

Community Showcase of Upcoming Events

June 24: **Ron E. Cash** (Tribute to Johnny Cash) will perform at Roosevelt Park 7 p.m. **Arts In the Park** on the Galleger Elks Band stage sponsored by the Devils Lake Rotary Club. Also, check out the **Sons of Norway Bake Sale** starting at 6:30 p.m. in conjunction with this event.*

June 25: **Watch the draft!** Many outlets have projected Devils Lake's Grant Nelson to be a potential second-round pick in the NBA draft. The draft is set for June 25 at 7 p.m.

June 26 - 28: **Ramsey County 4-H Achievement Days & Lake Region Livestock Expo:** June 26 at 4-H Hall including static exhibits, Parade of Champions, Speech Spectacular, Project Expo and Consumer Decision Making; June 26 & 27 at Ramsey County Event Center Horse show events begin at 6 p.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. on Friday and on June 28 at Ramsey County Event Center show begins at 10 a.m. - Rabbit show, Dog & Pet show, Swine show, Sheep show, Goat show, Alpaca & Llama show, Dairy show and Beef show. All events are free & open to the public!

June 28 - 29: **Pekin Days!** More info ahead!

June 27: **Party in the Park - Roosevelt Park!** Join us - Devils Lake Cars - for a night of music, including Auto Drive and the Downtown Horns, food, and community fun as we celebrate in style! Starting at 2 p.m. in Roosevelt Park.

July 1: **HIA Hospice** - Devils Lake Office - 3 - 4 p.m. with **Ribbon Cutting** event at 4 p.m. RSVP by June 30 if attending.

one of the Unsung Heroes on the list. The outdoor concert in the park is free.

July 8 & 10: The **City of Devils Lake** is holding **public open houses** to share information and answer questions about the **proposed city tax increase**. These will take place on July 8 and 10, with sessions from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and again from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Devils Lake Fire Hall.

July 10: Upcoming **Ribbon Cutting Celebration for Devils Lake Collision & Glass** 4 - 7 p.m. with Open House from 5 - 7 p.m. at Devils Lake Collision & Glass. Join us as we celebrate the opening of Devils Lake Collision & Glass! Stop by to check out our state-of-the-art building and meet our team.

July 15: **Arts in the Park** presents **Herlof Huso** from Aneta, in concert! 60s rock, country and classical music 7 p.m. Roosevelt Park.*

July 22: **Special Election** for City of Devils Lake: Memorial Building has been reserved for the election with the Ramsey County Auditor. To answer questions and concerns from the voters, the City Manager will plan to host two open-houses in early July before the special election.

July 22: **Arts in the Park** presents **Rick Senger**, easy listening 7 p.m. in Roosevelt Park. Cruise the classic cars on display!*

July 29: **Arts in the Park** presents **Destiny 281**, country, oldies, rock-n-roll, gospel music 7 p.m. in Roosevelt Park.*

Aug. 2 - 3: The Museum in Burlington, ND features a **Car and Tractor Etc. Show** August 2-3.

*In case of inclement weather, Arts in the Park moves to KC Hall in downtown Devils Lake.

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

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 issue.

SLT: Incident Response Timeline

Elevated Manganese Levels in Water

This document outlines the timeline of events and actions taken by the Spirit Lake Tribe in response to elevated manganese levels detected in the community's water supply.

Timeline

May 13, 2025: Initial water sample collected by Spirit Lake Water Treatment Plant indicating elevated manganese levels.

May 20, 2025: Follow-up water sample collected confirming manganese levels exceed EPA health advisories.

May 27, 2025: Spirit Lake Tribal Council convenes an emergency meeting with Emergency Manager, Health Center Medical Staff, Water Resources Department, and Public Relations to discuss the elevated manganese (Mn) levels (1.23 mg/L) in drinking water.

- Announcement to inform residents issued, highlighting the health risks associated with elevated manganese levels and the actions the Tribe is taking to ensure safe drinking water.
- Health Advisory issued by the Tribe, in coordination with the Water Resources Department, to ensure community safety.
- Public Service Announcement (PSA) and press release disseminated via social media, email, and printed copies provided to elders.

May 28, 2025: First Incident Command Team Meeting held at 9 AM. The team includes leads from various tribal departments tasked with addressing the manganese contamination.

- Key roles assigned: Incident Commander, Alternate Incident Command, Public Information Officer, Water Orders and Donations Coordinator, Delivery and Restock Coordinator, Distribution Supervisor.
- Water distribution plan developed: bottled water to be distributed at one case per two people, with priority for families with infants, elders, and immunocompromised individuals.
- Water distribution locations and hours established: 10 AM - 8 PM.
- Public Notice issued regarding water quality update and distribution plan.

May 29, 2025:

- Emergency interns hired: two Spirit Lake Tribal members (students) to assist in ongoing operations.

- Secretary/Treasurer issued memo delineating water ordering protocol.
- Spirit Lake Tribal Council passes resolution to formalize the Incident Command Team.

May 30, 2025:

- Drafted Action Plan for Incident Command Team and water response discussed.
- Incident Command Team Meeting held; updates provided by Water Resources Director.
- Press Release drafted to communicate elevated manganese levels to the public and announce distribution efforts.
- Official EPA notice regarding elevated Mn levels released.

May 31 - June 1, 2025: Water distribution continues at designated sites and via home delivery, maintaining distribution hours of 10 AM - 8 PM (May 31) and normal wellness center hours (June 1).

June 3, 2025:

- Incident Command Team meeting held to review ongoing efforts.
- MHA Nation delivers water to support distribution efforts.

- Update on infrastructure work and flushing protocols discussed.
- Proposal to extend treatment timeline until June 25, 2025, communicated to residents.

June 5, 2025: Temporary piping materials and equipment scheduled for arrival in Tyler, MN.

June 6, 2025: Temporary treatment filtration system arrives on site.

- Incident Command Team meeting convened to discuss updated water distribution timelines.

June 7-8, 2025: Weekend water distribution and deliveries continue.

June 9, 2025: Incident Commander, PIO, and Team Leads meet with the Tribal Council to provide updates on operations and ongoing water distribution efforts.

June 10, 2025:

- Incident Command Team meeting held;
- Water consumption date extended to July 7, 2025, based on site visit and discussions with Rubin Construction, Spirit lake Water Resources, Bartlett & West, and Tribal Council
- Public announcement video released via social media platforms.

June 11, 2025: Preparation for installation of temporary piping for filtration system underway.

June 12, 2025: Media for the temporary filtration system arrives, allowing for the completion of necessary piping. Introduction of charging chemicals into the system.

- Definition of Media: The granular material inside the filter that physically traps and removes impurities from the water. This material is designed to have specific properties that allow it to effectively remove particles of different sizes and forms.

June 13, 2025:

- Completion of initial installation steps for the temporary filtration system.
- Monitoring of cure time for piping and commencement of chemical introduction to activate the filtration process. (Requires up to 72hrs)

June 15-20, 2025:

- Finalization of piping and valve work for operational readiness of the temporary filtration system.
- Preparation for system testing and backwash procedures begins.
- Definition: Backwash procedures in water treatment involve reversing the water flow through a filter to remove accumulated particles and debris, maintaining the filter's efficiency and preventing clogging

June 23-27, 2025:

- Technicians from Rubin Construction will arrive to finalize the setup of the temporary filtration system. necessary chemicals added to reduce all impurities including Manganese

- Flushing Protocols: Commence flushing to remove stagnant water from the system, targeting the expulsion of 5 million gallons to manage manganese levels.

June 30- July 5:

- Samples for testing over two consecutive 24-hour periods will be taken to confirm there is no bacteria

July 7, 2025:

- Estimated end date for the water consumption ban.

July 7-August, 2025:

- Water Conservation Period

August 18-22, 2025:

- Targeted completion date for the installation of the permanent water treatment system, contingent upon timely arrival of ordered materials.

Blue-green algae: Know it. Avoid it. Report it.

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality reminds residents that hot weather and accumulated nutrients can lead to blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) blooms in water bodies across the state. Blue-green algae can cause Harmful Algal Blooms, producing toxins in the water called cyanotoxins. Environmental Quality responds to reported blooms across the state and tests water for toxins. If toxins are at an unsafe level, Environmental Quality issues public advisories and warnings.

People that swallow or come into contact with water containing cyanotoxins can become sick with diarrhea and vomiting; or experience numb lips, tingling fingers and toes, dizziness, rashes, hives and skin blisters. Pets and livestock may also suffer adverse health effects, including death. There are no known antidotes for the cyanotoxins produced by blue-green algae. Children and pets are at a higher risk than adults for illness because of their smaller size.

Know it. Blue-green algae can look like grass clippings floating in the water, clumps/puffballs or green cottage cheese. It can also make the water appear like spilled green paint or green pea soup.

Avoid it. Respect advisories and warnings announced by Environmental The public can view all water advisories and warnings on the HABs story map by visiting www.tinyurl.com/WMP-HABS.

Sign up for text alerts for HABs advisories at <https://tinyurl.com/>

NDhabsAlerts.

Do not swim, water ski, or boat in areas where the water is discolored or where you see foam, scum, or mats of green or blue-green algae on the water; or let pets swim in or drink from affected waters.

If you or your pet accidentally swims in water that might have a cyanobacteria bloom, rinse off with fresh water as soon as possible.

Do not irrigate lawns with pond or lake water that looks scummy or has a foul

Report it. Report suspected blue-green algae blooms to Environmental

Quality at 701-328-5210 or www.tinyurl.com/WMP-HABS. Because it can take time to receive laboratory test results, we urge people to be cautious and avoid waters that look discolored, scummy, or have a foul odor.

Enjoy a safe day on the lake, and when in doubt, stay out.

For more information, contact: Brian Houle, Division of Water Quality, 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324 bhoule@nd.gov



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