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Members of Team Minot gather for the grand opening of the McAdoo Fitness Center Athletic Dome at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Nov. 1, 2024. The dome is currently the only indoor satellite track and field facility within Air Force Global Strike Command and the only one located at an Air Force installation that qualifies for cold weather incentive pay.

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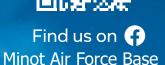
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B-52 Bombers Deploy to Middle East to Deter Iran, More F-15E Fighters to Come

CHRIS GORDON, AIR & SPACE FORCES MAGAZINE

U.S. Air Force B-52 Stratofortress bombers have arrived in the Middle East to deter Iran and its proxies, the U.S. military announced Nov. 3. It is the first time that B-52s have deployed to a base in the region since 2019.

The U.S. is deploying a total of six B-52s, an additional squadron of F-15E Strike Eagles, and more aerial refueling tankers to support those aircraft, U.S. officials told Air & Space Forces Magazine.

The fresh airpower is designed to compensate for the upcoming departure of the USS Abraham Lincoln carrier strike group, U.S. officials said. It also comes as senior Iranian officials have threatened to attack Israel following Israel's retaliatory airstrikes on Iranian air defenses and ballistic missile production sites Oct. 26.

"These movements demonstrate the flexible nature of U.S. global defense posture and U.S. capability to deploy worldwide on short notice to meet evolving national security threats," Pentagon Press Secretary Air Force Maj. Gen. Patrick S. Ryder said in a Nov. 1 statement.

The U.S. military did not say where the B-52s, which are from the 5th Bomb Wing at Minot Air Base, N.D., will be based in the region. But cargo aircraft originating in Minot have arrived at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, in recent days. Al Udeid is the largest U.S. base in the Middle East and has previously hosted

B-52s.

The Lincoln battlegroup includes warships capable of shooting down ballistic missiles. U.S. cruisers and destroyers weapons helped defend Israel from Iranian ballistic missiles in April and October. Defense Secretary Lloyd J. Austin III has also ordered more missile defense-capable destroyers to the region.

"These forces will begin to arrive in coming months," Ryder said.

These moves come on the heels of other steps the Pentagon has taken to strengthen the U.S. military posture in the region.

Last month, the U.S. deployed a Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) ballistic missile defense system to Israel along with nearly 100 U.S. troops to operate it. Some 2,000-plus Marines are in the eastern Mediterranean as part of an Amphibious Ready Group

Marine Expeditionary Unit (ARG/MEU) led by the USS Wasp amphibious assault ship.

A fresh squadron of F-16s, the 480th Fighter Squadron from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, deployed to the Middle East in late October. KC-46 Pegasus tankers deployed to CENTCOM in early October before Austin ordered more airpower to the region.

Austin made the decision on the B-52s and other assets "in keeping with our commitments to the protection of U.S. citizens and forces in the Middle East, the defense of Israel, and deescalation through deterrence and diplomacy," Ryder said. "Secretary Austin continues to make clear that should Iran, its partners, or its proxies use this moment to target American personnel or interests in the region, the United States will take every measure necessary to defend our people."



B-52H Stratofortress strategic bombers from Minot Air Force Base's 5th Bomb Wing arrived in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility Nov. 2, 2024.

U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO









SSgt Shenille Bendickson



5TH OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON Hometown: Alva, Oklahoma

As the Ops Group Unit Training Manager, SSgt Bendickson played a critical role in shaping the competence and readiness of our force. Through meticulous management and dedication, she ensured the training, qualification, and proficiency of 359 personnel across 14 specialties covering 3 separate squadrons. Through her commitment to excellence, she uncovered 60 errors during a full record scrub, ensuring Ops Group Airmen were qualified for world-wide taskings which directly contributed to Minot's ability to conduct Bomber Task Force deployments.

GAME SALUTE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

SrA Steven Manriquez



SECURITY FORCES Hometown: Atlanta, Georgia

Senior Airman Manriquez has led the defense of 180 maintenance operations throughout Minot's missile complex and was recognized as his unit's top rifle shooter out of 197 personnel, during a full squadron training deployment to Wyoming. Additionally, he has provided valuable mentorship and sportsmanship to our Minot youth over the last three years while coaching community soccer teams.

GAME SALUTE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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.

It Changes The Entire Skyline

Ribbon Cutting Held for New Fitness Facility



A Team Minot Airman runs on the newly opened McAdoo Fitness Center Athletic Dome at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Nov. 1, 2024.

ROD WILSON, NORTHERN SENTRY

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Able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions.

The dream of an indoor facility that can accommodate the needs of Minot Air Force Base has come true with the opening of the new Fitness Center (yet to be given an official name) Dome facility that will officially open on November

"Today Minot Air Force Base becomes more resilient" said Col. Jesse Lamarand at the official ribbon cutting held on Friday, November 1st. MAFB and civic leaders gathered to cut the ribbon, but some work remains before the official takeover of the facility according to TSgt. Trevor Boutin who is acting Fitness Center section chief. "Our staff worked with contracting and CE to oversee the bubble getting set up and then to take over the function of it. When that happens it just becomes another piece of equipment. It will host physical activities and intramural sports, and lastly for family use when scheduling allows."

Looking more like a huge pillow, or as some have jokingly called it, the big marshmallow, the Fitness Center will be year round and climate controlled. Even though the Fitness Center will not officially open until November 15th, TSgt Boutin emphasizes that the facility will be open immediately while the finishing work installing cameras and HVAC systems, "but we are very close" according to Boutin. The operating hours will mirror the other MAFB fitness center, Monday through Friday from 0500 to 2100 and Saturdays and Sundays 0800 to 1600, and on holidays and family days it will be closed. "Once the cameras are installed it will turn into a 24/7 access facility, with access gained through a card system, using a CAC card, or if you don't have a CAC card, a proxy card, that will unlock the doors. With our dual wings, Minot Air Force Base has a unique mission, so if you so desire you can access the facility even at 3 AM" explains Boutin.

Boutin anticipates the Fitness Center will get a lot of use for squadron PT, but potential activities can be schedule by calling (701) 723-2145. Currently we are going to allow 2 squadrons to use the facility at the same time, basically cutting the field in half."

There is no question that the new Fitness Dome dominates the skyline of Minot Air Force Base. TSgt. Boutin said that when

new airmen are brought into the facility they are mostly speechless. "They look up and see the 87 foot peak of the ceiling and they are thinking about all the potential the facility has especially during the wintertime when it is cold. It's been a great response from the airmen and the community. A ton of excitement, and a ton of events we plan on hosting here in the future. The sky is definitely the limit.'

The dome is fully insulated,

and definitely secure so that it can withstand the elements, including the high winds that frequent Minot Air Force Base.

Even though the new turf at the Fitness Center is blue, it seems to be the right color for a facility on Minot Air Force Base. And even for a base that houses B 52 bombers in expansive facilities, the expanse of the dome will certainly impress those who are stationed here today, and in the future.







Minot AFB opens the McAdoo Fitness Center Athletic Dome at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Nov. 1, 2024.

U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTOS I SENIOR AIRMAN ALEXANDER NOTTINGHAM)

All About Pets





Elmer Fudd, Dogs on Deployment Mascot 2019 with USAF Capt. Bryan Moore

As many Airmen and families already know, military life is not easy. Here are a few tips to help you make manage your busy Air Force life while also taking proper care of your pet!

●Get a low maintenance pet—snakes, certain varieties of fish, hamsters and other rodents, and turtles are just a few ideas of pets that are relatively low maintenance compared to your everyday dogs and cats. It's still important to provide adequate enrichment, environments, and food for them, but if you do all those things, these pets will be just fine during long work hours. Be sure to check with you housing authority first to make sure these pets are allowed.

•Find a "lazy" pet—high energy and working dog breeds are not recommended for owners who are away from home a lot and do not have the time, energy, and resources to keep their dogs fully enriched. You could consider bringing home a characteristically "lazy" breed instead. Basset Hounds, Boston Terriers, Bull Mastiffs, and Maltese are a few dog breeds that pop up often in the conversation around low-energy breeds. However, it's still important to note that all dogs are different. You may find a dog that is a couch-potato by nature, or you may find a "low-energy" dog that wants to go 24/7. Make sure you consider the needs of certain breeds and individual dogs (or cats) before adopting, and even if you have a low-energy dog, you still need to meet their basic requirements. Which is why working people should consider...

•Outside help—for shorter periods (a week in the field, a 12 hour day at work), it would be beneficial to hire a pet sitter, dog walker, or even a neighbor or family member who is willing to help out. While some pets won't go crazy at home all day, they still need to be provided with socialization and enrichment. See if you can find someone to pop in every few hours to play with, feed, and let your pet outside! Doggy daycare is a great option for many canine parents, and while cats and other small pets are usually alright left alone, it's never a bad idea for them to have someone to play with. Don't be afraid to reach out to the base community through Facebook or your friends/family for help if you're feeling overwhelmed with your pet-parental duties. Chances are there is someone out there who is willing to help you and your pet out.

•For bigger challenges, consider finding a temporary foster home for your pet. Family members, close friends, and even willing community members are always options for long-term pet care instead of rehoming. There are also "deployed pet" help sites that can connect you with temporary fosters, such as Dogs on Deployment and Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pets. If you're thinking about rehoming your pet due to the cost of PCSing with them, consider applying for SPCA International's Operation Military Pets grant.

Taking care of pets is a big responsibility, but when we bring them into our home, it's our duty to treat them with the care and love that they give us as well. Military life can make it more difficult, but there are so many resources out there to help



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A VIEW FROM **OUR SIDE ROD WILSON**

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When COVID went global, and people were forced to stay home and find ways to carry on their vocation, a new set of rules emerged. We were already entering a time when working from home, and not in a brick and mortar office, was going to become more of a norm than an exception. But COVID pushed us over the edge.

Working from home, no brick and mortar offices, zoom meetings...all of those things work fairly well for businesses, except if you are a local community newspaper. That's not to say that the Northern Sentry hasn't adopted some of those best practices. For example, our operation and editorial information zoom call take place at 12:45 PM Central Time on Fridays. Publisher Ted Bolton and I are in Minot, but not often in the same office. Editor & Social Media Specialist Erin Beene is in Hawaii, and head of production and graphics, Nikki Greening is in New Brunswick, as in Canada. The difference in time zones between Erin and Nikki? 6 hours...during Standard Time, 5 hours during Daylight time. To put things a bit more into perspective. Nikki's kids are just getting home from school and looking for those after school snacks. Erin's kids are getting ready to begin their school day. As for Ted and I? We have just had lunch and are thinking a nap

would be good, if we had time. As I have so often stated, the iob of the Northern Sentry is to cover the mission of the Minot Air Force Base. The Minot AFB is a community all to its' own,



UPSIDE DOWN UNDER

MARVIN BAKER

Often times we focus on the negative and how nothing seems to go right. Instead, we should always try to think of the glass as half full rather than half empty.

Sometimes good things do happen to us, but we tend to live in the moment then forget about it. An event like that happened to me a couple of weeks ago and I want to share it with readers.

I was invited to spend a morning with the staff at the Mystician, the Bismarck State College newspaper. When I got there I met editor in chief Kayden Schmitcke and Mysticast video executive producer Isaiah

It was part of an interview I agreed to do since I was the editor of the Mystician during the 1985-86 school year. It was 38 years ago when I left that

To Work With Great People

and like most communities there are a plethora of activities not only involving the mission of the base, but the community.

For example, there are 3 schools on base and each of them creates newsworthy events that need to be covered. Schools are just one example. There are clubs and organizations that cater to every part of the Minot AFB population. To accomplish the task of covering all of these events we have myself and Erin, and 3 part time reporters. Sometimes that number isn't enough boots on the ground to cover all of the activities so we rely on submitted news stories and photos (thank

All of us on the Northern Sentry staff have a common passion. We want to deliver the absolute best community newspaper, hands down. And it's that passion that makes our product so special.

I would certainly be remiss without mentioning partnership we have with 5th Bomb Wing Public Affairs. The collaboration between the Northern Sentry and PA (as we call them) is probably unmatched anywhere in the country

YOU'VE MADE IT WORK, **SO WHAT?**

Next Monday is Veteran's Day, and it is with pride that the Northern Sentry presents our Tribute to Service insert. This year we have increased the pages in our Tribute to 12. Besides our normal staff, we add in articles from our regularly featured columnists. No local community newspaper can boast the quantity, and more important the quality of these additional editorial staff. Amy Allender, Kim Fundingsland and Marvin Baker have all submitted articles.

What I have learned over my years as a journalist is that each of us has a different style and flair to our writing. To combine those styles into one well produced piece is a lot of work. Please, take the time to read the Tribute to Service, and I am sure you will be as amazed as I am at this treasure of stories. Our goal is a Tribute to the men and women who either serve their country as active duty, or support those who serve with contributions of time and efforts on their behalf. I think we have accomplished and exceeded that goal. It could not have been done without the dedication of our staff. It's nice to work with great



A GREAT NATION

If there is one underlying theme in the stories of this year's Tribute to Service, it would be that of sacrifice. Mothers who saw multiple members of their family sent off to battlefields so far away. Men and women who not only saw the need to enlist in one war but stepped up and were ready to serve their country in a second. Stories of those returning home and just kind of stepping back into their

lives without any expectations of heroes welcomes. And that same sacrifice continues today. We awoke Monday morning to news of the deployment of 5 B52's from Minot Air Force Base to the Middle East to send a solid warning to our adversaries that indeed we are ready again, should the need arise, to defend our country. As we celebrate Veteran's Day, let us never forget those who served, and are serving the greatest nation in the world.

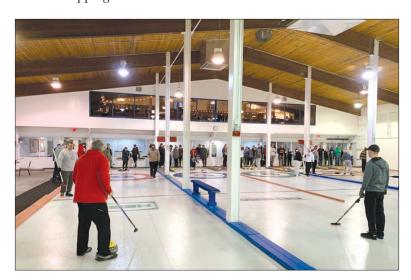
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CHUCKLE

We really do assume too much sometimes. Recently I was paging through one of those rummage sale sites that have become so common on Facebook. A lady had posted a photo of "A Couple of Antiques- For Sale Cheap." The photos were quite clear. There was an old IBM typewriter sitting next to a 50's era dial phone. In the comment section, and I kid you not, was a question? What are they? The answer? I'm not sure. They came from my grandfather's house, so they must be old...

BEST KEPT SECRET

Have you ever tried curling? The Minot Curling Club has always opened its doors to people who want to learn to curl. On the club website, minotcurling.com, there is a calendar that includes open house events. Nope, don't need expensive equipment. Instruction and equipment provided free of charge.



What an honor...

newspaper for another one, the Dakota Student at the University of North Dakota. So the morning of Oct. 18 was like walking into a time capsule.

We tend to forget small details of our past, especially after several decades. But during a tour of the campus with Kayden and Isaiah, a lot of memories from my two years at then Bismarck Junior College started filling my mind.

That morning was important for Kayden as well. This young lady spent a lot of time setting up this interview and did her homework looking into my past, including some of the lame articles I wrote when I first got to college in Bismarck in the fall of 1984.

Because of what she already knew about me before we met, when we sat down for an extended conversation, it was an opportunity for her to see into the future. I told her about my experience as a reporter and editor at the Mystician and beyond. Now, she kind of knows what to expect going forward.

In addition, our conversation was much more than the interview of a college alum. Kayden told me a lot about herself and how she, at such a young age, handles a staff of more than a dozen people.

I found out quickly that both her and Isaiah have a lot of confidence in what they are doing. They both have a passion for their jobs despite being new to college journalism. They are both focused on their work and carry a sense of professionalism not often found among college freshmen.

These kids were taught well. I suspect parents, teachers, professors all had hands in giving Kayden and Isaiah the tools to excel in their current positions.

Another part of conversation confirmed what I already knew. Journalism has changed dramatically in the past 40 years.

We didn't have computers as we know them today. We didn't have pagination, so newspaper pages were put together with strips of copy and wax. We didn't have a television studio to branch out on campus. And, newspapers today are more photo friendly and color is used much more than it was in 1986.

I explained to Kayden that back then color was expensive

so most editors used it sparingly because budgets for color were mostly earmarked for ads and then, it was almost always one

During our campus tour, Kayden and Isaiah took me to the room where the Mystician was located when I worked there. It's a classroom now, but I certainly remembered a lot stepping into

I met the staff and the Mystician adviser Karen Bauer. She remembers my adviser Jordis Conrad, who I have to say right here and now, taught me, a naive newcomer to college, a lot about journalism and leadership. Now Karen is teaching the same to Kayden and Isaiah.

Saying goodbye to these two young journalists was difficult because we bonded so quickly and we had so much fun spending valuable professional time together.

Following our interview, I told Kayden it was one of the coolest things I've ever done. I'm pretty sure she feels the same way, but would most likely use a different word since "cool" dates me.

From Daylight to Darkness: Practical Tips for NoDak's Dark Season



SHE'S NOT FROM AROUND HERE

AMY ALLENDER

It's been nearly a week since we all changes our clocks back, "falling back" an hour. When I was younger and child-free, I used to call it "invincibility weekend." Normally sluggish and not exactly a "morning person," I'd suddenly feel well-rested, perky, and eager to get out of bed as my internal clock was tricked into thinking it was later than it really was.

Now, things are different. I'm not just managing my own internal schedule, but my children's as well. Last Sunday, I definitely didn't feel invincible. Honestly, I felt confused. Around 3 p.m., I caught myself saying, "Welp, I better start getting dinner ready." Wrong. By 5 p.m., it was nearly dark, yet we still had an hour until dinner and more than three until bedtime.

As I often tell newcomers, the endless summer daylight in Minot can be disorienting, but the early darkness of winter is equally confusing. The long days of sunlight in Hotdish Land have a dark side (pun intended): we pay for those extended summer days

with very dark winters

You know I prefer to focus on the positive and create an abundance mindset. However, I'm not completely detached from reality. This time of year can be challenging, especially for those who aren't from around here.

While adults may struggle, small children can find this change especially confusing. They have less life experience and only a loose concept of time. I remember when my oldest first noticed the seasonal shifts. At about three years old, he didn't care that we were still eating dinner when the clock read 6 p.m. All he knew was that it was dark, and he felt afraid because he couldn't see out the window. To him, darkness meant bedtime, and being out in the evening was unsettling.

I promise, it gets easier. With a little time, you'll adjust to the new rhythm--but here are some practical tips I've learned to help us navigate—even embrace—the dark side of the year:

1. Strategically prevent isolation. This is perhaps the most important advice I can give. When it's dark and cold, it's easy to stay home. But Hotdish Land winters are long. Without intentional social interactions, it's easy to strain your family dynamics from being cooped up together for too long. The same goes for those without a spouse or children—isolating during winter can strain friendships, leading to feelings of loneliness, depression, and anxiety.

Go into the season with a plan. I recommend joining a club, class, league, or group that meets regularly for accountability. This

creates anchor points in your week, giving you something to look forward to during the cold, dark months. Check the Visit Minot community calendar and attend events. It's a perfect time to learn something new or invest in the community.

2. Keep your home well-lit. I know people who swear by daylight bulbs. For my family, we don't switch bulbs, but we ensure our living spaces are well-lit. Smart lights, nightlights with program settings, or traditional timers can also be helpful. For instance, we set lights in our kids' rooms to turn on at bedtime as a cue, since it often looks like bedtime long before it actually is.

3. Get outside when possible. Invest in quality winter gear (you can save money by shopping secondhand) and take advantage of days when the windchill is above zero. In other words, get the light when you can. Embracing the outdoors in winter can be refreshing and breaks up the monotony of indoor life.

4. Find indoor activities. If it's too cold to be outside, get active indoors. I love walking at the MSU indoor track. Winter is also a great time to try activities like curling, pickleball, self-defense classes, or even square dancing. (I've tried all of these over the years!)

5. Take a vitamin D supplement. Every health care provider I've seen in North Dakota has stressed the importance of vitamin D. The lack of sunlight in winter makes it especially beneficial.

Finally, do your best to embrace winter's uniqueness. North Dakota's extreme winters are



unlike anything most Americans will experience. Lean into it! Minot works hard to make the most of the cold. Take charge of your own narrative and discover how much fun you can have—even when others insist there's "nothing to do" in North Dakota.

For more ideas and tips on living in Hotdish Land, connect with me online at amyallender.com or Instagram @HeyMinot or @amy_allender. Find me on Facebook @ amyallenderblog.

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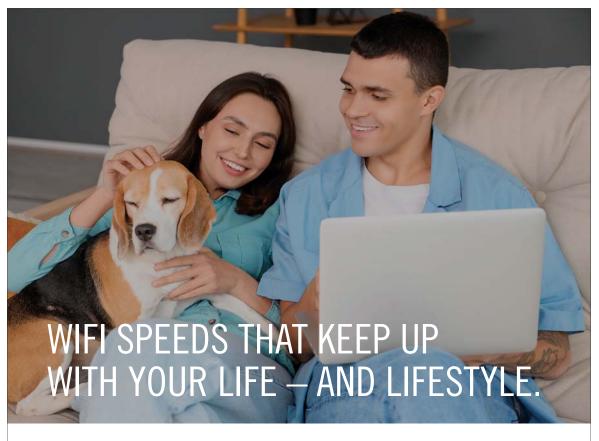
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A LOOK BACK THIS WEEK IN USAF HISTORY

USAF C-141 IS THE FIRST JET TO LAND IN ANTARCTICA



The first C-141 to land at McMurdo Sound, Antarctica on Nov. 14, 1966 (USAF) On November 14, 1966, a USAF Lockheed C-141 became the first jet to land in Antarctica as a part of "Operation Deep Freeze." Operation Deep Freeze began in 1955 when major nations collaborated to conduct earth science research in one of the least explored areas on Earth. The Air Force began its involvement in 1956 and continues running airlifts to

this day. Previously, the USAF had only deployed propeller planes to Antarctica, but on November 14, the 60th Air Mobility Wing landed the first jet carrying 12.9 tons of cargo. Over hundreds of missions, the C-141s would carry essential supplies to installations in Antarctica, as well as hosting passengers that included penguins, gulls, and seal pups. Lockheed C-141s would continue participating in Operation Deep Freeze until they were decommissioned from the Air Force in 2004. Due to the Antarctic Treaty of 1959, US military involvement in Antarctica, including Operation Deep Freeze, continues to be for peaceful and scientific purposes only.

Information courtesy of: www.amc.af.mil / "Operation Deep Freeze," Office of History Air Mobility Command



TEAM MINOT BRINGS RECOGNITION TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS **MONTH**



Volunteers assist the 5th Bomb Wing Prevention Office by handing out pamphlets for domestic violence awareness to members at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Oct. 29, 2024. Since 1989, October has been a time to support domestic violence victims and raise awareness around the issue.

U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO I SENIOR AIRMAN ALEXANDER NOTTINGHAM



Tech. Sgt. Michael May, assigned to the 5th Bomb Wing Security Forces Squadron, assists the 5th Bomb Wing Prevention Office by giving out pamphlets for domestic violence awareness and resources to members at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Oct. 29, 2024. Since 1989, October has been a time to support domestic violence survivors and advocate for victims.

U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS WESLEY DAVIES



Staff Sgt. Brandon Hall, assigned to 5th Bomb Wing Security Forces Squadron, assists the 5th Bomb Wing Prevention Office by handing out information on domestic violence awareness to members at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Oct. 29, 2024. Domestic Violence Awareness Month started as the national Day of Unity on Oct. 17 in 1981 before becoming Domestic Violence Awareness Month in 1989.

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Patricia Stockdill

Antlers are a fascinating thing.

Just think that all members of the cervid family deer, elk, caribou, and moose - grow and shed a pair of antlers every single season. There are many nutritional requirements to develop a set of antlers only to have them fall off and have to do it again each coming spring.

However, it is more than diet and nutrition.

True, diet plays a significant role in antler growth. Genetics are another factor.

Weather also influences diet because good growing conditions create good, healthy forage for good nutrition.

Soil types are another influencing factor.

The bottom line is that it takes a lot of factors to go right for any cervid to grow a set of antlers, regardless of the size.

The funny thing about antlers, though, is that they're not a major factor in determining the age of a deer, elk, moose, or caribou (not that there are any caribou in North Dakota, but they're cervids).

With deer season getting underway, let's focus on antlers, an animal's age, whitetails, and mule deer: It's true, antlers can give a person an idea of whether a deer is a young buck or fully mature.

For example, young bucks aren't as likely to have massive, heavy, multi-point antlers their first year.

However, it's equally true older deer aren't necessarily going to have the biggest set of antlers. They tend to put fewer nutrients into antler growth. For those old boys, it's more about being able to prepare for winter and staying alive than developing big antlers. They know what it takes to survive a northern winter.

It's true that antler and body size can be an indication of just how old a deer is but the reality is physical looks don't always translate into actual age. It really goes back to diet and genetics when it comes to antler development.

When it comes to aging a deer, the truth lies not in ones' antlers

It's in one's teeth.

North Dakota hunters might be surprised to learn

that most deer harvested in the state typically aren't those elderly statesmen. One study found most North Dakota deer taken by hunters were 2 and ½ years of age and younger – 80 percent, according to one game check that enabled biologists to age deer brought to the check station.

Tooth development and tooth wear reveals the secrets to a deer's age.

Like humans, deer replace baby teeth. By the time a young deer is about 18 months old it's in the process of getting its 'big boy" or "big girl" teeth as it gets its third premolar.

All permanent teeth are in place by the time a deer is 2 ½ years of age so biologists can age young deer by the presence – or lack of – permanent teeth.

Once they're older than 2 1/2, though, tooth wear is the method used to age deer even though soil types and diet can influence tooth wear.

Once they're older than 5 ½ years of age aging a deer by visual inspection of tooth wear is less reliable.

The most accurate way to age deer is by cross sectioning a tooth, much like rings on a tree.

Folks curious about estimating the age of a deer or other big game species, for that matter — can simply go to the Game and Fish Department website, (gf.nd.gov), and type in "how to age big game" for a link to aging deer, elk, moose, and pronghorn.

The site includes photos of examples of a fawn with its emerging permanent incisors in comparison to one whose permanent front teeth are fully emerged. While incisors can help identify if a deer is a fawn, it's the cheek teeth – premolars and molars – that are better indicators.

It also shows the jaws of teeth from deer that are 1 $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{2}{2}$, $\frac{3}{2}$, $\frac{4}{2}$, and $\frac{5}{2}$ years of age, along with an elder statesman for comparison.

The bottom line is that while antler size can help hunters get a guestimate of the age of their buck; it really comes down to the teeth of the matter. Or, as the Game and Fish Department website article "How Old is My Deer?" reminds hunters: "The number of antler points in no way corresponds to age."



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Every year we look forward to our Facebook notifications being filled with smiling kids, scary adults and unique costumes from our annual Halloween costume contest! We get amazing submissions from all over the base community. This year was no different. In years past, the winner has been chosen by the Northern Sentry staff, but for a slightly different twist this year: we allowed the Northern Sentry Facebook followers to vote on the winner by "liking" the photo.

The runner-up photo, submitted by Emma Arnold, showed off her cute kiddos dressed up as a ninja (William) and as lions (Harry and Grayson). Emma said, "We decided on something warm for the twins since Minot is usually always cold for Halloween. My oldest, on the other hand, decided

he wanted to be a ninja because it was 'cool'." Emma explained that Halloween is a special time for their family because her husband's birthday falls on October 31st. When talking about what they appreciate about the spooky season on Minot AFB, Emma said, "Our favorite event at MAFB is the trail of treats hosted by the 5th Med Group and the Trunk or Treat event hosted by 91 SFG & 5 SFS."

The big winner of the contest was Vonica Oliva, dressed up as Nacho Libre. The character she depicted was from the 2006 movie featuring actor Jack Black as Libre himself. Nacho Libre the movie was inspired by the life of Sergio Gutiérrez Benítez, a Mexican Catholic priest who also was a professional wrestler. When describing why she wanted to

dress up as this character, Vonica said, "I wanted to do it out on a whim to channel my inner Nacho Libre haha. But, growing up I was a HUGE Nacho Libre fan. It's been my dream to wear the iconic costume and channel my inner Eagle spirit. Overall, I LOVE LOVE LOVE Halloween especially getting to dress up, and make people laugh and being able to see all the children in their awesome costumes. I hope everyone had a great Halloween and got tons of candy!"

Both Vonica and Emma will both receive a night stay at the Grand Hotel in Minot for their amazing costume photo submissions. Shout out to the entire MAFB community for submitting and voting for your favorite Halloween costumes again this year!



Northern Sentry Costume Contest Winner with 81 "likes" was Vonica Oliva as Nacho Libre!



Runner up, with 51 "likes," goes to Emma Arnold and her ninja and two little lions!













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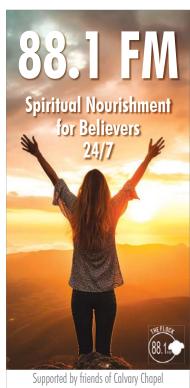
















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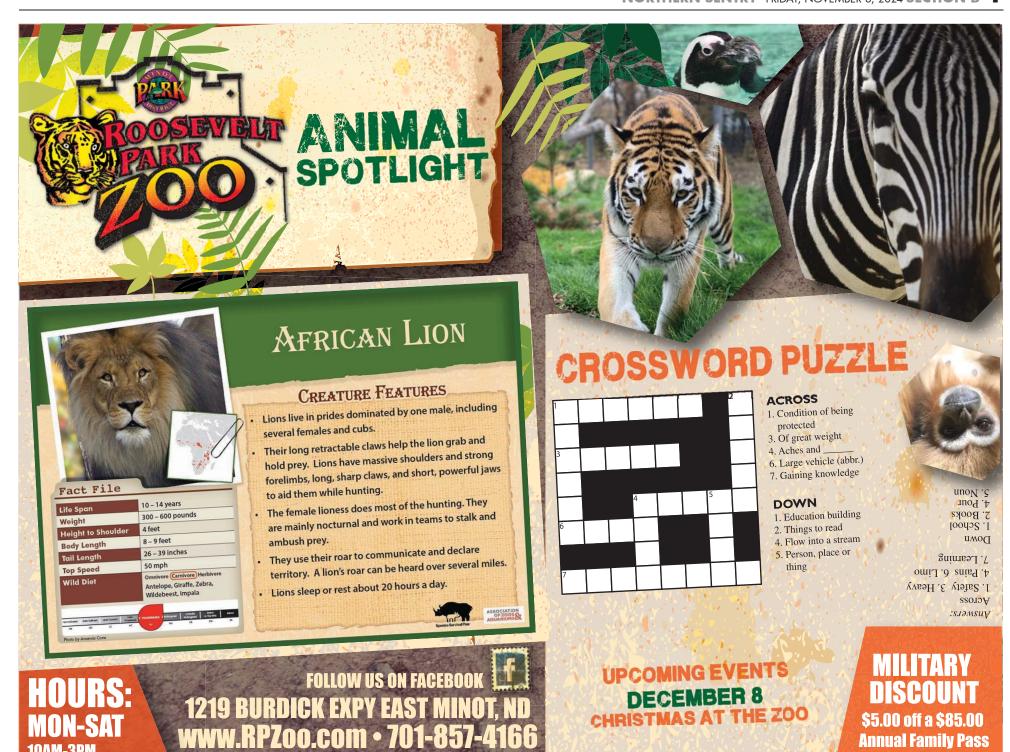
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HEAR A KNOCKING SOUND WHEN DRIVING? HERE'S WHY

Knock, knock! This isn't the start of a joke — it's your engine's sound while driving down the road. Hearing an unusual knocking sound coming from your engine can be concerning. If your motor is knocking, what does that mean? And even more importantly, how do you fix it?

Learn what causes engine knock, how to prevent it, and how to fix it when it does happen.

WHAT IS ENGINE KNOCK?

Engine knock often occurs when the air and fuel mixture in the engine cylinders is not properly ignited in a controlled manner, or when metal components are hitting together that shouldn't be.

When an engine functions properly, fuel (usually gasoline) is mixed with air and then compressed. A spark plug ignites the compressed mix, which then combusts. The explosion pushes the engine pistons down, which drives the engine's power. This process is repeated over and over to power the vehicle. When you hear the engine knocking on acceleration or continuously while driving, something may be causing the combustion to occur at the wrong time. Keep reading to learn why this could happen.

WHAT DOES ENGINE KNOCK SOUND LIKE?

Engine knock is not always as evident as a loud, thunking, knocking sound when driving down the road. In fact, it can be pretty subtle, and if you regularly cruise with your music at full blast, you may not even notice it!

Engine knock can be a metallic pinging, a repetitive tapping noise, or metal plinking against metal. Depending on the cause and severity of it, it can vary in loudness, frequency, and exactly when it occurs. The most obvious times are usually when you're accelerating.

WHY DOES ENGINE KNOCK HAPPEN?

If you've experienced your car making a knocking sound, then a problem is likely occurring upon combustion within the engine. There are several possible causes

1. INCORRECT OR LOW-OCTANE FUEL

When you fill your vehicle with gas, you typically have several options for fuel type: regular, mid-grade, and premium. These fuel grades are also paired with numbers, which are the fuel's octane. Octane is a measurement that tells you how resistant a fuel is to abnormal combustion.

If you use a lower octane than recommended by your vehicle owners manual, the fuel can pre-ignite and cause engine knock. All vehicles have specific octane requirements; check your owner's manual to see what the manufacturer recommends for your make and model.

2. BAD SPARK PLUGS

Spark plugs convert electrical energy into a spark, which ignites your engine's fuel and air mixture — making them crucial to your engine's performance. If your spark plugs are old or faulty, they can cause fuel ignition problems and cause engine knock.

Spark plug replacement is part of your manufacturer's suggested maintenance schedule. Check your vehicle's owner's manual or contact your local Tires Plus to find out when your spark plugs should be replaced or to have them inspected.

${\bf 3.\, EXCESSIVE\, CARBON\, DEPOSITS\, AND\, BUILD-UP}$

Gasoline contains carbon, which can leave deposits and buildup on critical engine components like the combustion chamber surfaces. Although gas in the United States requires additives that help prevent carbon buildup, a small amount can still occur. When there's carbon buildup in your engine, it can cause hot spots that make the air-fuel mixture ignite prematurely.

4. INCORRECT AIR-FUEL MIXTURE

The mix of air and fuel that goes into your engine must be precise for the engine to work correctly. If your vehicle has a malfunctioning sensor, vacuum leak, or fuel delivery issues, the air-fuel mixture can be too lean, meaning it has more air than a given amount of fuel. When you have a lean air-fuel mixture, engine

5. OVERLY ADVANCED IGNITION TIMING

Advanced ignition timing doesn't mean it's high-tech! If the spark plug ignites the air-fuel mixture too early in the piston's stroke, then the timing is too advanced or occurs too soon. Overly advanced ignition timing can cause engine knock.

HOW TO FIX AND PREVENT ENGINE KNOCK

Helping prevent engine knock can be as easy as keeping up with your regular scheduled maintenance! To start, ensure that your spark plugs are replaced when specified by the manufacturer.

In addition to your regular maintenance, fill your tank with the correct octane fuel every trip to the pump, even if your wallet protests at the higher price tag. While higher octane fuel is typically more expensive, you should follow your vehicle manufacturer's recommendations.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOUR ENGINE STARTS MAKING NOISE?

So you've noticed a knocking sound under the car when driving. What now? If your car knocks when accelerating, or just driving in normal conditions, addressing it as soon as possible is essential. Have your vehicle inspected and diagnosed by a qualified technician as soon as possible. It may be as simple as a bad spark plug or require more complex repairs to diagnose the chain of problems.

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The Holidays are Here?

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Halloween is barely behind us. In fact, there are still lingering spooky decorations to be seen around base housing. But despite the calendar displaying barely November, it feels like the Holiday season is encroaching quickly, extremely quickly.

Arguably, Minot weather around this time of year does lend itself to snuggly sweaters and hot cocoa. The desire to snuggle up on the couch watching a feel-good holiday movie is likely stronger than other parts of the country. Even as we all await the first quality snow, and the season of thanks, we also can feel the Christmas season approaching at warp speed whether we like it or not.

Based on a poll the Northern Sentry Facebook page gathered, (42%) of 246 Minot AFB community members agree that the appropriate time to decorate your house for the Christmas Holidays is November 1st, the day after Halloween. Only 58 people (24%) voted that the best time to decorate is AFTER Thanksgiving and not a second before.

If you are Team "Don't Skip Thanksgiving" or Team "Life's Too Short to NOT have Holiday Decor", it does seem like Christmas is coming sooner and sooner every year. For example, there are several holiday markets, craft shows and Christmas events both on- and off-base in the next week!

It's almost as if, since Thanksgiving is later into November this year, it is cutting the official Christmas season shorter than usual. People are overcompensating by making everything happen right now and throughout November instead of waiting until December. A few iconic Minot holiday events are sooner than you may think.

The Downtown Winter Wonderland Open House is November 8th, from 10am-5pm. In this delightful downtown celebration, they boast, "great sales, treats, gift basket drawing, and activities at each location! The perfect time to get started (or finish!) your holiday shopping!"

Heritage Park is November 16th at 5:30pm. The holiday twinkling lights at the park will shine brightly. They say it is a "magical evening to kickstart your holiday spirit!"

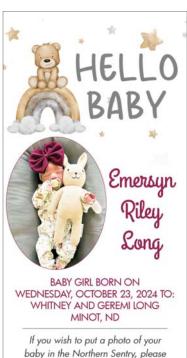
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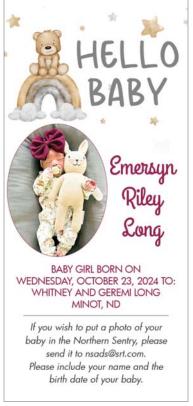
If it's Holiday spirit you want now, there are plenty of opportunities to start your cheer early. If you want to wait until the "proper" time after Thanksgiving, there are also plenty of things still happening then too. The famous Holiday BCPKC Holiday Train will arrive at the Minot station on December 17th, and much more. Whichever way you like to celebrate, enjoy the Holiday season your way!

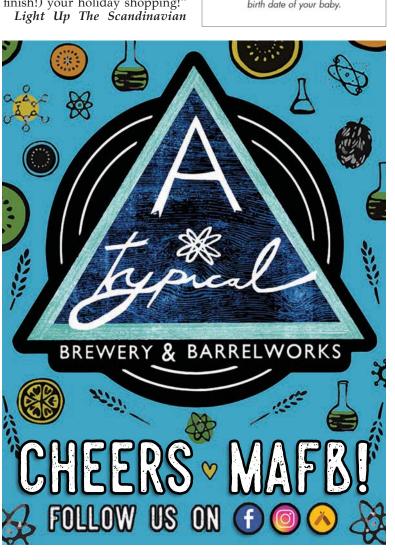




















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- 1. Says goodbye without saying it
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- 10. Some PCs
- 15. New York canal
- 16. "Say, Say, Say" say
- 17. Street-sweeper's bane
- 20. Gen. Lee's gp.

- 24. That WNBA player
- 25. UPS delivery
- 26. Con artist's accomplice
- 29. Comic Philips
- 32. Worst case of burning
- 35. It's usually not covered
- 37. QB Flutie

- 41. Variety store

- 45. Finishing
- 48. Singer's asset
- 51. Pick, pick, pick
- 54. "Taps" necessities
- 56. Dramatis personae
- 57. Kin of bravo
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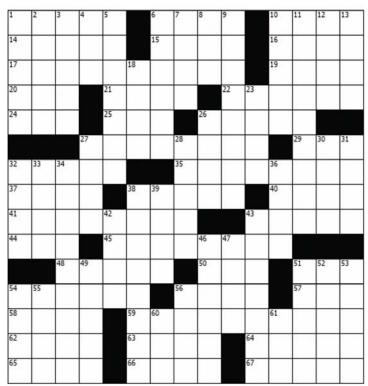
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- 38. Certain speed units
- 40. Act the siren
- 43. Cupolas
- 44. Formerly called
- 50. Goddess of the morning

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- 63. Twice halved
- 64. Parting word,
- 67. Odin's mythology



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- 1. Ascertain
- 2. Questions do it
- 3. "The --- of Wakefield"
- 4. "A mouse!"
- 5. Turn off the alarm
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- 18. Profligate
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- 26. Religious splinter group
- 27. For takeout
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- 30. What a hog wants
- 31. Keats creations
- 32. Mideast's Gulf of ---**33**. Site of the 1960
- Olympics 34. Powerful adhesive
- **36**. Big failure
- 38. Jamaica's capital 39. Hosiery shade

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- 43. Household tool
- 46. Tidy
- 47. Gee's kin
- 49. Qui vive
- **51**. Private reply, maybe
- 52. Some choir members 53. They travel in
- formation 54. Petty officer, for short
- 55. Far from fair
- 56. Designer Chanel 60. Lennon's widow
- **61**. Fuss



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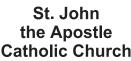
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Expanded Child Care: Balancing Parenthood and the Global Strike Mission

NATALY ZARRELLA, NORTHERN SENTRY

Have you ever been in a situation where your schedule for a certain time is changed, and you need extra hours of childcare? I think many military families can answer "yes" to these questions as their everyday life can be changed at any moment due to mission needs. For Active Duty, Reserve/Guard Member in an Active Duty status, or DoD Civilian parents who are Mil to Mil, have a spouse who works outside the home, or a have a one parent household, childcare can sometimes be a stressful subject.

Air Force Base Minot leadership in conjunction with the Air Force Service Center (AFSVC) headquartered at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Texas have worked together to bring Expanded Child Care (ECC) to Minot AFB in order to assist families in obtaining "high-quality childcare from certified providers at or near the installation" according to the Department of the Air $\bar{\text{Force}}$ Child and Youth Program. The ECC program brought in many programs such as Missile Care (MC) and Permanent Change of Station Child Care (PCSCC) in addition to many other programs to assist members with childcare needs.

The Missile Care program aims to assist members in getting childcare when a member is scheduled to work and the second parent or single parents who are scheduled to work outside their normal childcare hours. Missile care allow members to be able to continue working the mission like tripping out the field while having 24/7 care for their child.

What many may not know is that his program is open to a wide range of military families, not just those that work in the missile communities. Mrs. Alyssa Kelly, the Community Child Care Coordinator at the Family Child Care (FCC) Office shared that Missile Care is open to all military members and civilian assigned to Minot AFB who have their child in full time care with a FCC provider, Child Development Center or before or



after school Youth Program. For care to be provided, the eligible member must fill out the ECC form, provide a copy of their work schedule and spouse's work schedule, if applicable, with the FCC Office and complete all enrollment documents with the Department of the Air Force Certified FCC Provider. Once all documents have been returned to the FCC Office, they will be routed to AFSVC for review and approval/denial. When AFSVC approves a care, all care provided during Missile Care is free to members when they have already purchased other fulltime care or before/after school such as YP, CDC or FCC program provider.

One FCC provider who is currently enrolled as a Missile Care provider described the program as, "A home away from home." When providing missile care providers essentially bring the child into the family, children are pick up from their normal provider or school and taken to the providers home for care. Children do all the things that a child in the family would do with the provider such as, going to the grocery with the family, have meals and are part of the family while they are being cared for by the provider.

FCC providers that choose to be providers for the Missile Care program are people that understand the need for this

program and are ready to help Minot AFB Airmen be able to have work the mission requirements while ensuring their children are cared for and provided a safe and caring environment.

PCS Child Care is something that has been advertised a lot here at Minot AFB but not many people know how to and when they can utilize it. PCSCS must be approved by Military & Family Readiness Center who will require a copy of the member's order and will provide the parent with a "certificate" for 20 hours of care for each child and can be used within the 60 days before PCS date or 60 days after getting the certificate when you arrive at Minot AFB. The member will take the certificate to the FCC Office, along with FCC Program Provider application to request care once approved members can utilized the hours as needed and coordinated with their FCC provider to schedule care. These hours can be used for any care needed to prepare for the PCS (i.e. packing, inprocessing and out-processing, final walk through with housing)

These programs, underutilized, are a great resource for Team Minot. The Expanded Child Care programs help ensure that the Airman is not only taking care of the Nuclear mission but also their family.

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Winter Busing began November 4th, 2024, and as the Contracting Officer Representative, there are a few notes I would like to share with our community:

- Stakeholders: The ultimate goal of "Winter Busing" is the safe arrival and departure of students to their designated locations. This involves multiple stakeholders to include Yellowfin Bus Transportation, Minot Public Schools (North Plains, Dakota, and Memorial), the Youth Center and Minot AFB families.
- Bus Arrivals and Departures: The busing routes were curated for the timely arrival and departure of students. However, there were changes this school year and we ask for your patience in the initial weeks of busing. Please exhibit patience with Yellowfin Bus Transportation, Minot AFB Schools, students, and families. There are also other factors which may impact this to include weather. Please know the School Liaison Office (SLO), Contracting (5 CONS), and Yellowfin Bus Transportation will work together to mitigate problems or concerns.
- Bus Tags/Information: At this moment, bug tags were distributed and readily available for pick up at Building 168, Youth Center Annex. Please ensure your student(s) are aware of the bus number, bus pick up and drop off location, and have their tag available. This is important for Minot Public Schools and the Youth Center to reference. If you did not pick up a bus tag (especially with K-3 students), please write this information in the agenda of your student, so teachers, staff, and/or youth center workers are able to seamlessly facilitate the departure of students from the schools.
- Bus Safety: At the request of Yellowfin Bus Transportation, please ensure students are at the bus stop 5 minutes prior to the bus arrival. In addition, I will include the "Bus Safety" Slide used during the Busing Town Hall in a follow up post.
- With Winter Gear: temperatures decreasing, please be sure students are dressed appropriately to wait for the bus at the designated bus stop.
- The ultimate goal is the safe arrival and departure of students to their designated locations.



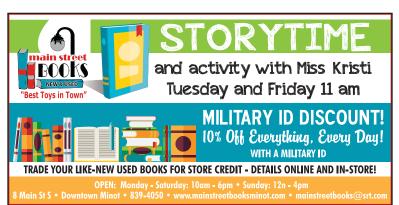
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LIAISON PROGRAM be challenges solutions to accomplish the may encountered, however we will aforementioned objective. problem solve and implement



Behind the safe transportation of students attending Minot AFB Schools, District #160 are the Yellowfin Transportation-Minot AFB Winter Bus Team! This team has planned and trained for this upcoming winter bus season and has a passion for students and their safety.

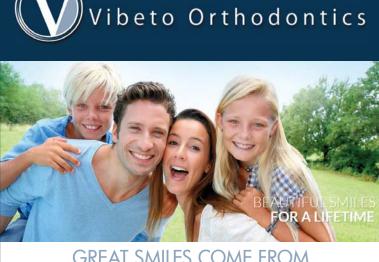
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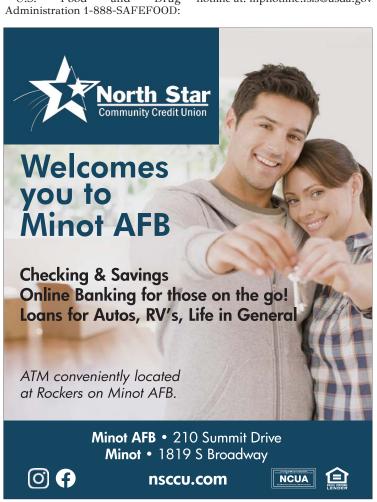
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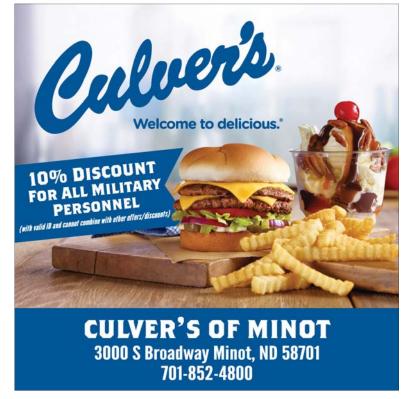
visit one of these websites: Drug U.S. Food and

For questions about safe handling of the many foods that go into a delicious holiday meal, including eggs, dairy, fresh produce and

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Richie Capote



Richie found a Golden Ticket in the Northern Sentry delivered to their home in base housing. Hey Richie, thanks for reading your MAFB newspaper.

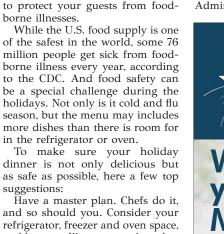






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the air. Food safety is probably

not the first thing you think about

when planning a holiday dinner.

But to keep your gathering from being memorable in the wrong

way, it's important to take steps

borne illnesses.

suggestions:

Cook to proper temperature -and use a thermometer. There is simply no other way to determine that food has been cooked enough to kill bacteria.

Refrigerate leftovers within two hours of preparation. Leaving food out too long is one of the biggest holiday food safety problems.

Properly defrost your turkey, or buy a fresh one. "If you choose a frozen turkey, allocate 24 hours per 5 pounds to defrost in the refrigerator, and whatever you do, don't defrost the bird on the kitchen counter

Wash your hands thoroughly and often -- before, during, and after

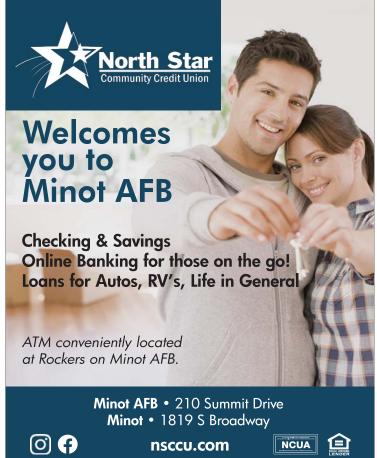






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Provider of the Month Feature **NOVEMBER 2024**



MEGAN MANSEAU

What do you enjoy most about being an FCC Provider?

The thing I enjoy most about being a provider is the relationships I build with the families in my care. It's a blessing to be trusted to care for their children and it's so fun to watch the kids grow and celebrate their accomplishments!

What are your interests/hobbies?

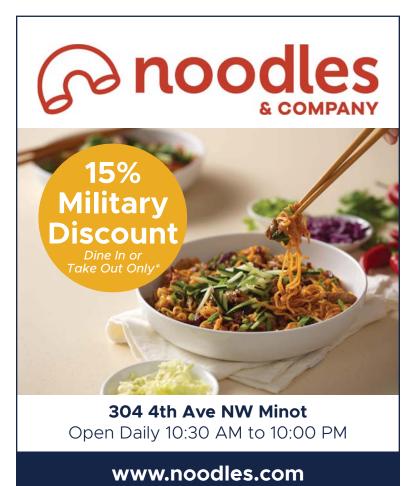
In my free time I enjoy reading and playing games on my Switch. Disney Dreamlight Valley and Stardew Valley are my current favorites! I also love board games and movie nights with

my family and taking my kids to playgrounds and parks when the weather is nice!

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

My biggest advice for new providers is to know your AFI and be confident in your business. Don't be afraid to reach out to the other providers when you need help! This job is rewarding but can be very hard and the support of our group of providers is necessary to help your program

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







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DREW HANSON AND RICK WATSON

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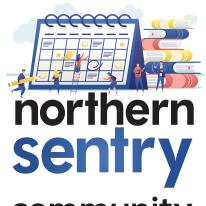
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Timmothy Timm of Minot currently attends Minot State University, is a Minot High School graduate, artist, cartoonist, author and illustrator. Timm has also created other works of art that are on display in his art studio downtown located at 201 Main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

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MINOT AIR FORCE BASE SCHOOL DISTRICT #160 **ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 29, 2024**

The School Board of Minot Air Force Base Public School District No. 160 held a regular meeting on October 29, 2024. The meeting was conducted at the Library of Memorial Middle School.

Board Members Present: Eric Fileccia, Anthony Foerster, Wesley Hoffman,

Board Members Absent: None

Call to Order:

President Fileccia called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Preview of the Agenda:

Motion by Foerster, seconded by Tilstra to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote carried 4-0.

MAFB School Liaison Officer Report:

MAFB School Liaison Officer, Joy-Nicole Smith, reported to the Board on recent and upcoming events.

<u>Approval of Consent Agenda:</u>

Motion by Tilstra, seconded by Hoffman to approve the Consent Agenda to include the July 31, 2024 MAFB PSD #160 annual school board meeting minutes and the July, August & September 2024 financial reports as presented including the accounts payable in the amount of \$27,560.30. Roll call vote carried 4-0.

Military Installation Construction Funding:

The Board was updated on the information gathered to date on the Military Installation School Construction funding program.

School District Finance Report:

Motion by Tilstra, seconded by Foerster, to approve the 2023-2024 MAFB #160 School District Financial Report as presented. Roll call vote carried 4-0.

2023-2024 School District Audit:

Motion by Foerster, seconded by Tilstra to approve the 2023-2024 Minot Air Force Base District No. 160 Audit as prepared by Brady Martz & Associates. Roll call voté carried43-0.

Announcements:

1. MAFB School Board Meeting -January 21, 2025

<u>Adjournment:</u>

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38



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Defender Nation,

Please join me in congratulating our Defenders selected for Wing and Group Command positions in 2025! It truly is an honor to lead Airmen at these levels and selection for these positions is highly

Our Airmen expect and deserve your very best; I know you will deliver. You will lead them through one of the most significant structural changes in Air Force history.

We are proud to have you leading the next generation of Airmen. My sincerest congratulations to you and your families on this amazing opportunity!

WING COMMAND:

COL JAMES CLARK:

11th Wing, Joint Base Andrews

COL MIKE JEWELL:

501st Combat Support Wing, RAF Fairford **COL JUSTIN SECREST:**

377th Air Base Wing, Kirtland Air Force Base

COL MIKE SHIRLEY:

Scott Air Base Wing, Scott Air Force Base

COL BILL SMITH:

Hurlburt SpecOps Air Base Wing, Hurlburt Field

GROUP COMMAND:

COL JOE BINCAROUSKY:

316th Security Forces Group, Joint Base Andrews

COL DREW GEHLER:

341st Security Forces Group, Malmstrom Air Force Base

COL MEGAN HALL:

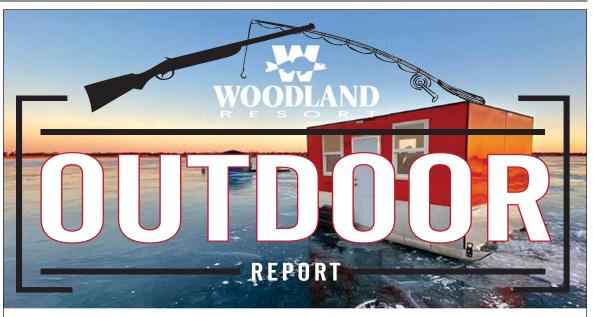
820th Base Defense Group, Moody Air Force Base **COL JEREMY SHEPPARD:**

90th Security Forces Group, F. E. Warren Air Force Base

COL RICH ZEIGLER: 5th Mission Support Group, Minot Air Force Base I am proud to serve with you all!









by Patricia Stockdill

Fishing:

Lake Sakakawea elevation, Nov. 4: 1,837.64 feet above mean sea level (MSL); 14,000 cubic feet per second (CFS) Garrison Dam average daily releases.

Devils Lake elevation: 1,449.47 feet above mean sea level (MSL). Stump Lake elevation: 1,449.31 MSL.

- N.D. Game & Fish Dept. game wardens: Improving walleye activity around Deepwater Bay on Lake Sakakawea. Some walleye success continues along the Lake Darling bridges.
- Devils Lake, Ed's Bait Shop, Devils Lake: No new reports.
- Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: No new reports with limited activity.
- Lake Darling, Karma C-Store, Ruthville: No new reports.
- Lake Metigoshe, Four Seasons, Bottineau: Little activity.
- Sakakawea/Lake Lake Audubon, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Not much activity but anglers working the east end of Lake Sakakawea still finding a few walleye working shallower water.
- Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Hwy. 83 Lawn & Leisure, Garrison: No new reports from either Lake Audubon or Lake Sakakawea.
- Lake Sakakawea, New Town: Limited angler numbers but those going still finding a few walleye in 20 to 25 feet.
- Lake Sakakawea/Missouri River, Scott's Bait & Tackle, Pick City: Limited activity on the Missouri River tailrace. No new reports from Lake Sakakawea.
- Lake Sakakawea/northwest N.D. lakes, Scenic Sports, Williston: Missouri and Yellowstone rivers remain clear

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.

- Nov. 8: Deer gun season opens.Nov. 10: Sandhill crane season closes.
- Nov. 12: N.D. Game & Fish Dept. public advisory meeting, Lake Region State College Chautauqua Room, 1801 College Dr. N., Devils Lake, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 13: Minot Curling Club volunteer work night, Circle & Lines Paint Night.



and continue producing nice walleye and sauger success using jigs and minnows. Try crankbaits on the Yellowstone River. Not much activity on the upper end of Lake Sakakawea.

• North-central/central N.D. lakes, Towner Hdwe. Hank, Towner: Little to no activity on the Souris River and area lakes.

Hunting:

- Cranes: Fair numbers of birds remain in northwest N.D.
- Deer: Some EHD-impacted areas experiencing fewer deer numbers. Look for mixed success.
- Waterfowl: Good snow goose numbers remain in northwest N.D. with more ducks moving in. Snow geese moving into northcentral and west-central N.D. and along Lake Audubon and east half of Lake Sakakawea. Good waterfowl numbers remain around the Devils Lake area.

Numbers to know:

- N.D. Game and Fish Dept., main Bismarck office: (701) 328-6300, website: (http://af.nd.
- Report All Poachers: (701) 328-9921.



- AFGSC Family Day
- · For a full listing of Veterans Day holiday facility hours, visit 5thforcesupport.com
- Brownie Day, 1030-1330 Dakota Inn Dining Facility
- Friday Flicks, 1630-2200, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Final Fiesta Friday, 1800-2200, Rockers Bar & Grill

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Game Day, 1000-1930, Minot AFB Library
- Tuition Assistance (TA) Brief, 1000, Education Center Room 211
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Vehicle Maintenance Class Winterization, 1730-1930, Auto Hobby Shop
- Zumba, 1800, McAdoo Fitness Center



- Bootcamp, 0900, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Family Bootcamp, 1000, Turf, hosted by McAdoo Fitness Center
- Friday Flicks, 1630-2200, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Turkey Bingo, 1800-2000, Youth Center

SATURDAY ()

- For a full listing of Veterans Day holiday facility hours, visit 5thforcesupport.com
- · Pirates Escape Room Game Begins, Minot AFB Library
- Zumba, 0900, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Free Bowling, 1400-2100, Rough Rider Bowling Center
- Airman Free Bowling, 2100-2400, Rough Rider Bowling Center

- Registration Closes: Lifeguard Course, Outdoor Recreation
- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Pacific NCO Tier, 0800-1200, Professional Development Center
- Spouses Welcome on the Road, 0830-1430, M&FRC
- · Bootcamp, 0900, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Bundles for Babies, 0900-1030, M&FRC
- Family Strength & Tone Bootcamp, 1000, Turf, hosted by McAdoo Fitness Center
- Pre-Deployment/Remote Readiness Training, 1000, M&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- SkillBridge Brief, 1000, Education Center Room 211
- Storytime, 1030, Minot AFB Library
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Top 3 Mentorship Hour, 1130-1230, Professional Development Center
- Parent Advisory Board Meeting, 1200-1300, Youth Center
 SAPR Tier 2 Brief, 1300-1400, Professional Development Center
- Moving Out of the Dorms Budget Classes, 1300-1500, M&FRC
- Yoga, 1700, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Dorm Series Craft Class Boho Dried Flower Wall Hanging, 1700-1900, Etchberger Hall
- Zumba, 1800, McAdoo Fitness Center

SATURDAY 16

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SPECIALS

Bomber Bistro Featured Item

Caprese Salad

Spring mix with tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, balsamic reduction, and olive oil.

The B-Fifty Brew Featured Item

Muffins

Flavors include: Cinnamon Apple, Banana Nut, Chocolate, Blueberry, and Lemon Cranberry.

Rockers Bar & Grill Featured Item

Fish & Chips

Two English style cod fillets served with crispy fries and tartar sauce.

MONDAY

- For a full listing of Veterans Day holiday facility hours, visit 5thforcesupport.com
- Veterans Day Special Lunch, 1030-1300, Dakota Inn Dining Facility

THURSDAY

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Indo Pacific AMN Tier, 0800-1200, Professional Development Center
- Pre-Separation Counseling, 0830-1130, M&FRC • Reintegration Briefing, 1000-1100, M&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- . Minot Myth Busters, 1045-1145, M&FRC
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Tuition Assistance (TA) Brief, 1330, Education Center Room 211 • Pie in a Cup, 1500-1700, Youth Center
- Craft Club, 1800, Minot AFB Library
- Zumba, 1800, McAdoo Fitness Center





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