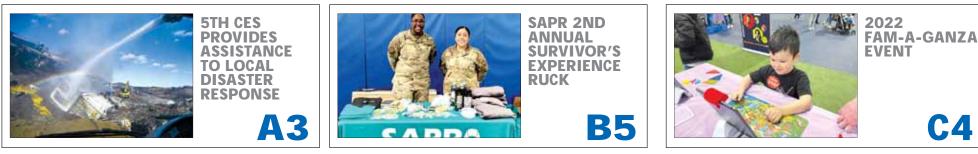


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Golf Tournament Location: Rough Rider Golf Course, 19 May 22, 0800hrs-1700hrs (Or when complete) **Closing Ceremony** Location: Minot City Hall, 20 May 22, 1300hrs-1400hrs

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Early Sunday morning, May 1, 2022, many citizens in Ward County received a public safety notification informing them of a train derailment in Burlington, North Dakota and to evacuate their homes immediately.

Shortly afterward they received a follow-up notification indicating the situation was safe and to return home. However, for some members at Minot Air Force Base they started heading towards the scene of the incident.

Minot AFB Firefighters from the 5 Civil Engineer Squadron received a call to respond early Sunday morning and immediately dispatched to the accident in crews of three to assist Burlington and Minot Rural fire departments as a part of the Mutual Aid Agreement (MAA), under the standing Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA), between Minot Air Force Base, United States Air Force and the Minot North Dakota Fire Department.

The train, transporting a variety of materials, derailed outside of the City of Minot limits near Burlington and ignited causing at least 11 cars to set fire. The 11 cars

on fire contained freight consisting of paper and frozen foods and contained no hazardous materials, according to the on-scene incident commander.

The local fire departments responded to the fire with trucks equipped with foam to put out the fire while Minot AFB firefighters used water. The location of the derailment proved difficult for the crews to fully reach due to wet conditions, prompting helicopter air support from the North Dakota Army National Guard to assist in putting out the fires.

Though over 20 years since the last time a derailment happened at Minot, this is not the first time the Minot AFB Fire Department provided to support to the local community. Recently, the base fire department responded to call when the Glenburn Fire Department caught fire, burning the volunteer fire station down and destroying seven vehicles in the process.

"I'm extremely proud of the relationship we've established and continue to maintain with our mutual aid partners," said Chief Master Sgt. Shanton Russell, 5 CES Installation Fire Chief. "Our Airmen and their families live, work, shop, go to school, and find

ways to have fun and enjoy the things this area has to offer. It's our home while we're here and the local residents are our neighbors."

The MAA provides authorities for both U.S. Air Force and local civilian fire departments to respond to incidents within each other's jurisdictions when requested.

"Over the years we've been asked to assist with numerous calls, such as the Glenburn Fire Station incident, a housing fire in Berthold, numerous farmland and brush fires, and a recycling plant fire just outside of town near U.S. Route 2," said Russell.

While Minot AFB Fire Department has made received requests for assistance, they have also made requests for assistance in the past. Just recently, community fire departments assisted with a smoke investigation at a facility off the main installation and before that they assisted in a hangar fire on base in 2020.

"We're grateful to be in a position to provide professional firefighters and equipment when needed, and it's good to know that our partners will have our back if we ever have to call on them," said Russell.





Minot Air Force Base firefighters respond to train derailment at Burlington, North Dakota, May 02, 2022. The train, transporting a variety of materials, derailed outside of the City of Minot limits near Burlington and ignited causing at least 11 cars to set fire.

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I Am From Around Here...

One of the most entertaining columnists we have at The Dakotan is Amy Allender. Her "She's Not From Around Here" column has brought smiles to our reader's faces as she reveals the true secrets of living, and not just existing, in Minot, North Dakota. Well, being as I am from around here, I will give you some tips on getting your summer started out right. My tips are not in any particular order and may ramble a bit, but that's what being from around here tends to do.

We need to start with the Roosevelt Park Zoo. Spring is when all of the babies are brought out for their first look at the public. The now-famous tiger cubs will start to frolic in their new home, and what a home it is! Folks, I have traveled to a lot of zoos in my day and I don't mind saying with pride that The Roosevelt Park Zoo is one of the finest zoos I have visited, especially for a community the size of Minot. And by the way, if you are headed south to the Bismarck area, they have a mighty fine zoo also.

Been a long winter, maybe put on a few extra pounds, or are just ready to spread your wings a bit and do some walking? Check out the Trails tab on the Minot Park District website. Minot has a plethora of walking paths. A couple of my favorites are the Oak Park walking path and for those of you with younger kids, you won't want to miss the Woodlands Trail. It's perfect for a couple of hours of fun and exploration.

Now if you've conquered the paths in Minot, I have a couple of more ideas and both are about an hour away. Just a short drive south is Fort Stevenson State Park; there is a trail system there that will require at least the better part of a morning to explore. At the Garrison Bay marina store you can rent one of those fat-tire bikes, a kayak, a canoe and even a pontoon. It is a ND State Park and will require an entrance fee...but here's another tip: buy a pass and plan on making a lot of trips to our state parks. For those of you who enjoy camping, the primitive camping area at Fort Stevenson provides campsites right next to Lake Sakakawea. Pulling a camper? Well, it appears the new campsites will be open this summer. All campsite reservations are done online at www.parkrec. nd.gov.

Continuing my whirlwind tour of paths that are best kept secrets, now we head north to Lake Metigoshe and Lake Metigoshe State Park. There is an old Boy Scout camp where they have reclaimed the trails that thousands of Scouts used to walk every year. Here you better northern Sentry

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plan on a day and pack a lunch. You can rest on a downed tree and overlook beautiful Lake Metigoshe and enjoy the peaceful and serene atmosphere. If you feel really ambitious, there is a trail all the way to the Peace Gardens. It might take some planning on transportation back from your walk but again, it is certainly worth the time spent enjoying the Turtle Mountains, Bottineau, and Lake Metigoshe.

I'll end this segment with a promise to give you all a few more of those "best kept secrets" with a plug for The North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park near Watford City. First of all, it is camping in the outdoors as it ought to be done, no matter how you like to camp. Tents, trailers, RVs under the stars...there is plenty of room in the North Unit for whatever experience you desire. We have witnessed the most spectacular Northern Lights shows while camped in the North Unit and awoke to a brilliant, sundrenched landscape of beauty. On the way to the comfort station. we run into one of the friendly buffalo that ramble through the park. There are stories about buffalo rubbing on campers to itch their scratch. When the sun goes down, the stars seem to be brighter than anywhere else I have ever been. Get out your



book and flashlight and locate the many constellations in the sky. There are several hiking paths in the North Unit. There are two in particular that accommodate those of you who backpack for adventure. The Buckhorn, which may be for the family who has decided to try backpack camping, and the Achenbach Trail, which is a challenging 17-mile hike. This trail normally includes a trip across the Little Missouri river, so plan to get a little wet.

The final stop on our North Unit tour is the Maah Daah Hey Trail. This trail is certainly not for the first-time hikers. It stretches all the way from The North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt Park to the South Unit of the park located near Medora. There are numerous campgrounds along the trail to accommodate a multi-day backpacking trip. Sharing the trail will be hikers, bikers, and folks on horseback. And as far as wildlife? Well, no guarantees, but we have seen elk, buffalo, coyotes, deer, and bald eagles, just to name a few.

So, if you have questions, my email is sentrysales@srt.com. And I would be more than happy to share my years of knowledge of the area because you know, I Am From Around Here!

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Huge congratulations to:

Airman of the Year: SrA Monica Figueroa Santos, 341st Missile Wing Command Post, Malmstrom AFB, MT NCO of the Year: TSgt Lucas Drake, 2nd Bomb Wing Command Post, Barksdale AFB, LA

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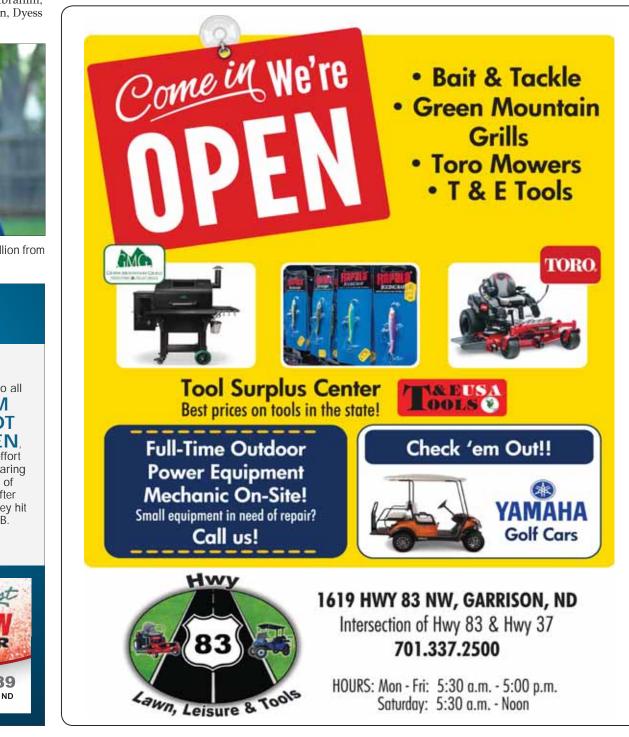
First Sgt of the Year: SMSgt Yucari Brown, 5th Security Forces Squadron, Minot AFB, ND

Honor Guard Member of the Year: SrA Orry Arcemont, 90th Force Support Squadron, F. E. Warren AFB, WY

Honor Guard Program Manager of the Year: SSgt Karim Ibrahim, 7th Force Support Squadron, Dyess AFB, TX



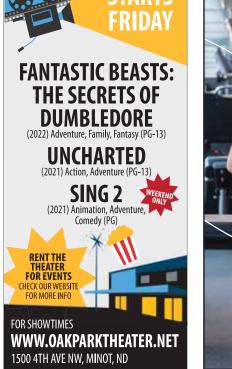
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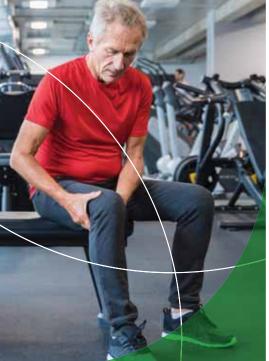




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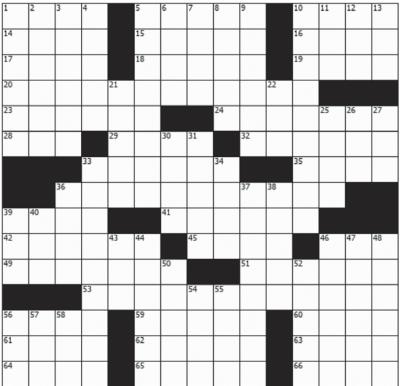
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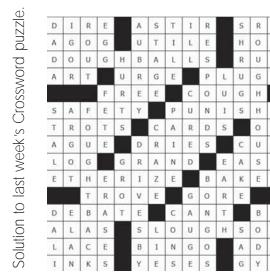
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Blizzard Haley Snow Removal Efforts

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MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D.

Recently, April 12-14, 2022, people at Minot Air Force Base and the surrounding North Dakota communities witnessed a massive amount of snow during the historic late-winter storm, Blizzard Haley.

The blizzard bombarded Minot AFB for over 48 consecutive hours, leaving the area with a whopping initial 36 inches of snowfall. The ensuring snow drifts reached over 6 feet tall covered vehicles and left many temporarily stuck in their homes or dorms, before another system moved in a few days later, adding at least another 10 inches of snow to the total.

When many people think snow removal, shoveling a sidewalk or driveway may come to mind; however at Minot and other Northern Tier bases, whether through repairs, planning, or action, snow removal is a yearround consideration.

The initial snow removal team consisted of over 54 Airmen from many different agencies, including the 91st Maintenance Group, 5th, 91st Operations Group, and 5th Maintenance Group, however by the end of the storm, well over hundreds were involved at all levels, clearing roads, parking lots, access ways, sidewalks, and digging ditches to mitigate the flood and mud impact caused by melting snow.

The Airmen and civilians conducting snow removal efforts used multiple types of equipment, to include front-end loaders with different attachments like blowers, street plows, box blade pushers and buckets. Additionally, they employed graders and airfield plows, brooms and blowers.

Overall, more than 50 pieces of equipment played a role in the fight to keep the base operational.

"I've been in Minot since 2005 and this is the most snow we've gotten," said Mike Grady, Work Leader Equipment Operator for the 5th CES. "The longevity of the storm, the wind and the amount of snow, stood out from other storms, it's something to be reckoned with."

During the storm Grady worked 12 hour shifts, consisting of driving plows and blowers to remove the snow. Conditions from Tuesday evening to Wednesday were whiteout with very low visibility and wind gusts up to 50 miles per hour. At one point, Grady and his team paused clearing snow for safety reasons until the storm died down.

Even though the storm remained constant for 48 hours, families stuck in their homes and in need of emergency were still

The 5th CES snow control team cleared a path for Emergency Medical Services from the medical facility to the patient's residence. Upon evaluation, the EMS crew determined the patient required further medical treatment not typically provided by first responders.

Additional assistance from the snow control team then plowed a safe route for, Lt Col Nicole Croley, MD, Chief of Medical Staff for the 5th MDG, from her residence to the medical facility.

"I followed the snow plow as they cleared a way to the hospital to treat the patient," said Croley. "It was completely surreal to drive through what was essentially a tunnel of man-sized snow drifts. The wind was so forceful, it seemed like the path filled in almost as soon as it was cleared."

She also stated that without the efforts of the emergency medical team and the snow control members, this patient would not have received the additional treatment necessary for their wound.

"Thanks to the 5th CES snow control team, we were able to provide uninterrupted medical care in spite of the road closures and white out conditions," said Croley. "It was truly miraculous!"

Many Airmen have had to endure longer work hours than normal and extreme cold, and biting winds, but there was a bright side to things. Their support system.

Due to proper preparation for the storm, the Airmen had temporary lodging at the hotel on base, and on cots in common areas to minimize the drain on low density snow clearing resources, or for some, in of the residents on the opened their home for their fellow Airmen to stay.

Finally, members of the spouse network banded together to help support the Airmen on shift by providing cooked meals, sandwiches and snacks.

One of the most impacted groups by the storm were those who still stood alert, both in the 91st MW missile fields where people continued the nation's 24/7, 365 ICBM alert status, and

on the main installation with the 5th Security Forces Squadron defending the base.

"The men and women of the 5th SFS stand watch 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year," said Chief Master Sgt. Janee Walker, 5th SFS command chief. "The recent blizzard was no exception, and they endured long hours in harsh conditions while remaining steadfast in their duties.'

During the storm, several Airmen were credited with going above and beyond their requirements, pulling duty for more than 30 hours at their post, rotating sleeping times with others on post with them. According to Walker, they were offered the option to come in from their post, but the result would have left the base's inbound gate closed to any who might seek shelter from the adjacent traffic artery, Highway 83. The Airmen opted to stay on shift and fight through the weather together in case someone needed their help.

"We are grateful for the resiliency, the professionalism, and the grit of our Defenders bring to the table every day," said Walker. "Take a moment to thank our team when you see them. Without them, the critical mission here at Minot would not be possible."

All-in-all, one might assume a blizzard of this magnitude might weigh on the morale of their Airmen, however for many, quite the opposite seemed the case.

"The morale of the team was great," explained Tech. Sgt. Ryan Powell, noncommissioned officer in charge of Pavements and Equipment. "The whole team ensured everybody was good and helped each other stay motivated to accomplish the snow removal efforts.'

Recently, the 5th Civil Engineering Squadron earned recognition as the runner up for best Large Civil Engineering Squadron in the U.S. Air Force, however they're already looking forward to earning top spot next year with such an impressive start to 2022.





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accessible if the need arose, which it did.

During the second day of the storm, on-base first responders received a dispatch call to respond to a non-life-threatening, medical emergency at around 3 a.m. The ensuring, combined response proved the team's effectiveness to prioritize their efforts to reach a common goal.



A snow plow operated by an Airmen assigned to the 5th Civil Engineering Squadron plows the flight line on Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, April 17, 2022. Team Minot Airmen cleared the snow with heavy equipment after Blizzard Haley left Minot Air Force Based covered in over 36 inches of snowfall.

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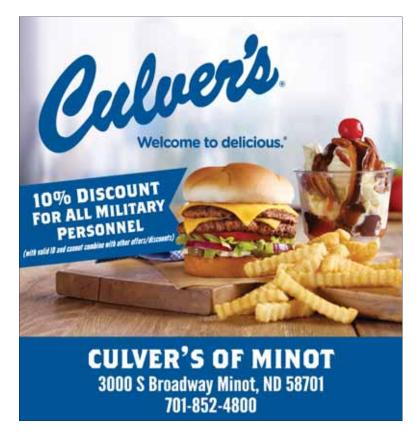
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Commanders, command chiefs, civic leaders and staff from across Air Force Global Strike Command converged upon F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming, April 5-8 for the command's spring senior leader conference.

The SLC allows senior leaders to come together and share best practices, discuss unique challenges and collaborate on solutions for issues that affect the Global Strike mission and its people.

"As a team, we really need to understand who we are as Global Strike Command," Gen. Anthony Cotton, AFGSC commander, told the group. "Not 8th Air Force, not 20th Air Force, not civic leaders, but collaborators of Global Strike."

Cotton told the group rather than have the typical A-staff briefings and updates, he wanted to do something a little different this year and really focus on the current strategic challenges and also focus on some key issues faced by Airmen and their families.

With that in mind, conference topics included AFGSC goals and objectives for the year, dealing with mental health issues, education challenges faced by military families, modernization efforts and the current geopolitical environment, including China and Russia.

Gordon Chang, a columnist, author, lawyer and analyst, kicked off the conference with a discussion on Chinese culture and the importance of American nuclear deterrence.

"The ground based missiles are the most important leg to the nuclear triad, and they provide the true deterrence that we absolutely need," Chang said. "We live in different times, so we may not comprehend the danger.... but we cannot deter China if we don't even try."

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., joined the attendees for a VTC during the conference, highlighting the Air Force role in the 2022 National Defense Strategy and the fiscal year 2023 budget request. Brown also spoke to the importance of research and development in accelerating change.

"We have to have collaboration with industry partners and we have to have great teamwork and my hat is off to Global Strike Command based on two key programs, the Sentinel GBSD (ground based strategic deterrent) and the B-21," Brown said. "This is partly because of the partnership we have between our operators,



Attendees of the Air Force Global Strike Command Senior Leader Conference pose for a group photo April 6, 2022, in front of Quarters 92 on F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming. Nearly 100 leaders from 12 units and their local communities came together to participate in the SLC, an opportunity for leaders to discuss pertinent issues that affect the AFGSC mission and its people.

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acquisition professionals and our industry partners. That's the way programs need to go."

Brown said being flexible is an important aspect of ensuring positive change.

"We can't be so tied to the way we're organized today that we put ourselves in a position such that we're not prepared for tomorrow," he said.

The CSAF also took time to thank AFGSC leaders for the important work Strikers do on a daily basis and what that effort means to national defense.

"It is this command that provides our nation the advantage of global strike," Brown said. "It is a critical backstop for our diplomats and the reassurance to our allies and partners."

Following the VTC, Cotton spoke in depth about the importance of engagement across multiple channels, one of the new AFGSC lines of effort.

"Engagement is the full gauntlet. It is engaging with our Airmen to weave in the other lines of effort and us explaining to them how we're treating them as human beings and what we're trying to do to deliberately develop them," Cotton said. "Yet, it's also an engagement with the civic leaders of our world to say 'we are part of your community'.

One of those civic leaders, Carolyn Ritschard from Cheyenne, Wyoming, praised the opportunity to engage with other civic leaders

and command leadership.

to be supportive communities."

The second day of SLC began with a focus on the enlisted force, with Chief Master Sgt. Melvina Smith, AFGSC command chief, providing insight on a number of topics important to the enlisted community. Smith also looked to the future of leadership within AFGSC and ensuring the Airmen of tomorrow are prepared for changing environments.

"What does a Striker of 2032 look like? I think our foundational competencies are solid - it will require an agile, creative and innovative leader," Smith said. "It'll be someone who has been empowered and knows their leadership trusts them to make the right decision and take some risks.'

Continuing with the theme of looking after Airmen and families, Alicia Pepper, spouse of a U.S. Space Force Brig. Gen. Devin R. Pepper, reminded leaders of the importance of school systems to military families and how it can become a major stress point as families move location to location.

Cotton emphasized her point, mentioning that education and schools have become a retention issue, as some members are choosing separation or retirement over forcing their children to change schools.

To that end, Pepper has actively worked toward the passage of Colorado House Bill HB21-1217, a law giving military families a more equitable playing field in Colorado's public schools, while advocating for a federal version of the law and passage of similar laws in several different states.

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This SLC was informative, thought provoking and inspiring," she said. "I especially enjoyed the opportunity to talk with other civic leaders and exchange ideas on how

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The AFGSC civic leaders in attendance took Pepper's challenge to heart, and pledged to work on bringing similar legislature to the national stage.

Later in the day, retired Army Lt. Gen. Daniel Bolger, provided some historical context to the current conflict between Russia and Ukraine and how that history will likely drive new challenges for the U.S.

Bolger stressed the importance of American modernization, training and upkeep to meet those challenges of tomorrow.

"[Fear of our capabilities] is not a birthright. It doesn't come because we put a patch on and wear the right uniform," Bolger said. "We must train and while we're waiting for modernization, we need to squeeze every last drop of capability out of the weapons we have now."

At the end of the conference, Cotton and Smith emphasized the importance of the lessons learned during the group's time together, and stressed the importance of the Command's deterrence mission.

"What we heard from every single speaker - renowned speakers in their professions - the one thing that all of them said was that global strike is key to the success of our democracy," Cotton said.

Smith concluded by stressing the importance of relationship building to all leaders from generals to front-line supervisors. "It's not just about relationships, it's all about relationships," said

Smith. "And we are Striker Strong."



Chief Master Sgt. Melvina Smith, command chief for Air Force Global Strike Command, talks to attendees of the AFGSC Senior Leader Conference about the enlisted force April 7, 2022, on F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming. Nearly 100 leaders from 12 units and their local communities came together to participate in the SLC, an opportunity for leaders to discuss pertinent issues that affect the AFGSC mission and its people.



Col. Catherine Barrington, commander of the 90th Missile Wing, briefs the attendees of the Air Force Global Strike Senior Leader Conference April 7, 2022, on F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming. Nearly 100 leaders from 12 units and their local communities came together to participate in the SLC, an opportunity for leaders to discuss pertinent issues that affect the AFGSC mission and its people.

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A LOOK BACK THIS WEEK IN USAF HISTORY **USAF MOBILIZES IN WAKE OF CATACLYSMIC MOUNT ST. HELENS ERUPTION** MAY 18, 1980



Mount St. Helens erupted on May 18, in U.S. history. (USGS photo)

located in Washington, erupted with a force 400 times stronger than the atomic bombs dropped on Japan nearly 35 years earlier. The Washington State Department of Emergency Services called for Air Force assistance for disaster relief operations shortly after. Personnel and planes from the 62nd Military Airlift Wing (MAW) and 36th Tactical Airlift Squadron at McChord AFB, Wash., the 63rd MAW at Norton AFB, Ca., the 303rd Aerospace Rescue 1980, creating the deadliest and most and Recovery Squadron from March

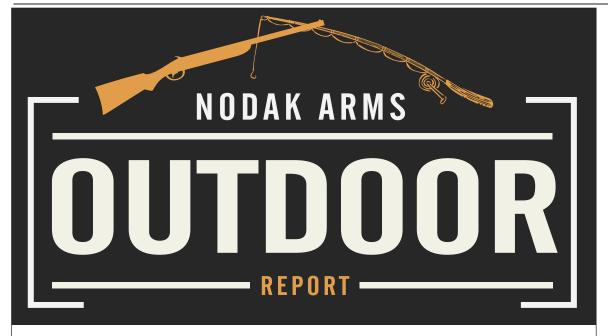
economically destructive volcanic event AFB, Ca. , the 920th Rescue Wing at Patrick AFB, Fla., and many more units provided humanitarian support

and communications assistance in the wake of the eruption. While McChord was able to evacuate all aircraft before the smoke arrived, many planes stationed at nearby Fairchild AFB were grounded and by the morning of the 19th, over an inch of ash covered the entirety of the base. The eruption killed 57 people and caused over a billion in damages. 24 square miles of the valley were leveled by a debris avalanche, and hundreds of square miles of forest and farmland were destroyed. Mount St. Helens continued to erupt sporadically throughout the summer. Information courtesy of: mcchord.af.mil / 920rqw.afrc.af.mil / United States Geological Survey









OUTDOOR NOTES:

Fishing:

Lake Sakakawea elevation, May 9: 1,828.39 feet above mean sea level (MSL); 14,400 cubic feet per second (CFS) Garrison Dam average daily releases.

Devils Lake elevation: 1,449.44 feet above mean sea level (MSL). Stump Lake elevation: 1,449.01 MSL.

• N.D. Game & Fish Dept. game wardens: Lake Sakakawea and Lake Audubon generally slow. Several roads are underwater and washed out that would access Devils Lake northern feeder creeks and coulees so use caution and check local conditions. Devils Lake is ice-free. No reports from north-central area lakes or the Missouri River. •Devils Lake, Ed's Bait Shop, Devils Lake: Good walleye success in Devils Lake feeder coulees and creeks but consider releasing large spawning female fish and use caution on muddy roads.

Woodland Devils Lake, Resort, Devils Lake: Continued good walleye and pike success in Channel A. Devils Lake is completely open.

·Lake Darling, Karma C-Store, Ruthville: A few more anglers out on area lakes, weather permitting, but limited reports yet. Try smelt for pike on Steinke Bay on the east end of Lake Sakakawea.

•Lake Metigoshe, Four Seasons, Bottineau: A few anglers fishing off docks and finding a few nicesized walleye and pike with fish moving into shallower water. Not many docks in place yet. Limited bluegill reports.

Sakakawea/Lake Lake Audubon, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: East end of Lake Sakakawea producing scattered walleye success using Lindy rigs,

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•Paddlefish snagging season closed but remains open for snag-and-release. Go to the Game & Fish website, (gf.nd.gov) for snagging regulations.

• Deer gun and muzzleloader applications now available. Go to the Game & Fish Dept. website to apply by the June 8 deadline. • May 14: Fort Stevenson evening hike series, Full Flower Moon Fair Hike, 9 p.m., Fort Stevenson State Park, Garrison.

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

•May 21: EMS Kids Day, Fort Stevenson State Park, Garrison. Free family activities with emergency personnel equipment tours and other kid's activities. Contact the park, (701) 337-5576, for details.

•May 28 - May 30: Sky Fest over Fort Stevenson Kite Festival, Fort Stevenson State Park, Garrison. Go to the festival website (www.skyfestnd.com) for details.

• May 30: Military Service Personnel Day, Fort Stevenson State Park, Garrison.

TOURNAMENTS:

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

Leisure, Garrison: Improving pre-spawn walleye bite on the east end of Lake Sakakawea. Try pitching jigs in Steinke Bay in 2 to 4 feet or as deep as 15 to 20 feet. Lake Audubon remains slow. •Lake Sakakawea, New Town: Van Hook Arm and river portion around New Town remain slow for walleye with spawn still possibly underway.

Sakakawea/Missouri Lake River, Scott's Bait & Tackle, Pick City: Missouri River tailrace remains generally slow. The east end of Lake Sakakawea has some boat and shore activity but also remains generally slow. •Lake Sakakawea/northwest

N.D. lakes, Scenic Sports, Williston: Lake Sakakawea smelt and walleye spawn winding down on the upper end of the lake. Slight walleye bite but generally a tough bite on the upper end. Look for more activity

Harvey: Mixed reports from area lakes with a little success but overall still generally slow.

•North-central/central N.D. lakes, Towner Hdwe. Hank, Towner: A few more anglers on area lakes but overall success remains slow yet.

•Turtle Mtn. area lakes, Coast-2-Coast, Rolla: No new reports. N.D. river flows:

•Little Missouri River, Long X Bridge: River stage, 2.85 feet; streamflow, 2,180 CFS.

• Missouri River, Williston: River stage, 13.97 feet.

• Missouri River, Washburn: River stage, 8.43 feet.

• Pembina River, Walhalla: River stage, 12.67 feet; streamflow, 7,430 CFS.

• Souris River, Foxholm: River stage, 7.52 feet; streamflow, 177 CFŠ.

• Souris River, Minot: River stage, 5.27 feet; streamflow, 264 CFS.

DVCC WALK A MILE EVENT





In support of the Domestic Violence Crisis Center in what they represent, Team Minot Airmen decided to wear their Women's History Month patches to show support of the Walk A Mile event held at the MAYSA Arena, April 22.

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The Women's History Month Committee from Minot AFB attended the Walk a Mile event and donated \$1000 to the Domestic Violence Crisis Center to help serve survivors!

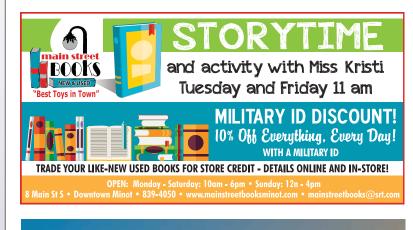
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jigs and minnows, or pulling crankbaits in a variety of depths from Douglas Bay to the Highway 83 east end embankment. Lake Audubon slow. Sakakawea/Lake •Lake

Audubon, Hwy. 83 Lawn &

as fish move out of the post-spawn Iull but try shallow water with jigs and minnows or plastics in 2 feet. Continued pike success on Trenton Lake with a few crappie mixed in. West Spring Lake Park and Kota-Ray Dam producing catchable trout.

·Lonetree WMA area lakes,

 Yellowstone River, Sidney, Mont.: River stage, 3.67 feet; streamflow, 7,130 CFS.

Numbers to know:

•N.D. Game and Fish Dept., main Bismarck office: (701) 328-6300, website: (http://gf.nd. gov).

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SAPR 2ND ANNUAL SURVIVOR'S EXPERIENCE RUCK

Minot AFB Sexual Assault Prevention & Response - SAPR held their 2nd Annual Survivor's Experience Ruck March, April 27, held at the Turf. The April event is held in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Prevention Month.

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IT'S SPRING – THINK ABOUT NOVEMBER DEER HUNTING Patricia Stockdill

It's almost mid-May but it's time to start thinking about deer hunting.

Especially because the 2022 North Dakota deer gun and muzzleloader applications are available with the June 8 deadline typically approaching faster than what one realizes.

The early June deadline is a decades old tradition. Even though license applications aren't due until June, the N. D. Game and Fish Department sends its deer gun proclamation recommendations to the governor in late April each year. The goal is to have applications available in early May. The time lag between the early June application deadline and the season allows time for license printing and distribution.

A specific number of antlered and antlerless licenses for each unit is determined after factoring in an array of information, including harvest and hunter observation surveys, big game surveys, and other information.

For example, unlike some states where deer applications can be submitted in winter or early spring, the Game and Fish Department waits until April aerial mule deer surveys are complete and population modeling is tallied.

Adding that information with winter aerial white-tailed deer survey data helps biologists provide concrete numbers for hunters: X number of either white-tailed or mule deer antlerless licenses, X number of either antlered species, or in areas of the state broken down more specifically by species, X number of mule deer antlerless or antlered.

A landowner's role is critical for wildlife habitat, wildlife, and hunting opportunities, especially in a state with more than 90 percent land in private ownership, North Dakota has recognized and shown its appreciation to landowners by allowing them to receive a free gratis deer gun hunting license to hunt their land. It's a way to say "thanks" as well as an opportunity for a landowner to harvest a deer.

However, the number of gratis licenses must be factored in when determining each unit's number of available licenses, which makes a difference on the number of licenses available If hunters aren't keyed into hunting a particular unit for any reason, they can also get an idea of their odds in a unit from the previous year because applications also include the number of applications received for both residents and nonresidents.

Nonresident landowners, while guaranteed a gratis license, must pay nonresident license fees.

Some tips to consider when applying for a North Dakota deer gun or muzzleloader license: First, factor in what type of deer would you like to get. Hunters truly wanting to focus on a mule deer Badlands experience or opportunity to get a mule deer should select a western North Dakota unit where licenses are broken down by white-tailed or mule deer, as well as antlerless or antlered.

Select an "either" unit if wanting an opportunity to hunt regardless of species.

Secondly, what's the desired hunting experience? Is it to harvest a deer? Then selecting "antlerless" is a good first or second choice option. That's because most units often have more antlerless licenses available than antlered. If a hunter wants an opportunity to match wits with a buck, then look at the number of available antlered licenses in the various units.

Think about access. Western units offer one million acres of public land but it's often intermingled with private land so knowing exactly where one is hunting is important. Mule deer licenses are often harder to draw than white-tailed deer licenses although some white-tailed units can be as difficult, if not more so, to get a license in than mule deer units.

Do your homework, apply, and enjoy a North Dakota deer gun or muzzleloader hunting season if you're drawn. Applications are available online at the Game and Fish Department website, (gf.nd.gov).



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Gratis license numbers are determined by looking at the long-term trend of the number of gratis licenses issued and calculating the 5-year mean. That number is removed from the number of available licenses in each unit before the lottery is held

The number of available licenses, less the amount deducted for gratis licenses, is included on applications so hunters know the number of available licenses.

North Dakota deer gun and muzzleloader applications are due in early June.

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Gun safes excluded from household goods weight allowance

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ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) --

As of May 2022, the Joint Travel Regulations for service members were updated to exclude the weight of gun safes from the total weight allowance of household goods in a permanent change of station.

As the number of accidental child injuries and deaths continue to rise, more and more incidents are attributed to unsecured, loaded guns. Defense leaders are confident this update will help improve overall gun safety in homes, while also helping to decrease service member suicides.

"We will continue to prioritize the health, safety, and welfare of our Airmen, Guardians, and their families," said Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall. "We want to ensure our service members have a safe home."

The weight allowance for household goods falls between 5,000 and 18,000 pounds, based on rank and whether or not a service member has dependents.

With the weight of gun safes typically ranging from 200 to over 1,000 pounds, some service members may have experienced a conflict when choosing between safety and convenience. Now, service members are allowed to ship empty guns safes, not to exceed 500 pounds, in addition to respective household goods weight allowances.

Leaving loaded guns in unsecured areas of the home, such as bedside tables, closet storage rooms and unlocked gun cabinets, creates an opportunity for children to gain access to weapons, putting themselves or others in danger.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that firearms were the leading cause of death among U.S. children and adolescents in 2020.

Beyond the impact unsecured guns have on child safety, the Department of Defense has recognized the significant rise in service member suicide rates and established the Suicide Prevention and Response Independent Review Committee in March to address and prevent suicide in the military.

The Department of the Air Force Suicide Prevention Program, Integrated Resilience, Security Forces and the Safety Office combined to promote an effort focused on putting time and space between distressed individuals and the means to harm themselves named "Time-Based Prevention," which became a part of the Department of the Air Force's comprehensive suicide prevention strategy.

"We know that increasing the time between one's suicide ideation and one's access to a firearm can play a critical role in preventing a suicide. If this policy change prevents just one suicide, it'll be a success in my eyes," said Under Secretary of the Air Force Gina Ortiz Jones.

The concept was presented to Total Force Airmen who shared that the cost of going over their household goods limits is a barrier to using weapon safes in the home, leading the Department of the Air Force to pursue this change to the



JTR. The DoD went on to adopt the "Time-Based Prevention" approach as a part of the DoD suicide prevention strategy.

In addition to the JTR update, the Department of the Air Force implemented a cable gun lock safety program in 2020, sending 150,000 cable gun locks to every installation in the United States for distribution to service members on a first-come, first-served basis.

"The bottom line is our first obligation is to the Airmen, Guardians, and families who were courageous enough to raise their right hand to serve this country," Kendall said. "Everything we do is with them in mind, and this regulation update is no different."

NOTES ON BEING SAFE

SPRING MOTORCYCLE PRE RIDE CHECK

For those of us that live in an area where we have to winterize our bikes and put them up for several months, this article is about getting our bikes dusted off and "ready to ride" for the upcoming riding season.

Before you set out to ride your bike, you should do a quick visual pre-ride motorcycle inspection of the chassis. Look for cracks, bent or missing spokes, loose nuts and bolts, missing nuts, bolts, clips, or pins, and fluid leaks in hoses, seals, or gaskets. Do a quick inspection of the throttle and levers. Ensure that all cables are secured and in good condition. If your motorcycle is chain driven, make sure it is lubricated and not rusted. If your motorcycle is belt driven, make sure there are no cuts or tears in the belt. Refer to your owner's manual to make sure you are not coming due on any scheduled maintenance for mileage or time. Examples of maintenance could be adjusting brakes, clutch or changing fluids.

Always, check the tire pressure before going out on the road. Ensure that the valve stems are seated correctly and are tight. Check to ensure the tire pressure matches the recommended manufacturer air pressure for your specific tire. Usually, you can find this information in your motorcycle user manual or the tire manufacturer's website. Check the tread depth; look for foreign objects, or uneven wear. Check the fluid levels. Always check the oil and make sure you have a full tank of gasoline. One tip I can pass on is to also go by your miles, rather than the float on the gas tank, because often it can be off by as much as 2 gallons. I make sure I keep track of my miles, that way I know when it is time to fill up. If you have a locking tank, take your key with you in case you run out of gas. Don't assume that all tank keys are made the same because they aren't, take this from the voice of experience. Check the battery to make sure the terminals are clean and tight fitting. A battery that has discoloration or bulging is a sign of a bad battery needing replacing. Test your horn, turn signals, headlights, instrument lights, and brake lights to ensure proper

Motorcycle Safety classes benefit riders of all skill levels

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

STATEWIDE, N.D. – No matter the experience level, the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) and American Bikers Aiming Toward Education (ABATE) of North Dakota recommend all motorcycle riders take a rider safety course.

In North Dakota in 2021, fatalities from motorcycle crashes decreased overall from 2020, a positive sign that taking classes and wearing All The Gear, All The Time (ATGATT) can improve rider safety.

"Motorcycle safety classes prepare riders for the road through reinforcement of obeying all traffic laws, riding with courtesy and wearing All The Gear, All The Time," said Lonnie Bertsch of ABATE. "Classes provide skills to heighten awareness and skill levels. Even if you have been riding for some time, there's always something new to learn." Basic and experienced rider

courses are offered across the state throughout the summer. Information on motorcycle safety courses can be found at http:// ndmsp.com.

Learn more about motorcycle safety and how ATGATT and rider safety courses saved the lives of local motorcyclists at VisionZero. ND.gov.

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operating order. Replace any burnt out bulbs before riding.

Check to make sure your safety features of your motorcycle are working properly. Make sure your engine kill switch works when used. If your motorcycle won't let you put it in gear with the kick stand down, make sure the motor shuts off when you do. If your motorcycle is equipped with a neutral indicator, check to verify if it indicates when you are in neutral.

Check the mirrors to ensure they are securely bolted and crack free. Adjust the mirrors to the proper position before riding and make sure they are clean and streak free. It isn't easy to adjust your mirrors while riding, nor is it safe.

Do a visual inspection of your exhaust system. Making sure connections are tight and no baffling is loose or missing. You can then start the motorcycle to make sure nothing sounds abnormal. Examples would be a ticking engine, loud exhaust, or something vibrating that could come loose.

Lastly, when you are on your bike and "ready to ride" and you take up the kickstand, check to make sure that the spring in the kickstand has enough tension to hold it in position. There is nothing like everyone getting in line to ride and when they make the left hand turn out of the parking lot, the one motorcycle that either didn't check their kickstand for faulty springs or left it down, goes belly up in front of everyone.

All of this may sound like it will take a long time, but in reality, once you do it a couple of times, it takes about five to ten minutes each ride. The time invested in a pre-ride motorcycle inspection is certainly better than paying for a tow home or being stranded on the side of the road.



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Pour half of the pasta mixture into your prepared baking dish. Sprinkle with half of the mozzarella. Pour remaining pasta into the dish, smooth out the top and add the remaining mozzarella.

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Verendrye Electric Co-op urges safety around power lines statewide Cleanup and maintenance to last for several weeks

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Power was restored to all Verendrye members on Monday night, but Verendrve Electric Coop urges people to be aware of potential safety issues as crews continue to work on damaged power lines across North Dakota.

"Our first priority during a large outage like this one is to get people's power back on as quickly and as safely as possible. Once that's done there is a lot of work left to do to" said Verendrye Electric Manager Randy Hauck.

Crews will be working for weeks conducting detailed inspections on thousands of poles and hundreds of miles of power lines and many substations in many parts of the state. Problem spots such as lines hanging lower than normal could still be encountered.

"We know farmers are anxious to get into the field. We urge caution as they drive machinery underneath power lines. Don't take chances if you are questioning the clearance. Either find another way into the field or call us." Hauck said.

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Verendrye urges everyone in North Dakota to think about safety around power lines. Other cooperatives in Northwest ND including Burke-Divide Electric Co-op, Mountrail-Williams Electric Co-op and McLean Electric Co-op were also hit hard by the ice storm. Many power lines clearances will be lower than normal anywhere in this area.

Verendrve crews replaced around 439 poles during the ice storm that left some out of power for more than a week. Maintenance left to do also includes removing broken poles from farmers' land and repairing damage done to fields. Verendrye thanks all of the people who helped lineworkers gain access to downed lines. We also thank people for their patience during the outage.

You can report safety issues or concerns to Verendrye Electric 24/7 by calling 1-800-472-2141.

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5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Sunday 7:00 am – 1:00 pm



How Often Should You Change Engine Oil

Every automobile engine needs oil, but not just any oil will do. Modern engines are designed and built to exacting standards and require oils that meet very specific industry and automaker specifications to ensure a long service life. Failure to use the right type oil, and document its use, could void your new-car warranty.

Most late-model cars require synthetic-blend or full-synthetic, low-viscosity, multi-grade, resource-conserving oils that minimize friction and maximize fuel economy. However, choosing the right oil is not always easy. The proper oil for your make and model of vehicle must have the correct SAE viscosity grade, meet performance standards set by the API, ILSAC and/or ACEA, and comply with any unique specifications established by the automaker or engine manufacturer. These requirements are detailed in your vehicle owner's manual, and your auto repair shop can provide information on your vehicle's recommended oil specifications as well.

Depending on vehicle age, type of oil and driving conditions, oil change intervals will vary. It used to be normal to change the oil every 3,000 miles, but with modern lubricants most engines today have recommended oil change intervals of 5,000 to 7,500 miles. Moreover, if your car's engine requires full-synthetic motor oil, it might

go as far as 15,000 miles between services! You cannot judge engine oil condition by color, so follow the factory maintenance schedule for oil changes

Oil Change Intervals – Older Cars

Older cars typically have oil change intervals based on mileage, and have two maintenance schedules, one for cars driven in "normal" operation and another for those used in "severe service." The latter category involves operating your car under one or more of the following conditions:

Primarily short trips (5 miles or less) Extremely hot, cold, or dusty climates Sustained stop-and-go driving

Carrying heavy loads or towing a trailer If your vehicle use falls under the severe service definition in your owner's manual, maintain your car using the more rigorous schedule. However, if you drive your car under normal conditions, be wary of spending hard-earned money on oil

change services and other maintenance work

Most newer cars are equipped with oil-

life monitoring systems that automatically

determine when an oil change is needed and

your car may not need or benefit from.

Oil Change Intervals – Newer Cars

Early simple systems are time and mileage based, but current advanced designs analyze actual vehicle operating conditions to identify when the oil will begin to degrade. In fact, the owner's and maintenance manuals for many newer cars eliminate "severe service" recommendations altogether because the oil-life monitoring system automatically shortens the oil change interval when it detects heavy-duty operation.

Whenever you have your car's oil changed, the service technician should reset the oil-life monitoring system. If you change your own oil, you can reset the system by following the instructions in the vehicle owner's manual.

Less frequent oil changes on newer engines make it essential that you check the oil level monthly and top it up as needed. While many engines will use less than a quart of oil between changes, others can consume as much as a quart every 600 to 700 miles. Maintaining proper oil levels can help you avoid costly car repairs; engine wear or damage resulting from low oil levels will not be covered by your new-car warranty. Note that if you do not put many miles on your car, most automakers recommend an oil change every 12 months, even if the maintenance reminder has not come on.

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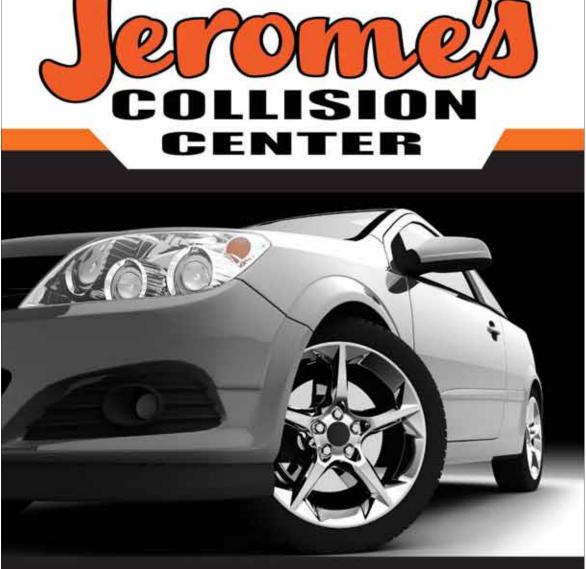
The Department of Defense's largest retailer is giving away top and trending products to authorized military shoppers worldwide who comment on the Free Friday post each Friday at Facebook.com/shopmyexchange.

"Giving back to service members and their families gives the Exchange that Friday feeling," said Minot AFB Exchange General Manager Brian M. Read. "Free Friday giveaways are another way the Exchange honors the

sacrifice and support of the military community.³

In its sixth year, the Free Friday program has celebrated military shoppers with more than \$66,000 in prizes. Free Friday winners took home more than \$17,000 in prizes last year including air fryers, gardening packages, cookware, bedding and more. The Exchange has given away more than \$9,000 so far this year.

Authorized shoppers 18 and older are eligible to enter. Honorably discharged Veterans and Department of Defense civilians and retirees with shopping privileges can participate, too. Comments made on a Free Friday post by 11:59 p.m. Central on the day of the post will be entered into the weekly drawing.



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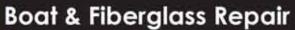
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Family Child Care Celebrates Month of the Military Child

FAMILY CHILD CARE

Family Child Care providers offer valuable in-home child care services to Minot AFB families and these professionals actively celebrated Month of the Military Child!

Individually, many showcased decorative home displays donning purple paint, family pictures, and that dandelion message of resilience that we've all grown to love. Some dyed purple shirts and others baked purple treats and arranged fun family get-togethers! Collectively, the FCC providers

Collectively, the FCC providers participated in Spirit Week from April 11th-15th. Monday was wacky hair/outfit day, Tuesday was Superhero day, and Wednesday was Red/White/Blue Day! The blizzard did not extinguish their spirit, as PJ day on Thursday—in light of school/road closings—was universally followed! Friday's Purple-Up Day was also enjoyed.

In addition to Spirit Week, all providers participated in weekly crafts and trainings. All FCC Office Staff took part by sharing their knowledge with the providers.

The first craft: decorate a paper banner. The corresponding training was given by Community Child Care Coordinator, Ms. Kelly Pringle, and discussed the importance of Social Media Presence. Regarding her training, Pringle states, "Social Media is a tool that we have at our disposal and can be both positive and effective when used correctly. In our program, we use it daily as a way to communicate with our providers, and I have emphasized importance of being professional when marketing their FCC businesses. It matters." FCC Provider, Tamesha DenBleyker says, "They [my FCC children-incare] loved decorating the banner! I told them that military children are special, because unlike other kids, they move around a lot and have to adapt." DenBleyker adds, "my son, Timothy (7 years-old) said, 'So that's why we moved from Arkansas to Guam to here!' and I told him that's exactly why!"

The second craft: decorate a cloth potholder. The corresponding training was given by USDA Coordinator, Ms. Stephanie Hazen, and discussed the importance of Family Style Dining. Regarding her training, Hazen states, "This type of dining promotes togetherness and builds early childhood skill development. Social/Emotional Development and Fine Motor Skills are cultivated through active conversation and serving of food. I supplied each provider with a handout on Family Style Dining, provided by cacfp.org, which lists tips to effectively implement this dining method in their programs." FCC Provider, Taylor Rodriguez says, "They liked working together to make something we can use while cooking. I told them it's important to celebrate military children, because they go through a lot with their parents leaving [deployment] or working long hours. So, it's important we celebrate all that they do!"

The third craft: decorate a canvas bag. The corresponding training was given by Family Child Care Coordinator, Ms. Alyssa Kelly, and discussed the importance of Playground Safety. Regarding her training, Kelly states, "Playground Safety is evolutionary in natureas little guidance in this area is supplied to care providers-so I assisted in a hands-on way! As a certified Early Childhood Playground Inspector, I shared my knowledge of playground hazards and focused on injury prevention by supplying each provider with a laminated no-sign (to be secured to unsafe areas on the playground) and a laminated list of Recommended Playground Safety Items: Duct Tape & No Sign (block off unsafe items), Thick gloves (remove trash), Towel (wipe slides/ wet surfaces), Small broom (handheld) and dustpan, and First-Aid Kit. It is then up to the providers to buy the necessary items; held within the bag they decorate." FCC Provider, Tena Holmgren says, "I had my 6 year-old, 5 year-old, and two 4 year-olds. We talked about rules at the park and how to stay safe. My 6 year-old said she wanted to draw a picture of two friends playing at the park. I handed her the markers to draw that and the others scribbled on the other side. Then we chatted about how sometimes life can be tricky and this month is a time to celebrate all the tricky times in our lives. I called it 'tricky,' because on the 27th of April one of our friends PCS'd and it was hard for all of us to say goodbye. All these fun activities were for them to celebrate themselves and the tricky times!"

Minot AFB's Family Child Care program annually benefits from their active involvement in celebration of Month of the Military Child. Last year, the FCC Office delivered weekly STEM challenges focusing on Age-Appropriate Development. Overall, the Military children in FCC thrive within a funloving, knowledge-based program that celebrates their resilience!





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Minot AFB– The Minot AFB BX is continuing its tradition of rewarding academic excellence through the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's You Made the Grade program—honoring the resiliency of military kids worldwide.

In its 22nd year, the You Made the Grade program honors academic excellence for students in first through 12th grades, including those who are home schooled. Minot AFB students who maintain a B average or higher are eligible to receive a \$5 Exchange gift card each grading period.

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Graduates

The MAFB School Liaison and Northern Sentry would like to honor this year's military affiliated high school graduates in a special addition of the paper.

Please know that your students success is something we honor and respect. We would like the opportunity to showcase them and provide you an opportunity to submit their photos and a sentiment to be printed in the multiple times, change schools and face parental deployments during their childhood," said Minot AFB BX General Manager Brian M. Read. "The Exchange's You Made the Grade program celebrates military students for their resiliency during the challenges of military life. Their hard work pays off at the Exchange."

Minot AFB students who make the grade qualify to enter a worldwide sweepstakes to win a \$2,000, \$1,500 or \$500 Exchange gift card. Drawings are held in December and June. The most recent sweepstakes winners were from Camp Foster, Fort Knox and

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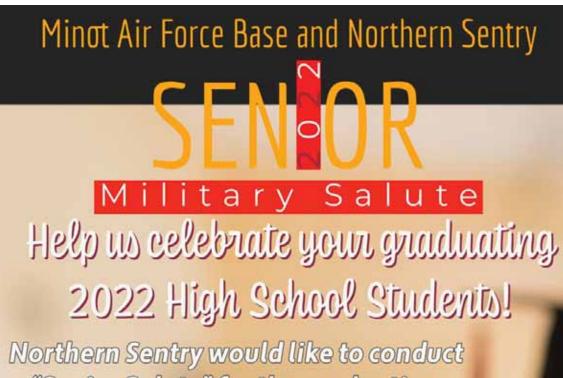
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All About Pets



Whether you go to the groomer or do it yourself at home, grooming your dog is essential. Every dog's needs are different, but here are a few pointers to get you started at home or in between visits to a professional!

•Bath time: the ASPCA recommends bathing your dog at least once every three months. If your dog has skin problems or spends a lot of time outdoors, you may need to bathe more often. However, bathing too often can lead to more skin irritation and dryness, so use your best judgement and be sure to keep an eye on your dog's condition. If you're bathing at home, be sure to do your research on the best bathing method for your dog's coat. Keep the water warm but not hot, and use a shampoo and conditioner that is best for them (medicated, puppy formula, detangling, etc.). Make sure to keep water out of your dog's ears and use a wash cloth or towel to gently wipe their face clean.

 Brushing: Regular fur brushing will help spread natural oils throughout your dog's coat, remove dirt, and prevent tangles and matting. Slicker brushes will help remove loose fur and detangle all coat types, but are best for medium-long haired dogs. Don't use too much pressure with a slicker, as this can cause discomfort. Pin brushes are like slickers, but they have pins tipped with plastic or rubber. These are great for longer, silkier, or curly coats. A bristle brush is a great option for a dog with a short or wiry coat and will remove excess fur and give your dog's coat a beautiful shine. Rakes are designed to penetrate a thick undercoat and remove tangles and debris in long-haired dogs. Make sure you pick the best brush for your dog's coat and brush them at least every few days. Brushing is also a great time to check out your dog's skin for signs of irritation, skin conditions, or bugs.

•Dental care: Dogs need their teeth brushed too! You can use a toothbrush/finger brush and dog safe toothpaste and you can also keep your dog's teeth healthy by providing a healthy diet, plenty of chew toys/bones, and treats that are specially formulated for their dental needs. It is best to brush their teeth every day, but even three times a week is better than none. Just like brushing fur, it gives you a chance to check out your dog's condition and find any signs of illness or irritation.

•Ear care: Regularly checking your dog's ears is important, especially for those who produce excessive earwax! If your dog's ears are dirty,



you can gently clean them with a cotton ball dampened in a liquid ear cleaner. You may want to contact your vet before doing this to make sure that you are using the proper technique/products and not accidentally causing harm to your pooch.

Nail trimming: Many dogs are uncomfortable having their nails trimmed, but trimming your dog's nails is one of the most important things you can do to keep them happy and healthy! Nails should be cut when they almost touch the ground when your dog walks. This could be every week or every few weeks, depending on the dog and its activity level/type. You can use scissor or guillotine type clippers, a nail grinder, and some owners even opt to train their dog to use a scratch board for light nail maintenance. Be careful not to cut your dog's quick, as this can cause bleeding and lots of pain. If your dog is really struggling with feeling comfortable during nail clipping, be sure not to force them to continue or you can risk putting your dog off from it completely. Some owners are able to clip all their dog's nails in one sitting, some can only do one nail a day. Either way, with the proper training, plenty of patience, and rewards, you can teach your dog to tolerate nail maintenance. If you are unable to train your dog to tolerate it, contact a professional groomer or event a veterinarian immediately. If your dog's nails get too long, it can cause discomfort, pain, or injury.

•To shave or not to shave: There are many reasons why a dog may need to be shaved, especially in severe cases of matting, but you should try to avoid this if possible. A dog's coat serves a purpose to insulate them in hot or cold temperatures and protect from sunburn, among many other things. If you have a double-coated dog, it is especiallly important not to shave as it can cause more damage than good! A light trim is acceptable to make their coat more manageable or presentable. If you think your dog might need to be shaved, be sure to ask a professional for their input. There may be other ways to resolve the problem before resorting to that.

With the right tools and research, you can successfully groom your dog at home. However, be sure to consult your vet or a professional with any questions you may have! And if you don't have the time or knowledge to groom at home, make sure you keep up by taking your dog to the groomer regularly.

Your favorite neighborhood

In recognition of Month of the Military Child, 5th Force Support Services hosted their annual FAM-A-GANZA event on April 29, held at The Turf. Families gathered for this free event that included inflatables, carnival games, STEAM activities, and giveaways!

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MINOT AIR FORCE BASE SCHOOL DISTRICT #160 **REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2021**

Members Absent

Members Present Kristyn Kuehn Mark Nemish Ellen Reed Branda Tanner Lauren Vengels

The meeting was called to order by Board President Kuehn at 5:00 P.M. MAFB School Liaison Officer Racquel Labadie reported to the board on the following:

- A "Use of Masks" memo was issued by the Secretary of Defense on 4 Feb 2021 detailing the requirement for all individuals on military installations performing official duties to wear masks and maintain social distancing. Due to the current HPCON guidance of Minot AFB and the Reintegration Plan for Minot Public, the base schools already align with the stated requirements. - Last day of on-base 'Yellowfin' bussing for the 3 base schools is 2 April 21. - April is Month of the Military Child-Wear purple on 16 April and requesting both MAFB and Minot #1 Boards to mention the commemorative month during their meetings in April.

Superintendent Mark Vollmer gave the board a COVID-19 update and report from the reintegration committee. Vollmer noted that, present plans are to continue the use of masks.

Moved by Vengels, seconded by Nemish, to approve the MAFB PSD#160 school board meeting minutes of January 12, 2021.

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Roll Call: All members voted "Yes."

Moved by Tanner, seconded by Vengels, to approve the December, 2020 Financial Reports to include the Accounts Payable of \$47,562.91.

Roll Call: All members voted "Yes."

The board was informed of the following resignations in school buildings which serve military connected students: Jesse Cook (MCC), Charles Kranz (CC), William McCann (CC), Susan Packulak (Memorial), Lacey Eckmann (MCC), Angelina Edison (MCC), James Ritchie (CC/MCC) and Nolan Spooner (CC).

Moved by Nemish, seconded by Vengels, to approve 2021-2022 Service Agreement (with addendums #1 & #2) between the Minot Air Force School District #160 and Minot Public School District #1.

Roll Call: All members voted "Yes."

Business Manager Scott Moum presented the 2019-2020 school district audit report from Brady, Martz & Associates, P.C. Moum noted that it was a clean audit. Moved by Tanner, seconded by Vengels, to approve June 30, 2020 MAFB PSD#160 audit.

Roll Call: All members voted "Yes."

Dr. Vollmer noted that the Spring NAFIS conference will be virtual. The next MAFB School Board meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2021. The meeting adjourned at 5:26 P.M.

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There is no application fee for active-duty military personnel. Military personnel can complete their Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) degree and earn a bachelor's degree from Minot State. For more information, contact Brigitte Mikula at 701-727-9044 or by email at Brigitte.mikula@ minotstateu.edu



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- 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
- Karaoke Night, 2000, Rockers Bar & Grill

- Registration Opens: Single Airmen Free Paintball at Outdoor Recreation • TAP (VA), 0800-1600, A&FRC
- Moving Out of the Dorms, 0900-1100, A&FRC
- Game Day, 1000-1930, Minot AFB Library
- Coffee with a Cop, 1300-1300, Bomber Bistro, hosted by 5th Security Forces Squadron
- Run for Fitness, 1700, Fitness Center
- DIY Bath & Beauty Products Class, 1730-1930, Arts & Crafts Center
- Zumba, 1830, Fitness Center
- Barre Strength, 1930, Fitness Center

SATURDAY

- Golf Easter Egg Hunt Begins at Rough Rider Golf Course
- Barre Strength, 1000, Fitness Center
- Ocean Commotion, 1300, Minot AFB Library
- Magic the Gathering Family Day, 1600, ESC, inside Bomber Bistro

SUNDAY

Zumba, 1400, Fitness Center

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- HIIT Strength & Conditioning, 0530, Fitness Center
- TAP (DoL) Overview, 0730-1600, A&FRC
- Bundles for Babies, 0900-1030, A&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- Pre-Deployment/Remote Readiness Training, 1000, A&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- Story Time, 1030, Minot AFB Library
- First Duty Station Officer Financial Course, 1400-1630, A&FRC
- Epoxy Wine Caddy Class, 1730-1930, Arts & Crafts Center
- Swerk, 1730, Fitness Center
- Fighting Game Night, 1800, ESC, inside Bomber Bistro Yoga for Fitness, 1830, Fitness Center

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- Registration Ends: Horseback Riding & Rock Climbing Trip at Outdoor Recreation
- Registration Ends: Intramural Softball at the Fitness Center
- Cycle & Strength, 0530, Fitness Center
- Minot 1st SGT 5K, 0730, Fitness Center
- TAP (DoL) Employment Workshop, 0800-1600, A&FRC
- Family Zumba, 1000, Turf, hosted by the Fitness Center
- First Friday, 1530-2000, Jimmy Doolittle Event Center
- Epoxy Cutting Board Class, 1730-1930, Arts & Crafts Center
- Fantasy Movie Night, 1800, ESC, inside Bomber Bistro
- Karaoke Night, 2000, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Passport to Keystone Lock-In, 2030-0630, Youth Center

SATURDAY

- Why Not Minot National Police Week Scramble, 0800, Rough Rider Golf Course
- Barre Strength, 1000, Fitness Center
- America's Kids Run, 1000-1300, Youth Center Baseball Fields
- Kids Fitness Day, 1000-1300, Youth Center Baseball Fields
- Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament, 1300, ESC, inside Bomber Bistro

MONDAY

- Registration Opens: Garden Plots at Outdoor Recreation
- HIIT Strength & Conditioning, 0530, Fitness Center
- TAP GPS Workshop, 0730-1600, A&FRC
- Voting Assistance Workshop, 0800-1000, Jimmy Doolittle Event Center, hosted by A&FRC
- Family Fit Bootcamp, 1000, Turf hosted by the Fitness Center
- Reintegration Briefing, 1000-1100, A&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- Swerk, 1730, Fitness Center

THURSDAY

- TAP (DoL) Employment Workshop, 0800-1600, A&FRC
- Short Notice Pre-Separation Counseling, 0930, A&FRC

ONGOING

- FCC Pre-Orientation: One-on-One Appointments: Family Child Care -Call to schedule an appointment.
- Military Appreciation Month: Dakota Inn Dining Facility
- Asian Pacific Heritage Month: Dakota Inn Dining Facility

MAY SPECIALS

Bomber Bistro • Bacon, Ham, and Provolone Wrap

Smoked julienne ham, bacon, tomato, lettuce, provolone cheese, and chipotle mayo on your choice of spinach, flour, or garlic tortilla! Served with chips and a drink for \$9.25

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Rockers Bar & Grill • Big Bully Burger

2 seasoned 1/4lb patties, bacon, fried onion strings, cheddar, pepper-jack, provolone, swiss cheese, and barbecue sauce on a bed of lettuce and tomato. Served with fries for only \$10.75!



- - Family Fit Bootcamp, 1000, Turf, hosted by the Fitness Center
 - Reintegration Briefing, 1000-1100, A&FRC, Zoom Meeting
 - Run for Fitness, 1700, Fitness Center
 - Zumba, 1830, Fitness Center
 - Yoga, 1930, Fitness Center



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