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Airman 1st Class Fermin Garcia, 5th Munitions Squadron armament system crew member, shuffles a deck of cards at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., Nov. 30, 2017. Garcia teaches kids at a non-profit magic camp called "Make a scene kids theater," which he volunteers for every Monday of the month.

5th MUNS: The influence of magic

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS DILLON J. AUDIT | 5TH BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

hapter 1: Early years of magic His fingers flipped through a deck of cards, all eyes fixated on him watching his hands move carefully. Machine-like movements and mastery of situational awareness are just a few of his tools.

Growing up with four siblings, he wanted to do something no one in his family had done before, become a magician.

"Magic has always been a big part of my life," said Airman 1st Class Fermin Garcia, 5th Munitions Squadron armament maintenance team member, "I saw my first magician in kindergarten and was amazed at what he could do. I wanted to be like him."

Garcia was born in Corpus Christi, Texas. During his early elementary school years his parents would buy him magic kits at the book fair for practice. "In 3rd grade, I upgraded from scholastic magic," said Garcia. "I performed my first magic show for my 3rd grade class and the teacher loved it. I was nervous but excited because I was doing something that I loved." The love for magic that started years ago blossomed into more than just a hobby.

"After that, read more about magic and practiced card tricks," said Garcia. "But I never worked up the courage to actually show

somebody." Garcia's dedication to perform magic increased as the years passed.

Chapter 2: Executing the magic

As a freshman in high school, Garcia regularly visited his usual magic shop, where he developed a friendship with the owner.

"It was filled with magic and mystery," said Garcia. "Every time I went in there it was an indescribable feeling for me."

The owner, a professional magician whose stage name was Valdino, took Garcia as an apprentice, showing him tips and tricks of the trade. "Valdino referred to magic as having an old coin," said Garcia. "Before you show anyone the coin, you want to make sure it's polished. It's the same with magic, because you polish the trick until it's perfectly executed." Garcia describes having Valdino as a teacher and mentor was career changing for him.

"He taught me magic methods such as sleight of hand and magic secrets," said Garcia. "He also taught me some of his philosophy which helped me grow as a magician and a person." Chapter 3: Air Force life

After high school, Garcia continued to purse magic instead of attending college. His step-brother serving in the Navy and his sister in the Army, convinced him to join the Air Force as a backup plan.

"I didn't initially want to join the Air Force right away because I was fresh out of high school," said Garcia. "Eventually, I wanted to enlist but my parents and siblings convinced me to join right away."

Garcia joined the Air Force in June of 2016. "My favorite thing about the Air Force is seeing the mission get done," said Garcia. "It's really cool to see when all our hard work pays off." During his short time in the Air Force, Garcia realized his magician skills transferred into his everyday life. "My skills as a magician have helped me become more vigilant and sharpened my situational awareness at work," said Garcia. "I'm also more open and confident due to the amount of social interaction when performing in shows." Garcia spends his time off performing at shows



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Airman 1st Class Fermin Garcia, 5th Munitions Squadron armament system crew member, tosses cards in the air at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., Nov. 30, 2017. Garcia spends his off-duty time performing in shows at kid's birthday parties and events on base.

in downtown Minot, kid's birthday parties and some events on base. He also teaches kids at a non-profit magic camp.

His favorite part about being a magician is giving back to the community. "When I perform magic it makes people happy and I use that now because you never know what somebody is going through," said Garcia. "Showing them a simple magic trick can turn their entire day around."

Rebuilding strength: Chaplain assists in relief efforts

TECH. SGT. EVELYN CHAVEZ | 5TH BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

INOT AIR FORCE BASE. N.D. -- In a matter of hours things would never be the same, the unwanted visitor's mission was to destroy anything in its path. The destruction would be something the people would never forget, after all it ripped most from their family members, homes and normalcy.

Miles away from this devastation in the Atlantic Ocean, Capt. Paul Harris, 5th Bomb Wing chaplain, received the short deploymentnotice in Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, to Aguadilla, Puerto Rico. He was one of several Airmen asked to provide relief efforts for the U.S. territory.

Since Hurricane Maria made landfall in Puerto Rico on September 20, 2017, service members from the Department of Defense, like Harris, were prepared to with recovery operations and those in need.

"They told us we would be living in austere conditions," said Harris. "My initial thought was what are we getting ourselves into? No one knew what it was going to be like in the middle of nowhere, we were probably going to sleep under the stars." Harris, with the help of



COURTESY PHOTO

Capt. Paul Harris, 5th Bomb Wing chaplain, hands water to locals during Hurricane Maria relief efforts in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, October 20, 2017. Harris helped deliver about 8 million bottles of water and 5.5 million boxes of food to the people affected by the Hurricane.

Staff Sgt. Shantwiauna Williams, 78th Air Base Wing chaplain assistant, provided religious support for Airmen with the Expeditionary Medical Team and Soldiers, Marines, Guardsmen and other DOD members on convoy missions.

"We were there to help the EMED team but I wanted to do more," said Harris. "The people on the convoys were seeing people suffer and struggle I wanted to reach them as well. Staff Sgt. Williams and I jumped at the opportunity to help with the convoys and ended up doing over 20 convoys. It was a blessing to be able to pass out water and food to the needy people."

During the month-long deployment, Harris helped deliver water and food daily to people in the western part of the island. The convoy team he was assigned to, helped deliver about 8 million bottles of water and 5.5 million boxes of food.

"This was a fantastic mission, every day we went to different areas." said Harris. "I bought a map to check off all the areas we were helping." The convoy teams started their 14-hour day loading trucks with food and water. Each truck carried about 20-50 pallets of supplies to deliver in remote areas. Their distribution routine consisted of two rounds in the same location. One to alert the local people convoy teams where there to deliver items and the second to actually deliver food. During one of the deliveries, Harris remembered an elderly lady, breaking down and crying with excitement. She introduced herself as Alba, and thanked them

for stopping in their neighborhood.

"I was honored and blessed," said Alba. "I was a little emotional because after more than 30 days this was the first time we received any supplies in our neighborhood. I appreciate the generosity of visiting each home." Harris continued

this routine for a month, meeting and helping the people of Puerto Rico.

"One thing I learned from the experience is that people's true determination and the sheer will to live is beyond our wildest imagination," said Harris. "It was amazing to see little kids struggling to carry water for their elderly grandparents, everyone came together. Soldiers would jump off the [convoy] trucks, walk a mile or two to help older people."

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emotions, Harris described his experience to be phenomenal. He was grateful for the call to assist with the relief efforts.

"I wish it was long but I am glad to be home," said Harris. "I have mixed emotions because there I felt completely useful, not that I don't feel useful at Minot, but these people literally need us in Puerto Rico. They still need help and I just want to make sure they get help and that it gets done right."

5 MUNS: ARMAMENT SYSTEMS MAINTAINERS HELP KEEP BOMBS ON TARGET

Airmen from the 5th Munitions Squadron are responsible for maintaining and repairing various munitions equipment at Minot Air Force Base, N.D. An armament systems maintainer's duties include inspecting, repairing and maintaining the B-52H Stratofortress' munitions related equipment.

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The Great Wintry Outside North Dakota is an outdoor lover's delight all year, and December is no exception. Head outdoors to explore the dramatic countryside and discover all the adventure it holds. In the mood for a road trip? Snow on the gently rolling hills, buttes or farmlands provide a peaceful backdrop along scenic byways (http://www.ndtourism. com/best-places/northdakota-scenic-bywaysand-backways-and-more). Spend an hour – or more - hiking or snowshoeing one of many trails within a state park (http://www. ndtourism.com/best-places/ visit-north-dakotas-13state-parks) or at Theodore **Roosevelt National Park**

(https://www.nps.gov/thro/ index.htm). Fat-tire cyclists can enjoy both singletrack and lightly-traveled backroads around the state (http://www.ndtourism.com/ best-places/13-fantastichiking-and-biking-trailsnorth-dakota). The deeper we go into winter, the easier it is to strap on Nordic skis or snowshoes and take in winter's panorama while keeping an eye out for active wildlife. Snowmobiling trails crisscross the state and showcase the spectacular wonder of the Northern Plains (http:// www.ndtourism.com/ best-places/13-great-northdakota-snowmobile-trails). North Dakota's lakes and rivers offer anglers ample opportunities to get out on the water and cast a line, even in the month of December (http://www. ndtourism.com/bestplaces/8-great-fishing-spotsnorth-dakota)!

The Eats and the Drinks For many North Dakotans, nothing says December quite like food and drink. The state's rich dining heritage is on full display – and in high gear - during the holiday season. Savor traditional Scandinavian and German delicacies like lefse, kuchen and krumkake at celebrations across the state and discover for yourself why these delights have stood the test of time. December in North Dakota calls for wintery weather

cocktails, so cozy up in one of the state's establishments to enjoy a hot toddy. Reap the fruits of North Dakota's local harvest along the Brewery and Winery Trail (http://www.ndtourism.com/ best-places/north-dakotabrewery-and-winery-tour).

The Sights and Sounds and Santa

Twinkling lights, ringing bells and joyous carols fill the state in December, so join in the holiday fun. Head downtown with your holiday shopping list and support local retailers while scoring one-of-a-kind finds for your loved ones (http:// www.ndtourism.com/ articles/holiday-shopping). Dress up for an evening out at the ballet (www. northernplainsdance.org; http://www.fmballet.org/), or head to the theater for a musical performance or a play (http://www. bismanchorus.com/; http:// www.minotsymphony.com/ project/holiday-pops-dec-9/; www.lorieline.com/tour. php). Fill a thermos with hot chocolate and take a walk or a drive to enjoy the holiday lighted displays around the community. And don't forget Santa Claus! The man in the red suit will greet believers at multiple spots around the state.

These are just some ways to celebrate the holiday season in North Dakota. For more information, go to NDtourism.com or phone 800-435-5663 or 701-328-2525.

Military Pets Can Fetch \$6,000 in **Exchange Holiday Photo Contest**

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ALLAS – The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is throwing a bone

shopping money as well." To participate in the contest, military shoppers Air Force Exchange Service (Exchange) has gone where Soldiers, Airmen and their

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"WOW provides excellent opportunities for participants with similar interests to gather, try new recreational activities, and acquire basic skills without having to purchase any equipment."

> - WOW Weekend coordinator and Amy Schimetz..

his is one weekend that really lives up to its name: WOW.

For women 16 years of age and older with any level of interest in the outdoors or indoors, for that matter – the 2nd Annual Winter Wild Outdoor Women, weekend Feb. 23 – 25 at Lake Metigoshe State is certain to live up to its name.

Wanna learn flint knappina? Yes, you read that right. State Historical Society of North Dakota archeologist Brooke Morgan will show participants how to make their own stone tools - and they can even keep the tools they make.

Have you ever thought about what goes into making traditional snowshoes?

Well, WOW Weekend women can find out - and they'll have their own handmade snowshoes to prove it.

Appetites will be wetted in classes such as pressure canning, maple snow pops, and Dutch oven cooking.

And then there is Arm Knitting. It could be said that participants will be wrapped in their projects as they use their hands and arms to create a unique cowl. "You get that chunkier, open look," WOW Weekend coordinator Amy Schimetz explained. Bring two skeins of super soft worsted or bulky weight yard and become wrapped up in knitting. It's a great art form even for those without any knitting experience, Schimetz added.

That's the tip of the iceberg when it comes to course options.

Some classes are indoors while others take adventurers outside day or night – or both.

Along with hands-on participation in traditional take different classes. winter activities such as cross-country skiing, darkhouse spearfishing, and snowshoeing, the WOW Weekend offers an array of courses inside and out.

mobile certification course, or "things that go bump in the night" while snowshoeing in the park after dark, among several other new and unique classes and activities designed to take people outside in the winter as well as find new ways to spend those long winter nights, Schimetz described.

The Renville County Sheriff's Dept., N.D. State Forest Service, Bottineau Winter Park, State Historical Society of North Dakota, and N.D. Game and Fish Dept. are partnering with Schimetz, N.D. Parks and Recreation Department, and Lake Metigoshe State Park, providing instructors and equipment.

Participants have the option of attending as few or as many classes as they want, Schimetz said, which attracts many women with limited time availability.

The skinny on WOW Weekend:

*Feb. 23 – 25, 2018. *Lake Metigoshe State Park.

*Registration available beginning at noon Dec.18 online at N.D. Parks and Recreation Dept. website (www.parkrec.ndgov) or downloaded forms can be mailed to Amy Schimetz, #2 Lake Metigoshe State Park, Bottineau, N.D. 58318. Schimetz encourages online registration, however.

*Class descriptions and full schedule are also available on the Parks and Recreation Dept. website.

*Registration deadline Jan. 22, 2018.

*Classes filled as registrations received.

*Workshop open to women 16 years of age and older. Those ages 16 and 17 must attend with a parent or guardian but they can

to military pets and their owners this holiday season with the Holiday Pet Photo Contest.

Through Dec. 22, authorized Exchange shoppers can submit a photo of their pet dressed in holiday attire or with Santa. Two grand-prize winners will each fetch a \$1,000 shopping spree and eight runners up will receive a \$500 Exchange gift card.

"Pets play a huge role in the lives of families," said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Luis Reves, the Exchange's senior enlisted advisor. "This contest is a great way for families to share their furry and sometimes scaly friends with the world and maybe win a little extra holiday

can log onto https://www. shopmyexchange.com/ sweepstakes/sweepstakes-Holiday-Pet-Photo to submit their photo. Winners will be notified no later than Dec. 30. Facebook Friendly Version Through Dec. 22, authorized Exchange shoppers can submit a photo of their pet dressed in holiday attire or with Santa. Two grand-prize winners will each fetch a \$1,000 shopping spree and eight runners up will receive a \$500 Exchange gift card. To participate in the contest, military shoppers can log onto https://www. shopmyexchange.com/ sweepstakes/sweepstakes-Holiday-Pet-Photo to submit their photo.

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families go to improve the quality of their lives by providing valued goods and services at exclusive military pricing. The Exchange is the 56th-largest retailer in the United States. Its earnings provided \$2.4 billion in dividends to support military morale, welfare and recreation programs over the last 10 years. The Exchange is a non-appropriated fund entity of the Department of Defense and is directed by a Board of Directors. To find out more about the Exchange history and mission or to view recent press releases please visit our Web site at http://www.shopmyexchange. com or follow us on Twitter at https://twitter.com/ ExchangePAO.

In addition to flint knapping, new sessions include a self-defense course, snow-

*Fees range from \$20 to \$85 per session depending on the activity.

register *Participants for their desired number of classes, dining, and lodging options with their total fee dependent on their selections.



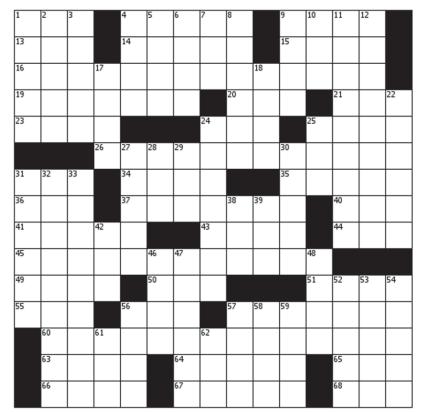
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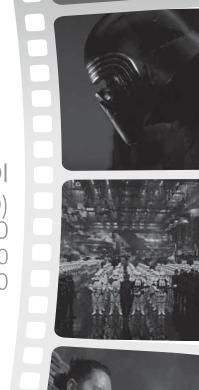
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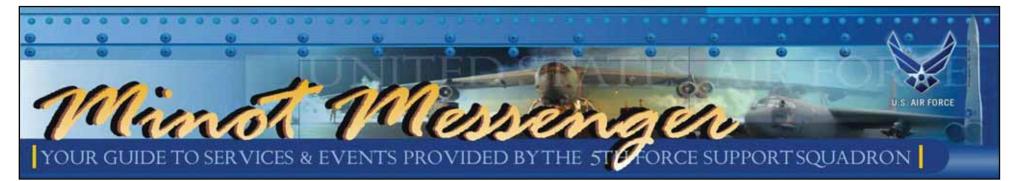




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Dinner With Santa At Rockers Bar & Grill On December 21



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.*

Free Admission For Club Members To UFC Fight Night

Club members receive FREE admission to the UFC 219 pay-per-view event at Rockers Bar & Grill on Saturday, December 30. Non-members price is only \$7.

The action features the UFC Women's Featherweight championship bout between current champion Cris Cyborg and former UFC Bantamweight champion Holly Holm. Other main event action will feature a UFC Lightweight fight between undefeated and #2 ranked Khabib Nurmagomedov and #3 ranked Edson Barboza. A UFC Bantamweight battle will see #4 ranked Jimmie Rivera taking on Brazilian John Lineker while a heated UFC Women's Strawweight bout is expected when undefeated Cynthia Calvillo takes on former champion Carla Esparza. The main card also features a welterweight showdown between Neil Magny and #8 ranked Carlos Condit as well as



additional exciting UFC action.

Preliminaries begin at 7 p.m. with the main card starting at 9 p.m. This is an adults only event - no children. For more details, call 727-ROCK.

Youth Basketball & Cheerleading Registration Begins Jan. 3



The Youth Center is holding Youth Basketball and Cheerleading registration for Youth Center members 3-12 years of age from January 3 through January 31. Cost for Youth Basketball is \$30 for Smart Start ages 3 & 4 and \$40 for ages 5-12. Cost for Cheerleading is \$30 for ages 3 & 4 and also for ages 5-12. New cheerleading uniforms are required (please see Youth programs for details).

Youth Center membership and a current immunization record are required to be on file prior to registration. Both the Youth Basketball and Cheerleading seasons begin on March 13. For additional information, please contact the Youth Center at 723-2838.

Water Safety Instructor Course Offered By ODR



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.

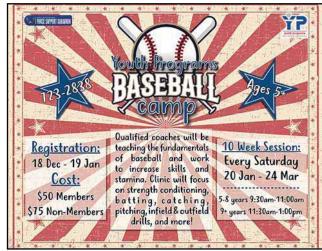
For 5th Force Support Job Opportunities, visit www.nafjobs.org or call NAF Human Resources at 723-2812



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.

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CLUB MEMBER DRAWING ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 WILL BE FOR \$650.

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 15 at Rockers Bar & Grill and the Jimmy Doolittle Center. Drawing time varies each week between 5:30-6:30 p.m.





FAMILY and YOUTH EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Dec 20 Bundles For Babies

Expectant mothers are invited to attend Bundles For Babies at the Airmen and Family Readiness Center on December 20 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 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.

Dec 21 - Mar 19 Winter Challenges

Need some activities to liven up the winter months? The base library is offering a number of fun activities from December 21 through March 19. They are hosting a Photo Scavenger Hunt where you can pick up a list of items to photograph at the library on or after December 21 and then submit your photos featuring a team member and each item on the list on or before March 19. The library is also holding Lego Challenges where you complete a different challenge each week at the library's Lego Table. Plus they are hosting S.T.E.A.M. Challenges with a different challenge each week. For more details, 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.



YOUNG AIRMEN EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Dec 15 Friday Night Karaoke

Come and show off your talent during Friday Night Karaoke at Rockers Bar & Grill on December 15 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 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.

Dec 27-29 Christmas Vacation Special

Are your children needing something fun to do during their holiday break from school? Rough Rider Lanes is offering a Christmas Vacation Bowling Special from December 27-29. Children 17 years of age and younger can bowl for \$2 per game and \$1.50 shoe rental from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Youth league bowlers cost is \$1 per game and FREE shoe rental. For additional information, call Rough Rider Lanes at 727-4715.

Jan 2 Drop 2 Sizes

Is weight loss one of your New Year's resolutions? The Fitness Center invites everyone who would like to get into better shape in 2018 to join their FREE Drop 2 Sizes program. This 12 week program begins at 12 p.m. on January 2 and features twice per week workouts, monthly meetings, journaling, and prizes for all. Registration opens on December 19. For more information, contact the Fitness Center at 723-2145.

Jan 3 Tot Open Gym

The Youth Center is offering Tot Open Gym for children 5 years of age and under starting January 3 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30-11 a.m. Every week, a different fitness focus will be available for open gym time. A parent or adult must be present and active with children at all times. Cost is \$3 per visit, per family for Youth Center members and \$6 per visit, per family for non-members. A shot record is required for multiple attendances. For additional information, please contact the David C. Jones Youth Center at 723-2838.



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.

Jan 6 New Year New You Fitness Event

Start the new year off right by enjoying a great FREE fitness event. The Fitness Center is hosting the New Year New You fitness event on Saturday, January 6 from 9-11 a.m. in the aerobics room. This 2-hour multi class, multi instructor event is a terrific way to begin an exercise regime in 2018. 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.

Maj Winell De Mesa, 891 MSFS commander congratulates Mrs. Vanessa Melvin for her second place finish in the Spouse Category of the 2017 Air Force Entertainer of the Year competition. Mrs. Melvin is the spouse of SSgt Jeremy Melvin.

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U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO | AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JONATHAN MCELDERRY

From left, Col. Matthew Brooks, 5th Bomb Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Paul Elliott, 5th BW command chief, donate to the Combined Federal Campaign at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., Dec. 4, 2017. The 2017-2018 Minot AFB CFC began Nov. 29, 2017 and will run until Jan. 10, 2018.

Combined Federal Campaign 2017: Show Some Love

COURTESY ARTICLE | MINOT AIR FORCE BASE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

INOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. --The 2017-2018 Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota Combined Federal Campaign kicked off Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017 and runs until Jan. 10, 2018.

This year, Team Minot's campaign goal is 100 percent contact across both the 5th Bomb Wing and the 91st Missile Wing.

The 2017-2018 campaign will be accomplished primarily online at https:// cfcgiving.opm.gov.

Paper pledge forms are available to personnel without access to a computer and can be acquired through their squadron or group representatives. Established in 1961, the CFC is the world's largest and most successful workplace charity campaign, with more than 200 CFC campaigns throughout the country and internationally.

Over its 56-year history, the CFC has raised \$8.2 billion and has provided an inexpensive way for many smaller charitable organizations to receive donations.

Pledges made by retiree, federal civilian, postal and military donors during the campaign season support eligible non-profit organizations that provide health and human service benefits throughout the world.

This year, members may pledge volunteer hours in addition to monetary donations. Each year, thousands of charities depend on the CFC for support. Contributions can be made online or through squadron or group representatives by check or payroll deduction.

Donors may designate which charity, or charities, receives their pledge by filling out a pledge form.

This year's Minot AFB campaign theme is "Show Some Love". In these difficult economic times, we can give aid and hope to those who need it most. Each member of the Minot AFB family can make a difference.

Please notify your squadron or group representative after your volunteer or monetary pledge is made.









Local shelter

awarded grant

TONYA STUART-MELLAND NORTHERN SENTRY

Minot, ND - Today was a very special day for the Souris Valley Animal Shelter, they were awarded \$10,000 from Petco Foundation. Bringing them to \$605,000 which is their halfway point to their capital campaign for their phase one remodel of the shelter.

Souris Valley Animal Shelter was nominated for the 2017 Holiday Wishes People's Choice Award by Julie Mariott who adopted Scooter a fun loving double amputee pup,



earlier this year. At his birth, someone saw Scooter as a burden and discarded him on the side of the road. He was rescued from a ditch, barely clinging to life, extremely malnourished, and the only puppy in his litter who was still alive. Souris Valley Animal Shelter, sought immediate medical treatment. There was little hope of survival due to the extent of his condition and the cost of his care. The veterinarians did everything they could and saved Scooter's life, but he needed both of his back legs amputated. Even though he is different he is unaware that he has a disability. He sees himself as just another dog, he could teach us all a lot.

NFL quarterback visits Minot Airmen

MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. -- Eric Hipple, former Detroit Lions quarterback, spoke with Airmen about suicide prevention and mental health. Since the loss of his 15-year-old son Jeff to suicide, Eric has committed himself to the educating people about mental health issues.

U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTOS | AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JESSICA WEISSMAN

TODAY

- 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
- Club Member Cash Drawing, 1730-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill and Jimmy Doolittle 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,
- Bowling Center

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

- NFL Sunday Ticket Football Frenzy, 1130-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill
 - Family Zumba, 1400, Fitness Center

MONDAY

- Baseball Camp Registration opens at the Youth Center
 - Tactical Fitness, 0630, Fitness Center
- Accessing Higher Education Track, 0800-1600, A&FRC, held at the Education Center
 - Cycle, 1200, Fitness Center
 - Reintegration Briefing, 1300-1400, A&FRC
 - Off-Base Budget Class, 1430-1600, A&FRC
 - Newbery Book Club, 1530, Base Library
 - Yoga, 1730, Fitness Center

 - Weight Lifting 101, 1730, Fitness Center
 - Craft Club, 1800, Base Library
 - Zumba, 1830, Fitness Center

TUESDAY

- Registration opens for Drop 2 Sizes (D2S) at the Fitness Center
 - Game Day, 1000-1930, Base Library
 - Fit to Fight, 1100, Fitness Center
 - Off-Base Budget Class, 1430-1600, A&FRC • Family Fun Night, 1700-2100, Rough Riders
- Pizza
 - Urban Boot Camp, 1830, Fitness Center
 - Cycle, 1930, Fitness Center

WEDNESDAY

- Bundles for Babies, 0900-1030, A&FRC
- 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

- Off-Base Budget Class, 1430-1600, A&FRC
- Fitness Hour, 1600-1700, Youth Center
- Dinner with Santa Club Members Only,
- 1700-1900, Rockers Bar & Grill
 - Weight Lifting 101, 1730, Fitness Center
 - Craft Club, 1800, Base Library
 - Mixed Couples League, 1830, Bowling Center
 - Have a Ball Bowling League Sports Theme,
- 1830, Bowling Center
 - Cycle, 1930, Fitness Center

UPOMING EVENTS - DECEMBER 22

• Last day to register for the Water Safety Instructor (WSI) Certification Course at Outdoor Rec

- Tactical Fitness, 0630, Fitness Center
- Zumba, 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

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

Bowling Center

UPOMING EVENTS - DECEMBER 23

 Tactical Strength & Fitness, 0900, Fitness Center

- Youth Bowling League, 1000, Bowling Center
- Yoga, 1000, Fitness Center
- Get Fit Together Bowling, 1600-2000,
- Bowling Center
- Rockers Open for Dinner Service ONLY, 1600-2100, Rockers Bar & Grill

• Weekly Fun 9 Pin No Tap Tournament, 1630, 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

 B-Fifty Brew Drink Special December Special – Eggnog Fog A Holiday drink comprised of Earl Grey tea, vanilla syrup, and our seasonal milk choice, Eggnog. Tall \$4.50 Grande \$5.00 Venti \$5.50

• Auto Hobby Specials December 12-20: \$1 off Stall Fees- Regular Flat Stall Price \$3/hour- SPE-CIAL PRICE \$2/hour Regular Lift Stall Price \$6/ hour– SPECIAL PRICE \$5/hour; Please ask for the special December 21-31: \$1 off Tire Balancing – Regular Price \$6.50 per tire – SPECIAL PRICE

\$5.50 per tire; Please ask for the special • Winter Reading Program : 1 Dec, 2017 thru 1

Mar, 2018 Sign up for the Library's Winter Reading Program and stay warm with some good books!

Registration open from 1 Dec, 2017 until 15 Feb, 2018. Adults and teens who read an log CSAF Reading list titles or books read for fun will receive prizes & chances to win bigger prizes! For more information or to sign up, visit tinyurl.com/Minot-Library

• Winter Reading Program Squadron Contests:

MAIN STREET BOOKS UPCOMING

EVENTS Tuesday at 10:30 am Dec. 5, Dec. 12, Dec. 19, Dec. 26 and Thursday at 10:30 am Dec. 7, Dec. 14, Dec. 21, Dec. 28. Story Time with Miss Danielle or Miss Cassie. Miss Danielle & Miss Cassie love finger plays and nursery rhymes, songs and engaging your littlest one (or two) in the magic of story. More info at mainstreetbooksminot.com Sunday, December 10, 2017 1pm - 3pm Join us as we welcome Stephen Bolduc and Amy Phillips as they talk about their new book "The Prairie Post Office."

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 7:00 pm TOOT! TOOT! What's that?? It's the Polar Express pulling into Main Street Books! Join Us Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00PM for our annual Polar Express Party! Enjoy a reading of the Polar Express, a surprise visitor, and a FREE hot chocolate bar! No tickets needed this year but a free will offering is appreciated so we can keep this event happening year after year!

Saturday Dec. 9, Dec. 16, and Dec. 23 12pm - 2pm Ho! Ho! Ho! Santa Claus is coming to Main Street Books. From 12:00pm – 2:00pm, Santa will be down at the store, ready to hear about who's been naughty or nice this year! And of course, you can take your own FREE PICTURES with Santa! Saturday December 9, 2017 11 am Join us for a reading of "Hoot & Peep: A Song for Snow" with a craft and snack to follow.

Thursday Dec. 14 Join us the night of the Holiday Train. From 5-9 free Glow lite for kids hot cider, candy canes and store specials. Saturday December 16, 2017 11 am Join us for a

reading of "The Snowy Day" with a craft and snack

Saturday December 23, 2017 11am Join us for a

reading of "Santa's Sleigh is on its way to North

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month we will host a friendly chess and checkers

competition. People of any age are welcome to play

at the library. If you do not know how to play, come

learn how! For more information, please contact the

Minot Public Library. The Minot Public Library is

excited to offer a coloring club for adults! The club

will meet the third Saturday of every month from

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. The Color Me Happy Coloring

Club gives grown-ups an opportunity to unwind

provide all the supplies you need to relax and get creative, but you are welcome to bring your own.

No registration is necessary; for more information

and take part in some childlike fun. MPL will

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

• Off-Base Budget Class, 1430-1600, 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

THURSDAY

• Library Winter Challenges Start

• Yoga, 1000, Fitness Center

 Creative Kids Class, 1030-1100, Arts & Crafts Center

- Weight Lifting 101, 1100, Fitness Center
- Muscle Pump, 1130, Fitness Center

Reintegration Briefing, 1300-1400, A&FRC

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 Civilian Personnel assigned to Minot AFB. Call today to make your reservation! (701) 248-7000 or DSN: 453-6161

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RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM -1 STEP AT A TIME, DINE TO DONATE 12/19/2017 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Applebees, Minot ND. Come Support American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Dine to Donate at Applebees, Tuesday Dec.19,2017 from 5 PM-9PM. Applebees will donate 20% of meals purchased during this time. Most people know someone who has had cancer and Relay for Life helps all cancer patients. It's a great cause to support just before the Holidays!

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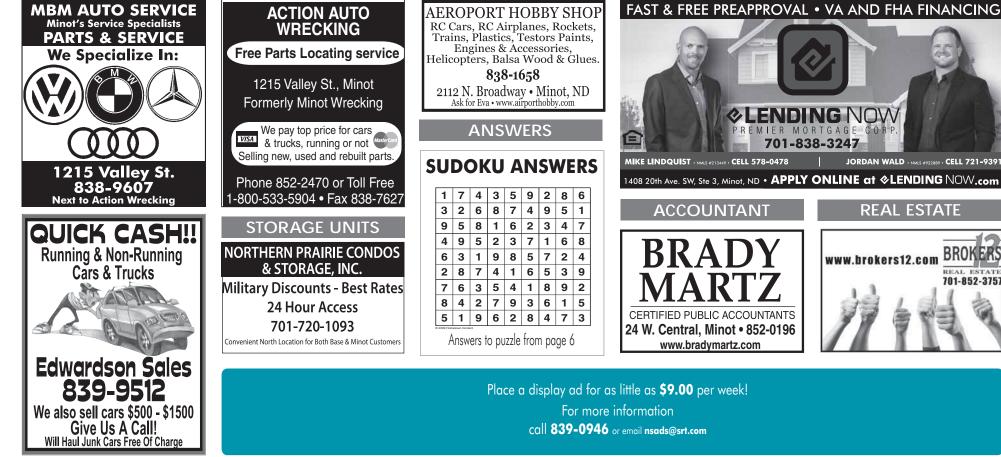


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1:00 - 5:00 PM: Roxi Mathis & Rachel Alfaro 904 10th Ave NW

1:00 - 5:00 PM: Carol Fielhaber 5800 62nd Street SW

Events are FREE to attend!

from 1:00-2:00 and Nancy's Fancies will have jewelry demos throughout the day. Nancy is from Minot and has been creating jewelry for over 10 years as a way to be creative.

• Artmain will have 25% all apparel & enjoy holiday refreshments.

• Budget Music & Video will have in store specials & live performance by Wild Hands at 3:00.

ARISTS' STUDIO TOURS

• Walter Piehl, North Dakota native, is known for his expressionist style working with rodeo and North Dakota themes. 12:00-1:00. 119 West Central Ave, East of Broadway Bridge downtown Minot.

• Roxi Mathis (painting) and Rachel Alfaro (fiber arts) open their home studio 1:00-5:00. 904 10th Avenue NW, 2 blocks West of MSU

Roxi spent her childhood growing up on a ranch in the badlands of Amidon, ND. The influence of nature and ranch life makes itself known in her artistic style. Animals, landscapes and organic imagery is prevalent in her work.

• Carol Fielhaber (mixed media) The purpose at the heart my work is to encourage each individual as well as societies, communities, and cultures to be empowered. Carol's studio is located 5800 62nd Street SW, 5 miles SW of Walmart. Look for signs! Go to www.mltvacations.com to view open positions and apply!



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