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Porch Geese Become Community Icons at Minot AFB

NATALY ZARRELLA, NORTHERN SENTRY

Dressed in everything from patriotic attire and holiday costumes to raincoats and winter scarves, a growing number of porch geese are becoming local celebrities throughout Minot Air Force Base housing areas.

The vintage lawn ornaments, once a staple outside many American homes, are enjoying a revival among military families who have embraced the quirky tradition of dressing the geese for seasons, holidays and special occasions. Many owners have even given their feathered friends names and personalities, turning them into beloved members of the neighborhood. More than just decorations, residents say the geese have become unexpected conversation starters, helping neighbors connect and bringing moments of happiness to everyday life.

"It's a great conversation starter," said Shannon Costilla, who recently received her own porch goose as a gift from her husband. "I love how it can give some connection and allow some positive conversations to days that sometimes feel mundane."

Shannon had noticed porch geese appearing throughout base housing and quickly understood their appeal. Along with seasonal outfits, the goose adds a touch of whimsy to her family's home and often sparks interactions with neighbors passing by.

For many owners, however, the trend is rooted in nostalgia. Joni Favreau's goose, named "Gerty," carries decades of family memories. As a child, Joni helped her grandmother dress a porch goose for every season and holiday. The tradition left a lasting impression. "Whether it was a tiny raincoat in the spring, patriotic attire in the



Rylee Whistler's porch goose is dressed and ready to celebrate the red, white, and blue in style!

summer, or a fluffy scarf in the winter, that goose brought so much joy and personality to her home," Joni recalled.

Years later, during a difficult period in her pregnancy, her husband remembered those stories and surprised her with a porch goose of her own. "That's how Gerty officially joined our family," Joni said.

Today, changing Gerty's outfits has become a meaningful tradition that reminds Joni of her grandmother while creating new memories for the next generation. "Every time I change her outfit, I think of my grandma," she said. "Now I get to create those same memories for my own family."

For Kimberly Quezada, the journey into goose ownership began while thrifting and antiquing. After discovering online communities dedicated to dressing porch geese

for different occasions, she knew she wanted one of her own. Her husband eventually gifted her a goose for her 28th birthday, fittingly, during a goose-themed celebration. "I think it's a great way to stay whimsical and bring some personality to our porch throughout the year," Kimberly said.

That whimsical spirit appears to be part of the trend's widespread appeal. Across social media, porch goose enthusiasts regularly share outfit ideas, seasonal accessories and photos of their creatively dressed birds. At Minot AFB, those ideas have translated into front-porch displays that often draw smiles from neighbors and visitors alike.

Rylee Whistler said she had admired porch geese since childhood. "There was a lady in my small town growing up who had one and dressed it for a bunch of different occasions," Rylee said. "I always loved that and wished I had one." She received her own goose as a Christmas gift in December. "Bit of a grandma hobby," she joked, "but I love it."

The tradition's appeal extends beyond Minot as well. Amy Williams, whose daughter Senior Airman Samantha Williams is stationed at Minot AFB, recently shared the story of her goose, "Gustar," from her home in Snow Hill, Maryland. Amy remembers her mother proudly displaying a cement porch goose in the 90s, complete with seasonal outfits. After her death in 2000, the memory stayed with her. When she noticed porch geese making a comeback in recent years, she began searching for one similar to her mother's. She eventually found a traditional

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From festive outfits to everyday flair, porch geese have become beloved decorations that bring joy and delight to homes everywhere. (Image shared by resident)



Joni Favreau's porch goose, Gerty, is more than a whimsical decoration. A gift from her husband, Gerty brings back fond memories of time spent with her grandmother.



From December snowflakes to summer bees, Laurel the porch goose is always dressed for the season thanks to Kimberly Quezada!

cement goose at a farmers market in Delaware.

"I named mine Gustar," Amy said. "He proudly welcomes people to our house and brings fond memories of Mom and my aunt and uncle."

As the trend continues to spread through Minot AFB neighborhoods, residents say the appeal lies in its simplicity. In a community where families often relocate, deploy and

adapt to constant change, a dressed-up porch goose offers a small but meaningful source of joy.

For some, the geese are reminders of childhood memories and family traditions. For others, they are a creative outlet or simply a way to add personality to a front porch. Whatever the reason, the growing flock of geese throughout Minot AFB has become more than a decorating trend. They are bringing

neighbors together.

Behind every goose is a story, a memory of a grandmother's porch, a thoughtful gift from a spouse, a treasured family tradition or a simple desire to make someone smile. And as more geese appear throughout the base dressed for each new season and holiday, they serve as a reminder that community is often built through the smallest gestures.



Whether they're dressed for sunshine or a relaxing spa day, porch geese across Minot AFB are turning heads and winning hearts.

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The Grass Is Always Greener...When It Rains



**A VIEW FROM
 OUR SIDE**
 ROD WILSON



This spring was unusually dry. Seems that we got into one of those hot, dry, the rain is always missing us, weather patterns. The first time I mowed our lawn in Minot I raised a dust storm. Usually there are April showers, and the flowers start to bloom in May, but not necessarily this year. You know it's a dry spring when your neighbor, who grew up on a farm, had not found her rain gauge until Mother Nature finally did decide to give us a very limited "shot" of rain in mid-May.

I knew that our rain gauge was ready for whatever showers passed our way...because we had to take it apart (it is one of those electronic rain gauges) and clean it out, in anticipation of the rainfall that was going to come in April. A real test

of how well my skills at cleaning out a rain gauge were would not take place for several days. And when it finally looked, according to the weather experts, like rainfall in Minot was imminent, we celebrated a total of .03 (or 3 hundredths) which of course did little to revive a very brown (we don't have sprinklers) lawn.

Somewhere in the month of May, actually the 16th of May, we were introduced to a new terminology, "A Dust Blizzard" as the Weather Channel declared. It roared in from the west, a wall of dust that pretty much covered the horizon. In downtown Minot where my office is the dust was so thick that the street lights came on. Not only had it not rained in Minot, but pretty much most of the northwest corner of the state had missed any significant rainfall. The topsoil was easily picked up by 70+ mile per hour winds and the result was that wall of dust and dust cloud that arrived in Minot mid-afternoon. It certainly seemed like our destiny was determined. We were going to return to the days of the 1930's when according to our older friends and grandparents it didn't rain for months, and in some locations the drought continued for years.

But as bad as it seemed in April and May, farmers still had hope and spring planting still went on as planned, albeit with limited supplies of fertilizer. We soon got to learn about the geographical location of the Strait of Hormuz, as if drought conditions weren't enough.

In my years in North Dakota I have not had a reason to keep track of the number of days that the temperature would break the century mark in May. In our day, schools did not have air conditioning; many still do not, because 100 degree plus days just did not happen during the school term. Sure, there were those hot days, around 80 degrees, when it was a race to get home and ditch the long pants for shorts and a t-shirt, but 100 degrees for 4 days in a row. That's ridiculous! Add those hot days to a lack of rain and now you have a lawn that appears to be pretty much done for the summer. No need to get out the sprinklers and hose; there is no way you can maintain the momentum of watering an entire lawn for the 3 plus months of summer. As they say, "it is what it is". With an air of frustration, you look to the sky and declare that you've given up on a green lawn in the summer of 2026. You tell Mother Nature to "have it her way, then!" You plan to survive with brown grass and dust bowl conditions.

But then, the tide, or the rain patterns, would start to turn. We are hearing forecasts that talk about moisture being drawn up from the gulf. Really? No more atmospheric domes that keep the moisture away. That's what they, the weather experts, are saying. Temperatures moderating and returning to normal (yeah, tell me what normal is). They have been wrong on their predictions all spring, why should we buy into this new weather prediction now?

To make a long, whining, story short...it started to rain. And then, according to our neighbor, we were in California, when a dark cloud would roll over we would receive .30 hundreds of rain, not three hundreds of rain. The lawn started its' renewal. It was starting to get green again. Brown spots were filling in with green grass. What a way to change an attitude.

There are lessons to be learned here; and I don't think it has changed much over the decades. 1) A beautiful green lawn is certainly better than a dormant brown lawn. 2) You can't predict what you don't control. 3) With green grass comes the never ending job of mowing the lawn...and with much greener grass that job occurs more often.

So, be careful what you wish for. Rain is normally a good thing, and green grass helps the attitude of an entire city. The grass is always greener, and the attitudes are normally better, when it rains.

RAMBLING AROUND...

I know it's kind of a long "staycation" away, but we had the opportunity to travel through Yellowstone last week. We went through the northwest corner of the park and were treated to geyser basins, beautiful forests, waterfalls and wildlife. It was worth the few extra miles we traveled to get to Yellowstone. Maybe next summer?

TODAY'S CHUCKLE

A lot of people with open minds should have them closed for remodeling.



The wind and dust wreaked havoc on Minot AFB housing.

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The MAFB Dome surrounded by a cloud of dust.

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One of the many geyser pools in Yellowstone



**UPSIDE DOWN
 UNDER**
 MARVIN BAKER

Before the very end of May, drought was creeping in and since the wind blows throughout the spring in North Dakota, we had some awful days of blowing dust as we all know.

When I was in college in Grand Forks, I often heard a saying, "there's a lot of real estate changing hands today."

You'll probably recall about a month ago, the wind was blowing at about 50 miles per hour for a good part of the day and it actually reduced visibility in some locations. I live in a valley and I was actually filling gas that day and looking up out of the valley and all I could see was a gray cloud of dust.

It was kind of scary because obviously, it's not normal. We've

had additional days that weren't as bad, but where we saw considerable blowing dirt. In fact, there were some ditches that kind of looked like they had snow drifts, only it was gray and not white.

Unfortunately, that happened a lot during the 1930s which is why so many people moved away. And we know now that back then most farmers didn't know about proper tillage and planting of crops. It's not all on the '30s farmers, but that was certainly a contributing factor.

The other big thing was the lack of trees. We always get ribbed by our relatives in the Carolinas and California about the lack of trees in North Dakota, but it's gotten better since 1936.

The North Dakota Department of Agriculture is always giddy about telling us we are No. 1 in honey, canola, certain beans, wheat and sunflowers. But statistically, only 1.7 percent of North Dakota is considered forest.

If you look at pictures from territorial days or the early days of the state, most often you won't see any trees in the picture. That must have been rough. And it's most likely why a lot of people settled near rivers or lakes.

But, by the 1940s, people started planting trees, sometimes lots of them to create shelter belts

to maybe not stop the relentless wind, but at least slow it down a bit. Most of those shelter belts, at least in the beginning, were Chinese elm, Siberian olive and certain evergreens.

Obviously missing were fruit trees. Many planted cottonwood and aspen as well because they grow quickly. Good on yah! But there should have been some sort of fruit such as apples because we all know apple trees are hardy to this climate and what used to be a harsher hardiness zone.

Roughly four years ago, I wrote an article about alternative crops in North Dakota in the 1920s and I think there were 1,200 farms back then that had cherry trees. What happened to all those cherry trees? And like apples, we know cherries are hardy to as low as Zone 2. They may not be eat off the tree cherries, but good enough to bake pies.

Since 1960, our hardiness zones have changed and now, nearly all of North Dakota is in Zone 4 with small spots of Zone 3 remaining. That means there could be a lot more diversity in establishing orchards across the state.

Some people are doing a great job with this, but we still have a long way to go.

A lot of vineyards have been established, pear trees are becoming

more of a routine, there are more than a dozen cherry trees that will survive here, apricots do well and there is a peach called Contender that is hardy to Zone 4 (that's us) and will produce fruit, provided the blossoms are protected from some of those late frosts we get in May.

After the Red River Valley flood of 1997, I remember Mike Jacobs from the Grand Forks Herald attended the North Dakota Newspaper Association convention with nothing more than the shirt on his back because his home and newspaper were both destroyed in that flood. What I remember most about that is how upset he was that he lost numerous apricot trees in his back yard... in 1997.... in Grand Forks!

So it's entirely possible to raise fruit trees and vines other than apple. In fact, there are several varieties of blackberries now hardy to Zone 4. It's entirely possible, just care for them properly and you'll have so much fruit, you'll begin to think it's zucchini or something.

My wife was picking out flowers in a Minot nursery the other day and our 11-year-old grandson said, "Papa, can we get an avocado tree?" As optimistic as I am about alternative crops, I had to tell him no, that one wouldn't be a good choice.

Reminiscent of the Dust Bowl



SHE'S NOT FROM AROUND HERE
AMY ALLENDER

Spaghetti for 200

her personal repertoire. It was for fellowship dinners and fundraisers, a relic from a time when church ladies did the cooking instead of ordering pans of fried chicken or tubs of make-your-own burrito bowls.

Recently, I glimpsed the infamous recipe while searching for something else in the binder. For a moment, I was sucked back in time and space to the kitchen in the basement of Faith United Methodist Church in South Bend, Indiana. It's been more than 20 years since I last walked into the sunny yellow space that always smelled like a mix of stale coffee, rust, and perfume. But for a moment, I could see it clearly, right down to the hand-embroidered towels.

I never understood the towels. Why take time to stitch happy cats or the days of the week onto cloth destined to be stained and ultimately destroyed? I supposed it was a church lady thing.

When I was a little older, my family began going to a church closer to our home instead of the one my grandparents attended. There, again, I encountered the towels: plain white with embroidered fruit, smiling suns, and the words "Wash and Dry."

In college, I attended a Presbyterian neighboring my dorm. Again: the towels. After getting married and moving with the military, I encountered them in church kitchens across the country. Though I still didn't fully understand them, there was a measure of comfort in knowing that no matter where you went, no matter how different the food or the dialect, some things remained constant. There are even a few of those towels living in the drawers

at First Baptist Church right here in Minot.

As I type this, I'm sitting at my son's Little League game, laptop open, trying to write as quickly as I can. What I'd rather be doing is working on the embroidery project tucked in my bag.

It's a hobby I took up two years ago. The project itself doesn't matter. In fact, I've got a drawer full of completed pieces with no real purpose. It's simply something to do with my hands. Something that focuses my mind and slows spinning thoughts when I'm stressed. I'm starting to think that if I don't really care what I embroider, I should probably start stitching something useful...like a dish towel.

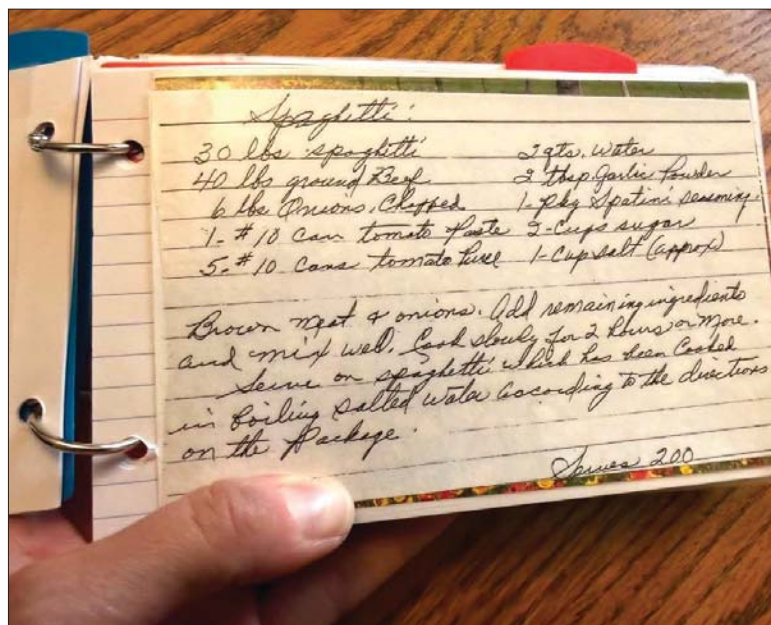
Maybe after all these years, I'm finally starting to understand.

It was never really about the dish towels. And maybe it wasn't even about making spaghetti for 200.

It's about growing into the roles once filled by the people who came before us. Finally understanding that maybe the people who seemed to have it all together, also needed something to do with their hands to offset the stress of the day. It's about becoming the steady presence in the room, the person who creates continuity, comfort and hospitality in a world that often feels confusing and unfamiliar. It doesn't have to look exactly the way it did 50 years ago. Times change. Home-cooked dinners for 200 and embroidered dish towels may someday disappear entirely.

But the need behind them never will.

The small ways we carry on will be the more of nostalgic memories for those who come after us. That's the real recipe worth passing down. And unlike the garlic powder, it



Years ago, I enlarged this recipe and hung it on my kitchen wall. The print got damaged in a PCS, but the recipe is still a favorite

AMY ALLENDER PHOTOS

never gets lost in the sauce.

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Military Roots, Softball Dreams: Sisters Find Home on the Diamond

VERONICA KELLERMAN, NORTHERN SENTRY



Coach Kendall Winn and Player Reagan Winn share their journey.

For many military families, frequent moves mean constantly adapting to new schools, communities, teams, and friendships. For sisters Kendall and Reagan Winn, softball has provided a sense of stability no matter where military life has taken them.

For the first time in Minot Honeybees history, the team features a unique family connection both in the dugout and on the field. Head Coach Kendall Winn and first baseman Reagan Winn are working toward the same goal of bringing success to the Honeybees while sharing the experience as sisters.

Kendall, age 24, was named head coach of the Honeybees for the 2026 season after serving as an

assistant coach during the team's playoff run in 2025. Reagan, age 21, returns after appearing in games for Minot during the 2025 campaign. Together, they bring a rare dynamic that combines family, competition, and a shared love of the game.

As military children, both sisters understand the challenges that come with frequent moves. Kendall began playing softball in fourth grade, and Reagan soon followed in her footsteps. Through every relocation, the sport remained a constant.

"Moving in general is hard for kids and going from team to team is a challenge in itself," Kendall said. "But it has made us resilient and able to mesh well with others. The resilience and ability to

bounce back is something we've taken from military life."

Reagan echoed that sentiment. "Moving around so much teaches you how to find a home wherever you go, and that correlates with softball teams," she said. "Everywhere we went, I was lucky enough to find a good group of girls. They were welcoming and helped me find my people."

Their father, Kevin Winn, noted just how much moving shaped their childhood.

"They attended eight and six different schools and experienced more than eight moves for Kendall and seven moves for Reagan," he said.

Despite the constant changes, the sisters found comfort in each other. Whether playing catch, practicing skills, or simply talking about softball, the game helped strengthen their bond not only with each other but with their teammates also.

Although Reagan is two and a half years younger than Kendall, their relationship has evolved naturally into a successful coach-player partnership.

"It's smooth sailing," Reagan said. "We went to college together for a year, and she truly is my best friend. I have so much respect for her and trust what she's telling me. She knows me and knows



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Head Coach Kendall Winn of the Minot Honeybees

how to help me.”

Kendall believes their relationship works because they understand how to separate family from softball.

“She respects me and fully believes in me, and it’s so easy to work with her,” Kendall said. “She has taught me so much, and I hope I’ve taught her the same.”

While their story is unique, both sisters hope it serves as encouragement for military children who may be hesitant to continue sports after a move.

“I really want to encourage military families and their children to stick with sports,” Kendall said. “It’s easy to move and leave sports behind, but I want kids to use their stories and experiences to help them advance further.”

She hopes young military athletes will see opportunities rather than obstacles.

“I would love to see military softball players come out and

watch us. They would see that there is a future in sports and it doesn’t have to end just because you move.”

For Reagan, the message is simple.

“Use it as an outlet,” she said. “Remember it’s an opportunity to meet new people, grow, and never give up on your dreams.”

As military children, the Winn sisters have learned that home isn’t always a place. Sometimes it’s the people who stand beside you. For Kendall and Reagan, that sense of home can often be found on the softball diamond, where family, friendship, and resilience continue to shape their journey and encourage others to keep pushing. Let’s bring the community of Minot AFB out to Corbett Field this summer.

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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.

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A Visit To The Past...

Ward County Historical Society Pioneer Village

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“Since 1951, the Ward County Historical Society has helped to maintain and preserve the history of Ward County and the region. The Society maintains the Pioneer Village Museum in Burlington, North Dakota. The museum boasts several buildings, all of which house artifacts and items of historical importance.”

The original Pioneer Village was located on the North Dakota State Fairgrounds. It was a representation of the history of the area, with several buildings including a church, the Imperial Ward County Courthouse and the Samuelson house as cornerstones of the village.

My first tour of the village was during the North Dakota State Fair in 1977, and it took me the better part of an afternoon to just walk through and read about the artifacts that were stored there. The Pioneer Village remained on the fairgrounds until 2019 when with the help of many volunteers and the purchase of land near Burlington, the Pioneer Village was literally picked up and moved to its' present location just east of Burlington along Highway 2.

Thousands of volunteer hours have gone into the transition from the fairgrounds to the current site. I was able to sit down with Alyea Miller, Site Director for the Ward Country Historical Society who has been part of the WCHS since 2023, Sheldon Albertson, a current board member of the WCHS who has been involved since 2015, and Dan Caswell, President of the WCHS, who says he has been involved since 2012.

There was approximately 37 acres donated to the WCHS for the Pioneer Village and future developments, and of that only a small parcel has been developed for the current Pioneer Village. Beyond the Pioneer Village going east along the Highway 2 will hopefully someday be developed and have a nature area that would include hiking and biking trails. The exact acreage of the area developed for the Pioneer Village “could be around 10 acres” according to Alyea Miller.

Moving the Pioneer Village was not an easy task. “We had from August 15th of 2018 until June 15th of 2019 to find land, purchase land, get permits and move a dozen buildings” according to Caswell.

“A blacksmith shop, a car museum, post office” according to Albertson “we moved 10 buildings the first time,” “And we got done one week ahead of schedule” adds Caswell “Only because of Kevin Huwe” said Albertson. “Kevin moved all of them. He was a major donator” according to Caswell “The Burlington EDC donated half of the land and I purchased the other half. Between the 2 of us we donated \$200,000.00 to purchase the land.”

The current Pioneer Village museum consists of 17 buildings “and we’re still 15 buildings short of what we need” according to Caswell “we need a car museum and an agriculture museum” “And of course we’d like a visitor’s center someday, out front” adds Albertson. “The visitor’s center? Well, we’d like to design a building to look like an old hitchn’ post, you know give it that old look, and have a rail that you can tie your horse to in front of it” laughs Caswell “you know to keep people from driving into the building.”

The visitor’s center would be about 60 feet by 120 feet with meeting rooms and offices and gift center “and part of the reason I have envisioned it being that size is that we can have a year round antique mall, where people pay to rent a little 8 x 8 spot to put their antiques in, and they would also have to work at the museum like two days a month plus pay the rent and that way we could be open year round. We would have traffic year round and that would generate income to put up more buildings and pay more help...you know, give us a source of revenue.”

Albertson looks ahead to having a part-time librarian “because a lot of people want to know about their families. Quite a few come looking for information.”

The list of possible buildings, besides the car museum and the agricultural museum would include a gun museum for a collection that has been donated to the WCHS. “We’d like to have a horse barn” says Caswell “we want to build a farm” says Albertson. Caswell continues with the thought of building a livery stable, a soda fountain/tavern type building, a real post office, a bank, a gas station, general store..” Yah, it’s pretty easy to see that we are at least 15 buildings short, and maybe more.” Albertson would like to see a radio/TV repair shop “because we have then entire

contents from the ColorTech TV store” says Caswell “I’ve got test equipment that just won’t quit. We’ve got old, antique radios and TV’s, old tubes.” The museum also needs a building to store and expand their collection of player pianos. The expansion plans are pretty much unlimited, and of course depends on volunteers and resources.

Both Albertson and Caswell cited the need for a newspaper building “because we have the printing press from Sanish, North Dakota” says Caswell. Albertson ads that this particular press was the one that created all the havoc about the (Garrison) dam going in “so it’s a pretty historical piece.”

The challenge for the WCHS is not only to build new buildings, but to maintain the buildings that they already have. “Eventually we are going to have to charge” says Albertson “right now we don’t charge. But when we start charging we would be able to hire help. There’s just too much for only volunteers.”

Even though the discussion went on for some time, we ended up talking about the carousel that the WCHS is re-building and hoping to have finished sometime this summer. “There’s an opportunity for people who are willing to paint one of the horses that are on that carousel” says Caswell.

What Albertson, Caswell and Miller all emphasized is that many of the items we have grown up with, are really now valuable to the museum. “Take an Atari game from the 1980’s. It’s an antique to someone born like in 2000. We need to keep collecting new antiques” says Caswell.

For more information about touring the Pioneer Village, or for information on volunteering, go to the Ward County Historical website; wardcountyhistoricalsociety.com.

There is also information about the summer events at the Ward Country Historical Society.



This fossil of a soft-shell turtle is between 45 & 55 million years old. It was found in 2024 on site of the WCHS Pioneer Village Museum. It is a juvenile turtle which is known because its shell had not grown out to its ribs.



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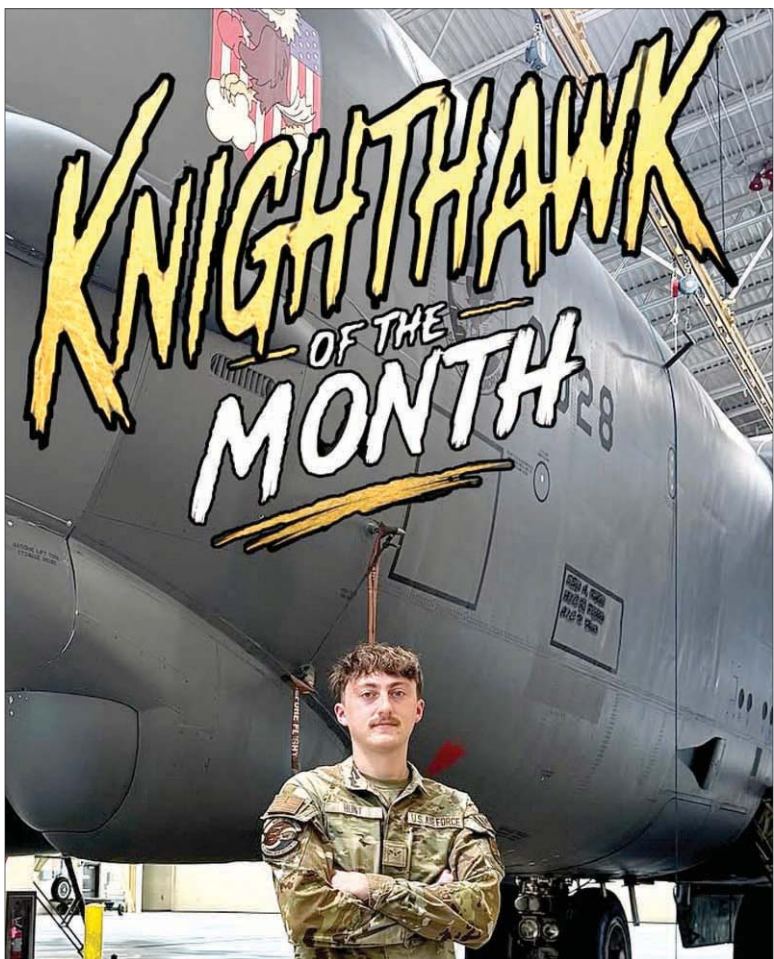
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THE PUPPY AND THE TICKET

Kim Fundingsland

The tale I am about to reveal is worth a laugh, a cry, or both. I suppose the reaction will range from "hilarious", to that "D__ dog!"

I'm a member of the hilarious group but, admittedly, for a moment or two, I muttered a few four-letter words. One glance at my dog turned my frown to a smile and improved my vocabulary instantly. Now, on to the circumstances that inspired this "Believe it or Not" tale.

As my dedicated readers know, I spend a considerable amount of time fishing. My dogs have always been a part of that. It's their outing too, albeit sometimes a little too interesting.

About 2 years ago I decided to fish in a two-day tournament at Lake Ashtabula, a lake I'd never fished previously. It's located north of Jamestown, about 2 1/2 hours from home. I had a new dog, Sally, about 5 months old, who made the trip. It was sort of a break-in time for her.

Not wanting to set up a formal camp at a lakeside campground, my son-in-law and I opted to sleep in my vehicle. What the heck. We were getting up before sunrise to get back on the water anyway. Sounds reasonable, right? I mean, we were only going to get a few hours sleep anyway.

I reclined my driver's seat, opened the window an inch or two. The long day on the water, combined with the cool night air, had me asleep in short order. It was my young pup's first time spending the night in a vehicle and I wondered how it would work out. She was curled up on the back seat when I zonked out.

Sometime during the night she woke me. I wasn't completely awake, just enough to give her a few reassuring pats on the head before nodding off again.

I can't say how long I slept before she was nuzzling my side and woke me up once again. This time I let her outside, thinking the pup was telling me she needed to go out and do what dogs sometimes need to do. Smart dog, I thought.

Oh, how things change.

We got up, fished from sunrise to 3 p.m., and then gathered with other fishermen for the weigh-in, trophy presentation, and a prize drawing. The latter was of keen interest to me because I had purchased 10 tickets to the drawing the previous afternoon.

It was one of those 50/50 drawings, with half the proceeds going to support the fishing club and half to the holder of the winning ticket. So, when the winning ticket was about to be drawn, a crowd gathered around to watch the drawing and see if they were the big winner.

Like the others, I pulled out my string of consecutively numbered tickets. I had purchased 10 but only had 9. Strange. Oh well, I thought, I never win anyway.

The winning number was announced and no one claimed the money. So, the number was announced a second time. Everyone was re-checking their ticket numbers, including me. That's when I discovered the winning number was the first one in the numerical sequence of



tickets I had left in my pocket. The problem was, I didn't actually have the ticket.

I quickly searched my vehicle, every jacket and pants pocket, and then realized what had happened. My dog ate the ticket. Really.

When she woke me twice during the night, gently nuzzling me in what I thought was loving, dog-like fashion; she was really pulling on the string of tickets that I had, apparently, not stuffed into my pants pocket far enough. Just my luck. She plucked that ticket right off at the perforation. Knowing that claiming my dog ate the winning ticket would prove fruitless, all I could do was keep quiet while another number was drawn and somebody else claimed the \$200+ prize.

Quite perturbed, I opened my vehicle door and there was my young dog, crazy happy to see me. Also, completely oblivious to the fact she had eaten the winning ticket. There was nothing I could say or do. I just laughed. It was a slice of life of much more value than a winning ticket. Dogs are the best – usually.





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Solution to puzzle on page B10

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

- 1. Fathers' offices
- 11. Old head
- 15. Salmon, vis-à-vis Omega-3
- 16. __ signum
- 17. Hesitant
- 18. First name in exploring
- 19. Half a comedy duo
- 20. Shepherd-turned-prophet
- 21. It's better when they meet
- 22. Go cautiously
- 23. It's usually left on the table
- 24. Toledo tidbit
- 26. Cut corners?
- 28. No longer covers
- 31. Reach the limit of, slangily
- 35. Serve one's tour
- 37. Brown, for one
- 39. Teens time, maybe
- 40. Lays down the law
- 41. Mound
- 42. Hardly a welcoming word
- 44. Hosiery item
- 46. Unlikely Oscar nominee
- 47. LPGA star Karrie
- 51. Khalid's successor
- 53. "___ of No Importance": 1994 film
- 55. "Butterfield 8" author
- 56. Pope during Attila's time
- 57. Tried to improve
- 59. "Artaxerxes" composer
- 60. Sanctioned
- 61. Homer Simpson's favorite bar
- 62. They're taken from dictators

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Down

- 1. Rate in the news
- 2. Put on
- 3. Beanpole
- 4. "Put 'er __!"
- 5. Thessaly peak
- 6. Pal of Piglet
- 7. Café order
- 8. Rap without merit
- 9. Plasm prefix
- 10. Dost observe
- 11. Brain picking?
- 12. Possible outcomes
- 13. Etcher's medium
- 14. Ring bosses
- 23. Largest moon of Saturn
- 25. Late-'70s FBI sting
- 26. Rolled oats dish
- 27. Preschoolers?
- 29. Slaughter of Cooperstown
- 30. Capital of Manche department
- 31. "The __": '50s-'60s Yankee hero
- 32. Romance publisher
- 33. Its first notable orchestral use was in Saint-Saëns' "Danse Macabre"
- 34. Girlfriends, informally
- 36. Shillong's state
- 38. Beetle juice?
- 43. Jeannette __, first woman elected to Congress
- 45. "A Natural Man" Grammy winner
- 47. Maker of the Hula-Hoop and Hacky Sack
- 48. Bother no end
- 49. Shiny, in product names
- 50. "Misery" Oscar winner
- 51. Deception
- 52. Start for space?
- 54. Champagne name
- 55. Rider of Sleipnir
- 58. WWII command

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This Father's Day, our family proudly honors Gerald E. Miller, who served at Minot Air Force Base during the early years of the Minuteman missile mission as a member of the 862d Combat Defense Squadron, later known as the Security Police Squadron.

As a Missile Security Policeman, Gerald helped protect strategic missile assets during the Cold War. His duties included supporting the India Launch Control Facility, where his leadership, dedication, and professionalism earned recognition from his chain of command. Official letters from 1968 commend his outstanding performance and note that his efforts brought credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Air Force. He was also recognized for voluntarily returning to duty to help prepare the India Launch Control Facility for inspection and competition activities.

Following his service at Minot, Gerald served overseas in Thailand with the 56th Security Police Squadron during the Vietnam War. His distinguished service earned him the Air Force Commendation Medal, awarded for meritorious service, professional skill, devotion to duty, and personal initiative.

Perhaps his greatest legacy is the example he set for his family. Inspired by his father's commitment to service, Gerald's son, Derek W. Miller, followed in his footsteps by joining the United States Air Force and serving seven years at Minot Air Force Base. Decades after Gerald stood watch over Minot's missile mission, his son would continue serving at the same installation, carrying forward the values of duty, integrity, and service before self.

The connection between father and son, both Airmen who proudly served at Minot AFB, is a reminder that the legacy of military service often spans generations.

Happy Father's Day to a father, veteran, and Airman whose example continues to inspire his family and those who knew him.



Gerald E. Miller served as a Missile Security Policeman with the 862d Combat Defense Squadron at Minot Air Force Base (1967-1968) and later earned the Air Force Commendation Medal for service in Thailand during the Vietnam War. His son, Derek C. Miller, later served seven years at Minot AFB, continuing a proud family tradition of Air Force service.

Upcoming Events

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



For more information:
Facebook/ Scandinavian Heritage Park/ Events

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12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
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10:30 AM - 3:00 PM - Minot Parks 4th of July Festival at Oak Park
3:05 PM - Gates Open - Corbett Field
4:05 PM - Hot Tots Baseball Game
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Better Late Than Never: The 4th Annual North Plains Elementary Art Show— Welcome to the Jungle

DR. AMANDA CAPOTE, PHD

While the school year may have come to a close, it is never too late to celebrate the incredible creativity and talent displayed by our students during the 4th Annual North Plains Elementary Art Show, Welcome to the Jungle, which took place at the beginning of May.

This year's show transformed North Plains Elementary into a vibrant jungle filled with imagination, color, and artistic expression. Each hallway embedded the jungle theme, creating unique displays inspired by the animals, plants, and natural beauty found in tropical environments. From colorful Toucans and towering trees to playful monkeys and fierce jungle cats, student artwork brought the wild to life throughout our school.

One area of the building took a different artistic approach. The Music and Library hallway challenged students to explore the world of abstract art. Rather than following the jungle theme, students were encouraged to let their creativity lead the way, experimenting with colors, shapes, patterns, and personal expression. The result was an impressive

collection of original works that showcased the unique perspectives and creative minds of our students.

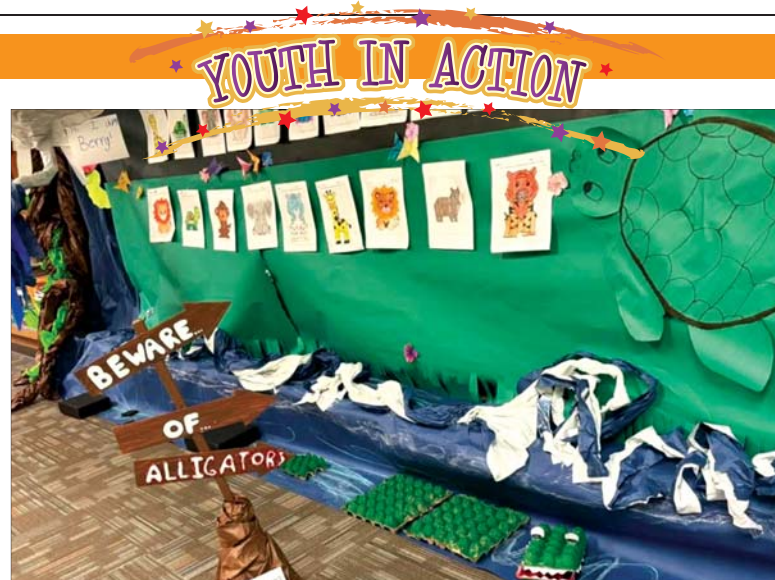
The annual art show continues to be a highlight of our school community, providing students with an opportunity to share their artistic achievements with family members, friends, and staff. It also serves as a reminder that art is more than just creating something beautiful—it is a way for students to communicate ideas, explore emotions, solve problems, and develop confidence in their abilities.

The success of this year's show would not be possible without the dedication of our students, staff, and families who supported and

celebrated the arts. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the event a memorable experience.

Although this article may be arriving a little later than planned, the creativity, hard work, and pride displayed by our students are certainly worth recognizing. Congratulations to all our young artists for making the 4th Annual North Plains Elementary Art Show another outstanding success. We look forward to seeing where their imaginations take us next year!

*Also, be sure to check out North Plains Elementary art work at the ND State Fair in July!



NOTES ON BEING SAFE

ENJOY THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Enjoying the fresh air, clear water and wildlife? More and more people have headed into the great outdoors for rest, relaxation, adventure and restoration. In the past five years alone, over one-third of the adults in the United States have gone on at least one over-night camping trip.

No matter what level of camping comfort you enjoy, there are always risks and hazards. On average, there are over 30,000 injuries treated in emergency rooms each year, and doctors treat an additional 75,000 camping-related injuries per year.

Camping styles range from primitive sites to RVs or even cabins. Find your comfort level in the great outdoors. Lodges are good alternative and are like hotels in a wilderness location, usually broken down into interest categories like fishing lodges, hunting lodges, etc. Once you determine your destination take the time to plan ahead before you head out the door and pitch a tent.

The last thing you want is to arrive at your campsite and realize that you forgot a piece of gear, or that you didn't bring the right equipment for what you plan to do. Different camping trips need different types of equipment and clothing. The possibilities range from hunting, to fishing, kayaking, whitewater rafting, backpacking, and family needs. Make sure you have the right gear for your trip and that it works properly!

Knowing what to pack for a trip depends on the season, location and activities you plan to include. Weather varies from season to season and from location to location. What clothing to wear should be a primary consideration and you should pack accordingly. For instance, wearing layers will allow you to adjust to different temperatures by adding or removing layers. Waterproof clothing will prepare you for different weather conditions. Make sure to choose comfortable shoes or boots for walking to prevent blisters. To keep insects and ticks from getting underneath clothing tuck pant legs into your socks and shoes. A cap or hat will also come in handy as a good shield to

protect your head from too much sun.

Here are 10 safety tips for choosing a campsite:

- Plan ahead and arrive at the campsite with plenty of daylight time remaining to identify hazards.
- Stay away from areas that may flood easily or get muddy if it rains.
- Be cautious. Look for sharp objects, broken glass, or other foreign objects.
- Avoid areas with rocks or other hazardous terrains.
- Watch for bees, ants and other insects, along with poison ivy and other poisonous plants.

- Avoid areas with low tree branches or dead trees. These could easily fall during gusts of wind.

- Look for an area with bushes or shrubs to block cold winds or provide shade in the heat.

- Pick an area with level ground and enough space for all your belongings.

- Pitch your tent away from your campfire.

- Build your campfire in a contained area to prevent it from spreading.

Keep the fun in camping. Be sure to take the necessary safety precautions!



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Special Thanks to Mrs. Schlabach: Sharing Wise Words on Simplicity

It has been such a pleasure working with Mrs. Monica Schlabach, wife of 91st Missile Wing Commander, Col Jimmy Schlabach. As Col Schlabach prepares to retire this summer, both he and Monica will leave Minot AFB's School Liaison Program better for having been here and thoughtfully led. They both shared wise words in recent past editions of the Northern Sentry and I am now compiling them in relation to my own view of their service, specifically focusing on our special lady—Mrs. Schlabach—and her wisdom regarding time management.

In Mrs. Schlabach's retirement article featured in the Northern Sentry's May 22nd edition, she shares that a paper calendar is one of her favorite tools, so she can clearly see what activities and events to prioritize. I'll never forget the one assembly at Dakota Elementary School that she was graciously and excitedly participating in, telling me nonchalantly that she had a dish in the oven for another event immediately after! Mrs. Schlabach was a busy woman, but made time for what matters—pencil-ing it all in.

This tool is one that I also utilize. A paper calendar requires a charged body—not a charged battery—for use. It provides a sensory experience chockfull of paper crunching, pen/pencil applying, and eraser/whiteout fixing that satisfies our fine-motor, visual, olfactory, and tactile skills. There's something special about going back to basics, and its something pediatric occupational therapist, Ms. Angela Hanscom, shares when in conferences and book signings. This woman wrote extensively on the importance of natural environments and dirty, outdoor play for children. It prepares them for school. I would argue, it prepares them for life. And, if they're lucky, they'll realize—as Mrs. Schlabach does—the natural written word is as underrated as a friendly smile and a home cooked dish. These actions and experiences add an undeniably endearing touch to humanity.



ALYSSA KELLY
SCHOOL LIAISON PROGRAM MANAGER, GS-12
DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE SCHOOL LIAISON PROGRAM



Picture taken at a schedule meeting where Mrs. Schlabach is writing in her calendar and brought her dog, George to participate!

In Col Schlabach's retirement article featured in the Northern Sentry's May 29th edition, he states, "Leaving here and leaving the service, there are defining moments when you see what it's all about" and shares a list of key moments, beginning first with a School Liaison Office initiative: "You get to go to schools to celebrate Month of the Military Child." I'm glad he sees this as an important activity, because that month wouldn't be as special without our leaders' support. In fact, they—and this is something only our top commanders and wives can do—beautifully elevate it!

I truly agree that going back to the simple—whether that be taking the time to use a paper calendar or actively take part in a celebration for children—is "what it's all about."

Their support will be missed, but remains forever impactful; leaving us all with wise words on what truly matters!

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OUTDOOR REPORT



by Patricia Stockdill

FISHING:

Lake Sakakawea elevation, June 15: 1,827.65 feet above mean sea level (MSL); 17,800 cubic feet per second (CFS) Garrison Dam average daily releases.

Devils Lake elevation: 1,450.18 feet above mean sea level (MSL). Stump Lake elevation: 1,450.21 MSL.

•N.D. Game & Fish Dept. game wardens: Lake Metigoshe producing some scattered bluegill and walleye success. No Devils reports.

•Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Improving walleye activity with better success coming from 6-Mile Bay using spinners with nightcrawlers in 17 feet.

•Lake Darling, Karma C-Store, Ruthville: Limited activity throughout many area lakes.

•Lake Metigoshe, Four Seasons, Bottineau: Limited reports with weather continuing to slow angler numbers.

•Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Work shallow on the east end of Lake Sakakawea using a variety of presentations for walleye, weather permitting. Look for improving activity with stable weather. Better activity is farther west in the Van Hook Arm. Missouri River tailrace fair for walleye. Limited reports from Lake Audubon.

•Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Hwy. 83 Lawn & Leisure, Garrison: Try 6 to 12 feet using plain snells with nightcrawlers on the east end of Lake Sakakawea for walleye. Lake Audubon hit-and-miss for walleye. No smallmouth bass reports but with good numbers of fish it's still worth giving them a try.

•Lake Sakakawea, Indian Hills Resort, Garrison: Limited walleye reports but look for improving activity with stable weather. Try along the south shore, locating

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

•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.

•June 27 & 28: Frontier Military Days, Fort Stevenson State Park, Garrison, noon to 4 p.m.

•June 27: Children's Stick Horse Rodeo, Fort Stevenson State Park Guardhouse Lawn, Garrison, 2 p.m.

•June 28: Pollinator Camp sponsored by Souris Valley Pheasants Forever, Esther's Acres, Glenburn. Go to (events.pheasantsforever.org/events) and enter North Dakota for registration and more information, \$10 per child; must be accompanied by an adult.

TOURNAMENTS:

•June 20: Lake Sakakawea, Fort Stevenson State Park; Lake Sakakawea, Sakakawea State Park; Missouri River, Washburn.

•June 26: Devils Lake, Grahams Island State Park.

warmer water.

•Lake Sakakawea, New Town: Fair to good walleye activity throughout much of the Van Hook Arm, wind and weather permitting. Work shallow.

•Lake Sakakawea, Van Hook Bait & Tackle, New Town: Continued walleye activity in the Van Hook Arm.

•Lake Sakakawea/Missouri River, Scott's Bait & Tackle, Pick City: Missouri River tailrace producing nice walleye using jigs and minnows or Lindy rigs with nightcrawlers or minnows. Try the pilot channel but watch levels with fluctuations from Garrison Dam releases. Decent success from the chutes from both boat and shore with some catfish mixed in using herring or smelt for catfish. Move around on the east end of Lake Sakakawea to locate walleye using a variety of presentations with overall improving success, wind and weather permitting access.

•Lake Sakakawea/northwest N.D. lakes, Scenic Sports, Williston: Upper end of Lake Sakakawea remains muddy with best walleye activity in the New Town area south of 4 Bears. Try spinners with

nightcrawlers or jigs and leeches in 8 to 12 feet. Also try the Van Hook Arm. Look for catfish and white bass activity on the upper end, however. Continued fair crappie success from Trenton Lake. Continued rainbow trout activity from McGregor and Kota-Ray dams.

•North-central/central N.D. lakes, Towner Hdwe. Hank, Towner: No new reports from area lakes.

RIVER ELEVATIONS & STREAMFLOW FOR PADDLECRRAFT ACTIVITIES (CONDITIONS CAN VARY):

•Lake Darling, Foxholm: Elevation, 1,597.95 MSL.

•Little Missouri River, Long X Bridge: River stage, 7.21 feet.

•Missouri River, Williston: River stage, 16.39 feet.

•Missouri River, Washburn: River stage, 9.63 feet.

•Souris River, Broadway Bridge, Minot: River stage, 91.41 feet.

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SATURDAY 20

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- Chess Club, 1200-1400, Minot AFB Library
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SUNDAY 21

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MONDAY 22

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- TAP DOW Transition Day, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Biggest Loser/Gainer Competition Final Weigh-In, 0800-1700, McAdoo Fitness Center
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Board Game Making Camp, 1500, Minot AFB Library
- Newbery Book Club, 1600, Minot AFB Library

TUESDAY 23

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- TAP VA Services and Benefits Briefing, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Biggest Loser/Gainer Competition Final Weigh-In, 0800-1700, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Tuition Assistance (TA) Brief, 1000, Education Center
- Game Day, 1000-1930, Minot AFB Library
- Exotic Eats: South America - Special Lunch, 1030-1330, Dakota Inn Dining Facility
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WEDNESDAY 24

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Base Right Start, 0730-1230, Jimmy Doolittle Center, hosted by M&FRC
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- TAP Employment Fundamentals of Career Transition, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Biggest Loser/Gainer Competition Final Weigh-In, 0800-1700, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Learning Tree Storytimes, 1030, Minot AFB Library
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Board Game Making Camp, 1500, Minot AFB Library

THURSDAY 25

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- TAP DOL Employment Track Workshop, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Biggest Loser/Gainer Competition Final Weigh-In, 0800-1700, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Pre-Separation Briefing, 0830-1130, M&FRC
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Tuition Assistance (TA) Brief, 1330, Education Center
- Airmen's Night Out - Baseball Nights, 1730, Corbett Field, hosted by Outdoor Recreation

FRIDAY 26

- Summer Series 5K Run #1, 0630, McAdoo Fitness Center
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- TAP DOL Employment Track Workshop, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Biggest Loser/Gainer Competition Final Weigh-In, 0800-1700, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Board Game Making Camp, 1500, Minot AFB Library
- Freedom Fest, 1700, Rockers Bar & Grill and Rough Rider Bowling Center Parking Lots

SATURDAY 27

- Paintball Open Play, 1000-1400, Paintball Field, hosted by Outdoor Rec.
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