



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

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July Birthdays

Leiseth, Janelle July 2
Benson, Jon July 6
Parries, Kay July 22

Wedding Anniversary

Rogers, Jerry and Sue 55 years
Jul. 18 1970

Rotary Anniversaries

Dovre, Paul 45 years
Jul. 01 1980
Schaefer, Steve 23 years
Jul. 02 2002
Wilkie, Eric 14 years
Jul. 01 2011



Tuesday, July 22

Siham Amedy and Jody Jordet join us to talk about the Clay County Early Childhood Fund. Dale Hetland is our sergeant at arms.



Moorhead Rotarians tour Dilworth's new Fire Hall

Moorhead Rotarians went on a field trip Tuesday, July 15. Club members traveled a few miles to neighboring Dilworth, where members of the city's volunteer fire department showed them around their spacious, well-equipped fire hall.

Past president Steve Astrup, who has been a member of the Dilworth volunteer fire-fighting corps for more than a dozen years, hosted the visit, along with Fire Chief Scott Payne, Clay County Sheriff Mark Empting (the previous chief) and several other members of the team.

The \$10 million facility replaces the aging former headquarters, which shared a building with the Dilworth Community Center. That structure was demolished. The city is currently developing plans to build a new, separate community center.

The new building has room for more trucks, new training spaces and separated areas to limit firefighters' exposure to carcinogens.

"To be in this type of space is just amazing, not only for us — recruitment, retention — but for the community, and you know, we serve Clay County," Payne said.



Photos/Nancy Hanson. Dilworth Fire Chief Scott Payne shows visiting Moorhead Rotarians around the city's brand-new fire hall. (Below) Steve Astrup. President Tim Hiller.



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The building was paid for with \$4.4 million in state funding, \$4.4 million in local dollars and \$975,000 in federal earmarks, or congressionally directed funding.

Payne noted that, along with up-to-date decontamination, exercise, education and sleeping areas, the new fire hall was built to handle Dilworth's expected growth over the next 50 years. He added that the current pace of growth suggests that full-time firefighters may be added in years to come, extending the capabilities and availability of today's pay-per-call crew.



Looking Ahead

July 22

Sergeant at Arms
ProgramSiham Amedy & Jody Jordet
Clay County Early Childhood Fund

July 29

Sergeant at ArmsSteve Astrup
Program

August 5

Sergeant at ArmsErnie Simmons
Program

August 12

Sergeant at ArmsViolet Deilke
Program