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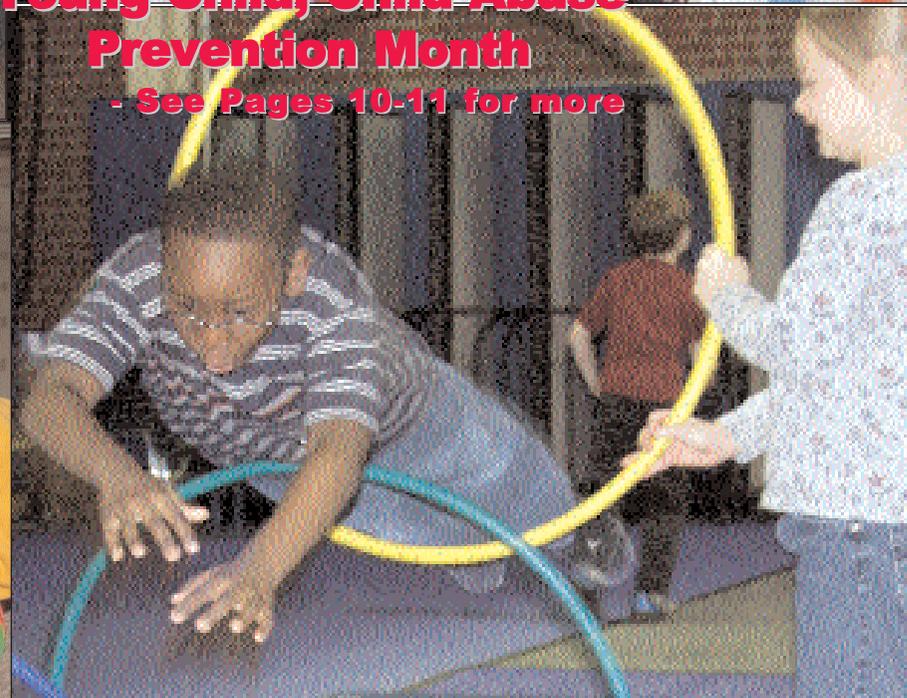
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For our children



Base observes Month of the Young Child, Child Abuse Prevention Month

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Today	48/27	Rain
Saturday	45/28	Partly cloudy
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Wing commander provides 'vector check' to troops

By Col. Mark Ramsay
319th Air Refueling Wing commander

I'm honored to command the finest air mobility wing in the world's greatest air and space force, and extremely proud of our accomplishments each and every day!

To continuously improve, I firmly believe we must have a common understanding of wing priorities and the way ahead ... or a "vector check" ... as we fight the Global War on Terrorism and defend our nation from future aggression.

Our wing priorities

1. We'll take care of our superb airmen, civilians and military families around the clock, and see to it that we're mentally, physically and spiritually fit to fight.

2. We'll enhance the personal and professional development of our airmen to become better leaders, and to execute future global air mobility and expeditionary combat support operations.

3. We'll continue to procure and integrate world class technology and equipment into our deployment packages, home station infrastructure,

and the KC-135 tanker fleet.

4. We'll continue to improve base facilities and quality of life programs for everyone who lives and works on Grand Forks Air Force Base.

Our way ahead

We'll build on our exceptional family support and readiness programs by ensuring access to leadership and information through "Town Hall" meetings and our Community Action Information Board, maturing the new Key Spouses Program, and updating our Community Action Plan.

Unit fitness programs will continue to mature to ensure we're fit to fight. Finally, we'll continue to develop the Warrior Airmen Recreation Center to provide a safe place for junior enlisted members to responsibly socialize and recreate led by our Airmen's Activity Council.

We'll embrace the new force development construct starting with our superb officer cadre, and continue to ensure all Airmen complete targeted professional military education and advanced academic degrees in the right skill sets, at the right time, while planning for a future Professional Development

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, leave a message.

Questions will be answered in the order they are received.

Call 747-4522



Photo by Capt. Patricia Lang

Col. Mark Ramsay
319th Air Refueling Wing commander

15 Consecutive DWI-free days <small>Goal is zero DWIs.</small>	88% Air Refueling Effectiveness <small>Target is 90 percent.</small>	100% Air-Land Effectiveness <small>Target is 92 percent.</small>	100% OPR/EPR Timeliness <small>Target is 90 percent.</small>	92% Mishap Reporting Timeliness <small>Target is 95 percent.</small>	100% Awards, Decoration Timeliness <small>Target is 92 percent.</small>	86% CDC First-time Pass Rate <small>Target is 95 percent.</small>
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Current as of Tuesday's wing stand-up meeting

Center.

In operations, we'll work with Air Mobility Command and our sister wings to bring more balanced and realistic requirements to Operations Plan 8044, and refine training to ensure we can support any Tanker Airlift Control Center, theater, or wing-tasked mission.

Finally, we'll refine our bare base and ability to survive and operate, or ATSO, skills through realistic training and exercises, both on and off station.

We'll continue to modernize

our deployment processes and equipment to maintain our edge as the premier air mobility wing in the world.

Building 523 is under renovation to become a world class deployment and redeployment center. We'll continue to work with the acquisition community to hone the Roll-On Beyond Line of Sight, or ROBE, system to enable global strike task forces to dominate any battle-space. Finally, we'll continue to work with AMC and Air Force Material Command to revitalize

our aging KC-135 fleet, and procure improved information technology, communications, force protection and mobility equipment to ensure we can defeat any adversary.

We'll improve our already superb quality of life in the Grand Cities – Grand Forks and East Grand Forks. Through Operation Enduring Friendship, the local community has provided more than \$140,000 in free tickets to sports and cultural

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Photos by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol and Airman Patrice Clarke

Cover

From family advocacy to the youth center, with children throughout the base, we celebrate the month of April with Month of the Young Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month activities. This issue of the *The Leader* highlights some agencies and activities supporting children.

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Construction at base gates begins April 15

Compiled from staff reports

Travelers exiting and entering the base this summer can expect changes in traffic flow.

This is due to the multiple construction projects soon starting to provide new facilities for the base's security forces, 319th Civil Engineer Squadron officials said. Ultimately, these efforts will be tremendous improvement for anti-terrorism/force protection operations.

Construction is expected to begin around April 15 and extends into October.

Entering the base will be relatively unchanged, cars and pick-up trucks will continue to use the main gate while commercial and over-sized traffic will use the south gate.

The biggest change is that all vehicles – both privately-owned and commercial vehicles – will exit the base via the south gate.

The exception to this will be Monday through Friday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. when an additional base exit will be opened at



Graphic courtesy 319th Civil Engineer Squadron

An artist's rendition shows what the future look of the main base gate will look like. The main gate area will start seeing construction activity around April 15, and only inbound traffic will be able to use the gate. Outbound traffic will have to use the south gate.

Eielson Elementary School. This will allow a safer exiting situation for peak traffic.

The base populace and work force are highly encouraged to use the Eielson

School exit, especially if planning on traveling east towards Grand Forks on Highway 2.

This option provides a safer alternative to entering Highway 2 from the south gate and merging directly into the high-speed west bound lane.

Officials said these construction efforts, totaling nearly \$3.4 million, are part of a \$100 million-plus, command-wide initiative to create more secure base entrances.

It also reflects America's new paradigm of security since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The new facilities will provide an improved environment for security forces Airmen guarding the base.

This is especially needed at Grand Forks Air Force Base, where cold winters make extended outdoor duty difficult and potentially dangerous, officials said.

At the main gate, the new primary fea-

ture will be a new drive-through canopy with heated identification checkpoints and a new, larger gatehouse. Additionally, the main gate will have a separate vehicle inspection facility.

Security forces will be able to enclose two cars or small trucks side-by-side for thorough vehicle inspections.

The existing visitor's center parking lot will be expanded and reconfigured, allowing for easier and safer access.

Efforts at the south gate will create a large dual-lane inspection facility. This facility will be located between the highway and the current gatehouse.

This drive-through facility will fully enclose two tractor-trailers at a time. It also features underground inspection pits to enable security forces an easier view of vehicle undersides.

Once completed, these new facilities will connect with the existing bollard, or pop-up barricade, system.

These changes will be compatible with future "smart gate" technology that may include electronic card readers and automated traffic control devices.

Officials provide update on 2004 base construction season

Compiled from staff reports

Base officials say 2004 will be an exciting year for completion of major base projects, and it will go down in history as one of the biggest construction years in base history.

Following is a look at what's going on for the 2004 base construction season.

COMMISSARY: The base's new 50,000-square-foot commissary is on track for grand opening in mid-July. Everything inside the new facility will be new and much improved over the existing facility.

COLD WAR PARK: In accordance with the base's agreement with the state historical society regarding the 2003 demolition of the old three story concrete SAGE facility, the base will build a Cold War Park to commemorate the history of the base during the Cold War.

This park will be built where the current commissary exists today, and construction will begin as soon as the old commissary is demolished this summer.

There will be a series of storyboards outlining the history of the base, with a bronze statue of a Viking "Warrior of the North," the adopted base mascot. The park will take about three months to construct, and officials hope to cut the ribbon before the first snow falls.

CLUBS: The existing officers' club will become the co-located club in early 2005 following a complete interior and exterior renovation. The former officers' club has a better layout, location and building compared with the current Northern Lights Club, which will be demol-

ished in 2005.

The new club will have a standing seam metal roof with red brick exterior, which is what people will notice on the base's newer buildings and is the base architectural standard.

"JR Rockers," which is a franchise establishment similar to Applebees restaurants, will be the anchor provider of dining and entertainment.

BASE BEAUTIFICATION: A major thrust of base modernization is beautification, and crews will continue to improve base beauty and prevent future power outages by continuing to bury overhead utility lines. This has already been done along many base roads, and two major projects along Tuskegee Airmen and Eielson Avenues will be completed this summer.

BASE HOUSING: The base has embarked on a massive improvement program in military family housing. The Air Force is currently spending approximately \$78 million to demolish some existing homes, bury overhead utility lines, overhaul housing streets, and construct 318 new and much-improved duplex and single family homes.

More than 50 new units – 25 duplexes – will be turned over to senior NCOs this summer. These units offer approximately 2,400 square feet of floor space plus a two-car finished garage to each senior NCO family, a quantum leap ahead of the current standard.

Every home, regardless of rank, will include additional finished "arctic" living space and a two-car finished

garage. By 2011, the base will have 1,105 total housing units located inside the base perimeter fence. Sunflake housing will be demolished by end of the overall project.

AIRFIELD: The base will complete approximately \$8 million in required repairs to the parallel taxiway this summer to repair worn-out concrete. Last summer, half of the main aircraft parking ramp was replaced at a cost of \$10 million.

FORCE PROTECTION: The base will continue moving parking lots further from major inhabited buildings. This summer there will be a rebuilding and repositioning of parking lots at the Airey dining facility and Barnes Hall dormitory.

There will also be a complete rebuild of the two base entry gates, so people can expect some temporary traffic flow changes through the gates starting in April.

DEPLOYMENT CENTER: The base is renovating one of its existing hangars to provide a much-improved personnel and cargo deployment center for the wing.

This facility will include an improved passenger terminal as well. Once this is completed this summer, the existing deployment facility will be demolished.

GOLF COURSE: Construction of a driving range at the Plainsview Golf Course will start as early as this summer if funding permits.

DESIGN PLANS: Civil engineers are designing an addition to the education center, air conditioning for the Prairie Rose Chapel annex, and air conditioning and remodeling for the Sunflower Chapel.

Briefs

Speed limit now 30

The speed limits on Eielsen Street and Alert Ave. have been permanently reduced from 35 miles per hour to 30 mph. This change takes effect Monday. For details call 747-6371.

Summer hire program

The 319th Mission Support Squadron civilian personnel office announces the start of the Air Force Summer Employment Program. Positions available include clerical, office automation clerk, lifeguard, recreation aid and general laborer.

Before hiring, applicants are required to complete a Declaration for Federal Employment to determine their suitability for federal employment and to authorize a background investigation. They will also be asked to sign and certify the accuracy of all the information in their application.

Applicants must be at least 16 years of age, currently enrolled or accepted at an educational institution, and taking at least a half-time academic or vocational or technical course load.

The employment period is from June 7 to Aug. 13. The closing date of announcements is June 25.

To apply, go to <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afjobs> on-line and self nominate for the positions you're interested in. Several other rules apply in the hiring process.

For details, go to the Web site or call

civilian personnel at 747-5036.

Motorcycle training courses

The 319th Air Refueling Wing safety office is now accepting registrations for the basic rider's course, or BRC, and the experienced rider's course, or ERC, for the 2004 base motorcycle training season. Military and family members (for example a spouse or family member over the age of 14) who would like to learn the basic skills of motorcycle riding should stop by the wing safety office, on the east side of Bldg. 607, and register to attend a motorcycle training class. Classes are expected to begin around mid-April.

All active duty personnel operating a motorcycle on or off base must complete a Motorcycle Safety Foundation-approved course. All civilian personnel who will be operating motorcycles or mopeds on Air Force installations must also complete a motorcycle safety course. Specific rules about motor scooters are addressed in base regulations. People are urged to call the wing safety office for more details.

Course registration fee is \$25 per person, which will be refunded after the successful completion of the course.

The MSF provides the motorcycles for the BRC at no cost to students and courses are taught by the American Bikers Aiming Toward Education of North Dakota. ERC students will learn additional safe riding techniques on their own

motorcycles. For details call 747-3368.

Kindergarten round-up

Kindergarten registration for the 2004-2005 school year is Tuesday at Carl Ben Eielson Elementary School.

Children are eligible to attend kindergarten next fall if they will be five years old by Aug. 31. All kindergarten age children living on base will attend Carl Ben Eielson School. Beginning next school year, kindergarten will be a full-day, every day program.

Parents and children are asked to go to Eielson School Tuesday.

Families whose last name begins with A through L should go at 10 a.m. and families whose last name begins with M through Z should go at 1:30 p.m.

The sessions last approximately 45 minutes. Parents should bring their kindergarten students with them, however other siblings should remain at home.

Parents must bring their child's birth certificate or passport, Social Security card and immunization records so that dates and numbers can be verified and recorded on the child's permanent school record.

For details call 787-5000.

Twining spring auction

The Twining Elementary and Middle School spring auction, sponsored by the Twining Parent-Teacher Organization, is today. A free spaghetti feed starts at 6 p.m.

in the new gymnasium and a silent auction will follow at 7 p.m.

Up for auction will be baskets put together by the teachers and students at Twining, including a fishing basket, "Sponge Bob" basket, Italian basket, candle baskets, and more.

Also, hand-made quilted items, home-cooked meals, paintings, hand-thrown pottery, and other items will be auctioned.

For details or to make a donation for the auction, call Mrs. Cappy Younker at 594-9448.

UND pow-wow

The University of North Dakota Indian Association cordially invites all base members to the 35th Annual Time Out Wacipi. Event cost is \$5 daily or \$8 for the weekend. Wacipi is the Lakota word for powwow. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The grand entries are scheduled for: Friday at 7 p.m.; Saturday at 1 p.m.; Saturday at 7 p.m.; and Sunday at 1 p.m. in UND's Hyslop Sports Center.

For details call Senior Airman Cristina Moreland at 747-3865.

Tax center

The base tax center offers free tax assistance with their federal and state taxes. Taxes are due April 15. Make your appointment with the tax center now by calling 747-3473.

The tax center is located inside the community activities center.

Air Force seeks to eliminate inadequate base housing

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – Air Force senior leaders spoke with members of Congress on March 30 about the service's requests for military construction funding in the fiscal 2005 budget.

In testimony before the Senate Appropriations Committee subcommittee on military construction, the Air Force civil engineer, Maj. Gen. L. Dean Fox, told senators the commitments reflected in the budget request are similar to those of the previous year.

"The Air Force continues to ... invest wisely in installations from which we project air and space power, take care of our people and their families with adequate housing and quality-of-life improvements and sustain the public trust through prudent environmental management," General Fox said.

Air Force officials requested \$2.6 billion for total-force military construction and military-family housing and an additional \$2.2 billion for sustainment, restoration and modernization funds. The total Air Force budget request is more than \$4.8 billion.

According to prepared testimony, the Air Force's budget request is higher than the previous year – that includes an increase of \$200 million for military-family housing.

Air Force officials said they expect to use some of that money – a total of about \$1.6 billion – to meet its goal of eliminating all inadequate military-family housing in the United States by 2008.

Portions of that funding will also be used to provide more than 2,200 housing units at 16 installations, to improve more than 1,300 units at six bases, and to support privatization of more than 6,800 units at six bases.

The privatization process means the Air

Force would no longer own military family housing, but it would instead work with contractors to have housing privately owned. The Air Force then arranges to have Airmen rent or lease the units directly from the private owners. The cost for maintenance of the units falls on the shoulders of the private owners.

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas asked if the Air Force had considered proposals by local governments in Germany to privatize military-family housing there.

The assistant secretary of the Air Force for installations, environments and logistics, Nelson F. Gibbs, told the senator the Air Force was aware of the proposals and was considering it.

"We would encourage them to go even beyond the build-to-lease program and to go into what would look more similar to privatization that we do (in the United States)," Mr. Gibbs said. "That would be for them to construct housing and put it at our disposal in exchange for the allowance for quarters over there. They have been apprehensive because of the increased risk. But we want to talk with them about the success it has enjoyed here and to try to convince them to consider that in addition to the build-to-lease program."

Funding to continue work on the Air Force's dormitory master plan is also in the budget request.

"Just as we are committed to provide adequate housing for families, we have a comprehensive program to house our unaccompanied junior enlisted personnel," General Fox said. "The Air Force is well on its way in implementing (that plan.)"

The three-phase plan involves eliminating facilities with group latrines and eliminating the deficit of dormitory rooms.

The plan also includes conversion or replacement of existing dormitory rooms at the end of their useful life with rooms that meet the new Air Force-dormitory standard.

Base family member named 2003 North Dakota Youth of the Year

By Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol
Public affairs

Jessica L. Weber, daughter of Denise and Lt. Col. James Weber, 319th Maintenance Group, was named the North Dakota Youth of the Year for 2003 during the Boys and Girls Club of America state competition Saturday at Minot Air Force Base, N.D.

There were four Boys and Girls Clubs, or BGCs, represented in the competition – Minot AFB, Grand Forks AFB, BGC of the Turtle Mountains and BGC of Three Affiliated Tribes, said Dawn Thompson, 319th Services Squadron assistant director for youth programs.

The youth completed an extensive youth of the year official nomination form, were given a public speaking opportunity, and were interviewed by three judges.

Ms. Weber, who was named the Grand Forks AFB Youth of the Year in February, will represent the base during the sixth annual Air Force Youth of the Year Program June 21 to 25 in Washington, D.C. Jessica will also attend the Air Force Youth of the Year awards ceremony June 23 at the Pentagon.

“I feel extremely honored and maybe a little embarrassed by all the attention,” Ms. Weber said. “I never really thought about the volunteering I do with the base youth center as ‘work.’”

“I have fun doing it and enjoy working with the kids on such projects as the Missoula Children’s Theater and at Liberty Square,” Ms. Weber said. “To be recognized with such an honor is almost unbe-



Courtesy photo

Dawn Thompson, 319th Services Squadron assistant director for youth activities, Lt. Col. James Weber, 319th Maintenance Group deputy commander, Jessica Weber, Denise Weber, and Cyndy Ludeking Ryan, 319th SVS teen coordinator, pose for a photo after Jessica Weber received the North Dakota Youth of the Year award from the Boys and Girls Club of America Saturday at Minot Air Force Base, N.D.

lievable and totally unexpected.”

Ms. Weber, a senior at Grand Forks Central High School with a cumulative 4.0 grade point average, is rated eighth overall amongst 245 students in her class. She has been a consistent youth center volunteer for many events, is a certified youth sports coach, and is considered a “positive role model for youth and her peers.”

“You cannot imagine how proud we are,” said her father, Colonel Weber. “Frankly, until the youth and teen coordinators pointed out all the things Jessica had done for the youth programs, even we did not know the magnitude of what she was into.”

“She has always enjoyed heading off to

the youth center and never came back to brag about what she’d done,” Colonel Weber said. “So unless it was a publicized activity, like the play put on by the Missoula Children’s Theater, we only knew she was off for another evening working at Liberty Square, or an afternoon coaching kids soccer. The competition itself was incredibly tough, and we were extremely proud that she just won for the base.”

Jessica’s mother said Jessica has been a part of youth activities pretty much since she was able to walk.

“She took her first opportunity to volunteer when McGuire AFB (N.J.) youth services sponsored the Special Olympics when she was in junior high school,” Mrs. Weber said. “After that, whether it was at Ramstein Air Base in Germany, or here at Grand Forks, she found her enjoyment in volunteering.”

“To me, volunteering is fun and I enjoy it tremendously,” Ms. Weber said. “You can’t imagine how much I look forward to seeing our base kids each week, and how much I like working with the youth and teen coordinators. They are really great supporters of the volunteers, and give me such encouragement that I feel more like part of a team than just a teenager volunteering for the base.”

Ms. Thompson said, along with the rest of the youth activities staff, that Ms. Weber is the ideal candidate to represent the base at the national level.

“She’s an amazing young lady,” Ms. Thompson said of Ms. Weber, who plans to attend the University of North Dakota in the fall. “We are all so very proud of her. She

works hard and is very dedicated to the youth here at Grand Forks AFB. She is such a positive role model for both the youth and her peers, and the Grand Forks community is very lucky to have her coming their way.”

About Jessica L. Weber

Parents: Lt Col James and Denise Weber

Accomplishments

- Graduating from Central High School, Grand Forks ND, in May 2004.
- Will attend the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks in fall 2004. Tentative major: journalism/communications.
- Carries current 4.0 grade point average.
- Lettered in advance choir and tennis.
- Member of the drama, math, German, and science clubs.
- Member of the National Honor Society and selected to attend the International Student Leadership Institute in Oberwesel, Germany.
- Represented Central High School at the 2003 North Dakota Girls State, and will return as a counselor for the upcoming 2004 Girls State.
- Editor of the Central High school newspaper.
- Cast member in two school productions her senior year.
- Ranked eighth of 245 students in her senior class.
- Awarded the Personal Best Award, Student of the Quarter, the Academic Achievement Award and the “A” Honor Roll.
- Active in the Young Adults Group at the base chapel.
- Youth center volunteer for special events such as Winter Bash and the Haunted House.
- Liberty Square skate guard and DJ on Friday evenings.
- Family child care provider for special base functions.
- Volunteer chaperone/actor with the 2003 Missoula Children’s Theater on base.
- Volunteer indoor soccer assistant coach.

Award winner encourages other teens to get involved

By Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol
Public affairs

After Jessica Weber received the North Dakota Youth of the Year Award from the Boys and Girls Club of America Saturday at Minot Air Force Base, she said the volunteering she did was not something she considered “work.”

She said it was more something she and her friends did for fun.

What Ms. Weber accomplished as Youth of the Year can be done by many other teens, she said, and she encourages others to get into the action.

“Come out and try it,” Ms. Weber said. “If you told me at the beginning of high school that I would actually have fun working all the projects I did over the past four years, along with trying to do well in school, I may have said you were crazy.”

“But once I got started, I found out it’s fun and it makes you feel good,” she said. “Anyone out there who tries it will feel the same way. At that point, if you show enthusiasm and energy, the youth and teen coordinators at our base will do the rest.”

“I hate to admit it, but it’s that easy,” she said.

Ms. Weber, a Grand Forks Central High School senior,

said one key to success is to stay away from some of the temptations out there that can hurt a teen such as smoking, alcohol or “partying too hard.”

“Volunteering will definitely keep you busy and give you a different kind of fun that feels rewarding at the same time,” Ms. Weber said.

At the base youth center, Sally Fuller, youth center director, Dawn Thompson, assistant director for youth programs, and Cyndy Ludeking Ryan, teen coordinator, work with teens to offer opportunities. Ms. Ryan said with Ms.

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Ms. Weber winning the Youth of the Year award, it highlights all the great things teens can do.

“This has been an excellent opportunity for Ms. Weber to use her skills and be recognized for her contributions to her community,” Ms. Ryan said. “Ms. Weber has made contacts that will follow her through college and beyond. Ms. Weber had doors opened for her because of her hard work.”

Lt. Col. James Weber, 319th Maintenance Group deputy commander and Jessica’s father, said the youth center staff and their teen and youth coordinators are “phenomenal role models and mentors” for teens.

“They have been the driving force behind motivating and encouraging their teen volunteers,” Colonel Weber said.

Ms. Weber added, “They, with the blessings of my mom and dad, gave me all kinds of opportunities to work with the kids, and gave me the encouraging ‘push’ sometimes too.

“They are the ones who made this award happen and I am so grateful.”

Base teens interested in becoming a volunteer should call 747-3150 for details.

Air Force announces new SRB list

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Bluesuiters will see significant changes in the newly released selective re-enlistment bonus list resulting from solid retention rates, Pentagon officials said.

Following the selective re-enlistment review board, the Air Force has published the latest SRB list which contains 62 Air Force specialties.

“The SRB program is a retention tool the Air Force uses as an incentive to help keep the right people in the right jobs to accomplish our mission,” said Senior Master Sgt. Maria Cornelia, chief of retention and bonus programs at Air Force headquarters here.

“During this period of improved retention, it is prudent to make adjustments,” she



said. “Airmen should remember that SRBs are not an entitlement and must be adjusted to meet Air Force needs.”

All enlisted skills were reviewed, including reporting and special-duty identifiers, officials said.

The criteria used for determining which enlisted skills will receive an SRB include current and projected manning levels, re-enlistment trends, career-field force structure changes and inputs from individual career-field managers.

SRBs are authorized in 0.5 increments, or multiples, and in three re-enlistment zones for people with between 17 months and 14 years of service.

Zone A, which applies to Airmen re-enlisting between 17 months and six years of service, incurred nine increases, 19 reductions and 86 removals.

Zone B, which applies to Airmen re-enlisting between six and 10 years of service, had eight increases, 18 reductions and 80 removals. Zone C, which applies to Airmen re-enlisting between 10 and 14 years of service, saw one increase, four decreases and 32 removals.

Additions and multiple increases are effective March 30. The SRB multiple decreases and deletions are effective April 30. The new list of bonuses is posted at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/Reenlistments/reenlistments.htm.

For details call the military personnel flight customer service section at 747-4902.

Base exceeds goal for Air Force Assistance Fund campaign

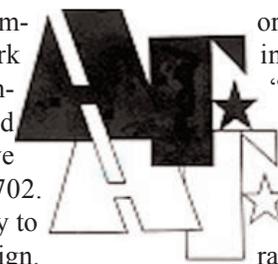
By Capt. Patricia Lang
Public affairs

The wing closed out its 2004 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign with 113 percent of its goal, making it the tops of 12 AMC bases in terms of goal achievement.

“I’m elated,” said 319th Air

Refueling Wing commander Col. Mark Ramsay, upon learning the base raised \$43,855, well above its goal of \$38,702. “This is a great way to wrap up the campaign.

“Whatever money we put into it, we’re going to get five-



or six-fold back on our investment,” he said.

“This goes straight to the people on our base.”

The base active duty participation rate was above 25 percent. While the campaign ended Monday, pledges from

deployed locations are still coming in, so the total may change in the upward direction.

“I’d like to thank all of you who gave so generously,” Colonel Ramsay said. “This will yield great dividends in terms of support for people here at Grand Forks Air Force Base.”

— **Vector**, from Page 2 events in the local area since August 2003.

To further enhance quality of life, the interior of our base exchange is undergoing a facelift, a new commissary will open in the summer of 2004, a “J.R. Rockers Sports Café” will be added to our Consolidated Club in 2004, and Sundt Construction is under contract to build 318 new single family and duplex homes with two car garages that match or exceed off-base housing standards.

Our mission is vital ... to ensure the safety and security of the greatest nation on earth ... and we will take care of our people to ensure we always accomplish our mission.

Our past record of success speaks volumes about the professionalism of the Warriors of the North, and I’m absolutely confident that we’re moving in the right strategic direction.

Together we must ensure that we can meet any future air mobility and combat support challenge!

Airman with a capital ‘A’

By **General John P. Jumper**
Air Force Chief of Staff

I am an Airman.
Note that is with a capital “A.”

It is just one letter at the beginning of the word, but it signifies a great deal.

The reason it is capitalized is simple: Airmen in the United States Air Force are the heart and soul of our unique fighting force, and should be identified by a proper noun.

As young children, when we began to read, we learned a capital letter

at the front of a word signified something special or important, like our own name, our hometown, and our country.

This was reinforced throughout our education and professional life.

When we see a capital letter, our minds automatically emphasize that word, and we bestow an increased importance on that per-

son, place, or thing.

It is time to formally add our profession to that list of important and special nouns.

You may have seen or heard something about my guidance to capitalize the word

“Airman.” It is appropriate to

do so, in recognition of our rich history, and to emphasize our unparalleled role in the defense of America.

Our Air Force is the finest air and space force in the world because of the generations of professional Airmen who have devoted their lives to dominating the skies.

Capitalizing the word “Airman” recognizes their historic achievements and signifies our unique contributions to fighting and winning America’s wars.

It shows we have earned the respect a proper name imparts.

For 38 years of my life, I have been proud to wear the uniform of the United States Air Force.

And, whether you have worn it as long as I have or have just recently joined our team, I know we all feel the same sense of pride.

Regardless of the uniform we wear, the specialty we hold, the badge over our pocket, and whether we are active duty, Guard, Reserve, or civilian, first and foremost, we are Airmen.

We are one Air Force and we are Airmen.



Celebrating children: Youth activities, family advocacy pull out all the stops to observe Month of the Young Child, Child Abuse Prevention Month

Family advocacy reaches out to military families

By Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol
Public affairs

Former President Harry Truman once said, "I have found the best way to give advice to your children is to find out what they want, and then advise them to do it."

For parents, they can get advice and help whenever they need it at the 319th Medical Operations Squadron's family advocacy office.

"We offer a lot of tools for parents," said Karen GreyEyes, family advocacy outreach manager. "We also work with several base agencies in offering parenting information and sponsoring events to raise awareness on family issues."

In April, family advocacy will be supporting several events in observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month and Month of the Young Child. The first is the Beautiful Baby/Child Contest Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon in Liberty Square.

The contest is meant to be a positive event used to distribute child abuse prevention materials and information, Ms. GreyEyes said. It's an event, she said, "where every child is a winner."

"It's meant to entice parents to come out and have their child's picture taken while receiving some education," Ms. GreyEyes said. "The event takes place during the parent-toddler play group hours and family advocacy's New Parent Support Program is sponsoring the event."

The pictures will then be displayed on April 15 in the community activities center.

"We will also distribute blue ribbons to parents and children at the event – the blue ribbon symbolizing Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month.

Ms. GreyEyes said that as the 319th Services Squadron holds a whole schedule of events in April for Month of the Young Child, family advocacy staff will participate with services in distributing blue ribbons to

Beautiful baby, child contest

The family advocacy new parent support program is observing Child Abuse Prevention Month and Month of the Young Child in April with "Beautiful Baby/Child Contest."

The contest takes place 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday in Liberty Square where they will be photographing children of all ages. There will be crafts and parenting information available at this event. A photograph display of all the children will be set up 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 15 in the community activities center.

For details call Ms. Karen GreyEyes at 747-7347.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

Kamrie Northernor, and her mother, 1st Lt. Julie Northernor, 319th Air Refueling Wing staff, read a book together during the Eielson Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization reading breakfast in February at the school. Karen GreyEyes, family advocacy outreach manager, said events like this help parents and children stay in touch with each other's lives.

parents and children.

Ms. GreyEyes said, in addition to family advocacy, many other organizations on base offer services and socialization opportunities for children and parents.

"There's plenty of activities and resources for parents – such as the Boy and Girl Scouts, Drug Education for Youth, the 319th SVS youth activities programs, and the base public schools," Ms. GreyEyes said. "All of these types of activities and resources give families options to learn and grow. I think the base does an excellent job keeping children occupied and safe."

Ms. GreyEyes said doing events is their way of showing children and families "they are important to us, and that we are available to them for parenting information."

Family advocacy's New Parent Support Program is probably their largest outreach program, said Peggy Littlefield, program coordinator.

"Through the New Parent Support Program, parents are taught a menagerie of parenting information," Ms. Littlefield said. "The program teaches about normal child growth and development, child nutrition, car seat safety, play and home safety with prevention measures, infant and child cardio-pulmonary resuscitation training, infant massage, potty training, and the list goes on."

Ms. Littlefield said they talked with more than 300 students at the base schools during February's Child Passenger Safety Week on buckling up properly in a vehicle. This effort was amongst many things the program does for new parents.

"The program also offers pregnancy home visits, gift packs, and monthly classes encouraging prenatal care, nutrition, and exercise," Ms. Littlefield said. "In addition, it provides postpartum home visits, gift packs and information stressing breastfeeding support and prevention of falls and injuries, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and Shaken Baby Syndrome."

The program also offers the parent-child play group that meets weekly at Liberty Square.

"It gives more experienced mothers a chance to share their experiences with younger mothers," Ms. GreyEyes said. "Talking care of young kids is very stressful for young inexperienced parents."

"The group provides a safe, accepting, and fun environment where children can learn to express and to better understand their emotions and feelings," Ms. GreyEyes said. "They also experience appropriate adult responses to their

behavior and learn to develop close, trusting relationships with adults."

Ms. Littlefield said the toddler group "is totally parent run. Parents see and learn how other parents are raising their children first-hand and glean what works. Oftentimes, they'll go out and meet after for lunch or establish their own babysitting co-ops. It keeps people connected and aware of base events through word of mouth."

Ms. GreyEyes said they do all they can to support and help parents and children learn, but ultimately it's up to parents to provide a safe lifestyle for children.

"Keeping your child's well-being foremost in your mind helps your child feel safe," Ms. GreyEyes said. "Children learn from example. If you want a child to behave a certain way, you have to behave that way. Parents are the most important people in a child's life. They set the stage for the rest of that child's life."

"It's a parent's responsibility to make sure the adults in a child's life are a positive influence," Ms. GreyEyes said. "It's our job to help provide parents with the tools they need to help make their children's lives a little better."



Photo by Airman Patrice Clarke



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott Sturkol

Stuff kids do

(Left) A base family member plays at the youth center. (Above) A base student recites a line during the third grade spring concert at Eielson Elementary School. On base, the schools, 319th Services Squadron, and many other organizations offer activities for children every day. Parents are encouraged to get their children involved in an activity to celebrate Month of the Young Child.

Upcoming events for children

Spring Fling Carnival

Come to the youth center Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m. for a fun-filled time of carnival games, bouncy house, putt-putt golf, face painting, food and more.

Open to all ages. Tickets will be on sale for \$1 at the door for the games and food. Call the youth center at 747-3150 for details.

Hands-On Learning Fair

The Grand Forks community hosts this year's annual Hands-On Learning Fair at the Purpur Arena April 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a **free** celebration for children ages 7 and under and their families.

It features more than 30 fun learning activities, complimentary healthy snacks, and parent information displays.

Sponsored by the Northeast Chapter of the North Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children and other area organizations, the Learning Fair marks April as Month of the Young Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month. "Early Years Are Learning Years-Make Them Count" is the theme.

The 319th Services Squadron family member program flight participates each year and would like to invite base families to attend.

For details call the family child care office at 747-3158.

Earth Week Kid's Fair

Participate in this year's annual Earth Week Kid's Fair April 21 in the youth center.

Information booths and hands-on activities will be set up from 3 to 5:30 p.m. They will have a special session for toddlers, preschoolers and youth in base family child care homes from 9 to 11:30 a.m. For details call the youth center at 747-3150.

Parent-tot playgroup

This is a chance for parents and their children to socialize with others in the community. The group meets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon at Liberty Square.

Storytime at the library

Bring a child to the base library's "Storytime" every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

April is Poetry Month! Following are the weekly themes – Wednesday, poetry; April 14, spring and Earth Day; April 21, National Library Week; and April 28, animals.

Also, celebrate with the base library by drawing your favorite character or scene from a book for National Library Week, April 18 through 24.

Have your drawings to the library by April 17. Your drawings will be displayed at the library.

Variety of activities open to base teens

By Airman Patrice Clarke
Public affairs

The students mesh education and fun together when planning activities. There might be a history of

Grand Forks Air Force Base prides itself on being a diverse base with many activities for every age group.

During Month of the Young Child, the focus is always on young children, which is good, but what about the older kids? What about the young people in middle school and high school? That group is often grossly overlooked.

The base left nothing out because they have many activities and programs to benefit that crucial age group.

"There are many opportunities for teenagers right here on the base," said Cyndy Ludeking Ryan, teen coordinator at the youth center.

TEENSUPREME, also known as the Keystone Club, helps young people with decision-making.

The Keystone meetings are designed to offer teens a unique character building and leadership opportunity, Ms. Ryan said.

TEENSUPREME isn't just one big club – the club can be expanded.

For example, if one teen likes bowling and enough other teens like bowling, they can start their own bowling club.

This club would have its own executive board.

"The students plan all the trips and activities they would have. We just push them in the right direction," said Ms. Ryan.



Courtesy photo

Jessica Weber, the North Dakota and Grand Forks AFB Youth of the Year for 2003, has had much success with the youth activities teen programs.

bowling night, a movie night featuring bowling, a trip to the bowling alley and maybe a bowling trivia night, all to support the club.

TEENSUPREME also focuses on entrepreneur skills so club members may set up some small business involving bowling or selling bowling lessons.

"The main focus is to prepare the teens for life after high school and to put them on the right track," Ms. Ryan said.

The youth center also offers the Youth Employment Skills, or YES Program. This

program focuses on helping teens help themselves get ready for college responsibilities.

The YES program offers high school-aged family members of active duty Air Force members a chance to earn up to \$1,000 of college grant money.

"This is actually free money," said Ms. Ryan. "All any student has to do is volunteer and they get \$4 for every hour they volunteer."

The youth center also tailors specific events just for teens.

"Foosball tournaments, pool tournaments, Playstation II tournaments and so much more are offered to teens," Ms. Ryan said.

"We understand we are in North Dakota, and it's a distance for some of these teens to find things to do," Ms. Ryan said.

"We try to provide them with ways to make their own entertainment and have fun doing it."

Warriors perform well in Grand Forks tourney

Team secures wins to move up; builds 20-win season in the process

Compiled from staff reports

The base varsity basketball team, the Warriors, didn't win the Grand Forks "Grand Am" basketball tournament recently, but the team did win the respect from other men's open division college teams in the tournament, their coach said.

The Warriors won their pool at the start of the tourney, going 2-0 and beating Mayville State University, 95-72, and, Valley City State University, 98-91.

Routing Mayville

"We started slow," said Warriors Coach D.J. Lemelle. "We weren't being aggressive or taking the ball to the basket."

Mayville was up by eight points at the 12-minute mark in the first half. The Warriors called a time-out to settle down.

After the time-out, the Warriors got away from the outside game and started attacking the basket. The Warriors speed showed as they went from down by eight to up by eight at the half, 45-37.

The second half continued the same as the first half ended as the Warriors full court defense hurt the Mayville team leading to a 95-72 victory.

"When the game started, I felt we might have been a little intimidated by their size and the fact that they played varsity college basketball," Coach Lemelle said. "As the game went on, Mayville could not put the Warriors away. The Warrior perimeter defense was excellent this game said Lemelle. The Mayville team only scored five three pointers."

Eric Williams led the Warrior scoring with 25 points, followed by George Fowlkes with 16 points, and Matt Wireman and Soultz Dukes threw in 15 apiece. The win pushed the Warriors to their first 20-win season.

Edging Valley City

The second game matched the Warriors against pool favorites Valley City State University.

This game was like a heavyweight fight, Coach Lemelle said. Each team kept battling the other for momentum.

"Big Mo" was on the Warriors side in the first half as the Warriors led by as many as 10 points, but the Valley City squad cut the lead to three, 47-44, at halftime.

"Eric Williams had a monster half for us offensively," Coach Lemelle said. Williams had 20 halftime points including four three-pointers.

Not to be outdone, George Fowlkes played a superb defensive half on guard sen-

sation Ty Terry.

"Coming into the game, we knew we had to limit Terry's touches," the coach said. "By far he is the best guard we have faced this year."

Fowlkes' sole purpose this game was to limit Terry's touches, Coach Lemelle said, and limited they were as Terry was held scoreless in the first half.

The second half saw the Valley City team come out on all cylinders as they opened up an eight-point lead on the Warriors. However, the Warriors battled back as three-point specialist guard Ossie Oden hit two clutch three-pointers in a row to give the Warriors a two point lead, 82-80.

Matt Wireman picked up the pace as well, scoring 21 second-half points.

"But again, Mr. Everything, George Fowlkes, stole the show as he played a stellar defense game before fouling out with 10 minutes remaining, holding Terry to six points," Coach Lemelle said.

Once Fowlkes fouled out, the Warriors continued their defensive momentum as utility man Rudy Williams picked



up where Fowlkes dropped off. Rudy played exceptional defense as well against Terry, allowing eight points to Terry before running out of gas.

"We played strict ball deny against Terry," Coach Lemelle said. "This was the first time Rudy has played this type of defense and he did it well."

With three minutes remaining in the game and the Warriors up by only two, Oden drew the assignment against Terry. Oden, giving up seven inches in height to Terry, held him scoreless for the remainder of the game, thus allowing the Warriors to an incredibly hard-fought 98-91 victory.

This game is about 90 percent mental, Lemelle said. Fowlkes got to Terry mentally and that made the difference.

"Even though we gave up 91 points, this is by far the best defensive game we have played this year," Coach Lemelle said. "Our perimeter defense gave up only four three-pointers all game. We gave up five to seven inches in size at all five positions on the court but we forced them to play within the three point line and for the most part we forced them to make things happen without Terry."

With the win, the Warriors pushed their record to 21-18. After starting the season 1-6, this is the first time the Warriors were three games over .500 all season.

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Losing to TEMCO

The Warriors third game of the day saw the number one seed Warriors face the number two seed, Team TEMCO, consisting of players from Concordia College in Moorehead.

The TEMCO squad started off early and never looked back as they bounced the Warriors out of the tournament by posting a 121-91 victory.

“TEMCO handed it to us,” Coach Lemelle said. “We were three steps behind them the whole game. We matched up well against them, but when the ball was tipped, the game was over.”

TEMCO shot 65 percent for the game, connecting on 14 three-pointers. The Warriors did not underestimate them, their coach said.

“They are a varsity college team and they whipped us,” he said.

It was the Warriors third varsity college level game of the day and they had nothing left.

The team did not give up and fought as hard as they could, but TEMCO hit shot after shot.

Eric Williams led the Warriors in scoring with 19 points, George Fowlkes added 18, Matt Wireman put in 15, Soultz Dukes chipped in 13 and Ossie Oden 12 points.

“It is disheartening to play so well and to have one bad game and then you are done for the tournament,” Coach Lemelle said.

The Warriors received an invitation to play in the biggest Pacific area tournament, the Aloha Classic, held in Hawaii Monday through April 10.

“The competition we faced in this tournament will help us in Hawaii,” Coach Lemelle said. “We are looking forward to surprising the 18-team field in the Aloha Classic.”

Sports Shorts

FISHING LICENSES: The 2004-2005 North Dakota resident fishing stamps are now available at outdoor recreation. Fishing licenses were valid Thursday. Licenses cost \$11.50 per person and there are couple licenses for \$16.50.

Resident sportsmen tags have increased to \$33.50.

For details call outdoor recreation at 747-3688.

GOLF PASSES: Purchase season golf passes at last year’s price through April 17. Golf fees are based on rank.

For details call the golf course at 747-4279.

‘HERE FOR LIFE’ EXPO: Altru Health Systems will be hosting the “Here for Life” Expo, a free health and wellness fair Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Alerus center in the north and south ballrooms.

The Expo features over 55 booths highlighting many of the health and wellness programs and services available in the community.

There will be free blood pressure checks, blood sugar level testing, skin cancer check, posture assessment and blood typing.

The Grand Forks SAFE KIDS Coalition will be at the Expo checking car seats and selling bike and multi-sport helmets.

Participants can register to win a Bowflex from Scheel’s All Sports or one of four \$100 Scheel’s gift certificates.

For details visit www.altru.org or call Julie Jeske at 780-2444.

YOUTH BASEBALL,SOFTBALL,T-BALL REGISTRATION: Registration for youth baseball, softball, and t-ball started Thursday through April 15.

Cost is \$30 per participant.

The season runs May 13 through July 1.

There will be a parent meeting May 3 at 5:30 p.m. at the youth center.

For details or to register, call the youth center at 747-3150.

ROCK CLIMBING CLASSES: Rock climbing wall classes are held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the sports and fitness center.

Sign up at the front desk.

For details call 747-3384.

OPEN SKATING: There is open skating every Friday for ages 6 to 18 at Liberty Square from 6 to 10 p.m. The Liberty Square Teen Center is open from 6 to 11 p.m.

Base chapel



CATHOLIC:

Sunday Mass: 9 a.m., Sunflower Chapel
Weekday Mass: 11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Sunflower Chapel

Reconciliation: 8:30 to 8:45 a.m. Sunday, Sunflower Chapel, or by appointment. Call 747-5673 for details

CCD: 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Twining Elementary and Middle School. For children age three through high school. For details on educational programs, call Jane Hutzol at 747-3073.

PROTESTANT:

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

Contemporary Worship: 6 p.m. Sunday, Prairie Rose Chapel

Sunday School: 9 a.m., Eielson Elementary School

Protestant Youth of the Chapel: 4 to 5:45 p.m., Sunday, youth center

Men of the Chapel Bible Study: noon Monday, Prairie Rose Chapel conference room

Young Adults: 6 p.m. Friday, Chaplain (Capt.) Brian Swain's home. Call 747-6468 for details.

Women's Bible Study: 7 p.m. Monday, Prairie Rose Chapel conference room

JEWISH:

Call Synagogue B'nai Israel at 775-5124.

RUSSIAN/EASTERN ORTHODOX:

Call Dr. Levitov at 780-6540 for details.

MUSLIM, BUDDHIST, OTHER:

Call 747-5673 for details.

Chapel Lenten Holy Week:

CATHOLIC ACTIVITIES AT SUNFLOWER CHAPEL

Sunday – Palm Sunday, 9 a.m. Mass

Thursday – Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.

April 9 – Good Friday Service, 7 p.m.

April 10 – Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.

April 11 – Easter Mass, 9 a.m. Mass

PROTESTANT ACTIVITIES

Sunday – 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday traditional service at Sunflower Chapel and at 6 p.m., contemporary Palm Sunday service at the Prairie Rose Chapel

April 9 – 7 p.m. Good Friday service at Prairie Rose Chapel

April 11 – 8 a.m. Easter sunrise service in Prairie Rose Chapel with breakfast to follow. There is also a 10:30 a.m. traditional service at Sunflower Chapel and a 6 p.m. contemporary service at Prairie Rose Chapel.

Today

CRIMSON CREEK COLLEGIATE PLAYERS: The Crimson Creek Collegiate players will be auditioning adults for roles in their summer theater today at 2 p.m. in the community activities center. Summer productions include "Beehive" and "Guys and Dolls."

GOLF COURSE BREAKFAST: The Plainsview Golf Course snack bar offers steak and eggs for breakfast today from 7 to 11 a.m. for \$5.75

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

Saturday

FREE FAMILY CONCERT: "The Singin' Safari Band" will be performing in the community activities center at 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

CRAFT MONTH SALES: The skills development center is holding a handcraft sale Monday through today. Wood pieces and rubber stamps are 15 percent off. You can also sign up for door prizes.

Sunday

SUNDAY BRUNCH: The Northern Lights Club offers Sunday brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Monday

ARMED FORCES RETIREES: Eat lunch at the Airey Dining Facility every Monday from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There will be a special Retiree Day lunch today which includes steak, shrimp, and lasagna.

Tuesday

ive board members and advisors).

The nomination deadline is Monday. Award winners will be recognized at the OSC Scholarship Banquet on May 4. Application forms can be picked up at several locations on base or via e-mail. Call Carol Gaddis at 594-3802 for details.

NEW OSC PLAYGROUP: The first meeting of the Officers' Spouses Club playgroup will be today from 1 to 3 p.m. at Liberty Square. Bring your children and join the fun. For details call Carol Gaddis at 594-3802. The next OSC playgroup will be April 16.

THRIFT SHOP: The thrift shop is having a half off sale on all red tag items for the month of April. The thrift shop will be closed April 9 in observance of Good Friday.

Community

PARENT, TOT PLAYGROUP: Parent-tot playgroup is held at Liberty Square from 10 a.m. to noon for ages 2 to 5.

Wednesday

FREE-STYLE FRIDAY: If you can free-style with the best of them, then sign up at the Warrior Airmen Recreation Center, the Airey Dining facility, the fitness center, or the library for free-style Friday April 9 at 8 p.m. at the WAR center. D.J. Tripple X will be spinning. This event is free for all registrants, a prize will be awarded to the best.

CLUB DINING: The Northern Lights Club offers an "all you can eat" taco bar from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$6 and members receive a \$3 discount.

Thursday

MUSEUM OF MAN AND NATURE: Outdoor recreation is sponsoring a trip to the Museum of Man and Nature and Super Sky Show in Canada April 10, departing from outdoor recreation at 7 a.m. and returning the same evening. Cost is \$17 for an adult, \$27 for a family of two, \$39.50 for a family of three and \$44.50 family of four, this cost does not include admission to the planetarium. Sign up by close of business today.

SPRING BREAK OPEN SWIM: The Aquatic center will have spring break open swim April 8, 9, and 12 from 1 to 5 p.m.

CLUB DINING: The Northern Lights Club offers "steak night" from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Members receive a \$3 discount.

Upcoming

SUMMER SUN: The Summer Sun child care program is for children who have completed Kindergarten to age 12 and is from June 2 - Aug. 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the youth center. For details call 747-3150.

AIR FORCE SPACE CAMP: Reach for the stars. The Space Academy is for ages 12 to 14 and runs Aug. 1 to 6. Advanced Space Academy is for ages 15 to 18 and runs July 31 to Aug. 6. Space camp is held at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala. Scholarships are available for this experience. For details call youth programs at 747-3150.

Base theater



Today, 7 p.m.

50 First Dates (PG-13)

The romantic comedy *50 First Dates* follows a veterinarian (Adam Sandler) who falls for a woman (Drew Barrymore) suffering from short-term memory loss. Because of her condition, every day their love is new. He must woo her again and again or she will forget that he's the one for her.

Saturday, 7 p.m.

Welcome to Moosesport (PG-13)

Gene Hackman stars in *Welcome to Moosesport* as a former U.S. president who retires to a small New England coastal town to write his memoirs. But his new neighbors have other ideas; they plead with him to fill the vacant mayoral seat. In the interest of fairness, a local plumber (Ray Romano) runs against him, setting off a surprisingly fierce and competitive campaign

April 9, 7 p.m.

Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen (PG)

A "drama queen" is the most popular kid around and assumes that that will always be the case. But when her family moves to the suburbs, she finds that at her new school, there's already a "drama queen" in residence, Carla (Alison Pill).

April 10, 7 p.m.

Twisted (R)

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

Spouse club news

Enlisted Spouses Club

JOINING THE ESC: Enlisted spouses interested in being part of the base Enlisted Spouses Club should contact Tracy Carter at 747-4518 or 594-6633. The club meets monthly in the community activities center and offers a variety of activities.

Officers' Spouses Club

SANDY TURNER ANGEL AWARDS FOR VOLUNTEERS:

The Officer Spouses' Club is accepting nomination applications recognizing individuals with outstanding volunteerism during the last year. Individuals eligible include active duty military, military family members, military retirees, federal civilians, community civilians, and all OSC members (excluding execu-

It Could be Worse...



Is that what they mean by an 'Alberta clipper?'

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