

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

March 2026: Stop in at the Lake Region Arts Center, corner of 4th and 4th downtown Devils Lake! Open Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Thursdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Stop in and check out the artwork on display!

April 6: Notice is given that the deadline for filing to have a candidate's name printed on the ballot for the Devils Lake Public School Board is Monday, April 6 at 4 p.m. The following offices are up for election: 2 positions - School Board Member (3-year terms) and 1 position - School Board member (1-year term). A candidate for a school district office must prepare and sign an affidavit of candidacy, a campaign disclosure form and a statement of interests form. These documents must be filed with the school district business manager for Devils Lake Public Schools by the above deadline date and time. All forms are available from either the

school district business manager for Devils Lake Public Schools or may be obtained at the Superintendent's office at the Sports Center, 1601 College Drive N., Devils Lake, ND.

April 8: The Board of Directors of Lake Region Special Education will meet on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Lake Region Special Education, 801 5th Ave. SE in Devils Lake. All interested individuals are welcome to attend.

April 13: Due to a scheduling conflict, the April meeting of the Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board has been rescheduled to Monday, April 13, at 8:00 a.m. in the Historical Meeting Room (basement) of the Ramsey County Courthouse.

April 14: The Hope Center will be having their annual meeting on Tuesday, April 14 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Cake and punch will be served.. Come and see how we can all make a difference to help feed

those in need in our community.

April 15: Odd Fellows Pancake and Sausage Feed, KC Hall, Devils Lake, ND, from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sponsored by Crofton Lodge #3, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Proceeds to be used locally.

April 18 & 26: "Yee haw!" Barrel Racing in the Altringer Arena of the Ramsey County Fair Grounds - Devils Lake, ND. Entry Fees, open & Youth Side Pots \$30, \$10 office Fee/person, 4D format .5, .5 1 splits. Time blocks 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., exhibitions 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., 12 p.m. run starts with Pee Wee, open/youth combined draw followed by 2nd Go, Futurity and Derby side pots. Series awards given to champions and reserve champions in each Division.

April 25: "A night of 1,000 Drawings" at the Lake Region Arts Center! This is your opportunity to participate in a fundraiser

for the LRAC. Pick up one of the 1,000 blank postcards at LRAC Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Thursdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. or Saturdays 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and turn that postcard into your very own piece of original artwork that they will then sell on May 2 to benefit the Center. Don't forget to sign your artwork before you turn it in - April 25, 2026 is the last day to turn it in but you can turn it in anytime between now and then!

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May 2: St Olaf will be having their spring rummage sale on Saturday May 2 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. We will be serving caramel rolls and other breakfast treats in the morning and Barbeques starting at 11:00 a.m. A wide variety of items are available to purchase with a donation to St. Olaf WELCA. Thank you for our support.

May 29 - May 31: Devils Run 39th Car Show and Rod Run in various places throughout Devils Lake and the Lake Region. According to organizer Stan Orness, "Right now we have Devils Run entries from six states and one Canadian province. I believe this will be a record year. DON'T MISS IT!!! Details at www.devilsrun-carshow.com"

May 30: It's A Woman's World (featured as part of Devils Run), Bill Jerome

Arena in Roosevelt Park, Devils Lake, ND. Contact Tara Rogness for more information.

June 9: Annual School Board Election will be held for the Devils Lake School District. Persons interested must file an Affidavit of Candidacy, a Campaign Disclosure Statement and a Statement of Interest form, all available at the Superintendent's office in the sports center, 1601 College Drive North, Devils Lake, ND. Deadline for filing is April 6 at 4 p.m. (There is no school on April 6, however, the business office will be open to receive candidacy filings.)

If your club, church or organization has an event you would like us to feature in this Community Calendar of Events, please send it by e-mail to loleson@cmpapers.com or mrobinson@cmpapers.com or by US Mail to The Devils Lake Journal, 516 4th Street NE, Devils Lake, ND 58301.

Ramsey County Sheriff warns about local scams

By Devils Lake Journal staff

The Ramsey County Sheriff's Department has issued a press release to warn about the following scams that they have become recently aware of that are targeting residents:

- Fraudulent texts claiming to be from the

North Dakota Division of Motor Vehicles, informing recipients that they have unpaid tickets, and threatening license suspension unless immediate payment is made.

- Phone calls to residents claiming to be from a deputy of Ramsey County Sheriff's Office named Sgt. Ben Campbell, telling callers that

they missed court, so they were going to jail. The Department does not employ anyone by that name; always call the Sheriff's Office to verify.

- Another scam involves recipients being notified that their Apple account has been hacked, and their bank funds are at risk to be stolen.

Ramsey County Sheriff Bryan Lang reiterates that these are all scams, so beware, as they don't want people in the community to be victimized.

"Please spread the word and also keep an eye out for our elderly as they can be easily deceived by these scams," Lang said in his statement.

Bakken

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full story only becomes visible in hindsight.

"I think just thinking it through before things happen or get out of control, thinking through the consequences of what is going to happen, and having a strategy to deal with the inevitable bust, is something we should take to heart," Braun said of the lessons of the boom. "The consequences are often very destructive."

The Bakken is not the first or last boom to hit North Dakota.

From energy development to emerging industries like data centers leading to smaller-scale local booms, similar patterns are constantly taking shape.

Braun argues that one of the clearest lessons is the need for deliberate planning, not just for growth, but for what comes after. Booms, he says, are inherently temporary, and communities must prepare for the inevitable downturn.

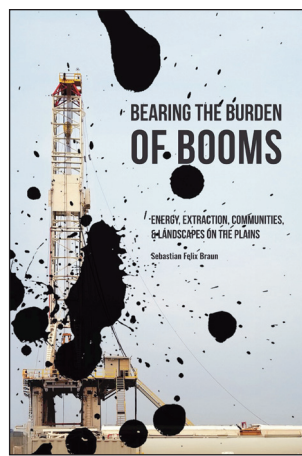
For him, the book is less about offering definitive answers than providing communities with the information needed to make their own decisions.

"I wrote it for the people in the Bakken, because they should have the opportunity to reflect on it and think it through, and see some of the consequences," Braun said.

Wealth and division

One of the most enduring legacies is the way oil wealth reshaped social dynamics, particularly within the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara tribal lands where oil was tapped.

While some tribal members benefited from royalties and rapid income gains, others were left out, creating divides between haves and have-nots.



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Cover of "Bearing the Burden of Booms," by Sebastian Braun.

In communities where equality and shared identity were long-standing norms, sudden wealth disrupted social cohesion, Braun said.

Rising costs and changing conditions pushed some families off the reservation, often to larger regional cities like Bismarck and Minot, altering cultural ties and kinship networks.

For younger generations, that shift carries lasting consequences.

"Some people moved their families away because they didn't want their children there (during the boom)," Braun said. "If you move your children away from the tribal community, that means they will inevitably grow up differently, with different cultural influences and things like that."

The influx of oil revenue also intensified longstanding political and economic questions within tribal governance. Decisions about how to distribute wealth, whether among oil-producing areas or across the entire tribe, became more contentious as the stakes grew.

At the same time, new opportunities emerged. Investments in housing, healthcare and infrastructure improved living condi-

tions for many residents.

Dr. Birgit Hans, Chester Fitz Distinguished Professor Emerita from UND, said the book captures the complexity of the boom and how it was a mixed blessing for Native people in the area.

"We don't have much about the boom, so I think it was something that was needed," she said.

"What I think is unique, and what this book does, is it looks at the history of (the boom) and tries to address stereotypical perceptions of Native people and Native communities," Hans said. "I think it is really valuable in that regard."

The book is the third in a series from The Digital Press at UND focused on the Bakken oil boom.

Risks beneath the surface

Among the book's urgent concerns is one that has received relatively little public attention, Braun said. What will be the long-term impacts on water from the Bakken boom?

Hydraulic fracturing has produced billions of gallons of wastewater, much of it injected deep underground into geological formations.

While spills at the surface have drawn scrutiny, Braun says the greater

risk may lie below ground where impacts remain uncertain.

"There hasn't been a comprehensive study done on whether these layers that this water is being pumped into will actually keep the water down," Braun said.

If contaminants migrate into aquifers used for drinking water or livestock, the damage could be irreversible.

"If that water comes up into the next water level ... if that happens, you cannot use it anymore," Braun said.

The timeline for such risks is unclear, but Braun warns that by the time problems emerge, the companies responsible may no longer exist.

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PROPOSAL(S) WANTED

Ramsey County is requesting proposals for GRAVEL PROJECTS, CHIP SEAL PROJECT, ROAD OIL & HOT MIX.

Sealed proposals for upcoming Projects & Supplies will be received by the County Auditor for the Board of County Commissioners, Ramsey County, North Dakota until 11:00 A.M., Friday, April 3rd, 2026 and will be publicly opened and read in the County Commissioner's Room in the Courthouse at Devils Lake, N.D. Each proposal must be sealed and addressed to the Ramsey County Auditor, 524 4th Ave NE Unit 6, Devils Lake, ND 58301-2487 and marked on the outside what the proposal is for.

If you have any further questions or want further details contact the Ramsey County Highway Department, 919 5th St SE, Devils Lake, ND 58301-3834 at 701-662-7015 for further information.

Police Report, Pt. 2 for Week Ending March 27

By Devils Lake Journal Staff

Devils Lake Police Department (DLPD) and Ramsey County Sheriff's Department report the following:

3/20/26: At about 11:39 p.m., a Ramsey County Sheriff's deputy was dispatched to Camp Grafton for an intoxicated male who was threatening to shoot multiple individuals. Once on scene, the deputy saw the male in the driver's seat of his vehicle. The male refused when asked if he would submit to a field sobriety test, and had red watery eyes, slurred speech and the odor of alcoholic beverages. The individuals who contacted law enforcement, as well as other individuals who witnessed the situation, stated that they were in fear for their lives, as they didn't know whether the male had a firearm. Upon his arrival at the Lake Region Law Enforcement Center, he refused chemical testing to determine sobriety after being read implied consent. He was charged with terrorizing, a class C felony, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, a class B misdemeanor, and refusing to take a chemical test, a class B misdemeanor.

3/25/26: At about 9:45 p.m., a DLPD officer was dispatched to an apartment building on 14th Ave., SE for a domestic disturbance in progress. The reporting party was a male subject who stated his wife, the female suspect, was trying to kill him. He added that while attempting to call police, she kept yelling "No cops," and prying the phone away from him and preventing him from calling. Upon arrival, the officer could hear a verbal altercation happening inside the apartment building. Upon entry, the officer was met by the suspect and her husband, who was hunched over having a hard time breathing and explained that she was choking and scratching him, as evidenced from the fresh scratch marks on his left cheek near the jawline. He added that he has stage 4 emphysema and was having a hard time catching his breath from the attack. The suspect was placed under arrest for simple assault domestic, a class B misdemeanor, and interference with a 911 call, a class A misdemeanor. She is also on probation and had a warrant for revocation, as one of the stipulations of her probation is not to consume alcoholic beverages, and her blood alcohol level was .304.

Holy Week

Schedule For

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: 7:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3
CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD: 3:00PM
CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD: 7:00PM

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4
EASTER VIGIL: 8:30PM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5
MASSES ARE AT:
7:30AM, 9:00AM & 11:00AM