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L to R...Jim Simons, President, North Dakota Air & Space Forces Association, SSgt Adam Moore, TSgt Taylor Smith, Lt. Gen. Burt Field (AF Retired) AFA CEO, Lisa Field (Spouse, Burt Field). during a tour of Uniform 01 at Minot Air Force Base on Friday, April 10, 2026.

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Paper or Plastic? ... But It'll Cost You

ERIN BEENE, NORTHERN SENTRY

That's five cents for plastic and ten cents for paper. Commissaries worldwide are now charging shoppers to have their fruits, vegetables, meats, breads, and other items bagged during checkout. The change has been difficult for some and barely noticeable for others. What is the purpose behind it, and what does the commissary hope to achieve?

When asked, Airmen and dependent shoppers at Minot AFB are split on whether this change is even a big deal or worth altering their shopping habits. Spouse Kaija Tilstra said in a Facebook post that it's not a big deal, writing, "If you forget bags (like I did), plastic bags are 5 cents each. I will be moving some reusable bags to my trunk, but in the grand scheme of things, it's not the end of the world." Others were quick to point out the potential environmental benefits. Chelsea Carter-Napoleon said, "We have become too reliant on convenience. With high winds and frozen mounds of snow for 4-5 months out of the year, I think it will drastically reduce litter and pollution."

However, it wouldn't be a debate without those who are strongly opposed. One Facebook user shared, "It's just another infringement upon our earned benefits for the sake of profit. Assuming DeCA is claiming rising costs as the reason to start

charging for bags... we already pay the same amount as downtown after the 'surcharge,' which often mirrors sales tax and is supposed to cover their expenses. A better idea would be to just increase the surcharge a point or two."

Another shopper added that, "The lack of patrons might be a factor. The commissary used to be the place to shop for a lower grocery bill. It's still a little lower, but not as much as it used to be. Most people are shopping off base, better deals and not much difference in price anymore. They shouldn't charge for plastic bags. It's going to drive more folks away."

Keith Desbois, Public Affairs Specialist at the Defense Commissary Agency, addressed questions and confusion about the change. He explained candidly that it comes down to budget constraints. "The budget was reduced, and [adding prices to bags] allows us to refocus our spending while still offering significant savings throughout the store," he said.

Desbois noted that it may take time for shoppers to adjust. In many overseas locations, commissaries have been bagless for years due to local regulations on single-use bags. Some CONUS locations also operate in areas where bringing reusable bags is already the norm. However, he

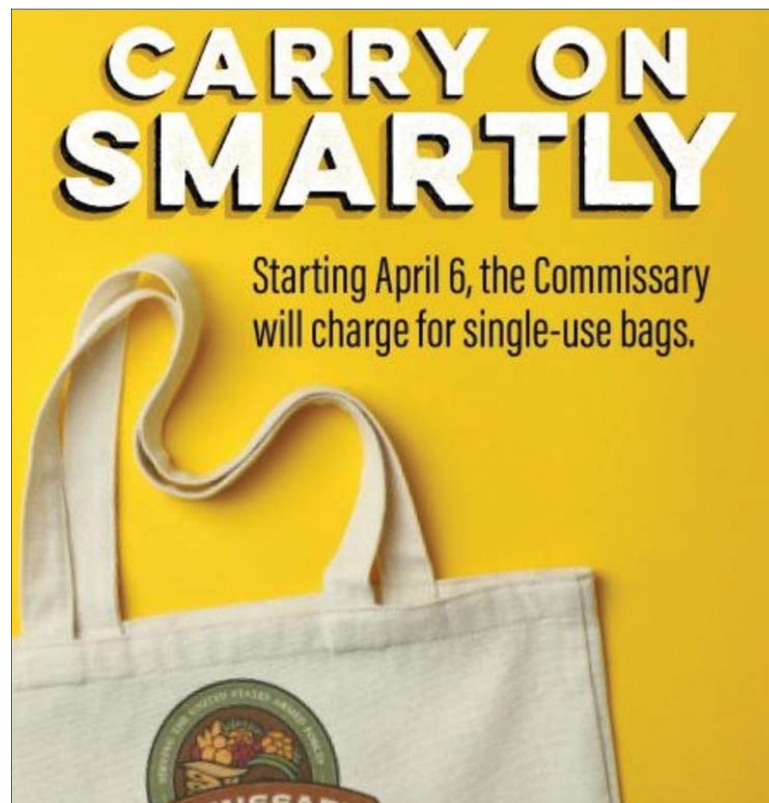
acknowledged that places like Minot AFB, where this is less common, may see more resistance.

When asked what types of bags shoppers can bring to avoid the charge, Desbois said customers may bring any reusable bags. He also confirmed that shoppers can reuse previously purchased plastic or paper bags. "There's nothing preventing people from doing that," he said, "or even skipping bags altogether and carrying items out in their cart."

Addressing confusion about the commissary surcharge, Desbois clarified its purpose: "A common misconception is that DeCA's expenses for bags are included in our surcharge. The surcharge covers operational costs, not items. It helps fund store maintenance, construction, and modernization, whereas the bag charge only reflects the cost of the bags themselves."

In the end, Desbois emphasized that the cost to shoppers is minimal, likely less than a dollar per trip, and can be avoided entirely. At this time, the commissary does not plan to increase bag prices and does not anticipate a significant loss of customers to off-base stores.

As with most changes, customers will likely adapt or choose to shop elsewhere. Ultimately, it's up to each shopper to decide whether convenience is worth the added cost of a five-cent bag.



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When Lt. Gen. Burt Field (AF Retired) accepted the invitation of ND President of Air and Space Forces Association to speak at the Commander's Choice Awards banquet, our chapter was overjoyed. The CEO of the Air and Space Forces Association was going to come to Minot, and the Minot Air Force Base, to deliver the keynote address to the Airmen gathered to honor the Airmen who were chosen that night to receive a Commanders Choice award.

As is pretty much accepted protocol, we reached out to the 5th Bomb Wing and 91st Missile Wing to arrange not only a tour of the Minot Air Force Base, but a roundtable discussion with both wing commanders.

Our request was accepted and Mr. and Mrs. Field were treated to a tour that included a window tour of the base, a tour of Uniform 1 and the Missile Procedures Trainer, and a 1-hour roundtable discussion with Col Jimmy Schlabach and Col Thomas Taylor. Col. Jesse Lamarand was not on base, so Col. Taylor graciously stepped in to represent the 5th Bomb Wing.

What Burt Field heard and

This Place Is Truly Special

experienced during his short time at Minot Air Force Base was the message I hear all the time. From Col Schlabach, who is retiring at the end of June; "This truly is a special place. I am so glad I was able to finish my Air Force career at Minot."

CEO Field was so impressed and perhaps overwhelmed with what he heard and saw at Minot Air Force Base, that he also included in his speech that he "felt how different it is here. Believe me, it isn't this way everywhere."

When someone asked me "are there Commander's Choice Awards Banquets at every base. Is it something that every chapter does?" After a bit of research on my end, the answer is "no, not every AFA Chapter has a Commander's Choice Awards banquet." And to that end I have to say that not every base has commanders that will cooperate with an organization like the Air and Space Forces Association to bring forward names of Airmen, or civilians that work at Minot Air Force Base, to receive Commander's Choice Awards.

The list of people who helped us to facilitate the Commander's Choice Awards is long, and at the risk of forgetting someone I will just tell you that from the Jimmy Doolittle Center and 5th Forces Support Squadron, to both the 5th BW and 91st MW, and I cannot forget the many "downtown" merchants who also helped support the awards banquet by making donations so that the recipients would get not only an award but a complimentary meal.

In the crowd at the Awards Banquet were several Honorary Commanders and members of Task Force 21, including Mayor Mark Jantzer. And again, CEO Burt Field

was quick to point out that the support that the community gives to the AFA and the Minot Air Force Base to help sponsor these awards is truly special.

And the Commanders Choice Awards recognize Airmen like SrA Kyle Wilson who has worked closely with the Northern Sentry on many projects. I reached out to SrA Wilson and asked him for a quick comment on being chosen one of the recipients. "Being selected for a Commander's Choice Award is truly humbling. Every day at Minot, Airmen are executing a critical mission, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to play a small role in supporting that alongside such a committed and professional team."



SrA Kyle Wilson. 2026 Commanders Choice Award Winner.

Anyone who spends time on Minot Air Force Base will be quick to echo what SrA said, and so it was with CEO Burt Field. In his speech he, too, pointed out that "each and every one of you, I assume, is part of a team. Your team has nominated you to receive this award. Together you excel at what you do."

Our thanks to CEO Burt Field and his wife Lisa for being part of the 42nd Commanders Choice Awards. It was an evening to celebrate the best of the best, and once again be able to recite that often used phrase..."Only The Best Come North".

LOOKING AROUND

If you have some time on the weekend of April 24-26, iMagicon is looking for volunteers to work security and greeting. If you belong to a group that is looking to raise money, send me an email at sentrysales@srt.com and I'll get you in touch with the folks at iMagicon. It will be a great event so mark your calendars and get your tickets.



TODAY'S CHUCKLE

For Maj Tom Barger from Public Affairs...People used to do things by the book because people used to read books.



UPSIDE DOWN UNDER
MARVIN BAKER

Several years ago when I was editor of the newspaper in Langdon, there was a point in which I was getting quite stressed about the complexity of my job and how it related to Cavalier County.

It was April, it was a Monday and it was a beautiful, but cold day in northeast North Dakota. There was a baseball game in Munich that afternoon, so not having assigned anyone to cover the game, I decided to go myself to get out of the office and perhaps clear my head.

Current director of the North Dakota High School Activities Association Matt Fetsch was the starting pitcher for Munich that day. Although I don't remember who the opponent was, I do recall taking numerous photos of Matt

throughout the game in an attempt to get the baseball between his hand and the catcher's mitt.

Otherwise, I enjoyed the game and very quickly became relaxed as if I drove 20 miles west of Langdon and was in a completely different world... safe, laid back and friendly.

It was a sanctuary from the daily grind of being a newspaper editor. Even though it was only about two hours, it certainly helped me get my focus back to where it needed to be, on the staff, on the budget, on the community and getting the next newspaper off to the press.

That was really an eye opener for me. I was a young editor without a lot of leadership experience at the time, so things weren't going well at that moment, and of course the company that owned the newspaper wanted more profit with less expenditure.

Rewind to 1970 to Hazelton's baseball diamond. That was the first year I played baseball and although I didn't realize it until I was sitting in the stands that Monday afternoon in Munich, those several years I played on that diamond in Hazelton, was the best thing that could have happened to me to route my future.

That was the sanctuary of the baseball diamond. And maybe

that's why I still love baseball to this day. I played 11 years between Babe Ruth in Hazelton, amateur ball in Edgeley and college ball at Bismarck State, and was never on a winning team.

But I loved every minute of it because whatever was going on outside of that diamond, it didn't matter. There were deaths in the family, financial troubles, girlfriend issues, disagreements with friends, issues in the National Guard and even poor grades in school.

It didn't matter! Whenever I was on the diamond, all those troubles disappeared, at least as long as the baseball game was in session whether we won or lost. It felt really good to be out there. And if the coach put me on the bench for any reason, I tried to be the team cheerleader to help the confidence of the team, and yes, the guy who replaced me in the game.

Living in northeast North Dakota, high school baseball could only be played for about two months and summer ball for about three months. What could I do as a stress reliever when baseball wasn't happening?

That day in Munich was definitely a turning point for me because I was so out of sorts at that time, I was ready to throw in the towel.

A Monday in Munich

But that would have meant quitting and there had to be an alternative.

Later that fall, a similar situation happened and by this time it included marital issues. I just had to get out of the office for a while. I certainly did that. I drove up to Winnipeg, got on the Trans Canada Highway and before I knew it, I was in Dryden, Ontario and my focus was back.

Sometime later, I was covering a story in the Pembina Gorge about dinosaurs and had a very similar feeling that I had in Munich. From that day forward, depending on the season that included the depth of winter, it was either the baseball diamond or hiking through the bush in the Pembina Gorge.

We're all human. We're all capable of making mistakes and when we do, we become stressed out. I hope everyone has an outlet similar to what I just described. If not, if you can find what that outlet is, you'll be a better person with your family, your profession, your budget or even your health itself.

Now that I'm retired, I think back to the importance of that Monday in Munich. It was a moment in time that made me a better editor, a better leader and a better person.



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Time With the CEO Lt Gen Burt Field (AF Retired)

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Lt. Gen. Burt Field (AF Retired) who is now the CEO of the AFA was the Commander's Choice Awards keynote speaker.

For Burt Field one thing rang true in his tour of Minot Air Force Base, the two nuclear missions “are manned by young people, and neither of the missions leave any room for error.”

And in just the short time Field was here, arriving on a Wednesday the 8th of April and leaving on the 10th, a Wednesday to Friday, he was able to experience the unique relationship between the city of Minot and Minot Air Force Base. “The relationship here is different than other bases” according to Field “and when I say it’s different, it’s a two way street in the relationship. The Minot Air Force Base talks about their great relationship with the city of Minot. The citizens of Minot are proud of their relationship with Minot Air Force Base. Everybody’s fired up about the other part of the partnership. You talk to the Airmen they talk about how good it is to be here in Minot. You talk to people in Minot who say they were stationed here for five years and all of a sudden they are here for another 25 years after that. There’s not a lot of people that stay for the weather. They stay here because of the people and the community.”

Part of the education and the advocacy of the Air and Space Forces Association is to let citizens, and government officials know about concerns like the shrinking size of the airplane inventory in the Air Force. “In the next five years, if it stays the way it is planned out, we will retire more planes than we purchase” says Field “it’s important to right size our Air Force, and although the Air Force is doing a good job working with and maintaining the legacy systems that it has today, we need to look forward. It’s pretty obvious that they (Air Force officials) need to ask for what they need, because if they don’t, they just won’t get what they need.” Field is also concerned about the age of the Air Force inventory. “Right now, we are going to fight battles in the 21st century with 20th century equipment. Our men and women in the military are really well trained, but they find themselves working with legacy systems, and we need to advocate for the best for them.” In reference to the Air Force requests for airplanes like the B-21, F-35 and the Pegasus tankers. “I would say that you always ask for more, or you end up living with the benchmark, the number that you requested the year before.”

In reference to Minot Air Force Base Field feels “that this base is going to be important through the turn of the next century, and hopefully there will be B 21’s here eventually replacing the B 52’s. And that your current missiles will be replaced by the new Sentinel.”

Field, like many others, feels that there needs to be a way to more quickly bridge the gap between the weapon systems we have today, and the weapon systems of the future. “The challenge is production capability. As a country we are just not able to produce the new weapons systems fast enough, and that is something we need to work on.”

The tours and of course the Commanders Choice Awards banquet gave Lt. Gen. Burt Fields (AF’ retired) a look into one of the United States’ most important bases. We thank him for his visit, and hope that he and his wife Lisa will return again, which they promised the would.

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George Masters receives the AFA Exceptional Service Award.



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AFA CEO Burt Field and Commander's Choice Banquet Chair George Masters present the AFA Medal of Merit to David C Jones Chapter 135 President Jim Bowman.

Local AFA Leadership Recognized

ROD WILSON, NORTHERN SENTRY

The David C Jones Chapter 135 is part of the national Air & Space Forces Association. As part of the national association, the local chapters are able to give out national awards to members who deserved to be recognized. On April 9th at the Commander's Choice Awards event North Dakota State Chairman, Jim Simons, handed out three very special awards. The first being an AFA Aerospace Education Fellowship presented to Ron Garcia.

AFA EDUCATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

Created in the 1970s under Sen. Barry Goldwater's Aerospace Education Foundation leadership, AFA's Aerospace Education Fellowships honor supporters whose efforts merit special recognition, with the first fellowship awarded to Jo Doolittle, wife of Gen Jimmy Doolittle. Built on this legacy, the AFA fellowship program enables chapters to honor member's commitment to furthering aerospace education. Funds raised from fellowships go directly to AFA Aerospace Education programs. The fellowships provide an excellent way to honor and recognize significant contributions while funding and expanding AFA's education programs.

Ron Garcia has in his words "been a lifetime member forever."

Ron has been an active member and supporter of David C. Jones Chapter 135 and is a member who has given back to the association. In Ron's name a \$1,000.00 Gen. Bernard A. Schriever Fellowship was presented to the AFA. "It was the perfect timing and setting to give Ron this award" according to ND State AFA President Jim Simons.

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD

An Exceptional Service Award shall be presented to those individual AFA members who have performed exceptional services for AFA in local, regional, or national fields. This year the David C. Jones Chapter 135 was proud to present an exceptional Service Award to George Masters.

The annual Commander's Choice Awards banquet has been held for 42 years and recently has been under the guidance and direction of George Masters. Not only has George undertaken the organization of the banquet, but he was also instrumental in the development of the plaques, over 42 of them, that were given to this year's award recipients. "What can you say about George other than he gets it done every year" said Col Jimmy Schlabach, Commander of the 91st Missile Wing.

There are a number of details

that must be managed for the Commander's Choice Awards banquet; from receiving the recipients' names to organizing the banquet right down to who will sing the National Anthem.

In particular, George has always ended the Commander's Choice Awards banquet with Lee Greenwood's emotional singing of "God Bless The U.S.A."

MEDAL OF MERIT

awarded for exceptional services in local, regional, or national fields and shall denote great initiative on the part of the recipient for specific achievements. Consideration shall be given to those individual AFA members whose achievements are being recognized for the first time.

Jim Bowman received the Air and Space Forces Medal of Merit this year. Jim is President of David C. Jones Chapter 135, and besides organizing and facilitating the monthly meetings held the 3rd Tuesday of every month, Jim is active in all of the AFA activities, including helping the David C. Jones chapter to receive local grants from organizations such as the VFW.

Jim has also taken on the responsibility of working with local web developer Amy Richards to keep the David C Jones chapter updated and pertinent.



George Masters presented CEO Burt Field with a bully stick (albeit suitcase sized) from the David C. Jones Chapter 135.



City Manager and AFA member Tom Joyce helped George Masters present the Commander's Choice Awards.



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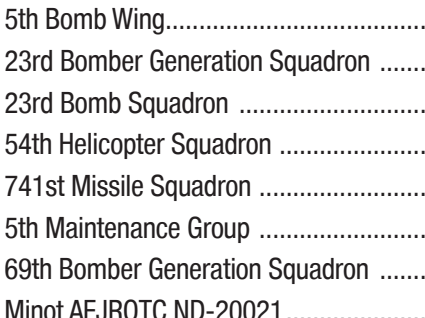
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George Masters
Lifetime Service Award
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- 5th Bomb Wing..... SrA Kyle Wilson
- 23rd Bomber Generation Squadron SrA Owen Anderson
- 23rd Bomb Squadron Capt Rylin "MAGS" Millspaugh
- 54th Helicopter Squadron Capt Tyler Hartman
- 741st Missile Squadron Maj Damion Proctor
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Senior Airman Andrew Constancio, a 91st Missile Maintenance Squadron electro-mechanical team chief, pries loose chain links holding replacement batteries for a launch facility near Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, April 2, 2026. These Airmen play a vital role in sustaining the old, yet still formidable Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile system.



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Airman 1st Class Michael Alcaraz, a 91st Missile Maintenance Squadron electro-mechanical team (EMT) technician, descends a ladder into a launch facility (LF) near Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, April 2, 2026. Beyond physical maintenance, EMT maintains security measures designed to ensure constant accountability and protection of the LFs, regardless of whether a missile is present.



Senior Airman Audrey Smith (center), a 91st Missile Maintenance Squadron electro-mechanical team technician, uses a crane to lower a replacement battery into a launch facility near Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, April 2, 2026. The Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic system dates back to the 1960s and its longevity demands consistent upkeep.



Airmen from the 91st Missile Maintenance Squadron's electro-mechanical team (EMT) guide a replacement battery into a launch facility near Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, April 2, 2026. A significant portion of EMT's work involves "remove and replace" procedures, in which aging or worn components are swapped out before they fail.



Senior Airman Benjamin Delaney, a 91st Missile Maintenance Squadron electro-mechanical technician, lowers a battery into a launch facility near Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, April 2, 2026. Despite the inherent risks of working with high-voltage systems and heavy mechanical equipment, safety remains a constant priority for the EMT.



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91st Missile Maintenance Squadron's electro-mechanical team powers the mission

SENIOR AIRMAN KENDRA A. RANSUM, 5TH BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. -- It is 30 degrees on a Thursday, April morning, which is generous for the early spring temperatures around Minot Air Force Base. The sky is overcast, a steady wind blows snowflakes across the prairie and the roads are slicked with an icy sheen.

Still, the mission goes on for the 91st Missile Maintenance Squadron's Electro-Mechanical Team (91 MMXS EMT), who play a vital role in sustaining the old, yet still formidable Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile system. Their work, often technical and sometimes hazardous, centers on maintaining the network of power, access and security systems that support Minot AFB's Launch Facilities (LF) and Missile Alert Facilities (MAF).

Even if the temperature is in the negatives, The EMT still ensures the functionality of Minot's nuclear deterrence facilities. Their responsibilities are focused largely on electrical power and security systems tied to the missile infrastructure.

"We're responsible for the electro-mechanical maintenance on the Minuteman III weapon system, primarily subsystems such as the emergency power system, personal access system, security systems as well as missile coding operations," said U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Paxton Evans, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the 91 MMXS EMT.

Their work primarily takes place at the LFs and MAFs. A significant portion of EMT's work involves "remove and replace" procedures, in which aging or worn components are swapped out before they fail. This preventative approach helps reduce the likelihood of system malfunctions and ensures continuous readiness.

Each site presents its own set of challenges, particularly in Minot's harsh climate. As winter transitions into early spring, melting snow and ice can create flooding risks. Water intrusion can threaten the LF's underground infrastructure, requiring additional mitigation efforts unique to the base.

Beyond physical maintenance, EMT maintains security measures designed to ensure constant accountability and protection of the LFs, regardless of whether a missile is present. With this comes the duty of uploading operational software to missiles. This programming ensures the missile's guidance systems function as intended.

"If those subsystems in the LF didn't work, the missile can't go anywhere," said Senior Airman Krystopher Collins, 91 MMXS EMT team chief. "It can be built up completely but there'd be no one to code it or there'd be no power for it to go anywhere."

Much of the team's workload is rooted in routine maintenance, also known as remove & replace type of work. The Minuteman III



Airmen from the 91st Missile Maintenance Squadron's electro-mechanical team (EMT) replace one of the many batteries in a launch facility near Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, April 2, 2026. Many of EMT's procedures fall under strict nuclear surety guidelines, which demand step-by-step adherence without deviation.

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system dates back to the 1960s and its longevity demands consistent upkeep.

Technical precision is a defining requirement of the job. Many procedures fall under strict nuclear surety guidelines, which demand step-by-step adherence without deviation. At the same time, Airmen must be capable of independent problem-solving when faced with issues outside those procedures. Troubleshooting often involves interpreting decades-old wiring diagrams and isolating faults down to a single component using diagnostic tools such as multimeters.

Despite the inherent risks of working with high-voltage systems and heavy mechanical equipment, safety remains a constant priority.

"A lot of what we do is very, very dangerous but I always tell the troops that jobs are only as dangerous as you make it," Evans said. "We accomplish everything as safe as possible, given the constraints

of legacy systems maintenance."

For newer Airmen, the transition from training to real-world operations can be both challenging and rewarding. Senior Airman Benjamin Delaney recently completed his first official dispatch outside of training in early April.

"I've been waiting for a while to get out into the field, and I think it was a lot more than I expected, in a good way," Delaney said. "The biggest challenge is just that it's a big job and it's new to me. I'm trying to figure out what I could be doing to help out the most."

While their work often goes unseen, the electro-mechanical technicians remain a foundational element of the missile wing's operations. Through a combination of technical expertise, strict procedural discipline and adaptability in the face of environmental challenges, these Airmen help sustain a key component of the nation's strategic deterrence.

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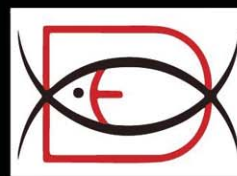
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Minot Parks Announces New All-Inclusive Playground at Scheels Complex

Minot Park District is proud to announce plans for a new poured-in-place, all-inclusive playground that will be located at Scheels Complex on the east end. This exciting project will replace the existing playground and create a space where children of all abilities can play, explore, and connect together.

The project is made possible through strong community partnerships with the Minot Area Community Foundation and Minot Junior Golf Association, along with the Garrison Diversion Recreation Program. Their collaboration and commitment to enhancing quality of life in Minot have been instrumental in bringing this vision to life.

This inclusive playground is designed so that children of all physical, sensory, and cognitive abilities can play side by side. Features such as poured-in-place rubber surfacing provide smooth, wheelchair-accessible pathways throughout the play area, allowing children and caregivers of all mobility levels to navigate the space safely and comfortably.

Inclusive equipment also encourages cooperative play, social interaction, and shared experiences, helping ensure that every child feels welcome and valued.

"Play is essential for childhood development, and every child deserves the opportunity to participate," said Elly DesLauriers, Minot Parks Executive Director. "This new playground will remove barriers and create a space where families can gather and children can build friendships, confidence,

and lifelong memories, and we could not continue improving the quality of life in Minot without our amazing community partners."

The Scheels Complex is a hub for youth sports in the summer, making it an ideal location for an accessible play space that serves families from across the region. Replacing the current structure with a modern, fully inclusive playground reflects Minot Park District's continued commitment to accessibility, equity, and investing in amenities that meet the needs of a growing community.

"The Minot Area Community Foundation has and will continue to support investments in Minot and our region that enhance the quality of life for all," says Jason Zimmerman, Minot Area Community Foundation President. "This addition to the upgraded Scheels Complex will not only enhance the experience for those families utilizing the facility but is a valuable addition to our

community. We are proud to support this project."

"MJGA is proud to be a sponsor of this playground project with Minot Parks," says MJGA Board President, Reed Argent. "They've always been a wonderful partner, and we're grateful for the opportunity to support projects that make a lasting impact in our community."

Construction is set to take place in late summer of 2026, with completion in the fall. Timelines and additional details will be shared as the project moves forward. Minot Park District looks forward to celebrating the opening of this new playground and welcoming families to enjoy a space built for everyone.

For more information, please call the Minot Park District office at (701)857-4136.

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Getting To Know Minot Air Force Base

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Lt. Gen Burt Field (AF Retired) has an impressive biography that includes over 3,400 hours of flying either an F-16 or and F-22. He has been a wing commander and even served as Commander of U.S. Forces, Japan. Yet in that experience, Burt Field, now CEO of the Air and Space Forces Association, had not been given and up close and personal tour of a base like Minot AFB where there are two legs of the nuclear triad.

Starting the tour would be Julie Reiten, Librarian and Historian at the Minot Air Force Base library. In her window tour she was able to talk about the history of Minot Air Force Base, and some of the stories that have been written in both the Minot Daily News and the Northern Sentry, about the base and historical events like the de-activating of the 5th Fighter Squadron, referred to as the Spittn' Kittens.

After Julie's 1-hour tour, the Fields were able to tour the 91st Missile Wing training areas

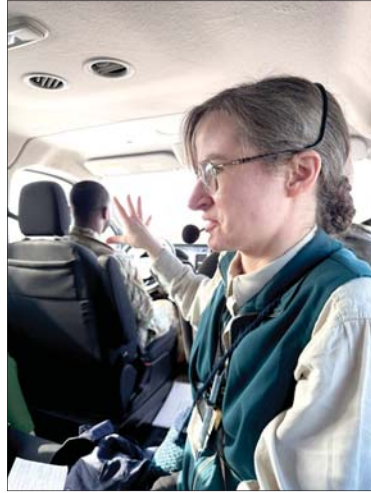
including Uniform 1. This would be the first time the Lt. General, now AFA CEO would have an up close look at a typical missile silo operated and maintained by the 91st MW. This part of the tour was led by TSgt Taylor Smith, assisted by SSgt Adam Moore and SrA Chloe Hess.

The next part of the tour was the Missile Procedures Trainer with briefers Capt. Anthony Archuleta and 1Lt David Wilder. There we no photo opportunities due to security measures.

Next would be our one on one roundtable discussion with Col Jimmy Schlabach and Col Tom Taylor. Information was shared about the work that the Air and Space Force Association does by advocating for not only weapon systems for the Air Force, but also for improved human resources for all Airmen and their families.

Once the tour was over and we had lunch at Rockers, Mr. Field commented about how amazing the

missions were at Minot Air Force Base. The 5th Bomb Wing, due to staff constraints, was not able to accommodate Mr. & Mrs. Field on a bomb wing tour.



Librarian Julie Reiten gave CEO Burt Field and his wife Lisa a window tour of Minot Air Force Base.



Col Jimmy Schlabach and DepCom of the 5th BW, Col Thomas Taylor and ND AFA President Jim Simons were welcomed to a roundtable discussion.



Col Jimmy Schlabach and AFA CEO discuss the role of the AFA, and how important it is in today's environment.

A LOOK BACK THIS WEEK IN USAF HISTORY

THE DOOLITTLE RAID

APRIL 18, 1942



B-25 Bombers aboard the USS Hornet prepare to take off for the Japanese islands. (US Air Force Photo)

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, the United States Army Air Forces and Navy began formulating a plan for a reprisal attack on the Japanese Empire. They recruited Col. James H. "Jimmy" Doolittle to train the pilots who would be a part of the raid. On April 18, 1942, 16 B-25 Mitchell Bombers from the 17th Bombardment Group, led by Col. Doolittle, took off from the Navy's USS Hornet 650 miles off the coast and made a path towards Tokyo.

The bombers hit targets in Tokyo, Yokosuka, Yokohama, Kobe, and Nagoya. On the way back, fifteen of the aircraft crash-landed or had crews bail out due to low fuel and one made it to Russia. Three crew members died and eight were taken as Japanese POWs. According to Pacific Air Forces, Doolittle thought that he would be court-martialed upon his return. However, the Doolittle Raiders received the Congressional Gold Medal in 2015 and Col. Doolittle received the Medal of Honor for one of the greatest surprise attacks of the time. While the damage left by the raid was not severe, it was a serious morale booster for the US.

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When my alarm woke me, I thought to myself I must be crazy. It was 3:30 a.m. Dark and cold. I had a ninety-minute drive that I wasn't looking forward to.

Ahhh. The life of a fisherman is sometimes difficult to understand. Explaining it to someone else? Even harder.

There are moments, and 3:30 a.m. can trigger them, when even the most avid angler pauses to answer the question "why"? I've found it's best not to dwell on that question too long. The real answer will come soon enough.

Breakfast is quick and simple. A couple slices of toast with peanut butter and jelly is more than adequate in the very early morning. A half glass of milk, fill the Yeti with coffee, out the driveway, and into the darkness I go.

I always find driving through the city at that early hour interesting. I mean, who is really up that early? Then I realize, between yawns urging me to go back to bed, that it's me and maybe one or two others.

The coffee is still too hot to drink, meaning it will be a while until I can down some much-needed caffeine to ward off anticipated drowsiness. The highway cutting through the North Dakota prairie is a dark and lonely place during the early morning. Not even a hint of sunrise on the horizon.

I'm thinking about fishing as I down my first sip of coffee, reminding myself, maybe convincing myself, of the reason for getting out of bed so darned early. Looking at my insulated coveralls, waterproof gloves, and winter facemask lying on the seat next to me isn't helping. They are more of a reminder of how silly this will sound when trying to explain it to someone else, presumably those well rested who have enjoyed a ham and cheese omelet while contemplating what they will do with the remainder of their Saturday.

Hmmm. The omelet sounds good. So does the extra sleep. So does a perfectly presented ribbon-tail worm in front of a big largemouth bass. Or may a football jig with a craw trailer. Wonder if a largemouth bass would go for an omelet? Bacon? The mind wanders easily early in the morning.

A few moments later I see the lights from the Milton R. Young power plant reflecting on the open water of Nelson Lake. It was time to forget the omelet business and remind myself why I got out of bed so early in the first place. Fishing.

Crazy, huh? Why not sleep in and fish later in the day you ask? Fair question. Sound logic indeed. However, you are addressing a fisherman, and I've found very few who can adequately answer that inquiry, especially when it comes from the well-rested.

Nevertheless, I'll give it a try. I'm not trying to convince anyone. Myself perhaps, but no one else. I'm already

infected with the fishing bug for which there is no cure that I'm aware of. Then again, I'm not searching for one either.

The short walk from the parking area to the boat ramp, in freezing temps, allows time to make sure zippers are up to the chin, a facemask is in place, and gloves are pulled on. It's also when the fisherman knows that embarking on such adventures is one of the great appeals of the sport.

You see, cold weather and lack of sleep aside, it's fun. I like catching fish as much as the next crazy fisherman but, to a greater extent, I've always been thoroughly captured by every moment on the water.

This day, still night actually, begins with the camaraderie of fellow fishermen whom I'll soon be competing against. Then it's followed by daylight beginning to creep over the horizon and the sound of outboard motors coming to life, some stubbornly in the cold air.

Minutes later the first rays of sunlight are obscured by a heavy fog on the water. It's a beautiful scene, even if it means idle speed only for safe boat operation. Memorable. Part of the fishing experience.

Through the fog and still air comes the haunting call of a loon. Then an answer. Neither bird can be seen but they are on either side of the boat. Then it's the unmistakable honking of Canada geese. They are sharing the water too.

Fish can be heard splashing on the water's surface, an encouraging sound for eager anglers. Then the sun becomes visible, an orange orb pushing through the waning fog. It makes for a perfect scene in all ways. Any thoughts of why I got up so early, in the dark and cold, are gone. But I knew that would happen. Always does. The sights. The sounds. Other fishermen know that too. It's not long before the first largemouth bass bends a fishing rod and is lifted into the boat. Nice one too. A good start to an already wonderful day on the water.

An hour or so later the fog has disappeared, the sun dominates, and the temperature rises above freezing. It feels good to toss gloves onto the floor of the boat and swap out a hood for a baseball cap. There's no longer ice forming on the eyelets of our fishing rods. Morning has broken. All part of the fishing experience that's not worth trying to sell to anyone else. Most won't buy it anyway.

That is the way fishing is, or can or should be. Fishing teaches a person to appreciate much more than hooking a big one or catching a limit. Each and every fishing trip is a full theatrical performance that is never duplicated. Always difficult to put into words, but stepping on that stage is a slice of life that never disappoints.



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Aside from the radiator, the cooling system is composed water pump, freeze plugs, head gasket, thermostat, hoses, heater core, fan clutch and radiator fan. All these auto parts have special roles to perform thus the absence of one could significantly affect the whole cooling process and of course, the engine's performance. Take for example the hose, this may seem to be just an ordinary part but once broken, the coolant can escape and so it's no longer possible for the system to cool the engine. Even just the cap of the radiator is important. It holds the pressure in the cooling

system; thereby, affects its stability. How does the cooling system of your car work? The coolant, which is a mixture of anti-freeze and water, is the one that absorbs the heat from the engine. It is drawn by the water pump from the radiator and is pumped through engine block and the cylinder head to absorb the heat from the engine and its parts. It goes back to the receiving tank of the radiator through the radiator hose. The radiator has tubes that contain large amount of water and has fin area to allow outside air to pass through. As the coolant spreads over the top of the radiator tubes, it transfers heat to the air. The performance of your car is greatly dependent on your cooling system. No matter how gutsy its engine is, it can't work normally without a cooling system. The engine can even be inutile in an instant if it overheats and all other auto parts under the hood can also be damaged. They could melt as the engine burns the fuel inside the combustion chamber and the pistons in the cylinder could expand extremely that they can no longer move to complete the whole process in the engine. Your car can possibly overheat as well. Engine overheating is one of the most common problems auto users encounter. You can avoid this by adding water to your radiator. So if you notice a problem on a particular part in your cooling system, consult the best auto mechanic in town. But if you think the problem is worst, you may as well replace it right away.



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Kelly Goggin (center) and Jeanine Womble (center left) both professional staff members of the House Armed Services Committee, receive a briefing on Team Minot's mission at the 5th Bomb Wing headquarters on Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, April 7, 2026. Goggin and Womble visited Minot Air Force Base to gain insight into Team Minot's key role in the nation's nuclear deterrence mission.



U.S. Air Force Col. Thomas Taylor (right), 5th Bomb Wing deputy commander, greets Kelly Goggin (left), a House Armed Services Committee (HASC) professional staff member, at the 5th Bomb Wing headquarters on Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, April 7, 2026. The HASC is a standing committee of the United States House of Representatives.

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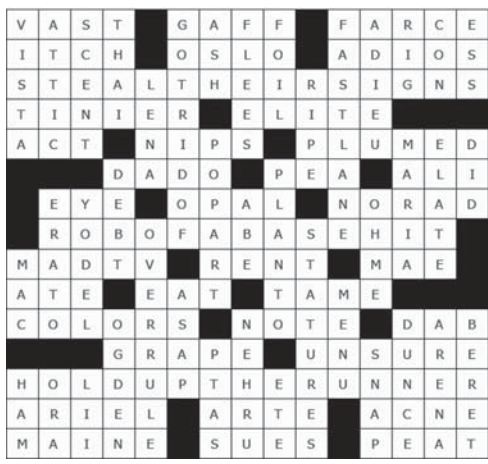
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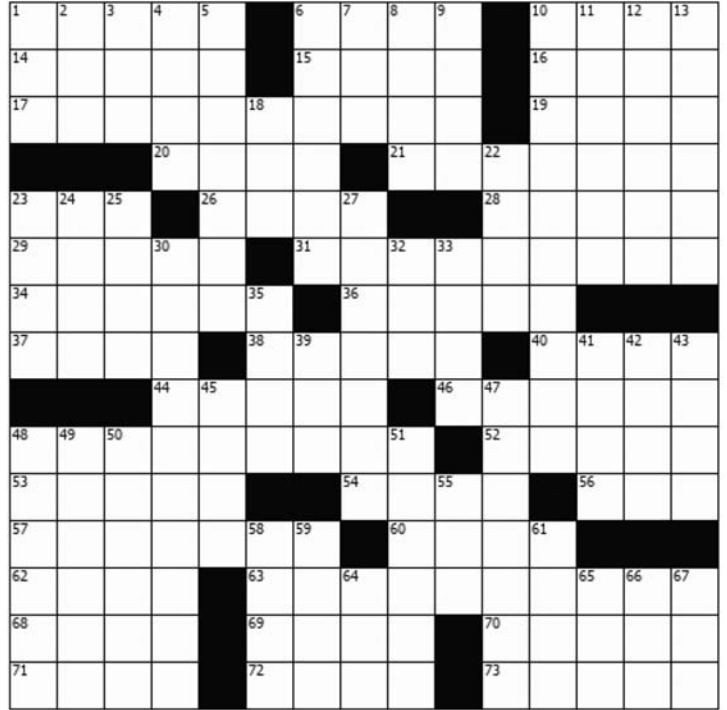
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

1. Tractor handle?
6. "Layla" singer's first name
10. Jazz trumpeter Jones
14. Playful prank
15. Tiller starter
16. Saint Peter's setting
17. Sunbather's tote
19. Trails off
20. Worked the soil, in a way
21. Feasible, as a goal
23. Shoot the breeze
26. Mouth-cooling treats
28. Austrian psychiatrist Alfred
29. Says with no uncertainty
31. Continental rival
34. Hebrew robots
36. 1963 U.S. Tennis Open champ
37. Give-and-take
38. Approach midnight
40. Rocky peaks
44. "Love Story" author Segal
46. Number of pipers piping
48. More than a little involved
52. Place to see pro basketball
53. Bridal coverings
54. College quarters
56. Bench press unit
57. Wears thin
60. Word with occipital or ear
62. Reason for signaling
63. Shore construction
68. What little things mean?
69. Skin-cream additive
70. Seville locale
71. Sunbeams
72. Where Gorbachev ruled
73. Used a keypad



Down

2. Madeline in "Clue"
3. Stand-up's arsenal
4. Take ___ of silence
5. Actor Lugosi
7. Calmed
8. Some bug sprays
9. ___ as directed
11. Whistler's product
12. Used a firehouse pole
13. King's superior
14. "Your turn," in communications
15. Russo in "Get Shorty"
16. Cinch
17. Take a time-out
18. Private eye
19. Call on the carpet (Var.)
20. New personification of a familiar idea
21. Cloud of interstellar gas and dust
22. Fictional character who "was here"
23. Tract of low land
24. "Arabian Nights" flyer
25. Jacob's twin
26. Maglie and Mineo
27. Catch sight of
28. Discouraging words
29. Hardly hit
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31. Call it quits

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

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EventsMinot.com serves as a central hub for Minot-area events

VISIT MINOT

People looking for things to do in Minot, whether it is a concert, festival, tournament, workshop, or family-friendly outing, can find them in one place at EventsMinot.com.

Managed by Visit Minot, the regional events calendar is designed to help residents and visitors quickly see what is happening across Minot and the surrounding area without having to search multiple websites or social media pages. The site features a wide variety of listings, including annual events and festivals, arts and live entertainment, food and drink events, free activities, kid-friendly events, recreation and sports games, shopping and socializing events, spiritual and cause-based gatherings, and workshops and classes.

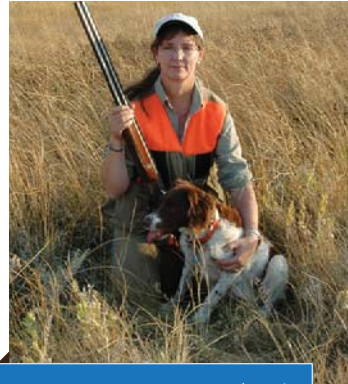
Stephanie Schoenrock, executive director of Visit Minot, said the goal is to make local events easier

to find while also giving organizers a central place to share what is happening in the community.

"EventsMinot.com is meant to be a one-stop shop for things to do across Minot and the surrounding area," Schoenrock said. "It is a helpful tool for both the people looking for something fun to do and the organizations working hard to bring events to our community."

The calendar is open to submissions from local businesses, venues, and community organizations, helping create a broader picture of what is happening across the region. For residents, newcomers, and visitors, it can serve as a quick planning tool for weekends, evenings, and opportunities to get involved in the community.

Upcoming events and event submissions can be found at EventsMinot.com.



by Patricia Stockdill

FISHING:

Lake Sakakawea elevation, April 13: 1,827.14 feet above mean sea level (MSL); 14,000 cubic feet per second (CFS) Garrison Dam average daily releases.

Devils Lake elevation: 1,448.9 feet above mean sea level (MSL).

Stump Lake elevation: 1,449.41 MSL.

•N.D. Game & Fish Dept. game wardens: No activity on north-central area lakes with ice just going out. No Lake Sakakawea or Devils Lake reports.

•Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Lots of ice remains on Devils Lake so anglers waiting for open shorelines and open water fishing opportunities. Eastern half of the basin is opening up with water flowing. Look for improving success in basin feeder coulees and lakes into Devils Lake.

•Lake Darling, Karma C-Store, Ruthville: No new reports from Lake Darling or Lake Audubon.

•Lake Metigoshe, Four Seasons, Bottineau: Deteriorating ice conditions. Anglers need to wait for open water shorelines for any activity.

•Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: East end of Lake Sakakawea is mostly ice-free but beware of some floating ice yet. Look for pike opportunities in the bays from shore.

•Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Hwy. 83 Lawn & Leisure, Garrison: Good shore

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 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.
- May 1: Paddlefish season opens. Go to the N.D. Game & Fish Dept. website, (gf.nd.gov), to order tags online and get regulations. Tags must be in possession.
- May 2: MonDak Rocky Mtn. Elk Foundation banquet/N.D. elk license raffle, Upper Missouri Valley Fairgrounds, 5:30 p.m.



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access on the east end of Lake Sakakawea for some shoreline pike opportunities. The lake is generally ice-free but some floating ice remained earlier in the week. No walleye activity yet on the east end. Lake Audubon and North Lake open. Look for early season smallmouth bass opportunities.

•Lake Sakakawea, New Town: A few anglers on the river portion of Lake Sakakawea around New Town. Inconsistent walleye success and look for the spawn to get underway soon.

•Lake Sakakawea/Missouri River, Scott's Bait & Tackle, Pick City: Missouri River tailrace producing fair to good walleye activity from boats and off the wing walls. Slower success from shore. Walleye generally running on the small size. East end of Lake Sakakawea is largely open but use caution in areas with floating ice. Pike activity slow from shore yet but shorelines are muddy.

•Lake Sakakawea/northwest N.D. lakes, Scenic Sports, Williston: Tobacco Garden low water boat ramp usable with White Earth Bay and Little

Beaver ramps OK given Lake Sakakawea's low water levels. Much of the lake is ice-free. Try White Earth Bay for a better walleye bite. Look for pike activity around Lund's Landing with clear water. Missouri and Yellowstone rivers remain fair to good for walleye with river levels coming up and some muddying of water clarity early in the week. Trenton Lake continues producing crappie and pike. Kota-Ray producing a few trout.

•North-central/central N.D. lakes, Towner Hdwe. Hank, Towner: Area lakes opening up but no reports of early season activity yet.

TURKEY HUNTING:

•Birds generally responding to calling with nice opening weekend success.

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All three base schools permit parents to visit their children during lunch. In fact, this is permissible across the Minot Public School district, with the only policy regarding food one that concerns bringing fast food (see left guidelines)

At North Plains Elementary School, just call and ask for your student's lunchtime, enter through door 1, sign in as a visitor, and buy a school lunch to eat with your student in the cafeteria, or—if you bring outside food—sit at a separate table outside of the cafeteria with your student. Cost for lunch is \$4.30 for adults and \$3.05 for students (prices are the same at Dakota Elementary School).

At Dakota Elementary School, enter door 1, sign in as visitor, and you are welcome to sit in the cafeteria with your student if you eat the cafeteria food or if you bring a homemade meal. If you bring outside food, you are asked to eat in the conference room in the front office with your student.

At Memorial Middle School, you are welcome to have lunch with your student, and the secretary is happy to make space available in the school office with advanced notice. For the privacy and safety of all of their students, visitors do not eat in the cafeteria with the student body.

If you're brave, you could also try visiting your son/daughter in High School!

Time is short. Your child will only be little for a little while. To feel the full weight of this reality, I recommend listening to Scotty McCreery's "Five More Minutes," Taylor Swift's "Never Grow Up," and/or Ben Folds "Still Fighting It." Enjoy your child now. Not tomorrow. Your student will immensely benefit from your presence in a world of instability where the mission may soon change your now.

What's more, positivity will help breed success for your student, because it helps him/her build resilience. For more information on this, I recommend reading "Practical Tips To Help Students Be More Optimistic" (<https://www.jbcnschool.edu>). To maximize the effect, I also recommend being strategic regarding the date of your visit. Was your child upset about a situation that occurred with a peer the day before and you



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gave him/her advice to mend the relationship? Show up and ask how that's going! Are they serving breakfast for lunch and you LOVE breakfast, especially the french toast sticks? Pop in and say, "I couldn't miss this!" Your positive presence could uplift your child, spur them to appreciate their school lunches, and show them how much you care. To immerse yourself—phone-free—in their young environment is exciting, different, unexpected, and fun! Also, feel free to be silly and engage with their peers, because children love silly and they have parents, too, and might wish they were visiting as well.

Lastly, your brain develops new neurons when it does something out of the norm. It's called neuroplasticity. That's why they say to drive to work via a different route occasionally. Did you ever wonder if your student eats his/her lunch? Who they sit with during their meal? Stop wondering and find out. We are creatures of habit, but can benefit from spurts of spontaneity!

To assist in the research required for this article and to not be a hypocrite, I popped in for lunch with my 5th grader on Thursday, April 2nd, 2026. When I arrived, I spent some time chatting at the front office with Principal Strand, catching my son on his way to lunch. I spoke with his teacher and hurriedly caught up to him in line. Jett smiled when he saw me and asked what I was doing there. I told him I was there to eat lunch with him! While standing in the cafeteria line, Jett turned to me and said, "I'm really excited you're here." It was so sweet!

I followed his lead, surprised the lunch lady said, "Hi Jett!" and then when I smiled and introduced myself as Jett's mom, she said, "He's a really great kid." I thanked her for sharing that, told her which vegetables I wanted, paid, grabbed a plastic fork, and sat down next to Jett at a round circular table with attached seats.

When I sat down, I saw six curious eyes staring at me. I said, "Hi, I'm Jett's mom!" Both girls smiled and the one boy responded, "Hi, Jett's mom!" During our visit, I chatted with all three students while my son sat and listened. I asked if they were going to the Purple Ball and the boy asked when

it is. I told him. He said he might. The girl next to me responded, "My mom's on the PTO, so I'll probably be made to go." I smiled and said, "Jett and I are going together! We are going to dress up. You all should go, it'll be fun and we'll see you there!" I peeled my cutie and put half of my fruit on Jett's tray—he smiled and ate it. We chatted about favorite school subjects. I said the food is delicious—it really was—and all four students agreed! Then I talked about the ice this morning. I told Jett that it was very icy when I observed our on-base Yellowfin bus drivers (or "chased the buses" as Jett calls it), but they were careful and all students were in good hands. I explained to the girl next to me that I'm the Contracting Officer Representative for our on-base Yellowfin bus contract, then I realized that's probably way over her head and said, "I make sure the buses are safe." She nodded. The girl next to me said, "The worst thing about ice is you can't see it!" I agreed. The boy added, "I did a split once [falling on ice]!" I told him, "Oh no, that must have hurt!" He said, "Yeah." Then, someone announced a 5-minute warning. All three students cleared their trays. I told them we have four minutes and they said they want to be ready for recess. I finished eating with Jett who soon cleared his tray, leaving with all three students without a word to me. As my eyes followed his small, departing self—hoping he didn't hate me for visiting and really did like my visit—he turned back, smiled and waved. I got up to clear my tray and quickly down the rest of my milk before placing the carton in the trash.

Below are two pictures (I only took two, because I wanted to document and not distract, which is vital to your mission as well):

The best and most surprising, unanticipated pleasure was Jett's reaction at home. He asked me to show the pictures to his older brother. I did and Layton laughed when he saw them. Throughout the night, Jett was hugging me more than usual and smiling about how much he loved me and enjoyed my visit.

What a day! I will never forget it. I'll ask in 15 years if he remembers. I have a hunch he will.



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North Plains Lunchroom

Updated information regarding new guidelines in the Lunchroom at North Plains

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Seamus Holmgren: The Strength of a Military Child

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On most days, 13-year-old Seamus Holmgren thinks less about the places he has lived in the past and more about what's in front of him: friends at school, speech practice, or the next game of Dungeons & Dragons. But in the background of his normal routine is a life shaped by the military: a life defined by movement, adjustment, and adaptability.

Seamus is a seventh grader at Memorial Middle School on Minot Air Force Base, but his story began far beyond North Dakota. Before settling here, he lived in Iowa, Minnesota, and Italy. And at the center of each move is a family connected to the U.S. Air Force, a connection that has shaped where he has lived and how he sees the world.

Seamus does not remember Italy clearly, since he was still very young, but it still stands out as his favorite place. "I was told there were lots of reptiles there, and I really like snakes and lizards and stuff," he explained. Even with limited memories, Italy has left a lasting impression that still stands out when he thinks about where he has lived.

When it comes to school life, Seamus described his favorite subject as "lunch," though he also enjoys physical education and life science. Outside of the classroom, Seamus is involved in speech, band, and cross country. He also enjoys video games, building things outdoors, and working with his hands.

One of his long-term goals is to become a mechanic or work in

vehicle maintenance, especially in a military setting. Looking ahead, he said, "I want to be able to join the military and let people know what happens in the military and how we handle it, so if they get in a certain situation, even if it's not specific like the military, they can still be like us and adapt."

Adaptability is something that Seamus returns to often when describing military life. He identifies it as the biggest strength military children develop. "They're able to live in new places, and they're able to pack, adjust, and talk to other people," he said.

He also shared advice for other military children facing frequent moves: "You can set your roots, but don't set them too deep, otherwise it's going to hurt when you move." He compared it to a tree that can still shift if it has not rooted too deeply yet, an analogy that reflects both the challenge and resilience of military life.

As an avid Dungeons & Dragons player, Seamus sees it as more than a game. He sees it as a way to meet and connect with others. "People are playing it more and more. And soon, it might be one of the best ways to socialize, maybe exceeding social media."

Still, some lessons Seamus has learned go deeper than friendship or hobbies. "For example, I always like reptiles, and no matter how many times I miss the reptiles, no matter how many times the people I nerded out over reptiles move, I still like reptiles," he describes. "A part

of you will never change, and that part of you might be one of the most important parts for you."

For Seamus, being a military child carries meaning beyond simply moving. "I know my parents are protecting the country," he explains, "and that I get to be the joy of the people doing it." His mother, Tena Holgren, is a Family Childcare Provider on base. Seamus's father, Jesse Holmgren, is in the 742nd Missile Squadron. And as part of Month of the Military Child, he emphasized the importance of recognition and respect for military families. Even when children aren't directly serving, they still deserve respect for being able to live in the military and be a part of the mission.

Seamus is preparing to move again this year. When he learned of the upcoming change, he said he felt "a bit confused," recalling a childhood memory of looking out of an airplane window and waving goodbye to Italy. Despite this, he sees the move as another opportunity. "There are a bunch of cool places that I have a pretty high likelihood of moving to, like Alaska and Florida," he said. "But for our family, it's going to be really hard because we've been here for seven years."

Through every move, Seamus keeps what matters most close: his family, his pets, and his friends. And in his own words, he carries a lesson that defines much of his life so far: how to grow without losing yourself along the way.



Seamus Holmgren enjoys his time in the snow.



Seamus Holmgren poses with his parents and two younger sisters in a family photo.



Seamus Holmgren as a baby holds a sign reading, "I love my dad" while his father, in uniform, stands beside him.

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ND Strong Announces 10th Annual Minot Food Truck Festival Supporting The Film Dudes Program

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The Minot Food Truck Festival features a wide variety of food trucks, local vendors, and family-friendly activities, creating a full day of experiences for attendees of all ages. As the event marks its 10th anniversary, organizers are continuing the tradition of supporting The Film Dudes, a program dedicated to providing hands-on film education to students across North Dakota.

Proceeds from the festival help cover travel and program costs for The Film Dudes, allowing schools to offer film residency programs at no cost to students/schools. These programs provide opportunities for students from elementary through college levels to learn filmmaking, storytelling, and media production through interactive, real-world experiences.

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the gate on the day of the event with the following pricing:

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This 900-square-foot studio is an art room and a hands-on STEAM environment where Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math come together through exploration, experimentation, and play. Children of all ages are invited to take creative risks, solve problems, and express themselves freely using a wide variety of materials, tools, and techniques.

A SPACE DESIGNED FOR FEARLESS CREATIVITY

Located on the lower level of the museum and filled with natural light, the Creativity Studio is designed to feel open, welcoming, and inspiring. The space is

intentionally built to support process-based learning, meaning the focus isn't on the final product; it's on the experience of creating.

Kids can explore:

- Painting, drawing, and mixed media
- Printmaking, textiles, and clay
- Recycled and unconventional materials
- Technology-based creativity, like animation

FEATURED EXPERIENCES IN THE CREATIVITY STUDIO

The Paint Wall: One of the most eye-catching features of the studio, the Paint Wall invites kids to paint on a large vertical glass surface. Using paint doobers and washable paints, children create bold, expressive artwork. Working vertically helps build muscle strength, coordination, and spatial awareness, while also allowing kids to see their art from a whole new

perspective.

The Gallery: Inside the studio, children's artwork doesn't disappear when they're done! The Gallery displays paintings, prints, and other projects created by young artists, helping build confidence and pride while reinforcing that their ideas matter.

Animation Station: Creativity meets technology at the Animation Station, where kids can bring their ideas to life through digital storytelling. By combining hand-made art with simple animation tools, children explore how art and technology work together!

THE STEAM BEHIND THE ART

The Creativity Studio is where art becomes a gateway to deeper learning. Every creative choice connects to real-world concepts:

- Science: Mixing colors, exploring light, experimenting with materials
- Technology: Creating digital art and animation
- Engineering: Designing structures, solving creative challenges
- Art: Expressing ideas, emotions, and stories
- Math: Recognizing patterns, shapes, symmetry, and scale

Whether a child is weaving, painting, or building, they're developing critical thinking, problem-solving, and innovative thinking skills.

GROWTH THROUGH CREATIVITY

The Creativity Studio supports development in ways that go far beyond art. Through hands-on experiences, children:

- Build fine motor skills (cutting, painting, assembling)
- Develop communication and collaboration skills through shared projects
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- Explore culture, history, and personal identity through artistic expression

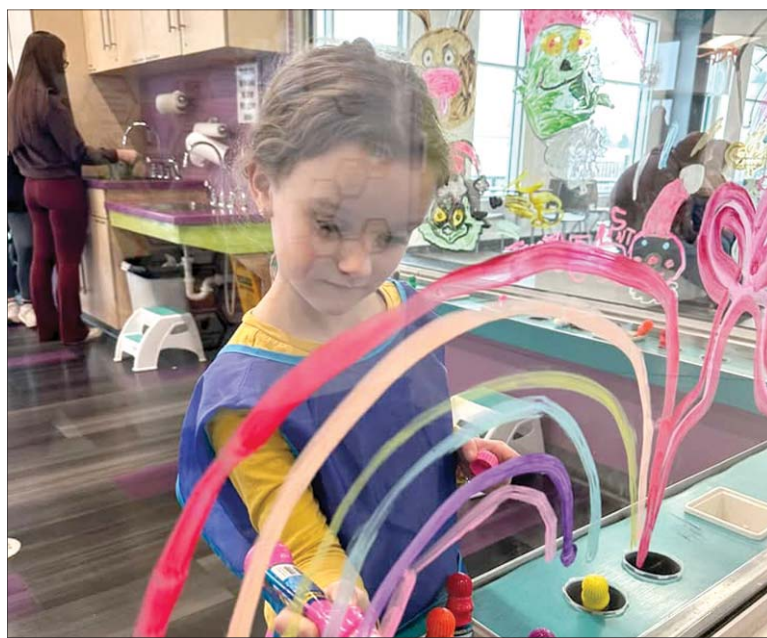
It's a space where kids can turn ideas into something real and learn that mistakes are simply part of the process.

HOW ADULTS CAN SUPPORT CREATIVE LEARNING

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- Connecting art to culture, history, or everyday life

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April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month, the National Safety Council data indicates that roads across America are the most dangerous that they've have been in years. Did you know on a typical day, eight people are killed and hundreds more are injured in distraction-affected vehicle accidents. Your family, friends, and even co-workers face distracted driving risks on every trip, from the driveway to the parking lot at work or the local grocery store and back home again.

Every day the majority of us get behind the wheel of a vehicle to drive to and from work or to simple run errands. However, how many of us are truly paying attention to the road? Did you know that distracted driving can greatly increase the chance of having a vehicle accident, becoming injured, fatally injured, or harming others? While all too often this question is answered with the cost of lives, many drivers are still placing themselves and others at risk. Some common distractions include: texting and talking on a cell phone, grooming, talking to a passenger, eating or drinking, using the navigation system, adjusting the radio, etc... Any of these activities may result in three types of distractions:

All driver distractions are not created equal. As a example, efforts to end cell phone use are greater than those to end other dangerous behaviors for significant reasons, which include:

1. Risk – One of the biggest reasons for crashes is the danger associated with the behavior.

Drivers using cell phones are four times as likely to crash, and there is no difference in crash risk

between handheld and hands-free phone use.

2. Frequency – At any given moment, there are far more drivers using cell phones on our roadways than there are drivers distracted by other risky activities (like applying mascara or reaching into the back seat). According to the National Safety Council approximately 9 percent of all drivers are talking on cell phones at any given daylight moment.

3. Prevalence – Cell phone use while driving is widespread. More than 2 in 3 drivers reported talking on their cell phone while driving in the past month, and nearly 1 in 3 said they do so fairly often or regularly according to the AAA Foundation Traffic Safety Culture Index.

Cell phone use may not be the most dangerous distraction, but when you combine the risk (the likelihood of a crash) with the frequency (how often drivers are doing the behavior) and prevalence, the reason for putting an end to this deadly behavior becomes clear.

Drivers who used their cell phones and were involved in a crash likely believed they could use their phones

safely. They didn't start their call with the intention of injuring or killing another person or themselves. Don't become a statistic. Make today the day you stop using your cell phone while driving. Pledge to drive cell free at nsc.org/pledge. Ultimately all of these activities mentioned above divert your attention away from the primary task of driving. Everyone who travels by car, as a driver, passenger, or even bystanders is at risk of being injured or fatally injured. Play it safe, find a safe place to stop your vehicle before using your cell phone. Navigation systems and radio devices should also be adjusted before you begin to drive. Don't risk it!

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- 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
- The Upside Down Trivia, 1700-1900, Rockers Bar & Grill

SUNDAY 19

MONDAY 20

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Junior Enlisted Foundations Course 300, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- TAP DOW Transition Day, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center

TUESDAY 21

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Junior Enlisted Foundations Course 300, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center TAP VA Services and Benefits Briefing, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Tuition Assistance (TA) Brief, 1000, Education Center
- Game Day, 1000-1930, Base Library
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Quiet Book Club, 1800-1930, Base Library

WEDNESDAY 22

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Junior Enlisted Foundations Course 300, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center TAP Employment Fundamentals of Career Transition, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Storytime, 1030, Base Library
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center

THURSDAY 23

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Junior Enlisted Foundations Course 300, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center TAP DoL Employment Track Workshop, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Exotic Eats: Europe - Special Lunch, 1030-1330, Dakota Inn Dining Facility
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Tuition Assistance (TA) Brief, 1330, Education Center
- Exotic Eats: Europe - Special Dinner, 1630-1830, Dakota Inn Dining Facility
- Bookbinding for Beginners, 1800-1930, Base Library

FRIDAY 24

- Junior Enlisted Foundations Course 300, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center TAP DoL Employment Track Workshop, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Friday Flicks, 1630-2200, Rockers Bar & Grill
- FAMAGANZA, 1730-1930, Youth Center
- Lipsync Showdown, 1730-2030, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Pre-Teen Late Night, 1800-2300, Youth Center
- Operation Megaphone Teen Lock-In, 2000-0800, Youth Center

SATURDAY 25

- iMagicon ITT Trip, 0900-1900, Outdoor Recreation

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