

CHASE LAKE FOUNDATION

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Chase Lake Annual Meeting Set

MEDINA - Dave Azure will address the annual meeting of the Chase Lake Foundation on Wednesday, May 12 at 7:30 PM in Medina, according to the non-profit organization's president Chris Wingire of Woodworth.

Azure is the Acting Director for the US Fish Wildlife Service Chase Lake Prairie Project, headquartered out of the USFWS Chase Lake offices near Woodworth. Azure will be providing an update on plans and activities of the USFWS for the coming season.

The Chase Lake Foundation serves as an official "Friends" organization for the Chase Lake National Wildlife Refuge and operates the Chase Lake Visitors Center in Medina. During the past year, the organization installed signs designating birding sites and directions along the Medina-Chase Lake Birding Trail which it established in 2005 with a birding trail booklet. The organization also recently updated its website www.chaselakefoundation.com.

Members of the foundation will be electing four directors for three-year terms on its board of directors. The terms of Ray Hofmann of Medina, Amy Igl of Jamestown, Ray Heupel of Medina, and Chris Wingire expire this year.

Members will also be discussing plans, projects, and activities of the foundation for this coming year. Everyone interested in birding, eco-tourism, and the Chase Lake region are invited to attend. The meeting will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the Zion United Church of Christ in Medina.

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