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Lisa Mueller of Mueller Therapeutic Massage and Mueller Properties invites everyone to come on down and see what she's done with the place. Friday's open house hours are from 3-6 p.m.

Explore a familiar space made new

This Friday is the grand opening of Mueller Therapeutic Massage and the open house for Mueller Properties in Faulkton. "We've certainly done a lot of work on the building, and I know

that people are curious about it, so Friday will be an opportunity for people to come and see it all for themselves.

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Arts Council will host a Russian culture program

The Faulkton Area Arts Council will host a Russian culture program this Friday, Sept. 28 at Faulkton School in the school auditorium.

The program will be an all day event but the public is invited to attend one of two performances which are scheduled from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. or 12:45-1:45 p.m.

The art, music and culture of Russia have been hidden from western eyes for more than 100 years. Now there is an immense interest in learning more about this fascinating country.

Sergei Shapoval, dressed in a traditional Russian folk costume, begins his multi-faceted presentation by pinpointing Russia on a world map and noting its relationship with the United States and the former Soviet Union.

Next, a full-color slide presentation offers a kaleidoscopic look



Sergei Shapoval

at Moscow. A short video follows, highlighting a traditional folk dance. Then, the audience becomes involved by experiencing the Cyrillic alphabet.

A live demonstration of Russian folk instruments - including the Garmoshka, Balalaika, flutes and Bayan/button accordion - gets the audience actively participating in folk dancing and playing authentic musical instruments. In the workshops that follow, Sergei elaborates on individual art objects and other unique materials. Last, but not least, Sergei saves time for questions and answers.

Sergei Shapoval was born in the city of Krivoi Rog, Ukraine. He has a Master's degree in Music Education from the Gnessin Pedagogical Institute in Moscow where he was a student of renowned Bayanist, Yuri Sidorov.

Hear Sec. of Agriculture Walt Bones talk about rural communities

Everyone is invited to Sunday's community improvement event

Everyone is invited to come to the Faulkton Community Center this Sunday, Sept. 30 to discuss how the Faulk County area can be improved.

The meeting will be a chance to actively measure current resources and identify potential improvements in the economic, recreational and infrastructure components of our area.

The meeting begins at 4 p.m. with registration.

Secretary of Agriculture Walt Bones Jr., will speak on issues related to the importance of rural communities. This is one conversation you do not want to miss.

A free supper will be served and child care will be available with assistance from the FHS FCCLA program.

"Everyone should attend," said meeting committee member Joel Price. "The idea is not to solve all the world's problems in one meeting. The idea is to develop the capacity of the people of Faulk County to examine the structure of how and why things are as they are and then begin to identify people and ideas that



Walt Bones, Jr.

can strengthen the structure, provide energy for new tasks and projects and eventually through this process meet and exceed the goals that were set by community discussions. This is not a 'one and done' type of event. Instead we hope to continue these meetings for the next two-three years, or more, with the additional positives gained from each succeeding event."

A group of progressive, community minded individuals with assistance from the South Dakota Department of Agriculture, the Governor's Office of Economic Development and the Dakota Resources program have been active in developing the program. The hope is to stimulate all Faulk County residents to become proactive in taking a positive approach to shaping the future of our area.

One critical component that is part of the discussion is what new ideas can be developed that will reduce the out-migration of people from rural South Dakota.

Rural South Dakota has many advantages in lifestyle options that should appeal to a larger percentage of our population. Creative solutions need to be identified, discussed and implemented if we wish to promote and develop the area.

"The more people who attend the event will hopefully result in a very positive and substantial impact on the future of the area. Please put this event on your calendar and come prepared to share your ideas on how best to shape the future", Price said.

Sunday's Community Meeting Schedule

4:00.....	Gathering
4:30.....	Welcome and Background
4:45.....	Key Note Speaker Walt Bones Jr.
5:15.....	Introduce Community Capitals Framework
5:45.....	Supper
6:30.....	round one World Cafe Beginning of three rounds of conversations: Topic #1: If Faulk County was the best place to live in South Dakota with maximum collaboration between all parts of the system: What would people be doing? Topic #2: Who would benefit? Topic #3: How do systems and institutions change?
6:50.....	round two World Cafe
7:10.....	round three World Cafe
7:30.....	Report Out
8:00.....	Connect the Dots Identify initiatives already in motion and identify potential new initiatives and champions.
8:30.....	Wrap Up

Staffing changes dominate school board's discussions

Due to scheduling conflicts the regular meeting of the school board of the Faulkton Area Schools was divided into two parts and delayed. The first was a short meeting only to pay outstanding bills on Thursday, Sept. 13. They hosted their full meeting early on Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 7 a.m. so that the board members could be free by regular business hours.

First the board adopted a resolution to revise their master contract with the statewide salary boosts adopted by the state last legislative session. Business officer Cindy Kopecky said that the payments were made as part of the teacher's salary in May, but not accounted for in the overall budget and that this motion would correct that error. The board voted to make it so.

The board then talked about hiring a new position, that of an OCTE Aide to the FCCLA and FFA advisor. School Superintendent Joel Price presented Kayla Roseland as the candidate he wanted for the position.

The board had a few questions about the details of the job, how many hours it would be per week, and what the pay scale

would be. Price explained that he, with the negotiations committee decided on a pay scale similar to what a varsity assistant coach would receive. Obviously this being the first year where the school has had such an employee they would be tracking hours and responsibilities carefully, looking to the future.

The board then agreed to hire Kayla Roseland by work agreement for the school year.

Next was the hiring of this year's head girls basketball coach. Newly appointed school board member Todd Brand had applied for the job.

Having had to recuse himself from all debate and discussion on this matter, Brand was then excluded from the meeting when board member Kelly Aesoph proposed an executive session to discuss prospective personnel. After 20 minutes of executive session, the board re-opened their doors and approved Brand as the new girls basketball coach.

They then approved a new work agreement for returning Coach Chris Craker as boys basketball coach and one for Bruce Roseland as assistant wrestling

coach.

The board read and passed the revised budget for the 2012-2013 school year.

The board then passed a number of resolutions relating to the kitchen staff. First they voted to accept the resignation of Katie Breen. The board then voted to hire Peg Speck, Paige Anteau and Jill Wittmeier at a rate of \$8.00 per hour with prorated vacation, sick and personal leave. They amended Joann Schulte's Work Agreement to \$9.50 an hour to compensate for additional duties. Price and Kopecky explained that with the new federal food service regulations, kitchen supervisor Bobbie Heitmann would need additional help on a weekly or daily basis from Schulte and felt she should be compensated as such. The board voted in the affirmative.

Rushing now to get the meeting finished before 8:30 a.m. Principal Craig Cassens gave his principal's report to the board. He began with talk about the marquee sign, which he said would be erected by that Thursday or Friday weather permitting.

School board report
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