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Serving Those Who Serve: Inside the Airmen's Attic

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TSgt Warren Ellis stands among the racks of neatly hung uniforms at the Airmen's Attic, where airmen can pick up essentials free of charge.

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TSgt Warren Ellis in the Airmen's Attic storage area, where volunteers sort boxes of uniforms and essentials.

Stepping into the Airmen's Attic, the room immediately felt welcoming. Racks of neatly hung uniforms line the walls, while shelves of kitchen essentials are organized and easy to browse. Everything is tidy and thoughtfully arranged, making it simple for Junior Enlisted Airmen to find exactly what they need. Volunteers move quietly between the racks, organizing the room and ready to help anyone who comes in.

For many young Airmen, military uniforms are expensive, and not everyone has the budget to buy new items. Here, Airmen can find quality uniforms and kitchen essentials free of charge, thanks to the generosity of donors and volunteers. "A lot of Airmen can't afford new uniforms," says TSgt Warren Ellis from the 91st Missile Security Operations Squadron, a volunteer who is also on the community relations committee that operates the Attic. "So when they come in here, they can get decent quality uniforms for free."

The Airmen's Attic is open to Airmen ranked E1 through E6, operating Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Currently, it accepts donated pre-used uniform items as well as kitchen essentials for younger Airmen moving into

or out of the dorms. Donations can be dropped off during open hours, and volunteering is made easy through QR codes posted throughout the base. "There's a QR code that is all around the base to sign up. We distribute it out. Usually, we keep one on a lot of doors around the base," Sergeant Ellis says.

A typical day at the Attic involves Airmen browsing the racks while volunteers assist them with whatever they need. Volunteers are the backbone of the Attic, dedicating hours to sort donations, fold uniforms, and make sure every item is easy to find. "A lot of people think it's just what people don't want anymore," TSgt Ellis explains, "but there are actually a lot of good uniforms in here."

The impact of the Attic is clear. Many Airmen leave feeling a weight lifted off their shoulders, knowing they found what they were looking for without having to spend money. For Sergeant Ellis, the motivation comes from being part of the community. "I'm big into the community. I think getting involved in other people's lives can possibly help someone out in more ways than one."

The role has also pushed TSgt Ellis out of his comfort zone. "This allows me to open up and interact with more people," he said, noting

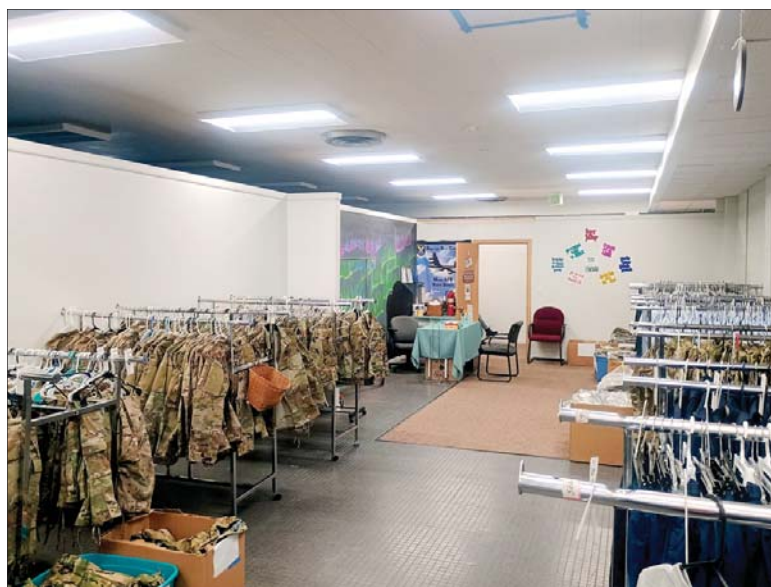
how different this volunteer role is than the things he's done before.

Sergeant Ellis explained that nothing at the Airmen's Attic goes to waste because every donation finds a purpose. For anyone considering donating or volunteering, TSgt Ellis encourages: "Do it." Getting out there and volunteering not only helps the people in the community, but oneself as well.

Looking ahead, the volunteer team hopes to continue expanding beyond uniforms, and they are currently increasing their supply of kitchen essentials to help even more Airmen on base. The Airmen's Attic isn't just a storage room for uniforms and kitchen items; it's a place that embodies the community spirit of the base. Every donation and every hour volunteered helps build a stronger, more supportive environment for those who serve.



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U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Stacy Jo Huser, 20th Air Force commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Nicholas Taylor, 20th Air Force command chief, meet with company grade officers at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, March 23, 2026. The visit underscored the importance of leadership engagement at every level and reinforced the connection between higher headquarters and Airmen executing the mission on the ground.

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Minot AFB Airmen showcase mission readiness during 20th Air Force leaders visit

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MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. – U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Stacy Jo Huser, commander of 20th Air Force, and Chief Master Sgt. Nicholas Taylor, Command Chief Master Sergeant of 20th Air Force, recently visited the 91st Missile Wing at Minot Air Force Base to meet with Airmen and discuss the mission.

20th Air Force is headquartered at F.E. Warren Air Force Base and is responsible for operating, maintaining, securing and supporting the Air Force’s intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) weapon systems. Maintaining the United States’ land based nuclear deterrent is critical to ensuring the nuclear triad remains operational and ready 24/7/365.

During their visit, the command team engaged directly with Airmen across the wing, emphasizing the importance of connecting with the force at every level. Through this tour they observed how teams across maintenance, operations and

security forces contribute to the round-the-clock mission.

Huser and Taylor met with missileers, defenders, maintainers and support personnel to hear firsthand about their experiences, challenges and perspectives on the mission. Airmen shared insights into the realities of operating in a demanding and highly specialized environment, from long hours in the missile field to maintaining critical systems in North Dakota’s extreme weather conditions.

“The operations of the 91st Missile Wing are critical to the mission of strategic and global deterrence,” said U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Stacy J. Huser, commander of 20th Air Force. “At the end of the day, deterrence depends on people, and our Airmen at Minot are delivering every single day.”

The visit provided an opportunity for Huser and Taylor to see how the 91MW sustains a state of readiness while operating and maintaining the Minuteman

III ICBM weapon system. Airmen demonstrated the processes and coordination required to ensure the system remains safe, secure and effective as it continues to serve as a cornerstone for the nation’s strategic deterrence.

“The work happening here is critical to our nation’s defense,” said Chief Master Sgt. Nicholas Taylor, Command Chief Master Sergeant of 20th Air Force. “The Airmen executing this mission are doing so with a high level of professionalism and attention to detail.”

The 20th Air Force command team’s visit underscored the importance of leadership engagement at every level and reinforced the connection between higher headquarters and the Airmen executing the mission on the ground. By witnessing operations firsthand and engaging with personnel, they gained insight into the day-to-day operations of the 91 MW.



U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Stacy Jo Huser, 20th Air Force commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Nicholas Taylor, 20th Air Force command chief, meet with leadership from the 91st Missile Wing at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, March 23, 2026. In addition to observing current operations, the command team was briefed on ongoing modernization efforts across the installation.



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U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Stacy Jo Huser, 20th Air Force commander, (center left) and Chief Master Sgt. Nicholas Taylor, 20th Air Force command chief (far right), pose with leadership from the 91st Missile Wing (91MW) at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, March 23, 2026. Huser and Taylor’s visit provided an opportunity for the command team to see how the 91MW sustains a state of readiness while operating and maintaining the Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile weapon system.

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**SHE'S NOT FROM
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 AMY ALLENDER

With a familiar zzzrip, I unzipped my suitcase and flipped open the lid—staring down a weeklong trip and solo parenting to go with it.

My kids are old enough to help pack themselves, but as any mom knows, “help” still requires a surprising amount of oversight. There’s still a lot of prompting, reminding, and—if I’m being honest—a touch of nagging, bribes, and the occasional threat. Capable helpers are great, but I’m still carrying most of the mental load.

I’ve spent my fair share of pre-travel days sitting on the floor, paralyzed with indecision, wondering how many shirts are enough shirts and why preparing for “fun” is so overwhelming. At some point, I realized travel wasn’t going anywhere—and neither was I—unless I figured out a better system.

So, I built one. After years of military life, juggling trips with my husband away, I’ve learned one thing: packing can easily bring out my grumpiest, fussiest side. Travel is more fun if you aren’t starting your trip in a bad mood.

Over time, I’ve built a handful of simple systems that make packing a lot less chaotic. With spring and summer travel coming up, here are a few things that have made leaving for a trip a little less painful for me.

Automate as many decisions as you can.

This is the biggest shift I’ve made. Instead of deciding everything fresh for every trip, I rely on a few defaults. We use the same luggage every time. I pack a general number of outfits based on trip length. I don’t reinvent the wheel every time we leave. The fewer decisions I make in the moment, the better.

Prepack the repeat items.

Toiletries used to be my least favorite part of packing—until I stopped packing them right before a trip. Now I restock everything when we get home. Shampoo gets refilled, toothbrushes get replaced, and it all goes right back into a hanging toiletry bag that stays ready.

I do the same thing with chargers and cords. I keep duplicates in a zippered pouch (mine came from the Dollar Tree), so I’m not pulling from our everyday devices at the last minute. When it’s time to go, I just toss both in the bag and move on.

Go child-sized.

If you’ve ever flown out of Minot or Bismarck, you know overhead space can be...limited. I’ve started using smaller, child-sized roller carry-on bags—not just for my kids, but for myself too. They fit easily under the seat, which means no gate-checking and no waiting on the jet bridge during a tight connection.

It also means everything we might need mid-flight is within reach—which, when traveling with kids, is a necessity.

Save space where you can.

A few small habits go a long way here. Instead of packing full bottles of medications or supplements, I count out what we need and put them in labeled bags. If we’re staying somewhere with access to laundry, I pack for fewer days than we’re gone. A weeklong trip? I pack for five days and plan to wash a load if needed.

I also try to keep things like snacks contained to one designated bag or container. Once the snack

bag is full, we don’t take any more. **Let kids pack (with guardrails).**

This one has been a game changer. Instead of packing everything myself, I give my kids a simple list—how many shirts, pants, and socks they need—and let them choose what to bring. This list is automated and reused for almost every trip.

I still do a quick check before anything gets zipped up, but it gives them some ownership and takes a surprising amount off my plate. It’s not always perfect, but we’ve managed to avoid showing up with six random T-shirts and no pajamas, so I’m calling it a win.

We made it out the door and to our destination—which, honestly, is always the goal.

I’m still learning and tweaking things, but the biggest difference has been this: packing gets easier when you decide less in the moment and more ahead of time. There are endless tips and tricks out there, but you don’t need all of them—just the ones that make your life a little lighter.

For more on living in North Dakota, join me on social media at @HeyMinot or online at amyallender.com.

Packing, but less painful

Part of Dakota Territory history



**UPSIDE DOWN
 UNDER**
 MARVIN BAKER

While on vacation, I was trying to explain to my cousin, who has lived in Iowa his entire life, that the Red

River runs north. The more I explained it to him, the more confused he became.

After explaining it another way regarding elevation, he was able to grasp on to the fact that yes, the Red

River of the North, flows north into Lake Winnipeg and finally into Hudson Bay.

That goes for any tributary in the Hudson Bay drainage including the Des Lacs River, the Souris River,

the Goose River, the Pembina River, the Sheyenne River, the Tongue River, the Turtle River, the Bois de Sioux River, the Forest River, the Maple River and the Park River.

There are other creeks and rivers on the Minnesota side that also drain into the Red. The Hudson Bay drainage also includes Lake Traverse, the southernmost part of the Hudson Bay drainage located near the town of Browns Valley, Minn., and very near the South Dakota state line.

That north flowing river is what actually got the northern part of Dakota Territory established. In 1797, the Northwest Company located a fort on the Red River and the community of Pembina sprang up as did a competing Hudson’s Bay Company fort on the east side of the river, which later became Noyes, Minnesota.

The establishment of Pembina happened six years before the Louisiana Purchase. But it wouldn’t have mattered because

the entire Hudson Bay drainage wasn’t part of the Louisiana Purchase. In other words, all the rivers named above weren’t part of Jefferson’s grand vision.

So, from 1803 until 1818, when the Canadian border was established, that slice of northern North Dakota was neither United States or Canada, but was part of British America and it was called Rupert’s Land.

When the Hudson’s Bay Company was established in 1670, it had exclusive right to the area that includes the geography of North Dakota around Grand Forks, Minot, Fargo and Bottineau. In 1811, a good portion of Rupert’s Land was renamed the Red River Settlement and when the 49th Parallel became the international boundary in 1818, the Red River Settlement on the U.S. side, became part of the Minnesota Territory.

As most of us know, Dakota Territory was established in 1861 and when those boundaries were set, Minnesota relinquished it’s portion of Rupert’s Land to Dakota Territory. By that time, Pembina and St. Joseph, which

later became known as Walhalla, were thriving communities. Others that got started early on were Fort Abercrombie, 1858, Grand Forks, 1870 and Fargo, 1871.

In addition, Pembina County was the first county in North Dakota, that initially encompassed a good portion of northeastern North Dakota.

On July 1, 1867, the nation of Canada was formed, but the Red River Settlement sat smack dab in the middle of the country and gobbled up 39 million acres of mostly Manitoba and Ontario, and formerly that sliver of North Dakota. In 1870, Canada purchased the Red River Settlement from the Hudson’s Bay Company and it was dissolved.

It goes without saying that the Red River had a parallel purpose back in those days. Major Métis cart trails followed the Red and beyond.

In the 1870s, there were cart trails all over western Canada that started as far west as the Rocky Mountains and all pushed south and east to the Red River Settlement, which by 1860 was

known as Winnipeg.

From Winnipeg, two trails led south. One followed the Red as far south as about Wahpeton before turning east and going into St. Paul. The other went from Winnipeg to St. Joseph, then angled its way into Minnesota and down to St. Paul. There appeared to be one route going back to Winnipeg or the Red River Settlement. It almost always went through Grand Forks and St. Joseph.

Most of us think there wasn’t much happening back in those early Dakota Territory days. But there were things happening in addition to the Métis cart trails. The railroad reached Fargo, Father Bellecourt came to the area to minister to settlers and Manitoba Rebellion leader Louis Riel was held up at the Gingras Trading Post near Walhalla.

It was also the time of the Civil War so numerous Army posts were popping up in the Missouri River drainage, and the northern part of Dakota Territory began to grow rapidly.

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I have been keeping track of the number of times I enter the Main Gate at Minot Air Force Base and receive a cheerful, warm, welcome. There really wasn't a reason, other than one very cold day when the wind chill was double digits below zero there was a young lady who was obviously chilled by the extreme conditions, but managed a very warm "Welcome To Minot Air Force Base, Sir. Hope you have a great day and enjoy our North Dakota weather."

I am not an everyday visitor to Minot Air Force Base, but I soon reached over 25 successful greetings and that is when I became serious about keeping track. So, to the folks from Security Forces who man the gates during even the most extreme weather conditions: Congratulations! We are at 100 cheerful, warm welcomes and counting.

SOME OF THE EVENTS ON MY RADAR

There are a couple of up and coming events that are worth putting on your calendar, the first being iMagicon. LeAnn Mellum has been my contact at iMagicon for over 6 years. She started marketing the event in the Northern Sentry when it was at the Minot Municipal

Auditorium, and since iMagicon has move to the North Dakota State Fairgrounds. The dates are April 24-26th. There are a lot more details on the iMagicon Facebook page, or on imagiconnd.com.

MOMS & MIMOSAS

How about letting Mom have a great time touring downtown Minot during the Moms and Mimosas event in downtown Minot. May 9th from 10 AM to 2 PM you can enjoy downtown. From the Downtown Minot website "Join us for the annual Moms, Mimosas, and Mocktails on Saturday, May 9th from 10am until 2pm. Bring your momma, your bestie, or the whole crew for a fun filled day in beautiful Downtown Minot. Cost is \$10 and must be 21+ to attend."



STRAIGHT UP & TOASTED

June 19th we'll host another Straight Up & Toasted event at The Spot in Downtown Minot.

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PROUD TO BE A MEMBER

When I first joined the Air and Space Forces Association I knew very little about the AFA. As my Dad would say "once the water goes under the bridge, you know a lot more." That is so true. After a year of being a member of the AFA I am proud to say that I have learned so much. I was able to attend the AFA

convention in September last year, and following the AFA convention was the 3-day AFA conference filled with seminars and an exhibit hall of displays with the latest technology. It was like a look into the future as I walked around experiencing displays by industry giants like Boeing and Lockheed Martin.

But the challenge is how to bring all of that back to Minot and Minot Air Force Base. Our AFA membership has taken on the task of building our Community Partners roster. We have told our story to a number of businesses and professional organizations, and many have joined. The money we receive from the Community Partner program helps us to sponsor events like the Commander's Choice Awards and provide resources for organizations like the Civil Air Patrol.

We were also able to bring Air & Space Forces CEO Lt. Gen. (ret) Burt Field to Minot to be our keynote speak at our Commander's Choice Awards Banquet.

The sole purpose of the Air and Space Forces Association is to Advocate for, Educate about and Support the mission of the U.S. Air Force. It is so very vital to help get the word out about the importance of the missions of Minot Air Force Base, and every other Air Force Base around the world. I think we are able to see the importance, today more than ever, of a strong Air Force. One that provides deterrence to our adversaries and is able to assure our allies that we are ready to provide whatever it takes to defend our freedom.



Rebekah Neeley (foreground) and her husband Royce Neeley (background) are the hosts of Straight Up & Toasted in Downtown Minot.

BEST KEPT SECRETS OF NORTH DAKOTA

During my younger days I always tried to make a trip to the Theodore Roosevelt National Park North Unit near Watford City. From the many buffalo that wander freely about the park. You may also get

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A stack of skis stand upright outside the welcome center at Bottineau Winter Park, North Dakota, March 7, 2026. The easy to navigate park contains eight alpine trails ranging from beginner to expert.

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Beyond the Base: A night at Bottineau Winter Park

AIRMAN JOSELINE CHACON MONTERROSO, 5TH BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

BOTTINEAU, N.D. — What started as a cold North Dakota evening quickly turned into a chance to step away from routines, and do something unexpected just outside of Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota.

Located about a 90 minute drive from Minot AFB, Bottineau Winter Park offers a variety of winter activities such as skiing, snowboarding, and tubing. As Airman Benjamin Selchow, 5th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Specialist, Airman Celeste Estrella, 891st Missile Security Forces Squadron, Jonatan Yepes, military spouse, and I entered the property, we were greeted with powdery white slopes. The property felt inviting and comfortable to go and explore. Stepping out of the car, the warmth of the sun and crisp air hitting my face felt nostalgic, bringing back snowy childhood days.

From there, we decided to go,

check in and rent our skis and snowboard equipment. We then explored the park and discovered everything it has to offer. The easy to navigate park contains eight alpine trails ranging from beginner to expert, which made me feel comfortable as I had never tried snowboarding or skiing before.

Bottineau Winter Park hosted a special event during our visit, their annual Alpine Glow Fest II. As my group and I put on our gear, the sun set and Glow Fest came to life. My group and I were greeted with the night sky filled with fireworks, music and colorful lights brightening up the slopes, bringing together both local residents and military members for a night focused on a sense of belonging. North Dakota received snowfall over the weeks prior to our visit, resulting in perfect conditions for our experience. From the most experienced riders

to those first time stepping foot on a slope, everyone took advantage of the perfect snow.

From 6 p.m. to midnight, the glow-in-the-dark event transformed the winter park into a scene filled with skiers, snowboarders and tubers enjoying the night under colorful lights. With DJs playing on the hill and fireworks launching every hour, the event offered us an exciting night.

For service members and their families, Bottineau Winter Park and events like Glow Fest provide a chance to step away from daily responsibilities and feel involved in the local community. It provides an opportunity to visit the park and head back to base all within a day. The shared memory of music, winter sports and celebration builds relationships between civilians and military members alike.

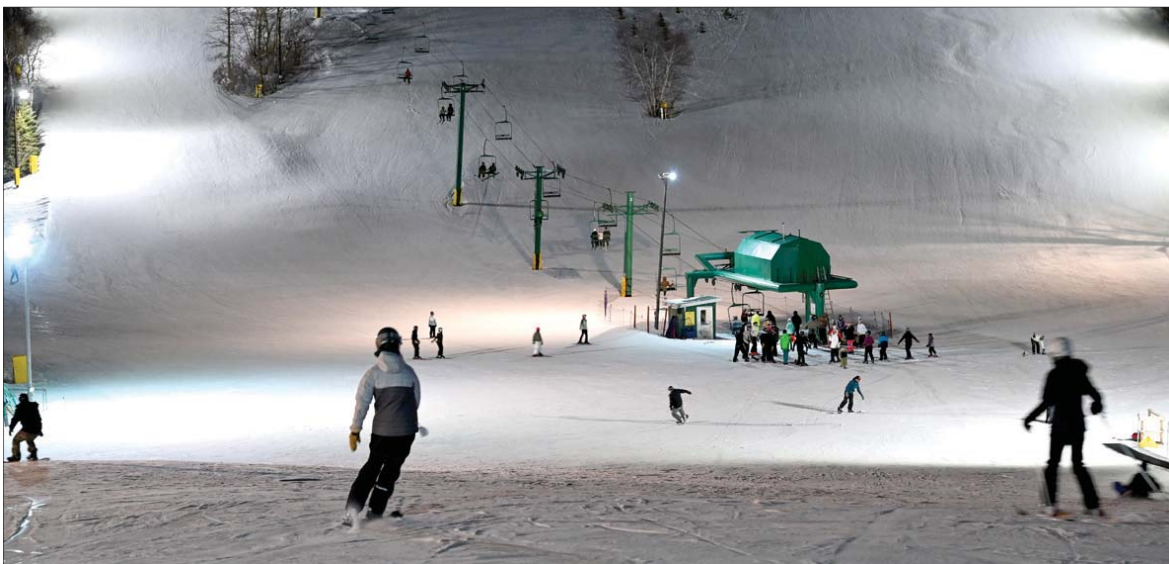


DJs play music at the top of the slopes at Bottineau Winter Park, North Dakota, March 7, 2026. Bottineau Winter Park operates as a nonprofit, focused on strengthening the community through outdoor recreation.

This event felt like the perfect opportunity to meet new people and step out of my comfort zone, especially since it was my first time trying snowboarding and skiing. The park was very beginner friendly, which made the experience even better. The music, fireworks and overall atmosphere made me grateful to be stationed at Minot AFB knowing I might not have experienced something like this back home. Events like this help can ease the isolation that often comes with being a new Airman and make winter here more enjoyable.

As the night came to a close, the glowing slopes and lively crowd reflected more than just a successful event, they showed how a community comes together to support one another, creating lasting memories in the middle of a North Dakota winter.

Active duty military patrons of Bottineau Winter Park are allotted a 10% discount for lift tickets, tubing, and rentals upon purchase. While equipment is available at the park, such as skis, snow boards, goggles, and helmets, equipment is also available to rent from Minot AFB's Outdoor Recreation.



Skiers make their way down a lit slope at Bottineau Winter Park, North Dakota, March 7, 2026. Bottineau Winter Park is an outdoor recreational park 90 min from Minot Air Force Base.



Fireworks light up the night sky at Bottineau Winter Park, North Dakota, March 7, 2026. Bottineau Winter Park operates as a nonprofit, focused on strengthening the community through outdoor recreation.

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True North Warriors Looking To Add Members

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For TSgt Author Rifenburg his grappling experience started at Minot Air Force Base when he joined the True North Warriors Grappling Club almost 10 years ago. "I've been doing Jujitsu for a little over a decade now because of this program" and now that Rifenburg has taken over leadership of the program he wants to see it grow. "It's something I'm very passionate about. It's changed a lot of lives and I hope to reach out and impact many more lives through this program."

For some people who have joined the True North Warriors it requires arriving at the gym by 5 AM. There may be only five people in the class, but all five are serious about their training. "You have to be very dedicated" according to Rifenburg.

Rifenburg started as a non-believer in grappling "but I got

grabbed ahold of and made a fool of a few times and so I joined and now it's (grappling) is a passion of mine." Having been at Minot Air Force Base for 13 years, Rifenburg is the perfect individual to lead the program and keep it going. "The program has gone through a few instructors" according to Rifenburg "but yes, I am an instructor right now. I'm a purple belt, and I have grappling experience in different styles as well. We do all forms of grappling, sometimes just for fun."

Question? So, if I wrestled in high school, would I be interested in True North Warriors? "I would think you would. The majority of the people who have wrestled in high school definitely resonate with what we do" adds Rifenburg "however it is different. In grappling it (the match) doesn't stop when people pin you. In wrestling when you get pinned

on your back, that's the end of it. But in jujitsu...not the case because you can fight off your back. You can a whole new perspective of what is possible in the realm of wrestling."

The key to gaining passion in the world of grappling is often the people you do it with according to Rifenburg. "This is like the 3rd place for people. They have work, they go home and then we fill the role of having a 3rd place to go in their community...we fill that role" says Rifenburg. "the people (in True North Warriors) come from around the world, and they come to Minot and we can get to be the secondary family that they just don't have because of the location."

There is no cost to join True North Warriors "it's a free program...and that's the goal, we want to keep the program free" says Rifenburg "so anyone who



Gi class photo on a Wednesday morning.

wants to join can always show up at the mats at 437 Bomber Blvd., or check out our Facebook Page at Minot's True North Warriors BJJ."

or send TSgt Rifenburg an email at truenorthwarriors1@gmail.com. "We're always there and people are always welcome to come and check us out."



Standard Gi class back attack.



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YB-52 STRATOFORTRESS FLIES ITS MAIDEN VOYAGE
APRIL 15, 1952



The YB-52 Stratofortress was the first B-52 prototype to take flight, marking a new chapter in US nuclear deterrence. (Robert F. Dorr Collection)

On April 15, 1952, the Boeing YB-52 Stratofortress prototype became the first of its kind to take flight. While the XB-52 was actually the first prototype that Boeing created, it was not operational until October of 1952 due to ground testing damage, making the YB-52 the first Stratofortress in the sky. The prototype, which was piloted by Alvin 'Tex' Johnston and Lt. Col. Guy Townsend, took off from Boeing Field in Seattle, Washington. After 2 hours and 51 minutes of in-flight system checks and flying at 25,000 feet, the Y-B52 successfully landed at Larson Air Force Base, Washington. At the time, this set the record for the longest first flight in Boeing's history. A long line of bomber models came after the X and Y-B52s, eventually landing on the last and most current model: the B-52H. The first flight of the B-52 was the beginning of a new generation of bombers that would aid the USAF in nuclear deterrence for over 60 years.

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Kim Fundingsland

I've noticed that many coffee drinkers have a weird relationship with their favorite coffee mugs. They cling to them as if their very lives were dependent upon it. Strange.

Hmmm. As I write these lines, I confess to you, dear reader, that my favorite coffee mug is but a few inches away. That means I hereby, in a very public way, include myself among those who I previously expressed reservations regarding their highly caffeinated behavior, namely their relationship with a material vessel akin to some sort of false idol.

As I throw my complete effort into this written word, I do so with the knowledge that many of you will be reading this, favorite coffee mug in hand, or perhaps just inches away. You are my incentive, my inspiration, to freely share what perhaps may not actually be a shortcoming, but rather something worthy of the highest honor bestowed upon those who cling to a favorite coffee mug.

I have no clue what that honor might be, or who or what organization might bestow it, but you have my utmost assurance that I am infinitely qualified to receive it. You see, I have gone to unusual lengths to maintain the integrity and admiration of coffee mug fanciers everywhere. I'm certain that distinct qualification must be written in the official coffee drinker's code somewhere.

It should be noted that I am not completely possessed with this coffee mug business. Partially maybe, but not completely. I don't have any selfies of me and my favorite coffee mug standing in front of the great pyramids of Egypt or on the slopes of Mount Everest. I suppose I would, just have never been to those places. Nevertheless, my lack of worldly travels aside, I have taken my coveted coffee mug as far south as Florida where the sun turns Norwegian skin red in minutes, and as far north as the northern reaches of Saskatchewan where the sun sets for only an hour or two.

This is not just any coffee mug we're talking about here. Please, stay with me as I reveal a bit of history that helps explain my fondness for, of all things, a coffee mug.

The mug about which I am writing came into my possession, lawfully, when I purchased it at a C-Store which was promoting the sales of coffee to its customers. Buy a mug, get coffee for half price for a year. I quickly calculated I'd come out ahead on that deal in short order, and I did. Problem was though, that mug was dropped, banged around, left on the roof of my vehicle, misplaced for a time, and otherwise frightfully abused far beyond what any coffee mug should endure.

I had replaced shattered and broken lids a couple of times. The dents became a sort of "Red Badge of



Those who drink coffee daily have a favorite coffee mug that is usually never more than an arm's length away.

Courage", but the chipped paint began to seriously degrade the appearance of what had become my favorite coffee mug. Now what?

An ingenious plan was needed to save that mug from the dumpster, a fearful fate that I determined would have had an unknown effect on me, and one which I didn't wish to discover. I sought some advice from a friend, a known craftsman skilled in various methods of painting.

Not knowing what the outcome would be, but cautiously optimistic, I applied a couple of primer coats to my previously described coffee mug. That I followed with two coats of dull green paint, all of this over the top of the mug's former maroon color. It is here that things became quite problematic.

You see, I make no claim to having any artistic ability, yet wished to personalize my coveted coffee mug. I tried several free hand drawings to test my ability. All were miserable failures, sad confirmation of what I already knew. Still, I remained the owner of a dull green coffee mug much in need of improvement.

I devised a plan that I thought I could execute. Even if not up to artistic standards, I reasoned, and expected, my coffee mug would be very much my doing and therefore a valued asset. What I came up with was a combination of tracing my favorite home-made fishing lures and a mixture of actual innovative painting.

Perfect? Nope. But it's my creation, and both a reflection of my lack of ability as an artist and my passion for fishing. Plus, it is one of a kind and, like a loyal dog, will follow me anywhere. Really though, it has no other choice.



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DAF announces updates to Military Leave Program

SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) -- The Department of the Air Force released an update to DAFI 36-3003, Military Leave Program, on Feb. 26. The revision incorporates changes mandated by the Department of War and streamlines leave policies to ensure Airmen and Guardians are fully aware of their entitlements.

The updated instruction aligns with DoDI 1327.06, Leave and Liberty Policy and Procedures, formally incorporates previously issued guidance, and introduces several key modifications to the military leave program.

KEY POLICY CHANGES

MATERNITY AND PARENTAL LEAVE

Inactive Duty Parental Leave is a new non-chargeable leave allowance for the Air Reserve Component and Space Force Active Status-Not on Sustained Duty members. IDPL authorizes the birth and non-birth parent to use 12 IDPL periods after a qualifying birth event, adoption of a minor child or placement of a minor child with them for adoption or long-term foster care. IDPL is retroactive for members with a qualifying event between October 1, 2024, and August 7, 2025, providing a one-year window from August 7, 2025, to August 7, 2026, to utilize this benefit. This change more closely aligns with active-duty service member allowances to support both parents in uniform.

With the new IDPL allowance, Reserve Component Maternity Leave has been adjusted from 12 to 6 Inactive Duty Training periods

to align with active-duty service member allowances of convalescent leave. More information on IDPL can be found here (for CAC-enabled users).

NON-COVERED ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY

To align with DoDI 1327.06, Military Leave, Liberty, and Administrative Absence, the terminology for "Non-covered Reproductive Health Care" has been updated to "Non-covered Assisted Reproductive Technology." The full list of approved services under this leave allowance can be found in the updated DAFI.

OVERSEAS TOUR EXTENSION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Overseas Tour Extension Incentive Program, a leave allowance for designated overseas locations, is now integrated into LeaveWeb. This streamlines the former manual process to increase trackability and efficiencies for the member, commanders, and other offices to track online.

PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION MOVES

As previously announced through command channels, this DAFI incorporates recent changes to expand Permissive TDY usage during PCS moves. PTDY is now authorized incrementally between gaining and losing duty stations, as well as for packing and unpacking household goods, to best suit the service member's needs. In addition, the instruction clarifies members are authorized to use at least 30 days of their existing leave en route to their

new PCS to ensure service members and their families are allowed time to adjust to their new location.

REDUCED SPECIAL LEAVE ACCRUAL CAP

Also previously announced through command channels, Airmen and Guardians are reminded of the changes to Special Leave Accrual that are now in effect. The transition period for these changes ends on September 30, 2026.

Reduced Cap: As mandated by the Fiscal Year 23 National Defense Authorization Act, the SLA carryover cap is permanently reduced to 30 days. The standard annual leave carryover cap remains at 60 days.

Use-or-Lose Deadline: The maximum combined leave that can be carried over into the new fiscal year is 90 days (60 days annual + 30 days SLA). Any leave balance exceeding this 90-day total on Oct. 1, 2026, will be forfeited.

SLA Sell-Back Option: Enlisted members at risk of forfeiting leave have a one-time option to sell back up to 30 days of their SLA. This will count toward the career 60-day sell-back limit. Members should contact their local servicing Military Personnel Flight to initiate this process.

All personnel are encouraged to review their leave balances and plan accordingly to avoid forfeiture. The updated DAFI 36-3003 can be found at https://static.e-publishing.af.mil/production/1/af_a1/publication/dafi36-3003/dafi36-3003.pdf.

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Matthew Ruby: A Life of Service to North Dakota and the National Guard

JOANNE RADEMACHER, NORTHERN SENTRY CONTRIBUTOR

On January 3rd, 1992, a baby boy was born to Lori and Dan Ruby of rural Minot, ND. He is number six of ten children, so learned early to play nice in the sandbox, a useful attribute in military life. They named him Matthew; a name of Hebrew origin meaning “gift of God”. Matthew has proven to be a gift to Minot and the broader community of North Dakota through service in the Army National Guard.

Matt was a high school athlete. He enjoyed the teamwork and comradery found within athletic programs so much, it was a mindset he sought out and found in the National Guard when he enlisted in January 2010. After completing part of his basic training the summer after graduation from Magic City High School in Minot, Matt attended Minot State University and completed training the following summer. Life is full and Matt is now a semester away from a History degree.

Private E-1 Ruby moved through the ranks completing numerous trainings and missions. Through 16 years in the National Guard, Sergeant First Class Ruby has served in Mott, Edgely, and two different units in Minot. He is currently serving in the 817th CEC-I (Combat Engineering

Company-Infantry) in Jamestown. The 817th CEC-I is trained in demolitions, clearing and making obstacles, and troop mobility. Their chief purpose is providing mobility, counter-mobility, and survivability support specific to infantry combat operations. They are utilized often because of their unique capabilities.

Private Ruby’s Unit was deployed in Minot to assist with sand bagging and other duties during the 2011 flood. Residents were so grateful for their help, as the Guard troops were filling and stacking sandbags in their yards, they fired up grills and served food they’d had to remove from their disabled freezers.

Two events in 2016-17 marked a wild time for our young soldier. In November 2016, Ruby was elected to the ND State House of Representatives for District 40. Also, his National Guard unit was sent to the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) protest which lasted from April 2016 to February 2017.

At DAPL, they set up on a hill a little way from the protest site. Their job was to protect private land and keep protesters from terrorizing anyone. There were Native American groups praying for peaceful resolution while protesters needed watching. “We weren’t there to push people

out or be activated against anyone. We were there to protect private property.” Again, the overwhelming generosity of area residents was evident in donations of food and supplies brought to their camp.

During this time, Representative Ruby got a two day pass to be sworn in to the Legislature and complete related work. In Bismarck, he crammed four days of business into two, then was back on the line at DAPL. In spring of 2017 he completed his first full legislative session.

Another set of missions stands out for SFC Ruby, the Dense Urban Terrain exercises in Philadelphia 2022, Nashville 2023, and St. Louis 2024. These training exercises were large scale, full-scale training drills devised to test emergency response capabilities. They are conducted by Task Force 46, a specialized 600-personnel homeland security response unit in partnership with local emergency management, fire and police departments, and military units from multiple states.

The size and scope of these missions was huge. Nashville, especially, was a “cool experience” involving 2200 military personnel and civilians. His unit was in Philadelphia as observers, not participants, but in Nashville they



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were hands on. The scenario here was a CBRN (chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear) Event in Dense Urban Environment run as a nuclear attack. They rappelled from the heights of the Tennessee Titans football stadium and were set up in the parking lot putting fake casualty dummies on skids and running them over to waiting helicopters which flew over downtown Nashville to land at Vanderbilt Hospital. As soon as casualties were unloaded the troops flew back to the stadium for more.

The St. Louis exercise scenario was set up as an 8.4 magnitude earthquake and chemical contamination. 500 responders, hospitals, and volunteers were on board using military vehicles, helicopters, and damaged debris. SFC Ruby doesn't consider himself a 'chemical guy' so this was a lot of new training for him.

Another highlight of 2024 was an August mission to Ghana. There he spent three days training with Ghanaian special forces and combat engineers followed by four days teaching leadership courses.

When asked what his favorite part of the Army National Guard is, SFC Ruby was quick to point out the people are his purpose. He chose this branch of the Army for several reasons. He gets to stay in North Dakota with his family and friends. "The beauty of the guards is that we get those state missions where we help those we live with. It is extra rewarding knowing that we're helping our neighbors."

Many of his best friends are people he serves with. He says, "So many people from different backgrounds, it doesn't matter what your creed or religion or belief system is. At the end of the day, we come together, put the uniform on, and we have each other's backs and that builds a special bond I just don't know where else you'd get." An E5 who was an early mentor in his military career is now godfather to one of Matt's sons. The relationships and community he found in the Guard are a valued part of his life. "I've got 60 guys I can call on if I need something. It's exactly what I was looking for."

SFC and civilian Matthew Ruby is in his happy place here in North Dakota with wife, Dana, and five children. His civilian life centers on family and work as a home appraiser and with construction jobs. He is one of North Dakota's brightest and best, staying right here, sharing his own gifts to protect and defend this great state and country.



Matthew Ruby participates in a joint training mission with Ghanaian special forces and combat engineers in Ghana in 2024, where he also led leadership development sessions.

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An oil change is one of the more basic services your vehicle needs to perform at its best. Oil is specifically designed to lubricate your vehicle's engine. Fresh oil helps prevent your engine from using more energy and fuel than it needs and protects engine parts from wear and tear. We'll walk you through why oil changes matter for your vehicle and how long is too long to wait in between oil change services.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DON'T GET AN OIL CHANGE?

When life gets busy, it may be tempting to put things, like an oil change, on the back burner. Delaying important preventative maintenance could cost you overall. Without good engine oil, you are putting your car's engine in danger. Putting off an oil change for too long can:

- Worsen engine performance: Good engine oil keeps all the parts in an engine lubricated, but as it degrades it becomes more difficult for an engine to run at full capacity. As engine oil ages in service, acids accumulate in the oil. Additive performance and protection may also fade and the oil can thicken in viscosity.
- Cause costly engine damage: Neglecting an oil change long-term can have disastrous consequences. Old oil can eventually turn into sludge or deposits that can cause serious damage from a smoking engine to complete engine failure.

HOW LONG CAN YOU GO WITHOUT AN OIL CHANGE?

Now that you know how important an oil change is for your vehicle, you may be wondering what's the best way to keep up with maintenance. A lot of this depends on your type of vehicle and how you drive. The best way to stay on top of maintenance intervals is to refer to your vehicle owner manual or the oil life monitor displayed on the driver information center of your dashboard or center console.

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| Height | 6 - 7 feet |
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| Wild Diet | Omnivore Carnivore Herbivore Grasses, Shrubs, Leaves |

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nearby family or her husband's support. Together, they weathered the familiar challenges of service before self—missed moments, long separations, and the constant pull between mission and family. Yet those hardships strengthened their faith and taught them to trust the path God laid out for them. They learned to serve with purpose while fiercely protecting their marriage and family. Today, the Bookers are proud parents of two boys, with another little one on the way—a testament to love that endures every PCS, TDY, and chapter in between.



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ND State Fair Center
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Friday, April 10th, 2026 - 10am – 8pm
Saturday, April 11th, 2026 - 9am – 5pm



For more information:
<https://thebigone.biz/minot-spring-show/>

20 MAR **SENSORY FRIENDLY NIGHT**
4:00PM-5:30PM
Magic City Discovery Center,
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Sensory Nights are designed for children and their families who may have special needs, differently-abled individuals, and those who have sensory sensitivities. We understand that the museum can be a bustling place. During Sensory Friendly Night, we provide adjusted sound levels and limit attendance to create a calmer environment. Sensory bags will also be available at the front desk. Families can explore the museum at their own pace. Sensory Night is held on the third Monday of each month from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.



For more information:
magiccitydiscoverycenter.com

23 APR **39TH ANNUAL PRAIRIE WARRIOR AUCTION**
4:30PM-8:30PM
ND State Fair Center
2005 Burdick Expressway East

Minot Area Chamber EDC is proud to present the 39th Annual Prairie Warrior Auction! An evening of food, fun and bidding. Open to the public and features a live and silent auction, buffet, cash bar and more. Proceeds will be used to support Operation Homebound, help squadrons fund events, meals and morale-boosting activities. \$25/person Active duty military are FREE!



For more information:
Facebook / Minot Area Chamber EDC / events

24-26 APR **IMAGICON 2026**
10:00AM-12:00PM
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Whether you're a die-hard collector, a casual fan, or just looking for something unique, you'll find incredible treasures from local artists, creators, and top-tier vendors from across the United States! The event will feature four key performers from the iconic 1990s "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" franchise, and Mary Elizabeth McGlynn, a renowned voice actress, ADR director and singer. Dive into epic video game tournaments, battle it out in Warhammer showdowns, roll the dice in thrilling Dungeons & Dragons campaigns, and race to victory in the fast-paced Pinewood Derby. Plus, don't miss the rock-paper-scissors competitions, exciting panels, trivia, and so much more happening around every corner.



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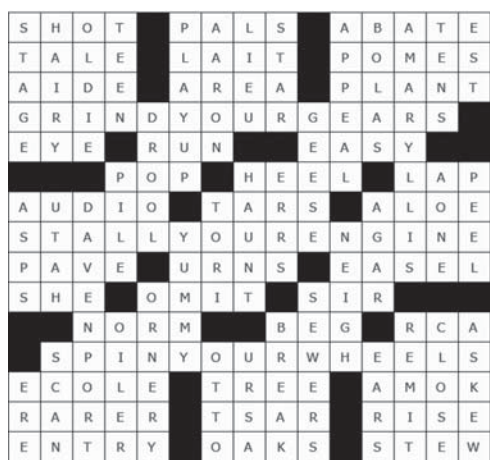
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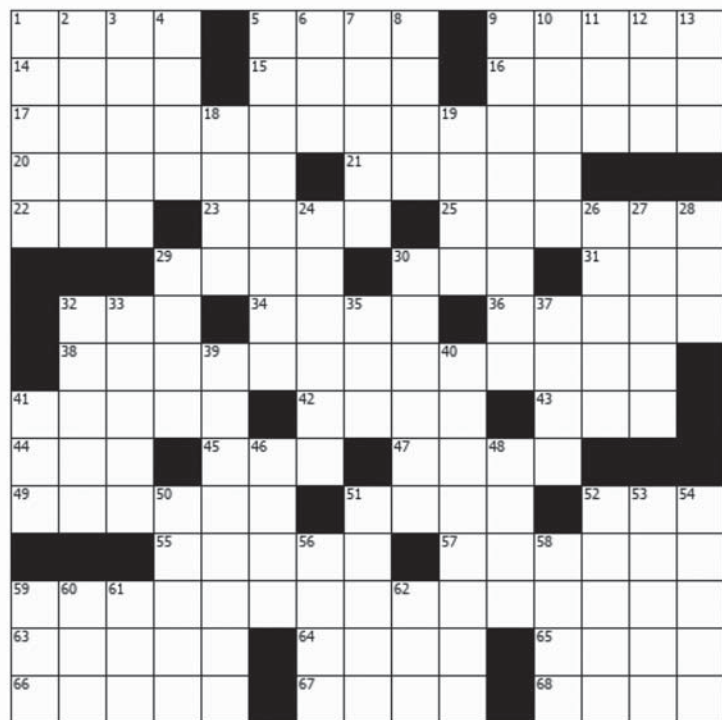
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

- 1. Far-reaching
- 5. Hook with a handle
- 9. Mockery
- 14. Hankering
- 15. Christiania, once
- 16. Farewell, somewhere
- 17. Be a thief in the dugout?
- 20. Not nearly as big
- 21. Cream of the crop
- 22. Play the part
- 23. Bites playfully
- 25. Like a peacock
- 29. Carpenter's joint
- 30. Princess' annoyance
- 31. "The Greatest"
- 32. Storm center
- 34. October birthstone
- 36. "War Games" setting
- 38. Be a thief in the outfield?
- 41. Fox comedy series
- 42. Check for letters?
- 43. West of Hollywood
- 44. Took in a poor boy
- 45. Go on a fast break?
- 47. Domesticate
- 49. Amber and umber
- 51. It's passed in class
- 52. Brylcreem unit?
- 55. Classic Nehi flavor
- 57. On shaky ground
- 59. Thievery by the third base coach?
- 63. "The Little Mermaid"
- 64. First name from "Laugh-In"
- 65. Teen's torment
- 66. The Pine Tree State
- 67. Takes to court
- 68. Fertilizer source



Down

- 1. Panoramic view
- 2. Yard sale source
- 3. Trail for a hound
- 4. Ethnic cuisine
- 5. Threw out
- 6. Hearth remnant
- 7. Takes a powder
- 8. Roast wrap
- 9. Left on the highway
- 10. Farewell, somewhere
- 11. Semi
- 12. Cell resident
- 13. Snaky curve
- 18. Entertainer Horne
- 19. Ready to eat
- 24. Warhol genre
- 26. "West Side Story" song
- 27. Send to seventh heaven
- 28. Completed
- 29. Cause for Chapter 11
- 30. Will in the future
- 32. Muse of poetry
- 33. Peak performance?
- 35. Mary Todd's love
- 37. Words of woe
- 39. Veto
- 40. Heights
- 41. Apple offering
- 46. Without delay, in a memo
- 48. List of options
- 50. City near Salt Lake
- 51. Indira Gandhi's father
- 52. Hardly a Mensa member
- 53. Cleveland's Gund, for one
- 54. Artist's cap, stereotypically
- 56. Elem. school organizations
- 58. Break under strain
- 59. Radio-active one?
- 60. Man-mouse link
- 61. Number of cards in Caesar's deck
- 62. Summer, to Proust

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REPORT



by Patricia Stockdill

FISHING:

Lake Sakakawea elevation, April 6: 1,827.23 feet above mean sea level (MSL); 13,600 cubic feet per second (CFS) Garrison Dam average daily releases.

Devils Lake elevation: 1,449.4 feet above mean sea level (MSL).

Stump Lake elevation: 1,449.27 MSL.

•N.D. Game & Fish Dept. game wardens: No new reports from area lakes.

•Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Devils Lake is in its typical spring transition lull for activity and is still iced over with anglers waiting for open water. Most upper basin coulees and Channel A still haven't started pushing runoff inflows into the lake yet but look for lots of activity when runoff begins.

•Lake Darling, Karma C-Store, Ruthville: Anglers waiting for ice-out with no reports from area lakes.

•Lake Metigoshe, Four Seasons, Bottineau: Continued bluegill success but use caution if walking onto the ice with deteriorating conditions.

•Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Open water shorelines in the back bays along the east end of Lake Sakakawea. Look for some pike activity to start soon.

•Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Hwy. 83 Lawn & Leisure, Garrison: Open water shorelines along the east end of Lake Sakakawea and Lake

Thanks to Woodland Resort, our Outdoors Report sponsor, for helping keep readers up-to-date on happenings throughout the region. For complete details about fishing Devils Lake and its array of recreational opportunities visit their website, (www.woodlandresort.com), Facebook at (facebook.com/woodlandresortDL), telephone (701) 662-5996, extension 1, or email (woodlandresort@gondtc.com). They're located at 1012 Woodland Drive, Devils Lake, N.D. 58301.

- April 10: Badlands Toms Nat'l. Wild Turkey Federation banquet, Outlaws Bar & Grill, Watford City, 5 p.m.
- April 11: Spring turkey season opens (lottery licenses only).
- April 11: Williston Ducks Unlimited banquet, Great Northern Event Center, Williston, 5 p.m.
- April 11 & 12: Maple Sugaring Day, Fort Stevenson State Park, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 11 and noon to 3 p.m. April 12. Contact the park, (701) 337-5576, for details.
- April 12: 5K Sap Run, Fort Stevenson State Park, Garrison. 5K trail run, jog, or walk. Registration is required. Go to (runsignup.com/Race/ND/Garrison/FortStevensonStateParkSapRun5k) with t-shirts for early registration by March 18, 11 a.m.
- April 17: Minot Ducks Unlimited Boom Stick Bingo & Raffle Night in conjunction with Ducks Unlimited North Dakota State Convention, Clarion Hotel & Convention Center, 6 p.m.
- April 18: Ducks Unlimited North Dakota State Convention, Clarion Hotel & Convention Center, Awards & Celebration, 5 p.m.

Audubon with anglers waiting for more open water and pike activity to kick in soon.

•Lake Sakakawea, New Town: No activity with anglers waiting for ice-out in the Van Hook Arm.

•Lake Sakakawea/Missouri River, Scott's Bait & Tackle, Pick City: Missouri River tailrace continues producing walleye from boat and shore but somewhat inconsistent with inconsistent weather. Try jigs and minnows or plastics. Look for pike activity as the east end of Lake Sakakawea gains open water shorelines in its back bays.

•Lake Sakakawea/northwest N.D. lakes, Scenic Sports, Williston: Upper end of Lake Sakakawea generally ice-free as far east as beyond Hofflund Island and White Earth Bay. No boat access yet but that could change with warm weather and wind. Good walleye bite on Missouri and Yellowstone rivers using jigs and floating minnows from shore. Try pulling crankbaits from boats on the Yellowstone River. Open water around Lund's

landing providing some shore-fishing opportunities but no boat access. Trenton Lake continues producing crappie with some pike mixed in. Blacktail Dam is open with some larger pike activity in the shallows.

•North-central/central N.D. lakes, Towner Hdwe. Hank, Towner: No activity with anglers waiting for ice-out on area lakes.

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MIGRATION:

•Light geese pushing through northwest N.D. with birds moving and generally not stopping for any length of time. Birds generally moved out of north-central N.D.

SPRING TURKEY:

•Toms starting to become active in areas of northwest N.D.

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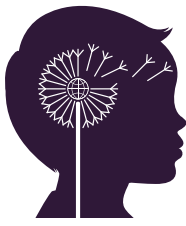
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City of Minot Proclamation
City of Minot Mayor Proclaims April as Month of the Military Child

WHEREAS, April is designated as the Month of the Military Child to highlight the important role military children play in the armed forces community, with the Month of the Military Child being established in 1986; and

WHEREAS, the City of Minot has created strong relationships with the men and women of Minot Air Force Base that benefit our community, our region, our state, and our great nation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Minot encourages area schools, administrators, teachers, and staff members to recognize military children and to stress the importance of providing children of military families with quality educational opportunities, services, and support to help them achieve success during their years in the mobile military lifestyle.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Jantzer, Mayor of the City of Minot, do hereby proclaim April as Month of the Military Child in the City of Minot and urge all residents to recognize the critical role military families serve in the protection of our country, and to applaud military families for the sacrifices and challenges they overcome while a family member serves in the armed forces.

Mayor Proclaims April as Month of the Military Child
Mark Jantzer, Mayor, City of Minot
City of Minot City Clerk

Mark Jantzer, mayor of the Minot, signs a proclamation on April 6 recognizing the Month of the Military Child, highlighting the vital role military children play in supporting the armed forces. Community leaders, including Col. Lamarand and Col. Schlabach and their spouses, joined in showing continued support for military families in this designated Great American Defense Community.

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All About Pets

Protecting pets from springtime pests

As the weather begins to warm up in North Dakota, people, pets, and wildlife are emerging from the comfort of home and springing into action. However, with springtime comes another nuisance for pet owners: bugs. There are a variety of pests that can be detrimental to your furry friend's health, and it's important to take the proper precautions to be sure no unwanted critters are making it into your home or on your pet! Some of the most common bugs that can cause harm to your pet include ticks, mosquitoes, spiders, and fleas. And just like humans, some animals can be highly allergic to stings and bites from everyday bugs.

Here are a few measures you can take to help protect your pet:

- Prevent fleas and ticks with one of the many veterinarian-approved products available. There are a variety of applications, including collars, shampoos, topical treatments, and even pills/chewables. Consult a specialist to determine which method is best for your pet.
- Check your pets! It's especially important to give them a once-over after they've spent time in grassy or wooded areas, but even a trip to the dog park or trail can warrant a look. Be sure to check in all the nooks and crannies, feel for abnormal bumps, and keep an eye out for itching, swelling, or lethargy.
- Regularly clean your house and keep your yard mowed and maintained to prevent bugs from nesting. If your pet has a hypersensitivity to bee stings, it may be best to keep any flowers, fruits, or vegetables in an area away from where your pet goes.
- When in doubt, contact your vet. If you notice symptoms of an allergic reaction (itching, swelling, difficulty breathing, vomiting, etc.) be sure to call immediately. It's important to have an emergency veterinarian set up just in case your pet is having a severe reaction. Some clinics that offer emergency services nearby include: Pinkerton Animal Hospital, Core Veterinary Clinic, and Rugby Veterinary Services. Due to the amount of pets in Minot versus the number of emergency vets available, it's imperative to catch any reactions as soon as possible to give yourself time to drive to an emergency clinic further away, if need be. Early detection can also prevent worse conditions that can seriously harm your pet if left untreated.

In North Dakota, the most common types of ticks are the Black Legged (or Deer) Tick, the American Dog Tick, and the Brown Dog Tick. Venomous spiders include the Western Black Widow and Brown Recluse, but they are not seen too often in household settings. Fleas are often transmitted from other carriers such as other pets or wild animals. And as many residents know, North Dakota is full of mosquitoes and other biting/stinging bugs, so it's never a bad idea to stay vigilant, not only for the health of your pet, but for your home and family as well!

NOTES ON BEING SAFE

NO MATTER HOW FAR THE TRIP, ALWAYS CHECK YOUR VEHICLE

Growing up, my father always taught me the importance of conducting a thorough safety check on your vehicle prior to a trip (long or short). He taught me to check all the fluids, lights, tire pressures, brakes, and the condition of all belts and hoses. Maybe this is why I have been blessed with not breaking down on the road in 40 plus years of driving.

Last summer while I was traveling with my family on another "Adventure Club" road trip we drove pretty much during the day, and making frequent stops "sight seeing" along the way, looking for old cars and trucks. We used all the safety rules that we stress to others: We got plenty of sleep the night prior to traveling and I as the primary driver was ready to take a break if I needed to, even if this delayed our return home and increased the cost of the trip. We left my headlights on to increase my visibility to other motorists, and wore comfortable clothes to keep the temperature in the car a little cool, but still comfortable.

As we were traveling from state to state I took notice of the changes in road signs, road surfaces and the occasional appearance of emergency vehicles. On one trip traveling through Nebraska I saw a car in the ditch that had evidently rolled over. The state patrol was already on site. I wondered what had happened? Was it rain? Did another driver cut them off? Were they drinking and driving? Did they just push it too far?

Thinking about what might have caused their accident prompted me to think about how I was driving. Was my speed too fast for conditions? Did I need to adjust my driving? If you can identify the cause of the accident you can adjust your driving and avoid the same fate.

We also noticed other signs

along the road and considered what we could learn from them. These signs told a sad story but did not present the details of what may have happened. As we traveled a mere 700 miles, we saw scores of crosses and wreathes on the side of the road, memorials to people that lost their life on that particular spot on that stretch of road. What happened? Who were they? Where were they headed? The crosses and wreathes provided no answers, but caused me to do some thinking. Were they military PCSing or going home to see family? Were they on the road as a means to make a buck? Were they moving to a new

place to find a better way of life? Were they on a family vacation trip? At one place there was a group of seven crosses in one place, was this a whole family that was lost? Discussing this with my wife, we came up with no real answers, only a lesson learned, traveling on the road is serious business, and lives can be lost.

Be prepared when you head out on the roadways of America, do the "Vehicle Check," plan for emergencies and delays, look for visual indicators of problem areas and come home safely. Don't make someone put up a cross for you.

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This second week in April was designated "City Government Week" by the North Dakota League of Cities (NDLC) to promote local government. The NDLC is a non-profit organization based in Bismarck that "empowers local leaders through advocacy, education, and connection—strengthening communities, shaping policy, and building a stronger North Dakota rooted in the belief that local government is the best government" (<https://ndlc.org/about/>).

Coincidentally, this same week our fourth session of "Conversations with the Mayor"—a civic engagement opportunity for local students initiated by Dr. Capote, Music Teacher at North Plains Elementary School—took place. Once a month since January, Minot Mayor, Mr. Mark Jantzer, has visited Minot Air Force Base to

educate North Plains Elementary and homeschool students about his role, and engage in open dialogue on topics related to the government of North Dakota.

Wonderfully, I have attended every session! In doing so, I met a kindhearted person, learned about our city, and attained a newfound appreciation for local government. Our Mayor's response to a student's question—Are you ever stressed out?—was profound: "I am not usually stressed out; however, if I feel like I don't have a good solution to a problem, that can be stressful. Sometimes you have to make a decision and you don't know if it's perfectly right or how it will turn out." He then added, "But, the job is definitely not as challenging as the jobs of the Wing Commanders or Master Sergeants!" As a parent, I painfully understand his former statement

and as a civilian on Minot AFB, I wholeheartedly agree with his latter statement. Many of us are lucky to only feel the weight of minor responsibility, because we are securely situated under the aegis of our command teams.

Parents, homeschool students, or any others interested in attending are welcome to come to Mr. Jantzer's last session on May 1st, 2026 from 1:00pm-2:00pm at North Plains Elementary School. Please try to come ten minutes early to sign in and be seated prior to the event.

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MOMC HIGHLIGHT

Scarlett Bries: Growing Up Strong, Proud Military Child

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April marks the Month of the Military Child, a time to recognize the strength, resilience, and unique experiences of children growing up in military families. Among them is 11-year-old Scarlett Bries, a fifth grader with a bright outlook, a sense of humor, and a deep pride in her father's service.

Scarlett, the daughter of Senior Master Sergeant Aaron Bries of the 23rd Bomb Generation Squadron, knows firsthand both the rewards and challenges that come with military life.

"Um, it's nice," Scarlett said with a smile when asked what it's like to have a parent in the military. "I like that my dad can educate me a little bit about the military and what's going on in the world." But her experience isn't without its difficulties. Like many military children, Scarlett has had to adapt to long hours and time apart from her father. "He works long hours," she explained. "It doesn't really get better, it kind of gets worse."

One of the hardest parts, she shared, is deployment. "When my dad goes on deployment and has to leave for a while, I just get really sad when he is gone." Despite the distance, Scarlett finds ways to stay connected. Technology plays a big role in keeping their bond strong. "I try to FaceTime him and message him any time I can," she said.

During one deployment, Scarlett found comfort in family. She recalled a summer trip spent surrounded by cousins, where even a moment of

sadness turned into one of support. "My older cousin was comforting me because I missed my dad," she said. "It helped a lot."

Over the years, Scarlett has moved between five duty stations, each bringing new experiences. Her favorite? Hawaii, no contest. "I'm missing it," she said, laughing, adding that if she could choose anywhere to go next, it would be "probably back to Hawaii."

While moving can be exciting, it also comes with challenges, especially when it comes to starting over at a new school. "Sometimes it's really hard," Scarlett admitted. "It's weird being new. But at other times, I make really good friends and find funny ways to meet people." That balance of difficulty and growth is something Scarlett has learned to embrace. "It's pretty easy once you get the hang of it," she said, "but it's also sad and kind of annoying having to move a lot."

Through it all, Scarlett remains proud of her father and his work. After getting a glimpse into his day-to-day responsibilities, she admires not only his leadership, but his character. "He's good at bossing people," she joked, "but also good at helping people out too. I'm proud of that." Scarlett who attends Dakota Elementary School channels her confidence into leadership roles of her own. As a student ambassador, she helps lead assemblies and supports her peers, an opportunity she clearly enjoys.

When asked what advice she

would give to other military children, especially those new to the lifestyle, Scarlett offered thoughtful encouragement beyond her years: "It's going to be hard trying to make new friends and everything, but once you get the hang of it, it just becomes normal. You can find people who connect with you, people who have been through it or are going through it too."

Now living in Minot, Scarlett has found things to love about her current home, especially her friends and the donuts at Bearsat Bakehouse. Still, she admits one downside with a grin, "It's cold. I wish there were beaches here."

As her father nears retirement, Scarlett is also preparing for a new chapter. After years of moving, adapting, and growing through military life, this season is beginning to come to a close. While the transition will mark the end of her journey as an active-duty military child, it also brings new opportunities for stability and fresh experiences.

Scarlett's story is a reminder that behind every service member is a family making sacrifices of their own and children growing up with resilience, adaptability, and pride. Scarlett Bries stands as a shining example of strength, positivity, and heart proving that even in the face of challenges, military kids continue to thrive even as one chapter comes to an end and another begins.

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MINOT NORTH SENTINEL REPORT



Minot North Makes Its Sports Statement Week After Week

BRYLEIGH MCBRIDE, STUDENT JOURNALIST

Spring competition is in full swing, and the Minot North Sentinels are making it clear this could be a special year. From clutch finishes in tight games to dominant shutouts, Sentinel athletes across softball, girls soccer, and baseball are stacking wins and building momentum. Minot North is a program on the move, and opponents are feeling it.

The Sentinels' softball team remains one of the most dangerous squads in the Western Dakota Association (WDA), and this past week proved it. This team is known to grind out late-inning thrillers one night and dismantle teams the next morning.

It was nearly midnight on March 31 inside the MSU Bubble during a Minot North matchup when senior Kate Coleman stepped up to the plate. Senior Kinzy Welstad was ready sixty feet away on third base and the game tied 4-4. Coleman drove the first pitch she saw into right field. Welstad raced home, sealing a 5-4 walk-off win over Grand Forks Red River. None of it happens without senior Tiecyn Hertz, who earlier that evening tied the game in the seventh with a clutch two-run double to force extras.

Less than twelve hours later, the Sentinels were back in the MSU Bubble. Against Grand Forks Central on April 1, every batter got on base and drove in at least one run in a 19-9 mercy-rule win. Senior Aven Kelly led the charge, going 3-for-3 with a

home run, a double, and five runs scored. Coleman and junior Eliese McCann added three hits each, and a six-run sixth inning ended it early. Walk-off drama one night, a statement blowout the next morning—that's the Sentinel way.

Girls soccer delivered just as strong a statement. Tuesday's 9-0 win over Williston at Sentinel Stadium showcased depth, speed, and control from start to finish. Sophomore forward Kohlee Roberts led the way with four goals, including three in the first half. Six different players scored as the Sentinels dominated every inch of the field.

The defense matched the offense. Goalkeeper Camryn Guy was never tested, while Williston's keeper faced a constant barrage just to keep the score from climbing higher.

This was only the Sentinels' second game. In the opener on March 27, they trailed before rallying to beat Bismarck Legacy 2-1, with Julia Lewis and Thalia Lewis scoring four minutes apart late in the second half. Two matches in, Minot North has controlled possession and created chances at a level opponents haven't been able to match.

Julia Lewis earned additional recognition this week as the SERVPRO Athlete of the Week. Head coach Haris Bosnjak praised her all-around impact: "She's got everything that you'd need. Work rate, technical ability, tactical awareness." Lewis, a senior

captain committed to Bemidji State, transferred when the school opened in fall 2024 and has helped establish the foundation of the program.

On the baseball diamond, the Sentinels opened their second varsity season with a doubleheader sweep of Williston on March 28 at Corbett Field. Levi Balas led the way, going 4-for-4 with four RBIs across both games. In Game 1, a 10-1 win, Gannon Hedberg sparked the offense early before Balas broke it open with a bases-clearing hit.

Game 2 was tighter, a 5-4 final that came down to the last out. Four pitchers combined to hold off a Williston comeback and secure the sweep. That close win carries weight. Last year, the Sentinels struggled to finish tight games. Closing one out in the opening weekend signals clear progress for a young program.

Across all three sports, Minot North is building something bigger than any single scoreboard. Girls soccer and baseball are both in just their second varsity seasons, yet the growth is evident. These teams are learning how to win, and doing it quickly.

The Sentinels host Minot High in girls soccer on April 7 at Sentinel Stadium. Baseball faces Grand Forks Red River and Minot High at Corbett Field, while softball heads to Dickinson for a doubleheader. Plenty more chances to keep the momentum going.



Brengiei Lonning, a 7th grade varsity soccer player, kicks the ball during play.

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- Friday Flicks, 1630-2200, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Karaoke Battle, 1730-2030, Rockers Bar & Grill

SATURDAY 11

- Star Wars Spectacular, 1300, Minot AFB Library
- Kayak Confidence Class, 1300-1600, Outdoor Recreation

SUNDAY 12

MONDAY 13

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Sponsorship Training, 1300-1400, M&FRC
- Craft Club, 1800-1900, Base Library

TUESDAY 14

- 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

WEDNESDAY 15

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- Boots to Business, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Minot AFB Spring Resource Expo, 1000-1400, Minot AFB Main Exchange – Lobby Atrium
- Storytime, 1030, Base Library
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Woven Elements Workshop, 1700-1900, Arts & Crafts Center
- Dungeons & Dragons Game Night, 1800-2000, Youth Center

THURSDAY 16

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- First Duty Station Officer Financial Course, 0900-1100, M&FRC
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Tuition Assistance (TA) Brief, 1330, Education Center

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FRIDAY 17

- Intramural Softball LOIs Due, Fitness Center
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- Friday Flicks, 1630-2200, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Spring Progressive Bingo, 1730-1930, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Purple Up Skate Night, 1900-2100, Youth Center
- Spring Karaoke Nights, 2000-2300, Rockers Bar & Grill

SATURDAY 18

- Jedi Library Escape Room Game Ends, Minot AFB Library
- Chess Club, 1200-1400, Minot AFB Library
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