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Julia Bauroth and her sister Alice take a break from bike riding and have a bite to eat Monday on a picnic table that's partially under water from the swollen Red River near the downtown dam on the Fargo side of the river. The Red River on Monday night was about a foot above its 18-foot flood stage and still rising, expected to crest today.

Mayville day care worker charged with child abuse

Mother claims she picked up daughter and discovered redness and bruising on the baby's face

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HILLSBORO, N.D. – An arrest warrant has been issued for a Mayville day care worker charged with child abuse.

Court documents filed last week in Traill County District Court say the 1-year-old victim's mother reported the abuse in November to Traill County sheriff's deputies and the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation after she picked up her daughter from day care and discovered redness and bruising on the baby's face in the shape of a handprint.

The mother, Natasha Mullen, also told investi-

gators the girl had previously exhibited suspicious bruising on the back of her arm.

Day care worker Angela Ree allegedly told investigators the girl had fallen on the floor, perhaps into a table leg, but that she didn't notice the "horrific" bruising until later.

Court documents say Ree is no longer running a day care.

Ree was charged Thursday with one count of child abuse, a Class B felony.

No court date has been set.

Ree could not be reached for comment Monday.

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Moorhead couple charged with child endangerment after allegedly getting teens drunk on New Year's

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MOORHEAD – A Moorhead couple face gross misdemeanor charges after giving the woman's 14-year-old daughter and her 17-year-old friend so much hard liquor last New Year's Eve that one of the children begged that the other be taken to the hospital, according to prosecutors.

The woman's daughter, who made the report to Moorhead police in January, also told police she had been smoking large amounts of marijuana her mother gave her when she turned 14, and introduced her to dealers, according to court documents filed Friday in Clay County District Court.

The 14-year-old told police her mother's fian-

ce, Tyler John Culkins, 32, took the girls to a north

Fargo liquor store and bought them Fireball whiskey, Jack Daniels and raspberry Bacardi.

Her mother, Amy Louise Klingsheim, 35, told them she didn't want the other children to see them drinking, so she poured the liquor into a Gatorade bottle.

The girls became so drunk the 17-year-old's heart rate was depressed and Klingsheim had to help her vomit, then gave her a cold shower, court documents say.

The younger girl told police she asked the adults to call an ambulance, but the adults refused.

Both adults are charged with endangerment of a child and giving liquor to a person under 21, both of which are gross misdemeanors. They are next due in court July 2.

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Mike Gabbard, left, a Moorhead resident and member of the Delaware tribe, drums and sings Monday at a ceremony outside the NDSU Alumni Center. The event kicked off two weeks of summer research camps at NDSU for tribal college students.

Smudging ceremony kicks off NDSU camps for tribal college students

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FARGO – North Dakota State University kicked off two weeks of summer research camps for tribal college students with a smudging ceremony Monday afternoon.

In a garden behind the NDSU Alumni Center, Mike Gabbard fanned the scent of burning sage onto just over 20 Native American students, plus the programs' teachers and administrators.

"It cleanses your thoughts, so any negativity, any bad thoughts," said Pearl Walker, project manager for one of the two camps. "And it cleanses your soul, your spirit, so you can start things in a good way and in a good mindset."

Gabbard, a Moorhead resident and member of the Delaware tribe, also sang and led the group in prayer. For Walker, a member of the Standing Rock and White Earth tribes, it was a

fitting way to open the camps.

"All of your needs are met by being in a tribal community," she said. "When you take away those components and go to, say, a city, some of those are missing, and it can be a challenge. It can be somewhat distant from what you're used to. The smudging is to remind us we have that support even far from home."

Both camps will explore careers in science, technology, engineering and math – fields that are needed on reservations, Walker said.

Isnala Nanjin Roan Eagle, 17, has seen that firsthand. Where he is from on the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota, there are some doctors, but a lack of engineers.

"I do feel if we had more Indian engineers to design the buildings, we could have a lot more potential," he said. Because it's costly to hire engineers, most reservations have plenty of land, but few buildings, he said.

Isnala is attending the Nurturing American Tribal Undergraduate Research and Education summer program, though, because he's interested in medicine – science in general.

"Science, it could just tell you everything," he said. "If you know the periodic table, you know what everything is made out of."

Students in the NATURE camp will tour labs this week, then choose a topic to focus on next week. In the past, campers have researched water quality, components of facial recognition software and how to detect cancer in blood, director Robert Pieri said.

Students in the other camp, the Summer Undergraduate Research Program, will learn field and lab techniques, study skills and how to write a research proposal, Walker said.

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Moorhead nurse's aide accused of stealing pain patches from incapacitated seniors

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MOORHEAD – A nurse's aide at a senior living center here is accused of ripping pain patches off the bodies of some of her incapacitated charges and using them for herself, according to charges filed against her.

Sherrie Lynn Metcalfe, 56, of Fargo, admitted to a Moorhead detective last fall that she took patches off three of her patients at Eventide Senior Living Community on multiple occasions,

according to court documents filed Friday in Clay County District Court.

Walker told police she was unable to count the number of times she had taken the Fentanyl patches, which are used to control pain, documents state.

The missing patches were first reported by other Eventide employees, and a surveillance video shows Walker walking away from a patient's bed with the patient's patch in her hand, documents state.

Families of the victims report-

ed they noticed a change in their family members, some of whom are described in the court records as suffering from dementia and Alzheimer's, and some who cannot walk, stand, or speak.

Walker is charged with one count each of felony theft and drug possession, and three counts of misdemeanor neglect of a vulnerable adult. She's due in court June 25.

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