

HEITKAMP

Rural town mail bill introduced

Bill intended to improve delivery and standards.

By Andrew Haffner
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WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, D-N.D., introduced a bill Thursday in Washington, D.C. addressing rural mail delivery and service standards.



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Heitkamp said the new legislation is the product of a long process of gathering public input, largely through her North Dakota Fix My Mail initiative first launched in Dickinson in January 2014.

“This is the continuation of a lot of work we’ve been doing a long time on postal delivery, especially in North Dakota but also more broadly in rural communities,” she said. “... We have spent a lot of time listening, a lot of time working on solutions.”

The mail-focused grassroots initiative accumulated stories of U.S. Postal Service shortcomings from more than 200 North Dakota

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PARK CHRISTIAN TRAGEDY

‘We had a perfect life, but life is not perfect’

Kvalvogs speak out about death of their sons.

By Kevin Wallevand and Chris Murphy
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MOORHEAD — Ray and Kathie Kvalvog just wanted to sleep with their sons. The simplicity of the thought was lost in the sorrow of the setting.

Their sons — 18-year-old Zach and 14-year-old Connor — were not sleeping in their Moorhead home, resting before another summer day as part of what Kathie called a “perfect life” in the Kvalvog family.

Zach and Connor weren’t waking up to the rest of their lives. They weren’t waking up at all.

The Moorhead couple slept at Boulger Funeral Home with their sons the night of their funeral. It was the night before Zach and Connor were buried at Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery in Pelican Rapids.

“We just had to touch our boys,” Kathie said, fighting tears, in an interview with WDAY’s Kevin Wallevand. “It was comforting for us.”

“Even though we knew their souls were gone, it was still our boys,”

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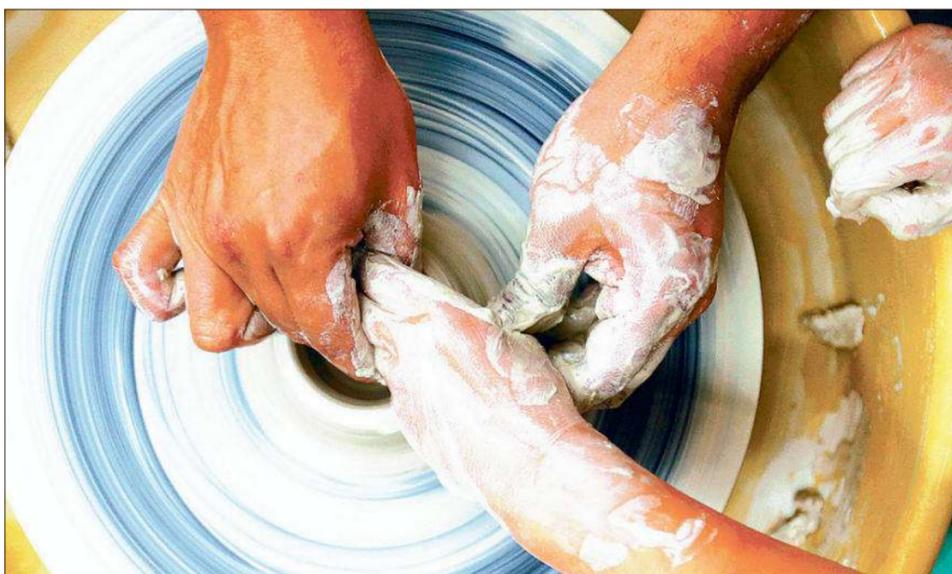
Campers from the North Dakota Museum of Art’s Art Camp take a lunch break Wednesday on the UND campus.

Sculpting minds, culture

Children explore the world of Latin American art

Story | Jennifer Johnson

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Artist Guillermo Guardia (center) assists a young sculptor at the N.D. Museum of Art’s Art Camp. NDMOA Art Camper Brooklyn Berggren (above) creates an ‘alien’ out of clay during a session Wednesday.

Some Grand Forks children are getting a taste of Latin American art this summer.

They’ve been creating artwork at the North Dakota Museum of Art inspired by Fernando Botero, a contemporary Colombian artist famous for paintings of oversized people. The week-long art camp is one of several the museum holds every summer.

Sculpture artist Guillermo Guardia, who has taught the class in recent years, said he wants to expose children to art as much as he can.

“I want them to learn some technique, I want them to learn something about an artist and I want them to enjoy what they’re making,” he said.

As young children attend the camp — it’s intended for ages 6 to 13 — he also wants them to learn skills they can carry into adulthood, he said.

Throughout the week, they create drawings, paintings and sculptures inspired by one artist. Using paper mache, children this session have modeled animals — cats, cows, even guinea pigs — after Botero’s style, inflating the torsos and shortening the legs, he said. On Wednesday, children used a pottery wheel to create bowls and learn about ceramics.

“The little kids just love it,” he said. “They go crazy about it. It’s like magic. You can see it in their faces.”

More camps will be held through August at the UND Hughes Fine Arts Building. Children can create their own superheroes, learn how to weave and participate in other activities, according to the museum website.

The Grand Forks Park District, among other organizations, also offers art-related activities in the summer. In the “Just for Fun” program, children have been creating Disney-themed crafts, such as drawing a castle in the spirit of the movie “Tangled,” said Lynne Roche, special and cultural event manager. Events are held at 11 sites throughout the city.

Enrollment for the program is still being accepted, she added. “We’re happy to have new kids,” she said.

The park district also offers a family fun night July 28 at University Park, a neighborhood block party-style event that includes a parade, craft-making and other games, she said.

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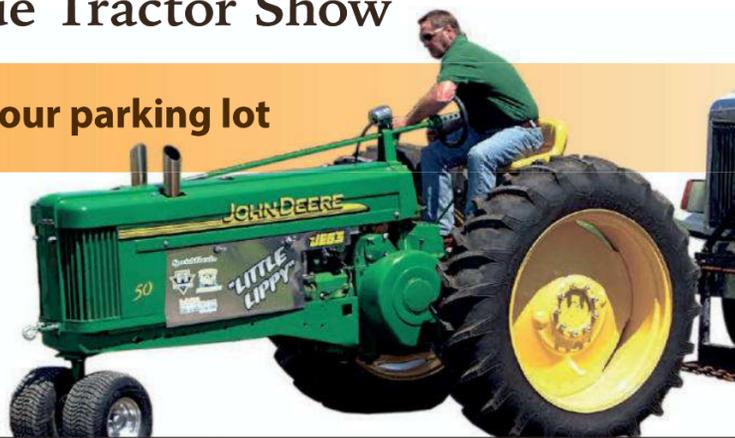
Upcoming camp sessions at the NDMOA:
Sheila Dalgliesh, “Wild Weaving,” July 27-31, Ages 8+.
Anna Jacobson, “Superheroes Unite,” Aug. 3-7, Ages 6-13.
Visit www.ndmoa.com/summer-art-camp-2015 for more details.

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