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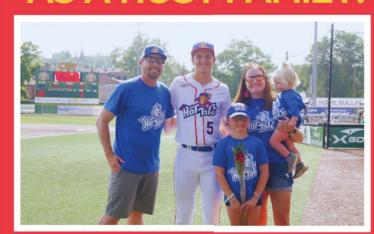
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Team Minot named DAF 2023 General Larry O. Spencer Award winners

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ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) --The Department of the Air Force announced the recipients of the 2023 Gen. Larry O. Spencer Innovation Award during a ceremony at the

Pentagon, May 8.

Master Sgt. Keith T. Dison, flight chief of advanced geospatial intelligence analysis troop of the Joint Special Operations Command Intelligence Brigade, received the individual award, while the team award went to the Atomic Spark team, which is comprised of the 5th Bomb Wing and 91st Missile Wing, assigned to Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota.

Presented by Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. James C. Slife, the individual award recognized Dison's exceptional contributions to the Special Tactics community. Specifically, he developed groundbreaking airfield survey challenging for capabilities environments, aligning with U.S. Special Operations Command priorities.

"Every generation faces its own challenges, and those challenges usually demand new ways of approaching the problem," Slife said. "Grassroots efforts like those of Master Sgt. Dison and the Minot team led by Lt. Col. Stephen Kroft, enabled by Spark Tanks and Innovation Cells across the Air Force, are so crucial to mission success as we prepare to fight tomorrow's wars. The solutions are out there among our amazing Airmen, and they are just as ready to adapt and overcome as the generations of Airmen before them.

The Atomic Spark team led efforts that significantly increased agile combat employment capabilities for the B-52 Stratofortress. Additionally,

they improved security measures for nuclear deterrence capabilities, leading to substantial operational enhancements within Air Force Global Strike Command.

Members of the team included Lt. Col. Stephen A. Kroft, Capt. Matthew P. Matuszak, 1st Lt. Lucas M. Schweinsberg, 1st Lt. William T. Young, 1st Lt. Kimberly C. Liu, 1st Lt. Krystalyn J. Delph, Master Sgt. Mishell M. Sonntog, Master Sgt. Adam L. Vasas, Tech. Sgt. Dominic P. Garcia, Tech. Sgt. Israel E. Garza and Staff Sgt. Nicholas E. Hartnett.

"The spirit of Air Force innovation has grown exponentially in the last decade, netting thousands of new ideas submitted each year to various campaigns," Slife said.

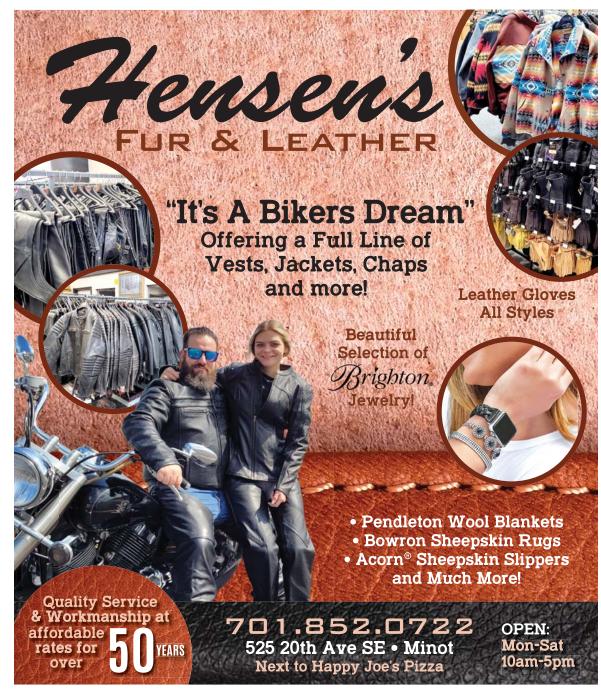
"Focusing on individuals and teams dedicated to driving that innovative spirit, this award signifies the Air Force's commitment to improved efficiency, operational readiness, and replication of innovative ideas across the entire Air Force enterprise."

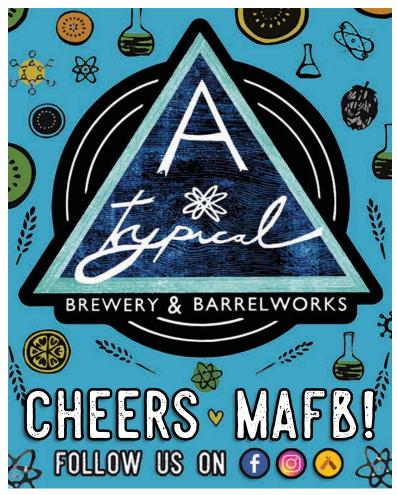
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There's a North in Northern Lights

Friday and Saturday nights gave a lot of folks the chance to see a nice display of Northern Lights. Aurora Borealis happens every couple of months. Sometimes they are brilliant, lighting up the entire sky, and at times on Friday night the horizon was certainly ablaze from west to east.

My first experience with Northern Lights was when our Scout troop was winter camping in the Badlands. It was a clear, crisp, fall night. It had gotten a bit chilly in the night. I had my head covered with the top of my sleeping bag. I rolled over and my eyes would emerge from the sleeping bag long enough to catch the Northern Lights...so brilliant that it almost seemed like someone had turned on a green light in my tent. They put on quite a show that night. I got up from sleeping bag and went tent to tent awakening others. Some were excited, and some were not.

One Scoutmaster grumbled "ain't you never seen Northern

Lights before?" The answer was emphatically "no, I haven't, what are they?" There were many cars parked on the side of the gravel roads on Friday night when we headed out, just north of the Minot AFB. Soon, we were watching a display that they say will not be repeated for a while. I hope there were a lot of young people taking in this grandeur evening display. I had to laugh as we passed a car with their hatch open, and kids laying in the back, dressed in their pajamas, and wrapped in blankets. They aren't called southern lights...they are called Northern Lights, and we are more than happy to share them with anyone who takes the time to venture out beyond the city lights to see them.

BEST KEPT SECRETS

Tomorrow at Fort Stevenson State Park they will try to put their names in the record book for having the most S'mores being made simultaneously. Where

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would an idea like that come from? It was probably a warm summer evening. As a Park Ranger did his rounds making sure all was going well in the campsite area, he noticed a lot of campfires, folks sitting around the camp first and those folks were making S'mores. How about it? He probably asked himself if there was some way to put Fort Stevenson on the map. And thus, a great idea was born. Good luck to Ranger Chad and all those who are taking part in this historic event.

SYTTTENDE MAI

Norwegian Constitution Day, or the 17th of May is a holiday we used to celebrate back home in Maddock, ND, where most of the town was of Norwegian descent. Well, except for the Wilsons, we were of German and Scottish descent, but we tried to keep it a secret. So, on Friday wish those who look Norwegian; Happy Syttende Mai.



SAILING SEASON IS ABOUT TO BEGIN

Sailing season you say. Where does one sail in North Dakota? In a state known for little topography, there is a large lake, Lake Sakakwea, where our sailing conditions are absolutely perfect, on most days, for a great sail. In the mornings we wake to the early songs of robins. In the evening, we watch sunsets that some evenings are so beautiful that you wish they would go on forever. The stars will come out, and because there are no lights of the city, they seem to just poke through the summer sky. Get out your app and track the path of the Space Station as it passes over head. Yeah folks, there is a sailing season in North Dakota that albeit short, it gives us another reason to love this great state.

TODAY'S CHUCKLE

Into every life some rain must fall, but some people need an umbrella, and some people need an ark.



UPSIDE DOWN UNDER

MARVIN BAKER

A year after an annoucement was made to paint murals on the side of a downtown Minot grain elevator, it appears the project is going forward.

Australian artist Guido Van Helten was in Minot recently to survey the premises and get a better idea of what exactly he will be doing.

A specific timeline hasn't been announced, but originally, Van Helten was going to work through last summer to paint the elevator.

One thing is certain. The Minot Council on the Arts got the right guy to take on this job. Large murals are difficult in and of themselves, yet here Van Helten will be, scaling a 200-foot elevator. But this is the kind of work that made him famous.

Called silos in Australia, Van Helten has painted numerous grain elevators in the states of Victoria and New South Wales. Some of the images painted on those silos are stunning. So much so that the tiny village of Brim is now a tourist destination because of the murals Van Helten has done there.

You actually have to see Van Helten's work before you can believe it. If you Google Guido Van Helten, you'll see a lot of what he has done, and it's far more than the sides of grain elevators. He's painted giant murals on the sides of buildings, on dams and even hospital buildings.

I've known about Van Helten for several years through some friends in Australia. They've sent me numerous postcards, newspaper clippings and brochures about this

Australian muralist coming to Minot...

unique artist. That's why I was so quick to point out that Minot got the right guy to do this work.

Demand for Van Helten's work is increasing and has been trending in the Australian media for several years now. He's also worked in Europe as well as the United States. Some of his most recent work in the U.S. includes murals in Fort Dodge, Iowa and Mankato, Minn.

The Minot project is said to be the only work he will do in North Dakota. Van Helten is on a multi-state arts project that this year includes Minot. The elevator is the former Minot Farmer's Co-op Grain Elevator which is downtown, next to the former Souris River Brewery and about a block north of Ebeneezer's Restaurant.

If everything goes as planned, Van Helten will transform a dull, concrete structure towering over downtown Minot into a work of art. Will downtown Minot become a tourist destination like it did in Brim, Victoria, a town of 171 people located 233 miles northwest of Melbourne?

It's likely people will want to watch Van Helten while he works. When he painted an elevator in Fort Dodge, he used a giant boom lift to get to the top. It took him an entire summer, and in fact, he worked well into the fall before that job was completed.

So, we can't expect this to happen overnight. Rain delays, equipment maintenance, not having supplies on hand and wind, can all be factors in slowing the artist's mural from being completed in a timely manner.

There's no doubt Van Helten is good at what he does. But, he doesn't come cheap. A report in a Minot newspaper suggested the cost will be roughly \$350,000. It's unclear if that includes the paint. Think of how much paint it takes to cover your house. Now, imagine the entire side of a grain

elevator.

It's unclear at this point what the mural is going to look like. Some of Van Helten's other silo art includes farmers, first responders, nurses, teachers and of course, farm animals.

I'm sure the Minot Council on the Arts has an idea of what should be painted, but it isn't yet being released to the public. Right now it's a surprise.

Van Helten grew up in the Australian city of Brisbane, Queensland as a graffiti artist. And after attending Southern Cross University in Lismore, New South Wales, became interested in silo art to change some of the blase structures into something exciting to look at.

There aren't a lot of people who do this kind of work and according to Australian media accounts, there's nobody else like Guido Van Helten. Just look him up and you'll understand what I'm describing.



Minot AFB Grassland to be Restored: **Pollinator Community Day**

ERIN BEENE, NORTHERN SENTRY

"There are no words that can tell the hidden spirit of the wilderness, that can reveal its mystery, its melancholy, and its charm." - Teddy Roosevelt

Minot AFB is no longer taking a back seat in restoring its natural prairie grasslands. Human development has overtaken the growing and lush natural landscape over the decades. This overuse of land started with the free land grants and farming in the early 1900s. Land destruction was at an all-time high nearly 100 years ago following the Great Depression. Thousands of acres across North Dakota were torn up and plowed, never to see growth due to the severe droughts. The plains were left desolate, dry and useless which had a severe effect on wildlife survival. Since then, Americans have worked to recreate the natural landscape that once flowed for miles.

Today, Dr. Lynda LaFond, Biological Scientist, Natural and Resources Program Cultural Manager, 5 CES, has worked tirelessly with the Minot Pollinator Project, MAFB, North Plains Elementary, the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service and other gracious donors to secure a spot of 5.34 acres right here on Minot AFB where grassland will once again flourish as nature intended. This project to restore natural grassland on the base started some time ago. LaFond has been able to secure the land designation, which is near the North Plains Elementary campus, and seed donations from Hess Corporation and countless volunteers to make this dream reality. After clearing and seeding took place last fall, the soon-to-be grasslands are ready to be planted. This Saturday, May 18th, MAFB invites anyone with base access to come out and help plant at the Pollinator Community Day event!

While there will be some shovels and gloves on hand, LaFond asks that people bring their own tools if they have them. There will be over 400 plants that need planting, including the Blazing Star Flower and the Prairie Coneflower, which are native to this area. LaFond wants everyone with base access to feel included and a part of this special day. They will need all the help they can get.

Besides the natural grassland restoration, the goal of this project was to help encourage insects and wildlife, including the endangered Dakota Skipper Butterfly and even the well-known Monarch Butterfly, to thrive again. LaFond mentioned that a beauty of this project is that once the plants are in the ground they require very little maintenance, as all the plants are drought-resistant and should thrive on their own without much human interaction besides the scheduled burns every 4-5 years. She mentioned that a



The first prescribed fire took place on 20 April 2024. Fire is a great management tool because it removes dead plant material allowing the sun to reach the soil and seeds stored in the soil, promoting new growth.

similar grassland pollinator habitat was created successfully at Grand Forks AFB, which is even more encouraging for the one here.

LaFond hopes this project will offer education benefits to the schoolchildren at North Plains and one day, once the grasslands

have grown, turn into an area with natural walking paths and possibly tent camping for base residents to

Please come out to support this local & history-in-the making endeavor on Saturday, May 18th.



The milkweed pictured is Showy Milkweed (Asclepia speciosa). butterflies Monarch only lay eggs milkweed plants, but all flowers can provide nectar for adults.



An intern setting up the bat acoustic tower. We have four confirmed species of bat on base, bats hunt for insects over grasslands.





Shawn & Paisley Lowe



picked up a \$45 Golden Ticket in a Northern Sentry he got at his work site on base.

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The 5th Bomb Wing conducted a base-wide readiness exercise, or Warbird Week, from May 1-8.

Warbird Week is a routine basewide readiness exercise designed to test 5th BW Airmen's abilities to operate in a variety of scenarios. As part of the exercise, various circumstances and conditions were simulated across the base to measure overall performance and response.

"The intent of exercises like Warbird Week is to reinforce training that Airmen already have,"

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said Nick Hoff, 5th Bomb Wing exercise program specialist. "The scenarios played out this week validate what Minot Airmen are capable of and what areas could be improved upon for future exercises or potential real-life situations, while maintaining readiness."

Warbird Week provided multiple realistic training opportunities for 5th BW Airmen and gave them first-hand experience in overcoming challenging situations. These situations included an active-shooter, medical response, and other potential real-world scenarios testing unit response.

"Enhancing overall preparedness of 5th Bomb Wing Airmen is the ultimate goal here. The most important asset we have is our people and preparing Airmen on the 'how' in responding to certain situations helps proactively protect our most important asset," said Hoff.

These exercises play a crucial role in the 5th BW's ability to maintain the readiness and proficiency required to overcome any challenge. Preparation is key when navigating any challenging situation, and that's exactly what Warbird Week provides.



Defenders assigned to the 5th Security Forces Squadron (5th SFS) patrol a building as part of an active shooter drill during Warbird Week at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, May 7, 2024. Warbird Week is an exercise that tests the overall capabilities of the 5th Bomb Wing units and how effectively they perform their missions.

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Airmen from the 5th Medical Group (5th MDG) assist patients during training at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, May 8, 2024. The scenario simulated an inclement weather scenario where the Minot city hospital was destroyed by a tornado and patients were redirected to the 5th MDG Building.

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An Airman assigned to the 5th Medical Group (5th MDG) cuts off a patient's shirt during a simulated exercise at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, May 8, 2024. The exercise tested the 5th MDG's readiness to respond to a real-life scenario.

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NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

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summer approaches, Americans are looking forward to enjoying our Nation's rivers, lakes, and oceans. National statistics show that recreational boating is safer today than ever before, with the number of boating fatalities declining even as the number of boats increases. However, lives continue to be lost needlessly, and we must remain committed to boating safety. During National Safe Boating Week which is 21 -27 May, we are reminded that practicing simple steps can make recreational boating safer and more enjoyable.

Drowning remains the number one cause of recreational boating fatalities. According to the American Boating Association, there were 613 boating fatalities in 2020. In many of these cases, life jackets were available on board, but were useless to the passengers in the boats because the speed and suddenness of the accident prevented them from having time to put on their life jackets. The chances of surviving a serious boating accident increase dramatically by wearing a life jacket. Modern life jackets are smaller, lighter, and more flexible, making them easier and more comfortable to

The National Safe Boating Council, the National Association of State Boating Administrators, and the U.S. Coast Guard are working with other campaign partners to encourage safe boating practices through the 2021 North American Safe Boating Campaign. In addition to wearing life jackets, the campaign encourages boaters to enroll in a boating safety class, to ensure that boats are properly maintained and checked for safety, to follow regulations and guidelines relating to homeland security issues, and not to consume alcohol when operating a boat. By improving our skills and increasing our knowledge of recreational boating safety, we can reduce the loss of life, the injuries, and the property damage that occur on our waterways.

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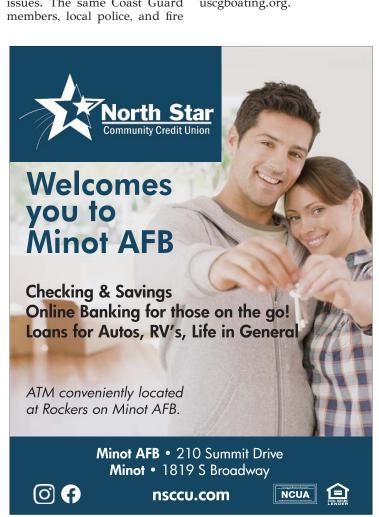
Safe boating also contributes to homeland security and frees the time of public safety officers to focus on enforcement issues. The same Coast Guard members, local police, and fire departments who respond to recreational boating accidents are also responsible for protecting the security of our nation's ports and waterways. By avoiding boating accidents, Americans can help these officials devote more time and effort to safeguarding our homeland.

More information about staying safe on the water is available by visiting the U.S. Coast Guard's Office of Boating Safety website at www. uscgboating.org.



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Oil Change Tips

It is recommended that you get an oil change on your vehicle every 3,500 miles for regular oil and every 5,000 miles for synthetic oil. Checking and changing the oil is essential to keep today's engines working properly and efficiently. Check the oil level with the engine and the car parked on a flat surface. Open the hood, remove the dipstick, wipe off with a cloth towel or paper, then back into the oil tank. Pull it again and see if the level is within the acceptable range marked on the dipstick. If you add the oil yourself, do not overfill. Overfilling can damage the engine.

Most automobile manufacturers recommend oil changes every year or 7,500 miles of car and light truck gasoline engines. The usual recommendation is diesel engines and turbocharged gasoline engines every 3,000 miles or six

You'll find that a once-a-year (7,500-mile) oil change is for vehicles driven in ideal circumstances. Most of us think "normal" driving is "severe service" driving. This includes frequent short trips (less than 10 miles, especially in cold weather), stop-and-go city traffic driving, driving in dusty conditions (gravel roads, etc.), and sustained highway driving speed during the warm season. For this type of driving behavior, the recommendation is to change the oil every 3,000 miles or six months.

For maximum protection, most oil companies say to change the oil every 3,000 miles or three to six months regardless of what type of driving you do. Regular oil changes for preventative maintenance are cheap insurance against engine wear and will always save you money in the long run if you keep a car for more than three or four years. It's very uncommon to see an engine well-maintained with regular oil changes develop significant bearing, ring, cam, or valve problems under 100,000 miles.

What About The Oil Filter?

To reduce the costs of vehicle ownership and maintenance, many car makers say the oil filter only needs to be replaced at every other oil change. Most mechanics will tell you this is a false economy.

The oil filters on most engines today have been downsized to save weight, cost, and space. The "standard" quart-sized

filter that was once common on most engines has been replaced by a pint-sized (or smaller) filter. You don't have to be a rocket scientist to figure out that a smaller filter has less total filtering capacity. Even so, the little filters should be adequate for 3,000-mile oil change intervals — but may run out of capacity long before a second oil change at 6,000 or 15,000 miles.

Therefore, replacing the oil filter every time the oil is changed is highly recommended.

Filter Replacement

If you do your oil changes, make sure you get the correct filter for your engine. Follow the filter manufacturer's listings in its catalog. Many filters that look the same on the outside have different internal valving. Many overhead cam engines, for example, require an "anti-drain-back" valve in the filter to prevent oil from draining out of the filter when the engine is shut off. This allows oil pressure to reach critical engine parts more quickly when restarted. Filters that are mounted sideways on the engine typically require an anti-drain-back valve.

Used motor oil should be disposed of properly. The Environmental Protection Agency does not consider used motor oil to be a hazardous chemical, but it can foul groundwater and contain traces of lead. The best way to dispose of used motor oil is to take it to a service station, quick lube shop, parts store, or another recycling facility. Your old oil will either be re-refined into other lubricants or petroleum products or burned as fuel.

Do not dump used motor oil on the ground, down a drain, into a storm sewer, or place it in the trash. Many landfills will not accept used motor oil even if it is in a sealed container because it will eventually leak out into the ground. If you can't find an environmentally-acceptable way to dispose of the stuff, maybe you shouldn't change your oil. Service facilities that do oil changes have storage tanks and recycling programs to dispose of used oil.

It is recommended that you get an Oil Change on your vehicle every 3,500 miles for regular oil and every 5,000 miles for synthetic oil. Checking and changing the oil is essential to keep today's engines working properly and efficiently.



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Downtown Minot has a lot of fun, small shops filled with one of a kind finds that you never even knew you needed to have, but when you see it, you just know. One of these shops is Robyn's Place. Located in the Fair Building at 122 Main St S, Robyn's Place is a cozy, little shop filled with a variety of treasures.

Robyn Gust, owner of Robyn's Place, is a Kramer native who has called Minot home since 2000. Gust did not start out on the path of being a collector and seller of unique items. She actually worked as a Certified Athletic Trainer previous to this venture. What made her choose to shift her focus and start her business in downtown Minot?

Gust spent 28 years working in the College/ University and Clinic Outreach setting before starting Solutions in Sports Medicine, which helps organizations become better prepared for emergency situations in sports settings. Solutions in Sports Medicine is one of the businesses that she runs out of her location in the Fair Building, but what you will likely see when you walk in are all the unique finds.

Robyn really got started in the world of antiques and collectibles because of her mom. When asked about how she got into this realm, she said, "Our family has a long history of admiration of vintage items that started with my mom, Ruth. She and my sister, Renee, had a vintage shop on our family farm in Kramer for many years. My brother, Ron, is also an "antique connoisseur". I have always had an appreciation for vintage items but didn't have the opportunity to get too involved in it until opening Robyn's Place-Unique & Crafty. Mom's love of all things Frankoma, Wedgewood, McCoy and other potteries, vintage glass and collectible figurines inspired that side of the Unique & Crafty Shop in Robyn's Place."

It is a treasure trove of antiques, collectibles, gifts, handmade items made of wood, a few food and snack items, and so much more. Her dad, whom she calls her Master Carpenter Daddio, makes wood outdoor planters, seasonal decor, and other goods out of wood. Robyn's Place also sells T's Tangles food items, which include seasoned pretzels, caramel, and other sweet treats and is owned by a relative, Tanya Gust. Her store also housed her NuSkin business. A lot of great things are happening in a little shop!

One of my favorite spots in the store is the Tiny Treasures Cabinet. It is literally just that...tiny items that are adorable and just so fun. You can also find "happy plants" in cute containers that make great gifts. You truly just never know what you will find. That is the fun of it all. Make sure to follow Robyn's Place on Facebook: Robyn's Place Downtown Minot. She posts many treasures each day so that you can see the newest finds. Truly, stopping into the shop is the best way to see exactly what she has to offer and likely, you will leave with a smile and a new found conversation piece to bring home and display.





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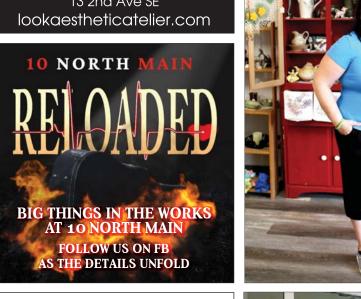
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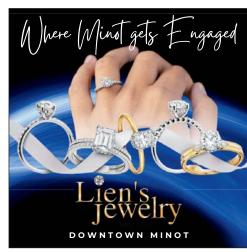
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A Shout Out **Downtown Merchants Host Minot AFB First Graders**

ROD WILSON, NORTHERN SENTRY

We loaded 36 first graders, two teachers, one para and some eager parents, all from North Plains Elementary, on a big yellow bus and headed south to the Main Street of downtown Minot. Final destination, Cookies for You and Margie's Art Glass studio for a morning of fun and education decorating cookies and designing a personal pottery

I must admit that when I proposed to Mrs. White and Mrs. Little that this would be a great field trip they were on board immediately. Now, I just needed to get Casey from Cookies for You and Margie from Margie's Art Glass studio to buy in. Thirty-six kids would be like a normal birthday party on steroids, but I promised both of them that there would be additional supervision to help keep all 72 little hands going the right

The bus left North Plains

elementary around 8:45 AM. arrived in downtown Minot at 9:15 AM unloading at Cookies for You. "It was a bit snug with everyone pretty much elbow to elbow" said Casey Klein, owner of Cookies for You, "but we had lots of help, and we were able to finish the cookies and each of them took their cookies with them."

Then it was off to Margie's, where downstairs the kids were able to craft their own art project. Here again, things progressed rather smoothly. Paint, kids and adrenalin can normally add up to a bit of chaos, but not today. Once again, the end justified the means. The only disappointment was that the students had to leave their project to go the kiln drying process. "You know, both of them (Cookies & Margie's) were so organized. We actually got done a lot sooner than we anticipated" according to teach Mrs. White.

When I asked the kids how the day went, they all cheered. The final piece of our field trip puzzle was a \$5.00 gift certificate from High Air Ground. Owner, Denise Lindbo, had the certificates delivered to Margie's for the kids to take home. Why not High Air Ground, too? Well in an earlier class I asked the kids what they had done in Minot. Some of them said they had been to High Air Ground, but its little Sofia who suggested that if she went back she would like to take some guests with her. The heart of a little first grader.

Thinking about others.
A big "Shout Out" to Casey, Margie, and Denise for their help in hosting this event. Another shout out to the parent/chaperones who went along and helped. Finally, a Shout Out to Mrs. White's and Mrs. Little's first grade classes for being such great kids and making the day enjoyable for everyone.



At Margies Art Glass Studio...Note: Everything around them is breakable, but

nothing broke!

A LOOK BACK

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Solution to puzzle on page B9

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- 14. More than required
- 15. Opposed to, in Dogpatch
- 16. Start with European or
- 17. Lose one's cool
- 20. What an F may indicate
- 21. Skull and Bones
- 22. Formidable opponents
- 23. Renders senseless
- 25. Intention

- 40. Jump all over a person
- 44. Obviously carefully
- 45. Automobile part
- 46. Fencer's selection

- 55. Turpentine, e.g.
- 59. Contessa portraver
- solid
- task, sometimes
- 66. "Magnet and Steel" singer Walter
- 67. More than a star
- 68. Winery process
- 71. Shoppers' bags

Across

- 1. Speaks hoarsely
- 6. George Takei role
- 10. First born

- member, e.g.

- 26. Plundered treasure
- 29. Line from an operator?
- 31. Liberal follower
- 35. Like a green banana
- 37. They may be against you
- 39. Shade
- 43. King that brought fame to Howard Carter
- written
- 48. Kicked oneself
- 50. Prepares a cannon
- 51. Drag one's feet
- 53. Holders of many frames
- 60. Word with poison or
- 63. Bodyguard or decoy's
- 69. Bingo kin
- 70. Buffalo Bill, formally

Down

- 1. Some whistle-
- blowers, briefly
- 2. Toll unit
- 3. It ran around Hades 4. More than a dabbler
- 5. Certain fastener
- 6. Companion of silks
- 7. Exclamation of
- disaust 8. What a title search
- may uncover 9. Unprecedented
- 10. Mall feature, often
- **11**. "No ifs, ___ or buts .
- 12. At leisure
- 13. Uh-uh and nay
- 18. Why you need a shot in the arm?

- 19. "What ___, chopped liver?"
- 23. Cookbook direction 24. Kid's vehicle,
- perhaps
- 26. Steep-sided hill 27. Put down, in a way
- 28. Make an allocution 30. Word with want or
- personal 32. Mary's sidekick
- 33. Made a grand grander
- 34. Soothsavers
- 36. Full of pep 38. Suspect something's
- 41. Sigma follower 42. Adam's grandson
- **64**. 16.5 feet
 - 65. Attitude of selfimportance

58. Make over

60. "Put a lid

61. Dermatologist's

62. They're tapped

47. Meteorological

52. Abby's twin

49. Without listening

55. Arduous voyage

54. Name in a Bette Davis

56. Bigger than the both

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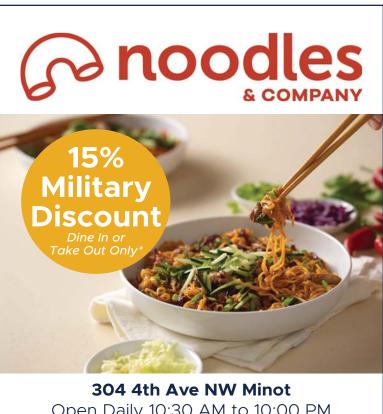
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Always Tough To Say "Goodbye" Junior Achievement Sessions End

ROD WILSON, NORTHERN SENTRY

When I first talked to Mrs. White about my return to her classroom to teach Junior Achievement in 2024, she gave me a bit of a heads up that this class "gives me a run for my money every day." My Junior Achievement time at North Plains Elementary was put on a bit of a hold while I had complete knee replacement surgery at the end of January. Normally the classes are pretty much completed by the end of March, ours were just starting.

I must say that when you walk into a room of 18 first graders, you have a bit of apprehension. OK, let's get the elephant out of the middle of the room. Why? Well, I am beyond the age of their parents. Heck, I am almost on the edge of being and older grandparent. What they learn, and how they learn are a whole lot different today than when I went to school, or even when my kids went to school. No individual desks in long rows. Nope, desks pushed together to form a square. In the middle is a table with an adult sized chair. On one side of the room is a bunk bed. Not for sleeping of course, but it gives the room a bit of a different character, getting away from the sterile classrooms of old.

Junior Achievement is a course that teaches the kids about their Minot AFB community. The community is quite different than downtown Minot. First, for many of these kids this is their first year

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at Minot AFB. On the flip side, this could be their last year on Minot AFB, but we'll get to that later. We talk about neighborhoods, and the people who help their neighborhoods work. Firefighters, police officers, maintenance people... kind of a normal neighborhood, I

Without boring you with all five lessons, I will jump to my last lesson which empowered the kids to think about a business that they may want to start on Minot Air Force Base. Pet vets (veterinarians), Excursions with a Shark, Police of the City, A Teacher who is also The Pet Watcher. Once they have decided on their new business, we talk about advertising. They need to design a newspaper ad (I work for the Northern Sentry) to talk about their business. I gave them 12 minutes, which was more time than most needed, and not enough time for others. The results of their labors? Well, they were well thought out, and the kids took little time in showing their ads to Mrs. White. Some asked for help in spelling. That is where I learned a new process called word stretching. Shark? Start with Mrs. White's favorite "s-h" sound? No need to add a "c" says Mrs. White. Sh... and now the ARRR of a pirate says Mrs. White. Shar...Finally we end it with a "k" sound. Yeah, you got it Shark. So simple, but yet so effective. Rather than give the answer, make

them work a bit and learn. Perfect, Mrs. White, perfect!

The final task would be to develop a sign, although we didn't have time for this exercise in class. I gave them ideas like a dollar sign for a bank...

Boy, 30 minutes goes by so fast. My time was over. And now the moment I was dreading all day. Saying goodbye to my adopted first grade class. I shared the story about Mrs. White giving me a heads up about this class. Not sure where she hid that class, because these kids stole my heart, over and over again. When I was handing out their graduation certificates, I asked them where they would be next year? Washington, DC, Virginia, South Dakota, Washington without a DC, Texas, just to name a few. A lot will return to North Prairie next year, but of course they will be second graders, and unlike growing up in Maddock, they may know some of their classmates, but not all of them.

Mrs. White and I have been

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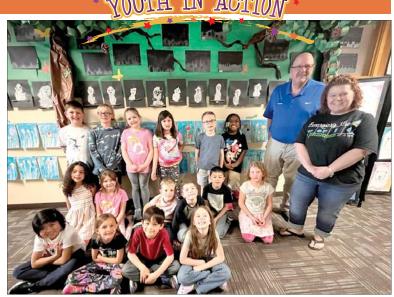


Photo of Rod, Mrs. White and the 1st Grade class from North Plains Elementary.

together in Junior Achievement for two years, and we kind of gave each other a bit of a promise to work together again next year. Not only is Mrs. White a great teacher of first graders, but she is also a great teacher of those who are lucky enough to share some time in her classroom, mainly me.

Those kids who gave her a run for her money, well they share hugs 'the hugginist class I have every had" says Mrs. White. And as I left the class with a tear in my eye, I heard a young lady behind me yell

"Rod...can I give you a hug?" Hey, I am a grandparent. I love giving and getting hugs. Sure, I said. Then she looked up at me and said, "Rod, I love you. You're the best." The small tear on my cheek was quickly replaced with a waterfall of tears from both eyes. My Dad had a saying that went something like this. The best things in life come to you when you least expect them.

Have a great summer Mrs. White and the kids from my JA class at North Plains Elementary. I will miss

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Date/Time	Agenda Topic	Location		
16 May 24	OCONUS PCS: Managing Expectations	MS Teams		
0800/1700 Central	Best practice for transitioning families. Presented by guest speakers from DoDEA Special Education in Europe (AM) and in the Pacific (PM)	0800h ID: 993 683 715 36 Passcode: yhSLXD		
	(AM) and in the Pacific (PM)	1700h ID: 993 508 451 11 Passcode: DqX8cP		
21 May 24	EFMP Connect: Preparing for PCS	Zoom		
0800/1700 Central	EFMP Central Cell presents Family Member Travel Screening, Special Education Timeline, Coping Supports, Resources.	ID: 161 6378 1816 PASSWORD: EFMP		
5, 12, 20, 26	Specialized Training of Military Parents (STOMP)	See Attached Flyer		
June 24	Overview of Special Education Policy, Decoding Data, IEP, Accommodations			
16 July 24	Developmental Delay and Early Intervention	MS Teams		
0800/1700 Central	How, what, when, where, and why of developmental and educational services available for Birth to 3 years.	0800h ID: 993 631 921 52 Passcode: SmpZqf		
	Presented by guest speaker, DAF EDIS Program Manager	1700h ID: 993 752 382 5 Passcode: g3d2EX		
22 August 24	Joint Service Special Education Edition	MS Teams		
0800 Central	Join Army, DoN, and DAF Special Education Specialist for a Back-to-School information session for all	Click here to join the		
	a Back-to-School information session for all	meeting		
29 October 24	Transition Planning	MS Teams		
0800/1700 Central	Planning for Life after High School before High School	0800h iD: 993 314 115 7 Passcode: xzXiQz		
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Minot Hot Tots Announce 2024 Single Game Tickets on Sale

Minot Hot Tots Release 2024 Promo Schedule

Minot, ND - The Minot Hot Tots are excited to announce that single game tickets are now on sale for the 2024 season! Fans can purchase tickets online or at the Corbett Field box office.

In addition to single game tickets going on sale, the Hot Tots have also released their 2024 promotional schedule, packed with exciting theme nights, giveaways, and special events. Highlights include:

• Harry Potter Night: June 13, with butterbeer and fun Harry Potter related on-field games

• Military Appreciation Night: June 29, themed USA jerseys, in-game discounts for military members, and USA themed

entertainment all game long
• Dinosaur Night: July 13, special guest's from Ed's Dinosaur Live will bring the ballpark to life with animatronic dinosaurs, and a truly immersive experience

• Berserkers: June 6, June 20, August 1, Go Berserk with custom themed jerseys, beer bats, and more

• Margaritaville: August 3, themed jerseys, canned cocktail margaritas, and enjoy a cheeseburger in paradise

Tickets are already sold-out to other key nights like Opening Night on May 29, LEGO Night on June 27, Willy Wonka Night on July 12, Kids TV Takeover on August 3.

momentum from our inaugural season and make our second year even bigger and better!" Said Minot Hot Tots General Manager, Monica Hocking. "Our 2024 promotional schedule is packed with new and returning fan favorites. From thrilling theme nights to new events, this summer is going to be a special one. We're grateful for the incredible support from our community and look forward to another summer of making memories together!"

The best way to attend the ballpark this summer is with a Hot Tots x Honeybees Hybrid Plan that includes the first Berserkers Night, Dinosaur Night, Margaritaville, and two great Minot Honeybees games. For more information on this package visit hottotsbaseball.com.

Other Ticket Information:

• Single game tickets start at \$15, but will increase \$5 the day of the game, so fans are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance

• Tickets can be purchased online at hottotsbaseball.com or at the Hot Tots Front office

• Group tickets and season tickets are still available

For a complete list of promotions and events, please visit https:// northwoodsleague.com/minot-hottots/2024promoschedule/.









Fishing:

Lake Sakakawea elevation, May 13: 1,836.4 feet above mean sea level (MSL); 17,800 cubic feet per second (CFS) Garrison Dam average daily releases

Devils Lake elevation: 1,449.5 feet above mean sea level (MSL)

Stump Lake elevation: 1,449.49 MSL. •N.D. Game & Fish Dept. game wardens: Not much activity on the east end of Lake Sakakawea. No reports from north-central area lakes or Devils

•Devils Lake, Ed's Bait Shop, Devils Lake: No new reports. Water temperatures remain cool although starting to warm somewhat.

 Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Inconsistent walleye success with cool water temperaturés yet. Try late afternoon for best success as surface temperatures warm. Work shallow and try to locate areas with warmer water. Not many anglers out yet.

•Lake Darling, Karma C-Store, Ruthville: Not much activity on area lakes yet.

• Lake Metigoshe, Four Seasons, Bottineau: Increasing angler numbers with occasional walleye success. A few bluegill starting to show up in

•Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: East end of Lake Sakakawea producing occasional walleye with a few anglers working Garrison and Douglas bays in 10 to 14 feet. North Lake on Lake Audubon continues producing some

• Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Hwy. 83 Lawn & Leisure, Garrison: Try crankbaits for walleye on Lake Audubon. Best Lake Sakakawea walleye success is farther west from Deepwater Bay.

Garrison: Not many anglers on the water yet but docks are in place. Facilities fully open May 24. · Lake Sakakawea, New Town: Van

Hook Arm remains slow with best walleye success and most activity in the river around the New Town area.

•Lake Sakakawea, Van Hook Bait & Tackle: Bait shop now open with anglers finding some walleye activity

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

• N.D. paddlefish season closed for harvest with snag-and-release until May 21. Go to the N.D. Game and Fish Dept. website, (gf.nd.gov) for

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•May 18: Minot Parks & Recreation Arbor Day event, Oak Park, 9 a.m. •May 18: S'mores World Record Attempt, Fort Stevenson State Park, Garrison, 2 p.m. Help the park celebrate its 50th anniversary by setting a new S'mores World Record. Contact the park, (701) 337-5576, for

•May 20: Souris Valley Pheasants Forever meeting, Hacienda, Burlington, 6 p.m.

• May 21: Minot Parks & Recreation free "Movie in the Park", Oak Park,

•May 25: Hatchery Fun Day, Garrison Dam Nat'l. Fish Hatchery, Riverdale. Free family activities and hatchery tours beginning at 9 a.m.

•May 25: EMS Kids Strong with games, activities, safety information, and food, Fort Stevenson State Park, Garrison, 4 p.m.

•May 25 through 27: Sky Fest over Fort Stevenson Kite Festival, Fort Stevenson State Park, Garrison, free event with park entrance fee, beginning at 10 a.m. each day.

•May 25: Golden Glow Evening Bike, Lewis & Clark State Park east of

Williston, 9 p.m.
•June 1 & 2: Free Fishing Weekend.

•June 1: Nat'l. Trails Day guided trail hike, Fort Stevenson State Park, Garrison, 2 p.m.

TOURNAMENTS:

•May 18: Lake Sakakawea, Lewis & Clark State Park; Devils Lake, Creel

• May 31 & June 1: Lake Sakakawea, New Town Marina.

•June 1: Devils Lake, East Bay; Lake Sakakawea, Beulah Bay.

from shore using minnows. A few pike and catfish mixed in. Work shallow, warm water from boats but not much activity yet

• Lake Sakakawea/Missouri River, Scott's Bait & Tackle, Pick City: Missouri River tailrace remains slow. Lake Sakakawea slightly improving for walleye activity but overall still slow. A few more anglers starting to get on the

 Lake Sakakawea/northwest N.D. lakes, Scenic Sports, Williston: Missouri and Yellowstone rivers running high and muddy with anglers finding some catfish but little walleye success. Upper end of Lake Sakakawea also muddied up as far east as Hofflund Island. Work east from Hofflund's down to the New Town area using jigs and minnows for walleye. Occasional success coming with nightcrawlers, as well. Trenton Lake producing a few crappie. Kota-Ray Dam producing catchable trout.

• Lonetree WMA area lakes, Harvey: No new report.

•North-central/central N.D. lakes, Towner Hdwe. Hank, Towner: Souris River producing a few walleye and pike around the bridges.

Paddle sports river elevations:

 Little Missouri River, Watford City, Long X Bridge: River stage, 7.36 feet; streamflow, 96.1 CFS.
• Missouri River, Williston: River stage,

18.53 feet.

• Missouri River Washburn: River stage, 8.97 feet. • Pembina River, Walhalla: River

stage, 2.39 feet; streamflow, 196 CFS. • Souris River, Foxholm: River stage,

7.34 feet; streamflow, 284 CFS. Souris River, Minot Broadway Bridge: River stage, 41.97 feet.

• Souris River, Minot, Yellowstone River, Sidney, Mont.: River stage, 6.69 feet; streamflow, 17,500 CFS.

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MINOT AIR FORCE BASE SCHOOL DISTRICT #160 MAFB SCHOOL BOARD **BOARD RETREAT** MAY 2, 2024

The School Board of Minot Air Force Base Public School District No. 160 held a board retreat on May 2, 2024. The meeting was conducted at the Memorial Middle School Library.

Members Present Eric Fileccia Anthony Foerster Wesley Hoffman Shavana Jones

Members Absent None

Others Present: Dr. Mark Vollmer, Laura Dokken, Jim Rostad, Dr. Scott Faul, Joy-Nicole Smith, Jared Edwards

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Call to Order: The School Board Retreat was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Preview of the Agenda: No changes.

Retreat Discussion:

The following items were discussed: -MAFB School Board Roles & Responsibilities -MAFB School District #160 Budget -MAFB Schools

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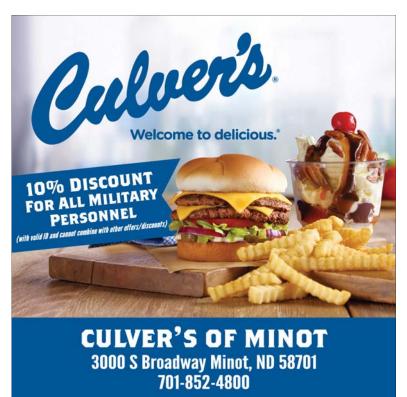
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- 2 LARGE ROMA TOMATOES 1 (280Z) CAN WHOLE TOMATOES
- 4 CUP LOW SODIUM CHICKEN STOCK
- 1 BULB GARLIC, ROASTED 1 (70Z) CAN CHIPOTLE PEPPERS IN
- 2 TABLESPOON BROWN SUGAR 1 TEASPOON CUMIN
- 2 TARLESPOON CORNSTARCH 3 POUND I FETOVER PULLED PORK HEATED
- 4 CUP SHREDDED COLRY LACK CHEESE 1 (4 OZ) CAN CHOPPED GREEN CHILES.
- OPTIONAL
- 12 CORN OR FLOUR TORTILLAS 4 GREEN ONION, FINELY CHOPPED
- 1 (20 OZ) CAN REFRIED BEANS, HEATED 1 SMALL BUNCH CILANTRO, CHOPPED SOUR CREAM, FOR SERVING

For the enchilada sauce: When ready to cook, set the Traeger temperature to 350°F and place a cast iron pan directly on the grill grate. Preheat, lid closed for 15 minutes.

When the cast iron is hot, place chile de árbol, onions and tomatoes in the pan and cook until vegetables are golden and chiles are

Remove chiles from the pan and place in a large bowl with boiling cken broth. Cover with plastic wrap and set aside until they are softened. Strain the liquid and reserve. Remove the stems and place chiles, tomatoes, onions, roasted garlic, diced tomatoes, brown sugar, cumin, and chipotles in a food processor and pulse until smooth.

Transfer chile sauce and reserved chicken stock to a medium sauce pot and place back on the grill. Bring the sauce to a simmer, Combine cornstarch with 2 tablespoons water and while whisking, slowly stream the slurry into the sauce. Simmer an additional 5 to 10 minutes until

For the enchiladas: When ready to cook, set the Traeger temperature to 350°F and preheat, lid closed for 15 minutes.

In a large bowl, mix pork with 1-1/2 cups enchilada sauce, 2 cups of cheese and chopped green chiles.

Spray 9x13 pan with nonstick spray. Lay a tortilla flat on a cutting board and fill with 4-5 ounce pork mixture and 2 tablespoons refried beans then roll closed. Pour 1/2 cup enchilada sauce on the bottom of the pan. Place filled tortilla seam side down in the pan. Repeat with remaining tortillas. Top with remaining enchilada sauce, remaining cheese, onions and cilantro.

Transfer to the grill and bake for 20 minutes until the cheese is melted and bubbly. Serve with sour cream

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CELEBRATING THE "BIG 5-0"

Patricia Stockdill

Sometimes sitting around brainstorming can lead to Trautman and park staff hope will be 1,000 S'mores Big Ideas.

Like ideas on a grandiose scale.

Maybe even a world record scale.

That's the idea — and vision - folks at Fort Stevenson State Park near Garrison have taking place May 18.

You see, that's when they're hoping and planning for a bunch of people to gather at the park and make S'mores.

Yes, the ever-popular campfire combination of graham cracker and milk chocolate candy bar sandwiching a squished campfire toasted marshmallow.

Some campers prefer gently toasted, barely golden marshmallows.

Others prefer crispy, crunchy darned near black marshmallows.

It's kind of like how a person likes their toast — lightly toasted or blackened just shy of setting off the kitchen smoke detector type of toasted darkness.

Yes, that's S'mores. Whichever way the marshmallow is toasted by the campfire, it's still delicious.

Fort Stevenson State Park celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2024. Just one of a litany of events is an attempt to set a Guinness Book of World Records record for the largest number of people making S'mores at one

This isn't something done on a whim; it takes a lot of planning.

It even includes a Guinness Book of World Records official judge.

With participants following guidelines established by the Guinness Book of World Records.

Yup, this is a big deal.

In order to meet qualifying standards the park will provide standard sized marshmallows - not miniature or giant. The cracker must be the typical graham cracker S'mores aficionados know and love. Plus, the candy bar has to be milk chocolate, Fort Stevenson State Park Manager Chad Trautman added.

In addition, participants must be in one location so the official judge can officially count the exact number of people making their S'mores all at once.

All of the ingredients will be provided. Participants can go to the park's west campground loop where there is a large, open field and enough space for what

If they can meet their goal for participants, it would take down a world record of 891 people set in 2023 in

Participants can arrive between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. S'more making begins at 3 p.m. followed by entertainment from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in what Trautman hopes will be a victory celebration.

The park typically hosts a wide array of events throughout the year so perhaps it's appropriate an attempt to set a S'mores making world record isn't the only anniversary event on their slate for 2024.

This year the park has already hosted evening hikes, a geocache event, and maple sugaring North Dakota style using boxelder tree syrup.

In addition to their usual summer events such as EMS Kids Event (May 25), Sky Fest over Fort Stevenson Kite Festival (May 25 through 27), Frontier Military Day (June 22 and 23), the North Dakota Governor's Cup Walleye Derby (July 19 and 20), Junior North Dakota Governor's Cup Walleye Derby (June 20), and a December geocache in conjunction with Garrison's Dickens Village Festival, they've added specific events for the 50th anniversary: •Aug. 3: 50th Anniversary Celebration with regatta, Club de Skinautique Ski Show, boat parade, and entertainment.

•Sept. 21: Oktober Family Fest.

•Dec. 21: Year End Celebration.

While Frontier Military Days has been a long-standing event, in celebrating 50 years this year's twist features a Kid's Stick Horse Rodeo. Children will get to keep their stick "horse" and can participate in a variety of "rodeo"

Visitors to the park's amphitheater presentations will receive paper lanterns throughout the summer. On Aug. 31 people are invited to participate in an evening hike throughout the park with the lanterns - or bring their own paper or battery lanterns.

More details will be included in the weekly Northern Sentry's Outdoors Report with times and park locations for the upcoming celebratory activities. People can also contact the park, (701) 337-5576 or go to the N.D. Parks and Recreation Department's events page, (parkrec. gov) for details.



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- Registration Closes: America's Kids Run Color Run, Youth Center
- May Fitness Challenge, McAdoo Fitness Center
- TAP (DoL) Employment Workshop, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Family Zumba, 0930, Turf hosted by McAdoo Fitness Center
- Cycle & Core, 1115, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Bistro Family Night, 1700-1900, Bomber Bistro
- Progressive Bingo, 1730, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Zumba, 1800, McAdoo Fitness Center

SATURDAY

- America's Kids Run Color Run, 0900-1200, Youth Center
- Why Not Minot Scramble, 0900, Rough Rider Golf Course
- Zumba, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Saturday Cinema, 1700-2130, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Friendly Feud, 1800, Rockers Bar & Grill



Zumba, 1400, McAdoo Fitness Center

- . Bundles for Babies, 0900-1030, M&FRC
- Family Strength & Tone, 1000, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Pre-Deployment/Remote Readiness Training, 1000, M&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- SkillBridge Brief, 1000, Education Center Room 211
- Storytime, 1030, Minot AFB Library
- Top 3 Mentorship Hour CSAF Agenda & Initiatives, 1130-1300, Professional Development Center
- Yoga, 1700, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Macramé Plant Holder, 1730-1930, Arts & Crafts Center
- Zumba, 1800, McAdoo Fitness Center

THURSDAY

- Pre-Separation Counseling, 0830-1130, M&FRC
- Family Bootcamp, 1000, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Reintegration Briefing, 1000-1100, M&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- First Duty Station Officer Financial Course, 1300-1500, M&FRC
- Tuition Assistance (TA) Brief, 1330, Education Center Room 211
- Zumba, 1800, McAdoo Fitness Center

MONDAY

- Registration Opens: Archery Camp, CYPBMS website at https://parent.afcyp.com/
- Family Zumba, 0930, Turf hosted by McAdoo Fitness Center • Reintegration Briefing, 1000, M&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- LinkedIn Workshop, 1300-1500, M&FRC

TUESDAY

• Game Day, 1000-1930, Minot AFB Library

• Cycle & Core, 1115, McAdoo Fitness Center

• Sponsorship Training, 1300-1500, M&FRC

• Zumba, 1800, McAdoo Fitness Center

• UVAO Regional Training Workshop, 0800, M&FRC

• Thrift Savings Plan for Military Members, 0900-1100, M&FRC

• Family Bootcamp, 1000, Turf hosted by McAdoo Fitness Center

• Tuition Assistance (TA) Brief, 1000, Education Center — Room 211

- Palace Chase/Front Briefing, 1400, Professional Development Center
- Writing Club, 1800, Minot AFB Library
- Zumba, 1800, McAdoo Fitness Center

FRIDAY



- AFGSC Family Day
- For a full listing of Memorial Day holiday facility hours, visit 5thforcesupport.com

SATURDAY 2

- For a full listing of Memorial Day holiday facility hours, visit 5thforcesupport.com
- Saturday Cinema, 1700-2130, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Friendly Feud Finale, 1800, Rockers Bar & Grill

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The B-Fifty Brew Featured Item

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