

WHATS INSIDE THIS WEEK:





Stephen Bueschel, 5th Logistics Readiness Squadron property consolidation warehouse operator, poses for a photo at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Aug. 30, 2023. Bueschel manages the staging area for reutilization of Minot AFB property. See page A8 to see how Bueschel supports the mission.







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54TH HS SPOUSES ORIENTATION FLIGHT



A Team Minot spouse tries on a pair of night vision goggles Three UH-1N Iroquois ,"Hueys", assigned to the 54th during a tour for spouses prior to a spouse orientation flight Helicopter Squadron (HS) take off during a spouse at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Sept. 9, 2023. To orientation flight from Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, learn more about the 54th Helicopter Squadron's (HS) role Sept. 9, 2023. During the flight, Team Minot spouses on base, spouses had the opportunity to go hands on with received an aerial tour of MAFB's area of responsibility. the tools used to complete its mission.





A 91st Missile Security Operations Squadron tactical response force member takes a picture of his spouse during a spouse orientation flight at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Sept. 9, 2023. During the orientation flight, the 54th HS provided spouses a first-hand experience of the mission and demonstrated how the unit conducts global deterrence missions.

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Aircrew with the 54th Helicopter Squadron (HS) load a UH-1N Iroquois ,"Huey", with passengers for a spouse orientation flight at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Sept. 9, 2023. During the orientation flight, the 54th HS provided spouses a first-hand experience of the mission and demonstrated how the unit conducts global deterrence missions.



Capt. Cristopher Rocco, a 54th Helicopter Squadron (HS) UH-1N Iroquois pilot, flies a spouse orientation flight over the town of Minot, North Dakota, Sept. 9, 2023. Spouses received a first hand experience of the 54th HS mission during the orientation flight, including: airlift of emergency security forces, security and surveillance of off-base nuclear weapons convoys, and distinguished visitor airlift.





All About Pets

Handling Picky Eaters

Having a dog who is a picky eater can be one of the biggest challenges for pet owners. Like all pets, dogs have specific nutritional needs that must be met and if they are fussy eaters, fulfilling those needs can be difficult. Here are a few tips to help you find the right solution for your pet.

• Health problems: If your dog has suddenly developed an aversion to certain food or you have been dealing with pickiness for a while, try speaking with your veterinarian. Your dog may have an underlying health issue that could be creating the pickiness. In that case, your vet may be able to recommend the best food for your dog's situation. Some dogs also have food allergies, and your vet can perform tests or offer suggestions to help you identify what they are.

• Stick to a routine: Domesticated dogs are creatures of habit. Stick to a set routine to avoid messing up your dog's schedule. For example, feed at 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. every day and take uneaten food away after some time. However, it is important to keep in mind that some dogs do actually prefer to graze throughout the day. Free feeding works great for some dogs, so monitor Fido closely to figure out what works best.

· Boredom: Some dogs will simply refuse to eat if they are bored of what they're getting. Eating the same food out of the same bowl every day can be monotonous, and humans wouldn't want to do that either. If your dog doesn't seem interested in its food, try switching up the method of feeding. For normally food-motivated dogs, kibble can be used during training sessions to make it more fun. You can also try other more mentally-stimulating methods of feeding such as scatter feeding, snuffle mats, puzzle toys, etc.

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Believe it or not, some dogs actually like to work for their food! You can also encourage your dog to eat by adding in supplements such as fresh or frozen fruits and vegetables, canned pumpkin or yogurt, wet food, no salt added, plain chicken broth, eggs, or if you're into it, freeze dried or raw meat supplements. Some dog owners even prefer to feed entirely raw diets. It should be noted that you should consult your veterinarian before making any major changes to your dog's diet, and when it comes to feeding raw, consulting a nutrition specialist is very important to make sure your dog is getting all of the necessary nutrients.

• Stress: Picky eating can also be caused by stress and anxiety. Especially in changing environments, such as rehoming situations, moving, or bringing another pet into the home, your pet may not feel like eating. If you suspect your pet is not eating due to stress, try returning your routine back to normal as much as you can. You can try to reduce stressors by allowing your dog to eat in a quiet, calm space in the home, or by separating them from whatever they are triggered by. In some instances, all it takes is time and trust building to get your pet to start eating. This is where it can be especially important to try different foods and toppers to encourage your dog to eat, even just a little bit.

Some dogs are just picky eaters by nature, similar to how humans have preferences in what they eat. If your dog has recently developed pickiness, it may be time to visit the vet to figure out the cause. Otherwise healthy dogs can go several days (with water) without food, but the best practice is to solve the problem before ever getting there.

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Together with Veterans enhances military community

BRIANNA LOW, NORTHERN SENTRY

You guys will hear me say this a million times over, the answer to making the most of any base is to build the community around you. I got the chance to sit with Randy McDonald, the Executive Director of the Minot Chapter of Together with Veterans and have a conversation with him about this incredible organization. Their mission is to end veteran suicide and provide veterans, service members and their families resources aimed at positively impacting their mental health. This mission is near and dear to all our hearts. Minot is a rural location and research has shown that there has been an increase in veteran suicides in rural locations. The driving purpose of Together with Veterans is to offer resources and support to those that are in search of help.

So how do they do it? Randy spent an hour with me going over all the various things his team does for those who need help. The first resource we talked about is called Co-Pilot. Co-Pilot is a text messagebased program that allows service members, veterans, and their families to talk with mental health counselors through text message for free. It is a completely anonymous service that offers 24/7 support. Minot is the first chapter to pilot this program and is proud to know that they can give members of our area this support.

Another amazing service this group offers is their peer-to-peer groups. These groups meet on the first and third Tuesday of every month and discuss veteran related topics and concerns. One major thing to know about this, they offer childcare through Kiddie Koral to allow members and families to attend. Enjoy refreshments and feel comfortable talking with others who you can relate to.

Something that Randy is very passionate about is their events and classes that are organized for people to get involved, get out of their comfort zone, and create a bond to last. They have done kayaking, ukelele lessons, horse riding lessons, bread making classes and more. Randy stated that if you have an idea of an activity, he will run with it and make it happen. For him, it's not about having a huge group come to every event. Even if there are just two people who come, that's two people that are going out and finding something to enjoy. The best part is that these events are nearly always family friendly and are here to support you. They've

had spouses come with kids as an activity while their active-duty partner is deployed, they have retired veterans come, and service members attend all events. It is a community they are building to support and build up the entire military community here in Minot.

Their next event is one that I know my family and I will attend and that is their Annual Together with Veterans Community Picnic. Taking place in Oak Park on September 30 at 3pm, TWV will

be putting together a free Crawfish Boil/Low Country Boil for the community to attend. They will have live music, entertainment for kids and information and resources for service members, veterans and their families. So, Minot AFB and our veterans of Minot, I hope to see you at this event and many other TWV events. Let's take advantage of this incredible organization and work towards a healthier military community in our area.











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

About two weeks ago I stood in front of a group of Minot's leaders at the Military Affairs Committee (MAC) meeting. A PowerPoint I'd probably spent too much time perfecting projected behind me. My palms were sweaty. I'd known about this day for a long time, and here it was.

More than anything I wanted the words that I spoke and the message I had prepared to be useful. I was speaking on why I have such a positive perspective on living in Minot. But to me, the assignment was deeper. This was a message about how choosing to craft an uplifting narrative about wherever we find ourselves impacts the health and happiness of our communityboth on and off base.

This is a message I am completely sold on. I believe it to my core. When we intentionally create a better story about our lives, our minds are free to focus on what's really important. Instead of expending vital energy on bemoaning where we are, or counting down the days until circumstances change, we are able to fully live-as the whole humans we were created to be. When we aren't consumed with comparison, and complaint, we show up more vividly for our jobs, families, friends, education and even strangers on the street.

This was the message I wanted to bring the committee. But there were questions bouncing around my head. Would anyone resonate with this? Could I explain it? Who was I-someone not from around here-to speak to our community leaders?



received by military and civilian leaders, alike. The response I got after speaking at the MAC meeting was incredible. And it left me feeling grateful to live in a place where the leaders care so deeply about the people who call Minot home-whether for a few years, or forever.

You may not see it up close, but the people serving in leadership positions in the Magic City are thinking, rethinking, and dreaming up ways to make our spot on the map one we can all easily be proud of.

At the end of my presentation I offered four actionable steps anyone can take to create a more positive narrative about Minot. I'll wrap up by sharing them with you, too.

1. EMPATHIZE AND **ENCOURAGE.**

Minot, ND may not be everyone's ideal place to live. Some people may not want to stay here forever and ever-and that's okay! We can empathize with those who are homesick for something else, or longing for a different climate. We can encourage them to take hold of what Minot can offerample opportunity to take part in a quirky culture, time to focus on educational goals, or even just time to practice cultivating a resilient and positive mindset that will serve them long after they move away from the 701 area code.

2. BÉ CURIOUS.

Be curious about the pain points of others. Be curious about the pain points you feel hung up on. What is it you/they are looking for? Is it really that you wish we had a Chick-fil-a, or is it that you just miss having a go-to fast food order? Be especially curious about the locals and the transplants that choose to stay. What do they know that you don't? What is it that keeps them here year after year?

3. USE YOUR WORDS.

Words have meaning. The

life here will impact you, and those around you. Your words set the tone for your experienceand the experience of your spouse and children. Choose your words wisely. Practice reframing negativity (ie, "I can't stand the cold...") into something honest, but positive, (ie, "Winters are harsh, but the summers are fantastic!")

4. FOCUS ON THE FAMILY.

Focus on your family unit as a place to start breaking the cycle of negativity that comes so easily in Minot. Do not set a precedent of counting the days until you can

PCS, or making snide remarks about how there's "nothing to do here." That will squelch your contentment and you'll miss out on precious days of your life that could have been lived in joy.

Just as I hoped my words were helpful at the MAC meeting. I hope they are helpful to you, too. This is a good place. I'm glad you're here. Let's intentionally see some good this week.

For more on living in positivity, peace, and contentment in all life's circumstances—and stories of my life in Hotdish Land, join me on Instagram (@amy_allender) and Facebook (@ amyallenderblog.



I snapped this selfie just before the meeting and sent it to my husband, with a text that said, "My palms are sweaty, but I think the PowerPoint came out okay.

AMY ALLENDER PHOTO



UPSIDE DOWN UNDER MARVIN BAKER

There's a 1941 school map of North Dakota that hangs in my garage. Knowing of my interest in geography, one of my wife's friends gave me that map when she moved away. I look at that map every day when I'm in the garage and after six years of hanging there, it still hasn't gotten old (no pun intended). There's always something to look at and the most obvious to me; something that will not change over time is that North Dakota spans 3 degrees of latitude, from 46 Degrees North to 49 Degrees North. That's a lot of space and within that space is a diverse landscape, a diverse climate, a diverse transportation infrastructure and diverse communities. When that map was printed in early 1941, World War II hadn't started yet and the population wasn't nearly what it is now. In other cases, the population has shifted drastically, at the expense of the small towns to the benefit

Spanning 3 Degrees of Latitude...

of the cities.

In 1941, my hometown of Hazelton was still growing, peaking it's population in 1960 at about 500 people. It now has 220 for its population. That's been the fate of most small towns in the state with a very few exceptions.

At the same time, nearby Bismarck was growing rapidly and continues to do so. In the early 1970s, it was said that Bismarck and Denver were the fastest growing cities in the United States. We all thought Bismarck was going to catch Fargo in population, but the city of Fargo has seen it's own continued robust growth. West Fargo, which in 1960, had about the same population as Hazelton, is now the fifth largest city in North Dakota with 40,000 people. The most radical population growth of a small town, however, had to be Watford City. In a matter of five years, it went from 1,300 population to 12,000. My wife grew up in Watford City and we went there to visit her brother during the oil boom and she didn't even recognize it. It has since stabilized, but is six times the population it once was. To use the word diverse, agriculture personifies diverse. I've written numerous newspaper articles about the history of agriculture in North Dakota. In 1941, farmers grew wheat, oats, barley and rye with a smattering

of other crops.

Wheat, which for years was king, is no longer at the top. It has been replaced by soybeans and some counties grow far more canola that wheat.

Really, the only downside to agriculture in all these years, has been the loss of dairy farms. Nearly every farm in the state in the 1940s was considered a dairy farm. My parents, who milked 10 cows, had a dairy farm, according to USDA.

Most of the cows have disappeared and fewer than 100 are considered dairies today

township school a couple of miles from the farm. When I started school in 1966, we were bused to school in Hazelton.

And when I look at that 1941 map, I think about those who lived through the Great Depression and World War II, the despair and hopelessness for the better part of eight years, I can almost guarantee you they would prefer it like it was before December 1941.





Instead of 10 or 20 cows, now dairies are 400, 600, 1,000 cows. But if you compare the numbers, there were more dairy cows in 1941 than now and more milk was being produced.

Power plants have sprung up since 1941, oil was still 10 years away from being discovered and now we are the second-leading oil producing state in the nation and tourism has become a top industry, something I doubt anyone thought about in 1941, before the war started.

The state capitol as we know it, was basically a brand new building, Garrison Dam hadn't vet been built, nor did the Minot or Grand Forks Air Force bases exist. Each county, and in many cases, townships, had their own schools. My oldest brother didn't go to school in Hazelton until he was in high school. He attended a

Photo opportunities abound on the

Souris RiverPark.

For Two Weeks I'm in Heaven

northern sentry **A VIEW FROM OUR SIDE ROD WILSON**

It's a brisk fall morning. I grabbed a jacket on my way out the door knowing that more than likely it will be warmer this afternoon and the jacket will not be needed. It's September in North Dakota, things are starting to change. Most of the birds that migrate south are gone. Above me is the familiar V shaped flight of geese, and they are headed south. It's only one flock today, soon the sky will be filled with geese headed south. Some will stop for a temporary stay; others seem bound and determined to book a direct flight.

I ask myself if I have time this morning for a quick trip through Oak Park, and the answer is "sure, Rod", knowing the trees have started to turn their fall colors, the clock is ticking and soon all those leaves will abandon their trees and fall gracefully to the ground. There have been mornings when I drive through the park and the leaves are falling almost like snowflakes. Those days the sun will be lower in the sky, shining through the trees, casting a yellow haze. "How could it be more amazing than this?" I ask myself. The oak trees in the park are fewer now than when I first came to Minot. Still, there are enough trees shedding acorns to keep the squirrels busy storing their winter rations. When the acorns are crushed by the tires on my car, they make a distinctive sound causing the squirrels to dart up the nearest tree to wait until I've driven by, and they can get back to work.

Today is Monday. Let's see, what do I have on my calendar for the weekend? Can I take a short trip to the Upper Souris (Lake Darling) Wildlife Refuge? I love to drive the backroads along the Souris River valley. The views of the trees along the valley are so enjoyable. The colors, albeit a little less brilliant because of the smoke from the Canadian wildfires, vary from green to yellow, and once in a while a vibrant red. Got a whole day to kill. Get out your GPS and plot a course. Start at Upper Souris, then head to the Del Lacs wildlife refuge. Take Highway 5 and turn north on Highway 83. Take the road that heads east toward Lake Metigoshe. The trip around Metigoshe is phenomenal! Metigoshe State Park has wonderful hiking and biking trails, in fact, there is a paved bike path all the way around Lake Metigoshe. Note: This may be another trip that goes in your bucket list, as the trail probably takes a couple of hours to traverse. Now we are headed back to Minot through Bottineau, but the trip would not be complete



without taking a tour of the Clark Sayler wildlife refuge on Highway 14 near Upham.

Cameras are a must. Pack a lunch and make it a point to stop and enjoy the fall colors. There are certainly limitless opportunities to get the kids out of the car and expend some of their energy. In the meantime, maybe they catch a site of a wandering moose or a herd of deer. One time at Lake Metigoshe we parked on a road to protect a painted turtle as he crossed from one ditch to the other. It was a very slow process, but one the kids (now grown) talk about to this day.

I know, it's a lot to squeeze into one day. But it is certainly worth your time. But the opportunity is limited. A quick frost and the



leaves start to fall. If you get a great photo, email it to me at sentrysales@srt.com. We love to share those special moments with all of our readers. Remember, the clock is ticking, so start planning your journey today.

BEST KEPT SECRETS

On October 8th the Brass Band of Minot will perform their Fall Patriotic Concert in Anne Nicole Nelson hall on the campus of Minot State University. It's one hour of excellent brass music, ending with an audience sing along of God Bless America. Admission is free. **TODAY'S CHUCKLE**

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SLICE OF LIFE KIM FUNDINGSLAND

Old photographs have a way of bringing back to life events of years past.

Recently I was looking through some photographs taken on the set of the movie "Dances with Wolves," a 1990 big screen blockbuster in which I played an insignificant part as a Union soldier in the Civil War. I was one of several North Dakota reenactors on the set at a huge buffalo ranch near Pierre, South Dakota.

Several of the North Dakota boys brought horses with them to play the part of Union cavalry, which they did very well. Their appearance was well received by the cast and crew, that is, with the exception of one hot afternoon when the Dakota cavalry embarrassed Hollywood.

On this memorable day the directors called a halt to filming of the opening battle scene sometime before noon. Word quickly spread that the next shoot would involve lead actor Kevin Costner and a special jumping horse flown in from California. This, of course, was something we all wanted to see.

I watched closely as the movie crew removed a section of split rail fence surrounding the battlefield,

Hollywood Horses

the very fence that was to be jumped by Lieutenant John J. Dunbar. They replaced the section of fence with a much lower fence made of the same lumber. Instead of more than waist high it was now about knee high. The crew was also digging a hole underneath the fence in which they placed a camera to film the spectacular jump. I can tell you the North Dakota guys I was with, along with a few from Minnesota, were impressed with the lengthy preparation.

Then, with great fanfare, a handler entered the "hot" area, leading a special jumping horse and making final calculations for the stunt. It was decided that Costner's double would be in the saddle for the scene. The horsemen among us had begun to quietly voice their doubts, saying anyone's pet dachshund could jump that low fence.

But hey, this was Hollywood stuff, and we were about to witness a scene that took several hours to set up. Action! Cameras rolling, and the special jumping horse with a stunt double aboard began a run toward the fence and buried camera. Oops!

The horse stopped at the fence and the rider fell off, much to the displeasure of the movie crew but to the quiet delight of those of us watching this whole affair. I don't recall how many attempts it took to shoot that scene, but it was most of the afternoon.

I do remember when a director said, "We got it! That's a wrap!" and the entire Hollywood crew erupted in cheers, hugs, and high fives for a job well done. We were happy for them too, especially since we had been sitting around for several hours in wool uniforms on a hot afternoon and more than eager for a refreshing shower and change of clothes. Then we spoiled the show.

You see, the cavalry horses were tethered inside the very fence that was used in the jumping horse scene that took hours to film. When the cavalry boys mounted up to take their horses back to the staging area, they didn't use a gate but instead jumped the fence, every single horse with no trouble or hesitation. Not the special low fence either, but the much higher section.

This simple act of leaving the set drew the immediate ire of the movie crew. A couple of on-set directors who had been very friendly and courteous previously were enraged at what they considered a deliberate act designed to embarrass all of Hollywood. They stopped the cavalry, all whose horses had jumped the taller fence with ease, and sternly reprimanded them for what the reenactors believed was completely innocent behavior.

The directors went so far as telling the mounted soldiers to get back inside the fence and leave the grounds properly, that is, through the gate so as not to show up the professional movie crew that spent an entire afternoon on the fence jumping scene.

Very North Dakota-like, the cavalry offered their apologies, and agreed to turn the column around and leave in a manner that would be more favorable to the sensitive movie crew. Of course, to return



off the set.

NORTH DAKOTA TOURSIM PHOTO

to the battlefield they jumped the fence with ease a second time, each and every horse.

As you might expect, this simple act had the Hollywood folks enraged a second time. Most of us were fighting back laughter. A few Confederate reenactors were removed from the set. The cause of all the trouble, a cavalry reenactors unit from North Dakota, dismounted and led their horses Dances with Wolves was nominated for a record 12 academy awards, with the fence jumping scene being one of the most spectacular moments at the beginning of the film. Every time I watch that movie, I smile and think about what happened behind the scenes on that day in South Dakota.





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Col. Kenneth McGhee, 91st Missile Wing commander, Amn Daniel Hankes, Colonel Rofelio Grinston, and Col. Daniel Hoadley, 5th Bomb Wing commander join together for the official cake cutting honor at the 76th Air Force Ball held at September 16 at the Grand Hotel in Minot, North Dakota. The ball was held to celebrate the 76th Birthday of the Air Force and to commemorate all of the service members active and retired.

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It was a hot day in August when my coworker and I walked into a warehouse with 80s rock music bouncing wall to wall. A cheery face with a grin ear to ear stepped out from behind boxes of equipment and and greeted us with a firm handshake.

"Hey! Are you guys here to drop off some stuff?" Bueschel said happily.

He walked us through the process and paperwork, and after we were done unloading our old desktop computers, he offered us some popsicles and gave us a tour of the warehouse.

Stephen Bueschel, 5th Logistics

Readiness Squadron property consolidation warehouse operator, has been working as a warehouse operator for three years, and has lived in Minot for over twenty.

During the tour, he showed us his "living room," a section of the warehouse where he repurposed some decommissioned furniture, an electric fireplace, and had constructed a living room where he spent his breaks. Here, he displayed a variety of model airplanes and remote control models he built.

As we sat down with our frozen treats listening to classic rock, he treated us like we were old friends catching up on life.

Bueshel joined the Air Force

as an airfield ground equipment (AGE) Airman in 1988, and retired in 2008 at Minot.

"DINSTAAR Baby!" Bueschel said after telling me he was an AGE Airman.

After a few years of doing civilian work at Minot, he decided to come back to Minot AFB and to work for the 5th LRS.

"I like everything about this job," said Bueschel. "I get to use my mind, my hands, my body and I get to talk to people. You name it and it's probably something I like about the job. And I really like the people, they bring out the best in me.'

His job is to consolidate excess property on base, and ship it to Fort Carson, Colorado. Additionally, he ensures all of the paperwork is accurate, and every piece of property has the proper documentation.

Although he ships it to Fort Carson, he prefers it when different squadrons visit his warehouse, and pick up things they might need before it is shipped. In the last year, Bueschel has reissued over \$230,000 of property back into the base.

If your squadron is in need of furniture, appliances, or general equipment, send Mr. Bueschel an email. Additionally, if your squadron is getting rid of things, take a picture of it and ask Bueschel he thinks it is something that could be reissued.



Stephen Bueschel, 5th Logistics Readiness Squadron property consolidation warehouse operator, prepares to operate a forklift at Minot Áir Force Base, North Dakota Aug. 30, 2023. Bueschel consolidates all of the excess property on Minot AFB and ships it to appropriate locations.

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which would officially

come in December

with the collapse of the

The Strategic Air Command B-52 bomber was kept on around-the-clock alert, posed for retaliatory strikes against the Soviet Union. (USAF Photo)

communist state. As a result of the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty with Russia, hundreds of B-52 Stratofortresses were dismantled at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona. In the years following the Cold War, the Air Force implemented a downsizing trend that permanently closed many bases around the country. Because of its strategic location and continuous support of the nuclear triad, Minot AFB remained a pivotal ocation for strategic deterrence, and while the 5th Bomb Wing B-52s were taken off alert, they remained poised for action on a moment's notice. Information courtesy of: media.defense.gov / defensemedianetwork.com / Strategic Air Command, An Organizational History by Ronald Mixer



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Aircrafts have changed our way of life. We can reach almost anywhere on the planet in two days or less, and this speed has taken our societies to new heights. It's amazing to think about the sheer weight of a plane soaring in the air, however, an aircraft's ability to simply roll down a runway is just as amazing!

Two factors make it possible for an aircraft to achieve the speed for takeoff, which are tires and airfield surfaces, and both factors are highly lucrative businesses. In 2020, the global aircraft tire market was valued at \$1.52 billion, and it is projected to nearly double to \$2.85 billion by 2030. Furthermore, the surging demand for air travel will increase the world's airport construction market to \$1.8 trillion by 2030, amassing a \$500 billion growth from 2022.

How are two of the simplest raw materials, rubber & aggregate, so vital to the 120-year history of aviation, and so essential to the projected economic growth of the next decade?

EARLY YEARS OF FLIGHT

The first pneumatic rubber airplane tire was developed in 1909, six years after the Wright brother's first flight. Prior to the novel product, aviation pioneers used sled runners, heavy motorcycle tires, or even bicycle tires which tended to rip off upon landing. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company led the development of the first aircraft specific tire, knowing the tire didn't have to travel far, but had to withstand hard impacts.



Martin MB-1, circa 1918, incomplete aircraft in hangar. Fixed four main landing gear wheels, propeller yet to be fitted to engines, original photo owned by Jason Lawyer, All Rights Reserved.

rutting. However, the larger tires only masked another underlying issue, airfield surface conditions.

LESSONS FROM WWII

In 1941, the U.S. completed the Douglas XB-19, an experimental heavy bomber. At the time, it was the largest bomber aircraft built with a boastful MTOW of 162,000 pounds, which included the max bomb load capacity of 37,000 pounds. The aircraft utilized a tricycle landing gear configuration, with the two massive main gear wheels showcasing 96-inch diameter tires with 24 plies, and

each wheel assembly weighed 2,700 pounds.

On 6 May 1941, the behemoth bomber rolled out of the hangar for the first time and literally broke through the asphalt pavement to a depth of one foot. Efforts to move the heavy bomber continued, and it was towed under much strain to the asphalt runway but caused noticeable damage to the airfield surfaces. It took nearly two more months for the maiden voyage to occur on a newly constructed concrete runway.

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"On the basis of the flyer's recommendations, we built some experimental tires, tested them by dropping them off the roof of a three-story building on a concrete court. They worked out satisfactorily and soon everybody was using them – though this was not much of a compliment, as ours was the only one on the market." -

Paul W. Litchfield, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

With further input from the flying community, the first pneumatic aircraft tire was redesigned a year later, this time using cord fabric and a wire bead, and the improved design ultimately remained the standard for twenty years. In 1918, the U.S. Army began to fly the most advanced bomber in the world, the

Martin MB-1. This wood-framed aircraft was the first bomber built by the United States and had a maximum takeoff weight (MTOW) of 10,225 pounds, which included an over 1,000-pound bomb payload. Even by today's FAA standards, this is just shy of the 12,500-pound weight threshold to be considered a "large aircraft." To distribute the hefty load, the aircraft utilized a distinct, fixed main landing gear consisting of four-wheels, and a typical fixed taildragger wheel.

By 1928, problems began to rise as aircraft weights continued to increase, and the planes struggled to traverse on the primitive mud, sand, and thin pavement runways. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company devised a larger tire to ride on extremely low air pressure, essentially a "floatation" tire to roll over rough ground instead of





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Douglas XB-19, main landing gear tires taller than people. Photo circa 1941, public domain courtesy of the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

Prior to this incident, airfield designs were based off automotive highway knowledge and experience, but now geotechnical engineering for aircraft was of greater importance. Within a year, O. James Porter devised a new test and measure called the *California Bearing Ratio* (*CBR*), which became the principal method to design asphalt pavement by evaluating the shear resistance of base and subbase materials.

Also in 1942, Dr. Arthur Casagrande developed the "Airfield Classification" system to further understand soil behavior characteristics that are pertinent for design consideration. This early system expanded into what is now the *Unified Soil Classification System (USCS)*, which is used to define grain-sizes as cobbles, gravel, sand, and fines, and further examines the plasticity and dry strength of the fines material.

> "Air bases are a determining factor in the success of air operations. The two-legged stool of men and planes would topple over without this equally important third leg."

- General Henry H. Arnold, Commander U.S. Army Air Forces

Arguably, the XB-19 produced more civil engineering knowledge

than aeronautical engineering knowledge. In-situ soil continues to be a major factor to airfields, as it ultimately sustains the high wheel load stresses acted upon the pavement. Additionally, pavements require a careful design of layer strength and thicknesses to ensure the capability of carrying a given tire load, and now, stresses from multiple-axle bogies.

MODERN ERA

Typical of human behavior, build it bigger continued to be an aircraft design endeavor. To date, the Antonov An-225 Mriya is the aircraft that surpassed all in the weight category. The strategic cargo aircraft built by the Ukrainian company made its maiden flight on 21 December 1998. The jet has a main landing gear arrangement with seven pairs of wheels on each side, and two additional two-wheel bogies below the nose. All 32 wheels are used to enable the record setting MTOW of 1,322,275 pounds, which includes the 551,146-pound payload capacity.

Creating and flying very large aircraft (VLA), such as our modernday cargo and passenger planes, also advances the world's main aircraft tire manufacturers: Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Michelin, Bridgestone Corporation, and Dunlop Aircraft Tyres. An average commercial aircraft tire costs \$5,000 each but can be retreaded seven times or more. There are many factors that play into the lifespan of a typical aircraft tire, but they are generally designed and constructed to last anywhere from 120 to 400 landings.

Aircraft tires are a mix of bias ply or radial design, tubeless or innertube, and innovative safety technology such as a fusible plug to avoid blowouts from occurring. Commercial and military main gear tires can range from 56 to 360 psi ratings, with individual load ratings of 60,000 pounds, all while resisting distortion during high speeds.

The strength of a tire is derived from its casing plies, and strong beads are used to hold the tire on its wheel. Recently, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company developed what they coined Featherweight Aluminum Core Bead Technology, an innovative cord bead that maintains tire strength and durability but reduces the overall weight of a tire. This may not seem vital but remember some planes can use upwards of 32 tires!

ON THE HORIZON

The next time you are seated comfortably on an aircraft, and you begin to roll down a taxiway and turn to speed down a runway, be sure to marvel at the engineering involved to get you up to that point...before the nose of the plane rotates to the sky and the wings lift the aircraft. Over 120 years ago, the largest aircraft weighed nearly 12,000 pounds, and now we have passenger planes that can weigh 1,200,000 pounds, a growth factor of 100 times!

I'm sure we can build bigger aircraft, but do we need to? The future goal may need to be sustainability, in all factors such as aircraft fuel sources and efficiency, tire life and manufacturing, and pavement materials and design. After all, we are only talking about highly inflated rubber containers of air, traversing over compacted rocks and binder, under extreme loads of tens of thousands of pounds... simple science, right?

Additional Notes: All three of the aircraft assessed in this article now cease to exist. None of the original 20 built Martin MB-1 aircraft remain, but there is a full-scale reproduction of its successor, the Martin NBS-1 (MB-2), at the National Museum of the U. S. Air Force. The only Douglas XB-19 aircraft built was scraped shortly after WWII, but two of its enormous main tires were saved. One tire is on display at Hill Aerospace Museum, and the other at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force. The only Antonov An-225 built was destroyed in the Battle of Antonov Airport, during the Russian invasion of Ukraine, in February 2022.

Disclaimer: The views of this article belong to the author and do not represent the official views of the United States Air Force.

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Antonov An-225, landing approach with all 32 wheels exposed. Photo from 2014, shareable under Creative Commons, Vasiliy Koba.





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BRIANNA LOW, NORTHERN SENTRY

I came to write tonight with a different topic in mind but, as fate would have it, I'm sitting in my backyard watching the skies for the Northern Lights and realizing that I feel lucky to be at Minot. Now this is not something I ever thought I would say. I remember when my husband joined, I told him that if he ever got stationed here, I would stay with my mom, and he could come visit. I had listened to the rumors and had let them take over my thoughts before even stepping foot anywhere near North Dakota. But now, here I am. We've been here for eight months now, and I have found myself growing to like this place more and more. Minot isn't perfect, but I challenge those to find me a place that is.

Minot gets a bad rep due to one thing, the winters. I will never tell you that the winters are not cold here. They can be brutal, but the town and the base have found ways to get you out of your house by offering indoor facilities for everyone to use. We have a large gym with an indoor pool and track, we have two indoor playgrounds for parents to take their kids and run the energy out. We have the Turf where parents can take their kids to ride their bikes in the winter or people can host workout classes to get people out of their house. Not to mention, in town there is an abundance of indoor things for everyone to do.

Minot has a lot to offer beyond the experience you will have with winters. I want to push you to see that and appreciate that. This base has offered me one of the strongest senses of community I have had at any base. It has a sense of safety in the area and local kindness. There are incredible events on and off base to attend and enjoy. Families are welcomed everywhere and appreciated. Overall, it is a great place to live.

This article is primarily for the newcomers and people who have just received orders to Minot that feel a sense of panic and dread. But it also is here to serve as a reminder of some of Minot's highlights to those that have been here for a while. No base or city will be perfect in every way, it's all about what you make of it. So, get out, explore, and find your place in Minot. It's worth giving a shot.



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•Oct. 4: Pierce Co. Ducks Unlimited Dinner, Rugby Eagles Club, 5:30 p.m.

TOURNAMENTS:

• Sept. 23: Lake Sakakawea, Fort Stevenson State Park.

shore. Also try Berthold Bay on the north shore. Try 25 to 30 feet with spinners and bottom bouncers with nightcrawlers for walleye on Lake Audubon. Continued smallmouth bass success in 2 to 12 feet using top water or swim baits.

•Lake Sakakawea, Indian Hills Resort, Garrison; Walleye remain scattered in about 25 to 50 feet with increasing success using minnows. Continue trying nightcrawlers yet, however. Improving activity around the beacon. Bait shop closed for the season but campground remains open.

•Lake Sakakawea, New Town: Not many anglers on the midsection and those going continue finding slow success.

•Lake Sakakawea/Missouri River, Scott's Bait & Tackle, Pick City: Missouri River tailrace remains slow with a few catfish and walleye in the spillway channel from boats. Try jigs and minnows or Lindy rigs and nightcrawlers. Try crankbaits in the main river. Limited salmon and trout activity. Shore-fishing slow during the day with better success at night. Occasional success from the wing walls during the day. East end of Lake Sakakawea producing a few walleye off the points in 40 to 50 feet using spinners or slow death hooks and minnows. Some fish are shallower but seem less active. Try Steinke, Douglas,

or Government bays and around Alcatraz. Salmon are starting to move into shallower water.

Sakakawea/northwest •Lake N.D. lakes, Scenic Sports, Williston: Best walleye success remains around Lewis & Clark State Park and Lund's Landing on the upper end of Lake Sakakawea with crankbait success slowing and more of a fall minnow presentation. Missouri and Yellowstone rivers muddied somewhat but look for improving walleye success as water clears. Blacktail Dam continues producing decent panfish activity.

•Lonetree WMA area lakes, Harvey: Area lakes generally quiet.

• North-central/central N.D. lakes, Towner Hdwe. Hank, Towner: Area lakes quiet with some anglers still heading to Devils Lake.

<u>Hunting:</u>

•Doves: Fair numbers remain across many areas of the state. •Upland: Generally fair partridge

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Waterfowl: Look for fair to good

Watertowl: Look for fair to good bird numbers throughout areas with fair to good water conditions.
Numbers to know:
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Fishing:

Lake Sakakawea elevation, Sept. 19: 1,840.43 feet above mean sea level (MSL); 19,900 cubic feet per second (CFS) Garrison Dam average daily releases.

Devils Lake elevation: 1,449.41 feet above mean sea level (MSL). Stump Lake elevation: 1,449.42 MSL.

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

•Devils Lake, Ed's Bait Shop, Devils Lake: Continued fair to good walleye success with several in the 17-inch range taken around Doc Hagen's.

•Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Continued fair to good small walleye success. Start out working shallow and then move into deeper water around rock piles and towers.

•Lake Darling, Karma C-Store, Ruthville: Continued fair to good walleye success on Lake Darling.

• Lake Metigoshe, Four Seasons, Bottineau: Not many anglers out but those going continue finding fair walleye activity with good pike success.

•Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Lake Audubon improving for walleye. Continue working deep in about 40 feet on the east end of Lake Sakakawea for some walleye activity.

•Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Hwy. 83 Lawn & Leisure, Garrison: Work main lake points or sunken humps on the east end of Lake Sakakawea in 24 to 40 feet for walleye using Lindy rigs and bottom bouncers with minnows or nightcrawlers. Also try jigging Raps or shiner minnows. Better bite has been around Mallard Island and Pick City west to Hazen Bay along the south

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Today's vehicles use a variety of braking systems to bring your vehicle to a safe stop. Most passenger vehicles on the road use either disc brakes or drum brakes. If you have an older vehicle, you are probably working with a set of drum brakes on all four of your wheels.

Over time drum brakes need to be adjusted to ensure top performance and maintain even wear. So how is it done? We'll walk you through the process of how to adjust drum brakes and why it's best left in the hands of the experts.

WHAT ARE DRUM BRAKES?

With disc brakes, brake pads apply pressure to rotors and stop your vehicle. Drum brakes work similarly, but with a few different parts. Drum brakes three main parts are: the drums, brake shoes, and wheel cylinders:

drum brakes may need adjusting. When drum brakes need fine tuning, here's how an auto expert would adjust them.

HOW TO ADJUST DRUM BRAKES PROPERLY

1. REMOVE THE WHEELS A technician will jack and remove each wheel equipped with drum braking. A technician will do this so they have a better feel of when each drum brake is properly adjusted.

2. RECALIBRATE ADJUSTERS

Drum brakes can be altered using drum brake adjusters, also called star wheel adjusters. Drum brake adjusters are accessible behind a back panel on the drum brake. The "star" on the drum brake adjuster can be rotated to tighten or reduce the distance between the brake shoe and each drum. A technician will manually adjust the star



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Drum: Cylindrical piece of metal attached to the wheel of the car Brake Shoe: Curved piece of metal that holds the brake

lining Wheel Cylinder: Hydraulic mechanism that presses the brake shoes against the drum

These three parts are put into action when you hit the brake pedal. The pistons in the wheel cylinder are pushed outward against the brake shoes that then press against the rotating drum. The friction between the drum and the brake shoes is what causes your car to drop speed and come to a stop.

HOW ADJUSTING DRUM BRAKES WORKS

Most drum brakes can adjust themselves but sometimes that is not enough. Have you noticed you have to press harder on the brake pedal for your vehicle to come to a stop? Over time, brake shoes can take longer to reach the drum as their lining wears down. Delayed breaking responsiveness or deeper foot pedal travel is a sign your

until each brake shoe sits at a proper distance from the drum. This will be repeated for each wheel with drum brakes.

3. TESTING THE BRAKE SHOE SEATING

Next the technician will rotate each wheel by hand until the correct amount of drag is felt from the shoes lightly contacting the drum. After each drum brake is adjusted, it is a good idea to check the parking brake adjustment as well.

LEAVE BRAKE SERVICE TO THE EXPERTS

Fixing brake issues is not something you want to leave up to guesswork. Adjusting drum brakes takes a trained feel, so if you have no experience working with drum brakes it is best to leave this work in professional hands. At Tires Plus you can trust our experienced technicians to fix your brakes quickly and correctly the first time around. Whether you need brake service or other repairs, visit your nearest Tires Plus for all your tire and auto care needs.



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NATIONAL HARBOR, Md. (AFNS) --

The Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen for 2023 were recognized and honored during the Air and Space Forces Association's Air, Space and Cyber Conference Sept. 9-13.

The 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year (alphabetically listed, by rank and command of assignment when selected) are:

o Senior Master Sgt. Justin S. Cruz, Air Force Materiel Command – Airman supporting Space Force

o Tech. Sgt. Jennel L. Edwards, Air Force Global Strike Command o Senior Master Sgt. Sedrick F. Evans, Pacific Air Forces

o Tech. Sgt. Michelle A. Fernandez, Air Mobility Command o Master Sgt. Michael A. Galindo, Air Education and Training Command

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Air Force Reserve Command Selected for their exceptional leadership, job performance and personal achievement, the 12 Airmen will spend the next year, and the rest of their Air Force careers, being distinguished representatives

for the department. "Don't change who you are," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force JoAnne S. Bass. "Who you are is what got you here. Looking forward, you are an ambassador to our Air Force. That comes with a lot of responsibility."

These servant leaders embody Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall's "One Team, One Fight."

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> - Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force JoAnne S. Bass.

Their character, leadership and experiences reflect the strength of the Air Force and will serve the 12 Airmen as they advocate for and work with Airmen across the force.

"I feel honored and humbled to be surrounded by Airmen at this level," reflected Fernandez, 6th Security Forces Squadron Marine Patrol team lead at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. "They're likeminded in the way they want the best for the Air Force and the best for themselves. Working with this team is always a great experience, and I'm looking forward to the work we will accomplish this year."

Throughout their time at the conference, the honorees experienced Washington, D.C., with an immersion tour of the 1st Helicopter Squadron at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, and met DAF senior leaders, gaining insight into their key focus areas and intent.

During a sit-down discussion with the 12 Airmen, Bass conveyed her expectations and answered questions relating to their year-long journey.

"There is nothing that is on the minds of our Airmen and their families that we aren't focused on," Bass said. "We've got to work together to create irreversible momentum to get after these things while reoptimizing our Air Force.'

The event culminated with a ceremony celebrating all the achievements of the Airmen.

From senior master sergeant to senior airman, each member demonstrated how to lead, inspire others, and accelerate change around them. Their time at the conference will play a key role in the team's ability to attract, train, and maintain the highest caliber of Airmen and Guardians in the year ahead.

The 12 Outstanding Airmen's first official role will take place at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where they will help mentor and guide future officers of the Air Force and Space Force.



The 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2023 pose with Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force JoAnne S. Bass during a reception at the Jacob Smart Center at Joint Base Andrews, Md., Sept. 10, 2023. The Airmen were selected based on their leadership, job performance and personal achievement.



Chief Master Sgt. Melvina Smith, Command Chief Master Sergeant for Air Force Global Strike Command, poses for a selfie with Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., Chief Master Sqt. of the Air Force JoAnne Bass, and Tech. Sgt. Jennel Edwards, one of the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2023.

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The 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2023 pose in front of the Capital building in Washington, DC., Sept. 13, 2023. The Airmen were selected based on their leadership, job performance and personal achievement.

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"You know those small feet on the bottom of a ladder?' Yep, I answer "Well I started below those, at the very, very bottom. I tell people I was the dirt underneath them feet" says new North Dakota State Fair Manager Craig Rudland.

 $2023 \ would \ mark \ the \ 42nd$ fair for Craig Rudland. Craig was still in grade school and would work mostly summers. As he got older, there were more hours on the fairgrounds. "As soon as I graduated, I went to work full time, and time just flies by and now we're right here" Craig reminisces.

The obvious question about being from Minot is quickly answered with a smile and a nod "Yep, born and raised in Minot."

42 years can certainly make a big difference in an event like the NDSF, and in the fairgrounds themselves. "I can remember when the streets weren't paved. Everything out here was just gravel; and when you would get a little bit of rain during the fair it was a muddy mess. And when you didn't get some rain it was a dusty mess. So yah, there certainly have been a lot of changes in that time frame."

There were many older barns and buildings on the fairgrounds, but the construction of what is now the State Fair Center started in 1972 with the All Seasons Arena. "They built Arena 1, then the built FFA, then they built crops and gardens which isn't there anymore, and then Arena 2 was added; it's just been added to and remodeled over the years."

Early days for Craig were tasks assigned like sweeping floors and doing whatever needed to be done "so not a lot of change, I still do what I am told" Craig says with a grin.

As it is today, the early days of the NDSF revolved around the farming and livestock exhibits. "I love the fact that we have held onto

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our roots. Still today, we put it all together and it all seems to work" says Rudland.

Over the years the fairgrounds have gone through a modernization and clean-up. As Craig remembers "the burying of all the power lines was just kind of the start of cleaning things up. We got the paving done." And then from there Craig talks with pride about the new grandstand. "It's amazing...the acts that come into North Dakota, they give us compliments on our fairgrounds. The big acts, you know they have traveled all around the country, and they all talk about the fact that this is an amazing place. We are proud when we hear that."

Beyond the fairgrounds themselves "we have a staff second to none. They (the staff) are very meticulous about the way they maintain our buildings and our structures. It's really pretty humbling when you arrive in the morning and get a chance to look at our beautiful grounds."

There are 26, full time, year round staff at the North Dakota State Fair. During the fair the number increases to around 500 staff to set up, operate and help where needed during the fair.

Volunteers will always be what makes the big events like the North Dakota State Fair and Norsk Hostfest successful. "We work very close with the booster groups to get volunteers" says Rudland "and I always like to take a few minutes and talk with some of them every day. They are great people, and they are fun to have conversations with. Looking around we have groups from Minot Air Force Base, we have groups from MSU, Our Redeemer's school; bottom line is we couldn't do it without them."

Looking to the future, as it pertains to the Minot Air Force Base, Craig would like to explore new ways of getting more of the

active military and their families to the fair. "We'd like to eliminate coupons, and that extra step when they arrive at the gates" shares Rudland "I'd love to make it easier for all of them (active military and their friends). I would love to expand on the military day and give them an even better experience at the ND State Fair"

For Craig Rudland, there are 42 fairs behind him, but he's already planning for the 2024 North Dakota State Fair. "It's a great job (Manager of the ND State Fair). And with his experience, Craig Rudland can pretty much handle the challenge ahead.



Craig Rudland





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- Omaha and
- 15. "When pigs fly!"
- Medicinal succulent
- 17. Monster lizard
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- 19. Eye infection
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- U.S. president
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- 6. Gaudy night light
- 7. Like fanatical sports
- fans
- 8. Sassy
- 9. Ran the old sewing
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53. He's after the news

54. "Out of the frying

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57. Icebox, informally

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"We've been asking patrons since June to capture the essence of summer through their lenses and showcase their creativity, talent and love of summer," said Susan Lear, Air Force Services Center community services analyst, "and we can't wait to see their amazing work that celebrates all of the joy, warmth and adventure that summer brings.²

Unlike previous competitions, this year's contest includes two categories of photography traditional and composite.

"Both traditional and composite offer photography unique opportunities for artistic expression and creativity," Lear said. "While traditional photography captures the beauty of real-life moments, composite photography enables

photographers to push the boundaries of their imagination and create captivating visual narratives."

According to contest rules, traditional photography refers to "capturing images by exposing light-sensitive film or a digital sensor directly to the scene being photographed. It involves composing a single image in-camera, without significant post-processing or manipulation. Traditional photography aims to depict a scene or subject as faithfully as possible, relying on natural lighting and minimal alterations."

Composite photography involves "combining multiple images or elements to create a final composite image. It allows photographers to merge various elements, such as different photographs, backgrounds, textures or objects, to produce a new and often more elaborate composition. With image editing software, photographers can blend, layer and manipulate the different elements to create a cohesive and imaginative final image that may not exist in reality."

The contest, open to all authorized

patrons of Air Force morale, welfare and recreation programs including military members, civilians, retirees and their families, has various subcategories based on age and experience.

For traditional photography, there are five subcategories: Adult Novice and Adult Accomplished for those 18 and older; and Teen ages 13-17, Pre-Teen ages 9-12 and Child ages 6-8.

Adult novice is considered those

who are new or inexperienced in photography while adult accomplished is for those who have higher levels of photography skills through experience, education, training or those who operate as professional photographers.

Composite photography has three subcategories - Adult Novice, Adult Accomplished and Youth Teen (ages 13-17).

After the contest closes, a panel of judges will evaluate submissions

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TIMMOTHY TIMM

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



Zombie Run Volunteers

Youth Programs is seeking approximately 15-20 volunteers to play zombies in our zombie run on the 20th of Oct. Additionally, we're seeking 2-3 make-up artists who would like to volunteer to do zombie make-up for these volunteers (supplies would be provided). Volunteer hours would likely begin around 1400 to allow time for makeup and costumes and would conclude around 1800. Anyone who is interested can contact the youth center at 701-723-2838 and speak with either April Lawrence, Briannah Barnett, or Britnee McAlexander.

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1st Baptist Church Minot will be hosting a Car Care Clinic on Saturday, 23 Sep from 0800-1200. This is a great opportunity for those who are familiar with changing oil and other standard vehicle maintenance to help those in need! Each Spring and Fall, FBC Minot hosts the Car Care Clinic for single mothers and widows to get their cars worked on. With winter coming, this is especially important! No experience is required; extra hands are always needed. All tools, parts, and supplies will be provided, feel free to bring extra tools if you have them. Light refreshments will be provided.

POC: SIDNEY M. HELMS, Capt, USAF

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- 701-852-0141

Meals on Wheels Volunteers

On behalf of the Hispanic Allies organization, we would like to offer a volunteer opportunity to help our community. We're working with "Meals on Wheels" to help feed elderly members of our community. If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know. The Meals on Wheels delivery is every Tuesday & Friday. Volunteers can show up at the venue from 1045 to 11an. The route is simple, and it takes 45 min to 1hr, 2 members preferred. No supplies required. The address is 21 1st Ave SE B, Minot, ND 58701 at the Minot Commission On Aging. Please sign up using the following hyperlink: https://volunteersignup.org/4E7QM

POC: SrA Brian Bermúdez, brian.o.bermudezcartagena.mil@health.mil or 723-5184.

Caring Edge Hospice Volunteers

Magic City Civil Air Patrol Composite Squadron

The Magic City Civil Air Patrol Composite Squadron meets every Thursday at AvFlight, 1830-2030. Civil Air Patrol is the official, Congressionally chartered US Air Force Auxiliary open to all adults and children 12+. Its all-volunteer members serve in a multitude of roles in support of CAP's three primary missions: Cadet Programs, Aerospace Education, and Emergency Services. As adult opportunities include working as part of an Aircrew, sUAS operator, Aerospace and STEM instruction, and many other opportunities! The youth Cadet Program provides an opportunity to learn military structure while learning about Aerospace, Leadership, Flight, Cyber Systems, Outdoor Survival and much more! Whether you are looking to bring your skills to a new venue, expand your experience or military affiliation is necessary. For more information about Civil Air Patrol, visit https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com or contact the POC below.

Meeting location: AvFlight, Minot Airport, 2400 N. Broadway Suite E, 1830-2030 every Thursday

- POC: 1st Lt Jon McLemore, CAP, Jonathan.mclemore@ndcap.us
 - 701-720-6410 | https://nd021.cap.go

AF K12 STEM-to-Sky Program Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to assist with the AF K12 STEM-to-Sky program; a new annual outreach effort connecting Airmen & Teachers enabling them to produce direct classroom engagement. The purpose of this effort is to directly engage Airmen with classrooms around the world to share experiences, emphasize the importance of STEM education, and create personal military-to-classroom connections. Within the classroom, Airmen will discuss their associated roles and emphasize the importance of STEM (connect); and create propensity for students to pursue STEM and Air Force fields (inspire).

The program entails for schools:

• The Airmen to Classroom connection is a live two-way 30-45min interaction between a classroom and an assigned Air Force Airman, scientist, engineer or researcher.

• Large-scale pre-scheduled live events will include a program link after registration. • In-person engagements may be available depending on location and availability of local personnel.

Anyone can volunteer, and we especially encourage those who work in STEMfocused career fields!

This program is a great way to help us spearhead the efforts to reach General Brown's community outreach priorities related to STEM and youth engagement. I am in the process of reaching out to local schools to get them involved, and we'd love to have you and/or your Airmen too.

For Airmen sign-up and information/instruction - https://forms.osi.apps.mil/r/ fkmgNeYuLr

Revel Hotel, a newly renovated hotel next to Dakota Mall, will be giving away use of the Pilot's Bar and adjoining banquet space at its venue to Airmen.

REVEL #

The new giveaway, **Weddings for Warriors**, will honor the men and women who serve the United States by giving away use of the Pilot's Bar and banquet space once every month.

At least one partner must be serving or must be an active member of the U.S. Air Force.

For further information, please send a message to the hotel at revelnd.com or contact Chelewa Springs or Ashley Cutler at 701-607-4557 or 701-306-3338. Caring Edge Hospice is looking for volunteers to assist with a wide-range of support. It's an honor to be part of our patients' and their families' journeys. Making connections with our amazing hospice team is just one of the many personal and professional rewards you will experience through the gift of volunteering. Our team and our community would like to offer that gift to the Airmen at Minot Air Force Base.

POC: Shelby Stuckey, Volunteer Coordinator (888) 223-4287 shelby.stuckey@caringedge.com

Volunteer Soccer Coaches

Minot AFB Youth sports is looking for volunteer coaches for the upcoming indoor soccer season. The season will run from 6 Nov. through 15 Dec. 2023. Coaching needs are as follows:

- Ages 3–4-year-old: 12 coaches needed. Practice schedule: Mondays from 1700-1730 at the Youth Center
- Ages 5–6-year-old: 12 coaches needed. Practice schedule: Mondays & Wednesdays from either 1730-1830 or 1830-1930 at the Youth Center
- Ages 7–8-year-old: 10 coaches needed. Practice schedule: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1700-1800 or 1800-1900 at the Youth Center
- Ages 9–12-year-old: 12 coaches needed. Practice schedule: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1800-1900 or 1900-2000 at the Youth Center
- All coaches must complete a volunteer packet with the youth center as well as complete fingerprinting & background checks, regardless of military status. Coaches will also be required to complete online training (provided by youth sports) and attend coaches training prior to the season start. **POC:** Ms. April Lawrence, the Youth Sports Coordinator,

701-723-1477/2838 or email april.lawrence.2@us.af.mil

- Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.
- POC: Abigail Kinder, Community Relations & Media Operations, Minot AFB PA, Comm: 701-723-6768, DSN: 453-6768

To have your volunteer opportunity posted, please contact Military & Family Readiness Center (M&FRC) at: 5fss.family.support@us.af.mil



"Our Town," Kicks Off Minot Symphony Orchestra Season

The Minot Symphony Orchestra will open their 98th season, "Our Town" on Saturday, September 23rd with Musicology (the study of music) at 6 pm and music at 7pm in MSU's Ann Nicole Nelson Hall.

"It's All About That Bass" is the first of the symphony's 6 concert series for the 2023-2024 season. Other performance dates include October 28, December 9, February 3 (3pm), March 16, and April 27. Programs for the 2023-2024 season include works by Bizet, Ravel, Liszt, Shostakovich, Sibelius, Copland, and more. The season will also feature two world premieres, a ND premiere, works by 3 local composers including the winner of the annual Young Composer Competition, ND High School Soloist competition winner, and the MSU Division of Performing Arts Honors Competition winner. Featured soloists include 2 MSU professors of music David Rolandson and Dianna Anderson. Also sharing the stage with the symphony this season will be the voices of the MSU Concert Choir, Minot High School Choir, and the Minot Chamber Chorale. The symphony will also feature 3 short films with music played by the local musicians. More information and tickets are available at www. minotsymphony.com.

"We are pleased to present this season themed "Our Town" that highlights phenomenal musicians who call Minot, North Dakota home. We hope that concertgoers enjoy the varied musical selections and take advantage of all of the offerings presented this season," said Christine Baumann, Minot Symphony Association Board President and violist.

The season opener on September 23rd will feature music from one of the most familiar operas, Carmen, Suite No. 1 by George Bizet. The music of Carmen has been widely acclaimed for brilliance of melody, harmony, atmosphere, and orchestration, and for the skill with which Bizet musically represented the emotions and suffering of his characters. A piece that any concertgoer is sure to recognize from numerous movies and commercials.

The program continues with Ralph Vaughn Williams Tuba Concerto in F Minor. The featured soloist is Tubist and MSU Professor of Music, Dr. David Rolandson. Rolandson is Chair of the Division of Performing Arts, Associate Professor of Music, and Director of Bands at Minot State University where he conducts the Concert Band and leads the MSU Marching Band. In addition, Dr. Rolandson teaches trombone, euphonium, tuba, conducting, and music education courses. He earned a PhD in Music Education from the University of Minnesota, a Master of Music in Wind Band Conducting from Central Washington University, and a Bachelor of Music Education from the University of Minnesota Duluth.

Darius Milhaud's Suite Provençal is a four-movement suite is based on authentic folk tunes from the beautiful southern province in France, the "Provence". The composer used a harmonic language respecting the popular characteristics, but that on the other hand also contains some 'spicy" notes (just like the wellknown "Provençal sauce"! ...). The instrumentation is very colorful, paying a lot of attention to the different timbres of both brass and woodwinds as well as to the percussion section. And the season opener finishes with Alexander Borodin Symphony No. 2.

Tickets start at \$30 for adults with active military, senior, and student discounts available. Season tickets, individual tickets and Pick 6 Flex Passes are available. The Pick 6 Flex Pass includes 6 concert tickets for the price of 5, can be used for multiple tickets to the same performance or spread out between performances. All tickets are available at www. minotsymphony.com or through the box office at 701-858-4228. Patrons are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance.

Musicology, the study of music, will begin 1 hour before the concert starts. Concertgoers are encouraged to attend this 30-minute engaging overview of the works being performed, the story behind the music, the composer, and historical context. It will not be held for the Dec. 9th performance.

The Minot Symphony Orchestra is a unique blend of student, community, and professional musicians from the Minot area. The symphony is directed by Maestro Efraín Amaya, Associate Professor of Performing Arts at Minot State University.

This project is supported in part by grants from Arts Midwest and the North Dakota Council on the Arts, which receives funding from the state legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.







The opening of waterfowl season – specifically ducks – means a couple of things in North Dakota: For starters, it means hunting season truly is getting into high gear and pheasant season rapidly approaches.

Secondly, it means welcome to the world of brown ducks.

You see the problem with North Dakota's resident waterfowl opener — Sept. 23 this year - is a great number of ducks across the state are still brown. Yes, welcome to the world of brown ducks.

North Dakota is a major player in duck production in the Lower 48 States. Its location in the heart of the Prairie Pothole Region provides a mosaic of wetland kettles in an array of sizes along with nesting cover grass. That combination means the state raises a significant percentage of mallards, gadwalls, bluewinged teal, and other species.

With a September opener for its homegrown ducks, many ducklings are still getting their adult plumage. Many adults are still in the process of molting.

Duck identification is always critical to meet state and federal species and sex bag limits and restrictions. It's just that in North Dakota, that can be especially tricky.

The N. D. Game and Fish Department helps make identification easier by providing photos or illustrations of the most common waterfowl found in the state on their website link, (gf.nd.gov/wildlife/id/ waterfowl). A click on the artwork links to species fact sheet.

Hunters can also visit the Central Flyway website, (www.centralflyway.org) for more information and details. Click "Education" on the home page and scroll down to "Online Resources" where "Waterfowl Identification in the Central Flyway" takes people to a pdf file of the identification booklet.

The booklet – which can be downloaded and printed for future reference – illustrates characteristics differentiating diver and puddle ducks. Legs of a puddle duck such as a mallard are centered more in the middle of its body, for example. They tip upside down in the water to feed; rarely diving which is characteristic of diving ducks like canvasbacks. The Central Flyway web page also provides links to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service videos with actual wing

samples illustrating species differences.

In addition to perusing the Game and Fish Department and Central Flyway websites, it helps to spend as much time afield as possible watching ducks in flight as well as simply watching ducks be ducks: Listen to ducks. Not all ducks sound alike. Just consider that diving ducks have a different quack. In fact, it's not really a quack; it's almost like a growl.

Seriously, divers tend to sound like they're growling a guttural growl - not quacking like puddle ducks such as mallards.

They don't fly the same, either. Different ducks posture differently when coming into a landing. Wing and flight speed also vary. Just consider a canvasback in flight: They seem to be a mission to get from Point A to Point B as if they absolutely, positively have to be someplace at an exact moment. Plus, "cans" don't break flight into a landing until the last possible moment.

That's much different from mallards that seem to enjoy circling around the block...again...and again...and again...and then only to change their minds.

That, of course, always seems to happen over one's decoys, never anyone else's decoys.

One tip for hunters: Don't focus so much on breast feather coloration. Instead, study wings. For one thing, lighting changes coloration. Instead, look for a side view to see as much of the wing as possible. In reality, looking at the wing is the truest way to identify ducks.

Also look at a duck's bill, if possible. If a hunter can see that greenish-yellow bill, it's a mallard. Not only that, it's in range. Bill color also indicates if it's a mallard hen or drake – drakes have yellow-greenish bills while hens have an orangish bill with black mottling.

An example of why foot coloring isn't always a species indicator is the fact that mallards and shovelers both have orangish legs.

CHIPOTLE KETCHUP

INGREDIENTS

4 WHOLE CHIPOTLE CHILES TABLESPOON EXTRA-VIRGIN OLIVE OIL 1 TEASPOON ONION POWDER 1 TEASPOON GARLIC POWDER CUP KETCHUP 1 TABLESPOON SUGAR 1 TABLESPOON CUMIN 1 TABLESPOON CUMIN 1 TABLESPOON CUMIN 1 WHOLE LIMES 6 WHOLE YUKON GOLD POTATOES, CUT INTO THICK STRIPS 2 TABLESPOON BUTTER 1 TABLESPOON BUTTER 1 TABLESPOON BUTTER 1 TABLESPOON SUTTER 1 TABLESPOON SUTTER 1 TABLESPOON SUTTER 1 TABLESPOON FLAT LEAF, FINELY CHOPPED

Ryan Davy - GM

Chop the chipotle peppers, then combine them with the remaining chipotle ketchup ingredients in a mixing bowl. Refrigerate the mixture for at least 1 hour to allow the flavors to blend (making it one day ahead of time is even better if you can swing it).

When ready to cook, set temperature to High and preheat, lid closed for 15 minutes.

Place the potatoes in a bowl, drizzle with melted butter and sprinkle with Beef rub, toss to coat.

Lay the fries on a Traeger Grilling Basket or a baking sheet and bake for 10-15 minutes, or until the fries reach your desired level of crispiness

Remove the fries from the grill, place in a bowl, and toss with parsley. Enjoy by the handful with plenty of chipotle ketchup for dipping. Enjoy

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Proper duck identification is more than staying legal and hunting responsibly. It helps understand the nuances of the different species and perhaps above all, helps heighten one's appreciation for the entire wetland experience.



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WHAT'S GOING ON MAFB

- Project Enigma, 0800, Professional Development Center
- TAP (DoL) Employment Workshop, 0800, M&FRC
- Family Zumba, 1000, Turf hosted by McAdoo Fitness Center

SATURDAY 2

Zumba, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center

- Sunday Escapes Book Club, 1330, Minot AFB Library
- Zumba, 1400, McAdoo Fitness Center

MONDAY

- TAP Overview, 0800, M&FRC
- Reintegration Briefing, 1000, M&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- Palace Chase/Front Briefing, 1400, Professional Development Center
- Zumba: Strong Nation, 1730, McAdoo Fitness Center

- TAP (VA) Services and Benefits Briefing, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Game Day, 1000-1930, Minot AFB Library
- Family Bootcamp, 1000, Turf hosted by McAdoo Fitness Center
- Newbery Book Club, 1600, Minot AFB Library
- Magic The Gathering EDH/Commander Night, 1800, ESC • Zumba, 1800, McAdoo Fitness Center

WEDNESDAY

- Right Start, 0730, Jimmy Doolittle Center
- Pre-Deployment/Remote Readiness Training, 1000, M&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- Storytime, 1030, Minot AFB Library
- Top 3 Mentorship Hour, 1130, Professional Development Center
- Food Advisory Council, 1200, Dakota Inn Dining Facility
- Suicide Prevention/SAPR Brief Tier 2, 1400, Professional Development Center
- Zumba, 1730, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Fighting Game Night, 1800, ESC
- Yoga, 1830, McAdoo Fitness Center

THURSDAY

- TAP (DoL) Employment Workshop, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Informed Decision Seminar, 0800, Professional Development Center
- Pre-Separation Counseling, 0830-1130, M&FRC
- Family Bootcamp, 1000, Turf hosted by McAdoo Fitness Center
- Reintegration Briefing, 1000-1100, M&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- July September ESM Birthday Meal, 1730, Dakota Inn Dining Facility

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 Registration Closes for Youth Indoor Soccer, Youth Center • TAP (DoL) Employment Workshop, 0800-1600, M&FRC

SATURDAY 30

 Minot Runs the World Ends, McAdoo Fitness Center Zumba, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center

SEPT SPECIALS

Bomber Bistro Teriyaki Chicken Bowl

Grilled chicken enveloped in tasty teriyaki sauce with a side of broccoli and topped with sesame seeds. Only available during lunch in limited supply.

The B-Fifty Brew Pumpkin Spice Latte

Signature Starbucks espresso and steamed milk with the fan-favorite flavor combination of pumpkin, cinnamon, nutmeg, and clove.

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