

In the Lake Region

Taste of Home Cooking Show

on April 7

tickets available now at Leveers County Market and Wallys Supermarket

Reminders

• Share the Harvest beef stew meal in the Armory Wednesday March 18 starting at 11 a.m. until gone. Bring a non-perishable food donation for the food bank and get \$1 off per item.

• Sign up at Wallys Supermarket and Leveers County Market for the Ramsey County Farm Bureau \$100 groceries give-away for Ag Week.

Meetings

• The Ramsey County Commission meets on Tuesday, March 17 at 5 p.m. in the Ramsey County Courthouse.

• The Devils Lake Park Board meets on Wednesday, March 18 at 5:15 p.m. in City Hall.

• The Ramsey County Township Officers Association will hold their annual meeting March 26 at 7 p.m. in the courthouse basement meeting room. Use the north door for entrance.

Lake Elevations



Devils Lake Elevation 1447.25
Stump Lake Elevation 1447.07
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Wednesday's Weather

High 32°
Low 18°

Mostly sunny with northwest winds 10 to 20 mph

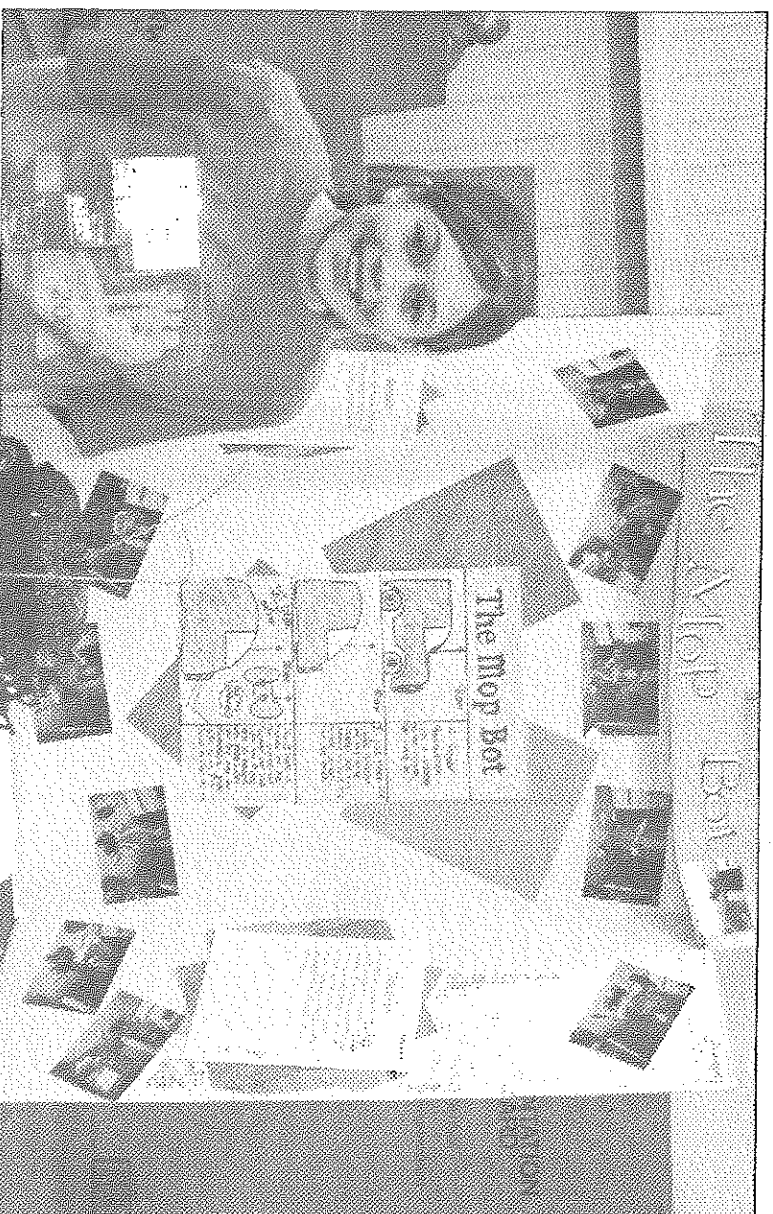
Sunrise 7:34 a.m. Sunset 7:36 p.m.



Online poll:

Thank you to all who have participated in our on-line polls. As of 9 a.m. Monday morning, March 16, 2011 readers think President Obama is doing an excellent job (39 percent), 78 or 15 percent think hes doing a good job, 54 or 10 percent say a fair job, 170 or 33 percent say a poor job and 14 or 3 percent have no opinion.

Questions: In his first seven weeks in office, how would you rate President Obama's performance?



Cassie Saari invented the Mop Bot to ease the burden of cleaning the floors at home.

Bright young minds gather for annual Marketplace for Kids

By Sue Kraft-Fischer
Journal Lifestyles Editor

Yesterday the auditorium at Lake Region State College was filled with young inquisitive minds.

The annual Marketplace for Kids was held with sessions on copyrights, building a website, marketing your product and other business savvy ideas for middle school students.

The most popular event, by far, was the project showcase held over the lunch hour.

Students from Devils Lake, Langdon, Starkweather, Fort Totten and New Rockford took part in the event.

The students were given the choice of inventing a product or modifying an existing item. They were told to write the problem and their solution on the project board.

One of the featured items was a rocket launcher by Central Middle School student Alex Rogness.

"People often get burned when launching bottle rockets," read the description. "It's not much fun to go to the ER on the 4th."

Cassie Saari created the "Mop Bot" to deal with the daunting task of cleaning the floors.

"I don't like mopping floors, but I get in trouble if I don't. So I need help. I invented the Mop Bot."

The creation, made from a remote-controlled Monster Truck, was just one of the many inventions created to make home life a little easier for the students. Also on hand were a sock organizer, automatic fish feeder, popcorn bag with zip lock sealing and a washing machine/dryer combo.



Alex Rogness stands near his Rocket Launcher, which he created to make it safer to shoot bottle rockets on the fourth of July.

Central Middle School student Tory Nygaard created magnetic gloves for use in the garage.

"My dad and I are always building things. So, we drop a lot of nails and before we can find them, we step on them," he explained.

The Marketplace for Kids Education Days were created as an outreach program of Marketplace of Ideas.

The first Marketplace for Kids was held in Jamestown in 1996, now nine regional events are held throughout North Dakota. This is the seventh year Devils Lake has hosted the event.

Journal Photo/Sue Kraft-Fischer

It may be the 11th city's water will be O

By Louise Oleson
Journal Managing Editor

After all the planning, watering and hard work Devils Lake's new water source will soon be operational.

That's the plan according to Mike Grafsgaard, Chief Engineer, who is overseeing the project. Today they will be flushing the line, he told the Devils Lake City Commissioners at their regular meeting Monday evening. Later this week they will be pressurizing the water lines and adding chlorination, getting it ready for use. There remains some do before residents will have flowing through their faucets but by the end of the month Grafsgaard is certain it will be ready.

Once it is operational the city must decide what to do with the old water line from the Warwick aquifer. Originally the plan had been to keep it operating, too, as a back-up the event of an emergency however, the line crosses a road on the Spirit Lake Nation the

Sweetwater concerns

By Mike Bellmore
Journal Features Editor

Devils Lake Superintendent of Schools Steve Swiontek says he has heard all the remarkable complaints and concerns about some of the work that will be included in the Sweetwater School bond issue that will be decided March 31.

One of the biggest concerns deals with the gymnasium portion of the package. But he says the gymnasium is a legitimate part of the deal.

Others in the school system back him up.

"There are kids in our gym for phys-ed while kids are eating and janitors are cleaning the floor and putting things away," says Sweetwater Principal David Follman.

"Because of the available gym time and space, the kids are able to use only about half the gym and that does not constitute proper phys-ed education for the kids. We've got kids exercising on the floor while janitors are cleaning the gym."

Not only is there a need for proper phys-ed classes without shared space with the lunch room, unsafe conditions have emerged from the crowd

Ice houses must be removed from lake

L'leprechauns prepare for