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Nisswa first grader misses "real school"

By ANN SCHWARTZ
Lucy Smith, 7, is a charming and outgoing first grader at Nisswa Elementary in Erica Hanowski's class.

Because she is such an extrovert, she is lucky to have somewhere to go during the day. Since her mom, Becca, an RN, is a frontline worker, childcare is provided for Lucy.

She goes to Nisswa Elementary for a full day from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The school work is done at 10 a.m. in the morning and 2 p.m. in



Lucy Smith, 7, at home with her cat.

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the afternoon. The remainder of the day is set up like an after-school program, with

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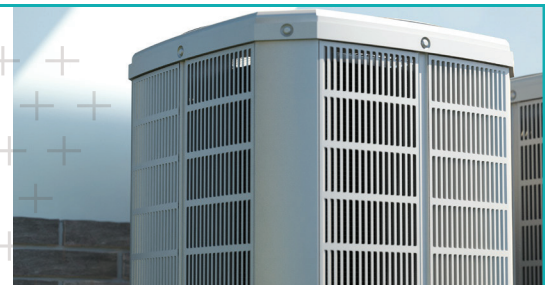


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St. Francis principal glad they invested in improved internet

First-year administrator wasn't expecting such big changes



Jennifer Nagel, St. Francis of the Lakes principal

By ANN SCHWARTZ
Jennifer Nagel, 41, was familiar with St. Francis of the Lakes School in Brainerd, having worked as a teacher and assistant principal there, along with tons of other teaching experience under her belt.
But her first year of being a principal, and learning the basic job, was rudely interrupted when the governor of Minnesota, Tim Walz, shut down schools from March 18 through the end of the school year due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.
Looking for silver linings in the cloud, Nagel is so thankful that they upgraded their internet network last summer, which left them better placed to teach students online this year. St. Francis has about 60 laptops and 30 ipads that students use — many loaned out by the school.
A faith-based school, solid on Catholic teachings, St. Francis of the Lakes Catholic School falls under the jurisdiction of the Diocese of Duluth. St. Francis contracts with the Brainerd School District for food service

and transportation. Brainerd also provides special education and district nurse services to St. Francis.
It helps that they don't have to worry about food service during this pandemic and their families were well-equipped to deal with childcare with their students at home, Nagel said. In a private school there are fewer children in poverty than the public school system has and parents tend to be very engaged.
"We do have some families who have hardships and we're here to help with financial difficulties, or if they have a need for food or childcare,

we would provide that too," noted Nagel.
For the most part, teachers are doing an excellent job of reaching out to parents and families. "I've had to contact a few people," she noted.
With fundraising down everywhere, extra donations to the school would be appreciated this year, she said. About 9 percent of the students are not of the Catholic faith. They admit students of any and all faiths, or no faith, but they must be open to the teachings of the Catholic Church, she explained.
"We center our academics and values around our faith,"

she explained about the bedrock of the school. "Faith concepts are integrated into every class."
The trend for Catholics having large families is true at St. Francis. Ten of their families have at least five children each, so distance learning plans must include a way to serve large families with children at various grade levels.
"One thing I try to stress to teachers, students and families, is that the spiritual, social, emotional and physical well being of all of us is very important at this time. If you need a break, take a break. Do the best you can but don't strain

yourself.
"I tell everyone 'hang in there.' There are only three weeks left of school and everyone is doing a great job of adapting and are open to possibilities. I look forward to starting next year off with a bang and hope we don't have to do distance learning right away."
Nagel said she is sad for the eighth graders. Eighth grade graduation is a huge event at St. Francis, with a special Mass where each student is highlighted by an eighth grade teacher, followed by a reception — all attended by family and friends. And then eighth

graders are given the last two days of school off.
This event is such a milestone for St. Francis students that they are attempting to reschedule it for later in 2020.
"One thing we found is that the teaching staff have had a chance to research and find tons of new resources that they've incorporated into their instruction. Without distance learning, we wouldn't have the time to do that."
Like all of us Nagel misses seeing everyone in person and exchanging smiles and hugs. "This school building is really quiet without any children in it," she concluded.

St. Francis music teacher keeps part of former routine

Sue Jewell still goes in to teach her online classes every day



Sue Jewell, the music director for St. Francis of the Lakes Catholic School in Brainerd.

By ANN SCHWARTZ
A lot of things have changed, but some things have stayed the same with school closed early this year.
Sue Jewell, Brainerd, the music director for St. Francis

of the Lakes Catholic School still goes into the building and teaches classes every day. (She also teaches piano lessons during the regular school year).
"My keyboard is there and all my reference material," explained Jewell, about her music classroom in the basement of the school. "I have a laptop and CD player and music books that I have all arranged around me for easy access."
St. Francis, a private faith-based school in Brainerd, has about 220 students in grades preschool through eighth. Jewell interacts with all ages and also has choir rehearsals and concerts with the older students grade 4-8.
Their big events during a year of "real school" begin with Grandparents Day in a big

welcome — back shindig in October where music students perform.
Then a ton of work goes into putting together a Christmas program, staged in December, where about 900 folks attend the evening concert at Tornstrom Auditorium, Brainerd.
The second half of the year is a little less hectic, with lots of music theory studies and choir practice continuing once a week. All students have music class two or three times a week. She also teaches students the music for Mass and students take turns helping at each Mass. Mass is held at St. Francis Church every Wednesday morning and attended by the student body (the public is also welcome to attend).
The next big programs would have been the spring

band and choir concert and a trip to Valley Fair for band and choir students and their chaperones.
"We usually have two coach buses going to the Valley Fair with 90 people. We have strict guidelines of two parents chaperoning every group of five or six children."
The Valley Fair trip is called off this year and so is the concert.
But Jewell continues to reach out, even during distance learning times. She hosts classes most days, online, with about 15 students in each class.
She keeps in contact with Brainerd School District music staff and exchanges ideas with them.
Jewell reaches out to families with a SMORE newsletter

every Friday. "I put my email address and cell phone number on there and I have quite a few parents who will email or chat with me about music lessons," observed Jewell.
She uses her ipad at home where she does planning, practicing and preparing.
How does she keep spirits up? "We end every class session, every day, with prayer for anyone who is struggling."
She said the younger children, especially, love to come to the online classes. And teachers and staff from St. Francis have a fun game going on facebook. They publish a photo of themselves somewhere in the Brainerd Lakes Area and everyone has to guess where they are.
"It keeps our families engaged," said Jewell.

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Brainerd, area’s largest school district, has over 6,000 students

By ANN SCHWARTZ

Brainerd has a large school district with multiple buildings to manage. They have about 6,344 students in six elementary schools, a middle school and two high schools. Brainerd High School includes grades 9-12 and with about 1,850 students.

They also have Washington and Lincoln buildings, an early childhood center and are in the midst of a multi-million construction project impacting many of their building spaces.



Brainerd High School Principal Andrea Rusk.

“Brainerd High School provides daily distance learning for all students,” said Andrea Rusk, high school principal.

“We decided to do a daily check-in and learning task in order to stay connected to our students. We also ensure they have the daily support needed to be successful in this new platform for learning. Each morning, a teacher posts a lesson and it may include a video, reading, or learning activity. Every student is expected to check in with each teacher daily and also complete the assigned learning task.

“Our Transportation Department is doing deliveries of meals and supplies (as needed) to the homes of the people who have let us know they need that through the Family Needs Survey on our district homepage at isd181.org.”

Rusk said, “Each day is the same, but different,” about her work load during these times. “What I mean is that when I get to school I log on to my computer and spend much of the day ‘meeting’ with individual teachers and with teacher teams. I feel busier in distance learning than I did when we had face to face learning! I think it is due that

this is all new for us and we had a steep learning curve in how we best provide instruction to our students.

“Our administrative team also meets daily to discuss students we are concerned about, and we also problem-solve together.”

For students who may be struggling, teachers first email the student, said Rusk. If that is not successful, the teacher calls the parent.

Rusk said, “We want them to know we want them to stay connected — even if they are struggling with the online learning. For many of our students, this has been very difficult. It has also been a challenge for parents — many of whom are working from home or who have been laid off from work due to COVID19. There are many stressors on our families as they are doing their best to survive this difficult time.

“From my perspective,” said Cori Reynolds, communications specialist for the district, “the most helpful thing the public can do is be patient and offer lots of grace — with us



Cori Reynolds, communications specialist for the district at the school district when we don’t have answers to questions, with rambunctious kids who miss their routines and friends, with parents who are struggling to work and parent and help support learning, with anyone who feels scared or angry or unsettled by all of this. Everyone is doing the best they can at things they have never done before.”

“Please continue to support education,” said Rusk. “Given this challenging time, it may seem unrealistic to provide education using distance learning but we share hope of a time that we will be back together with our students and the learning done now will benefit the return to normal in our schools. Understand most schools were not pre-

pared for this change and we are working really hard to support our students. We have a great community of support for our schools and the continued value on education is appreciated!”

Canceled events

At this time the school is on a “pause” for the commencement ceremony. There hope is that they can have an in-person ceremony following Center for Disease Control and Minnesota Department of Health guidelines for safety. If they do not have a ceremony on May 22 as planned, they have two back up dates, one in June and one in July.

Prom will be rescheduled and potentially held later this summer.

The Minnesota State High School League has canceled the spring season for athletics. The hope is that at some point this summer student athletes will be able to resume some type of athletic training with their teammates.

Senior recognition night, which Brainerd Public Schools Foundation sponsors, will be held as a virtual ceremony on

Wednesday, May 13.

The school had to cancel kindergarten round-up, Kinder Friend day, field days, field trips, awards ceremonies, concerts and more. An alternate schedule or format doesn’t make sense for most of those things. Where it does make sense, plans are being made and will be shared when they’re complete.

Some schools are doing spirit days where people send in photos of their outfits, to keep spirits up. The high school is doing a series on facebook highlighting the seniors.

Administrators are doing their best to encourage staff. One did home flower deliveries earlier this week to celebrate the staff for Administrative Professionals day.

Another school brought in bagels and coffee for everyone working at the child care site. Others have video meetings to encourage the staff and answer questions and give them a chance to vent.

The focus remains on taking good care of kids and supporting their learning.

LEGAL NOTICE

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DATE: **April 19, 2020**

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INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGE TO BE FORECLOSED

1. Date of Mortgage: **August 15, 2018**

2. Mortgagors: **Shayne D. Pankratz and Trista J. Pankratz, spouses married to each other**

3. Mortgagees: **First International Bank & Trust**

4. Recording Information: Recorded on **September 11, 2018**, as Document Number **908419**, in the Office of the County Recorder of **Crow Wing** County, Minnesota.

5. Assignments of Mort-

gage, if any: N/A

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGED PREMISES

6. Tax parcel identification number of the mortgaged premises: **251030030010009, 251030030020009 and 251030030030009**

7. Legal description of the mortgaged premises: **LOTS ONE (1), TWO (2), AND THREE (3), BLOCK THREE (3) MATTSON'S ADDITION TO IRONTON ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER, CROW WING COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

8. The physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: **308 6th Ave., Ironton, MN 56455.**

OTHER FORECLOSURE DATA

9. The person holding the Mortgage: is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30.

The name(s) of the residential mortgage servicer and the lender or broker, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, is **First International Bank & Trust.**

10. If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is **First In-**

ternational Bank & Trust.

INFORMATION REGARDING FORECLOSURE

11. The requisites of Minn. Stat. 580.02 have been satisfied.

12. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was **\$ 23,000.00.**

13. At the date of this notice the amount due on the Mortgage, including taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage, is: **\$23,414.69.**

14. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Crow Wing County, Minnesota, at public auction on **June 11, 2020, 10:00 a.m., at Sheriff's Office, 304 Laurel Street, Brainerd, MN 56401.**

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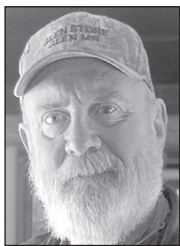
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BRIAN BUKKILA



Brian Donald Bukkila, 60, of Aitkin died Saturday, April 25, 2020 at Riverwood Health Care Center in Aitkin. The family is planning a celebration of life for both Brenda and Brian to be held at a later date. He was born July 15, 1959 in Minneapolis to Donald and Barbara (Larson) Bukkila. He graduated from High School in Minneapolis and work for Burlington Northern as a machine operator until his retirement. Brian was united in marriage to Brenda Sue (Keen) on September 16, 2000 in Las Vegas, NV. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. Brian is survived by his parents, Donald and

Barbara Bukkila; children: Ben Bukkila, Sturgis, SD; Kevin (Samantha Solheim) Hanson, Wishram, WA; Derek Hanson, Wishram, WA; grandchildren: Emory, Coralynn, and Liam Bukkila, Cain and Jacob Solheim, Merci Wildey, Trent, Jameson, Makayla, and Quinten Hanson; grothers and sisters: Julie (Ken) Patnode, Maple Grove; Brock (Amy) Bukkila, Aitkin; Brett (Sherri) Bukkila, Coon Rapids; Don (Barb) Bukkila, Alexandria; many other special relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Brenda, on December 25, 2019 and his grandparents, Ben and Helma Bukkila. Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

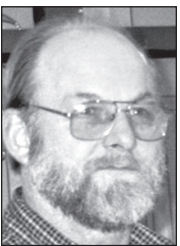
MICHAEL EDWARDS



Michael Paul Edwards, 47, of Brainerd, formerly of Aitkin, died Thursday, April 30, 2020 in St. Cloud Hospital, St. Cloud. Services for Michael will be held at a later date. Memorials may be sent to Susan Edwards at 19181 Spencer Road #9, Brainerd, MN 56401. He was born April 24, 1973 in Detroit Lakes to Terrance and Harriet (Steece) Edwards. Michael graduated from Aitkin High School. He married Susan Sisson on July 10, 2009 in Bemidji. Mi-

chael enjoyed visiting with friends, scrapping, playing sudoku, tinkering in the yard, canning and gardening. Michael will be dearly missed by all who knew him. Michael is survived by his loving wife, Susan Edwards; step-son, Samuel Stubbs; mother, Harriett Carleton; brother, Nicholas Edwards; numerous aunts, uncles and many cousins. Michael is preceded in death by his father, Terry and his grandparents. To leave an online condolence, go to: www.srtfuneral.com. Arrangements are with Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral and Cremation Service, Aitkin.

JOHN GAUSE



John Edward Gause, 74, died on Sunday, April 26, 2020 at Aitkin Health Services in Aitkin. Private Services will be held at a later date. Due to the unprecedented need in all of our communities, the family suggests that memorials and expressions of sympathy be made to the charity of your choice. John was born April 28, 1945 in Minneapolis. John worked as an Auto Mechanic for over 40 years. He excelled as a mechanic and was a "jack of all trades" around the home. John enjoyed

hunting, fishing and collecting old cars. He loved spending time with family and friends. John had a great sense of humor and charm. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him. John is survived by his sons: David (Sara) Gause and Tom (Kristen) Gause; brother, Richard Adams; sister, Frances Carter and many other special relatives and friends. John was preceded in death by his parents, William and Eleanor Adams, and brother, David Adams. Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

NATALIE SPALJ

Natalie Gerbich Spalj, age 91, longtime resident of Deerwood and currently residing at the Brightondale Reflections Memory Care in New Brighton, died on Sunday, May 3, 2020 due to health complications from the Coronavirus. A Funeral Mass will be held a later date. A full obit will be at that time.

Natalie is survived by her children: Heather (Jack) Tooker, J.R. (Jane) Spalj, Heidi (Brian) Anderson, and Luke (Leslie) Spalj; 11 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

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stations, playing outside, activities and free time. "I like math the best," Lucy says about her favorite subject. "And we have Ten-sticks that teach us all about where our numbers go." A reader since kindergarten, Lucy has moved on to doing book reviews. She loves Mercy Watson stories. "I have seven books about her. She is very funny." In a serious vein, Lucy said that she knows that the Covid-19 Pandemic means that: "People are sick and they are getting worse. I

think that we should help others that are sick — get their groceries and stuff." Because she is in childcare and they practice social distancing, separating the kids and keeping the groups small, Lucy knows that although she is at her school physically, it's not: "real school. I miss real school and my friends and my teacher." She said Olivia is her best friend and she misses all her friends and family members that she hasn't seen recently. With North Long Lake right out her window, Lucy

looks forward to swimming, boating, riding her bike and other vehicles, such as four-wheelers, this summer. "I like things with wheels." This is the first summer she has had a sibling. Baby Liv is almost seven months old and she can roll over, laugh, blab and eat baby food. "I want the future to get better and I want to go back to real school. For fun, I hope I can go swimming and hold my sister in the water and help her get used to the water and maybe swim."

CHURCH DIRECTORY

* Indicates handicap accessible. NOTE: All times are Sunday morning (a.m.) unless indicated otherwise.

ALLIANCE
Aitkin* — New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; Worship 10:15 am & 5:30 pm; "Elevate" youth group for 7th-12th graders Wed 6:15 pm; 112 - 1st Ave. SW 218-927-2823.
Baxter* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; www.pointway.org
Garrison* — Pastor Michael H. Palkie; Worship 9; SS 10:30.
Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Aitkin — Heritage Church, Rev. Hayden Loven ; Sunday Morning Service 10:45
Crosby — Pastor Dustin McCaleb; Worship 10:30
Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS at 9:30; Worship at 10:45
Hill City — Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa Jordan; Worship 10; hilcityagchurc@gmail.com; 218-697-2662
Palisade — Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

BAPTIST
Aitkin - The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617, Worship 9: 30 and 11, thejourneynorth.com
Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Mark Bjorlo, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9, 10:30, 11:45, thejourneynorth.com
Brainerd* — Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Chris Erickson, 218-829-3191; SS 9:00, Worship 10:30 and 6 p.m., Wed. Classes and Clubs 6:30 p.m.; fbcbraainerd.com
Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Todd Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org
Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor Zach Broom 218-562-5252, Worship 10:30, SS 9:30.
Crosby — Bible Baptist, Pastor G. Fisher; SS 9:45; Service 10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study and Our Kids for Christ Wed. 7 pm
Deerwood* — Pastor W. Skog; SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm.
Glory* — Pastor Chris Meirose; 927-3678; SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 am.; Wed 6pm Glory Family night, KidMin grades kindergarten - 6, Mad4Christ grades 7-12.
Hill City — Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9; Worship 10 am; Bible Study, Fri., 7 pm.
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Tamarack — Pastor Terry Banker, 608-475-1528, Worship 9:30; SS 10:45; Wed Youth 4 pm.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Aitkin — Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Kevin Haffner 218-792-5684; Sacrament Mtg. 10
COMMUNITY
Aitkin — Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE., Aitkin, Services Sun.10, 218-927-6959
Brainerd - Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene- Pastor Dave McGaffey Sunday worship at 10:45, SS 9:30 -16549 Johnson Rd -church phone 218-829-9005
Glen — Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9 May-Oct.
Grand Rapids — Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30, Worship 10:30; Wed. BS 6:30 pm
Jacobson — Jacobson Community Church, Pastor George Collins, 218-252-5938, Sun. SS (All ages) 9:30, Worship 10:30; Family Time 2nd & 4th Sundays; Wed. BS 7 pm
Kimberly — Nature Ave. Rev. Rick Perry; Worship 9; Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30; 218-927-6256.
McGregor — Amazing Grace Christian Church; Worship 10; 99 South 1st Street (at the McGregor United Methodist church [shared] in downtown McGregor) Pastor Joel Seibel.
McGregor — Victory Mission, Pastor J. Gould, 218-768-2160; Sun. 10; Wed. Bible Study, 7:30 pm.
Merrifield — Community Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Ron Christenson; Service 11 & 6 pm. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 218-829-7536.
Merrifield — Ossipee Community, SS 10; Service 11; Wed. Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m.
Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Richie Bean; Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10
Outing* - Narrows Community Church, Pastor Stanley Mikles, 218-792-5530 Worship 9:30; Children's Sunday School 9:30; 6297 Woods Bay NE, just north of Hwy. 6 bridge
Palisade/Waukenabo Twp. — Hilltop Chapel, Pastor B. Hite; Service 10 a.m.; Adult and Children's SS 9 a.m.; between Esquagama & Round Lake. Handicap Accessible.
Tamarack — Church of Christ, 218-768-3898; Service 9:30; SS 10:45.

CONGREGATIONAL
Aitkin — First (UCC) Rev. Lijia Behr; Sun.10; Comm. 1st Sun; Council Mtg. 2nd Sun. Spiritual fellowship, Sun. 9.

EPISCOPAL
Aitkin — St. John's, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer 9
Brainerd* — St. Paul's, Holy Communion Sunday 10

EVANGELICAL FREE
Baxter — Lakewood EFC, Pastor Steve Anderson; Worship at 9 & 10:45; Wed for all ages 6:30 pm
Crosslake — Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email thelogchurch@crosslake.net
Isle — Pastor Kerry Johnston; Worship 9; SS 10:15; Wed. Youth Group 6 pm; Adult Prayer 6:30 pm
Malmo — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10; Worship 10:15
Wright — Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

HEBREW/MESSIANIC
Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, Rabi Frank Dell, for information 320-684-2804

LUTHERAN
Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.
Aitkin — First* (ELCA) Pastor Reggie Denton, Pastor Jordan Gades; worship Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 8 am & 10 am, Wed. 5:30 pm w/supper; contemporary services 2nd & 4th Sun.; nursery staffed during 10 am Sun. service; Sunday service is live streamed on YouTube (First Lutheran Church Aitkin); broadcast on KKKIN (94.3FM); community meal every Mon. & Thu. 5 pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thu. 9:30 am-5 pm.

Palisade* — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30.
Pequot Lakes* - Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) Rev. Stephen Blenkush Worship 9:00 a.m., SS 9:15 a.m., Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Wed. Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m.
Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA); Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.
Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210
Thor — Zion, Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.
Wright — Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.
Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Brainerd—Oak Street Chapel, Pastor Todd Wooden, Worship service is Sunday at 9:30 am, 523 SE 11th Street, Brainerd, 218-454-0984

PENTECOSTAL
Emily — Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready; Worship 10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939.
Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Ironton Town Hall*, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm.
Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

PRESBYTERIAN
Crosslake — Pastor Tony Oltmann, 218-692-4769; Worship 10; Fellowship 11:15; Bible study on Wednesdays at 10;14444 Daggett Pine Road just passed the Community Center; www.crosslakepres.org
McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9.
McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm.
Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

REFORMED
Crosby — Lifespring Church, a member of Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals, 9:30, 30 Hallett Ave NE 218-545-5433, www.visitlifespring.com

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Aitkin — Pastor Roger Hagen; Worship Sat. 9:30 a.m., Bible Study 10:30 a.m.; Prayer Mtg. Wed. 5:30 p.m.; www.aitkinadventist.org; 423-805-0933

Brainerd — Pastor Roger Hagen; Worship Sat. 11:20 a.m., Bible Study 10:00 a.m.; Bible Study & Prayer Mtg. Wed. 6:30 p.m.; 2910 Oak Street, Brainerd, 218-829-1676

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
Pequot Lakes — 28877 State Hwy 371, Pequot Lakes 10:30 1st and 4th Sundays. 218-330-3476

UNITED METHODIST
Aitkin* — Pastor Dawn Houser; high school & adult SS 9; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows, Wednesdays at 5:30 pm Bible & Brew at Block North Brew Pub.
Crosby/Deerwood* — Cascade, Reverend Dr. Genia Garrett; Worship 9:45; fellowship follows.
Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Laurence Foote; Worship 9.
Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9
Emily* — Pastors Luke and Bethany Nelson; Worship 8:30; fellowship follows.
Fleming* — (Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows.
Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10
McGregor* — (Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45; fellowship follows.
Onamia — Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; fellowship 10; 2 blks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947

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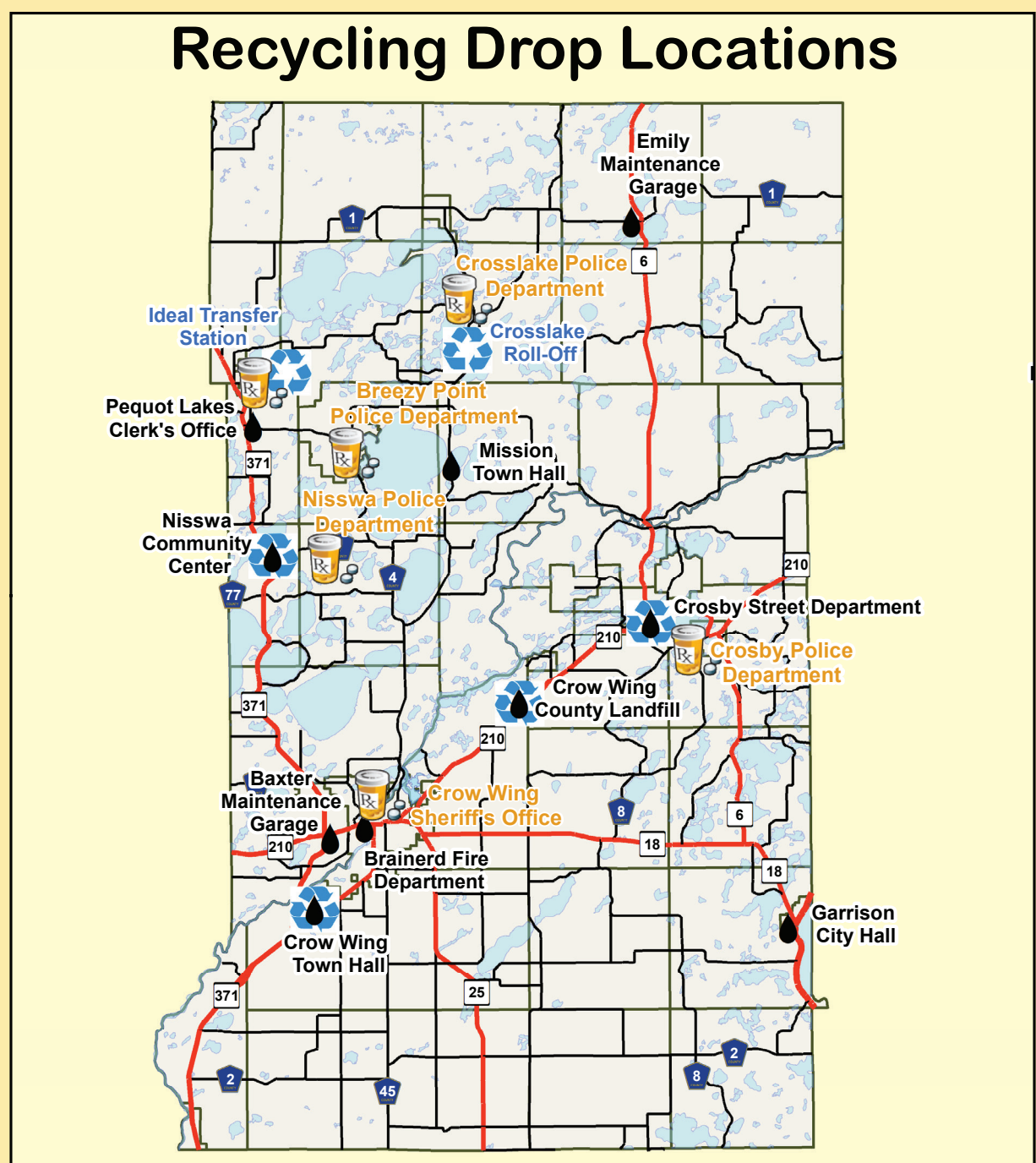
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