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SENIOR AIRMAN ROBERT MCILRATH | 82ND TRAINING WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) --

n January 2018, on the took action. side of U.S. 287, Maj. Justin Warner placed his well-being on the line to save two strangers whose vehicle had just flipped and caught on fire.

Warner was heading toward Dallas when he witnessed an SUV go off the road and flip, coming to a stop on its side.

"I was the first one to see it," Warner said. "I stopped and started running toward their car, calling 911 as I made my way to them, but then the vehicle's engine bay caught on fire so my mindset fire." shifted."

Forgetting about the

emergency call and his own safety, Warner immediately

"I saw that there were two people in the vehicle that would need some help getting out since the car was on its side," he said. "I climbed up on top of the vehicle and basically pulled them through the driver's side window."

Warner mentioned that he was worried the fire would spread and cause the vehicle to explode.

"I had the same mindset from the second I saw the fire," he said. "I knew I had to get them away from the

Warner carried the driver's daughter, who had sustained

an ankle injury during the crash, while the father was able to walk to safety. Soon after, the vehicle exploded in flames.

By this point, other motorists had stopped and called emergency services.

"When the emergency vehicles got there, they pretty much took them away quickly and I didn't get to

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Maj. Justin Warner, 97th Flying Training Squadron IFF instructor, stands next to retired Air Force Lt. Col. Stephen Wolfe and his daughter after being awarded the Airman's Medal Nov. 27, 2018, at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. Warner pulled Wolfe and his daughter out of their burning vehicle in January 2018 after it flipped several times. The Airman's Medal is the Air Force's highest non-combat award and is given for acts of heroism, usually at the voluntary risk of their own life.

U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTOS | SENIOR AIRMAN ROBERT L. MCILRATH

Photo Inset: Fire engulfs an SUV after a rollover accident on U.S. 287 about 5 miles north of Bowie, Texas, Jan. 17, 2018. Maj. Justin Warner, a 97th Flying Training Squadron introduction to fighter fundamentals instructor at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, was awarded the Airman's Medal Nov. 27, 2018, for heroism when he pulled retired Air Force Lt. Col. Stephen Wolfe and his daughter from the vehicle moments before the fire had spread.

PHOTO COURTESY | THE BOWIE NEWS







maturity and stoicism beyond his years, and was always level-headed, no matter the situation," said Lt. Col. Gregory Walsh, 26th STS commander. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dylan's family, fiancé, and friends. He will be sorely missed, but never forgotten.

Shortly after graduating Hopewell High School in Pennsylvania, Elchin enlisted in the U.S. Air Force as a special tactics combat controller on Aug. 7, 2012. He immediately entered the twoyear combat control training program and upon completion of the pipeline, he was assigned to the 26th STS at Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico.

"(Dylan) was the guy everyone wanted to be around, in even the worst of times he had a smile on his face and a way to lighten things up," said a special tactics officer and former team leader of Elchin. "He was always doing whatever it took to get the job done."

Elchin was a qualified military static line jumper, free fall jumper, an Air Force qualified combat scuba diver, and a qualified joint terminal attack controller. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal with Valor, Air Force

Medal, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award, Air Force Noncommissioned Officer Professional Military **Education Graduate** Ribbon, Air Force Training Ribbon and NATO Medal.

Elchin was also a Distinguished Graduate of Airman Leadership School.

As a special tactics combat controller, Elchin was specially trained and equipped for immediate deployment into combat operations to conduct global access, precision strike, and personnel recovery operations. He was skilled in reconnaissance operations, air traffic control and terminal attack control operations.

The 26th STS is part of the 720th Special Tactics Group, 24th Special Operations Wing, the only special tactics wing in the Air Force.

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CAPT. KOREY FRATINI | U.S. AIR FORCES IN EUROPE - AIR FORCES AFRICA

STOCKHOLM (AFNS) -our Swedish air U.S. Air Medals during a ceremony in Stockholm Nov. 28, recognizing their actions that took place over 31 years ago. Until last year the details of their mission remained classified.

During the 1980s, the height of the Cold War was still being felt. The U.S. was flying regular SR-71 aircraft reconnaissance missions in international waters over the Baltic Sea known as "Baltic Express" missions. But on June 29, 1987, during one of those missions, an SR-71 piloted by retired Lt. Cols. Duane Noll and Tom Veltri, experienced an inflight emergency.

Experiencing engine failure in one of their engines, they piloted the aircraft down to approximately 25,000 feet over Swedish airspace where they were intercepted by two different pairs of Swedish air force Viggens.

"We were performing an ordinary peace time operation exercise," recalled retired Maj. Roger Moller, Swedish air force Viggen pilot. "Our fighter controller then asked

me are you able to make an interception and identification force pilots received of a certain interest. I thought immediately it must be an SR-71, otherwise he would have mentioned it. But at that time I didn't know it was the Blackbird."

> According to the Air Medal citation, once the Swedish pilots intercepted the SR-71, they assessed the emergency situation and decided to render support to the aircraft by defending it from any potential will never know what would third-party aircraft that might have fried to threaten it. The pilots then accompanied the aircraft beyond the territorial boundaries and ensured that it was safely recovered.

"I can't say enough about these gentlemen," said Veltri, who was at the ceremony. "I am so amazingly grateful for what they did, but also for the opportunity to recognize them in the fashion we are doing. What these guys did is truly monumental."

Noll, who was not able to be at the ceremony, recorded a message which was played to those in attendance.

"Your obvious skills and iudgement were definitely demonstrated on that faithful day many years ago. I want to thank you for your actions

Swedish Air Force Col. Lars-Erik Blad, Maj. Roger Moller, Maj. Krister Sjober, and retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Tom Veltri stand beside the official photo which depicts the event that earned the Swedish pilots their U.S. Air Medals in Stockholm, Nov. 28, 2018. The Swedish airmen risked their lives to save an SR-71 and the aircrew, reired Lt. Cols. Tom Veltri and Duane Noll, on June 29,

> U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO | SENIOR AIRMAN KELLY O'CONNOR

on that day," said Noll. "We or could have happened, but because of you, there was no international incident. The U.S. Air Force did not lose an irreplaceable aircraft, and two crew members' lives were saved. Lt. Col. Veltri and I can't thank you sufficiently for what you prevented. Thank you for being highly skilled and dedicated patriotic fellow aviators."

U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. John Williams, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa mobilization assistant to the commander, presented the Air Medals to Swedish air force Col. Lars-Eric Blad, Maj. Roger Moller, Maj. Krister Sjoberg and Lt. Bo Ignell.

"That day in 1987 showed us that we can always count on our Swedish partners in times of great peril," said Williams. "Even when there was both political risk and great physical risk in the form of actual danger, there was no hesitation on your part to preserve the pilots on that day."

The presentation of Air Medals to the Swedish pilots represented the gratitude from the U.S. and the continued longstanding partnership with Sweden.

Deploying mental health car e downr ange

SHIREEN BEDI, AIR FORCE SURGEON GENERAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AFNS)

eployed mental health providers play a vital role in delivering medical care downrange, ensuring the health of the warfighter and the mission.

Even though service members who deploy are medically ready, both physically and mentally, the rigors of deployment can take a toll.

"Deployments can be stressful and service members are away from their normal coping mechanisms," said Capt. Karen Schaefer, a forensic psychology postdoctoral fellow at the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Quantico, Virginia, who deployed in April 2017 for seven

months. "When those stressors become too much, deployed service members must have access to care."

According to Maj. Michael Ann Glotfelter, director of clinical health psychology at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, deployed mental health providers

fulfill different capacities than support for service members. they do in garrison. One of the reasons for this is that Airmen not quite sure where to go who deploy are stable from a mental health perspective, meaning there is less need for prolonged care.

"In a deployed location, we mainly focus on prevention and early intervention," said Glotfelter. "We use channels such as briefs about normal adjustment on arrival, and base-wide events to shift service members' perspectives toward the positives in our daily lives"

Much of what mental health providers do downrange involves things like classes on sleep or resiliency, working with units on basic stress management, being available for individual, one-on-one counseling for more elevated issues or concerns, and setting deployment can take a toll up programs for targeted interventions.

to deployed service members," in armed services, providing said Schaefer. "That program delivers educational materials that keep them healthy and in and gives first responders a

chance to speak specifically about combat operational stress, over the course of four sessions."

In a deployed setting, these types of interventions helps service members stay in the fight and support the mission. "We saw people for

insomnia and other sleeprelated issues and within two to three visits, we were able to address those issues to improve their sleep quality," said Maj. Adam Dell, the 71st Flying Training Wing flight commander and director of psychological health at Vance AFB, Oklahoma.

Schaefer explains the mental health in a deployed setting reduces the number of aeromedical evacuations for mental health reasons, because they provided the necessary

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> -MAJ. ADAM DELL, THE 71ST FLYING TRAINING WING FLIGHT COMMANDER & DIRECTOR OF PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH AT VANCE AFB, OKLAHOMA.

> > "We had people who were next and felt that the only way they could get better was to go home," said Schaefer. "With treatment and facilitating slight changes, people overcame those stressors and continued doing their job."

As Dell explains, deployment is stressful and many service members may have normal reactions to possibly stressful situations. Deployed mental health providers provide critical support for the warfighter, ensuring their resiliency, maintaining readiness, and safeguarding their ability to perform downrange.

"I believe that our best men and women are still men and women at best, and on their mental health," said Dell. "Our goal (as mental "One targeted intervention is health providers) is to foster the Combat Operational Stress that strong sense of belonging Control program, only offered among our brothers and sisters any support and interventions the fight."



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# Team Minot Air man receives Bronze Star Medal

SENIOR AIRMAN ALYSSA M. AKERS | 5TH BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. --

McAlpin, 5th Civil Engineer .Squadron heavy repair superintendent, received a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement while deployed to Syria.

McAlpin's deployed responsibilities were to oversee repair and maintenance for the Kobani Landing Zone, a semiprepared dirt runway.

"As a heavy repair superintendent, I was responsible for the maintenance and repair of the landing zone after air operations commenced for the day," said McAlpin. "Essentially, I was responsible for maintaining operational capability."

When he first arrived, the Battle of Raqqa was underway. After Raqqa's liberation from ISIS in mid-October 2017, the landing zone saw a three to four times that if they placed an inch increase of aircraft passing through.

"When we first got there, we were out on the strip doing off afterwards and continue maintenance for roughly 12, 14, and sometimes even 16 hours at a time," said McAlpin. "We knew how important our jobs were so through thick or thin, long hours or not, we were going to make sure it was ready."

crew began to see the ways they could make the landing zone run better. Each day, they recorded issues within the zone and kept a running log for future endeavors.

"The quicker we were able to identify any issues, aster Sgt. Philip the quicker we were able to McAlpin, 5th address them," said McAlpin. "As we became more familiar with our practices, it inevitably shaved time off daily. By the time [the deployment ended], we were down to about 3 to 4 hours [on the strip], so it was a tremendous difference."

McAlpin changed many things throughout the landing effective changes, word zone, including the way aircraft landed, created better leadership chain and he was

contingency during rain operations and shaving unnecessary work from the plan, making his Airmen work faster and more effectively.

After rain fell in the area, the landing zone may be unusable for a couple of days due to the soil not

the strip. McAlpin discovered writing of the Air Force of soil down across the zone in preparation, they could effectively scrape that inch operations within the same

"What was critical for our team was to make sure that if there were any distresses apparent, we came up with a plan to address and correct them to ensure we maintained happening." Over time, McAlpin and his it operational at all times," said McAlpin.

the strip more effective was when they were required to move a helicopter pad from one side to the other.

"We would normally pack up the helicopter pad, move it, then set it back up

over the course of a couple days," said McAlpin. "With permission, we were allowed to find a new way to drag the pad to the other side. What would normally take us a couple days turned into just a few hours of work."

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> -MASTER SGT. PHILIP MCALPIN, 5TH CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON HEAVY REPAIR SUPERINTENDENT

being dry enough to prepare asked to help with the future Tactics, Techniques and Procedures 3-32.21, Semi-Prepared Runway Sustainment Operations (SPRO).

> Not too long after, McAlpin began to hear rumors of his upcoming Bronze Star Medal.

"It's rare to hear of someone receiving a bronze star," said McAlpin. "It wasn't until the morning [they presented it] that I realized it was actually

Although McAlpin was the recipient of the medal, he Another way McAlpin made knew that it wasn't solely for the work he completed.

> "It's more of a team effort, and I'm eternally grateful for being a part of it," said





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McAlpin. "When we first arrived and were working long he will never forget his hours, I knew I wasn't going to let my Airmen work up to 16 hour workdays for the duration of the deployment. One of my main concerns were making sure our Airmen weren't burned out since they were the ones doing the job." Continuing forward, he

knows that no matter what, deployment.

"The Airmen always had the mentality to help, no matter how long they worked," said McAlpin. "I will be forever grateful. Anytime I look at this Bronze Star, I'll remember my team out there."



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- 23. Actor Kristofferson
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- 30. Goes bad
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- 32. Daily weather statistics
- **36**. Baby bringer?
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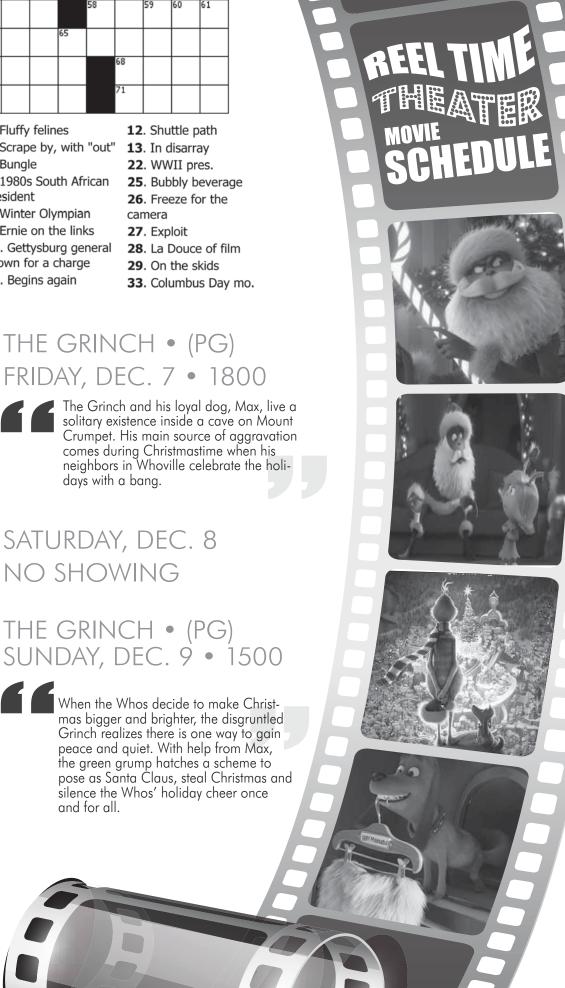
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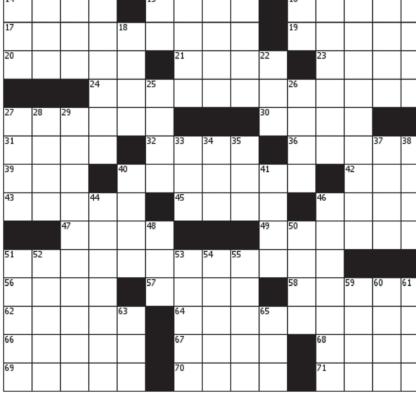
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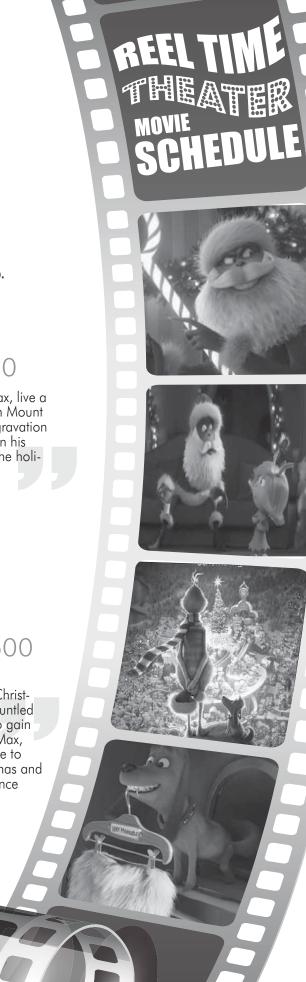
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52. Being kept cold

53. Rope fiber

- 59. Nintendo alternative
- 60. Latin list ender
- 44. Bit of instant coffee, 61. Rectangle part
  - 63. Words \_\_ minute
  - 65. Vietnam suffix



# Roasted Broccoli & CHEDDAR SOUP



A creamy broccoli and cheddar soup with the concentrated flavour of roasted broccoli.

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 large bunch broccoli, cut into florets
- 1 tablespoon oil
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 teaspoon thyme, chopped
- 3 cups vegetable broth or chicken broth or chicken stock or ham broth
- 1 1/2 cups aged cheddar, shredded
- 1 cup milk or cream
- 1 tablespoon grainy mustard (optional)
- salt and pepper to taste

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Toss the broccoli florets in the oil along with the salt and pepper, arrange them in a single layer on a large baking sheet and roast in a preheated 400F/200C oven until lightly golden brown, about 20-30 minutes.
- Heat the oil in a large sauce pan over medium heat, add the onion and saute until tender, about 5-7 minutes.
- Add the garlic and thyme and saute until fragrant, about a minute.
- Add the broth and broccoli, bring to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer, covered, for 20
- Puree the soup until it reaches your desired consistency with a stick blender.
- Mix in the cheese, let it melt without bringing it to boil again.
  Mix in the milk and mustard, season with salt and pepper and remove from heat.

Slow Cooker: Implement step 1, optionally implement steps 2 & 3, place everything but the milk and cheese in the slow cooker and cook on low for 6-10 hours or on high for 2-4 hours before mixing in the milk and cheese, letting the cheese melt and then pureeing the soup. Option: If you like a thicker, creamier and healthier soup use pureed white beans instead of the

Option: Start the soup out by cooking 4 strips of bacon, use the grease to cook the vegetables instead of the oil and serve the soup garnished with the crumbled bacon. Option: Add diced ham.



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# One step at a time

**AIRMAN 1ST CLASS MICHAEL S. MURPHY** 11TH WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JOINT BASE ANDREWS, Md. (AFNS) -

enior Master Sgt. David Snyder put on his physical training uniform and fought the tension inside his chest. It was the day of his annual PT test. Like all his tests before, he had been preparing for months. But this time, he was a lot more nervous.

He bent down and tied his single black shoe, mentally preparing himself to push himself harder than he ever had before.

He drove himself to the site. He did as many pushups and sit-ups as he could in 60 seconds, he ran a mile and a half, and he got his waist measured. In the end, he easily passed the test with a score of 84.4 – with a prosthetic where one of his legs used to be.

Five months prior, Snyder had lost his left leg in a motorcycle accident.

"It's a series of unfortunate events that led to it," he said, recalling a change to his planned route. "I have an Apple iPhone, and of course it want[ed] to save me 7 minutes."

Riding his sleek black Harley Davidson on an empty back road in Alabama, Snyder was heading back from a weekend trip to Florida with his uncle. The California native was on his way to Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama where he was attending Senior NCO Academy.

He said the morning ride was going well as they passed a lake.

"I have cruise control set on 55," said Snyder, currently the Air Combat Command command propulsion program manager on Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia. "I'm doing everything right, and here comes this silver Malibu."

The oncoming car quickly

"HE WASN'T ABLE TO DO WHAT HE WANTED TO DO. HE **COULD DEAL WITH** THE PAIN, BUT HE **DIDN'T LIKE NOT BEING ABLE TO LIVE** HIS LIFE.,"

-MELISSA SYNDER,

caught his attention and he became defensive.

"I saw his wheel start to point out, and I knew it was too late," he said. "I tried as smoothly as possible to veer around him. I get all the way to the edge, as far as I can, and he catches me."

Snyder had his legs propped on the crash pegs, a cylindrical spoke that normally extends four to five inches to protect the bike from falling over. The car caught the peg and drove it into the bike. The bike tipped sideways, but didn't

Snyder kept going until he found a WIFE OF DAVID SYNDER house about a 100 yards down the road

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and pulled over. Finally off the road, he

assessed the damage. "[I] looked down and my foot was facing the wrong

way," he said. "I could see a huge bulge in my sock."

Snyder asked his uncle to help him off of his bike. He looked down and noticed blood was pooling next to him as he sat in a stranger's driveway.

Remembering his

emergency response training, he quickly took action.

"I'm looking at my leg and I think a tourniquet is my only option," he said. "I don't know when anyone is going to get here. So I take my

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Students engage each other during a group discussion portion of the new Flight Commander's Edge course, Nov. 7, 2018, at Joint Base Charleston, S.C. Joint Base Charleston is the first base in Air Mobility Command to take part in the course and third overall in the Air Force. The course's mission was to teach flight commanders how to be better leaders and help meet the goal of Gen. David L. Goldfein, Air Force chief of staff, to revitalize squadrons and flight leadership. U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTOS | SENIOR AIRMAN CHRISTIAN SULLIVAN

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ir University's newest effort to revitalize squadron-level learning and support leaders on the cutting edge of operations rolls out across the Air Force today with the Flight Commander's Edge program.

Managed by Air University's eSchool of Graduate Professional Military Education, the Flight Commander's Edge provides a variety of tools designed to help major command, numbered air force and wing leadership develop and deploy flightlevel leadership courses.

"Our biggest challenge was providing expert-level leadership training through an instructional cadre that we would never meet," said Lt. Col. Rose Stoor, eSchool program manager, referring

to the fact that most flightlevel leadership courses are conducted at the wing or subordinate unit level.

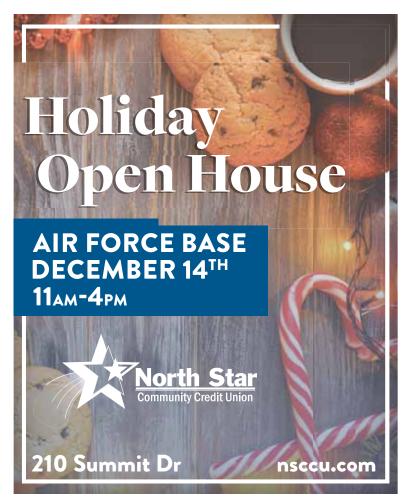
The eSchool's solution was to provide discussionbased "experiential" lesson plans that could be customized and taught by anyone. Several iterations of the course have occurred to test out the various concepts and lesson plans, at both Maxwell Air Force Base and Joint Base Charleston.

Focusing on both leadership topics and base-specific content, the curriculum provides lesson plans that can be executed in the classroom by individuals with little or no teaching experience.

Tailorable lesson guides complement the lesson plans. These guides can be customized with insight and perspectives from local senior leaders and base agencies. The eSchool also provides course templates, self-assessments, feedback forms, exercises, handouts and learning aids to speed up the local course design process.

"It is important to remember that this is a wing-level program," Stoor said. "The Flight Commander's Edge is designed to help unit (points of contact) quickly field a quality leadership development program to meet local needs.

An online community is available for course directors at all levels to share information, ask questions and download content. For more information, visit the Flight Commander's Edge at https://www. airuniversity.af.edu/eSchool/ FlightCCEdge/.



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### **ONE STEP** from page 8

shirt off and I start making a tourniquet."

It took about 30 minutes for first responders to arrive. After they saw the severity of his injuries, they air evacuated Snyder to Baptist Medical Center South Hospital in Montgomery, Alabama, where they did an external fix on his leg. They told Snyder he had a Pilon fracture, which meant that his tibia and fibula had exploded on impact.

"There were pieces missing, probably out on the Alabama highway somewhere," he recalled.

"Bones were turned and facing the wrong way. [The surgeons] took everything in there and ground it all up, put it back in there and hoped it took. They gave me four plates and about 20 screws that day."

After working on his leg, doctors laid out his recovery options. They could opt for limb salvage or amputation. Snyder pursued one round of limb salvage, but said he didn't put much hope into it after hearing about failed recoveries that ended in amputation.

At the first checkup three months after surgery, the hardware in his leg looked good and the prognosis on his leg was promising. However, things started to turn at the six month mark. The hardware started collapsing and everything shifting down in his leg. Things weren't improving and amputation started to seem like the right choice for Snyder and his family.

"I was just ready to get on with the next step," said Melissa Snyder, David's wife and high school sweetheart. "He wasn't able to do what he wanted to do. He could deal with the pain, but he didn't like not being able to live his life."

Snyder and Melissa both decided that amputation was the best option and set a date for May 8, 2018. "Before going into it, I told my wife I didn't know how long it would take for me to look [at my foot]," he said. "I was like [screw] it. I pull the sheet back and I'm like, 'Yup, it's gone."

In the aftermath of his events, Snyder's character was given a true chance to shine.

"From the get go, he had a very positive attitude," Melissa said. "We have always kind of lived that way. In the end it is going to work out somehow.'

After the surgery, Snyder spent five months at Walter Reed National Military Center in Bethesda, Maryland, for physical rehabilitation, under Air Force District of Washington's Airman Medical Transition Unit.

Snyder decided how he wanted to handle those five months right from the gurney, when he first needed to use the bathroom.

"It starts now," he said. "Can I get up? Yeah, I can get up if I want. I got up,

and took a walker to the bathroom."

He spent the next five months pushing the limits in his recovery, so that he could make it back home sooner.

Snyder worked out almost every day, doing varying exercises to improve mobility and muscle control in his leg. He would run on the track at Walter Reed, swim, and bike along with other basic function exercises.

After all the hard work – and with the PT test in the rearview mirror -- Snyder said he is thankful he can still serve in the Air Force. He said he knows activeduty service members with amputations have barriers while serving. His goal is to break through those barriers and continue to grow.

"I want to prove that I'm better," he said. "I don't care how severe my injury is, I want to be worldwide qualified as soon as I possibly can. It's my job. I signed up for it."

#### **AIRMAN'S MEDAL** from page 2

talk to them afterward," Warner said. "All I knew was their first names and I tried looking them up later on to see if they were ok, but I couldn't find them.'

What Warner didn't know was that the driver of the vehicle was retired Air Force Lt. Col. Stephen Wolfe.

Wolfe reached out to Sheppard Air Force Base to let them know of Warner's heroic actions.

Warner was awarded the Air Force's highest noncombat award, the Airman's Medal Nov. 27, in front of his family, friends and coworkers.

Maj. Gen. Craig La Fave, 22nd Air Force commander, presented the medal to Warner. He spoke about Warner's many achievements.

"He is a distinguished graduate from several programs, so it wasn't really a surprise in my mind when I saw it was him who saved those lives," La Fave said. "He didn't see it happen and say, 'Hey, there is an Airman's Medal in it for me if I do this.' He did it because that's the type of person he is."

Warner is a 97th Flying Training Squadron introduction to fighter fundamentals instructor and has more than 400 combat flying hours in the F-15 Eagle.

Wolfe and his family were also in attendance for the medal presentation.

"God put him in place on that particular day," Wolfe said. "He saved my life and my daughter's life.'

The Airman's Medal was established on July 6, 1960, and is awarded to those who distinguish themselves by a heroic act, usually at the voluntary risk of their life but not involving combat.

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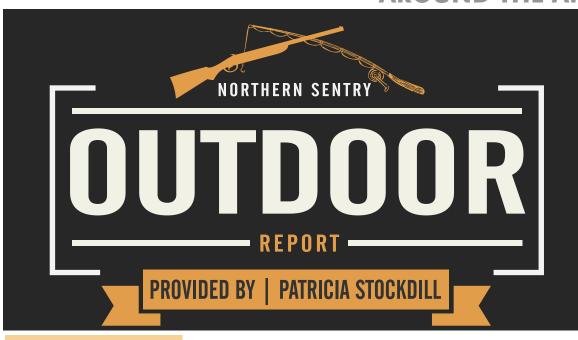
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\*Darkhouse spearfishing season opens at ice-over on legal lakes.

Fishina:

Lake Sakakawea elevation, Dec. 3: 1,840.24 feet above mean sea level (MSL); 21,000 cubic feet per second (CFS) Garrison Dam average daily releases.

Devils Lake elevation: 1,448.16 feet above mean sea level (MSL). Stump Lake elevation: 1,448.05

\*N.D. Game & Fish Dept. game wardens: No north-central, Devils Lake, or Missouri River System reports.

\*Devils Lake, Ed's Bait Shop, Devils Lake: Increasing activity on Devils Lake back bays with continued activity on northern feeder lakes. Try jigs and minnows for walleye with pike mixed in.

\*Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Backs bays icing over with more anglers venturing out. Look for fair success for small walleye with occasional perch using slide bobbers and minnows in 20-plus feet. Continued activity on northern feeder lakes.

\*Lake Darling, Karma C-Store, Ruthville: Good walleye success at Grano and Lake Darling using wax worms or minnows.

\*Lake Darling, Upper Souris Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge, Foxholm: More activity at Landing 3 and Grano on Lake Darling rather than around the spillway boat ramp this week with mostly small walleye success and occasional pike. Most activity is around Grano in the morning and again about mid-afternoon.

\*Lake Metigoshe, Four Seasons, Bottineau: Increasing angler

numbers accessing with ATVs. Overall fair success for a mix of species. No vehicle access yet.

\*Lake Sakakawea/Lake Áudubon, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Some walk-on and ATV activity on the east end of Lake Audubon but ice depths are variable and need to be checked along the way. No pickup access recommended yet. No activity on Lake Sakakawea.

\*Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, 6-Mile Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Some walleye activity on the east end of Lake Audubon with overall fair success. Better success seems more so on the north side in shallower water. West end has thin ice yet.

\*Lake Sakakawea, Scott's Bait & Tackle, Pick City: Missouri River producing a few walleye from the wing walls, weather permitting, with a mix of other species occasionally.

\*Lake Sakakawea, Scenic 23, New Town: Fair to good walleye success from open water accessing at the Parshall Bay ramp n the Van Hook Arm. Ramp is extremely icy, though, so use caution and will likely ice in soon. Lake iced over as far down as New Town with some ice-fishing activity farther west.

\*Lake Sakakawea/northwest N.D. lakes, Scenic Sports, Williston: Try Long Creek in about 17 feet on Lake Sakakawea for walleye. Also try tips and smelt from Long Creek to Lund's Landing for pike. Trenton Lake remains fair to good for crappie.

\*Lonetree WMA area lakes, Harvey: Nice perch and walleye success on area lakes.

\*North-central/central N.D. lakes, Towner Hdwe. Hank, Towner: Antelope Lake continues producing perch. Look for a few pike from Buffalo Lodge Lake. Some activity on other area lakes but limited early season success yet.

**Hunting:** 

\*Deer: Rutting winding down with less deer activity for late season archery and muzzleloader hunters.

\*Pheasants: Birds becoming increasingly flighty but hunters finding better than anticipated numbers in some pockets now that harvest is complete.

\*Waterfowl: Good numbers of Canada geese along the open water of Lake Sakakawea. Feeding times are inconsistent, though, for when the birds leave the water. Not many birds around the open water of the Van Hook Arm.

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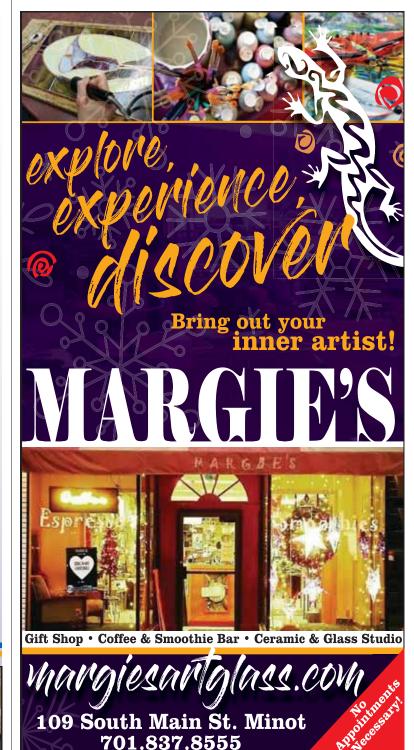
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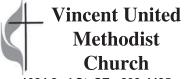
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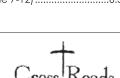
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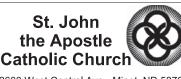
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Answers to puzzle from page 6

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- Barre, 0600, Fitness Center
- Career Exploration & Planning Workshop, 0800-1600, held at the Education Center, hosted by A&FRC
- King of the Court Challenge, 1130, Fitness Center
- Torch Club, 1600-1700, Youth Center Gentle Yoga, 1700, Fitness Center
- Friday Fun Members Buffet, 1630-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Keystone Meeting, 1700-1800, Youth Center Zumba, 1800, Fitness Center
- Club Members \$\$\$ Drawing, 1730-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Give Parents a Break, 1800-2200, Child Development Center and Youth Center
- Mixed Fun League, 1830, Rough Rider Lanes
- Masquerade Ball, 1900-2100, Youth Center #WEOWNFRIDAY Teen Event, 2000, Youth Center
- Karaoke Night, 2100, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Lights & Strikes Bowling, 2100-2400, Rough Rider Lanes

# SATURDAY

- Zumba, 0900, Fitness Center Powerlifting Competition, 0930, Fitness Center
- Youth Bowling League, 1000, Rough Rider Lanes
- Nutcracker Fantasy, 1300, Base Library
   Barre, 1000, Fitness Center
- Family Paint Class, 1300-1500, Arts & Crafts Center • Best 4 Game Tournament, 1600-2100, Rough Rider Lanes
- Mike Super Magic & Illusion 2.0H! Show, doors open 1700, show starts 1800, Base Theater
- UFC Fight Night UFC 231: Holloway vs Ortega, prelims begin at 1900 and main card at 2100, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Bowl the Night Away with "Lights & Strikes", 2000-2400, Rough Rider lanes

# UNDA

- NFL Sunday Ticket Football Frenzy & Mystery Autographed Jersey Giveaway, 1130-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill • Barre, 1300, Fitness Center
- Family Zumba, 1400, Fitness Center Yoga, 1500, Fitness Center

- Registration opens for Mini Swim Meet at the McAdoo Fitness Center
- Tactical Fit Express, 0600, Fitness Center Reintegration Briefing, 1300-1400, A&FRC TAP GPS Workshop, 0730-1630, held at the Education Center, hosted by A&FRC
- Digital Literacy Club, 1630-1730, Youth Center Zumba, 1730, Fitness Center
- EFMP-FS Ugly Sweater Craft Camp, 1700-1900, BBC Community Center on Sirocco
- Drive, hosted by A&FRC • Battle Rig Fitness, 1800, Fitness Center • Yoga Strong, 1830, Fitness Center • Craft Club, 1800, Base Library
- FCC New Provider Pre-Orientation, 1800-2000, Family Child Care Office located inside Rough Riders Pizza

# TUESDAY

- Run 4 Fitness, 0600, Fitness Center
- TAP GPS Workshop, 0730-1630, held at the Education Center, hosted by A&FRC
- Barre, 0915, Fitness Center
- Game Day, 1000-1930, Base Library
- Cycle, 1130, Fitness Center • Fit to Fight, 1700, Fitness Center
- Family Fun Night, 1700-2100, Rough Riders Pizza
- Zumba, 1800, Fitness Center

# WEDNESDAY

- Circuit Training, 0600, Fitness Center
- TAP GPS Workshop, 0730-1630, held at the Education Center, hosted by A&FRC
- Right Start, 0730, held at the Jimmy Doolittle Center, hosted by A&FRC Spouses Welcome, 0900-1400, held at the Jimmy Doolittle Center, hosted by A&FRC
- Club Member Benefit, 0900-2000, Rough Rider Lanes
- Story Time, 1030, Base Library
- Run 4 Fitness, 1145, Fitness Center
- Pre-Deployment/Remote Readiness Training, 1300-1400, A&FRC
- 4-H Club, 1600-1700, Youth Center
- Mug Club Special, 1600-1800, Rockers Bar & Grill • Digital Literacy Club, 1630-1730, Youth Center
- Boss & Buddy \$1 off Draft Special, 1630-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill • Members Wind Down Wednesday Buffet, 1630-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Squadron Extramural League, 1730, Rough Rider Lanes
- Yoga, 1830, Fitness Center

# **THURSDAY**

- Last day to register for the Holiday Wreath Class at Arts & Crafts
- Tactical Fit Express, 0600, Fitness Center
- TAP GPS Workshop, 0730-1630, held at the Education Center, hosted by A&FRC
- Barre, 0915, Fitness Center
- Cycle, 1130, Fitness Center
- Reintegration Briefing, 1300-1400, A&FRC
- Fitness Hour, 1600-1700, Youth Center
- Fit to Fight, 1700, Fitness Center
- Members 2-4-1 Appetizer Night, 1700-1900, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Olympic Weight Lifting, 1730, Fitness Center • Craft Club, 1800, Base Library
- Have a Storm Ball League, 1800, Rough Rider Lanes
- Zumba, 1800, Fitness Center • NFL Thursday Night Football Frenzy, 1900, Rockers Bar & Grill

#### 14 December

- Barre, 0600, Fitness Center
- TAP GPS Workshop, 0730-1630, held at the Education Center, hosted by A&FRC
- Holiday Wreath Class, 1300, Arts & Crafts
- Torch Club, 1600-1700, Youth Center
- Friday Fun Members Buffet, 1630-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Gentle Yoga, 1700, Fitness Center • Keystone Meeting, 1700-1800, Youth Center
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- Karaoke Night, 2100, Rockers Bar & Grill • Lights & Strikes Bowling, 2100-2400, Rough Rider Lanes

#### 15 December

- Ho Ho Ho Holiday Sampler, 0900-1100, Fitness Center
- Outdoor Rec Winter Bash, 1000-1400, Outdoor Recreation
- Youth Bowling League, 1000, Rough Rider Lanes Rough Rider Lanes will close at 2000 for a special function

#### Rough Riders Pizza Special <u> December Special – Shrimp Scampi Pizza</u>

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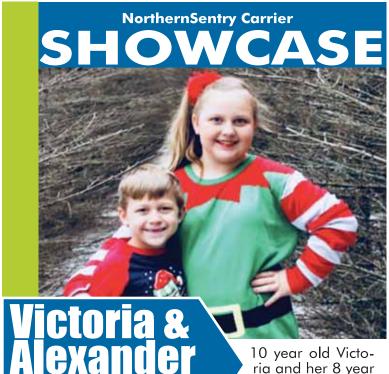
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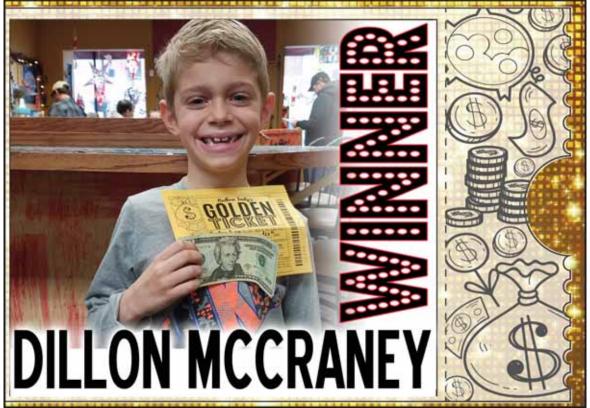
ria and her 8 year old brother Alexander run two of the routes on base for newspapers. They are the children of SSgt Eric

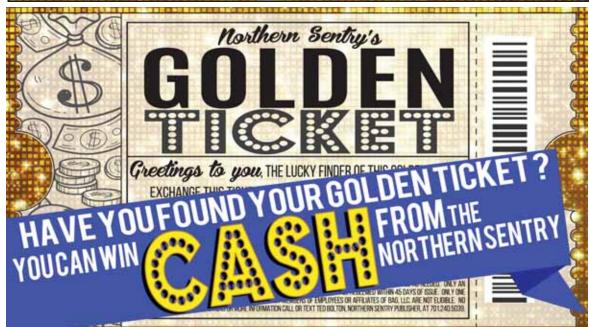
and Amber Vadala. They love to make their own money and save up for things that they want.

Victoria saved up enough to buy a new pet and pay for all of its needs on her own! Alexander saves his money to spend GameStop!

They are both in Scouts on base and love giving back to their community. Both Alex and Victoria participate in youth programs sports on base and keep very active in their community.

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