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POOCHES IN THE POOL



Alyssa Goelzer / The Forum

Above and below: Dogs swim, play and shake off during the Moorhead “Doggy Dip” event on Monday at Northeast Park. The event cost \$5 per dog and all proceeds benefit the Centennial and River Oaks dog parks.



Fargo-Moorhead Science Museum names leader

By April Baumgarten
The Forum



Balenger

FARGO — The Fargo-Moorhead Science Museum has chosen its leader.

Josey Balenger became the executive director of the museum on Aug. 1, according to a news release sent Monday, Aug. 15, by the organi-

zation. “The F M S M Board of Directors is thrilled to have Josey join us to lead our efforts to build this extraordinary new science museum for Fargo-Moor-

head,” Museum Board of Directors President Ken Brazzol said in a statement. “Josey brings a wide range of museum and development experience and will be a tremendous leader for our team and our community as we continue to bring this vision to life.”

The museum is in the process of raising \$40

million to \$60 million to open in Fargo, West Fargo or Moorhead. The group has raised \$1.3 million and could announce the museum’s location in late September or early October, Board of Directors member Danni Melquist said in an email.

“We hope to open our doors within the next

three to five years,” she said.

Directors have billed the museum as a place for curious minds to explore and engage in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. It will feature interactive exhibits and programming, the release said.

Balenger has more

than 20 years of experience in the museum and philanthropy industry, the release said. Before joining the local science museum, she worked for the Greater Milwaukee Foundation.

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