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Susan Wagers, 5th Force Support Squadron special programs coordinator, crowns the eldest woman during the annual Thanksgiving Day of Love at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., Nov. 23, 2017. Every year, the eldest participants are crowned as queen and king of the event.

## Minot AFB hosts annual Thanksgiving Day of Love

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MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. --

The 48th annual Thanksgiving Day of Love for Minot Air Force Base and the community was celebrated Nov. 23 where approximately 190 seniors were escorted to the Jimmy Doolittle Center for a Thanksgiving meal served by Minot AFB Airmen.

The Day of Love began in 1969 under the innovation and leadership of Mr. Claude "Bud" Ebert, well known throughout the Air Force-wide Morale, Welfare and Recreation Programs community for his dedication to the programs during this era. The "Day of Love" was an expression used to promote the relationship between Airmen and senior citizens who share the absence of extended family to celebrate this holiday. "A close relationship has been formed between the Commission on Aging and the base for the past several years," said Susan Wagers, 5th Force Support Squadron special programs coordinator. "Many seniors mark their

calendars year after year, anxiously awaiting the hospitality of the base and sharing their military background and stories with today's Airmen."

During the event, Col. Matthew Brooks, 5th Bomb Wing commander, and Col. Cathy Barrington, 91st Operations Group commander, accepted a plaque in representation of Team Minot's role in preserving the United States' freedom.

Additionally, the eldest man, born in 1923 and the eldest woman, born in 1926, were crowned as king and queen of the event.

During the event, 75 base volunteers assisted by driving buses, escorting seniors, serving meals and helping in the kitchen.

"It was an honor to volunteer for this event," said Senior Airman Malcolm Ford, 5th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle operations controller and Day of Love volunteer. "I felt exceptionally thankful to have family and friends to spend Thanksgiving with."



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Team Minot Airmen assist a Thanksgiving Day of Love attendee off the bus at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., Nov. 23, 2017. Approximately 190 seniors were transported to the Jimmy Doolittle Center for the Day of Love by Team Minot volunteers.



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Changes are coming to your TRICARE benefit beginning January 1, 2018. These changes will give you more benefit choices, improving your access to care, simplifying cost shares and allowing you to take command of your health. As January 1, 2018 approaches, the best way for you to prepare is by updating your information in DEERS and signing up for TRICARE benefit updates and email alerts through TRICARE.mil/ changes. Also, please follow the 5th Medical Group on Facebook, at www.facebook. com/5thMedicalGroup, as

updates continue. General overview of TRICARE changes

Region Consolidation Currently, there are three TRICARE regions in the U.S.: North, South and West. The North and South regions will combine on January 1, 2018 to form TRICARE East, while TRICARE West will remain mostly unchanged. Two new contractors, Humana Military and Health Net Federal Services, will administer these regions. This change will allow better coordination between the military hospitals and clinics and the civilian health care providers in

each region. In Minot, we are currently located in the TRICARE West region and we will be covered under Health Net Federal Services.

TRICARE Select On January 1, 2018, TRICARE Select will replace TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra both stateside and overseas. TRICARE Select will be a self-managed, preferred provider network option. You will not be required to have a primary care manager (PCM) and therefore you can visit any TRICARE-authorized provider for services covered by TRICARE without a referral TRICARE Select adopts a number of improvements, including additional preventive care services previously only offered to TRICARE Prime beneficiaries.

**TRICARE** Prime **TRICARE** Prime is a managed care program option. An assigned PCM provides most of your care. When you need specialty care, your PCM will refer you to a specialist. Active duty service members and their family members still will not have to pay anything when referred to a network provider by their PCM. All others pay annual enrollment fees and network copayments, and any changes to these fees can be seen on tricare.mil/ changes.

Enrollment All current TRICARE beneficiaries will be automatically enrolled into plans on January 1, 2018 as long as they are eligible. TRICARE Prime enrollees will remain in TRICARE Prime. TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra beneficiaries will be enrolled in TRICARE Select. During 2018, you can continue to choose to enroll in or change coverage plans. In fall 2018, TRICARE will introduce an annual open enrollment period. During this period, you will choose whether to continue or change your coverage for the following year. Each year, the open enrollment period will begin on the Monday of the second full week in November and run through the Monday of the second full week in December. Also, there will be an enrollment freeze

from December 1 to December 22, 2017, while TRICARE coverage is transitioning to the new regional managed care support contractors. If you are attempting to enroll during the freeze, although enrollment processing will be delayed until January 1, 2018, YOU WILL STILL HAVE ACCESS TO CARE. Save your pharmacy and other health care receipts while your enrollment is pending. You can get reimbursed for TRICARE covered expenses once the freeze is complete and your enrollment is processed. If you have a problem accessing care while your enrollment is pending, please visit https://tricare.mil/ changes/enroll and contact your regional managed care support contractor. If you have a problem getting your medications while your enrollment is pending, contact Express Scripts.

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To stay informed, sign up for email alerts through tricare. mil/changes. You can also get alerts by signing up for eCorrespondence in milConnect. By staying informed, vou will be ready for a smooth transition with TRICARE. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the 5th Medical Group's TRICARE Beneficiary Counselor Mr. Thomas Melvin, at thomas.a.melvin. civ@mail.mil and the **TRICARE** Operations and Patient Administration Flight Commander, 2d Lt Tyrone Williams at tyrone.d.williams62. mil@mail.mil. You can also reach us by phone at (701) 723-5176.

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## 791 MSFS MARKSMEN, 5 SFS MWD TEAMS PARTICIPATE IN JOINT-UNIT TRAINING

MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. -- Airmen from the 791st Missile Security Forces Squadron and 5th Security Forces Squadron participate in joint-unit training at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., Nov. 22, 2017. During the training, 791 MSFS marksman teams evaded detection and capture by 5 SFS military working dogs and their handlers. Marksman teams observed the MWD team's behavior to better recognize the possibility of detection and adapt to the situation.

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### HEALTH & OUTDOORS



"A large-scale winter storm, with deep snow or ice cover, cuts off many birds from their natural food supplies and can actually cause them to starve by the thousands and even millions."

- National Wildlife Federation blog.

As Americans celebrate the traditional Thanksgiving feast, the early snow and cold serves as a reminder that life can be tough for one's feathered friends when winter arrives early.

Let's share some love by taking care of those hardy birds who opt to stay in North Dakota for the winter and those who call the state their wintering grounds those northern species who, for them, North Dakota is as far south as they want to go

It's not too early to start feeding and setting up winter birdbaths. The caveat, though, is that if a person opts to provide alternative food sources other than Mother Nature's bounty, they need to be diligent and stick with it throughout the winter.

Birds, like other wildlife, become dependent on searching feeders for food. If feeders aren't filled and maintained regularly, more harm than good could result.

Place feeders and birdbaths in areas where trees and shrubs provide shelter from predators – things such as avian predators like hawks and owls, as well as critters like a coyote or neighbor's cat. However, place the feeder far enough away – about 10 feet – so predators aren't within easy reach. Also place feeders and birdbaths downwind from trees and shrubs.

Feeders should also be in areas easily accessible for filling. If the feeder area is going to be in a location that fills with waist-deep snow a person is less apt to enthusiastically fill it.

Birds also need water in the winter. Yes, they can eat snow but, like people, staying hydrated is healthier if it's above 32 degrees and when empty. Be cautious if using extension cords make sure they're designed tor outdoor use.

Some other winter feeding tips:

\*Use large feeders so they don't have to be filled as frequently and could sustain birds in a storm.

\*Use suet high in fat and calories because birds burn extra energy to stay warm in the winter.

\*Peanut butter is also high in oil and fat. Try mixing it with sunflowers and forming into balls or suet cakes, hanging them from a tree.

\*Black oil sunflowers, hulled peanuts, and Niger seed are the best seeds to feed in the winter, especially sunflowers with their high oil content. A wide variety of wintering species eat those three main type of seeds.

\*Keep suet and food on hand to avoid running out in severe weather.

Oh, and don't worry about bird's feet freezing in the winter when they sit on metal feeder perches. Their feet lack sweat glands so they won't freeze in cold temperatures.

In addition to feeders and birdbaths for wintering birds, it still boils down to habitat: Quality habitat serves two purposes - shelter from weather and predators and food.

Incorporating plants that hold seeds throughout the winter and not cutting those perennial plants and grasses with seed heads back until the spring provides a natural food source.

In addition, planting shrubs and trees with berries provides food for berryfeeding birds.

With a yard designed to attract, protect, and feed

## **Mister Rogers' Neighborhood Sweater Drive provides warmth** in ND and MN neighborhoods

#### **PRAIRIE PUBLIC**

Fargo, N.D., December 1, 2017 – Prairie Public and Gate City Bank are partnering to host the Mister Rogers' Neighborhood Sweater Drive. Now through December 15, Gate City Bank locations across the region will accept new and gently used sweaters, for children and adults, that will be distributed to local families in need.

This is the sixth year that Prairie Public and Gate City Bank have teamed up to host the Sweater Drive.

"Fred Rogers' cardigan sweater has come to represent his gentle spirit and nurturing of his television neighborhood," said Christine McClellan, Prairie Public's community engagement coordinator. "Prairie Public welcomes this opportunity to nurture

families in our own neighborhoods, and we encourage those who donate sweaters at Gate City Bank and to help spread the word about this project."

Fred Rogers' original sweaters were all knitted by his mother. To help set the tone for a visit with his young viewers, Rogers put on a sweater and changed into sneakers as a way to help children settle in for the television program. One of his sweaters is on display at the Smithsonian Institute.

Prairie Public Broadcasting, headquartered in Fargo, is a non-profit member station of PBS and NPR that provides public television services throughout North Dakota, northwestern Minnesota, southern Manitoba, and parts of Montana and South Dakota; public

radio service to North Dakota; and educational and technological services to communities and individuals across its coverage area.

A \$2.1 billion mutual community bank, Gate City Bank has been providing banking services to its customers since 1923. Gate City Bank has 36 convenient banking offices across North Dakota and west central Minnesota and employs 590 people. In addition to being the number one mortgage lender in North Dakota with locally approved, financed, and serviced home loans, Gate City Bank was named one of the "50 Best Places to Work" in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 by Prairie Business. Additional information is available at gatecitybank.com.



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done with water. Like feeders, birdbaths should be in areas where they're easily filled yet close to shelter for the birds.

Select birdbaths that automatically shut off when

birds, feeders can then become a vital supplement in times of severe weather. Plus, winter is a great way to learn bird identification – they're easier to see.



## THE LIGHTER SIDE

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- 69. Jekyll : Hyde :: Superman :
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70. Nobel Institute city 71. Express contempt

- 1. Succumbs to gravity
- 2. Sinuous dance
- 3. Wide-eyed with
- expectation 4. Look up to
- Come before
- 6. Spanish appetizer
- Concerning the ear

 Ten C-notes
 Deserves
 Toes the line
 Skirt feature, sometimes
 Dyed-in-the-wool

8. Like some romances

10. Dos Passos opus

11. Elegance of manner

9. Most fitting

- 27. All there
  28. Roundish
  29. Change the locale
  30. Driving gadget
  31. Track legend Moses
  35. Satanic pursuit
  36. Garage activity
  38. "The Ten Commandments," e.g.
  40. Quiche ingredient
  41. Supporter of the arts, perhaps
- 44. Eve's grandson
- 46. 33s and 78s
- 49. Isle of Capri
- attraction
- 50. Rulers contain them
- 51. Assume, as a task
- 52. Inuit vessel
- 53. Aristocratic
- 57. Nautical centerpiece 58. "The Beat Goes On"
- singer
- 59. Sidle
- 60. Hoarfrost
- 61. Practice for the fight
- 63. Complete collection



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Imprisoned, the almighty Thor finds himself in a lethal gladiatorial contest against the Hulk, his former ally. Thor must fight for survival and race against time to prevent the all-powerful Hela from destroying his home and the Asgardian civilization.



Solution to last week's Crossword puzzle.

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## Salted Chocolate and Caramel Pretzel Bars



#### INGREDIENTS:

12 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips , good quality chocolate divided into pieces (I like ghiardelli best for melting) 8 ounces mini pretzel twists , half of a regular 16-ounce bag 11 ounce bag Kraft Caramel Bits , or homemade caramel Sea salt for sprinkling

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

Line a large, rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Melt 8 ounces of the chocolate chips gently in the microwave (on low heat, stirring every 15 seconds) until smooth. Spread the chocolate evenly over the parchment. Immediately add the pretzel twists over the top (it's ok if they overlap!) and gently press them into the chocolate.



## Museum's 7th annual Old-Fashioned Holiday Dinner Dec. 9

**PRAIRIE VILLAGE MUSEUM** 

reat food, Mr. & Mrs. Claus, dozens of gifts, baked goodies and holiday music are the hallmarks of Prairie Village Museum's Old-Fashioned Holiday Dinner coming up Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Rugby Eagles Club.

Friends of the Museum will start serving Theresa Wangler's roast beef dinners at 5 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive around 5:30 to meet and greet kids of all ages.

Throughout the evening attendees can shop for baked goods and purchase chances on gift baskets donated by more than 30 local businesses and historical society members.

Bernie Arcand will kick off the dinner music at 5 p.m., followed by pianists Cheryl Holm and Pam Anderson. Youth from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints will come a caroling around 6:30 p.m. Drawing for the gift baskets starts at 7 p.m. Winners need not be present to win.

Dinner tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids (6 to 12); no charge for preschoolers. Tickets will be available at the door.

Theresa's roast beef dinner will include roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, coleslaw, and rolls. Friends of the Museum are providing ethnic holiday treats, like lefse, kuchen and krumkake

for dessert.

This year's Old-Fashioned Holiday Dinner is sponsored by Center Mutual Insurance, Envision, Merchants Bank. TBEI-Rugby Manufacturing, Thrivent Financial, Dave and Caye Bednarz, and the Rugby Convention & Visitors' Bureau.

An easy way to tell friends and family about the dinner is to direct them to the museum website at www. prairievillagemuseum. com.

Youth from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints pose for a photo during a rehearsal for their appearance at the museum's Old-Fashioned Holiday Dinner set for Saturday, Dec. 9. Their director, Jill Roberts, front center, appeared as Eliza Doolittle in Village Arts summer production of "My Fair Lady."







## Dinner With Santa At Rockers Bar & Grill On December 21



Come see Santa and let the little ones plead their case one last time for their wish lists during Dinner With Santa at Rockers Bar & Grill on Thursday, December 21 from 5-7 p.m. This club member only event features a delicious menu including fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, rolls, and cookies for only \$3/person. Children 5 years of age and under are FREE.

Rockers will close at 1 p.m. on December 21 to prepare for this event. Dinner With Santa is sponsored by North Highlands Apartments & Villas. *No Federal Endorsement of Sponsor Intended.* 

## Baseball Camp Coming To Youth Center Starting Jan. 20

Youth at Minot AFB can learn the fundamentals of baseball and increase skills and stamina during the Youth Programs Baseball Camp hosted by the Youth Center. This 10-week camp will be held on Saturdays from January 20 through March 24. Sessions for children 5-8 years of age will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and sessions for youth 9 years of age and older will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The camp is taught by qualified coaches and will focus on strength conditioning, batting, catching, pitching, infield and outfield drills, and more. The camp is open to both Youth Center members and non-members. Cost is \$50 for members and \$75 for non-members. Registrations for the camp are being accepted from December 18 through January 19. For more information, please contact the David C. Jones Youth Center at 723-2838.

## Library Hosting Winter Reading Program For Adults & Teens

The Base Library is holding their Winter Reading Program for adults and teens now through March 1. You can stay warm with some good books plus chances to win prizes. To participate, adults and teens simply need to visit the Base Library between December 1 and February 15 or register at www.tinyurl.com/minotlibrary. Then read and log CSAF Reading List titles or books read for fun to receive prizes and chances to win bigger prizes

In addition to individual prizes, the squadron whose active duty members read the most CSAF Reading list books and log them for the Base Library's Winter Reading Program will receive a certificate and bragging rights.

For additional information on this year's Winter



Reading Program, please call the Base Library at 723-3344.



## Water Safety Instructor Course Offered By ODR



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Want to teach swim lessons? Get Red Cross certified! Outdoor Recreation is offering a Water Safety Instructor Certification Course. There will be a Pre-Test on Wednesday, January 3 at the Indoor Pool from 6-7 p.m.

Online course work is scheduled for January 6 through February 3. In-class course work will be held at Minot High School on Saturdays including January 6, January 13, January 20, and February 3 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Cost for the Water Safety Instructor Certification Course is \$200. Registration deadline is December 22. Class size is limited so sign up today! Participants must be 16 years of age or older.

If you have ever wanted to teach swim lessons you don't want to miss this great certification course opportunity. For additional information or to register for the upcoming Water Safety Instructor Certification Course, please contact Outdoor Recreation at 723-3648.

For 5th Force Support Job Opportunities, visit www.nafjobs.org or call NAF Human Resources at 723-2812





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## CLUB MEMBER DRAWING ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 WILL BE FOR \$600.

You must be present to win. Become a club member today to qualify. Simply visit Rockers Bar & Grill or the Jimmy Doolittle Center to obtain your application. The next weekly club membership drawing will be held on Friday, December 8 at Rockers Bar & Grill only (Doolittle Center will be closed for a private holiday party). Drawing time varies each week between 5:30-6:30 p.m.

#### FAMILY and YOUTH EVENTS & PROGRAMS

### Dec 8 Youth Center Masquerade Ball

The Youth Center will be hosting a Masquerade Ball for youth age 9 and older on Friday, December 8 from 7-9 p.m. Come out in your best dressed attire and dance the night away. Cost is FREE for Youth Center members and \$10 for non-members. Prior to the Masquerade Ball, the Youth Center is holding mask creating all week from 4-5:30 p.m. For more details, call the Youth Center at 723-2838.

#### Dec 9 A Victorian Christmas Carol

Children of all ages are invited to A Victorian Christmas Carol at the Base Library on Saturday, December 9 at 1 p.m. Explore a Victorian Christmas with stories, classic crafts, and authentic activities. For more information, call 723-3344.

#### Family Fun Night

Rough Riders invites you to enjoy their Family Fun Night every Tuesday from 5-9 p.m. Club members can enjoy 2 large one topping pizzas, 12 breadsticks, and 2 pitchers of soda for only \$25. Non-members can join the fun for only \$32. Plus children are sure to enjoy spending time in the Lil' Rider Indoor Playland. For additional information, please contact Rough Riders Pizza at 727-4377.

### Dec 14 Percy Jackson Night

The base library has a fun evening planned for teens and tweens during their Percy Jackson Night program on Thursday, December 14 starting at 6 p.m. Celebrate Rick Riordan's Percy Jackson series and all things Greek and Roman with trivia, games, and activities. This FREE event is open to everyone. For additional information, please call the library at 723-3344.

#### Dec 20 Bundles For Babies

Expectant mothers are invited to attend Bundles For Babies at the Airmen and Family Readiness Center on December 19 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The class is open to all ranks and not limited to a first pregnancy. Attendees will learn how to budget for your growing family and about many of the support programs that are available. This is a great opportunity to network with other expectant parents and learn new parenting skills. Plus participants receive a free gift for your new baby courtesy of the Air Force Aid Society. Please register by noon on December 19. For additional information, please contact the Airman & Family Readiness Center at 723-3950.

#### Dec 9 Best Four Game Tournament

Strike up some fun during the Best Four Game Tournament at Rough Rider Lanes on Saturday, December 9 from 4-9 p.m. Bowl six games (one game will be 9 Pin No Tap) with your best four games going towards the high series. Payout will be one in four/five depending on participation. Cost is \$50 per person with \$25 going into the prize fund. Participants must be 18 years of age or older. A minimum of 20 bowlers needed.

#### Dec 21 Creative Kids Class

Create Christmas snowman masks and ornaments during the Creative Kids class at the Arts & Crafts Center on Thursday, December 21 from 10:30-11 a.m. Age appropriate projects are offered for children ages 3-5. Cost for the class is \$5. Please call at least one day prior to class to sign up for the class. Call 723-3640 for details.





## Come and show off your talent during Friday Night

Karaoke at Rockers Bar & Grill on December 8 from 8 p.m. to close. Sing solo, do a duet, or grab a group! Rockers has a great karaoke selection for your enjoyment. Gather up your friends and enjoy all of the fun. For additional information, contact Rockers Bar & Grill at 727-ROCK.

#### Dec 11 Jingle Run 2 Miler

The Fitness Center is holding the Jingle Run 2 Miler on Monday, December 11. This indoor 2-mile run event will be broken up into different heats throughout the day from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. in an attempt to accomodate participants busy schedules. The run is open to all DoD ID card holders 16 years of age and older. Sign-up at the Fitness Center or call 723-2145 for more information.

#### Dec 18-21 Off-Base Budget Classes

Planning to move off base? Are you ready to manage the costs? The Airman & Family Readiness Center is hosting Off-Base Budget Classes on December 18, 19, 20, & 21 from 2:30-4 p.m. Airmen will obtain important information on leases, military clauses, renters insurance, complete a budget worksheet, and determine an affordable rental price range. Attendees should bring their latest end-of-month LES and have knowledge of their current bills. Pick a date and sign up today! Four classes to choose from in December. Please contact the Airman & Family Readiness Center at 723-3950 for additional information or to sign-up for a class.

#### Dec 16 Ho Ho Ho Holiday Sampler

Looking for some fun and exercise? The Fitness Center is hosting the Ho Ho Ho Holiday Sampler event on Saturday, December 16 from 9-11 a.m. This sampler is a combination of strength and cardio classes taught by a variety of instructors. For additional information, contact the Fitness Center at 723-2145.

#### Ski and Snowboard Rental

Outdoor Recreation offers downhill and cross country ski rentals with daily, Saturday, weekend, and weekly rates. They also offer snowboard package rentals. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 723-3648.



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## Team Minot brings in the holiday season with tree lighting ceremony

MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. -- Col. Matthew Brooks, 5th Bomb Wing commander, and Col. Sloan Hollis, 5th Bomb Wing vice commander, flipped the switch during the annual tree lighting ceremony at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., Nov. 30, 2017. Airmen and their families attended the event to help usher in the holiday season. The ceremony included a visit from Santa Claus who arrived on a 5th Civil Engineer Squadron fire truck.

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### **Evolution of the Airman Safety App**

KEITH WRIGHT | AIR FORCE SAFETY CENTER

KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. (AFNS) -- The evolution of the Air Force Safety Center's Airman Safety App reached an important milestone with recent software updates Dec. 1, 2017.

This simple, web-based tool provides a streamlined process for all Airmen, their families and anyone accessing the base to report safety issues as they encounter them.

"The Air Force wants to utilize every Airman as a sensor to identify hazards in their workplace and throughout the installation," said Col. William Culver. Air Force chief of Aviation Safety. "The aviation community, both commercial and military, has been doing this for many years and now we can take those best practices across all safety disciplines". With this update, the Air Force will use the Airman Safety App to leverage the expanding Aviation Safety Action Program voluntary reporting capability. This includes aircrew operations and logistics/maintenance safety issues and events. The transformation – "Aviation" is expanding to "Airman". Airmen will also have access to the latest hazard reports through active messaging and an ASAP Scoreboard located in the Air Force Safety Automated System database.

the Airman Safety App with a new hazard management module in AFSAS enabling safety professionals to track and mitigate reported hazards.

"Supporting features were upgraded in AFSAS to increase the application's capability," said Douglas MacCurdy, acting chief information officer and chief of Information Technology and Cyberspace Operations. "Air Force safety professionals now have a hazard management tool capable of cradle-to-grave identification and risk mitigation of safety issues". The Airman Safety App

opened the door to a new way of



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limiting and eliminating safety hazards, like exposed electrical wires in the workplace, and road hazards around each and every installation while providing a substantial amount of data essential to proactive mishap prevention and effective risk management.

The application is accessible anytime, anywhere and with almost any device – desktop, laptop, tablet or smart phone – and focuses on minimizing the most common obstacles, making reporting quicker and easier to accomplish.

Initiating the reporting process is easy, just access the Airman Safety App online at https:// asap.safety.af.mil and select the Airman Safety Action Report icon.

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- Private Holiday Party Ground Zero Lounge at the Jimmy Doolittle Center Closed
  - Tactical Eitness 0630 Eitness Cen
  - Tactical Fitness, 0630, Fitness Center
  - Fit To Fight, 1100, Fitness CenterExpress Cycle, 1200, Fitness Center
  - Torch Club, 1600-1700, Youth Center
- Friday Fun Member's Buffet, 1630-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Get Fit Together Bowling, 1700-2000, Bowling Center

• Club Member Cash Drawing, 1730-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill

- Mixed Fun League, 1830, Bowling Center
- Keystone Club Meeting, 1830-1930, Youth Center
- Youth Center Masquerade Ball, 1900-2100, Youth Center
  - Karaoke Night, 2000, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Lights & Strikes Bowling, 2100-2400,

Bowling Center

#### **SATURDAY**

- Tactical Strength & Fitness, 0900, Fitness Center
  - Youth Bowling League, 1000, Bowling Center
  - Yoga, 1000, Fitness Center
  - Weight Lifting 101, 1000, Fitness Center
- A Victorian Christmas Carol, 1300, Base Library
- Get Fit Together Bowling, 1600-2000, Bowling Center
- Best Four Game Tournament, 1600-2100, Bowling Center
- Bowl the Night Away with "Lights & Strikes", 2000-2400, Bowling Center

#### **SUNDAY**

- NFL Sunday Ticket Football Frenzy, 1130-
- 1830, Rockers Bar & Grill • Sunday Escapes Book Club, 1330, Base

Library

• Family Zumba, 1400, Fitness Center

#### MONDAY

- Tactical Fitness, 0630, Fitness Center
- Jingle Run 2 Miler, 0700-1400, Fitness Center
- TAP GPS Workshop, 0800-1600, A&FRC,
- held at the Education Center
  - Build Wealth with TSP, 1130-1300, A&FRC
  - Reintegration Briefing, 1300-1400, A&FRC
  - Yoga, 1730, Fitness Center
  - Weight Lifting 101, 1730, Fitness Center

#### TUESDAY

- TAP GPS Workshop, 0800-1600, A&FRC, held at the Education Center
  - Game Day, 1000-1930, Base Library
  - Fit to Fight, 1100, Fitness Center
- Family Fun Night with the Mermaid Princess, 1700-1900, Rough Riders Pizza & Lil' Riders
- PlaylandFamily Fun Night, 1700-2100, Rough RidersPizza
- 1ZZa
- Urban Boot Camp, 1830, Fitness Center
- Cycle, 1930, Fitness Center

#### WEDNESDAY

- Last day to register for the 3-Point Shoot-Out Competition at the Fitness Center
- Right Start, 0730, A&FRC, Held at the Jimmy

#### **THURSDAY**

• TAP GPS Workshop, 0800-1600, A&FRC, held at the Education Center

- Yoga, 1000, Fitness Center
- Weight Lifting 101, 1100, Fitness Center
- Muscle Pump, 1130, Fitness Center
- 3-Point Shoot Out, 1200, Fitness Center
- Reintegration Briefing, 1300-1400, A&FRC
- Fitness Hour, 1600-1700, Youth Center
- Members 2 for 1 Appetizers, 1700-1900, Rockers Bar & Grill
  - Weight Lifting 101, 1730, Fitness Center
  - Percy Jackson Night, 1800, Base Library
  - Mixed Couples League, 1830, Bowling Center
- Have a Ball Bowling League Sports Theme, 1830. Bowling Center

• NFL Thursday Night Football FRENZY, 1915, Rockers Bar & Grill

#### **UPOMING EVENTS - DECEMBER 15**

Tactical Fitness, 0630, Fitness Center

• TAP GPS Workshop, 0800-1600, A&FRC, held at the Education Center

- Fit To Fight, 1100, Fitness Center
- Express Cycle, 1200, Fitness Center
- Torch Club, 1600-1700, Youth Center
- Ground Zero Lounge Open, 1600-2100,
- Jimmy Doolittle Center

• Friday Fun Member's Buffet, 1630-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill

• Get Fit Together Bowling, 1700-2000, Bowling Center

• Mixed Fun League, 1830, Bowling Center

• Keystone Club Meeting, 1830-1930, Youth Center

- Karaoke Night, 2000, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Lights & Strikes Bowling, 2100-2400,

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#### **UPOMING EVENTS - DECEMBER 16**

• Ho Ho Ho Holiday Sampler, 0900-1100, Fitness Center

Youth Bowling League, 1000, Bowling Center
Give Parents A Break, 1300-1700, CDC &

School Age Program

• Get Fit Together Bowling, 1600-2000,

Bowling Center • Weekly Fun 9 Pin No Tap Tournament, 1630, Powling Center

Bowling Center • Bowl the Night Away with "Lights & Strikes", 2000-2400, Bowling Center

#### **ONGOING EVENTS**

• December Special –Macaroni & Cheese Pizza Our delicious macaroni & cheese pizza is back!! Small: \$11 Med: \$15 Large: \$17- Members receive \$2 off any pizza. Try it on a Panino! \$8.25 meal – includes side & drink

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#### CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING 11/24/2017 6:00 PM - 6:30 AM

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## MAIN STREET BOOKS UPCOMING EVENTS

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Saturday December 16, 2017 11 am Join us for a

Saturday December 23, 2017 11am Join us for a

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• Club Member Benefit, Every Wed, 0900-2000, Bowling Center

• Parent & Tot Fit Kids, 0930, Fitness Center

• Story Time, Every Wed, 1030, Base Library

• Cycle, 1200, Fitness Center

• Pre-Deployment Readiness Training, 1300-1400, A&FRC

• 4-H Club, 1600, Youth Center

• Mug Club Special, 1600-1800, Rockers Bar & Grill

• Boss & Buddy \$1 off Draft Special, 1630-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill

• Members Wind Down Wednesday Buffet, 1630-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill

• Wednesday Night Fun Open Bowling, 1700-2100, Bowling Center

• Squadron Extramural League, 1730, Bowling Center

• Yoga, 1830, Fitness Center

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• Winter Reading Program Squadron Contests: 1 Dec, 2017 thru 1 Mar, 2018 Registration is open from 1 Dec, 2017 until 15 Feb, 2018. The squadron whose active duty members read the most CSAF Reading List books and log them for the Base Library's Winter Reading Program will receive a certificate & bragging rights! For more information or to sign up, visit tinyurl.com/MinotLibrary

• Sakakawea Inn Now Accepting Holiday Reservations for 1 Dec. 2017-2 Jan. 2018 Reserve Holiday Guests a room at the Sakakawea Inn. Reservations can be made up to 30 days in advance for up to a 30 day stay. Open to all Military and 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Brentmoor Assisted Living Center. Join the Schumann Guild in this December/Christmas Musicale. All welcome to sing favorite Christmas Carols. Call 701-852-5131 for additional information.

#### **MINOT CHRISTIAN WOMEN**

Holiday Elegance. A fun luncheon is being held for all Minot area ladies at the Grand Hotel, on Tuesday, December 12th, 12:15-2:00 pm \$13.00 inclusive. Program: A wonderful concert of Christmas music will be provided by pianist Linda Lumley & soloist Gina Footh, both from Stanley, ND. We will also get to enjoy a Christmas carol sing-a-long! Speaker, Karyn Person, Lorette, MB, with her husband, runs a small business in the Winnipeg area. She will share her message: "The Gift of Christmas Love." \*\*Join in the fun by wearing black, white, and/or red!! For reservations, contact Darcy at 837-8233 or minotchristianwomens@hotmail.com

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### Chief Wright to Airmen: Know your retirement options

CHIEF MASTER SGT. OF THE AIR FORCE KALETH O. WRIGHT

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- If I had to pick just one thing I'm most passionate about as the Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force, without a doubt it would be taking care of our Airmen and their families professionally, physically, spiritually and financially. I'm a firm believer that these four things go hand in hand. In order to be the best, most resilient Airman possible, you have to balance your professional, physical, spiritual and financial wellness. This is why I'm always looking to arm our Airmen with knowledge to help them grow and make the best decisions possible in their lives.

Part of arming our Airmen with knowledge means providing them the tools necessary to understand and smartly plan their long-range financial goals. But this planning isn't just for Airmen with families; it's vital for all Airmen.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2018, the Department of Defense will transition to the Blended Retirement System. If you haven't heard about BRS, you need to get up to speed now and learn all you can. I need each of you to take an active interest in your financial planning by using every resource we've made available to learn about the BRS.

The BRS gives Airmen an opportunity to save their money in a portable Thrift Savings Plan while receiving matching government funds at the same time. This is the most basic layman's description of the program, which is why I need you to arm yourselves with all of the research and information available. To help you, our Air Force leaders have put together a team of experts ready to provide extensive training. Certified personal financial counselors are available at your Airman and Family Readiness Center. These experts cannot decide for you, but they can help you evaluate which retirement plan is best for you. Every Airman's situation is different, financial goals are unique to each Airman and there is no "one size fits all" decision. Airmen who enter the Air Force on or after Jan. 1, 2018, are automatically covered by the BRS. Active component Airmen serving now and those who enter the Air Force on or before Dec. 31, 2017, will be

grandfathered under the current retirement system. Airmen with fewer than 12 years of active service on Dec. 31, 2017, or Reserve Component Airmen with fewer than 4,320 retirement points as of Dec. 31, 2017, have the choice to opt into the BRS. Reserve Component members' "retirement points" and retirement eligibility for the defined benefit are the same under the BRS as under the current retirement systems. The opt-in window for BRS will run from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

Make your decision knowing only you can determine which system is best for you, and understand that if you opt into BRS, it is irrevocable. You only have one chance to make this choice, so it's imperative you and those involved in making financial decisions for your family fully understand the pros and cons of both retirement systems.

I encourage each of you to take all of the training available on ADLS and utilize the BRS comparison calculator on the Military Compensation website (http://militarypay.defense. gov/Calculators/) before making an appointment with your base financial counselor. The calculator provides a comparison between the current retirement system and the BRS. Doing your homework and preparing your questions ahead of time will help you get the most from your financial counseling appointment. I would like to see all eligible Airmen trained as soon as possible to give everyone time to really think about their options and be fully prepared before making this lifeimpacting decision.

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