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Halvorson resigns as Devils Lake city administrator, Johnson to fill in as interim auditor



Photo by Mark C. Robinson
Spencer Halvorson, seen here with City Commissioners Jason Pierce and Lisa Uhlenkamp, attended the June 1 meeting of the Devils Lake City Commission where he discussed his resignation as city administrator, with his last day on June 19.

By Mark C. Robinson, DLJ Managing Editor

DEVILS LAKE, N.D. – Spencer Halvorson has tendered his resignation as Devils Lake City Administrator, with his last day on June 19. At the meeting of the Devils Lake City Commission on June 1, Halvorson was on hand to address his giving notice, which was the main subject of discussion.

Halvorson formally offered his letter of resignation to the Commission in

writing on Friday, May 29. pending approval of a contract by the Fargo City Commission on June 8, 2026.

According to his letter, he is on track to take another position with the Lake Agassiz Water Authority (LAWA) and the City of Fargo to serve as LAWA's inaugural executive director. If all goes as planned, Halvorson's last day as city administrator will be on Friday, June 19.

"I have deep reverence for the City Commission and

City staff members I have worked with for the last four years," Halvorson said in his letter. "I appreciate the respectful, cordial relationship we have built among each other. I am committed to ensuring a smooth transition for any interim or new candidate that will assume some or all my existing job responsibilities."

At the June 1 meeting, after the call to order, approval of minutes and discussion of commission port-

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Devils Run car show returns to Devils Lake



Mark C. Robinson

The weekend of May 29-31 saw the return of the annual Devils Run car show with its parade of cars slowly making its way down Fourth Street as onlookers enjoyed the spectacle and grabbed whatever candy thrown by the drivers and passengers.

Who's running? Alex Belazs, Donna Henderson & Kathy Frelich

by Louise Oleson, DLJ Editor Emeritus

Who's running and why?

Alex Belazs
Alex Belazs has led an interesting life. Though he is retired now he has decided to run for the lone North Dakota seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

He and his wife, Cindy, live on a farm actually closer to Considine, approximately 15 miles northeast of Cando, ND. They stepped up to buy the family farm and got it by being the highest bidder in 2002. They've done a great deal of home improvement and renovation to it since then.

Belazs spent 18 years in the U.S. Air Force and has also worked in places like the Hague, Pakistan, Columbia, Nicaragua and the Southern Border of the U.S. and Washington D.C., among other places.

He says his wife is much smarter than he is, speaks five languages fluently and joined him in working for the foreign service.

Belazs says he is a conservative and is running because he wants to represent North Dakota in the U.S. Congress. There is only one representative at large for the whole state. He says they are grateful for their life here in North Dakota and pledges to listen to the people he is elected to serve.

Donna Henderson
Donna Henderson grew up in Munich, ND where her dad had a third generation Main Street business - "Schuler



Belazs



Henderson



Frelich

Hardware and Implement Co." She attended college at NDSCS in Wahpeton, ND, and earned a degree in Dental Hygiene.

She says, "Husband, Paul, and I will celebrate our 43rd wedding anniversary next month. We raised six children on our family farm near Calvin, ND, and now have 11 grandchildren so far!"

Henderson adds, "I am

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