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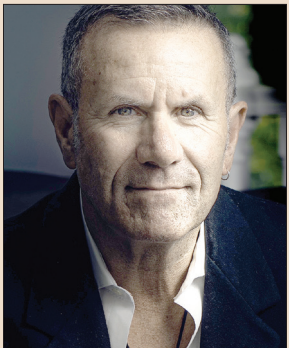
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### Concerts in the Park this Thursday evening

Be sure to attend the Concerts in the Park on Thursday, July 28, featuring Mick Sterling as he presents "A Billy Joel State of Mind." Concerts are held at the bandshell in Sturges Park in Buffalo beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Led by Mick Sterling, the incredible band features a stellar horn section, full percussion, piano, and violin. "A Billy Joel State of Mind" highlights one of America's great singer-songwriters, and with decades full of hits, he is still going strong.



Mick Sterling

### Concert in the Park

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### Buffalo Night to Unite on August 2

Join the City of Buffalo at their 14th Annual Night to Unite celebration on Tuesday, August 2, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. This event is citywide and focuses on building a strong and safe community.

To register your block party please fill out the form at: <https://www.ci.buffalo.mn.us/formcenter/police-forms-5/night-to-unite-registration-47>.

For more information or questions, please visit the Police Department website at: <https://www.ci.buffalo.mn.us/211/Police-Department> or

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### BCT's 'Mamma Mia!' final showings this weekend

Buffalo Community Theater's production of "Mamma Mia!" has three more final showings left this Thursday through Saturday. This jukebox musical is based on the music of ABBA, a Swedish pop/disco group active in the 70s.

The musical surrounds a young woman's quest, on the eve of her wedding, to discover the identity of her birth father.

### Mamma Mia!

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### Wright County Horticultural Society free event on Aug. 8

Wright County Horticultural Society will host Marty Bergland at 6:30 p.m., on Monday, August 8, at the Buffalo Covenant Church, 1601 Hwy 25 N, Buffalo, MN, 55313. This event is free and open to the public.

Marty's presentation will be on Seed Saving. Marty is passionate about learning! As a retired schoolteacher, health care provider, and University of Minnesota Master Gardener for over 10 years, she has taught and

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## Rain doesn't stop the fun at County Fair on Sat.



The Wright County Fair saw some stormy weather on Saturday, July 23, but the fun continued. Fair goers were prepared with umbrellas, raincoats, and rain boots to enjoy the festivities despite the poor weather. Some events were postponed or canceled due to weather. People enjoyed games, rides, great food, and a variety of entertainment, both indoors and outdoors. See inside this week's Journal-Press for more photos from the fair. (Photos by Emily Vojtech)

By Emily Vojtech

This year, the Wright County Fair in Howard Lake saw some rain and lightning on Saturday, July 23. Despite the stormy weather,

people still showed up to enjoy the fair festivities with their umbrellas and raincoats. The fair was a little less busy than usual, but still enjoyed by many on Saturday.

Many events continued throughout the rain. Several visitors huddled under event tents or buildings at the fair grounds to stay out of the rain.

The weather was clear

and sunny throughout the rest of the fair, which ran from Wednesday, June 20 to Sunday, June 24.

There was fun to be had by people of all ages at the Wright County Fair. Each

night hosted a different event at the Grandstand for a variety of entertainment. There were live bands, carnival rides, a job fair, and

### County Fair

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## Vehicle accidentally crashes into Annandale Allina Clinic

Story provided by Annandale Police Department

On Tuesday, July 19, around 2:37 p.m. the Annandale Police Department and emergency responders, including the Annandale Fire Department and Allina

EMS ambulance were dispatched to the Allina Clinic in Annandale for a report of a vehicle that crashed into the front of the building.

Emergency responders discovered that a 2013 black Ford Taurus has crashed into the front entrance area

of the Allina Clinic in Annandale. The driver of the vehicle was identified as 70-year-old Carol Purcell.

Her husband, 72-year-old Robert Purcell was standing in the entrance of the

### Accident at Allina

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One person was injured after the accident last Tuesday. The driver was able to go home with her family after giving her statement. (Photo submitted by the Annandale Police Department)

## Fundraisers organized for Annandale resident severely injured in car accident



Anthony Wurm survived a horrific accident on Wednesday, July 20, and is currently being treated at Hennepin County Medical Center. (Photo submitted)

On Wednesday, July 20, there was a motor vehicle accident on Highway 55 and Main Street in Rockford. The Minnesota State Patrol, Wright County Sheriff's Office, Rockford Fire Department, and Allina Ambulance responded to the

accident. The accident involved a semi-truck and 2020 Ford F350. The semi (2020 KW Tractor) was headed westbound on Highway 55. As the semi's speed was declining for a stop light at Main Street, the Ford was

also heading westbound on Highway 55, and the two vehicles collided. Nilson did not sustain any injuries from the accident.

Anthony (Tony) Wurm, of

### Resident Injured

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## County gets clean opinion on yearly audit

By Brenda Erdahl

Wright County was given a clean opinion on its yearly audit, which is the best rank it could get.

A representative from Clifton Larson Allen reported the company had no difficulties in performing the audit, and they found no significant deficiencies.

Wright County Commissioners were commended on a job well done at their

Tuesday, July 19, meeting, and they, in turn, passed that complement on to county staff for their hard work.

After a brief review of the audit, commissioners approved the report and authorized publishing a summary of the 2021 financial statements and vendor list in the County's designated newspaper, the Herald

### County Board

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## Wild Marsh Golf Club in Buffalo under new ownership

By Emily Vojtech

The City of Buffalo has been in the process of selling Wild Marsh Golf Club to new ownership. As of the morning of Friday, July 22, the sale was finalized, and the transition of ownership has been made official. The

new owner of the golf club is Brad Behnke of Golf Management, LLC. The general manager of Wild Marsh is Eric Hart.

For more information visit the Wild Marsh Golf Club's website at <https://www.wild-marsh.com/>.

## Otsego man charged in fatal ATV accident

According to the Star Tribune, 37-year-old Otsego resident Austin M. Copesey was charged with vehicular homicide by the Wright County District Court after driving his ATV drunk and killing a 12-year-old passenger.

The 12-year-old passenger who was killed in the accident was identified as Jesse Hooper. Copesey will return for another hearing on Friday, August 5.

## Rivers of Hope's second annual Walk for Hope to End Family Violence on August 4

Join us for our Second Annual Walk for Hope to End Family Violence at Elison Park in Monticello on Thursday, August 4, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. This event will feature a mile-long walk, a bounce house, barbecue, yard games, and other activities for the whole family to enjoy.

Our Walk for Hope is designed to raise awareness about the impact relationship violence has on our community and about the work being done by Rivers of Hope. This year Rivers of Hope advocates have served an average of approximately 200 clients per month between our youth and adult programs.

Rivers of Hope is a nonprofit organization that was founded in the summer of 1989 by a small group of citizens who were concerned about domestic violence in their local community. Rivers of Hope offers general and legal advocacy, education, support group, information, and referrals. Our Walk for Hope not only helps raise awareness in our community but also helps us raise the money we need to continue to provide advocacy services to adults and youth experiencing family violence.

Our mission is to "provide a community coordinated response to end family vi-

### Walk for Hope

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