



The Paddlewheel

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

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Directors (2023) Chris Andreasen, Greg Johnson & Steve Schaefer
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Directors (2026) Nancy Hanson & Tim Hiller
RYLA Coordinator Jon Riewer
Polio Plus Coordinator Cindy Nolte
Program Chair Jean Hannig
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August Anniversaries

Moorhead, Tracey & Richard
60 years Aug. 14 1964
Nolte, Gary & Cindy 55 years
Aug. 01 1969
Riewer, Jon & Kristine 28 years
Aug. 24 1996

Rotary Anniversaries

Hannig, Jean 28 years
Aug. 06 1996
Nolte, Cindy 24 years
Aug. 15 2000



Coming Up Tuesday, August 20

Pastor Paul Aladin of Bridgepoint Church talks about United Hearts for Haiti, the school project he established 15 years ago. Laura Lobo is sergeant at arms.

MetroCOG director sketches out plans for Heartland Trail & Moorhead 'Safe Routes'

President Steve Astrup welcomed Moorhead Rotarians and guest Ben Griffith, executive director of the Metropolitan Council of Governments, to the club's Aug. 13 meeting. He thanked John Andreasen for coordinating the Aug. 6 event honoring youth orchestra conductor Jane Capistran, as well as the work both have done since 2010 with the Recital for a Cause.

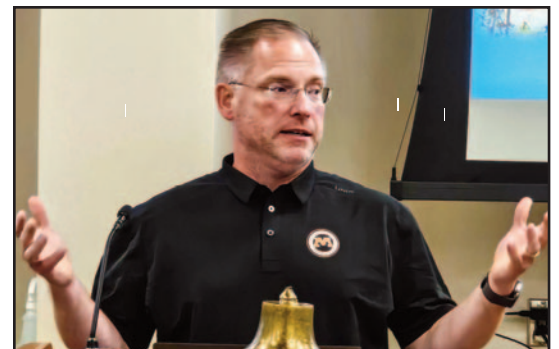
He opened with several announcements. Citing news about the plight of Churches United for the Homeless, which is asking the community for emergency help in paying its staff and keeping its programs alive, he urged members to contribute if they are able.

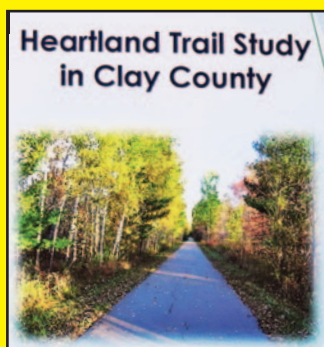
He also brought up three Rotary projects—FM AM Rotary's upcoming pickleball "fun raiser" on Aug. 22, their sale of football raffle tickets (see Gary Nolte to purchase them), and Fargo West's sale of Colorado peaches. They'll be selling them from the truck through Aug. 22, or as supplies last.

He also said that the five FM Rotary clubs are being asked to help bridge the remaining \$60,000 gap in funding for the Rotary Natural Play Hill in downtown Moorhead. A request has been made that each pledge to contribute \$1,000 for each of the next three years to help complete the project. The Play Hill opened last month.



Photos/Nancy Hanson: (Above) Ben Griffith of MetroCOG joined us to talk about the Heartland Trail & Moorhead Routes to School projects. Jean Hannig reports on exchange student. (Below) President Steve Astrup. Sergeant at Arms Brandon Lunak.





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Cindy Nolte.



Sarge Brandon celebrates signs of fall

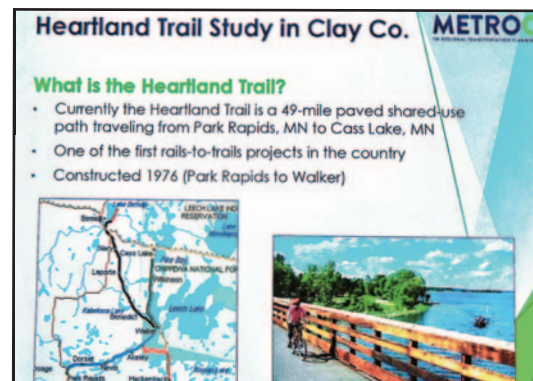
Sergeant at Arms Brandon Lunak pointed out that, with school starting Aug. 26, back-to-school events are just a week away. One of the best parts of his 26 years in education, the superintendent noted, is the opportunity to get a fresh start every fall. He cited ways to embrace the coming season, from jumping in a pile of leaves and gorging on anything pumpkin spice to bonfires, s'mores, apple picking and savoring cool, crisp, starry nights.

He shared the first of the week's happy dollars in honor of the new school year. Jean Hannig announced that Laura Lobo will be the first host of the new foreign exchange student. Cindy Nolte looks forward to spending a week with their grandson.

Ernie Simmons' \$5 reflected his happiness to be back and his wife's recovery after knee surgery. He noted, "COVID is out there again;" that's why he's been absent. Dave Sederquist has spent a week at the lake with his five granddaughters. Steve Schaefer saluted the 1,100 Spud kids and families in Minneapolis to play the anthem at Wednesday's Twins game.

MetroCOG concentrates on transportation

Ben Griffith, executive director of MetroCOG, filled members in about his quasi-governmental agency's work in regional transportation planning for the F-M region — the "three C" assignment, he said, including a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive process. Its long-range studies of the road network include traffic analysis, lane



expansion, freight movements, transit and multi-modal studies.

The planners are working on the final segment of the Heartland Trail, to be extended through Clay County to Moorhead. Eventually 85 to 100 miles, it will extend from Moorhead to Park Rapids. They are also looking at safe routes for children to bike or walk to local elementary & middle schools.

Looking Ahead

August 20

Sergeant at ArmsLaura Lobo
ProgramPaul Aladin, Haiti School Project

August 27

Sergeant at ArmsViolet Deilke
ProgramEmily Jones,
Creative Spirit Counseling

September 3 — No Meeting

September 10

Sergeant at ArmsTim Hiller
ProgramSky Purdin, Jasmin Child Care

September 17

Sergeant at ArmsErnie Simmons
ProgramBruce Hanson, Heart of Clay

September 24

Sergeant at ArmsBill Woods
ProgramErnie Simmons, "All in the Future"