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Minot North High School Basketball Seniors (L-R): Camden Afforth #21, Tamari Carter #13, Kaden Flavin #1, and Kaiden Helm #22 following the Military Appreciation Game held at Minot North, Friday, January 31, 2025. See page A2 for a recap of the game.

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# Minot North High Hosts Military Appreciation Game!

HANNAH WATER, NORTHERN SENTRY

In a game that will be remembered not for the final score, but for the heart and effort shown, the Minot North High Varsity boys basketball team fought valiantly against Dickinson High School Midgets. The most important aspect of this game was the relentless spirit, hard work, and determination displayed by every player on the court at their first ever Military Appreciation Night on Friday, January 31. For the game, military members were granted free access, and the night's games supported MAFB and the many military dependents who make up the students and players at Minot North High.

From the opening tip-off, the Sentinels at Minot North High made it clear that they weren't going to back down. The team sprinted out on the court with a sense of urgency, matching their opponents' energy with aggressive defense and fast-paced offense. Every possession was fought for, whether it was a scrappy rebound or a steal that led to a quick transition.

Halftime at the basketball game was an amusing break from the action, where the fans were able to catch their breath and enjoy entertainment. The Minot North High cheerleaders took center stage in their blue and white cheer uniforms, and blew away the crowd with dynamic routines, stunts, and spirit-filled performances. Their enthusiasm boosted the crowd. From the faces of the crowd and their energy, everyone could see the obvious shift in the atmosphere by the end of the cheerleader's performance.

As the second half of the game began and fatigue was beginning to show on the players faces and speed, the Sentinels were pushed to the limits. Number-one, Kaden Flavin, played the entire second half and the team fought hard to catch up to their opponents. The defense remained aggressive, the passes were sharp, and every player seemed to give a little extra dedication when the game got tough. One of the game's most defining moments came in the final minutes. With the Sentinels trailing by just eight points and 11.7 seconds left on the clock, they had a chance to cut the lead. However, a crucial turnover and missed shots from the free-throw line proved costly. Dickinson team capitalized on those mistakes. But even in those final moments, the Sentinel's continued to fight by forcing the opponent into a series of rushed shots and contested drives.

One of the most memorable moments came in the second half when the Sentinel's Senior, Gavin Flavin, hit a series of back-to-back baskets, erasing a deficit and coming close to catching up to their opponents. The crowd erupted, sensing an upset might be

on the horizon. But the Dickinson team, as expected, responded with a wave of their own, making several of their baskets. Despite this, the Sentinels never stopped fighting.

As the final buzzer sounded, the Sentinels were left with the bitter taste of a close defeat. The final score was 70 to 60, but it didn't reflect the immense effort

and determination that had gone into every second of the game. The loss stung, but as a fan in the stand, one could assume that they felt they had left everything they had on the court. Coaches and fans alike applauded their relentless work ethic, their ability to push through adversity, and their refusal to back down, no matter the circumstances.



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# In Good Hands...

## Task Force 21 Has Important Work Ahead

ROD WILSON, NORTHERN SENTRY

Peter Hankla is no stranger to Task Force 21. "I've been part of Task Force 21 since 1999" shares Peter in a recent interview. Peter is quick to point out that Task Force 21 is not one person, but rather a group of dedicated professionals "sharing their time and talents by being part of this very important group."

Peter was the Vice-Chairman of Task Force 21 under Peter Zimmerman, who ended up moving to Fargo, and under now retiring chairman Mark Jantzer. As of right now, there has not been a Vice-Chairman appointed to replace Hankla "we're trying to figure that out right now" according to Hankla "we'll be looking for the best fit for the position. That will probably be a group decision that will come in the coming months."

There are 11 current members of Task Force 21, and soon there will be a total of 12, which seems to be a good sized working group for the tasks they have before them. "We are looking for younger people, and planning for a little longevity as we have Sentinel ahead of us and that's a 10-12 year process" continues Hankla "we're trying to get a pipeline of people that are willing to serve." Mixed in with that formula is the understanding that longevity, when it comes to dealing with the government contracts and requests, is important "it's important to have knowledge and some history. We need to have relationships in place. It's certainly beneficial and definitely helpful that when you go to speak to someone on issues that you have known them for 10 years. You have

your credibility and commitment established and you have working knowledge of what's going on. That's incredibly important and that's why we need to start the younger people who will take the time to learn. We have a good group (Task Force 21) who are willing to do that" says Hankla.

Peter Hankla pointed to current Task Force 21 members like Jason Zimmerman and Cassidy Hjelmstad as being important to the continuation of influence that TF 21 has and will continue to have. "We certainly have good people in place. Brekka Kramer (CEO of the Minot Chamber EDC) is now a permanent position, and she does a great job...she's extremely knowledgeable"

Another point that Hankla made was that TF 21, and Minot, continue to have community leaders appointed to key positions "and we have a good reputation for the job that we do. Every base has a group similar to TF 21. I'm not saying we're the best of the best, but we (TF 21) stand out as one of the most notable and the most effective of these groups. We hear these comments about TF 21 over and over again. Our group will be in the right place, having the right conversations and we're all going to be engaged. If we learn something we aren't going to just sit on it." And as for TF 21 Hankla says "I am stepping into a position that has been run well."

Being part of Task Force 21, according to Hankla, not only takes dedication and commitment on the part of the members of the committee, but a dedication

and commitment on the part of the businesses they are associated with "whether they are working for someone else, or they own the business or have partners. It's community involvement not only on a personal level, but also on a business level. Businesses are supporting this process (the work of TF 21) as well.

But on the flip side, businesses in Minot and the surrounding area benefit from the work of TF 21 in keeping the Minot AFB vibrant "\$644 million comes to Minot on an annual basis. That definitely impacts my business and everybody else's business" adds Hankla.

With so much on the horizon, including Sentinel, is there a need to increase the size of TF 21? "Under TF 21 we have formed a Sentinel working group of 4 people. Mark Jantzer, Brekka Kramer, Cassidy Hjelmstad and Jason Zimmerman. Their initial directive is to do the initial meetings and assess and figure out what the emerging needs are for our community, identify workforce issues, construction issues, expansion and development and other things we might need to consider and bring those back and we are planning on forming committees which will involve city, county, townships...key people in these areas that will work the issues that are identified. We felt it really wasn't effective to appoint some massive committee now, when after Nunn-McCurdy the project has been sent back for re-planning and re-formulating, new timelines; and we really don't know what they are yet. We know generally what we need to do, but we aren't



totally going to understand Sentinel until we collaborate with the other communities who will document issues they are running into, and the needs and shortfalls that they are identifying. We hopefully are going to have the ability to assess that and position Minot and North Dakota to handle these things."

Ahead of Peter Hankla and Task Force 21 are several large modernization projects, of which the largest is the modernization of the entire ICBM forces at 3 bases. "When you look at Sentinel, it is the largest Department of Defense project in history, and it's going to take a decade to complete, depending on several factors. We still don't know the timeline. The fact is that there has never been a fully completed as initially planned Department of Defense project. We need someone engaged in the process to do what we can to ensure that we get Sentinel fully completed, as initially planned. So, we get Sentinel, and we retain our Minuteman III missiles right up to the time they are decommissioned and changed out" according to Hankla.

Peter Hankla and Task Force 21 also see their mission as one of education. "Part of the purpose of our group is to interface

community, legislators and Air Force. In that we should educate, share information so that we can make a positive impact for the Air Force, Minot Air Force Base and our community. I think we are doing a pretty good job (of that mission) it certainly is in the sphere of what we are supposed to be doing" according to Hankla.

For Peter Hankla his role of Chairman of Task Force 21 lets him meet and interact with top leaders at Minot Air Force Base, and across the Air Force in general. "We get to meet so many leaders" says Hankla "but in all seriousness, I haven't met a bad leader. They all have different leadership styles, but it's a great experience."

The next 5-10 years will be ultra important for Task Force 21, and for the nation as the global military theater is ever changing. The heritage and DNA of Task Force 21 is to always be on the cutting edge of change; to look over the horizon and maybe to anticipate what will happen next. And probably most important, to be prepared to change or alter their course and lean in on multiple conversations as the voice of Minot and Minot Air Force Base. Without a doubt, we are and will continue to be in good hands.



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**A VIEW FROM  
 OUR SIDE**  
 ROD WILSON



Peter Hankla has been active in Task Force 21 since 1999. My guess is that when given the opportunity to be part of Task Force 21 back in 1999 Peter Hankla was probably seen as one of the "younger community leaders" that were recruited to bolster Task Force 21 as the focus switched from retaining Minot Air Force Base to making sure that the base had meaningful and impactful missions.

As with Mark Jantzer, outgoing chairman of Task Force 21, I was able to spend a few minutes with Peter in his office to talk specifically about the chairman position, and some of the other civic leaders who are on Task Force 21.

It's part of my job as a reporter for the Northern Sentry to attend the many events at Minot Air Force Base and write stories about the meaning and

# Task Force 21 In Good Hands

impact that these events have on both the city of Minot and of course the Minot Air Force Base community. As I somewhat covered in my interview with Mark Jantzer, the time and resources that someone like Peter Hankla put into Task Force 21 pretty much goes unnoticed by most of the citizens of Minot. But let's just say that when you accept the chairman position of Task Force 21 you know that there will be a number of times when schedules between your private life, and Task Force 21, will conflict. And then it comes down to making tough choices. I take my hat off to folks like Mark Jantzer, and Bruce Christianson, and Peter Hankla, and Jason Zimmerman...well actually a large thank you is owed to all of the members of Task Force 21 because they have done their job, and in my opinion they have done it well.

I would also like to point out that there is never a time when Task Force 21, and the community of Minot, can put it in "cruise control." There needs to be consistent monitoring on several different fronts. It starts with the Federal Government and staying in touch with Senators John Hoeven and Kevin Cramer, and representative Julie Fedorchak. The next 5 years are critical for Minot Air Force Base

starting with the new MH 139-A Grey Wolf helicopter. It's exciting to see the skyline at Minot Air Force Base change dramatically with the new building that will house the Grey Wolf, and all of the other security missions that go along with the 91st Missile Wing. Right behind, and somewhat concurrent is the reengineering of the B-52's. Peter Hankla and I spent quite a bit of time talking about how significant this project, along with development and production Long Range Stand Off Missiles, will be for Minot AFB. And then of course there is the Sentinel Missile program that will re-define nuclear deterrence as it refers to ICBM's. "There really isn't a for-sure definition of how that project will play out" says Hankla "we only know that they have taken it back to the development stage, and we hope to hear more about Sentinel very soon."

The Federal Government is the tip of the spear for Minot AFB, but not too far down the ladder are our state and local governments. There is a realization about the importance of not only Minot Air Force Base, but Grand Forks AFB and of course the ND National Guard. I consider North Dakota to be very military friendly. But because of the size of our state and our smaller population we

don't always have the loudest squeak when it comes to making noise about what we need, and how we can help cities like Minot and Grand Forks in maintaining a good relationship between the base community and the cities surrounding the bases.

So, the torch has been passed, and now Peter Hankla holds the reigns to Task Force 21. There is a lot of history that defines Task Force 21, but unfortunately because of the ever changing world we are in, there is still a lot of history to be written. Task Force 21 is in good hands. Not only because of a leader like Peter Hankla, but because the community of Minot is in full support.

**BEST KEPT SECRETS**

You'll catch an add for the Vincent United Methodist Rummage & Bake Sale. I encourage you to check out this event, and especially check out the caramel rolls. WOW! They are the best! So good that they will sell out quickly. Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 22nd. You won't be disappointed.

**TODAY'S CHUCKLE**

History only repeats itself if you weren't paying attention the first time.



**UPSIDE DOWN  
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There's a bill in the Legislature that's already been approved by the House, that would eliminate Daylight Savings Time in North Dakota. Apparently, House Bill 1259 was approved on a 55-37 vote.

This subject seems to come up again and again and it always gets voted down. Heck, I remember this was a "thing" when I was in high school in the 1970s and it didn't go anywhere. The only thing I remember about it back then was the time zone was moved further west.

If you recall, Mandan and points west were in the Mountain Time Zone and if my memory is correct, it was changed because when bars closed down in Bismarck, people could go to Mandan for an additional hour of drinking. Apparently, the Legislature didn't like that.

There's always been a lively debate about this. There's no denying that. I remember my parents talking about this back in the '70s. I don't recall the exact conversation but they didn't want to support Daylight Savings Time because all it was good for was to allow people to play golf for another hour.

Golf, farming, summer camp, baseball tournaments, backyard get togethers and children playing together have all benefited from that extra hour of daylight.

In reality, you don't get an extra hour. Time is always the

same. It's just shifted from the beginning of the day to the end of the day.

If you are a morning person, you might like this. But then again, I know a number of people across the state of North Dakota who are morning people primarily because of how peaceful it is at sunrise. If we stay on standard time, they would have to get up much earlier to enjoy the same sunrise.

Pardon the cliche, but at the end of the day, think about this. Because we are on the western edge of the Central Time Zone and are situated between 46 and 49 Degrees North Latitude, we enjoy some of the latest daylight in the United States, except for Alaska.

Several years ago when I was at the Minot Daily News, I wrote an article about numerous communities in northwestern North Dakota and when the sun went down in each respective place. And, it should be no surprise that Fortuna and Crosby have the latest daylight. The focus of that article was that at least a small portion of North

Dakota is only 1 hour and 2 minutes from the midnight sun on June 21.

If you've lived elsewhere in the United States, you would appreciate the fact that you have daylight until 10:30 at night. Stationed at Fort Riley, Kan., in 2003, the sun dropped between 8:30 and 9 in early summer. Stationed at MacDill Air Force Base in 2006-07, the sun was going down in Tampa by 7:30 p.m., around the solstice.

So in my opinion, it's a blessing to be able to enjoy that late sunshine in North Dakota. In addition to that, it seems to get dark way too fast around the winter solstice. Where I live in Ward County, we drop to 8 hours, 3 minutes of daylight on Dec. 21. Thus, the sun goes down just before 5 p.m. So one thing we can look forward to in January and February to help our mood is we start to see more daylight.

Now for those in the southwest where the time zone boundary was moved years ago, they would most likely be the best people to survey about this. The rest

of us will probably debate this until the end of time. But people from the Mandan area, I'm sure would have lively opinions about why or why not this is a good idea.

I will say this about standard time. When I worked in Hazen in the early '80s, (Mountain Time) and my National Guard unit was in Edgeley (Central Time), it was often confusing so the time on my watch was Mountain Time and the clock in my car was on Central Time. So for nearly two years, I had to be aware of things in two time zones at the same time.

And I still remember having this debate with Hazen and Beulah area farmers. Growing up in Hazelton, I supported Daylight Savings Time simply because we could play baseball later. And most of the Mercer County farmers were against it. To this day, I recall one farmer becoming angry, with me, pounding his fist on the table and saying, "Mountain Time is the only time."

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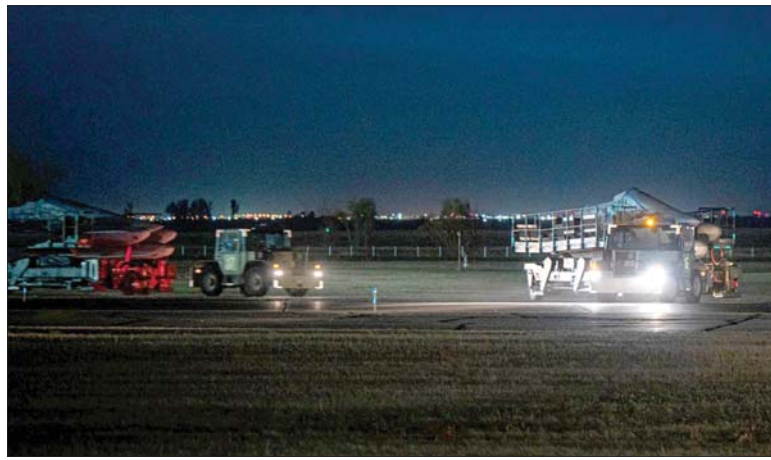
The 5th Bomb Wing Command team would like to congratulate the 705th Munitions Squadron on being selected as February Squadron of the Month.

The 705th Munitions Squadron, known as "SHOCKWAVE," plays a vital role in supporting the missions of both the 91st Missile Wing and the 5th Bomb Wing at Minot Air Force Base. Over the last quarter, SHOCKWAVE achieved remarkable success, including the execution of Exercise GLOBAL THUNDER '25 and two nuclear inspections, all while managing the Air Force's largest active nuclear stockpile and enabling a near 100% ICBM Alert Rate.

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Bryan Bielanski  
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Happy Fun Time" album title. His unique style blending both traditional and contemporary influences feels instantly familiar yet excitingly fresh at the same time. Bryan Bielanski is based in Charlotte, North Carolina (born in Parma, Ohio) but you usually will find him far from home on tour promoting his albums. Get ready for a high energy show filled with catchy songs, Bryan Bielanski is ready to entertain you!

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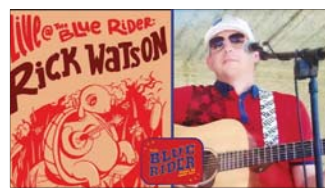
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# Sense to the Madness: Keeping Minot AFB Clear and Ready

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The nuclear mission at Minot Air Force Base operates 24/7 and does not stop just because of snow—whether it’s a little or a lot. Snow removal on base is a carefully coordinated effort divided into two operations: the main side of the base, managed by the 5th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES), and the housing side, overseen by Minot AFB Housing Office and contracted out to Davey Tree.

According to Master Sergeant Ryan Powell, Pavement and Equipment Section Chief responsible for overseeing snow removal on the operational side of Minot AFB, many factors determine snow-clearing priorities during winter. The 5th CES has 70 members assigned to the snow removal team, operating in three shifts to maintain a continuous 24/7 operation staffed by both active-duty personnel and civilian employees.

## MAIN BASE SNOW REMOVAL MISSION:

The snow removal team is responsible for clearing not only the roads on Minot AFB but also the access routes to all Missile Alert Facilities in the missile field, which are located between 35 and 76 miles away, where a significant portion of the base’s operations take place. The highest priority is always the flight line, taxiways, and alert routes to ensure the mission can continue. “Next, the team clears the main roads and parking lots for Category 1 personnel, who are

essential to keeping the mission running, including Command Post, Security Forces Defenders, and Fire Department staff and typically followed by supporting agency parking lots such as Base Exchange, Commissary, and Education Center. If heavy snowfall or high winds persist, crews may need to continuously clear and return to the top priority areas, such as the flight line, taxiways, alert routes, and main roads.

To manage road conditions, the 5th CES uses a mixture of salt, sand, and liquid deicer. However, MSgt Powell emphasized that while liquid deicer can be effective for a few hours, it can also create hazardous conditions as it turns to ice when temperatures drop. “Safety is a top priority,” he explained. “We don’t want to use something that works temporarily but worsens conditions later.” Salt becomes less effective when temperatures fall below 15°F, while liquid deicers can remain effective down to -25°F—both common temperatures during a Minot winter.

While snowfall can happen any day of the week, snow-clearing priorities may shift depending on the time of day. MSgt Powell explained that if it snows on a weekend, the approach is more flexible. “We still prioritize the flight line, taxiways, alert routes, and main roads, but we also focus on key areas like the Base Exchange, Commissary, and gates to allow people to get out and

take care of their needs since other facilities may not be operational at that time.”

Minot AFB Housing Snow Removal:

Clearing roads in base housing is also a high priority for the Minot AFB Housing Office. Joshuah Smith, Customer Experience Manager for Minot AFB Housing, emphasized that residents still need to get to work and complete the mission, making snow removal essential. Minot AFB Housing contracts with Davey Tree, which has provided snow removal services for the past three years.

“Priority is set based on mission needs and communication—not only with leadership and our contractor but also with our residents,” Smith explained. In previous years, snow removal in housing had its challenges, but this year, Davey Tree has recruited new talent and brought in upgraded equipment, leading to a smoother operation. Minot AFB Housing manages the largest housing portfolio in the Air Force, with more than 1,500 homes.

According to Smith, Davey Tree operates 24/7, ensuring that housing areas remain accessible. Snow removal priorities start with the main roads, including Sirocco Drive, Peacekeeper Place, and H Street, followed by side roads such as Waverly Way and Dunbee Drive. Once those are cleared, crews focus on sidewalks, and finally, driveways. Similar to



Minot Air Force Base Housing contractor plowing roads in the housing area to allow families a smooth commute to work or schools.

Minot Air Force Base 5th Civil Engineer Squadron clearing Missile Drive to ensure mission readiness.

the operational side of the base, if continuous snowfall or high winds persist, main roads remain the top priority. In cases of extreme wind where snow drifts are constantly shifting, removal efforts may need to pause until conditions improve.

Davey Tree and Minot AFB Housing also work closely with residents, making reasonable accommodations when needed, such as re-plowing specific areas that accumulate snow due to wind. “Many residents have expressed satisfaction with the snow removal team this year and have noticed significant improvements,” Smith shared.

Similar to the operational side, salt and sand are used on the roads to improve traction. However, Smith explained that chemical deicers are more difficult to use in housing areas due to concerns about residents’, primarily children inhaling or being exposed to these

substances. He credited much of this year’s improvements in snow removal to feedback received from the Tenant Satisfaction Survey, which helped guide changes in the process.

By maintaining a well-organized, round-the-clock snow removal operation, Minot AFB ensures that its critical mission continues despite the harsh winter weather. The dedication and coordination between the 5th CES, Minot AFB Housing, and their contractors play a crucial role in keeping the base operational and accessible.

With ongoing improvements in both operational and housing snow removal efforts, Minot AFB remains committed to safety, efficiency, and mission readiness. These efforts not only support the base’s essential operations but also enhance the quality of life for residents, ensuring they can navigate winter with confidence.

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For the Minot Air Force Base, School Board District #160 serves in this capacity. School board member duties include, using state and federal funds to ensure that the students on-base continue to receive the best education possible within the laws of the North Dakota Century Code, addressing concerns or questions from district families, and voting on matters that affect schools both on and off the installation. The Minot Air Force Base School Board is a co-terminous school board that works alongside Minot Public Schools, School Board, District #1 with the mission of "Empowering all learners to succeed in a changing world".

Minot Air Force Base, School Board District #160 and Minot Public Schools, School Board, District #1 consist of five board members, each member serves a three-year term. For the Minot Air Force Base, School Board, District #160 there are three position requirements for members. These include 1) Member must reside on the installation 2) Member may be active duty enlisted, a reservist, or a dependent family member. Officers are not eligible to serve as school board members pursuant DoDD 1344.10, Para 4.2.2.4. 3. Members cannot be an employee



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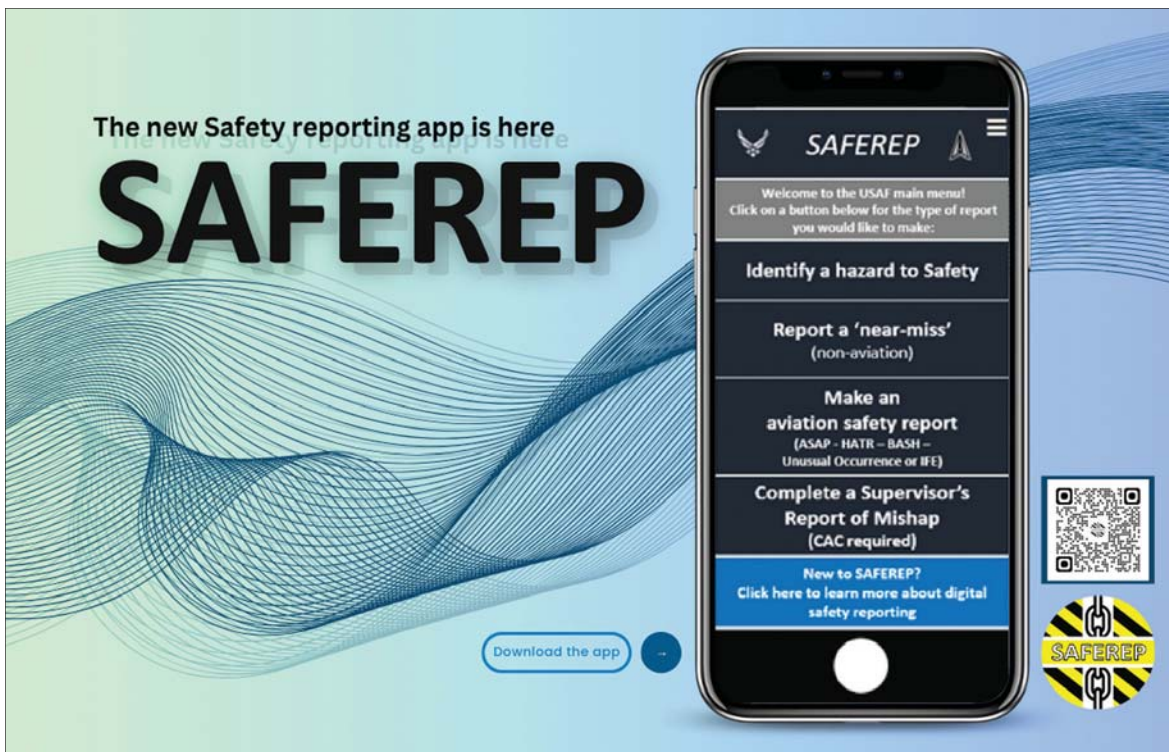
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The next iteration of digital safety reporting is here with the release of the new SAFEREP App. SAFEREP is the Department of the Air Force's only completely digital safety reporting tool supporting all disciplines and areas around base, with dedicated reporting features for workplace, traffic, industrial, flight, weapons, and space safety. Replacing the Airman Safety App, SAFEREP reflects a broader reporting capability that encompasses more functional areas and other military services.

SAFEREP will allow users to submit more than just hazards. Users from every career field will be able to voluntarily submit workplace and installation hazards, unintentional errors, and supervisor's mishap reporting. Aviation-specific reports are also available to aircrew and maintainers. SAFEREP will also break out the different operational disciplines to provide a clear distinction between avenues of reporting. All data is passed to the appropriate major command or down to the installation, and resources can be allocated to resolve issues.

"Anyone can use SAFEREP, regardless of rank, pay grade, uniformed or civilian status, or occupational specialty," said Jason Wollard, SAFEREP program manager. "If an Airman or Guardian thinks the issue could cause damage, injury, illness, result in a serious incident, or an accident, then they should use the app to report the concern to their safety office. They should also let their supervisor know as soon as possible, especially if they were involved in an accident or were injured."

All SAFEREP users will be able to quickly and easily tell Safety about issues in the dorms, at work, or anywhere on base. Dangerous conditions, near misses, and cultural issues that could lead to an accident can all be reported using the App. Addressing these issues and learning from mistakes helps prevent injury and damage, while also creating a better work culture and environment.

Aircrew, including maintainers, aerial port workers, and airfield operations, can report hazards related to in-flight operations, maintenance operations, or issues on the ramp. Additionally, aviation-specific reporting options including Aviation Safety Action Program reports, and other required safety

reports such as hazardous air traffic reports, wildlife strikes, unusual occurrence or in-flight emergency reports. Serious aviation hazards, near misses, and aviation ASAPs provided to SAFEREP are posted to the SAFEREP display to enable community-wide visibility on the issue.

"Safety professionals are experts in their work areas and know what 'right' looks like," said Wollard. "However, Safety can't be everywhere, all at once, all of the time. SAFEREP allows Airmen and Guardians to inform Safety about hazardous conditions or cultural issues that concern them."

Reporting in SAFEREP is simple. Users can either download the app or go to the SAFEREP website. Once there, users will select their service, the type of report being submitted, and then the app will guide users through the rest. Submissions to SAFEREP can also be made while TDY to report concerns to the local safety office. Users also have the option to submit a report anonymously.

"SAFEREP is the DAF's premiere safety digital reporting tool," said Maj. Gen. Sean

Choquette, DAF chief of safety and AFSEC commander. "It empowers Airmen and Guardians to speak up about issues they see and mitigate risks before they cause a mishap. By preventing mishaps before they happen, we increase our readiness and create more lethal Air and Space Forces."

If users already have the Airman Safety App downloaded, they will not need to download a new app as SAFEREP will automatically update. If users are not online, or not connected to the internet, SAFEREP will store up to 100 draft reports until connected to the internet to complete the submission. Temporarily, the Airman Safety App website will redirect users to SAFEREP but the Airman Safety app will be fully discontinued at a later date.

For more information on how SAFEREP reporting works, go to <https://www.safety.af.mil/home/saferep>

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National Children's Dental Health Month was established on the 3rd of February 1941, as a one-day event in Cleveland, Ohio. The American Dental Association (ADA) held the first national observance of Children's Dental Health Day on February 8th, 1949. It then became a week-long event in 1955, and finally in 1981 the program was extended to a month-long observance known today as National Children's Dental Health Month. Each year thousands of people participate in this event whether its hosting health fairs, speaking at schools, or displaying posters. This event is a great way to educate parents and their children on the importance of pediatric oral hygiene.

Did you know the following facts about children's dental health and oral hygiene?

- Some babies are born with teeth, called natal teeth. They are different from normal teeth, may not be fully developed, and are generally weak.

- According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, tooth decay is the most common chronic disease that affects children.

- Children exposed to secondhand smoke are more likely to get cavities.

- You should replace your child's toothbrush every three to four months; this should be a soft bristled toothbrush.

- Juice, sports drinks, fruit snacks, sticky candies, and goldfish are examples of snacks that can cause tooth decay in your child's teeth.

- The ADA recognizes the use of fluoride and community water fluoridation as safe and effective in preventing tooth decay for both children and adults.

Fortunately, cavities and poor oral hygiene are completely preventable! This can be accomplished by teaching your child to practice good oral hygiene, brushing and flossing daily, giving your child calcium-rich and low-sugar snacks, staying hydrated with water, and visiting a dentist for regular check-ups. It is important to start good dental habits early in childhood. The ADA recommends scheduling a pediatric dental visit as soon as your child's first tooth appears and no later than their first birthday. For more information regarding Children's Dental Health Month and fun activities for your kids, you can visit the ADA website <https://www.ada.org/resources/community-initiatives/national-childrens-dental-health-month>.





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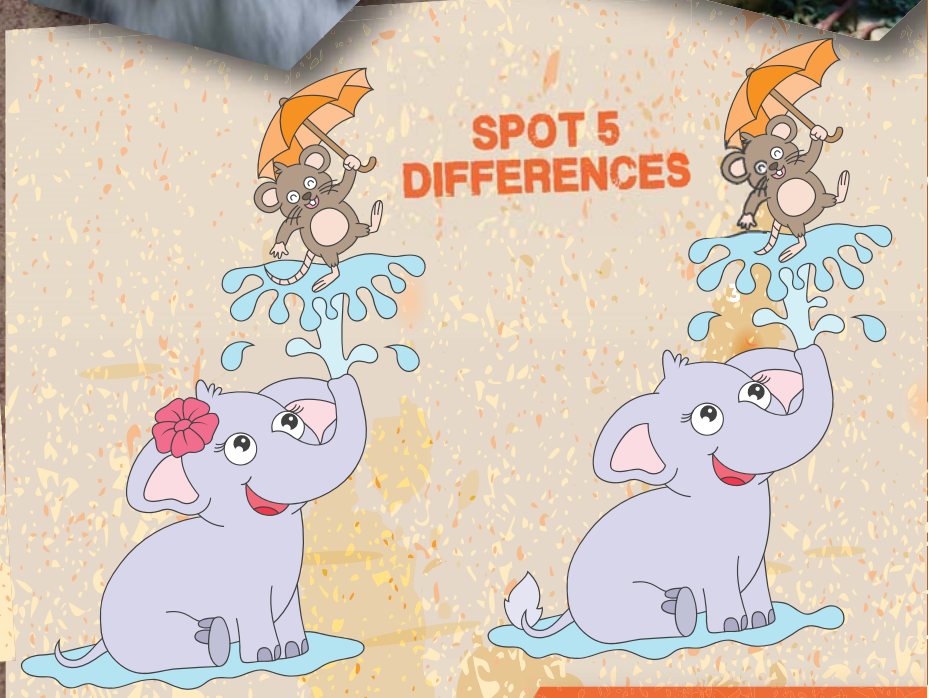
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- Bison are the largest land animals in North America.
- They have adapted to extreme weather conditions. Bison use their heads and hooves to dig through deep snow to reach vegetation.
- Bison are good swimmers and can cross rivers over half a mile wide.
- They have poor eyesight but acute hearing and an excellent sense of smell.
- Both male and female bison have short black horns.
- Bison are among the most dangerous animals encountered by visitors in the U.S. and Canadian National Parks.

**Fact File**

Life Span	18 - 22 years
Weight	1,000 - 2,000 pounds
Height to Shoulder	5 - 6 feet
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Impaired visibility can be a safety hazard while driving. Everything from sun glare to hail can affect a driver's ability to see the road and navigate it effectively. Before drivers get behind the wheel, they should make note of their local forecast and make a plan for what to do if rain, snow or other conditions make it challenging to drive.

The International Association of Traffic and Safety Sciences indicates that, based on an examination of crash test data conducted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the "likelihood of a crash increases during periods of low visibility, despite the tendency for less traffic and for lower speeds to prevail during these times."

Drivers can take several steps to improve their visibility when driving in poor weather conditions.

- Inspect and change windshield wiper blades. Wipers are instrumental in clearing precipitation away from the windshield. If they're not functioning properly, wipers cannot do their jobs. Drivers should replace their wipers at the first indication that they are no longer effective. In some conditions, wipers can freeze or stick. Drivers should then pull over and clean the wipers manually.

- Clear obstructions. Always make sure the windshield is clear before driving. This can include removing ice and snow in the winter and cleaning off mud or bug splatter

in the spring and summer. Use the front and rear defrost if condensation fogs up windshields and windows. Slow down. Foul weather can reduce drivers' ability to see far into the distance. Drivers should always drive slower in inclement weather in order to improve reaction time.

- Top off fluids. Always keep the windshield washer reservoir full and keep extra fluid in the trunk. In addition, look for a fluid that does not freeze in very cold temperatures.

- Learn how to drive in fog. Each year, more than 38,700 vehicle crashes occur in fog, states the Federal Highway Administration. Travelers Insurance recommends slowing down, staying focused and using regular headlights and not high beams when driving in fog.

- Go out only if necessary. In snowy or icy conditions, drive only if it's absolutely necessary, as snow and ice can impair visibility and make roads slick, says AAA.

- Avoid driving at dusk and dawn. The human eye can have trouble adjusting to rapidly changing light and darkness conditions, which are common at dusk and dawn. If possible, drivers should make trips during the heart of the day, especially if poor lighting conditions typically make it difficult for them to drive.

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# Summer Camping: NDSP 2025 Booking Opens!

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The anticipation is building. The days are growing longer, and the home stretch of winter is finally in sight. While North Dakota's winter may linger for another few months, a glimpse of summer emerges every February with an exciting tradition: the opening of North Dakota State Park camping reservation season!

North Dakota takes immense pride in its stunning and meticulously maintained state parks. From shimmering lakes and winding rivers to miles of starlit skies, these parks captivate both residents and visitors alike. However, securing a campsite at these sought-after locations can be highly competitive. That's where the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department's 95-day reservation calendar comes into play—a must-have tool for seasoned campers. This calendar outlines exactly when you can book your summer outdoor adventure, and spots fill up fast.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Reservations open precisely 95 days before the desired camping date. Since most state parks officially open around Memorial Day, February is the time to plan ahead. According to the North Dakota State Park Window Calendar, February 10,

2025, is the first day campers can book a site for May 16. To secure your spot, be sure to follow the calendar closely and act quickly when reservations open.

## WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR?

An exciting update for 2025 is the renaming of Sully Creek State Park to Rough Rider State Park. This change, announced last fall, pays tribute to Theodore Roosevelt and his Rough Riders. According to the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department, the new name celebrates "the enduring legacy of Roosevelt and the rugged beauty and cultural heritage of the West." Alongside the renaming, major campground expansions are underway to accommodate even more visitors. Learn more about the updates at <https://www.parkrec.nd.gov/news/sully-creek-state-park-renamed-rough-rider-state-park-major-campground-expansion>.

## PRICING AND PASSES:

While rates vary slightly by park, modern campsites with hookups typically range from \$25 to \$30 per night, while cabins average around \$125 per night. In addition to nightly rates, each vehicle requires a \$7 daily fee or an annual vehicle pass for \$35. For those looking to



Camping and Kayaking at Icelandic State Park

explore the parks without extra cost, the Library Loan Program allows North Dakota residents to borrow a day pass from most local libraries, providing free access to any state park. It's a fantastic way to enjoy the parks without breaking the bank.

## TIPS FOR SUCCESS:

North Dakotans take their

camping seriously. Campsites and cabins often book up the moment the 95-day reservation window opens, so planning ahead is key. Many campers mark their calendars and log on early in the morning to secure their preferred spots. To ensure you don't miss out, stay organized, set reminders, and be ready to book as soon as the window opens.

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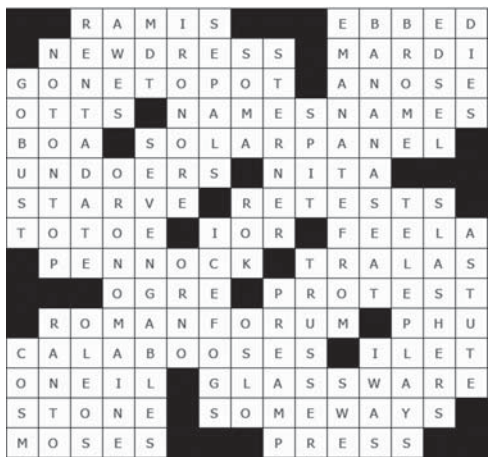
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Solution to last week's Crossword puzzle.



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Solution to puzzle on page B9

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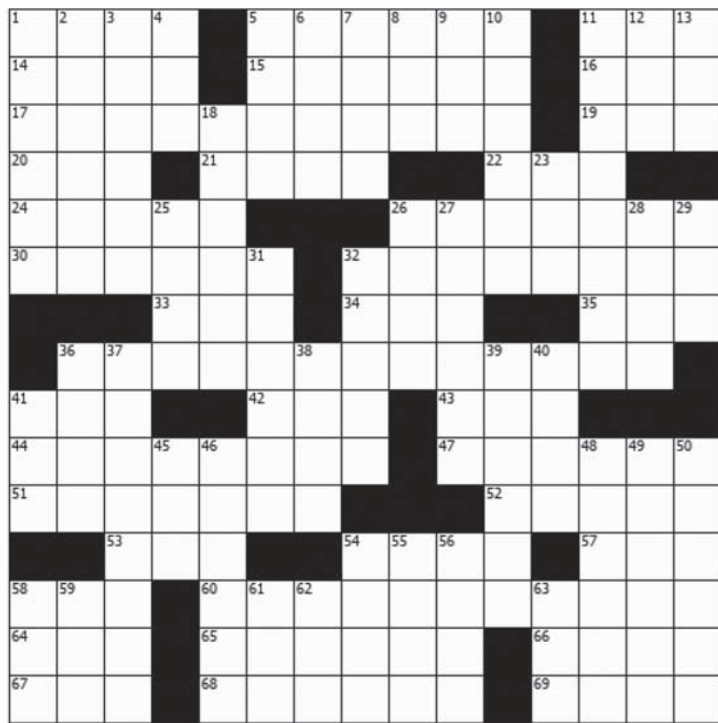
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**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

**Across**

- 1. Latvia's capital
- 5. Stark raving sort
- 11. \_\_\_ Mahal
- 14. Dumpster emanation
- 15. Ukrainian seaport
- 16. Golden yrs. savings
- 17. Material bandleader?
- 19. Fall away
- 20. Drop the curtain on
- 21. \_\_\_ buco
- 22. Prefix with propyl
- 24. Whirlybird whirler
- 26. Bonkers
- 30. "Cut that out!"
- 32. Employment seekers may pound it
- 33. Author Umberto
- 34. Summer zodiac sign
- 35. "Not \_\_\_ bet!"
- 36. Material boxer?
- 41. "Lenore" poet
- 42. Dapper dude?
- 43. Saucer crew, for short
- 44. He'll eat anything
- 47. Sounded once per second, maybe
- 51. System of servitude
- 52. Bake, as eggs
- 53. Carol syllables
- 54. Some microbrews
- 57. Bard's "before"
- 58. San Diego attraction
- 60. Material Hall of Fame pitcher?
- 64. Bit of work
- 65. Take wing
- 66. Elaborate do
- 67. Susan of "L.A. Law"
- 68. Tried to break down
- 69. Grad student's grilling



**Down**

- 1. Coxswain's crew
- 2. Unexpected words at a wedding
- 3. "\_\_\_ the last drop"
- 4. Suffix with dull or drunk
- 5. Talc-to-diamond scale
- 6. Sidewalk stand drinks
- 7. Fiddler of legend
- 8. Doctrine
- 9. Botanist Gray
- 10. Incisor's neighbor
- 11. Get smashed
- 12. Certain Wall Streeter, briefly
- 13. Sharp left from Ali
- 18. His skull appears in "Hamlet"
- 23. Director Peckinpah
- 25. Crude letters
- 26. Buddy, Max, or Bugs
- 27. Long-legged shorebird
- 28. Part of A.D.
- 29. Amtrak stop (abbr.)
- 31. Chihuahua or Pekingese
- 32. Two-dimensional
- 36. Seven Hills site
- 37. Winemaker's science
- 38. Farmyard female
- 39. Phrase in a playground argument
- 40. "The Nazarene" writer
- 41. Weasel word?
- 45. Concert ending?
- 46. Poughkeepsie campus
- 48. Actor Sutherland
- 49. Book boo-boos
- 50. \_\_\_ Burnham Lambert (former investment firm)
- 54. Economist Smith
- 55. Suffix with electro
- 56. Just managed, with "out"
- 58. Z, to a Brit
- 59. Assayer's specimen
- 61. Film's Gardner
- 62. Matchsticks game
- 63. Sci-fi transport

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The Super Bowl isn't just about touchdowns and halftime shows—it's also a showcase for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math). Behind the excitement of the big game are countless innovations and creative solutions that make it all possible. STEAM powers the Super Bowl in ways you might not expect, from designing advanced football stadiums to choreographing mesmerizing halftime performances.

## THE SCIENCE OF THROWING THE PERFECT SPIRAL

Ever wonder how quarterbacks make those perfect spirals look so effortless? According to Popular Science, "To get a great spiral, you need to master angular momentum." It all starts with a good grip on the laces to act as torque (the force that can cause an object to rotate about an axis). Next, to give the ball velocity, you have to balance the frictional force and the forward force. Finally, to get your perfect spiral you need the hand on the back of the ball to give it forward velocity but too far back to prevent the necessary torque for the spin. But both science and football take practice, even Patrick Mahomes had to start somewhere!

## INSTANT REPLAY TECHNOLOGY

Have you ever watched a game-changing play and held your breath for the instant replay? This game-saving tech doesn't just capture the action—it brings fans closer to the game, letting us see every angle in crystal-clear detail! A man named Tony Verna invented instant replay in 1963. While the first videotape recording was demonstrated in 1951, video equipment was bulky and had its fair share of technical challenges. Verna's solution involved using audio cues—a set of beeps—recorded onto an unused audio track on the tape during the live broadcast. These beeps helped the crew find specific moments in the footage, even though the technology of the time didn't allow for precise tape editing or instant playback (New York Times). Verna's technology revolutionized the way we experience sports, bringing fans

even closer to the action with the instant replays we now celebrate in every game.

## ENGINEERING A STADIUM FOR THE BIG LEAGUES

SoFi Stadium stands as a testament to cutting-edge engineering, blending innovation and design to create a world-class venue worthy of the big league. The stadium hosted the 2022 Super Bowl and showcased groundbreaking engineering. One of the coolest innovations in SoFi stadium is its massive translucent canopy, making it the first indoor-outdoor stadium in the world. Built from ethylene tetrafluoroethylene (ETFE), a sustainable, corrosion-resistant material, the canopy combines functionality and innovation by protecting fans from the elements while allowing natural sunlight to illuminate the space. Supported by an intricate 75,000-foot cable net system weighing 1,450 tons, this structure enables sections of the roof to open and close, providing vertical ventilation and precise temperature regulation—an impressive feat of modern design and engineering. SoFi Stadium not only redefines the fan experience but also inspires future generations to see how engineering can shape the world of sports and beyond.

## THE ART OF THE HALFTIME SHOW

The Super Bowl halftime show is a masterclass in artistry, blending music, design, and cutting-edge technology to create a performance seen by millions around the world. Each year, a team of choreographers, set designers, and visual effects artists work together to transform the stage into a dynamic work of art, often in under eight minutes. Past shows have featured awe-inspiring elements like Lady Gaga's drone light display in 2017 and the 360-degree staging of Beyoncé's 2013 performance. This fusion of creativity and technical precision makes the halftime show one of the most anticipated moments of the Super Bowl, proving that art and science work hand-in-hand to captivate audiences. Check out this full list of amazing artists that performed at Super Bowl Halftime Shows!

## STATISTICS: THE MATH OF FOOTBALL

Statistics and analytics have transformed the Super Bowl for coaches, players, and even the viewers. According to the NFL, their Next Gen Stats "provide clubs with data to analyze trends and player performance, while enhancing the fans' experience in-stadium, online and during game telecasts." Their system that is installed in all the NFL stadiums includes 20–30 ultra-wideband receivers, 2–3 radio-frequency identification (RFID) tags installed into the players' shoulder pads, and RFID tags on officials, pylons, sticks, chains, and in the ball. All these devices capture data such as location, speed, distance traveled, and acceleration at a rate of 10 times per second, and chart individual movements within inches. These numbers not only influence strategy but also enhance the viewing experience, showing how math powers the excitement behind every play.

## FEATURE FRIDAY: FOOTBALL EDITION!

If your family is curious about how STEAM influences the Super Bowl, join us for Feature Friday on February 21st from 3:30 to 5:30 PM at the Magic City Discovery Center! This month's event is all about the Super Bowl. Whether you're a football fan or not, there's something for everyone.

## ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Building your own field goalposts
- Tackling football-themed obstacle courses
- Competing in a paper football shoot challenge

Plus, you'll learn about fascinating STEAM careers that help bring the Super Bowl to life. Don't miss this fun-filled event—it's the perfect way to explore science, creativity, and innovation with your kids!

Mark your calendar and bring the whole family to experience how STEAM shapes one of the biggest sports events of the year. Who knows? You might even inspire the next great football engineer, sports analyst, or entertainment designer!

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# Air Force: No Increase in Cancer Deaths Among Missile Community, but Study Continues

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The Air Force has not found a higher death rate from cancer among missileers and other service members who served decades ago near America's nuclear-tipped intercontinental ballistic missiles, service officials said Jan. 30.

"Basically, for all mortality calculations, cancer rates were lower or similar [in] the missile community versus their comparison group," said Col. Richard O. Speakman, a medical doctor who commands the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine. USAFSAM leads the comprehensive Missile Community Cancer Study that has been going for nearly two years now.

In a Jan. 27 memorandum, Speakman noted that missile community's overall cancer mortality rate was lower than the general U.S. population. It was also lower for non-Hodgkin lymphoma, lung and bronchus, prostate, and colon and rectum cancers.

"The overall distribution of cancer deaths were similar between the missile community and the non-missile community, with lung and bronchus cancers accounting for the highest number of cancer deaths in both, followed by colon and rectum cancer deaths, and then pancreatic cancer deaths," Speakman added Jan. 30 during



Bioenvironmental engineers from the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, or USAFSAM, and the 341st Operational Medical Readiness Squadron at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., assess environmental factors in a launch control center, June 22, 2023.

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a virtual town hall for members of the missile community, to which Air & Space Forces Magazine was granted access.

All told, the Air Force found a "significantly lower cancer mortality rate in the missile community compared to the non-missile community. This trend was consistent with both males

and females," he said.

The overall epidemiology study covers former and current missile community members and other service members who served from 1976-2010. That time frame was chosen because the Air Force wanted a "10-year follow-up period" after a possible exposure to ensure that it would

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Stay in the vehicle. Don't leave the vehicle to search for help. The highway patrol advises to stay put. It is very easy for people to get disoriented when battling blowing and drifting snow. Being lost in open country during a blizzard is extremely dangerous. In a vehicle, people have shelter from the elements and are most likely to be found a lot faster.

Be seen. Display a trouble sign on the vehicle. Hang a brightly colored cloth on the vehicle's radio antenna and raise the hood. Using the headlights also makes the vehicle more visible to emergency crews, but use them sparingly to avoid draining the battery.

Avoid overexertion and

exposure. Overexertion from trying to push a vehicle out of a snow drift, shoveling heavy drifts and performing other difficult tasks during strong winds, blinding snow and bitter cold may lead to a heart attack -- even for people who are in good physical condition.

Beware of carbon monoxide poisoning. Run the engine sparingly. Keep a window open for ventilation, and ensure the vehicle's exhaust pipe isn't blocked with snow.

Conserve your vehicle's fuel. Allow the vehicle to run only long enough for the interior to get warm.

Keep moving. Use minor exercises to keep up circulation and stay warm. Try not to stay in one position for too long.

Make use of your winter survival kit. That is why you packed it in your vehicle in the first place, to make use of it. Remember if you have used it, replaced used items as soon as possible!

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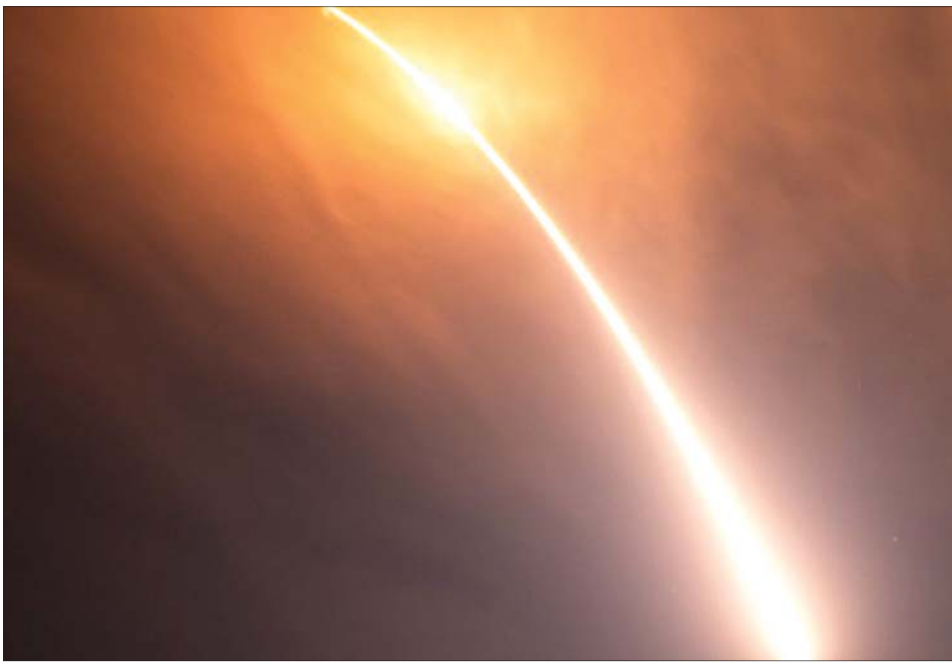
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CHRIS GORDON

not miss cancers that developed slowly. In preparing the study, the Air Force consulted with the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute.

For years, the Air Force dismissed concerns related to health issues among missileers and other career fields that help maintain and guard America's ICBMs. Some elements of the current Minuteman III infrastructure date back to the 1960s, when maintaining the U.S. nuclear readiness during the Cold War was the chief concern and there were far fewer workplace protections.

But in early 2023, Air Force Global Strike Command began to investigate the health concerns following reports that cases of non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, a blood cancer, might be on the rise at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont.

Gen. Thomas A. Bussiere, who leads the command, later ordered that the investigation, which is formally known as the Missile Community Cancer Study, be expanded to cover environmental and epidemiological factors.

Bussiere, who was diagnosed with cancer as a mid-level officer flying fighter jets, has pledged to take a comprehensive approach and has been clear he feels previous Air Force studies of ICBM health concerns in 2001 and 2005 were unsatisfactory and incomplete.

The latest assessment is formally known as Phase 1C and updates the ongoing Missile Community Cancer Study investigation. Focusing on cancer mortality, it reported that members of the missile community did not have a higher rate of mortality from cancer compared to the broader U.S. population and other former service members when adjusted for age, race, gender, and rank across 14 common cancers.

Phase 1C only dates back to 1979, officials said, because the National Death Index, a government database that is used to inform medical studies, does not cover earlier years.

Phase 1C is not the last word on the problem. The Air Force will now focus on Phase 2 of the epidemiological study, which will pool data from state government cancer registries.

"Phase 2 will provide significant, larger numbers, so that will help us have a more wholesome understanding of the exposure for the missile community operators that have served at least from the database, from '79 to 2020," Bussiere said. "In my mind, just as important is that we've institutionalized a mechanism to document exposure across the fabric of the decades so that members that retire or separate can have that readily available if needed for the appropriate services from the Veterans Administration."

Speakman said the Phase 2 study will gather two to three times more data, although some of the information may overlap. That data is projected to be available in December 2025, added Col. Gregory A. Coleman, Air Force Global Strike Command's surgeon general.

The ongoing work represents a steady expansion of earlier efforts. In February 2024, the Air Force Phase 1A study drew data from Department of Defense electronic medical records dating back to 2001, capturing those who were diagnosed with cancer through the Military Health System (MHS), including through the Tricare health insurance program.

The Phase 1B study, released in October, was expanded to include data from the Department of Veteran Affairs electronic medical records and both the Department

of Defense and Department of Veteran Affairs' cancer registries, going back as far as 1976, according to the Air Force.

The Missile Community Cancer Study also include an environmental review at the three active Minuteman III ICBM bases—Malmstrom Air Force Base; F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo; and Minot Air Force Base, N.D.—and ICBM facilities used to test missiles at Vandenberg Space Force Base, Calif.

Over 8,400 samples have been collected, and the Air Force is using that information to develop a comprehensive health risk assessment.

Coleman, AFGSC's surgeon general, said this review should be available this spring.

"We're not done, but we continue to move forward deliberately in this process," said Bussiere.

"A full, comprehensive epidemiological study should include both the incidence and the mortality together," Speakman said. "These measures of disease provide a more full picture of cancer trends, public health impact, and areas where intervention might be needed. While we are focusing on the cancer mortality today, we will return to cancer incidence during Phase Two of this Missile Community Cancer Study."

"The congressional interest and support for this effort has not waned. It's actually increased," Bussiere said. He added that the new Acting Air Force Secretary Gary Ashworth also asked for an update on the study.

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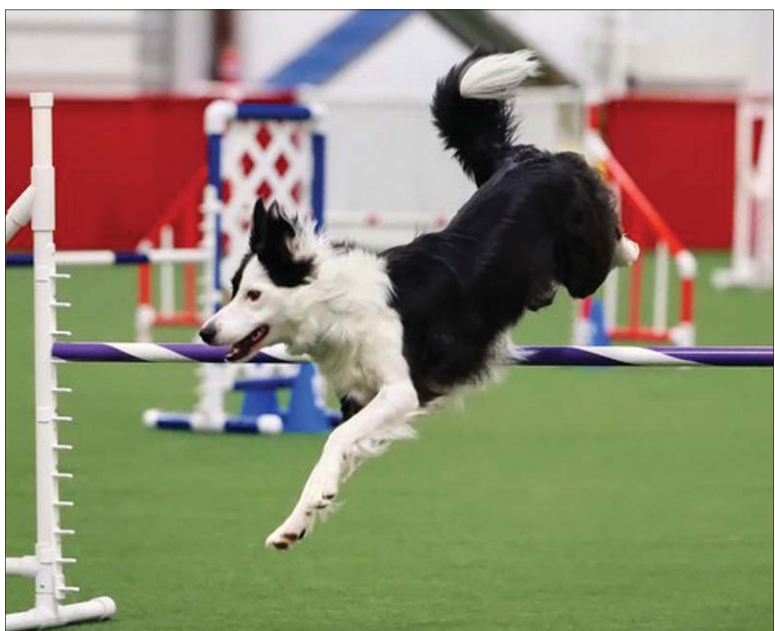
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Action Agility is affiliated with North American Dog Agility Council (NADAC). The Club holds a NADAC Agility trial annually. This year the NADAC trial will be held June 6-8, 2025 at Big 4 Boy Scout Camp.

Check out Action Agility's website at [www.actionagility.com](http://www.actionagility.com). For information you can contact [Actionagilityminot@gmail.com](mailto:Actionagilityminot@gmail.com) or call 701-852-4722. Action Agility's physical location is 1625 27th St SE.



by Patricia Stockdill

## FISHING:

Lake Sakakawea elevation, Feb. 3: 1,832.73 feet above mean sea level (MSL); 23,700 cubic feet per second (CFS) Garrison Dam average daily releases.

Devils Lake elevation: 1,449.39 feet above mean sea level (MSL).

Stump Lake elevation: 1,449.4 MSL.

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

•Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Decent walleye bite on Devils Lake but perch success remains tough. Anglers marking fish but they're finicky on the bite. It's a light bite although there have been a few spurts of success for nice-sized fish.

•Lake Darling, Karma C-Store, Ruthville: Lake Darling generally slow, as is Lake Audubon.

•Lake Darling, Upper Souris Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge, Foxholm: Lake Darling generally slow and spotty for walleye with most fish coming along old river channels and weed edges. Snow conditions making travel difficult in most place. Slow pike success but look for improving activity as it gets closer to spawning.

•Lake Metigoshe, Four Seasons, Bottineau: Somewhat improving activity for bluegill and crappie. Occasional walleye in the evening but anglers need to be patient.

•Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Not many anglers out due to weather but those going on Lake Audubon are finding a mix of perch and walleye. Try a variety of presentations and depths and move around but use caution. Steinke Bay producing walleye in the shallows on the east end of Lake Sakakawea but weather also limited angler numbers. Some pike spearing activity but no reports of success. Try 20 to 35 feet for a few nice-sized walleye on Douglas Bay.

•Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Hwy. 83 lawn & leisure, Garrison: Decent walleye bite on the east end of Lake Sakakawea around Centennial Bay. Also the northeast corner of Mallard Island and 7 Sisters in 25 to 30 feet or west in Douglas Bay in 25 to 30

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](http://www.woodlandresort.com)), Facebook at ([facebook.com/woodlandresortDL](https://www.facebook.com/woodlandresortDL)), telephone (701) 662-5996, extension 1, or email ([woodlandresort@gondtc.com](mailto:woodlandresort@gondtc.com)). They're located at 1012 Woodland Drive, Devils Lake, N.D. 58301.

•Registration now open for April 4-6 Custom Fishing Rod Building Workshop, Lake Metigoshe State Park, Bottineau. Registration and information available at <https://bit.ly/LMSPShowClix>. Registration deadline March 16.

•Ice is never completely safe. Avoid areas with vegetation, moving water, pressure ridges, and springs. Check conditions as you go along on the ice and don't move around at night. Carry shovels and winter preparedness items when venturing out.

•Carry shovels and winter preparedness items when venturing out with the pre-Christmas snow potentially creating varying access conditions on area lakes - getting onto the ice as well as moving around on it.

•Feb. 7: Rugby Ducks Unlimited Raffle Night, 3rd. Street Station, Rugby, 5:30 p.m.

•Feb. 7 & 8: Minot Curling Club Winter Bonspiel, 2005 E. Burdick Expy., Minot.

•Feb. 8: Souris River Basin Longbeards Nat'l. Wild Turkey Federation banquet, Grand Hotel, Minot, 5 p.m.

•Feb. 9: Registration deadline for Lake Metigoshe State Park Ojibway Snowshoe Making Workshop. Go to event listing on N.D. Parks & Recreation Dept. website, ([parkrec.nd.gov](http://parkrec.nd.gov)), for details.

•Feb. 12: Spring turkey applications due. Information and applications on N.D. Game & Fish Dept. website, ([gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov)).

•Feb. 15: Winter Fest, Cross Ranch State Park, Hensler, 9 a.m.

•Feb. 15: Evening Hike Series, Full Snow Moon Candlelight Hike, Fort Stevenson State Park, Garrison, 6:30 p.m.

•Feb. 15: Great Backyard Bird Count & Birding Basics, Lewis & Clark State Park, east of Williston, 9:30 a.m.

•Feb. 21 & 22: Minot Air Force Base Curling Bonspiel.

•Feb. 22: Sakakawea Chapter Ducks Unlimited banquet, Memorial Hall, Washburn, 5p.m.

## TOURNAMENTS:

•Feb. 8: Devils Lake, Spirit Lake Casino; Stump Lake, Tolna Landing.

•Feb. 15: Lake Audubon, Totten Trail.

•Feb. 22: Devils Lake, Woodland Resort.

feet. Fair pike spearing success in 10 feet of visibility with some pike on tip-ups with smelt or herring in 15 to 30 feet. Continue working closer to the buoy line on Lake Audubon in 25 to 30 feet and try 15 to 20 feet after dark. Work around the islands on the refuge south side with good structure and depth but try to get away from the crowds. Bite remains inconsistent, however.

•Lake Sakakawea, New Town: Weather and access permitting, anglers finding a few more walleye in the Van Hook Arm.

•Lake Sakakawea/Missouri River, Scott's Bait & Tackle, Pick City: Missouri River tailrace slow with few anglers out although with better weather those going were finding a few walleye. Lake Sakakawea generally slow for walleye, as well.

•Lake Sakakawea/northwest N.D. lakes, Scenic Sports, Williston: Upper end of Lake Sakakawea slow for angler numbers due to cold and windy conditions with better walleye and sauger success on the Yellowstone and Missouri rivers, weather permitting. A few anglers on Smishek Lake north of Power Lake and finding some perch and

pike activity.

•North-central/central N.D. lakes, Towner Hdwe. Hank, Towner: Not much activity on area lakes but look for some pike from Buffalo Lodge Lake, weather permitting.

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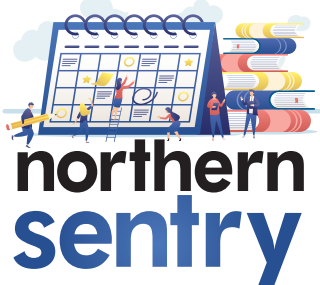
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**Patricia Stockdill**

The words, "They're the smartest bird on the planet" echoed through my mind last week while applying for my license in the 2025 North Dakota spring turkey season lottery.

I smiled and laughed silently at the words emphatically expressed by my hunting partner. My response to his declaration was that his wife and I discussed that very topic as she and I sat in a blind the previous spring.

We arrived at a completely different conclusion but that's to be discussed in a moment.

My turkey calling partner - Nephew David - is hooked on spring turkey hunting. It didn't begin while accompanying my husband, me, and his father on a spring hunt in North Dakota's western Badlands as a child.

Dang, we can't take credit.

Instead, I must credit the U.S. Army and his service in the N.D. National Guard. It was during a multi-week training session in Oklahoma that got him hooked on wild turkeys.

It inspired him to enlist my husband on what I dubbed "Bill and Ted's Excellent Spring Turkey Hunting Adventure". They spent five days chasing turkeys in Wyoming, South Dakota, Montana, and North Dakota. Nephew David thoroughly researched each state's licensing procedures, seasons, and all of the nuances necessary to put oneself in position to bag the birds of his admiration as if he was writing a college Master's thesis.

What they hadn't counted on was a spring storm dumping mountains of snow in northwestern Wyoming - but David got his bird.

And one in Montana.

South Dakota's smartest bird proved worthy of his admiration, remaining elusive but, that's just excuse to return another season.

They ran out of time to bag their North Dakota birds, but, oh well, applying in the Peace Garden State each year is a ritual cast in stone.

Which brings me to the 2025 application and fond memories of that earlier declaration of the wild turkey's intelligence:

Nephew David and I decided to make a sneak into a woody area after spotting a flock of lounging turkeys.

It was perfect. They were still in the area and toms responded to his calls, which I thought sounded quite turkey-like. We sat.

The turkey apparently disagreed and wandered off, prompting his expression of admiration for their intelligence.

The year before Nephew David's wife and I sat in a blind. She would call for me and vice-versa.

I had some calling experience, even calling in a bird for myself one spring morning. She was well-versed in their sounds having been serenaded to Nephew David's turkey calling practice sessions.

But, admittedly, both Nephew David's wife and I are, well, not the greatest turkey callers. We determined our sounds kind of, sort of, maybe sounded like something that might intrigue a turkey, if nothing else to try to figure out what the weird noise was in their domain.

We called in turkeys.

We weren't sure why the sharp-tailed grouse, deer, and hawk decided to join us, however.

The turkeys liked us so much they decided to stay and mill around even after one of their brethren fell motionless to the ground.

We both got our birds that year.

And that's how we, unlike Nephew David, determined that they might not be the most intelligent bird on the planet - even a full year before his declaration.

Nephew David got his bird the evening after he and I had failed earlier in the day. My bird remained elusive that year but my excuse - and I'm sticking to it - is the season closed the following Sunday and birds were less active by mid-May.

So, yes, there are more applications in for Unit 51 this year.

It's those memories, not necessarily the harvest that draws one to the field.

Or maybe it's the ongoing "research" to determine whether or not the wild turkey is truly the smartest bird on the planet.

Don't forget to apply for the 2025 North Dakota spring turkey season and do your own research. Go to the N.D. Game and Fish Department website, ([gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov)), for information and application. They're due Feb. 12.

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## FRIDAY 07

- Harry Potter Escape Room Game Begins, Minot AFB Library
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- TAP (DOL) Employment Track Workshop, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Bootcamp, 0900, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Family Bootcamp, 1000, Turf, hosted by McAdoo Fitness Center
- Fun Fri-yay, 1600-2100, Jimmy Doolittle Center
- Friday Flicks, 1630-2200, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Teen Movie Night, 1800-2000, Youth Center

## SATURDAY 08

- Zumba, 0800, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Winter STEAM Challenges, 1000, Minot AFB Library Facebook Page
- Mad Science Party, 1300, Minot AFB Library

## SUNDAY 09

- The Big Game Special Lunch, 1030-1330, Dakota Inn Dining Facility
- The Big Game, 1600-2300, Rockers Bar & Grill

## MONDAY 10

- Registration Closes: Intramural Basketball, McAdoo Fitness Center
- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- NCO Foundation Course, 0800-1600, Professional Development Center
- Sponsorship Training, 0900-1100, M&FRC
- Bootcamp, 0900, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Family Bootcamp, 1000, Turf, hosted by McAdoo Fitness Center
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Moving Out of the Dorms Budget Class, 1300-1500, M&FRC
- Palace Chase/Front Briefing, 1400, Professional Development Center
- Cycle, 1700, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Craft Club, 1800, Minot AFB Library

## TUESDAY 11

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Dome Dashers Starts, 0630, McAdoo Fitness Center
- NCO Foundation Course, 0800-1600, Professional Development Center
- Family Bootcamp, 1000, Turf, hosted by McAdoo Fitness Center
- Game Day, 1000-1930, Minot AFB Library
- Tuition Assistance (TA) Brief, 1000, Education Center – Room 211
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Retraining 101, 1300-1400, Professional Development Center
- Winter Warriors Winterization, 1730-1930, Auto Hobby Shop

## WEDNESDAY 12

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- NCO Foundation Course, 0800-1600, Professional Development Center
- Bootcamp, 0900, McAdoo Fitness Center
- First Duty Station Officer Financial Course, 0900-1100, M&FRC
- Family Bootcamp, 1000, Turf, hosted by 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
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Top 3 Mentorship Hour, 1130-1300, Professional Development Center

## THURSDAY 13

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- NCO Foundation Course, 0800-1600, Professional Development Center
- Pre-Separation Counseling, 0830-1130, M&FRC
- Reintegration Briefing, 1000-1100, M&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- Minot Myth Busters, 1045-1130, M&FRC
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Tuition Assistance (TA) Brief, 1330, Education Center – Room 211

## FRIDAY 14

- AFGSC Family Day
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- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- Fun Fri-yay, 1600-2100, Jimmy Doolittle Center
- Friday Flicks, 1630-2200, Rockers Bar & Grill

## SATURDAY 15

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- Winter STEAM Challenges, 1000, Minot AFB Library Facebook Page
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