

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!

March 6: 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 Froggoss 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. Don't forget to call by March 6!

March 6: World Day of Prayer highlighting the people and concerns of Nigeria, Western African nation, at 2 p.m. Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Devils Lake, ND. Open to people of all faiths. Includes a light lunch and a free will offering will be taken. Everyone is welcome to attend!

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.

May 2: "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!

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.

National Poison Prevention Week Celebrated with Poison Prevention Tips

March 15 - 21, 2026: Poison Prevention Week

Young children explore their world through sight, touch, and taste. While curiosity is a natural and healthy part of development, it can also put children at risk when dangerous items are within reach.

In recognition of National Poison Prevention Week, observed annually during the third week of March families are encouraged to take simple but critical steps to prevent accidental poisoning at home.

Medicines are the leading cause of accidental poisonings involving children. Every minute of every day, a parent or caregiver contacts a poison control center because a child has gotten into medicine or received the wrong dose.

Each year:

- More than 47,000 children under age 6 are treated in emergency

departments for medicine poisoning — approximately one child every 10 minutes.

- 8,432 children require hospital admission — about one child every hour.

- Approximately every 12 days, a young child dies after getting into medicine.

While medications are essential for treating conditions such as high blood pressure, infections, and pain, they can become dangerous when taken incorrectly or accessed by children without supervision. Medicine can quickly become poison if the wrong dose is administered or if a child ingests it unintentionally.

Common Poisoning Risks Include:

- Prescription medications (pills, insulin, patches, liquids)
- Over-the-counter medications (vitamins,

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creams, children's liquid medicines, eye/ear drops)

- Household products (lotions, diaper rash creams, makeup, paint)
- Cleaning products (bleach, spray cleaners, furniture polish, laundry pods, soaps)

Prevention Tips for Families:

- Store all medicines and harmful products up and away, out of sight and reach, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- Always use the original dosing device provided with medication — never a kitchen spoon.
- Secure caps tightly after each use.
- Keep purses, bags,



and visitor belongings out of children's reach.

- Check environments outside your home, as they may not be child-proofed.
- Choose child-resistant packaging when purchasing cleaning and household products.
- Safely dispose of expired or unused medications at local law enforcement centers or pharmacies that offer drop boxes. Children are naturally

curious and can climb onto counters, reach into purses, and explore cabinets. Creating a safer environment is the most effective way to prevent unintentional ingestion. Remember, what your child can reach, and access today may be different as their developmental skills expand as they grow. Always think ahead to what they may be able to get their hands on. In 2021, 3,809 poison-

related deaths were reported nationwide, and more than 2 million human exposure cases were managed through Poison Help centers. Many of these cases involved common household and personal care products and could have been prevented with proper storage and awareness.

If you suspect a child has ingested medicine or any harmful substance, call the Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222. The service is free, confidential, and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Safe Kids Grand Forks

Safe Kids Grand Forks offers free safety resources, including sharps disposal containers, medication disposal bags, cabinet locks, and poison center magnets. To request supplies or learn more about poison prevention and other safety topics, visit www.safekidsgf.com or call 701-780-1489.

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Kunkel

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be the person committing the crime in the state's timeline."

After receiving the judge's order, Mayer said, "This case illustrates yet again the risk of locking someone up for life based on questionable testimony from jailhouse informants. Helping Werner and his family get justice has been the honor of a lifetime."

After several failed attempts at obtaining post-conviction relief on his own, Kunkel contacted GNIP who agreed to take his case.

Kunkel's new legal team presented the new forensic evidence contradicting the prosecution's timeline of the crime and demonstrated that they committed a Brady violation by withholding exculpatory witness statements from Kunkel's defense counsel. Finally, they also presented evidence that the prosecution allowed critical untested crime scene evidence, including Mr. Fassett's clothing, to be lost or intentionally destroyed, thus preventing testing and analysis that could reveal the

identity of the true perpetrator. After hearing the evidence, the court issued a detailed 60-page order, concluding that Kunkel did not receive a fair trial and that his conviction cannot stand.

GNIP and its pro bono partners at Ringstrom DeKrey have filed a motion seeking Kunkel's immediate release while the state decides whether it will appeal, retry him, or dismiss the charges.

When reached for comment, Daniel Howell, State's Attorney for Ramsey County, said he expected that Kunkel would likely remain in custody while he has some time to consider whether to appeal the ruling. "Or we start looking at a new trial, which, without any physical evidence or witnesses that are still alive and remember these days, I don't know that a trial's very likely at this point."

However, Howell added that since Kunkel isn't a U.S. citizen, there is the possibility that he could be facing deportation back to Germany. "Who knows with how the federal government is doing that these days, if they do it immediately or have him in ICE holding for a while."

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To you I have recourse from the depths of my heart and humbly beg to who God had given such great power to come to my assistance.

Help me in my present and urgent petition. In return I promise to make known your name and cause you to be involved. St. Jude, Pray for us and all who invoke your aid.

Amen

Say three (3) Our Fathers, three (3) Hail Mary's and Glory Be. Publication must be promised. My request has been granted. Say this Novena on nine (9) consecutive days.

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