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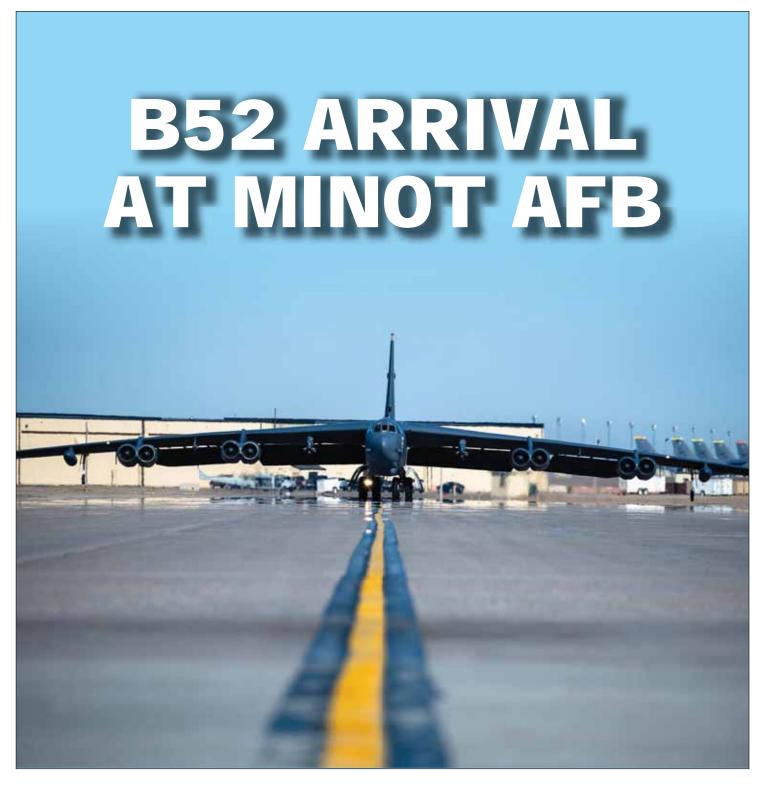
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Airmen assigned to the 5th Maintenance Squadron prepare to service incoming B-52 Stratofortress on the flightline at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, April 16, 2020. Airmen from the 5th Bomb Wing support the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command's Continuous Bomber Presence mission in the Indo-Pacific region from Anderson Air Force Base. More photos on page B4 and Minot AFB PA Flickr page.

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US, Japan bomber-fighter integration demonstrates dynamic force employment

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In demonstration of the U.S. Air Force's dynamic force employment model, a U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancer bomber flew from the continental United States and integrated with the Koku Jieitai (Japan Air Self Defense Force or JASDF) to conduct bilateral and theater familiarization training near Japan April 22.

The B-1, flew a 30-hour round-trip sortie from Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., to the Indo-Pacific and teamed up with six U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons, seven JASDF F-2s and eight JASDF F-15s over Draughon Range near Misawa as part of a joint U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (INDOPACOM) U.S. Strategic (USSTRATCOM) Command Bomber Task Force (BTF) mission before returning home.

"This operation showcases our unwavering commitment to the security and stability of the Indo-Pacific region through the employment of strategic forces from around the globe," said Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., Pacific Air Forces and INDOPACOM Air

Component commander. "From confronting invisible threats of a global pandemic to addressing military aggression and coercive activities, we remain a lethal, innovative and interoperable force focused on a shared vision of upholding a free and open Indo-Pacific.'

In line with the National Defense Strategy's objectives of strategic predictability and operational unpredictability, the U.S. Air Force transitioned its force employment model to enable strategic bombers to operate forward in the Indo-Pacific region from a broader array of overseas and CONUS locations with greater operational

"Like the advancements of our Agile Combat Employment concept of operations, we continue to innovate and adapt our approach, to include how we deploy and employ the various weapons systems we integrate with our allies and partners," Brown said. "Bringing the B-1 into theater ensures our bilateral interoperability accounts for any combination of flying operations to prepare for and outpace the

A U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancer from Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D. and F-16 Fighting Falcons from Misawa Air Base,

Japan, conducted bilateral joint training with Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF) F-2s off the coast of Northern Japan,

April 22, 2020. U.S. Strategic Command's bomber forces regularly conduct combined theater security cooperation

engagements with allies and partners, demonstrating U.S. capability to command, control and conduct bomber

rapidly growing threats in the Indo-Pacific region."

This marks the second CONUSbased bomber bilateral training to occur this year with the JASDF. On Feb. 3, two B-52s integrated with six USAF F-16s and more than 45 JASDF fighter aircraft in the vicinity of Misawa Air Base, Japan. Those bombers flew from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, and Minot Air Force Base, N.D.

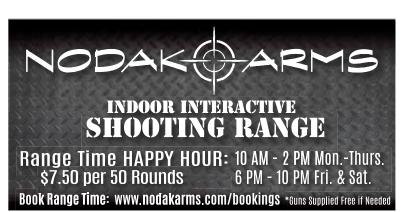
"The rapid employment of airpower directly supports the National Defense Strategy and assures we can provide overwhelming force anywhere, anytime in support of American interests or our Allies and partners," said Gen. Tim Ray, Air Force Global Strike Command and Air Forces-Strategic commander. "This mission is a demonstration to our friends throughout the region: we will continue to remain fully predictable in our commitment to ensuring peace, while also demonstrating that we have the ability to operate from numerous locations across the globe, even during the global pandemic."

The B-1 is assigned to the 28th Bomb Wing and the F-16s are assigned to the 35th Fighter Wing from Misawa Air Base,

The last time the B-1 was in the INDOPACOM area of responsibility was January 2018, when the airframe and crews completed a six-month Continuous Bomber Presence mission at Andersen. During that time, the 9th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron from Dyess Force Base, Texas, conducted a number of sequenced bilateral missions with the Republic of

Korea Air Force and the JASDF. USSTRATCOM has conducted BTF missions (previously known as Bomber Assurance and Deterrence missions) since 2014 as a demonstration of the U.S. commitment to collective security, and to integrate with Geographic Combatant Command operations. The first mission included B-52H Stratofortresses and B-2 Spirits traveling from the continental United States to Joint Base Pearl-

Harbor Hickam in April 2014.



Know your "Rights"

People get frustrated with their health. There is junk food, so stop feeding your brain junk someone to know what to do. You read in one yourself some time to think! publication that you are suppose to eat eggs and Sleep Right: then hear on the news that night that seemingly the sole reason chickens lay eggs is to murder us with cholesterol. Butter will kill you, no wait, margarine will kill you...stop the madness already!! Health is actually really simple. You can boil it down to just 4 things, your personal "Bill of Rights."

- · Eat Right
- Move Right
- Think Right · Sleep Right

If you work on those 4 simple things every day you will live a life that makes you one of the healthiest people you know! I will give a short

Eat according to your genetics. Basically, this means fruits, vegetables, and meat; the end! Most experts will agree that our genes had The most important part of moving right is

Think Right:

busy. You know you shouldn't feed your body

so much advice coming from TV, magazines, information. Read an inspiring book, meditate social media, and you're in-laws that it is super for 15 min 3 times per week, keep a journal, easy to get confused and frustrated. How is spend some time each day unplugged and give

Adults need 7-9 hours of uninterrupted sleep to reset our hormones and repair our bodies on a cellular level. Did you know that if you are not sleeping well it can make it literally impossible for your body to burn fat? Pretty crazy right? Some sleep tips are to keep your room as dark as possible, and stop screen time at least 30 min

Move Right:

Every cell of your body needs exercise every day of your life. Genetically our bodies do best when we lift heavy things, have short intense bursts of energy, and go on long easy walks, bike rides or other low impact aerobic activities. When was the last time you worked up a sweat? If it was not synopsis of each of these 4 rights, but much more in the last few days you should get moving! You don't have to go to a gym ether. Gardening, ranching, housework, going for walks, racing your dog, running up a hill as fast as you can, all these things are great for your genetics.

stopped evolving before we started eating lots of making sure all the segments of your spine are the foods we eat today. A meal with lots of moving right. Your spine protects and regulates colorful veggies and a small amount of good tension in your nervous system, and your brain is quality meat is like music to the ears of your literally fed and produces energy from the movement of your spine. If your spine is not moving how it is meant to you cannot be healthy! Not to worry though at Cornerstone we focus in Sure, you are what you eat, but I would say even finding out what is wrong with your spine and more so you are what you think! Think positive, getting it working as good as new. At Cornerstone focus on the good in every situation, don't hold we are also able to help and advise you on how to on to fear or anxiety or grudges. Replace doubt, move, think, sleep, and eat right. We know your and fear with faith and certainty. Keep your mind "Rights". We are here to help you know your "Rights", too. just give us a call. 701-852-2800.



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A healthy body means a healthy mind

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CALEB S. KIMMELL, 5TH BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. --

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic limitations, many people still want to maintain an exercise routine without gym access. What are some things you can do from home?

"There are many challenges with working out from home". said Airman 1st Class Tornall Thomas, 5th Force Support Squadron assistant sport director

the McAdoo Fitness Center. "But there are many things you can still do."

Thomas says before you do your normal workout routine, you should start with a warm up. Go on a jog, do calisthenics, or dynamic stretches to raise your heart rate and give your body a

chance to properly warm up.

During your workout, correct posture and form is key to ensure you don't injure yourself. Try to do push ups, situps, crunches, and anything else that you're comfortable with. Thomas also says to make sure you are staying hydrated, and don't overwork yourself.

A few minutes of physical activity are better than none at all. Start with 5- or 10-minute sessions and slowly increase the time. The key is to commit to some moderate physical activity—however little—on most days. As exercise becomes a habit, the benefits will begin to pay off.

After you work out you should always stretch, to allow muscles to cool down and relax. Stretch them out and give them a chance to breathe, says Thomas.

"It makes me feel accomplished", says Staff Sgt. Scarlet Jimenez, 5th FSS NCO in charge of the Fitness Assessment Center. "I tell myself 'Hey, you did a great workout, now go attack your day', and I think it's just a really good way to stay positive in your life."

Thomas and Jimenez recommend looking online for workout routines to follow to keep in shape.

"By keeping active, you instill this self worth in yourself", says Thomas. "It builds a routine that sets you up for success for the rest of your life. Back in 2015, I was injured while working out. Doctors said I would never do heavy training again, and that made me very depressed. However, by doing daily routines I improved my body and my mind, and I am in a great position in life now."

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Thomas savs you can't have physical fitness without mental fitness, and vice versa. "If you don't have the mentality, you can't achieve your goal."

Physical fitness is a cornerstone

physically and mentally resilient. Maintaining your physical fitness will in turn lead you to a healthy body and a healthy mind.



becoming Airman 1st Class Madeline Moore, 5th Communication Squadron cyber transport systems visual imagery intrusion detection system technician, shoulder presses a set of dumbbells at Minot, North Dakota, April 22, 2020. Moore conducts at-home workouts including curling dumbbells, training with exercise bands, and high intensity interval bodyweight training in order to stay fit from



Senior Airmen Jonathan Ramos and Christian Alston, 5th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron avionics technicians, lift weights at Minot, North Dakota, April 22, 2020. Ramos and Alston exercise daily at their homemade gym using dumbbells, a bench press, squat rack, and a pull up bar in order to stay physically fit and be mission ready.



Airman 1st Class Kierra Amelung, 91st Missile Security Forces Squadron defender, holds a basketball at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, April 22, 2020. Amelung stays physically active in her free time by playing sports, including basketball and volleyball.

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CROSSWORD

- 1. Woman of refinement
- 5. Bracket-braced window
- 10. Knight's group (with "The")
- 14. Czech runner Zatopek
- 15. Last name in fashion
- 16. Involving the ear
- 17. Links lover's magazine
- 19. Earthen pot
- 20. Were now?
- 21. "... Jumpin' Jack Flash, it's
- 22. "Catch-22" author
- 24. Balkan native
- 26. "Live at Red Rocks" musician John
- 27. Real finish
- 28. Edith Head's area
- 32. Scurried
- 34. Steel support beam
- 36. Early serfs
- 37. Timer sounds
- 39. Basic education trio
- 40. Buyer be where?
- 41. Underway
- 42. The fourth person
- 44. Outdated records
- 45. Browbeats
- 47. Unclose, to Byron
- 49. Shampoo ingredient, often
- 50. Brand new business
- 54. Where rabbits breed
- 57. Cart away
- 58. Incumbents
- 59. Mephistophelian
- 60. Deep Blue vs. Kasparov, e.g.
- 63. Tiller starter
- 64. Gymnastic apparatus
- **65**. ___ fide (bad faith)

- 66. Nightstand jug
- 67. Suppresses one's wanderlust
- **68**. In a different form

Down

- 1. "Jockeys in the Rain"
- 2. Dean Martin song topic
- 3. One who's in it for the long run?
- 4. Legolas of Middle
- Earth, e.g. 5. Japanese paper art

- 6. Lear's daughter
- **7**. "___ de Castro" (John Clifford play)
- 8. Tabloid aviators
- 9. Shaping tools
- 10. Fast Eddie, for one
- 11. "___ do" (resigned acceptance)
- 12. Stack of chips
- 13. Halloween embellishment, sometimes



BLUEPRINT

18. Place to start the

25. Where granny goes

28. Pasta, potatoes and

30. Suffixes with ballad

35. React to the cop with

38. Ancient Roman burial

37. Bit of Morse code

23. Mr. Kefauver

on Friday nights,

26. Yanks' manager

29. Alphabetic run

and command

31. Pilot's dir.

32. Rampant

the radar gun

stone

33. Shortly

stereotypically

roast?

the like

There is a clerk at the butcher shop, he is five feet ten inches tall and he wears size 13 sneakers. What does he weigh?

SAFETY

43. Water flowers

used as horns

Saturn

screen

62. Docs' grp.

46. Spiral shells often

48. ___ Beach, Fla.

50. Full of back talk

51. Largest satellite of

52. Popeye, to Pipeye

54. "___ number one!"

55. Declare openly

53. "Don't give me that!"

56. Prescribed ceremony

57. Queen of Olympus

61. How some like it, on

Meat.

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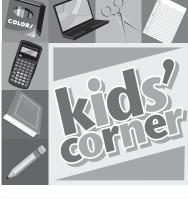
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Solution to puzzle on page B6

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Solution to last week's Crossword puzzle.

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THIS PIECE OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT IS OFTEN REQUIRED WHEN VISITING A CONSTRUCTION SITE OR ANY PLACE WHERE RENOVATIONS ARE BEING MADE.

ANSWER: HARD HAT

Building Word Find

Find the hidden words in the puzzle. DEMOLISH

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Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

BOJ TSEI





to build

stiz dol :19w2nA



ENGLISH: Building

SPANISH: Edificio

ITALIAN: Edificio

FRENCH: Édifice

GERMAN: Gebäude



GUIDELINES WHILE USING HEAVY MACHINERY OR DOING CONSTRUCTION WORK CAN HELP REDUCE INJURIES.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

WINGS TO MAKE ANY BARBECUE FAN BLUSH



Chicken wings are beloved by people of all ages and appetites. While many people only eat wings when out on the town, this lovable bar food can be enjoyed at home as well. The next time the big game is on or you simply have a hunger for homemade wings, try your hand at the following recipe for "Virgil's Smoked Chicken Wings With Blue Cheese Dip" from Neal Corman's "Virgil's Barbecue Road Trip Cookbook" (St. Martin's Press).

Virgil's Smoked Chicken Wings With Blue Cheese Dip

BLUE CHEESE DIP

- 2 cups blue cheese crumbles, divided
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 2 teaspoons hot sauce • 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 cup finely chopped scallions
 1/4 cup finely chopped celery

MARINADE

- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup hot sauce • 4 tablespoons Virgil's Dry Rub (see below)
- 4 tablespoons granulated garlic
- 4 tablespoons granulated onion
- Juice of 1/2 lemon

WINGS

- 8 large chicken wings
- 1/2 cup Virgil's Dry Rub (see below)

SAUCE

- 10 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch 4 tablespoons white vinegar
- 3/4 cup hot sauce • 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1. To make the dip, combine 1 cup of the blue cheese, mayonnaise, buttermilk, hot sauce, Worcestershire sauce, and salt in the bowl of a food processor and blend on low until smooth.
- 2. Remove to a medium mixing bowl and fold in the rest of the blue cheese. scallions and celery, being sure to break up the larger blue cheese crumbles. Place in a covered container and refrigerate overnight.
- 3. Mix all the marinade ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Place the wings in a large container with a lid and pour the mixture over the wings. Toss until the wings are thoroughly coated. Cover and refrigerate for 2 days.
- 4. Preheat the grill or smoker to 245 F.
- 5. Spread out the wings on a sheet pan and wipe away any excess marinade. Sprinkle liberally with the dry rub, coating the wings all over.
- 6. Position the wings on the grill away from the direct heat of the coals or burners, and add hickory to the smoker or hickory chips on the coals or gas burners.
- 7. Cook the wings for about 3 hours, flipping every 30 minutes (their internal
- 8. While the wings are cooking, cut the butter for the sauce into 1-inch cubes and refrigerate. Whisk the cornstarch into the white vinegar, in a small bowl.
- 9. In a medium sauté pan over medium heat, bring the hot sauce to a simmer and whisk in the thickened vinegar. Return to a simmer, cook for 1 minute, and remove from the heat.
- 10. Add the cayenne and slowly whisk in the cold butter. Keep warm until serving.
- 11. Remove the wings from the smoker or grill and put half of them into a bowl, cover with the sauce, and toss. Repeat with the remaining wings and serve on a platter, with the blue cheese dip on the side.

VIRGIL'S DRY RUB

Makes 5 to 51/2 cups

- 2 1/2 cups sweet paprika
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup Texas-style chili powder
- 1/2 cup minced onion • 1/2 cup granulated garlic
- 1/4 cup dried parsley flakes
- 6 tablespoons kosher salt

Combine all of the ingredients in a medium bowl and whisk together until completely incorporated. Transfer to a covered bowl with a tight-fitting lid. Store in a



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Five Minutes to Thrive: **Reducing Telework** Burnout

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Team Minot, for many of us we're beginning a steady flow of telework, which is perhaps longer than many of us expected. Some of us may be experiencing symptoms of burnout - emotional, physical, and mental exhaustion caused by excessive and prolonged task saturation. Burnout leads to feeling overwhelmed, drained, unable to meet demands, and can result in the loss of interest and motivation to take on certain roles. Burnout reduces productivity, and leaves you feeling inert, increasingly helpless, hopeless, cynicism, and resentment. "Spillage" from burnout can impact all areas of your life and decrease your body's immune response, leaving you more vulnerable to illness.

It's important to acknowledge that, 1) burnout can happen even (perhaps especially) during telework and 2), there are things you can do to reduce your risk of

Turn to others - Reaching out to those closest to you and increasing sociability with coworkers (even if via text) can help buffer you from job burnout. Limit contact with negative people that drag down your mood, and connect with a cause or a community that is meaningful to you.

Reframe your outlook on work - Try to find some value in your work. To gain a sense of purpose and control, focus on how your work helps people and aspects of your job that you enjoy. Friendly interactions with co-workers virtually) are good countermeasures for reducing monotony and the risk of burnout. Tasteful jokes relieve stress, improve your job performance, and can get you through a rough

Set boundaries & stick to routines - Set a time each day to completely unplug. Turn off your computer or work phone. Replying "to just one more email" will rob you of time to give to other worthy priorities, and make you less pleasant to be around.

MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, Don't let telework contaminate your entire sanctuary space (home), identify a workspace and keep it confined, don't bring work into relaxing spots. Remember to take time off or take a break. It may seem odd to request leave when we're at home all the time anyway, but if burnout is looming, take a break.

Get enough sleep- Feeling tired can exacerbate burnout and cause you to think irrationally. Keep your cool by getting enough sleep. You may not have to get the kids up early for school, but staying up late to watch "just one more episode" of your favorite tiger show can increase your risk of

Exercise & Relaxation – Even though it may be the last thing you want to do, exercise is a powerful antidote to burnout. Gym closures don't mean that physical health needs can't be met. Get creative with your workouts - go for a walk, run, or look up free workouts online. Relaxation techniques such as yoga, meditation, cooking and deep breathing activate the body's relaxation response, reducing the risk of burnout. When this is all over, you'll be glad you stuck to a workout routine and fought burnout at the same time.

Eat a healthy diet -What you eat can have huge impacts on your mood, energy, and waistline. Limit snacking for you and the kids, and only eat when you are hungry. You may crave sugary snacks or comfort foods, but these quickly lead to crashes in mood and energy. Avoid nicotine and use alcohol in moderation - both may provide temporary relief from stress and worry, but actually create more anxiety as they wear off. Plan your meals and get creative with new food choices. Try cupboard roulette for

For questions, contact Dr. Ashley Kilgore (ashley.c.kilgore. mil@mail.mil) or the Minot Mental Health Clinic at 701-723-



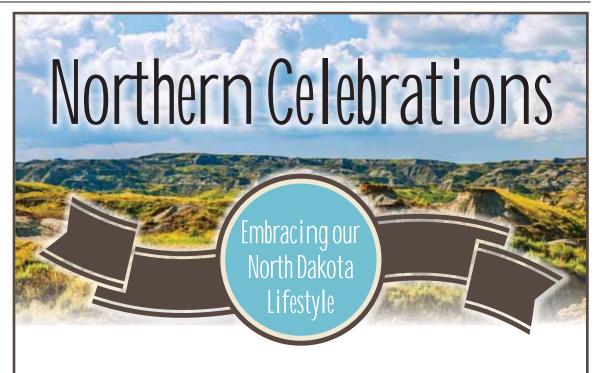
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Lake Darling boat fishing

Patricia Stockdill

May 1 marks another sign that spring are allowed while personal watercrafts, truly has arrived – it's the day Lake Darling tubing, or water-skiing isn't. annually opens for boat fishing and paddle craft use.

(NWR), a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuge northwest of Minot.

Established in the 1930s, Upper Souris NWR's mission focuses on wildlife: "A refuge and breeding grounds for migratory birds and other wildlife," described Refuge Manager Tom Pabian.

While the April and May migration is also an important role for migratory birds that mission is wildlife first," Pabian continued.

April 2020 underscores just how important Upper Souris is to migratory rested and loafed on Lake Darling, feeding and replenishing their nutritional needs on nearby thousands of acres of unharvested crops before continuing their flight to their Canadian Arctic nesting grounds.

through the area and rest on the refuge and Lake Darling, they came in droves because usual. Coupled with an abundance of food and weather conditions. standing water in fields because of last fall's their resting opportunity on Lake Darling.

Public use regulations vary from refuge to refuge based on their compatibility with a use of paddle crafts such as kayaks and canoes gov/refuge/upper_souris).

The 1997 Refuge Improvement Act provided for six possible public uses – hunting, The lake comprises a sizeable chunk fishing, wildlife observation, photography, of Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge environmental education, and interpretation - on refuges. However, each public use must first go through a compatibility review to ensure it will be within a refuge's mission.

Just as Lake Darling plays a major role in spring migration, it's equally important in the fall, which is why it closes to boat activity on Sept. 30 each year.

The amount of fishing activity on Lake a traditional indicator of spring's arrival, it's Darling ebbs and flows with its water the fact that Upper Souris NWR plays such condition. As a relatively shallow lake – a reservoir, actually - its maximum depth delays the use of boats on the lake. "Our is about 20 to 24 feet, which is along the original meandering Souris River channel. Otherwise, it's a basin about 10 to 14 deep.

In most years, spring and early summer is birds such as light geese. In early and mid- a good time to look for walleye, pike, perch, April millions - yes, millions - of light geese and an underappreciated and untapped resource - smallmouth bass. "On a good spring or early summer, we could have 150 to 200 boats," Pabian added.

By the time summer temperatures heat up in late July, though, the lake is prone to While light geese typically migrate abundant vegetation and even instances of algal blooms, including blue-green algae.

When winter rolls around, the number of of more snow cover in eastern North Dakota. icehouses and anglers can exceed the number Lake ice also started opening up earlier than of summer anglers, depending on ice and

All refuges also have specific regulations overabundance of precipitation created a pertaining to public use as it pertains to a perfect storm and meant light geese relished refuge. For example, while Upper Souris is open to a wide array of public use It also served as a reminder as to why the opportunities, including Lake Darling fishing, refuge doesn't open to boat activity at ice- the refuge is only open to the public from 5 a.m. t 10 p.m. daily.

And, yes, regulations are enforced.

Lake Darling fishing information and refuge particular refuge's mission. On Upper Souris public use opportunities and regulations are and Lake Darling, that means fishing and the available on the refuge website, (www.fws.

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My journey with depression and anxiety

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Minot Air Force Base, N.D. --

"It's 3am and I hate myself." That was a message I typed to myself on my phone after a night of crying with no sleep. I remember typing it with tears running down my face and my nose snotting. I was in agony every day. I didn't want to wake up and when I did, I just wanted to go back to sleep. Every step to start the day was painful only thinking about having to hold myself together while I was at work, and there were many days I had no idea how long I'd be working.

My story starts with my application to become a Military Training Instructor. I was so energized and excited at the thought of having the impact on new trainees; the same impact my MTI had on me. I joined the military initially because I wanted to improve myself, and now as an MTI, I was thrilled at the thought to impart that same desire on others. As a former reservist, I had to submit an application and complete an interview before possibly being selected. I remember practicing my interview answers over and over again. I wanted this and I wasn't going to rest until I was selected. I talked about my desire to have a tangible impact on trainees and the ability to better myself in the process blah, blah, blah. A few days later I received a phone call that I was selected and I couldn't contain my excitement. It felt like my dreams were coming true and I was hitting the high point of my life. It was the beginning of my downward spiral.

I began training to become an MTI and through the experience, "Excellence in earned an Instruction" award by graduation I made strong, powerful connections with my classmates that I hope are still strong today. Admittedly, my mental wellness has kept me from continuing the connections I've made during this time. Thinking back, there's a short moment where I felt so passionate and so alive. Being an MTI invigorated me and I was so happy and excited to wake up every morning. Unfortunately, this was a short moment in my time on this assignment.

I still to this day can not identify when it started; all I remember is not feeling like myself. It was subtle; I didn't feel very assertive or as confident as normal. This started to spiral into more. More self-doubt, more anxiety, more self-hate, more internal pain. I didn't want anyone to notice and I tried to hide it. I did this by throwing myself into my work, even though I always felt like I was phoning it in. I was lucky to be identified for several professional opportunities but I never thought I merited even half of what I received. During each of the awards ceremonies, I was astonished to be standing beside such impressive people.

When I was with my flights, I refused to let them see my internal weakness because I needed to be strong for them. I needed to motivate them in uncomfortable conditions, and I needed to be their rock. There's one moment I remember my own pain bubbling through the surface.

I just taught my flight how to make beds and we were doing bed drills to improve their speed. I don't remember much, all I remember is I needed to be alone. The urge to be away from others was stronger than I've ever felt. My chest got tight and I needed to be in my flight office for just a moment. I gave feedback here and there then started the timer again and left the bays. Normally, I'd be giving tips and tricks to my trainees or talking with my dorm chief or element leaders to help them see the bigger picture and fix issues before they became issues. But I couldn't be there. I

needed to be by myself. I closed my office door and closed my eyes and breathed and counted in my head. I don't remember how long I was in my flight office, but I remember being out before my timer went off, so it must have been less than 15 minutes. I cried in my car on my way home that day. It was the first time my personal issues ever surfaced in a real way at my job.

Despite my internal struggles, I went on to earn my "Blue Rope," Master Instructor Badge, and multiple awards. I was selected to lead several projects, teams and tours. I never felt worthy of the tasks I was given or accolades I received. Each new endorsement of my work ethic pushed me deeper into a dark spiral that I can't explain.

I suffered in silence for about two years before I finally went to behavioral health. I had been given the position of instructor supervisor and with not only trainees but now MTIs also relying on me, I finally prioritized my mental health. After several appointments, I met with my doctor and talked about prescription medication for my issues. I began medication and it was a night and day difference. I still didn't feel like myself, but I was no longer in agony. It was like a huge weight was lifted and I could breathe again.

Currently, I'm still on medication that I may be on for the rest of my life. I tried tapering off my

medication with my doctor's guidance, but it didn't go well and we resumed my regular dosage. I have an emotional support dog who loves being by my side and

brings a smile to my face. It is work every day to maintain my mental health, but I will continue to give my mind and body the healthy attention it deserves.



Tech. Sgt. Crystal Charriere, Public Affairs Specialist, gets a lick on the nose from her puppy, Lola. Lola is her emotional support animal to help her with depression and anxiety.

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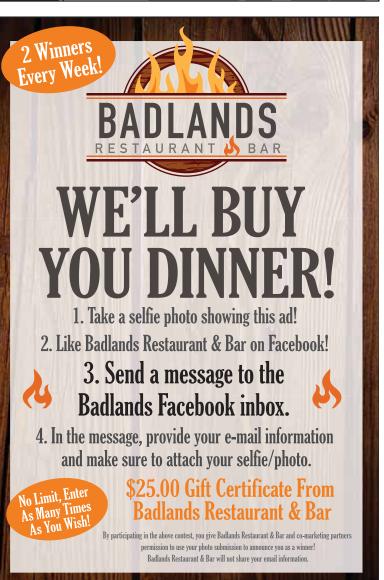












Annual meeting postponed until Oct. 22

VERENDRYE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Verendrye Electric Cooperative has postponed its annual meeting to Thursday, Oct. 22 to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Verendrye normally holds the meeting the second week in June. The annual meeting is where Verendrye members hear reports regarding the cooperative's business and finances and vote for their board of directors.

Verendrye previously postponed caucus meetings that were to be held in mid-April. Caucus meetings are where members can be nominated to run for the board. Those meetings will be rescheduled at a later date and notice of the dates and locations will be sent to all members, published in North Dakota Living magazine and on Verendrye's various digital media.

The annual meeting will continue to be held at the State Fair Center in Minot. Follow us on Facebook and at Verendrye. com for the latest information. You can also call us if you have questions.

Delayed Start for Arts in the Parks 2020

MINOT AREA COUNCIL OF THE ARTS

The 35th Season of Arts in the Parks, originally set to kick off on June 7th, 2020, has been delayed until July.

On Wednesday, the Executive Board of the Minot Area Council of the Arts voted unanimously to delay the start of this summer's Arts in the Parks concert series until at least July. With uncertainty still looming over how and when social distancing guidelines may be relaxed in the state of North Dakota, and out of concern for concert goers, performers, and artists, the board felt this was the best course of action. Executive Director Justin Anderson

agrees with the board's decision, "We don't yet know when or how these guidelines will be relaxed, but it continues to look unlikely that June will find us gathering in large numbers."

MACA will be working to rearrange this summer's Arts in the Parks schedule to include all the same concerts in a shorter time frame. The new schedule will be released once all performances are confirmed. Contact the Minot Area Council of the Arts at justin@minotarts.org if you have any questions or would like to contribute to MACA or Arts in the Parks.



WHAT'S GOING ON MAFB

- TAP/DOL Track Day 2, 0730-1600, A&FRC Online Learning Modules
- Spouses Reintegration Briefing, 1000, A&FRC Zoom Meeting

• Sunday Escapes Book Club, 1330, Minot AFB Library Facebook Page

MONDAY

- TAP, 0730-1600, A&FRC Online Learning Modules
- Reintegration Briefing, 1000-1100, A&FRC Online Learning Modules
- EFMP Orientation, 1300-1500, A&FRC Zoom Meeting

- TAP/VA Day, 0730-1600, A&FRC Online Learning Modules
- Game Day, 1000-1930, Minot AFB Library Facebook Page

- TAP/DOL, 0730-1600, A&FRC Online Learning Modules
- Pre-Deployment/Remote Readiness Training, 1000-1100, A&FRC Online Learning
- Story Time, 1030, Minot AFB Storytime Club Facebook Group
- Brown Bag Book Talks, 1200, Minot AFB Library Facebook Page

- TAP/DOL Track Day 1, 0730-1600, A&FRC Online Learning Modules
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Beach Party, 1300, Minot AFB Storytime

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Due to base precautions, several base events have been postponed or cancelled. Visit www.5thforcesupport.com or 5th Force Support on Facebook for all up to date 5 FSS information.

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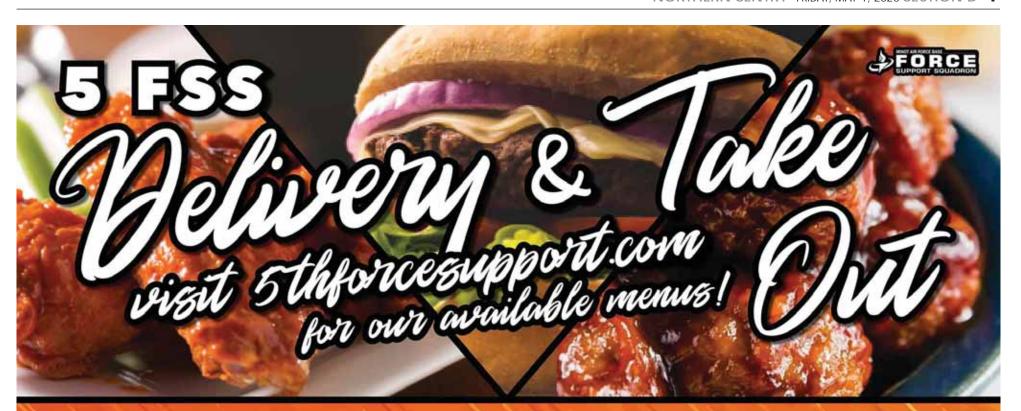
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Online Hunter Education **Certification Available**

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department is offering an online hunter education course for students who will turn at least age 12 on or before Dec. 31, 2020.

Education supervisor Marty Egeland said with most inperson hunter education classes canceled this spring due to the coronavirus pandemic, Game and Fish needed to find a way to get students certified for hunter education this year. "And with most classes held before the deer application deadline, we had to adjust the way we administer our classes," Egeland said.

The online course is available to students who were already enrolled in classes that were canceled, and also to qualifying students who were not previously enrolled in a class. A 25% discount is being offered for taking the online course.

Students who were already enrolled in a 2020 class that was canceled do not have to register with Game and Fish again. They will automatically receive an email with instructions to start the online course.

Prospective students who had not previously registered, can sign up through the Game and Fish website, gf.nd.gov. After signing up for the class, the student will receive an email with further relevant information and instructions. The online portion within two weeks of signup.

For both pre-registered and new students, when the online hunter education course and an accompanying virtual field day are completed, a temporary hunter education number will be provided, which will allow lottery applications and license purchases in 2020.

Each student will then have until Dec. 31, 2020 to attend one in-person class session, to take the official North Dakota Game and Fish Department hunter education written and practical exams. If this is not completed by the end of the year, the temporary hunter education number will expire and the student will have to retake the course in the future.

Game and Fish will notify students when dates and locations are established for these final class sessions.

Another option for anyone who wants to hunt in North Dakota in 2020, is a one-time exemption called an apprentice license. Individuals who are at least age 12 by the end of the calendar year, and who have not previously had an apprentice license, can apply for one and use that to purchase 2020 licenses without a hunter education number. An apprentice license holder must then complete the official hunter education course before being able to purchase hunting licenses in future years.

Guide and Outfitter **Exam Canceled**

The guide and outfitter exam Bismarck has been canceled. scheduled for May 9 at the

The next exam will be

North Dakota Game and Fish rescheduled at a later date. Department's main office in

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- 1/2 CUP MAYONNAISE 1/2 CUP SOUR CREAM 1/2 TABLESPOON SALT TO TASTE BLACK PEPPER 2 TABLESPOON DILL SEED
- 1 TABLESPOON SUGAR 2 TABLESPOON SRIRACHA
- 2 TABLESPOON WHITE WINE VINEGAR 1 HEAD CABBAGE, SHREDDED
 1 LARGE CARROT, PEELED, SHAVED THIN
- AS NEEDED EXTRA-VIRGIN OLIVE OIL 1 1/2 POUND HALIBUT
- 1/2 CUP ALL-PURPOSE FLOUR
- 1 1/2 TEASPOON SALT
- 1 TEASPOON BLACK PEPPER 2 LARGE EGGS
- 1 1/2 CUP PANKO BREADCRUMBS 2 TABLESPOON PARSLEY, DRIED 1 TEASPOON DILL WEED, DRIED

- Add mayonnaise, sour cream, salt, pepper, dill seed, sugar, sriracha, and vinegar to a small bowl and whisk to combine
- In a medium bowl, combine cabbage and carrots and fold in the mayonnaise mixture until the cabbage and carrots are coated. Set aside until ready to eat.

When ready to cook, set temperature to High and preheat, lid closed

Place a dutch oven inside the grill to preheat (about 10 minutes) with enough olive oil to fry fish.

Rinse all fish fillets and pat dry. Cut fillets into 1" strips.

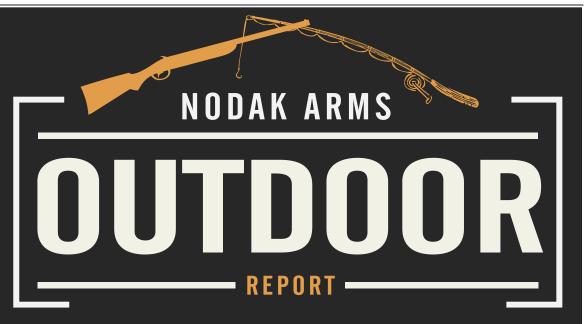
In one bowl combine the all purpose flour, salt and pepper.

In a third bowl, combine the panko, parsley and dill.

Dip fish fillets first in the flour mixture, then the eggs and then the panko mixture.

Place fish sticks in oil and fry for about 3 to 4 minutes, or until they reach an internal temperature of 140°. Enjoy!

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OUTDOOR NOTES:

Lake Sakakawea elevation, April 27: 1,840.28 feet above mean sea level (MSL); 24,400 cubic feet per second (CFS) Garrison Dam average daily releases.

Devils Lake elevation: 1,449.59 feet above mean sea level (MSL). Stump Lake elevation: 1,449.38

- N.D. Game & Fish Dept. game wardens: No Missouri River System reports. Spotty success from Devils Lake feeder coulees. Try working farther upstream. Lake Metigoshe generally ice-
- Devils Lake, Ed's Bait Shop, Devils Lake: No new reports.
- Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Fair to good for walleye in Devils Lake feeder creeks and channels with lots of activity. Some pike mixed in. The lake is opening with 6-Mile and Creel bays open.
- ·Lake Darling, Karma C-Store, Ruthville: Lake Darling producing some walleye success. Also try the river around J. Clark Salyer.
- · Lake Darling, Upper Souris Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge, Foxholm: Courtesy docks now in place but Landing 3 and Outlef Fishing Area fishing piers not in yet. Lots of shore-fishing activity, hiking, grouse blind reservations, and people enjoying the auto tour route. Slow fishing success yet, however.
- · Lake Metigoshe, Four Seasons, Bottineau: Lake Metigoshe largely open with little activity yet.
- Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: More anglers on the east end of Lake Sakakawea with somewhat slow walleye success yet. Docks are starting to get in place, including the deTrobriand Marina dock at Fort Stevenson State Park. Deepwater Bay slowed for walleye. Look for the spawn to get underway soon. The lake is ice-free. No recent Lake Audubon or Missouri River reports.

- · North Dakota state park facilities, including vault toilets, restrooms, and visitor centers, remain closed to public use, although hiking trails are open for day use only. Please remember to implement social distancing. Day and annual passes available through park self-registration or online (www.parkrec.nd.gov).
- N.D. Game & Fish Dept. Wildlife Mgmt. Areas also open to public use, although specific use regulations apply. Go to the Game & Fish Dept. website, (gf.nd.gov) for information.
- Check with other public land and recreation agencies, as well, regarding camping and public use regarding Covid-19 related restrictions.
- Please consider limiting the number of people in a boat to two when open water fishing gets underway to help reduce the Covid-19 potential.
- · Remember that new boat registrations are now required.

Tournaments:

All May tournaments cancelled.

Sakakawea, 23, New Town: Some walleye success in the Van Hook Arm and midsection but look for it to slow with the spawn getting underway.

Sakakawea/Missouri River, Scott's Bait & Tackle, Pick City: Missouri River continues producing walleye from boats using jigs and minnows or Lindy rigs. Also try nightcrawlers. Most activity around the mouth of the spillway or coal veins but move around and work different areas. Some trout and pike mixed in. Rocks producing walleye at night from shore. Also try the boat ramp or wing walls. Lots of activity around the campground, as well. Lake Sakakawea spotty for walleye from boats but wind limiting activity. Try farther west towards Beaver Bay. Some lingering pike success from shore.

Sakakawea/northwest Lake N.D. lakes, Scenic Sports, Williston: Little Beaver and White Earth Bay generally producing the better walleye success on Lake Sakakawea. Pike spawn winding down but a few nice-sized ones 12,200 CFS. still showing up occasionally. Look for an upcoming smelt run but quiet yet early in the week. Missouri River clearing somewhat with a little better walleye success. Confluence boat landing shallow

Scenic and unusable for larger boats but anglers can get small 14-foot and smaller boats in yet. Limited reports from small area lakes, although Trenton Lake producing some crappie.

> •Lonetree WMA area lakes, Harvey: Look for a nice spring walleye bite throughout area lakes.

> North-central/central lakes, Towner Hdwe. Hank, Towner: Mouse River producing some scattered pike success with more anglers starting to get out. No reports from area lakes.

Paddlecraft river elevation & flows:

- Des Lacs River, Foxholm: River stage, 5.89 feet; streamflow, 20.8
- •Little Missouri river, Long X Bridge: Streamflow, 248 CFS.
- Missouri River Washburn: River stage, 10.77 feet. • Souris River, Foxholm: River
- stage, 5.11 feet. · Souris River, Minot: River stage,
- 4.29 feet; streamflow, 21.6 CFS.
- Yellowstone River, Sidney, Mont.: River stage, 5.76 feet; streamflow,

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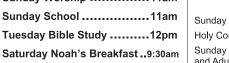
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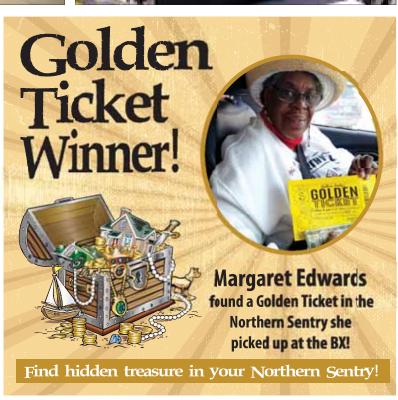
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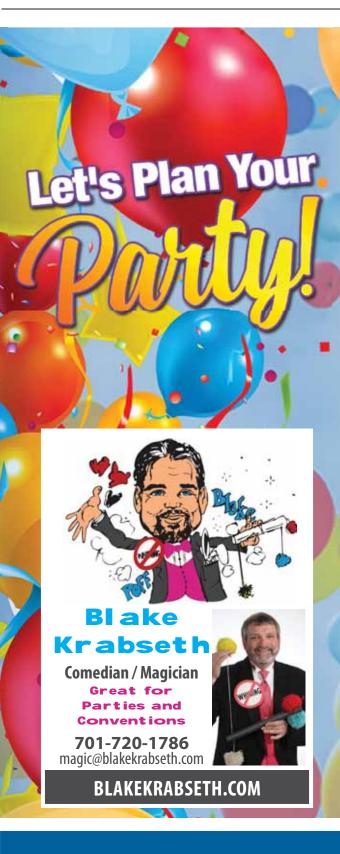
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Team Minot implements DOD's New Tenant Bill of Rights with boost to housing resident advocacy

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On Feb. 25, 2020, in response to concerns raised across the Air Force by military members and their families, the Secretary of Defense Mark T. Esper and the Secretaries of the Air Force, Army and Navy signed and issued the Military Housing Privatization Initiative Tenant Bill of Rights.

The Bill, created by The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020, consists of 18 rights. It ensures privatized housing tenants "receive quality housing and fair treatment from the Military Housing Privatization Initiative project owners that operate and maintain privatized housing," as stipulated in a Defense Department memo.

"It's but one step that we're taking toward improving the trust and accountability of our leadership to provide safe, healthy homes for our [military] families renting privatized housing," added Secretary Esper.

As the DOD pledges to "continue to work with housing privatization project owners to ensure residents' concerns are addressed," Minot AFB installation leadership continues to take action as well.

5th Bomb Wing leadership have hired two new positions in the Military Housing Office to provide additional oversight of the privatized housing function. Leadership are also in the process of hiring a third position, a Privatized Housing Resident Advocate. The Resident Advocate will report directly to

will serve as the liaison between privatized housing residents, the military housing office, the privatized housing project owner, and the Installation Commander. Day to day, the resident advocate will handle issues pertaining to privatized housing resident rights, advocate for safe and healthy housing, connect residents to resources, work dispute resolution, and manage resident council functions.

While the new Resident Advocate is brought on board, installation leadership is not waiting and is aggressively establishing these new functions right now in order to further raise accountability and improve residents' voices in the Minot AFB housing community. For example, the 5th Civil Engineering Squadron Military Housing Office is right now launching the resident council for privatized housing residents.

"The Minot AFB Privatized Housing Resident Council will be established as the primary forum for residents to voice concerns and take an active role guiding the future of housing on Minot AFB," said Tim Knickerbocker, 5th CES Housing Element Chief.

The council will have three selfnominated representatives from each Minot housing community. A call for nominations was made in mid-April. Interested housing residents contact Knickerbocker for more information.

"Team Minot appreciates the fact that quality of life starts

where Airmen, civilians, and their families live. While we have dedicated significant effort to ensure the health and safety of all privatized housing units, the Tenant Bill of Rights and Housing Resident Council are promising steps to improve standards, communication and overall transparency in the Minot AFB housing community," said Col. Matthew Altman, 5th CES commander.

The Tenant Bill of Rights commits the DOD to provide the full benefits for 15 out of the 18 rights by May 1, 2020. These provisions regarding privatized housing are specified in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020.

From first-line supervisors Installation Commander up through the USAF senior leadership, the pledge remains: "We will not let up on this issue until we see the quality of housing for our military members and their families improve across the

Volunteers interested in being a neighborhood representative on the council may send their name via email to 5ČES.ceih@us.af.mil or timothy.knickerbocker.1@us.af.

More information on the MHPI Tenant Bill of Rights can be found on the DOD webpage https://media.defense. gov/2020/Feb/25/2002254968/-1/-1/1/MILITARY_HOUSING_ PRIVATIZATION_INITIATIVE_ TENANT_BILL_OF_RIGHTS.

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Parents and caregivers, this is for you. If you're not a parent or caregiver, I'd invite you to think about those who are because they are responsible for the well-being of the tiny humans who will be our future leaders. COVID-19 has created many challenges for parents and caregivers who are home with children full-time while trying to manage telework, homeschooling, parenting, and perhaps their own academic or extracurricular pursuits. Social media is lit up presently, with the impact of more time with kids at home (some good, some bad, and some funny).

How do you explain that there is a new flu virus, aggressively attacking the world? Or that you can't play tag with friends or play on playground equipment? How do you explain why mom/ dad wear a mask and gloves in the grocery store?

You tell them the truth. You say "there is a new flu/cold, making people very sick. That's why we're taking steps to keep us safe and not going out." Here are a few more things to consider in answering the kiddos' questions and not stoking their anxieties:

It's normal to worry. COVID-19 is new and it's scary for all ages, but children should not be put in the position of handling their parent's worries. It is the parent/ caregiver's job to help the child feel safe. Signs of worry in

parents and caregivers to teach.

Games and art. Especially for younger kids, word expression is difficult. While you're both a parent and teacher, encourage your children to draw a picture about their experience with 'Crayola virus'. Ask them to invent a coronavirus game. These are great ways to process and normalize emotions.

Be alert for behavior changes. You know your 'normal' child best, so be on the lookout for changes like: distressed looks, increased clinginess or detached behavior, and unexplained headaches/stomach aches. These may be clues the child needs you to engage and talk about what they're thinking about.

Limit news reports. Little ears listen to everything. Older kids may want to discuss what they hear. However for younger ages, parents should monitor and filter as necessary. You can also emphasize that people are beating COVID-19 and treatments are coming

It's said frequently lately, we're all in this together. It's true. Parents, reach out to other parents for support. And if you need help or you're having a tough time "coping with COVID," we have your back.

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