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NEW TEAM MINOT UNITY PATCH



Minot First Sergeant's Council has created a Team Minot patch that is now fully authorized to wear on Fridays and special events. The patch design was inspired by the unity of effort by all Team Minot members to ensure the success of the nation's number one priority. These efforts span across all squadrons and events hosted jointly to message that we all stand united, while serving our nation in one of the most challenging locations in the Air Force. The patch displays the logo shown on all of our digital mediums as the official symbol of Team Minot. It also incorporates the call signs of both wings and elements from the Air Force Global Strike patch for which they are both serving under, and the year Minot AFB was opened. See more on page A11.

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Col. Kenneth McGhee, 91st Missile Wing commander poses with other members of the 91st MW in recognition of Black History Month at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Feb. 20, 2024. Roughriders, the 91st MW's mascot, was a band of service members from many different cultures and backgrounds. The 91st MW continues that legacy by creating an environment of diversity empowering Airmen to share their experiences to create a more powerful force.

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91st MW Roughriders celebrate Black History Month

SENIOR AIRMAN ALEXANDER NOTTINGHAM, 5TH BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D.

A Missile Alert Facility fifty miles from Minot Air Force Base celebrated Black History Month with an all-black missileer crew. The crew tripped out for a week where they performed a crucial role in the 91st Missile Wings' nuclear deterrence mission, while also honoring the history and culture of black Americans.

"I celebrate Black History Month by first being proud of who I am," said 1st Lt. Bryana Terell, 742nd Missile Squadron missileer. "I love spreading the knowledge of my history and how people can consistently educate themselves. An all-Black alert is important to me because it is very rare to see an all-Black crew. Being able to be a part of something so unique, while highlighting our culture in the workplace, continues to illuminate how far we have come."

The crew of this alert hoped that their efforts would help educate and honor the history of black service members who served in the same capacity they do now.

"As an African American, Dr. Martin Luther King's vision for racial equality and justice has been a guiding force in my efforts to confront systemic issues," said Capt. Joshua Watson, 91st Operational Support Squadron instructor. "His dedication to breaking down racial barriers and promoting unity has inspired me to engage in conversations about race, challenge stereotypes, and work towards a more inclusive society. An all-black alert symbolizes that while we honor our heritage as African Americans, we also stand guard of our nation's 24/7/365 deterrence mission. It's our responsibility, and honor, to protect and defend the nation our ancestors worked to build and to support future generations to come."



U.S. Air Force 742nd Missile Squadron missileers practice in a missile procedure trainer in recognition of Black History Month at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Feb. 20, 2024. The crew tripped out for a week where they performed a crucial role in the 91st Missile Wings' nuclear deterrence mission, while also honoring the history and culture of black Americans.

Each member says they did this alert for a different reason. Their reason may come from a place of honoring a past relative who served or a proud history of a culture they want to bring more awareness to.

"My father, Retired USAF Master Sgt. Ronnie McCoy, has always been an important role model in my life," said 2nd Lt Evelyn McCoy, 742nd Missile Squadron Missileer. "Growing up, he showed me what it means to overcome adversity with poise and determination. As a black man from Phenix City, AL in the early 60s, he experienced blatant racism and discrimination during the period of desegregation that began in 1963. My father can still recount what it was like having to use "black only" amenities in public spaces."

McCoy said it's her father, who didn't allow adversity to stop him from serving his country for 20 years, that inspired her to be the officer she is today. McCoy says her dad will always serve as an inspiration for her.

While their reason for serving might differ, everyone on the team has a unique perspective that they bring.

"The emphasis on black achievement is awesome because it indicates tangible progress," said Capt Andrew Gould, 742nd Missile Squadron flight commander. "Having the opportunity to serve under an all-black wing command team, meeting black General Officers, and seeing Gen. Charles Q. Brown lead as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff have been markers of the increasing acknowledgment and normalcy with which we are being valued in the military. Understanding our past is necessary and showing up in the present is imperative."

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A1C Anthony Fields



5th Security Forces Squadron
Hometown: Longview, Texas

A1C Fields has been stationed at Minot AFB since January 2023, and is assigned to the 5th Security Forces Squadron. He is responsible for protecting the base's 12,500 personnel and securing over 5.5 billion dollars of the Department of Defense's strategic assets. Additionally, Anthony is actively completing his bachelor's degree in criminal intelligence and recently received his Resiliency Training Assistant certification. He is now certified to help his fellow Airmen in the Air Force's largest Security Forces Squadron overcome challenges in their daily lives.

GAME SALUTE: FRIDAY, MARCH 1

SrA Michael Teets



91st Missile Maintenance Squadron
Hometown: Cranberry, Pennsylvania

Senior Airman Michael Teets cleared 317 jobs across 2,000 hours, upkeeping nuclear ICBM's. Additionally, Mike completed 50 targeting package updates, returning missiles back to Combatant Command's arsenal. Lastly, SrA Teets replaced a \$219,000 Launch Facility secondary access door, weighing 15,000lbs. Restoring hostile securing capability to nuclear asset.

GAME SALUTE: SATURDAY, MARCH 2

A1C Damali Morgan-Bean



705th Munitions Squadron
Hometown: Atlanta, Georgia

Airman First Class Morgan-Bean recently arrived at Minot AFB and is serving as a Missile Maintenance Technician for the Air-Launched Cruise Missiles. She is responsible for the maintenance and serviceability of the Air Force's sole nuclear capable cruise missile fleet. She has exceeded all expectations and was recognized by the 5th Bomb Wing Commander for acing her Career Development Course test. She was selected as the Rising Five President overseeing morale events for 250 members. She enjoys music, working out, and being a people person. The 705th Munitions Squadron is proud of the accomplishments she has achieved and look forward to her bright future in SHOCKWAVE!

GAME SALUTE: TUESDAY, MARCH 5

Recipients of the Northern Sentry Salute will be honored at the respective Minot Minotauros home game. In recognition, each recipient and three guests will receive V.I.P. seating to the noted home game, a \$25.00 Gift Certificate good for concessions at the game, and during the game they will be recognized by the Minotauros public address announcer as well as having their photo and nomination published in the Minotauros Magazine.

Minot takes home AFGSC Outstanding Team of the Year Award

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS LUIS GOMEZ, 5TH BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D.

Units encompassing the entire aviation resource management career field (1 Charlie/1C) across Minot Air Force Base secured the Sergeant Dee Campbell Outstanding Large Unit of the Year award. The award is granted based on contributions to unit initiatives, direct operational support and effective management of unit resources.

“As a team, we really strove to tackle the mission from the shadows. We, as 1C’s, strive every day to check currencies and keep the skies safe while being on the sidelines. I can’t find words to explain how hard every Squadron Aviation Resource Managers (SARM) and Host Aviation Resource Managers (HARM) work on the fine details and focus on the mission,” said Airman 1st Class Brandon Carpenter, 54th Helicopter Squadron SARM office. “I don’t think we could have gotten this award without being a 1C family

and having each other’s backs whenever someone may need you, and that’s what’s most important.”

The aviation resource management career field includes members from the 91st Missile Wing (91 MW), Airmen in the 5th Bomb Wing (5 BW), and the 54th Helicopter Squadron (54 HS). From maintaining flight records to validating aircrew safety requirements, these managers make sure everything and everyone is ready to go and where they need to be so missions can be carried out according to plan. These specialists make sure that the missions run as smoothly as possible.

This is the third consecutive year Team Minot has clinched the award. U.S. Air Force Capt. Allyson Wells, 91st Operational Support Staff flight commander, recalled how three consecutive victories highlighted the consistency of Team Minot’s commitment to excellence. Wells emphasized the role of experienced airmen in passing down knowledge

to newer members, creating a culture of continuous learning and development within the squadron.

“It’s really a testament to the more senior Airmen in the shop,” said Wells. “They’ve passed down all of their knowledge, which shows they’re teaching and developing the new Airmen coming to Minot.”

Beyond acknowledging the squadron’s accomplishments, Wells emphasized the award serves as motivation for its members reassuring them that their hard work has not been unnoticed.

“It validates what they’re doing here,” said Wells. “They have a tough job consistently paying attention to detail, being meticulous; It shows that without them, we can’t do what we do.”

In achieving this award, Team Minot’s aviation resource management Airmen have set a standard for the career field. This reemphasizes each unit’s commitment to mission success.



The 5th Bomb Wing, 91st Missile Wing, and 54th Helicopter Squadron logos. The aviation resource management career field includes members from the 91 MW, Airmen in the 5 BW, and 54 HS won Outstanding Large Unit of the Year award.

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Lots Going On...

We will start out this week's column with a congratulations to now Brigadier General Michael Walters as he accepted his promotion this past week in Washington, DC. Chewy, as we kind of all got used to calling him, was the 5th Bomb Wing commander from 2020 to 2022. As history will probably have it, Col Walters commanded the Minot Air Force Base during the height of the COVID 19 pandemic. There were no previous "best practices" when it came to COVID 19. Col Walters and Col Menuey from the 91st Missile Wing just made it work. Resolve, resiliency, determination...all words that will describe those two volatile years at Minot AFB.

I was able to have three personal interviews with Col Walters. Once before the COVID 19 pandemic, one in the height of the pandemic, and one right before he left Minot AFB for his position at the Pentagon. Col Walters was always very straight forward; I think today's journalist would label his approach as being brutally honest. Even though Col Walters would have a list of prepared questions from the Northern Sentry, we would always manage to address and approach other topics, most often those that involved the Airmen and families of Minot AFB.

Best of luck to Brig Gen Walters and his family. I am sure we will touch base once again in the future. Another First

On my calendar I often keep track of "weird weather events." This entire winter falls into that category. From the prediction of the National Weather Service, we will go from 60 degrees above zero, to one degree above zero in less than 24 hours. North Dakota has always been known for wild swings in weather, but the record between a low and a high in 24 hours is 59 degrees, and we may break that record!

And the robins have returned in February. Wow! How can that be? I was peering out the window at my back yard and low and behold in the back yard water puddle was two robins. My wife confirmed that yes; indeed, there were two robins in the back yard, on February 20th.

EXPLANATIONS

I have noticed that local meteorologists have kind of given up on explanations for the winter of 2023/2024. El Nino winters are not unusual, and neither are 60 degree temperatures in February. What is unusual, and I think it has us all scratching our heads, is the continuous warm weather pattern that has left very little snow on the prairies and brown, open fields. As we move our way toward spring (maybe we are already there), we still need to remember some of those early spring snowstorms that have roared their way across the Dakotas leaving piles of snow and closing schools and highways.



**UPSIDE DOWN
 UNDER**
 MARVIN BAKER

This winter in North Dakota has been remarkable for a lot of reasons and because of it, I took advantage and did some traveling across the state.

The farmers' market manager in Wahpeton contacted me about the lack of vendors at her market. It seemed like a desperate situation and because of Wahpeton's size, I decided to take a trip and meet with her about those issues.

But, this isn't about that meeting. Unlike most others who would go across the state on an interstate or U.S. highway, I traveled the backroads all the way to Wahpeton. If I had gone to Grand Forks, then south, my trip would have been 360 miles. Instead, because of the roads I

took, it was 440 miles. But I enjoyed every minute of it.

Two years ago, I went to Missouri to visit my brother and instead of getting on I-29, I took the backroads through the states of South Dakota, Kansas and Nebraska. It took longer to get there, but was completely worth it.

Years ago I lived in Edgeley, but had forgotten most of what is east of there and it had been 40 years since I was in Wahpeton.

When you take trips like this, you get to see a lot of things and meet a lot of people you wouldn't otherwise meet on an interstate or major freeway. My schedule was such that I had plenty of time to get to Wahpeton for my meeting so I took full advantage of it.

Living northwest of Minot, I took Highway 83 to Bismarck, then took N.D. Highway 1804 from Bismarck south, connecting to an Emmons County road west of Hazelton. From there, it was back to U.S. 83 to Linton and N.D. Highway 13 which would take me all the way across the state to Wahpeton.

Growing up in Hazelton, seeing my hometown and Linton wasn't

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**A VIEW FROM
 OUR SIDE**
 ROD WILSON



Is that what I predict? Probably not. But it can happen, right?

STILL TIME

I had a short chat with a group of friends who spent Sunday at the Bottineau Winter Park. They had a great time, and the weather was excellent. You may be getting a bit tired of me talking about BWP, but the reality is that they have had great snow and have been making snow at BWP so families can ski, board, and sled all the way through Easter. Plan a trip North and enjoy the fun.

**WILDLIFE TRAILS OFFER
 WINTER VIEWING**

Several of the State Parks have trails that would normally be catering to cross country skiers, snowshoes, or even fat tire bikes. The trails are still open, but obviously not available for normal winter recreational activities. That is the glass half empty story. The glass half full story is that the temperatures have made day trips to the parks a great family outdoor adventure. One local park was

reporting a lot of tent camping activity because the weather was so nice. The warm winter has certainly created some unusual opportunities.

BEST KEPT SECRETS

The open winter will give you an opportunity to drive through Theodore Roosevelt Park, North Unit near Watford City.

We have often winter camped in the North Unit. Winter is a good time for wildlife viewing as the animals that are normally active during the winter are easy to spot. Yeah, some hibernate, but there are still a lot around. It's a day trip worth taking.

TODAY'S CHUCKLE

A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter. "What are you doing?" she asked. "Hunting flies", he responded. "Oh.. Killing any?" she asked. "Yep, three males, two females," he replied. Intrigued, she asked, "How can you tell?" Three were on a beer can and two were on the phone," he said.

Rural North Dakota at its best...

anything new because I'm so familiar with both communities. But from there, it seemed like quite an adventure.

My first stop was Stan's Super Valu in Wishek which has the best sausage in the world. Step into that store and you immediately smell the wood chips smoking the sausages. Wishek is also home to Barney the Badger, a statue representing the high school mascot.

From there it was onto Lehr, a unique little community that sits in two counties; Logan and McIntosh. Between Kulm and Edgeley there's a massive wind farm that certainly wasn't there when I lived in Edgeley.

Twenty miles east of Edgeley is LaMoure which boasts the Omega Tower, a Navy communications tower that is capable of the relay of radio signals from one ocean to the other. It's an amazing site just west of town.

From there you wind up in Verona and either have to go north to Lisbon or south to Oakes. And because N.D. 13 took me south, that's where I went, almost all the way to Oakes before turning east. That's also where I met N.D. Highway 1, which

is one of the few highways that goes completely dissects the state from north to south.

Next stop was Gwinner. This community in Sargent County is known for its Melroe manufacturing plant. Gwinner is also a community that is completely different than I remembered it from 40 years ago. Also in Gwinner, it was time for a stop and a chat with some people in a convenience store.

Then, it's Wymdmer and you cross I-29 before traveling another 10 miles into Wahpeton.

There was a lot to see and too much to describe in this article. Interesting driveways, beautiful lawns, a mall in the small town of LaMoure, massive cattle ranches and unique school buildings. In Wahpeton, it was a modern college and lots of manufacturing plants.

Those of us who complain about how dull North Dakota is, need to take some of these backroads and you'll never say that again. There is a lot to see in this state and you're not going to find it on the major highways.

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Hotdish Lexicon: The Farm

he answered. We went on to chat about dogs, the mild winter, and of course—the wind before I left to finish my walk around the block.

As I walked, I thought about only one thing from our conversation: the farm.

"I'd never heard him speak of a farm before. I'd been friends with his daughter for nearly five years and never heard her mention it either. "Classic North Dakotan," I thought. With wet pavement and ice crunching underfoot, my mind generated a montage of other Hotdishers talking about "the farm."

"I can't come, I've got to go out to the farm that weekend."

"He's not coming because he has to be at the farm."

"We'll do our family photos out at the farm."

"We're leasing part of the farm."

"Oh, sure—it's over at my grandparents' farm."

"We're branding at the farm that day."

"I always wanted my wedding held at the farm."

Suddenly, it occurred to me: The Farm, is just a less wet version of The Lake. Everyone knows where The Farm is—unless you're not from around here. Everyone seems to have a Farm to go to through the year, just as everyone seems to have a Lake to go to in the summer. People you've known for years may casually drop The Farm into conversation one day—causing you to rethink everything you knew about them.

Your friend the mortgage broker? Your coworker with perfect nails? That guy you met that one time at that thing? If they are from around

here, they've all got one thing in common: The Farm. Eight out of ten Hotdishers have a family farm or are closely tied to someone who does. (Okay, I just made up that stat.)

Where is it? If you're not from around here, it might be best not to ask. As with directions to The Lake, directions to The Farm always involve mentioning several landmarks ("...the old KOA, I'm not sure what it is now...") and at least one town you've never heard of. Trying to actually understand where these places are is typically a fool's errand. Chances are you'll never need to drive to The Farm, so don't strain yourself trying to understand its exact location.

Sometimes I wonder what happens at The Farm. I mean, most of the people who talk to me about The Farm are not, in fact, farmers. For all I know, The Farm is hypothetical place locals claim to be going when they want to politely get away from nosy transplants, like me. "Sorry, Amy—I can't answer all your questions about lelse...I'm going...to The Farm. Yes, I'll be at The Farm. Definitely, that's where I'll be." The Farm may be even more mysterious than The Lake.

So what's the takeaway? There are two. First, if you want to fit in in Hotdish Land, you'll need to add talking about The Farm to your list of NoDak lexicon. Second, just when I thought I couldn't love this place more something like this occurs to me and a swoon all over again.

For more on life in Hotdish Land and seeing the good, join me online at amyallender.com, @amy_allender or @HeyMinot on Instagram, and @amyallenderblog on Facebook.

"I think it'll be best if I go for a quick walk," I said in my calmest, creamiest voice. Years ago, I read a magazine article about hiker safety. When it came to animals, there was one overarching tip. If you couldn't remember what to do, speak in a calm, soothing voice. An angry animal will mimic your response: you scream and shout, they become more agitated; you calmly leave, they calmly leave. And, never turn your back on an angry animal.

My backpacking days are behind me, but as a mother, I think about this advice all the time.

So on a recent Saturday morning, I quietly backed out of my house, leaving my husband to diffuse our three-year-old's tantrum. My presence seemed to be exacerbating the situation; it seemed best to leave this one to dad.

Outside, I spotted my neighbor and a new puppy across the street. Because I can't resist a puppy, I crossed the street. Like his other dogs, she'll be raised to hunt.

"I should pick your brain sometime about good places for bird hunting. My dad comes up in the fall and he'd love to know where to go," I said, petting a wiggly and excited puppy.

"Oh, just have him come over. We can go up to the farm. During hunting season, I always have friends come up there with me,"



Years ago when my son had questions about horses a friend lovingly invited us out to The Farm. It's still one of my dearest memories.

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No, this story is not about the big one that got away. I caught them, honest, but rather a confession in this very public forum. I am taking responsibility for my actions. Total accountability. Well, at least the count part.

Enough introduction and intrigue. I promised facts and I will deliver them, even at the risk of you, dear reader, reaching a conclusion that I am indeed some sort of waterlogged nutball.

About five or six years ago I began counting each cast I made with a fishing rod. Not every day on the water, but many of them. This I did without the knowledge of my fishing companions, except for occasionally mumbling numbers aloud that made no sense to my fellow fishermen who understandably surmised they should choose their fishing partners more carefully.

Clever or Quirky, Wise or Weird...Hmmm

It was just over four years ago, and several fishing companions later, that I came clean. I purchased a counter and wore it in such a fashion that it soon became part of my casting regimen. Every time I made a cast I pushed the button on the counter. At the end of each fishing day, I simply read the number off the counter and entered it into a journal.

Weird behavior, I know, especially since I had no idea what I was going to do with the information. As I soon discovered however, fishermen being as they are, that is, always trying to outwit and outsmart their fishing companions with some new lure or technique, became intimidated by what they perceived as a completely surprising and innovative tactic.

Of course, they could only speculate in their clouded minds how I must be utilizing the information to further my fishing success. I could see their nervousness grow with each click of the counter. So certain were they of their fishing prowess, they dared not inquire, an act that might reveal their true wisdom as fishermen.

Ahh, the joy that was mine as

they struggled to decipher this mystery method that I alone understood, which I did not. No matter. At last, I had realized a use for the goofy habit of counting casts! The silly practice elevated me considerably in the eyes of fellow fishermen and confidence is the name of the game on the water.

Really though, intermittently studying data accumulated from 45,627 casts from January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2023, several patterns emerged that I have used to my advantage. Things like making too many casts with a lure that is not producing results. With few exceptions, 25 casts per lure without catching a fish is my limit now.

Muskie fishing statistics are particularly telling. Several times I've caught two or three muskies in 15-20 casts, then none for several hundred more. An example – one time I caught muskies on cast 8 and 14, then went zero for 356. There it was on paper, proof that stubbornness doesn't always work when fishing.

My advice to anglers is to buy a simple counter, use it and say nothing. Your fishing partners will

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In the early 1940s, the United States War Department began training black pilots at Tuskegee Army Airfield in Tuskegee, Alabama. While the center was treated with hostility from many people at the time, it marked an important milestone for African Americans in the military. The first class at the school included 13 cadets of various experience. In the end, only five of those cadets would go on to graduate on March 6, 1942, making history as the first black Army Air Corps pilots. Those five pilots were:

- Capt. Benjamin O. Davis Jr., who would go on to become the Air Force's first black general and played a key role in the desegregation of the USAF
- 2nd Lt. Lemuel R. Custis, who became Hartford, Connecticut's first African American police officer in 1939
- 2nd Lt. Charles H. DeBow Jr., who commanded the 301st Fighter Squadron in Italy and flew 52 combat missions in the European Theater
- 2nd Lt. George S. Roberts, who became the first black officer to command a racially mixed unit at Langley AFB, VA
- 2nd Lt. Mac Ross, who became Group Operations Officer for the 100th Squadron

The desegregation of the Air Force didn't come about until 1949, but even in the face of hardships, these five pilots set an important precedent for future generations of African American pilots.

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B-52 Makes Emergency Landing After Engine Fire, No Crew Injured

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A B-52H bomber at Minot Air Force Base, N.D. executed an emergency landing due to an engine fire early Feb. 23.

All crew members are unharmed, a base spokesperson told Air & Space Forces Magazine. Asked if the base's runway remains open, the spokesperson declined to comment but said bomber operations at the base are continuing as usual as of Feb. 27.

A single engine fire lead the pilot to land the bomber at approximately 12:52 a.m., and the base fire department arrived on the scene and extinguished the aircraft fire, according to the base's host unit, the 5th Bomb Wing. The bomber is powered by eight engines and is designed to fly and land safely in the event of up to two engine failures.

"First and foremost, the 5th Bomb Wing is incredibly thankful to all our Airmen who made it home safely," 5th Bomb Wing Commander Col. Daniel Hoadley said in the statement. "I would like to recognize our outstanding base fire fighters for their expeditious response."

The popular unofficial Facebook page "amn/nco/snco" first reported the incident, with an anonymous,

unconfirmed post that "a CSD (Constant speed drive that runs the generator) caught fire on landing and burned through that engine and part of the wing." The page later posted a purported image of the engine, showing extensive damage.

It is currently unknown what caused the fire, and the incident is under investigation, following standard protocol for accidents involving military operations.

The last major public B-52 mishap was in 2017, when an engine fell off the aircraft during a training flight at Minot. The pilot successfully landed the bomber without incident and all Airmen on board were unharmed, but one of its Pratt & Whitney TF33-P-3/103 turbofan engines crashed in an unpopulated area.

In May 2016, during a routine training mission at Andersen Air Force Base in Guam, a mishap destroyed a B-52 bomber. The pilot, from the 69th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron sensed issues during takeoff and initiated abort procedures. However, the drag chute failed, causing the aircraft to exceed brake energy limits, overshoot the runway, and catch fire. All seven aircrew members escaped, with one

receiving treatment for minor injuries. The total loss of the aircraft was valued at \$112 million.

The Air Force anticipates upgrading B-52 engines in the late 2020s or early 2030s with Rolls Royce's F130 engine intended to be a one-to-one replacement of its current TF33 engines. The F130 is a militarized version of the company's commercial BR725, which the Air Force already operates on its C-37 VIP transport and E-11 BACN (Battlefield Airborne Communications Node). Rolls Royce will supply the engines, while Boeing, the original manufacturer of the Stratofortress, will integrate them onto the aircraft.

Four B-52s from Minot Air Force Base were deployed to Guam in late January to support Pacific Air Force's mission. The bombers have recently participated in several public missions, including the three-week multilateral Cope North exercise and a one-day exercise with Philippine fighters over South China Sea this month. Additionally, two of the bombers conducted flyovers at the Singapore Airshow last week.



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BOMBER TASK FORCE AIRMEN MEET WITH CONGRESSIONAL STAFF DELEGATION



U.S. Air Force Airmen of the 23rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron stand at parade rest awaiting the arrival of Brig. Gen. Thomas Palenske, 36th Wing commander, as well as staffers with the Senate Armed Services Committee during a congressional staff delegation visit at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Feb. 20, 2024. Led by Dr. Jonathan Epstein, the staffers visited the base to gain a hands-on understanding of Air Force capabilities in Guam. The U.S. routinely and visibly demonstrates commitment to our allies and partners through the global employment of our military forces. B-52s, aircrew and support personnel assigned to the 23rd EBS are deployed to Guam from Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota.



U.S. Air Force Capt. William Godby, 23rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron weapons systems officer instructor, greets Dr. Jonathan Epstein during a congressional staff delegation visit at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Feb. 20, 2024.



U.S. Air Force Capt. Christian Dahl, 23rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron B-52H Stratofortress instructor pilot, highlights the aircraft's bomb bay to Senate Armed Services Committee staffers during a congressional staff delegation visit at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Feb. 20, 2024.



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Ryan Lockes, 23rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron commander (right) explains the elements of B-52 operations in the Pacific with Dr. Jonathan Epstein (left) during a congressional staff delegation visit at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Feb. 20, 2024.

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B-52 Flies with Philippine Fighters over the South China Sea

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5th Bomb Wing's B-52 joined by Philippine FA-50 conducting exercise over Philippine.

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A U.S. Air Force B-52 bomber flew alongside three Philippine FA-50 fighters during a patrol over the South China Sea in the Philippines' Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) on Feb. 19.

The Philippine Air Force announced the patrol as part of an ongoing Maritime Cooperative Activity between the Philippines and the U.S. The U.S. Navy previously announced its participation in the activity, but the Air Force has not publicly noted the B-52's involvement.

The South China Sea is a heavily-trafficked, heavily-contested area. International law states that the EEZ grants the Philippines exclusive rights to exploit natural resources within the 200-nautical-mile zone. China, however, claims sovereignty over much of the waters, including areas claimed by Vietnam, the Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei and Indonesia.

The People's Liberation Army Southern Theater Command released a statement following the bomber patrol, accusing the Philippines of collaborating with outside countries "to stir up trouble in the South China Sea."

The statement added that the PLA's Southern Theater Command dispatched its frontline air and naval forces to closely monitor the region, emphasizing that the troops remain on high alert.

However, PAF spokesperson Col. Ma. Consuelo Castillo said in a statement that the patrol "is in no way directed towards any country and the activity is in accordance with the international rules-based order, as we were operating within our territory and within the Philippines' EEZ," according to local media reports.

Armed Force of the Philippines' spokesman Col. Xerxes Trinidad added that the aerial patrol "demonstrates the commitment of both Armed Forces to enhancing interoperability and advancing regional peace and security in the Indo-Pacific."

The B-52 that led the patrol with Philippine fighters was from the 5th Bomb Wing of Minot Air Force Base, N.D., which deployed to Anderson Air Force Base, Guam, in late January. A total of four Stratofortresses arrived in the region, in part to support Cope North 24, a multilateral air exercise involving Japan, Australia, France, South Korea, and Canada. The three-week exercise extends to the islands of Tinian and Saipan, about 120 miles north of Guam, and is set to conclude on Feb. 23.

The nuclear-capable bombers have

kept a low profile in the contested South China Sea in recent years, but back in October, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command disclosed that Chinese fighter jet closed within 10 feet of a B-52 in a nighttime intercept in the region, deeming the incident "unsafe and unprofessional."

INDOPACOM has also noted B-52 flights over the South China Sea in 2020, 2019 and 2018.

More broadly, the U.S. continues to operate in the region—earlier this month, the USS Gabrielle Giffords (LCS 10) and an MH-60S Sea Hawk from the U.S. exercised in the region with the Philippine Navy, according to INDOPACOM.

This comes even as Chinese vessels and aircraft increase their "dangerous" and "unlawful" behavior, Pentagon officials have said. U.S. President Joe Biden has stressed that Washington's defense commitment to the Philippines is "ironclad," and any attack on Filipino aircraft, vessels, or armed forces will invoke the Mutual Defense Treaty with the Philippines.

The Philippines' FA-50 fighter is an upgraded version of South Korea's supersonic T-50 trainer jet, manufactured by Korea Aerospace Industries with development support from Lockheed Martin.

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B-52 Flyover Highlights US Presence at Singapore Airshow

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Two B-52 Stratofortresses from the 5th Bomb Wing conducted a flyover at Changi Air Base during the Singapore Airshow late last week. The BUFFs, currently deployed to Anderson Air Force Base in Guam, flew to Singapore to be featured at the biennial event, which concluded Feb. 25.

The air show is recognized as one of the largest defense exhibitions in the Pacific, with this year's iteration hosting over 120,000 trade and public visitors. While the bombers were the only American aircraft to conduct a flyover, other U.S. aircraft, including the F-35A, MQ-9, and P-8, were also showcased at the

exhibition.

It has been a busy few weeks for the B-52s since they deployed to Guam in late January for a Bomber Task Force rotation. They took part in Cope North 24, a multilateral exercise including Japan, Australia, France, South Korea, and Canada. One of the bombers participated in a bilateral patrol drill with three Philippine FA-50 fighters over the South China Sea within the Philippines' Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). And last week, members of the Senate Armed Services Committee staff visited Andersen to discuss B-52 operations in the Pacific with the 23rd Expeditionary

Bomb Squadron.

At the Singapore Airshow, the Stratofortresses were not the only military aircraft to conduct demonstrations. The Republic of Singapore Air Force showcased their F-15SG fighters and AH-64D Apache attack helicopters. The Republic of Korea's T-50s, a supersonic trainer jet built by Korea Aerospace Industries and Lockheed Martin, performed a team demonstration as well. And the Indian Air Force's HAL Dhruv multi-role helicopter, manufactured in India, and the Indonesian Air Force's KT-1B training aircraft, imported from South Korea, performed

synchronized air maneuvers.

The event also featured solo flyovers by commercial aircraft, marking the debut of C919 by Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China (COMAC) in front of a global audience for the first time. The German manufacturer Airbus, Boeing's main competitor in the international commercial plane market, also showcased its A350-1000 flyover.

The U.S. and Singapore routinely engage in military exercises as well, with their air forces conducting annual three-week training in November 2023. Andersen Air Force Base in Guam is currently

preparing for potential infrastructure upgrades to accommodate up to 12 Singaporean F-15SGs, with plans to expand approximately 209 acres of Guam over the next three to seven years to provide training facilities for the fighters and potentially other DAF service components or partner nations' aircraft or missions operating from the base in the future.

The USAF B-52s were featured in the last iteration of the Singapore Airshow in 2022, alongside the F-35 A and B types, the RQ-4 Global Hawk, the KC-46 Pegasus, and the P-8 Poseidon.



Two B-52H Stratofortresses from the 23rd Bomb Squadron conduct a flyover at the Changi Airbase East, Republic of Singapore, Feb. 22, during the Singapore Airshow 2024. The U.S. Department of Defense participated in the event with aerial demonstrations and static displays as an opportunity to build on the already strong ties with Singapore, demonstrate flexible aircraft capability, enable engagement with foreign partners, and expand power projection capabilities.

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We Stand United! First Sergeant's Council Unveils New Morale Patch



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Six months ago the First Sergeant's at Minot Air Force Base started the process of designing a new Morale Patch for the Minot Air Force Base. "We knew that everyone likes patches" according to MSGT John Silva, First Sergeant for the 5th Support Squadron "and at Minot Air Force Base we have the dual missions, and really nothing joint for the 5th BW and the 91st MW".

So, all of the First Sergeants worked to design a patch that would recognize Team Minot. "The patch design was inspired by the unity of effort by all Team Minot members" according to Silva "to ensure the success of the nation's number one priority."

"The First Sergeants Council wanted to make sure that their efforts to design the new patch spanned across all squadrons and events hosted jointly to send the message that we all (Team Minot) stand together" Silva continued "while serving our nation in one of the most challenging locations in the Air Force."

The design of the patch centers

around the Team Minot logo which is used in all of the digital mediums as a symbol of Team Minot. Added to the bottom are the call signs of both wings, the Warbirds and the Roughriders, and added are the globe and the thunderbolts of Air Force Global Strike Command, which both wings serve under. The year that the Minot Air Force Base opened, 1956, is also embroidered into the patch.

The patch was submitted for approval in January, with authorization needed by both wings.

"Now that the patch is officially authorized, it can be worn on Fridays and special events" according to Silva.

As a way of raising money for the First Sergeant's Council, the patches will be sold on base and online at reaperpatches.com. "Once you get to reaperpatches.com, type in Minot, and there are many patches that come up that are for sale" says Silva. "The money that we make from the sale of the patches will go to fund Operation Warm Heart: Airmen helping Airmen in need."

But the First Sergeants Council also funds other requests that may not necessarily fit under the umbrella of Operation Warm Heart. "In one case we helped an Airmen who had lost his luggage, including all of his uniforms. The First Sergeants Council is non-profit and takes many requests into consideration" says Silva.

A spin off from the original patch is a patch that will only be worn by First Sergeants. It has all of the elements of the original patch, with a diamond in the middle.

The original order of patches has been placed and "they say it will take 4-6 weeks for them to arrive" and at that point the First Sergeant's Council will look for ways to market and sell the patches "whether it be at the commissary or other events on base, we want to make them available" says Silva "and the goal is to show unity".

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Mouse River Players (MRP) Community Theater is welcoming theater goers to "The House of Agatha Mystrie", a murder mystery spoof filled with plenty of laughs and groans throughout. Ms. Agatha Mystrie, a well-known mystery writer, played by first time MRP actor DeAnna Henderson, has set up a relaxing weekend retreat for six of the world's most recognizable fictional detectives at her secluded lodge, Mystrie Manor on the shores of Flathead Lake in western Montana. Naturally, there is a plot twist, or two, or three. It all begins when Ms. Mystrie instructs the detectives to take an oath and promise not to solve any mysteries while they are on hiatus. In true fashion, no sooner than the detectives take their oath and settle down to a weekend of tea, tennis, and chess, a murder occurs, complete with a dead body. Of course, all good mysteries must have a butler, Dudley, played by Bart Burns and a housekeeper, Anna Sthesia, played by Kaitlyn

Plessas. Burns and Plessas are still relatively new to the MRP stage but are quickly becoming regular faces. The intrepid sleuths, Rob Remington and Nancy Sketch, are performed by veteran actors Dorian Garland and Brittany Montez. They are joined on stage by Nicole Swain, in her first year with MRP, and, in his second role for MRP, Logan Longtin as the Hardly brothers; twins but hardly brothers. John Simonson has returned to our stage to play Dr. Sherlucky Holmes while veteran actor Andy Busch appears as the French Inspector, Clues II. Rounding out the cast is first time MRP actor Lauren Alexander in the ingénue role of Evangeline Englehardt, our "dead body." The director for this production is Tim Knickerbocker. Tim is a 20 year veteran at MRP, a 24 year Air Force veteran, and currently works for the 5th Civil Engineer Squadron in the Military Housing Office. Knickerbocker said, "I was scrolling through the Samuel French website

seven years ago, looking for possible scripts to direct when the title caught my eye." After reading the script he knew he needed to bring the show to the MRP stage. "My immediate draw to the script was all the jokes and puns. Coupling the jokes with a well-developed script that pays homage to popular fictional detectives from a variety of literary and media sources in a fun way and also to the very real novelist, Agatha Christie, was a no brainer." The show has misdirection, characters entering and exiting doors just missing each other, quick wit, disguises, and squirt guns. "The ten-member cast comes from a variety of backgrounds", said Knickerbocker. "Garland is an active-duty Air Force Training Manager. Swain is an occupational therapist and is married to an active-duty Air Force member. Montez is Knickerbocker's daughter and a Minot Public School third grade teacher. Plessas and Alexander are Paraprofessionals with the Minot

Public School District. The Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch is represented by Logan Longtin, an English teacher and Bart Burns, grounds keeper at the ranch. Henderson is with SRT. Finally, we have cast members Busch who works for the Minot Parks Department and Simonson is a Lutheran pastor. Knickerbocker assures, "The show is G-rated and family friendly, although kids ages six and under may have trouble understanding much of the humor and the plays-on-words." The House of Agatha

Mystrie opens March 15 and runs March 16, 17 and 22 through 24. Performances on Fridays and Saturdays start at 7:30 with doors opening thirty minutes prior, and Sunday matinees start at 2:00 with doors opening at 1:30. Tickets and reservations are available through the MRP website at mouseriverplayers.com. Tickets may also be bought at the door, based on availability. You may make reservations by calling 701-838-3939 and leaving a message.



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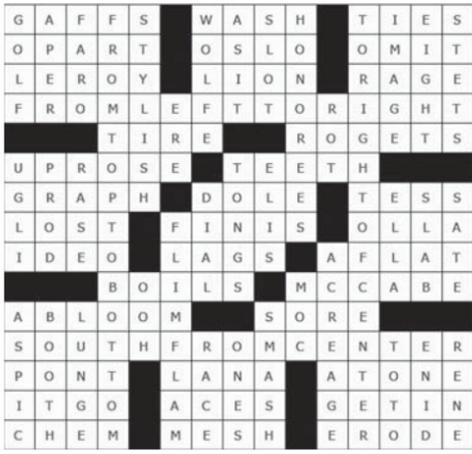
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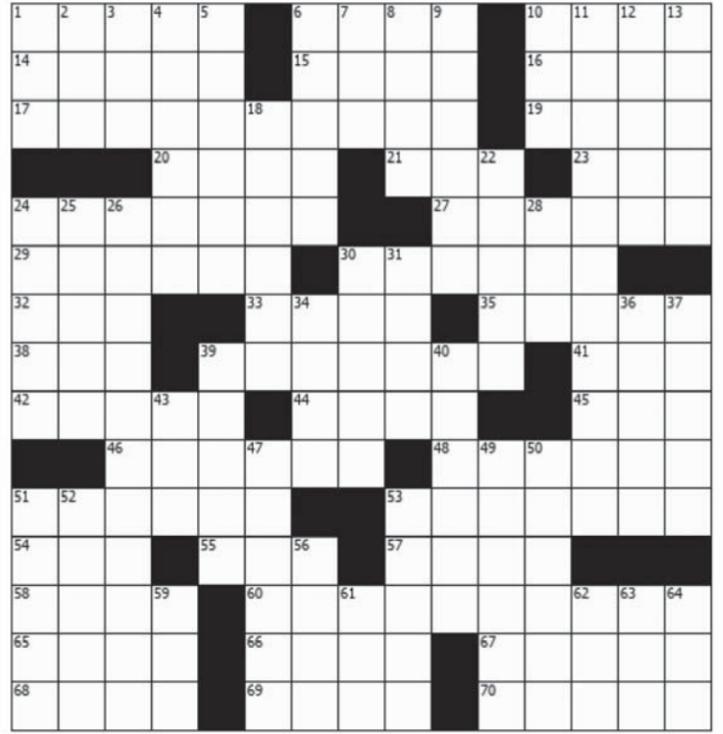
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

- 1. Hop
- 6. Engagement
- 10. Org. founded in 1920
- 14. Intense dislike
- 15. Hemoglobin component
- 16. Fleur-de-lis flower
- 17. Chosen with care
- 19. Misconception
- 20. Scoff
- 21. Junior high temp
- 23. Ursula Andress film
- 24. Snow White's sister
- 27. Huck Finn, notably
- 29. Comparatively plenty
- 30. "A Touch of Class" star Jackson
- 32. Boat budger
- 33. Castaway's refuge
- 35. Gandolfini's co-star
- 38. Start of a cycle?
- 39. Confrontation
- 41. Good, on the street
- 42. Queen Elizabeth, for one
- 44. George I's predecessor
- 45. Bother or pother
- 46. Some white-collar crimes
- 48. More majestic
- 51. Drag through the mud
- 53. Opens, in a way
- 54. Rage
- 55. Stumble
- 57. It may be feathered
- 58. Provided
- 60. One who must face the music?
- 65. Pre-owned
- 66. Fictional surname of 1847
- 67. Treacherous
- 68. Town NW of Muncie
- 69. Nurture
- 70. "Riders to the Sea" dramatist



Down

- 1. Homer's exclamation
- 2. Periodontists' org.
- 3. Writer Anaïs
- 4. Thick club
- 5. Roman or Ottoman
- 6. Cut into small bits
- 7. Commandments container
- 8. Little piggies
- 9. Withstand
- 10. Intention
- 11. Forward-looking device
- 12. Supple
- 13. Family name in a Poe story
- 18. Land south of the Pyrenees
- 22. Canadian Rockies stopover
- 24. French painter Dufy
- 25. Certain Arabian
- 26. Warm-weather affliction
- 28. U.S. cosmetics overseer
- 30. It's all uphill from these
- 31. Revolutionist Trotsky
- 34. Away!
- 36. General wannabe
- 37. Signs of decay
- 39. Bit of film
- 40. Italian sausage flavoring
- 43. Cy Young stat
- 47. "Giant" author
- 49. To be excessively preoccupied
- 50. Science fair category
- 51. Unearth
- 52. Nullify
- 53. Word with wear, study or tow
- 56. "Waikiki Wedding" actress
- 59. Univ. domain suffix
- 61. Charlton Heston's org.
- 62. Famous Blocker
- 63. Change-of-heart indicator?
- 64. Whiskey grain

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- Q:** What did one toilet say to the other?
A: You look a bit flushed.

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The Second impact is often the deadliest



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Sir Issac Newton's first law of motion comes into play here. Simply put, the law states that every object will remain in motion until acted upon by an outside force, and the results can be deadly.

The second impact occurs inside the vehicle after the force from the initial impact turns the occupants into flying projectiles, slamming them into the dashboard, windshield, or other hardened parts of the interior. Imagine this: A car traveling at 50 miles per hour (MPH) hits a stationary object and comes to a complete and sudden stop. An unbelted occupant and everything inside the car not secured will continue to travel at 50 MPH. Go a step further and compute the force with which the occupant will hit a stationary object inside the car—the vehicle's dash for instance. An occupant weighing 160 lbs traveling at a speed of 50 MPH, the force generated at the point of impact will be 8,000 pounds! Not too many bones in the body can withstand that kind of punishment; you can only imagine the damage to internal organs and soft tissue from a blow of 4 tons. Unlike a vehicle that can be repaired or replaced, the human body isn't easily repaired and is impossible to replace.

Nothing can prevent the second collision; it's a law of physics. The only thing that can be done is to reduce severity. Fortunately, there is a device inside your car that is designed for just that purpose: your seat belt.

The seatbelt wraps across the torso and waist of the driver and passenger to give the body something softer to absorb the impact. It also helps protect your body from being injured by the unyielding hard surfaces of metal and plastic on the inside of your car. Seatbelts keep you behind the

wheel where you can continue to drive and possibly take further evasive action, and also prevent you from being ejected from the vehicle—one of the biggest causes of motor vehicle fatalities.

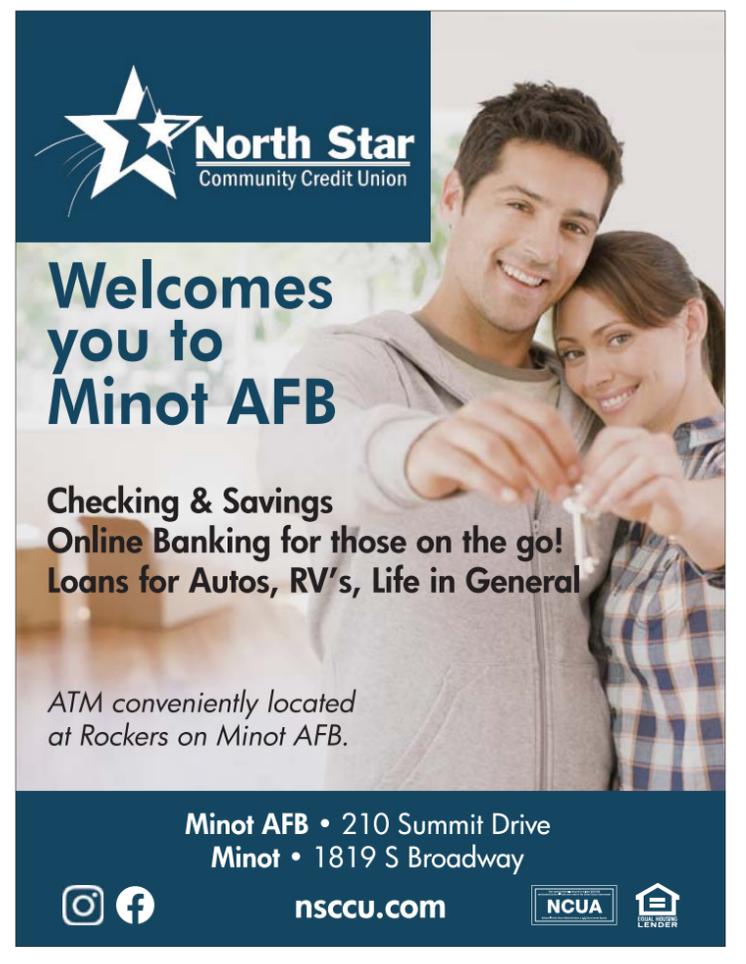
Many new cars come with airbags and this feature gives some motorists a false sense of security. Airbags are passive devices, not active systems like seatbelts that require your action to latch. Passive can be good, because it's easy, but may not necessarily be as effective. Statistically, fewer injuries and fatalities occur in crashes of vehicles equipped with airbags, (overall, airbags reduce driver deaths by 14 percent and passenger deaths by 11 percent) but the deployment of an airbag alone during a high-speed collision may not be enough to save the life of an unbelted occupant.

Although some new cars offer side airbags, many do not. Dash mounted airbags offer no protection at all from side or rear collisions, only from the front. Supplemental don't offer during roll-overs, either. Wearing a lap belt keeps you anchored to the car seat and your shoulder belt keeps your upper body

from pitching forward and hitting the airbag as it deploys. Remember, airbags are designed to compliment seatbelts, not replace them.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, seat belt usage across the United States is on the rise and recently topped 80%. Seat belt compliance rates on most bases is over 99%, but the fact that Airmen continue to lose their lives off base by failing to buckle up suggests that off-base use still has massive room! for improvement. Supervisors are often faced with a tough job changing the ingrained habit patterns of Airmen who may have spent 18 or more years of their lives not wearing seatbelts. Persistence, sincerity, example, and constant awareness are the keys to success.

What choices do we have? Without the belt, people can look forward to skull fractures, facial lacerations, broken teeth, ribs and other nasty internal injuries and in the worst case, even death. The final decision is up to you. I know the choice I'll make. Remember, if the first impact doesn't get you the second one just might.



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MARCH 2024



HOLLIE BOOTH

What do you enjoy most about being an FCC Provider?

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What are your interests/hobbies?

I love to shop and decorated my house, I love summertime when I can sit on my deck with my family and our dog. I also enjoy reading in winter.

What advice do you have for new providers/those interested in being FCC Providers?

Working hard for something we don't care about is called stress; Working hard for something we love is called passion. My only advice to providers or on coming providers is to make sure your passion is children and providing amazing care for the military families. Military families and children already have enough change in life so provide them good and quality care.

For more information about FCC, please check out the following website: <https://5thforcesupport.com/fcc/>.

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 1 TABLESPOON CHILI POWDER
 1 WHOLE LIMES
 6 WHOLE YUKON GOLD POTATOES, CUT INTO THICK STRIPS
 2 TABLESPOON BUTTER
 1 TABLESPOON TREAGER BEEF RUB
 1/4 CUP PARSLEY, FLAT LEAF, FINELY CHOPPED

Chop the chipotle peppers, then combine them with the remaining chipotle ketchup ingredients in a mixing bowl. Refrigerate the mixture for at least 1 hour to allow the flavors to blend (making it one day ahead of time is even better if you can swing it).

When ready to cook, set temperature to High and preheat, lid closed for 15 minutes.

Place the potatoes in a bowl, drizzle with melted butter and sprinkle with Beef rub, toss to coat.

Lay the fries on a Traeger Grilling Basket or a baking sheet and bake for 10-15 minutes, or until the fries reach your desired level of crispness

Remove the fries from the grill, place in a bowl, and toss with parsley. Enjoy by the handful with plenty of chipotle ketchup for dipping. Enjoy



Ryan Davy - GM Minot

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Upcoming Events

1-2 MAR

HOME & GARDEN SHOW 2024
 FRI - 12:00PM - 7:00PM
 SAT - 10:00AM - 4:00PM

2005 E Burdick Expy, North Dakota State Fair Center, Magic Place Room, Minot

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For more information: Facebook / Minot Association of Builders / Events

7 MAR

CHILI BOWL VIII
 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Clarion Hotel Convention Center
 2200 E Burdick Expy, Minot

Independence, Inc., a local non-profit committed to empowering North Dakotans with disabilities, invites community members to attend the 8th annual Chili Bowl. Local restaurants and chefs will compete to be named the 2024 Chili Bowl Champion. Contestants will be evaluated by a panel of judges. Attendees will have the opportunity to sample and cast their votes for the People's Choice Award. In addition to sampling the Magic city's finest chili assortments, patrons will enjoy a cash bar and silent auction. Tickets can be purchased for \$20.00 for an individual, or \$50.00 for a family. Admission includes all-you-can-eat chili samples. Proceeds will support programs designed to empower people with disabilities to live independently. If you are interested in learning more about the Chili Bowl, please contact Independence, Inc. at 701-839-4724.



For more information: Facebook / Independence Inc., a Resource Center for Independent Living / Events

8 MAR

HALLWAY MASTERPIECES
 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Magic City Discovery Center
 1545 1st St NW, Minot

We need your creativity! It's not very often you get to decorate the walls at school or at home, come help us make a mural in the hallways of the discovery center! During this class you will learn about drawing from a one point perspective. You will then be able to apply it on a large scale by creating a mural with masking tape inside the discovery center! We hope to see you there! Hallway Masterpieces will be held March 8th in the Community Rooms from 10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. Cost: \$21.60 for MCDC Members, \$24 for Non-Members, \$19.20 for Military Members. Class Size: 12 children. Ages: Children in grades 5-8. Educator: Tessia Samuelson



For more information: Facebook / Magic City Discovery Center / Events

8 MAR

SALUTE & SIP: A MILITARY APPRECIATION BEER RELEASE
 9:00 AM - 7:30 PM

Atypical Brewery & Barrelworks
 510 Central Ave East, Minot

A home-brew creation collaboration. In late January, we welcomed Angel Morales into the brew room for a collaboration brew based on his winning recipe that will soon be added to our menu as Hot Charro - A Mexican Hot Chocolate Stout. In addition to Angel being a current Air Force member, we also had Steven, a retired member of the Air Force (& our assistant brewer), as well as Tristan, who is active duty and currently in the SkillBridge program with us (the same program that got us Steven!) all in the brew room concocting something tasty. For the love of craft beer & our utmost gratitude for our Armed Forces, we're excited to release this delicious brew on March 8th & add to this special release, 15% off to all with a valid military ID from March 8 to March 15! A cheers from us to our service members & their families - may we enjoy a pint with you!



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- Best Hang Out on Base
- Best Restaurant in Town (Minot)
- Best Local WINTER Activity/ Recreation
- Best Local SUMMER Activity/ Recreation
- Best Day Trip Location (Within 4 Hour Drive from MAFB)
- Best School On or Off Base
- Best Local Nighttime HotSpot

*Voting closes March 14

Vote Now



by Patricia Stockdill

Fishing:

Lake Sakakawea elevation, Feb. 26: 1,835.35 feet above mean sea level (MSL); 25,200 cubic feet per second (CFS) Garrison Dam average daily releases.

Devils Lake elevation: 1,449.1 feet above mean sea level (MSL).

Stump Lake elevation: 1,449.MSL.

•N.D. Game & Fish Dept. game wardens: No Lake Sakakawea, Devils Lake, or area lake reports.

•Devils Lake, Ed's Bait Shop, Devils Lake: Limited reports with deteriorating ice conditions.

•Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Overall tough walleye bite. Use caution with changing ice conditions.

•Lake Darling, Karma C-Store, Ruthville: Poor and variable ice conditions on Lake Audubon and Lake Sakakawea. No Lake Darling reports.

•Lake Darling, Upper Souris NNW, Foxholm: Anglers advised to stay off Lake Darling despite the cold snap earlier in the week. Ice conditions won't improve enough for any length of time.

•Lake Metigoshe, Four Seasons, Bottineau: Look for a continued evening walleye bite. Fair to good success for some nice-sized pike.

•Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: A few walleye coming from the east end of Lake Sakakawea but use caution if venturing on the ice. Pike spearing slow. No Lake Audubon reports.

•Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Hwy. 83 Lawn & Leisure, Garrison: Ice conditions extremely poor and variable on Lake Sakakawea and Lake Audubon and anglers are advised to stay off all area lakes.

•Lake Sakakawea, New Town: A few walleye coming from the Van Hook Arm but overall success is slow. Ice conditions extremely marginal and use extreme caution if considering going out.

Thanks to Woodland Resort, our Outdoors Report sponsor, for helping keep readers up-to-date on happenings throughout the region. For complete details about fishing Devils Lake and its array of recreational opportunities visit their website, (www.woodlandresort.com), Facebook at (facebook.com/woodlandresortDL), telephone (701) 662-5996, extension 1, or email (woodlandresort@gondtc.com). They're located at 1012 Woodland Drive, Devils Lake, N.D. 58301.



•Anglers advised to stay off area lakes with deteriorating and rapidly changing ice conditions. Ice conditions are never completely safe. Avoid areas with vegetation, moving water, pressure ridges, and springs. Check conditions as you go along on the ice and don't move around at night.

•Roosevelt Park Zoo winter hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

•Light goose season now open. Go to the Game & Fish Dept. website, (gf.nd.gov) for regulations and licensing information.

•Weekly Sunday Winter Walks every Sunday in March, 2 p.m., Lewis & Clark State Park east of Williston.

•March 1 & 2: N.D. high school state championship curling, Minot.

•March 2: Doubles Frosty Froth Disk Golf Tournament, 1 p.m., Polaris Park, Minot.

•March 2: Turtle Mtn. Rocky Mtn. Elk Foundation banquet, Cobblestone Inn, Bottineau, 5 p.m.

•March 8 - 10: State Seniors Bonspiel, Minot.

•March 8 -10: KX Sports Show, All Seasons Arena, N.D. State Fairgrounds.

•March 9: Lonetree Rocky Mtn. Elk Foundation banquet, Harvey Eagles, Harvey, 5 p.m.

•Lake Sakakawea/Missouri River, Scott's Bait & Tackle, Pick City: Mixed Missouri River tailrace walleye success from both boats and shore. Try jigging down river or in the chutes. Anglers advised to stay off Lake Sakakawea and Lake Audubon.

•Lake Sakakawea/northwest N.D. lakes, Scenic Sports, Williston: Yellowstone and Missouri rivers opening up with floating ice but unfishable yet. Ice conditions deteriorating with more open water around the pump house area on the river. Lund's Landing and Lewis and Clark State Park producing a few walleye earlier in the week on the upper end of Lake Sakakawea.

look for some pike in shallow water, less than 5 feet, in the back bays. Try smelt or herring. Blacktail Dam producing a few bluegill and occasional perch earlier in the week.

•Lonetree WMA area lakes, Harvey: Anglers advised to stay off area lakes with poor ice.

•North-central/central N.D. lakes, Towner Hdwe. Hank, Towner: No activity with poor and deteriorating ice conditions.

Numbers to know:

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

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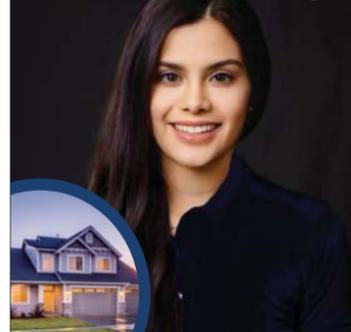
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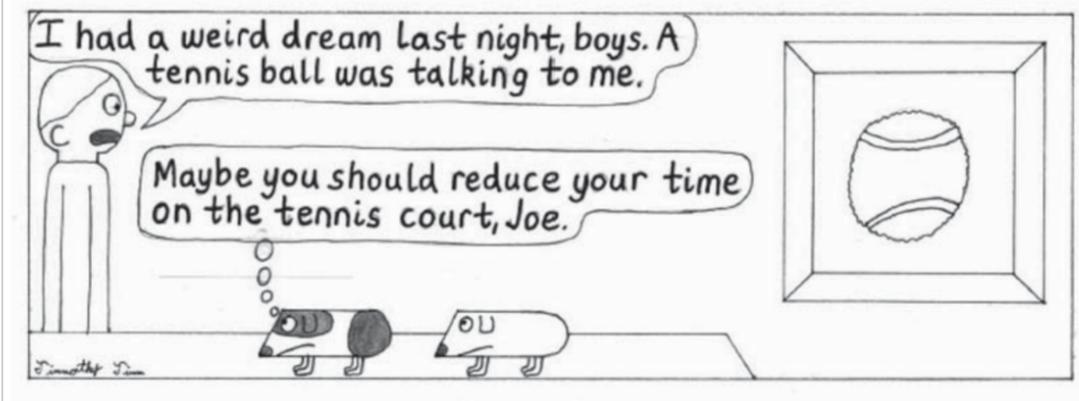
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Timothy Timm of Minot currently attends Minot State University, is a Minot High School graduate, artist, cartoonist, author and illustrator. Timm has also created other works of art that are on display in his art studio downtown located at 201 Main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

TIMOTHY TIMM



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Prairie Warrior Auction Volunteers

March 21
CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!! The Prairie Warrior Auction is looking for a handful of volunteers to help make this year's event run as smooth as possible! From set up the day before to tear down the day of, we need YOU!! See the list below of what we need and SIGN UP NOW!!
 -Transporting auction items from Minot Chamber to the ND State Fairgrounds Magic Place, 6 volunteers
 -Staging auction items at auction location, 4 volunteers
 -Check-in/Reception, 2 volunteers
 -Online auction assistance, 2 volunteers
 -Auction items "walk-arounds", 6 volunteers
 -Raffle ticket/etc sales, 6 volunteers
 -Silent auction table monitors, 4 volunteers
 -Check-out runners, 6 volunteers
 -After Auction tear down, 4 volunteers
POC: PWA Volunteer Coordinator, Susan Wagers at susan.wagers@us.af.mil 701-723-6718/701-720-7203

Month of the Military Child (MOMC) Working Group

The Month of the Military Child (MOMC) is in April and approaching. The School Liaison Office is forming a MOMC Working Group to support efforts in North Dakota, Minot, and Minot AFB. If interested in joining, please send an email to mafb.school.liaison@us.af.mil.
POC: Joy-Nicole Smith, GS-11, MAT, DAF School Liaison Program Manager

Holocaust Days of Remembrance Volunteers

I am looking for a handful of volunteers to help plan for the Holocaust Days of Remembrance (5-12 May). This observance honors the victims of atrocities carried out by Nazi Germany a between 1933 and 1945 and their liberators. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please let me know.
POC: CHRISTINE A. CHERRY, TSGT, USAF (she, her, hers) Director, 5 BW Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility 723-7288

Junior Achievement (JA) Program Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help get the message of the free enterprise system out to young people in our community. The Junior Achievement (JA) program has been facilitated through the Minot Area Chamber EDC since 1997. The program is designed to help students become work ready, financially literate and to provide hands-on activities from an outside resource. Businesspeople like you come into the classroom once a week for five weeks for up to an hour each week. The commitment also includes preparation time. The lesson plans are provided by JA with a kit of age-appropriate material designed to make the experience an easy one for us non teachers.
POC: Carla Dolan, Vice President, Minot Area Chamber EDC 701-857-8205, carla@minotchamberedc.com

Meals on Wheels Volunteers

On behalf of the Hispanic Allies organization, we'd like to offer a volunteer opportunity to help our community. We're working with "Meals on Wheels" to help feed elderly members in our community. If you're 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.

Volunteer Coaches

Minot AFB Youth sports is looking for volunteer coaches for the upcoming T-Ball, Softball, and Baseball season. Coaching needs must be met by 1 April to ensure that the season can continue as scheduled. The season will run from 29 April – 14 June 2024. Coaching needs are as follows:
 • Ages 3–4-year-old T-Ball: 12 coaches needed. Practice schedule: Mondays from 1700-1730 at the fields behind the Youth Center
 • Ages 5–6-year-old T-Ball: 12 coaches needed. Practice schedule: Mondays & Wednesdays from either 1730-1830 at the fields behind the Youth Center
 • Ages 7–8-year-old T-Ball/coach pitch: 10 coaches needed. Practice schedule: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1730-1830 at the fields behind the Youth Center
 • Ages 9–12-year-old Baseball/Softball: 12 coaches needed. Practice schedule: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1730-1830 at the fields behind the Youth Center
 All coaches must complete a volunteer packet with the youth center as well as complete fingerprinting & background checks, regardless of military status or previous background checks completed outside of Child and Youth Programs. Coaches will also be required to complete online training (provided by youth sports) and attend coaches training prior to the season start.
POC: All interested applicants please contact April Lawrence at youth sports either via email to april.lawrence.2@us.af.mil or by calling the youth center at 701-723-2838.

AADD Volunteers

AADD is seeking volunteers to support various event requests.
 *Here is a link to our regular schedule for weekends, if interested, please disseminate to your members. REGULAR 2024 WEEKLY SCHEDULE- <https://volunteersignup.org/FHLLR>
POC: SSgt Kristal A. Cruz Leon 723-4633 kristal.cruz_leon@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:
 1. Cadet Programs 2. Aerospace Education 3. Emergency Services.
 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.govcivilairpatrol.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>

Caring Edge Hospice Volunteers

Caring Edge Hospice is looking for volunteers to assist with a wide-range of support. It's an honor to be part of our patients' and their families' journeys. Making connections with our amazing hospice team is just one of the many personal and professional rewards you will experience through the gift of volunteering. Our team and our community would like to offer that gift to the Airmen at Minot Air Force Base.
POC: Shelby Stuckey, Volunteer Coordinator (888) 223-4287 shelby.stuckey@caringedge.com

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

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Spring is still officially more than two weeks away but it's never too late to think about spending more time outside and exploring the Peace Garden State, getting to know some of the creatures that call the state home.

One way to get a head start before getting out exploring and observing some of those critters is to check out the N.D. Game and Fish Department website, (gf.nd.gov).

The Game and Fish Department has identified several wildlife species as "Species of Conservation Priority". That program identifies species in the state in need of conservation measures to benefit their population, distribution, and habitat.

North Dakota has numerous grasslands bird. It's often a "must see" destination for birders from across the country in hopes of sighting a variety of those grassland birds.

Several grassland and wetland birds, as well as amphibians, toads, fish, insects, and mammals – critters like bats and the black-tailed prairie dog – are in the Level 1 category, meaning they're the highest priority. They're typically facing declining populations or their North Dakota habitat plays a critical role within their breeding range.

For example, as grassland habitat is converted to other uses many native grassland birds face declining population concerns. Some grassland sparrows found in North Dakota include Nelson's, Baird's, and grasshopper sparrows.

Their nests tend to be parasitized by the overly aggressive cowbird, as well.

And, no, grassland sparrows are not the same thing as the common, non-native English house sparrow that tends to annoy homeowners and birders alike.

Grassland sparrows are those small Little Brown Birds (LBBs when all else fails and it's tough to figure out what it is other than something little, brown, and is a bird) that flit around in native prairie areas, such as Game and Fish Department Wildlife Management Areas.

The greater sage grouse, a treasure of "big sage" habitat, is another bird listed on the Level 1 category. North Dakota is on the edge of historic sage grouse

range. They're found in areas of "big sage" – tri-lobed sage.

Sage grouse use big sage throughout the entire year. It's vital for nesting, food for chicks and adults alike, and year-around shelter. The problem is the birds aren't historically abundant in North Dakota given their specific habitat needs and face declining, fragmented sagebrush habitat that's deteriorating in quality.

Greater sage grouse are fascinating birds – the largest grouse in the state. Seeing one in southwestern North Dakota is a special treat.

Birds aren't the only critters identified as priority species: Monarch butterflies have probably garnered the most attention, highlighting the need for pollinating plants and habitat. In the case of monarchs, that means milkweed flowers.

Their population decline has heightened awareness of the vital role all pollinating insects play in the food chain – and that definitely includes the food humans are dependent on. Without pollinating insects, many foods humans eat would be difficult, at best, to grow.

The Game and Fish Department website has a section devoted to wildlife species identification, including those of conservation concern, common species, huntable species, and even species that while not found in North Dakota, could wander in - like a meandering black bear venturing in from Canada or Minnesota.

Some species included in the listings, such as eastern spotted skunk or black-footed ferret, haven't been identified in the state but there is a possibility of potential habitat in some cases.

Just go to the website, (gf.nd.gov), click "Conservation" on the home page, "Species", and scroll down to "Species ID".

The website also has a bird checklist that can be downloaded as a PDF file in addition to links to a wide variety of additional informational websites relating to everything from birds to insects to waterfowl identification and more.

It's a great way to explore the critters of North Dakota as folks await the official arrival of spring.

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FRIDAY 01

- Winter Reading Program Ends, Minot AFB Library
- Women's Her' Story Month Begins, Dakota Inn Dining Facility
- TAP (DoL) Employment Workshop, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Submissions Open: 2024 Air Force Art Contest, 1200, forcesupport.awardsplatform.com
- Zumba Strong Nation, 1730, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Friday Night Mixed League, 1800, Rough Rider Bowling Center

WEDNESDAY 06

- TAP (DoL) Overview, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Spring Break Lifeguard Class, 0800-1400, Indoor Pool, hosted by Outdoor Recreation
- Pre-Deployment/Remote Readiness Training, 1000, M&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- SkillBridge Brief, 1000, Education Center – Room 211
- Storytime, 1030, Minot AFB Library
- Brown Bag Book Talks, 1200, Minot AFB Library
- Acrylic Paint Pouring, 1730-1930, Arts & Crafts Center
- Zumba Strong Nation, 1730, McAdoo Fitness Center

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SATURDAY 02

- MAFB Discovery Flight, 0830, Outdoor Recreation
- Winter STEAM Challenges, 1000, Minot AFB Library Facebook Page
- Zumba, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- R4R Free Bowling, 1400-1800, Rough Rider Bowling Center

THURSDAY 07

- TAP (DoL) Employment Workshop, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Spring Break Lifeguard Class, 0800-1400, Indoor Pool, hosted by Outdoor Recreation
- Short Notice Pre-Separation Counseling, 0830-1130, M&FRC
- Family Bootcamp, 1000, Turf hosted by McAdoo Fitness Center
- Reintegration Briefing, 1000-1100, M&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- Tuition Assistance (TA) Brief, 1330, Education Center – Room 211
- Extramural Bowling, 1730, Rough Rider Bowling Center
- Zumba, 1900, McAdoo Fitness Center

SUNDAY 03

- Zumba, 1400, McAdoo Fitness Center

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MONDAY 04

- TAP Overview, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- JCM – 17 Essential Qualities of a Team Player, 0800-1600, Professional Development Center
- Spring Break Lifeguard Class, 0800-1400, Indoor Pool, hosted by Outdoor Recreation
- Reintegration Briefing, 1000, M&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- Zumba Strong Nation, 1730, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Writing Club, 1800, Minot AFB Library

FRIDAY 08

- TAP (DoL) Employment Workshop, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Fish Fry Special Lunch, 1030-1330, Dakota Inn Dining Facility
- Cycle & Core, 1115, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Fun Fri-yay, 1600-2100, Jimmy Doolittle Center
- Zumba Strong Nation, 1730, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Friday Night Mixed League, 1800, Rough Rider Bowling Center
- Master Chef Luca Virtual Cooking Class, 1800, forcesupport.awardsplatform.com

SATURDAY 09

- Winter STEAM Challenges, 1000, Minot AFB Library Facebook Page
- Zumba, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Dr. Seuss Day, 1300, Minot AFB Library
- R4R Free Bowling, 1400-1800, Rough Rider Bowling Center
- Registration Ends: 9 Pin No Tap Tournament, 1400, Rough Rider Bowling Center
- Master Chef Luca Virtual Cooking Class, 1700, forcesupport.awardsplatform.com

TUESDAY 05

- TAP (VA) Services and Benefits Briefing, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Spring Break Lifeguard Class, 0800-1400, Indoor Pool, hosted by Outdoor Recreation
- Game Day, 1000-1930, Minot AFB Library
- Family Bootcamp, 1000, Turf hosted by McAdoo Fitness Center
- Tuition Assistance (TA) Brief, 1000, Education Center – Room 211
- Cycle & Core, 1115, McAdoo Fitness Center
- DIY Art & Resin Charcuterie Boards, 1730-1930, Arts & Crafts Center
- Zumba, 1800, McAdoo Fitness Center

MARCH SPECIALS

Bomber Bistro Featured Item
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The B-Fifty Brew Featured Item
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