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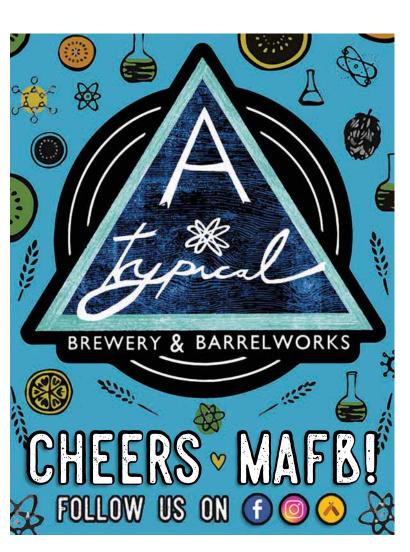
The Minot Air Force Base honor guard performs at the 91st Missile Maintenance Squadron's birthday celebration at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Nov. 15th, 2024. Originally named the Maintenance Squadron, Strategic Reconnaissance, the squadron was activated on 10 Nov 1948.



Airmen from the 91st Missile Maintenance Squadron stand at attention for the playing of the National Anthem at the 91st Missile Maintenance Squadron's birthday celebration at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Nov. 15th, 2024. The squadron was activated on Nov. 10, 1948 at McGuire AFB, New Jersey.



U.S. Air Force Col Joseph Edington, 91st Maintenance Group commander, with the youngest Airmen in attendance cut a cake at 91st Missile Maintenance Squadron's birthday celebration at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Nov. 15th, 2024. The Squadron was stationed at Minot AFB in June 1968, where they are still currently stationed.





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New B-52 engine cover prototype testing protects Minot's bomber fleet

SEAN GREEN, STRIKEWERX, AIR FORCE GLOBAL STRIKE COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC) pilots and maintainers have secured new engine covers that prevent icing in extreme cold thanks to support from STRIKEWERX and the AFGSC Office of the Chief Scientist (AFGSC/ST).

Air Force Operational Energy Savings Account provided Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, with \$1.2 million for B-52 Stratofortress engine pod covers to prevent ice buildup. This solution will assist in preventing damage to engines, delays in takeoff, and reduce time Airmen

spend de-icing aircraft engines. "We found 10 engines were damaged across 2021-2023 due to ice debris, which resulted in \$17 million in damages and 160plus manhours lost," said Master Sgt. Adam Vasas, AFGSC project champion.

STRIKEWERX, the innovation arm of AFGSC/ST, purchased and facilitated testing of 12 Transhield Pod Covers. These rugged, weatherproof covers wrap around the engines to ensure all ducts, inlets, and exhausts are sealed. It can be quickly deployed and removed on the aircraft and provides a method to manually heat engines if necessary.

"Maintainers will now have the ability to operate more efficiently in arctic weather environments, while people and equipment



Air Force Global Strike Command Office of the Chief Scientist supported tests of engine covers for a B-52 Stratofortress at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, July 11, 2023. The tests resulted in \$1.2 million in funding from the Air Force Operational Energy Savings Account to equip the entire Minot AFB fleet with the engine covers.

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previously dedicated to keeping the engines warm can be utilized elsewhere or saved in reserve," Vasas added.

The funding will equip the entire fleet at Minot AFB. This new cover is anticipated to save approximately 7,500 manhours and offer a high return on investment.

The need to protect engines from icing was originally explored via a Design Sprint hosted by STRIKEWERX, at the Cyber Innovation Center located

in Bossier City, Louisiana, back in July 2022.

In October 2022, a prototype modified from a previous design was built to allow for heating of the engine cowling on B-52 aircraft. However, after testing at Minot AFB, the results did not meet the maintainers' success criteria. This led to Vasas and other subject matter experts researching potential solutions and selecting the Transhield Pod Cover for further testing.



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AIC Jacob Meston



69 BOMBER GENERATION SQUADRON Hometown: Colorado Springs, Colorado

Airman First Class Meston executes maintenance tasks on 216 TF-33-PW103 engines for 27 nuclear-capable B-52H aircraft worth \$2.9B. As a Journeyman, he works diligently to develop his leadership skills in a dynamic operational environment while adhering to all Department of Defense (DoD) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations when conducting troubleshooting/repair activities for installed and off-wing aircraft powerplants.

GAME SALUTE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

SSgt Jamie Batten



742ND MISSILE SQUADRON Hometown: Jonesboro, Arkansas

Staff Sergeant Batten has been in the Air Force for 17 years and has been stationed at Minot for six months. His professional goal is to advance to the next rank and his personal goal is to bowl an 800 series game.



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A VIEW FROM **OUR SIDE ROD WILSON**

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I had a journalism teacher in college who tasked us with writing an article about Thanksgiving. "As journalism students, I expect more from you than just something cliché like we have so much to be thankful for, blah...blah...blah."

The task at hand seemed fairly simple and somewhat well defined. However, it was not as easy as one would think. Cliché phrases like "I have a lot to be tĥankful for" or "I have so much, while others may not" would simply not work. After a considerable amount of thinking my thoughts would land on "Thanksgiving, It's more than one day."

So, let's take that thought and make it the focus of a lifestyle article in a newspaper dedicated to an Air Force base, and its mission, in Minot, North Dakota. We'll start with the deployment of B 52's to

It's More Than One Day

the Middle East. Thankful that we are able to answer the call when our adversaries test us. Thankful for the men and women who deployed with the Bomber Task Force and thankful that these men and women have chosen to serve their country. We don't know how long the deployment will be, but we will certainly be thankful when this deployment ends and they all return safe and sound to Minot Air Force Base, and of course their family and friends.

As we look to the tensions in the world we should also be thankful for the men and women of the 91st Missile Wing who are tasked with providing the deterrence that keeps us, and our allies safe from potential adversaries. On Thanksgiving Day these men and women don't take a down day to celebrate, instead they continue to serve. When I escorted Joe Wiegand (aka Teddy Roosevelt impersonator) on a tour of the base and a Missile Alert Facility I was able to watch as he personally thanked each and every one he met for doing the mission that keeps us all safe. He would ask each of them where they were from. It was amazing how many places he had been and related so well their hometown or home state. Thankful again for all those who serve, but also thankful for people like Joe Wiegand who make it a point to make everyone feel special, because they are.

I am also thankful for the job I have with the Northern Sentry that allows me the chance to meet and get to know the active duty military and their dependents at Minot Air Force Base. I absolutely have the best job in the world and speaking to the purpose of this article, it's not a one-up opportunity. Something special happens almost every time I am on the Minot Air Force Base or covering a story that talks about the special relationship our communities have with the Minot Air Force Base.

I am also thankful for this country that allows us to have Thanksgiving. I am not blind to the challenges we have as a country, yet I am also not blind to what we are provided with each and every day. Governor Doug Burgum always talks about an attitude of gratitude. I wish I had thought of that phrase especially some 50 years ago when I was tasked by a journalism teacher at the University of North Dakota to think outside the box about Thanksgiving. Finally, it is not cliché at

all to remind ourselves that Thanksgiving is not just one day out of 365 to be thankful for what we have, and thankful for the opportunities we have to give back. So, what happened some 50 years ago when I handed my journalism

instructor the story that I worked so hard on? He said "Mr. Wilson, I'm thankful that you turned this paper in. There won't be a grade on this paper. Have a good Thanksgiving." He looked at the title of my paper and continued "remember Thanksgiving is more than just one day."

BEST KEPT SECRETS

Pretty soon the Sertoma will turn on their Lights in the Park. Don't forget to make it a point to head to Oak Park for this event. Starts the day after Thanksgiving and continues through New Year. Know someone who would enjoy Lights in the Park? Give them a call and take them along.



TODAY'S CHUCKLE

They start calling vou distinguished when you look almost extinguished.

UPSIDE DOWN UNDER

MARVIN BAKER

You probably know by now there's a new movie coming out in late January called Trapped, that was filmed in North Dakota. It's about sex trafficking and happened to be filmed in Linton.

There have been several news reports about this movie and the director was recently interviewed on TV, but the segment didn't specify whether the trafficking was happening in Linton or whether this was a starting point for the

Regardless, it's most likely going to be a good movie to watch and bring awareness to something that is happening more often than we like to think. There's also an updated book coming out in January about the disappearance of Jacob Wetterling. The more attention to this, the better.

But this is about the film industry in North Dakota, which seems to be moving at a snail's

Many of us thought that Wooly Boys (2004) would be the spark to ignite the movie industry in North Dakota. It had high profile actors in Peter Fonda, Kris Kristofferson and Keith Carradine.

If you don't remember, it was about two ranchers from North Dakota who find adventure in Minneapolis after one goes to visit his only daughter. The ranchers were from the Badlands and the movie was filmed in Medora, Belfield, Fryburg and Beach, as well as in Minneapolis and Woodbury, Minn.

Wooly Boys had a great marketing plan and was seen by a lot of people, but didn't transform the film industry in North Dakota like many thought it would.

In 1996, the movie Fargo was

North Dakota's film industry...

supposed to do the same, but didn't.

Likewise with End of the Rope, a 2023 film based in the 1930s about a family from Schafer (McKenzie County) that disappears. The movie is based on the true story of the infamous Charles Bannon case from 1931. This movie included some local actors and extras.

There are several other lesser known movies and documentaries filmed here including American Honey, Buick Riviera, Flight of the Red Trail, How to Blow up a Pipeline, Jesus Camp, Northern Lights, the Overnighters, Tankhouse, Valley of Bones, Welcome to Leith and White Earth.

Movies about North Dakota go back to 1932 with The Purchase Price, about a nightclub singer (Barbara Stanwyck) who marries a North Dakota farmer during the Great Depression.

TV shows filmed here are even more obscure. The first one that comes to mind is Blood & Oil, a 2015 series on ABC starring Don Johnson of Miami Vice fame. It's about a young couple that moves to North Dakota after the biggest oil discovery in American history.

There's also Up the River, a PBS Kids show about Buster, who goes on a canoe trip with the Stenslie family in Bismarck and Mandan.

these Despite successful productions, the movie industry in North Dakota faces some challenges that include issues with grant awards, lack of transparency and the fact that North Dakota doesn't offer incentives for film productions.

As an example End of the Rope was partially funded with private donations that helped get it into movie theaters.

North Dakota Tourism offers assistance with location scouting, permitting and finding talent, but it's not enough.

Montana offers numerous tax credits, Minnesota offers a film production tax credit and a talent pool, Saskatchewan offers a grant of up to 30 percent of expenditures made in the province, gives a 5 percent bonus for projects filmed in rural areas and a 10 percent bonus for frequent filming, and Manitoba provides up to 65 percent of tax credit for salaries and up to 38 percent of expenditures in the province. South Dakota's program virtually mirrors ours.

Kentucky is the cheapest state for filmmakers providing up to 35 percent tax break on spending.

Maybe North Dakota should do something similar. There's a lot here that Hollywood likes such as rugged scenery, wide open spaces and locations especially for historical dramas. Some critics say that if North Dakota had incentives, the flood gates would open.

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DEAR MINOT TOM ROSS, MAYOR CITY OF MINOT

Laughter, a positive attitude, and always looking for the opportunity...these words have helped guide my time as a public servant. It's not that I want to "piggy back" on the term coined by Gov. Doug Burgum, but this is a time for gratitude. However...I will use "I am Thankful."

I AM THANKFUL for the residents of Minot. In my heart, I believe there is no other community in the State of North Dakota that has lived up to the spirit of community like the Magic City. No doubt, I see it every...single...day. Churches, non-profits, children, Boy Scouts, military, schools, local businesses...every day, you see groups gathering and organizing to achieve their goal. They're not worried about who gets the credit, but more focused on who will it impact. This in itself strikes me deeply. We are blessed as a community.

I AM THANKFUL agriculture, and for our farm families. They risk so much every spring and have a level of faith most of us can only dream about. Every year they put seed in the ground in the hopes they can harvest a crop in the fall. A crop that is considered the highest quality and safest food supply in the entire world. If you are connected directly to agriculture, please know this...I

I have a lot to be thankful for again this year

AM THANKFUL.

I AM THANKFUL for family, my parents, my siblings, and my children. They have all played a major role in my foundation of wanting to serve. Wanting to put the community before myself, finding ways to use my talents, to leave the wood pile higher than when I got here. Focusing on my own children, Kenzie, Spencer, and Michael not a day goes by without me thinking of where I would be without them in my life. Different personalities, different directions, different perspectives, but when combined together, their lives shine a light so bright it will continue to show me the way to lead. I AM THANKFUL and blessed.

I AM THANKFUL for my family at the City of Minot - 450 strong, hardworking, dedicated professionals who are willing to work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Their goal? To give us all a safe, growing, community, that we can all be proud of.

I AM THANKFUL for the City Council. I serve, and I am sure we all serve, because we care for our City. We are digging deeper than ever before, stepping back and taking a look from a different angle, holding positive, respectful discussions, engaging the public and making the decisions we were elected to make, for the best of all of Minot. For my six colleagues -Mark Jantzer, Lisa Olson, Mike Blessum, Paul Pitner, Rob Fuller and Scott Samuelson, - I am thankful you made the decision to serve, I am thankful you are engaged, and I am thankful we are a team working toward a common goal.

I AM THANKFUL for the quality of life opportunities we have in our community. The symphony, Mouse River Players, Minot State University athletics, Minotauros hockey, the Sentinels, the Magicians, the Lions, the Cardinals, the Knights, our downtown, our North hill and South hill merchants, the parks, the arenas, the North Dakota State Fair, the Norsk Hostfest, and the Y's men, to name a few. Our City has taken some pretty big steps to keep us engaged, and I AM THANKFUL.

I AM THANKFUL for our military. Minot Air Force Base, National Guard, Army Reserves, Air National Guard, - not only are you protecting our future, you have taken giant steps in the growth of our community. The members of our military are not just active duty, they are active in our community. Every single event I am able to attend, there are military volunteers, or participants. We simply need that in our City. We need that in our world.

I AM THANKFUL for the community support of a project that has become a very important part of my life – Home for the Holidays. As a community, we have recognized the fact our airmen are the Air Force's greatest asset, PERIOD. DOT. (For you Col. Lamarand). Not only our community, but the region has stepped up to support this project that raises money to get our airmen home to be with their families over the holiday season. Now in our second year, the stories are flowing back, the tears of gratitude, the memories, the impact you have made with your support makes Minot the very best military community in

all of the United States. Just try to convince me otherwise.

I AM THANKFUL for friends. You know who you are. Simply put, I am here because of you. You lift me up, push me forward, pull back on the reins, and provide me with vision. I just can't say it enough. My life has been blessed by your friendship.

As I sit with my family and friends this Thanksgiving, with a turkey drumstick in my hand, know this - I love Minot. I love being your mayor, and I am thankful. God bless you all, and have a safe holiday.

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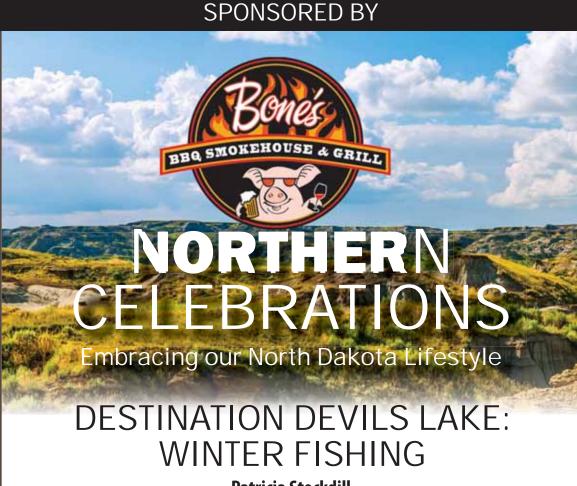
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Patricia Stockdill

Let's face it; weather dictates what many North Dakotans are going to do on any given winter day.

Getting out of one's dwelling can be a challenge at times when it entails shoveling however many inches or feet of snow blew up against the door.

Driving someplace? Sometimes that's a coin toss as to whether or not it's even worth considering. And then there are times when it's simply not a consideration.

Weather dictates what, where, and when a person heads into the Great North Dakota Outdoors, especially in the

Consider this, the winter of 2024-2025: In all honesty, it's been continual autumn weather well into November. Any thoughts of snow for early cross-country skiing or snowshoeing are abandoned.

And ice-fishing? Well, that's been on hold, too.

But one can trust good ol' Mother Nature will come through. Those winter activities will take place sooner or later. Granted, it's likely there will be fewer opportunities this winter unless Mother Nature decides to turn spring into winter, but the odds remain winter will take place.

When it does one of the state's premier winter activities is heading to Devils Lake for perch fishing once ice conditions permit.

Granted, anglers can still catch walleye and northern pike in the winter but perch draw the attention of anglers throughout the Upper Midwest.

Early ice-over often provides the best perch activity, described Woodland Resort owner Kyle Blanchfield. Creel Bay is traditionally one of the most popular — and most successful — areas for anglers in search of the tasty panfish, he added.

Blanchfield is well familiar with Devils Lake, North Dakota's largest natural lake, having spent about three decades with the family resort.

Ice fishing can be as productive for catching fish as open water summer fishing, he continued. Plus it's easy to get into — it doesn't take the large dollars or expensive gear of boat fishing.

All beginning ice-fishing anglers need is a basic icefishing rod, jigs in various weights, bait, an ice auger to drill a hole, and if they want creature comfort, a basic fish

Or they can test their interest level by first looking into the various levels of guided packages some Devils Lake

area facilities offer. For example, Woodland Resort has a basic ice-fishing package complete with gear, bait, fish house, and "Ice-fishing 101"-type information and

They also offer fishing packages including wellexperienced guide services and an array of creature comforts for a relaxing on-ice experience.

Blanchfield suggests beginning ice-fishing anglers start basic, whether it's with a fishing package or simply going out on their own. The main priority is knowing and understanding ice safety and being cautious and prepared in the event of an emergency. From there, start gradual on a small scale.

Devils Lake fish, whether perch, walleye, or northern pike, tend to hang towards the bottom of the lake in the winter, Blanchfield described. Try vertical jigging with a minnow, minnow head or — especially if targeting perch – wax worm or spikes.

Pike tend to be interested in something larger than minnows. Try frozen smelt or herring.

Another popular fish in the summer, white bass, might show up in the winter, but Blanchfield puts an emphasis on "might". They tend to be more of an occasional wintertime catch. It's truly a matter of being in the right place at the right time.

But while white bass aren't much of a winter target, perch truly are on Devils Lake.

Mobility is the biggest challenge to ice-fishing, especially ensuring ice safety, whether walking or in a vehicle. And while heavy snow hasn't been an issue yet this winter, there are years when getting on lakes and moving around to various areas is a major challenge.

Unlike many lakes across North Dakota, the Devils Lake community makes a strong effort to provide access onto the lake and, weather and location permitting, some basic plowed trails on the ice so anglers can move get to different areas of the lake.

Early ice-over on Devils Lake is a great place for beginners to gain an understanding of this uniquely northern winter activity.

For seasoned ice-fishing anglers Devils Lake is definitely the "go to" spot. It typically ranks among the most popular winter ice-fishing destinations in the state.

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The winter nights are long and cold and dark. But, it is officially that time of year where the night sky gets a lot brighter thanks to the displays of holiday lights on houses, businesses and lampposts all over town. Just a few weeks after daylight savings brought darkness by 5pm, we get blessed with the joyful displays of red, blue, green and white lights every night.

To make sure you all take advantage of these festive sights, we have put together a list of some of the best places to go light looking in Minot. Although just driving through base housing and local neighborhoods is a way to go, these are so sure-fire places you don't want to miss for a bright holiday-spirited time!

1. MĬNOT SEŘTÔMA CLUB "CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK" AT OAK PARK

This drive-through style light display is the best in town. The Sertoma Club has been putting it on annually, adding or adjusting slightly each year. So while we know it will be fantastic, we never know exactly where and how the magic will be laid out. The lights run every single night, Sunday- Thursday, 5:30-10pm, and Friday & Saturday, 5:30-10:30pm. It is only \$5 per car! While credit cards are accepted, they prefer cash as it keeps the entry traffic flowing smoothly.

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This amazing family house has been dazzling Minot residents

for years! Not only do they put on a heart-pumping light show, queued to music for Christmas, but they also do a Halloween show. This year they even did a Veteran's Day show specifically to honor the Mil Vets in Minot! The Christmas light show opens Thanksgiving night at 6pm and is open all December until New Years. This free drive-by show is worthwhile for everyone in the

3. EÁSTWOOD PARK DIS-TRICT- LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF ROOSEVELT PARK ZOO

While this area doesn't do a specific show or light display, they boast some of the most beautiful historic homes-built between 1900 and 1940-in all of Minot. Many homeowners love to light up their nights and display their lovely homes with beautiful light displays. For neighborhoods to check out, this one has never disappointed.

4. SCANDINAVIÂN HERITAGE PARK

The lights from this park can easily be glimpsed while driving down Broadway; however, a quick walk through the park at night will have everyone happy to brave the cold for a few minutes. The Scandinavian replica buildings and statues look glorious donned in sparkling lights amidst the snow covered buildings. This is a magical site that is well worth parking and taking a few minutes outside the car to enjoy. And also FREE!

So hop in the car, take a warm

blanket and some hot chocolate, blast the holiday tunes, and get ready to feast your eyes on all the Magic City's magical light displays.

*If you are not new to Minot, you may be familiar with some other houses in Minot that would put on fabulous holiday lights, unfortunately, two of these are no longer setting up lights unfortunately.

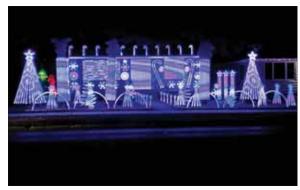
The Schlecht Family Holiday Lights Display at 309 24th St NW had its last display last year, as light enthusiast David Schlecht passed away earlier this year. On the family's Facebook page it read, "The heart and soul behind our display, Dave, has passed away. We would like to extend our greatest thanks to everyone who has supported us and joined in sharing our love of the holidays! As Dave always said, 'We do it for the kids. It's all about the kids.' We hope to bring the display to life around town again one day.

Olsen Decorations at 1500 52nd Ave SW also will not be doing a light display this year due to poor health. On a Facebook post on Nov 7, they noted, "We are not able to put up our Christmas display again this year. Unfortunately, we've had our share of health issues in 2024 and spending hours setting up/tearing down the display in the cold windy ND weather isn't really a good idea...Hope to see you next year!"



Minot Sertoma Club "Christmas in the Park" at Oak Park.

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Zablotney's Holiday Light Show- 1224 6th St SW Minot.

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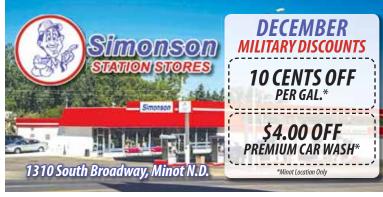
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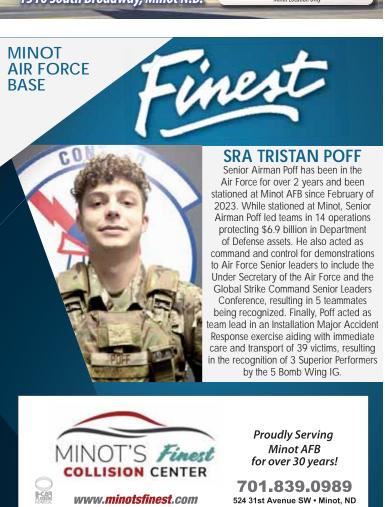
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Cinderella A True Community Effort

ROD WILSON, NORTHERN SENTRY



The stage was full of color. There were many costumes and special props. The story was a fairytale that everyone knows, Cinderella, performed by the Mouse River Players. In the director's chair for this very special holiday presentation was Lin Knickerbocker, veteran of many MRP productions. "I was a theater major for 2 years, but then I just plain ran out of money" according to Lin. Not able to sign for her own college loan or get help from her Dad to co-sign, Lin didn't let the dream of being around and on a stage escape her. She would go out "and be in the work world" Lin relates, but dive head into participating in local and regional theater in the area where she grew up, Pennsylvania and up-state New York.

She learned a lot by doing a lot "and just helping out where I was needed whether it was costumes or behind the stage" Lin said. Then another opportunity would come her way, the Society for Creative Anachronism which focused on medieval times and required unique costuming.

Marriage to her husband Tim, moving from place to place and finally landing in Minot at Minot Air Force Base would lead her to Mouse River Players and the opportunity to become part of and expand her horizons in local theater.

Again, fast forward to Friday night and the opening night of Cinderella as Lin and her family including husband Tim and daughters Courtney and Brittany would be part of this elaborate production that required that at times the entire stage be filled with actors who told the musical story of Cinderella. But as strong at the ties were between Cinderella and the Minot community, perhaps as strong were the ties to the Minot Air Force Base community that supported the production with cast members, tech crew and set construction workers, just to name a few. "I guess we can start with Dorian Garland" says Lin "Dorian is a member of our board, he was in my ensemble, he's a go getter for MRP and the show, and he helps us to recruit volunteers from base to help with ushering, working in the concession stand, being ticket scanners and anywhere we need help." Dorian has also organized a theater club on base to support Mouse River Players. The group consists of active duty military and dependents.

Also on stage was Terri Potter, an active duty Airmen who played Lord Pinkerton. "And perhaps the most unique story is that of Nolan Hulick who was cast as Jean-Michel. He was just

getting going in the part when he was notified he would be deployed and not be here for the performances," But on stage would be Ella, or Cinderella, Nicole Swain. Nicole's husband Tom is active duty military and he, too, would be deployed and not be able to see his wife perform the key role.

And then Lin was quick to point out others with Ella Bartholomew who worked backstage and lighting technician Lauren Westphal. "But that's kind of how it all works. People with an interest show up and we are able to find them jobs, whether it be building or painting sets, helping with make-up, or all of those other jobs that we need help with" says Lin.

Mouse River Players is certainly

a true community effort, whether it be the Minot community or the Minot Air Force Base community. There are still 3 more shows left in the 2024-2025 season "and we can always use volunteers" Lin continues. And then this summer MRP will join with the Western Plains Children's Opera to put on a show "last year we did Shrek." Lin also shared that if there is someone out there that is a bit more adventurous "we can always use people to serve on our board,

Note: A quick check of the box office web site revealed that there were still a few tickets remaining for the upcoming performances of Cinderella on November 29, 30 & December 1st. Some of the seats are single only.



Come learn about our organization and our affiliated organizations by stopping by before one of our meetings!

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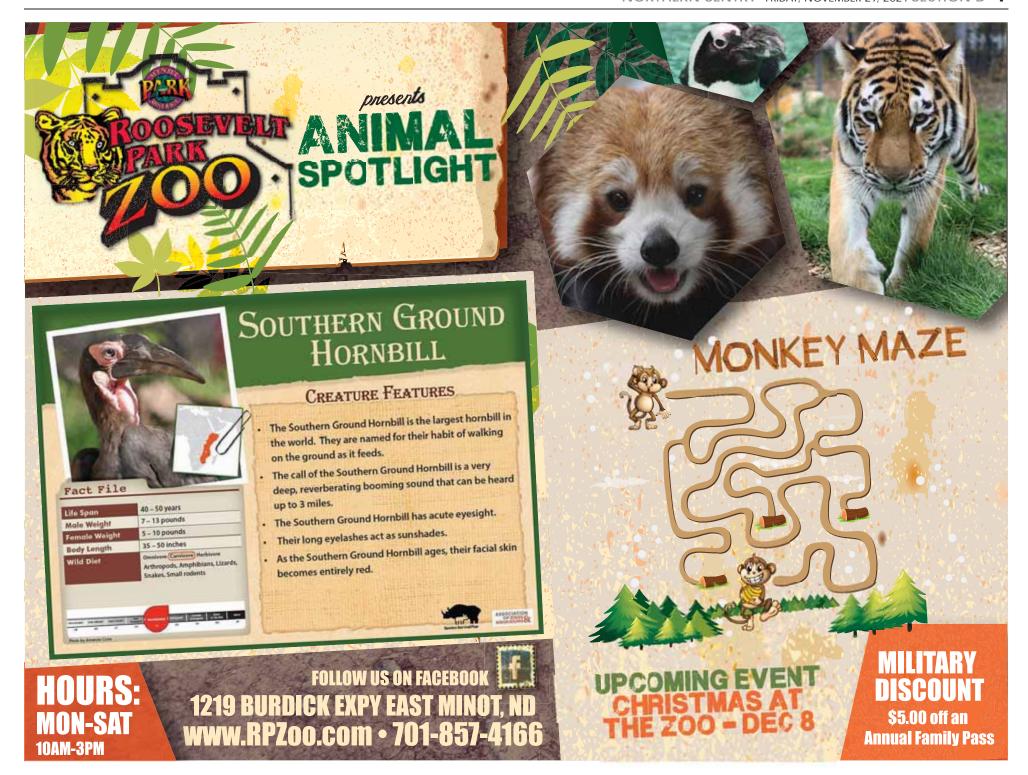
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WINTER DRIVING TIPS

HFAR A KNOCKING SOUND WHFN 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

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

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. 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

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Christmas at the Zoo

ROOSEVELT PARK ZOO & GREATER MINOT ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Greater Minot Zoological Society is excited for another year of Christmas at the Zoo at Roosevelt Park Zoo Saturday, December 7, 2024, from 11 am to 2 pm.

Enjoy crafts, treats, Santa, and of course, seeing the animals!

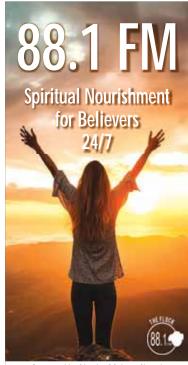
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bring a new toy or non-perishable food item to donate to humans or animals to get in free. One item admits one person.

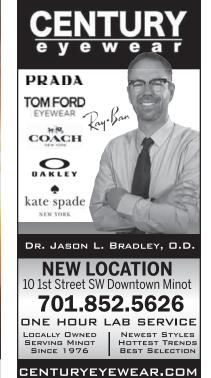
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For more information, call Roosevelt Park Zoo 701-857-4166





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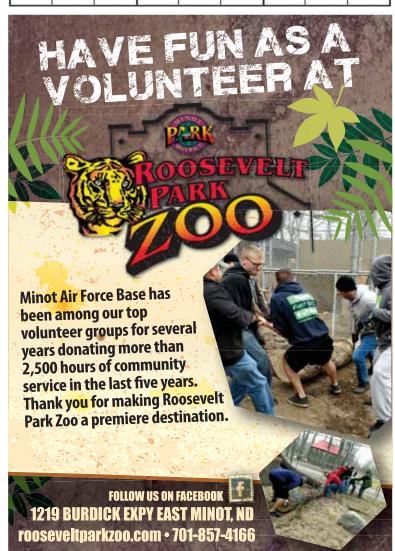


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- 5. Poetic foot
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- 13. Filled cookie
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- **15**. Not at the expected time
- 16. What an also-ran may
- 18. Type of hand
- 19. Quaker grain
- 20. Belfry resident
- 21. Mushy foods
- 22. Literary sisters
- 26. "Whole ___ Shakin' Going On"
- 28. Break in relations
- 29. It comes in strands
- 31. Like many diet products
- 34. ___ grabs (available)
- 36. Relevant, to lawyers
- **38**. Fury
- 39. Butterfly catcher
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- 42. Powerful D.C. lobby
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- Phoenicia 54. Spent time at Betty
- Ford's
- 56. Good Book book
- 58. God in Latin 60. Need nursing
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- **67**. Land depression
- 68. It's a real eye-opener
- 69. Freezing point of water, in Celsius
- 70. Landon and an alien from Melmac
- 71. Abominable snowman **72**. Lasting introduction

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- 1. "The Gold Bug" author
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- 3. Vintage vehicle 4. Provincial capital
- 5. Like two of Beethoven's
- symphonies 6. "This is _
- Superman!"
- 7. Point of a fable
- 8. Certain garment worker
- 9. Try, as a sweater or loafer
- 10. What Halloween lips
- are made of 11. At the summit of
- 12. Clothing store department
- 14. Intro to math?

17. Scarf down

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- 22. Actor Kirby and Saint of Cologne
- 23. Most ready for
- picking 24. Ready-to-wear
- 25. A big mess
- 27. City east of the Ob
- 30. Site of Churchill's 1943 Turkey conference
- 32. Get there
- 33. Ribbed
- 35. Ran against competition
- 37. Inflexible
- 41. Route of a cresting river 46. Put on a pedestal

- 48. Gets the suds out 50. Dominion
- 53. 1960 Wimbledon
- champ Fraser 55. Brooks Brothers item
- 56. Coffee, in slang
- 57. Milky-white gem
- **59**. "___ first you don't succeed. . .'
- 63. TGIF day, briefly 64. Gun the engine
- 65. Miners dig it
- 66. Easter prefix



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"Is it the GOOD kind of snow?" That is the first question Minot kids in-the-know may ask themselves when the white stuff starts coming down. Seasoned MAFB kids will know that the snowfall up here in the great, white North tends to be the powdery and dry variety - lighter and easier to shovel, certainly, but not great for snowman making, fort building and other outdoor pursuits. The reason for the powdery snow has to do with Minot's ultra frigid winter temperatures which ensure snowflakes stay smaller, hold their shape and stick less to surfaces or, as many a disappointed child has discovered, each other. Warmer surface temperatures lead to snowflakes that hold more moisture - two to three times more per inch than dry snow. When surface temperatures are just above freezing these snowflakes melt ever so slightly as they land and become much stickier. That is what makes the early season or late Spring snow storms worth paying attention to. The conditions tend to be perfect for that heavier, wetter

On 16 November, Team Minot was hit with its first true snowfall of the season. Snow that was most definitely the "good kind." The following day, everyone who went outside was in for a treat: real, no-kidding snowman building snow. Enough to make some truly large and, in some cases, outside-the-box snow creations.

The day following first snow, was sunny and temperatures rose from just around freezing back into the more comfortable high thirties to low forties. These perfect snow day conditions lured much of Team Minot out to build and play in the freshly fallen snow. There was enough of it to achieve some truly epic creations. The evidence? Snowmen. Snowmen everywhere. Also, snow cats, snow ducks, and one clutch of tiny, adorable snow-ducklings (no relation to the duck.) It was impossible to drive through base housing without coming across these creations - large and small, or stumbling on at least one snowball fight in progress. Even those who lived in town, which saw noticeably less snowfall than the base, were getting in on the action.

There is a saying in the Midwest that if you don't like the weather. wait five minutes. By Tuesday evening another storm had already started to hurtle its way across North Dakota. This one came with blizzard winds that not only dropped several more inches of snow, but rearranged or

monuments. Luckily, most people took pictures, in many cases posing right alongside their icy creations. Many were shared on the Northern Sentry's Facebook page, and they highlight the sense of fun and creativity that people bring to their time in Minot. Will the conditions be right for more snowmen? This reporter is hoping the answer will be 'yes'. If the forecasted La Nina, which brings colder temperatures and above average amounts of precipitation to the Northern tier, makes its debut, there will certainly be more opportunities to get out and enjoy some winter weather: fresh air, snow (hopefully, the GOOD kind,) and each other.

destroyed many of those original

A very old adage is to 'make hay while the sun shines.' This is the idea that a farmer needed to take advantage of the good weather to accomplish as much of their work as possible because they can't really predict what the next day will bring weatherwise. A broader application is that there is wisdom in taking advantage of a good situation while it presents itself. In the case of last week's storm, Team Minot invoked this principle in a light-hearted sense and made snowmen.



Milania's snowman is well over five feet tall. Her mother shared "we were talking about memories of my grandpa/ her great grandfather who would use up all the snow in the yard and build a giant snowman!" The family tradition is still going strong.



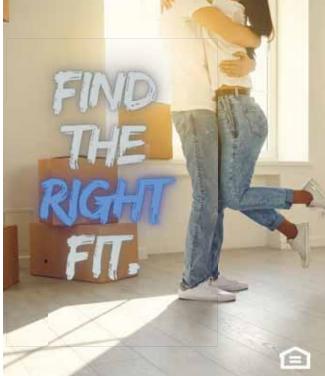
Nani and Snowy, posing for a photo to send to her dad. This is Nani and her mom's first snowman built without his help. Not too shabby for a couple of Arizona natives!



Ella Bartholomew and Lauren Westphal sharing a warm hug with Gerald the Snowman and the beginnings of his snowcat Francine.



Mason (red hat) and Declan (yellow hat) enjoyed building their first snowman, complete with corncob pipe and carrot nose and some rocks instead of coal. The Northern Sentry has been assured that, "The magic was all in the hat!"



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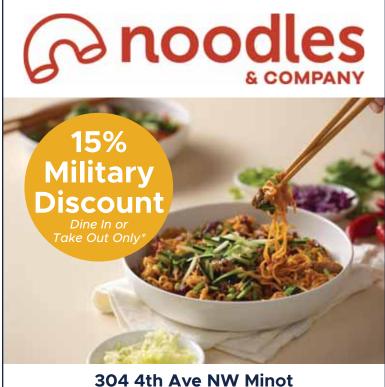
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NOVEMBER 27, 1957 On November 27, 1957, USAF pilots of the 363rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing completed "Operation Sun Run" and broke three transcontinental speed records. Sun Run included six pilots, six McDonnell RF-101C aircraft, and the new KC-135 Stratotankers that would perform the mission's in-flight refueling.



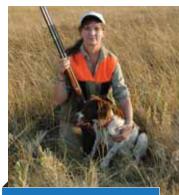
McDonnell RF-101C Voodoo, named "Cin-Min" (USAF)

Each flight took place between Los Angeles and New York, with two of the aircraft making a full round trip. Lt. Gustav Klatt set one record, flying from L.A. to New York in 3 hours, 7 minutes and 43 seconds. Capt. Robert Sweet established the new round-trip record of 6 hours, 46 minutes and 36 seconds, as well as the New York to L.A. record of 3 hours, 37 minutes and 32 seconds. "At that time the Air Force was only 10 years old, and this operation was an early endeavor to showcase the capabilities, speed and range of the first supersonic photo reconnaissance aircraft refueling from the first et tanker," said Christopher Koonce, the 20th Fighter Wing historian at Shaw AFB, SC. "It was an early display of the three effects of airpower: global vigilance, global reach and global power."

Information courtesy of: nationalmuseum.af.mil / shaw.af.mil







by Patricia Stockdill

Fishing:

Lake Sakakawea elevation, Nov. 25: 1,836.95 feet above mean sea level (MSL); 13,900 cubic feet per second (CFS) Garrison Dam average daily releases.

Devils Lake elevation: 1,449.51 feet above mean sea level (MSL). Stump Lake elevation: 1,449.42 MSL.

- N.D. Game & Fish Dept. game wardens: Anglers advised that ice conditions aren't safe yet on area lakes.
- Devils Lake, Ed's Bait Shop, Devils Lake: No reports with poor ice conditions.
- Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Devils Lake bays starting to ice over but conditions not conducive for access yet.
- · Lake Darling, Karma C-Store, Ruthville: No activity and no access advised on Lake Darling.
- Lake Metigoshe, Four Seasons, Bottineau: No activity with ice just forming on the lake and unsafe conditions.
- Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Back bays icing over on Lake Sakakawea and Lake Audubon but remain unsafe for any access.
- Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Hwy. 83 Lawn & Leisure, Garrison: Lake Audubon and Lake Sakakawea secluded back bay areas getting thing ice layer but access is unsafe.
- •Lake Sakakawea, New Town: Ramps iced over in the Van Hook Arm but Arm has open water. No access available and anglers advised to stay off thin ice at the ramps.
- Sakakawea/Missouri Lake River, Scott's Bait & Tackle, Pick City: No activity on the Missouri River tailrace and Lake

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- Ice is never completely safe. Avoid areas with vegetation, moving water, pressure ridges, and springs. Check conditions as you go along on the ice and don't move around at night.
- Nov. 29: Muzzleloader deer season opens.
- Nov. 29: Dove season closes.
- Nov. 29, Dec. 6 & Dec. 13: Fort Stevenson State Park, Dickens Village Festival Ornament Exchange Geocache. New coordinates posted Friday and live for 3 months.
- Dec. 1: High Plains and Low Plains duck, merganser, and coot seasons close.
- Dec. 1: Snipe and whitefront goose season closes.
- Dec. 1: Minot Curling League registration deadline.
- Dec. 6 & 7: Might Mallard Minot Curling Club Clubspiel
- Dec. 7: High Plains duck, merganser, and coot season opens.
- Dec. 16: Eastern Canada Goose Zone closes.

Sakakawea. Stay off all ice on any bays that may have a thin layer.

- Sakakawea/northwest lake N.D. lakes, Scenic Sports, Williston: Little to no activity with small area lakes beginning to ice over with unsafe access.
- North-central/central N.D. lakes, Towner Hdwe. Hank, Towner: No safe ice on area

Hunting:

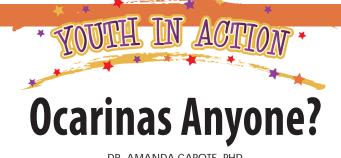
- Deer: Rut remains on with lots of and late season archery nunters.
- Upland: Continued pheasant activity but birds will bunch in heavier cover with snow and colder temperatures.
- Waterfowl: A Canada few geese remain on lingering open water of the Yellowstone and Missouri rivers in northwest N.D.

but will move out with ice-over. Increasing numbers of Canada geese along the east end of Lake Sakakawea on its open water back bays. Birds will linger on the open water of main bays and Missouri River below Garrison Dam as long as they can find food sources with little snow cover. A few Canada geese on the open water of Devils Lake but those birds will move out quickly with ice-over. Remaining waterfowl moving out of the state deer movement for muzzleloader as lakes and wetlands ice over for the winter

Numbers to know:

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DR. AMANDA CAPOTE, PHD NORTH PLAINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



This school year North Plains Elementary 5th grade students are learning a NEW instrument; the Ocarina!! This instrument is older than the Recorder dating back roughly 12,000 years! Our classroom Ocarinas have 6 holes, but these instruments can have as many as 12 holes. The best part about these incredible instruments is that they do not squeak like the recorder (this is a HUGE win). Together the students and I have been navigating this instrument by practicing the notes and playing simple songs like Happy Birthday. My hope is that next

school year I can implement Ocarinas in more grades and compliment them with the Recorder.

What I also found interesting is that most of my students recognized this instrument from the video game Zelda, creating a whole new fascination of learning from my students. Anytime we (as music teachers) can bridge music to real-world life and experience the better connection we create with our students. This also enhances a love for music and a love for learning music. Music is simply the BEST!!!





DoDEA Virtual School



JOY-NICOLE SMITH SCHOOL LIAISON PROGRAM MANAGER, GS-12 DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE SCHOOL LIAISON PROGRAM



The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) launched a new program this school year aimed at expanding eligibility for dependents of members of the armed forces on active duty to register into the DoDEA Virtual High School (DVHS). The Expanded Eligibility Pilot is available to students in grades 9-12 for the 2024-25 school year and is now accepting applications for Spring semester. In order to be eligible for the program, students must be the dependents of active-duty military members serving in remote locations that do not have access to a DoDEA brick-and-motor

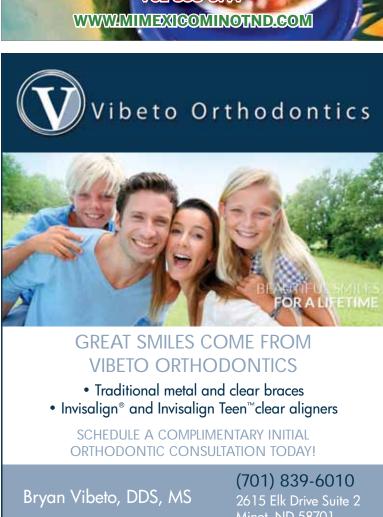
school. Minot Air Force Base is one of the approved installations for this program and Minot Public Schools is prepared to process student requests. Participants registering in the DVHS as part of this program must obtain the approval of their local school system. Homeschooled students who do not have access to a DoDEA school can also register for the Expanded Eligibility Pilot Program. Enrollment in the program will be limited to 400 students, split evenly among the four services. Preference will be given to students entering the 12th grade. The pilot program was authorized as part of the 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), giving it the authority to expand the eligibility for DVHS to stateside active duty military dependents in grades 9-12 who are currently ineligible for the DVHS program. The program offers students the chance to take up to two courses from a selection of more than 30 courses that are already offered by the DVHS. These courses include Advanced Placement, world language, and Career Technical Education. For more information visit the website www.dodea.edu/dvs/e2p2.cfm or contact the School Liaison at 701-723-1447 or mafb.school.liaison@ us.af.mil.



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Yes, it's almost that time of year again: the holidays. Reindeer, Santa, fruitcakes, stockings, visions of sugar plumbs dancing in our heads, and, of course, Christmas lights. Adding a sense of essence to a neighborhood house, Christmas lights are hung from chimneys, and roof eaves, with cheer. But, remember, danger soon could appear.

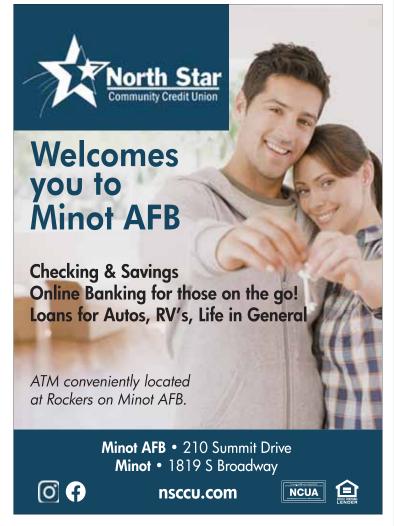
In order to keep your holidays merry, keep these Christmas light safety tips in mind:

Watch for Ice: Whether you are climbing on a roof or looking for a place to set your ladder, ice is your enemy. Sometimes it's obvious, with a sidewalk or a rooftop being visibly slick, and sometimes it is black ice, ice you don't really notice until it's too late. Before you step anywhere or set a ladder down, be sure there is no ice in the vicinity. Check suspicious areas closely and lay down salt or sand when warranted. It's better to be safe than falling. Use assistance when needed to avoid a possible fall.

Check lights and unravel them on ground level: After sitting in your basement or attic for nearly a year, Christmas lights probably aren't in the best shape. Some lights are loose, some are burnt out, and some cords are tangled in a tight, but oddly well done, sailor's knot. Don't wait till you standing on top of a ladder to learn your lights need some work. Because getting them "roof top ready" can take some time, unravel and check them on ground level.

Make sure they are approved for outdoor use: There are indoor lights, there are outdoor lights, and then there are the switch hitters: lights that do both. Before hanging lights up outside, make sure they are suitable for the outdoors (if they are, it will say on the box). It's also important to make sure the lights were checked by a legitimate testing laboratory, such as UL. Look for seals of approval before you approve them for your house. The Smaller the Better: There was a time when all holiday lights were made of big, robust bulbs. Nowadays, many lights are much smaller. Some people prefer smaller lights because they look better, allow more variety, and are easier to hang, but they are also safer. The larger lights have a tendency to get much hotter, increasing the chances for a fire or a singed Christmas tree. For this reason, use smaller lights.

Turn them off when you go to bed or leave: Christmas lights surely add something to your neighborhood: glowing from afar, they make the holidays luminous. Still, any kind of lights have the potential for danger. Even if you want to keep them on from Thanksgiving to Valentine's Day, they need to be turned off when you aren't around. If you leave, shut them down and when you go to bed, pull the plug. If you have a tendency to forget, get a timer that turns them off automatically.





A U.S. Air Force 69th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron B-52H Stratofortress copilot performs preflight checks in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility Nov. 18, 2024. The B-52H can perform strategic attack, close-air support, air interdiction, offensive counter-air and maritime operations to support regional stability through a dynamic defense posture.

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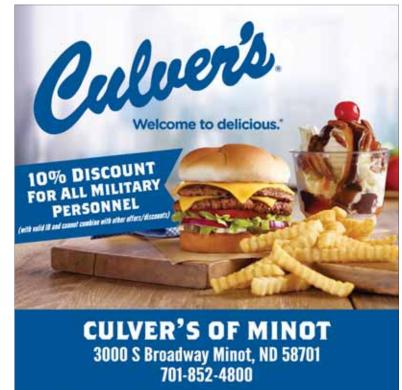


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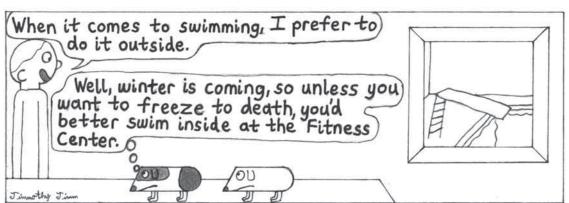
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The new giveaway, **Weddings for Warriors**, will honor the men and women who serve the United States by giving away use of the Pilot's Bar and banquet space once every month.

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

For further information, please send a message to the hotel at revelnd.com or contact Chelewa Springs or Ashley Cutler at 701-607-4557 or 701-306-3338.

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Give on Giving Tuesday. . . **Military Style**

MARTINA KRANZ, NORTHERN SENTRY

Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday, are all retail sales days associated with Thanksgiving that fall four days after the holiday. These days are about shopping and spending money. However, on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, Minot AFB will hold its first-ever Giving Tuesday Military edition to reach those who need a little help or even a bit of joy during the holiday season. It's a day about kindness and service. According to MAFB spouse and ambassador for Giving Tuesday Military, Carrie Driver said, "Giving Tuesday was a way to bring the conversation back to the meaning behind the holidays-time, kindness, giving. We determined that the military is all over the globe and has the ability to make undeniable impact to the world through kindness because of this!" Driver is working on spreading the word about the day, helping people understand what Giving Tuesday is, and getting MAFB organizations involved.

In 2019, military spouses Jessica Manfre, Samantha Gomolka, and Maria Reed met at an awards ceremony which unknowingly put the Giving Tuesday Military initiative in motion. That summer, Manfre and Reed helped with a home makeover for a Coast Guard member whose wife had terminal cancer, and Manfre shared the finished makeover with Giving Tuesday. The group asked Manfre if she would be willing to start a military Giving Tuesday campaign. When Manfre shared the idea with Gomolka and Reed, they were in! They based this "Giving Tuesday" campaign on radical kindness. Radical kindness is an action that intentionally seeks to build bridges across differences, develop shared ground, and promote social connection between groups and communities.

This year, the friends published a list of states without ambassadors on Giving Tuesday Military's Facebook page. North Dakota was on that list. It is the friends' goal to establish ambassadors from all 50 states. Manfre, Gomolka, and Reed contacted Driver and asked her if she was interested and willing to spearhead Giving Tuesday Military on MAFB and in North Dakota. Until now, MAFB had never participated in Giving Tuesday Military. "I believe that our community has so many amazing people who do so much already, and I love getting to bring everyone together, and was exited and honored to get to come along side of these women and [be] a part of something greater than ourselves and to get to make a difference," Driver said.

To participate in Tuesday, MAFB family members and service members alike can choose to work with whoever they would like and in any way they see fit. People from other bases have worked with First Sergeants' Councils, private organizations, and spouses' clubs. Some organizations run blood drives, others do clothing drives for those in need, and still others gather Christmas gifts for junior enlisted members' kids or make cards for veterans. People's options are limitless; from giving hugs, making cards, passing out cookies, paying for someone's coffee in line, or donating time and resources. "The beauty of GTM is whatever you choose to do in the spirit of giving back and kindness is amazing and what it is all about," Driver said.

MAFB Right now, the homeschool community plans to make cards and cookies for the Airmen in the dorms. Other MAFB community members will be working on dorm holiday decorating too. Driver also said that Giving Tuesday has received

a huge donation of toys, and she is currently looking for a place that is in need of toys to bless kids during the holiday season.

Giving Tuesday is one of the biggest fundraising days of the year, and what differentiates Giving Tuesday Military is that people are asked to give mostly of their time, but it could include monetary giving too, like paying for a stranger's coffee or surprising the gate guards with treats. It's about showing up and showing you care, no matter what the act of kindness. To learn more about the Giving Tuesday Military movement or how to join, visit https://givingtuesdaymilitary.com.



The Warm-Up Project in Watertown, N.Y, part of a Giving Tuesday Military campaign. They do it all over the country. The warm weather items are tied to light poles, trees, benches, etc. with a card that says "I am not lost. I'm here just for you. If you are cold, please take me."



Carrie Maraschino, a member of Giving Tuesday Military, visits a Marine's grave at Arlington National Cemetery. His grave is draped with a Marine Corps Marathon Medal. The medals are a physical token of gratitude that a person can leave behind. The medals are donated solely for this purpose and are a loving reminder that someone is thinking of them.



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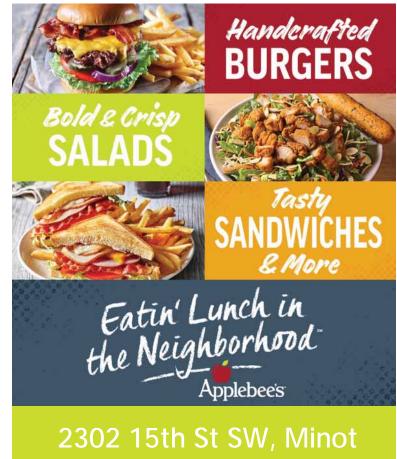
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- Tabletop Gaming, 1600-2200, Rough Rider Lanes Bowling Center
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SATURDAY 30

- For a full listing of Thanksgiving Day holiday facility hours, visit 5thforcesupport.com
- Native American Alaskan Native Heritage Month Ends, Dakota Inn Dining Facility
- Free Bowling, 1400-2100, Rough Rider Bowling Center Airman Free Bowling, 2100-2400, Rough Rider Bowling Center

SUNDAY

- For a full listing of Thanksgiving Day holiday facility hours, visit 5thforcesupport.com
- Winter Reading Program Begins, Minot AFB Library

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- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- TAP Overview, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Sponsorship Training, 0900-1100, M&FRC
- · Reintegration Briefing, 1000, M&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Zumba, 1800, McAdoo Fitness Center

- AFFT. 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- TAP (VA) Services and Benefits Briefing, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Immersion, 1000, M&FRC
- Game Day, 1000-1930, Minot AFB Library
- Tuition Assistance (TA) Brief, 1000, Education Center Room 211
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center

- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- TAP (DOL) Employment Track Workshop, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Master Culinary Competition, 0900, Dakota Inn Dining Facility
- Friday Flicks, 1630-2200, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Snowflake Skate Jam, 1800-2000, Youth Center

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- Frostival, 1400-1900, Turf
- Free Bowling, 1400-2100, Rough Rider Bowling Center
- Airman Free Bowling, 2100-2400, Rough Rider Bowling Center

WEDNESDAY 1

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- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center • TAP (DOL) Overview Workshop, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- ponsorship Training, 0900-1100, M&FRC
- 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
- Brown Bag Book Talk, 1200, Minot AFB Library

THURSDAY 1

- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- AFFT. 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- TAP (DOL) Employment Track Workshop, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Pre-Separation Counseling, 0830-1130, M&FRC
- Reintegration Briefing, 1000-1100, M&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- USO Special Delivery Baby Shower, 1000-1130, Minot AFB Library
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Tuition Assistance (TA) Brief, 1330, Education Center Room 211

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Bomber Bistro Featured Item

Caprese Salad

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

The B-Fifty Brew Featured Item

Muffins

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