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U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Wayne Sharp, 5th Bomb Wing command chief (right), U.S. Sen. John Hoeven (center) Mayor of Minot Mark Jantzer, and community leaders cut a ribbon during the Military Welcome Center dedication at Minot International Airport in Minot, North Dakota, Feb. 17, 2026. The Minot Area Chamber Economic Development Corporation hosted the ceremony to officially open the center, providing a welcoming space with seating and refreshments for active duty service members, veterans and their families. See more on page A5.

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Buddy Check Challenge Trophy Strengthens Wingman Culture at Minot AFB

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MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. --

The 5th Logistics Readiness Squadron (5 LRS) was named the first winner of Minot Air Force Base's Buddy Check Challenge, an initiative launched during Suicide Awareness Month in September of 2025 and tracked through the remainder of the year to promote purposeful presence and encourage Airmen to intentionally check in on one another.

The challenge supported training priorities focused on suicide prevention and strengthening connection across the installation. Units participated by submitting anonymous survey responses after completing a "buddy check" with a friend, family member or wingman. Participants identified their unit and answered questions related to communication, support and engagement.

"The purposeful presence piece has become a big part of suicide prevention and how we take care of the people around us," said Laurel Grams, director of the 5th Bomb Wing Prevention Office. "This challenge was about creating intentional moments to check in and be there for one another."

Following outreach from suicide prevention facilitators, participation increased across multiple squadrons. Ultimately, 5 LRS finished the year with hundreds more submissions than other units.

According to Tech. Sgt. Titus Keim, NCOIC fuels support 5 LRS, the unit paired the Buddy Check Challenge with scheduled suicide prevention training and ensured facilitators consistently promoted participation.

"We hit it early and we hit it quick," said Keim. "Anytime we did suicide prevention training, we had the QR code available and explained what the intent was. We saturated the training with advertisements and made it easy for everyone to scan it on their way out."

Keim added that both Airmen and NCO's led sessions across multiple flights, contributing to broad participation within the squadron.

"This wasn't about winning a competition," said Grams. "It was about making sure people were taking the time to connect with their wingmen and not missing opportunities to support one another."

The Buddy Check Challenge trophy, will serve as a traveling award. The initiative is scheduled to return in April during Alcohol Awareness Month with a focus on alcohol-related safety and accountability.



Members of the Minot Air Force Base Prevention Team pose for a group photo at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Feb. 11, 2026. The team organized and executed the first Buddy Check Challenge promoting purposeful presence and encouraging Airmen to intentionally check in with each other.



The Buddy Check Challenge trophy sits on display at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Feb. 11, 2026. The 5th Logistics Readiness Squadron was named the inaugural winner of the Buddy Check Challenge after recording the highest number of anonymous survey submissions during Suicide Awareness Month in September. The trophy will travel between winning squadrons following various challenges presented by the Prevention office.



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February is Healthy Relationships Month

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While we celebrate romantic relationships with Valentine's Day in the month of February, it's also a great time to think about the health of all our relationships. What makes for a healthy relationship, whether with a significant other, or with family or friends?

COMMUNICATION

Good communication includes mindful listening and maintaining an open mind to what others are sharing with you.

Express your thoughts and feelings honestly, while making sure to avoid interrupting. Inevitably, sometimes there will be disagreements.

Avoid raising voices or seeking to place blame, as both are unlikely to lead to agreement, and may cause permanent harm to the relationship. Use "I" statements to express yourself, rather "you" statements, to assist in preventing placement of blame (e.g. "I feel ____" rather than "You did ____").

If emotions run high, pausing the conversation and coming back when emotions have cooled is often the best approach.

FOSTER TRUST THROUGH HONESTY AND DEPENDABILITY

Strong relationships are built on trust. Trust is developed over time by being honest with others and keeping your word.

When you provide information about yourself or anything else, make sure to speak truthfully.

When you promise something, deliver on it. Likewise, do not make promises you cannot or will not



Two service members hold hands at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., Feb 12 2026. February is Healthy Relationships Month and a time to reflect on behaviors that make for healthy connections with significant others, family and friends.

keep, just to avoid an uncomfortable conversation at the time.

MAINTAIN AND RESPECT HEALTHY BOUNDARIES

New relationships can be exciting, and lead to over-asking or exhausting others when spending time or making other requests exceed the other person's capacity.

Similarly, longstanding relationships can lead to implicit or explicit expectations of what friends or romantic partners will do for one another, that may similarly exceed a person's capacity at a given time.

Tapping back into the need for communication, make sure to communicate your boundaries and respect the boundaries of others when they are communicated to you.

NO PERPETUATION OR TOLERANCE OF ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR

Healthy relationships do not involve any type of abuse such as: Verbal abuse (demeaning language)

Emotional abuse (frightening or manipulation)

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**A VIEW FROM
 OUR SIDE**

ROD WILSON

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My friend Joe Weigand made the 10 PM news on Monday night. It was President's Day and the Roosevelt Park Zoo had arranged for Joe to appear at RVP as Teddy Roosevelt.

Joe has made several appearances at Roosevelt Park Zoo, most recent in my memory was the 100th Anniversary of RVP in July of 2021. Even though Joe plays Teddy Roosevelt in Medora, and has for many years, he feels a kinship for Minot and the Minot Air Force Base and if his schedule allows will with hesitation accept offers to appear as our 26th President in Minot or at Minot Air Force base. Of course, the 91st Missile Wing certainly holds a kinship for Teddy Roosevelt and his Roughriders proudly carrying his name and monicker and probably most famous the raucous battle cry of the Roughriders..."Bully!"

This year will be special in Medora as July 4th, 2026, the 250th Birthday of the United States, the Teddy Roosevelt Presidential Library will open in the hills above the once small cow town of Medora. This special event will garner dignitaries from all over the United States. The Roosevelt Presidential Library will certainly turn Medora into a "must see" stop 365 days a year instead of the summer vacation destination that Medora is now.

Well now back to Joe Wiegand. If you have not seen Mr. Weigand performing as Teddy Roosevelt, the opportunity awaits you as he does "The Teddy Show" at the Medora Theater, and his new venture is brunch with the President. Both of these shows are listed on the Theodore Roosevelt Foundation

website with tickets also available in advance.

Joe makes hundreds of appearances as Teddy Roosevelt every year. He is a permanent resident of Medora and leads nature hikes into the hills above Medora as weather, and his time, allow. It is always amazing to me how remembers and relates events about Teddy Roosevelt. A good example is that I was given the opportunity to accompany Joe on a recent tour of Minot Air Force Base. Joe and I were waiting to be given a tour of one of the missile silos, and had started to talk baseball, and the baseball team that I supported. He was not in his Teddy Roosevelt character, but a young man appeared and quickly offered Joe his hand for a "Welcome to North Dakota" handshake. Joe, without hesitation, transitioned into Teddy Roosevelt and soon he was talking with the young Airmen about his hometown of Baltimore. Joe often begins his teaching moments with "did you know?" And from there he quickly becomes the 26th President of the United States, and sure enough he knew several people from Baltimore.

So, thanks to Roosevelt Park Zoo for facilitating Joe's visit to Minot. "Bully!!"

THE LAST YEAR...

I have often referred to the Farmer's Almanac in my articles as the official book of information

about weather and weather trends. However, it appeared that the Farmer's Almanac was going out of publication after 2026.

However, THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC will continue to publish. Even I did not know that there were two Farmer's Almanacs. And so, what does the Old Farmer's Almanac predict for weather in our area this winter?

Milder winter overall, though snow and cold come in waves

Late winter may bring surprises—don't put away the shovel too soon.

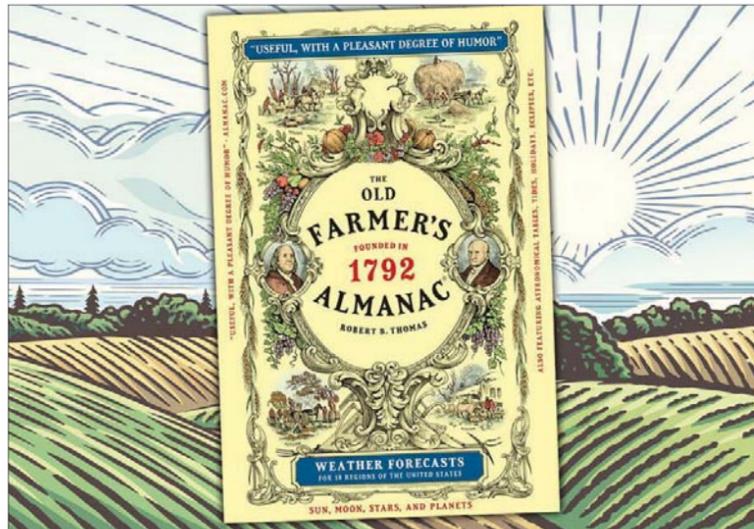
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TODAY'S CHUCKLE

Most kids think all salads should be tossed.



The Old Farmer's Almanac was started in 1792.



Interior of Yurt at Fort Ransom.

TV violence has too much influence on too many people



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Since television became commercially available in the United States in the late 1940s, it has influenced the American public like nothing else in the history of this nation.

Television has grown a great deal and mass communication professors teach that 100 percent of homes in the United States have at least one TV. That kind of statistic doesn't seem real, but when you think about the few people who don't have TV, it's less than one-tenth of 1 percent of the population so it's an insignificant number. That kind of influence is great for

the TV industry and the retailers who sell them.

And in a free and Democratic society, the producers of TV programs basically have the freedom and flexibility to create what they want, as long as they get the advertising support to back up so called controversial programming.

TV production continues to evolve and it has become so risqué and so violent that some viewers write letters of protest networks and local TV stations.

If you have cable, and now with some new TVs, you have parental controls over terrestrial TV. The thing is, there shouldn't have to be restrictions on network television. Cable is another thing. You are paying for a specific service and if you want R rated movies, that's up to you. But over-the-air, the only choice people have a lot of times, is shut the TV off or change to another channel that has similar programming.

Choices are getting better, but on any given night, you can turn on to network TV and you can see police getting gunned down in the streets. You can see teenage girls forced into prostitution and drug use, you can see gang activity being

glorified.

You can see a growing list of outrageous shows that can easily influence a lot of adults, let alone teens and pre-teens. Oh, the magic of television and its power to influence.

A lot of shows are coming up with titles that include the word murder or homicide or arson in them. Some of the theme songs as well, have questionable lyrics that can influence in the wrong way.

And it appears the problem is feeding on itself. The more violence in TV and music, the larger the scale of violence on city streets.

For the most part, those of us who live here in North Dakota have not seen that behavior on a large scale, but it's beginning to emerge. As Fargo and Bismarck continue to grow, so do the crime statistics.

OK, I'll say it. Government control isn't the answer. Advertising continues to get sold to support said programs, so the only way the spectre of violence is going to be curbed is when producers voluntarily come up with better, more enriching story lines.

Nor do I think TV producers should be censored. It's just the simple fact, there's too much of it and the influence has become too

great to ignore.

Everybody likes comedy, but what is happening to it? There's been a steady downward trend of sitcoms on nightly television. Hilarious is giving way to violence when in effect, it should be the exact opposite.

But, to be fair, sports has risen a great deal too. With the advent of digital TV and now some screens that exceed 100 inches, you could be right in there with the action. That said, football has been available on Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Basketball is now on network TV on Monday and Tuesday.

Some of us might think that's a sports overload, and it kind of is, but if it replaces violence on TV, it's for the better.

Most of us can discern the difference when it comes to what is too violent to be watching. And we often seek out those programs that are the way TV was originally intended.

But for those who don't, TV can and often is a bad influence because of the violent nature of programming. Let's hope the change continues to shift in the right direction.

Military Welcome Center opens at Minot International Airport

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MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. – Community leaders, Air Force representatives and local partners gathered at Minot International Airport, Feb 17, 2025, for the ribbon cutting of the new Military Welcome Center. The addition features a lounge area designed to host active duty service members, veterans, retirees and their families.

Hosted by the Minot Area Chamber Economic Development Corporation (MACEDC), the ceremony featured remarks from North Dakota U.S. Sen. John Hoeven, as well as MACEDC Board Chair Jarid Lundeen and Chief Master Sgt. Wayne Sharp, 5th Bomb Wing command chief at Minot Air Force Base.

During the ceremony, Sharp emphasized the importance of the initiative for Airmen and their families arriving in Minot. “The vision behind this welcome center was simple but profound: to provide our Airmen with a place that feels like home from the very first moment they arrive,” Sharp said. “Our goal was to ensure that every

Airman who steps off the plane in Minot is greeted with a warm, supportive space where they can feel welcomed, informed and empowered to succeed.”

The space is intended to provide a warm, supportive environment for military members traveling to and from the city of Minot. The Military Welcome Center offers comfortable seating, a television and complimentary snacks and water.

During the ceremony, Hoeven presented an American flag flown over the U.S. Capitol to commemorate the cooperation between the city and the base to make this lounge possible.

“This Military Welcome Center epitomizes the magic of Minot,” said U.S. Sen. John Hoeven. “There’s a reason why it’s the magic city, it’s the people.”

The project was made possible through the support of donors and contributions of local businesses. The center reflects the strong partnership between Team Minot and the local community, highlighting a shared commitment to supporting those who serve.



The Military Welcome Center is pictured at Minot International Airport in Minot, North Dakota, Feb. 17, 2026. The space was created through a partnership between the Minot Area Chamber Economic Development Corporation and community sponsors to offer a welcoming environment for military members and their families before and after flights.



U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Wayne Sharp, 5th Bomb Wing command chief, and U.S. Sen. John Hoeven speak during the Military Welcome Center dedication at Minot International Airport in Minot, North Dakota, Feb. 17, 2026. The event celebrated the opening of a new space designed to provide comfort, refreshments and a welcoming environment for service members and their families traveling through the airport.

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Air & Space Forces Association Wrap Up Busy Month

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The David C. Jones Chapter 135 of the Air and Space Forces Association has had a busy month. The activities include planning for the upcoming Commander's Choice Awards banquet to be held on April 9th at the JDL center at Minot Air Force Base. Banquet chairman George Masters reviewed plans for the banquet that annually honors a recipient chosen by the Commanders of each Minot AFB wing, group and squadron. In all, a total of 44 recipients will receive awards at this year's banquet.

When the Minot Chamber/EDC sponsored Military Night at a Minot State Beaver's hockey game, local AFA chapter members Jim Bowman and Jim Simons were at the game handing out free popcorn and soft drink certificates to military members at the game.

Finally, AFA members have been busy delivering Community Partner Plaques to area businesses. This month's list includes Badlands Restaurant and Magic City Hoagies.

AFA Membership:

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Air and Space Forces Association David C. Jones Chapter 135, meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of every month at Rockers on Minot Air Force Base, or go to jones.afa.org for more information.



Local AFA President, Jim Bowman, hands out complimentary popcorn & soft drink certificates at Military Appreciation Night at a Minot State Beaver's Hockey Game.



Badlands Restaurant receives their Community Partner Plaque. Left to right: Jim Simons, North Dakota AFA President, George Masters, Minot AFA Community Partners Vice President, Lori Fisher, Manager and Abe Sakak, Owner, Badlands



Chairman George Masters reviews plans for annual Commander's Choice Awards banquet to be held on April 9th.



Magic City Hoagies receives their Community Supporter plaque. (L-R) Tom Joyce, AFA, Ben Staley, Magic City Hoagies, George Masters, AFA & Christine Staley, Magic City Hoagies.



AFA Mission

Our mission is to promote dominant U.S. Air and Space Forces as the foundation of a strong National Defense; to honor and support our Airmen, Guardians, and their Families; and to remember and respect our enduring Heritage.

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A LOOK BACK THIS WEEK IN USAF HISTORY

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Maj. Gen. Jeanne Holm (USAF Photo)

After Public Law 90-130 was signed by President Lyndon Johnson on November 8, 1967, Major General Jeanne M. Holm and Colonel Helen O'Day became the first women promoted to the permanent rank of colonel in the United States Air Force. Gen. Holm enlisted in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in 1942. In 1949, she transferred to the USAF. She was appointed director of Women in the Air Force, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, in November of 1965. Gen. Holm helped to modernize Air Force policies for women and expanded their job opportunities. Col. O'Day joined the WAAC in July 1943. She was promoted to major in 1951, and became the first woman assigned to the Air Force Legislative Liaison Office in the House of Representatives. For six years, she served in Paris before retiring in July of 1967. She came back to active duty as one of the first female colonels soon after President Johnson signed the new law into effect, which lifted many promotion restrictions for Air Force women. Maj. Gen. Holm and Col. O'Day are two USAF women who broke many glass ceilings throughout their careers, and spearheaded the progress of women in the Air Force to where it stands today.

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Sometimes a person needs to listen to the silence. Our world is filled with sounds of all sorts, so much so that most of us don't even realize it. There's cheering and chatter, the closing of car doors, noise of traffic, televisions, ring tones of cell phones -- even our own footsteps.

It seems there's always the sound of a siren, dog barking in the distance, traffic starting and stopping, dishwashers, vacuum cleaners, lawn mowers, snow blowers, trains, planes, and hundreds upon hundreds of other sources of daily noise.

Sometimes, I think, a person needs to listen to the silence. Much easier said than done. It takes some effort and some time, especially for those of us who are city dwellers. We've become so accustomed to hearing so many sounds every day that we don't even pay attention to most of them. For many, silence, real silence, is somehow troubling. Scary even. We need sounds, from any source, and conversations too. Anything else is simply too removed from the norm, a change that is difficult to embrace.

Spring is a good time to give it a try though. Get outdoors, away from the sounds of everyday life. One of my favorite places to listen to the quiet is the shoreline of a frozen lake.

The silence can be deafening. Your ears strain to hear sounds that are not there. It's weird, but pleasant too. Think of it as yoga for the mind.

There will still be occasional sounds, of course, such as the cracking of ice as spring breakup

begins. Birds too. Not just delicate and pure bird songs, but the sounds made by their wingbeats. The goose flies with an easily recognizable "whoosh" of air pushed by its large wings. A sharptailed grouse flies with a snapping wingbeat followed by a glide.

Ducks, blackbirds, doves, robins, larks, birds of all kinds, have their unique sounds in flight too. It takes silence to hear them, if you can find it.

There's a notable exception in the bird world though. The owl flies in silence. There is no audible sound of air rushing through or over its wings. The owl is gifted with wing feathers that do not interlock tightly, allowing air to pass through quietly so as not to alert its prey.

Take the time to go outdoors and find a quiet place, even for a few minutes. It will be memorable, rejuvenating, and soothing. And, if you are fortunate, you'll hear the silence of the owl.



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Keep Knocking: One SNCO's Journey to a "Yes"

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Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines, and now Space Force, but wait, is something missing? The often afterthought branch of the Armed Services, the U.S. Coast Guard, recently brought relevance, camaraderie, and a unique professional development experience to MSgt Chad Hardesty of the 791st Missile Security Forces Squadron in the form of the Coast Guard Senior Chief Petty Officer Academy (SCPOA) in Petaluma, California.

MSgt Hardesty was beyond thrilled when he was selected for the rare opportunity to attend a sister-service Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy. According to Hardesty and others familiar with the process, the percentage of SNCOs who are able to attend another branch's senior enlisted academy is very small. As a relatively new transplant to Minot AFB, Hardesty was shocked when his commander and senior enlisted leader called him with the news. He described feeling "overwhelmed with emotion" that his leadership believed in him enough, despite his short time on station, to recommend him for such a prestigious opportunity after previous leadership told him it wasn't a possibility.

Why the Coast Guard? When asked why he chose the Coast Guard, Hardesty reflected on his first deployment to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, in 2009. During that assignment, his unit worked alongside a Coast Guard maritime swimming unit that specialized in waterborne operations. He had the chance to observe their tactics and leadership style firsthand and was especially struck by their positive, supportive command climate. "I just really liked being in that environment," he said.

That early experience planted a seed: a long-standing goal to one day work more closely with the Coast Guard.

While attending the Coast Guard Senior Enlisted Academy, Hardesty said what stood out most was the sense of inclusion and camaraderie. Despite being one of only a few non-Coast Guard service members in attendance, he never felt like an outsider.

He spoke enthusiastically about the culture of respect within the Academy. "There's just big respect for respect," he said, explaining that Coast Guardsmen don't merely talk about their core values, they actively live them.

One of the most meaningful traditions he experienced was the



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"Team Jones" at the Coast Guard Senior Chief Petty Officer Academy (SCPOA) in Petaluma, California.

"Chief's Mess," a longstanding leadership institution within the Coast Guard. In the Coast Guard, a Chief Petty Officer (E-7), Senior Chief (E-8), and Master Chief (E-9) make up the Chief's Mess (roughly equivalent to senior NCO leadership in the Air Force). Though not a Coast Guardsman, Hardesty was awarded the title of "Honorary Chief," granting him the privilege of participating in this respected forum. He described it as a tradition rich in history, pride, and unity. It was a space where leadership, mentorship, and camaraderie intersect in a powerful way.

Hardesty's appreciation for the Coast Guard extends beyond the

Academy. He shared that he carries the symbolism of the Coast Guard anchor with him daily, though not visibly on his Air Force uniform, in accordance with Air Force regulations. With a laugh, he admitted that while he is incredibly proud to be an Airman, if he could go back in time - knowing what he knows now - he might have given the Coast Guard a second look.

Reflecting on the opportunity, MSgt Hardesty hopes his experience encourages other Airmen to keep pushing toward their goals. "You can be told 'no,'" he said. "But never stop knocking on that door, because you never know when someone will open it and say 'yes.'"

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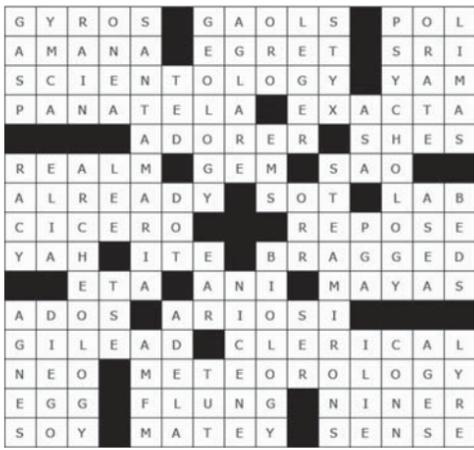
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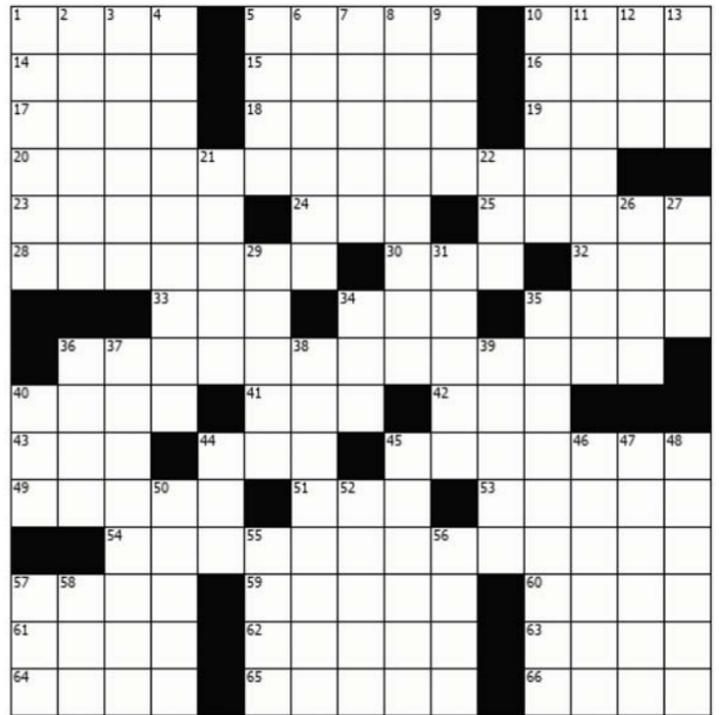
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

- 1. Get an ___ effort
- 5. Can't stomach
- 10. Pay heed
- 14. Singer Turner
- 15. Thin pancake
- 16. Crime-solving game
- 17. Satyr's stare
- 18. Hamlet and Ophelia or Claire
- 19. Mine and thine
- 20. Saver of nine
- 23. Mick or Keith
- 24. Type of school for docs
- 25. Child's "tattoo," for one
- 28. Trumpet blast
- 30. GI mail drop
- 32. "Huzzah, José!"
- 33. South American tuber
- 34. Grabbed a bite
- 35. Leafy veggie
- 36. Characteristic of a Type A
- 40. Chastity, for one
- 41. "Cogito, ego ___"
- 42. Unmannerly man
- 43. Mount Rushmore prez
- 44. Vegas venture
- 45. Guilty, for example
- 49. Succeed in life
- 51. Thar-blows link
- 53. Anouk of "La Dolce Vita"
- 54. One-hit wonder, e.g.
- 57. Grey of "Cabaret"
- 59. Slowly, to Salieri
- 60. Broken bone protector
- 61. Machu Picchu native
- 62. Pilgrim John
- 63. Toward shelter
- 64. Clothing consumer
- 65. Go like a flying squirrel
- 66. Comic Foxx



Down

- 1. After some delay
- 2. Ford model
- 3. Truck weight
- 4. Chompin' at the bit
- 5. Band from Sydney
- 6. Rodeo bull
- 7. Skater Sonja
- 8. Slot for a makeup game
- 9. Silence in the choir room
- 10. Christmas carol start
- 11. Cop
- 12. Pt. of EEC
- 13. Twenty Questions answer
- 21. Do a professor's job
- 22. Wedding words
- 26. TV lawyer McBeal
- 27. "Summer of Sam" director Spike
- 29. Salary increase
- 31. English coppers
- 34. PIN requester
- 35. Wee one's wheels
- 36. Freddie the Freeloader, e.g.
- 37. For practical purposes
- 38. Summary container, figuratively
- 39. Mother of Isaac
- 40. Baseball base
- 44. Front end cover on a car
- 45. Blew off steam
- 46. Run through
- 47. Came to an end
- 48. Lodged under canvas
- 50. Islam's deity
- 52. Indian language
- 55. Refinery refuse
- 56. Word after dial or earth
- 57. Carrey of "Bruce Almighty"
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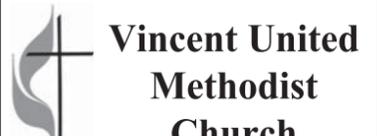
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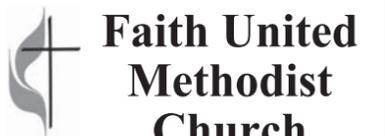
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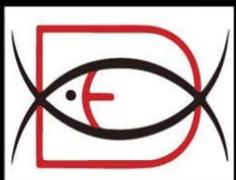
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Despite statistics showing that excessive speed is a factor in a third of all fatal crashes, a recent survey by Farmers Insurance Group shows that 69.2 percent of respondents admitted to exceeding the posted speed limit on the highway. In addition, 36 percent said they regularly exceed the posted speed limit by five or more miles per hour, and 22 percent said they repeatedly drive 10 or more miles per hour over the speed limit.

Speeding is a factor in 31 percent of all fatal crashes, killing an average of 1,000 Americans every month, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), which estimates the cost to society of speed-related crashes to be more than \$40 billion each year. Speeding is a problem not only on freeways, but also on local streets. Many commuters opt to take surface streets, thinking they can more efficiently escape traffic and avoid congestion.

Here are some interesting facts our office put together to demonstrate the difference in speed vs time, from the HW 83/County Rd 10A (46th Ave NE) to the MAFB main gate: The approximate distance is 10 miles.

- Driving 70 mph take approx 7 minutes
- Driving 50 mph takes approx 10 minutes
- Driving 35 mph takes approx 15 minutes

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Traveling over the speed limit can be especially dangerous in bad weather conditions. Speeding was a factor in 53 percent of fatal crashes that occurred when there was snow or slush on the road and in 60 percent of those that happened in icy roads.

There are steps you can take to make your driving safer. Here are some useful tips:

- Take time to plan ahead. Make sure you allow yourself enough travel time so you don't end up rushing to get to your destination.
- Check your local traffic report on the Web before you leave so you know where to expect congestion -- then you know if you'll need more time to get to your destination.
- Adjust your driving to meet road

conditions. If the road is wet, slow down and keep more distance between you and the vehicle ahead of you. Also, roads are treacherous when it first starts to rain, as the water mixes with oils and other deposits to create a slick road surface.

- Be prepared to adjust to sudden speed reduction, for example, when you're exiting from a highway, encountering sharp curves on a two-lane road or entering residential or high bicycle/pedestrian traffic areas.

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The engine air filter prevents dust, dirt, and other harmful debris from entering the engine compartment, which it does less effectively as it gets older. Replacing your filter can help protect your engine components from wear, improve your acceleration, and potentially increase your fuel efficiency.

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Ensuring your tires have enough tread – ideally at least 4/32" – will give you maximum control over your vehicle and help prevent hydroplaning. Cold weather and lack of driving can cause tires to lose pressure, so check that they are properly inflated. Also, consider rotating your tires so they wear evenly. If it's time for new tires, the AAA Tire Store offers a wide range of brands, makes, and sizes.

Top Off or Change Vehicle Fluids

Fluids play a major role in keeping your vehicle running well. They transfer heat, lubricate parts, and act as a cleansing agent. Each has a different recommended frequency at which they should be changed, so consult your manual or talk to a service consultant to stay on top of your fluid maintenance.

Check Your Air Conditioning

You'll definitely want your A/C in peak condition when the temperatures start to rise. Being comfortable in the cabin isn't just a luxury – it helps keep you focused. Make sure the cabin air filters are clean and functioning properly and your air conditioning is ready to keep you cool as the temperatures rise.

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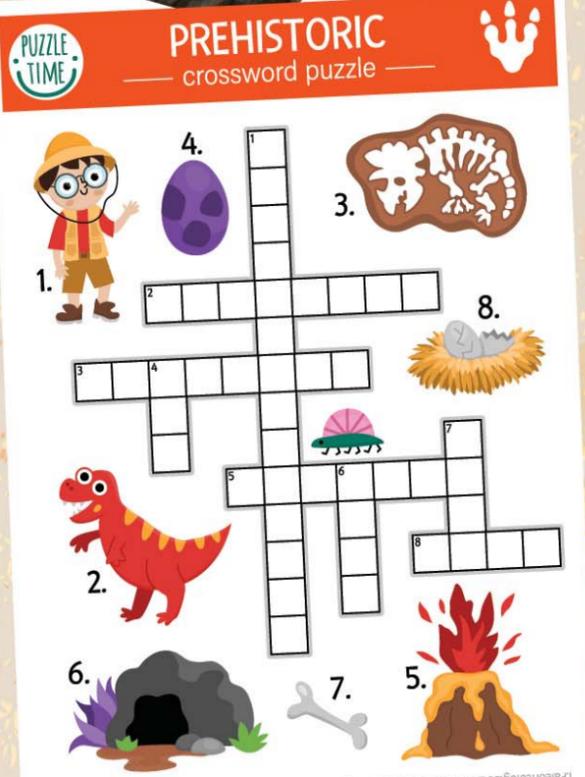
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U.S. Airmen assigned to the 91st Missile Security Operations Squadron (91MSOS) ruck through a field training site in Garrison, North Dakota, Feb. 6, 2026. 91MSOS Airmen regularly conduct field training scenarios to validate their readiness and lethality.



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Ayden Kozlowsky, 91st Missile Security Operations Squadron convoy team member, fires an M240B machine gun during a force-on-force exercise in Garrison, North Dakota, Feb. 6, 2026. Kozlowsky provided suppressing fire for his team to facilitate their movement during the exercise.



U.S. Airmen assigned to the 91st Missile Security Operations Squadron assault a simulated opposing force during a force-on-force exercise in Garrison, North Dakota, Feb. 6, 2026. The Airmen used a smoke grenade to conceal their movement and positioning.



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U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Antwan Lunarde (left), and U.S. Air Force Senior Airman David Gomez, 91st Missile Security Operations Squadron convoy team members, provide overwatch security to their team during a force-on-force exercise in Garrison, North Dakota, Feb. 6, 2026. As part of the exercise, Lunarde and Gomez worked with their team to properly identify and neutralize a simulated opposing force.

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U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Tanner Goldsmith, 91st Missile Security Operations Squadron convoy team member, communicates with his team during a force-on-force exercise in Garrison, North Dakota, Feb. 6, 2026. Goldsmith led his team during an assault on a simulated opposing force's position.

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Delivering deterrence: Sentinel restructure to complete in 2026; initial capability timeline set

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ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) -- In direct response to the 2026 National Defense Strategy's call for urgency and speed, the U.S. Air Force rolled out its plan for the LGM-35A Sentinel program, which will deliver the nation's next-generation, modernized, land-based nuclear deterrent to America's warfighters. Leveraging considerable progress over the last 12-18 months, program officials are executing a transformed acquisition strategy paving the way to complete the restructure and achieve a Milestone B decision by the end of 2026, while delivering an initial capability targeted for the early 2030s.

To accelerate critical modernization efforts, Secretary of War Pete Hegseth established the Department of War Direct Reporting Portfolio Manager (DRPM) for Critical Major Weapon Systems (CMWS) in August of last year. Reporting to the Deputy Secretary of War, the DRPM role places program like Sentinel, MMIII, F-47, B-21 and other major Air Force weapon system programs under a single empowered leader. The DRPM is explicitly designed to cut through bureaucracy and reduce decision latency across requirements, acquisition, infrastructure, and operational transition — ensuring the rapid delivery of capability at speed and scale.

"The DRPM has the direct authority to make decisions, informed by integrated inputs across the enterprise and in alignment with the mission priorities set by the Secretary of War and the Secretary for the Air Force," said Gen. Dale White, director, Critical Major Weapon Systems. "That construct allows us to resolve tradeoffs quickly and move with the speed required to deliver credible deterrence — while preserving the discipline this mission demands."

Under the newly established DRPM structure, U.S. Strategic Command remains the combatant command responsible for deterring strategic attack, Air Force Global Strike Command leads operational transition and readiness, and the Department of the Air Force executes acquisition and infrastructure delivery — all now synchronized through a single, accountable decision authority. This alignment enables faster resolution of cross-cutting issues that historically required sequential coordination across multiple organizations.

Following a detailed review upon taking the position, White worked closely with the Sentinel team and determined the program is on track to complete the program restructure phase this calendar year. This comprehensive assessment, conducted in close collaboration with the program's requirements and readiness stakeholders to ensure critical capability is fielded as expeditiously as possible, also solidified the early 2030s as the firm target for delivering initial capability.

MAINTAINING MOMENTUM AND PROVING THE TECHNOLOGY

Sentinel is a comprehensive, once-in-a-generation modernization of the entire land-based leg of the nuclear triad, a key component of the nation's integrated deterrence posture. It is a full-scale replacement of the missile, launch

systems and command-and-control infrastructure with a new architecture designed with built-in adaptability for the digital era.

Throughout the restructuring process, the Air Force and its industry partners kept executing critical technical work on the system's air vehicle, command-and-launch systems, wing command centers and supporting infrastructure. These sustained efforts produced measurable progress over the past year, pulling technical risk left and informing future integration activities.

- Last fall, the program assembled Sentinel's first complete three-stage ground test missile, a digital model brought to life, which will be used for transportation and emplacement pathfinder activities to prepare for the first flight.

- The Air Force and Northrop Grumman successfully completed a full-scale qualification test of Sentinel's Stage-2 solid rocket motor in July 2025, which built on the successful Stage-1 qualification in March 2025 and a developmental test of the Stage-2 motor in January 2024.

- In September, the program completed the critical design review for the Sentinel Launch Support System, which will support all test and operational launches throughout the system's life.

Together, these achievements provide tangible evidence of technical maturity and underpin confidence in advancing program decision timelines, enabling the shift from development to preparing the warfighter for the operational mission.

"The Sentinel team did the hard work to demonstrate readiness to advance key decisions, and they brought forward the data to support it," said White. "The restructured Sentinel program is the product of a deliberate, data-driven process and embodies our commitment to transforming acquisition."

PREPARING THE WARFIGHTER FOR A SEAMLESS TRANSITION

While technology maturation continues, the Air Force is actively preparing missile wings for the operational transition to Sentinel. That preparation reached a visible milestone last fall when AFGSC took the first Minuteman III silo offline — a carefully sequenced step in planning and executing the transition from Minuteman III to Sentinel.

This effort is managed by Site Activation Task Force (SATAF) detachments established at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming; Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana; Minot AFB, North Dakota, and Vandenberg Space Force Base, California. These teams of experts are on the ground, integrating with local units to meticulously plan the deactivation of old sites, construction and fielding activities in a deliberate, phased manner.

"Our Global Strike Airmen operate the land-based ICBM force foundational to our nation's defense, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year," said Gen. S.L. Davis, commander, Air Force Global Strike Command. "The activation of these SATAF detachments and turnover of the first Minuteman III silo is a clear signal: we are making real, tangible progress in accelerating the Sentinel program and fielding significantly improved long-range strike capabilities."

A SMARTER, MORE EFFICIENT PATH TO FIELDING

The restructured program incorporates key lessons learned to ensure maximum efficiency. The decision to build new silos, for example, avoids the unpredictable costs and safety hazards of excavating and retrofitting 450 unique structures built over 50 years ago, and is a prime example of choosing a path that delivers capability with greater speed and less risk.

The program is also adopting an agile acquisition methodology, using a deliberate "crawl, walk, run" approach to its flight-testing campaign. This incremental strategy allows for earlier testing of key components, validating technologies sooner and ensuring a more reliable path to full system integration.

The Sentinel program remains one of the most complex modernization efforts in Air Force history. By executing this deliberate, data-driven strategy, the Air Force is committed to delivering on its promise: a safe, secure, reliable and credible deterrent that will provide a bedrock of stability for the nation and its allies for decades to come.

"The Sentinel program is moving forward with purpose and momentum," said White. "We have the right strategy, we are proving the technology, and we will deliver on our promise to provide our Airmen with the modern, credible system they need to deliver the unwavering deterrence our nation requires."

LOOKING AHEAD: FROM DIGITAL DESIGN TO CONCRETE REALITY

This program momentum will become even more visible in the coming year as digital designs are translated into concrete and steel.

- This month (February), teams will break ground on a prototype launch silo at Northrop Grumman's Promontory, Utah, site. This crucial effort will allow engineers to test and refine modern construction techniques, validating the new silo design before work begins in the missile fields.

- This summer, prototyping activities at F.E. Warren AFB will validate innovative utility corridor construction methods, which are key to streamlining the installation of thousands of miles of secure infrastructure and fielding the system faster.

- Meanwhile, foundational construction on permanent facilities is already well underway. The first of three new Wing Command Centers is taking shape at F.E. Warren AFB, and critical test facilities are being erected at Vandenberg SFB to support the future flight test campaign.

This methodical progress paves the way for the program's next major operational milestone: the first missile pad launch, planned for 2027.

"A modern, reliable ICBM force complicates an adversary's decision-making and provides the President with credible options — the very cornerstone of strategic deterrence," stated U.S. Navy Adm. Richard Correll, commander, U.S. Strategic Command. "The deliberate progress being made on Sentinel ensures, that for decades to come, there will be no doubt in the minds of our adversaries about the credibility and readiness of our nation's nuclear deterrent. That is the ultimate deliverable."



An undated artist rendering of an LGM-35A Sentinel.

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After you move, you need to update your address in a few places.

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Are you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan? If you move out of its service area, you're eligible for a Medicare Special Enrollment Period. This means you're eligible to enroll in a new Medicare Advantage Plan (Medicare Part C) and Medicare drug plan (Medicare Part D) or switch to Original Medicare. Learn more about Special Enrollment Periods.

If you have questions about Medicare, contact Medicare. In the U.S. and U.S. territories, WPS Government Services administers the TFL benefit. Contact WPS if you have questions about TFL.

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If you move overseas and you have Medicare Part A, you must also have Medicare Part B to remain eligible for TFL. Even though Medicare doesn't provide coverage outside the U.S. and U.S. territories, you must continue to pay Medicare Part B premiums.

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LEARN MORE ABOUT TFL

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"Preview Day is a chance for prospective students to get to know Minot State. During this event, our staff and faculty will share information about the admission process, support services, campus life, and academic programs," said Liz Krebsbach, visit and events coordinator in MSU Enrollment Services. "Our visitors will be given a student-led tour of campus, which includes many academic buildings, athletic facilities, and an exclusive showing of one of our suite-style residence halls. If anyone is considering attending Minot State in the future, Preview Day is an excellent place to start the process."

Prospective students can register online at Minot State's Preview Day website. Check-in for the event will be from 9:30-9:45 a.m. in the Student Center Atrium. A campus resource fair is set for 12:15-1:15 p.m.

There will be multiple academic program sessions helping to explain various degrees students can pursue at Minot State, including behavioral sciences and criminal justice; business; communication sciences and disorders; education and inclusive services; fine and performing arts; humanities, social sciences, and interdisciplinary studies; math, data, and technology; nursing; and science.

Following the event, students attending Preview Day are invited to MSU women's and men's basketball against Northern State University at the Minot State Dome. The women's game is set for 3:30 p.m., with the men to follow at 5:30 p.m. Admission is free to all students attending Preview Day.

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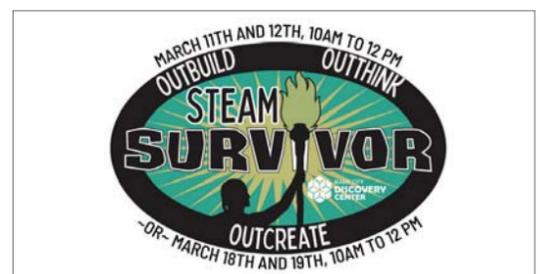
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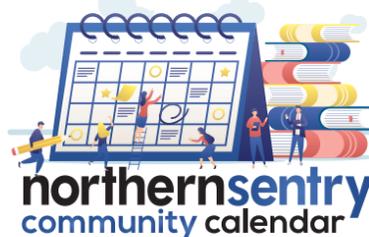
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BRYLEIGH MCBRIDE, STUDENT JOURNALIST

Throughout a week packed with competition, Minot North athletes and competitors tested themselves in every arena imaginable, from rivalry courts to digital battlegrounds to the roar of the ice rink.

On February 10, beneath bright leis and splashes of island color, the girls' basketball team hosted Century for Luau Night. As music echoed through the gym and students filled the stands, the atmosphere felt electric. Once the ball rose into the air, however, the celebration gave way to intensity. Although the Sentinels fell 64-91, the effort on the floor told a deeper story than the scoreboard revealed.

Stepping into critical minutes without hesitation, young underclassmen Jazzy Sweet and Macy Welstad embraced the moment. Diving headfirst for loose balls, fighting through contact under the rim, and contesting shots with relentless energy, they refused to let the pace slow. With every possession, they emptied the tank. While Century built separation on the scoreboard, Minot North built something equally important: trust, resilience, and proof that they are ready when called upon. In the kind of moments that define

growth, they delivered.

The following night, against a physical Century squad, the boys battled through a 54-80 contest. From the opening whistle, the tempo demanded toughness. Anchoring the defensive end, Elijah Thomas pressured ball handlers and challenged shots possession after possession. Absorbing contact in the lane and powering through defenders for tough finishes, he fought for every opportunity. Even as the margin widened, the competitiveness never faded.

Dribbling over to February 14, the rivalry energy intensified against Minot High. In a hard-fought 52-72 matchup, Brady Vigested imposed his will on the boards. Crashing into rebounds, rotating quickly on defense, and matching physicality with physicality, he made his presence known. Throughout the game, his consistency set the tone for those around him.

Later that evening, returning to the court against Minot High, the girls faced another challenge, falling 56-97. Leading not just with words but with action, Kinzy Welstad once again demonstrated what leadership looks like in real time. Sprinting back in transition,

communicating through defensive switches, and competing until the final buzzer, she modeled relentless effort. Night after night, she shows up. Play after play, she commits fully. Refusing to complain and refusing to coast, she continues shaping the identity of the program.

Beyond the basketball court, competition expanded into the digital world. Qualifying for state competition, Minot North E-Sports teams advanced in League of Legends, Valorant, Rocket League, and Marvel Rivals. In Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, the teams of Cloroxwipe with King W and E. Gadd earned their own state qualifications. Preparing strategies, reacting in split seconds, and executing under pressure, these players proved that focus and discipline extend far beyond traditional athletics.

Meanwhile, on February 12, momentum exploded on the ice. After trailing 2-1 late in the first period, Minot United hockey responded with force against the Bismarck High Demons. Surging forward in the second period, they poured in six goals. Continuing the attack in the third, they added four more to secure an 11-2 victory.

Fueling the offensive outburst,



8th Grade Cambree Phillips goes to shoot of the freethrow line.

Oliver Thompson delivered a dominant multi-goal performance. Joining the scoring charge, Cole Richeson, Easton Bradley, Brady Grosz, Nolan Knowles, Quinn Killmer, and Tate Haugenoe each found the back of the net. Capitalizing on special teams opportunities, Minot United converted four of six power plays. Outshooting Bismarck 42-19 and controlling the pace from blue line

to blue line, they dictated every shift.

Across courts, consoles, and sheets of ice, one theme remained constant: relentless heart. Whether diving across the floor, battling along the boards, or locking in behind a screen, the Sentinels competed with pride. And through every test, in every arena, they continued defining what it means to wear Sentinel Blue.

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Jazz up at Minot North: Students Excel at Magic City and NDSU Festivals

BRYLEIGH MCBRIDE, STUDENT JOURNALIST

Every winter, jazz comes alive across North Dakota with two of the region's most anticipated music events: the Magic City Jazz Festival in Minot and the NDSU Jazz Festival in Fargo. Both festivals unite young musicians, educators, and professional artists to celebrate performance, learning, and community through jazz.

The Magic City Jazz Festival, hosted at Minot State University's Ann Arbor Hall, is a multi-day celebration of big-band and ensemble jazz. Students from middle school through high school perform for adjudicators and guest clinicians, participate in rhythm and improvisation workshops, and take the stage in front of live audiences. Evening concerts feature world-class performers, including this year's tribute performance by Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band, blending education with high-energy professional artistry.

For Minot North High School, the festival represents more than a performance opportunity, it is a proving ground for growth. Several students were selected for the MSU Honor Jazz Ensemble, including sophomores Ray Allen Schnieber on trombone and Easton Rawlson on trumpet, junior Andrew Miller on alto saxophone, and freshman Cayden Hoffart on tenor

saxophone. Performing alongside top musicians from across the region, they rehearsed and played under the direction of experienced jazz educators, refining both their technical skill and ensemble awareness.

Senior Codey Irwin earned one of the festival's highest distinctions, receiving the R.J. Berg Memorial Award and a scholarship from Minot State's Department of Fine and Performing Arts. Band director Jeremy Meinert explained that the award is presented annually to the Outstanding Senior Jazz Soloist. The recipient's school holds a traveling trophy for one year, while the student receives a commemorative plaque and a \$1,000 scholarship to participate in Jazz Ensemble at Minot State University. Named in honor of R.J. "Mike" Berg — a longtime member of the Minot Kiwanis Club and Kiwanis Band — the award recognizes exceptional musicianship and lasting contribution to the jazz community.

The celebration of student jazz extends beyond Minot. Across the state in Fargo, the Challey School of Music hosts the NDSU Jazz Festival. Now in its 43rd year, the non-competitive festival invites high school bands to perform, receive professional critiques, and

attend instrument-specific clinics. Students and directors interact directly with guest artists, gaining insight that stretches far beyond a standard concert setting.

Together, these festivals strengthen North Dakota's jazz tradition while providing invaluable experiences for young musicians. For Minot North students, the stage becomes more than a platform, it becomes preparation for future excellence, leadership, and a lifelong dedication to music.



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You can learn more about the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) at www.mic3.net. The website has free trainings to help you better understand the compact and how to utilize it to best support your student(s) throughout their educational career. As a School Liaison Program Manager who routinely works with families and school staff on the successful implementation of the Military Interstate Compact's provisions, I have a special appreciation for it!

As our ND MIC3 State Lead, I briefed our ND Status of Education (SOE) report in September. The state briefing sessions, presented by

Military Service MIC3 State Leads, are a critical readiness tool that empowers School Liaisons, Command Teams, and senior leaders to proactively address education concerns for military-connected students. It transforms local experiences into enterprise-wide understanding and strategic action—ensuring education remains a supported pillar of the Total Force Quality of Life framework.

I also host monthly meetings with our School Liaison Program Manager at Grand Forks AFB and we share our MIC3 casework, monitoring trends. I am honored to continue to lead our military-connected student support in this area. If you have any questions, please reach out at mafb.school.liaison@us.af.mil or 701-240-2380.

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Operation Secret Squirrel at 35: The Mission that Defined Long-Range Strike

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Thirty-five years ago, B-52's from the Mighty Eighth changed the course of aviation history and laid the foundation for long range strike missions. They proved the ability of bombers to be flown from sanctuary bases deep inside the United States to anywhere in the world, strike targets, and return home in a single flight.

On January 16, 1991, seven B-52 Stratofortresses armed with 244 tons of munitions launched from Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, under the cover of early morning darkness, on a nonstop flight to the Middle East, launching their payloads, and returning home – a 14,000 mile roundtrip mission. The 35-hour long mission was

part of Operation Senior Surprise – more commonly known as Operation Secret Squirrel – a highly classified mission to bring down the Iraqi command and control, power transmission, and communications capabilities to set the stage for Operation Desert Storm.

At the time, it was the longest combat aerial mission in history, the inaugural use of standoff air tactics and the first usage of the AGM-86C conventional air launched cruise missile (CALCM).

Fast forward 35 years, the tactics, techniques and procedures developed during the planning and execution phases of Operation Senior Surprise are still used today, paving the way for modern

continental U.S. (CONUS) to CONUS missions, otherwise known as a C2C, and Bomber Task Force operations as a whole.

One of the most notable C2C missions in modern U.S. aviation history was demonstrated during Operation Midnight Hammer on June 21, 2025. Seven B-2 Spirit bombers departed Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, under the cover darkness, flew 37 hours nonstop and dropped fourteen 30,000-pound GBU-57 massive ordnance penetrator (MOP) bombs, significantly degrading three Iranian nuclear sites.

The operation demonstrated the Eighth Air Force's ongoing ability to conduct precise, long-range

strikes in support of U.S. security objectives, ultimately strengthening our nation's security.

Most recently, our Airmen answered the call on Dec. 10, 2025, when B-52s from Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, executed a C2C long-range bomber air demonstration across U.S. Southern Command's area of responsibility in support of Operation Southern Spear, showcasing the reach,

precision and responsiveness of U.S. airpower.

Thirty-five years ago, C2C missions were a novel concept executed by Eighth Air Force during Operation Senior Surprise. Today, it is an integral part of our Mighty Eighth's mission set to conduct strategic deterrence and on order, conduct global strike operations to continue to protect the United States of America - Anytime, Anywhere.



Aircrew from Sortie 1 of Operation Secret Surprise pose for a photo at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana in this undated photo. More than 57 Airmen and seven B-52 Stratofortress took part in the historic mission, better known as Secret Squirrel.

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OPERATION SECRET SQUIRREL

16-17 JANUARY 1991

In the early hours on Jan. 16, 1991, seven B-52Gs from Barksdale AFB headed toward Iraqi targets, launched 35 conventional air-launched cruise missiles and returned in secret. The mission, the first combat sorties in support of Operation Desert Storm, remained classified until Jan. 16, 1992.

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B-52G STRATOFORTRESS

Prior to the mission, aircrews practiced long-range flights, keeping bombers stable behind tankers while taking on heavy fuel loads, water routes and time control, and software coding, GPS alignment and weapon launch procedures. On the ground, maintainers monitored engines, electrical, hydraulic and defense systems, and the CALCMs.

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Peaceful snow flurries at Minot's dog park made the frosty morning magical and full of hope

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The weather might be harsh, but witnessing the sunrise instills me with a sense of hope, that tomorrow is another day and another chance to seize opportunity. Minot will always hold a special place in my heart.

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This is a photo of a tree that still has all of its pines on Minot AFB

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by Patricia Stockdill

FISHING:

Lake Sakakawea elevation, Feb. 17: 1,827.81 feet above mean sea level (MSL); 15,700 cubic feet per second (CFS) Garrison Dam average daily releases.

Devils Lake elevation: 1,448.85 feet above mean sea level (MSL). Stump Lake elevation: 1,448.84 MSL.

- N.D. Game & Fish Dept. game wardens: No new reports from area lakes but be careful venturing on area lakes.

- Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Fair but inconsistent perch success. Look for fair to good walleye activity. Use caution around areas with moving water with thin ice along shorelines on some reservoirs after recent warm weather.

- Lake Darling, Karma C-Store, Ruthville: No new reports.

- Lake Metigoshe, Four Seasons, Bottineau: Lots of activity with the earlier nice weather. Look for fair to good bluegill success.

- Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Use caution along shorelines on Lake Sakakawea with slumping ice and a mix of thawing and now freezing conditions. Anglers generally moved ice houses off with earlier warm weather.

- Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Hwy. 83 Lawn & Leisure, Garrison: Ice conditions deteriorated with warm weather and anglers moved ice houses off Lake Audubon and Lake Sakakawea. Water clarity remains OK for spearing on the east end of Lake Sakakawea but use extreme caution on the lake and along shorelines.

- Lake Sakakawea, New Town: Weather permitting, anglers still accessing the Van Hook Arm with fair walleye success. Some pike spearing success, as well, with good water clarity.

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- Feb. 20: West Dakota Waterfowlers Delta Waterfowl banquet, 5 p.m., Clarion Hotel & Convention Center, Minot.

- Feb. 21: Souris River Longbeards Nat'l. Wild Turkey Federation banquet, Grand Hotel, 1505 N. Broadway, Minot.

- Feb. 21: Frozen Fun Day, Polaris Park, featuring winter activities, games, s'mores, and more, 11 a.m.

- Feb. 21: Rugby Ducks Unlimited Raffle Night, Third Street Station, Rugby, 5 p.m.

- March 7: Coteau Hills Rocky Mtn. Elk Foundation banquet, Grand Hotel, Minot, 5 p.m.

TOURNAMENTS:

- Feb. 21: Lake Audubon, Totten Trail; Lake Sakakawea, Sakakawea State Park.

- Feb. 28: Devils Lake, Woodland Resort.

- March 7: Devils Lake, Woodland Resort.

boats, weather permitting. OK success from shore.

- Lake Sakakawea/northwest N.D. lakes, Scenic Sports, Williston: Continued walleye activity between Lund's Landing and Tobacco Garden on the west end of Lake Sakakawea. Use caution when venturing on any lake with thawing and freezing conditions, especially along shorelines. Trenton Lake producing fair crappie activity. Springbrook and Kota-Ray dams slow.

- North-central/central N.D. lakes, Towner Hdwe. Hank, Towner: George Lake producing some pike activity.

DOWNHILL SKI REPORTS:

- Big Sky Resort, Big Sky, Mont., (800) 548-4486: 35- to 54-inch base with 275 runs open.

- Bottineau Winter Park, Bottineau, (701) 263-4556: 12- to 24-inch base.

- Frostfire Ski Area, Walhalla, (701) 549-3600: 8 runs and Terrain Park open.

- Huff Hills Ski Area, Mandan, (701) 663-6421: 16- to 26-inch machine groomed base with variable spring conditions. 5 runs, 1 lift and 1 tow open if conditions permit.

- Terry Peak, Lead, S.D., (605) 584-2165: 16- to 36-inch base with 20 runs and 3 lifts and carpet open.

NUMBERS TO KNOW:

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

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

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FRIDAY 20

- Friday Flicks, 1630-2200, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Progressive Bingo – Winter Series, 1730, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Cupid's Skate Night, 1800-2000, Youth Center
- Winter Karaoke Nights, 2000, Rockers Bar & Grill

SATURDAY 21

- Harry Potter Escape Room Game Ends, Minot AFB Library Facebook Page
- Winter STEAM Challenges, 1000, Minot AFB Library Facebook Page
- Friends Trivia, 1700, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Karaoke Battle, 1800, Rockers Bar & Grill
- DJ Nights at Bowl, 2000-2400, Rough Rider Bowling Center

SUNDAY 22

- Sunday Escapes Book Club, 1330, Base Library

MONDAY 23

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- Senior TAP Overview, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Reintegration Briefing, 1000-1100, M&FRC
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Newbery Book Club, 1800-1900, Base Library
- Youth of the Year Celebration, 1600-1800, Jimmy Doolittle Center
- BGCA National Arts Showcase, 1800-1830, Jimmy Doolittle Center

TUESDAY 24

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- Senior TAP VA Services and Benefits Briefing, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Mission: Transition – Managing Stress Together Workshop, 0845-1400, Jimmy Doolittle Center
- Tuition Assistance (TA) Brief, 1000, Education Center
- Game Day, 1000-1930, Base Library
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Strength & Mobility, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center

WEDNESDAY 25

- Base Right Start, 0730-1230, Jimmy Doolittle Center, hosted by M&FRC
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- Senior TAP DOL Overview, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Pre-Deployment/Remote Readiness Training, 1000-1100, M&FRC
- Storytime, 1030, Base Library
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center

THURSDAY 26

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- Senior TAP DOL Employment Track Workshop, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Reintegration Briefing, 1000-1100, M&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- Exotic Eats: Africa - 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
- Exotic Eats: Africa - Special Dinner, 1630-1830, Dakota Inn Dining Facility

FRIDAY 27

- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- Senior TAP DOL Employment Track Workshop, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Red Carpet Membership Day, 1600-1730, Youth Center
- Airmen's Night Out, 1600, Outdoor Recreation
- Friday Flicks, 1630-2200, Rockers Bar & Grill

SATURDAY 28

- Winter STEAM Challenges, 1000, Minot AFB Library Facebook Page
- DJ Nights at Bowl, 2000-2400, Rough Rider Bowling Center

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