

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

**Feb. 13 & 16:** There will be NO SCHOOL for the Devils Lake Public Schools (K-12) on Friday, Feb. 13 and Monday, Feb. 16, 2026, due to President's Day.

**Feb. 14 & 15:** The Devils Lake Gun Show and Sale. This is held at Devils Lake Memorial Building and hosted by Lake Region Shooting Sports Assoc. All federal and local firearm laws and ordinances must be obeyed. Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Admission General: \$5.00, Children under 12: Free.

**Feb. 19:** Meet the Candidate, Trygve Hammer is running to represent North Dakota in the U.S. House of Representatives. Come to the Pekin Center at 5:30 p.m. A light supper will be served and discussion will follow. All are welcome.

**Feb. 20:** Need help with your application for the Primary Residence tax reduction or Homestead Tax Credit? Rob Johnson from the Devils Lake City Assessor's Office will be at the Lake Region Public Library Friday, Feb. 20 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. to help with your applications. If your income is below \$40K, bring proof of all income and all medical expenses you have had this past year, including health insurance premiums, etc. Even if your income is above \$40K you could be eligible for a 50% reduction in property taxes.

**Feb. 21:** ShiverFest 2026 is Feb. 21! Lots of indoor and outdoor activities will take place on this day throughout the community. There is a Quilt show at Lake Region Art Center in Devils Lake at the corner of 4th and 4th. Look for Shiver Circuit (not sure what that is) and Snowga (like Yoga only in the snow) Winter Wonderland Vendor Show - now hosted at The Shores, s'mores and fire pits courtesy Proz, girls hockey steak fry, etc. There will also be the Kids' Ice Fishing tournament, skating and fireworks at the end of the day. Look for many other events that may happen for ShiverFest 2026!

**Feb. 21:** Snowshoeing at White Horse Hill! Only two opportunities this year due to staffing shortages: Jan. 17 and Feb. 21. Come to the Visitor Center to check out snowshoes between 12 p.m. (Noon) and 4 p.m. There is no charge for snowshoeing. The store in the Visitors Center will be open between 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. for your shopping convenience, as well.

**Feb. 22:** Fishing Has No Boundaries fundraising Breakfast Sunday at the KC Hall starts at 8 a.m. and goes to 2 p.m. \$8 per person, ages 5 and under free!

**March 1:** All parents of children ages 3, 4, and 5 who live in the Devils Lake School district are encouraged to participate in the Preschool opportunity provided by the Devils Lake Public Schools. The screening will be conducted March 20 at Minnie H Kindergarten Center in Devils Lake. Children who will be 3 years old by March 1, 2026 and all four and five year olds are eligible for this service. Contact Kim Krogfoss at 662-7670 by March 6, 2026, to make an appointment. Children will be screened in the areas of Fine and Gross Motor skills, Basic Concepts, Speech and Language and Health. The screening takes approximately one hour. Appointments are required.

*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.*

Devils Lake City Commission Meeting, Feb. 2

The Devils Lake City Commission met first as the Jobs Development Authority on Monday, Feb. 2 at 5:30 p.m.in City Hall. There were five items on their agenda: Call to Order, Approval of Minutes from Jan. 20, 2026, Release of Sponsorship Funds (\$25,000) to the Ramsey County Event Center, 20 x 20 Program 2025 Review and Projection and the IDA and Growth Fund 2025 Financial Performance Review.

Paul Becker was present representing the Ramsey County Event Center and thanked the Authority for their support. He gave a brief report on the many activities that have taken place at the new Center and was pleased to report that although they had anticipated an operational loss for this first few months of operation, he stated there would not be a loss because they had many scheduled activities that were very successful in 2025. He informed them of the project in conjunction with the National Guard as they would be improving the roads and parking areas around the Center, including cutting down the slope remaining from when that parcel was a borrow pit. That should help with the runoff when it rains and provide some areas for campers when events are scheduled for more than one day. All it will cost the County will be the fuel and gravel costs.

Following the remaining reports on the 20 x 20 Program 2025 and the JDA and Growth Fund, also for 2025, Mayor Jim Moe closed the meeting of the JDA and opened the regular meeting of the City Commission.

Lisa Crosby was invited to the podium at the outset of the city meeting to address the release of funds, \$10,832.75 for the Lake Region Heritage Center. She gave a brief overview of what's been happening at the Center and what's coming up.

A Memo of Understanding (MOU) with Devils Lake Chamber of Commerce and the 250 Commission was approved. They expect the first meeting of this commission to be held sometime this month .

Next they discussed Purchase Orders for the Shade Tree Committee and the trees that will be planted in the city. It was explained that the city did not receive a grant they'd hoped for, so there will be fewer trees available for replacing those that are cut down this year.

Necessity of Improvement for two projects were approved; District No. 86-26 Highway 2 Frontage Roads and District No. 87 - 26 3rd Street SE, 4th Street SE, 6th St. SE, and 7th St. SE plus Miscellaneous other projects.

One Information Item on the agenda was the 2026 Election Handbook from the North Dakota League of Cities for review of the commissioners.

Then the Devils Lake City Commission convened in Executive Session to discuss pending legal matters related to the mortgage between the City of Devils Lake Building Authority and CoJack Snack and Pack, LLC at the property with legal description of outlot 39-0014 of 1, Pasta Acres Subdivisions, Block 2, Replat of Devils Lake Industrial Park, Devils Lake, Ramsey County, North Dakota. Those who were allowed to attend the Executive Session retired to a different venue to discuss the legal matters in privacy. Commissioner Uhlenkamp recused herself from the Executive Session and left the building.

When they returned to the Commission Chambers, Mayor Moe requested a motion regarding the outcome of the Executive Session discussion. Commissioner Pierce made that motion, to "continue with foreclosure proceedings through the attorneys and any settlement terms they could work out." A roll call vote was unanimous in favor of this motion.

Then another motion was made to pay all bills from the list of bills needing paying, this also received a roll call vote and a unanimous "yes."

Then the meeting was adjourned.

Preschool Screening Feb. 9, 16 and 23

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Principal

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programming, Krogfoss has fostered a school community where every child is holistically supported.

Krogfoss is also recognized for cultivating an exceptional school climate through high expectations, visibility, collaborative leadership, and strong professional learning communities. Her commitment to staff development, shared ownership, and celebrating daily successes has helped create a culture where educators and students thrive.

As North Dakota's National Distinguished Principal, Krogfoss will be honored alongside other state winners at a national celebration hosted by NAESP in Washington, D.C., later this year.

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**Kindergarten Find**

The Devils Lake Public School District is attempting to identify those children who will attend the kindergarten program in the public schools during the 2026-27 school year. Parents who plan on enrolling a child in the Devils Lake Public School Kindergarten program next year are requested to call Minnie H Kindergarten Center to register now. To be eligible for kindergarten enrollment children must be age five on or before July 31, 2026. We are requesting this information as soon as possible. For more information please call Kim Krogfoss at 662-7670.

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