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starts
Sunday



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Weekend weather

Today	-11/-21	Snow
Saturday	-10/-20	Snow
Sunday	-3/-19	Flurries
Monday	-2/-28	Flurries



Weather information courtesy
319th Operations Support Squadron weather flight

Action Line

The Action Line is your avenue for information about events and activities on and around the base.

For questions about current events or rumors, call 747-4522 and leave a message.

Questions will be answered in the order they are received.

Col. Mark Ramsay
319th Air Refueling Wing commander



Town Hall meeting answers

Q: On-base spouses are not getting a fair shake on getting jobs in town. They are being told to not use base addresses and phone numbers because they won't get hired. Is this true?

A: We have looked into these allegations and can't find any evidence of illegal discrimination in the local hiring procedures.

Our family support center and group work-life consultants will continue to monitor local hiring practices to ensure military family members are given fair treatment in the local job market. Family members must understand that we live in a region with a small, but highly-educated work force.

Professionals with experience in other job markets can't expect to

enter this market at the same level they may have had when they departed the member's last duty location.

We suggest family members work with local businesses and schools to get an entry position, and then move up based on your experience and performance.

Q: Can the new base pavilion be closed in?

A: Windows were installed in the pavilion in October; however, this facility is not available year-round. Since the facility was built without heat, we winterize the restroom facilities and kitchen area so the pipes don't burst during the winter months.

We are working with our civil engineers to develop a plan to make

this a facility that can be used year-round. Once a plan to add heat is developed, it will compete for funds with other improvement projects.

Q: Is there any chance of getting daily administrative messages sent to home e-mail addresses?

A: The 319th Air Refueling Wing public affairs office has a process in place that started several months ago. Advertising of the capability continues in the daily e-mail administrative messages and the base paper for the base community.

In the event that a military mem-

ber is deployed, the spouse can request to sign up at the sponsor's unit or can sign themselves up at the base library.

Currently, the public affairs office filters the information for operations security sensitivity and authorizes it to be sent off base. For details call public affairs at 747-5023.

Q: Is there something that can be done about drivers speeding down I Street?

A: We dramatically increased our security forces patrols and are continuing this increased presence on I Street. We are analyzing trends over time to verify the effects of increased patrolling.

Warriors of the North should notify the security forces desk if they identify negative trends in speeding or stop-sign running on base. To contact the security forces desk, call 747-5351.

Next Town Hall meeting

The next town hall meeting is March 11 at 7 p.m. in the base theater. Be there to ask questions and help improve your community.

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Consecutive
DWI-free days

89%

Mission
effectiveness rating



Cover

Lt. Gen. William Welser III, 18th Air Force commander, gives a "thumbs up" while addressing the Warriors of the North during a commander's call Jan. 22 in the three-bay hangar.



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Airman 1st Class Tony Parker, personnel apprentice with the 319th Mission Support Squad-ron, works with Airman 1st Class Bobbi Jo Falk, also a personnel apprentice, at the MPP's customer service desk.

Photo by Airman Patrice Clark

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Deep snow to deep freeze: Over past week, base receives strongest winter has to offer

By Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol
Public affairs

The past seven days at this base have been some of the coldest and snowiest on record, according to officials at the 319th Operations Support Squadron weather flight.

From Saturday through Monday, the base received 21 inches of snow. By Wednesday morning, temperatures dipped to a new winter low of minus 32 degrees Fahrenheit with a wind chill that hit 60 below zero.

“These are some of the heaviest snowfalls and some of the coldest temps we have seen since the 1996-97 winter season,” said Staff Sgt. Mark Hendrickson, weather operations team chief for the 319th OSS weather flight. “The coldest temperature we have on our record is 40 below zero which was measured in February 1996. Our coldest January temperature on record was 36 below zero, measured back in 1951. We’ve been pretty close to all those temperatures this past week.”

Sergeant Hendrickson said the base

has received 50.36 inches of snow so far this winter. The average annual snowfall is just over 41 inches, he said.

“In January, the average high temperature we have recorded is 14 degrees above zero and even the average low temp is 1 degree above zero,” Sergeant Hendrickson said. “Also, our average snowfall amounts for January is 7.9 inches. That should give you some idea of what type of month we are having.”

The snowfall caused a massive amount of school closings and work stoppages throughout eastern North Dakota and western Minnesota Monday, including the forcing of a minimal manning day on base.

Over the past seven days, the National Weather Service has also issued several wind chill warnings as well as a winter storm warning for much of the upper Midwest of the U.S. The wind chills, according to the NWS, are mainly what people need to look out for.

“Wind chill is the term used to describe the rate of heat loss on the human body resulting from the combined effect of low temperature and wind,”

states a chart on the NWS’s Web site, <http://www.nws.noaa.gov>. “As winds increase, heat is carried away from the body at a faster rate, driving down both the skin temperature and eventually the internal body temperature. The wind chill index combines the temperature and wind speed to let you know how cold the wind ‘feels’ against your skin.”

While exposure to low wind chills can be life threatening to both humans and animals alike, the NWS chart showed the only impact that wind chill has on inanimate objects, such as vehicles, is that it shortens the time it takes the object to cool to the actual air temperature (it cannot cool the object down below that temperature).

Some tips, provided by the NWS, include to wear layered clothing because each layer of clothing traps a small amount of air that helps insulate the body from the outside cold and wind.

When traveling, carry a fully-charged cell phone, let others know your travel plans, and pack extra clothes or sleeping bags inside your vehicle.

Also make sure your vehicle is in good



Photo by Staff Scott T. Sturkol

A base member clears snow from his driveway Monday morning after the base was hit with 21 inches of snow Saturday through Monday.

working order. Keep the gasoline tank full for emergency use and to keep ice from forming inside your gas tank.

Base agencies, such as wing safety and bioenvironmental engineering, have guidelines for people when working in the cold. For details, call safety at 747-3368 or bioenvironmental at 747-5496.

18th Air Force commander shares vision

Lt. Gen. William Welser III, who visited Grand Forks Air Force Base Jan. 22-23, brought his plans for the future of the 18th Air Force, and was accompanied by his wife Sue and 18th Air Force Command Chief Master Sgt. Ken McQuiston.

When talking to the Warriors of the North at a commander's call, General Welser focused mainly on the four Fs of his philosophy: **f**amily, a **f**it Air Force, a **f**ighting Air Force and having **f**un in the Air Force.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jason Gamble

Lt. Gen. William Welser III, 18th Air Force commander, discusses his vision for the 18th Air Force with airmen in the Warrior Airman Recreation Center Jan. 22.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jason Gamble

Senior Airman Miriam Glover, 319th Mission Support Squadron, shakes hands with Lt. Gen. William Welser III, 18th Air Force commander, during the general's tour around the base. Airman 1st Class Jerrod Blakeney and Master Sgt. Deron Warman, also with 319th MSS, stand at parade rest.

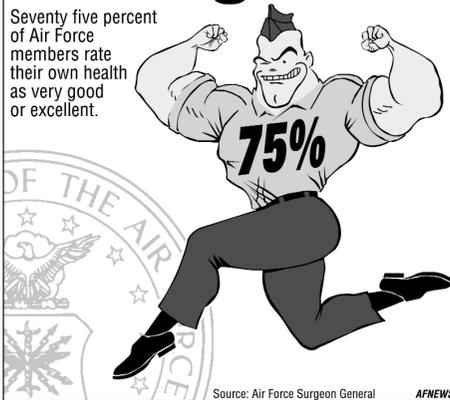


Photos by Staff Sgt. Jason Gamble

(Left) Lt. Gen. William Welser III, 18th Air Force commander, shakes hands with Mr. James Powell, sports and fitness center director, during a visit to the center Jan. 22. Next to Mr. Powell is Maj. Elizabeth Demmons, 319th Services Squadron commander. (Above) General Welser shakes hands with base honor guard volunteers during a tour of the honor guard building.

Feeling Fit!

Seventy five percent of Air Force members rate their own health as very good or excellent.



Source: Air Force Surgeon General AFNEWS

**Don't Drink and Drive!
Get a Ride Home!**

Briefs

Colonel selectees

Congratulations to the following two lieutenant colonels selected for promotion to colonel:

- **Dr. Wayne K. Sumpter**, 319th Medical Group; and
- **Dr. William R. Buhler**, 319th MDG.

National Prayer Luncheon

The annual National Prayer Luncheon is Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the Northern Lights Club. Tickets are \$3 and this year's guest speaker is Lt. Gen. Richard V. Reynolds, Air Force Material Command vice commander. For tickets or more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Andrew McIntosh at 747-5673.

Trash pick-up in housing

Base waste management officials have delivered a new brown rolling 96-gallon refuse container to each housing unit, similar to the green recycling containers. Housing residents must use this new container for refuse collection.

No longer does the contractor retrieve refuse from the side of base houses. Collection days have not changed. Both refuse and recycling will be picked up on the same day.

Housing residents must transport their brown containers to the curb for pick up no later than 7:45 a.m. the day of their scheduled pick-up, and retrieve them at the end of the day.

The only exception is the Sunflake housing units, which will still have

their refuse/recycle serviced from inside the garages. When putting the container by the curb, put it with the front facing the road.

Anyone unsure of their service day or if they have any other question, they should call the housing office at 747-3035.

WAR Center upgrades

The Warrior Airman Recreation Center has high-speed Internet access available. Access is available on eight computers and is currently free of charge. Access is provided by the 319th Services Squadron.

In addition, a new digital jukebox sound system has been installed.

Airmen are invited to go and check it out. For details call the WAR Center at 747-5738.

ESC meeting

Due to the weather, the Enlisted Spouses Club's January meeting is now at 7 p.m. Monday in the community activities center. All members are needed to attend this meeting. For details call Tracy Carter at 747-4518.

Range danger notice

The firing range, located at the north end of the base, is off limits to all personnel without an appointment or valid reason. Anyone going to the range must report to the 319th Security Forces Squadron administrative building, Building 652, prior to accessing the range. Live weapons firing is conducted on a daily basis and presents an extreme hazard to unannounced visitors. For details call 747-4189 or 747-3886.

A history behind Black History Month

By Senior Master Sgt. Glenn C. Roy-Johnson
Base Black History Month project officer

While visiting some friends this past weekend, our conversation happened upon the subject of Black History Month and many of the activities our base community will sponsor.

One friend asked, "Why do we not celebrate black history in January, since we already recognize Dr. Martin Luther King during that month?"

At this point, an opportunity was presented to share some history behind black history.

The "Father of Black History," was Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson (1875-1950). Woodson was born to former slaves in New Canton, Va. Because his family needed additional income, he could not attend school full time.

As a youth, Woodson worked in the coal fields of West Virginia until, finally, in his early twenties, he

graduated high school. Woodson would go on to graduate from Berea College, Kentucky, in 1903, and would earn a PhD in history from Harvard University in 1912.

During his studies, he became increasingly interested in documenting historical records of African-American talents and accomplishments. In 1915, he founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History.

One year later, he published the Journal of Negro History, one of his many enlightening and significant works on African-American history.

In 1926, he championed a successful movement to begin a "Negro History Week."

This week honored the outstanding achievements by African Americans, from literature to



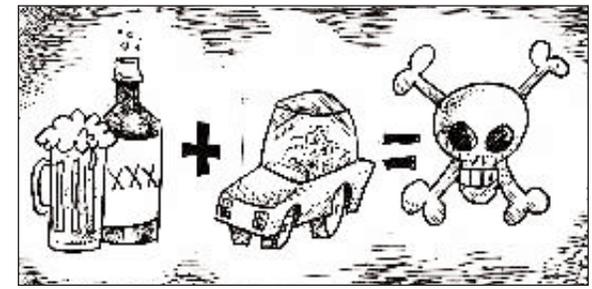
Dr. Carter
Godwin Woodson

science. Woodson wanted this event to occur in February, in honoring the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

In the 1960s, support for Black History Week had grown so great that the celebration was extended to a month.

Woodson's life-long studies depict how history reflects on the wonders and events that evolved us into who we are today. We draw strength and self-esteem from past accounts and accomplishments.

"Lest we forget" the triumphs, the sorrows, the gains, and the struggles that have forged such a great nation, the base invites all all to participate in this year's celebration in February.



Base theater

Today, 7 p.m.

Paycheck (PG-13)

Based on a Philip K. Dick story, Paycheck is about a high-tech genius (Ben Affleck) who has his memory erased by his employer (Aaron Eckhart) as a security precaution once he's completed special projects.

Saturday, 3 p.m.

Mona Lisa Smile (PG-13)

Set in 1953, Mona Lisa Smile tells the story of art history professor Katherine Watson (Julia Roberts), who travels from her native California (leaving her boyfriend behind) to take a job at the prestigious and very conservative all-female Wellesley College, where students study but also spend a great deal of time scouting for their future husbands.

Saturday, 7 p.m.

Something's Gotta Give (PG-13)

Jack Nicholson stars as Harry Sanborn, a 63-year-old music mogul who doesn't date women over 30. He and his latest girlfriend (Amanda Peet) drop in at the Hamptons, N.Y., house owned by her divorced playwright mother, Erica Barry (Diane Keaton).

Feb. 6, 7 p.m.

Peter Pan (PG)

Feb. 7, 7 p.m.

Cheaper by the Dozen (PG)

Tickets: \$1.50 children, \$3 adults
For details, call 747-3021/6123.



Base chapel

CATHOLIC:

Mass: 9 a.m. Sundays, Sunflower Chapel

Weekday Mass: Will not be held until Thursday

Reconciliation: 8:30 to 8:45 a.m. Sundays, or by appointment, Sunflower Chapel

CCD: 10:45 a.m. Sundays at Twining Elementary. For details on adult education, RCIA, and sacramental programs, call Jane Hutzol at 747-3073.

PROTESTANT:

Traditional Worship: 10:30 a.m., Sundays, Sunflower Chapel

Contemporary Worship: 6 p.m., Sundays, at Prairie Rose Chapel

Sunday School: 9 a.m. Sundays at Eielson Elementary

PYOC: 4 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Sundays at the Youth Center

PWOC Bible Study: 7 p.m. Mondays in the Prairie Rose Chapel conference room

Men of the Chapel Bible Study: Noon, Mondays, in the Prairie Rose Chapel conference room

Young Adults: 6 p.m., Fridays, at Chaplain Brian Swain's home. For details call 747-6468.

JEWISH:

Call Synagogue B'nai Israel at 775-5124 for details.

RUSSIAN/EASTERN ORTHODOX:

Call Dr. Levitov at 780-6540 for details.

MUSLIM, BUDDHIST, OTHER:

Call 747-5673 for details.



Deployment ready

319th MSS personnel readiness unit gets people to the fight

By Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol
Public affairs

On a typical busy day in the 319th Mission Support Squadron's personnel readiness unit, three people assigned to the office might help more than 100 people over the phone and another 200 get on a plane as they head off to a deployment.

Tech. Sgt. Christopher Aaby, Staff Sgt. Michael Renaud, and Senior Airman Mandy Kenny, all with the PRU, have had plenty of those "typical" busy days in the past couple of years.

"The personnel readiness unit continues to be challenging," Sergeant Aaby said. "We continue to see changes in reporting requirements and instructions. We have to be able to get personnel processed and ready to deploy in a day's notice at times. You just don't know when you're going to get a short notice tasking, but you just respond and start the processing."

Sergeant Renaud said the PRU and the personnel deployment function ensure deploying personnel are eligible to deploy, prepared for deployment, and properly accounted for during deployment processing.

"The PRF and PDF are the personnel processing agencies serving as the installation's focal point for monitoring all personnel processing activities to include orders preparation and

production and eligibility screening," Renaud said.

Since the events of Sept. 11, 2001, a lot of the taskings they receive are short notice, sometimes departing from 24 to 48 hours of notification, Sergeant Aaby said.

"That's all the more reason to be ready," he said. "So it's important to recognize the importance of making sure you are ready to deploy."

Airman Kenny recommends anyone on mobility status see their unit deployment manager and ensure mobility folders contain the necessary items, to include a current immunization record, identification tags, Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance documentation, DD Form 93 (Record of Emergency Data), and power of attorney (if necessary).

"The more you have done in advance, the easier it will be to deploy," Airman Kenny said.

In 2003, the 319th Air Refueling Wing has



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol
Tech. Sgt. Chris Aaby and Staff Sgt. Michael Renaud, both with the 319th Mission Support Squadron personnel readiness unit, look over a deployment folder.

been a part of major operations to include Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Along with those major operations came changes in the aerospace expeditionary force concept and where airmen deploy.

According to a Jan. 16 article on American Forces Information Service, people like Sergeants Aaby and Renaud and Airman Kenny will be tested even more in the coming weeks.

Possibly the largest rotation of military forces in United States history is about to take place as thousands of troops prepare to relieve units that have been in Iraq and Afghanistan for as long as a year, the article said. Air Force Lt. Gen. Norton Schwartz, the director of operations for the Joint Staff at the Pentagon, said in the story that the rotation will involve all varieties of active duty and reserve combat and support forces.

Those forces will most likely include the 319th ARW and its KC-135R Stratotankers, Sergeant Renaud said, but they will be ready for anything that comes their way.

"We'll be ready to go no matter what," Aaby said. "I'm sure we will continue to see changes in the AEF concept, but we will adjust as we always do. The personnel readiness unit is a very fast-paced office and you have to be aware of all requirements that are needed for a specific location at all times. We will get our people to the fight -- that's our job."

Who assists PRU with deployments?

- ❑ **319th Medical Group** -- The 319th MDG provides all medical and dental clearances have been given to all personnel deploying.
- ❑ **319th Comptroller Squadron** -- The 319th CPTS provides proper fund cites are used for processing all contingency orders.
- ❑ **319th Logistics Readiness Squadron** -- The personnel readiness unit works with the Logistics Plans office to coordinate times personnel will process through the personnel deployment function line prior to deploying.
- ❑ **Unit deployment managers** -- The personnel readiness unit works with UDMs to ensure individuals meet all deployment processing requirements.
- ❑ **Family support center** -- The FSC provides guidance on offering support through local base agencies to deployed service members and their families.
- ❑ **Commander's support staffs** -- Each unit's CSS provides the personnel readiness unit feedback on personnel who are deployed and they help provide 100 percent accountability.



Photo by Master Sgt. Scott Davis

Civilian personnel flight steps up in crunch time

By Airman Patrice Clarke
Public affairs

Since the onset of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2001 and carrying through to Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003, the 319th Mission Support Squadron civilian personnel flight has been a part of the fight.

Their war effort, however, has been on the homefront getting people in position to support base operations while others were deployed to the front lines.

"Last year we had to hire a record amount of emergency hires due to deployments," said Ms. Jeanne Rodacker, civilian personnel flight chief. "That's on top of filling our regular vacant civilian positions on base."

What amazed Ms. Rodacker the most wasn't the record amount of people hired in the emergency hire program, but the number of applications received for the program.

"In response to ads placed in local newspapers, we received more than 200 applications from civilians requesting temporary positions, ranging from carpentry to clerical work to firefighters and plumbers," Mrs. Rodacker said, "and these applications were from civilians who knew this job was only temporary."

That's not all the civilian personnel flight does on this base. They also assist supervisors in the development of position descriptions, advise management in the filling of vacant positions, manage the civilian performance and awards programs, have oversight of the labor relations program, and they work with supervisors and employees regarding all issues relating to civilian employment.

Overall though, one of their many challenges is in the area of filling positions. The Air Force only allots 97 percent of funds to civilian personnel for civilian jobs, but expects 100 percent manning. The 319th MSS civilian personnel flight managed to be 105 percent manned and has achieved higher than the Air Force standard for over seven years.

"We were able to achieve that high level of manning due to many programs, such as the emergency hire program, student employment program and a number of temporary overhires throughout the base," Ms. Rodacker said.

The flight also coordinates and runs the student summer hire program. Last summer, the flight hired 25 student employees, some who got jobs related to their degree and



Photo by Airman Patrice Clark
Chief Master Sgt. Ron Gallucci, military personnel flight superintendent, talks with Ms. Jeanne Rodacker, civilian personnel flight chief in Building 101.

some who just needed a summer job.

"The hardest job we have to fill are the engineering jobs," said Ms. Rodacker. "We hire students who are still in college and give them a taste of what it would be like to work at an Air Force base. We have had success in permanently placing some of these students after they graduate from college."

A recently approved Air Force recruitment incentive is the Student Loan Payback Program. Grand Forks Air Force Base is one

of the first AMC bases to successfully use this incentive in hard-to-fill positions, Ms. Rodacker said. All of these programs, and the people at civilian personnel helped garner Air Mobility Command's 2003 Outstanding Satellite Civilian Personnel Flight Award.

"We won an award, but more importantly, the Warriors of the North have been taken care of," Mrs. Rodacker said. "We're just focused on doing our job to the best of our ability."

In good hands: MPF 'just can't get any better'

By Airman Patrice Clarke
Public affairs

In the 319th Mission Support Squadron's military personnel flight, the bread and butter of their work is personnel. It's in the name.

How do you do a job that revolves around personnel without having many of the personnel actually on station? Easy, develop a network of people who do the job and do it better than anyone else.

For the MPF's success, which was recognized in their winning the 2003 Air Mobility Command Gerrit D. Foster, Jr. Outstanding MPF Achievement Award, they've put the best and brightest in positions all over the flight.

"The personnel who work in the MPF are top rate," said Lt. Col Victoria Bowens, 319th MSS commander.

The military members in the flight are constantly getting deployed in support of many different missions and more importantly, they are going above and beyond getting the Warriors of the North to the flight.

Over the past year, they have been supported Operation Northern Watch, Operation Southern Watch, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. In supporting those operations, the MPF processed more than 2,200 personnel to more than 50 different locations. They even managed to process more than 800 personnel at one time, records show.

"Supporting deployments is a lot of work," said Senior Airman Mandy Moreno, personnel journeyman. "We work with our customers to make sure their information is updated and they have everything

they need before they deploy."

The people of the MPF have found new and inventive ways to do their job which has warranted much major command and Air Force acclaim. The MPF was first in AMC to reach 100 percent emergency data notification verification and remains in the top two percent of the Air Force despite the fact that on average, 33 percent of the base has been deployed.

How did they do it? Many of the people in the flight take college classes to better themselves in their work.

"Because of their willingness to take classes in their off time, it's



Photo by Airman Patrice Clark
Airman 1st Class Bobbi Jo Falk, personnel apprentice, helps a customer at the front desk.

helped my people have brighter ideas and fresher ways of thinking," Colonel Bowens said.

No matter what they are tasked to do the MPF handles the situation, Colonel Bowens said. During the unit compliance inspection and the operational readiness inspection the

MPF processed more than 1,800 people through the deployment line. No mistakes on that earned the MPF an excellent rating in both inspections.

"We've got a good group of folks here who really know what they're doing," said Tech. Sgt. Brian Brantley, noncommissioned officer in charge of career enhancements at the MPF. "This is one of the best MPFs I've ever worked in -- from the airmen to the officers. Everyone here seems to care about each other and our customers."

Colonel Bowens is proud of her MPF and her squadron.

"I want the squadron to maintain the same level of excellence service in the AMC or even the Air Force," Colonel Bowens said. "I'm the luckiest squadron commander to be leading this outstanding group of people."

Community

Today

PASTA BAR: The Northern Lights Club offers a “pasta bar” along with the day’s hot entree during lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

CLUB DINING: The Northern Lights Club offers a steak special tonight from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Prices for three different steaks range from \$10.50 to \$13.50.

Saturday

SLAM DUNK CONTEST: The fitness center is hosting a three point shoot-out and slam dunk contest starting Jan. 31, at noon at the fitness center.

The final competition will be held during half-time of the intramural championship game Tuesday.

For details, and to sign up, call the fitness center at 747-3384.

ICE FISHING TRIP: Outdoor recreation is sponsoring an ice fishing trip

today departing at 7 a.m. and returning later that night.

The cost trip is \$10 per person, which includes transportation, ice shanty with heater, use of auger, bait and equipment if needed.

The price does not include a fishing license.

For details contact outdoor recreation at 747-3688.

BASE TALENT SHOW: The base talent show registration ends today at the youth center.

Show dates are to be announced.

For details call the youth center at 747-3150.

Sunday

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY: The Northern Lights Club is having a Super Bowl XXXVIII party.

The party starts at 4 p.m. with the game beginning at 5 p.m.

Prizes will be drawn during the game

and you must be present to win. Food will be served throughout the game.

For details call the Northern Lights Club at 747-3392.

Tuesday

PARENT/INFANT OR PARENT TODDLER SWIM CLASS: Swim classes will start Tuesday at the base pool. Prices are \$30 for the first child and \$25 for each additional child. For details call 747-3384.

PARENTS DAY OUT: The next “Give Parents a break” day will be Feb. 7, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For details call the child development center at 747-3042.

Wednesday

CLUB DINING: The Northern Lights Club offers all you can eat tacos every Wednesday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Members receive a \$3 discount.

Thursday

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Upcoming

NBA LIVE 2004 TOURNAMENT: Outdoor recreation is sponsoring a NBA Live 2004 tournament Feb. 7 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Warrior Airman Recreation Center. For details, come by, or call outdoor recreation at 747-3688.

319TH LOGISTICS READINESS SQUADRON SOCIAL GROUP: This group meets for a Valentine theme night Feb 17 at 7 p.m. To make reservations call 594-3999 by Feb. 10.

FESTIVAL DU VOYAGEUR: Outdoor recreation is sponsoring a trip to Western Canada’s largest winter festival Feb. 14. Sign up by Feb. 11 at outdoor recreation.

Varsity basketball: Warriors play three games in three days

Compiled from staff reports

The Grand Forks AFB Warriors opened a three-day, three-game road trip, trying to avenge a 23 point routing in their first meeting, taking the Jamestown College Jimmies junior varsity team to the wire Jan. 23.

With six seconds left on the game clock, the Jimmies sank a 30-foot bomb giving them a three-point edge.

The Warriors had time for one more shot. As time expired, Matt Wireman pulled the trigger on a 25-foot jumper which hit the front of the iron and rolled off leaving the Warriors short 83-80.

"These guys fought hard the whole game," said coach D.J. Lemelle. "It was like watching a heavyweight title fight, both teams battling back and forth exchanging blows...they just landed the last punch."

Some of the blows were big. The Jimmies connected on 19 three-pointers, nearly all of the shots were taken with someone in their face. The Warriors guard trio of Wireman, George Fowlkes and Eric Williams countered with nine three-pointers of their own.

"They absolutely lit us up from the perimeter...they couldn't miss," said Lemelle. "We knew coming into this game we are a more mature, much improved team. We studied the game tape from our previous meeting and we

were more confident going into this game."

The homework proved dividends. In their first meeting, the Warriors were down by 26 points at halftime. The most they were down on Friday night was nine points. The Warriors defensive post play kept them in the game. Despite the obvious height advantage of the Jimmies, Javron Rushing, Soultz Dukes and Derrick Jones did a bang-up job controlling the paint.

"Our defensive strategy was to pressure the ball on the wings and ensure we wouldn't double-team the post so they wouldn't beat us with the three-ball," said Lemelle. "We stuck to our game plan and only on four occasions we doubled down on the post; but it didn't matter, their shooters were in the zone."

Although they lost a tough one, the Warriors were still successful.

"The light is definitely at the end of tunnel," said Lemelle. "But we can't be satisfied with the outcome any game, win or loose. We need to play hard, limit the mental mistakes and grow as a team always."

Games 2, 3

On Saturday, the Warriors traveled to Minot AFB to play a two-game series. The Warriors cruised by the Minot AFB squad 77-62 in front of a full house at the Minot AFB

gym and dropped their Sunday game 75-60.

"We've learned a lot as a team over the past three days," said Lemelle. "The players showed their maturity, bouncing back from a heartbreaking loss Friday night to split the series with a tough Minot club."

In Saturday's win, Matt Wireman led the way with 20 points, followed by Javron Rushing with 19 and George Fowlkes with 14.

Sunday's loss, the silver lining was Derrick Jones' double-double, 21 points and 11 rebounds. Javron Rushing followed with 14 points and Matt Wireman added 12.

Mental lapses and physical limitations were the culprits in the Sunday loss.

"After playing three tough games in three days and traveling nearly 500 miles, the players were reaching their limits," said Lemelle.

"I'm not making excuses. I'm simply letting the players know this is how it's going to be and I need to prepare them better, physically and mentally for the challenges ahead."

The Warriors travel back to Jamestown Sunday for the Jamestown College Jimmies junior varsity tournament. The Warriors will face the University of Mary at 11 a.m.



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Specials . . .

For you and your

VALENTINES

VALENTINE'S DAY DANCES!

Get your Valentine and come to the Youth Center

The Youth Programs will be holding two dances February 14. The first will be for ages 6 – 12 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and the second for ages 13 – 18 from 9 to 10:30 p.m. Cost is \$3, includes snacks. Sign up at the Youth Center.

A big splash at the pool

The Aquatic Center will be having a Valentine's Day special. Any paying patron who comes to the base pool wearing *red* will have a chance to win GREAT PRIZES! One lucky person will win a bouquet of flowers and box of chocolates.

Cost is \$1.50 for Club Members and \$2 for non-members, pool pass is accepted. For any additional information, contact the Aquatic Center, 747-3306 or Outdoor Recreation, 747-3688.

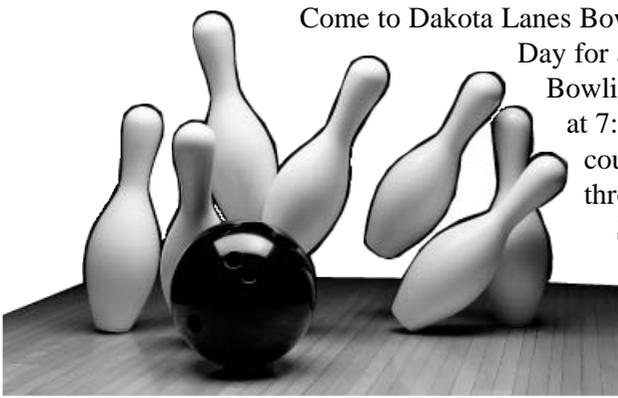


Scotch Doubles Tournament

Come to Dakota Lanes Bowling Center on Valentine's

Day for a special Scotch Doubles Bowling Tournament beginning at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$24 per couple, with prizes given throughout the evening.

SCOTCH DOUBLES is played with one couple as a team. She begins the first frame, he picks up for the spare. Play contin-



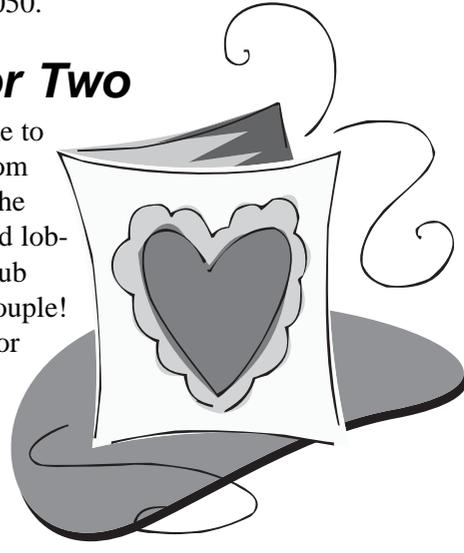
ues as such throughout the game. The only time play changes is if a strike is rolled on the first ball, then he/she begins the next frame.

Come by and sign up or call, 747-3050.

Valentine's Dinner for Two

The Northern Lights Club would like to invite you for Valentine's Day dinner from 5:30 to 8 p.m.! Cost is \$32 per couple; the dinner includes a 10 oz. Sirloin steak and lobster tail plus dessert. IN ADDITION, Club Members will receive \$6 discount per couple! Get your reservations in, call 747-3392 or come by.

ALSO sign up to win a weekend get-away for two – includes a poolside room, 2-night stay, gift certificates for breakfast and dinner, and a gift basket loaded with Travelodge Winnipeg-East* goodies. Eligibility: Services commanders/division chiefs, deputy commanders/division chiefs, membership support flight chiefs, club managers, assistant club managers, club and marketing staff and their families at base, MAJCOM, and HQ AFSVA level are not eligible to win. *No Federal endorsement of sponsor intended.



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WINTER BASH

FUN GALORE...
IN 2004

GRAND FORKS AFB, ND

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Schedule of Events see page 4

FUN FOR ALL!
Friends, Families
& Squadrons!

**Ready,
set, go ...
Get those
Smushing
& Frosty
Boat
teams
ready!**

Check-out the Valentine's Day dances on page 1!

Weekly activities for Youth

Tuesdays – Parent/Tot Playgroup, for ages 2 – 5 from 10 a.m. to noon at Liberty Square. **Torch Club**, for ages 11 – 13, 6 pm at the Youth Center. **TEENSUPREME**, for members ages 14 - 18 years old, 7 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Wednesdays – Fine Arts Program, for ages 6 – 12 from 6 to 7 p.m. and ages 13 – 18 from 7 to 8 p.m. *There will not be a class on February 4 and 11.*

Fridays – Open Skating, for ages 6 - 18 from 6 to 10 p.m. at Liberty Square. Admission cost: \$3, skate rental: \$2. Snack bar hours: 6 to 10 p.m. Roller Blades may be used. Ask us about our special Family discount rates! **Teen Center**, for ages 13 – 18 from 6 to 11 p.m.

Saturdays – “3 on 3” Basketball Games, for ages 9 - 12 at 7 p.m. and ages 13 – 18 at 9 p.m. Youth pick their own teams of three. Two Sessions – September/October and November/December, a total game win Champion awarded for each session. Youth must sign up 15 minutes prior to start time.

For questions on any of these weekly programs contact the Youth Center.

activities for grades K – 8.
Power Hour – Monday - Thursday, 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. An educational enhancement program for ages 6 - 16.

Goals for Growth – Monday, 4:15 to 5 p.m. This is a goal setting program for ages 8 – 12.

AfterSchool Kidzlit Program – Tuesday, 4:15 to 5 p.m. This is a program of reading and connected

Fun & Fitness Day – Wednesday, 4:15 to 5 p.m. This programs is for ages 9 – 18, designed to encourage youth to live health and active lives.
SkillTech – Thursday, 4:15 to 5 p.m. This is a Boy & Girls program to familiarize youth with technology that will help excel in school and later on.

YOUTH PROGRAMS 747-3150



Drawings and door prizes!

Dental Clinic & Youth Program's ANNUAL ROLLER MOLAR SKATE

February 27

at Liberty Square from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Bring your old toothbrush – you'll receive a new one and \$1 off skate admission.
Skate admission is \$3 and \$2 for skate rental (roller skates and blades)

OUTDOOR RECREATION 747-3688

Something new!

NBA Live 2004 Tournament

There will be a NBA tournament at the W.A.R. Center from noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 7. There will be a 32 –person limit with trophies and prizes for the first three places. Entry fee is \$5 per person; age limit is 17 years of age.

Rules: Double elimination, “straight play” with teams and players provided by the game itself. No cheat codes, no all-star teams, no player trading and no player creation. For additional details, rules and to sign up come by Outdoor Recreation or call 747-3688.

Ice Fishing Trips

Outdoor Recreation will be offering two ice fishing trips this month, Feb. 14 and 28. Departure will be at 7 a.m. from Outdoor Recreation. Cost is \$10 per person; includes transportation, ice shanty w/heater, use of auger, bait, and equipment. This does not include fishing license. Participants need to dress according to the weather,



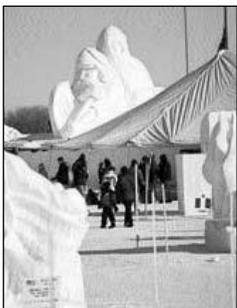
and bring something to eat and drink.

Festival Du Voyageur



Western Canada's largest winter festival!

Come and join in the celebration Feb. 14 – make this a Valentine's Day event. Departure will be at 8 a.m. from Outdoor Recreation. Cost for transportation only is \$17.50 per person. This festival features fun for the whole family. This unique ten-day celebration, themed on the fur trade era, is held each February in St-Boniface, Winnipeg's French



Quarter. Choose from 300 contemporary traditional shows, meet fascinating personalities at historic Fort Gibraltar – cheer on international dogs sled races and much more.

Mahnomen Trip

Get those money pouches filled! Let Outdoor Recreation take you to Shooting Star Casino February 28. Departure will be at 8 a.m. from Outdoor Recreation. Cost for transportation is \$20 per person. The casino has 1000 slots machines and 20 blackjack tables to choose from – with a separate high stakes slots and blackjack room.

Community Services

Boxes for sale - Current sizes/prices are: small/\$1.30, medium/\$2.00, large/\$2.40, dish pack/\$7.50, wardrobe/\$8.80, hanger bar for wardrobe box/\$1.40.

Small Engine Repairs - Engine mechanic can do all your small engine repairs. If your snow blower is not in running condition, have us look at it before the snow flies.

Bring it to us and have it tuned up.

Chain Saws for Rent - We have two chain saws available for rent. Each rents for \$30 per day and comes complete with saw and carrying case, safety goggles, safety chaps, file, chain lube and one-gallon gas.

Auto Car Carrier & Tow Dolly - Outdoor Recreation has a full Auto Car Carrier and tow dolly available for local rental use only. Cost is \$35 per day. A full size pickup is needed with Class III or V hitch, electric brake controller, and 2 5/16” ball for renting the car carrier.

Ice Fishing Equipment - We have two- and four-person Frabill portable ice shanties, 10” Jiffy ice augers portable sunflower-type propane heaters and assorted ice fishing equipment.

Want to go skiing?

Come by Outdoor Recreation – we have trips going on Saturdays to area slopes. Check out all the ski services trips, rentals and maintenance!

Join the Northern Lights Club for ...

Super Bowl XXXVIII!

February 1

FREE for Club Members/Non-Members \$5.00

Fun begins at 4 pm -
game time 5 pm!

Great food! Chili, Hot Dogs, Build-Your-Own
Hamburgers and more!

\$3 pitchers
of beer
after each
touchdown!

Miller Lite
bottles
\$1.75

Free Steak
Dinner for 2
Drawn at the end of
the game, must be
present to win

Prizes
drawn
during the
game!

For any additional details contact the
Northern Lights Club, 747-3392



December's lucky Comment Card Winner

SSgt Emily Bushta receives her \$50 Services Gift Certificates from the program's sponsor Mr. Ken Beeck of First Command Financial*. Also, pictured on the left is Mr. Glenn Garrison, Deputy Director of the 319th Services Squadron and behind, Mr. George Wolf, Dakota Lanes Bowling Center Manager.

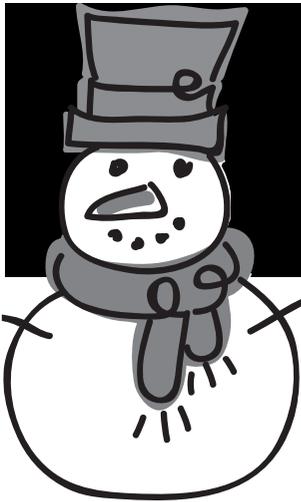
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Northern Lights Club
GRAND FORKS AFB
747-3392

TGIF
Every Friday
5 pm

February 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 SUPER BOWL Sunday! Hamburgers, hotdogs, chili, and all the fixings!	2 LUNCH* 2-Chef's Choice 9-Chef's Choice 16-CLOSED	3 LUNCH* 3-Baked Country Ham 10-Pork Roast	4 LUNCH* 4-Sausage & Kraut 11-Stuffed Cabbage Rolls	5 LUNCH* 5-Mexican Buffet 12-Meatloaf 19-Oriental Buffet	6 FRIDAY LUNCH* Seafood Buffet	7 SATURDAY NIGHTS! Open To All Ranks!
8	9 23-Chef's Choice Lunch served from 11 am to 1 pm	10 17-Beef Stew 24-Baked & Fried Chicken	11 18-Buffalo Roast 25-Wiener & Schnitzel	12 26-Pork Chops	13	14 Enter to win a "Weekend Get-away" Valentine's Dinner Special-5:30 to 8 pm 10 oz. Sirloin & Lobstertail plus dessert \$32 per couple
PASTA BAR everyday for lunch!						
15  SUPER SUNDAY BRUNCH	16 President's Day! NO LUNCH	17 FREE Pool Tuesdays!	18 Wednesday Dining SPECIAL! "All-You-Can-Eat" Taco Bar \$6.00 5:30 to 8 pm	19	20	21 Winter Bash 2004 - All day! FREE lunch here!
22 10:30 am to 1:30 pm every week!	23	24 During Lent fish will be available upon request.	25	26 MEMBERS SPECIAL! \$1 Lunch Day	27 TONIGHT! Steak Night PLUS Crableg Special! 5:30 to 8 pm ONLY \$11.95	28 The Sports Bar 5 pm to 3 am Karaoke! 10 pm to 3 am Late Night Club Mix 10 pm to 3 am
29	Members First Member's First DISCOUNT! Lunch \$2 off - Dinner \$3 off - Sunday Brunch \$3 off		Thursday & Friday 5:30 to 8 pm DINING SPECIALS! 12 oz. Ribeye \$12.75; 8 oz. Sirloin \$10.50; 20 oz. Sirloin \$13.75; 8 oz. Charbroiled Chicken \$9.50 - Children's Menu available!			



Schedule of Events for WINTER BASH - Feb 21 FUN GALORE . . . IN 2004



**Got your team ready?
Practice, practice practice!**

9 am – 3 on 3 Basketball at the Sports & Fitness Center

1 pm – Children's Bingo at the Northern Lights Club

10 am – Youth activities at Liberty Square



1:30 pm – Top Three Enlisted vs. Top Three Officer's Basketball Game at the Sports & Fitness Center

10 am – Wing CC remarks at the Northern Lights Club

2 pm – Smooshing Races east side of Liberty Square. Rules, materials and registration at the Youth Center.



10:30 am – Honorary Commander Induction at the Northern Lights Club

2 pm – Longest Drive Contest on the simulator at Plainsview Golf Course

11 am to 3 pm – Sleigh rides around the ball/soccer fields



2:30 pm – Gymnastics Demonstration at the bField House

11 am to 1 pm – FREE Winter Bash lunch at the Northern Lights Club

Dress warm!

3 pm – Frosty Sailor Boat Race at the Base Pool. Rules, materials and registration at the



Ready, set, paddle!

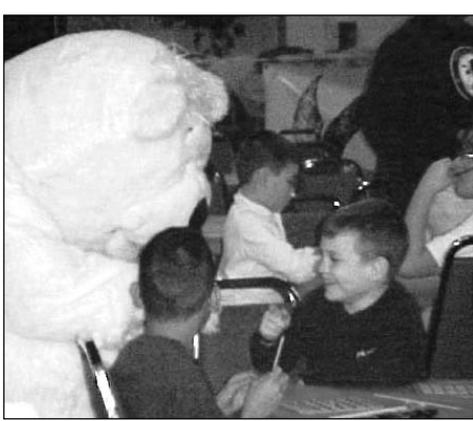
Sloppy Joes, Chips, Soda, Chocolate Chip Cookies

11 am to NOON – Dakota Science Exhibition at Liberty Square



Community Center.

6 pm – Galaxy Bowling at Dakota Lanes Bowling Center



NOON – Ice-skating at Outdoor Rink

NEW – Pool Tournament at the W.A.R. Center – ongoing throughout the day



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