**PINE RIVER BACKUS FAMILY CENTER “HAPPENINGS”**

**245 Barclay Ave, Pine River ~ (218)587-4292 www.prbfamilycenter.org**

**August 2020**

At this time the Family Center remains closed to the public in order to continue keeping people safe. Monday through Thursday someone will be in the office to answer your calls. The Family Center can also be reached by leaving a message at (218) 587-4292. We will answer you as soon as we can.

**Pine River Area Food Shelf:** Is Tuesdays and Fridays from 10-1 p.m., and the 2nd Tuesday of the month, July 11th, the food shelf will be open from 3:30-6:00 p.m. This is drive up distribution. Please drive to the outside door of the food shelf, on 2nd St., the east side of our building.

**Pine River-Backus CommUnity Meals**: A local collaborative effort has been put together to provide a free weekly meal for anyone who is hungry. Pick up only; each Monday at the Riverview Church in Pine River or each Thursday at the Backus Pine Mountaineer Senior Center. Serving time is 4:00 – 6:00 pm.

**MNsure Navigator:** Call 587-4292 if you have questions or to set up an appointment.

**The Family Centers Home Visiting Program:** Has immediate openings for expectant mothers who would like additional support with their pregnancy and parenting their child till 3 years of age. Free Prenatal Gift Bags are available to women who are expecting a baby that live in the Pine River-Backus school district. During COVID-19 we are offering virtual visits, parental and community resources which we can deliver and extra support during this difficult time.

**The Parent Child Plus** We will be enrolling new families this September, children must be between 1.5 and 2.5 years old to participate. The program provides home visits, books and toys. COVID-19 Notice: We will offer modified virtual visits until it is safe to resume in-person home visits. Participants will receive deliveries including books, toys, and guide sheets. For more information please contact Leslie at the Family Center.

**Working Together Coalition (WTC) and the** **Opioid Prevention Team (OPT)** Are you interested in joining the fight against the Opioid epidemic? Are you curious about the efforts that are taking place in Cass County? Visit our website at workingtogethercoalion.org to find out about upcoming meetings and how you can join the fight.

**NAPS:** Drive up pick up is August 11th from 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.

**WIC:** Please call (218) 547-6872

**Family Planning:** Will be at the Family Center August 4th. Please call (877)275-6123 to schedule an appointment.

**Child and Teen Check-Ups:** We are not holding clinics here at the Family Center yet, please call your clinic to schedule. If you need further help, please call Karen at 587-4292.

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