



The Paddlewheel

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January Birthdays

Dovre, Paul	January 7
Astrup, Steve	January 10
Riewer, Jon	January 14
Finney, Tammy	January 29



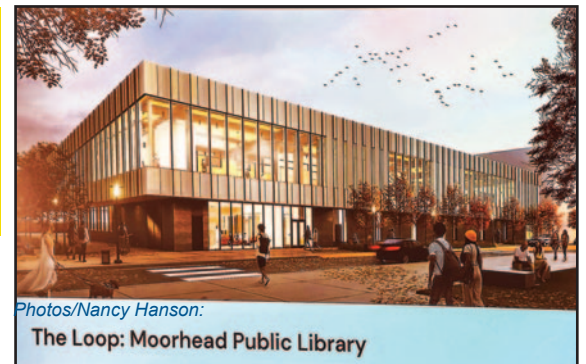
Moorhead Public Library: Current Location

Coming Up January 20

Our Rotary International exchange student, Ana Beatriz Prata from Brazil, tells us about her experiences. Jerry Rogers is sergeant at arms.

Library director Megan Krueger details plan for new library in The Loop downtown

President Tim Hiller greeted Moorhead Rotarians and their guests, speaker Megan Krueger and Stacia Sitsma, executive director of the Greater Moorhead Business Association.



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The Loop: Moorhead Public Library

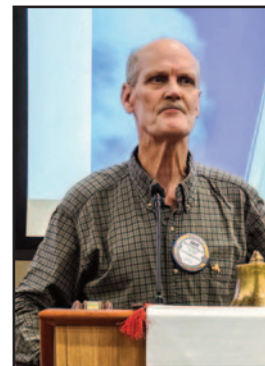
Photos/Nancy Hanson. President Tim Hiller. Megan Krueger, director of Moorhead Library. (Above) Current and future Moorhead Public Library facilities. (Below) Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist. John Andreasen. (Bottom) Jean Hannig. Kay Parries.

Recent ravel raffle winners announced

Jean Hannig sold travel raffle tickets to three travel raffle winners of the past two months — December's first-place winner Peter Nelson; and January's third-place winner, Vern Dobis, and second-place winner, Elizabeth Jackson. December's third and second were Melissa Nelson, who purchased her ticket from Adam Nordin, and Anne Henne, who bought from Rob Remark. Gary Nolte won January's top prize with a ticket purchased from his wife Cindy.

Andreasen says Recital with Cause is April 30

John Andreasen, who has chaired our successful Recital With a Cause event since its inception, announced that this year's concert is at First Lutheran Church at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 30. It will be preceded by a banquet hosted by the FM Rotary Foundation at 4:30 and dinner at 5:30 p.m. If you'd like to assist in planning this annual event, you're welcome to join the committee — just speak up to John.



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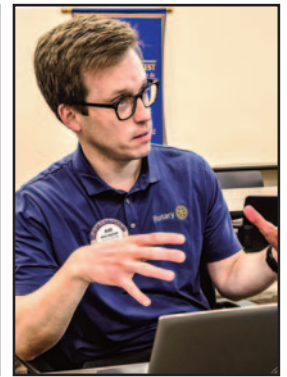
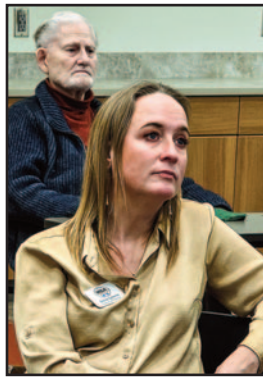
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Guest Stacia Sitzma, executive director, Greater Moorhead Business Association.

Kirk Scott.

Alexander Aldrich.

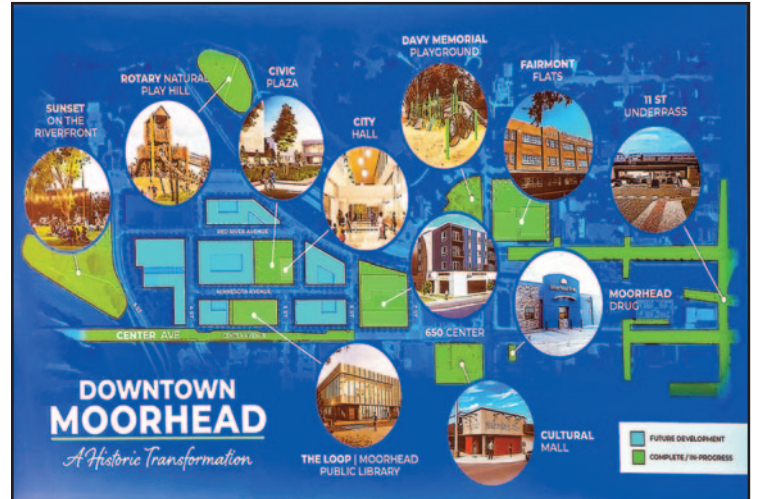
Graphic: Planned locations in renewed Downtown Business.



Volunteers needed for Feed Our Starving Children

President Tim shared the call for volunteers to help fill packages for Feed Our Starving Children, the annual service opportunity taking place from 6 to 8 p.m.. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the Red River Valley Fairground.

Members are invited to sign up and bring family and friends. Sign up at <http://www.fmssc.org/join-group?joincode=B26913>



Sarge Dave solicits happy dollars

Last-minute Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist called on members to share their good news with happy dollars. Speaking in honor of the day's program, Tom Riley offered the first with a quote: "It's good to have a librarian speaking today. "You can Google things to get answers. You can go to the library to get the right answers."

Jean Hannig celebrated the day's speaker and the upcoming library opening. John Andreasen shared a tidbit published in the Moorhead Daily News 71 years ago, reporting on a Czech song heard at a Rotary meeting, but understood by none of the members. Turns out the song was "Stoodlapoormpa," a traditional Old Country tune about threshing grain.

New library at The Loop to open soon

Megan Krueger, who headed the Moorhead Public Library since 2013, filled in details about the new

public library and community center dubbed The Loop, expected to open in April as one of the first buildings in the reborn downtown district of Moorhead.

She explained the local institution is part of the Lake Agassiz Regional Library, headquartered here, serving 22 locations in seven counties, including 13 branches and nine LINK locations (formerly bookmobiles) as well as ours.

"We bridge the digital divide," she said, combining a collection of ink-on-paper books with extensive digital resources, including CDs and electronic versions of books and magazines. Moorhead serves 500 to 600 patrons per day, on the way ack up to its peak of 1,100 before the COVID pandemic.

The Loop (named after the indoor walking track) includes a children's playground, the Spark Center for business consultings, and a variety of meeting rooms in addition to books, computers and other library facilities. It may open as soon as April.

Looking Ahead

January 20

Sergeant at ArmsJohn Andreasen
Program ...Ana Beatriz Prata, Rotary Exchange

January 27 — Rotary Service Day

February 3

Sergeant at Arms.....Nancy Hanson
Program.....Cani Aden, New Roots Midwest

February 10

Sergeant at ArmsJon Riewer
Program

February 17

Sergeant at ArmsDale Hetland
ProgramErin Shapiro, Plains Art Museum

February 24 — Rotary Service Day