Community Showcase of Upcoming Events

Nov. 20: Pretzels & Presentation: An informational meeting for community members interested in Traveling with Teresa to Germany and Switzerland in September 2026 will be held Thursday, Nov. 20 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. at the Lake Kiwanis Thanks-Liquid Bean in downtown Devils Lake. Pretzels and root beer will be served. For more information, contact tandet@gondtc.com or enord@gondtc.com

Nov. 21: Miracle on 3rd Street - Christmas Tree Lighting at Bridgestone Park - begins the Hometown Holiday Events at 5 to 6 p.m.

Nov. 22: Santa at the Lake Region Arts Center 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Bring the kiddos and have their photo taken with Santa!

Nov. 23: The Devils Lake Community Orchestra will present their fall concert Sunday, Nov. 23, 2:00 p.m. at the DL High School. The fund raiser for this

concert is a pie sale, just in time for your Thanksgiving table!

Nov. 23: The DLHS Boys Hockey Pancake Feed at the KC Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 12

Nov. 27: The Devils giving Dinner will be served at the KC Hall from approximately 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. for a free will offering. Serving a full turkey dinner with all the fixings. Please call 701-351-**7285** between now and the end of the day the Tuesday before Thanksgiving and let us know if you need delivery or you are coming to take-away or dine in and how many meals you will need so we can plan accordingly. Volunteers to help or deliver are welcome - please come by 10 a.m. we'll put you to work! Delivery takes place between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., dine in begins at 11

after, and that's also the time to pick up the meals you have called ahead for take out!

Nov. 29: Small Business Saturday - all day! Remember to buy local this holiday season!

December 2025: Look for special films and reduced rate or free tickets for the holidays at Encore 301, Devils Lake's movie theaters!

Dec. 3: The Fall Film Festival concludes today with the showing of "End of the Rope" at Encore 301, 125 4th St. NW. If you have a Festival punch card, this movie is included. If you don't have the punch card, you could pay the discount rate of \$7 at the door to see this movie. Concessions are available for sale in the lobby.

Dec. 6: The St. Olaf Lutheran Church Christmas Holiday Bazaar from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 serving rolls for breakfast, lunch at 11 a.m.

Featuring baked items, homemade candy, lefse and Scandinavian delicasies, Christmas decorations, Country Store items and much, much more! This is St. Olaf's biggest fundraiser of the year - if you wish to help with their mission in Devils Lake, the Lake Region and around the world - this is your opportunity to contribute by donating your Christmas cookies, fudge, handiwork or crafts to sell or shopping for those items to give to your friends and family.

Dec. 6: Downtown Cookie Crawl - more information will be forthcoming.

Dec. 7: A Medora Christmas comes to Devils Lake for its 9th season, 3:30 p.m. on Sunday Dec. 7 tickets available at www. medorachristmas.com

Dec. 20: The one and only Santa Claus is making a stop in the Lake Region at Proz

Lakeside TBA.

Dec. 25: The Devils Lake Kiwanis Christmas Dinner will be served at the KC Hall from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. for a free will offering. Serving a baked ham dinner with all the fixings including cheesy potatoes side dish. Please call 701-**351-7285** by the end of the Tuesday before Christmas Day. Please call and let us know if you are coming to takeaway or dine in and how many meals you need so we can plan accordingly. Volunteers to help or deliver are welcome, please come by 10 a.m. In house dining and take-outs begin at about 11 a.m. and go until 1 p.m., or the food's gone - whichever

Dec. 25: There will be no Devils Lake Journal on Christmas Day, plus there is no mail service on Christmas Day.

is first.

Jan. 1, 2026: There

will be no Devils Lake Journal on New Years Day, no mail service on that day, as well.

Feb. 21: ShiverFest activities TBA!!!

Question? Your event wasn't in this listing? Maybe no one sent it in to us! You can do that!

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

Deadlines: For the Tuesday Devils Lake Journal, we need all information in no later than 10 a.m. the Friday before that issue comes out. For the Thursday Devils Lake Journal, we need all information in no later than 11 a.m. the Tuesday before that

Meeting

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on Nov. 3. There were no awards or proclamations.

In the public hearings section, they addressed the Final Plat for Smith's Second Addition located on 16th Street SE. City Assessor Rob Johnson said it was fully supported. "It breaks down one chunk of land that had four homes on it already, so that those would be parceled out and then there will be three more vacant blocks on the east side there as well," he said. "One of the things that (Public Works Director Mike Grafsgaard) did request as part of the process was to have it mapped out, so to ensure that all current setback rules are being followed with the division and they all are, so that's a recommended approval.

After the hearing closed, the final plat was approved, and a second hearing was held for a Change in Zoning from Agricultural to Planned Unit Development for Outlot #05-0172. Johnson said this would be more of a preliminary hearing to get some information and figure out their next steps. "They're looking to put a commercial development out there for shop condos," he said. "I think the idea is supported. There's just some work that needs to be done specific to getting in touch with Rural Water, looking at whether or not residential use is going to be allowed within the commercial buildings, which would require a higher standard on the building enforcement, and we'll just kind of work through those details, so it was a productive meeting in discussion, but we're not ready for any action on this year."

Johnson recommended that the hearing be tabled for now. Moe closed the hearing with no action required for now. There were no bid openings, no visitors or delegations.

Under commission portfolios, Grafsgaard said that regarding Engineering, his team is still working on one spot in the downtown alleys. "We're at the 11th hour," he said. "It's something that we have to do an interim mix and then readdress it in the spring."

Grafsgaard added that

one member of his Public Works team is doing a lot of survey work for projects scheduled for next year.

a.m. or shortly there-

He also reviewed upcoming details of events including a mill and overlay along Highway 2, as well as on the south side. "We're trying to grab all the information we need to put plans together."

Fire Chief Nate Bennett said there was a Hazmat Awareness and Ops Test available for members of the fire department coming Nov. 23. "Hopefully, we get a few guys through that, so we have some more certified guys for hazmat awareness and operations," he said, adding that they're working on a few remodels of the stations.

Pierce is preparing for a big tree planting event for Arbor Day next year. "Somebody grabs a tree, plants the tree, try to make it an event for the city to come out and do that."

Pierce also talked about the Downtown Planning Meeting that he attended on Nov. 12, which reviewed some of the upcoming events for Devils Lake, including the Christmas Tree Lighting scheduled for Friday, Nov. 21, 2025, 4 p.m. at Lake Region State College, part of the Hometown Holiday Celebration, as well as Santa Claus appearing every Saturday at the Arts Center, starting Nov. 22,

from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and a Chamber Holiday Cheer Mixer at the Arts Center on Dec. 3, 4-6 p.m.

Pierce also followed up on some suggestions made by local business owners for city improvements, including repair of the downtown sound system, as it's currently unable to play music for the holiday season. "We got to figure something out for that," he said, adding that some of the banners used for tourism and other events have faded and need to replaced.

Mayor Moe said that earlier, he and Halvorson attended an Altru community event and that he believes the future of the new Altru Hospital in Devils Lake is closer to fruition, hopefully there will be something more concrete by the end of the year, adding that the delays seem to originate from the side of the Vatican, which currently owns the medical center. Moe felt there would be a resolution soon.

The Commission also addressed new business, including the approval of new ordinances 1025, 1026 and 1027 improving competitive bidding, procedure and conveyance, sale, lease or disposal of property. City Attorney Jason Sayler restated what he said at a previous meeting, that the new ordinanclaw and with what other cities in North Dakota are doing. Halvorson said that they give Devils Lake more tools to enter into transactions and provide greater flexibility.

The Commission next approved the five-year tax exemption of improvements to a residential structure on 12th Avenue NE. However, the new detached garage would not be considered eligible for the exemption. There was also approval of the Maintenance Certification for the City's Urban Roads Project as well as the 2026 City Calendar, including approving a full day off for city workers for Christmas Eve.

The session then adjourned to go into executive session to discuss legal matters.

Midway through the regular meeting, wearing a Devils Lake High School Firebirds vest, Moe also took time to offer his compliments to the new state champion football team on winning the Dakota Bowl in Fargo on Saturday, Nov. 15. "I'd like to congratulate them on a very proud moment for our community."

Moe also put forth for consideration investing in a more lasting sign of recognition to the Firebirds es are consistent with state for their achievement.

FOCUS:

Buy & Sell In the Classifieds

The Public Service Commission of North Dakota designated North Dakota Telephone Company (NDTC) as an "Eligible Telecommunications Carrier" for its service area for universal service purposes. The goal of universal service is to provide all citizens access to essential telecommunications

services. NDTC provides the supported services -- voice telephony service and broadband internet access service throughout its designated service area. These supported services include:

- · Voice grade access to the public switched network
- · Minutes of use for local service provided at no additional charge
- · Access to emergency services such as 911 and enhanced 911 · Broadband Internet access service which includes the capability to send data to and

receive data from the internet, but excludes dial-up service. Voice telephony service is provided at rates which start at \$22.00 per month for residential

customers and \$37.00 per month for business line customers. Broadband Internet access service is provided at rates which start at \$39.95 per month for residential and business customers. Use of these services may result in added charges including taxes, surcharges, and fees.

NDTC also offers qualified customers Lifeline service. Lifeline is a non-transferable, federal benefit that makes monthly voice or broadband service more affordable. The program is limited to one discount per household. Eligible households may apply the monthly Lifeline discount to either broadband service (home or wireless) or voice service (home or wireless) but not both. Lifeline customers also have the option to apply the discount to a service bundle, such as home phone and home broadband. In addition, the phone or broadband service you order from NDTC must meet certain minimum service standards. The Lifeline voice service also includes toll blocking to qualifying customers without charge. As of December 1, 2020, the discount provided under the Company's Lifeline service is \$9.25 each month for internet and \$5.25 each month for stand-alone voice service that the customer qualifies.

NDTC also offers Enhanced Lifeline Support for Tribal Lands in addition to the standard benefit amount of \$9.25, eligible residents of federally-recognized Tribal lands who are receiving service from facilities-based service providers will receive an additional Lifeline discount of up to \$25 per month. They may also receive a one-time reduction to the service connection charges up to \$100 at their primary residence.

A household is eligible for the Lifeline discount if the customer's annual household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines. You may also qualify for the Lifeline program if a customer, a dependent, or the customer's household participates in one or more of the following programs:

Medicaid

·Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Federal Public Housing Assistance

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Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit Qualifying Tribal Programs - Enhanced Lifeline Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance

·Head Start (only those households meeting the income qualifying standard)

•Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Tribal TANF)

Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

Consumers can apply through the National Verifier at www.lifelinesupport.org or submit a paper application with documentation to the Lifeline Support Center. NDTC is no longer able to accept documentation to determine Lifeline or Enhanced Lifeline Support eligibility.

Please call NDTC if you have any questions

