

### WHATS INSIDE THIS WEEK:





A MOTHER'S **DAY TRIBUTE:** MILITARY MOMS

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Last week Airmen from 742nd Missile Squadron from Minot Air Force Base volunteered their time to wrap diapers for Project Bee. They wrapped hundreds of diapers that will be distributed through the Dakota Diaper Pantry for local families in need. To learn more about Project Bee's Diaper Pantry or other services they provide, visit projectbeend.org

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# The North Dakota Outdoors are Calling— Finally!

ERIN BEENE

The sun is shining, the grass is attempting to get greener and all of Minot AFB is aching to get out and enjoy some warmth! The Minot Outdoor Recreation Center is here to assist. Last Friday, the ODRC hosted an Open House to show off all the equipment they rent, the trips they plan and the plethora of activities and fun that can be obtained in the North Dakota outdoors. This event hosted the National Park System Park Rangers who were giving out FREE 2022 National Park passes to all military members and dependants! These passes can also be obtained by visiting any National Park and showing a Military ID. The Rangers took time to point out all the National Parks within driving distance from Minot, including Theodore Roosevelt National Park



Rankin informing MAFB residents gladly let us borrow their bottle about National Parks in North and opener and we spent the rest of the weekend talking and sharing South Dakota at the Outdoor Rec **Open House** food with each other. Lastly, we

and the Badlands National Park in South Dakota. Also present was a representative from the Minot Parks District with info from the Roosevelt Park Zoo, local trails, summer sports programs and much more! The event had free, sizzling hot dogs on the grill and a faux camping area complete with a tent and sleeping bags that displayed everything that can be rented from Outdoor Rec in a visually pleasing wav.

Rounding out the really cool experiences offered by Outdoor Rec is the recreational vehicle and camper rental program, where one can rent any size RV for the day, weekend or longer! If new to North Dakota summers, one thing to be discovered is this state's obsession with camping. The mild days, cool breezy nights and extended daylight hours make North Dakota a camper's dream. To get some tips for new campers in the state, this reporter caught up with a local camping enthusiast, Thomas Pierce. Pierce's first camping trip in the state was in 2019 when he and his family rented an RV from Outdoor Rec. He recollected their first time camping and how the learning curve made the adventure even more memorable. He said, ... our first camping trip was memorable because ... we forgot our bicycles but we remembered to take the helmets. The corkscrew broke when we tried to open the bottle Park Rangers Tabitha Cool and Andy of wine. The strangers next to us

last day so instead of taking a shower, we used baby wipes." Pierce recalled that, " Instead of being angry and worrying about having a perfect vacation, I realized was still having fun. I realized that my family was also delighted by the challenges and they were happy." After exploring over 9 campgrounds in the state, Pierce recommends newbie campers to not worry about forgetting something. He says most neighbors are happy to help out and if you're worried about how to do something, there are lots of YouTube videos to help you out in almost every situation. He also recommends that anyone interested in camping here should join the Minot AFB Camping Crew Facebook Page which has several hundred local campers willing to help and answer questions. When asked, Pierce mentioned that his favorite campground in the state was, "...Van Hook Resort near New Town because they have lake-front sites and family activities every weekend. There's also a small convenience store for the items that were forgotten. My little kids enjoyed the two different playgrounds, the swimming area, and the hikes around the lake." He also mentioned that his family loved Medora Campground because it's on the river and there are lots of trees for shade as well as very friendly staff. Why is he hooked on camping now? Pierce said camping brings him calm and "...I enjoyed seeing the sunsets over the lake and the sensation of leaving stress at work. Our family



Fishing Guide Brett Bloemendaal doing what he does best: Fishing and helping others enjoy it too.

enjoys camping because it makes us de-stress and spend time with each other."

If spending entire days outdoors does not sound enjoyable, what about just a few hours on the lake? Don't let fear of inexperience be a worry. This reporter caught up with North Dakota fishing guide, Brett Bloemendaal, at the ODR Open House and learned a thing or two. Bloemendaal grew up in the Midwest and often went fishing with family as a child. Later in life he ditched the outdoors to become an investment analyst. After a while, the outdoors were calling again so he decided to quit his job in the business world and return to the fresh air to become a Fishing Guide instead. Bloemendaal now offers fishing tours for all ages and all experience levels based in Garrison, an hour's drive south of the base. He is licensed, insured and presented with a very forthcoming, yet relaxed and friendly demeanor that exudes fishing knowledge. He books tours all summer season, yielding positive online reviews and videos from satisfied customers. For more information about booking a fishing tour this summer, find Brett on bloemendaalfishing. com or Bloemendaal Fishing on YouTube.

It has to be said: North Dakota in the summer is beautiful. Whether it be camping, fishing, swimming or gardening, getting outside this summer to enjoy the expansive blue sky is a must. There are plenty of opportunities for all ages to try something new and give an outdoor interest a go. Stop by the Outdoor Rec Center for TONS of support and information, or just sit outside and have some lemonade with friends. The nice weather is finally here, so don't waste it!

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# A Mother's Day Tribute: Military Moms

**ERIN BEENE** 

again. It's the time of year where moms everywhere get extra love, hugs and 'maybe' a little extra time

Mother's Day weekend is here to sleep. While this Sunday is a day to celebrate all moms everywhere, here at the Northern Sentry, we would like to give a special shout-

out to our active duty mothers here at Minot AFB. These moms not only wear the Air Force uniform bravely, but also show their

children how women can make a difference in the world. We thank you for all you do as moms and as Airmen! Check-out some of our

active duty moms and what they said being a 'Mom in the Military' means to them.



TSgt Laurielle McDermott 891st Missile Security Forces Squadron

"Sometimes it's stressful, but more often than not it's just a little hectic and messy. Morning daycare drop offs, late training days, and still have to come home and make sure dinner is ready or that my home is taken care of. My husband and I are both active duty so we divide and conquer and that really helps. I couldn't imagine doing it alone. Because it really takes a village. I have amazing leadership that is incredibly understanding about the struggles with finding childcare, so from time to time I bring my 4 month old to work with me." - TSgt Laurielle McDermott, 891st Missile Security Forces Squadron



SrA Lynette Albo 91st Missile Security Operations Squadron/Convoy Response Force

"Being a mom in the military can be challenging but I'm in a great squadron that allows me to be home everyday to be able to see my little man. My leadership always has my back when it comes to any issue I may have with childcare or any other family issues. What made me stay in the military instead of getting out is all the amazing people I have met while being in."- SrA Lynette Albo, 91st Missile Security Operations Squadron/Convoy Response Force



A1C Tayshia Pugh 5th Security Forces Squadron

"Motherhood is truly amazing. To me being a military mother is an added bonus. I get to be a positive role model in my son's life showing him that life is about continuously improving yourself. I'm able to simultaneously serve my country and provide for those closest to me. I can fulfill my career alongside caring for my child has been a tremendous blessing. It requires a little more sweat and tears some days but I'm grateful for this opportunity."- A1C Tayshia

Pugh, 5th Security Forces Squadron

"As a military mother of 19 years being a mom is one of the greatest achievements. Being a mother has allowed me to be a better leader and First Sergeant for my Airmen. While some days may be challenging, my children are the reason why I am always excited to return home. Their warm smiles and hugs make the day melt away."- MSgt Adrian Galcik, 91st Missile Security Forces Squadron

MSgt Adrian Galcik

91st Missile Security Forces Squadron



TSgt Ariel Venne 5th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron

"Being a mom in the military has been one of the most rewarding vet most difficult tasks I've encountered. Finding a perfect balance between work and home, especially as I progress in rank, is nearly impossible. However, I am proud to be a strong role model for my son and daughter. They are the light to my day and the strength I need when I feel like a failure. They motivate me to be the best mom and leader I can be. I cannot imagine life without them."- TSgt Ariel Venne, 5th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron





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Team Minot's Female Electronic Warfare Officers and Weapons System Officers pose in front of a B-52H Stratofortress on Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, March 18, 2021. These women call themselves the baronesses and work in the 23rd Bomb Squadron.

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# **Stay Optimistic**

The views on the local news of the extreme northwest corner of the state show mammoth snow drifts and downed power lines. Those in the 91st Missile Wing are also dealing with the extreme spring snow fall in that area, too. All three winter storms dumped massive snow amounts, and the last storm doubled up with rain that turned to ice downing power lines and leaving thousands without power. Now in the aftermath of those snowstorms will be the melting snow that will leave roads flooded and some will be impassable.

Certainly, we think about the communities in that area as they try to deal with the situations presented now that spring has brought warmer temps. In talking to a couple of my 91st MW friends last week I heard about "mud and flood". Muddy roads and high water levels are always a challenge in the spring, but it becomes an even larger challenge when you are talking about 48 to 60 inches of snow, and more. So even though the work of the maintenance people from the 91st MW doesn't make the headlines, we know that the job

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A VIEW FROM OUR SIDE ROD WILSON, NORTHERN SENTRY

of staffing and maintenance on the missile system is 24/7, no matter what the weather or conditions.

So, stay optimistic friends, as spring in North Dakota has finally sprung. You can put away your snow shovels and talk about outdoor events, like a bar-b-que



or trip to the park, without much concern. Having been a life-long resident, I can remember snow on July 4th, albeit not much snow, but enough to make the ground white. So, Mother Nature still has the final trump card, always. Let's just hope that she doesn't play it!

### TODAY'S SMILES





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SHE'S NOT FROM AROUND HERE AMY ALLENDER

We've got to talk about the blizzards one more time. Just once more. Then I'm done. Unless, of course we get another blizzard. If we get a blizzard in May, all bets are off and you betcha I'll write about it.

But for today, let's confidently hope that blizzard warnings are in the rearview mirror and we won't need to lace up our snow boots again until — at earliest — September.

Now that the snow is melting and we are getting glimpses curbs along the streets (who knew curbs could be so dearly missed?), things are starting to look a little more normal. People are running errands. Dogs are being walked. Mail is being delivered. Store shelves are restocked.

It's the store shelves I want to draw attention to today. The grocery-buying frenzy prompted by an imminent storm has come to a close. So, I'll take this moment for a little commentary on the one item that flies off NoDak grocery store shelves when a blizzard is in the forecast.

Cream of mushroom soup.

Okay, really any "cream of" soup. However, I have it on good authority that cream of mushroom is often the preferred "cream of" because of its versatility. Apparently cream of celery is a close second. Surprisingly, cream of chicken ranks low on the list.

Around here, stocking up on cream of mushroom soup before heavy snowfall or subzero temperatures is a survival technique. Before our recent blizzards the "cream of" soups seemed to disappear from shelves as though they were rolls of toilet paper in March 2020. As I did my pre-storm shopping to stock up on my own version of necessities: coffee, coffee creamer, milk, and diapers, I couldn't help but notice the vacant can slots in the soup aisle.

**Cream of Mushroom Soup** 

I can't liken it to anything else I've ever seen anywhere else. Cream of mushroom soup just may be the most singularly unifying North Dakotan item there is.

The need to be well stocked with cream soups separates the native North Dakotans from those of us who aren't from around here. The weight you place on your cream soup inventory draws a distinct line between the casserolers and the hot-dishers.

Why cream of mushroom? Why cream soups? What do they need them for?

I have two words for you: Hot. Dish.

There's a reason I call this "Hot Dish Territory" and this is it. It's not just that folks here refer to casseroles as "hot dishes." It's the prominent place a hot dish has in society. If one is well stocked with cream of mushroom soup, the hot dish possibilities are nearly endless. You could make hamburger hot dish, taco hot dish, chicken and rice hot dish — or, the most popular of all, tater tot hot dish. You could also go the pot-pie route, which I've been told is a close cousin to the hot dish.

When cold and snow encroach, the natives turn to cream of soup and tried and true hot dish recipes just as much as shovels and snow throwers. It's comfort, familiarity, warmth and faith that this storm will pass and summer will arrive. It's the beauty of a humble can of soup becoming a mascot for weathering the storm. It's all of that and more, served out of a 9x13 pan, held together with cream of mushroom soup.

It's something those of us who aren't from around here should stop and notice. How do they do it? How do they get through a lifetime of brutal winters and unpredictable springs? Hot dishes. And cream of mushroom soup.

Do you have an observation that is uniquely Dakotan or Minot? I'd love to hear from you. Reach me on Instagram @amy\_allender or by email at amy.allender@ mydakotan.com.



Tater Tot Hot Dish, in case you are not familiar.

AMY ALLENDER PHOTOS



A sign that survival instincts have kicked in across Hot Dish Territory.



# Welcome Dr. O'Riley Clinical Psychology



Christine O'Riley, PsyD

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#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 small Tomato, chopped 1 Serrano Chile, seeded & chopped 2 tbsp fresh Oregano, chopped 2 tbsp fresh Cilantro, chopped 8 oz mild Cheddar Cheese, grated 8 oz Monterey Jack Cheese, grated 1 tbsp All Purpose Flour 1 (4 oz) fresh Chorizo or Hot Italian Sausage, casing removed 1/2 cup Red Onion, minced 2 cloves Garlic, minced 1/2 cup Light Beer Tortilla Chips



oregano in a small bowl. Season with salt and let stand for 30 minutes.

2) Meanwhile, toss both cheeses with flour in a medium bowl. Cook chorizo in a medium saucepan over medium heat, breaking up with a wooden spoon, until it begins to render (about 1 minute). Add onion and garlic and continue cooking until chorizo is cooked and onion is soft and translucent (about 5 minutes).

**3**) Transfer chorizo mixture to a small bowl and return saucepan to heat. Add beer and simmer stirring occasionally; scrap up any browned bits.

4) Whisking constantly, add cheese mixture a 1/4 cup at a time, allowing it to become blended and smooth between additions. Stir in chorizo mixture

5) When ready to cook, set the temperature to  $350^\circ F$ and preheat, lid closed for 15 minutes

6) Transfer saucepan contents to a medium dutch oven and place directly on the grill grate. Cook 15-20 minutes until the top is lightly browned and bubbling.

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# **Discover Minot Excursion:** Find Out Why You Might NOT Hate it Here

ERIN BEENE

The "Minot Meltdown" (not referring to the massive snow melt) is that familiar moment of dread and overwhelming despair that washes over many Airmen and their family members when they receive orders to the 5th Bomb Wing or the 91st Missile Wing. You know what I'm talking about. Deemed as one of the least ideal bases in the military from notable online sources as Military.com and Militaryspouse.com, not too many Airmen are putting Minot AFB on their dream sheets. However, despite the months of seemingly ever lasting cold and wind, there are people who have realized that Minot isn't really all that bad if given a chance. In fact, some even say that they end up LOVING it here.

what makes Minot a So worthwhile and special assignment that can become a favorite? Besides the welcoming citizens, quaint small town feel and beautiful summers, the city of Minot has so many hidden gems that will bring a smile to even the most cynical newbie; however, sometimes these unique shops and fun experiences can be hard to uncover. Instead of waiting for you to discover all Minot has to offer, the Northern Sentry has made it its mission to bring the town of Minot to YOU with the brand new Discover Minot Excursion.

This tourist-style tour bus adventure will pick up Airmen and adult dependents on base and

give you a day of sight-seeing and discovery of your temporary home. We're betting that even those who have been here a while will discover something new. Scheduled for Wednesday, May 25, the Discover Minot Excursion will not only show you around town and direct you to all the cool locations, it also offers a tasty lunch from 'Cookies for You', a chance to win a few hundred bucks in gift cards, plus other perks all for only \$10/person! This morning and afternoon excursion connects you with the city and all the hidden downtown Minot opportunities, allowing you to get established quicker and feel at home sooner. To help you have

a great assignment, the Discover Minot Excursion is open to new and seasoned Minot AFB members. Spaces are extremely limited, so visit downtownminot.com to find out how to sign up today.

We know, May is a crazy month. So if you are bummed that you can't make it this time around, fear not! The Northern Sentry plans on making the Discover Minot Excursion a seasonal thing, having one in early Fall as well as a special holiday-themed excursion in early December. We will keep you posted on further dates and we look forward to showing you around town!







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Retired Col. Joe Jackson poses with a permanent Medal of Honor display at the Pentagon in Arlington, Va. (USAF Photo by Scott Ash)

made the decision to respond and descended to the landing strip of the camp under heavy fire. After landing, enemy forces dropped a rocket near the plane, but fortunately it was a dud. Jackson was able to rescue the CCT and bring them to safety in Da Nang. Despite the amount of enemy fire during the rescue, the C-123 was found to have no damage

During the Vietnam War on May 12, 1968, former Lt. Col. Joe Jackson was commander of an unarmed C-123 transport aircraft. The plane was flying an emergency mission in South Vietnam after a special forces camp at Kham Duc was overrun by the enemies, who were in complete control of the area. Over the radio, Jackson learned that a three-man combat control team had been accidentally left behind after the camp was evacuated. Jackson

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Information courtesy of: af.mil



# First female B-52 squadron commander takes charge

RACHEL NOSTRANT, AIRFORCE TIMES

The Air Force has officially welcomed its first female B-52 squadron commander at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana.

Lt. Col. Vanessa Wilcox took command of the 96th Bomb Squadron, 2nd Operations Group, on April 21.

"I am humbled and grateful for the opportunity to lead this historic squadron," Lt. Col Willcox told the Shreveport Times. "I'm proud to serve alongside the men and women of the 96th BS to build upon a legacy left by so many great Airmen over its 105-year tenure. - First to bomb!"

Wilcox is a B-52H Weapon Systems Officer and most recently served as the deputy group commander for the 2nd Mission Support Group and director of operations for the 20th Bomb Squadron.

She has deployed multiple times to the Pacific area of operations.

Wilcox assumed command from outgoing Lt. Col. Christopher Duff. In previous years, B-52s from

the 96th Bomb Squadron have deployed as part of a Bomber Task Force to Guam and, more recently, in support of NATO operations in the Baltics.





Lt Col. Vanessa Wilcox, incoming 96th Bomb Squadron commander, poses in front of a B-52H Stratofortress at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, April 21, 2022. Wilcox is the first female B-52 squadron commander in the Air Force.

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# **DOD Celebrates Military Spouse Appreciation Day**

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This year's Military Spouse Appreciation Day is May 6.

Traditionally, it is the Friday before Mother's Day, building on the idea that 92% of military spouses are female, C. Eddy Mentzer, associate director of military community support programs for the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy, said.

Although the commemoration is only for a day, installations around the globe have a variety of spouse appreciation events throughout the month, as do many military and veteran service organizations.

Military OneSource has a variety of events on various days in May. Mentzer said the premier Military OneSource event this month is a three-day virtual symposium specifically designed for the military spouse community, scheduled for May 10 to 12.

Activities planned for that virtual symposium include:

• Sesame Street for Military Families

- Career building skills
- Discovering your talent
- Personal branding

### · Job search tips

• Finding the right balance in life • Tips on thriving in the workplace

• Money-saving ideas

• How to become an entrepreneur

• Guide to stronger relationships "With a million military spouses

across the active and reserve components, that's a million individual stories," Mentzer said, referring to the unique life experiences of each of those spouses.

"That's something as a department that we have to really recognize. While we can't solve every challenge, we have to listen to those unique individual stories," he said.

Military spouses are important for several reasons, Mentzer said, including manning the home front when the service member is deployed and providing moral and emotional support.

Knowing that the military is taking good care of spouses and families has a major impact on troop morale and readiness, he said. It also factors in their decision on whether to reenlist.

Mentzer can speak authoritatively

about military spouses because he's been one for 21 years and still is. He has also been at the forefront of military family readiness for more than 30 years as a federal civilian, spending more than a decade working in the office of the secretary of defense.

His wife, Eries, an Air Force colonel, is the wing commander of Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama. They have one child, Jaxson, who is 11.

"One of the things we talk about quite often is focusing on having complementing, not competing careers. And you know, it is doable. It's not easy. We've each had to make sacrifices. But we've also been able to achieve quite a great deal," he said.

Mentzer mentioned that military life must have rubbed off on Jaxson, whose goal is to be a military broadcast journalist. He turns 12 this month so in just a few years that goal will be within reach.

Visit the Military Spouse Appreciation Month page for resources and information and to register for the symposium.

# **DOD Hosts Annual Virtual Military Spouse Symposium**

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

In celebration of Military Spouse Appreciation Month in May, the Defense Department Spouse Education and Career Öpportunities program will host its sixth annual Virtual Military Spouse Symposium on May 10-12.

This year's theme is "2022 for YOU — More for Your MilLife." The free event will introduce military spouses to proven tools and techniques for powering their approach to achieving career, personal and family goals. The event will close with an interactive networking opportunity with other military spouses from around the world, DOD leadership and SECO program team members.

During the symposium, military spouses can explore real world examples to develop their unique brand, setting goals and gaining work experience, understanding and tailoring the job search, mastering finances and improving relationships.

"The Virtual Military Spouse Symposium is the premier Defense Department event for military spouse empowerment and goal setting," said Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy Patricia Montes Barron. "We know investing in yourself translates into good outcomes for your family."

DOD will host the Virtual Military

Spouse Symposium via the Zoom platform, making it accessible to military spouses around the globe. All are welcome to attend no matter what phase of their military life and career they are in.

Registration is now open. For more information, call Military OneSource at 800-342-9647 to speak with a SECO career coach, start a live chat and visit the SECO website to register for the event.

To learn about other events throughout May that celebrate and support military spouses, visit the Military Spouse Appreciation Month page on the Military OneSource website.

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A snow plow is clearing the streets of snow on Minot Two Airmen pose for a photo together on Minot Air Force Air Force Base, N.D., April 6. 2022. The Pavements and Base, N.D., April 26, 2022. The Airmen were assisting in heavy Equipment shop of 5th Civil Engineer Squadron the shoveling of snow to create a trench to help water flow assisted in clearing the roads during a blizzard.

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Airmen dig a trench April 26, 2022 at Minot Air Force Base, N.D.. They shoveled over two feet of snow to prepare for the possible flooding from the melting snow.

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Airmen are shoveling snow April 26, 2022 on Minot Air Force Base, N.D.. They are digging a trench to make sure the launch facility isn't flooded by the melting snow.

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## Salute the Cute! Exchange's Photo Contest Gives Pets a Chance to Fetch \$3,000 in Gift Cards

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DALLAS - America's furriest heroes can take their purr-ific patriotic looks all the way to the bank. Military pets can fetch a share of \$3,000 in Exchange gift cards for their humans when they show off their American pride in the Patriot Pet Just Say "Treat" Photo Contest presented by the Army & Air Force Exchange Service and Royal Canin.

From May 1 through May authorized Exchange 31. shoppers worldwide, including honorably discharged Veterans and Department of Defense and Coast Guard civilians and retirees, can visit ShopMyExchange.com/ sweepstakes and submit a photo of their pets dressed in a patriotic costume or with a patriotic background for a chance to win. Two grand-prize winners will each receive a \$500 Exchange gift card. Eight runners-up will each receive a \$250 Exchange gift card. "Pets are an integral part of the military family," said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Osby, the Exchange's senior enlisted advisor. "This contest gives us a chance to salute and honor the pets in the

community for their support of service members year-round." Contest rules can be found

ShopMyExchange.com/ at sweepstakes. Winners will be selected on or around June 15.



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# **OUTDOOR NOTES:**

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#### Fishing:

Lake Sakakawea elevation, May 2: 1,828.12 feet above mean sea level (MSL); 14,600 cubic feet per second (CFS) Garrison Dam average daily releases.

Devils Lake elevation: 1,448.85 feet above mean sea level (MSL). Stump Lake elevation: 1,448.67 MSL.

•N.D. Game & Fish Dept. game wardens: East end of Lake Sakakawea spotty for small walleye. Try jigs and minnows. Look for water to move into Lake Audubon soon with some early season walleye activity along with more activity on smaller area lakes with stable weather. Lakes along the northern tier of the state still had ice early in the week. Some activity along Channel A on Devils Lake with fair at best success.

 Devils Lake, Ed's Bait Shop, Devils Lake: Lots of water coming in from northern coulees and channels.

• Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Lots of water will continue to flow into Devils Lake after late April rains. Try the upper channels and bridges for walleye and pike pitching plastics.

•Lake Darling, Karma C-Store, Ruthville: Wind and weather limited activity but look for more anglers out with stable, warmer weather and as docks get into place.

•Lake Darling, Upper Souris Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge, Foxholm: Lake Darling now open to boat fishing. Docks will be put in place as weather permits. Landing 3 had water over the road early in the week. Grouse viewing blinds still available for free reservations. Contact the refuge, (701) 468-5467.

·Lake Metigoshe, Four Seasons, Bottineau: Limited activity with those going out finding some walleye success from shore. •Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Warmer weather bringing more angling activity on Lake Sakakawea with

 May 15: Spring turkey and light goose conservation order close.

•May 14: Fort Stevenson evening hike series, Full Flower Moon Fair Hike, 9 p.m., Fort Stevenson State Park, Garrison.

### **TOURNAMENTS:**

•May 14: Lake Darling; Lake Sakakawea, White Earth Bay. •May 21: Devils Lake, Creel Bay.

scattered success off the east end embankment along U.S. Highway 83, mouth of Steinke Bay, Garrison Bay, and west to Douglas Bay. Look for a mix of walleye with occasional salmon. Try jigs and minnows or crankbaits. Missouri River remains slow with limited reports from Lake Audubon.

Sakakawea/Lake Lake Audubon, Hwy. 83 Lawn & Leisure, Garrison: Anglers looking for a pre-span walleye bite yet on the east end of Lake Sakakawea. Try jigs and minnows. Look for moving water coming into Lake Audubon as that rises to its normal summer elevation.

•Lake Sakakawea, New Town: Dock is in place in the Van Hook Arm but walleye activity slow yet. Sakakawea/Missouri •Lake River, Scott's Bait & Tackle, Pick City: Missouri River tailrace remains slow with occasional walleye and catfish from both boat and shore. Wing walls producing some walleye and a few catfish in early morning dark hours. Try jigs and minnows. Lake Sakakawea producing some pike, mostly small males, on the east end. Try casting crankbaits or bobber and smelt off the bottom. Try Steinke Bay or 7

Yellowstone and Missouri rivers are both muddy and high after April snowstorms with catfish about the only activity. West end of Lake Sakakawea producing some walleye activity in shallow water using jigs and minnows. Smelt starting to slowly run for spawning

·Lonetree WMA area lakes, Harvey: No new reports.

•North-central/central N.D. lakes, Towner Hdwe. Hank, Towner: Limited activity with no reports from area lakes.

•Turtle Mtn. area lakes, Coast-2-Coast, Rolla: No activity with recent rain and muddy roads accessing area lakes.

### N.D. river flows:

•Little Missouri River, Long X Bridge: River stage, 5.78 feet; streamflow, 6,520 CFS.

• Missouri River, Williston: River stage, 14.93 feet. •Missouri River, Washburn:

River stage, 8.64 feet. • Pembina River, Walhalla: River

stage, 16.4 feet; streamflow, 16,000 CFS.

• Souris River, Foxholm: River stage, 10.15 feet; streamflow, 557 CFS.

 Souris River, Minot: River stage, 8.62 feet; streamflow, 1,050 CFS. •Yellowstone River, Sidney, Mont.: River stage, 4.96 feet; streamflow, 11,000 CFS Numbers to know:

# **Western Governors University Earns Military Friendly®** School Designation for the 12th consecutive year

Nonprofit, fully online university ranked #1 Online School for service members, veterans and families

### SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

BISMARCK, N.D. (April 29, 2022) – Western Governors University (WGU) is pleased to announce it has received recognition by Military Friendly® Schools as a top school for servicemembers, veterans and their families for 2022-2023. The fully online, nonprofit university was ranked as the number one Military Friendly® online school in the country. This is WGU's 12th consecutive year receiving a Military Friendly® Schools designation.

WGU was selected for its continued commitment to offering affordable, flexible, and highquality degree programs relevant to today's workforce to veterans and their families. Veterans are typically eligible for benefits that more than cover WGU's low-cost, flat-rate tuition of about \$3,800 per six-month term. WGU also offers many scholarship opportunities specifically designed for active-duty military service members, veterans and their families. WGU's degree programs are approved for VA education benefits under the GI Bill, and for tuition assistance for active-duty, reserve and National Guard service members.

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on-one with students as mentors, offering individualized instruction, guidance and support.

"We are honored to once again be recognized by Military Friendly® Schools as a top university for military members and their families," said Dr. Angie Besendorfer, Regional Vice President of Western Governors University. "With almost 13 percent of our students being military or having military background, we recognize the sacrifices these individuals make on a daily basis and are committed to providing them with affordable, flexible and career-focused programs to make advancing their careers so much more attainable.'

Now in its 12th year, the Military Friendly® School's list has come to set the standard for higher education institutions to provide the best opportunities for veterans and their spouses. This prestigious list provides a comprehensive guide for veterans and their families using data sources from federal agencies and proprietary survey information from participating organizations. Institutions earning the Military Friendly® School designation were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey completed by the school. More than 1,800 schools participated in the 2022-2022 survey, with 947 schools earning the designation.

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Sisters pitching jigs and minnows in the shallows for walleye but still generally slow.

Sakakawea/northwest Lake N.D. lakes, Scenic Sports, Williston: Look for paddlefish season to close early with good opening weekend success.

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### **Patricia Stockdill**

The boisterous chirping was treasured morning music as the two Hunting Maniacs of the household and I started our early morning walking routine – they pretending to "hunt" along the muddy trail and me hoping they didn't get too filthy in the process.

The mud was welcomed even though it came from the hands of two hard-hitting blizzards.

The boisterous chirping was equally welcomed for it meant my purple martins were finding their way back home. They're late - about two weeks late, in fact - but that's OK because it meant they didn't get whacked by the blizzards like everyone else here did.

Tree swallows joined in with their chorus as they sailed and swirled overhead, announcing their belated return.

Their nesting boxes are clean and ready; awaiting the arrival of more of their brethren.

Out on the prairie other birds are moving in and through to the heartbeat of spring migration and nesting. Some will stay and call this home while others pause for a brief respite before continuing northward.

Birding and wildlife enthusiasts have celebrated spring migration on the second Saturday of May since 1993 with an event called International Migratory Bird Day. It evolved into two events with a global celebration of birds and migration now called World Migratory Bird Day - traditionally in May and again the second Saturday of October as many birds return to their wintering grounds.

But it takes habitat for animals of any type to survive, including birds. That's why people erect purple martin nesting structures, especially because martins east of the Rocky Mountains depend on human-provided housing.

That's why people put up nesting boxes for birds such as wrens, tree swallows, bluebirds, and other species.

And that's why it's critical to provide adequate nesting and brood-rearing habitat out on the prairie, along wetlands, and the woods for species nesting on the ground, in shrubs, and in trees.

criteria, looking at bird species population status, habitat, and other criteria. In the process, the goal is to also educate the public about the importance of habitat.

North Dakota has 12 designated Globally Important Bird Areas (GIBA) Audubon Dakota's website, (www.dakota. audubon.org), described, along with several State Important Bird Areas.

Northwestern North Dakota provides opportunities for people to visit and enjoy the sights and sounds of some of the bird species that make those areas special: For example, local U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wildlife Refuges with GIBA designation include Des Lacs near Kenmare, J. Clark Salyer near Upham, Lostwood north of Stanley, and Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge northwest of Minot. The Nature Conservancy's John E. Williams Preserve is also a Globally Important Bird Area in McLean County.

Simply google each refuge or the John E. Williams Preserve for visitor information, do's and don'ts, and public wildlife observation opportunities.

Some migration activity may have been delayed by winter's blast of weather but it's still a busy time of year for birds. They're on the move and readying for nesting, whether it's boisterous purple martins in one's yard, the hidden song of a grasslands sparrow on a National Wildlife Refuge, or the brilliant cheep of a rare piping plover along an alkali wetland on a nature preserve.

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The Audubon Society launched its Important Bird Areas (IBA) program in 1995 to identify, monitor, and conserve important bird habitats in conjunction with managing agencies on public land and participating private landowners. Becoming an IBA, whether Globally Important or State Important Bird Area, isn't simply because an area is neat and has birds.

Instead, a technical committee studies science-based

The piping plover is a federally threatened shorebird nesting along alkali lake edges. The Nature Conservancy's John E. Williams Preserve in McLean County is a Globally Important Bird Area because it has one of the largest breeding concentrations of piping plovers in world.

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# *The Blueprint: Roadmap to Enlisted Force Development*

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ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) --It is critical to equip Airmen with accessible tools and resources, and to cultivate an environment for deliberate development, so Airmen remain the strongest competitive advantage for the Air Force to outpace emerging threats, according to Air Force leaders.

The Air Force released The Blueprint April 21. It serves as a foundational document to link enlisted development — from entry to departure. This new document is one of 28 Enlisted Force Development Action Plan (EFD-AP) objectives focused on developing tomorrow's enlisted Airmen ... today.

"We need Airmen who understand the complexity of the strategic environment, think critically through challenges, and provide real-time solutions across the air, land, sea, space, cyber and information domains," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force JoAnne S. Bass. "The Blueprint consolidates resources otherwise populated in various electronic locations to highlight pathways, resources and opportunities for all Airmen to be successful during their career."

The 32-page document was created with the assistance of subject matter experts, diverse ranks and specialties – with representation from across the Total Force – and captures concepts in a visually appealing way. Importantly, it will help Airmen better understand how they fit into the bigger picture and allows them to appreciate what other wingmen bring to the fight.

It falls under the EFD-AP Front-Line Leader Development focus area, which is dedicated to creating deliberate leadership development for Airmen as they take on increased responsibilities supervising others at the tactical edge.

It also serves as a guide for open dialog among supervisors and peers and may be used during feedback sessions, professional development, goal setting and career planning.

"Front-line supervisors play a crucial part in developing the Airmen that will replace them," Bass said. "New supervisors deserve proactive coaching, mentorship, and quality resources to support the growth of both them and their people.

In addition to The Blueprint, the Air Force is developing a validation process for new supervisors, creating a modern toolkit for front-line leaders and creating a standardized Air Force writing guide – all of which are scheduled to be accomplished by December 2023.

The Blueprint will evolve and be updated when needed; the living document can be found at https:// www.af.mil/Portals/1/documents/ ul/EFD-The\_Blueprint.pdf.



It's hard to believe but summer almost is here! The snow is finally melting and weather is getting warmer, and children of all ages are outside playing more and more each day.

With more outside activities available to children, they have tendencies to use the streets and parking lots for skateboarding, rollerblading, bicycling, and playing outdoors. According to \*Safe Kids Are No Accident\*, published by the National Safe KIDS Campaign, children between 6 and 12 years old are at greatest risk for bike accidents. A head injury is the most serious outcome of an accident. A head injury is the most serious outcome of an accident. These types of activities could possibly lead to injuries from minor cuts and bruises or to more serious injuries that require some type of emergency care.

Parents need to make children aware of the dangers that surround their environment and take positive rather than negative actions and measures to keep children from becoming statistics.

Here are some of the basic dangers that seem to be more common in the summer months than other times of the year.

• Ensure children are aware of dogs or other animals in the neighborhood that they need to stay clear of.

• Teach children of all ages about traffic safety laws and how the laws apply to them while they are on their bikes or rollerblading, including the proper wear of helmets for these types of activities.

• Keep home swing sets and outdoor gym equipment in good operating condition. Give them a good check out before the children attack them. Some areas to look at include: Are the chains free from rust? Is the equipment secured to the ground and is strong as the previous year? Are all the screws and bolts tight or broken, and need to be replaced.

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By following a few basic rules and by thinking what a child might be doing will reduce trips to the emergency room and enhance summer fun! If you need any safety related information, do not hesitate to call our office at ext. 3-2259.



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#### TRINITY HEALTH FOUNDATION

(MINOT, ND)----Trinity Health Foundation is excited to announce the 2023 fundraising golf tournament dates and open tournament registration.

This year, the Building Hope Women's Tournament is celebrating 24 years and we are again proud to support Trinity Health CancerCare Center patients. All proceeds from this event will benefit various patient assistance programs offered through the Trinity Health CancerCare Center. Building Hope Women's Golf

Tournament Monday, June 13, 2022

- 10am Registration
- 11am Shotgun Start
- After Golf Dinner
- Souris Valley Golf Course 2400 14th Avenue SW Minot, ND

Proceeds benefit the Trinity Health CancerCare Center Patient Assistance Programs

As Trinity Health Foundation recently announced, a Capital Campaign has been established for the new Trinity Health Healthcare Campus and Medical District Capital Campaign to raise \$15 million. Proceeds from this year's Golf for Life Men's Golf Tournament will be allocated to the Capital Campaign in support of funding the new hospital construction and medical equipment.

Golf for Life Men's Golf Tournament

Monday, August 15, 2022 10am - Registration 11am – Shotgun Start After Golf - Dinner

Souris Valley Golf Course – 2400 14th Avenue ŚW Minot, ND

Proceeds benefit the new Trinity Health Healthcare Campus and Medical District

Entry fees are \$125 per individual golfer and include tournament registration fee, cart, swag bag, lunch, snacks and refreshments, dinner, door prizes, and more. Team registration, sponsorships, and prize donation opportunities are also available. To register, or for more information, contact Cody McManigal at 701.857.2430 or cody.mcmanigal@trinityhealth.org.

Trinity Health Foundation was established in 1922 to assist in the establishment of the Trinity Hospital. Over the last 100 years, the foundation has been supported through the financial stewardship of individuals, families, foundations, corporations, civic clubs, and other organizations, with the purpose of significantly impacting healthcare and the quality of life in the region. Through generous donations, we are able to fulfill our mission of creating a system of care that provides the most significant impact on health and wellness throughout northwest North Dakota.





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Why it should be done: Tires wear eventually, tread starts to become thin, which may result in the worn tire losing traction. This develops safety hazards that can be avoided. Manufactures advise tires ought to not be used for longer than 10 years. Changing wheels is recommended every 6 years, but with typical usage tires being changed every couple of years is more common. Wear happens with normal driving. Various other factors such as driving habits, roadway conditions and weather could minimize the life of your tires.

You might need new tires if:

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- · Inspecting the lug nuts for wear
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- Mounting the tires
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- rims to inspect for potential disturbances
- Tightening up lugs to correct torque

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# **Boom Slam! 10th Annual Poetry Slam continues to be a success**

National Poetry Month closed not Dakota Associate Poet Laureate, with a bang, but with a BOOM! Last Friday, Central Campus hosted the 10th Annual Minot Area Teen Boom Slam. The house was packed and hundreds of students were in attendance in addition to many community members including the distinguished judge panel.

This year's judge panel: Michelle Arnold Nitengale represented the Striving Readers Literacy Grant; Officer Andy Casarez represented the Minot Police Department; Branda Lundgren represented the families of the Minot Air Force Base; Lindsey Bertsch, a former Boom Slam contestant herself, represented Main Street Books; SGT. Eric Linde represented the Army National Guard; and Rick Watson, 2014 North

represented the local music and art scene in Minot.

The Minot community was extremely generous again this year, donating thousands of dollars worth of prizes allowing every poet brave enough to take the stage to take home a prize package.First place prize being \$500 cash.

"It is an exceedingly proud moment to see all of the hard work coming together when planning an event like this and it is incredible to see your students come out of their shell and share their work with others and to see the reaction of the peers; they were so supportive of each other!" "There were so many kids who came to the slam who aren't the typical attendees. I think many of them realized how fun

Spoken Word Poetry can be!" said event organizer Teresa Marquart.

The event winners were: Third Place: Olivia Peatross, a MHS senior. Second Place: Nakota OwnsPipe, a Junior. First Place and the \$500 cash prize went to Gabrielle Johnson, a Minot High Senior. Gabby said she signed up to perform at the slam "for herself" and didn't know there were prizes involved until she arrived.

Other teen poets: Allistor Korenkov (sophomore), Avarie Folven (freshman), Noah Urquijo (senior), Lila Kitts (sophomore).

Students wishing to sign up in the future should reach out to Marquart at Central Campus. They are always looking for judges and donations to keep the program running.



2022 Boom Slam Poetry Winners.

GRAPHIC CREATED BY TERESA MARQUART



L-R: Event organizer Teresa Marquart (teacher at Minot Central Campus), Emcee Joe Davis (Spoken Word Poet), Gabrielle Johnson (2022 Boom Slam Winner)

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Olivia Peatross, 3rd Place Winner









Teresa and Clayton Margarquart using the photobooth at Event Emcee Joe Davis Boom Slam.

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The Department of Defense is committed to supporting the health and well-being of all military children and families. One of the avenues of support is a partnership with the Clearinghouse for Military Family Readiness at Penn State. The Clearinghouse has developed a parenting education program, Thrive, which offers nocost, 24/7 online support. Thrive promotes positive parenting, stress management, and healthy lifestyle practices for children from birth to 18. Thrive has four age-level specific modules: Take Root: for children ages 0-3, Sprout: for children ages 3-5, Grow: for children ages 5-10, Branch Out: for children ages 10-18. Each module gives parents the information they need in a way that is easy to understand. Parents choose the module for their child's age and developmental stage. The program encourages parents to use the strengths they already have while building additional skills. The no-cost online programs have an engaging, self-directed format and are available to military and civilian audiences through the Penn State website. For program information visit the Thrive



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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES May 11

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### May 25

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May 2022				18 days			
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- 2. Mr. Stravinsky
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- 4. "The \_\_\_\_ and I"
- (Colbert movie)
- 5. Illustrator Beardsley
- 6. "All the world's a \_\_\_\_"
- 7. Grouter's piece
- 8. Kind of wind
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- manner 12. Nobelist / novelist
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- 54. Tell it like it isn't
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Solution to puzzle on page C7





### CHURCHDIRECTORY

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- EFMP Zoo Series, 1600-1700, Roosevelt Park Zoo, hosted by A&FRC
- Game Night Series: Mario Party, 1800, ESC, inside Bomber Bistro
- Karaoke Night, 2000, Rockers Bar & Grill

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- Game Day, 1000-1930, Minot AFB Library
- Tactical Fit, 1130, Fitness Center
- Moving Out of the Dorms, 1300-1500, A&FRC
- Run for Fitness, 1700, Fitness Center
- Zumba, 1830, Fitness Center
- Barre Strength, 1930, Fitness Center

## SATURDAY

- National Golf Day Scramble, 0900, Rough Rider Golf Course
- Barre Strength, 1000, Fitness Center

**SUNDAY** 

• Zumba, 1400, Fitness Center

• Warhammer 40,000 Casual Game Day, 1600, ESC, inside Bomber Bistro

### WEDNESDA

- HIIT Strength & Conditioning, 0530, Fitness Center
- Spouses Welcome on the Road, 0830, A&FRC
- Moving Out of the Dorms, 0900-1100, A&FRC
- Pre-Deployment/Remote Readiness Training, 1000, A&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- Special Lunch: Big-City Bites Seattle, 1030-1330, Dakota Inn Dining Facility
- Story Time, 1030, Minot AFB Library
- Fit to Fight, 1130, Fitness Center
- Modern Civilian Resume Workshop, 1400-1600, A&FRC
- Cycle, 1630, Fitness Center • Nail Embroidery Class, 1730-1930, Arts & Crafts Center • Swerk, 1730, Fitness Center
- Fighting Game Night, 1800, ESC, inside Bomber Bistro

### FRIDAY

- Cycle & Strength, 0530, Fitness Center
- Family Zumba, 1000, Turf, hosted by the Fitness Center
- Tactical Fit, 1130, Fitness Center
- Wine & Paint Class, 1730-1930, Arts & Crafts Center
- Family Lip Sync Face Off, 1800-2000, Youth Center
- Game Night Series: Dota 2, 1800, ESC, inside Bomber Bistro
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- Barre Strength, 1000, Fitness Center

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- Family Fit Bootcamp, 1000, Turf hosted by the Fitness Center
- Reintegration Briefing, 1000-1100, A&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- Fit to Fight, 1130, Fitness Center
- Swerk, 1730, Fitness Center

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Yoga for Fitness, 1830, Fitness Center

### THURSDAY

- Pre-Separation Counseling, 0830, A&FRC
- Family Fit Bootcamp, 1000, Turf, hosted by the Fitness Center
- Reintegration Briefing, 1000-1100, A&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- Tactical Fit, 1130, Fitness Center
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