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Master Sergeants from the 5th Bomb Wing and 91st Missile Wing celebrate their promotion to Senior Master Sgt. with base leadership, wingmen, family and friends at the Jimmy Doolittle Event Center at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, March 15, 2024. Being the second highest enlisted rank in the U.S. Air Force, only 2.5% of the entire enlisted force could hold the rank at all times. See page

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New class of Striker Airmen Coders graduate from AFGSC Cyber Innovation Center

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BOSSIER CITY, La. --

A group of Striker Airmen from across Air Force Global Strike (AFGSC) Command recently celebrated graduating from the command's Striker Airmen Coder (SAC) program in Bossier City, Louisiana.

The team was the sixth cohort of Airmen to finish the six-month program, administered by the Cyber Innovation Center through a partnership intermediary agreement with AFGSC. The command aimed to train Airmen in software development, data analytics and other essential coding skill, equipped to innovate and efficiently solve technical problems in their own units.

The Department of the Air Force recently announced plans to reoptimize the Air and Space Forces to adapt and advance capabilities that are vital for a changing threat environment. The SAC program is future challenges within the space, cyber, and information spheres in an era of Great Power Competition.

Amongst the recently graduated class is a team of four Airmen who developed an app that provides users real-time resource availability for their installation's Logistics Readiness Squadron warehouses. The intent is to enable LRS Airmen to reallocate time and energy to instead be more focused on the other required aspects of the asset-acquiring process; they hope streamlining the process will result in an overall decrease in work hours for everyone involved.

"We have a good proof of concept and hope we can stand up this solution to take back to our unit," said Senior Airman Gabriel Stokes, 791st Maintenance Squadron maintainer from Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota. "This program is a great resource for Airmen because it strengthens a skill set that

worked with the AFGSC Logistics Wing Directorate to expedite and simplify the Nuclear Command, and Communication Control, (NC3) report process. Airman First Class Brandon Estrada-Herrera, 2nd Communications Squadron knowledge management technician from Barksdale AFB, Louisiana, worked on the NC3 project. He noted their design should increase both the quantity and quality of data being transformed into easily communicable findings, getting in-depth information to decision makers faster.

"I feel like this project will have a huge impact Globe Strike-wide," added Estrada-Herrera. "This can be used by everybody."

Airmen who applied to the



Airmen from various units belonging to Air Force Global Strike Command pose for a photo after graduating from the command's Striker Airmen Coder program in Bossier City, Louisiana, on March 12, 2024. The team was the sixth cohort of Airmen to finish the six-month program, administered by the Cyber Innovation Center through a partnership intermediary agreement with AFGSC, that is aimed at training Airmen in software development, data analytics and other essential coding skill; equipping them to innovate and efficiently solve technical problems in their own units.

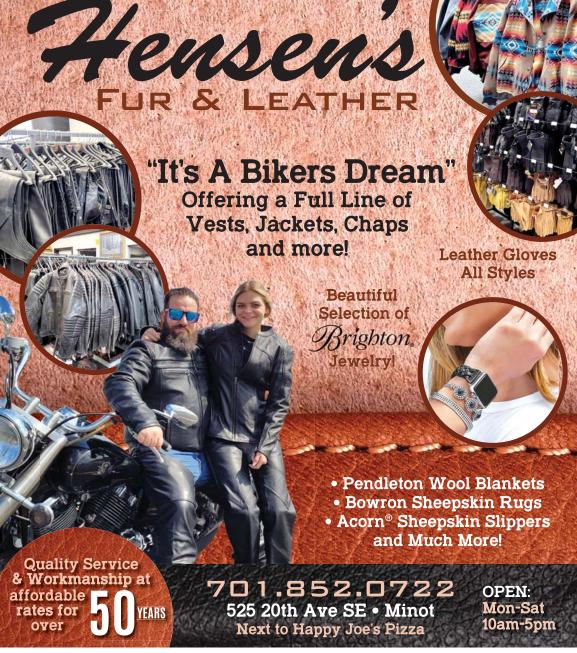
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program were picked through a combination of testing and endorsements by their leadership; members chosen then participated in a three-month coding boot camp. The remainder of the six months was spent working on software and

data science problems with industry experts in Shreveport, Louisiana, to create their projects.

For questions, email AFGSC. STWorkflow@us.af.mil or raechel. tobey.1.ctr@us.af.mil







Minot Task Force 21 to **Host Nuclear Triad Symposium** in North Dakota

THE MINOT AREA CHAMBER EDC

Minot Area Chamber EDC (MACEDC) Task Force announced they will host a nuclear triad symposium in Minot, North Dakota Tuesday, April 23, 2024. The symposium will focus on sustaining credible nuclear deterrence amidst growing challenges while speakers cover modernization including the Sentinel and B-52 projects, the state of nuclear deterrence, and our adversaries.

The event's keynote speaker is career space and missile officer Lt. Gen. Michael J. Lutton, the Deputy Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC) and Deputy Commander, Air Forces Strategic-Air, U.S. Strategic Command, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana. Prior to his current assignment, Lt. Gen. Lutton commanded the Twentieth Air Force, AFGSC, F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming. From June 2014 - June 2016, he served as Minot Air Force Base 91st Missile Wing Commander.



"We know that Minot Air Force Base serves an important role as the bedrock of nuclear deterrence by being the only base with two legs of the nuclear triad," Brekka Kramer MACEDC President | CEO shared. "Together, it is imperative that we continuously educate and build understanding and advocacy around the importance of nuclear deterrence and what Minot Air Force Base does for our nation, allies, and partners. It is critical that leaders understand the role we play, the threats that face our nation, and importance of modernization."

Major modernization projects are underway for bombers, missiles, and weapons systems. In addition to the advocacy and education efforts of Task Force 21, there is a focus on preparing the state for the Sentinel project. Sentinel is the weapon system to replace the aging Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) system representing the modernization of the land-based leg of the U.S. nuclear triad. What makes Sentinel unique is the off-base construction and footprint it covers, including 15 missile alert facilities and 150 launch facilities.

U.S. Senator John Hoeven and U.S. Representative Kelly Armstong of North Dakota are also scheduled to speak. The National Defense Industrial Association Northern Tier Chapter is an event partner bringing in experts on Russia and China. In addition, an update on Sentinel and the final report of the Congressional Commission on the Strategic p\Posture of the United States are planned for the event.



Lt. Gen. Michael J. Lutton

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The half-day symposium will start with continental breakfast at about 7:00 a.m. (CDT) at the Clarion Event Center, 2200 Burdick Expressway East, Minot, N.D. There is no cost to attend this in-person symposium and registration is now open. A full line up of speakers and event agenda will be announced

More information can be found at TaskForce21.com or by contacting the Minot Area Chamber EDC 701-852-6000 or minot@ minotchamberedc.com.

In 2024, Task Force 21 will host two nuclear triad symposiums, the April 23 event in Minot, N.D. and one in Washington, D.C. on September 20, 2024.









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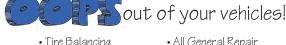
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Lion or Lamb?

There is a saying, March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. So, what is Mother Nature doing scheduling a winter snow "event" on the 24th of March? When I am out shoveling, and the wind is biting me to the bone, it sure seems like more of a lion than a lamb to me. Today at my normal coffee gathering there were several that were trying to soft sell the weather over the weekend. I get "you know, Rod, we've had snow in May." I don't really care about the past folks; we're talking right now. Did they not experience the below zero windchills this (Tuesday) morning? And then there is always that eternal optimist who chimes up and says, "well it won't last long, it's supposed to get into the 50's next week." Again, here, and now. It was 50 in February. That doesn't do us a bit of good on March 24th.

"But haven't you lived here all of your life, Rod. No need to complain" says another. I point out that even us native North Dakotans get a couple of chances a year to complain about the weather. We are less than a week from April showers that bring May flowers.

If you ask me, March is in a bit of a role reversal. The lion waited until the end of the month to roar. I

suppose, we'll have to give Mother Nature a bit of a wide track, though. Her winter was pretty darn nice... up to this point!

SPEAKING OF LIONS

Word came out mid-week that a brand new lion cub has arrived at Roosevelt Park Zoo. Congratulations to RPZ staff who have been caring for the new arrival while mom took a while to recover from the Cesarian Section birth. The photos of the little cub are cute. Can't wait to until the little cub makes an appearance outside this spring.

FINISHING A STORY

I shared a story about my grandkids, and failed to finish the story as to why, and how, I got to be known as BePa (instead of grandpa, poppy, or whatever other name you insert instead of grandpa). My first grandson, Carter, had originally chosen the name, BePa, for me. Not exactly sure why, but it didn't quite catch-on with me at first. I thought grandpa would be fine.

Then came the day when I needed a toddler for a photo shoot at a local credit union. They have a Pee Wee Penguin account to teach little kids

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A VIEW FROM OUR SIDE

ROD WILSON

how to save their pennies, and we needed a small actor to be putting money into a small bank.

It was pretty simple, I was to pick up Carter at daycare, and take him to the credit union. I arrived at the daycare, and all of the kids were downstairs. It was lunch time, and so I walked down the steps to see about 10 little folks sitting around tables eating what else, macaroni and cheese.

Carter caught a glimpse of me coming down the steps and quickly jumped up on top of the table and announced to all of the kids; "That's my BePa, and I'm going with him!" They all cheered! Yep, been BePa ever since. Even got one of those fancy license plates for my pickup. There have been plenty of questions about the license plate. Everyone (especially grandparents) smile when I tell them the story.



BEST KEPT SECRETS

But they won't be for long. Downtown has a couple of new businesses. A great new restaurant located in the old Soo Line depot at the north end of Main Street. The Depot and Baggage Claim has great food, in a nostalgic atmosphere. Give it a try.

And almost right across the street is another new business, The Ugly Box. If you like digging for bargains, this is your store. Miscellaneous merchandise arrives from warehouses where it was unclaimed. New, but without a home. Every day is a different bargain, in a different box. Or maybe even different bargains in different boxes. Check it out.

TODAY'S CHUCKLE

Grandparents are important in the lives of children. They're usually the ones with all the money



License plate tells it all.



Nostalgic depot atmosphere. The food is great!

UPSIDE DOWN UNDER

marvin baker

Several weeks ago my wife and I met a friend from New Zealand who was visiting North Dakota. We agreed to meet in Bismarck and chose the downtown restaurant Pirogue Grille.

Several years ago we frequented that restaurant, but because we live on the northern tier of the state, it's hard to get to Bismarck on a regular basis.

But, when we met Kiwi Kate there, it was as if nothing had changed. The restaurant looked the same, the staff was nearly the same and the menu which was new each time you went to the restaurant, was still offering unique choices, many of them having to do with local foods.

In addition, as I sat there waiting for our meal, Ilene and Kate were deep into conversation so I just looked around the restaurant and watched a busy place operate.

The management had a full staff and it didn't take a lot of effort to see that the kitchen staff and wait staff were all content in their jobs. This was a Saturday night and it was very busy, something that could stress out some people, but I didn't see any of that, at least on the surface.

I also took note of downtown Bismarck itself. Thirteen years ago a

A model for business...

new restaurant called Toasted Frog opened right across the street from Pirogue Grille. On the street it was said to be much better than Pirogue Grille and offered a better drink menu, etc.

This time, however, that downtown building was empty. We found out that Toasted Frog closed permanently last year in April.

Pirogue Grile survived direct competition right across the street. It took more than a decade, but the surviving restaurant continues to thrive.

It's interesting to point this out, not because I'm trying to put in a plug for Pirogue Grille, but because in this day and age, when the service industry is having extreme difficulty getting employees to not only work in a busy environment like this, but stay and be content for many years, is a big plus.

What's the secret? I don't know, I'm not privy to Pirogue Grille's business plan. What I do know is when we met owners Stuart and Cheryl Tracy in 2009, they had already been in business four years and were doing quite well.

We got to know them fairly well through our community supported agriculture venture. It was obvious several weeks ago that Stuart and Cheryl haven't changed either. Cheryl greeted us and we had a nice chat as she seated us. Several minutes later Stuart, the head chef, came out of the kitchen to greet us, remembering us from a six-year absence

This is a high-end restaurant and continues to be popular during a time when dining out has become more expensive. Why?

There may be a simple solution here. Stuart and Cheryl obviously treat their employees like a team, not as employees or helpers.

This place was operating like a well-oiled machine and it's

presumably because of those little things. After Stuart left our table, he quietly spoke to several wait staff before going back into the kitchen.

In a business like this, there have to be incentives to keep the employees happy. They may get a more competitive pay check, there may other benefits such as good health insurance or other perks like extended time off. Or, it could be just those little things like a pat on the back that make the employees feel like they are making a difference.

Whatever it is, it's working like magic. There are a lot of restaurants in Bismarck and we've stopped at a lot of them, but we've never seen such a content place given how busy it was.

So I have to commend the Tracys, not just because I like the food, but because they are doing something to be successful in a grueling business world





SHE'S NOT FROM AROUND HERE

AMY ALLENDER

"Mom, why are there so many bunny things at Easter? Why do we hide eggs? What do eggs have to do with Easter anyway?

questions springtime These seem to be an annual tradition in my household. And this year is no different. The first time the question arose, I delved into some research. Over the years, explaining the answer has become more straightforward. Sure, we could skirt the issue, or get lost in the weeds of pagan practices, fertility goddesses, and Christian symbology. But in my experience, its more effective to simplify. The answer is simple: spring and Easter point to hope and

Several days ago, my sons-now six and three years old-revisited the topic of rabbits, eggs, chicks, and Easter. "Think about it," I replied. "Why do you think eggs and bunnies are symbols of Easter?"

"I don't know," my oldest said. "Because that stuff comes out in the spring? But isn't it going to snow again? It doesn't look like spring."
"Yes, they are symbols of spring.

Easter and spring are kind of knotted together. Symbols of spring often mirror those of Easter," I explained.

Easter holds spiritual significance for my family. However, spring

Simplifying Spring Symbols

is a is a special time for all of us. It is a vital part of life's rhythm, brimming with hope. Spring signals renewal and new growth, even after a season of stillness and snow. These transitional weeks are exhilarating, reassuring us that change is imminent. Spring and Easter reaffirm that warmth will return, life will regenerate, and growth persists-even when we can't see it.

When explaining Easter to my children, I emphasize that all symbols of Easter and spring signify new life. "Did you know rabbits have a superpower?" I asked my boys. They laughed, and my three-year-old guessed that it was hopping. I elaborated, explaining that a bunny's superpower is its ability to have babies. Lots and lots of babies. Rabbits remain fairly concealed throughout winter, almost forgotten. Then, spring arrives, and suddenly, bunnies abound- an abundance of life, almost as if by magic

Spring serves as a reminder that life flourishes and multiplies after periods of scarcity.

We then discussed eggs. From the outside, an egg seems mundane. It lays hidden, wears muted colors, and remains motionless. To the untrained eye, an egg appears dull and lifeless, resembling little more than a rock. However, inside, life is burgeoning, awaiting the perfect moment to emerge.

Inside the egg, a life form develops in darkness, instinctively moving towards transformation. For a chick, hatching propels them from a secure, dim world into a vivid,

vibrant realm of life and possibility. Spring reminds us that life happens even in dark, unremarkable places. It underscores that growth isn't always flashy. Spring invites us to step into the light, embrace a

colorful existence, leaving behind our empty shells.

Why do we hide eggs? Because signs of new life and growth are worth seeking. Why are there treats inside? Because surviving winter to welcome back spring and summer merits celebration.

"You also said it doesn't look like spring. You're right," I said. Look outside. What do you notice about the trees and grass?'

'They're dead."

"The leaves are gone, and the grass isn't green. But they aren't dead. Death is final, irreversible. Do you think our trees will have leaves next month?" They both agreed they would. Not only do leaves return, but perennials come back heartier. Bushes grow taller, and grass requires regular trimming.

Winter ushers life into a dormant state. But dormant isn't dead.

Spring reminds us that dormancy is temporary. Life can rebound more vigorously, even after months of bitter cold stillness.

May this Easter weekend fill you with hope, and may spring inspire positivity. May the resilience of nature instill awe at life's capacity to rejuvenate, refresh, and flourish anew.

For more positive perspectives and stories of life in Hotdish Land, join me online at amyallender.com, on Instagram @heyminot or @amy_allender, and Facebook at @amyallenderblog.



As someone who works against a natural bent toward pessimism, Easter and spring are always a welcome reminder of positivity and hope.

AMY ALLENDER PHOTO



Captain Matt Rogers



741st Missile Squadron Hometown: Plano, TX

Captain Rogers has served the United States Air Force for 14 years as an enlisted airman and officer. He has been stationed at Minot AFB for seven years and currently works as an ICBM Operations Officer. Captain Rogers transitioned to the Air Force Reserves in 2021 to make Minot a permanent home for his family. In his civilian role, Rogers enjoys spending time with his children Taylor, Jolene, Marshall & Patrick and supporting his wife Amy's real estate agent business.

GAME SALUTE: FRIDAY, MARCH 29



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Ladies and gentlemen, let's give it up for the powerhouse that is the 91st Security Forces Group Standards and Evaluations team! With precision and dedication, they serve not just 1,100 Air Force Security Forces members and 5 commanders, but the very backbone of our nation's defense. Their expertise shines as they evaluate and certify 16 diverse duty positions crucial to safeguarding the Minot Missile Complex. And that's not all! These defenders augment the 91st Missile Wing Inspector General team, ensuring programs across the Wing are in compliance with the strictest Air Force regulations! Lastly, they orchestrate group and wing-level exercises, seamlessly integrating with up to five base agencies. Together, they test the bounds of agility and forward aggression, all while safeguarding the world's most deadly assets!"

GAME SALUTE: SATURDAY, MARCH 30

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.

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BEST LOCAL NIGHTTIME HOTSPOT Atypical Brewery



True Tale from Dakota Territory



SLICE OF LIFE KIM FUNDINGSLAND

A story that captured the attention of newspaper readers all across the United States had an unbelievable ending in North Dakota, then Dakota Territory.

The year was 1877, one year after the defeat of Lt. Colonel George Custer and five companies of the vaunted 7th Cavalry at the Battle of the Little Bighorn. The Nez Perce, led by legendary Chief Joseph, fled their reservation land near Walla Walla, Washington after months of mistreatment by a corrupt Indian Agent.

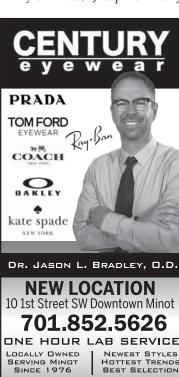
The news quickly spread that Joseph hoped to unite the Nez Perce with famous Hunkpapa Sioux Chief Sitting Bull. Sitting Bull, the recognized leader of the various tribes on the Northern Plains, and many of his followers fled to Canada following the Little Bighorn fight.

The Army immediately put troops in the field in pursuit of Joseph and the Nez Perce. Several battles were fought but the Nez Perce eluded defeat and capture. Newspapers were soon carrying accounts of the Army's top commanders being outmaneuvered by the clever Chief Joseph. Joseph was thrust into the national spotlight as readers marveled behind the plight of the Nez Perce.

General Samuel Sturgis had Custer's former regiment, the 7th Cavalry, in the field. Rumors flew that the 7th was about to be caught between the forces of Joseph and Sitting Bull. The St. Paul Pioneer Press wrote, "The situation is regarded in Washington as extremely critical."

Other troops in the field were commands led by Gen. Oliver Otis Howard and Gen. Nelson A. Miles, considered among the most effective leaders in the Army, yet Joseph maintained the upper hand each time an engagement occurred.

Ultimately, after being chased several hundred miles by the Army's finest, Joseph's weary



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in a hot fight in the Bear Paw present-dav Mountains of Montana just a few miles from the safety of the Canadian border. Gen. Miles' troopers inflicted heavy casualties, captured many Nez Perce ponies, blankets, and

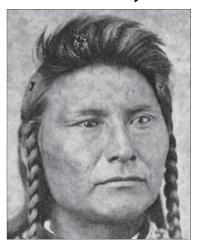
Joseph had little choice but to surrender. He did so in clothing riddled with seven bullet holes. eloquently delivering to Miles the famous words that were printed in newspapers through the country:

"From where the sun now stands, I shall fight no more forever.'

Miles marched the Nez Perce survivors to Bismarck, allowing Joseph alone to keep his horse so he could ride into Bismarck as a chief. Bismarck's Sheridan House Hotel hosted a banquet in honor of Joseph and his sub-chiefs. Among those requesting Joseph's presence was Henry Porter, the Army surgeon who treated the wounded while under attack on Reno hill during the Little Bighorn fight the previous year.

After the meal was served Joseph rose to speak, saying, "I always try to entertain good sentiments in my heart, and I would now make you understand that I entertain them at this moment. Just as we plant a good tree to grow good fruit, I keep good sentiments to make a good man. All of us should have good sentiments and express them. If everybody did there would be no trouble all the world over."

A day later Joseph and his band boarded a Northern Pacific train leaving Bismarck. Necessarily, the train made a stop for water 100 miles east at Jamestown. But



KIM FUNDINGSLAND PHOTOS

when the train departed Joseph was not on board.

While at the Jamestown water stop a conductor invited Joseph to join him at a local eating house. After that meal, Joseph wandered into a store to purchase bread for his wife and son who remained on the train. Thus, the clever chief that had been chased nearly halfway across the continent by three columns of the U.S. Army had escaped custody in Dakota!

An alarm was immediately raised, the train stopped about two miles outside of Jamestown, then reversed. The obviously frantic conductor who believed he was responsible for the missing chief, was both relieved and surprised to discover Joseph running down the track toward the train. Joseph, out of breath when he finally boarded the train, was clutching a loaf of bread.

Ironically, the legendary Chief Joseph, chased throughout the northwest by the Army's finest generals, was "captured" while chasing a train in Dakota







The survey is being conducted online and is being administered through a third party, CEL & Associates, Inc. (CEL). All households are invited to participate in the survey, and this is your opportunity to provide feedback on your housing and community. We have provided information below on how to obtain a survey.

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- 1. Check your spam folder. The initial email came from AirForceHousingSurvey@celassociates.com.
- 2. Check with your spouse, partner, or other household member(s) to determine if they received the email or text.

If you still need assistance or can't locate your survey, go to "Find my Survey".

Use URL or Scan QR Code Below Go to: https://celsurvey.com/findmysurvey



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General Survey Information

- 1. The survey will be launched on Monday, March 4, 2024.
- 2. The survey results are confidential and anonymous.
- Only CEL has access to your survey responses, so please express your true opinions and thoughts.
- 3. Each household may only complete one survey.

Thank you for your participation.



A LOOK BACK

THIS WEEK IN USAF HISTORY

PAUL W. AIREY BECOMES THE FIRST CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT OF THE AIR FORCE **APRIL 3, 1967**



Paul Airey was born in 1923 and raised in Quincy, Massachusetts. He joined the Army Air Forces on November 16, 1942 and spent his more than 27 years in service as an aerial gunner, radio operator, first sergeant, personnel sergeant major, and as the first Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force. During World War II, Airey was a crew member on a B-24 bomber that was downed by antiaircraft fire over Vienna, Austria. The crew of that bomber were immediately captured and kept as prisoners of war until May 2, 1945. In 1967, he was promoted to the new position of CMSAF, making Airey the highest

CMSAF Paul W. Airey (USAF Photo)

ranking enlisted Airman. He aided and advised the secretary of the Air Force and the chief of staff on matters pertaining to enlisted airmen, such as assignments and promotions. He was also a strong advocate for enlisted professional military education and pushed the Air Force to give more training to Senior Noncommissioned Officers. After his time as CMSAF, Airey returned to Tyndall AFB, Florida where he became a first sergeant. Paul Airy retired on August 1, 1970 and moved to Florida with his wife, Shirley. He became an active part of the Air Force Sergeants Association, Air University Foundation, Airmen Memorial Museum, and Airmen Memorial Foundation. He passed away on March 11, 2009.

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Military Life WILL Change You

ERIN BEENE, NORTHERN SENTRY

People change as they grow older. It's a natural way of life. Perspectives broaden, priorities alter and experiences make each of us evolve as the years go by. Everyone is different at age 20 than at age 40. This happens. But, it happens differently - and drastically - for many mil spouses. Me included.

I'm not the same bright-eyed, adventure seeking 23 year-old I was when I first became a mil spouse. Nearly 15 years into this journey and I have changed drastically. Not just the physical changes that happen to all middle-aged women (hello unwanted weight and forehead lines) but something much deeper is becoming very apparent.

I look back to my life prior to being a mil spouse: I was young, excited and eager about what would come next, but secretly, I was intimidated by the military lifestyle that faced me. It all seemed so official and looming- this military world- at the time. Besides growing up in San Antonio, Texas – "Military City USA" – I had no knowledge of any inner workings of the military until I met my husband at age 20. Suddenly, I fell in love and was elated to begin the new unknown and exciting life of the military. Life was all in front of me and I was ready for it.

However, I am not that same young lady anymore.

Now, my life has changed. I have changed. I have unabashedly lived (not just stayed for a while) in six completely different places (two overseas). Each of these places claimed different cultures, ways of life, weather and types of people. I have lived thousands of miles away from my family. I have had to plant roots, then uproot them. I have had to make new friends and shift my lifestyle with every move. With every new location, I become different. I am not that same young woman who braved her Southerner fear of cold and drove through an



Back in 2010 and less than a year into the Air Force lifestyle, my fears hit a little differently.

ice storm in Montana three days before Christmas. She was afraid of many different things than I am

One cannot uproot their lives so many times and not change themselves deeply. We are different and we are different in this way from our non-military friends and family whether we like it or not.

Change isn't bad but it can sometimes be hard for old friends and family to keep up. They likely haven't had to change as much. They will probably have more traces of their younger self left than you and I might. As mil spouses we are expected to always be adapting, making things work, have no plans and make the best of it, and we do. But, as I get older, I find that people "back home" can find this harder to understand because they simply don't have to live in 2-year segments. They can make long-term home investments. They can have yearly family traditions. They can, quite frankly, plan for the future.

Future planning was less daunting when I was in my 20s. Now, in my late 30s it's creeping up on me. Kids' college funds, retirement accounts and trying to make life long goals without any context to what the next 5-7 years will even look like feels

impossibly frustrating and scary. The cold weather doesn't scare me anymore thanks to Malmstrom and Minot, but other things, deeper things, do.

So, it's a tradeoff. Had I stayed in Texas my whole life I never would have never gotten over my fear of driving in the snow or traveling alone with my kids all over the world on all types of public transit. I would have bought a house, started and stayed in a career field and I would likely have done many of the things I now sometimes dream of.

So, I have changed. And yes, I have missed out on traditions and extended family time and making well-informed, long term housing/ vehicle decisions. But when I write it all out like this, I realized something. While I have changed a lot, I really actually think I have changed for the better....

Military life changes us, and it's hard. Super freaking hard. But when you sit down and think about it, the changes have probably made you stronger, wiser and more adaptable. Let's be honest, mil life probably hasn't made you richer, but richer in experiences, challenges and obstacles is actually much more valuable in a lifetime.

I'm glad I have changed.

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SNOW REPORT

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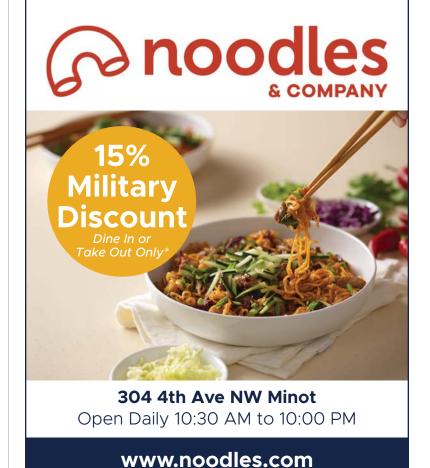
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Roll into Motorcycle Season 2024 Safely

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Motorcycle Preseason, March 21 through May 16, is underway and motorcycle riders need to be aware and prepared to ensure 2024 is the safest riding season yet.

U.S. AIR FORCE GRAPHIC STAFF SGT. LAUREN DOUGLAS

KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. --

The time is coming! Days will be longer and warmer soon which means more outdoor activities and motorcycles on the road. Understanding motorcycle safety is essential for all motorcycle riders. Awareness of hazards, personal protective equipment, and safety precautions all contribute to mitigating risks. This Motorcycle Preseason, March 21 through May 16, motorcycle riders need to be aware and prepared to ensure 2024 is the safest riding season yet.

Motor vehicle mishaps are the most common threats to road safety. In 2023, there were 22 motorcycle fatalities across the Department of the Air Force. Of those, 16 were in excess of 25 miles over the speed limit, and seven involved an intoxicating substance. This preseason, the Department of the Air Force intends to contact and register 100% of its riders, then schedule and train all riders, followed by a unit sweep to identify any unregistered riders and get them up to code.

The Motorcycle Unit Safety Tracking Tool was designed to provide training data for DAF motorcycle riders. Ten of last year's fatalities were found to have inactive MUSTT accounts or no account at all. This mandatory training and tracking system is vital to serving motorcycle riders and could save lives.

"Untrained riders, regardless of

age or years of riding experience, are most susceptible to unsafe practices," said David R. Brandt, Traffic Safety deputy branch chief. "Riding and training are two separate things. Training and practice help to make riding safer."

As the motorcycle safety program manager and a 25-year rider, Brandt recommends that riders build skills through diligent practice and training. With training, riders will be able to avoid dangerous situations and prevent themselves from getting hurt, or worse.

Risk takers, who deliberately break rules, is another serious issue when riding. Lack of compliance to regulatory guidance is a main area of concern. Riding under the influence, riding with no personal protective equipment or proper training, directly leads to unsafe practices. When a member does break the rules, they are subject to a Line of Duty determination where they could lose benefits or must pay their own mishap costs.

Proper training gives Airman and Guardian riders an avenue to acquire skills, build a rider's mentality, and educate other riders on current standards and techniques. Every DAF Rider should be physically capable, mechanically sound, and mentally prepared to mitigate risks before riding a motorcycle.

Brandt's top tip for riders is learn how to brake effectively.

"With all the data and research we have, effective braking could solve

75% of all motorcycle mishaps," Brandt said. "Emergency braking and learning to trail brake in the corners would completely change the way you ride."

The DAF Rider website is a onestop shop for all things motorcycle in the Department of the Air Force. For questions that aren't answered on the site, each unit also has a motorcycle safety representative who is knowledgeable of all requirements. Riders can also contact their Wing or MAJCOM Safety offices with questions. The Traffic Safety branch here at the Air Force Safety Center is also here to help answer any questions you may have. There is no reason a DAF member should be lost regarding motorcycle requirements.

For more information see the DAF Rider page at https:// www.safety.af.mil/Divisions/ Occupational-Safety-Division/ Air-Force-Rider/ or contact your motorcycle safety representative.



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Be-the-Cause is Sold Out!

ERIN BEENE, NORTHERN SENTRY

Once in a while, something unique and extra-meaningful pops along to Minot's art scene. The Bethe-Cause Art Show and Auction, coming up on April 15, is one such event. Spearheaded by Holly Jacobs and Kim Urban and hosted by the Minot Country Club, Be-the-Cause is the first known local art expo to highlight such a specific artscentered theme.

This formal event will feature live music, games, food and drinks-all in the name of art. More specifically, "Disability Art", which is art and art therapy created by a person with any type of disability. Jacobs told the Northern Sentry that she became passionate about this cause several years ago when she was diagnosed with early onset Parkinsons; however, she really disliked the term "Disability Art". When it came time to find a name for her awareness event, she went another way with the term "Bethe-Cause of Art".

All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Department of American Veterans and (W)evolve Therapy Services. Jacobs explained, "I chose the DAV because my husband is retired from the military and (W)evolve will be using our donations for a startup program paint and chat for their clients to

participate free of charge!".

At the time of the interview, Jacobs informed the Northern Sentry that the event was delightfully all sold out to attendees, but that people can still donate to the cause by utilizing the paypal account linked to the QR code. Despite the sought after event now being closed, Jacobs went into detail describing what the lucky guests can expect saying, "[guests will] enjoy cocktails (cash bar) and jazz music from local saxophonist Erik Anderson from the Minot Symphony Orchestra. They will peruse the silent auction with beautiful pieces of art all donated from artists from our local area. We will also have Josephine Vargo Photography taking photos of the guests! We will have Lee Anna Hughes LCSW from (W)evolve Therapy Services speak about art therapy, PD, mental health,

and their new program! Shaun Sipma will be our emcee and our auctioneer for the live auction part at the end of the night."

All of the art pieces up for both silent and live auction during the evening have been donated by local North Dakota artists. Jacobs said that people warned her she might have a hard time getting artists to donate their work to the cause, but surprisingly she got a positive response from almost every artist she spoke to.

Jacobs is hoping to raise at least \$10,000 to support the art classes and therapy programs for any affected by mental or physical

"To practice any art, no matter how well or how badly, is a way to make your soul grow, for heaven's sake. So do it." – Kurt Vonnegut







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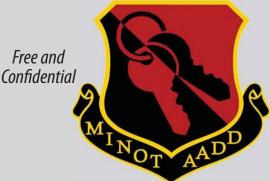
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Abuse Victims Taught To Be All They Can Be

Her April 7th Breakthrough Retreat is titled Created to Shine, Unlock Your Hope, Peace & Purpose. The retreat is during April purposely because it is Sexual Assault Awareness month. But for Mary Lingelbach, who has been holding these retreats for over 10 years, returning to her hometown of Minot is important because "I am able to bring this retreat to them where women from all around. Velva, Sawyer, Max, (and of course the Minot Air Force Base) can attend" according to Mary. And the retreat is not only about sexual abuse, "it deals with wounds from the past. Divorce, incest, abortion, miscarriage" continues Mary "by working with women to teach them to live intentionally free every day, to walk in their purpose. It's not my purpose, it's totally their purpose.'

Mary Lingelbach shares that many deal with these issues every day. "But when they try to find help they are sabotaged by fear and doubt and that causes them to stumble along the way as they struggle to find help."

She explains that the very nature of a women is to care. "The find themselves caring for a family and kids while still maintaining a job. They are the first ones out there, on the front lines, and thus they turn themselves ragged and start to wear down. They often find themselves dealing with depression, stressed relationships, and health issues. We (women) kind of do it backwards. In an airplane they tell you that if the oxygen masks come down to help yourself first, and then help others. We find ourselves helping others and not have the time or the energy to help ourselves.

Mary explains that she doesn't want women who attend the retreat to think that they will hear from someone who thinks they have it all together "I don't" she explains "All women deal with these things, and they don't necessarily have the energy or the time to stop and take care of themselves.

I believe that we need to "live life intentionally every day. We all have hurts, kind of like pricking you finger with a thorn. But you can't dwell on that hurt forever. All those hurts don't have to define you. Life is full of thorns, that doesn't have to ruin your life. A lot of times in life we need to just rip off the scab and address the hurt. We can't do that too soon, sometimes it takes time, but we need to take steps toward a life of hope and peace, and experience what that life may

According to Mary women who attend the retreat will be learning about themselves, "and learning that from the knowledge they gain, they can apply that knowledge and gain wisdom. Not one size fits all. They can answer the questions they have about their lives, and now they can define themselves. As a life coach I have worked with women who are millionaires. But having money doesn't mean they have it all together."

Mary hopes that women at the

retreat learn about themselves, and then they can apply that knowledge to walk in the gifts they have and help others. "I'm really pretty black & white. I am there to help the women who attend. If what we find out hurts, it hurts. If it's sad, it's sad. I want to be able to encourage them to step out because there is so much more. Fear holds us back; My heart is for the women to be able to come, and not just take away knowledge, but take away a nugget of truth and be that person that they were created to be. They have been equipped and empowered to carry that through life. So often 2-5 years later they are dealing with the same things. I want to show them how to move on.'

Mary shares that "the #1 thing women do? They care for others. Once we have been abused then we (women) pull back and don't want to care for others. We often hide behind the caring. There are those around us who are very caring, But we look into their life and it's a



Mary Lingelbach

Mary also hopes to teach women "To be able to love like you've never been hurt. And yet we know that life is going to hurt us."

No reservations needed for the April 7th retreat. It takes place at the Grand Hotel, 1505 North Broadway, from 4 to 6 PM in the Kevske room. "Created to Shine. Come expecting to receive what you need to be all that you can be.'













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2024 DAF Art Contest opens for 2D, 3D artists

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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas (AFNS) --

The 2024 Department of the Air Force Art Contest opened March 1 and runs through April 30.

Any authorized patrons of DAF morale, welfare and recreation programs and facilities – beginning at age six – can participate in the

Following the success of last year's introduction of threedimensional art, this year's contest, managed by the Air Force Services Center, again includes both 2D and 3D works of art.

"We're excited to have 3D art be a part of our annual art contest," said Abbie Pollard, AFSVC Community Programs team lead.

With 3D art, the contest now includes items such as hand-made sculptures, basket weaving, jewelry, pottery and quilting, as long as it's three dimensional.

For 2D art, artists can create submissions in oil, watercolor, acrylic, pastel, mixed media, gouache, egg tempera, pen and ink, charcoal, colored pencil, scratch board, markers, and metal point. Digital art isn't included in the

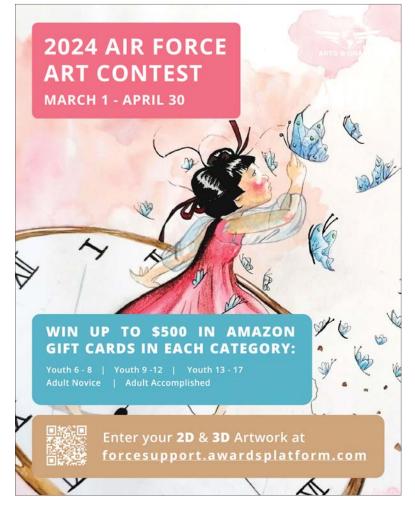
Artists can submit one or two photos of their entry at https:// forcesupport.awardsplatform.com no later than April 30 at 11:59 p.m.

'This is a great opportunity for our Air Force and Space Force families to showcase a talent that reflects the beauty of their creativity," said Naybu Fullman, AFSVC art contest program manager.

"Art increases social interaction, allows for open conversations and expressions of all types of topics, creating a bridge of understanding between diverse groups," Pollard said. "It opens a space for people to feel confident in sharing who they are and expressing their personality.

After the competition closes, a panel of judges will look for impact, creativity and technical expertise when deciding the winners in each of these categories: Adult novice and adult accomplished for those 18 and older at the time of entry. Adult novice category is for new or inexperienced artists while accomplished is for those with knowledge based on education, training, experience, or those who operate as professional artists. Youth categories, based on the age of the artist at the time of submission, are ages 6-8, pre-teens ages 9-12 and teens ages 13-17.

AFSVC will announce the top three winners in each category this



The 2024 Department of the Air Force Art Contest is underway and closes April 30, 2024. Authorized Air Force morale, welfare and recreation program and facilities patrons ages 6 and older can participate by entering 2- or 3-dimensional art.

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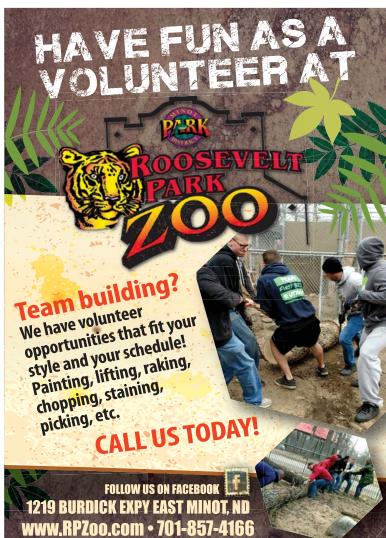
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- 10. A South African
- 14. Billing information
- 15. Country in Asia
- 16. Part of the Ivy League
- 17. The whole story
- 20. Award recipient
- 21. Took a shot in the dark
- 22. Go around in circles
- 23. Rent
- 24. Capricorn sign
- 27. Presidential nickname

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- accommodations
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- 67. Radiator attachments

- 1. Capital of Ghana
- 6. Be extremely furious

- 29. Coral construction
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- 18. Smoked or jellied
- 19. Boxer healer

- 24. The Bee Gees family
- 25. 1995 NBA scoring champ
- 26. "My Dinner With
- 28. Divided nation
- 29. Short mediator 30. Do more than bleep
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- theme entry 40. Blows up or loses it
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- 53. Historic Scott
- 54. Hollywood intersection
- 55. Graphic symbol
- 57. People withdraw from them
- 58. Scruff
- 59. Full-house notices (Abbr.)
- 61. Stick or stop starter



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MINOT AFB EXCHANGE -Throughout April, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service is saluting America's youngest heroes at Minot Exchange with an exclusive sweepstakes during the Month of the Military Child.

Starting April 1, the Minot AFB Exchange will give away military "brat patches." Military children can pick up the collectible patch, an exclusive accessory designed by the Exchange for military children since 2017, at checkout while supplies

"Military children serve an important role, and the Exchange is honored to celebrate their service and sacrifice," said Minot AFB Exchange General Manager Kyle Omler. "America's youngest heroes at Minot AFB can join in the fun at the BX with a chance to win cool prizes during the month of April.' Events and offers include:

• An exclusive sweepstakes giving away more than \$23,000 in top trending toys and Exchange gift cards to military kids. Authorized shoppers 18 and older can enter on their favorite military child's behalf at ShopMyExchange.com/ sweepstakes through May 2.

An exclusive coupon for military children 18 and younger to receive a free treat at participating Exchange restaurants beginning April 1. Coupon is valid for a free side item, fountain drink or dessert. Shoppers can visit the Exchange food court to pick up the coupon while supplies last.

Military children can also receive a free goodie bag and a certificate of appreciation during Purple Up Day 15-April-2024. Shoppers can contact the BX at 701-727-4717 for more information on the event date and time.

Authorized shoppers can find more information on Month of the Military child exclusive deals, event details, sweepstakes information and more on the Exchange's community Hub at https://aafes. media/MoMC24.



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NOTES ON BEING SAFE

AF needs members to get 'backs' in

shape What costs more than \$80 billion a year, affects eight out of ten people sometime in their life and is the leading medical reason for people

Another hint: it costs more money and causes more disability than any other work-related injury. It may surprise you that the answer to these questions is back pain. Sometimes there is a specific injury that causes back pain, but most of the time back pain occurs gradually as the result of cumulative daily

There are many things that can be done to reduce the risk for future back injury. Unfortunately, most of us neglect our backs until an injury does occur.

In the Air Force we recognize that a rigid program of preventative maintenance saves countless lives and millions of dollars by preventing aircraft failures. We certainly would not accept an 80 percent mishap rate for the life expectancy of our jets. So why don't people practice preventative care to avoid disabling back pain?

Our back is a complex structure made of bones, muscles and ligaments. Its complexity makes it prone to degenerate naturally with time.

posture, faulty body mechanics, stressful living and working habits, loss of flexibility and strength and general decline of physical fitness all contribute to the back's degeneration. Preventative maintenance slows down the daily wear and tear by keeping the back healthy. Some things you can do to prevent and reduce back pain are: improve posture, increase flexibility, strengthen abdominal muscles, improve overall fitness, quit smoking and lose excess weight.

Improve posture and body mechanics: To improve posture, avoid slump sitting, standing stooped with rounded shoulders or getting into awkward positions. Lifting should be done with your legs instead of your back, and your back should be kept straight (avoid twisting and lifting).

Increase flexibility: To increase flexibility, work on the hamstrings by lying flat on your back with your legs stretched out, then raise one leg as high as you can without bending your knee (hold for 15-30 seconds). Then switch legs. While also on your back, bend each knee individually up to your chest. Then bring both knees up to your chest.

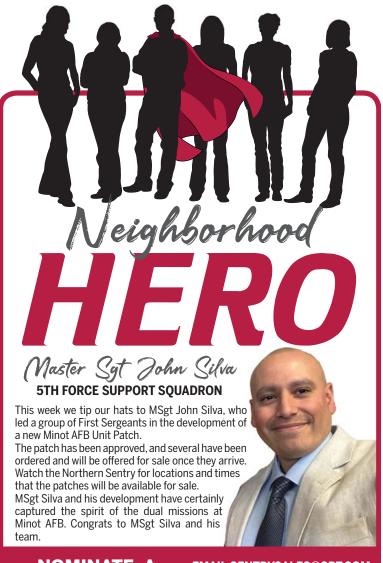
Strengthen the abdominal muscles: Mini crunches, or partial sit-ups where the back remains on the floor, are the most effective way to strengthen your abdominal



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muscles without stressing your back. Lie on your back with your knees bent. Slowly raise your shoulders off the floor. Your lower back always stays in contact with the floor. Work on increasing the duration you can perform this exercise.

Get fit: To increase your general fitness there are a variety of exercises you can do. The guideline is to exercise continuously for 20-30 minutes four to five times a week. It doesn't matter what specific activity you choose. It is better if you enjoy the activity because you will be more likely to continue exercising on a regular basis.

Stop smoking: Recent research determined that smoking increases your chances for getting back pain. Nicotine causes contraction of small blood vessels, thus decreasing the vital blood supply to muscles that are in constant use in the back. Smoking also slows down the healing process therefore prolonging the back pain.

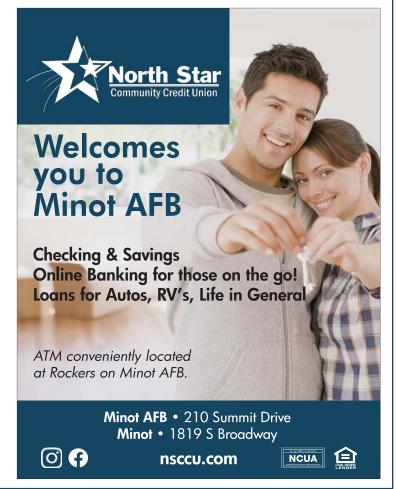
Lose weight: If you are overweight, the extra weight puts added daily stress on your back and other joints. This added stress accumulates over time and accelerates the natural degeneration of your spine.

One of the major factors that contributes to the development of back pain is a person's attitude. When people get back pain they fail to accept the responsibility that their neglect has contributed.

People with back pain often believe they shouldn't have to change anything they do. They always say "I've done it that way for years and it never hurt me before." But it is important to understand that it may take years of accumulative stress from bad habits to damage the back before it actually causes pain.

Once the injury occurs, pain is the clue that bad habits need to be changed. Unfortunately, injury should not have to occur before you decide to implement the above recommendations. If you make a conscious effort to take care of your back, you decrease your chances for back pain or at least reduce the severity of it.

So, don't fly in a plane that hasn't had its proper scheduled maintenance. Don't take a trip in a car that has never had its oil changed and don't live with a back that hasn't been properly taken care of. Take care of your back.







DINOSAUR CLASS 9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON Magic City Discovery Center 1545 1st St NW, Minot, ND

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The Dinosaur Class will be taught by Karen Langemo and will be held in the Community Rooms from 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. on April 2, 2024 – There is no school this day!

Cost: \$40.50 for MCDC Members, \$45 for Non-Members.



For more information:

Facebook / Magic City Discovery Center/ Events



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Music - Mrs Lakoduk's 4th Grade Class

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3 April 2024

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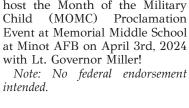
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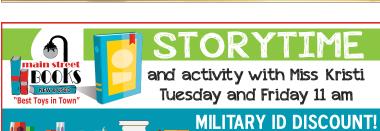
Proclamation Presentation by Lt. Gov. Tammy Miller RSVP

Comments from state, community, and military leaders





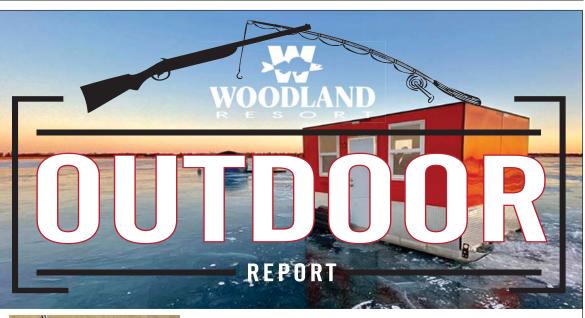
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Fishing:

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Devils Lake elevation: 1,449.15 feet above mean sea level (MSL).

Stump Lake elevation: 1,449.2

*N.D. Game & Fish Dept. game wardens: Dangerous th'in ice along the shorelines on Lake Sakakawea. No reports from north-central area lakes or Devils

*Devils Lake, Ed's Bait Shop, Devils Lake: Fair walleye success with some anglers walking onto Devils Lake.

*Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: A few anglers still walking onto Devils Lake with fair walleye success. Work shallow but beware of open water around the bridges.

*Lake Darling, Karma C-Store, Ruthville: Little activity and no new reports from Lake Darling due to weather and poor ice.

Metigoshe, Seasons, Bottineau: Little activity due to weather with anglers generally now waiting for open

*Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Cenex Bait & Ťackle, Garrison: No reports from the east end of Lake Sakakawea and Lake Audubon. No access recommended due to thin ice over previously open water along lake shorelines.

Sakakawea/Lake *Lake Audubon, Hwy. 83 Lawn & Leisure, Garrison: A few anglers

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.



April 5 – 7: Minot Curling Club Short Sleeve Bonspiel.

• April 6: Ducks Unlimited banquet, Upper Missouri Valley Fairgrounds, Williston, 5 p.m.

• April 13 & 14: USPSA Match, Minot Rifle & Pistol Club.

• April 13: Spring turkey season opens.

• April 13: Maple Sugaring Day, Fort Stevenson State Park, Garrison, 10 a.m.

• April 13: Easter Egg Hunt, Lewis & Clark State Park east of Williston.

still on the search for pike but use extreme caution with thin ice and snow covering what was open water along the shorelines on the east end of Lake Sakakawea after last weekend's storm.

*Lake Sakakawea. Town: No new reports from the Van Hook Arm or river portion of Lake Sakakawea around New Town.

*Lake Sakakawea/Missouri River, Scott's Bait & Tackle, Pick City: Limited activity on the Missouri River tailrace and no new reports.

*Lake Sakakawea/northwest N.D. lakes, Scenic Sports, Williston: Some activity on the Missouri and Yellowstone rivers with open water and boat access at the pump house.

*Lonetree WMA area lakes, Harvey: No activity on area

*North-central/central N.D. lakes, Towner Hdwe. Hank, Towner: No activity on area lakes. The Souris River remains low and ice slumped.

Numbers to know:

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

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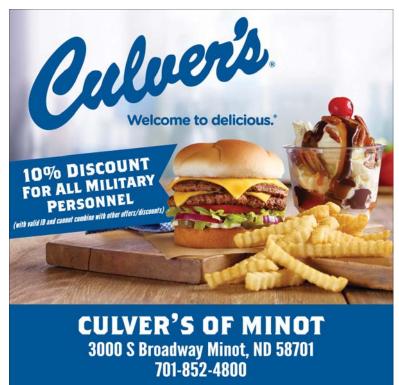


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INGREDIENTS

4 WHOLE CORN, EARS 1 CUP CORNMEAL

1 CUP ALL-PURPOSE FLOUR 2/3 CUP WHITE SUGAR

1 1/2 TEASPOON BAKING POWDER 1/2 TEASPOON BAKING SODA

1/2 TEASPOON SALT

1/2 CUP BUTTER, SOFTENED

1 CUP BUTTERMILK

2 WHOLE EGGS

1/4 CUP HONEY 1/2 CUP BUTTER, SOFTENED

When ready to cook, set temperature to high (500 ° F) and preheat, lid closed for 15 minutes. Peel back the outer layer of the corn husk keeping it attached to the cob. Remove the silk from the corn and place the husk back into place. Soak the corn in cold water for 10 minutes. Place the corn directly on the grill grate and cook for 15-20 minutes turning occasionally until the kernels are tender. Remove from grill and set aside. Turn the grill temperature down to 350 ° F.

In a large separate bowl, mix together the cornmeal, flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. In a separate bowl, mix together the butter, buttermilk, and eggs. Pour the wet mixture into the cornmeal mixture and fold together until there are no dry spots (the batter will still be lumpy). Pour the batter into a greased 9" x 13" baking dish.

Cut the kernels from the corn and sprinkle over the top of the batter pressing the kernels down with a spoon to submerge. Bake the cornbread until the top is golden brown and a tester inserted into the middle of the cornbread comes out clean, about 20 to 25 minutes.



Remove the cornbread from the oven and let cool for 10 minutes before serving. To make the honey butter, mix honey and butter until combined. Serve with warm cornbread. Enjoy!

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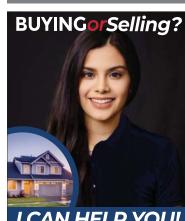
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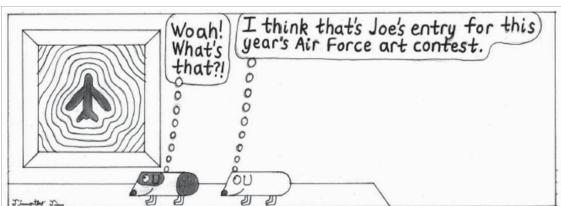
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Timmothy Timm of Minot currently attends Minot State University, is a Minot High School graduate, artist, cartoonist, author and illustrator. Timm has also created other works of art that are on display in his art studio downtown located at 201 Main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

TIMMOTHY TIMM



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)

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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@bealth mil

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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

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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

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 Ages 9–12-year-old Baseball/Softball: 12 coaches needed. Practice schedule: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1730-1830 at the fields behind the

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

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

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.gocivilairpatrol.com or contact the POC below. Meeting location: AvFlight, Minot Airport, 2400 N. Broadway Suite E, 1830-2030 every Thursday

POC: 1st Lt Ion McLemore CAP Ionathan mclemore@ 701-720-6410 | https://nd021.cap.go

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POC: Shelby Stuckey, Volunteer Coordinator (888) 223-4287 shelby.stuckey@caringedge.com

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Provider of the Month Feature



ALEXANDRA IPINA

What do you enjoy most about being an FCC Provider?

What I enjoy most about being a provider is being able to watch how each child learns and processes things differently. Also, seeing them get so excited for the little things is so heartwarming and makes my heart happy.

What are your interests/hobbies?

One of my interests/hobbies is that I really enjoy playing tennis. I used to play in the Varsity team back in high school and it's just something I've kept since then. I also do enjoy playing video games from time to time.

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

Advice I have for new providers is to take it slow and not feel so pressured with all the overwhelming information at the start. It's not an easy job and it definitely takes a lot but seeing them smile at the end of the day and then giving you random hugs throughout the day, makes it all

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





Patricia Stockdill

Little tidbits of inspiration began trickling in slowly at first. As daylight inches longer and longer, the sun stretches higher in the sky, and gentle warming temperatures filter through one's body, each passing day brings more inspiring reminders that life goes on in a joyous way.

It's spring and migration is underway with even more yet to come.

Birds in a variety of sizes and destinations are focused on one thing: Their mission is life itself, especially for those who must take flight on journeys of several hundred, or, indeed, several thousand miles simply to get back home to

To continue life.

Migration is essential for many birds. It means life or death, not just for themselves but for an entire species, if they can complete their mission.

Yet given the intensely critical nature of that mission, for the humans on the ground privileged to observe their spring and fall flights, it's simply a marvel.

And a reminder that yet another spring has arrived, even if it felt like it back in February.

Or, to borrow the words of one birder with a post on an avian social media birding site, "This time of year is so joyful with returning birds."

It is joyful even if it's muddy, trees are still bare, and grass is brown. Yet if a person looks closely, hints of green already appear in some parts of lawns.

Throngs of Canada geese have been moving in and through - and staying - for the past few weeks. Heck, a record number of them lounged on the Missouri River tailrace below Garrison Dam all winter rather than expanding energy flying any farther south than was necessary.

Maybe they knew something we didn't. Maybe they knew it would be a mild winter.

Or maybe they're smart enough to conserve that valuable energy for nesting rather than flying south.

Crows are social creatures. Their morning gatherings as they awaken can be guite boisterous as they prepare for flight departure or land for their evening roost and rest while en route to their summer destinations.

They're moving through parts of North Dakota, as are snow geese.

Soon reports of the wide array of hawks and other raptors begin. And meadowlarks.

The first bluebird arrivals are much beloved as they return to their nesting boxes often crafted by human

And in April purple martins truly signal spring's arrival. Bald eagles - the ones that didn't winter along the Missouri River like the Canada geese - will make their way along open waters of rivers throughout the state, soaring, gliding, and weaving their way to a meal they detect on the ground or even in flight. Ducks and mergansers will be

Reports of killdeers will increase as April progresses.

Sandhill cranes will be arriving, sometimes with their rare cousin, the endangered whooping crane.

North Dakota is smack in the heart of the whooping crane migration between their southern Texas wintering grounds and northern Canadian breeding grounds. Every single whooping crane in North America with the exception of the resident Florida flock and the Wisconsin colony fly over North Dakota.

Every single one of them.

They're a joy for anyone fortunate enough to see one. They provide yet another opportunity to appreciate the extreme toil that is migration.

Other birds will be arriving, including gulls and terns.

Some will stay, calling North Dakota home for the summer, including many duck species. After all, North Dakota is also heart of the Lower 48 breeding duck population for species such as mallards and gadwalls.

Other birds will simply fly over the state, not even pausing. Some will stop to rest, perhaps feed a little, and then move north to Canada. For others, the journey doesn't end until they reach the farthest northern points of the Canadian Arctic tundra.

Go online and search some of North Dakota's major U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wildlife Refuges, such as J. Clark Salyer near Upham and Upper Souris near Foxholm, to download their list of bird species to help with identification. Bird identification guides and apps can also be found online simply by googling.

Look to the sky this spring. Go outside and listen. Observe the trees and the prairie. Spring is here and so, too, are the birds. It is in indeed a joyous time of year.



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- Project Enigma, 0800-1500, Professional Development Center
- Zumba Strong Nation, 1730, McAdoo Fitness Center

SATURDAY 30

- Zumba, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- R4R Free Bowling, 1400-1800, Rough Rider Bowling Center
- Saturday Cinema, 1730-2130, Rockers Bar & Grill

- Women's Her'Story Month Ends, Dakota Inn Dining Facility
- Easter Bunch, 1030-1300, Jimmy Doolittle Center
- Easter Sunday Special Bunch, 1030-1330, Dakota Inn Dining Facility
- Eggstravaganza, 1100-1315, Building 164, hosted by the Youth Center

WEDNESDAY

- Purple Up Day
- Bundles for Babies, 0900-1030, M&FRC
- Pre-Deployment/Remote Readiness Training, 1000, M&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- SkillBridge Brief, 1000, Education Center Room 211
- Strength & Tone, 1000, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Storytime, 1030, Minot AFB Library
- Brown Bag Book Talks, 1200, Minot AFB Library
- Rockin' into Month of the Military Child, 1445-1730, Youth Center
- Zumba Strong Nation, 1730, McAdoo Fitness Center

THURSDAY 🕦 🗸

- 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
- Bring Your Own Board Game Night, 1630-1730, M&FRC
- Zumba, 1800, McAdoo Fitness Center

MONDAY

- Zumba Strong Nation, 1730, McAdoo Fitness Center • Writing Club, 1800, Minot AFB Library
- Reintegration Briefing, 1000, M&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- TUESDAY
- Moving Out of the Dorms Budget Class, 0900-1100, M&FRC
- 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
- Thrift Savings Plan for Civilian Employees, 1300-1500, M&FRC
- DIY Art & Resin Charcuterie Boards, 1730-1930, Arts & Crafts Center
- Zumba, 1800, McAdoo Fitness Center

FRIDAY



- First Duty Station Officer Financial Course, 0900-1100, M&FRC
- Cycle & Core, 1115, McAdoo Fitness Center • Fun Fri-yay, 1600-2100, Jimmy Doolittle Center
- Zumba Strong Nation, 1730, McAdoo Fitness Center

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