

## UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences Grads

The UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences (SMHS) conferred the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree on nearly 70 graduating medical students at UND's Chester Fritz Performing Arts Center this past weekend. Among the graduates were two area students, William Fleck and Madelyn Jablonski both from Mandan.

Students in the graduating Class of 2026 have completed four years of medical education to earn their M.D. degree. This training begins with twenty months of instruction on the UND campus in Grand Forks followed by more than two years of training with practicing physicians who serve as teachers in hospitals and clinics throughout North Dakota.

Following graduation,

members of the M.D. Class of 2026 will begin a post-graduate residency, a three- to seven-year period of advanced intensive training in their chosen medical specialty, before beginning independent practice.

In keeping with tradition, nearly half of the graduating M.D. class is entering the primary care specialties of family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, and pediatrics. UND also saw matches for a variety of other specialties, including anesthesiology, dermatology, emergency medicine, geriatrics, neurology, occupational/environmental medicine, otolaryngology (or "ear, nose, and throat"), pathology, psychiatry, surgery (including neurosurgery and orthopedic), and radiology.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MORTON COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the matter of the petition for name change of Boy Lopez, a minor child

### NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

1. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a petition will be filed by the Petitioner with the above-entitled court requesting an Order changing the name of Boy Lopez to Wayne Herbert Martinez Junior.

2. NOTICE IT FUTHER GIVEN that thirty days after publication, the Petitioner intends to file a petition requesting entry of the Court's Order changing the name of the minor child. Any objection to granting this name change must be given in writing to the address listed below within 30 days of the date of this publication. The written objection must also be filed with the Court. If no objections are given, the Court may respond to the Petition without further hearing.

Dated 1-26-2026  
Wayne Martinez  
Petitioner  
703 3rd St  
Mandan, ND, 58554

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## Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park Celebrates Mother's Day with Disney Trivia

By Ryan Johnson

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As the weather finally begins to warm in Morton County, dozens of families chose to spend this year's Mother's Day hiking through Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park. Which, for one day only, was brimming with Disney magic.

The hiking route, which ran about a mile and skirted around the Missouri River, featured signposts quizzing hikers on various Disney movies. Trivia questions cited films as obscure as 1970's "The Aristocats" and as popular as 2004's "The Incredibles". A QR code on every signpost could be scanned to provide answers.

"We started the Disney Theme last year," said Rian Metz, an admin lead at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park, "We wanted to add something more to our hikes. So, last year we decided for the Mother's Day one we wanted



photo | Ryan Johnson

**A FAMILY** walks the hiking route at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park.

to do Disney. Because most moms and kids like Disney movies. We had a good turnout last year and a lot of good responses, and this year we wanted to do it again."

Turnout was equally strong for this year's event, something Metz was very proud of. "There were definitely a lot more people than we anticipated," she said, "but when the weather's nice people like coming out to these hikes."

This event further fills

out Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park's busy spring schedule. Just last week, park workers created a historical reenactment of the Civilian Conservation Corps' daily schedule. Looking ahead, the park will host three more events in May: a trail run on the morning of the 23, a night walk later that evening, and a Memorial Day hike on the morning of the 25. More information on these events can be found at parksrec.nd/gov.

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