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Since 1991, Lacefield has run Cannon Falls Canoe & Bike. He believes he can find additional success in Red Wing, in large part because of the community's ability to draw tourists.

He recently opened up Ben and Joe's Fun Rentals, 1616 Old West Main St., where tourists and local weekend warriors can pick up a bike, scooter or kayak for the day.

"We thought Red Wing would be a great tourist place," Lacefield said. "Tourism. I just believe this place was made for that."

In the few weeks the shop has been open, business has been good, Lacefield said.

"I had a woman and her son come over and rent (scooters) last weekend and she gave me a hug. She said she had so much fun," Lacefield said.

He added being fairly close to the train depot is a plus.

The rental shop, which opened Memorial Day weekend, is named after Lacefield's sons. He said his sons help with the shop when they can. One is a student and the other is an engineer.

The store is open Friday through Sunday and during the week by appointment. For information on what equipment is available, prices, and more about the company go to <http://www.bjfunrental.com>.

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