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Senior Airman Christopher Crowe, 5th Civil Engineer Squadron pavement and constuction equipment journeyman, uses a K-12 saw to cut concrete at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, March 19, 2019. Pavement and construction equipment Airmen, also known as "dirt boyz", take care of snow removal during the winter and security fencing and pavement throughout the base and missile field buildings.

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MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. --

urveying the skies and ensuring our pilots know where fun career choice." they're headed is an essential part of Minot Air Force Base.

Air traffic controllers watch over our helicopters and B-52h stratofortresses. Whether they're taking off, landing or in need of assistance, these controllers are active year round.

"Our mission is to get the planes up in the air so they can do their mission, training and whatever they need to do positions manned in the then get them back safely," said Staff Sgt. Christopher Lippolis, 5th Operations Support Squadron noncommissioned officer of training standards.

In order for the pilots to take off they need the correct clearances, taxiing instructions and authorization from the tower to fly.

"Air Traffic Control starts and ends with a point on the ground," said Lippolis. "We are certified annually to want to ensure the pilots take off and land safely so they can see their families."

the surgeons of the sky," said Lawshea. "There is a lot of studying and bookwork involved, but it's definitely a

According to Lippolis air traffic control is a constant training process and they never stop learning.

"I believe you have to have a top personality to do this job," said Lippolis. "You have to take control, be dynamic, multitask and maintain safety of the flight line and your fellow Airmen."

There are typically four tower cab.

Flight data coordinates communications with bases.

Ground works the ground traffic and taxiing of aircraft. Local takes care of the airborne traffic and the

departures on the runway. The watch supervisor

oversees all the other positions and ensures the rules and regulations are followed.

"Air traffic controllers revalidate the controller

"Best Toys in Town"

Senior Airman Stefan Sellers, 5th Operations Support Squadron air traffic controller, updates the Auto Terminal Information Service at Minot Air Force Base, North Da-kota, March 5, 2019. The ATIS tells pilots the air conditions in real-time, which helps them during emergencies.

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based on the performance while following the rules and regulations," said Lippolis.

Lippolis says he enjoys his job and the comradery between his and the pilot's career fields.

"My favorite part about my job is the unspoken bond that controllers have with pilots," said Lippolis. "They have to trust that we know what we're doing and vice versa, otherwise someone is going to die."



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ffutt Air Force Base personnel have regained access to buildings and facilities to begin assessing damage and recovering items which were underwater less than a week ago due to record flooding along the Missouri River.

our favor and we are taking full advantage by moving as quickly as we can to properly clear facilities for entry," said Col. Michael Manion, 55th Wing commander. "Our bio-environmental and civil engineer teams, along with Offutt Fire and Rescue, have done an amazing job throughout this process."

The ongoing efforts are led by the newly stood-up recovery operations center. This team is made up of professionals from

across the wing focused on not only clearing facilities, but also getting displaced personnel into other facilities around the base to ensure the mission continues.

"The ROC essentially took over the recovery efforts from the emergency operations center, which had been operating since we first learned of the potential for flooding," said Lt. Col. Vance Goodfellow, ROC director. "This team is more streamlined with regard to subject-matter experts who can make things happen quickly to ensure our recovery efforts don't miss a beat."

The runway, which is now clear of water and debris, is undergoing a thorough evaluation to ensure flight operations can resume safely.

"Everything we are doing is with safety in mind," Manion said. "Obviously, our Warhawks are eager to begin flying operations from Offutt (AFB), but we want to make sure everything is safe before we start doing that."

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More than 20 buildings have been cleared for initial disaster recovery efforts, with more being opened by the hour. "The weather has really been in

Airman 1st Class Issac Lawshea, 5th Operations Support Squadron air traffic control apprentice, mentioned he's new to the job and is excited to start learning.

"Air traffic controllers are



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SENIOR AIRMAN ANDREA POSEY | 1ST SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

HURLBURT FIELD, Fla. (AFNS) -

in front of the TV watching the "Top Gun"

to fly when she grew up. The actor's words weren't the only reason Capt. Holly

"I knew I wanted to join by the military my entire



Capt. Holly Mapel is a combat systems officer and operational flight test director with the 18th Flight Test Squadron at Hurlburt Field, Florida. Mapel is an MC-130J Commando II aircrew member and regularly flies on other aircraft in order to test equipment and weapon systems used to accomplish Air Force Special Operations Command and U. S. Special Operations Command missions.

U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO | SENIOR AIRMAN ANDREA POSEY

life, it is all I've ever really known. I wanted to follow in the footsteps of my dad, and multiple other family members, (to) serve in the military and fly."

Mapel joined six months after graduating high school in 2001 and began her career as an enlisted aircrew flight equipment technician at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico.

"I spent seven years maintaining flight equipment an electronic warfare that was used by Air Force Special Operations Command aircrew," she said. "It was there where my desire to do something more with my career started."

This aspiration led Mapel to enroll in school to earn her can be delivered to hostile degree and commission.

Although attending school and working a full time job can be difficult to do at the same time, Mapel felt she had enough support and time to accomplish these goals. "I had some very

supportive supervisors, both enlisted and officers, that encouraged going to school," she said. "Being in Air Education and Training Command allowed me to have a pretty stable and consistent schedule that facilitated going to school." After receiving her degree and changing duty stations, Mapel arrived at Hurlburt Field, where she applied for Officer Training School. "OTS wasn't anything that I had expected or planned MINOT **FLEA MARKET** APRIL 6 & 7 ANTIQUES, COINS, BOOKS, JEWELRY, TOOLS, BAKED GOODS. & MORE STATE FAIRGROUNDS · MINOT SAT 8AM - 4PM - SUN 10AM - 3PM A PLACE TO SHOP - A PLACE TO SELI SELLERS, CALL TODAY! 701-340-7930

for," she said. "There were many nights the first couple of weeks that I was second guessing my decision to commission, but you lean on those that are going through it with you and think about why you wanted to do it in the first place and persevere.'

After commissioning, Mapel became a combat systems officer, or CSO, with a specialization as officer on the MC-130H Combat Talon II. A CSO is responsible for planning and executing low-level navigation and terrain clearance so personnel and equipment areas. Additionally, CSOs operate and manage the aircraft's defensive systems and airborne communication systems.

"I spent two years at the 15th Special Operations Squadron where I learned a lot but also (decided) I still wanted more," Mapel said.

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s a child, she sat

movie over and over again and listening to Tom Cruise proclaim, "I feel the need – the need for speed!" Watching the aircraft soar across the screen made it clear to her that she wanted

Mapel was inspired to join the military. She already had a sense of familiarity with the armed forces due to her family's deep connection to the military.

the Air Force for as long as I can remember," said Mapel, a combat systems officer and operational flight test director with the 18th Flight Test Squadron at Hurlburt Field. "Being an Air Force brat, I have been surrounded



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This need to expand her knowledge led Mapel to request a change of air frames, and it was the MC-130J Commando II that she had in her sights. "I chose (the MC-130J) platform mainly because it was an easy transition of what I was already doing on the Talon IIs, but also because I love the mission of special operations forces mobility," she said. The Commando II is flown in covert refueling missions for helicopters and tiltrotor aircraft and conducts infiltration,

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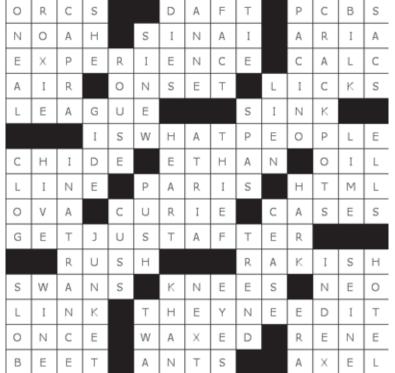
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Solution to last week's Crossword puzzle.

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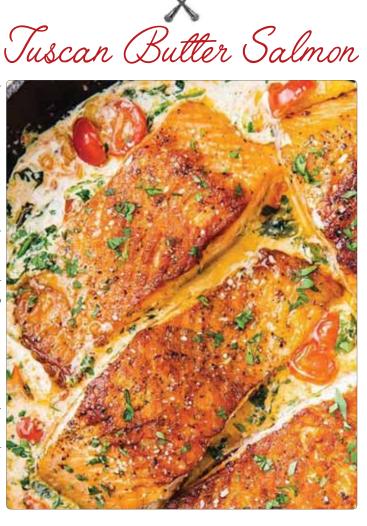
> Struggling circus owner Max Medici enlists a former star and his two children to care for Dumbo, a baby elephant born with oversized ears. When the family discovers that the animal can fly, it soon becomes the main attraction -- bringing in huge audiences and revitalizing the run-down circus. The elephant's magical ability also draws the attention of V.A. Vandevere, an entrepreneur who wants to showcase Dumbo in his latest, larger-than-life entertainment venture.





DINING, ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

NORTHERN SENTRY FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2019 5



INGREDIENTS:

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Recipe

- 2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 (6-oz) salmon fillets, patted
- dry with paper towels Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper • 3 tbsp. butter
- 3 cloves garlic, minced • 1 1/2 c. halved cherry tomatoes
- 2 c. baby spinach
- 1/2 c. heavy cream
 1/4 c. freshly grated Parmesan
 1/4 c. chopped herbs (such as basil and parsley), plus more for garnish
- Lemon wedges, for serving (optional

INSTRUCTIONS:

• In a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil. Season salmon all over with salt and pepper. When oil is shimmering but not smoking, add salmon skin side up and cook until deeply golden, about 6 minutes. Flip over and cook 2 minutes more. Transfer to a plate.

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• Reduce heat to medium and add butter. When butter has melted, stir in garlic and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add cherry tomatoes and season with salt and pepper. Cook until tomatoes are beginning to burst, then add spinach. Cook until spinach is beginning to wilt.

• Stir in heavy cream, Parmesan, and herbs and bring mixture to a simmer. Reduce heat to low and simmer until sauce is slightly reduced, about 3 minutes.

• Return salmon back to skillet and spoon over sauce. Simmer until salmon is cooked through, about 3 minutes more.

• Garnish with more herbs and squeeze lemon on top before serving.



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be at the club for local teams.

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Lt. Gen. Jacqueline D. Van Ovost, Headquarters Air Force director of staff, gives Mae Krier, an original Rosie the Riveter a tour of the Penta-gon in Arlington, Va., March 20, 2019. Krier was accompanied by Dawn Goldfein, the spouse of Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein.

World War III aborer champions 'Rosie the Riveter' Legacy at Pentagon, Capitol Hill

MASTER SGT. AMAANI LYLE | SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) -hen it comes to symbolizing the influx of women in the workforce and the wave of patriotism and feminism that surge sparked during World War II, few American icons are more shocking Sunday Dec. 7, 1941, recognizable than "Rosie the Riveter."

Artist J. Howard Miller's 1942 Harbor, Hawaii. In its wake, poster, featuring a bandannadonning, blue-collared woman with the famed flex beneath the rally cry, "We Can Do It!" grew over time to represent millions of women who stepped up to fill various stateside labor-intensive to find her parents shaken and jobs once held by men, now tapped to fight German and Japanese forces.

The notable efforts of the woman workforce that led to the eventual U.S. victory in 1945 inspired one of the last remaining original "Rosies," Mae Krier, to carry their story to the Pentagon March 20 to advocate for long overdue recognition on Capitol Hill March 21, with a "Rosie the Riveter Day of Remembrance," incidentally aligning with her 93rd birthday. She said she

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hopes lawmakers will not only recognize the day, but award them the Congressional Gold Medal for their service. After all, the story of her

journey is, fittingly, a riveting one, decades in the making. The world changed on a

as 183 Japanese warplanes attacked Hickam Field, Pearl the disaster left 2,433 dead, destroyed 18 U.S. warships and 188 airplanes. President Franklin D. Roosevelt immediately responded with a call to war.

Krier recalled coming home huddled next to the radio as news of Pearl Harbor spread, and just days later Adolf Hitler declared war on the United States.

"We were fighting wars across two oceans and I remember thinking 'I'm not even sure I know where Pearl Harbor is: I don't think many of us did," she said. "In small towns the boys enlisted right way ... and America was full of holes, because so many never came back."

On a lark, Krier, a Dawson, North Dakota, native, traveled by a no-frills "troop train" to Seattle to produce the B-17 Flying Fortress and B-29 Superfortress bombers during the picked up the factory duties the war. She said traversing miles was not unlike the endeavors of her grandparents, themselves

change of scenery.

"Now that the boys had left, we girls thought we would get into the act also," she said of the adventure she, her sister and a friend took. "I remember the train windows were open and the to her husband, Norm for nearly steam and soot would come in the windows."

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The notion of steady work appealed to men and women alike, as many American families still teetered financially following the Great Depression and the Great Dust Bowl. Mothers, daughters, secretaries, wives and even schoolgirls men had left behind.

"Before the jobs came, we struggled, we suffered, everyone because of a bad rivet," Krier hearty pioneers who didn't fear a did," she said. "But that was life said over applause and laughter.

and I don't think it hurt me." Once at Boeing, Krier said she had no idea how much largerthan-life the Rosie icon would become. "We worked because we had a job to do ... it wasn't my job, your job, it was our job we had to save our country.'

And, she noted, it was only after the war was over that the posters skyrocketed in popularity.

Dawn Goldfein, spouse to Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein, hosted the Pentagon tour with Krier, noting her story can inspire a "We Can Do It!" attitude among new generations of young women around the world.

"Mae is an American treasure, a true iconic legacy who knows what it means to be a part of something bigger than herself and give back," Mrs. Goldfein said. "Girls and women of all ages can benefit from her extraordinary story and be inspired to change the world as she and all the Rosies did."

Today, military and civilian women hold positions of power across the globe, signaling a new and irreversible era of positive change in the women's rights and equality movement.

"It's so amazing for our generation to see this because my mother only got the right to vote when I was about 4 years old," Krier said. "I've lived through 16 presidents but never thought I'd get to see and experience the things I have today.'

Now, Krier who was married 70 years, before his death, is a mother, grandmother and greatgreat grandmother. They met during a jitterbug dance in Seattle in 1944 before they wed in 1945.

When the Air Force chief of staff and dozens of Pentagon workers surprised her with a visit and a birthday cake, Krier wasted no time reminding him of her contribution to the U.S. war effort many moons ago.

"They never lost a B-17





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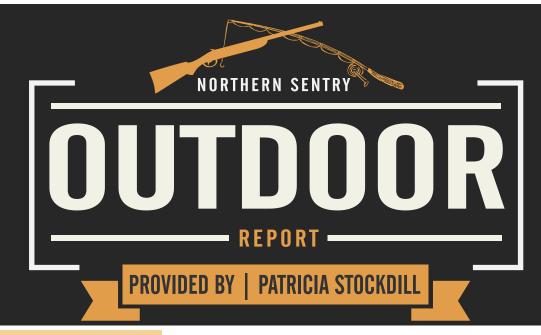
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Mennem uses INOT STATE family history for Native American diversity, cultural training

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<u>OUTDOOR</u> NOTES:

5 p.m.

*Ice is never completely safe. Avoid areas with vegetation, moving water, pressure ridges, and springs. Check conditions as you go along on the ice.

*Remember to keep any fish caught in 20 feet of water and deeper because they don't survive coming up from those depths.

Fishing: Lake Sakakawea elevation, March 25: 1,838.04 feet above mean sea level (MSL); 13,600 cubic feet per second (CFS) Garrison Dam average daily releases

Devils Lake elevation: 1,448.35 feet above mean sea level (MSL).

*N.D. Game & Fish Dept. game wardens: Devils Lake becoming slushy on top of the ice although fishing slowly starting to improve. Overall success remains spotty, however. Travel on the lake is extremely limited, as well. Tracked vehicles needed to access the lake but watch for slush pockets. Antelope Lake slowing down but anglers still catching a few perch. Other area lakes slow with little activity as slush and water limit access. Anglers can still access

*Devils Lake, Ed's Bait Shop, Devils Lake: Access remains challenging with slush and water on top of the ice on warmer days. Those getting out are finding improving perch success. Try the

north end of 6-Mile Bay. *Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Access onto the lake is limited with water on top of the ice on warmer days. Tracked vehicles still needed. A few white bass starting to show up with better perch and walleye success. Lots of small walleye. Try last light in the evening for the best walleye activity. Pike seem to be a little more finicky lately.

*Lake Darling, Karma C-Store, Ruthville: Good numbers of anglers heading to Grano with some reports of walleye success.

*Lake Metigoshe, Four Seasons, Bottineau: Tracked vehicles recommended with slushy snow still on top of the ice on Lake Metigoshe. Fair bluegill success on both South and North Lake Metigoshe.

*Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Access becoming an issue on both Lake Sakakawea and Audubon with slush and water along the shoreline and ice. However, Lake Sakakawea producing pike in the back bays with a few walleye mixed in. Fair for walleye on Lake Audubon with most activity off the Totten Trail boat ramp. Missouri River tailrace producing walleye from both boat and shore

*Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, 6-Mile Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Lake Sakakawea shorelines getting mushy but anglers finding nice pike numbers. Nothing consistent yet for success, though. Try any of the back bays, including the south shore around Wolf Creek. Herring seems to be producing better than smelt. Lake Audubon fair for walleye in 20 to 25 feet on the east end. Mixed walleye success on the Missouri River tailrace with experienced river anglers finding good success.

*Lake Sakakawea, Scenic 23 New Town: Ice has water on top with slushy shoreline conditions so use caution when accessing and moving around in the Van Hook Arm. Generally fair walleye success in the morning or evening in 12 to

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20 feet. Try jigs and minnows with a little tip-up success. Incidental pike catches mixed in with walleye. Creeks are running so look for pike to move into the mouths of bays

OUTDOOR NOTES:

^{*}Lake Sakakawea/Missouri River, Scott's Bait & Tackle, Pick City: Missouri River tailrace producing walleye from the wing walls when it isn't iced in. Try jigs and minnows down river for walleye with overall fair success. Look for a mix of ling, trout, and walleye with more trout numbers in the chutes. Beware of water and slushy shorelines along Lake Sakakawea.

*Lake Sakakawea/northwest N.D. lakes, Scenic Sports, Williston: Walk-on access only recommended onto Lake Sakakawea with slushy shorelines and water on the ice. Long Creek and Lewis & Clark State Park continue producing pike with best walleye success in 17 to 22 feet from White Earth Bay. Look for open water areas along the Little Muddy River for some open water pike activity. Limited activity on small area lakes with runoff coming in. Trenton Lake under high water with no activity. Rivers starting to break up so look for open water fishing once ice flows disappear.

*Lonetree WMA area lakes, Harvey: A few anglers walking onto Goose Lake off Highway 3 but no reports on success. Not much activity on other lakes with runoff and slushy lake conditions.

*North-central/central N.D. lakes, Towner Hdwe. Hank, Towner: No new reports from area lakes with access onto the ice difficult with melting snow and runoff.

N.D. rivers:

*Des Lace River, Foxholm: River stage, 10.71 feet. *Little Missouri River, Trotters:

18.68 feet.

*Missouri River, Washburn: River stage, 10.26 feet.

Pembina River, Walhalla: River stage: 5.22 feet.

*Souris River, Foxholm: 5.72 feet. *Souris River, Minot: 10.12 feet. *Yellowstone River, Sidney,

MINOT, N.D. – For Annette Grant) Mennem '00/'07, Minot State University Native American Center director and Diversity Council cochairperson, family stories and culture aren't just a part of history; they are fluid and play a part in everyday life.

"My grandparents, my greatgrandparents, my parents, they all went to a boarding school," said Mennem. "Ănd part of what I want to teach is that what happens from that boarding school, it's a historical trauma. It moves forward, it's a generational trauma."

Beginning in the late 19th century, the U.S. government began forcing Native American children to attend boarding schools in the name of assimilation. The schools forbade children from using their own languages and names, as well as from practicing their religion and culture.

"In my family and in most families that I know from living and growing and working on reservations is that most families deal with what I deal with: when you have parents and grandparents and great-great-grandparents that went to boarding school, they don't know what it is to be in a family, so they don't know how to parent,' Mennem said.

This piece of history and its present day ramifications are just part of what she touches on during diversity and cultural training.

Mennem is often approached to present for different groups

from the North Dakota Conference of Social Workers right way. Or they'll say, 'I don't see color,' and I used to think that was cool, too. But, in reality, that's not right because if you don't see my color, you don't see me," she said.

The importance of recognizing differences will be a main topic of conversation at Trinity Health on March 18. Mennem will be educating staff on Native American ceremonial protocols.

"They want to make sure that they're doing things correctly so that when they have families here, they understand why there's feathers and why there's certain blankets and why there's sage and what they can do with it," she explained. Trinity Health's chaplain first

contacted Mennem a year and a half ago in regards to a nondenominational worship area that will be built in their new facility, wanting to make sure Native American beliefs are included during the planning process.

That consideration is part of a positive cultural shift she's witnessed over the past few decades, both in the city and on the Minot State campus.

"I think that change is happening, not just because the city is growing, but because of the generation. The dynamic is changing. It feels better, even when visiting with new students. They feel that, they see the diversity, they feel the diversity. The Native American Center is being used more and more by all students," Mennem said. "They feel that home away from home."



Lake Metigoshe with tracked vehicles. Scattered pike and perch success. Parshall Bay fair for pike on Lake Sakakawea with White Earth Bay fair for walleye at times. Lots of slush on the lake so moving around is difficult.

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The commander praised the members of the 55th Wing as well as those other units affected by the flood for their resilience.

"I've just been in awe of how everyone has responded to this natural disaster," he said. "I'm truly blessed to serve with these patriots who continue to amaze me can't do that, so they were giving daily with their resilience and cando attitude."

At 11 a.m. on March 15, Offutt stood-up the first commander's action team meeting in response to impending flooding.

The base immediately went into 24-hour operations and the team agreed to meet again in three hours, giving key players an opportunity to come up with a plan around with them. It was nice." of attack.

"In that time, a matter of hours, we already had a good 15-to-25 inbound trucks from various locations in the United States coming in for support," said Staff "In a situation like this, money Sgt. Luis Stump, 55th Contracting has to keep moving so we can get Squadron commodities flight chief. the base back up," said Master

With a very small window to prepare for a flood that would eventually take over one-third of the base, the 55th CONS and the 55th Comptroller Squadron got to work purchasing preparation supplies that would help fortify key infrastructure.

Within approximately 16 hours, the team accomplished 22 contract actions totaling \$650,000. Among the purchases were 45 tons of sand, communication. 460 barriers, 235,000 sandbags and 16 pallets of water.

What they couldn't get from inbound trucks, they went out and got themselves.

Since a lot of companies were closed Friday evening and into Saturday morning, at 2, 3 o'clock in the morning, finance came in with cash," Stump said. "We sent a Community Center. member of our team with a paying agent from finance and they were literally driving all around Omaha and parts of Iowa." Staff Sgt. Nikkolas Tessier, 55th CPTS, said the local business were section chief. "With the size of very welcoming. "All the businesses in the community were so supportive and put a large amount of users." we had a nice contracting team that The team has set up more than

did most of the legwork so were just driving around, loading up and members to use. paying people," he said. "It saved us a lot of time."

Stump echoes his sentiments.

"There were some stores who said we could take whatever we wanted for free," he said. "We it to us at bare cost to help out the base."

For many of the 55th CONS and 55th CPTS team, this was the first instance they were working together in the field.

"It was a lot different because we normally just push documents electronically to each other," Tessier said. "Now you are running

As the water recedes and the base turns to recovery mode, the work has slowed slightly but the purchases related to flood will continue for quite a while.

Sgt. Brandon Franklin, 55th CPTS, who also filled the role of paying agent during the flood preparations. "We are preparing for recovery now which will take time.

While the cleanup continues and the finances flow, more than 3,000 Offutt personnel have been removed from their workcenters resulting in a break in

While displaced units wait for their new offices to be equipped, they have a location they can go to access a computer and phone.

Following the flood, to maintain operations.' mission readiness and efficiency, the 55th Communications Group immediately started to build a cyber café in the Warhawk

160 work stations for displaced

"It is important that we provide communications support to the wing because everything requires communications across the base and providing this capability is important to mission efficiency," said Golden. "Users are able to come in and sit down at a laptop and login to their email, get work done and use phones."

During the process of setting up the cyber café, the communication team was responsible for setting up tables and identifying where to place network switches to provide network connectivity.

While the cyber café is a great resource to many, the communications team is hoping their pre-flood preparations will help many Offutt members to be reunited with their former equipment sooner than later.

Over the weekend, the 55th CG dispatched technicians out to different facilities that are now underwater to move equipment before the flood came in.

"From Friday at noon we started talking about this flood, and throughout the weekend seeing the water rise and rise we were doing equipment removal through buildings and seeing water cover an area we were at a halfhour ago," said Tech Sgt. Daniel Wyman, 55th Communications Group cyber transport NCOIC. "It's an act of nature, and I feel for those who were impacted by the flood but as far the mission goes we are going to continue

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exfiltration and resupply of Special Forces by airdrop or air-land. Its secondary mission includes the airdrop of leaflets for informational counter terrorism methods.

After completing her mission qualification training, Mapel was assigned to the 9th Special Operations Squadron at Cannon AFB, New Mexico.

"I can honestly say that my time spent at the 9th Special Operations Squadron has been the best part of my career thus far," she said. "As training so we can all take one of AFSOC's specialized air mobility platforms, the MC-130J executes missions directed by higher authorities to ensure the theater commander's strategic vision and objectives are accomplished."

In 2018, Mapel certified as an operational flight test director and came to the 18th FLTS to further contribute to the mission.

Mapel now leads a team of officers, enlisted Airmen and civilians through the planning, execution and reporting phases of a test. The team tests new or updated equipment on AFSOC aircraft and weapons systems, advising senior-level decision enjoyable for her. makers on a system's

"Test directors ensure whatever gadget or software being tested is what the warfighter wants and needs," she said. "It could be something that helps them execute their job more efficiently or save their lives. By testing and fielding new technology, we are keeping AFSOC relevant on an everchanging battlefield."

Mapel enjoys her current duties because it still allows her to fulfill her childhood dream.

"I love to fly and with both jobs, that's what I get to do," she said. "Whether I am performing crew duties as a CSO on an MC-130J or executing a test on another AFSOC platform, I get to do what I love."

Lt. Col. Rafael Bosch, 18th FLTS commander, believes Mapel embodies the three

tenets of the Air Commando mission – ready today, relevant tomorrow, resilient always.

"Capt. Mapel is at the leading edge of the AFSOC and SOF mission," Bosch said. "Her MC-130H background is absolutely invaluable as we move forward (with) the MC-130J (because) it is at the forefront of what AFSOC will be and is currently. She has been key to ensuring the squadron, as a whole, receives the correct care of each other when the time comes."

Bosch added that Mapel is also one of only a handful of CSOs (in the Air Force) that has training on the new MC Terrain-Following radar system, a \$480 million acquisition program.

'This new radar will make the MC-130J a viable replacement for the MC-130H," Bosch said. "Her role in the testing of this system will directly impact the future of AFSOC for generations to come."

Mapel is able to see the direct impact she has on the bigger Air Force picture and that makes the job more

'AFSOC is vital to our performance and deficiencies. nation's security," she said. "(We) provide specialized airpower and ground forces that are utilized by sister service's special operations forces to conduct missions in contested environments. We work together as a team to accomplish our nation's objectives."

Mapel has a sense of pride being part of the AFSOC team because she is entrusted with carrying out some of the nation's most important global endeavors.

"Every day I'm reminded of what it took to become a part of this family, which while small in comparison to other commands, is an incredible pool of specialized talent," she said. "It is truly a commitment rather than an assignment and I'm proud to be committed to this team that is committed to me and my own family."



"The community center was decided to be the best place to provide communications support," said Master Sgt. Kristoffer Golden, 55th CG network infrastructure this facility, we have been able to properly prioritize where we can



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- Torch Club, 1600-1700, Youth Center
- Latin Dance Night, Bar opens 1600, Salsa lesson 1900, Dance Social
- 2000-2400, Ground Zero Lounge in the Jimmy Doolittle Center
- Friday Fun Members Buffet, 1630-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Gentle Yoga, 1700, Fitness Center
- Club Members \$\$\$ Drawing, 1730-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill • Zumba, 1800, Fitness Center • March Madness, 1800-2000, Youth Center
- Mixed Fun League, 1830, Rough Rider Lanes
- Karaoke Night, 2100, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Lights & Strikes Bowling, 2100-2400, Rough Rider Lanes

SATURDAY

• Club Member Benefit, 0900-2000, Rough Rider Lanes • Story Time, 1030, Base Library

• Barre, 0915, Fitness Center

• Cycle, 1130, Fitness Center • Fit to Fight, 1700, Fitness Center

Zumba, 1800, Fitness Center

• Swerk, 1900, Fitness Center

• Game Day, 1000-1930, Base Library

- Pre-Deployment/Remote Readiness Training, 1300-1400, A&FRC
- 4-H Club, 1600-1700, Youth Center

Circuit Training, 0600, Fitness 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

5 April

- Barre, 0600, Fitness Center
- Month of the Military Child Bowling Event, (Open to enrolled FCC families), 1000-1130, Held at Rough Rider Lanes and hosted by Family Child Care • First Friday, 1600-2200, Jimmy Doolittle Center
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- Mixed Fun League, 1830, Rough Rider Lanes
- Karaoke Night, 2100, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Lights & Strikes Bowling, 2100-2400, Rough Rider Lanes

- Baseball Camp, 0900-1100, Youth Center • Zumba, 0900, Fitness Center
- Barre, 1000, Fitness Center
 Youth Bowling League, 1000, Rough Rider Lanes
- Swerk, 1100, Fitness Center
- Family Paint Class, 1300-1500, Arts & Crafts
- Board Games at the Ground Zero Lounge, 1600, Ground Zero Lounge at the Jimmy Doolittle Center
- Canvas & Paint Class, 1800-2000, Held at the Jimmy Doolittle Center and hosted by the Arts & Crafts Center
- Lights & Strikes and Saturday Unlimited Bowling, 2000-2400, Rough Rider Lanes

UNDAY

- Barre, 1300, Fitness Center
- Sunday Escapes Book Club, 1330, Base Library
- Family Zumba, 1400, Fitness Center Yoga, 1500, Fitness Center

MONDAY

- Garden Plot Renewal for 2018 Plot Holders Begins at Outdoor Recreation
- Tactical Fit Express, 0600, Fitness Center
- Golf Season Passes Go On Sale, 0800, Rough Rider Golf Course
- Month of the Military Child Bowling Special Begins, 0900-1400, Rough Rider Lanes
- Swerk, 0915, Fitness Center
- Reintegration Briefing, 1300-1400, A&FRC
 Yogg Strong, 1700, Fitness Center
- Battle Rig Fitness, 1800, Fitness Center
 Zumba, 1800, Fitness Center
- Key Spouse Monthly Meeting, 1800-1930, Held at the PDC and hosted by A&FRC

• Squadron Extramural League, 1730, Rough Rider Lanes • Yoga, 1830, Fitness Center Swerk, 1930, Fitness Center

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

- Tactical Fit Express, 0600, Fitness Center
- Barre, 0915, Fitness Center
- Cycle, 1130, Fitness Center
- Reintegration Briefing, 1300-1400, A&FRC
- Trivia Registration, 1600-1845, Jimmy Doolittle Center
- Fitness Hour, 1600-1700, Youth Center
- Fit to Fight, 1700, Fitness Center
- Club Members' 1/2 Price Appetizers (with purchase of adult entrée), 1700-1900, Rockers Bar & Gri
- Olympic Weightlifting, 1730, Fitness Center
- Zumba, 1800, Fitness Center
- Trivia Night, 1900, Jimmy Doolittle Center

6 April

- Get Certified: CPR & First Aid Course, 0900-1800, Outdoor Recreation
- Zumba, 0900, Fitness Center
- Family Barre, 1000, Fitness Center
- Youth Bowling League, 1000, Rough Rider Lanes
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Arlington, Va. (AFNS) -have aborted their space flight mission after launch, and even fewer received the opportunity to relaunch just months later.

Col. Nick Hague, an astronaut, is scheduled for a second mission to the International Space Station aboard a Soyuz MS-12, March 14, 2019, from Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

Hague, who is set to join the Expedition 59 crew, will conduct hundreds of research investigations and technology demonstrations to advance scientific knowledge of Earth, space, physical and biological sciences, according to NASA.

On Oct. 11, 2018, Hague and his commander, Russian astronaut Alexey Ochinin, were forced to abort their mission when their rocket booster failed to detach once they reached zero gravity.

We (were) at the apex of our trajectory, and I'm staring out there at the curve of the Earth, and the darkness of space ... you're so close you can touch it," Hague said. "And to have that ripped out of your hands, that's devastating." As they plummeted to Earth

at 4,700 miles per hour, Hague's years of Air Force training enabled his life-saving response.

"The career I had leading up to that launch prepared me to respond to that situation," Hague said. "It wasn't my first in-flight emergency – we had those when I was doing flight testing out at Edwards Air Force Base (California). I think what you realize as you gain these experiences is the best thing you can do in the situation to help yourself is maintain your cool and trust in your training." Hague began training with NASA in 2013, and learned to handle maintenance activities, maintain the space station as a national laboratory for research and conduct space walks to fix issues outside the station. A sizable amount of his training also included learning to fly the Sovuz with Ochinin. "There's this common understanding we have with each other ... that even though I may be speaking broken Russian to him, and he's

speaking broken English to ew Airman astronauts me, we understand each other," Hague said. "We've been able

to sit in the simulator over the is thinking and we anticipate last year and a half, to the point each other's moves and we're where we know how each other backing each other up ... it feels

like a well-oiled machine and no different than any crew I could put together in the U.S. – we're in it together."

Though his arrival to the ISS was temporarily delayed, Hague knows the information gathered from this mission will be worth

"The mission we're doing is so important," Hague said after his initial launch. "It's a mission where we're going up there and collecting data so the scientists on the ground can better understand our world, they can better understand our bodies, they can better understand the world around us ... and that's a vital mission that's benefitting all of humanity.

"Just because there's some bumps in the road, or some obstacles, doesn't mean we give up," he continued. "We learn from our failures and we move forward."

(Editor's Note: Quotes from this article were pulled from The Air Force Podcast with Col. Nick Hague, NASA Astronaut. The podcast in its entirety can be found under related links.)



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