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**NOTICE SOUTH CLEARWATER 143-36  
PRECINCT NUMBER 0135  
MAIL BALLOT ELECTION  
August 11, 2026 Primary Election**

The Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer will conduct the August 11, 2026 Primary Election for South Clearwater 143-36, precinct number 0135 by mail ballot.  
The Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer will mail ballots to all registered voters in this township between 14 and 46 days before the Election. Each voter registered by the 21st day before the Election will be mailed a ballot. All ballots must be returned to the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, either by mail, in person or by designated agent, no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.  
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Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer  
213 Main Ave N Dept 202  
Bagley, MN 56621-8304  
Allen L. Paulson  
Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer

**NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF RICE  
PRECINCT NUMBER 0110  
MAIL BALLOT ELECTION  
August 11, 2026 Primary Election**

The Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer will conduct the August 11, 2026 Primary Election for the Township of Rice, precinct number 0110 by mail ballot.  
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**NOTICE RED LAKE RESERVATION  
PRECINCT NUMBER 0056  
MAIL BALLOT ELECTION  
August 11, 2026 Primary Election**

The Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer will conduct the August 11, 2026 Primary Election for the Red Lake Reservation, precinct number 0056 by mail ballot.  
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**NOTICE  
CITY OF LEONARD PRECINCT NUMBER 0080  
MAIL BALLOT ELECTION  
August 11, 2026 Primary Election**

The Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer will conduct the August 11, 2026 Primary Election for the City of Leonard, precinct number 0080 by mail ballot.  
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**NOTICE  
TOWNSHIP OF HANGAARD PRECINCT NUMBER 0055  
MAIL BALLOT ELECTION  
August 11, 2026 Primary Election**

The Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer will conduct the August 11, 2026 Primary Election for the Township of Hangaard, precinct number 0055 by mail ballot.  
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**NOTICE  
TOWNSHIP OF CLOVER PRECINCT NUMBER 0020  
MAIL BALLOT ELECTION  
August 11, 2026 Primary Election**

The Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer will conduct the August 11, 2026 Primary Election for the Township of Clover, precinct number 0020 by mail ballot.  
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**NOTICE  
TOWNSHIP OF DUDLEY PRECINCT NUMBER 0030  
MAIL BALLOT ELECTION  
August 11, 2026 Primary Election**

The Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer will conduct the August 11, 2026 Primary Election for the Township of Dudley, precinct number 0030 by mail ballot.  
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**NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF LONG LOST LAKE  
PRECINCT NUMBER 0140  
MAIL BALLOT ELECTION  
August 11, 2026 Primary Election**

The Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer will conduct the August 11, 2026 Primary Election for the Township of Long Lost Lake, precinct number 0140 by mail ballot. The Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer will mail ballots to all registered voters in this township between 14 and 46 days before the Election. Each voter registered by the 21st day before the Election will be mailed a ballot. All ballots must be returned to the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, either by mail, in person or by designated agent, no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.  
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**CLEARWATER COUNTY  
NOTICE OF PROPOSED ANIMAL  
REGULATION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting on June 9, 2026, at 9:00 AM, at the County Board Room at the Clearwater County Courthouse, 213 Main Avenue North, Bagley, Minnesota, 56621, will consider amending the Clearwater County Animal Regulation Ordinance to define "proper immunizations" as "rabies inoculation by a licensed veterinarian."

**Independent School Dist. 162  
Bagley, Minnesota**

**BAGLEY PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS  
REGULAR SCHOOL  
BOARD MEETING  
MAY 4, 2026 SUMMARY**

The regular meeting of the School Board, Independent School District #162 was held on May 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in BHS Room 101. Members present: Michael Mathison, Wendy Fultz, Amanda Koop, Dany Ekre, John Gerbracht, Darin Klostermeier, and Superintendent Dr. Heise. Members absent: Andrew Bennett.  
M/S Fultz, Klostermeier to approve the agenda. MP 6-0.  
M/S Fultz, Ekre to approve the consent agenda. MP 6-0  
M/S Koop, Klostermeier to authorize the 4-H Jack Pine Pals/OWLS Program improve the school forest trails, with the possibility of mapping and including signage. MP 6-0.

M/S Koop, Gerbracht to authorize the Senior class trip to Northern Air Action Park in Grand Forks, ND. MP 6-0.  
M/S Gerbracht, Ekre to approve the BHS Band/Choir trip to Nashville, TN, June 1-6, 2027. MP 6-0.  
M/S Gerbracht, Koop to approve the Athletic Fee structure for the 2026-2027 SY. MP 6-0.  
M/S Mathison, Ekre to accept Tech Reboot quote for recycling our elementary school's devices. MP 6-0.  
Fultz moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.  
Michael Mathison, Chairman  
Wendy Fultz, 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*

**County Board of Commissioners Minutes**

**Board of Commissioners'  
May 12, 2026**

The May 12, 2026, meeting for the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners commenced at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Titera presiding and Commissioners Larson, Dukek, Emmel and Ramsrud present. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.  
**Agenda-** Motion by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Emmel and carried, to approve the agenda.  
Minutes- Motion by Commissioner Ramsrud, seconded by Commissioner Emmel and carried, to approve April 21, 2026, Board Minutes.  
**Engineer** - Motion by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve payment of the Clearwater County Highway Department bills as presented.  
Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to authorize the County Engineer to advertise for a Heavy Equipment Operator and to hold a "Roadoo" to evaluate the skills of applicants for potential future employment.

**Auditor** - Motion by Commissioner Emmel, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of \$234,489.81 from the County Revenue Fund and \$45,349.65 from the Public Health Fund.  
Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried, to approve the step increase for Patricia Flaa to Range 22 step 10 effective June 24, 2026.  
Motion by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Ramsrud and carried, to correct the motion to appoint Darren Laesch as follows: Motion to appoint Darren Laesch as the Clearwater County Engineer with a starting salary of \$150,000.00, starting vacation balance of 80 hours, and vacation accrual of 5.54 hours per pay period. Starting date of May 26, 2026.  
By general consent, the board waived the 3-day notice requirement for the following motion:  
Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Emmel and carried, to hire Donna Rae Carlson as a

Part Time Extension Secretary as needed at Range 10 Step 1. Effective May 12, 2026.  
Motion by Commissioner Ramsrud, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried, to hire the following individuals to work at Long Lake Park for the Summer: Micah Tramm and Alisa VanDyke, both at Range 8 Step 1, full time (32.40 hrs. per week) Starting date May 22nd, 2026.  
**Emergency Management** - Motion by Commissioner Emmel, seconded by Commissioner Ramsrud and carried, to accept a \$10,000 donation from Flint Hills Resources for the overhaul of the Clearwater County Emergency Operations Center.  
**Maintenance** - Motion by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to hire Vern's Carpet to remove old carpet and install carpet tile in the back room of Environmental Services Office. Total cost for carpet renovation is \$1,396.13.  
Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried, to hire Bearded Brothers Electric LLC to remove ceiling mounted lighting in Jail Rec Room and install (4) LED wall

Packs with protective cages. Total cost for lighting upgrade project is \$2,950.  
Motion by Commissioner Ramsrud, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to hire Larry Perry for General Janitorial and painting labor. Larry will provide 4 hours a day for 6 weeks at a rate of \$125 per day. Invoicing will happen through Glenn's Carpet Services and be paid through Act. 01-111-6261 Professional/Legal. Total cost for 6-week period = \$3,750.  
**Adjourn** - Motion by Commissioner Ramsrud, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 a.m.  
**Dated:** May 19, 2026  
Lori Lewis, Board Coordinator  
Mark Titera, Chairman

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE  
FORECLOSURE SALE**

**THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:  
DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 12, 2016  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$109,250.00  
MORTGAGOR(S): Gregory G Lockhart, A Single Person  
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
MIN#: 1002571-0000001371-0  
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: MidCountry Bank  
SERVICER: NewRez LLC, d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing  
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed October 13, 2016, Clearwater County Recorder, as Document Number A168831

**ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:** Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.; thereafter assigned to Newrez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:**  
The SE1/4 of SE1/4, Less the West 750 feet, Section 22, Township 147, Range 38  
**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 15050 US 2, Bagley, MN 56621  
**P R O P E R T Y IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:** 17.022.1700  
**COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED:** Clearwater  
**THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE:** \$86,763.58  
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;  
**PURSUANT** to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:  
**DATE AND TIME OF SALE:** July 22, 2026, 10:00AM  
**PLACE OF SALE:** Sheriff's Main Office, County Courthouse, 213 Main Avenue N., Bagley, MN 56621  
to pay the debt secured by

said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 Months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.  
**TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY:** If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on January 22, 2027, or the next business day if January 22, 2027 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.  
Dated: May 20, 2026  
Newrez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing  
Assignee of Mortgagee  
LOGS Legal Group LLP  
Tracy J. Halliday - 034610X  
Attorneys for Mortgagee  
1715 Yankee Doodle Road, Suite 210  
Eagan, MN 55121  
(952) 831-4060  
THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR

**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.  
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**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.  
Call 855-277-9787 for your free ride: Clearwater CVSO has our schedules with names and numbers.  
PSA

**RIDER ALERT**  
Clearwater County Service on T.H.E. Bus  
\* **Countywide:** 7:30 am - 4:30 pm - Mon - Fri 10 am - 4 pm - 2nd, 4th - Sat  
\* **Bemidji:** 2nd, 4th - Friday  
Ride reservations to Bemidji must be scheduled by 3 pm the day prior to the trip.  
**800-201-3432**  
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**Open Hours  
Bagley Public  
Library**

Tuesday: 1-7  
Wednesday: 9-5  
Thursday: 1-7  
Friday: 9-5  
Saturday: 9-1  
Closed Sunday-Monday  
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**Senior Transportation Service**  
Clearwater County residents who are 60 & over. Rides are scheduled Monday-Friday. 48-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.

**Clearbrook Senior  
Center Menu**  
June 1 - June 5

**Bagley Senior  
Center Menu**  
June 1 - June 5

**Monday:** Country fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans and pudding with topping  
**Tuesday:** Chicken lasagna, garden salad, fresh fruit and cookie  
**Wednesday:** Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, candied carrots and Rice Krispy bar  
**Thursday:** Baked chicken, mashed potato with gravy, mixed vegetables and ice cream  
**Friday:** Polish sausage, baked sweet potato, sauerkraut and poke cake

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**Friday:** Polish sausage, baked sweet potato, sauerkraut and poke cake

- Reservations by 9 am the day of 218-776-3154
- Low fat milk, margarine and Bread included with meals.
- Reservations by 10 am
- Meals Served at 11:30 am

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**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.

Call Kay 9:30-1:00  
Mon-Fri 218-694-6873  
Suggested Donation for Seniors is \$6.00.  
Under 60 is \$10.00

**Clearwater County Candidates for 2026 elections**

**County Sheriff:** Vern Wittenberg, Adam Gunderson, Larry Johnson, and Clarence LaCroix  
**County Auditor/Treasurer:** Niki Broten  
**County Recorder:** Rodney Knutson  
**County Commissioner District 1:** Mark Titera  
**County Commissioner District 3:** Stuart Dukek  
**County Commissioner District 5:** Mark Larson  
\* Filing deadline date is June 2, 2026.