

Whether beak or bill, form follows function

Most physical features of wild creatures are unambiguous. A wing is a wing, a tail is a tail, a foot is a foot, and so on. But there are exceptions. A case in point is the apparatus by which a bird feeds itself and its young. Is it a beak? Is it a bill? Why one, and not the other?

That question has puzzled me, much as I’ve sometimes been uncertain when making the choice in speech or in writing between “we” and “us,” or “me” and “I.” It seems that there should be rules that anyone could apply objectively and make the right choice.

Not so, says no less an authority than the highly respected Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, at Cornell University in New York state. According to their web site, which is appropriately titled All About Birds, “the words are synonymous.” The web site goes on to say that ornithologists — bird scientists — are somewhat more apt to use “bill” than to use “beak.” There’s also a tendency for people to say “bill” when referring to the more fleshy or cartilaginous mouth parts of a duck, and “beak” when the bird in question has hard or sharp eating equipment, like birds of prey. The web site closes the argument by stating that “both words are used in reference to a wide variety of species.”

Some birds’ names leave no room for doubt. The ivory-billed woodpecker — long believed to be extinct, and a close relative of our own pileated woodpecker — settles the issue with the very name it was given by an English naturalist in 1731. Likewise, the long-billed curlew, one of the largest of shorebirds, which in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries was a target for market hunters.

But whatever word we use to describe a particular bird’s eating apparatus — beak or bill — the common denominator among them all is that these diverse creatures have been equipped by nature to survive in the circumstances under which they evolved. And therein lies much of the amazing variety found in the avian world. Following are just a few examples.

The long-billed curlew described above has the longest bill of any North American shorebird. Its downward-curving bill — from four to more than eight inches in length — allows it to probe well below the surface of beaches for deep-burrowing prey, like crabs and shrimp.

The northern shoveler duck, known in hunter slang as “spoonbill,” at first glance looks out of proportion, like a creature whose genetic programming permitted its bill to grow much too large for its body. There’s a reason. The shoveler has evolved to



feed in shallow, mud-bottomed marshes that are rich in such aquatic invertebrates as tiny crustaceans and plankton. Their broad, shovel or spoon-shaped bill is lined with tiny comb-like structures that strain or filter these foods and tiny seeds out of the water as they swing it from side to side; sometimes in water so shallow that the shoveler is standing, rather than swimming.

Among the birds we occasionally see in winter is the crossbill — either the red, or the white-winged subspecies — especially where there are cone-bearing conifers like pine, spruce, and fir. If you didn’t know better you might think that their bill was deformed, with the upper and lower mandible tips curved and crossing over one another, rather than aligning one above the other as a “normal” bird’s mandibles do. This mandible configuration gives the crossbill leverage to break open even tightly closed cones to extract the seeds inside. You can hardly imagine a more specialized environmental adaptation in a bird.

There are several North American subspecies of merganser ducks, which usually nest near lakes and wetlands

that have an abundant supply of forage fish. These three — the common, the red-breasted, and the smaller hooded merganser — share the feeding adaptation of tiny serrations, or “teeth,” lining the edges of their bills, which are uncharacteristically narrow and pointed compared to other ducks. For this reason, “sawbill” has come to be a nickname for them. These bill serrations are perfectly suited to grasping minnows and small fish that are a large part of their diet, notably a diet that has made them less than a favorite with hunters who misidentify and inadvertently shoot them.

Raptors — including hawks, ospreys, eagles, and owls — may be the branches of the avian evolutionary tree most deserving of the term “beak” rather than “bill.” Hard rather than flexible, sharp, and hooked, they are ideally suited to the task of — dare we say it — dispatching and dismembering the unfortunate rodents, gamebirds, songbirds, and occasionally larger prey they capture. They are an important part of the natural order, despite our squeamishness over their making a living at the cost of other creatures’ lives.

Though it feeds on small living creatures rather than seeds, fruits, or other plant parts, the northern shrike is a perching bird like most songbirds, and not a raptor. It is an example of what biologists’ call “convergent evolution;” two creatures from distinctly different families evolving to have important behavioral

similarities. The shrike has a hawk-like, sharp, hooked beak, and feeds primarily on the smallest of mammals — like mice and voles — other songbirds, lizards, as well as insects. It is known for impaling its prey on thorns or even barbed wire, to be consumed later.

Woodpeckers are equipped with a chisel-like bill, one that is ideally suited for splitting and fracturing tough tree fibers in the quest for the insects on which they feed. Their drilling not only yields insect prey, but excavations large enough for birds — including some surprisingly large ones — and small mammals to nest and rear their young.

The warblers, many of which are heavily dependent on insects, have a bill that has been compared to a pair of tweezers. Just the kind of instrument for efficiently plucking insects off trunk, limb, leaf, or branch. Much the same is true for wrens and gnatcatchers.

And, of course, there is that specialized, narrow and needle-like bill or beak of the ruby-throated hummingbird, so perfectly adapted to being inserted into the smallest of blossoms to collect nectar. It’s a feeding and survival strategy that seems more akin to insects than to birds.

So, in the grand scheme of things, what a bird’s feeding apparatus is called — beak or bill — is secondary to the almost miraculous diversity that allows birds to fill every possible niche in the natural world.

Commissioner meeting reports

The Clearwater County Commissioners met for a meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 8. Here, they authorized the hiring of Paul Toriseva as Deputy Emergency Manager; appointed Terrie Johnson as the Clearwater County Accessor; authorized the county auditor to pay submitted invoices of \$116,482.67 for the county revenue fund; and approved two rail surface crossing agreements for the county engineer with BNSF Railway.

The commissioners met again on Tuesday, Oct. 15, for another regular meeting. Here, the commissioners authorized the hiring of Peyton Huotari as a PT Communications Correction Officer, pending a background check which was already done before said meeting; authorized the hiring of Alec Gilbertson as a FT deputy sheriff, effective immediately; authorized the purchase of a 2025 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD to be taken out of 2025’s budget; and authorized the payment of invoices of \$34,918.71 for the county revenue fund and \$15,010.68 for the Public Health Fund for the county auditor.

Next meeting: The commissioners will meet again on Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 10 a.m. at the county courthouse.

October is Co-Op Month!

Stop by the Clearwater Polk Electric Office to CELEBRATE CO-OP MONTH

Thursday, October 17th and Friday, October 18th

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Sunday, October 27 | 4PM-7PM

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

To the Electors of the City of Bagley in the County of Clearwater, State of Minnesota:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That a General Election will be held in all the Election Precincts of the above named City at the Bagley Public Library in said Precinct, on Tuesday, the Fifth day of November 2024, at which the polls will be open from the hour of seven (7) o’clock A.M. to the hour of eight (8) o’clock P.M.

FEDERAL OFFICES

One President and Vice-President
One United States Senator
One United States Representative for District 8

STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICES

One State Representative for District 2B
One Constitutional Amendment

COUNTY OFFICES

One Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor for District 1
One Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor for District 2
One Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor for District 5

CITY OFFICES

One City Mayor
Two City Council Members

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES

Four School Board Members for ISD 162

JUDICIAL OFFICES

Supreme Court Judges:

One Chief Justice of Supreme Court
One Associate Justice of Supreme Court Seat 6
One Associate Justice of Supreme Court Seat 5

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9th Judicial District:
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One Judge 9th District Court Seat 13
One Judge 9th District Court Seat 24

Dated: September 24 , 2024

Faye M. Jacobs, Clerk of the City of Bagley

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

To the Electors of the Township of Falk in the County of Clearwater, State of Minnesota:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That a General Election will be held in all the Election Precincts of the above named City at the LaPrairie Town Hall in said Precinct, on Tuesday, the Fifth day of November 2024, at which the polls will be open from the hour of ten (10) o’clock A.M. to the hour of eight (8) o’clock P.M.

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One Town Clerk-Treasurer

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Dated: September 24 , 2024

Brenda Knable, Clerk of the Township of Falk

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

To the Electors of the Township of Popple in the County of Clearwater, State of Minnesota:

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Dated: September 24 , 2024

DiAnna Friberg, Clerk of the Township of Popple

School Board Meeting and Public Hearing – Indian Education Programs and Budgets

NOTICE

Bagley Public Schools
Bagley, MN

There will be a public hearing regarding the proposals for the 2024-2025 American Indian Education Programs and Budgets.

The Bagley Indian Education Parent Committee will meet at 5:00 p.m.
A light meal will be served.

The Public Hearing will take place at 6:00 p.m.
The School Board meeting will follow the Public Hearing at the Rice Lake Community Center on Monday, October 21, 2024

- The hearing will include the following:
1. Presentation of Indian Policies and Procedures.
 2. Overview of the Title I, II, & VI, Johnson O’Malley, American Indian Education Aid and Impact Aid.
 3. Seek comments and recommendations regarding the programs.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND TEACHERS OF AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS
ATTENDING BAGLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT # 162
ARE URGED TO ATTEND.

CITY COUNCIL
PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

The Bagley City Council met in regular session on September 11, 2024 following a Public Hearing for bonding at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Sidney F. Michel, Councilmembers Dennis Merschman, John Sutherland, Jon Brovold and Chad Bonik, City Clerk Faye Jacobs and Deputy Clerk Priscilla Johnson.

Also present: Bill Masterson, Chris Arnold, Justin Netland, Adam Gunderson, Vicky Fletcher, T.J. Rhodes and Todd Hagen (via zoom).

Mayor Michel called the City Council meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

Motion was made by Sutherland to accept the agenda. Seconded by Brovold, motion carried.

Sutherland made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 14th, August 26th and August 28th, 2024 meetings. Seconded by Merschman, motion carried.

Motion was made Brovold to approve the consent agenda, which included approval of checks written in August for the city and liquor store, approval to pay outstanding invoices for the city and liquor store, approval to transfer \$11,340.00 from the Fire Department Capital Outlay Committed Fund to the General Fund, approval of Pay Application #3 Phase 2/3 Reierson, approval of Pay Application #2 2024 Street Rehabilitation, approval of Pay Application #2 Phase 4, approval of draw request for MNPFA Grant, approval of Resolution #38-24 Issuance of SRP Plan bonding, approval of Resolution #39-24 Issuance of CIP Plan bonding, Resolution #40-24 providing for the sale of \$1,145,000

General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024A, approval of Conditional Use Permit 1-24 and approval of Draw #1 for the Rehabilitation Project. Seconded by Sutherland, motion carried.

City receipts and department expenditures for August were reviewed. Receipts for the month of August totaled \$33,629.99. Expenditures for all departments for August were \$169,209.73. The Profit & Loss and Budget reports for the Municipal Liquor were also reviewed.

Department reports were heard.

Fire Chief Justin Netland reported the plumbing plans were approved for the addition of the Fire Hall and if all goes well, framing will begin the week of the 23rd of September.

Motion was made by Brovold to spend up to \$7,000.00 for appliances for the Fire Hall. Seconded by Sutherland, motion carried.

Motion was made by Brovold to spend up to \$15,000.00 for paint and flooring for the Fire Hall. Seconded by Sutherland, motion carried.

Funds for both motions made above will come out of the insurance proceeds from last year that were designated in the Fire Department Capital Outlay Committed Funds.

Motion was made by Brovold to accept a bid from Friborg Construction for \$23,187.87 to refinish the outer wall of the existing Fire Hall to match the new addition. Seconded by Sutherland, motion carried.

Police Chief Adam Gunderson provided Council with the Calls for Service report for the month of August. Gunderson reported that new tasers will have to be purchased as the ones they have are outdated. He also will need to purchase 3 car and 3 portable

radios for the department. There are grants available for these items which Gunderson will apply for.

Masterson, Utility General Manager and City Street Superintendent reported on the progress of the Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Project.

Masterson also reported on a grant available for resurfacing roads in the City Park. Karvako, engineer for several city projects, has done preliminary work on the grant which is due November 1st and estimates the city’s share would be approximately \$62,000.00, including engineering fees. Sutherland made a motion to have Karvako proceed with the grant writing process. Seconded by Bonik, motion carried.

Arnold asked permission to attend the National Beverage Associations Annual Meeting. Bonik made a motion for Arnold to attend. Seconded by Brovold, motion carried.

Merschman made a motion to approve the 2025 proposed budget for the city. Seconded by Sutherland, motion carried.

The Township Fire Contract meeting was set for 6:00 p.m. on October 23rd. It will follow the Council meeting schedule for 5:30 p.m.

Negotiations for Jacobs’s replacement have been ongoing. Motion was made by Merschman to offer the individual the City Clerk Treasurers position at the negotiated terms. Seconded by Brovold, motion carried.

Sidney F. Michel, Mayor
ATTEST:
Faye M. Jacobs
City Clerk Treasurer
Priscilla Johnson
Deputy City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL
PROCEEDINGS
PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

A Public Hearing was held on September 11, 2024 by the Bagley City Council at 5:30 p.m. in the Bagley City Council Chambers.

The purpose of the hearing is to announce intentions of the issuance of a General Obligation Street Reconstruction Plan Bond and proposal to adopt a Street Reconstruction plan and intention to issue a General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bond and proposal to adopt a Capital Improvement plan.

Mayor Michel officiated the hearing and opened by reading the rules for conducting the hearing.

Present: Mayor Sidney F. Michel, Councilmember Dennis Merschman, John Sutherland, Jon Brovold and Chad Bonik, City Clerk Faye Jacobs and Deputy Clerk Priscilla Johnson.

Also Present: Bill Masterson, Chris Arnold, Justin Netland, Adam Gunderson, Vicky Fletcher, T.J. Rhodes and Todd Hagen (via zoom).

Michel Called the hearing to order at 5:30 p.m.

Todd Hagen, City Bond Council, explained the bonds and the purpose of the hearing. Hagen stated that the schedule is on track for selling the bonds on October 23rd, 2024 and closing on November 7th, 2024.

Hagen answered a question on interest rates, stating that rates are staying stable right now.

As there were no further questions, Mayor Michel closed the Public Hearing at 5:38 p.m.

Sidney F. Michel, Mayor
ATTEST:
Faye M. Jacobs
City Clerk Treasurer
Priscilla Johnson
Deputy City Clerk

Sheriff's Log

Bear Creek - Total: 6

10/06/24 07:01:36 Animal Related
10/07/24 18:53:05 Trespass
10/09/24 08:22:18 Traffic Complaint
10/09/24 09:58:59 THEFT
10/10/24 15:21:55 Alarm
10/11/24 13:07:09 Alarm

City of Bagley - Total: 10

10/06/24 08:24:55 Alarm
10/06/24 21:35:28 Traffic Stop
10/08/24 07:11:36 Information Only
10/08/24 09:21:41 Suspicious Activity
10/08/24 12:49:59 Assault
10/08/24 19:43:16 Traffic Stop
10/08/24 19:49:12 Traffic Stop
10/09/24 20:38:20 Traffic Stop
10/10/24 08:57:52 Transport
10/12/24 17:13:15 Traffic Stop

City of Clearbrook - Total: 5

10/06/24 15:23:39 Runaway
10/06/24 17:27:32 Suspicious Activity
10/07/24 08:30:34 Juvenile Misc
10/08/24 15:11:35 Medical
10/11/24 23:05:47 Domestic

City of Gonvick - Total: 1

10/06/24 02:08:58 Information Only

Copley - Total: 5

10/06/24 01:05:44 Information Only
10/06/24 22:23:05 Traffic Stop
10/07/24 18:14:26 Traffic Stop
10/09/24 18:25:24 ASSIST
10/12/24 14:18:37 Welfare Check

Dudley - Total: 3

10/06/24 22:05:46 Motorist Assist
10/10/24 08:49:57 Medical
10/10/24 21:42:58 Traffic Stop

Eddy - Total: 3

10/07/24 08:10:05 Traffic Stop
10/07/24 18:20:25 Information Only
10/09/24 22:44:36 Traffic Stop

Falk - Total: 2

10/08/24 18:58:34 Information Only
10/12/24 18:04:01 Motor Vehicle Crash

Itasca - Total: 1

10/06/24 08:42:18 911 Hang Up

LaPrairie - Total: 5

10/06/24 12:11:52 ASSIST
10/06/24 15:54:04 Civil Complaint
10/11/24 11:32:50 ASSIST
10/11/24 15:36:01 Fire
10/12/24 18:09:58 Court Order Violation

LaPrairie N - Total: 3

10/12/24 08:24:59 Traffic Stop
10/12/24 08:33:51 Traffic Stop
10/12/24 19:20:30 Traffic Stop

LaPrairie S - Total: 1

10/11/24 14:41:49 Suspicious Activity

Leon - Total: 2

10/10/24 08:33:50 ASSIST
10/10/24 11:52:01 Juvenile Misc

Long Lost Lake - Total: 1

10/11/24 08:32:32 Predatory Offender

Moose Creek - Total: 1

10/07/24 11:53:21 Animal Related

Nora - Total: 2

10/07/24 03:16:41 Traffic Stop
10/11/24 19:11:03 Motor Vehi-

cle Crash

Out of jurisdiction - Total: 4

10/07/24 05:20:49 Transport
10/07/24 08:22:18 Transport
10/08/24 08:58:58 Transport
10/10/24 20:45:04 Assist Other Agency

Pine Lake - Total: 6

10/06/24 14:34:06 TEST
10/09/24 09:03:25 Medical
10/10/24 05:53:19 Medical
10/10/24 19:45:29 Traffic Stop
10/12/24 10:28:54 TEST
10/12/24 20:57:51 Animal Related

Popple - Total: 3

10/07/24 00:19:28 Alarm
10/10/24 19:44:46 Motor Vehicle Crash
10/12/24 18:58:41 Animal Re-

lated

Rice - Total: 4

10/06/24 00:33:15 Information Only
10/06/24 00:43:26 Information Only
10/10/24 01:11:47 Traffic Stop
10/11/24 20:17:15 Motorist Assist

Shevlin - Total: 3

10/07/24 22:42:15 Traffic Stop
10/10/24 06:20:50 Suspicious Activity
10/12/24 16:38:12 Transport

Sinclair - Total: 2

10/09/24 13:08:31 Crimes Against Family
10/10/24 21:23:21 Traffic Stop

Total records: 73

NOTICE OF
GENERAL ELECTION

To the Electors of the Township of Minerva in the County of Clearwater, State of Minnesota:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That a General Election will be held in all the Election Precincts of the above named City at the Minerva Town Hall in said Precinct, on Tuesday, the Fifth day of November 2024, at which the polls will be open from the hour of ten (10) o’clock A.M. to the hour of the eight (8) o’clock P.M.

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Dated: September 24 , 2024

Susan Sunderland, Clerk of the
Township of Minerva

CITY COUNCIL
MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

The Bagley City Council met September 25, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Sidney F. Michel, Councilmembers John Sutherland, Dennis Merschman, Chad Bonik and Jon Brovold, City Clerk Faye Jacobs and Deputy City Clerk Priscilla Johnson.

Also Present: Bill Masterson, Adam Gunderson and T.J. Rhodes.

Mayor Michel called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked that the agenda be amended adding under “New Business” discussion on dogs and cats

Brovold made a motion to approve the agenda with the added amendment. Seconded by Sutherland, motion carried.

Sutherland made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which included approval to pay the League of Minnesota Cities membership dues of \$594.00 for the final 4 months of 2024, approval to pay Farmers Independent \$744.77 for August services and approval to pay My Store \$3,535.51 also for August services. Seconded by Bonik, motion carried.

Masterson reported on the Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Project. Reierson will be moving on to the alternatives of the project. All roads are scheduled to be paved by October 12th.

Masterson also reported that an

individual’s arbor, that was located in the city’s right-of-way, was ruined when it was being moved for the replacement of lines for the Infrastructure Project. After a search of zoning records, it was determined that there was no Land Use Application submitted to erect the arbor. The consensus of the Council was since the arbor was erected without a permit and in the right-of-way the city is not responsible for replacing it.

The Truth in Taxation Public Hearing was set for 6:00 p.m. on December 11th, 2025.

Mayor Michels addition to the agenda concerned limiting the number of pets allowable in households in city limits. At this time the city’s ordinance concerning pets does not limit the number of pets allowed. The mayor and clerk will look into other cities ordinances for examples.

Jacobs was asked to send the Council the sample of an ordinance on Cannabis Sales that was provided from the Office of Cannabis Management.

Being there was no further business to come before the board; motion was made by Merschman to adjourn. Seconded by Brovold, motion carried.

Sidney F. Michel, Mayor
ATTEST:
Faye M. Jacobs
City Clerk Treasurer
Priscilla Johnson
Deputy City Clerk

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Clearbrook
Northern Bait &
Convenience, Gonvick
Orton’s
Thrifty White
Pharmacy



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Dinner



Wednesday, October 23
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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #162
BAGLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the general election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 162, Bagley, State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, the 5th day of November, 2024, for the purpose of electing four (4) school board members for four-year terms. The ballot shall provide as follows:

Instructions to Voters:

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: 

School Board Member

Vote for Up to FOUR

John Gerbracht

Michael Mathison

John Willinganaz

DJ Ekre

Gloria LaFriniere

Darin Klostermeier

write-in, if any

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The combined polling places for this election and the precincts served by those polling places will be as follows:

PRECINCTS		POLLS OPEN
1) City of Clearbrook Leon Township Sinclair Township	Clearbrook City hall (Old School Building)	7:00 A.M.
2) City of Gonvick Pine Lake Township Winsor Township Greenwood Township	Gonvick Community Center	7:00 A.M.
3) Holst Township Eddy Township	Eddy Town Hall	10:00 A.M.
4) City of Bagley	Bagley City Public Library	7:00 A.M.
5) Copley Township	Copley Town Hall	7:00 A.M.
6) Falk Township LaPrairie Township	LaPrairie Town Hall	10:00 A.M.
7) Nora Township Popple Township	Bagley American Legion	7:00 A.M.
8) Itasca Township	Itasca Town Hall	8:30 A.M.
9) Minerva Township	Minerva Town Hall	10:00 A.M.
10) Shevlin Township City of Shevlin Moose Creek Township Bear Creek Township	Shevlin Fire Hall	7:00 A.M.
11) Red Lake Unorganized Long Lost Lake Township City of Leonard Unorganized 143-36 Township Hangaard Township Rice Township Dudley Township Clover Township	Auditor's Office	7:00 A.M.

Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the polling place designated above for the precinct in which he or she resides. A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on Election Day.

Dated: August 19, 2024

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
Adam Broden
School District Clerk

Why was Cinderella so bad at soccer?
She kept running away from the ball.

Bagley senior center menu

Oct 14 - Oct 18

Monday (10/14): Beef Stew, Green Peas, Apple Crisp, Garlic Cheese Biscuit
Tuesday (10/15): Herb Baked Chicken, Mashed Butternut Squash, Broccoli Florets, Chocolate Chip Cookie
Wednesday (10/16): Country Pork Tips w/ Gravy, Parslied Noodles, Capri Veg Blend, Caramelized Pears
Thursday (10/17): Meatloaf, Brown Gravy, Rosemary Red Potatoes, Whole Kernel Corn
Friday (10/18): Pizza Pasta Casserole, Green Beans, Hot Spiced Apples

- Milk and Bread included with Meals.
- Meals are subject to change.
- Reservations by 10 AM
- Meals Served at 11:30

Call Kay 9:30-1:00 Mon-Fri, 694-6873

Suggested Donation for Seniors is \$6.00. Under 60 is \$9.50.

Bagley School Menu

Oct 21 - Oct 25

Monday: Chili Cheese Fritos, Corn, Pears
Tuesday: Sub Sandwich, Sunchips, Fresh Veggies, Mandarin Oranges
Wednesday: Hamburger Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peaches, Bread
Thursday: Garlic Cheesy Bread, Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Fruit Cocktail
Friday: Chicken on Bun, Au Gratin Potatoes, Pineapple

Breakfast
Monday: Breakfast Rounds, Fruit and/or Juice
Tuesday: Cereal & WG Item, Fruit and/or Juice
Wednesday: Muffin & Yogurt, Fruit and/or Juice
Thursday: Cereal & WG Item, Fruit and/or Juice
Friday: Dutch Waffle, Fruit and/or Juice

RIDER ALERT

Clearwater County Service on T.H.E. Bus


* Countywide: 7:30 am - 4:30 pm - Mon - Fri

* Bagley: 10 am - 4:30 pm - 1st, 3rd - Sat

* Bemidji: 2nd, 4th - Friday

Ride reservations to Bemidji must be scheduled by 3 pm the day prior to the trip.

800-201-3432



For seniors

Senior Transportation Service

Clearwater County residents who are 60 & over. Rides are scheduled Monday-Friday. 24-hour notice required. Call 218-888-2320 to schedule.
**This project is made possible in part under the Federal Older Americans Act through an award from the Land of the Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging under an Area Plan approved by the Minnesota Board on Aging.

Bemidji DAV Van

The Bemidji DAV Van runs through Shevlin, Bagley, Fosston, Clearbrook, and Leonard at no cost to Veterans 5 days a week except on holidays.

Dates Not Running: May 29th, June 19th, July 4th, September 4th, October 9th, November 10 & 23, and December 25th.

Call 855-277-9787 for your free ride: Clearwater CVSO has our schedules with names and numbers. Please call Saddoris at 218-209-1863 for questions.

PSA

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
DATE: October 4, 2024
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described Mortgage:
REGARDING MORTGAGE TO BE FORECLOSED

- Date of Mortgage: October 18, 2019
- Mortgagors: Devin M. Reinke
- Mortgagees: First National Bank, P.O. Box N, 31 Central St. E, Bagley, MN 56621
- Recording Information: Recorded on October 21, 2019, as Document Number A174971 in the Office of the County Recorder of Clearwater County, Minnesota
- Assignments of Mortgage, if any: NONE.
- Tax parcel identification number of the mortgaged premises: 03.310.0300
- Legal description of the mortgaged premises: Lot Twenty-three (23), Block One (1), Walker Brook Valley Subdivision.
- The physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: 19841 Bell Loop, Bagley, MN 56621.

OTHER FORECLOSURE DATA

- The person holding the Mortgage is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat.

- 58.02, subd. 30. The name of the residential mortgage servicer and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is First National Bank, P.O. Box N, 31 Central St. E, Bagley, MN 56621.
- If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is First National Bank, P.O. Box N, 31 Central St. E, Bagley, MN 56621.
- INFORMATION REGARDING FORECLOSURE**
- The requisites of Minn. Stat. 580.02 have been satisfied.
- The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was \$70,111.76.
- At the date of this notice the amount due on the Mortgage, including taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage, is \$54,431.40.
- 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 Clearwater County, Minnesota, at public auction on November 21, 2024, 10:00 a.m., at Clearwater County Sheriff's Office, Clearwater County Courthouse, First Floor, 213 Main Avenue North, Dept. 102, Bagley, MN 56621
- The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagor or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is Six

- (6) months after the date of sale.
- Minn. Stat. 580.04(b) provides, "If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, the notice must also specify the date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property redeemed under section 580.23." If this statute applies, the time to vacate the property is 11:59 p.m. on May 22, 2025.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Name and address of Attorney for Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee:
David A. Buehler
D.A. Buehler Law, P.C. 120 1/2 2nd St NW
PO Box 85
Fosston, MN 56542
Name of Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee:
First National Bank
P.O. Box N
31 Central St. E, Bagley, MN 56621

BAGLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2024
SUMMARY

The regular meeting of the School Board, Independent School District #162 was held on September 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in BHS Room 101. Members present: Adam Broden, Wendy Fultz, Amy Fontaine, John Gerbracht, Amanda Koop, and Superintendent Dr. Heise. Members absent: Andrew Bennett and Mark Olson. Clerk Broden called the meeting to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

- M/S Gerbracht, Fultz to approve the agenda. MP 5-0.
- M/S Koop, Fontaine to approve the following consent agenda items:
 - Minutes – September 3rd
 - September 2024 Check Register
 - August 2024 Hand Payables
 - August 2024 Treasurer's Report
 - Budget Items
 - August 2024 Wire Payments
 - Policy 402 – Disability Nondiscrimination Policy 402F – Employee Disability Discrimination

- Grievance Report Form
- Policy 414 – Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse Policy 414F – Confidential Student Maltreatment Reporting Form
- Policy 441 – Supervision of School Premises During Regular Duty Hours
- Policy 442 – Extra-Curricular Contract
- Policy 443 – Contracts or Work Agreements
- Policy 444 – Student Teaching Program
- Policy 501 – School Weapons Policy
- Policy 502 – Search of student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions, and Student's Person
- Policy 505 – Distribution of Nonschool-Sponsored Materials on School Premises by Students and Employees
- Policy 510 – School Activities
- Policy 511 – Student Fundraising Policy 511F –

- Fundraising Form Policy 511F2 – Fundraising Accountability Form
- Policy 520 – Student Survey Policy
- Policy 530 – Immunization Requirements Policy 530F1 – BES Immunization Letter Policy 530F2 – BHS Immunization Letter MP 5-0.
- M/S Gerbracht, Fultz to adopt resolution accepting gifts/donations to Bagley Public Schools:

WHEREAS the following; therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** by the School Board of Independent School District #162 – Bagley School Board does hereby accept the following donations:

 - \$300 from Clearwater Polk Electric for Prom MP 5-0.
- M/S Koop, Fontaine to levy the "Maximum" for the 2024 Payable 2025 Proposed Levy Limitation. MP 5-0.
- Fultz moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

Andrew Bennett, Chairman
Adam Broden, Clerk

All reports, budget information, bids, etc. may be viewed and/or questions answered at ISD #162's District Office, 202 Bagley Ave NW, Bagley, MN. 218-694-6184

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF
MOOSE CREEK TOWNSHIP

The general election will be held on November 5th, 2024 from 7 am - 8 pm at the Shevlin Fire Hall. Terms will begin on January 1, 2025

Pam Janssen, Clerk
Moose Creek Township

NOTICE:
Clearwater County Township Association Meeting

- All Clearwater County Township Officers are encouraged to attend this meeting at which time special issues to be discussed include:
- County Environmental Officer Update
 - County Engineer Update
 - County Emergency Manager Update
 - Laura Bridell, Enbridge
 - State Association of Townships Update
 - L&R Meeting Update
 - ? Primary Election Reimbursement
 - Summer Short Course Report
 - Any other business that comes before the board

This meeting will be held at the Bagley Senior Center on Tuesday, October 22nd, 2024 at 7PM.

Stephanie Anderson, Sec/Treasurer
Clearwater County Township Association

Veterans

Are welcome to join their peers at the D&R Café in Bagley on Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. for coffee and a chat.

Clearwater County Food Shelf Hours

Clearwater County Food Shelf is open every Wednesday from 10 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the basement of the Bagley American Legion (go to the back door). Monetary contributions can be mailed to Clearwater County Food Shelf, PO Box 578, Bagley, MN 56621. Food donations can be dropped off at the Food Shelf on Wednesdays. tf-psa

Open Hours
Bagley Public Library

Tuesday: 1-7
Wednesday: 9-5
Thursday: 1-7
Friday: 9-5
Saturday: 9-1
Closed Sunday-Monday

tf-psa

ANNUAL MEETING
Farmers Publishing Co.
Oct 23, 2024
7 pm

The annual meeting will be held at the Farmers Independent.

The business of the annual meeting will consist of a review of the annual financial report, election of two directors and filling one vacant seat the handling of any other business brought properly before the board.

Ken Brein, President
Farmers Publishing Co.

Bagley Senior Center

Board Mtg.
October 29th
1:00 P.M.

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