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Meetings

- The Devils Lake City Commission meets Monday Sept. 20 at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall.
- The Ramsey County Commission meets Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 5 p.m. in the Ramsey County Courthouse.
- The Devils Lake Park Board will meet today, Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 5:15 p.m. (Note: This is rescheduled from Sept. 15.)
- The Dakota Prairie Community Action Agency board of directors meeting Thursday, Sept. 23 has been cancelled.

Lake Elevations

Devils Lake Elevation 1451.41
Stump Lake Elevation 1451.42
Updated 09-13-10



What's ahead for Thursday's weather?

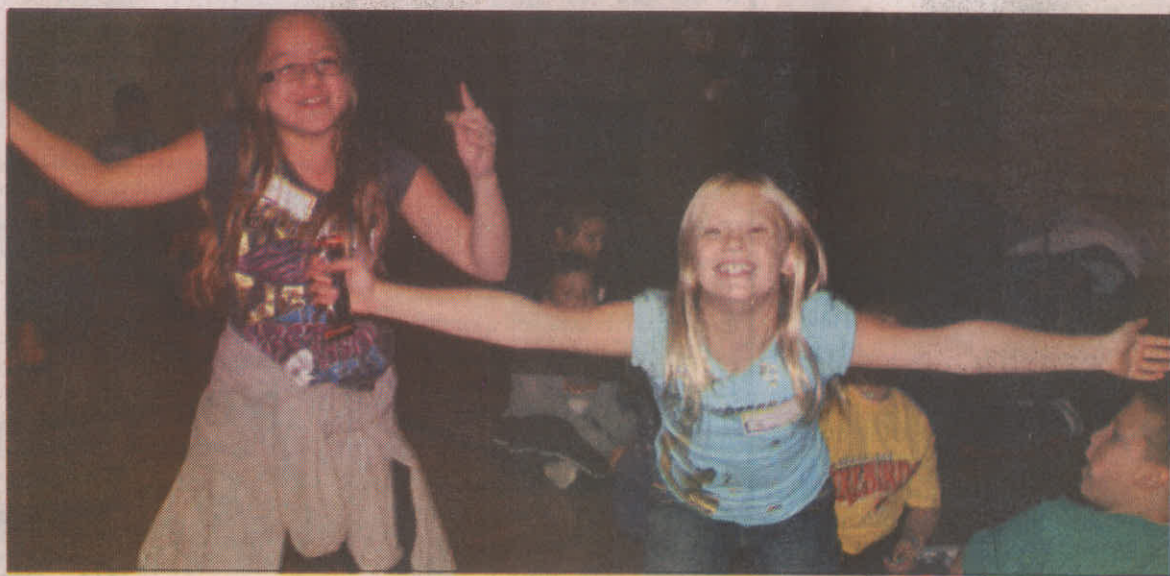


High 54°
Low 45°

Partly sunny with a 60 percent chance of rainshowers Thursday night

Sunrise 7:05 a.m. Sunset 7:38 p.m.

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Journal Photo/Sue Kraft

Sweetwater students Breonna Rance and Masyn Steinhaus perform a "Firebirds Dance" during the Kindness Retreat at the Memorial Building on Tuesday. A similar retreat is being held today for the seventh grade students.

Kindness Retreat held for local fourth graders

By Sue Kraft
Journal Lifestyles Editor
Yesterday the fourth graders in Devils Lake learned how to be a little kinder.

Youth Frontiers, a non-profit group from the Twin Cities, was in town to host their annual Kindness Retreat at the Memorial Building.

The day-long event was held for fourth grade students from all three of the public elementary schools and St. Joseph Elementary.

Kecia Winter and Jamie Zuel were the two representatives to visit Devils Lake.

Winter said one of the main focuses of the day was bullying.

"The idea is to make the school a better place," she said.

Youth Frontiers has held such retreats for the past 23 years, with the format changing to fit the times.

"We teach values unapolo-

getically," said founder and CEO Joe Cavanaugh. "Our mission is to change the way students treat each other in every hallway, lunch line and classroom of every school in America."

He added, "We are not succeeding if our children receive an 'A' in math and an 'F' in life."

To date, more than 600 retreats have been held across the country, reaching more than 90,000 students and educators.

The program includes games, music, small group activities and stories on relationships, respect and character.

General Colin Powell described Cavanaugh and his program as a "leader in our nation's effort to rescue America's young people."

One of the goals of the program is to fit the program to the students they are trying to reach. At the beginning of the

retreat on Tuesday, Winter was hosting a small group activity in the gymnasium of the Memorial Building, while Zuel was visiting with teachers about what problems are specific to the Devils Lake students.

"It's a good program," said Prairie View Principal Lynn Goodwill. "The kids really seem to love it."

Goodwill said the retreat is also a time for fourth grade students from the various schools to meet each other — as they will all be fifth graders together at Central Middle School next year.

The JROTC students from Devils Lake High School were also on hand for the event. They served as leaders for the small group and other activities.

Today a similar retreat is being held at the Memorial Building for the seventh grade students. The topic of their event is "courage."

Water quality, safety concerns voiced at IRRB meeting over Devils Lake spill

By Mike Bellmore
Journal Features Editor
A group with the responsibility of monitoring rising Devils Lake met Tuesday in the city to discuss issues.

One major issue was the potential uncontrolled spill of the lake which would pose envi-



north to discuss issues.

He said it was an opportunity to present the dire straits Devils Lake finds itself in with the flooding lake.

Devils Lake has risen nearly 30 feet since 1993, reaching a record level of 1452.05 this summer.

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By the 1990s the Sletten farm was in the Sletten name.



By 2010 the water of Devils Lake was impossible.

Sletten farm lost to Devil

By Louise Oleson
Journal Managing Editor
It's all about flooding.

The International Red River Board is presently in the second day of a three-day meeting in Devils Lake to discuss potential continued flooding.

Like the members of the board, hundreds of others have pondered the situation faced by the residents of the Devils Lake Basin. Hundreds of meetings have been held through the years. A flood summit, held in May this year, brought out urgency to federal officials who are ill prepared for dealing with flooding that lasts 17 plus years without ceasing.

A result of all those me-