Longtime Herald reporter and columnist Haga dies

STAFF REPORTS

GRAND FORKS Chuck Haga, a former Herald columnist and longtime newspaper reporter, died early Sunday, May 11.

Haga's death was announced on his Facebook page by his son, Peter.

"Chuck is gone. He died peacefully shortly after midnight," Peter Haga wrote.

Haga, a UND graduate, worked at the Herald and then the Star Tribune in

MOORHEAD — The

Minnesota Pollution Con-

trol Agency has issued an

air quality alert for west-

ern and central Minneso-

ta, including the Fargo-

Moorhead metro area.

The air quality is

expected to reach the

sensitive groups. The

The affected area

Ortonville, St. Cloud,

Albert Lea, Marshall,

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Worthington, Mankato,

Twin Cities and the tribal

Mille Lacs, Prairie Island,

Leech Lake and Red Lake,

nations of Upper Sioux,

last until 9 p.m.

orange category in west-

ern and central Minneso-

ta, which is unhealthy for

alert takes effect at noon

Monday, May 12, and will

includes Moorhead, Alex-

andria, East Grand Forks,

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lis. He later returned to Grand Forks to again work at the Herald. He

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retired in 2013 and later was a freelance columnist for the Herald until earlier this year.

Haga had written in the Herald about his battle with cancer and posted about it on Facebook in recent weeks.

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probably say book clubs," Kahly said. "In fact, they are right, book clubs are the most popular."

The library continues to serve all ages in the community, from children to seniors.

The West Fargo library's weekly storytimes for children brought in about 4,700 children in 2024, and 1,904 books were delivered to local day cares.

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include witness testimony, documents, investigative materials, including any electronic data and digital evidence the state might have in its possession that could implicate or exonerate a suspect. The other party is obligated to disclose all relevant data and comply with the discovery request.

Donnelly's trial for both cases was initially set to begin on September 17, 2024, but on August 22, less than a month prior to the trial, nearly 55,000 pages of discovery in the form of digital evidence, including the forensic exam, arrived at Pendlay's offices.

In a motion to the court on September 4, Pendlay denounced the recent "massive dump of information" and asked the court to dismiss the case or bar the introduction of the evidence at trial.

"The fact that there is tremendous evidence for counsel to review and which cannot possibly be reviewed between now and trial make dismissal appropriate and necessary in this instance," she wrote.

"The government's timing with regard to this obscenely large and obscenely tardy forensic data dump runs in gross contradiction to the government's obvious discoverv obligations — and runs in inexcusable and overt contradiction to Gary's most essential constitutional rights," Pendlav's motion said.

She noted that Donnelly faced a maximum possible jail sentence of 595 years and fines in excess of \$1 million between the 107 crimes with which

In fall, the Adult Services team started bringing its technology tutoring program to senior living facilities, and the library continues to deliver books for seniors who wish to check out books. An average of 52 books were delivered to seniors each month in 2024, according to Kahly.

Last year, the library upgraded its Little Red Reading Bus vehicle, and the new van began making its routes over the summer. The community checked out more than

necessitate further delay of a defendant's constitutional right to trial, will result in this court's reassessment of whether such actions...warrant a harsher remedy given the continual pattern," the judge warned.

Then, on March 19. about six weeks before trial was finally set to begin, Madden filed his own motion to dismiss the case. He had, he wrote in his brief, just received vet another new, potentially significant piece of evidence from investigators at the Williams **County Sheriff's Office** a report from a partial extraction of data from a computer in the Donnelly home, as well as cell phones belonging to Donnelly, his wife, and their two sons.

"The undersigned has transmitted over.'

He noted that while the ters, and that he had "concerns regarding the dure given those delays.

On April 7, Judge Neff

1,400 books from the bus in 2024.

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In 2024, the library employed 18 full-time staff and seven part-time staff, and it operated on a \$2.2 million budget.

While the library is operated primarily by local funding, it received a \$1.4 million federal grant last year to expand its technology offerings. However, the grant has been "paused" as part of the Trump administration's directive that has halted many public grant programs.

"We hope that the pause is lifted soon," Kahly said.

In the meantime, Kahly said the library will continue to operate the many programs and items available for check-out at the main library and its satellite library location at City Hall, which opened in April.

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The Williams County Courthouse is seen June 8, 2022, in Williston, North Dakota.

circumstances of this case, and the position of the State, warrant such dismissal," he concluded. Pendlay told The

Forum prosecutors "repeatedly failed to meet their obligations" in the case.

"Gary was presumed innocent," she said. "At no point was there a finding to the contrary, or an opportunity for a finding to the contrary."

A spokesman with the Williams County Sheriff's Office said "a lot of hard work and hours" went into the agency's investigation into Donnelly and that the dismissal was "obviously not the outcome we would've liked to see."

"We're not sure exactly why they (prosecutors) made the decision they made," he said of the state's motion to dismiss. He referred any further questions to the state's

Madden refused to comment on the case, but Williams County State's Attorney Jakaan Williams said the decision to request the dismissal was 'not because we didn't feel our case was a strong one or that we couldn't win it.' "Investigations into

cases like this are intricate and complicated," Williams said. "But because of delays in that information coming to us from law enforcement, the prosecutor felt he could no longer ethically go forward with it, due to our obligations for timely disclosure."

Because Neff dismissed both cases againt Donnelly "with prejudice," they are both considered permanently closed in North Dakota state court.

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U of M plans to return funerary items and ancestral remains this fall

BY MELISSA OLSON MPR News

MINNEAPOLIS - During an annual update to the University of Minnesota Board of Regents, Karen Diver, senior adviser to the president on Native American affairs, aid the repatriation of the Mimbres collection could begin in October. "We anticipate working with the Hopi as the lead tribe to repatriate their ancestors and funerary objects in the fall," she said. Anthropologists at the university excavated more than 150 ancestral remains and thousands of Mimbres cultural items from the ancestral gravesites of Indigenous people in the southwest during digs that took place between 1928 and 1931. The Hopi Tribe is located in northeastern Arizona. "They have been sending representatives here, giving us guidance on how to care for their ancestors and funerary objects," Diver said. The update from Diver marks another phase in a process that has taken place over the past three years as the university stepped up repatriation efforts.

Unhealthy ozone levels can aggravate lung diseases like asthma, emphysema, and COPD. When the air quality is unhealthy, people with these conditions may experience symptoms like difficulty breathing deeply, shortness of breath, throat soreness, wheezing, coughing or unusual fatigue. People of all ages who are doing extended or heavy physical activity may also experience aggravating symptoms.

according to the MPCA.

Ozone levels will be highest when it is warm and the sunshine is most abundant.

Another alert is possible on Tuesday afternoon as sunny skies and heat persist.

The university's

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inspires and guides us,

demanding that we act

grant university that

"It is the moral and eth-

repeatedly asked for noncontraband digital data sources in this case," Madden wrote. "It is unknown as to why all non-contraband digital data sources had not been

report did not appear to include any "useful content," the judge's earlier order had been clear regarding discovery matproduction/timing of discovery materials in this case, as well as the reasoning behind the delays," as well as about the state's ability to meet its obligations under the rules of professional conduct and criminal proce-

granted the prosecutor's motion to dismiss the case based on the continuing "issues with discovery and untimely disclosures."

"These are certainly

attorney's office.

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preventing the spread of measles in the community."

The MMR vaccine is recommended starting at 12 to 15 months of age, with a second dose at 4 to 6 years of age. Children

justly by repatriating that which was never ours," former Board of Regents chair Ken Powell wrote in 2022

The return of the Mimbres collection complies with requirements of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act — the 1990 law passed by Congress, which requires institutions that receive federal funds to return human remains and items of cultural patrimony to tribal nations and Native Hawaiian organizations. Diver said the Weisman

Art Museum at the university has worked to build the necessary relationships with tribal nations to care for the collection as the repatriation process moves forward.

"The bottom line on this is that the tribes are happy with the way the process is going and the regard and concern that they've been given," she said.

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who have already received two post-12month doses of MMR are considered fully vaccinated.

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he'd been charged.

As a result of the late disclosure, Judge Chas Neff Jr. delayed the trial to May 5, 2025.

Neff rejected Pendlay's motion to dismiss the case but put Madden "on notice" of "the court's recognition and disapproval of prior discovery issues. While not rising to the level of either institutional noncompliance or systemic disregard, the State is quickly approaching that level," Neff wrote.

"Continued issues with discovery, especially on the eve of trial that

disturbing charges and the court does not take lightly dismissing these cases, given the nature and scope of the allegations," Neff wrote.

"However, the court was clear in its earlier order that discovery should be complete based on the age of these cases, when the evidence was seized, and the fact that one of these cases had a rare, full-day contested preliminary hearing...A continuance is no longer the appropriate remedy," he said.

"While the court is reluctant to dismiss serious charges, the facts and



THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PARK DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF FARGO WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025, AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM AT THE FARGO PARKS SPORTS CENTER AT 6100 38th STREET SOUTH, FARGO, WITH PRESIDENT AARON HILL, PRESIDING. Please note: This is an in-person event and streamed virtually. Member of the public and media can view the live meeting at www.fargoparks.com/news/

park-board-meeting-may-agenda-2025

A. Call to Order

B. Board to Approve Order of Agenda

Consent Agenda – approve the following:

a. Minutes - 04/08/2025

b. April Bills

c. Permission to Bid Beverage Concession and Vending, and Snack Food Vending

d. Review of Selkirk Developers Agreement

e. Consideration of Rose Creek Driving Range Net Replacement

Regular Agenda

- 1. Recognition of Audience/Public Comments
- 2. Director's Report
- 3. Broadway Station Meal Site Lease One year extension; Paul Grindeland, presenter

4. Adiourn

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