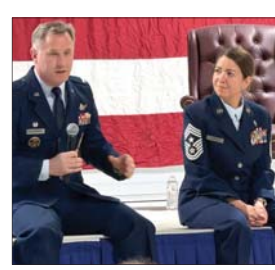


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# June Squadron of the Month 791st Maintenance Squadron

The 91st Missile Wing proudly recognizes the 791st Maintenance Squadron (791 MXS) as May's Squadron of the Month. This prestigious distinction highlights their status as the absolute premier maintenance unit in the United States Air Force. Their unparalleled performance, relentless drive for mission success, and uncompromising dedication set the benchmark for excellence across the entire Department of War.

Operating at an unmatched tempo, the 791 MXS executed 90 flawless maintenance operations to clear 379 work orders in a single month. Their rapid response fully restored critical support equipment and vehicles to combat-ready status. These efforts directly supported 94 maintenance dispatches, six Priority-Level 1 movements, and restored six sorties to alert status. By doing so, they directly underwrote USSTRATCOM's no-fail nuclear deterrence mission.

The 791 MXS also made Air Force history by pioneering the inaugural maintenance operation utilizing the new \$8 million Payload Transporter Replacement. This monumental milestone ushered in a new era of ICBM sustainment for the legacy Minuteman III weapon system. By flawlessly executing the full tear-down of a missile, they proved their unrivaled technical supremacy to the ICBM enterprise.

Beyond tactical execution, the 791 MXS sets the Air Force standard for investing in its warfighters. The squadron leveraged a unique operational test launch to send two of its top performers to Vandenberg Space Force Base. These maintainers witnessed the awesome, strategic might of the Minuteman III firsthand during a live-fire launch. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity underscores the unit's deep commitment to rewarding its absolute best and brightest.

Their peerless reputation has captured the attention of

leadership at the highest levels. The 791 MXS was hand-picked to star in a 20th Air Force production highlighting elite maintenance operations. The film spotlights the unit's Maintenance Operations Center and backshop maintainers, showcasing their daily excellence to the entire wing. This feature broadcasts their unmatched capabilities as a training model for units enterprise-wide.

Ultimately, the 791 MXS proved

their absolute dominance by sweeping the competition to take home four Maintenance Professional of the Year (MPOY) wins. Through their unrivaled maintenance prowess and technical expertise, they left no doubt that they are the wing's premier unit. Their historic achievements continue to set the standard as they proudly lead the wing "Cold and Bold!"



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# AFGSC, JIATF-401 conduct multi-command C-sUAS qualification at Camp Guernsey

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CAMP GUERNSEY JOINT TRAINING CENTER, Wyo. --

Airmen from the 90th Missile Wing joined personnel from Air Force Global Strike Command, Air Combat Command, U.S. Strategic Command and the Air National Guard for a counter-small unmanned aircraft systems firing qualification conducted in partnership with Joint Interagency Task Force 401, May 14-15.

As the battlefield continues to evolve, tactics, techniques and procedures must adapt alongside emerging threats. One of the most rapidly developing areas is the C-sUAS environment, where technology, training and operational requirements are evolving quickly.

In August 2025, the Department of War established JIATF-401 as the department's lead organization for synchronizing efforts to rapidly deliver C-sUAS capabilities at scale to defend the homeland, protect U.S. and allied forces, defend critical infrastructure and assist federal agencies. JIATF-401 has one measure of effectiveness: rapidly delivering state-of-the-art C-sUAS capabilities to warfighters at home and abroad.

The two-day firing qualification tested and enhanced operators' ability to engage ground and aerial targets at varying distances using technologically advanced small arms target acquisition systems.

"Protecting our power projection platforms is a critical component of enhancing warfighter lethality," said Brig. Gen. Matt Ross, director of JIATF-401. "I am grateful for the partnership with the 90th Missile

Wing, Air Combat Command, and Air Force Global Strike Command that is enhancing C-sUAS training to keep our warfighters, installations and critical assets safe from drone threats."

Beyond supporting department-level C-sUAS objectives, the qualification also provided 90th MW personnel with hands-on experience using emerging capabilities that support AFGSC's broader modernization efforts and strengthen the wing's national security mission.

The C-sUAS qualification comes as AFGSC continues to modernize the tools and platforms that support missile field security and nuclear deterrence. With the transition from Up-Armored High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles, commonly known as Humvees, to Joint Light Tactical Vehicles, and the replacement of UH-1N Hueys with MH-139A Grey Wolf helicopters, the command is adapting its capabilities to meet current and future security demands. C-sUAS training represents another layer of that modernization, preparing defenders to counter emerging unmanned threats to critical assets, personnel and the intercontinental ballistic missile mission.

"The system is a game changer," said Col. Jeremy Sheppard, 90th Security Forces Group commander. "When you hear one of our young defenders say they feel more confident and prepared, that's the metric that matters most to me as a commander. That confidence born from having the best tools and training, translates directly into a

more lethal and decisive force on the ground. This isn't just about fielding new technology; it's a direct investment from our major command in our most critical weapon system: the individual defender. We are sharpening the spear at every level, and this is what it looks like."

For the Airmen who participated, the qualification offered direct experience with systems designed to counter emerging threats and improve defender readiness in operational environments.

"This training makes me more effective by giving me hands-on experience with systems designed to counter hostile drones," said Senior Airman Preston Reiger, 90th Missile Security Operations Squadron



U.S. Air Force Airmen attach balloons to a drone during an X4 and SMASH 2000L Systems Firing Qualification at Camp Guernsey Joint Training Center's North Training Area, Wyo., May 15, 2026. The balloons served as aerial targets, allowing defenders to simulate engagements against small, unmanned aircraft systems.

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sUAS/C-sUAS specialist. "It shows the wing is taking C-sUAS seriously and actively building another layer of defense to protect our mission, assets and personnel."

The C-sUAS firing qualification provided practical experience with capabilities designed to meet

an evolving threat environment. Through continued collaboration with C-sUAS organizations like JIATF-401, the 90th MW is strengthening its ability to defend the nation's ICBM mission today while preparing for the security challenges of tomorrow.



Air Force Global Strike Command, U.S. Strategic Command, Air Combat Command and Air National Guard Airmen set up targets during an X4 and SMASH 2000L Systems Firing Qualification at Camp Guernsey Joint Training Center's North Training Area, Wyo., May 15, 2026. The multi-command qualification strengthened counter-small, unmanned aircraft systems readiness by giving defenders hands-on experience engaging ground and aerial targets.



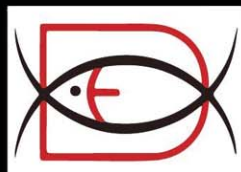
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# I Think They Call It Goulash



**A VIEW FROM  
OUR SIDE**  
ROD WILSON



Some articles that I pen for the Northern Sentry come together with relative ease. Good examples would be the retirement articles for Col. Jimmy Schlabach and his Chief, CMSgt Becky Thomas.

I invite you to check out Becky's article (she is now officially Becky) in this edition of the Northern Sentry, or online at [northernsentry.com](http://northernsentry.com). Of course, if you missed it, Col Schlabach's article ran on May 29th.

But what does this have to do with Goulash? My German mother used to call Goulash "whatever is left in the fridge to throw into a casserole", or something similar to that.

I have a lot in my journalism fridge to throw into today's article.

**GLOBAL REAL ESTATE**

One of the newest real estate companies in Minot is Global Real Estate. Gabreil Holt, from Magic City Car Wash, is the owner. His son Gabriel II is the General Manager at Magic City Car Wash and also works at Global Real Estate.

Apart from the father & son, there is a deeper family connection as daughters Alexis (Kage) and Daisey (Holt) are also part of Global Real Estate. The Holt family are true hometown folks. If you are in the house shopping or house selling process, check out their web site at [globalrealestate.property](http://globalrealestate.property).



**UPSIDE DOWN  
UNDER**  
MARVIN BAKER

It's about time we address the elephant in the room. There's a growing disparity between the general public and these AI data centers that are so often talked about in news circles.

What seems to be the problem?

On Sunday, May 24 during a graduation reception, data centers were the topic of conversation among the adults. There seems to be a bonafide fear among North Dakota residents about what these things are going to entail.

With a number of data centers planned across the state, there is a growing dissent, kind of like when there were people lobbying to get CAFOs located across the state. A CAFO is a (combined animal feeding operation) that usually involves hogs. Some were built,

**ANYONE UP FOR  
BREAKFAST**

Son of A Brunch has a new location, it's off of 4th Avenue on 27th Street NW, right across from new Fire Station 5. It's kind of a food truck on steroids as you can drive in, order your food and either hit the road or sit down and have breakfast. They are open from 0530 to 1300 (non-military time...5:30 AM to 1:30 PM), and then they transition to Surrey for their Brick Oven Pizzas from 4 PM to 10 PM (let's see...1600 to 2200).

Another addition to the breakfast scene is Rocky's Burgers, Franks & Fries on North Broadway. Now open from 6 AM to 10:30 AM. I tried a couple of the croissant breakfast sandwiches, choose either bacon or sausage, and they were really tasty.

**EVERYTHING EXCEPT  
BREAKFAST**

Downtown Minot has welcomed Joe's Italian Restaurant located at #7 1st Street SE.

First, let me clue you in to a Downtown Minot secret. Don't sweat the parking! Yeah, the parking garages, both of them, are free for the first two hours. The parking ramp located on Central Avenue is less than a two block walk from Joe's. Nice way to unwind on your way to Joe's and work up an appetite. And after a filling meal, Joe's portions are large, it's a great way to get the digestive system working. And did I say the first two hours in the ramps are free?

As for Joe's, it starts with a serving of bread and oil while you look over the menu. My wife and I went really Italian on both of our meals. Lasagna and Chicken Parmigiana. (check out the complete menu at [joesitalianrestaurantminot.com](http://joesitalianrestaurantminot.com))

The food was absolutely excellent, and the portions were large. I liked the sauce on the Parmigiana, but the meal was certainly Italian through and through. Open 11 AM to 10 PM daily, give Joe's a try.



Joe's has great pizzas.



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**A COUPLE OF DATES**

Tickets are on sale for the Straight Up & Toasted, bourbon and cigars under the stars, event on June 19th. There are limited tickets so go online at [downtownminot.com](http://downtownminot.com) and get yours today.

Yes, there will be a Shriners Annual 4th of July Parade...and you can register your entry at [minotshriners.org](http://minotshriners.org). With so much going on for America 250, we thought it important to continue the parade in Minot to help celebrate. (Yes, I am a Shriner).

**THE FINAL SERVING**

Hey folks, I am a grandfather, again. It's part of the advantages of the job to be able to announce the arrival of Cooper Michael Wilson in Ladera Ranch, California. My next week's article will be written from Ladera Ranch as we introduce ourselves (hey I'm grandpa and that's grandma-we're from North Dakota) to little Cooper. One of those button busting moments in time. Congratulation to our son, Nathan and his wife Krystal. Of course I'll share a photo.

**TODAY'S CHUCKLE**

When the going gets tough, the tough get going. But where do they go? And when are they coming back?



9 pound, 2 ounce, all boy... Cooper Wilson.

# Coming to a data center near you

with the most notorious just outside of Larimore, but had there not been public meetings regarding them, we'd probably have many more.

When you look up AI data centers, you get all the "sugar-coated" details. North Dakota has wide open spaces so it's perfect. Cold winters make it easier to operate data centers, a small town is going to suddenly have 350 new and permanent jobs.

You can buy into that all you want, but if you look at what's really going on, you'll probably see this in a totally different light.

All we have to do is look at what is happening in Ellendale right now. A data center is being built there right now and that small, peaceful and quiet little town on the prairie is forever changed.

With a population of about 1,200, it has been said that the data center was employing 1,000 people to get the data center built. Anytime you literally double the population of a community, there is instantly going to be problems.

Just where are those people staying? Aberdeen is 40 miles south with Edgeley being 30 miles north and Jamestown 70 miles north. Heavy trucks going into and out of the site are tearing up the township roads and often times the

traffic is greater than on nearby U.S. Highway 281.

The Dickey County Leader has reported that crime in Ellendale has increased 13 percent since the announcement of the Applied Digital data center.

But here is the biggie. That data center, just outside of Ellendale, is using the same amount of electricity as Sioux Falls, S.D. Sioux Falls has a population of 225,000 and Ellendale has about 1,200.

Socially, the residents of Ellendale and Dickey County aren't very happy about any of this. Cafes and grocery stores are overcrowded, streets have been impacted, especially after working hours, there have been numerous bar fights and at least a couple of downtown businesses have been robbed.

Probably the only long-term benefit that's going to come out of this, will be the tax revenue that Dickey County will collect.

A data center is being built at Harwood now too. If you get Fargo TV, you've most likely seen the tension during the town hall meetings there regarding its data center.

Apparently, there are several more of these planned for the state. Whether they are built or not

remains to be seen. But New Town, Center, Grand Forks, Jamestown and a possible second location near Ellendale.

Apparently one is already operating just outside Williston and there have been several complaints regarding noise coming from the site. As a result, the Williston City Council has mandated noise mitigation measures before operations take place.

In addition, numerous civil lawsuits and complaints have been filed from nearby residents regarding the excessive noise and light pollution.

The state of North Dakota supports this because of tax revenue. There is fear, however, that these data centers could create the same scenario that happened in Beulah and Hazen in the early '80s. Two power plants were being built, bringing in thousands of workers. Bismarck got the tax revenue and Beulah and Hazen were on their own.

Infrastructure improvements didn't happen until well after the power plants were built, when the impact of all those people was gone. Both communities look great now, but it took years to get anything back from the state capitol.

# Your BFFs Guide to Summer in Minot



**SHE'S NOT FROM AROUND HERE**  
AMY ALLENDER

Before moving to North Dakota, many people told me to prepare for the extreme winter. Therefore, the sub-zero windchills came as no surprise. What I wasn't prepared for was how absolutely idyllic the North Dakota summer truly is. With sunlight that arrives at 4 a.m. and stretches late into the night, the days are primed for having fun and making memories.

When it comes to summer, if I hear, "What is there to do in Minot?" the only answer I can offer is, "What isn't there to do?" Music, sports, theater, charming events, and outdoor dining—Minot has it all. And with the city's small footprint, all the fun is only moments away.

To kick off the season, I've put together a summer guide of some of my favorite things to see and do during summer in the Magic City. These are the things I love doing, and the advice I'd give my BFF if she was moving to Minot tomorrow.

**UNDER THE LIGHTS**

There's nothing quite like watching a high-quality production in the fresh North Dakota air. Minot State University Summer Theatre is one of my favorite summer traditions and one I recommend to every resident or visitor to the Magic City. The outdoor amphitheater creates the perfect backdrop for an

evening show—sunset overhead, warm weather, and a top-notch performance on stage. This 2026 lineup includes productions like Young Frankenstein and School of Rock. Tickets are affordable, the performances are never a disappointment, and you absolutely cannot beat the \$1 intermission root beer floats.

For more outdoor entertainment check out Arts in the City. Arts in the City turns downtown Minot into a weekly mini festival with artists, vendors, food trucks, live music, performers, and interactive art activities for all ages.

Don't miss these free outdoor entertainment options: Sundays in the Park, Movies in the Park, Minot Music Series at Citizen's Alley.

**COOL OFF**

Summer in Minot means plenty of time at Roosevelt Park Pool. After being closed last season, we're all excited for it to reopen. It's one of the best family spots in town for summer fun.

If full submersion isn't your style, take the family to Oak Park to enjoy one of the city's most beloved playgrounds, and our most popular splash pad. When you're ready for a break, walk across the street to The Shack for super-sized shaved ice with the option of ordering "Hawaiian" style (snow cone over an ice cream base!)

More places to cool off: Citizen's Alley Fountain, Radio City Park Splash Pad

**DOWNTOWN DAYS**

If you're exploring Minot this summer, don't overlook downtown. Citizens Alley opened last year and quickly became one of the city's best gathering spaces. It hosts concerts, and community events all summer

long, but it's also just a great place to spend an ordinary afternoon. There's a small splash fountain, a food truck, yard games, pickleball courts, basketball hoops, and plenty of room for people to simply gather.

While you're downtown, sit outside with coffee and a fresh cardamom knot at Prairie Sky Breads. Grab a local beer and enjoy the patio at Atypical. Head to the rooftop at Joe's Italian for dinner and an evening view.

**TRAILS, NATURE, AND SUNSETS**

Simple pleasures abound in summer. Somedays there's no need for any destination besides nature itself. Minot has an outstanding network of trails that allow you to get away from it all, while remaining close to town.

Some of my favorite spots are Bison Plant Trail, Woodland Trail, and the (often overlooked) Outdoor Recreation Trail. They're perfect for running off energy, relaxing at the end of the day, or just savoring long summer days.

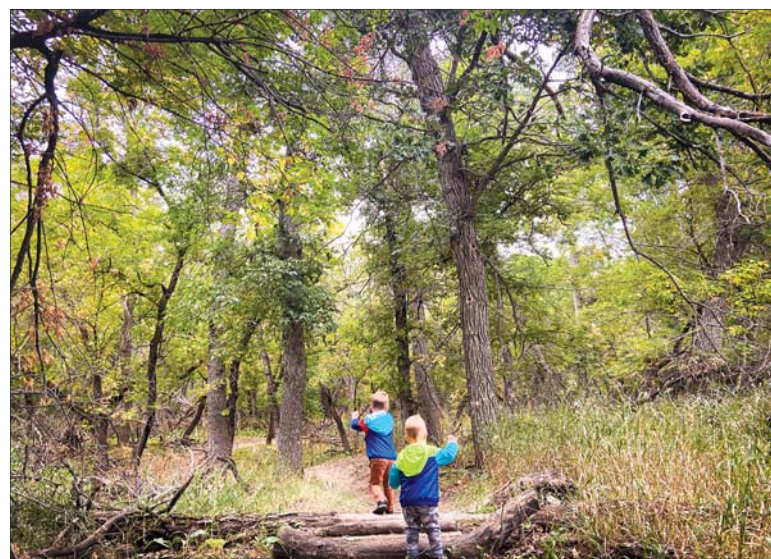
More places to savor the outdoors: Roosevelt Park Zoo, Pointe of View Winery, Denbigh Experimental Forest

**Put It on the Calendar**

My biggest summer recommendation is simple: check the events calendar at [eventsminot.com](http://eventsminot.com). There is always something happening in the summer.

Highly recommended summer happenings: Hot Tot/Honeybees Baseball, Mid-Summer Festival, North Dakota State Fair, NoDak Speedway

Summer in Minot feels like summer should: long days, plenty of options, and a good chance you'll of run into someone you know. It's



We love wandering the Bison Plant Trail. With all the extra paths, we never seem to walk the same route twice.

AMY ALLENDER PHOTOS

late sunsets, easy fun, and just the right mix of planned events and spur-of-the-moment adventure. Summer around here has a way of turning ordinary moments into the memories you'll talk about long

after the season ends. For more inspiration on living in North Dakota, join me at [amyallender.com](http://amyallender.com) or on social media @heyminot.



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# It's Been An Honor To Serve CMSgt Becky Thomas Retires

ROD WILSON, NORTHERN SENTRY

It seemed so natural. The Boss, Col. Jimmy Schlabach and the Chief, CMSgt Becky Thomas, seated on the edge of the stage talking about the relationship they have had the past two years. As retirement approached for both of them, there were several occasions where The Boss, or the Chief approached me about their retirement articles.

For Col. Schlabach, Becky's reminders were what you would expect from your Command Chief Master Sergeant, that being dates and times of retirement ceremonies and the 91st Missile Wing change of command. Col Schlabach and I met at the Commander's Choice awards banquet and after confirming the date and time of his retirement interview Col Schlabach looked at me and asked "and what about the Chief? You've got here scheduled, right?" And when I didn't respond quickly he followed up with "I know her boss, and I can make it happen."

Every Commander, Command Chief relationship is key to the success of the team, but for Schlabach and Thomas it seemed special. They both talked about how they worked together to address the 91st Missile Wing enterprise, and how it came together to succeed and exceed during the Nuclear Surety Inspection.

From Schlabach's standpoint Thomas was one of those personalities that when presented with a challenge figured out way to not only address the challenge head on but overcome adversity and instill a can-do attitude.

In our interview we discussed the 4th of July Parade in Minot and I questioned the ability to have enough resources to stage a successful parade. Thomas, although not guaranteeing additional resources from the Minot Air Force Base, shared thoughts on how there might be additional resources that could assist the local organizers. "Let's see what the town and the chamber asks for and then



The Boss, Col Jimmy Schlabach, talks about CMSgt Becky Thomas at her recent retirement event.

see what we can provide." That is how Command Chief Becky Thomas has approached challenges over her two years in Minot, and over her 27 years in the US Air Force.

Waco, Texas is where the Thomas' will end up after Becky's transition out of the Air Force "we are going to go live near Detrick's (her husband) family and pretty close to my family still."

And how did the Thomas' end up in Minot for a second time after being stationed in Minot from October of 2014 to January of 2023?

"When I got into the Command Chief cycle, I saw that Minot was one of my options, so I asked for Minot. You don't necessarily control your future as a Chief, you serve in the Air Force at large, and you do it lovingly. You can see all of these jobs that are open, however, just because you ask for it does not mean you are going to get it. As you compete for these (Command Chief's), there are multiple names, at least three, for each Commander that they get to interview. In my case I had a couple of other listed but Minot was always my top choice. My family had been here; my husband was born here. You know my husband was basically a

Minotians (not completely sure on the spelling here) 22 of his 26 years was here (in Minot at Minot AFB). As far as we were concerned we were Minotians, we had been here a long time, and we wanted to come back."

Thomas' Air Force career started in May of 1999. "When it's all said and done I will have had 27 years, 3 months and 19 days. I have been in the service longer than most of our Airmen have been alive."

Thomas has had many queries from people asking why she's not staying for 30 (years). "In reality it's a balancing family," shares Thomas "My daughter will get to do all of high school in one place. Her whole time alive has been military and now she's going to be able to put down roots and make friends that she gets to hang out with. We knew coming out of Niger that wherever we ended up going was going to be my last. I knew that I was going to retire."

Continuing to talk about Minot, and their experience her, Thomas said "you all don't know that there is a difference. You've always been here, and you've always been part of Team Minot, and you know that Team Minot existed, and for you this is the norm. But for some of us that have gone other places, when I talk about getting to come back to Minot, it's like...getting to come back to Minot. This is where I learned how to become a Senior NCO...at Minot. I learned a lot of goodness being here. I left here and I went to Ramstein (Germany) and it was fantastic. But it was not fantastic in the sense of the military base and the community. I get it that people like to go other places and people like to travel. But when it came to the proficiency and the professionalism and the ownership of the mission; when you work with nuclear weapons, there is a part where every Airmen owns that mission. Our Airmen will tell you that they own the mission."

The subject then moved to the Nuclear Surety Inspection and how it was always one of the main focuses of the 91st MW. "We wanted to make sure that they (the Airmen) had everything they needed to get



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U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Becky Thomas, 91st Missile Wing command chief, speaks to the crowd at an assumption of responsibility ceremony at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, July 19, 2024.

after the mission. I wanted to make sure that I walked every day with them so I knew, as did the boss, what they were experiencing. That type of commitment made sure that we were very, very successful in the Nuclear Surety Inspection, and our everyday mission of these last few years. I could not go out on any stronger footing than right now in the 91st Missile Wing. We've won everything we can win; we passed every inspection, we have proven that this (the Minuteman III) is a deliverable weapons system that is uncompromised and can execute on a moment's notice, and that the people that are doing it are fantastic. And now that you are leaving? "Well, I am not retiring because I have to leave. I love it, I love what I do. I am at peace and have been happy to serve, but now it's time for family. I want so to spend as much

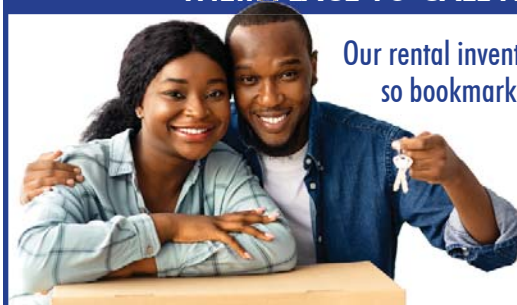
time with them as I can, doing the things that we do together. Sure, I will leave little piece of me when I retire. This (the Air Force) is what I have done my entire adult life." And memories of Minot? "Anyone who has been here that is really committed to Minot and this base and this mission cares about where it is going, cares about what is going to happen next. You talk to Airmen who retire that talk about Minot and its home and come back here. This is a really hard community to walk away from. I didn't realize how much I was going to grow in this community. So I'm leaving, but we all know the mission will go on. I have learned over the years is that people do notice if we care and if we support their missions and if we help them with their challenges and if we are investing in what they are doing."

For Command Chief, now civilian Becky Thomas the Air Force has been a fantastic life. "if it weren't fantastic I don't think I would have stayed. I'm not a person who would dedicate 27 years of my life for a retirement check. I stayed because the Air Force is great, and I wanted to be a part of that greatness. I am able to say that I was a part of this, of a bigger thing. The people are the Air Force. The Air Force is great if we get up every morning and decide it is great and I've been part of something that is great and that it has been an honor, and I mean that, it has been an honor to serve." The Thomas family includes her husband Detrick, older sons Domonic (27) and Kristopher (22). Rounding out the family is Sophie (14) and Hawke (8), who sat with Thomas for a large portion of the Thomas' retirement event.

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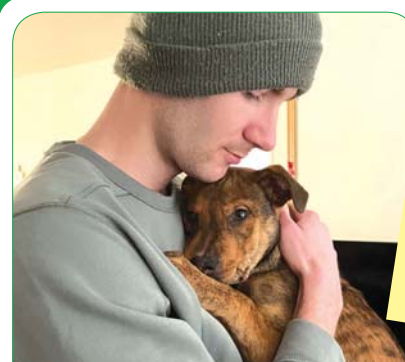
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There are many things to consider when adopting a pet. You must be ready to make the commitment, which can be about 10 to 15 years for dogs and up to 20 years long for cats. You also need to be able to meet all of your pet's needs, which includes being financially stable enough to pay for food, enrichment, vet bills, and medical emergencies, as well as making time to build a bond and exercise your pet as often as it needs, depending on the individual. It's important to also have patience throughout the adoption process and to research what kind of pet will fit your lifestyle best. Finding the perfect companion is not always as easy as "love at first sight," and some pets take more time than others to acclimate to their new owners and homes. Often, rescues will begin to feel comfortable in their new home anywhere from three weeks to three months in, but it can vary. The initial time after bringing home your pet is imperative for creating a bond, but be sure not to rush the process. Always move at the pace your rescue pet feels most comfortable at. Shoes may be chewed, carpets may get messy, and couches may suffer, but having the companionship of a pet can be well worth it with the proper time, training, and love.

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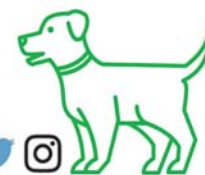


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# Reviews of the Rough Rider Golf Course

ERIN BEENE, NORTHERN SENTRY

Golf is one of those sports that looks easy, until you actually try it. For non-golfers, the game can seem a little intimidating. Between the dress code, equipment, rules, and scoring, there can be a lot of uncertainty. Luckily for those who live on or near Minot Air Force Base, there is an affordable and approachable way to give the sport a try right here in our own backyard. Is it worth a shot? You decide.

One of the great things about the Rough Rider Golf Course is that you don't even have to come through the base gate to access it. The course is open to both the public and the base community, making it a convenient option for anyone looking to spend a day on the greens.

The course website describes Rough Rider Golf Course as:

"The Rough Rider Golf Course is a challenging nine-hole course located near Minot Air Force Base and can be entered directly from U.S. Highway 83... The course is an essential part of the entertainment and recreation program at Minot Air Force Base and is managed and maintained in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. Amenities include a driving range, putting green, chipping green, and picnic area."

The golf course operates during the summer months while the base bowling alley is closed for the season. Once fall arrives, operations shift back to bowling. Until then, the golf course is open (weather permitting):

Monday–Friday: 9 a.m. to dusk

Saturday–Sunday: 8 a.m. to dusk

The course also offers memberships, discounted rates for members, a driving range, and additional amenities. More information can be found on their website.

That's the official information, but what do people who have recently played there think? Here's what a few local golfers had to say:

"My husband is a member and got a membership last year. I think the only con is that they raised the prices this year. Other than that, it's honestly a great little golf course. We take the whole family, and my daughter loves to tag along."

— Jor'den Linzi Chance

"Great local course! Played here four times this season and always had a blast. It's fun, a bit challenging, and the fairways and greens are well taken care of. There's a little bit of fairway damage in spots, but nothing that gets in the way of a good game. The staff is always incredibly kind and professional. Definitely worth checking out."

— Eric Sanders

"Likes: close to base, can be challenging, employees are nice, and the cost is less than other courses. Dislikes: not a true 18-hole course, they took discount days away, there are dakrat holes in places, puddles on the fairway even when it hasn't rained, the cart paths are beat up, and there's a trail fee even if you own your own golf cart. Overall, we don't mind golfing there because it's convenient."

— Pandi Watrous

Whether you're an experienced golfer or someone who's never picked up a club before, Rough Rider Golf Course offers a convenient and affordable way to get outside and enjoy a North Dakota summer.

What do you think of the golf course and other amenities on base? Will you give them a try this summer? We'd love to hear your thoughts, or see your photos submitted to our Sensational Summer Photo Contest!



The Chance family loves to spend time at the Rough Rider Golf Course.



TSgt Don Watrous, 69 BGS enjoys time golfing on base.



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Rotating tires is vital to their upkeep. Bridgestone Tires advises that tire rotation involves routinely repositioning a vehicle's tires in specific patterns from front to back and side to side. According to Big O Tires, the front tires tend to wear on the outside edges because the tire leans over when a driver turns a corner. The rear tires just follow the front ones, so they usually wear more evenly. By leaving tires in place, the outside edges on the front tires will wear down much faster than the rest and those tires will need to be replaced sooner. Rotation may be required by tire warranties. Rotation also keeps the tires working properly.

Experts generally advise tire rotation every 6,000 to 8,000 miles, even if they do not show any signs of wear. It is challenging to determine if weather treads are uneven or how much wear has been sustained just by looking at them. Rotating tires can prolong the life of tires and decrease how frequently they need to be replaced.

Rotating tires keeps the tread depth uniform and helps maintain traction and consistent handling across all four tires. Bridgestone says the tire rotation pattern that is best for a particular vehicle depends on the type of tire being used. Patterns are recommended by the standardizing body of the tire industry, called The Tire and Rim Association, Inc. Individuals can consult with professional mechanics about the proper way to rotate tires. Many tire manufacturers or automotive stores that have sold customers tires also will do tire rotations - some free of charge.

In addition to proper traction, minimizing uneven tire treads causes the vehicle to be more balanced, advises Wrench, a mobile auto repair and maintenance company. This enables the driver to have more control even when roads are slippery. Many auto service centers will then align and balance tires after they have been rotated. At this time the mechanic will likely check brakes as well, since it is easy to see and reach them when the tires are off.

Tire rotation is an important component of vehicle maintenance. Check with a qualified automotive professional to see if it's time to have your vehicle's tires rotated.



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## BIRD CHATTER

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Every December dedicated bird watchers conduct Christmas Bird Counts throughout the United States. Several of the counts are conducted annually in the Minot Area. The counts are part of a national effort led by the Audubon Society.

Though I have never considered myself a serious birder, I've been present at numerous bird counts over the years and learned a lot by observing avid birders as they listen for certain sounds and identify mannerisms or characteristics of birds.

It's not always coloration that is used to identify birds. Sometimes, especially when the light isn't the best, wing beats and flight patterns are keys to identification.

I've always been fascinated by waterfowl and raptors, birds that piqued my interest in proper identification. There's been some special moments, such as holding a tiny sow-whet owl on a birding excursion in the Badlands.

I've been fortunate enough to see endangered whooping cranes several times, including nine of the rare birds on the ground near Crosby when their entire population numbered less than 40. And I've never forgotten seeing a peregrine falcon fold up and dive on a cottontail rabbit.

There's been many other moments too. Sometimes it was the sincere interest in birds

shown by the people I was with. The list includes a Fish and Wildlife Service biologist stationed at J. Clark Salyer National Wildlife Refuge several years ago. We were taking an airboat tour of the marshes on the refuge when we got high centered, completely stuck.

While waiting for help to arrive we had a wonderful conversation free from the noise of the airboat. He told me he was hoping to get assigned to the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary in Naples, Florida. He talked about his intense interest in birds, which are the primary inhabitants of that sanctuary.

After that experience I purchased a couple of bird identification guides and stepped up my birding game a bit. I can't identify nearly as many species as those whom I've accompanied on birding trips, but I enjoy it nevertheless. It's an interesting activity.

Sadly, there's a downward trend in bird numbers, particularly songbirds, that shows no sign of abating. Down too is the number of bird watchers who actively participate in bird counts. Both trends are troubling.

Birds are an indicator of our changing environment. There's a reason their numbers continue to dwindle. It's a slice of life worthy of watching.



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# The Minot Spouses Club Connection

On May 11th, the Minot Spouses Club concluded their 2025-2026 season with the last social of the year. The "Dippin Out" nachos and Bunco social was filled with smiles, reminiscing, talks of the future, and many "see you later" as multiple members prepared to PCS.

What is Minot Spouses Club? MSC brings spouses together in a welcoming and inclusive community focused on friendship, personal growth, and giving back. Through social events, mini clubs, and support for local charities and families, the club promotes connection, service, and community. MSC has two sides of operations: Charitable and Operations. Each side has their own mission while still serving under the same umbrella. Additionally, MSC oversees the base Thrift Store and Cinderella's Boutique which are managed by board appointed chairs and a team of volunteers. Proceeds from the Thrift Store go directly back to the community as charitable giving and scholarships.

The 2025-2026 year is being celebrated as one of the most successful years within the club's recent history. With 81 registered members, over 1,500 volunteer hours at the Thrift Store, close to

3,000 club volunteer hours serving the community, 55 socials and Little Club meet ups, over \$6,000 raised for charitable fundraising, over \$7,000 provided for community giving, two dorm dinners hosted for the airmen residing in the dorms, and an impressive \$15,250 provided in scholarships, the year is concluding with a major impact.

The 2026-2027 Board of Executives were sworn in during the May 11th social. The Board of Executives consists of Rachel V. Choquette (President), Veronica Kellerman (VP of Operations), Nancy Story (VP of Charity), Leslie Wolfe (Operations Treasurer), Misty Timothy (Charitable Treasurer), Kauther Coffee (Secretary), and Walter Bennet (Parliamentarian). The remaining Board of Governors were appointed and voted in at the end of May by the BoE. The remaining BoG consists of Kate West (Membership Chair), Jenetta Sawyer (Marketing and Website Chair), Brianna Low (Socials Chair), Liliana Klingensmith (Little Club Chair), Emily Hernandez (Member-At-Large), Lisa Shafer (Charitable Coordinator), Chelsey Johnson (Scholarship Chair), Rose Kasowicz (Fundraising Co Chair), Shea Baker

(Cinderella's Boutique Chair), Maria Corcoran (Thrift Store Chair), and Aaron Huddle and Reagan Slattery (Thrift Store Co Chairs).

The 2026-2027 club activities kick off during the annual Membership Drive and Welcome Social on August 8th from 2pm-4pm on base. Membership is open to any spouse of active-duty service members of the U.S. Armed Forces, National Guard, or Reserves with military ID access to Minot AFB, spouses of active-duty foreign military members, Gold Star spouses, as well as Retired and DoW Spouses assigned to Minot AFB with military ID access to the installation. Information and further details on the annual Membership Drive and Welcome Social will be announced soon.

To stay up to date on all MSC information, visit the website at [www.minotspousesclub.com](http://www.minotspousesclub.com), follow on Facebook - MinotAFBSpouseClub or Instagram - Minotspousesclub. For questions, please email at [mafbspousesclub@gmail.com](mailto:mafbspousesclub@gmail.com).

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Contemporary Worship ..... 9:00am  
Sunday School (All Ages) ..... 10:00am  
Traditional Worship ..... 11:00am

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Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
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Wednesday Family Training Hour  
Meal..... 5:30p.m.  
Classes for All Ages ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Youth Center, Friday..... 7:00 - 11:00 p.m.  
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Contemporary Worship Service..... 9:50 a.m.  
Adult Sunday School ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Contemporary Worship Service..... 11:05 a.m.  
Children's Church ..... 11:05 am.  
Wed. AWANA (Sept. to May) ..... 6:30 p.m.  
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# Drone Show Lights Up the Sky

VERONICA KELLERMAN, NORTHERN SENTRY CONTRIBUTOR

Residents and visitors gathered under a cloudy night sky on Friday, May 29th and Saturday, May 30th 2026 enjoy a spectacular drone light show that transformed the darkness into a canvas of color, movement, and innovation. Three hundred illuminated drones soared overhead, creating synchronized patterns and animated displays high above the crowd.

The event was made possible through a donation from the Aggie Foundation, a partnership with Northern Lights Drone Shows, and was hosted by the Magic City Discovery Center. The animated displays and accompanying music playlist were designed and selected by Discovery Center team members, who began planning the show in February and finalized the production in March. Each display represented one of the galleries found within the Magic City Discovery Center, showcasing the creativity and educational experiences available throughout the facility.

The Northern Lights Drone Show also provided a STEAM educational opportunity for local youth and families. Participants learned about drone technology, how drones operate, and even had the chance to program drones similar to those used in the show.

A previous drone show scheduled for March had to be canceled due to weather conditions. According to Kanavy, the drones were unable to operate properly in temperatures that felt like -15 degrees, as the drone lights require temperatures of at least 13 degrees to function effectively. Fortunately, this “take two” event was not stopped by either wind or rain.

Abigail Kanavy, Marketing Coordinator at the Magic City Discovery Center, shared her

excitement about bringing the event to the community.

“It was a really awesome experience to bring a drone show to Minot, North Dakota,” she said.

Because of the event’s proximity to the airport, the Northern Lights Drone Show also had to obtain special permits before the performance could take place.

Kanavy hopes attendees left with a greater appreciation for technology and innovation.

“I hope people see how cool technology can be,” she said. “It’s not just computers but there are all sorts of amazing ways technology can be used. It’s like a fireworks show in a way, and it’s really amazing to bring something like this into our community.”

The event offered free public viewing from nearby parking lots, as well as a \$10 VIP experience on the facility’s top-floor patio, where guests enjoyed popcorn and dirty sodas while watching the show.

Kanavy concluded by expressing gratitude to those who helped make the event possible.

“We are all so grateful to the Aggie Foundation for bringing the Northern Lights Drone Show to the Magic City Discovery Center and our community,” she said.

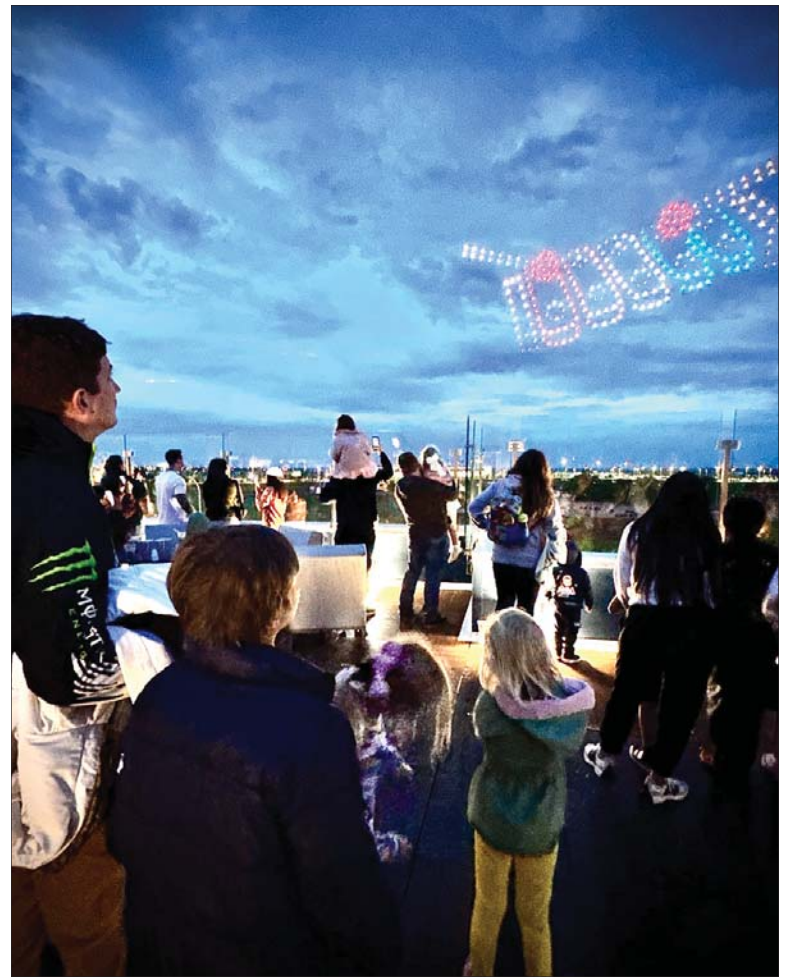
As the final drones illuminated the night sky and spectators looked on in awe, the event served as a reminder of how innovation, education, and community partnerships can create unforgettable experiences for all ages.

From the robot waving overhead and children enthusiastically waving back, to young attendees jumping up and down with excitement as a star formed within the outline of the North Dakota state, marking where Minot was located on the map “That’s us!” was shouted from the overly excited little ones.

They knew where they lived and to see that in the night sky was something incredibly special. The show captivated audiences of every generation. Children sat on their parents’ shoulders, pointing excitedly as images appeared in the sky, while others danced beneath umbrellas to the rhythm of the music. One couple, who had driven 45 minutes to attend, wished only that the performance could continue.

Throughout the evening, spectators stood mesmerized, their eyes fixed on the colorful display unfolding above them. Kanavy was right when she said the experience was more than just technology. While powered by computers and careful programming, the show blended the wonder of traditional fireworks with cutting-edge technology to tell a seamless story across the night sky.

By the end of the performance, attendees left with more than memories of glowing drones and animated images. They departed with a renewed sense of wonder, a deeper appreciation for creativity and innovation, and a stronger connection to the community that came together beneath the lights.



When the sky becomes the stage, everyone stops to watch.



Guests gathered on the rooftop, eyes fixed on the sky, as technology transformed the evening into an unforgettable display of light, creativity, and community.

## NOTES ON BEING SAFE

### WHAT IS LOCK OUT/TAG OUT?

Have you ever been to a job site, or even a local business when you hear someone call out “Hey Joe, be sure to lock and tag out that piece of equipment?” or “You better de-energize that system before you work on it!”

This common practice is known throughout the industrial and non-industrial world as Lockout/Tagout, better known as LOTO. So what is LOTO?

Lockout-Tagout is a safety procedure which is used in industry and research settings to ensure that dangerous machines are properly shut off and not started up again prior to the completion of maintenance or servicing work. It requires that hazardous power sources be “isolated and rendered inoperative” before any repair procedure is started. “Lock and tag” works in conjunction with a lock usually locking the device or the power source with the hasp, and placing it in such a position that no hazardous power sources can be turned on. The procedure requires that a tag be affixed to the locked device indicating that it should not be turned on.

Modern machinery can contain many hazards to workers, from things like electrical, mechanical, pneumatic or hydraulic sources. For example a typical industrial machine may contain things like hot fluids, moving presses, blades, propellers, electrical heaters, conveyor belts with pinch points, moving chains, ultraviolet light, etc. Disconnecting or making safe the equipment involves the removal of all energy sources and is known as isolation. The steps necessary to isolate equipment are often documented in an Isolation Procedure or a Lockout Tagout Procedure. The isolation procedure generally includes the following tasks:

1. Identify the energy source(s)
2. Isolate the energy source(s)
3. Lock and/or Tag the energy source(s)
4. Prove that the equipment isolation is effective

Modern safety manufacturers provide a range of isolation devices specifically designed to fit various switches, valves and effectors. For example most modern circuit-breakers have a provision to have a small padlock attached to prevent their activation. For other devices such as ball or gate valves, plastic pieces which either fit against the pipe and prevent movement, or clam-shell style objects, which completely surround the valve and prevent its manipulation are used.

A common feature of these devices is their bright color, usually red to increase visibility and allow workers to readily see if a device is isolated. Also, the devices are usually of such a design and construction to prevent it being removed with any moderate force. That is to say that an isolation device does not have to stand up to a chainsaw, but if an operator forcibly removes it, it will be immediately visible that it has been tampered with.

With all this information, you are probably asking yourself “How does this program apply to me?” Employees can be seriously or fatally injured if machinery they service or maintain unexpectedly energizes, starts up, or releases stored energy. OSHA’s standard on the Control of Hazardous Energy (LOTO), can be located in Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.147. This regulation spells out the steps all employers must take to prevent accidents associated with hazardous energy. The standard addresses practices

and procedures necessary to disable machinery and prevent the release of potentially hazardous energy while maintenance or servicing activities are performed. With this being said you may ask yourself “if I unplug a radio or microwave oven after use, do I need LOTO?” No you do not. Exposure to hazardous energy is controlled completely by unplugging the equipment from an electric outlet and where the employee doing the service or maintenance has exclusive control of the plug. This applies only if electricity is the only form of hazardous energy to which employees may be exposed. This exception encompasses many portable hand tools and some cord and plug connected machinery and equipment.

In closing, when dealing with LOTO and you are not sure, do not hesitate to ask for assistance. The shop supervisor, the person doing the actual work, or the Wing Safety office can provide more extensive detail concerning LOTO in your work center.

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# Goodbye School!

year: Senate Bill 2241, authorizing public charter schools in North Dakota (the 47th state to do so!) and Senate Bill 2180, mandating all regular School Board Meetings include a public comment period. So, how do things look now? As of this month, no open public charter schools exist. Regarding the public comment period, I asked Minot Public Schools District #1 School Board Member, Sabrina Herrmann, for her thoughts:

“I believe our board is very open to listening to citizens, parents, teachers, or anyone else contacting us with questions or concerns. We all have emails and calls we get from any of these groups at various times, but the public comment portion of our meetings has provided a good opportunity for anyone to come forward and discuss current topics we are making decisions on in real time. We appreciate people sharing their thoughts or concerns in helping us make informed decisions for the district.”

Receptive and available, Ms. Herrmann shares insight into how the board members receive information behind the scenes and how very important it is to participate in public. These three new North Dakota laws have been instituted and continue to shape our educational landscape. We'll see what the future holds!

Executive Orders on education were also written into law this SY 2025-2026. These include: EO 14242 – Improving Education Outcomes by Empowering Parents, States, and Communities – aiming to expand quality education access; EO 14191 – Expanding Educational Freedom and Opportunity for Families – enabling families to choose K-12 options using federal resources; and EO 14190 – Ending Radical Indoctrination in K-12 Schooling – mandating all federal funding be stopped for illegal and discriminatory practices promoting gender ideology or discriminatory

equity ideologies in K-12 public schools. In addition, an entire section of this last EO is devoted to a focus on patriotic education: “Sec. 4. Reestablishing the President’s Advisory 1776 Commission and Promoting Patriotic Education. (a) The President’s Advisory 1776 Commission (“1776 Commission”), which was created by Executive Order 13958 of November 2, 2020, to promote patriotic education, but was terminated by President Biden in Executive Order 13985 of January 20, 2021, is hereby reestablished. The purpose of the 1776 Commission is to promote patriotic education and advance the purposes stated in section 1 of Executive Order 13958, as well as to advise and promote the work of the White House Task Force on Celebrating America’s 250th Birthday (“Task Force 250”) and the United States Semiquincentennial Commission in their efforts to provide a grand celebration worthy of the momentous occasion of the 250th anniversary of American Independence on July 4, 2026” (The WH, 2025). Fittingly, the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library will be opening on this momentous date in our very own Medora, ND. In addition, Minot AFB will be celebrating America’s 250th Birthday on June 26th, 2026 in the Rockers Parking Lot starting at 5:00pm. Come stop by to enjoy the Kids Zone – chockfull of bounce houses, crafts, games, candy, and free giveaways!

Lastly, this SY 2025-2026 ushered in the wide dissemination of a new North Dakota guide titled “Legendary Learners” for families with children aged birth to kindergarten. The book contains a story for children and a parent guide showcasing ways to include literacy skills in everyday activities. As an active North Dakota Literacy Team Member, I have personally ensured our local schools have received over 430



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Exciting though this year has been, it’s important to rest and recharge. Enjoy the weather and each other—help and love everyone you meet—and don’t forget to attend my Back-to-School Brigade on Friday, August 7th, 2026 from 11am-1pm at the Youth Center on Minot AFB!

“Ending Radical Indoctrination in K-12 Schooling.” *The White House Website*, 29 Jan. 2025, [www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/ending-radical-indoctrination-in-k-12-schooling/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/ending-radical-indoctrination-in-k-12-schooling/). Accessed 26 May 2025.

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School Year 2025-2026 has now come to a close. It was one exciting year chockfull of new North Dakota legislation, Executive Orders on education, and the introduction of our state’s new *Legendary Learners* book! Through it all, our students prevailed—their minds filled and expanded—evidence of which was sent home in end-of-year backpacks stuffed with heavily used workbooks, chapter books, worksheets, and school supplies.

Student learning is important, but what do our local leaders think about our educational landscape now?

Before we began the school year, I asked our Superintendent of Minot Public Schools, Dr. Scott Faul, and Superintendent of Glenburn Public School, Mr. Larry Derr, their opinions of the new House Bill 1160 K-12 Phone-free Public Schools legislation (to read their initial take on it, please visit “New Phone-Free K-12 Law Takes Effect August 1st 2025,” 1 May 2025). Their thoughts were positive regarding the legislation and a few principals I’ve spoken with at various schools agree, seeing more interaction and lively discussion in lunchrooms, especially.

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# New Homeschool Association Launches in Minot to Create Memorable Student Events

A new organization dedicated to bringing milestone events and community experiences to Minot's homeschool families is officially launching this year. The Minot Homeschool Events Association has been formed to plan, organize, and execute fun and meaningful events for the local homeschool community.

The association's first major events currently in planning for spring 2027 include a spring formal for 9th – 12th grade and a graduation ceremony for 8th and 12th grade area homeschool students and families.

The goal of the organization is to provide opportunities for homeschool students to celebrate important milestones, build friendships, and create lasting memories in a welcoming community environment.

Additional events and community opportunities are expected to be announced in the future as the association continues to grow.

For more information, community members are encouraged to connect with

the Minot Homeschool Events Association through upcoming community announcements and social media updates.

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# Summer Reading at the Minot AFB Library

Summer means Summer Reading at the Minot Air Force Base Library. This year's Summer Reading Program will run from Saturday, June 13th to Saturday, August 15th and is open to all ages from infants to adults.

The Summer Reading Program will start with a Kick-Off Party at 1:00 PM on Saturday, June 13th. The theme this year's program, shared with all the other participating Department of War libraries, is "Plant a Seed, Read," so activities at the Kick-Off Party will feature planting seeds in a pot to take home, painting with leaves, and other plant or farm-related crafts and activities as well as an opportunity to register for the Summer Reading Program. Registration is also possible anytime the Library is open until August or online at [5thforcesupport.com/base-library](http://5thforcesupport.com/base-library). While supplies last, everyone who registers will receive a free t-shirt.

For the Base Library's Summer Reading Program, it doesn't matter what participants read or how quickly they can read; what matters is the amount of time spent reading. Any reading improves literacy just like practicing anything leads to improvement, and studies show that children who read for pleasure consistently out-perform those who don't at school. While there is no required reading list, the library staff is ready to help those who would like suggestions of what to read.

Participants in the program can earn reading bucks to spend at the Library's prize store and grand prize drawing slips by reading or participating in a variety of activities. Upon registration, participants receive a badge book that contains

all the different ways to earn reading bucks and grand prize drawing slips, including attending Library programs, completing LEGO or STEAM challenges, entering a design contest, submitting book reviews, and more. The prize store prizes were funded by the DoW and include 23 different choices including fiddle toys, rubber chickens, tote bags, and "flying" pigs. The grand prizes were funded by the Minot Spouses' Club and will include \$20 gift cards for adults and teens and a variety of games and toys for kids.

Special programming this summer will include a board game making competition for kids in June, a murder mystery game with story pages posted at different facilities across the base, a fan convention program called Minot-A-Con on July 11th, a Pokémon Escape Room game available to play in late July and early August, a puzzle contest on August 6th sponsored by the USO, and more.

The Base Library is challenging the base's squadrons to a competition to see which squadron's active duty members participate the most in the Summer Reading Program. The winning squadron will receive an award certificate and the honor of displaying the library's squadron trophy for the next year. This is the thirteenth year of the squadron competition. The 5th Contracting Squadron won last year.

The Summer Reading Program will end with a Wrap-Up Party at 1:00 PM on Saturday, August 15th. The wrap-up party will feature special guests, crafts, and activities as well as the grand prize drawings and a presentation of the squadron trophy.




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3 1st St SE Suite 2

Whether you're a seasoned player or brand new to the game, this welcoming event offers a relaxed, social play format with opportunities to learn, connect, and compete in a vibrant, neon-filled atmosphere. Come dressed in your brightest neon gear and enjoy a colorful twist on the game with glow-themed fun throughout the night. The event features a costume contest, interactive challenges with prizes, mini lessons for beginners, and plenty of play for all skill levels. Grab a bite from the food truck, bring your lawn chairs or a blanket, and settle in for a lively community gathering. Hosted by the Minot Area Pickleball Association, this event is all about bringing people together through play, energy, and connection. Come for the mission—stay for the fun—and let's make it glow!



**For more information:**  
[Facebook/Minot Area Pickleball Association/Events](#)

**12 JUNE** **MILITARY APPRECIATION IN THE PARKS**  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Oak Park  
1300 4th Ave NW, Minot

We're excited to once again team up with our friends at Minot Parks for an entire day of fun in the sun to show our appreciation for local military personnel and their families! Join us on June 12th at Oak Park from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., where the Minot Area Chamber EDC Military Affairs Committee will be serving free food to our active duty & retired military members and their families. You won't want to miss out on activities for the whole family including delicious eats, outdoor games, bounce houses, and more! With a military I.D., personnel and their families get free admission from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Roosevelt Park Zoo, free skating at the MAYSA Arena from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., and free swimming all day at the Roosevelt Park Pool! Plus, on Wednesdays throughout the month of June, military members also receive free zoo admission with military I.D.



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**12 JUNE** **MOVIE IN THE PARK: SMURFS SUNSET (9:30 PM)**  
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[Facebook/Scandinavian Heritage Park/Events](#)

**19-21 JUNE** **MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL 2026**  
5:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
Scandinavian Heritage Park,  
1020 South Broadway

Midsummer (or Midsommar in Swedish), held in June around the summer solstice, the longest day of the year, it is a celebration of the ushering in of light, after the long dark winters and is a cherished tradition in Scandinavia. This holiday is considered the second most-important holiday of the year after Christmas. Come celebrate Midsummer with us in the Scandinavian Heritage Park in Minot, North Dakota! This year's event will include music, vendors, demonstrations, workshops, food, fun kids' activities, and everybody's favorite event: the lighting of the bonfire on BOTH Friday and Saturday night (weather permitting)! The sauna may also be open!



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# SUDOKU

Solution to puzzle on page B10

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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## Across

- Equipment
- "\_ Buddies": Tom Hanks sitcom
- Kal Kan rival
- Pro's foe
- Scary bacteria
- Winter wear
- "The Nanny" star Drescher
- Terkel's cufflinks?
- Has a mental lapse
- Hosp. areas
- Exile & #2092;a Napoleon
- \_ scaloppine
- Busy co. on Valentine's Day
- Carnival attractions
- Outback or Legacy
- Eiffel Tower city
- Signed debt
- Pizzeria fixture
- Sierra \_: African republic
- Lab maze runner
- Apple centers
- Awed
- Movie extra, for short
- Bikini atoll event, briefly
- Sentra automaker
- Actresses Thompson and Samms
- NYC hrs.
- Cleans the floor
- At first, second or third
- Sanyo competitor
- Knock the socks off
- Harlow's Levis?
- Pindar poems
- La Scala solo
- Actor Davis
- Flooring piece
- "The Simpsons" son
- Hill of \_: trifle
- Advice from a bear

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## Down

- Faux pas
- Company in 2002 news
- Maker of Pong
- Lardner's jewelry?
- One-upped
- World Series mos.
- Old coin of France
- Any Elvis tune
- Not suited for the part
- Plays a part
- Bud's comedy partner
- Bachelor's place
- Tie-game resolvers: Abbr.
- "Star Trek" helmsman
- Beethoven dedicatee
- Features of some necklines
- Quarterback Brett
- Aspens and alders
- Kirsten of "Spider-Man"
- Hosiery shade
- Randolph's footwear?
- Lindbergh's transport
- Sponsorship
- Rule the \_: dominate
- Tabloid twosome
- Subtle scam
- French friends
- Tree-trunk growths
- Bel \_: Italian cheese
- Actor Murphy who won a Medal of Honor
- Fishhook fastener
- Ford flop
- Future MD's course
- Has \_: has connections
- Quick punch
- The Reagan years, say
- Tire filler
- Simile center

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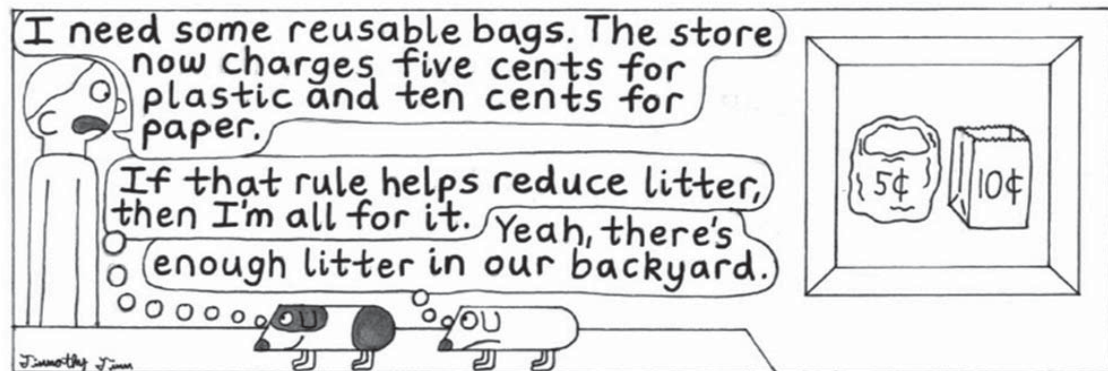
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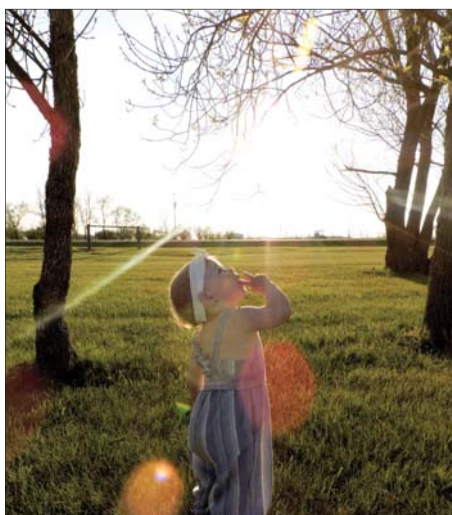
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Hiked the Painted Canyon at TRNP Memorial Day weekend!

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We had an amazing time at the kite festival and the lake.

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# OUTDOOR REPORT



by Patricia Stockdill

### FISHING:

Lake Sakakawea elevation, June 1: 1,826.57 feet above mean sea level (MSL); 17,900 cubic feet per second (CFS) Garrison Dam average daily releases.

Devils Lake elevation: 1,450.17 feet above mean sea level (MSL). Stump Lake elevation: 1,498.98 MSL.

•N.D. Game & Fish Dept. game wardens: No reports from Devils Lake or north-central area lakes.

•Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Continued walleye activity on Mike's Lake. Water temperatures starting to warm on Devils Lake with improving walleye success.

•Lake Darling, Karma C-Store, Ruthville: Look for some activity on the Souris River.

•Lake Metigoshe, Four Seasons, Bottineau: Continued small bluegill success with occasional larger one showing up. Walleye anglers willing to put in the time are finding a few fish.

•Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Occasional walleye activity using jigs and minnows on the east end of Lake Sakakawea, weather permitting. Good smallmouth bass success on Lake Audubon. Try the weeds in 15 feet for walleye.

•Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Hwy. 83 Lawn & leisure, Garrison: Work gravel points or humps on the east end of Lake Sakakawea for walleye using jigs and minnows or plastics in 1 to 12 feet. Some pike success from shore using smelt, herring, or suckers. Good smallmouth bass activity along gravelly areas on Lake Audubon using a variety of presentations. A few walleye also showing up.

•Lake Sakakawea, Indian Hills Resort, Garrison: Facilities open for the season.

•Lake Sakakawea, New Town: Windy weather continues limiting activity in the Van Hook Arm.

•Lake Sakakawea, Van Hook Bait & Tackle, New Town: Water

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### OUTDOOR NOTES:

•June 6: Nat'l. Trail Day/American Legion Walk, Fort Stevenson State Park, Garrison. Meet at the Visitor Center, 2 p.m.

•June 6: Military Service Personnel Day, Fort Stevenson State Park. Military personnel enjoy free park admission for the day.

•June 6 & 7: Free Fishing Weekend (residents only).

•June 12: Military Appreciation Day for Minot parks featuring free Roosevelt Zoo admission, 9 a.m. to 8 p., free skate at MAYSA arena from noon to 2 p.m., all day free swimming at Roosevelt Park Pool.

•June 12: Veterans Appreciation & Flag Day event with free-will lunch, Ryan Buick/GMC, Minot, 11 a.m.

•June 12: Movie in the Park, Smurfs, Oak Park, Minot, 9:30 p.m.

•June 13: Nat'l. Marina Day, Fort Stevenson State Park, Garrison. Marina Open House, 1 p.m.

•June 13: Monster Mash Trick or Treat in June, Lewis & Clark State Park east of Williston, 6 p.m.

•June 14: Porch Sign & Planter Box workshop, Atypical Brewery & Barrelworks, 510 Central Ave E., Minot. Tickets available at ([www.naturesnookart.com](http://www.naturesnookart.com)), \$50, 2 p.m.

•June 19 & 20: Missouri River Bluegrass Festival Cross Ranch State Park south of Hensler.

•June 19 & 20: Midsummer Festival, Scandinavian Heritage Park, free activities.

•June 19: Dad & Me Birdhouse workshop, Magic City Discovery Center, 1545 1st St. NW, Minot. \$24 for military members, 2 p.m.

•June 20 & 21: Old Settlers Weekend, Pioneer Village Museum, Burlington, featuring pancake breakfast, activities, music, and flea market.

•June 20: Juneteenth Freedom Day in the Park, Oak Park, featuring music, speakers, vendors, and educational activities.

•June 21: Arts in the Park featuring 2 free performances by the Minot City Band at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. sponsored by the Minot Area Council of the Arts with vendors and food trucks. Freewill donations accepted.

### TOURNAMENTS:

•June 6: Lake Audubon, Totten Trail; Missouri River tailrace.

•June 6 & 7: Devils Lake, Woodland Resort.

•June 12: Devils Lake, Grahams Island State Park.

•June 12 & 13: Lake Sakakawea, Van Hook Arm.

•June 13: Lake Sakakawea, Sportsmen's Centennial Park; Hiddenwood Lake; Lake Williams.

•June 20: Lake Sakakawea, Fort Stevenson State Park; Lake Sakakawea, Sakakawea State Park; Missouri River, Washburn; Devils Lake 6-Mile Bay.

temperatures starting to warm in the Van Hook Arm but windy conditions continue limiting activity. Look for improving walleye activity with stable weather.

•Lake Sakakawea/Missouri River, Scott's Bait & Tackle, Pick City: Not much activity on the Missouri River tailrace and the east end of Lake Sakakawea with windy weather over the last week.

•Lake Sakakawea/northwest N.D. lakes, Scenic Sports, Williston: Improving walleye activity from shore on the Yellowstone River with water clearing. Try White Earth Bay

working east on the upper end of Lake Sakakawea for walleye. Try jigs and minnows in 6 to 10 feet. Work a little deeper farther east in the New Town area with jigs and minnows or nightcrawlers.

•North-central/central N.D. lakes, Towner Hdwe. Hank, Towner: Little activity on area lakes or the Souris River.

### NUMBERS TO KNOW:

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

•Report All Poachers: (701) 328-9921.

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