



John Stennes, staff photographer

Family day at the MOA

■ Museum of Art offers monthly art activities for parents, children

By Charly Haley
Herald Staff Writer

Colorful paper hats, small clay sculptures and spheres folded from paper plates are a few of the art projects that were made by families together Saturday at the North Dakota Museum of Art.

About 200 people were at the two-hour Family Day, which is geared toward helping families make art together, and, for the first time Saturday, they had the help of a guest artist, said Matthew Anderson, director of education at the museum.

"The kids love it," said Laura Bakken, of Grand Forks, as she helped her two sons

make paper hats.

Bakken and her sons, Jake, 3, and Brady, 6, have been to NDMOA's Family Day about three times this year, she said. The free event is one Saturday each month from September through April, and the museum has children's art camps in the summer.

When Bakken and her sons were making their paper hats, they hadn't been to the clay station yet, but Bakken said she knew her sons would stay there for a while because they'd enjoyed working with clay during previous Family Days.

Jeremy Willard, of Grand Forks, also said his children like the clay station the best.

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▲ Lillith Carroll, 3, makes a clay and toothpick sculpture of a porcupine Saturday at the North Dakota Museum of Art's Family Day event at the museum. About 200 people attended the monthly event that runs from September through April. ◀ Seven-year-old Olivia Payne of Grand Forks wears a headdress she made Saturday at the Family Day event at the North Dakota Museum of Art.

EAST GRAND FORKS

City's direction charted in 'strategic leadership plan'

By Ryan Bakken
Herald Staff Writer

The East Grand Forks City Council recently adopted a blueprint for the city's direction during the next five years.

Its "strategic leadership plan" includes some generalities but mostly specifics such as the city's desire to establish and maintain drug and alcohol prevention programs in East Grand Forks schools.

"We need an overall strategy because it's too easy to stray off course," City Council President Craig Buckalew said. "This gives us a road map."

For instance, the plan to expand park and recreation



Buckalew

five years.

■ Adopt plans within five years for construction of a wellness center.

■ Adopt a plan within five years for a nine-hole golf course in addition to the current 18-hole Valley Golf Course layout.

■ Increase use of the Greenway through advertising, working more closely

facilities and programs has five components, which are:

■ Repair or replace the current swimming pool within

with the Friends of the Greenway group and adding an interpretive center.

■ Add family-oriented programs to park and recreation activities.

Expanding housing is another of its six five-year goals. The first step will come in April with a study that will detail needs.

"What we know is that housing needs and demands are different depending on the life cycle," City Administrator David Murphy said. "There's not a lot of housing for young, married couples here, and we want to fix that. "We'll also partner with Northland (Community and

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Now they know where they are going next

■ Match Day generally good for seniors in UND Medical School



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She started out as a CNA — a certified nurse assistant — when she was in her teens.

Now, at age 37, Christina Harmon will graduate in May from the School of Med-

icine at UND. And this past week, she has been making arrangements for moving to Fargo with her husband, Jason, and four daughters. It is there she will do her internship in internal medicine.

She is one of 59 senior medical students who learned on national Match Day, March 15, where they will complete their residencies.

She never dreamed when she was a high school student at nearby Fisher, Minn., that she would someday become a doctor.

Along with others in the class of 2014, she will graduate in May from the UND School of Medicine. On the blustery first day of spring, medical students across the country opened envelopes telling them whether their requests for internships had been accepted.

The room was quiet at UND except for the sound of ripping open envelopes. The same event was going on March 21 at medical schools all over the country.

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Area News

Community development meetings set

Three town hall meetings have been set in northeast North Dakota to begin mapping five-year economic and community development plans in that area. The meetings are being hosted by the Red River Regional Council, along with area job development authorities. The planning council covers four counties, Grand Forks, Nelson, Pembina and Walsh. The goal is to gather public input as those plans are developed. County strategy committees have been appointed so far in Nelson, Pembina and Walsh counties. Here is the schedule (all meetings run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.):

- **Monday**, Emergency Operations Center, 301 W. Dakota Ave., Cavalier, N.D.
- **Wednesday**, Chase Building, 516 Cooper Ave., Grafton, N.D.
- **April 15**, Wagon Wheel Bar and Grill, 110 Broadway, Michigan, N.D.

A fourth meeting, in Grand Forks County, has yet to be scheduled. It likely will be held in May. The meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the Red River Regional Council, (701) 352-3550.

Pembina Gorge developing master plan

The North Dakota Parks

and Recreation Department will be developing a master plan over the next six months for the Pembina Gorge State Recreation Area.

The department recently awarded the master plan contract to Great Outdoors Consultants, Fort Collins, Colo.

“The background and experience Great Outdoors Consultants is bringing to the table is very impressive, and we are confident in their abilities to provide a meaningful and manageable document to guide us in any future development in the Pembina Gorge State Recreation Area,” said Mike Duerre, PGSRA Manager.

The Pembina Gorge is a 12,500-acre expanse along the Pembina River between Walhalla, N.D., and the Canadian border. It is recognized as the one of the largest uninterrupted block of woodlands in North Dakota and the longest segment of unaltered river valley in the state.

Great Outdoors Consultants plans to conduct a series of public meetings to gather input from area residents, Duerre said.

The master plan is expected to be completed by Sept. 30.

Information regarding the meetings will be posted as it is developed. Information will be available through the state Parks and Recreation Department website, www.parkrec.gov, the Pembina Gorge State Recreation Area’s Facebook page or by calling the office: (701) 549-2444.

— Herald staff reports

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And also at North Dakota campuses in Fargo, Bismarck and Minot — places where some medical students do their final two years of work after spending the first two years at the School of Medicine in Grand Forks.

Christina Harmon has been wearing a happy smile ever since she opened her envelope. She wants to stay in this area. And her husband, Jason, who is in real estate business, was buying a house in Fargo. For her and all the others, just knowing where they are going is a big load off their minds. For example:

- **Sergey Kulikov** was beaming with joy when he found he has been accepted for a preliminary internship at the University of Missouri in Kansas City. It is there his wife Priyanka — whom he met at UND — is finishing her internship in gynecology. And he has been accepted in another year for his specialty in radiology at the University of Vermont in Burlington.

- **Dan Almquist**, who is originally from Thief River Falls, will be on his way to the University of Nebraska for his specialization in internal medicine. These are happy days for the family including his wife, Andrea, and their two children — with another child expected soon.
- **Lacey Kessler**, who came originally from Ab-



Harmon

erdeen, S.D., to follow her dream of being a doctor, is staying in Grand Forks. This is where she wants to be. She will do

her post-graduate work at Altru to become a general practitioner.

“There is a need,” she said thoughtfully.

The need for geriatric care has been on the mind of her classmate, Christina Harmon, ever since Christina worked as a teenager with elderly people as a Certified Nurse Assistant.

Christina is an example of the old saying, “anything is possible.” She has worked along in medical school while keeping her family close. With her family, she looks forward to her residency in internal medicine at Sanford in Fargo. She has learned to work hard and balance it with family life. Looking ahead, she knows the hours are long during an internship. She also knows there is a cap of 80 hours a week.

She is among the increasing number of medical students who make their way through and balance their studies with family life.

For her, a favorite evening would be having popcorn with her family and staying at home.

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Pakistani student who went into coma sues doctor, hospital

By John Lundy
Forum News Service

DULUTH — A Pakistani exchange student who went into a coma following a Nov. 13 traffic accident near Cloquet, Minn., is suing the doctor who initially treated him and the hospital where the treatment took place.

A lawsuit filed Friday in U.S. District Court in Duluth claims that Dr. Peter T. Olsen acted negligently when treating Shahzaib Bajwa in the emergency room at Community Memorial Hospital in Cloquet after the accident. Bajwa, also known as Zaib, had been a passenger in a vehicle that hit a deer on Interstate 35 near state Highway 210.

The lawsuit claims that Olsen “failed to timely establish and ensure that Zaib Bajwa had an adequate and

unobstructed airway,” leading to a lack of oxygen reaching his brain.

Neither Olsen nor Rick Breuer, CEO of the hospital, could be reached for comment Saturday.

Bajwa’s brother, Shahraiz Bajwa, is listed as conservator in the lawsuit because Shahzaib Bajwa is unable to act on his own behalf, said his attorney, Paul F. Schweiger of Duluth.

Shahzaib Bajwa, who had been a student at the University of Wisconsin-Superior, was taken to Community Memorial Hospital after the accident. He went into cardiac arrest in the emergency room and was taken to Essentia Health-St. Mary’s Medical Center in a coma.

After discussions that involved the Pakistani Consulate in Chicago, the

Pakistani Embassy in Washington and the U.S. State Department, Bajwa was allowed to remain in Duluth for treatment.

In an interview Saturday, Schweiger said Bajwa has been moved to a nursing/rehabilitative care facility in the Duluth area and is in a state of “intermittent cognition.” He cannot speak, Schweiger said, but he can follow movements with his eyes.

The lawsuit asks for compensation for medical expenses past and future; past wage loss and future reduced earning capacity; and for future pain, functional disability and emotional distress.

The amount asked is \$75,000, the highest amount that can be listed under the law, but that doesn’t reflect the amount that actually could be awarded, Schweiger said.

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“I liked when we were doing the clay,” said his 6-year-old daughter, Isabelle. Her project was to make a sun, she said.

Willard was at Family Day for the first time with Isabelle, his son, Ethan, 2, and his other daughter, Ashleigh, 7.

Willard added that his daughters liked the museum’s current art exhibits.

Guest artist

In addition to the clay and paper hat stations, there was

also a coloring table and a station where guest artist Bradford Hansen-Smith taught children to make three-dimensional circles by folding paper plates.

“If a child can fold a circle in half, they can do this,” Hansen-Smith said of his project. He moved to Grand Forks from Chicago about three months ago, and has been teaching children the art of folding circles for more than 25 years, he said.

Five-year-old Nicholas Staveteig said his project made of paper plates was a rocket ship. Nicholas was at Family Day with his parents and two younger sisters.

His mom, Ashleigh Staveteig, of Grand Forks, said all of her children were enjoying Family Day. It was their first time there, but Staveteig said they would like to go again.

Attendance for the event grows almost every month, Anderson said, because many families return and often tell their friends.

The next NDMOA Family Day, which is the last of the season, will be from 10 a.m. to noon April 26 at the museum.

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Technical College) for the student housing need. It could be dormitories or it could be apartments. Whatever it is, we will tailor our incentives and policies to what we need most.”

Murphy added that the city’s strategy for attracting new employment will be targeted at companies that already have a local presence. Landing an agriculture-based business is a priority.

“We’ll also be seeking businesses that already have ties to our strengths, like the (unmanned aerial systems) industry,” he said. “We’ll also seek medical technology companies with ties to the UND medical school. We need more opportunities to keep these smart students here rather than shipping them out.

“The more specific you are with your targets, the better chances you have of getting them here.”

Another of the city’s goals in its strategic plan appears to have faint chances. EGF wants any future bridge over the Red River to be built on 32nd Avenue South. Grand Forks opposes that congested location, preferring a site farther south.

Call Bakken at (701) 780-1125, (800) 477-6572 ext. 1125 or send email to rbakken@gfherald.com.

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a) GF County Public Safety Answering Point
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4:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Approval of Order of Agenda
4. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a) Bills
 - b) Employee Status Changes
 - c) Overtime
 - d) Beer License - Larimore Golf Club
5. Grand Sky Developer, FDSL
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7. Highway Department
8. GF County Public Safety Answering Point
Joint Powers Agreement
9. Director of Administration
 - a) Use of County Vehicle Policy
10. States Attorney’s Report
11. Committee Reports
12. Unfinished/New Business
13. Correspondence
14. Adjournment

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