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Three UH-1N Iroquois fly in formation during a seven-ship formation flight at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Aug. 21, 2025. The seven helicopters carried Tactical Response Force members for an exercise, employing airpower and air superiority in defense of our nation's nuclear deterrence arsenal. More photos on page A8 U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS WESLEY DAVIES



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## September Squadron of the Month 91 Operations Support Squadron

proudly Command Team congratulates the 91st Operations Support Squadron (OSS) on being selected as September's Squadron of the Month.

enabling Charged with the readiness of the wing's nuclear deterrence mission, the Pathfinders of the 91st OSS deliver elite operations support across a wide range of mission sets. Often working behind the scenes, these Airmen ensure the success of the 91st Missile Wing's 24/7/365 ICBM operations. The most functionally diverse unit in the 91st Operations Group, the OSS manages ICBM crew training, tactics development, intelligence support, targeting, operations, current cryptographic programs. Every missile alert and field mission begins and ends with Pathfinder

exceptional performance, the 91st OSS earned back-toback McAdoo Trophy wins, distinguishing them as Air Force Global Strike Command's top ICBM Operations Support Squadron two years running. This rare achievement reflects the squadron's culture of innovation, precision, and unwavering commitment to mission success.

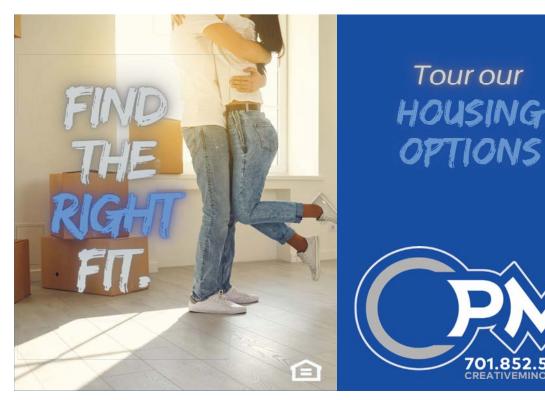
















## NTSB preliminary report says B-52 was flying as authorized in near miss at Minot

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The National Transportation Safety Board preliminary report following a loss-of-separation incident during a July 18, 2025, flyover at the North Dakota State Fairgrounds confirms the Minot AFB B-52 was following its authorized flight path as directed by air traffic control and acted in full compliance with preestablished procedures, flight plans and air traffic control instructions.

The NTSB report confirms the B-52's flyover was coordinated in advance with both Minot Air Traffic Control Tower and Dakota Radar Approach Control. The B-52 aircrew was cleared to proceed as instructed, maintaining their flight

path until two miles west of the airport. The controller did not advise the B-52 aircrew of the inbound commercial aircraft.

According to the report, the Minot Air Traffic Control Tower directed the commercial airline jet to make a right 360 degree turn away from the B-52's flight path. The commercial pilot declined, then the controller offered a left 360 degree turn before breaking off its approach to Minot International

The NTSB preliminary report also notes a second loss of separation between the B-52 and a civilian Piper PA-28-151 aircraft, flying under Visual Flight Rules. The B-52 aircrew maintained positive visual separation with

the Piper aircraft and acted in accordance with their approved flight plan. However, the controller did not notify the B-52 of the Piper's presence.

NTSB The made determination of fault in its preliminary report.

Safety remains priority. We continue to fully cooperate with the ongoing NTSB investigation. We are committed to upholding the highest standards of professionalism and safety in all our operations.

The full text of the preliminary NTSB report can be found here: https://data.ntsb.gov/carolrepgen/api/Aviation/ReportMain/ GenerateNewestReport/200594/pdf







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## A Sunday Summer, and a Labor Day Fall...Sort of



A VIEW FROM **OUR SIDE ROD WILSON** 

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Never mind that Sunday was one month and Monday another. A flip of the calendar does not necessarily mean we went from summer to fall, except in 2025.

Take Sunday...what a beautiful day on the lake. There were people on pontoons, swimming parties in the middle of the lake, jet skis being as annoying as ever (personal opinion, they are loud and obnoxious), and across the bay near Government Bay there was a cascading line of salmon fishing boats. The temperature hovered around 80, and for anyone who wasn't a sailor, did I mention there wasn't any wind, it was a great day.

Off we went with 4 grandkids full of energy for our favorite bay, nick named Sailboat Bay on Mallard Island. Today we used the diesel sail (yep, the motor) on our 27 foot Cal sailboat to power our journey of about 7 miles.

Once we arrive we tie the boat to shore, unload the kayak, put on the swim trunks and grab the goggles, it's time to hit the water. My grandkids range in age from 14 to 5. As I turned around the oldest, Carter, was headed across the bay. He had swum across this same bay last summer. But hey, today he is followed close behind by his younger brother Charlie.

Grandma and BePa (short for Grandpa) sit nervously on the

edge of their seats. Being a former lifeguard, I start to empty pockets on my shorts just in case I am headed out to assist Charlie. In a few minutes it became pretty evident that grandson number 2 was going to prove that he, too, could swim across the bay and back. When he hit the other shore he received a rousing round of applause from Grandma and BePa.

Soon headed out into the bay was Granddaughter Addely. She assured me that she was completely in control of the kayak and not to worry. Well OK, we'll buy that you have learned to maneuver the kayak, but as grandparents we get paid to worry, it's part of the job,

Last, but certainly not least, was 5 year old Silas. Although he was wearing a life jacket, he too swam across the once daunted Mallard Bav. It was at least 2 hours of fun in the sun, maybe more.

Then it was lunch time. Boy, can those kids go through the lunch! Summer sausage sandwiches, grapes, apples, peaches, veggie straws (we ran out), and just about anything and everything we packed for lunch was under attack. One more time in the kayak and walking the sandy beach and we were on our way back.

Today was the day that we



The World's Record for most S'Mores being made at once was set at Fort Stevenson...Here's one more!

had hoped to give Carter sailing lesson 101...but there just wasn't a whole lot of wind. Instead, he was able to take the wheel and drive (tough words for a sailor to say) the boat back to the marina. Between Grandma and BePa the sailing rhetoric never quit. I'll just say "nice job Carter. Hopefully next time we have enough wind to sail Celebration.

How does a perfect day at Fort Stevenson end? Well of course, with a campfire and a round of S'mores, well and then another round of S'mores and well finally, we are out of chocolate bars. The fire went on for another hour or so, and the sun, which used to set after 9:45 PM in July, is painting a beautiful orange sky around 8:45 PM. Soon the sky was filled with stars and we begin to find the Big Dipper, The North Star and Scorpio. The mosquitoes would end the evening, as everyone retreated to the cabin.

So, what's this about Labor Day being the first day of fall? Well folks, we started our Labor Day sail with perfect winds, dressed in sweatshirts to keep warm. Fall has a distinctive wind pattern, pretty much a steady wind from one direction, Labor Day it was from the Southeast. But fall didn't last too long. By afternoon we were down to shorts and t-shirts. The ice cream line at the marina



zoo, pony rides and much more.... **TODAY'S CHUCKLE** The difference between a conviction and a prejudice is that you can explain a conviction without

Homecoming Parade and stay

through a great day of vendors,

food trucks, kids game, a petting

store was long as boats lined up for

or fall, it means the same thing.

Soon the sailboat will be trailered,

winterized (there it is, that nasty

"w" word) and our days on the lake will end. We had a great family

weekend, and really, isn't that what

expert at Northern Prairie Farms, Anne, sent us a photo of pumpkins

picked from her garden this week.

Just a heads up for those who are looking for North Prairie Farmer's Market. They've just

relocated on the south side of the

Trinity West parking lot. This week

I hear that there will be: tomatoes,

cabbage, broccoli, several kinds

of squash, cucumbers, zucchini,

cauliflower, potatoes and of course

No More Denying- Our garden

Whether it's the end of summer,

one last summer scoop.

is most important?

Ok, maybe it is fall.

pumpkins.



Grandson Carter learning how to sail.

# North Dakota's bizarre summer weather



**UPSIDE DOWN UNDER** 

MARVIN BAKER

There's no doubt in anyone's mind that this summer has been quite unusual in terms of weather conditions. Granted, we say that every year, but this season has been quite different than the norm.

The most obvious thing has been in the amount of precipitation that has fallen across the state. Right now, only Pembina and Cavalier counties have abnormally dry conditions, which is weird in and of itself. Pembina County, especially, is normally one of the "wetter" counties in the state.

This summer, the southwest

has had far more rainfall than it normally gets. I doubt any records are being broken, but suffice to say, it isn't the norm.

When our family took our annual mini vacation to Medora at the end of July, we were absolutely astounded at how green it was in the Badlands. A year ago, that same trip on that same weekend was wrought with grasshoppers, intense

heat and drought conditions.

Medora isn't supposed to be green at the end of July. In mid August, my wife and I attended our grandson's birthday party at a rural residence east of Lincoln. When I was in high school and working after high school, I traveled that road a lot from Hazelton to Bismarck and back.

I never saw it so green in the month of August. I told my wife I'm finding a hard time wrapping my head around this because it's August, it's harvest and high school football practice has started. It's supposed to be hot and dried up in August and grasshoppers are usually invading the ripe cereal grains about to be harvested.

June, which has traditionally been our wettest month, appears to have switched places with August. We had far more rain in May than we

did in June, generally speaking, then July brought much more rain than June and now August has produced twice the amount of precipitation as June did, again generally speaking because there are pockets of anomalies.

Take Ellendale for instance. That community in Dickey County has been getting dumped on all summer. You'd think it was a community in southeastern Iowa or something with all the rain it's had. Typically well over an inch and often times up to 2 inches of rain in each event. The last time I looked, Ellendale was in North Dakota, and to get that kind of rain in August, it doesn't compute.

Linton, Hettinger, Fort Yates and Carson have also had unusual amounts of rain. And when you go further east to LaMoure and points east of there, locals say they've never seen precipitation like these past two summers.

We've also witnessed a change in temperatures. Because we are now late into the summer. I can safely say most reporting stations in the state have not reached 100 degrees all summer. Typically, most places, Grand Forks and Devils Lake being the exceptions, reach 100 at least one time each summer. Not this

year. Only a few places in the far west have hit that benchmark.

Rewind to four years ago when northwestern North Dakota saw nine days hit 100 or go past it. Three days in June, three days in July and three days in August. In 1936, which has always been the benchmark for heat and drought, saw four days hit 100 or higher.

The same can be said for fall and winter. The months of October and November can be pivotal months going into winter. But in recent years, the month of November at least, has been quite mild across nearly the entire state. That's not terribly unusual, but to see that trend slipping into December is an anomaly.

If you look back at statistics, the first half of December has become more mild in recent years and when you see the UPS guy delivering packages on Dec. 10 wearing shorts and a T-shirt, on the northern tier of North Dakota, you know it's not normal.

March and April have changed too. People often ask me if I plant potatoes on Good Friday. My response, only if I had a jackhammer out there to chisel the frozen ground loose.







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# Team Minot Connects with Community on Future of Sentinel ICBM

SENIOR AIRMAN TRUST TATE, 5TH BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. -- Air Force officials from Air Force Global Strike Command and Minot Air Force Base conducted a public town hall on August 26, 2025 at Minot State University to discuss details with the community on the transition process from the Minuteman III to the new Sentinel Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) system.

The event educated residents, civic leaders, and local workforce members regarding major features of the Sentinel program, such as future developments, economic benefits and infrastructure construction. Officials also spoke to and fielded questions from those in attendance about the program's budget scenario and future contracting opportunities.

"The Sentinel program isn't just vital to Minot, North Dakota, it's critical to our entire nation," said U.S. Sen. Kevin Cramer, R-N.D. "The presence of Air Force Global Strike Command here tonight underscores just how essential Minot is to global defense."

Minot Air Force Base is one of three primary U.S. bases set for modernization under Air Force Global Strike Command. Additionally, F.E. Warren AFB,

Wyoming and Malmstrom AFB, Montana will also see the current Minuteman III systems upgraded, including missile silos, launch control centers, and other support facilities.

While speaking to the town hall attendees about the need to modernize our ICBM infrastructure, Maj. Gen. Colin Connor, ICBM Site Activation Task Force director, thanked the community for their unrivaled support to the base and its mission.

"The community builds the missile, the Air Force operates it," said Connor. "The Minot community supports us like no other."

Air Force officials, elected leaders, and local civic leaders at the town hall meeting emphasized transparency and community involvement as the massive defense project moves ahead

Amid these discussions, leaders also highlighted the unwavering commitment of the service members who continue to carry out the Minuteman III mission on the ground.

"Our Airmen are out there executing the mission, rain or shine," said U.S. Air Force Col. Jimmy Schlabach, 91st Missile Wing commander. "They stand

ready so that our national leaders can be confident: if the time ever comes, we are prepared to deliver."

Site Activation Task Force Detachment 12 commander introduced himself as the person on the ground in Minot charged with making the Sentinel program a success

"The Site Activation Task Force is here, it's here to stay and it's here to get the job done," said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Nicholas Conover, Sentinel ICBM Site Activation Task Force Detachment 12 commander. "It's going to remain here until they take the last Minuteman off alert and they put Sentinel in the hole."

Conover mentioned the desire for an open line of communication and provided contact cards to those in attendance to reach out to him with any questions and concerns regarding the Sentinel program.

Conover stated that he aims to ensure project success while keeping the public informed through open communication.

Members of the public can contact the Sentinel Hotline by email at AFGSC.Sentinel. Hotline@us.af.mil or by phone at (701) 723-6853.



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Nicholas Conover, Sentinel ICBM Site Activation Task Force Detachment 12 commander, speaks during the Sentinel program town hall in Minot, North Dakota, Aug. 26, 2025. Air Force officials, elected officials, and local civic leaders at the town hall meeting emphasized transparency and community involvement as the massive defense project moves ahead.

U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTOS I SENIOR AIRMAN TRUST TATE



Airman 1st Class Vincent Padilla & Wesley Davies, 5th Bomb Wing public affairs specialists, welcome a member of the Minot community during the Sentinel program town hall in Minot, North Dakota, Aug. 26, 2025. The activity educated residents, civic leaders, and local workforce members regarding major features of the Sentinel program, such as future developments, economic benefits, infrastructure construction, and environmental investigations.

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## Minot's Mission Returns to Washington: 14th Annual Task Force 21 **Nuclear Triad Symposium**

MINOT AREA CHAMBER EDC

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The mission to educate and advocate for Minot and Minot Air Force Base is heading back to the nation's capital this fall for the 14th Annual Task Force 21 Nuclear Triad Symposium. Set for September 26, 2025, the event will host senior defense

leaders, policymakers, and national security experts to discuss the state and future of America's nuclear triad and the role Minot plays in global defense. A m o n g

this year's distinguished speakers is Gen. Thomas A. Bussiere, Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command and Commander, Air Forces Strategic – Air, U.S. Strategic Command at Barksdale Air Force Base. Additional invited speakers include Secretary of the Air Force Troy Meink and Lt. Gen. Andrew Gebara, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, U.S. Air Force, along with members of North Dakota's

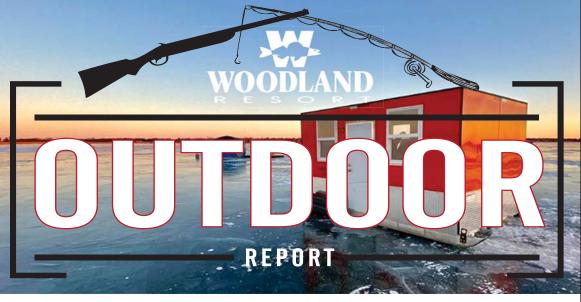
congressional delegation. "Minot has a unique role in sustaining the strength of our nuclear deterrent," said Brekka Kramer, President & CEO of the Minot Area Chamber EDC. "This symposium provides a critical opportunity to elevate the voices of defense leaders and ensure that Minot remains at the center America's national security dialogue." "The

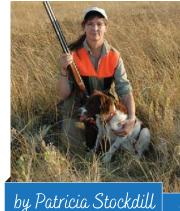
conversations that take place here directly shape the future of our nation's defense," said Pete Hankla, Chair of Task Force 21. "We are committed to providing a platform strengthens the ties between our military, policymakers, communities.'

The symposium will be held at the Army & Navy Club in Washington, D.C. The event is free to attend, but advance registration is required, as space is limited.

For updates, registration, and a full list of speakers, visit TaskForce21. com or contact the Minot Area Chamber EDC at 701-852-6000 or minot@minotchamberedc.com.

Attendees and the public are encouraged to follow and join the conversation on social media.





Lake Sakakawea elevation, Sept. 1: 1,832.71 feet above mean sea level (MSL); 19,000 cubic feet per second (CFS) Garrison Dam average daily releases.

Devils Lake elevation: 1,448.6 feet above mean sea level (MSL). Stump Lake elevation: 1,448.56

• N.D. Game & Fish Dept. game wardens: Not much activity on north-central area lakes. No new Devils Lake reports.

• Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Continued fair for small walleye using spinners and bottom bouncers in 18 to 23 feet. • Lake Darling, Karma C-Store,

Ruthville: No new reports from Lake Darling or Lake Audubon.

• Lake Metigoshe, Four Seasons, Bottineau: A few nice-sized walleye coming in an evening bite but bluegill moved out farther from the shoreline and deeper along the

• Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: East end of Lake Sakakawea continues producing walleye in 18 to 42 feet. Move around and locate fish with generally nice success throughout much of the east end. Try a variety of presentations.

• Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Hwy. 83 Lawn & Leisure, Garrison: Try 25 feet using slow death hooks for walleye on the east end of Lake Sakakawea. Some salmon in 80 to 105 feet along the south shore. Not big numbers but some nicesized fish. Continued smallmouth activity on Lake Audubon.

• Lake Sakakawea, Indian Resort, Garrison: Spotty walleye success. Try working 22 to 35 feet with some success in deeper water but plan to keep anything from those depths. Water temperatures remained warm earlier in the week. Call the store, (701) 743-4122, to arrange for gas-on-the-water with the store now closed for the season.

• Lake Sakakawea, New Town:

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.

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• Sept. 5: Lace Up for Literacy 5K Fun Run/Walk, Oak Park, 5

• Sept. 5: "Autumn Breeze" Paint party for older teens and adults, 14 x 11 canvas, \$35, Nature's Nook, Minot. 6:30 p.m.

• Sept. 5: Movie in the Park, "Wicked", Oak Park, 9:30 p.m. • Sept. 7: Early Canada goose

Missouri River Zone season

• Sept. 11: Patriot Ruck, free 13-Mile Ruck March remembering 9/11 lost heroes beginning at Minot Family YMCA at 8 a.m.

Sept. 13: Sharptail and ruffed grouse, partridge, and tree squirrel

• Sept. 1'3: Sweat for Vets Zumba or CrossFit workout fundraiser for

Minot Vets 4 Vets in conjunction with Festival on Main, 8 a.m.
• Sept. 15: West Early Season Canada Goose Zone closes.

#### **TOURNAMENTS:**

• Sept. 12: Lake Sakakawea, Parshall Bay.

• Sept. 13: Lake Sakakawea, Fort Stevenson State Park.

Walleye activity generally slow in the Van Hook Árm.

 Lake Sakakawea, Van Hook Bait & Tackle, New Town: Continue working deep with better walleye success still farther south in the Van Hook Arm closer to the old river channel. More success coming on minnows. Store now open Friday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday through Sept. 17.

 Lake Sakakawea/Missouri River, Scott's Bait & Tackle, Pick City: Missouri River tailrace continues producing larger fish at night in the chutes and down river with small walleye during the day. Try jigs or Lindy rigs during the day or trolling crankbaits or 3-way swivels at night. Continued good catfish success. Try floating slip bobbers for a different technique with usual techniques also working. Catfish success off the wing walls, as well. Good smallmouth success continues on the east end of Lake Sakakawea. Try casting crankbaits trom the rocks at night Work at least 30 feet f on the east end of Lake Sakakawea or eatersized walleye with smaller ones shallower. Try mudlines off points with Lindy rigs, slow death rigs, or jigs but keep those from deep water. Work 70 feet to 100 feet for salmon using flashers and needle fish or small squids and flies. Good

numbers but look for fish to move shallower as temperatures cool.

 Lake Sakakawea/northwest N.D. lakes, Scenic Sports, Williston: Upper end of Lake Sakakawea cleaning up with a nice walleye bite around Hofflund Island. Try shallow, including as shallow as 5 feet, using crawler harnesses or crankbaits. Missouri and Yellowstone rivers producing catfish with slow walleye activity. Yellowstone River is clearing nicely, though.

North-central/central N.D. lakes, Towner Hdwe. Hank, Towner: No new reports from area lakes.

#### **HUNTING:**

• Deer archery: Fair numbers but overall population remains low in the Williston area since the 2022 EHD outbreak.

• Doves: Look for nice numbers throughout many areas with birds bunching in the northwest after cool evenings.

• Early Canada goose: Look more activity with underway in the northwest.

#### **NUMBERS TO KNOW:**

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• Report All Poachers: (701) 328-9921.





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# Safe Rides: Saving lives and military careers one phone call at a time!

HANNAH WATERS, NORTHERN SENTRY

Safe driving is now a piece of cake and, Senior Airman Katherin Varela-Loaiza from the 5 Force Support Squadron is proving why. SrA Loaiza has dedicated over 270 hours over the past year and a half to Safe Rides, the volunteer program that provides Airmen with a safe ride home in a variety of situations. Originally known as AADD, Safe Rides has expanded its mission to serve Airmen not only in cases of drunk driving but also in emergencies, medical situations, and other uncomfortable circumstances.

What started as a simple desire to help has turned into a deep passion for SrA Loaiza, who now plays a pivotal role in the program both on the road and behind the scenes. A year and a half ago, her interest in SafeRide was initially sparked because of a personal experience that happened during her teenage years when she saw a friend get into a car accident that could have been avoided if a designated driver had been available. "I volunteer for stuff that I like," SrA Loaiza explained, reflecting on her motivations for getting involved.

Initially, she joined the program as a squadron representative, the primary drivers for Safe Rides within that unit. Her involvement

deepened when she became the organization's Secretary. It gave her the opportunity to help influence changes that would significantly broaden the program's scope.

When the AADD Council

leadership changed, so did the program's mission. The decision was made to rebrand from AADD to Safe Rides in 2024, emphasizing that the program was no longer just for Airmen needing a ride after drinking. This change came about last winter, "We got a new president, and that's when we did the name change to brand the program just so people know that it's not just for drunk driving. It's also for any uncomfortable situation," SrA Loaiza explained. The rebranding, she said, was essential in broadening the program's reach and encouraging Airmen to take advantage of the service in a wider range of situations, from medical emergencies to situations where someone might need a lift home when no one else is available.

The new approach has worked. The program operates from Thursday at 9 PM until Saturday at 3 AM, providing rides during those late-night hours. "We turn on the phone whenever the program's available," SrA Loaiza said. "It's

really helping people feel safe and supported, especially if they're new or don't know where to go."

SrA Loaiza has also noticed a growth in community involvement, with local businesses offering support in the form of gift cards for volunteers and promotional materials. "At the back-to-school bash, people got recognized for volunteering and supporting the program," she said. "It's nice to see that people are really appreciative of what we do."

In addition to the rewarding community feedback, SrA Loaiza finds fulfillment in the program's growth and success. "It's nice to see how much the program has grown and how much recognition it's getting now compared to when I started," she shared. However, there have been challenges. Coordinating volunteer schedules and managing behind-the-scenes logistics can be tough, but SrA Loaiza's dedication to the program keeps her going.

Throughout her time volunteering, SrA Loaiza had a few examples of how the program is beneficial to Airmen. One that stands out involves an Airman who passed out on the road. Luckily, a Military ID was found so Safe Rides was called.

SrA Loaiza's commitment to Safe



Senior Airman Katherin Varela-Loaiza, 5FSS, coined by CMSgt Wayne Sharp on August 8th, 2025.

Rides has resulted in a staggering 270 hours of volunteer work, including time spent driving and managing logistics. "I put all my time into the program, doing the scheduling and everything that goes into it," she explained. Her passion for the program is evident, and she plans to continue her work with Safe Rides in the future. "I'm coming up on my second year, and I'll definitely keep volunteering," she said. "I like being part of something that helps people in real ways."

For SrA Loaiza, volunteering with Safe Rides goes beyond just

providing transportation. It's about ensuring that every Airman has the support they need when they need it most, whether it's someone needing an emergency ride, or a new airman who's unsure where to turn. She's proud to be part of a program that's making a real difference in the community.

If you or someone you know finds themselves in any sort of compromising or difficult situation and needs a ride, please call Safe Rides a call at 701-723-7233, they are guaranteed to get you home safe!





#### **NOTES ON BEING SAFE**

# GUN SAFETY PROPER USAGE AND STORAGE IS ESSENTIAL

In our daily lives, firearms of all types are featured in T.V. shows, movies, video games, and in a large majority of our homes. Since firearms have become such a large part of today's society, "Firearm Safety" cannot be overlooked. The purpose of Firearm Safety is to eliminate or minimize the risks of unintentional death, injury or damage caused by improper handling and storage of firearms. If you choose to maintain firearms, you must become fully aware of the risks exposed to not only you, but friends and family. Although studies show that firearm related injuries peak in adolescent groups; adults are just as likely to have a firearm mishap.

Unfortunately, tragedies occur on a daily basis involving unlocked firearms, which make them easily accessible. The first rule of firearm safety is simple and important: Know why you have a weapon in the house, and act accordingly. Keep your weapons secure where no one can access them and cause accidental harm to themselves or others. After all, how often are you going to hunt deer or shoot targets in your home? In the event of a fire or natural disaster, would you want the loaded, unlocked firearm to wound or kill the emergency response personnel who are there to rescue you?

Here are a few basic guide lines to help keep firearms safe and away from unauthorized access.

- Always remove ammunition from firearms.Assure no unauthorized
- persons have access to your firearm.
- Place ammunition in a locked location, separate from firearms. When deciding where to store ammunition, remember to select a

secure place that is out of sight and reach of children.

- Secure unloaded firearms with a gunlock, gun alarm or other type of tamper-proof device, these might render the gun inoperable.
   Store unloaded firearms, in
- Store unloaded firearms, in lockable gun cabinet, safe, or locked vault. Remember to place a locked storage case where children cannot



find it.

• Keep firearms storage unit keys away from the "every day" keys. Remember that proper storage

Remember that proper storage or firearms and ammunition can significantly decrease injuries; the consequences of an accidental discard can be devastating.



#### 54HS PROVIDES SUPPORT DURING A TACTICAL RESPONSE FORCE EXERCISE AT MINOT AFB



A UH-1N Iroquois takes off from the flightline for a seven-ship formation flight during a Tactical Response Force exercise at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Aug. 21, 2025. The seven helicopters carried Tactical Response Force members for an exercise, employing airpower and air superiority in defense of our nation's nuclear deterrence arsenal.

U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO SENIOR AIRMAN ALYSSA BANKSTON



A formation of UH-1N Iroquois helicopters fly over Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Aug. 21, 2025. The primary missions of the UH-1N Iroquois include airlifting emergency security forces, providing security and surveillance of off-base nuclear weapons convoys and conducting medical evacuation.

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A line of UH-1N Iroquois helicopters prepare for take off for a formation flight during a Tactical Response Force exercise at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Aug. 21, 2025. The UH-1N has been stationed at Minot AFB since March 20, 1980 and is scheduled to remain until 2029, with the MH-139A expected to arrive in 2027.

U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO SENIOR AIRMAN ALYSSA BANKSTON



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Dustin Dezotell, a 54th Helicopter Squadron special missions aviator, flies in a UH-1N Iroquois during a formation flight at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Aug. 21, 2025. The primary missions of the UH-1N Iroquois include airlifting emergency security forces, providing security and surveillance of off-base nuclear weapons convoys and conducting medical evacuation.

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#### **4 Person Teams**

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#### **4 Person Teams**

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Maintaining tires is an important component of safe driving. Tires are some of the hardest working parts on a car or truck and are subjected to wear and tear every time rubber meets the road.

Tires affect many components of driving, including handling, braking and the comfort of the ride. Maintaining tires makes driving safe not only for drivers and their passengers, but also for fellow motorists.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says that, in 2017, 738 fatalities occurred because of tire-related crashes. Many of those crashes were no doubt preventable, and that only highlights the importance of maintaining tires and monitoring their performance.

Poor tire maintenance can lead to premature wear and potentially result in a blowout. The automotive group AAA notes it is important to visually inspect tires as often as possible. Drivers should look for overall tread wear. Pay special attention to tread wear on one edge of the tires, which could indicate poor alignment. Erratic tread wear may mean tires are out of balance.

Drivers also should pay attention to how their cars drive and sounds. Unusual vibration or thumping noises suggest issues with the tires. A car that pulls in one direction also may be experiencing tire problems. Vehicle owners should be aware of the routine maintenance steps that can keep them safe and improve the life expectancy of tires.

- · Tire pressure: The NHTSA says only 19 percent of consumers properly check and inflate their tires. Keeping tires properly inflated is one of the most important steps to maintaining them. Tires lose around 1 psi per month, and underinflated or overinflated tires can contribute to unusual wear, blowouts and even excessive fuel consumption.
- Rotation: Check the owner's manual or recommendations from the tire manufacturer, but know that most mechanics advise having tires rotated every 5,000 to 8,000 miles. Rotation helps distribute wear more evenly on tires.
- · Balancing: AAA says balancing also helps minimize uneven wear and tear. Balanced tires are achieved by using small weights attached to the wheels to limit vibration of the tire and wheels as they turn. New tires should be balanced, and tires also should be balanced after one or more is removed to repair a puncture.
- · Alignment: Vehicles have wheel alignment measurements that pertain to manufacturers' specifications. Alignment that falls outside of the range can impact handling, fuel economy and tread wear. A drift or pull suggests alignment problems and should be addressed.

Vehicle owners should keep tire inspection and maintenance in mind as part of their overall car care plan.



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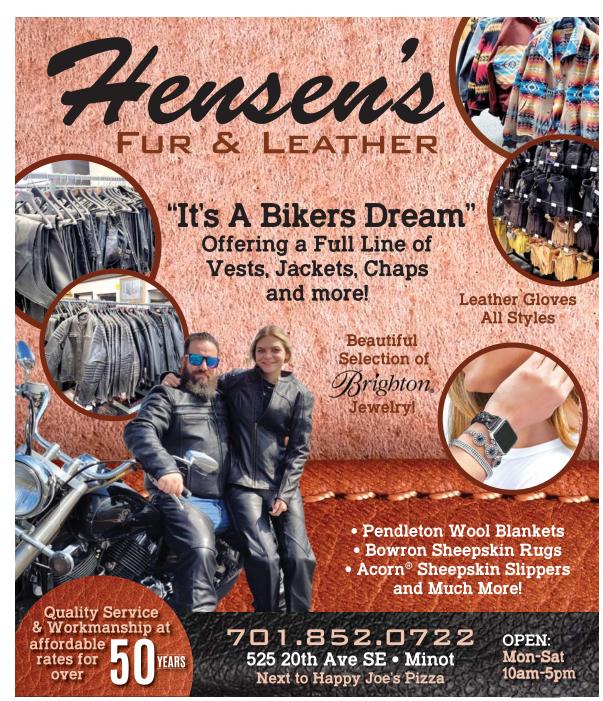
Airmen celebrate winning a soccer match during the Summer Games at Minot Air Force Base, Aug. 22, 2025. The Summer Games is an annual event at Minot AFB featuring a variety of sporting competitions designed to strengthen camaraderie and foster teamwork across Team Minot.



An Airman jumps in an attempt to catch a frisbee during the Summer Games at Minot Air Force Base, Aug. 22, 2025. The Summer Games is an annual event hosted by the 5th Force Support Squadron to encourage physical fitness, camaraderie and competition as well as boost morale.



An Airman possessing a Nerf gun sprints during the Summer Games at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Aug. 22, 2025. The Summer Games have been taking place since 2015, promoting physical health, camaraderie and competition.



#### **TEAM MINOT COMPETES IN** SUMMER GAMES 2025

Last Week, Minot AFB held the 2025 Summer Games! The Summer Games is an annual event hosted by the 5th Force Support Squadron to encourage physical fitness, camaraderie and competition as well as boost morale.

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### A LOOK BACK THIS WEEK IN USAF HISTORY

#### MINOT AFB RECEIVES ITS FIRST MINUTEMAN I

**− SEPTEMBER 9, 1963 −** 



This Minuteman launch took place at Cape Canaveral, Fla., on Nov. 17, year later. (USAF Photo)

After Minot Air Force Base, N.D., was selected to host Minuteman I Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles, construction on a missile complex began. The next year on Sept. 9, 1963, Minot AFB received its first Minuteman I missile coming from Hill AFB, Utah. Under the charge of the newly activated 455th Strategic Missile Wing, the first missile was placed in Launch Facility A-02. By 1964, the 455th SMW became fully operational and combat ready with 150 ICBMs in service. Each missile weighed nearly 65,000 lbs. and had a range of over 5,000 miles. Because of 1961. It became operational less than a States, Minot was in the perfect position to establish the first-of-its-

kind system. The Minuteman I was replaced several years later by the new and improved Minuteman III which composes the current ICBM force.

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



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Solution to puzzle on page B9

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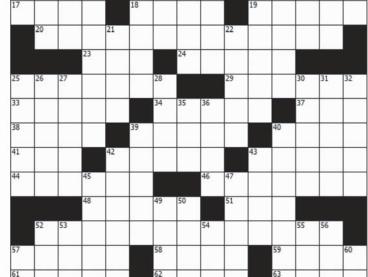




### **CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

#### Across

- 1. Soapstone component
- 5. "The Great Commoner"
- 9. Curling or hurling
- 14. River to the Caspian 15. Son of Isaac
- 16. Rhino relative
- 17. "Before I \_ at You
- Again" ("Camelot" song) 18. Salt, to a chemist
- 19. Po land
- 20. Start of a quip
- 23. Second Amendment PAC
- 24. "Hernando's Hideaway," for one
- 25. William Boyd role
- 29. More compact
- 33. Pays to play
- 34. Class subdivision, in
- taxonomy 37. Kind of cross
- 38. Stevedore's spot
- 39. Middle of quip
- 40. Catfish Row woman
- 41. Language suffix
- 42. Boy scout unit
- 43. Basque cap
- 44. Parted waters
- 46. Gofer's jobs
- 48. Farfalle, e.g.
- 51. Above, in verse 52. End of quip
- 57. Writer Jong
- 58. Recess
- 59. \_ tradition
- 61. Airline to Rio 62. It means "all"
- 63. Work with a dishtowel
- 64. Fencing pieces
- 65. Leave no leaves
- 66. Hornet's home



#### Down

- 1. Big jerk
- 2. Burnoose wearer
- 3. Be a loafer
- 4. Stuff for scouring
- 5. Quintet 6. Englishman's
- outburst 7. Unspoken
- 8. City on the Arkansas
- 9. Brandy cocktail
- 10. 1970 Oscar film
- 11. Brilliantly colored fish
- 12. Rub the wrong way
- 13. Give it a shot

- 21. "The Haj" author
- 22. Like some articles: Abbr.
- 25. Stunt
- 26. Cookie spice
- 27. Mount
- 30. Back, at sea
- 31. Moved gingerly 32. Shows oxidation
- 35. Duesenberg contemporary
- **36**. Scoop
- 39. Clear the board
- 40. Intensify one's efforts

- 42. Pekoe pouches
- 43. Songwriter Jacques
- 45. Money in coin
- 47. Derek Jeter, in 1996
- 49. Sax range 50. What the nose knows
- 28. Move back and forth 52. Green guarder
  - 53. Add to the staff 54. Bumper-sticker word
  - 55. New York canal
  - 56. Séance sounds
  - 57. First sinner 60. Diminutive suffix



#### **Chapel Services** at MAFB

#### North Plains Chapel

290 Peacekeeper Pl (across from North Plains Elementary School)

**Protestant Community Service Times:** Traditional Service 9:00am

Breakfast Fellowship 10:00am 11:00am Contemporary Service (Holy Communion 1st Sunday) Children's Church available

#### **Northern Lights Chapel** 230 Missile Ave

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Sunday, September 7 10AM, Congregational Prayer Service



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Sunday School & Fellowship ......9:00 a.m. Worship. .....10:30 a.m.

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**Worship Service** 10:45am Sundays

**Sunday School** 9:45am

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#### Vincent United Methodist Church

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Sunday Worship Service	
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.

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Pastor Bob Paulson

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#### 1000 NE 3rd Street 852-0315

**Sunday Schedule** 

Traditional Worship......

#### **Wednesday Evening Schedule**

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Sunday Worship 9:30 am

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500 46th Ave NE • 839-1351 Pastor David Miller

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www.minotcrbc.org email: minotcrbc@gmail.com **Gabe McCormick- Pastor** 

415 28th Ave SE (Behind Menards) 838-1873



#### 1105 16th St. NW • 839-1407 Sunday School ...... 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship ...... 10:30 a.m.

Children's Church & Nursery Wednesday Family Training Hour ..... 5:30p.m. Classes for All Ages ...... 6:30 p.m. Youth Center, Friday......7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

ABC Child Care Center.....852-6352 westminot.com facebook.com/westminot



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Missouri Synod

**Sunday Divine Service** 9:30 AM

Sunday Bible Study 11:00 AM

Reverend Philip Beyersdorf 2209 4th Avenue NW, Minot, ND 839-4663

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Fridays, Celebrate Recovery ............... 7:00 p.m. Rev. Kent Hinkel, Senior Pastor Elaine Carlson, Children's Ministry Director

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## Meet the Chefs at Marketplace Foods

Minot residents can get an early taste of the Norsk Høstfest at the Meet the Chefs event, held at Marketplace Foods on Broadway, Tuesday, Sept. 23, from 11 a.m. to

The free event serves as a flavorful kickoff to the 46th annual Norsk Høstfest, which runs Sept. 24-27 at the North Dakota State Fairgrounds. Guests will have the chance to sample authentic Scandinavian dishes prepared by this year's featured Nordic Kitchen chefs: Patrice Johnson, Stig Hansen and Teena Anderson.

On the menu are traditional favorites such as Danish meatballs with pickled red cabbage, baked salmon with dill sauce, curried herring, pumpernickel bread, Nordic cold cuts and cheeses, lingonberry jam tarts, and trollkrem, a whipped

lingonberry dessert.

Beyond the food, attendees can expect a festive atmosphere with live music, dancing, and the opportunity to chat with the chefs, who will be sharing culinary tips and stories about Nordic traditions.

"This event gives the community a sneak peek at the flavors and experiences they'll find at Høstfest," organizers said. "It's a fun, free way to celebrate Scandinavian heritage before the festival gates even open.'

The Meet the Chefs event is free and open to the public.

Event details: Marketplace Foods, 1930 S Broadway, Minot Tuesday, Sept. 23 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

For more information, contact the Høstfest office at 701-852-2368 or visit hostfest.com





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#### 8TH ANNUAL FUEL THE FIGHT 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Arco Gas Station 1520 24th Ave SW Minot

Join Trinity Health Foundation for the 8th Annual Fuel the Fight at Dakota Square ARCO on September 6th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Activities throughout the day include a dunk tank, bounce houses, hourly door prizes, and raffle prize drawings.

To be eligible for the prize drawings, purchase eight or more gallons of fuel at Dakota Square ARCO on Saturday, September 6th, and receive an entry

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Fuel the Fight raises funds to provide gas vouchers for Trinity Health CancerCare Center patients traveling for treatments.



For more information:

Facebook / Dakota Square Arco / Events

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And feel free to bring your appetite; we've got Jimmy's Pizza, grilled cheese, pop-tarts and peanuts



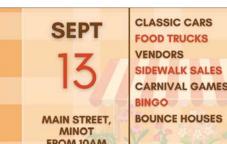
For more information: Facebook/Blue Rider/Events

#### **TIVAL ON MAIN 2025**

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Downtown Minot, Main Street S Minot, ND

Join us for the annual Festival on Main in Downtown Minot Saturday, September 13th from 10am until 5pm!

Food vendors, carnival games and the Minot Lions Fun Zone, bounce houses, bingo, sidewalk sales, fire trucks and classic cars, music and dance performances, and so much more!



For more information:

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# MINOT NORTH SENTINEL REPORT



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## **Minot North Fighting for Ground**

BRYLEIGH MCBRIDE, STUDENT JOURNALIST

The past week has been a busy one for Minot North athletics, with competition across multiple sports showcasing determination, promising performances, and plenty of reasons for the community to turn out and cheer. From a hardfought soccer win while down a player to a dominant football opener and solid individual displays on the golf course, the Sentinels have given fans a lot to talk about.

Soccer was a roller coaster of emotion and effort. The highlight came in a 2-1 victory over Jamestown in a match that saw both teams battle from start to finish. Minot North's night took a dramatic turn when the goalkeeper received a red card, forcing the squad to play a large stretch of the game with only 10 players. Rather than folding, the team tightened defensively, adjusted formations, and pushed forward when the opportunities presented themselves to close out the win. That grit on a numerically disadvantaged field was a defining image of the week.

The schedule has been a test of consistency and resilience. In other recent matches the team suffered a 1-2 loss in one outing and fought to a 2-2 tie with Bismarck in a contest that produced offense at key moments. A rivalry matchup with Minot High ended in a 0-2 defeat, while the Sentinels responded with a convincing 3-0 victory over Williston. Narrow losses came later in the week, with a 2-3 result against Grand Forks and a wild 5-6 game with Red River. Taken together, those results show a squad capable of high-scoring play and also able to grind through defensively demanding situations. The young core is clearly learning how to regroup from setbacks and build momentum.

football program delivered a statement in its season opener. The Sentinels rolled to a 41-0 victory over Williston. The game was dominated by a stingy defense that limited Williston's offense and by an efficient, opportunistic offensive unit that converted chances into points. A shutout of that margin in the first outing sets a positive tone as the team looks to develop consistency through the season and build from an impressive start.

Tennis has been a learning experience so far. The Sentinels dropped a 2-7 match to Bismarck and followed with a 1-8 defeat against the Sabers. While the scores are not what the team hoped for, match play under competitive conditions is exactly what helps players sharpen technique, strategy, and match-court composure. With practice and matches ahead, the squad will focus on turning close sets into wins.

The varsity girls golf team traveled to Williston and posted some encouraging individual scores. Emersyn Kopp led the way with a 77, Kinzy Welstad carded a 78, Kate Bast shot an 87, Ally Larson posted an 89, and Abby Speer finished with a 102. Those scores indicate depth at the top and room for development across the roster. The program is also ramping up community outreach: the team is hosting a "Golf with the Sentinels" day for grades K-5 on September 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The event costs \$25 to join and information and sign-up URLs are available on the Sentinels' Facebook and Instagram pages. The morning will include short-game practice, a scramble with the school golfers, shirts for participants, and prize opportunities. This is a strong chance to get youngsters excited Additionally, Minot North's about golf and connect them with

the high school athletes.

In the pool, the girls swim team faced a tough meet at Bismarck, falling 44-137. Dual meets against stronger programs can produce lopsided scores, but they also offer valuable experience for individual swimmers and relay units as they work to lower times and improve race strategies.

Cross country got its season rolling as well, with the boys' team opening last week on the 22nd. Early-season meets provide baseline times and a sense of where the program stands heading into conference competition. XC athletes typically use those first races to build toward peak fitness later in

Across all programs, the recurring theme has been growth through competition. Wins like the soccer victory over Jamestown and the football shutout show what the school is capable of when preparation and focus come together. Losses and tough meets, in tennis, swimming, and some soccer matchups, are already serving as learning labs where players and coaches can target specific improvements.

Community support will matter as much as anything. Between



Minot North Football Team

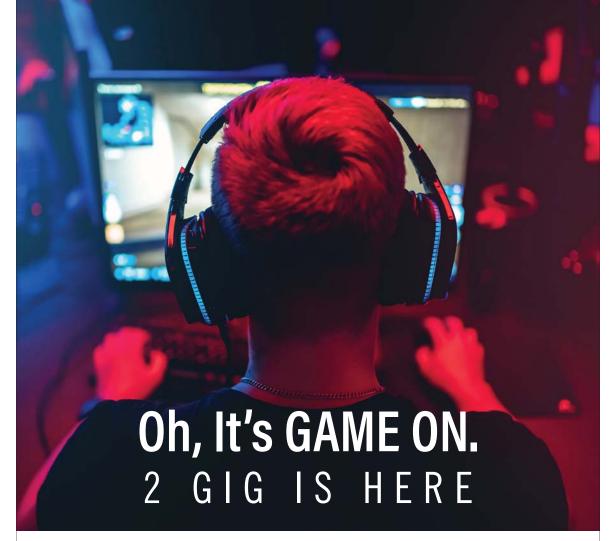


Minot North vs. Minot High

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home games, meets, and the upcoming Golf with the Sentinels event on September 6, there are plenty of ways for families and neighbors to cheer the teams on and help create a positive environment

for Minot North athletes. With hard work, smart adjustments, and the kind of team-first mentality that surfaced this week, the Sentinels are positioned to keep growing in every sport.





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# **Civil Air Patrol Hosts** Open House & Fly-In on September 9

BRYLEIGH MCBRIDE, STUDENT JOURNALIST

MINOT, ND - The Civil Air Patrol Magic City Composite Squadron invites the community to attend their Open House & Fly-In on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at Minot Avflight, 2400 N. Broadway.

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# **WITH WILDLIFE IN MIND**

Patricia Stockdill

North Dakota's Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) can be a little slice of heaven for outdoor enthusiasts, especially in a state with more than 90 percent of its total acreage in private ownership.

That's especially true as another hunting season gets underway.

The trick is that people need to remember that the N.D. Game and Fish Department manages those WMAs, whether owned in fee title or leased from another public agency such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. That places the emphasis on wildlife, habitat, and recreation opportunities for the people who funded their acquisition and management - the state's hunters, anglers, and trappers.

Wildlife, habitat, and hunting are the primary focus when it comes to managing WMAs. Because of that, they're not managed for multi-use like other public lands such as U.S. Forest Service National Grasslands.

Regulations determining what can and can't be done on WMAs by the public are guided by that principle. For example, paintball and the use of drones aren't permitted on WMAs while it's OK for hunters to use tree stands or blinds if properly identified and in accordance with regulations on the length of time they're in place, etc.

It's OK for one or two people to ride horse but group or organized trail rides aren't permitted because of the use conflict and environmental impact. Another issue is that noxious weeds can easily be spread through hay fed to horses.

It boils down to priority uses allowed by those footing the bill and avoiding conflicts with wildlife and people alike. Hiking, hunting, and fishing are great to do on a WMA. WMAs also provide wonderful birding opportunities.

Flying drones, geo-caching, or moto-cross races are not. Motorized vehicles are restricted to roads and established

So if WMAs aren't multi-use, it could lend people to question why cattle can be observed grazing on some WMAs at various times throughout the growing season and some WMAs.

That's because cattle grazing is a management tool used by land managers to promote healthy grass and forbs. Just as mowing one's lawn promotes more vigorous and healthy grass, it's the same on native prairie.

If cattle grazing isn't a viable option a WMA might occasionally be hayed, which can also stimulate growth and reduce builtup grass litter, providing better nesting cover for upland game birds as well as grassland migratory birds.

Camping is allowed on many WMAs but not all and there is a limit on the number of days. Restrictions have changed in recent years to help reduce impact on wildlife and the land as camping use skyrocketed, especially in northwestern North Dakota. Some WMAs had people using them as residences, setting up campers for year-around living. In a few extreme cases, game wardens found people broke up native prairie on WMAs and established gardens.

Lonetree WMA southwest of Harvey is the only WMA with designated camping areas, which is allowed as part of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Game and Fish Department and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) when the WMA was established.

The agency owns or manages about 200,000 acres of WMAs in almost every county in North Dakota. However, they own

only about one-half of those with the others leased from other agencies, in particular of the Corps or BOR. Most of the WMAs leased from the Corps can be found along the Missouri River

The Game and Fish Department website, (gf.nd.gov) has a detailed list of WMA regulations pertaining to use, whether it's camping, hunting, or anything in between. Click "Hunting" on the home page and then "Resources", "Where to Hunt", "Public Lands", and then "State Wildlife Management Areas" for details.

Some WMAs have specific regulations, which are posted at the WMA entrance.



A large sign greets people along the N.D. Game and Fish Department de Trobriand Wildlife Management Area near Garrison and Lake Sakakawea. The WMA is one of several along the Missouri River System through a lease agreement with the river's managing agency, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. PATRICIA STOCKDILL PHOTO



Signs mark the perimeter and parking areas of N.D. Game and Fish Department Wildlife Management Areas with some having special regulations, which are also posted. More information about WMAs is available on the agency's website. (gf.nd.gov). PATRICIA

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## New B-52 Radar, Second B-21 Both Entering Flight Testing 'Soon'

GREG HADLEY, AIR & SPACE FORCES MAGAZINE

The B-52's new radar will soon enter flight testing and is "turning a corner" after a cost overrun triggered a notification to Congress and program review earlier this year, a top general said Aug. 27.

Lt. Gen. Andrew J. Gebara, deputy chief of staff for strategic deterrence and nuclear integration, also said he expects a second B-21 to start flying before the end of 2025, part of a raft of nuclear program updates he offered during an event with AFA's Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies.

"I believe that we are very close to getting that first radar to Edwards Air Force Base to begin flight test," Gebara said of the B-52's new hardware. "I don't have a specific date for you today, but I believe that is turning a corner, and I'm very eager, as a former B-52 pilot, very eager to see that get underway.'

The B-52 Radar Modernization Program, one of the central upgrades for the new B-52J configuration, is meant to replace the long-obsolete and problem-prone analog AN/ APQ-166 radar with the Raytheon AN/APQ-188.

In May, the Air Force confirmed that the program had suffered a "Nunn-McCurdy breach," meaning the expected unit cost had risen enough to trigger the Nunn-McCurdy Act. That law requires the services to tell Congress when there has been a "significant" increase in a program's cost or schedule estimate from its approved baseline, defined as at least 15 percent. A "critical" breach of cost or schedule—defined as a 25 percent increase—requires the Defense Department to certify the program as necessary for national security or cancel it.

The B-52 radar breach was significant but not critical, and officials said they were confident it would not get worse. To that end, they said they were reviewing the scope of the program. Gebara confirmed that the new radar may not have all the capabilities originally envisioned.

"We're buying a radar that is largely a F/A-18 Hornet radar with some small modifications. We did that intentionally because that is what was on the market at the time. It would actually cost us more if we asked to design a new radar," he said. "Having said that, it doesn't mean that we need everything on that radar that the Hornet has on it, right? We have a certain number of [minimum] things that we need to do to be able to do our B-52 mission. And so part of the cost savings was looking at, what are those things, to make sure that we're prioritizing precious dollars on things that we need, and not that are good ideas or that we want or the like?'

Yet he didn't close the door on those upgrades completely, noting that "that does give us opportunities for growth in the future if it comes to that."

In March, the service put out a request for information asking industry about other "modified" radars that could be supplied off the shelf to equip the B-52, but cautioned that it was "not a solicitation" and was published for 'informational purposes only."

Gebara confirmed that the Air

Force would not be switching its selection.

"I don't believe we're going to select a different radar. I think we're continuing with the radar we have, and I believe it's going to be flying to Edwards in the short term," he said.

Alongside the upgraded B-52, the new B-21 Raider is meant to be the backbone of the future Air Force bomber fleet. On that front, Gebara reiterated comments last month from Air Force Global Strike Command boss Gen. Thomas A. Bussiere that a second B-21 is slated to enter flight testing "soon."

"We've done the initial R&D work; we've started flight test; I think we publicly stated recently that we believe the second aircraft will take to the sky soon," Gebara said. "So all these things are great indicators of success and a program that's on time, on budget, and producing."

Asked later if that means the second B-21 will start flying before 2026, Gebara indicated it likely would while leaving room for

"I believe it will happen before the end of the year, but we're not going to ever give them an artificial date that they have to make if it

doesn't bring the test program along to where they need to be," Gebara said. "And so, you know, we're going to proceed as we can, efficiently, effectively, and with a sense of urgency, but we're also going to be event-based. And that's really been the secret sauce to the B-21 right now, is no undue pressures. Let them do what they're doing, and they'll get us the world's best aircraft here very soon.'

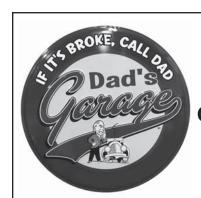
Gebara also added his voice to the growing chorus of top generals and Pentagon officials saying the B-21 program may need to expand beyond its current plan of 100

airplanes.
"I believe our nuclear deterrent force and the program of record we have for it is absolutely necessary, but may be insufficient for the future, based on the fact that this was designed in between the Cold War and the world we live in today," he said. " ... The question, then, is really: if it may be insufficient, what do we need to do to make it sufficient in the future? That's the work that still has to be done.

"And that's more than just B-21, that's across the breadth and width of our capabilities. B-21 numbers will absolutely be reliant on the work [U.S. Strategic Command] is doing on what is sufficient, but it's important to remember this is also the backbone of our conventional force. And so we aren't building out B-21 numbers only for our triad. We're also building it out for our long-range strike capability. And so all that will go into it."

Yet while others have called for specific totals like 145 B-21s, Gebara did not say how many bombers he thinks are needed, or even a timeline for when that decision will be made. While Congress added billions of dollars in reconciliation funding to accelerate B-21 production, he said it will take time to add that capacity.

"Largely the number of B-21s that can come out in the early years is what it is until we get that work done," he said. "So the decision on, is it greater than 100, is it 145, is it some other number? That's not really going to be affected if we made that decision today, it really doesn't affect for several more vears. And so I, like you, I'm eager to find out what that number is. But the reality is that's going to be something that's worked for a long



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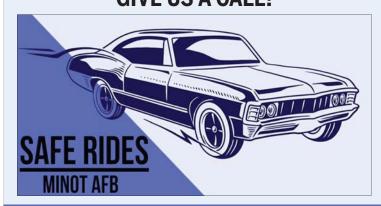
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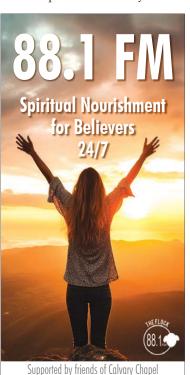
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The Haunting of Hill House is adapted for the stage by F. Andrew Leslie from the novel of the same name by Shirley Jackson. menacing manor home is remotely located and shunned by all who know its forbidding and sinister reputation. The desolation of the house is interrupted by Dr. Montague, played by Michael Merchant, and his team of researchers who are trying to study the supernatural phenomena that has given Hill House its reputation. The doctor has invited Eleanor and Theodora, played by Wardah Husain and Nicole Swain to join his research team. Both have past histories of paranormal experiences. The third participant, played by Dorian Garland, is Luke Sanderson. the current owner's nephew who was sent to monitor the team and assist the investigation. As the team members arrive, they are greeted by the grumbling housekeeper Mrs. Dudley, played by Amy Jenkins, who only performs the tasks she has agreed to do and does not remain at the house after dark. Isolated from the outside world, the cast of characters try to discover the forces which Hill House commands.

The team exchange jovial introductions to break the tension and find camaraderie and trust in each other but Hill House soon puts their sensibilities to the test. The eeriness of Hill House is felt almost immediately by each of the researchers, leaving them with uneasiness and curiosity about the house's past and the mysterious





Actors from Mouse River Players rehearse a scene for The Haunting of Hill House, the opening production of the 2025-2026 season. The chilling play takes the stage this month at the community theater in Minot.

tower which doesn't seem to fit into the architecture. As they struggle to disguise their mounting fears they are joined by Dr. Montague's wife, played by Dalyce Leslie and her companion, Arthur Parker, played by Connor Donovan, who have come to Hill House with strategies of their own. They too are enhralled by the supernatural, but their approach is via direct communication with the departed spirits—a type of psychic research which is regarded skeptically by Dr. Montague and which, as subsequent events bear out, brings on a crisis in which the evil forces of Hill House are impelled to a new and, for one of those present, fatal fury.

Tim Knickerbocker is directing his fourth production at Mouse River Players. He has always enjoyed a good psychological drama, and Hill House was the

perfect fit to explore the genre. Tim says, "while there have been several adaptations of the story in movies and TV shows over time, few have followed the original novel's focus on psychological suspense in the audience's' minds." During Tim's 23 years volunteering with MRP, the theater has not explored this type of drama and he thought it was time to give our patrons a chance to "get a little nervous." "I would hesitate," says Tim, "to bring children under the age of 13 to see the show unless they have a strong constitution and don't mind getting scared."

Tickets are on sale now at www. mouseriverplayers.com or on show dates at the box office. Prices are \$15.00 for general admission, \$13.00 for students, military, and seniors, and \$10 for children twelve and under. Reserve now to begin your spooky fall season.





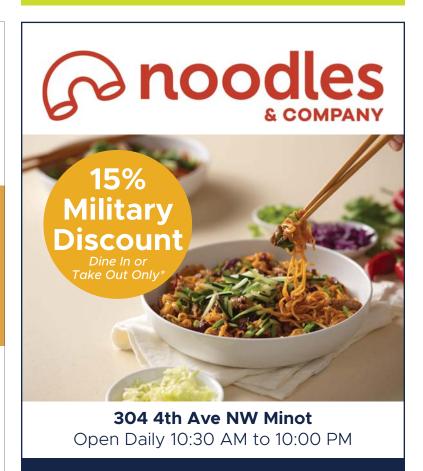


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- Intramural Football Coaches Meeting and LOI Due, 1330, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Friday Flicks, 1630-2200, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Progressive Bingo, 1730, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Hip Hop Night, 2000, Rockers Bar & Grill

## SATURDAY 1

• Flip the Fairway, 0900, Rough Rider Golf Course

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- AP Overview, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Craft Club, 1800, Minot AFB Library

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- TAP VA Services and Benefits Briefing, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Tuition Assistance (TA) Brief, 1000, Education Center Room 211
- Game Day, 1000-1930, Minot AFB Library
- Staycation Special Lunch & Dinner, 1030-1330, Dakota Inn Dining Facility
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Minot AFB Job Fair, 1530-1730, Jimmy Doolittle Center, hosted by M&FRC
- Staycation Special Lunch & Dinner, 1630-1830, Dakota Inn Dining Facility
- Vehicle Maintenance Class Beginner Session 1730-1930, Auto Hobby Shop

## **THURSDAY**

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development 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
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Tuition Assistance (TA) Brief, 1330, Education Center Room 211

- Registration Ends: 2025 Club Championship, https://www.memberplanet.com/s/minotafbclubs/1213sepcc
- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- TAP DOL Overview, 0800-1600, 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

## FRIDAY



- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- Fun Fri-Yay, 1600-2100, Jimmy Doolittle Center
- Friday Flicks, 1630-2200, Rockers Bar & Grill

## SATURDAY

- 2025 Club Championship, 0900, Rough Rider Golf Course
- Minecraft Party, 1300, Minot AFB Library
- 2000s Disney Trivia Night, 1700, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Line Dancing Night, 1900, Rockers Bar & Grill

#### **SPECIALS**

Bomber Bistro Featured Item Pesto Caprese Pizza

Rockers Bar & Grill Featured Item **Chicken Tenders** 

The B-Fifty Brew Featured Item **Pumpkin Spice Latte** 

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