

# Have yourself a Medora Christmas!

The popular Magical Medora Christmas tour is coming to Devils Lake Dec. 7 and tickets are now on sale at [www.medorachristmas.com](http://www.medorachristmas.com).

Now in its ninth year, the family-oriented traveling holiday show features past and present performers from the acclaimed Medora Musical. The Christmas tour, produced by Bill Sorensen Productions, has played to sold-out venues in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota.

The Devils Lake show will be at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 7 at Robert Fawcett Auditorium at Lake Region State College. Tickets and other information, including a schedule of all of this year's shows, are available at [www.medora-christmas.com](http://www.medora-christmas.com).

This year's tour runs Nov. 28 through Dec. 21 and will be presented in

24 communities across four states. The full schedule follows:

Nov. 28, Hettinger, ND, Hettinger High School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. MST

Nov. 29 , Spearfish, SD, Spearfish High School Auditorium, 3:30 p.m. MST

Nov. 30 , Billings, MT, Lockwood High School Auditorium, 3:30 p.m. MST

Dec. 1, Crosby, ND, Concordia Lutheran Church, 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 2, Williston, ND, Williston High School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 3, Watford City, ND, Watford City High School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 4, Tioga, ND, Tioga Community Center, 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 5, Bottineau, ND, Bottineau High School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.



The graphic says 2024, but it will be here again this December 2025, as well. (Promotional photo from 2024)

Dec. 6, Minot, ND, Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at MSU, 3:30 p.m.	Dec. 11, Park Rapids, MN, Park Rapids High School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.	Dec. 14, Grand Forks, ND, Chester Fritz Fine Arts Auditorium, 3:30 p.m.	Dec. 18, Burnsville, MN, Ames Center for the Arts, 7:30 p.m.
<b>Dec. 7, Devils Lake, ND, Robert Fawcett Auditorium at LRSC, 3:30 p.m.</b>	Dec. 12, Jamestown, ND, Reiland Fine Arts Center at UJ, 7:30 p.m.	Dec. 15, Detroit Lakes, MN, Detroit Lakes Historic Holmes Theater, 7:30 p.m.	Dec. 19, Alexandria, MN, Alexandria Area HS Performing Arts School, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 8, Wahpeton, ND, Stern Cultural Center at NDSCS, 7:30 p.m.	Dec. 13, Moorhead, MN , Roland Dille Center for the Arts at MSUM, 3:30 p.m.	Dec. 16, Fergus Falls, MN, Fergus Falls Center for the Arts, 7:30 p.m.	Dec. 20, Valley City, ND, Center for the Arts at VCSU, 3:30 p.m.
Dec. 9, Grafton , ND, Grafton High School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.		Dec. 17, Kindred, ND, Kindred High School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.	Dec. 21, Bismarck, ND, Belle Mehus Auditorium, 3:30 PM / 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 10, Barnesville, MN, Barnesville High School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.			

## Police Report for the Week Ending on Nov. 16

### Devils Lake Journal Staff

11/14/25: Police were dispatched to an apartment on 14th Street SE for a report of a subject rattling the resident's window and appearing to attempt to enter the apartment above, which was later found to have a screen door that had been cut into. An intoxicated juvenile male was found at the scene who refused to identify himself and became erratic and violent towards officers. The adult female with two teenage daughters who lives at the above apartment said an adult male was also identified at the scene and was alleged to have been the one who

had cut into the screen door and was throwing mulch at the window of the teenage daughters in the apartment on the upper floor. Once identified, the juvenile male was found to have an active Pick Up and Hold order from Benson County; he had been taken to the local hospital to be treated for over intoxication and was later found to have a blood alcohol content of .34. Once the juvenile male was medically cleared, he was transported to Grand Forks Detention Center.

11/14/25: Police were dispatched to an apartment on Walnut Street W for a report of criminal trespass. An adult female

was reported to be at the property and was not allowed to be there. Officers reported that they had dealt with the same female earlier that same day at the same address and told her not to return. The female was reported to have criminally trespassed a month earlier. The female was in the bedroom where she was handcuffed and transported to the Lake Region Law Enforcement Center and transferred over to the corrections staff. She was cited and charged in municipal court with criminal trespass and provided a copy of the citation.

11/14/25: An adult female called dispatch at

approximately 5:44 a.m. to report a stolen vehicle from where she was staying with friends the previous night who lived near Black Paws Brewery. The female said she didn't give anyone permission to use her vehicle. Downtown CCTV footage from the night of Nov. 13 showed the female park the car with an adult male wearing a white and green hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans as her passenger. Later that same night, the same adult male passenger was seen on CCTV footage meeting with another adult male wearing a black coat, blue sweatshirt, black pants and white shoes. The adult male

in the white and green sweatshirt was seen entering the car on the passenger side, while the adult male in the black coat got in from the driver's side and the car drove away. BIA dispatch provided further information about the vehicle, saying that their officers initiated a traffic stop of the vehicle; both occupants fled on foot and the passenger was caught while the driver fled. The victim was notified that her vehicle was recovered and towed.

11/16/25: Police were dispatched to an apartment on Fifth Street NE for a report of domestic violence. Upon arrival, an adult female on the

scene alleged that an adult male, her live-in boyfriend, had struck her teenage son who had been in his own room. The son confirmed the allegation that he had been struck once, causing him pain, and that the adult male had been drinking all day, referring to him as his stepfather. The adult male admitted to the assault, said that he currently lives with the adult female and is soon to be married to her. The adult male apologized to the teenager as he was escorted out of the apartment; he was transported to corrections, and is facing a pending charge of domestic violence (simple assault).

## A Recap of the City Commission Meeting on Nov. 17

### Mark C. Robinson, DLJ Managing Editor

The Devils Lake City Commission met Monday, Nov. 17, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at City Hall. The first agenda was a meeting of the Jobs Development Authority, which began with the Call to Order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and approval of the minutes from the meeting on Oct. 20.

The next item was a review of the progress of Pay Estimate No. 4 for Single Family Housing Project. City Manager Spencer Halvorson said the estimate of progress

up to date for broken windows and door installation for the homes totaled \$158,000, which the Commission approved.

Item 5 looked at the current status of Flex-Pace Interest Buydown for Enduring Properties, LLC. The Commission heard from Brady Ash, executive director of Forward Devils Lake Corporation, who reviewed the application to the Renaissance Zone Project put forth last month by Enduring Properties, LLC for the purchase of what used to be Lone Tree Designs, a business that made metal yard ornaments and signs, located between Freije

Chiropractic Center and Dollar General on the east side of College Drive. Their plan is to locate their two different businesses in the building, which include cleaning service and mental health therapy; they also want to renovate the space to accommodate a couple of other businesses. Lisa Hawley of Enduring Properties was on hand to answer any questions, but there were no other questions and the Commission move forward with approval.

The final item in the Jobs Development Authority Meeting was the Lake Region Law Enforcement Letter of Interest sent last month by County Commissioner and Chairman of the Law Enforcement Center Board Jeff Frith making a proposal for acquisition of land in Outlot #44-0002, located in an industrial park area. Brady Ash with Forward Devils Lake

confirmed that the purpose of the proposal for the acquisition is to add space to construct a new law enforcement center. Frith and City Commissioner Jason Pierce did a presentation for the Forward Devils Lake Board at one of its most recent meetings, presenting the state of the current facility, the need for improvements and how the new facility would address the recent concerns.

Ash cited a letter he sent to Mayor Jim Moe in his capacity as President of Devils Lake Jobs Development Authority, in which the Forward Devils Lake Board decided not to recommend that this parcel be transferred at this time. "This decision reflects the Board's responsibility to safeguard the long-term strategic value of the industrial park and the opportunity costs associated with the use of its land," Ash said in

the letter. "The industrial park remains a critical community asset in advancing future industrial and economic development opportunities for the Devils Lake area. The FDL Board views it is important to maintain the flexibility necessary to support future growth and investment."

At the meeting, Ash told the Commission that he understood the need for a new law enforcement center. "It's an important project," he said. "We just wish to keep the industrial park for its intended purpose."

Moe seemed to be in agreement. "The particular area that I think you're looking at is one that's probably one that we want to keep the most because it has the most viability for outside manufacturing because of the access of the (railroad) tracks and the highway," he said.

Pierce said that his reasoning for the acquisition proposal was that the property has sat unused for a number of years. Ash responded that the Forward Devils Lake Board wasn't ready to close the door on its potential in other ways. "I have leads on a couple of projects that could take up 75 acres."

Moe noted that there was private land that could be available to the west of the area reserved

for the industrial park, but Pierce responded that his main reason for the original land choice was that it was likely to be less expensive. City Administrator Spencer Halvorson observed that the land's location had great potential, and transferring the land for a new law enforcement center would end that potential growth. "Right now, it's an asset," he said. "It's an asset that the city has that could grow its tax-base, create jobs, all sorts of stuff. Has it happened yet? No. But it can."

Pierce spoke of another reason for acquisition of the land, that they're trying to find an area to move the Lake Region Residential Reentry Center, a facility designed to help individuals transition back into the community, and is currently located near Minnie H Kindergarten Center. However, he stressed that he understood the decision not to recommend the property acquisition. The Commission ultimately decided to deny the request for now and reopen the issue at a later date.


The Jobs Development Authority Meeting was then closed, and the regular City Commission Meeting commenced, which began a Call to Order and approval of the minutes from the meeting

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## NOTICE

**DUE TO THE Thanksgiving Holiday**

There will be no commercial or residential pickup on **Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

Thursday's and Friday's garbage will be picked-up on Friday

**Please have your garbage out by 7:00 am**

**Devils Lake Sanitation Department**

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