lights Display

Fridays through Sundays
6:00pm to 9:00pm
Pine Grove Park
Pine Grove Road or 1 mile
south of Staples on Highway
210

Enter on the west side of the park.
Cars \$5.00, sorry no buses.



The North Pole Lights Display runs now through the end of December.

Little Falls Holiday Events

St. Francis Community Chorale presents Christmas Concert

Friday, December 7th at 7:00 pm
Sacred Heart Chapel, St. Francis
Convent, Little Falls 116 8th Ave SE

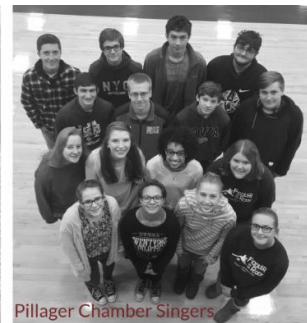


The St. Francis Community Chorale will present a Christmas Concert, "Fa La La La La!" Start your Christmas in a wonderful way with beautiful and inspiring music!

Sprout Growers & Makers Market

Saturday, December 8th
10:00AM to 3:00PM
609 13th Avenue North
East, Door 8 in Little Falls

This indoor winter market will



have two stellar entertainment

acts! Bruce Archer Music hits the Sprout stage for the second time, playing Americana, roots, and blues infused originals and covers (10AM-12PM). The Pillager High School Chamber Singers, a 16-voice mixed ensemble, will also perform (1PM-3PM) with primarily a cappella vocal music. Around the holiday season these singers from Fine Arts at Pillager focus on Christmas carols to bring some cheer to the school and community in the Pillager area.

All are welcome to enjoy the performance as well as a cooking demonstration of a Shiitake Bao Bun with Quick Pickled Vegetables by Chef Paul Ruszat and Matt Ratliff of Ready 2 Fruit Mushrooms LLC and Fruits Nuts and Vegetable Farms in the Sprout kitchen at 12PM.

Pop-Up Lunch & Bar by Prairie Bay Grill starting at 11AM, while supplies last!

Spend \$10, Get \$10! Community members shopping with SNAP benefits can now double their dollar at the Sprout market! Swipe your EBT card and Hunger Solutions will match up to \$10 toward your purchases with Sprout vendors selling food products. Shoppers can visit the Sprout info booth to swipe EBT, Debit, and Credit cards in exchange for tokens called "Marketplace Bucks" that can be used at vendor booths during the market.

Gift certificates for Sprout Marketplace Bucks will be available for sale and make great gifts. It's a great way to encourage your loved ones to shop local!

Harper's Chord Christmas

**Friday, December 14th at
7:30PM at the Great River Arts
Stage in Little Falls.**

Harper's Chord has become one of Central Minnesota's favorite bands and this year's holiday show will be another outstanding performance

featuring Christmas classics as well as unique twists on holiday favorites. Their country/folk sound brings a certain freshness to the stage.

Harper's Chord is ready to entertain audiences with their beautiful harmonies and country/folk flair. A passion for music and performance are evident in each of the members stage presence. Bring your holiday cheer and celebrate this joyful season!

There will be light appetizers and sweet treats served and a festive theme throughout the evening.

Doors & drinks 6:30

Show at 7:30

Tickets are available at Great River Arts, by phone at 320-632-0960 and online.

\$18 general admission



Art Bar 39 Paint & Sip at Great River Arts

**Wednesday, December 19th at
6:30 pm
Great River Arts 122 1st Street SE**

Little Falls

Art Bar 39 Paint & Sip Event at Great River Arts in Little Falls! Join us at Great River Arts for a fun time to Create, Sip & Socialize! Tickets are \$35 and include all painting supplies and instruction. We will be painting a barn on an 12x12 inch canvas! Save your seats now by calling Great River Arts at (320) 632-0960

Tickets can be purchased online through the GRA website at <http://greatart.org/adult-opportunities/>



Longville & Crosby

Legacy Chorale Presents Joy To The World

**Tuesday December 11th at 7:30PM at the Crosby-Ironton High School
711 Poplar Street, Crosby
Saturday December 15th at 7:30PM at the Salem Lutheran Church
1340 Co. Road 5 Longville**

Featured Music includes: "International Carol Suites," arranged by Mark Hayes, contains 30 carols, representing 20 countries, arranged in a group of five geographically themed suites with both English and native languages. Other songs performed will include the Hanukkah song "Dai Diddle Dai," a rip-roaring rendition of the gospel spiritual "Go Where I Send Thee," and the ironic, new millennial holiday song, "I Want to Stare at my Phone with You." Singers will be accompanied by a 10-piece chamber orchestra.



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