

WHATS INSIDE THIS WEEK:





Airman from the U.S. Air Force 5th Security Forces Squadron, and 91st Security Forces Group come together, Minot Air Force Base, Minot, North Dakota, June 5, 2023. The Airman huddled up in honor of the ones they've lost in celebration of 2023 National Police Week. National Police Week usually takes place during the week of May 15 and offers remembrance, honor, and peer support to law enforcement and family members. The 5th Security Forces Squadron & 91st Security Forces Group Airmen kicked off National Police Week at Minot with a ruck march and memorial ceremony. See page Page B14 for more on the event.

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Exceptional Distinguished Public Service Secretary of the Air Force Honors Mark Jantzer

His term as a member of the Air and Space Force Civic Leader program appeared to be coming to an end for Mark Jantzer. After 12 years of service, Mark would transfer to an emeritus status, but not before being presented with the Secretary of the Air Force Distinguished Public Service Award by Col. Daniel Hoadley, commander of the 5th Bomb Wing.

Recently the Northern Sentry was able to sit down with Mark and talk about his history of civilian service to the U.S. Air Force that earned him this prestigious award, the highest award to be presented to a nonemployee civilian.

"Î arrived in Minot in 1977. We fell in love with Minot immediately. To us (he and his wife Mary) it was like a big, small town. Besides work, I got involved in the Chamber of Commerce. I was on the ambassadors committee for a while" according to Mark. Soon the Jantzer family was rooted in the community, which would involve taking kids to activities "we started making friends and getting involved in the community, it was a good transition.'

Mary Jantzer was originally from the New Ulm, Minnesota area, and according to Mark "was a little reluctant to get that far away from her family, but she acclimated well" continues Iantzer.

Mark's first involvement with Minot Air Force Base was joining the Military Affairs Committee, and ended up being chairman of that committee in the late 80's.

In the 90's communities with military bases would soon learn about the BRAC (Base Re-Alignment & Closure) process. Keeping Minot off of the list of base closures became a major focus of the Minot community, and the group that was organized would end up being the predecessor

to the now Task Force 21, 1996 would be a key year, as a majority of the base closures would be announced by then. "Even though the BRAC rounds were over in 1996, there was no guarantee that there wouldn't be another one" according to Jantzer "but there were also all of the decisions on budgets by the department



Mark Jantzer

of defense that could potentially affect Minot Air Force Base, so we decided that we needed to keep going. The new name that was chosen, Task Force 21, meant that we wanted to be around through the 21st Century, not just passed 1996." Then Chairman Buzz Syria and Mark Jantzer would make a trip to Washington, DC where Buzz introduced Mark to Senator(s) Kent Conrad and Byron Dorgan and Representative Earl Pomeroy, and "so the torch, I guess, was officially passed to the next generation, and that was kind of daunting at that time."

Mark shared that the next day (Tuesday, June 6th) he would be travelling to Camp Grafton as part of Task Force MIND (Military Issues in North Dakota). Mark and fellow Task Force 21 members Pete Hankla and Brekka Kramer were appointed to this group. "The purpose of this group is to make sure that there are leaders in the state that are informed about the military and what they were doing not only in our city,

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but other cities where the military existed" continues Jantzer "and the goal there is to make North Dakota one of the most military friendly states that folks can come to." Jantzer points to the recently passed legislation that eliminates state income tax on retirement pay for veterans.

As far as the Distinguished Public Service Award, it states that Jantzer "served as a Department of the Air Force advocate, connecting his regional and professional communities to the Air and Space Force through his expertise in military operations and civilian socioeconomic issues. He conscientiously advised senior Air and Space Force leaders on the development of national and international military programs as well as facilitated cooperation between civilian communities and Department of the Air Force entities to ensure each program's success. He openly communicated information about Air and Space Force missions and requirements to the American public, increasing awareness and understanding among local, regional, national and international audiences. Mr. Jantzer's concern for Airmen, Guardians and their families, as well as his desire to facilitate communities' service to those service members, was essential



Mark Jantzer accepts Department of the Air Force Distinguished Public Service Award from Col. Daniel Hoadley, commander of the 5th Bomb Wing.

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to his stewardship of an enduring relationship between the Department of the Air Force and the Nation. The distinctive accomplishments of Mr. Jantzer reflects the highest credit upon himself and the Department of the Air Force."

For Jantzer, being recognized was certainly an honor "that I didn't expect."

Besides his commitment to the mission of Minot Air Force Base, Iantzer has been active in the Minot community serving on the Minot City Council as well as being active in the Minot Chamber/EDC.





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I Guess I Was An APG

I was standing in line at Rocker's waiting to place an order for my noon lunch, when I noticed three young Airmen ahead of me with an APG insignia on their sleeves. I am the curious type, and after trying to think of what APG could stand for, I finally had to ask.

One of the young men, with a very southern accent, chuckled and said, well out there on the flight line we're All Purpose Grunts. With a little push back to his buddy, one of the other three said "can't you see, he works for the Northern Sentry. We don't want to give him the wrong impression. Sir, APG really stands for Airframe, Powerplant & General." The third member of the group then added that they worked on the B 52's.

So, I joked with them that when I worked on our farm, I, too, would be labeled as an All



Purpose Grunt. If there needed to be oil changed on a tractor or truck, it was my job. If we had to run to town to get parts, it was drop everything and be on your way because something needed to be repaired because the activity at hand; seeding, harvest or hauling grain, had come to a halt.

While in line, I learned about how a B-52 could need repairs to the "skin" of the aircraft. That means removing a piece, repairing it in the shop, and then replacing it on the aircraft. You just don't run to the parts store and get a new piece on a B-52. I am thinking these three young men were probably mid-20's, which means they were born in 2000'ish. A bit of quick math and I was able to tell them that the planes they are working on are 60 years old. Way over than twice their age. They went into a lot of other repairs that they were responsible for taking care of; some I understood, and some not.

I shared with them the jobs that were common to the most unskilled farm hand, that being me. Sure, I worked on a farm most of my life. But when it came to the new, high tech equipment

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with computers and GPS screens, it was better for me to go back to changing oil or moving a truck from one field to the other. I can operate the small garden tractor and keep the three acres of lawn mowed around the buildings on the farm. There was always a satisfaction with finishing those jobs and moving on to the next. These three shared that someday they would like to work on a newer airplane. I guess if you are working on a B-52, you really have nowhere to go but newer.

As we got closer to the ordering point, I asked them about the reengining process about to take place on the B-52's. I expected them to be excited, but it was more of a "I'll believe it when I see it" type of attitude. "They've been looking at doing that for a long time" said one of the Airmen. "And maybe this time they'll get it done."

From my standpoint, what I did on our farm was as much a part of the necessary process to success in farming as anything. And next time I see those APG



guys, I'll think the same of what they do. My Dad used to say that there are many moving parts in a watch. But take even the smallest one out, and the watch no longer works. Congrats to all of those who wear the APG on their sleeve. It (whatever "it" is) doesn't work without you. Enough said

BEST KEPT SECRET

On a hot day, (like last Sunday), the marina store at Fort Stevenson sells a lot of ice cream. Pontoons loaded with kids and adults stop and tie up to the dock in the marina and head up the steep ramp for dishes or cones of the now famous Pride Dairy ice cream. It's a great place to cool down and enjoy a Sunday afternoon treat.

TODAY'S CHUCKLE

Being right isn't always the most important thing. Agreeing with your boss is.



UPSIDE DOWN UNDER MARVIN BAKER

Back in the 1960s, the United States Department of Agriculture produced a map of the nation with a number of hardiness zones to help guide gardeners and landscapers with better planting advice.

However, those early maps don't reflect the same zones as today's maps. There are no doubt, warmer, albeit slightly, patterns that are moving farther north. In fact, when you take North Dakota into account, there have been some major changes since 1990.

It's the same with Manitoba and Saskatchewan, which border North Dakota to the north. Their zones, created in 1970, have changed one hardiness zone.

Here in the United States, hardiness zones are categorized from zero to 12 and within each zone there is an A and B zone. All of North Dakota is within either zone 3 or zone 4. But what is interesting about this is there are small pockets of the state that might surprise you. We all know it can get what we call "bitter cold" in the winter. Since February 1996, I've seen three mornings drop to 40 and 41 below zero without the wind chill. I remember these mornings because extreme cold fascinates me more than I'm afraid of it. Two of those mornings were consecutive when I lived in Langdon and the other happened on a trip from Bismarck to Carpio. But we also know that North Dakota can have wild swings in temperatures. I've also witnessed an extreme high of 114 above zero, which was in Hazelton when I was

Hardiness Zone changes...

growing up in the late '60s.

Many of us talk about these extremes and make the assumption that if we have an unusually cold winter or extremely hot summer, That's our zone. We have to remember, those are extremes and our hardiness zone isn't based solely on the bottom of the Fahrenheit scale, although that's part of the equation.

The coldest zone in North Dakota is Zone 3A, which is almost exclusively in Bottineau County. Long-term extremes are listed as 35 to 40 below zero. It tends to follow the Souris River valley south, just touching the northern tip of McHenry County. There's also a 3A pocket in the southeast corner of Bottineau County, in the Willow City area.

Nearly all of the rest of the northern tier of North Dakota, at least above U.S. Highway 2, is Zone 3B, which is listed at 30 to 35 below, meaning every winter will probably drop to those temperatures.

The gooseneck of Ward County is interesting because that narrow piece of property takes in two

hardiness zones. Carpio and Minot are considered Zone 4A, but just eight miles up the road from Carpio, in Donnybrook, we fall into Zone 3B. Kenmare is also 3B.

Again, there are pockets of 3B elsewhere in the state surrounded by Zone 4, which emcompasses most of the rest of the state. Southeast of Williston, nearly all of Nelson County, a small area south of Beulah, and here's a real surprise, the extreme southern part of Morton County, south of Flasher, are all Zone 3B.

What makes that spot south of Flasher really interesting is that less than 30 miles south of there, near Fort Yates which is in Sioux County, there is a pocket of Zone 4B, which is described as 20 to 25 below for long-term extremes.

Another 4B pocket exists west of there, straddling the Sioux/ Adams County line, which is just to the east of Hettinger. There is one more 4B pocket and that is in western LaMoure County, which is the Edgeley area, but not reaching Kulm, 15 miles west or LaMoure, 20 miles east.

North Dakota, but by the time you get south of Pierre, S.D., most of that part of South Dakota is Zone 5A, including Rapid City and Sturgis.

Back to those early maps; most of northeastern North Dakota, starting from Minot east to the Minnesota border and south into the Devils Lake Basin, was all Zone 2, with the rest of North Dakota being Zone 3.

By 1990, all of that had changed. The entire Red River Valley, including Pembina and Drayton, were now classified as Zone 4, with a couple of more spots around Jamestown and Cooperstown and the U.S. Highway 83 corridor, north almost to Minot.

Changes in Alaska are also quite dramatic. Up until 1980, nearly the entire state was 2A or below. By 2010, nearly the entire state, including Prudoe Bay and Point Barrow along the North Slope, had become 3A and 3B, with a large swath north of Achorage now 4B. That means most of northern Alaska has the same growing conditions as northern North Dakota.



There are no Zone 5A areas in

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TIMMOTHY TIMM

Timmothy Timm of Minot currently attends Minot State University, is a Minot High School graduate, artist, cartoonist, author and illustrator. Timm has also created other works of art that are on display in his art studio downtown located at 201 Main St. S. in Minot.

Memories of Main Street



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The beginning of the Magic City all started in downtown Minot, the heart of sales and services for a rapidly growing community emerging on the fading frontier.

Of course, over the years there's been lots of changes. More people. More businesses. More opportunities. Expanded city limits.

Interestingly though, are the buildings on Main Street where almost all city activity was funneled for many years – banking, shopping, medical services, entertainment, restaurants, railroad passengers. A surprising number of those early day buildings still overlook downtown. No, not the earliest ones that succumbed to fire or were torn down, but certainly several that easily surpass 100

years

One of the anchors of early day Main Street remains in place today – the former 1st National Bank building at the north end of the street. The first bank on that location was the Great Northern, established in 1897.

"That building stood until it was demolished in 1929 to make room for a new bank," said Dave Lehner, creator and historian for Minot Memories. "There's been a bank on that corner for well over 100 years."

A bank in the center of business in a growing community was quite fitting. Across the street to the east in those early days was the Leland Parker Hotel, Minot's first hotel with electricity and its own septic system.

One of the older structures on Main Street is the Scofield Block building constructed in 1905. It was built by James Scofield, Minot's first mayor.

The Fair building, originally



built by the Ellison brothers, still stands on a corner of south Main. It housed Ellison's Department Store which had expanded from its 25-foot-wide location to 50 feet by annexing an adjacent business.

There's something about walking the sidewalks on Main Street today, thinking about all the history associated with the early days of Minot. It really wasn't very long ago when horses watered from a fountain on Main, and cars mixed with horses and wagons and people.

Those days are gone now, but many of the buildings that played important roles in Minot's history remain in use today.



There are many connections to the early days of Minot all along Main Street. KIM FUNDINGSLAND





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Airman of Minot: Lammy Vong

SENIOR AIRMAN CALEB S. KIMMELL, 5TH BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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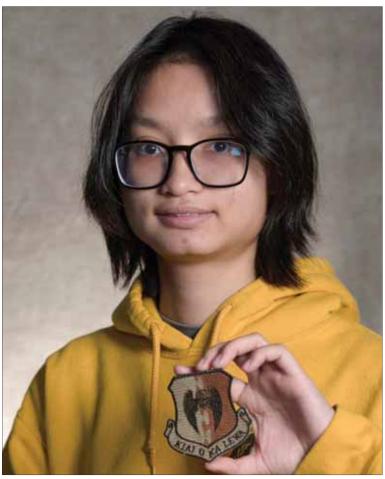
Airman 1st Class Lammy Vong, financial operations technician from the 5th Comptroller Squadron, came to the United States when she was just ten years old. She was born and raised in Vietnam, and moved to New Jersey with her family as a young girl.

Vong says communities in Vietnam were very small and closeknit. However, she remembers the transition to life in the U.S. being very challenging as she was growing up, which led to many hardships that she had to overcome. She learned to grow and work hard from a very early age, as many responsibilities such as helping her grandmother and family were given to her.

Vong feels that if you hold responsibility, respect will soon follow. She learned to respect her elders and those above her. This is a very high-held value in Vietnamese culture.

"Through the respect I gave my elders came the great honor to learn from them and their vast experiences" said Vong.

Recalling her strong family values, she believes she is open minded to learning from other Airmen who may be able to teach her something new. She has learned the strengths a close community can have, whether in Vietnam, New Jersey, or Minot. She has learned



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Lammy Vong, 5th Comptroller Squadron financial operations technician, poses for a photo at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, May 25, 2023. Vong was born and raised in Vietnam, and moved to the United States when she was just ten years old.

how to handle responsibility, and how to treat others with respect. "Everyday decisions build upon who you are," said Vong. "It will create a better you for tomorrow."

Military Appreciation Day at Roosevelt Park

KELI ROSSELLI-SULLIVAN, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT/MILITARY LIAISON MINOT AREA CHAMBER EDC

Last Friday, I had the honor of serving up shredded beef sandwiches and hot dogs to 1,500 of our airmen and their families for the annual Military Appreciation Day at Roosevelt Park! The beautiful day included free lunch and yard games as well as free entry into Roosevelt Park Zoo. There was



also free skating at the Maysa Arena. This event is hosted yearly by the Minot Area Chamber EDC. A big thanks goes out to Verendrye Electric Cooperative and Northrop Grumman Corporation for being presenting sponsors. Thanks also goes out to our partners at Minot Park District and the numerous

volunteers that helped make this event a success. Next up for military appreciation will be Tuesday, July 25th at the North Dakota State Fair. Stay tuned for more details!

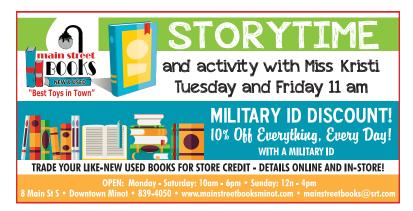
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U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Lammy Vong, 5th Comptroller Squadron financial operations technician, works on financial forms at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, May 25, 2023. Vong says that her upbringing in Vietnam taught her discipline, and was influential in enabling her to scan through documents for errors.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 8

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SATURDAY, JUNE 10

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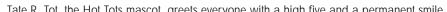


The food is home-cooked, delicious and plentiful at the Hot Tots' games.



Even as the weather took a turn, the Hot Tots' staff was engaging the crowd and keeping everyone safe. Picture shows staff members surprised but still getting the crowd to safety as it started to rain and hail heavily during the game

MEDICAL DISTRICT



and even some passes to the Kid Baseball is a classic part of an American summer, and the Hot Zone for the kids at heart! The Tots do their part to continue prices for all ranges of seats are surprisingly affordable and offer this enjoyable pastime right here in Minot. In their first season in an extra element of enjoyment to the wood bat Northwoods League, a summer's night out. the Minot Hot Tots have taken this The Hot Tots baseball team is formed of mostly collegiate level small community by storm. Under new general direction this season, players looking to either level up the Hot Tots have exhibited an in the minor league system or get immense amount of promotions, more notoriety and experience marketing and general awareness before returning to play for for their team and have managed their university next season. The

> Northwoods League covers seven different states and even one Canadian province, totalling 22 teams. This league is one of the largest, and also is proud to offer

family friendly atmosphere and fun.

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As this game went into the 7th inning stretch, the time was nearing 9:30pm and the sun was still shining with a cool breeze blowing. The overall experience was a friendly, exciting, and tasty small town magic that is unrivaled at larger city minor or even major league baseball games. The prices and quaint homestyle feel of the Hot Tots environment was one of the most pleasant experiences in this Minot summer. The Minot Hot Tots, like the Minot Minotauros hockey team, know how to do wholesome sports entertainment.



early in the game there was a flash thunderstorm which caused a rain delay. The storm quickly turned into a fast and furious hail storm. Guests seated in the first 10 rows of the grandstand scrambled to the upper levels to avoid getting nelted and soaked. While a little chaotic for a few minutes, the staff was playing music, dancing around and keeping the guests safe and pumped up. After a few minutes of hard rain passed, guests returned to their seats to wait out the rain delay. Even though no one likes waiting around, the Hot Tots staff opened the beer and food tents and even started preparing the kid zone as soon as the weather was safe. The sense of calmness paired with the sense of urgency of the staff made it a rather enjoyable waiting period. It was impressive! Also new to the Minot baseball minor league experience this year is the range of seat choices available. which was an unexpected perk and well worth the money. Some of the upgraded tickets like the Suite Seats and Party Patio include food, beer, some Hot Tots swag ---which was really a fun addition—

to pull off a rather spectacular

experience. Everything, from the

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2023 MAPI LUAU

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Pool Side Rooms

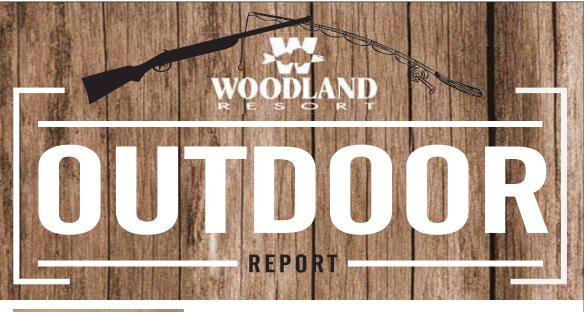
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Fishing: Lake Sakakawea elevation, June 5 1,833.46 feet above mean sea level (MSL); 21,900 cubic feet per second (CFS) Garrison Dam average daily releases

Devils Lake elevation: 1,450.67 feet above mean sea level (MSL). Stump Lake elevation: 1,450.56 MSL.

• N.D. Game & Fish Dept. game wardens: Lake Audubon quieted down with more anglers switching focus to Lake Sakakawea. Improving walleye activity in Steinke and Douglas bays but best success remains from Deepwater Bay to the west. Look for success to continue improving east as water temperatures warm. No reports from area lakes or Devils Lake.

• Devils Lake, Ed's Bait Shop, Devils Lake: Devils Lake chain lakes remain fair to good for walleye with generally nice success throughout much of Devils Lake, including East Bay or west along the Minnewaukan Flats, including Howard's Bay. Try pitching crankbaits.

• Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Try slip bobbers or crankbaits around the north end of Creel Bay as well as 6-Mile Bay for walleye.

·Lake Darling, Karma C-Store, Ruthville Increasing walleye activity for eater fish around Grano and Lake Darling. Not many Lake Audubon reports.

·Lake Darling, Upper Souris Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge, Foxholm: No new reports.

Metigoshe, Four Seasons, Lake Bottineau: Hit-and-miss walleye and pike success with bluegill still generally quiet. Look for them to move into shallow water as spawn gets underway.

Sakakawea/Lake Audubon Lake Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Improving walleye activity on the east of Lake Sakakawea with nice fish showing up. Try a variety of presentations throughout a variety of depths with overall fair to good success. Not many reports from Lake with ang ers tocusina Lake Sakakawea. ·Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Hwy. 83 Lawn & Leisure, Garrison: East end of Lake Sakakawea improving for walleye. Try Steinke and Centennial bays in 5 to 10 feet using slow death hooks and bottom bouncers or jigs and minnows. Try leeches or nightcrawlers with slow death hooks for walleye on Lake Audubon.

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- Garrison Dam Nat'l. Fish Hatchery downstream of Garrison Dam open for free guided hatchery tours Memorial Day through Labor Day, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., weekends 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and holidays.
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- June 10; Nat'l. Marina Day, 1 p.m., Fort Stevenson State Park, Garrison,
- June 15: Fort Union Rendezvous, Fort Union Nat'l. Historic Site, Williston.
- June 16: Monster Mash weekend, Lewis & Clark State Park east of Williston.
- June 16 & 17: Missouri River Bluegrass Festival, Cross Ranch State Park, Hensler.
- June 17: Festival of Flight, Dakota Territory Air Museum, Minot.

TOURNAMENTS:

- June 9 & 10: Lake Sakakawea, Van Hook Arm.
- June 10: Hiddenwood Lake, Lake Audubon; cabin sites, Devils Lake, Spirit Lake Casino.
- June 11: Devils Lake, Grahams Island State Park.
- June 17: Lake Sakakawea, Fort Stevenson State Park; Lake Sakakawea, Beulah Bay; Devils Lake, 6-Mile Bay.
- June 18: Lake Sakakawea, Parshall Bay.

Garrison; Improving walleye activity with generally fair to good success, including several limits. Most anglers generally working around the resort.

 Lake Sakakawea, New Town: Improving walleye activity throughout the Van Hook Arm.

·Lake Sakakawea, Van Hook Bait & Tackle, New Town: Walleye success improving with generally fair to good activity scattered throughout the Van Hook Arm. Work 14 to 24 feet with nightcrawlers in shallower water and minnows in deeper water. Some pike and walleye success from shore yet, as well

Sakakawea/Missouri River Lake Scott's Bait & Tackle, Pick City: Missouri River tailrace starting to improve for walleye from boats. Not big numbers yet but those taken are nice. Try jigs and minnows or plastics with better success at night in the chutes. Some success continues from shore yet. East end of Lake Sakakawea also improving for walleye. Try casting jigs towards shore with some s in 10 to 20 feet. ankbait suc Retter

Arm. A bit of a crappie spawn in some of the back bays in the upper end of Sakakawea. Trenton Lake producing a few crappie, trout, and walleye. Bluegill success somewhat improving on Blacktail Dam.

· Lonetree WMA area lakes, Harvey No new reports.

 North central / central N.D. lakes Towner Hdwe. Hank, Towner: Buffalo Lodge Lake producing a few walleye with generally less winter fish kill losses than anticipated. Souris River somewhat slow. N.D. river data:

· Des Lacs River, Foxholm: River stage, 7.81 feet; streamflow, 182 CFS.

• Little Missouri River, Long X Bridge River stage, 8.1 feet; streamflow, 265 CFS.

· Missouri River, Williston: River stage 20.84 feet.

· Missouri River, Washburn: River stage, 9.68 feet.

· Pembina River, Walhalla: River stage, 4.23 feet; streamflow, 871 CFS. Souris River, Foxholm: River stage, 7.34

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success seems to be along the north shore or south shore points. Shore success slow for walleye. Work rocky points for a mix of bass.

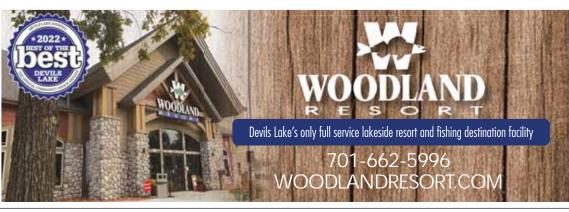
•Lake Sakakawea/northwest N.D. lakes, Scenic Sports, Williston: Continued good walleye activity between White Earth Bay and New Town on the upper end of Lake Sakakawea with fish moving deeper into 10 to 15 feet. Improving walleye activity east in the Van Hook

· Souris River, Minot Broadway Bridge: River stage, 42.38 feet.

 Yellowstone River, Sidney, Mont.: River stage, 10.88 feet; streamflow, 38,200

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On May 25, the 5th and 91st Maintenance Groups hosted their Maintenance Professionals of the Year awards banquets. The events were held to recognize and honor outstanding Airmen assigned to the 5th and 91st MXGs who demonstrated exceptional performance and achievement during the previous year.

Col. Patrick Baum, 91st MXG commander, delivered the opening remarks for the 91st MXG's MPOY awards banquet. He expressed his admiration for all the Airmen and everything they achieved over the past year in spite of obstacles they faced.

"I'm just in awe of all the Airmen here and what you've been able to achieve," said Baum. "You've faced adversity on a daily basis and you just keep going after it every single day."

Retired U.S. Air Force Col. Andrew Kovich, former 91st MXG commander, also attended the event and addressed the crowd. He stressed the importance of the 91st MXG's mission and commended the Airmen for their efforts in accomplishing it.

'You all are an asset of national importance and your expertise is essential to defending our country," said Kovich. "Millions have served before you, millions will serve after you, and you all are doing your part right here and now."

Just a few hours later, Airmen and families from across Minot Air Force Base came together for the 5th Bomb Wing's MPOY awards banquet.

The event honored maintenance members at the Group and Air Force Global Strike Command level with awards for their contributions to the mission.

"Whether it be on a Bomber Task Force somewhere across the globe, or at home station preparing for the daily sortie with minus 47 degree wind chill," Senior Airman Johnathan Latham, 5th



U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Kalandus Morgan, 5th Maintenance Group superintendent, conveys the weight of the Minot mission at the 5th Maintenance Group's Maintenance Professionals of the Year awards banquet at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, May 25, 2023. Morgan stressed how possessing two thirds of the nuclear triad meant that the entire world was watching

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U.S. Airmen attending the 5th Maintenance Group Maintenance Professionals of the Year awards banquet prepare for a foam dart gun battle at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, May 25, 2023. The theme of the event was "all out war," and was organized to boost morale while honoring outstanding achievers in the aircraft maintenance field.

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Maintenance Squadron, Aerospace Ground Equipment Apprentice, said. "The men and women of the 5th MXG stand as a living, breathing personification, that only the best come north.'

"The moment you received the Air Force Personnel Center notification informing you of your

permanent change of station orders to the Magic City, I can only imagine the range of emotions you went through," Latham said. "However, what you might not have realized is that you were joining a 66-year legacy of maintenance professionals that have maintained not only our nation, but the world.'



The 91st Maintenance Group (MXG) Maintenance U.S. Air Force Col. Jeffrey Anderson, 5th Maintenance Professionals of the Year awards are displayed during the Group (MXG) commander, delivers a speech to the crowd 91st MXG's Maintenance Professionals of the Year awards at the 5th MXG's Maintenance Professionals of the Year



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2023. The awards were given to Airmen assigned to the 91st MXG who demonstrated outstanding performance.

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Retired U.S. Air Force Col. Andrew Kovich, former 91st Maintenance Group (MXG) commander, gives remarks during the 91st MXG's Maintenance Professionals of the Year awards banquet at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, May 25, 2023. The event was held to recognize the outstanding performers assigned to the 91st MXG.

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May 25, 2023. Anderson spoke on how vital the mission is at Minot, and thanked everyone for their contribution.

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U.S. Air Force Col. Patrick Baum, 91st Maintenance Group (MXG) commander, gives opening remarks at the 91st MXG's Maintenance Professionals of the Year awards banquet at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, May 25, 2023. The event was held to recognize the outstanding performance and achievements of Airmen assigned to the 91st MXG.

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SENIOR AIRMAN EVAN LICHTENHAN, 5TH BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, ND

In 1984, there was a young man freshly graduated from high school who had only dreamt of one thing; to serve his country just like his father.

As soon as that young man could, he signed an active-duty contract with the United States Air Force and shipped off to Basic Military Training.

"I joined at 17 and had my 18th birthday in basic training," said Lt. Col. Stanley Grodrian, 5th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron commander. "I didn't really have a preference on what I did, I just wanted to serve."

Grodrian's first duty location as a Security Forces defender was K. I. Sawyer Air Force Base, Michigan. He enjoyed being a defender, and found value in his service to the United States Air Force.

After completing his 4-year contract, he decided to make the Air Force a career. Unfortunately, the Air Force had other plans for him.

"They called all of us first term Airmen at that point," Grodrian said. "Essentially the message was: closing bases, cutting the force, we don't need your services, have a nice life."

Due to base realignment and closures of 1988, Grodrian separated from active duty. Although he was discharged, his desire to serve did not vanish. He decided to join the Indiana Air National Guard and pursue a career in law enforcement.

"I thought I was set up pretty well for a law enforcement career," explained Grodrian. "I had a degree, I had been on our base hostage negotiation team, was trained by the FBI, I thought I was set up. But in the late 80's, the economy had taken a downturn. Every department I applied for had a two to three year waiting list."

After applying to multiple police departments with no luck, one of Grodrian's friends convinced him to take a security job at a local hospital. Another friend encouraged Grodrian to take an EMT course, which ultimately started him down the path of medicine. Grodrian's passion for the medical field bloomed from there on.

He started working as a technician in the local emergency room, where he eventually found out the nurses he worked side by side with made twice the amount of money as paramedics, for only one more year of school. This helped him make the decision to stay in school and pursue a nursing degree.

"I still liked that prehospital environment," said Grodrian. "I was a flight nurse for ten years and traveled all over the country. I had a blast. But there was always something that I didn't finish in uniform. It had been 14 years since Grodrian was on active duty and in 2009, right before he turned 40 vears old, he decided he had one more shot to rejoin the Air Force. "I started talking to a recruiter, all of the stars aligned," said Grodrian. "They took me back, and I'll stay until they kick me out again. Civilian flight nursing was the best job ever, but this is the best career.' Grodrian returned to active duty as a Captain, working in the emergency room at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base as a bedside nurse. He found the transition from civilian to military emergency rooms to be challenging. In his civilian life, he



Lt. Col. Stanley Grodrian, 5th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron commander, poses for a photo at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, May 12, 2023.

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worked his way up to leadership positions, and returned to working as a bedside nurse when he reenlisted.

Grodrian says he had one main objective for his second enlistment. He decided he needed to join a critical care air transport team (CCAT). Unfortunately, he never deployed with a CCAT, but he did get the opportunity to do so with a forward surgical team.

Eventually, after many years of hard work and four deployments, Grodrian found himself in command of the 5th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota.

"Squadron Command has been

fantastic," Grodrian said. "Not that it's all been a bed of roses, but it has been fantastic to help our folks grow."

Additionally, he has two sons who decided they wanted to follow in their father's footsteps. One is an Army Intelligence officer, and the other is an Air Force Recruiter.

Grodrian is now taking command of the 39th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey.

With a surplus of hardships and challenges, Grodrian managed to remain resilient and take control of his future, starting from an Airman 1st Class walking the flightline, to becoming a Medical Readiness Squadron commander.

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5TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP CHANGE OF COMMAND

Col. Michael Maginess, outgoing 5th Mission Support Group (MSG) commander, gives his final remarks at the 5th MSG change of command ceremony at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, June 2, 2023. Col. Jerry Ottinger assumed command of the 5th MSG during the ceremony.

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ODE TO DANDELIONS

Patricia Stockdill

It's time to finally admit it -1 am at peace with survived its own whirling ride. dandelions.

I am OK with dandelions.

I have accepted dandelions.

In other words – I give up.

The dandelions have won. A little yellow nonnative plant has beaten me into submission.

It's really no different than how the multitude of squirrels dominating the four-legged Hunting Maniacs of the household. While the dogs remain on high alert, they have essentially resigned themselves to the fact they can't open doors and windows to launch a full-scale attack on what they consider the scourge of the earth.

It's only when they're outside conducting secret missions on errant squirrels too intent on eating flowers and the garden goodies that they've been successful in scurrying them away.

Even so, usually Garnet, the middle Hunting Maniac, comes out with blood – hers, not the squirrel's. Of course the bunnies rule, as well, even though rabbit fever disease set their numbers back a few years ago. In typical cottontail fashion, their population rebounded quickly.

Part of why the determination has been made that dandelions rule is the realization one day that they provide early season food for pollinating insects.

That realization finally hit one day while conducting the first-of-the-season mowing expedition, a project that even with a whip-and-turn, zip-and-go ZTR 50inch mower still takes almost two hours.

Dodging trees and perennial gardens, it became quite apparent that dandelions deserve to rule because I'm convinced they have ears and can hear a mower zeroing in on them.

They also have amazing gymnastic capabilities. How I determined this is because I swear they absolutely, positively duck their little happy yellow faces (OK, technically its flower petals) and stems, only to pop back up after going over it with sharp, rapidly rotating mower blades.

A book on edible wild plants, "Wild Seasons, Gathering and Cooking Wild Plants of the Great Plains" popped into my mind as I thought about dandelions as a food source for pollinators.

Hmm, dandelions as a food source for humans. Yum.

There is dandelion wine.

But the member of the sunflower family – yup, dandelions are related to another food source for wild critters and humans alike, the sunflower - is more than something to drink.

According to the book's author, Kay Young, young dandelion leaves can be eaten uncooked or cooked. Older leaves can be enjoyed cooked, as can buds and flowers.

Dandelion roots can be roasted or even brewed for a hot drink.

One huge caveat comes with using dandelions – or any wild or domestic plant, for that matter – never; ever consume plants from areas that were potentially treated with any chemical, including insecticides or herbicides. Also avoid areas frequented by animals.

Another caveat is that dandelions contain tannin and some research indicates drinking high levels of tannin can be harmful.

Spring is the best time to collect young leaves but roots, older leaves, buds, and flowers are good to collect whenever they're found - just remember to avoid areas sprayed with chemicals.

Leaves are best when picked in the morning and before the plant flowers. They're still edible on flowering plants, just more bitter. Look for lightcolored leaves, too, for less bitterness.

Dandelion leaves have an array of uses – in soups stews, quiche, or scrambled eggs.

As a salad green, look for young leaves and serve with a little toss of vinegar. Add some bacon pieces and maybe a sliced hard-boiled egg, salt and pepper and a little sugar to taste. Simply boil the leaves about four minutes, fry the bacon, carefully add the boiled leaves, season, and add the eggs when removed from the pan and ready to serve.

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A 2017 survey from AAA found that 40 percent of drivers in the United States are not ready to handle a typical roadside emergency breakdown. The organization estimates it helps some seven million motorists get back on the road each summer. A well-equipped roadside emergency kit may help drivers get their vehicles back on the road on their own.

First aid kit: The first aid kit will celebrate its 133rd birthday in 2021. The Johnson & Johnson company began commercializing first aid kits in 1888. Having a first aid kit in the car to treat minor injuries can be helpful in the event of an accident or even after injuring oneself during a breakdown.

· Fire extinguisher: Cars are full of various mechanical parts and are susceptible to catching on fire. The National Fire Protection Association says vehicle fire extinguishers need to be rated for Class B and C fires.

· Jumper cables: A weak or dead battery is often the culprit in breakdowns. Jumper cables enable drivers to get a charge from another motorist, and may help get a person back on the road quickly. If possible, get a set of cables that also comes with safety gloves and heavy duty clamps, offers Defensive Driving Online, a defensive driving course.

· Mobile phone/charger: A mobile phone is essential for calling for assistance, but the phone is only useful if it's charged.

· Blanket: Keep a blanket in the trunk or another storage area. Should the vehicle die in cold weather, that blanket can help keep passengers warm until assistance arrives.

· Basic tools: Tools like a screwdriver, ratchet set and wrench may enable drivers to complete minor repairs. Tools also should include tirechanging gear, such as a jack and lug nut remover.

• Traction aid: Non-clumping kitty litter or sand can provide the traction needed to get off of a slippery area of roadway.

· Flashlight: A flashlight can help keep you visible and able to see your surroundings in dark conditions.

· Flares: Should a breakdown occur in the dark, flares can alert other drivers.

 Snacks and water: Water and food that stores well, such as emergency rations, granola bars or trail mix, can quell hunger pangs and provide an energy boost while waiting for help.

· Rope/bungee cords/tarp: These items can be used in various situations to secure a vehicle.

While drivers can gather these items separately, many companies offer all-in-one vehicle emergency kits. A safety kit is essential for all drivers.



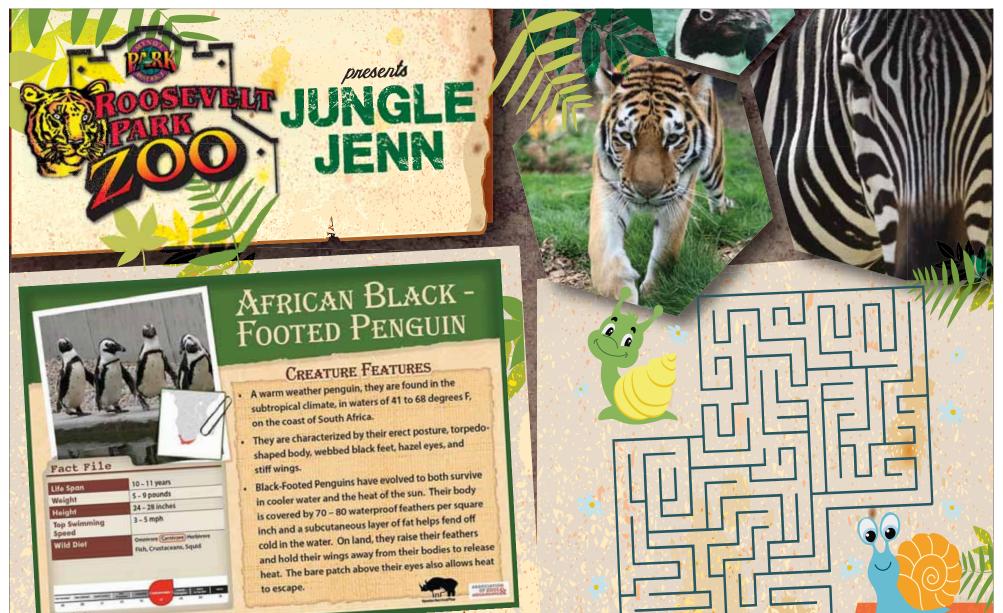
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Conversations with Colonel and Mrs. Schlabach about the 91 OG

ERIN BEENE, NORTHERN SENTRY

In order to understand the essential functions of each group in the 91st Missile Wing and get an in-depth life and career perspective from Team Minot's senior leaders, the Northern Sentry is running a series of articles talking to the people who understand the most about the importance of their group: the Group Commanders themselves.

The third and final in this series of interviews is Colonel Jimmy Schlabach, Commander, 91st Operation Group. In order to get a more personalized view of the mission, he and his spouse Monica Schlabach agreed to be interviewed and share some of their personal aspects of what the 91st Operations Group is about, why it's important and what they have both gone through to get to this position in their Air Force journey.

Northern Sentry: Please explain in your own words what the 91 OG does and how each of the squadrons work together:

Col Schlabach: The mission that we have is to conduct operations. The analogy I would use with it is if you think like a NASCAR team. The operations group would be the drivers of the car. We rely on the support of mechanics and the crew chief, pit crew, and all the hundreds of others to get the mission done. What we do is we execute. The 91st Ops Group folks are the ones that are going to be doing the actual command and control, and the launch of the missiles themselves.

We have four squadrons, the 740th, 741st and 742d Missile Squadrons. And then we have the 91st Operational Support Squadron. The "7-4 Club's" job primarily is to go on to work and operate the missiles. We do that in a three-week rotation. The OSS, they support the [missileers] by making sure of a myriad of logistics are taken care of that those squadrons need.

NS: How has everyone adapted to the relatively new one-week rotation schedule? Do you think they will ever switch back to the 24 hour alert?

Col Schlabach: For the foreseeable future we are going to continue this deployment. In my opinion, the

positive tradeoffs vastly outweigh some of the negative, which is why we are continuing. We've seen growth and our proficiency in currency which means we are able to focus better on how we execute the mission not only during the week, but during our training cycle too.

NS: What would happen to the base if your group could not perform its functions?

Col Schlabach: We provide one third of the ICBMs here. So essentially, a third of the nuclear deterrent provided by ICBMs would be gone. That would have a major impact on the nation's ability to operate deterrence.

NS: What is the most important foundation of your command leadership philosophy?

Col Schlabach: Most important foundation is service. Service to the Nation. But my personal philosophy as a commander is service to the Airmen in the 91 OG, to include our civilians as well. In my role, we are focused on the mission while also ensuring we take care of Airmen. So with that in mind trying to balance all of those things [is difficult] because sometimes one tugs a little harder. It's kind of a push and pull at times but it's that balance of serving the mission, which we need, but also serving the Airmen.

NS: When in your Air Force career did you realize being a group commander was a goal?

Col Schlabach: I'll be honest, I never made being a group commander a deliberate goal. At some point I really wanted to be a squadron commander, but after that it was never something that I purposefully drove towards.

NS: So what comes next in your career?

Mrs. Schlabach: We don't know. We haven't been informed. We're just at that stage of life where we are up for anything. We've finally matured in our Air Force lives enough to realize that pretty much anything can happen at any time, and we'll adjust to and enjoy whatever is next. Col Schlabach: Whatever the AF needs us to do right now is what's next.

NS: What do you want spouses and families in the 91 OG to be aware of or prepare for when at Minot AFB?

Mrs. Schlabach: I would say that they should be prepared to be surprised. I think sometimes because of the northern location people get an idea that it might not be a preferred base. But having been here before in the beginning of our career and then coming back, we have a unique perspective of seeing what being stationed at Minot did for our family. And now that we have been everywhere, we can really see that people liken Minot to the overseas experiences. They are such a closeknit community.

Col Schlabach: Having come from FE Warren, where you have Ft Collins and Denver, folks tend to dissipate more. You'll have people live all over. Just the geography, the proximity here, folks tend to congregate together, which builds the family atmosphere. Also, I would like to impart to not take advice from anyone who hasn't been here.

NS: Looking back on your AF career, what is something that you wish you had known, personally or professionally?

Mrs. Schlabach: I wish that I had worried less about the future. I was very preoccupied with what base we would go to next and what the schools would be like. I put pressure on [Col Schlabach] to get us where I thought our children would flourish. As I look back, we were fine.

Col Schlabach: I would inform my younger self that your leaders take care of you and are personally invested in you. When you're early in your service you just don't see it. Everybody, every leader, whether it's senior enlisted leader or a commander, they are personally invested in every single Airman under their care. I never really appreciated that fact. It's one of those things where unless you have someone explain it to you, you just don't know.

NS: Has there been anyone in the past that has specifically influenced you for the better?

Col Schlabach: I've been fortunate to have been able to work with many, many folks who have influenced me over my career. However, the one person who influenced me the most, was my good friend, Lt Col (Retired) William Bragg. He was a priorenlisted officer who was in the same OTS class as me, and we spent the first 8 years of my career together. He mentored me countless times. He also didn't shy away from telling me when I needed to do



Colonel James L. Schlabach 91st Operations Group Commander

better, but he did it as a servant leader who knew I needed to hear the tough feedback. He fought cancer for over 5 years, and we lost him last Fall. I miss him like crazy, and I hope my service is something that makes him smile.

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Mrs. and Col. Schlabach this past February at the Minot AFB Annual Awards Ceremony.



The Schlabach Family in 2020 at Yellowstone National Park. L-R: son Andrew, wife Monica, daughter Lilliana & Col. Jimmy Schlabach.

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NS: What sacrifices have you made over the AF career? Personally or professionally?

Mrs. Schlabach: The year before we came here [Col Schlabach] had to go to school in DC and it was our son's senior year of high school. We had [previously] made a pact that if at all possible we would keep the family together unless he was deployed and we were not allowed to go. We had decided for us, the best way was to always stay together. But then came this situation where our son would have been about to finish all four years [in one place]. He was settled in school, so I stayed back with my son for the senior year and it was a tough year. I'm glad we made the decision; it was the best decision at the time and it worked out. But it was hard. You learn to pivot and celebrate [holidays] when you can too, not on specific dates.

Col Schlabach: I've used the phrase tradeoffs because sacrifice yes, but it's also a choice. The other tradeoff is when the Airmen need me and [my family] get put on the secondary. Where we had plans, but then it just didn't happen. It's easy to say 'family always comes first,' well actually it's not and acknowledging that is tough because vou feel like an awful person, but at the same time it's kind of a reality. It's hard because nobody wants to have to make those sacrifices.

NS: Being a group commander and spouse often has been said to come with a certain level of perks and expectations. What has been your experience in this role so far and what do you like or find

challenging about it?

Mrs. Schlabach: I think it's been an adjustment for me in his new position. Coming from watching him in squadron command, we knew every family in his squadron. I love knowing everybody in the unit and it has been a hard transition because we now serve four times as many families as we did when he was a squadron commander. A couple of people introduced themselves to me and they work in this group and I didn't recognize them, which breaks my heart.

Col Schlabach: It's just a different role, so you have to kind of find a new you. It's been a challenge as a group commander and a colonel because I have to be mindful of my

initial reactions during challenging situations. How I react sets a tone for the whole group. It's reacting to situations in a way that is best, not necessarily the way that is natural. That can happen for both positive and negative situations. It's a bigger microscope. However, a benefit is that I get to interact with the community much more in this position. I say the community wraps its arms around and they love our Airmen, almost as much as we do. That is a really cool perk to see.

Col & Mrs. Schlabach spoke candidly about their past 23 years in the service and whole-heartily gushed about how Minot holds a special place in their hearts because of friendships and community, which they claim is unrivaled at any of the other missile bases. They were both touchingly vulnerable when mentioning the loss of their dear friend, Lt Col (Ret) William Bragg, and how this loss affected their perspective in life and the Air Force. It was evident from their conversations that friendships maintain an important and steady aspect to their lives.

The Schlabachs talked about what it was like to be empty nesters and how despite all their worry about how their two kids would grow up in the military community,

they have adjusted amazingly, and they think it is in part to always be taught at a young age to adapt to different situations. Col Schlabach encouraged younger missileers to give Minot a shot for what it is and not take the multitude of advice floating around out there from people who never lived here.

One of the most fascinating observations during the 91 MW Group Commander interviews was the candor in which each of them approached even the trickier topics, which is something this reporter appreciated immenselyand hopefully you readers do too!

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In 2007, Col Schlabach spent time with long time friend and mentor Lt Col (Ret) William Bragg attending a San Fransisco Giants game at Oracle Park.



All About Pets

Pets have allergies t00!

Just like their humans, pets can have allergies too, and they are no fun for your furry friends! Pet allergies can be triggered by a variety of things including food ingredients, bug bites/stings, seasonal, prescriptions, chemicals, and more. Did you know that protein sources (including chicken, beef, or lamb) are some of the most common allergens for dogs? Here are some of the symptoms of allergies in your cats and dogs:

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take a lot of trial and error to narrow down a culprit. Make sure you keep accurate tabs on which products you use on and around your pet, as well as all the foods that they ingest and what they are around when outside.

If your pet is showing severe signs of allergic reaction and even anaphylaxis (swelling, hives, itching, excessive salivation/drooling, vomiting, diarrhea, pale gums, seizure, wheezing or trouble breathing, etc.) drop everything and get your pet to the emergency vet immediately! One of the closest émergency vets to Minot Air Force Base is Pinkerton Animal

In more mild cases, Benadryl is usually the go-to at home remedy, but do not give your pet any medication or remedies without consulting your veterinarian first as you can potentially do more harm than good without the

In order to help our pets live their best lives, it's important to keep an eye on them, their habits and their reactions to catch any allergies as soon as possible. If you got sick every time you ate chicken, you probably wouldn't want to keep eating it every day, would you? Neither does your pet!

Itchiness

Minot Hot Tots Weekly Recap

MINOT HOT TOTS

It's been a crazy opening week for the Minot Hot Tots. On their home opener presented by KMOT, the Hot Tots played a game for a completely sold out crowd. This was the first sold out crowd at Corbett Field since the 1990s. On top of that, the Hot Tots made history by selling more merchandise in one game day than any other Northwoods League team ever! While the game was close, the Tots lost to the St. Cloud Rox, 5-3.

The first pitch was thrown out by Mayor Tom Ross and KMOT Sports Reporter, Zach Keenan. The crowd got their first look at the Elison Assisted Living Hot Totties, the the crazy on-field games, and of course the toughest spud around, the mascot, Tate R. Tot.

The second game, powered by 28 Tastes and Taps, was also electric for the Hot Tots. While this game wasn't quite sold out, it was extremely close. Fans still got the same experience with high quality entertainment given by the BNSF Promo Conductors the entire Tot team. The crow also experienced some interesting weather delay while fighting against rain and hail. While the energy was high, the Hot Tots were still working to get in a groove as a team and fell to another lost to the St. Cloud Rox, 11-0.

The game on Sunday, June 4 welcomed many walk up fans to for their first Hot Tot experience. The team played 4 previous games on the road prior to being back at Corbett Field, this time against the Willmar Stingers. More weather delays made the overall game last a whopping 5 hours, but the delay was definitely a party, from dance battles, to hot dog eating contests, to player and crowd karaoke. The Tots kept up with the stingers until the end of the game but eventually ended the game with a loss of 11-8.

The Monday, June 5 game

powered by North American Coal was a celebration for many kids around Minot. The Hot Tots started their reading program in March of this past year and incentivized kids to reach their reading goals. The ultimate home run prize was a free ticket to this game. Students roamed the grand stands with excitement as they participated and watch fun on-field games and skits as well as watch the future greats of baseball. The Tots once again lost to the Willmar Stingers 12-0.

The June 8 game poweredy by Schultz Property Maintenance was a game that kept the whole crowd laughing. It was the first theme night of the year for the Tots and they chose to honor the suggestions given by fans on social media and went with a Napoleon Dynamite theme night. This night was full of movie references and really brought the spirit of "tots" to life.

Coming up for the Hot Tots are some extremely crazy games, the next game for the Hot Tots will feature juggling stuntman, Mad Chad. Fans will get to watch the Tots take on the Eau Clair Express while also getting circuslike entertainment as Mad Chad jugglings chainsaws, live tasers, and Fans more. can also get in on the only ticket discount the team provides, h McDonald's Friends and

Family Deal. This deal comes with 4 tickets to the

game, 4 Hot Tot hats, and 4 combo meals from McDonald's for more than half of the original value.

On Saturday June 10, the Hot Tots want fans to sit back and relax for Self Care Saturday powered by Minot Health Clinic. The experts at Minot Health Clinic will provide fans with tips and tricks to keep themselves happy and healthy while enjoying a fun night out at the ballpark.

June 11 through June 13 will be the final games for the Hot Tots before hitting the road and will round out the 6 day homestand for the team! To catch all of the action and excitement of the inaugural season of Minot Hot Tots baseball in the Northwoods League, go to https://minot-hot-tots.nwltickets. com to get your seat.

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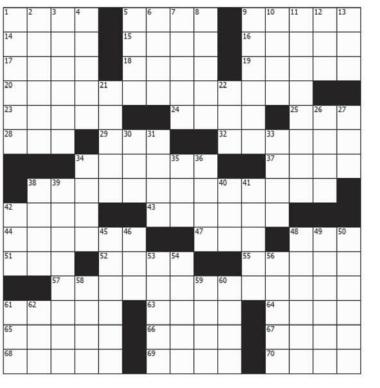
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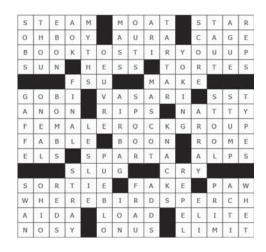
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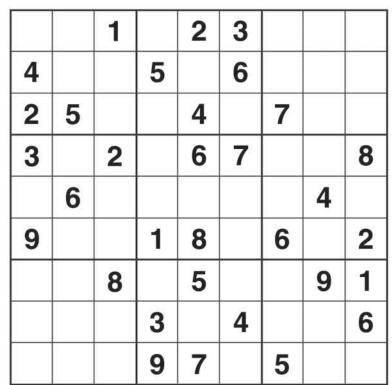


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Parents: Eric and Heidi Vance

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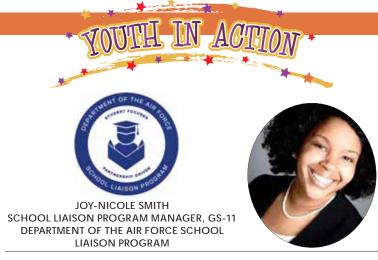
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Team Minot Airmen pose for a group photo with Col. Daniel Hoadley, 5th Bomb Wing commander, and Col. Kenneth McGhee, 91st Missile Wing commander, at the LGBTQI+ Pride Month opening ceremony at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, June 1, 2023. LGBTQI+ Pride Month is celebrated annually in June to honor members of the LGBTQI+ community.



Col. Daniel Hoadley, 5th Bomb Wing commander, gives remarks at the LGBTQI+ Pride Month opening ceremony at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, June 1, 2023. The ceremony was held to commemorate the beginning of LGBTQI+ Pride Month.

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Bracelets are displayed at the LGBTQI+ Pride Month opening ceremony at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, June 1, 2023. LGBTQI+ Pride Month is celebrated annually in June to honor members of the LGBTQI+ community.





Col. Daniel Hoadley, 5th Bomb Wing commander, and Col. Kenneth McGhee, 91st Missile Wing commander, sign a proclamation at the LGBTQI+ Pride Month opening ceremony at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, June 1, 2023. The ceremony was held to commemorate the beginning of LGBTQI+ Pride Month.







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COLUMBIA COLLEGE

For nearly fifty years Columbia College has offered educational opportunities to the military and is proud to establish our newest location here, at Minot AFB. Founded in 1851, Columbia College is a private, nonprofit liberal arts and sciences college that serves approximately 18,000 students annually and is proudly recognize by numerous organizations as a Military Friendly institution of higher education. Check out our website (ccis.edu) for the list of organizations that recognize the hard work the college puts in to serve those who serve our country and their families. With 29 online degrees the college is working to offer classes this summer on the installation. In the meantime you can choose your mode of education from strictly online classes to in-person ZOOM synchronous classes. Chose from the many associate, bachelor, or master's degree programs available and know your degree can be completed at Minot or anywhere you have internet connectivity or explore in-seat opportunities if you re-locate near one of our 30 locations nationwide. Fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) we are delighted to establish this location at Minot. Come talk to us at the education center and explore your options for your next step down the path to your educational goal. We are located in Room 219 or call 701-714-0000.

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Your degree, Your way. Park University is enrolling now for Spring II Term. Classes start March 13, 2023! Earn your CCAF credits, AU-ABC, and your Bachelor's degree with PARK. Let's maximize your military experience! Find how many credits you can get from your military experience by going to military.park.edu. and confirmed your credits Or Ask Alexa! Enable the Park University skill on your Alexa device and say "Alexa, ask Park, How many credit hours can I get from my military experience?" She'll even tell you your graduation date! Minot AFB @ the Education Center RM 222 | 844-884-8612 | mino@park.edu PARK. YOU

MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

Minot State University is excited to again offer face-to-face classes at the Minot Air Force Base. 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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MSgts Release Party Volunteers and ND State Fair Volunteers

AADD has some awesome opportunities coming up! Help us support this year's MSgts Release Party, Friday 09 Jun by volunteering to drive from 1600-1700 @ the JDC! Please use the following link to sign up: https://volunteersignup.org/PR8D9 **POC:** SSgt Kristal Cruz, x4633.

We also have partnered with the state fair this year as Ticket Scanners and Hand Stampers. Volunteers will ONLY be required to do such roles, or the roles they are assigned, which means we do not expect you to work as a normal AADD volunteer (picking passengers up, etc). If you sign up for the state fair, then you are only required to work the state fair. GUARANTEED volunteers will get access to the state fair, the grandstand arena (where you may have the opportunity to enjoy the concerts/events), an LoA, and a chance to win gift cards. I am still working on getting free meals (which we will be able to get once details are finalized) and free

tickets for other concerts/events for those who volunteer. So, we have A LOT of free benefits simply from being a ticket scanner or hand stamper!



POC: Jan Mariel DeCosse or email minotafb2233@gmail.com

MAFB First Sergeants 5K Volunteers

Please mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual MAFB First Sergeants 5K! There is a \$350 in SHEELS gift Cards for the winners. Who: Everyone 18 and up What: 3rd Annual MAFB First Sergeants 5K When: 15 June, Start at 0800 Where: McAdoo Fitness Center Why: For the fun of running, friendly competition, and to build a connection in the community We are also looking for 15 volunteers for the run to man the registration table and safety observers for the route. If you would like to volunteer: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084DADAA2CA31-3rdannual **POC:** TSgt Justin Monty, at 723-6756 or email justin.monty@us.af.mil.

On behalf of the Hispanic Allies organization, we would like to offer a volunteer opportunity to help our community. We're working with "Meals on Wheels" to help feed elderly members of our community. If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know. The Meals on Wheels delivery is every Tuesday & Friday. Volunteers can show up at the venue from 1045 to 11am. The route is simple, and it takes 45 min to 1hr, 2 members preferred. No supplies required. The address is 21 1st Ave SE B, Minot, ND 58701 at the Minot Commission On Aging. Please sign up using the following hyperlink: https://volunteersignup.org/4E7QM **POC:** SrA Brian Bermúdez, brian.o.bermudezcartagena.mil@health.mil

or 723-5184.

Juneteenth Volunteers

The African American Heritage Council is seeking volunteers for the Juneteenth Event at Oak Park on June 18-19. We have a lot of exciting events to include games, card tournaments, car show, raffle and much more! If you would like a chance to win a new PS5 (\$5/ticket) or new Grill (\$3/ticket), reach out to any of the council members CC'd in this email. You do not have to be local to win!! NOTE: Every volunteer that signs up will receive ONE complimentary raffle ticket for a chance to win big prizes! If you or someone you know are car fanatics or have a nice car that you would like to showcase, we're looking for participants! Car Show POCs are SSgt Khenedye Fletcher-Wiley and SSgt James Robinson to assist you with entry and any questions. Both may be contacted at khenedye.fletcher@us.af.mil and james.robinson.77@us.af.mil. Car Show entry is \$25. Proceeds will go to the Dakota Hope Clinic.

POC: Mariah N. Fonville, Treasurer , African American Heritage Council DSN: 453-3331 Comm: 701-723-3331

North Dakota State Fair Volunteers (July 21-29)

Heritage Day Festival Volunteers (August 19)

The Team Minot Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Team are looking for volunteers for this year's Heritage Day Festival (AKA 'The Culture Festival').

• This year we've partnered with the Minot Area Council of the Arts, Minot Chamber of Commerce, and Minot State University to make this bigger and better! The event is currently scheduled to begin at 1000, Saturday, 19 August at Oak Park. We're looking for individuals to participate in one or more of the following roles:

- Planning & Coordination Team
- o Resource Manager o Booth Manager
- o Volunteer Manager o Entertainment Coordinator
- o Food Truck Coordinator o Marketing
- o Health & Safety
- Set Up/Tear Down Security
- Vendors (sell art, jewelry, food, ect.)
- Heritage Booths (games, displays, educational materials, ect.)
- Performers (music, dance, poetry, skits, ect.)
 We hope to build connections while celebrating the many unique cultures and

heritages within our community.

- **POC:** CHRISTINE A. CHERRY, TSqt, christine.cherry@us.af.mil and
 - jan_mariel.decosse@us.af.mil.

Magic City Civil Air Patrol Composite Squadron

The Magic City Civil Air Patrol Composite Squadron meets every Thursday at AvFlight, 1830-2030. Civil Air Patrol is the official, Congressionally chartered US Air Force Auxiliary open to all adults and children 12+. Its all-volunteer members serve in a multitude of roles in support of CAP's three primary missions: Cadet Programs, Aerospace Education, and Emergency Services. As adult opportunities include working as part of an Aircrew, sUAS operator, Aerospace and STEM instruction, and many other opportunities! The youth Cadet Program provides an opportunity to learn military structure while learning about Aerospace, Leadership, Flight, Cyber Systems, Outdoor Survival and much more! Whether you are looking to bring your skills to a new venue, expand your experience, or learn something new, there's certainly a role for you! No prior experience or military affiliation is necessary. For more information about Civil Air Patrol, visit https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com or contact the POC below.

Meeting location: AvFlight, Minot Airport, 2400 N. Broadway Suite E, 1830-2030 every Thursday

POC: 1st Lt Jon McLemore, CAP, Jonathan.mclemore@ndcap.us 701-720-6410 | https://nd021.cap.gov

AF K12 STEM-to-Sky Program Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to assist with the AF K12 STEM-to-Sky program; a new annual outreach effort connecting Airmen & Teachers enabling them to produce direct classroom engagement. The purpose of this effort is to directly engage Airmen with classrooms around the world to share experiences, emphasize the importance of STEM education, and create personal military-to-classroom connections. Within the classroom, Airmen will discuss their associated roles and emphasize the importance of STEM (connect); and create propensity for students to pursue STEM and Air Force fields (inspire). Anyone can volunteer, and we especially encourage those who work in STEM-focused career fields! For Airmen sign-up and information/instruction - https://forms.osi.apps.mil/r/fkmqNeYuLr

POC: Abigail Kinder, Community Relations & Media Operations, Minot AFB PA Comm: 701-723-6768, DSN: 453-6768

Pride Month Panel Members

The LGBTQIA+ Council is putting together a panel in honor of Pride Month and is looking for additional panel members around the base to be a part of this discussion from 0900-1030 on 14 June 2023. The theme of the panel is Resiliency through Solidarity and questions will be oriented toward that. If you're interested in being a part of this panel and discussing your experiences and answering questions, please reach out to SSgt Kerigan Jenkins (kerigan.jenkins@us.af.mil) or A1C Levi Pierpont (levi.pierpont@us.af.mil) for more details.

The North Dakota State Fair is North Dakota's largest annual event with traditionally over 300,000 attendees. We need volunteers to help with various community groups performing services or leading projects during the annual North Dakota State Fair event held on July 21 -29. Projects involved might include working concerts, shuttling golf carts, cleaning stalls, security, grounds clean-up, or gate attendants.

POC: Daryl Fry at 701.857.7620 ex 803 or daryl@ndstatefair.com

To have your volunteer opportunity posted, please contact Military & Family Readiness Center (M&FRC) 5fss.family.support@us.af.mil

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U.S. Air Force Leadership from both the 5th Security Forces Squadron and 91st Security Forces Group bow their heads, Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, June 5, 2023. Leadership wanted to honor those we've lost in the line of duty during 2023 National Police Week.



Minot Police Department prepare for a speech, Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, June 5, 2023. The police were on base to celebrate 2023 National Police Week with the Minot Air Base Security Forces.

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Above: Both U.S. Air Force 5th Security Forces Squadron & 91st Security Forces Group take a group photo, Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, June 5, 2023. The 5th, and 91st came together to celebrate 2023 National Police Week.

Left: U.S. Air Force Security Forces Airmen from the 5th Security Forces Squadron, and the 91st Security Forces Group come together to complete the Ruck March, Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, June 5, 2023. The Security Forces Airmen marched to begin 2023 National Police Week.

Workplace Safety for All of Us

'Workplace Safety Topics' - Maybe these 3 words put together in one sentence will make little sense to you. It is rare that we see workplace safety being given enough importance in our working lives. And that is why we talk about it! Workplace safety facts state that maintaining workplace safety is as important as maintaining safety at home. But why is safety at the workplace important? Think about it, we spend a major portion of our day at work so shouldn't we be assured of high levels of safety there? And how will you maintain those levels of safety if you don't know what you're supposed to maintain? That is why the following article will talk about some key safety tips and workplace safety topics that you should be looking into, if not already.

SAFETY TOPICS FOR THE WORKPLACE

For a start, take a look at the types of hazards that you may face in your office. Here is a list to help you out with determining what some of the workplace safety topics are.

SLIPS AND FALLS Slipping, tripping and falling over are some of the most common accidents that can happen in the workplace. Why do these happen? It is probably because there are no proper delegated places that are allotted for things. There might be loose wires that are lying on the floor which are like an open invitation for falls. Along with that if there are no storage places for personal items such as briefcase and gym bags, then they will just be in the way and people will trip. Spills on the floor that are not cleaned can cause slips, so also the negligence of putting up signs that indicate when floors have been mopped can lead to the same.

There needs to be strict instructions given that informs employees to keep things in their delegated places and not keep them lying around. Also, if anyone sees any spills they need to inform the maintenance personnel and get them cleaned. There needs to be further instructions given like workplace safety slogans put up that tells employees to maintain certain decorum and make sure that their drawers and the like are kept properly closed in order to prevent anyone crashing against them and falling.



of the electrical appliances has to be of primary concern for the matter of electrical safety. Too many wires plugged into one socket can lead to short circuits, frayed wires, and electric shocks become common place when there is no standard maintenance involved. That is why all employees need to be informed as part of workplace safety topics for meetings that they need to constantly be aware of the machines that they are using and if they find any problem with them, even if it is any doubt, they should

inform the concerned personnel. Along with that there need to be strict instructions given that there will be no inclusion of foods and drinks around the machines. Food and liquid spills can cause the malfunction to happen faster and put all the employees at risk. This could even lead to fires taking place, making this one of the most useful of workplace safety tips.

FIRE SAFETY

Fires might happen either due to negligence or due to a genuine problem. In case it is caused by negligence then the employees need to be given proper instructions on how to maintain fire safety (taking care of electrical appliances and wiring). In case of a fire, all employees should



employees have had an opportunity to see and memorize them. Taking these precautionary steps along with workshops held on how to prevent and deal with fires will make the office a much safer place.

ERGONOMICS AT WORK

Ergonomic in the workplace are an essential component of office life. It is not necessary that only physical factors like fire and tripping need to be cared for - the office structure and the arrangement of the different components in the office are equally important. The chair on which the employees sit, the brightness of their computer screen, the lighting, the frequency of breaks and other external factors like noise etc. have a direct effect on the performance of the employees. That is why ergonomics becomes so important.

These are some of the key workplace safety topics that you should not ignore at any cost. The maintenance of these will ensure not only the safety of the employees, but will also make them more efficient, which is ultimately all in favor of the company's progress.



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The new giveaway, Weddings for Warriors, will honor the men and women who serve the United States by giving away use of the Pilot's Bar and banquet space once every month.

At least one partner must be serving or must be an active member of the U.S. Air Force.

For further information,



Upcoming Events



ARTS IN THE CITY: THURSDAYS DOWNTOWN! 6:00 PM Downtown Minot

Join us on Main Street every Thursday night June 8th through August 3rd for our weekly Music and Arts Festival featuring local and regional musicians and artists, artisan vendors, food trucks, bounce houses, axe throwing, face painting, and more! Thursdays Downtown are FREE for the public to attend. The event starts at 6:00 pm, with music from 6:30 to 8:30. Each week, local artists and artisans line Main Street showcasing their work and providing live art demonstrations, local and regional musicians provide the evening's entertainment on the Hook and Ladder stage, showcasing the area's incredible musical talent! Join us for the fun and check out all of the incredible galleries, shops, and restaurants that make Downtown Minot THE place to be on summer Thursday nights!



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This Flag Day, we are honoring those who have served at our third annual Veterans Appreciation Event, and we invite the public to join us as we celebrate our Nation's heroes. A free will donation lunch will be served from 11:00 AM until 12:30 PM. Join us for brats and burgers grilled fresh by #RyanBuickGMC staff, with pasta salad and cookies from Homesteaders Restaurant. For those who can't stay, pick up lunch in our drive-thru from 11am - 1pm. A special Flag Day program conducted by our local DAV Chapter 4 begins at 12:30 PM. All donations benefit DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Chapter 4 Minot, ND to support local Veterans programs. This is a FREE event and open to the public!



SRT Communications will hold its annual meeting and director election on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at the North Dakota State Fair Center in Minot. Registration and voting begin at 5:30 p.m. and officially close at 7:00 p.m. A catered dinner will also be served from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The business meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will include a report to the members, financial updates, and election results.

Election results will also be posted on srt.com/annualmeeting and SRT's

Facebook page. Members are encouraged to bring the postcard they received in the mail to be entered to win prizes.

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Cajun Bacon

INGREDIENTS

2 lb. Thick Cut Bacon 1 lb. Brown Sugar 1¹/₂ tsp Cayenne Pepper



1) In a small mixing bowl, blend brown sugar and cayenne pepper and set aside

2) Place a layer of bacon in a large disposable aluminum pan. Using a sifter, lightly dust with the brown sugar/pepper mixture.

3) Add another layer of bacon and repeat until all bacon has a light dusting of sugar mixture. Can be done ahead and refrigerated overnight. A syrup will form.

4) Place on grill and smoke/bake at 350° for 20-30 minutes. Flip bacon halfway through and watch carefully as bacon will go from perfect to burned and ruined in a minute or two. Do not allow fat to drip onto an exposed flame

5) Carefully remove and allow sugar to cool before serving

Oven baking: place bacon on a cooling rack and place rack in a lined jelly roll pan.

For more events visit our online Community Calendar at www.northernsentry.com/calendar/



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WHAT'S GOING ON NAFB

FRIDAY

• HIIT Strength & Conditioning, 0500, Fitness Center

- TAP (DoL) Employment Workshop, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- First Friday, 1600-2100, Jimmy Doolittle Center

TUESDAY

• Cycle, 0600, Fitness Center

- Moving Out of the Dorm Budget Class, 0900-1100, M&FRC
- Game Day, 1000-1930, Minot AFB Library
- Magic The Gathering EDH/Commander Deck Building Seminar, 1800, ESC • Magic The Gathering Commander Night, 1800, ESC
- Zumba, 1800, Fitness Center

SATURDAY

- Summer Reading Program Starts, Minot AFB Library
- Summer Reading Program Squadron Contest Starts, Minot AFB Library
- Cycle & Strength, 0900, Fitness Center
- Summer Reading Program Kick-Off Party, 1300, Minot AFB Library

- HIIT Strength & Conditioning, 0500, Fitness Center
- Bundles for Babies, 0900-1030, M&FRC
- Pre-Deployment/Remote Readiness Training, 1000, M&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- Storytime, 1030, Minot AFB Library
- History Walk at the Golf Course, 1200, Rough Rider Golf Course, hosted by Minot AFB Library
- First Duty Station Officer Financial Course, 1400-1600, M&FRC • Yoga, 1830, Fitness Center

FRIDAY

- AFGSC Family Day
- For a full listing of Juneteenth holiday facility hours, visit 5thforcesupport.com
- EFMP Zoo Series Home Sweet Habitat, 1500-1600, Roosevelt Park Zoo, hosted by M&FRC
- DIY Epoxy Cutting Board Class, 1730-1930, Arts & Crafts Center

SATURDAY

- For a full listing of Juneteenth holiday facility hours, visit 5thforcesupport.com
- Little Mermaid Escape Room Game Starts, Minot AFB Library
- Cycle & Strength, 0900, Fitness Center
- Zumba, 1100, Fitness Center

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Pride of America Scramble, 0900, Rough Rider Golf Course

AONDA

- Minot AFB Murder Mystery Game 1989 Starts, Minot AFB Library
- HIIT Strength & Conditioning, 0500, Fitness Center
- Reintegration Briefing, 1000-1100, M&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- Craft Club, 1800, Minot AFB Library

THURSDAY '

Cycle, 0600, Fitness Center

- 3rd Annual 1st Shirt 5K, 0800, Fitness Center
- Relocation Newcomers Pre-Orientation ONLINE, 0800, M&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- Pre-Separation Counseling, 0830-1130, M&FRC
- Reintegration Briefing, 1000-1100, M&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- Holiday Spending, 1300-1500, M&FRC
- Super Hero Family Dance Party, 1730-2030, Jimmy Doolittle Center
- Craft Club, 1800, Minot AFB Library
- Zumba, 1800, Fitness Center

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