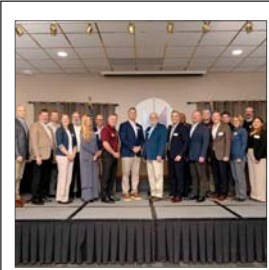




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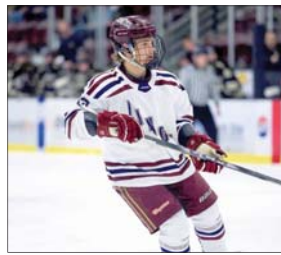
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The 2025 Individual Rough Rider Award winners pose for a group photo. The Rough Rider Ops competition, held in October 2025, tested the mettle of participating squadrons through rigorous operational challenges. See Page B1 for coverage of the overall squadron winners and more from the event.

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Honoring the Honorary Commanders That Is

ROD WILSON, NORTHERN SENTRY

Mayor Mark Jantzer recalls that he and Bruce Christianson, long time Task Force 21 members and active military supporters, became Honorary Commanders in 1987-1988. “I think I was the Honorary Commander for the supply Squadron” says Mayor Jantzer.

Mark McDonald and I have been teamed as Honorary Commanders for over 4 years. The relationship between Mark and I, and our spouses Cathy and Sue, goes far beyond the Honorary Commander installation banquets and other events. Mark and I have lunch on the 3rd Thursday of every month, barring COVID or a government shut down. I ask Mark about events from the 91st Missile Wing (BULLY) and he queries me about local political issues.

We might be Honorary

Commanders, but it is really closer to an honor to get know a commander at the Minot Air Force Base. In the midst of all of their responsibilities, these Minot AFB share their time with someone from the Minot, or surrounding community. Let me share one example. Bruce Christianson, knowing that I work for the Northern Sentry and have a passion for writing about the Minot Air Force Base shared with me that his Honorary Commander was once Tony Cotton. “You know that Tony’s wife is from Minot, right?” asked Bruce. He comes back to Minot for the holidays and he’ll give me a call. I line you up with an interview with Tony.

I have learned that as a journalist the right answer is normally “sure, that would be great.” When I arrived at the Northern Sentry office I quickly did some internet research

and found that Tony was Brigadier General Anthony Cotton then in line to be the Commander of the United State Strategic Command, and indeed Gen Cotton was stationed at Minot Air Force Base from 1986-1991.

At this 2026 Honorary Commander installation a number of Honorary Commanders were re-assigned because of the position they held withing the Minot Chamber of Commerce, or their position as a member of Task Force 21. Yet others were to become first time Honorary Commanders with the goal of extending the special bond between Minot and The Minot Air Force Base.

Mark and I became Honorary Commander partners right before the COVID years, and the installation banquet was canceled that year. Just before Christmas I received my



My Honorary Commander has a special place on my living room wall.

long awaited Honorary Commander plaque and proudly found a place for it on my living room wall. (The Northern Sentry office does not get much traffic.)

Mark and I, although we are not as tenured as Mark and Bruce, have a 4-year relationship as Honorary Commanders. And of course, we have to share stories and photos of our lives, children and now grandchildren. Because that is what good friends, and I think Honorary

Commanders, should do.

The evening, as it always is, was special. Emcee Maj Tom Barger from Public Affairs shared a “Sentry” newspaper that was found in a time capsule inside a wall at the 91st Missile Wing. He made it a point to draw a parallel between how some things change, like the honorary commander teams, and some things don’t; like the importance and the effect of the Honorary Commander program.



Maj. Thomas Barger, Chief of Public Affairs holds up an early edition of the “Sentry”.



2026 Honorary Commanders pose for a photo at the induction ceremony. More photos can be found on Minot AFB PA Flickr page.



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KEVIN ROBINSON, DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY



FORT LEE, Va. – Commissary CLICK2GO® on the GO! delivery is officially transitioning from pilot to deployment as the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) prepares to roll out the service to 70 stores in mid- to late January, providing additional benefits to service members, their families, and eligible civilians and veterans.

In the first phase of deployment, DeCA will expand delivery to 62 stores, which will join the eight commissaries that were part of the original pilot that began in 2022. DeCA’s doorstep delivery contract includes the capability for expanding the service to its remaining 108 CONUS stores.

DeCA began moving toward delivery capabilities after hosting focus groups with patron groups including new young, single enlisted service members, and disabled veterans and their caregivers. Convenience and accessibility were chief among their concerns, alongside the savings and healthy options commissaries deliver every day.

“Through doorstep delivery, we are offering our customers an online and mobile shopping option, where they can browse items, submit orders, schedule delivery, and pay for their groceries from their computer, phone, tablet, or mobile device,” said John E. Hall, DeCA director and CEO. “We are striving to anticipate our patrons’ needs and do what it takes to be their grocery provider of choice.”

DeCA’s delivery program will allow patrons within a 20-mile radius of the participating commissary to order groceries online via Commissary CLICK2GO® (CC2GO) and have them delivered to their front door.

During the delivery pilot, patrons demonstrated the value of the service through their engagement. The average dollar amount for a typical delivery order from October

to November 2025 was \$197.62 compared to \$123.66 at the start of the pilot May 18, 2022.

To date, the top-three commissaries in delivery basket size during the pilot are Fort Belvoir, Virginia (average basket size of \$214.65), MacDill Air Force Base, Florida (\$203.53) and Naval Station San Diego, California (\$195.28).

Delivery fees will be distance-based. Please click on <https://shop.commissaries.com/delivery> for more details on how CC2GO will work for doorstep delivery.

Delivery is the third part of DeCA’s three-legged stool of convenience: 1) online shopping – curbside pickup or Commissary CLICK2GO®; 2) online payment; and 3) delivery.

“Commissary delivery is just one example of how DeCA is working to offer a next-level benefit to better serve our military community,” Hall said.

The initial participating CONUS locations will be (original pilot stores are marked with an asterisk):

- Alabama – Fort Rucker
- Arizona – Davis Monthan Air Force Base, Fort Huachuca and Luke Air Force Base
- California – Marine Corps Air Station Miramar*, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Naval Base San Diego*, Ord Military Community and Travis Air Force Base
- Colorado – Fort Carson and Peterson Space Force Base
- Connecticut – Naval Submarine Base New London
- Florida – Eglin Air Force Base, Hurlburt Field, MacDill Air Force Base*, Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Naval Air Station Pensacola and Patrick Space Force Base
- Georgia – Fort Benning, Fort Gordon and Fort Stewart
- Hawaii – Hickam and Pearl Harbor commissaries at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay and Schofield

Barracks

- Illinois – Naval Station Great Lakes and Scott Air Force Base*
- Kansas – Fort Leavenworth and Fort Riley
- Kentucky – Fort Campbell and Fort Knox
- Louisiana – Barksdale Air Force Base and Fort Polk
- Maryland – Andrews Air Force Base and Fort Meade
- Missouri – Fort Leonard Wood and Whiteman Air Force Base
- Mississippi – Keesler Air Force Base
- Nebraska – Offutt Air Force Base
- Nevada – Nellis Air Force Base
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A VIEW FROM OUR SIDE

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If you didn't read my article last week, then please don't. I had actually taken my car to the local carwash, been outside and cleaned up a bit in my back yard, and my spouse had cleared the driveway of ice that had dripped from the roof. January is nothin!! But the caveat was that me taking note of how nice the weather was in mid-January may reverse the trend and bring in true January weather.

So today the weather guy is saying 55 degree below zero wind chill for the weekend. "You could get frost bite in just a matter of minutes." Here's the reason for my follow up article on the weather. If I can change above average January weather to just plain unbearable weather in a matter of



UPSIDE DOWN UNDER

MARVIN BAKER

For anyone who has worked on a family tree, it often turns out more challenging than expected and sometimes simple mistakes can quickly send you down the wrong path.

This month marks a year since I started working on the "Baker" family tree and I can tell you it's like watching the World Series, one minute it's heartbreak and the next it's euphoria.

My parents and their siblings didn't talk about their past or their ancestors, so we really didn't know much about our own family prior to 1920. For all we knew, we could be descendants of, well, Americans, who have been here since the Jamestown Colony or Plymouth, Mass.

That's not the case. What was found is that Michael Becker and his wife Mary, came to the United States from Germany in 1848. Through a lot of research, I was able to find out they boarded a ship called the Governor Davis in Le Havre, France and sailed to New Orleans, not Ellis Island, Boston or Philadelphia.

Upon arriving at the port of New Orleans and taking a riverboat up to St. Louis, they changed their name to Baker. But at this point, things got dicey because it turned out genealogy websites had incorrect information.

One website had her name as Mary, one said her name was Maria. As I researched this person who was my great-great grandmother, the computer always generated the name "Polly Baker," who was an immigrant woman to Long Island, New York, thus the dates and children didn't match.

Since they settled in Logan

I Am Sorry...Really!

8 days, maybe there's a chance for a reversal. In other words, if I talk about it being cold, you know the headache when you walk against the wind cold today, maybe by the time I write this article next week it will reverse the trend. All of that arctic air will return from whence it came, and we will get one of those southwest trade winds and above zero (overnight we are talking) temperatures. It is certainly worth a try.

LEND ME A SOPRANO-FINAL WEEKEND

One of the challenges I have is that the Northern Sentry is a weekly paper and if I see a show I like on Saturday, I can't do the critics review and recommend you see it until Friday, at best. But folks, Lend Me A Soprano is worth more than the price of the ticket... it's 2 plus hours of enjoyment and laughing until your side hurts. A little transparency here, it's not a show designed for kids. Yep, it's truly adult entertainment. For my friend Dorian, who has been in a lot of theatrical events in Minot, this is his last show before the Air Force moves him to a different location. I want to say thanks to Dorian for entertaining thousands during his Air Force time in Minot.

Back to the show. The plot is really too complicated to describe in

this article; you'll just have to trust me and hurry to the Mouse River Players web site and get a ticket. There are performances on Friday the 23rd, Saturday the 24th and Sunday the 25th.

COLD WEATHER MAKES GREAT CURLING ICE

And even if it doesn't, there are several opportunities coming up to give curling a try. March 7th is your next opportunity. You'll find more information on the Minot Curling Club site.

AMY DOES IT AGAIN

My friend Amy Allendar has once again hit a home run...but it's because she's young, agile and a bit crazy. In her latest video she takes on the ice bumper cars at Citizen's Alley. It's not a whole lot different than grabbing the old inner tubes at the farm, over-inflating them (once they are patched) and heading to what we used to call "the dugout", or waterhole. By January the water at the bottom of the dugout was froze over. The original design was for a hole in the ground to gather water for the livestock to drink. On one side there was a huge (well it seemed huge then) pile of dirt that when snow covered made a perfect sledding hill. You would climb to the top, jump on the tube, and of course there was snow on the hill,

down you would go. When the tube hit the ice you were sometimes airborne. Eventually you came to a stop. When you are young climbing back up the hill didn't seem so hard.

The ice bumper cars at Citizen's Alley are powered...yeah...no stopping. No climbing hills...and the fun goes on forever, or until your time runs out. You may want to watch Amy's video for some hints on success...but make sure you have a chance to experience the ice bumper cars for yourself.

A LESSON LEARNED

Today I was walking from my car into a restaurant. I looked up and saw a young Airman headed for an icy spot and thought a bit of fair warning would keep him from ending up slipping and falling. Well, warn him I did. Slip...he still did. And finally, reach out and grab for the closest stable object he saw, which he though was me. Wrong, we both ended up on the ice. Of course, the lesson was not to quit warning people...just warn them from a little farther away so they can't reach you.

TODAY'S CHUCKLE...

Love is blind. Marriage is corrective eye surgery.

Genealogy is not an exact science

County, Illinois, one day I ran across an Illinois legal document telling me her name was actually Anna Maria Loe and everyone called her Mary. Mystery solved? No, not so fast.

Genealogy sites and other family trees had her and Michael moving to Wayne County, Nebraska and living there until their deaths in the 1890s. I found a Nebraska cemetery yearbook from 1949 that had Michael passing away at age 34 in Lincoln, Illinois and Mary moving to Ohio.

My gut told me otherwise so I kept digging until I came across a probate document proving that Michael was 47 when he died, in Logan County, Illinois, in 1867. Likewise, Mary stayed in Illinois after her husband's death and died in Lincoln, Ill., in 1869.

It was two of their sons who homesteaded in Wayne County, Nebraska, so somewhere along their lineage, someone made a mistake and threw everyone else off track, myself for nearly a year.

And, as a student of history, one thing that bothers me a lot is that others building family trees won't look for specific dates or specific names. One of the sons, Nicholas M. Baker was a Nebraska homesteader. Nicholas A. Baker, from the same immediate family, lived and died in Illinois, but I've been finding out a lot of people building their own family trees don't differentiate the two.

If you study genealogy, you'll know that during certain times in history, a husband and wife would often times name more than one child with the same name, only a different middle initial. Or, if a child died, the next born would have the same name as the one who passed away.

That gets really confusing and nearly every entry has to be cross referenced for that reason. As an example, 251 Michael Beckers landed in New Orleans in 1848. There were also four Mary Beckers and one Mary Baker.

Another son, Peter, later

homesteaded in Nebraska. He and his wife had a son William Peter, who in turn, homesteaded in Emmons County, North Dakota in 1907. William Peter was my grandfather.

And that brings me to another crucial mistake. Someone was building a family tree and had all of my dad's siblings, except for one problem. They arbitrarily added another brother named Roy. My dad had 13 siblings and I'm 100 percent certain he didn't have a brother name Roy.

It seems relatively easy to find ancestors. It's the cross referencing that becomes a challenge. As an example, Logan County, Illinois didn't keep death records until 1870, but it was a state of Illinois document that showed the proof of Michael and Mary's lives and deaths in the state of Illinois.

It's a challenging hobby, but one that also brings great satisfaction when you can actually re-create history with absolute and correct information.

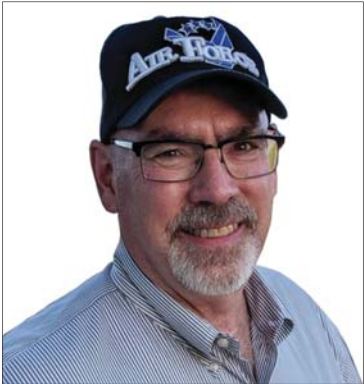


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Many of you know Rod Wilson, I’m asking you to please pray for Mr. Wilson as he has surgery on his back Friday morning January 26th. This is a major surgery and his recovery will take many weeks, so please pray for both a successful surgery and a quick recovery. Rod has a long history as a journalist, as well as being a sales & marketing professional, his contributions to the success of this enterprise are impossible to quantify. I know he has touched many of your lives through his columns, stories and personal interactions, and we all look forward to having him back at 100% soon.

Thank you so much for keeping him top of mind the next few weeks. With Respect,
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ANGLING AMBITION

Kim Fundingsland

He’s been in the fishing tackle business for 14 years, yet he’s only 22 years old. Peter Olson of Washburn grew up in a family with a love of all things outdoors – fishing, hunting, camping. He started making his own fishing lures at age 8 and still does today operating Missouri Secrets Tackle. It’s a small business in the competitive fishing tackle world, but it has spurred him towards a goal to succeed in the fishing industry.

“Getting paid to go fish? Unless something is wrong with you, you can’t complain about that,” remarked Olson. Today Olson works at tackle and bait shops, a perfect environment for learning and gaining experience about all things fishing. Olson loves talking fishing, particularly explaining to others what he has learned from countless hours on the water and at the lure-making table.

“The best way to learn something is to teach it,” says Olson. “Especially to people who have never fished or don’t fish much at all.” Olson regards visiting with other fishermen, regardless of their experience on the water, as learning opportunities. He shares his knowledge but listens intently to others about how they approach the sport and what they have learned with rod and reel in hand.

“You better yourself,” explained Olson. “I’m trying to learn and understand how everything in the fishing industry works.”

Al and Ron Lindner of Minnesota are credited with advancing many fishing techniques in the country today. Their fishing magazines and television shows helped vault the fishing industry into the monster it is today. Like so many anglers, young and old, Olson was a devout follower of the leaders in the fishing industry.

“I grew up watching Al and Ron Lindner on TV and reading In-Fisherman magazine,” said Olson. “The first time I met Al Lindner in person I was shaking like a leaf on a windy day. It was a dream come true. We toured Lindner Productions in Brainerd, Minnesota. Unbelievable what that group of guys has done. They were ground zero in the fishing industry.”

Olson has never forgotten his first visit with the Lindners, especially their attention to minute details that can make or break success on the water or in the industry. He has aspirations of following in their footsteps, finding niche in the fishing world.

“As of right now, my end goal is to become a Bassmaster angler. That is my dream,” said Olson. “Right now, I’m going where the wind takes me.”

While Olson recognizes Bassmaster anglers as a very elite and limited group, he is confident his growing knowledge of fishing and of how the fishing industry works gives him another step up on the ladder leading to a successful career in which to pursue his passion for all things fishing.

“There’s a lot of different directions to go. Infinite, really,” said Olson. “A lot of the guys at the highest level of tournament fishing don’t make a living at it. Very few have ever done that. Their money flow comes from



working with partners and sponsors.” Olson has fished several Badlands Bass Bandits tournaments in North Dakota along with his father, J Geremy, and done well. It’s a long way from the professional level but is a valuable learning experience for Olson.

“When you have a group like the Bass Bandits willing to help each other and get along, things go better each and every way,” explained Olson, adding, “You do need to fail in order to succeed. Sometimes you do something well and you get content, but you have to change that monthly, weekly, daily. That applies to business too. It’s all about adjustment, figuring out what you need to change, what you should stop doing and start doing.” Fishing among the upper echelons of tournament anglers is rare, even for the most promising young anglers in the country. It’s a goal for Olson, but he knows the odds are long. However, he says it puts him on a path to keep him involved in fishing.

“Careerwise, I’m still trying to figure out what I truly want to do. I know I want to be in the fishing industry somehow because that is my passion. Fishing is what I believe, whether or not as a tournament angler,” said Olson. “If I find something that works for me, that’s what I’m going to do. If it benefits my family and me, I’ll know I’m on the right track.”



Peter Olson, left, and father Geremy. (Photo: submitted)



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From Airman Basic to Colonel: Richard Morrison’s Journey of Service

NATALY ZARRELLA, NORTHERN SENTRY

Colonel Richard Morrison’s Air Force career is a rare and powerful example of dedication, resilience, and leadership rooted in experience at every level of service. From his beginnings as an Airman Basic to his recent promotion to Colonel, Morrison’s path reflects more than three decades of commitment to mission, people, and the Air Force core values.

Born in Sulphur, Louisiana,

Col Morrison enlisted in the United States Air Force in August 1992 after entering the Delayed Enlistment Program in December 1991 during his senior year of high school. With no immediate family members who had served in the military, he entered basic training eager to learn what the Air Force was all about. He began his career in Civil Engineering, where he developed a strong work ethic and

an appreciation for teamwork and accountability.

While serving on active duty, Col Morrison pursued higher education and graduated from Wayland Baptist University in 2003. After 13 years as an enlisted Airman and having reached the rank of Master Sergeant, he was commissioned as an officer in May 2006 and entered the missile operations career field.

The transition from a senior enlisted leader to second lieutenant was not without challenges. At the time of his commissioning, Col Morrison had been serving as a flight superintendent with more than 30 Airmen under his leadership. Moving to a position where he was expected to learn from the ground up required humility and patience. Over time, he acclimated, excelled, and continued to build a reputation as a trusted and capable leader.

Throughout his career, Col Morrison consistently leveraged his enlisted background to connect with Airmen. His prior-enlisted perspective allowed him to mentor, guide, and relate to those he led, whether during missile operations assignments, maintenance exchange programs, or while serving in leadership roles across the enterprise.

Now serving as the 91st Operations Group Deputy Commander, Colonel Morrison holds a unique




Col Morrison pictured as a lieutenant following 13 years of enlisted service.

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distinction. Aside from General Davis and Lt. Gen. Armagost, he is the longest-serving active-duty member currently serving within Air Force Global Strike Command. His career spans service under six U.S. presidents and seven major commands, reflecting continuity, adaptability, and institutional knowledge.

At his promotion ceremony, Colonel (Ret) Deane Konowicz, who presided over the event, described Morrison as “a leader who leads with confidence, professionalism and courage. He has exceeded every expectation on every level.”

Col Morrison attributes much of his success to strong mentorship and leadership, particularly during challenging periods early in his missile operations career. Those experiences shaped his leadership philosophy, which emphasizes accountability, honest feedback, and genuine care for Airmen and their families. He has often stated that taking care of Airmen is not always about giving them what they want, but about helping them achieve their goals and holding them to high standards.

His promotion is also a moment of pride for his family, who have shared the sacrifices and triumphs of his career. His son Jesse spoke of the legacy his father has created, saying, “It is truly and deeply an honor to be your son. You have shown and taught me everything and gave me all the lessons even when I didn’t even know you were teaching them. To try to create and live a legacy of my own that I can only hope to be as great as the one you’ve created and will leave behind.” Jesse added that his father’s influence extends far beyond the uniform, noting that his father has touched countless lives and inspired others to follow in his footsteps. “Words cannot express how thankful and proud I am of you,” he said.

His daughter Savannah reflected on both her father’s accomplishments and the values he instilled. She shared that growing up as a military child taught her that people should never be separated by rank, background, or appearance. She expressed hope that her father’s promotion serves as a reminder that the American dream remains achievable. “I hope my father’s promotion is an inspiration that no matter who you are or where you come from, you can achieve your goals if you have the heart and determination to do it,” she said.

Colonel Morrison’s wife, Senior Master Sergeant (Ret) Marissa Morrison, reflected on his journey with pride. She credited his attention to detail, perseverance, and heart for people as the traits that carried him to this milestone. While she always believed in his leadership potential, she acknowledged that pinning on Colonel was not something she initially imagined given the length of his career. She offered words of pride and encouragement. “Sweetheart, I

am super proud of you. I know you could not have imagined that you would be where you are now. Let Airmen see the leadership you bring and remember to take care of the small details as this is how we solve the bigger issues. You have the ability to move mountains and accomplish any obstacle in your way. I will always be your number one fan and cheerleader, supporting you and encouraging you through it all. Let’s go!

Looking back on his promotion, Colonel Morrison reflected on how

far he has come since enlisting as an Airman Basic. He credits the mentors, teammates, and family members who supported him throughout his career and hopes to be that same source of guidance and encouragement for future Airmen.

From his first day in uniform to his promotion to Colonel, Richard Morrison’s career stands as a testament to what is possible through determination, mentorship, and a commitment to leading with integrity.



Morrison early in his career as a young NCO alongside his wife, Marissa Morrison.



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SrA Leslie Phillips

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MH-139 Grey Wolf helicopters complete first operational ICBM convoy security mission

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MALMSTROM AIR FORCE BASE, Mont. (AFNS) --

Two MH-139A Grey Wolf helicopters assigned to the 40th Helicopter Squadron conducted their first operational Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile convoy Jan. 8, marking an important milestone in the modernization of Air Force Global Strike Command's nuclear security operations.

The MH-139s shepherded a column of missile maintenance and armored security vehicles to and from a launch facility located more than 100 miles east of Malmstrom Air Force Base without needing to refuel during the six-hour movement, demonstrating the superior capabilities of AFGSC's newest helicopter as the Air Force prepares to retire the UH-1N Huey after more than five decades of service.

"Executing our first convoy mission with two MH-139s marks a significant step forward in strengthening our missile security operations," said Maj. Gen. Stacy Huser, 20th Air Force commander. "The MH-139 allows us to continue supporting our ICBM enterprise for decades to come with increased speed, range and lift."

Speed and reach are demanded specifically due to the more than 100 launch facilities dispersed across Malmstrom AFB's 13,800-square-mile area of responsibility that spans diverse topography of prairies, plains and mountain ranges.

Not only is the MH-139 approximately 50% faster than the UH-1N and can arrive on-site several minutes sooner – armed and with twice as many troops on board – it also has enhanced defensive systems and is built to support missile field security missions across vast and austere terrain.

The recent convoy escort mission gained valuable operational experience for AFGSC as 20th AF progresses toward initial operational capability of its Grey Wolf fleet.

"I am incredibly proud of our Airmen who made this success possible," said Col. Bryant Bevan, 582nd Helicopter Group commander. "This mission provided us a multitude of lessons learned, which we will utilize as we continue to work toward accomplishing IOC for the MH-139."

The MH-139's implementation into Air Force operations has been an ongoing program for the last several years.

Boeing delivered the first MH-139A to the United States Air Force on Dec. 19, 2019, at Duke Field, Florida. This began combined developmental testing for the UH-1N replacement program.

Malmstrom AFB then hosted a welcome ceremony for the MH-



An MH-139A Grey Wolf assigned to the 40th Helicopter Squadron conducts its first operational mission at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., Jan. 8, 2026. The mission marks the beginning of the replacement of the Vietnam-era UH-1N Huey and represented a key step in modernizing security for the nation's land-based nuclear deterrent.

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139A on March 9, 2024. The 550th Helicopter Squadron at Malmstrom AFB began MH-139 conversion training the following month.

The first Initial Operational Test and Evaluation flight in support of nuclear security operations was on Jan. 29, 2025.

The MH-139 doesn't just replace an airframe; it directly upgrades how quickly security forces can mass combat power where it's needed. It has been evaluated specifically for nuclear security tasks that mirror Malmstrom AFB's real-world demands: convoy support and emergency response, including launch facility recapture and recovery scenarios that measure how quickly crews can go from idle to airborne.

"Our ICBM mission is the foundation of strategic deterrence, and it demands absolute reliability, security, and readiness," said Col. Daniel Voorhies, 341st Missile Wing commander. "The MH-139 strengthens nuclear surety by giving our Airmen a more capable platform to protect our forces as they carry out the nation's most imperative mission, 24/7/365."

The first operational use of the MH-139 that occurred on January 8 was described by Malmstrom AFB's Striker Airmen as both historic and reassuring.

"The performance of the helicopter was impressive," said Maj. Nicholas Smith, 40th HS MH-139 pilot. "This test proved that the Grey Wolf can bring all the required firepower necessary to defend our nation's nuclear force in a real scenario."

Smith said the helicopter's improved Forward Looking Infrared and its avionics systems enhanced his crew's situational awareness and

their ability to support the ground force commander.

"The MH-139 integrated seamlessly and provided an immediate increase in helicopter support capabilities," Smith said.

Malmstrom AFB's mission remains shaped by its northern-tiered reality as its remoteness and distance defines the fight today – security forces must be able to respond, reinforce and sustain operations far from the main installation, often with little margin for delay.

"The transition from the UH-1N Huey to the MH-139A Grey Wolf is one of the first visible steps toward the next era of the Global Strike mission, eventually leading to the full mission integration with Sentinel," said Tech. Sgt. Samuel Earney, 341st Missile Security Operations Squadron Tactical Response Force flight sergeant. "The transition from the battle-tested Huey to the high-tech Grey Wolf has been bittersweet, but given the increased capabilities of the new helicopter, it makes sense as to why the Air Force chose to make the move."

Convoy Response Force members working on the ground below the helicopter also appreciated the presence of Grey Wolf helicopters during the movement.

"I think the MH-139 being on a mission is a very good addition to convoys due to the fact that it has a faster top speed," said Senior Airman Nicholas Scaramucci, 341st MSOS convoy team leader.

"I felt honored to be a part of it," said Senior Airman Dwight Panton, 341st MSOS convoy team leader. "It was one of those experiences where training and real-world application finally came together."

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5th Bomb Wing Wraps Up a Busy 2025

ROD WILSON, NORTHERN SENTRY

Col John Burrell commander of the 5th Operations Group at Minot Air Force Base was the featured speaker at the January meeting of the Jones Chapter 135 Air and Space Forces Association meeting. Col Burrell outlined the activities of the 23rd and 69th Bomb Squadrons, which affects the 5th Operations Group activities, too. “There were a lot of scenarios that we had to take head on and make work” according to Burrell. He outlined how the 5th BW was in the middle of an intense Global Thunder exercise and then had to generate and support a Bomber Task force that would take and entire squadron of B 52’s away from Minot Air Force Base. “We not only did it, but we did it very successfully according to Burrell.

In addition to Col Burrell, George Masters reviewed the timelines for the upcoming Commander’s Choice Awards that will be held on April 9th. According to Masters “our guest speaker is Air and Space Forces President Burt Field, USAF Lt. General (retired)” said Masters. The event will be held at the Jimmy Doolittle Center on base. “We are trying extremely hard to get organizations like the Minot Chamber of Commerce and the Military Affairs Committee involved in the banquet. We are also inviting all of the Honorary Commanders to attend. We only have room for 200, but we do want to fill the JDL and show these recipients how special they are” said Masters.



Col John Burrell, 5th Operations Group, was the featured speaker at the monthly Air and Space Forces Association meeting. Col Burrell outlined what was a very busy 2025 for the 5th Bomb Wing from an operations stand point.



Burt Field, Air and Space Forces President, USAF Lt. General (retired) will be guest speaker at the upcoming Commander’s Choice Awards in April.



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How to make driving in inclement weather more safe

Impaired visibility can be a safety hazard while driving. Everything from sun glare to hail can affect a driver's ability to see the road and navigate it effectively. Before drivers get behind the wheel, they should make note of their local forecast and make a plan for what to do if rain, snow or other conditions make it challenging to drive.

The International Association of Traffic and Safety Sciences indicates that, based on an examination of crash test data conducted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the "likelihood of a crash increases during periods of low visibility, despite the tendency for less traffic and for lower speeds to prevail during these times."

Drivers can take several steps to improve their visibility when driving in poor weather conditions.

- Inspect and change windshield wiper blades. Wipers are instrumental in clearing precipitation away from the windshield. If they're not functioning properly, wipers cannot do their jobs. Drivers should replace their wipers at the first indication that they are no longer effective. In some conditions, wipers can freeze or stick. Drivers should then pull over and clean the wipers manually.
- Clear obstructions. Always make sure the windshield is clear before driving. This can include removing ice and snow in the winter and cleaning off mud or bug splatter

in the spring and summer. Use the front and rear defrost if condensation fogs up windshields and windows. Slow down. Foul weather can reduce drivers' ability to see far into the distance. Drivers should always drive slower in inclement weather in order to improve reaction time.

- Top off fluids. Always keep the windshield washer reservoir full and keep extra fluid in the trunk. In addition, look for a fluid that does not freeze in very cold temperatures.
- Learn how to drive in fog. Each year, more than 38,700 vehicle crashes occur in fog, states the Federal Highway Administration. Travelers Insurance recommends slowing down, staying focused and using regular headlights and not high beams when driving in fog.
- Go out only if necessary. In snowy or icy conditions, drive only if it's absolutely necessary, as snow and ice can impair visibility and make roads slick, says AAA.
- Avoid driving at dusk and dawn. The human eye can have trouble adjusting to rapidly changing light and darkness conditions, which are common at dusk and dawn. If possible, drivers should make trips during the heart of the day, especially if poor lighting conditions typically make it difficult for them to drive.

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Note: The Rough Rider Ops Competition took place in October of 2025, however, due to the federal government shutdown an embargo was placed on all news stories generated from facilities like Minot Air Force Base. What that meant was that the Rough Rider Ops Competition results and photos could not be featured in the Northern Sentry, or by any other media. Recently The Northern Sentry queried the 91st Missile Wing to see if they felt that a story about the competition was still relevant, and the answer was an emphatic "yes!"

The word competition at its root level means "a rivalry where 2 or more parties strive for a common goal which cannot be shared." When a normally scheduled competition that pitted squadrons against each other to determine which squadron excelled in performing carefully orchestrated tasks that comprised an overall competition that gauged crew force efficiencies. "And although the competition was very successful" according to Lt. Col Nicholas Gydesen of the 91st OSS "we collected a lot of data that we didn't expect. We ended up using that data to overhaul our training program to focus on crew force decision making in complex scenarios, and we have built improvements into our training program."

But taking a step back, the Rough Rider Ops competition was born of a desire to build a competition that tested the very mettle of each of the squadrons that took part. "Funding constraints and other challenges postponed a similar competition at the Global Strike level called Global Strike Challenge. Many of the crew members were rather disappointed that they didn't get to compete at the Global Strike level, but rather than just not have a competition the decision was made to craft

the Rough Riders Ops competition which took place in October at Minot Air Force Base" according to Gydesen.

Some of the unexpected surprises from the Rough Riders Competition "was really how much the crew force showed how much they really cared about the spirit of competition while also demonstrating their capabilities and their knowledge. They all raised their hands (those who competed) and said I want to show what I'm made of here, not only me but my squadron."

The competition was totally voluntary for anyone competing, and the time for the competition had to be carved out of weekend hours and carefully scheduled around the schedules of each squadron. "During their training week they prepared, and they executed the competition on that Saturday" according to Gydesen.

"With the success we had this year, we can envision the competition happening every other year, as the Global Strike Challenge also happens every other year. It will keep our crew force fresh, it will keep them thinking in the grey area so they can continually solve complex problems outside the bounds of the day to day missile operations and procedures that we have" says Gydesen. "Not only did we test their knowledge, but we tested their ability to communicate and their ability to show teamwork during the entire course of the scenario."

And the overall winner is (or was)...

"The 742nd Missile Squadron, who will have their name inscribed on the Col Jimmy "Wolf" Schlachach Trophy, which is named after Col Schlachach for the tremendous support he gave us in organizing and supporting this competition" says Gydesen.



The 742nd takes home the Rough Rider Award Trophy.



Col Schlachach & Chief Thomas hold the Rough Rider Award trophy surrounded by the command team of the 91st Missile Squadron.



The 742nd Missile Squadron garnered first place in the inaugural Rough Rider Award competition.



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their communities. They also strengthen their civics, writing, and public speaking skills, and form friendships with other young leaders along the way. The first-place winner of the North Dakota State Finals will earn a trip to Washington, D.C. to compete in the National Championship in Fall 2026. Finalists who advance to the National Championship will compete for cash prizes, national recognition, and a \$100,000 529 education savings plan contribution. Thanks to the generous support of the Fisher Global Foundation, the first-place winner in each state may also secure a \$5,000 donation for their school. Educators, youth leaders,

and parents are encouraged to share this opportunity with their middle school students. Educator and student resources are available to help students craft and submit their essays. To access these resources, visit <https://civics.uschamberfoundation.org/ncb-how-it-works/>. The application portal is open now through February 4, 2026, at 3:59 a.m. Central Standard Time. Students can apply at <https://my.reviewr.com/NationalCivicsBee/site/NationalCivicsBee2026>. Students without access to the internet or a computer may submit their applications by mail. “This is our second year



The 2025 National Civics Bee® Local Competition at Minot State University.

presenting the National Civics Bee after hosting the only bee in the state in 2025,” said Carla Dolan, Vice President Minot Area Chamber EDC. “The winner of the 2025 event went on to the state and national competitions. We are proud to offer this to area youth to encourage civics knowledge for our future employees.” “Fostering a deep understanding of civics and government among our young students is critical to the vibrancy of democracy

and civic life in America. The National Civics Bee provides a unique platform for them to not only showcase their knowledge but also become active and engaged citizens of the future,” said Hilary Crow, Vice President of Civics at the U.S. Chamber Foundation. For more information about entering the National Civics Bee, visit nationalcivicsbee.org. For interview requests or additional information, please contact tim@minotchamberedc.com.



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Solution to puzzle on page B9

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- Across
- 1. Imparts
 - 6. Energizes, with "up"
 - 10. Mythical hammer welder
 - 14. Strand an Arctic ship
 - 15. Wedding pledges
 - 16. Make perfect
 - 17. Early condensation
 - 19. McGregor of "Moulin Rouge"
 - 20. Entrusted for safekeeping
 - 21. Non-studio film
 - 22. Prepare a contract
 - 24. Raw metal
 - 25. Internet site starter
 - 28. Onassis nickname
 - 29. Delicious
 - 31. Enthusiastic sound
 - 32. Be abuzz
 - 34. Crack a cipher
 - 37. Circuit
 - 39. America's Uncle
 - 41. Wharf
 - 42. Broccoli bit
 - 45. Pickable
 - 48. Change colors
 - 49. Toughie
 - 51. 1960s war zone, for short
 - 52. CIA predecessor
 - 53. Teed off
 - 55. Explained beforehand
 - 58. Each
 - 60. Handles badly
 - 64. Walk through water
 - 65. It might be stamped on an envelope
 - 66. MGM mascot
 - 67. Anew
 - 68. Standing tall
 - 69. Place for a coin
 - 70. Strange
 - 71. Office needs

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- 1. Prom wheels
 - 2. Greenspan's field: Abbr.
 - 3. Geek
 - 4. Eats well
 - 5. Cavi
 - 6. Hampshires' homes
 - 7. Jockey Arcaro
 - 8. Wordsworth works
 - 9. Navigator's dir.
 - 10. Subsequently
 - 11. Words of welcome
 - 12. Radio-studio sign
 - 13. Taylor of "The Nanny"
 - 18. __ Dame
 - 21. "Woe __!"
 - 23. Puddle contents, perhaps
 - 25. Blitzer of CNN
 - 26. Fleece
 - 27. Hoopla
 - 30. John Wayne film of '74
 - 33. Impair
 - 35. Work shift for some
 - 36. Looks at
 - 38. Debate side
 - 40. Clergy
 - 43. Spot
 - 44. Thrice, in prescriptions
 - 46. Ravioli, e.g.
 - 47. Came up
 - 50. Get rid of
 - 53. Cries like a baby
 - 54. Be of use
 - 56. Hoarder
 - 57. Farm equipment name
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Minot State Fall 2025 President's List, VPAA Honor Roll

MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

Minot State University announced a total of 510 students were named to the Fall 2025 President's List and 312 students were named to the Vice President for Academic Affairs' Honor Roll.

Students who earned a term grade point average of 3.8 or higher while enrolled for 12 or more credits during the Fall 2025 semester were named to the list. The honor will appear on the student's transcript for the semester in which it was earned. Students who earned a term grade point average of 3.5-3.79 while enrolled for 12 or more credits during the Fall 2025 semester were named to

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A complete list of students on the President List and Honor Roll can be found here

MINOT STATE FALL 2025 PRESIDENT'S LIST

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YOUTH IN ACTION

Dragon Master Builders: Great American Defense Community's MAFB Team

The season ran from September 3rd, 2025 to January 24th, 2026. This year's theme: Unearthed (archaeology)! Ten fourth and fifth graders, including homeschoolers, participated in 34 hours of hands-on STEAM training. Parent volunteer, Ms. Meghan Langan, shared her experience coaching FIRST Lego League teams in the past and really enhanced the team's technical focus on meeting judges' expectations and coding! She also ordered our team shirts and planned our competition day! Unfortunately, I may have annoyed her with my free-build sessions and Mingle Jingle craft times, but I believe I was instrumental in team operations: submitting marketing requests, team sign-up and setup via FIRST Dashboard, room setup with MAFB library books, weekly parent email reminders, and coordinating our on-site archaeological dig and Dr. Watts visit! We, in short, complimented each other. I will never forget her laugh at my excited surprise when we successfully completed our first Lego mission. That was fun!

Each Wednesday from 6-8pm, all students met in the School Liaison Office to work on team-building, researching a problem, solution, and robot programming to complete various lego board missions. Our problem was discussed, but wasn't solidified until after Ms. Amanda Watts, local archeologist from Minot State University, visited and shared her experiences on digs. Our problem: Under the cover of darkness, raiders take archaeologist's equipment and tools, so they are unable to complete their excavation. Our creative, military-inspired solution will be on display on January 24th during the all-day robotics competition at MSU!

The season started with many team-building activities. Here are a few: follow-directions/guess drawings activity, balloons-aloft challenge, Lego-build challenge, and hula-hoop relay. Students were reminded to be encouraging, kind, and supportive of each other's efforts. We routinely started each meeting with these activities and ended each meeting with programming/coding our

robot.

Then, the students had a real-time, hands-on archeological dig in the School Liaison Office's empty flowerbed! We learned various archaeological terms featured in the current ND Heritage Center and State Museum display: grid, units, screening, and lab. We also learned about geophysical survey methods: Ground Penetrating Radar, Electrical Resistance, and Magnetic Gradiometry. I thank my husband for taking our family to see this display so that I could share the information and am truly grateful for his support—always—for my classroom/team activities these past ten years in government service. I also thank Ms. Danielle Smith, USDA Coordinator for Family Child Care, for providing archaeological (gardening) tools!

Next, Ms. Watts shared her field experience in the UK, USA, Turkey, Afghanistan, Rapa Nui, and Egypt. She patiently, expertly, and enthusiastically answered lots of questions! We were lucky to have her visit us at Minot AFB. Thank you, again, Ms. Watts. Your time spent with us was truly valuable and very interesting! You brought us to our educated solution!

After that, team shirts were designed by all students, a vote was conducted, and our winning design was created by Avry Trott! It thoughtfully features a geometric dragon head (our 5th Force Support Squadron's mascot is a dragon) outlined in white,

surrounded by twelve red Legos (representing each team member and both coaches), on a black t-shirt.

Lastly, it was time to hone our programming and presentation skills. Only two students are permitted to be at the board at one time. We have two minutes and thirty seconds to run as many missions as we can and generate points for our team upon successful completion. We practiced transitioning quickly from each pair of two students per mission working on set-up, run, and tear-down of each robot tool and timing the runs. We will be judged on the following four areas: Robot Design, Innovation Project, Robot Performance, and Core Values.

As we head into the competition, we are hopeful of generating points, but more than that, we are better for having had the opportunity to learn more about teamwork, archaeology, and coding. I would be remiss to say this could not have happened without our partnership with Full STEAM Ahead in Minot. We give a big Thank You to them and their organization! We truly are a Great American Defense Community.

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Inside the Mind of Minot United Hockey: A Look at the Slind Family

BRYLEIGH MCBRIDE, STUDENT JOURNALIST

As Minot United Hockey skates through another competitive season, the drive and support behind its players go far beyond goals and assists. Let us look into one of the families of the team. For Landin and Maddin Slind, two of the sport’s dedicated forwards, hockey isn’t just a game, it’s a rhythm that shapes their days, their responsibilities, and the way they grow.

For 10-year-old Maddin Slind, passion for hockey starts simply: “My friends and scoring goals,” he says. Between school, snacks, and practice, Maddin finds space for balance. “I have a snack, relax and go to practice,” he explains. His schoolwork fits in too. “My only homework is reading so I read in bed.” While his routine may seem laid-back, Maddin identifies one clear lesson from hockey: “how to work hard.”

His older brother, 16-year-old Landin Slind, shares a more structured viewpoint. Landin’s daily focus revolves around three essentials: “School, practice, rest/homework.” He emphasizes a personal commitment to accountability, both in the classroom and on the ice. “Hold myself accountable for my work,” he says, noting that hockey has helped strengthen his sense of responsibility. Landin’s motivation is clear. “The drive to prove that I am a strong person and player.” His advice to younger players is straightforward. “Make sure school always comes first, and when you are on the ice use all the effort you have.”

Behind the Slind brothers’ effort is a family committed to keeping them organized, balanced,

and supported.

Their mother, the glue of the family, Regan Slind, manages a complex schedule with both paper and digital calendars to track practices, games, reminders, and appointments. She stresses the importance of family support, not just in logistics like rides and meals, but in encouragement through both struggles and triumphs. Regan also emphasizes the need for balance, encouraging her kids to listen to their bodies and take rest seriously when mental or physical fatigue sets in.

Reflecting on her role, she admits that the challenge of coordinating three busy kids can be overwhelming. “I didn’t realize how exhausting it is as a mom... fitting meals, appointments, family time around practices and games.” But she wouldn’t trade it for the world. “The memories and watching the kids accomplish their goals is priceless and worth every busy evening and weekend.”

Their father, Josh Slind, takes pride in supporting the family’s hockey life through practical means giving rides, making out-of-town travel possible, and helping his kids understand the value of effort and teamwork. When stress creeps in, he reminds them to focus on what they can control in the moment. “Enjoy the time and sports. The time goes too fast,” he says, a sentiment that resonates with both parents and players.

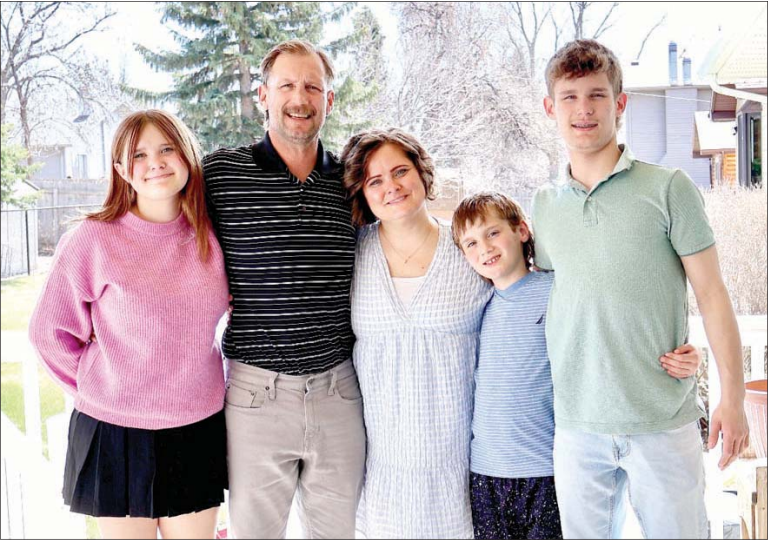
Rounding out the Slind family is freshman sister Joslin Slind, who balances school, cheer, figure skating, and family commitments with the same discipline seen in her brothers. “I try to stay on

top of school and plan ahead,” she says. “School always comes first, then cheer, and I make sure I still give myself time to relax so I don’t overwork myself.”

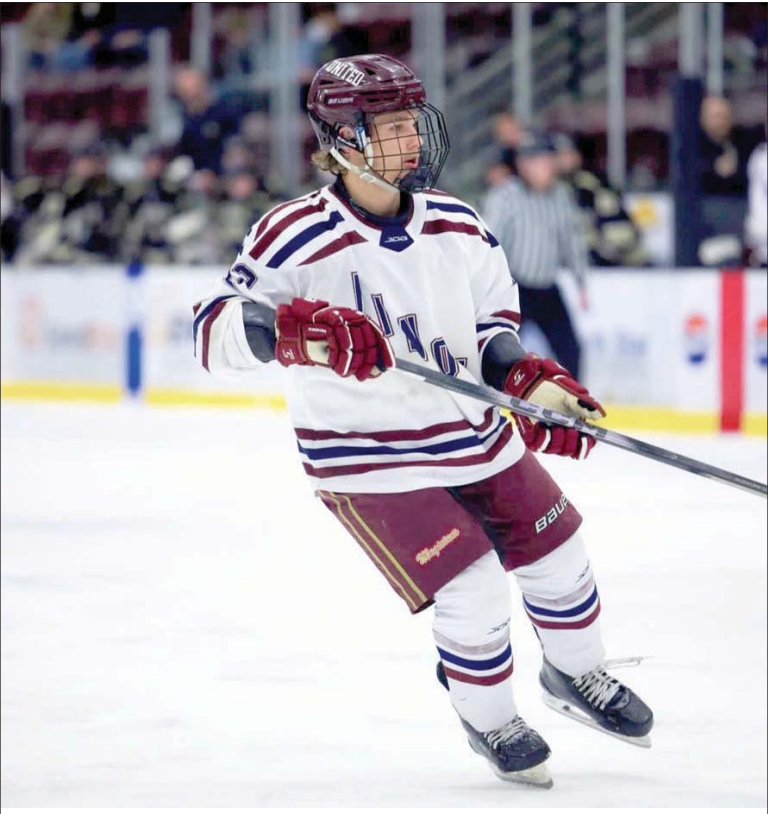
Her days are long and carefully structured. “I go to classes from 8–3, then I have cheer practice from 3:30–6. Sometimes I have hockey games right after practice, and other times I go to church. Even on busy days, I still make sure I get my homework done.” To stay ahead, Joslin relies on preparation. “I usually try to finish my assignments early before my activities, but if I don’t, I make sure I complete them the night they’re due.”

The biggest challenge for her is time management. “Cheer is a big part of my life, so I don’t have much time to rest, even on weekends.” Still, her motivation stays strong. “I remind myself that I’m doing this for a purpose and that people look up to me. I also remember that cheer is a team commitment, and not everyone gets the opportunity to do what I’m doing.”

Together, the Slind family offers a snapshot of what it takes to balance youth sports with school, responsibility, and personal growth. For Landin, Maddin, and Joslin, the rink, the gym, and the classroom are all places where lessons are learned, character is built, and effort matters.



The Slind FamilyLeft to Right: Joslin, Josh, Regan, Maddin, Landin Slind



Landin Slind playing on the ice for Minot United.

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Minot United and Minot North Athletics: A Week of Grit, Growth, and Competition

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It's been a week of highs, lows, and everything in between for Minot United and Minot North athletics, with every team showing heart, hustle, and determination. The Minot United Boys Hockey varsity team hit a bump in WDA play, suffering their first loss of the season in a hard-fought 3-2 battle against Legacy three days ago. The game was tight from start to finish, and despite the loss, the boys showed flashes of the skill and grit that have carried them through the season.

The bounce-back came quickly. Junior varsity didn't skip a beat, storming to a 5-1 victory just days later. Mielke was solid in net, keeping the team confident and in control throughout the game. Varsity followed suit, grinding out a 4-1 win with goals from C. Richeson, Grosz, Bradley, and Christopher. L. Richeson was outstanding in net, making key saves that kept the opponent from mounting a comeback. The team is already back at work, eyes forward, and focused on sharpening their play for the next challenge.

Meanwhile, the Minot North Girls Basketball team has been locked in on every possession, even when results didn't go their way. On January 13th, they fell 64-74 against

St. Mary's, and three days later, a close 66-68 loss to the Bismarck Demons showed just how competitive this squad can be. Brynn Francis stood out, earning the Isaac Award with a gritty, all-around performance. She locked in on defense, battled every rebound in the paint, and knocked down clutch free throws when the game was on the line. Her effort epitomizes what this team is about: heart, focus, and toughness no matter the scoreboard.

The boys basketball team has had a rollercoaster stretch as well. January 16th, they suffered a heavy loss to the Bismarck Demons, 28-89, but earlier proved their skill by squeaking out a 75-74 win over St. Mary's. The win showed resilience and clutch performance, highlighting the team's ability to stay composed under pressure and fight for every point.

Off the hardwood and ice, the Minot United Dance Team is gearing up for its Annual Home Show on January 24th at 4 p.m. at Minot North High School. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for students, and free for kids under 5. The event will feature a showcase of talent from MUDT, Magikix, Mini Damp Dancers, Studio X, MCDC, MDA, and the Minot United Drum Line. Fans can expect high-energy



Minot North Cheer Team - The Best of the Midwest 2026

performances and a taste of what the team will bring to state competition on January 30th and 31st. The excitement is building, and the show promises to be a highlight of the season.

Minot North Cheer also had a weekend to remember at the Best of the Midwest competition, despite dealing with multiple injured team members. Their resilience and skill shone through in team events, where Time Out placed 2nd, Game Day also 2nd, and CDR finished 3rd. The Triple Threat squads earned top finishes, including a 1st-place for Amelia, Ashley, and Makynzie, 3rd for Rie, Alina, and Peyton, and 5th for Tori, Kiarra, and Peyton. Solos were equally impressive: Makynzie earned 1st for her tumble solo, Vreelyn captured 1st for Champion Solo

Star and 4th in her tumble solo. Stunt competitions were competitive as well, with Silver Strike placing 2nd, Navy Storm 6th, and Northern Lights 9th. In the jump solo, Vreelyn took 1st, Kiarra 4th, Makynzie 9th, and Peyton 10th.

The crowning achievements came with Minot North earning the Best Stunts award and Vreelyn Nygard taking home the honor of Triple Crown Champion. This recognition highlights the team's dedication, skill, and relentless work ethic. Even with injuries and the physical demands of the season, Minot North Cheer proved they could compete at the highest level.

Through all of these challenges and triumphs, Minot United and Minot North

athletes have shown what makes their programs special: grit, teamwork, and the ability to rise to the occasion. From tight losses to thrilling wins, from high-flying stunts to flawless routines, the athletes have demonstrated resilience and focus. Every game, every routine, every play reflects a commitment to excellence that defines their teams. Fans and supporters have plenty to celebrate, and with the season far from over, the weeks ahead promise more action, excitement, and standout performances. The athletes are ready, the teams are motivated, and the city is watching as Minot United and Minot North continue to compete, inspire, and push the limits of what they can achieve.



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Grit on the Mats: Minot United Wrestles Through Fargo And Bismarck

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The 19th annual Rumble on the Red Wrestling Championship is a three-day event hosted at the Fargodome in Fargo, North Dakota. Nearly 2,000 varsity and JV wrestlers, along with more than 1,200 youth wrestlers from over 50 youth dual teams, compete over the course of the tournament.

With 24 mats running simultaneously, Rumble on the Red is one of the largest high school wrestling events in the United States. On January 2, the

Minot United Girls Wrestling Team traveled to Fargo to compete. Last year, the team had six placers at the tournament. This season, under Head Coach Ari Korish, Coach Stenberg, and Coach Jones, the girls placed third overall as a team, finishing with eight individual placers.

Girls Varsity Results - Rumble on the Red: 100: Brooklyn Ost, 2nd; 106: Ella Brown, 7th; 112: Monica Boakye, 5th and Khylie Schlotz, 6th; 118: Fatimazahra Elbouab,

7th; 130: Madisyn Racine, 3rd; 142: Riley Hansen, 8th; 148: Maycee Boyce, 3rd. With eight placers, the Minot United Girls Wrestling Team demonstrated strong effort and dedication throughout the tournament.


The second day required the most grit, as many wrestlers competed in the blood rounds to determine placement. The Minot United Boys Wrestling Team also found success in Fargo. Kale Risbrudt placed first in JV at 285, while Jack Combs placed seventh in varsity at 107. While the boys had fewer placers, the team wrestled hard and gained valuable experience.

The following week, the Minot United Girls Wrestling Team hosted a dual at Minot High against Bismarck Legacy. That evening also marked the team's senior night, where the seniors were recognized and celebrated. The next day, on January 9, both teams competed in the 60th annual Bismarck Rotary Tournament, held at the Bismarck Event Center and hosted by BPS Activities and the Rotary.

The two-day tournament featured over 1,200 wrestlers from North Dakota and surrounding states, including South Dakota and Montana. At the Rotary Tournament, the girls had six placers. Girls Varsity Results - Bismarck Rotary: 100: Brooklyn

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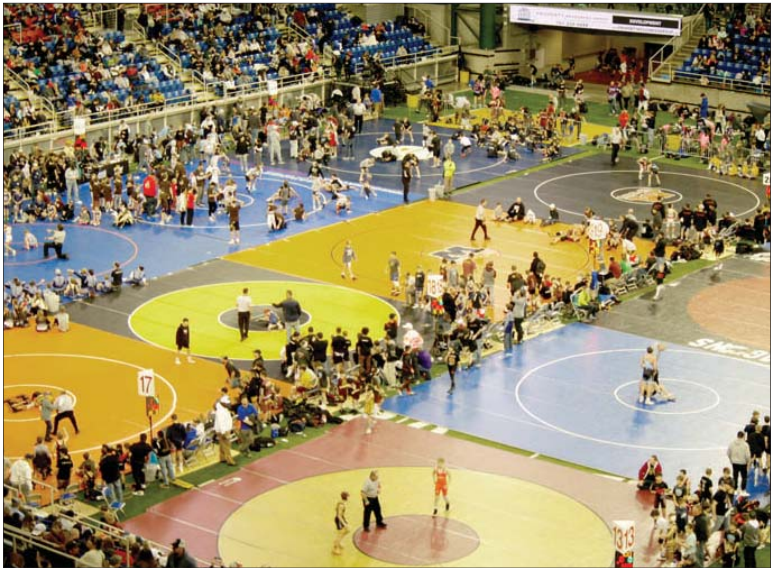


Monica Boakye (MU), right, wrestles Alicia Kenfack (BL), left, during the dual at Minot High.

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The Minot United Girls Wrestling Team after the Rumble on the Red Tournament.



Ost, 2nd; 106: Ella Brown, 4th; 112: Monica Boakye, 6th; 118: Khylie Schlotz, 3rd and Fatimazahra Elbouab, 8th; 130: Madisyn Racine, 2nd. The boys also had a successful showing, earning multiple placers across both varsity and JV divisions. Boys Varsity Results - Bismarck Rotary: 107: Jack Combs, 5th; 133: Tayven Blackaby, 7th; 139: Korbin

Kraft, 2nd; 215: Evan Berg, 3rd and Tucker Nelson, 4th; 285: Kale Risbrudt, 8th. The two eventful weeks proved to be a success for both teams. As Minot United progresses through the season, the wrestlers look forward to the upcoming state tournament in February.


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THIS WEEK IN USAF HISTORY

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On January 22, 1975, the 57th Air Division was activated at Minot Air Force Base, ND. The unit had a long history overseas and at many other United States bases before moving without personnel or equipment to Minot. It took on the resources of the base and lent vital support to the 91st Strategic Missile Wing and 5th Bombardment Wing. The 57th AD would go on to become the host unit of the base after the Iran Hostage Crisis in 1980, when Strategic Air Command tasked them with organizing the Strategic Protection Force. The 57th AD was the first division in SAC to implement the concept. At the forefront of the force were the B-52 Stratofortresses, which could provide worldwide warfare capabilities. The 57th Air Division was in control of all missile and bomb wings in North Dakota, including those at Grand Forks AFB and Minot. The unit was deactivated in June of 1991 and the 5th Bomb Wing became the host wing, and continues to assume host responsibilities to this day.

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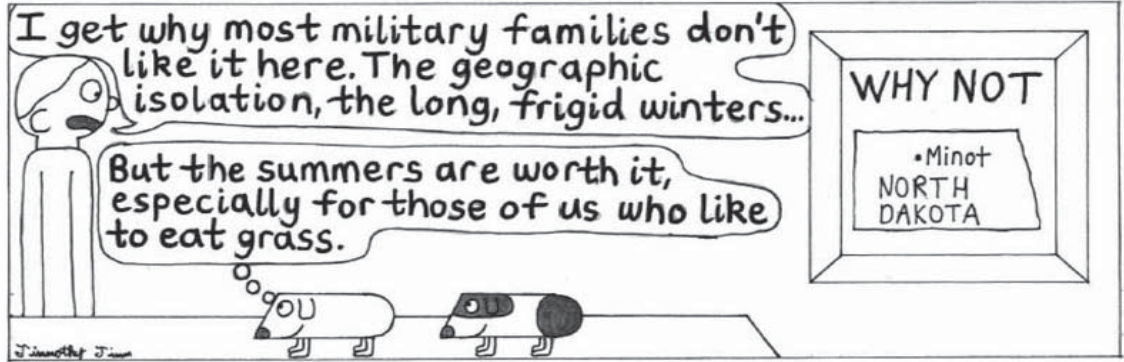
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Timothy Timm of Minot currently attends Minot State University, is a Minot High School graduate, artist, cartoonist, author and illustrator. Timm has also created other works of art that are on display in his art studio downtown located at 201 Main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

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North Dakota Partners with U.S. Army to Connect Soldiers to Jobs

The state of North Dakota, in its role as an employer, signed a U.S. Army Partnership for Your Success (PaYS) Program agreement with the North Dakota Army National Guard today at the state Capitol connecting soldiers to civilian workforce opportunities.

The PaYS Program brings together the U.S. Army and a diverse network of private industry, academic institutions, and state and local public organizations. Through the program, soldiers are offered job interviews and potential employment opportunities upon completion of their initial entry training to help them prepare for their futures.

"We value what our soldiers bring to the table and the perspectives they share," Gov. Armstrong said. "Their military training prepares them with skills that often take years to develop in the workforce. We're already proud to work alongside many current soldiers and veterans on Team ND, and we look forward to welcoming even more through the PaYS program."

Armstrong added that North Dakota remains dedicated to

becoming the most military-friendly state in the country, and this collaboration exemplifies the state's effort to fulfill that mission.

"The Army Partnership for Your Success program connects men and women who serve their nation to civilian employers who need a dedicated and reliable workforce," said U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Mitchell Johnson, North Dakota National Guard adjutant general. "This is a testament to the unwavering support North Dakota provides to its military and is a shining example of smart, effective collaboration."

The PaYS program is part of a long-term U.S. Army effort to help Soldiers forge professional relationships with businesses and encourage business owners to look to the Army as a plentiful and reliable recruiting source.

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Lake Sakakawea elevation, Jan. 19: 1,828.77 feet above mean sea level (MSL); 16,200 cubic feet per second (CFS) Garrison Dam average daily releases. Devils Lake elevation: 1,448.89 feet above mean sea level (MSL). Stump Lake elevation: 1,448.82 MSL.

- N.D. Game & Fish Dept. game wardens: Not much activity throughout the region due to weather but anglers on Lake Metigoshe continue finding fair bluegill success.

- Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Generally good ice conditions on Devils Lake with good access and limited snow cover so anglers can move around. Always use caution on the ice, however. Anglers finding a solid walleye bite during the golden hours of an hour before and after sunrise and sunset for better success. Some improving perch success in various locations. Move around but be patient when marking fish. Perch are staying close to the bottom.

- Lake Darling, Karma C-Store, Ruthville: No new reports from Lake Darling or Lake Audubon.
- Lake Metigoshe, Four Seasons, Bottineau: Limited activity but those anglers venturing onto Lake Metigoshe continue finding occasional walleye with fair bluegill success.

- Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Limited activity on Lake Audubon with no new reports due to weather.

- Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Hwy. 83 Lawn & Leisure, Garrison: Not much activity due to weather but a few reports of scattered smallmouth bass success on Lake Audubon.

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- Jan. 23 & 24: Minot Curling Club Curling for the Cure Bonspiel, Minot.
- Jan. 24: Frozen Fun Day, Polaris Park, Minot. Winter activities, games, and treats. Free event begins at 11 a.m.
- Jan. 24: Bakken Bag Fest Cornhole Tournament, (free), Clarion Hotel & Convention Center, Minot, 1:30 p.m.
- Jan. 31: Evening Hike Series: Full snow Moon Candlelight Hike, Fort Stevenson State Park, Garrison, featuring Team North Dakota Snow Sculpture team creating a campfire scene snow sculpture (snow conditions permitting), 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 4: Cabin Fever Gun Grab fundraiser sponsored by MonDak Pheasants Forever Chapter, Rivers Edge Bar & Grill, 1002 2nd St. W., Williston, 6 p.m.

TOURNAMENTS:

- Jan. 24: Lake Audubon, Totten Trail.
- Jan. 31: Lake Sakakawea, Van Hook Arm; Devils Lake, 6-Mile Bay.

No reports from the east end of Lake Sakakawea.

- Lake Sakakawea, New Town: No new reports from the Van Hook Arm with weather limiting activity. Watch ice conditions when venturing out due to earlier thawing and re-freezing on top of the ice.

- Lake Sakakawea/Missouri River, Scott's Bait & Tackle, Pick City: Weather permitting, Missouri River tailrace continues producing walleye from boats. Lake Audubon hit-and-miss for walleye. Use caution on the back bays of the east end of Lake Sakakawea with variable ice depths.

- Lake Sakakawea/northwest N.D. lakes, Scenic Sports, Williston: Better success on the west end of Lake Sakakawea is turning to a low light, night walleye bite. Try the guard camp area around Lund's Landing in deeper water around 16 feet. Some pike activity in low water areas around Hofflund Island. Yellowstone River improving for walleye. Look for some crappie success yet on Trenton Lake. Blacktail Dam producing small perch with occasional walleye.

- North-central/central N.D. lakes, Towner Hdwe. Hank, Towner: Weather limited activity on area lakes.

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- Airmen's Night Out, 1600, Outdoor Recreation
- Friday Flicks, 1630-2200, Rockers Bar & Grill

SATURDAY24

- Winter STEAM Challenges, 1000, Minot AFB Library Facebook Page

SUNDAY25

- Sunday Escapes Book Club, 1330, Base Library

MONDAY26

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- Reintegration Briefing, 1000-1100, M&FRC
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Palace Chase/Front Briefing, 1400-1500, Professional Development Center

TUESDAY27

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- Boots to Business, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Tuition Assistance (TA) Brief, 1000, Education Center
- Game Day, 1000-1930, Base Library
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Strength & Mobility, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Retraining 101, 1300-1400, Professional Development Center

WEDNESDAY28

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Base Right Start, 0730-1230, Jimmy Doolittle Center, hosted by M&FRC
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- Informed Decision Seminar, 0800-1200, Professional Development Center
- Boots to Business, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Pre-Deployment/Remote Readiness Training, 1000-1100, M&FRC
- Storytime, 1030, Base Library
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center

THURSDAY29

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- Creative Connections — EFMP Open Studio — AM Session, 0900-1100, M&FRC
- Reintegration Briefing, 1000-1100, M&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- National Soup Month Special Lunch, 1030-1330, Dakota Inn Dining Facility
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Iron Endurance Circuit Training, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Tuition Assistance (TA) Brief, 1330, Education Center
- Creative Connections — EFMP Open Studio — PM Session, 1500-1700, M&FRC
- National Soup Month Special Dinner, 1630-1830, Dakota Inn Dining Facility
- Studio Sips, 1730-1930, Arts & Crafts Center

FRIDAY30

- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- Membership Day Winter Wonderland, 1600-1730, Youth Center
- Friday Flicks, 1630-2200, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Magic The Gathering Game Night, 1700, Bomber Bistro
- Karaoke Battle Finale, 1700, Rockers Bar & Grill

SATURDAY31

- Winter STEAM Challenges, 1000, Minot AFB Library Facebook Page

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