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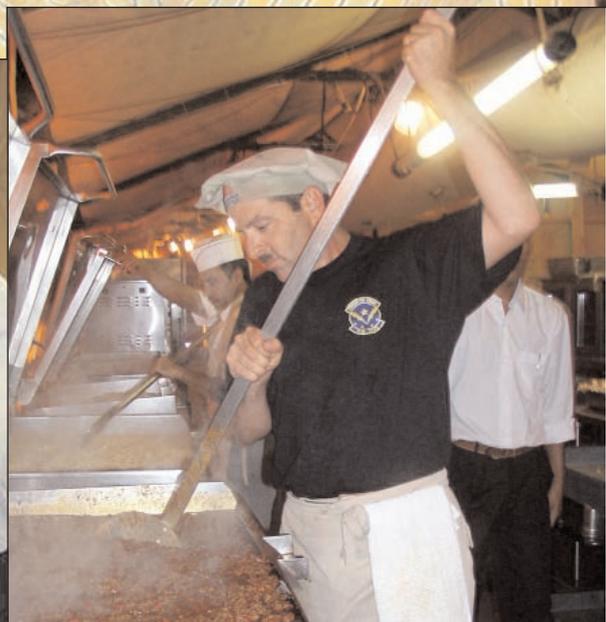
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Morale providers



From combat support to club activities, 319th Services Squadron takes care of the Warriors of the North

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319th Air Refueling Wing ♦ Warriors of the North

Inside:

Weekend weather

Today	37/15	Mixed
Saturday	34/16	Mixed
Sunday	38/24	Cloudy
Monday	44/28	Partly cloudy



Weather information courtesy
319th Operations Support Squadron weather flight

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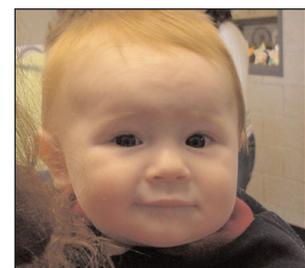
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All alcohol incidents must stop

By Col. Mark Ramsay
319th Air Refueling Wing commander

The beginning of warm weather brought out the worst in some of our Airmen last weekend.

In one fell swoop, and during the first weekend of the month, a few Airmen thoroughly eliminated the award of two additional goal day metric points to the entire wing through irresponsible acts.

All of these irresponsible acts involved alcohol, were totally preventable, and could have easily resulted in senseless injury or loss of life. Here's a brief synopsis of the stupidity that took place.

An Airman decided to really tie one on downtown and drive his car. Unfortunately, he rear-

ended another vehicle and fled the scene of the accident. The occupants of the other vehicle were transported to Altru via ambulance.

In another alcohol mishap, an Airman was pulled over for driving while intoxicated, but he somehow avoided causing an accident and had the sense to pull over for the local police. Luckily nobody was seriously injured in either of these preventable mishaps, but I have no doubt that it could have been much worse.

The most dangerous thing we do each and every day is drive a vehicle. Adding alcohol to this already risky action makes it that much more dangerous. I need your help to stop the madness and stupidity. Here are the basic laws and rules of engagement one more time.

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.

4
Consecutive
DWI-free
days

Goal is zero DWIs.

100%
Air Refueling
Effectiveness

Target is 90 percent.

100%
Air-Land
Effectiveness

Target is 92 percent.



Photo by Capt. Patricia Lang

Col. Mark Ramsay
319th Air Refueling Wing commander

First, you must be 21 years old or older to legally consume alcohol in the United States of America. You cannot legally drink alcohol in any state under the age of 21.

Underage alcohol drinkers will be prosecuted. Those that provide alcohol to minors will be prosecuted. If you are 18 to 20 years old and desire to consume alcohol, you must do so in Manitoba, Canada. As always I implore you do to this responsibly.

If you decide to go to Canada, find a responsible driver who doesn't drink or won't drink and drive, and locate a safe place to stay. Also give yourself plenty of time to travel, and time to get proper rest before returning to duty. Do not forget that if you

cross the border back into the U.S. with alcohol on your breath, and if you are not 21, you may be charged with under-age consumption of alcohol.

Second, never get behind the wheel or handlebars of any motor vehicle after consuming alcohol, period! You have multiple options to keep from driving after consuming alcohol.

The local area has two taxicab companies that will give you a ride home, either in town or on base. Go out with a designated driver and make sure they don't drink alcohol, period.

Call a friend who doesn't drink alcohol. Call Airmen Against Drunk Driving. Call your supervisor. Call your first sergeant. Call your commander. Have a plan with a backup plan before

you go out on the town. Just don't drink and drive.

If we do not stop this madness we're going to end up with severe injury or death within, or outside, our Air Force family. In addition, an accident caused by a drunk driver could severely hamper our ability to conduct our vital air mobility mission, which is the very reason we're serving our nation at Grand Forks Air Force Base.

For those of you who are underage, do not consume alcohol until you are legal to do so. For those of you who have reached legal drinking age, drink responsibly. Alcohol related incidents must stop immediately. We owe it to our Air Force family, our civilian neighbors and our great nation to do nothing less.

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

Cover

The 319th Services Squadron has a special duty in helping the lives of the Warriors of the North through the many programs and services they provide. This issue of The Leader highlights some of the unit's agencies and activities that provide the Warriors of the North with many choices.

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Wing celebrates first ambassador's birthday

By Airman Patrice Clarke

Public affairs

Amid all the applause and singing, Mrs. Harriet Rothkopf blew out her 29 candles during her surprise birthday party at the Warrior Airmen Recreation Center March 31.

"I didn't expect a thing," said Mrs. Rothkopf.

When Mrs. Rothkopf arrived she was given a tour of the WAR center by Col. Mark Ramsay, 319th Air Refueling Wing commander.

"I thought we were just here for a WAR center dedication. I wondered why all these people were here," said Mrs. Rothkopf.

She soon found out when shortly after the tour Colonel Ramsay escorted her to the front of the room to blow out the 29 candles on her cake and to present her with a commander's pin.

"We were in on the surprise birthday party idea after Colonel Ramsay informed us of it," said Mr. Don Fisk, president of the Grand Forks Military Affairs Committee. "It was a great idea and I'm glad we got to be a part of this great occasion."

"What better place than to host the party at the WAR center," Mr. Fisk said.

"It was truly an honor to host a surprise birthday and recognition party for our number one ambassador, Mrs. Rothkopf," said Colonel Ramsay. "For decades she has contributed much to the Warriors of the North, and continues to be very active with the base as host of the annual military appreciation day festivities."

Mrs. Rothkopf is the wife of Maury Rothkopf, for which Grand Forks' annual Military Appreciation Day gets its name. Mr. Rothkopf and his wife Harriet have been goodwill ambassadors between the Grand Forks community and the military for many years.

Mr. Rothkopf died in 1993, but Mrs. Rothkopf continues to maintain an active role in military activities as the first ambassador to the base and the host of the annual Military Appreciation Day.

Many military members and Grand Forks communi-



Photo by Airman Patrice Clarke

Mrs. Harriet Rothkopf, first ambassador to Grand Forks Air Force Base, blows out the candles to her birthday cake during a surprise party for her at the Warrior Airmen Recreation Center April 1.

ty members attended the festivities.

"It makes me feel so joyful to think all these people showed up for me," Mrs. Rothkopf said.

Briefs

CAIB meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Community Action Information Board is 2 p.m. Thursday in the community activities center. The role of the CAIB is to identify individual, family, installation and community concerns for cross-organizational solutions. All members of the base community are invited to attend.

For details call Maj. Larry Groves at 747-3853 or 747-5546.

GWOT medals

The Global War on Terrorism Service and Expeditionary Medals, announced several weeks ago via public release articles and other media channels, are pending Secretary of the Air Force approval to implement.

The Air Force Personnel Center estimates the SECAF will approve implementation of the GWOT medals in two to three weeks. In the implementation instructions to come after SECAF approves the GWOT medals, there will be specific procedures for personnel to claim these awards. When the SECAF approves the implementation of the GWOT medals, military personnel flight officials will inform commander support staffs and it will be announced through base communication channels.

For details call Mr. Todd Erickson at 747-5222.

Composting season for housing residents

The military family housing composting season is open. Compost must be bagged and placed within two feet of the curb for Waste Management to collect. Place compost on curbs on Mondays and Fridays before 8 a.m.

For details call Tech. Sgt. Neil Gereau at 747-4021.

MPF ability to provide services

Over the next 90 days – until mid-May – a combination of heavy aerospace expeditionary force deployment taskings and building renovations may impact the military personnel flight's ability to provide prompt customer service.

MPF officials ask customers to practice patience as they go through the improvements and to call ahead to the section they

wish to visit before going over to the MPF. They do not plan on limiting service hours.

For details call MPF customer service section at 747-4902.

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_online 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.

Tax center

The base tax center offers free tax assistance with their federal and state taxes. Taxes are due Thursday.

Make your appointment with the tax center now by calling 747-3473. The tax center is located inside the community activities center.

Earth Week poster contest

The Earth Week planning committee is holding a poster contest to celebrate Earth Week April 19 to 23.

Any students, whether they are from Eielson Elementary School, Twining Elementary and Middle School, or home-schooled, can compete by drawing a poster and expressing what Earth Week means to them.

Though everyone is a winner, the best poster will be chosen and rewarded.

For details call Airman Netasha Zellars at 747-3969.

ALS announces latest graduates

Compiled from staff reports

The 319th Mission Support Squadron announced the graduates for Class 04-C.

Following are the class award winners and the graduates.

John Levitow Award winner

☐ Senior Airman Brian Swanson, 319th Communications Squadron

Leadership Award winner

☐ Senior Airman Jade Barnett, 319th Operations Support Squadron

Distinguished Graduate/Academic Award winner

☐ Senior Airman Marc McGee, 319th OSS

Other senior airmen who graduated include:

☐ 319th Medical Group – Alexis Alequin

☐ 906th Air Refueling Squadron – Cy Eckhardt

☐ 319th Security Forces Squadron – Garry Gilliam, Kellie Hobbs, and Jereme Lindorff

☐ 319th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron – Daren Martin, Melissa Turner, Wesley Hughston, and Daryl Richmond

☐ 319th Maintenance Squadron – Robert Bird, Jared Minshew, and Julie Petty

☐ 911th Air Refueling Squadron – Robert Denson

☐ 319th OSS – Pier Munoz

Wing safety addresses new base policy for motorized scooters

By Tech. Sgt. Rick Roseboom
Wing safety

In December 2003, the 319th Air Refueling Wing safety office discussed that each year there seems to be a new “magic toy” every child seems to need. The “hot toy” of 2003 turned out to be a hybrid cross between a skateboard, scooter, and moped – commonly referred to as a motorized scooter.

At the time it was announced those scooters will be regulated, as they are in the city of Grand Forks, for the base in the form of a Wing Commander Policy Letter. That policy letter is now in force and will be enforced as needed.

The new policy

Motorized scooters must be registered as motorized bicycles with the State of North Dakota Department of Motor Vehicles to be operated on public roadways and on base.

To qualify as a motorized bicycle, a scooter must be powered by an engine that is less than 50CCs, or has an electric engine of equivalent power and has a seat, headlight, taillights, and brakes.

Motorized scooters may only be operated by a person holding a valid drivers license or motorized bicycle permit. Furthermore, any person operating authorized motorized scooters on base must adhere to all regulations and policies for operating a motorcycle on the installation.



Courtesy graphic

Above is an example of a legal scooter to operate on base. Rules for operation are the same those for motorcycles.



Courtesy graphic

Above is a type of scooter that is not allowed for usage on base.

This includes vehicle registration, personal protective equipment restrictions, and training requirements outlined in Air Force Instruction 91-207, Air Force Traffic Safety Program.

The North Dakota Department of Transportation DMV controls the issuing of motorized bicycle permits, but as a minimum, a person must be at least 14 years old to apply.

Penalties for violation of the base policy will include ticketing of the offending individual or the parent if the violator is a minor. Multiple violations will result in impoundment of the vehicle, suspension of base driving privileges or referral to the Juvenile Review Board at the discretion of the 319th Mission Support Group commander.

The reason for this new policy is two-fold. First, to ensure the base traffic code is in concurrence with local civilian traffic laws as required. Secondly, to ensure the safety of base residents.

Lt. Col. Patrick McCormack, 319th Air Refueling Wing chief of safety, said, “There have been a lot of young children riding motorized scooters around base, and everyone thinks their scooter is legal. Hopefully this policy will clear up any confusion for those who already own these vehicles and hopefully ensure no one purchases a motorized scooter without knowing all the requirements for their use first.”

For more details call the 319th ARW safety office at 747-3366.

Twining releases third quarter honor roll

Compiled from staff reports

Twining Elementary and Middle School has announced it's school honor roll for the third marking period – Jan. 19 to March 25.

SIXTH GRADE "A" HONOR ROLL: Ashlee Biggs, O'Shea Brown, Patrick Clark, Jessica Corpus, Kimberly Cute, Marshall Deem, William Eaker, Angela Eddings, Melanie Faber, Monica Hamilton, Jessica Holman, Katrina Karasko, Jacob Kennedy, Joshua Kennedy, Jayce Kraviec, Deion Lemelle, William McCarter, Deserae Miller, Randy Pawlikowski, Victoria Perkins, Jennifer Ramsay, Terra Rausch, Garrett Thacker, Aleaha White, Jeremy Wilson, and Ciara Zafke.

SIXTH GRADE "B" HONOR ROLL: Sandra Barnes, Lisa Blake, Kevin Brown, Chireen Chambers, Ryan Claiborn, Matthew Dallas, Bryan Fogarty, Nicole Fredrick, Samuel Hewitt, Brian Johnson, Gairett Johnson, Melena Mader, Dahlynn Merrill, Brandi Moyer, Dakota Norton, Evan Parsons, Stephanie Peel, Christopher Ransom, Danielle Reeves, Alexandra Schafer, Alexandra Schmidt, Matthew Soper, Chase Thacker, and Nicollette Warman.

SEVENTH GRADE "A" HONOR ROLL: Mariah Bozeman, Thomas Bridge, Collin Brumskill, Nathanael Clegg, Colleen

Concannon, Julian Corpus, Savannah Davis, Arnaldo Delvalle, Brett Dziwulski, Melissa Haar, Jazmine Henry, Erika Hochheim, Kyla McDowell, Lizbeth Mendoza, Christie Miller, Tiana Stepp, and Ashleigh Warner.

SEVENTH GRADE "B" HONOR ROLL: Sarah Alerding, Bridgette Holloway, Nathaniel Holmes, Ashley Jacob, Deaunta Johnson, Robert Karpinski, Jessica Lancaster, Alex Lawson, Kristopher Leegard, Megan Magoon, James Opp, Erica Pletts, Samantha Shahin, Johathan Smith(Braden), and Kent Williams.

EIGHTH GRADE "A" HONOR ROLL: Amy Blake, Nathaniel Brown, Kenneth Campbell, Caitlyn Clark, Michael Dilks, Russell Errazo, Amanda Griggs, Jennifer Henningsen, Megan Holmes, Megan Jimmo, Brittanie Johnson, Felicia Kassak, Caitlyn Landis, Andrea Learning, Karessa Mendoza, Cassidy Norton, Sara Plath, Katie Raker, Tawna Rausch, Samantha Soper, Kyle Williams, and Kristianna Wilson.

EIGHTH GRADE "B" HONOR ROLL: Victoria Barton, Ashli Brown, Ryan Hendrickson, Stacey Johnson, Andrew Marcum, Ashlyn Marra, Sarah Maxwell, Benjamin McAdams III, Jillian Meires, Arianna Pasamante, Robert Peel, Nicholas Pini, Allison Reynolds, and Brandon Warman.

Heir Force

Compiled from staff reports

Alexandra Grace Childs, 1 pound, 6 ounces, born Jan. 14, to Tech. Sgt. Michael and Kelly Childs, 319th Logistic Readiness Squadron.

Devin Michael Childs, 1 pound, 8 ounces, born Jan. 14, to Tech Sgt. Michael and Kelly Childs, 319th LRS.

Cody Martin Childs, 1 pound, 13 ounces, was born Jan. 14, to Tech Sgt. Michael and Kelly Childs, 319th LRS.

Tyler Joseph Bolin, 5 pounds, 3 ounces, born Feb. 5, to Senior Airman Mathew and Mary Bolin, 319th Operations Support Squadron.

Grace Amelia Clark, 10 pounds, 9 ounces, born Feb. 2, to Lt. Col. Murf and Andrea Clark, 912th Air Refueling Squadron.

Carson Wayne Dalton, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born Feb. 8 to master sergeants Johnny and Barbara Dalton, 373rd Training Squadron – Detachment 10 and 319th Mission Support Squadron respectively.

Jack-Ryan Montgomer Peterson, 7 pounds, 1.1 ounces, born Feb. 11 to Airman 1st Class Mathew and Adriane Peterson, 319th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Conner Micheal Leao, 7 pounds 14 ounces, born Feb. 12 to Tech. Sgt. Daniel and Jamie Leao, 319th Medical Support Squadron.

Adyson McCauley LeRue, 7 pounds, 10.8 ounces, was born Feb. 16 to Senior Airman Derek and Lisa LeRue, 319th OSS.

Haley Faith Fontaine, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, born Feb. 17 to Staff Sgt. Andrew and Amanda Fontaine, 319th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Robert Bryan Carpenter II, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born Feb. 18 to 2nd Lt. Robert and Ruth Carpenter, 319th Maintenance Squadron.

Mia Jackson, 6 pounds, 8 ounces, born Feb. 18 to Airman 1st Class Christopher and Chelsea Jackson, 319th AMXS.

Renee Kay Temple, 8 pounds, 10 ounces, born Feb. 19 to 1st Lt. Brian and Bridget Temple, 905th Air Refueling Squadron.

Tarah Elisabeth Jackson, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, born Feb. 20 to Staff Sgt. Robert and Hannah Jackson, 319th AMXS.

Tyler Michael Breaux, 7 pounds, 11.5

ounces born Feb. 23 to Senior Airman Chris and Kristi Breaux, 319th MXS.

Cameron Ashley Jones, 7 pounds, 13.3 ounces born Feb. 25 to 1st Lt. Steven and Heather Jones, 911th Air Refueling Squadron

Emma Marie Lento, 9.5 pounds, born March 3 to Staff Sgt Daniel and Lori Lento, 319th AMXS.

Elisa Andrea McCauley, 7.1 pounds, born March 4 to senior airmen William and Joyce McCauley, 319th AMXS and 319th OSS respectively.

Luke Eugene Becker, 9 pounds 5.6 ounces, born March 6 to Capt. Corey and Rochelle Becker, 319th Aeromedical Dental Squadron.

Joseph Brian Coleman, 9 pounds, 8.7 ounces, born March 6 to captains Mathew and Carolyn Coleman, 319th OSS, 319th Air Refueling Wing respectively.

Jack Aidan Smith, 8 pounds, 15.6 ounces, born March 8 to Army Staff Sgt. Brady and Emily Smith, USAREC.

Kyle Jacob Wolters, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, born March 8 to Tech Sgt. Bryan and Rosalie Wolters, 319th LRS.

Diego Alexander Esquivel, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, born March 9 to 1st Lt. Ron and Vivian Esquivel, 911th Air Refueling Squadron.

McKenzie Kahlynn Cooper, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, born March 12 to Tech Sgt. Thad and Stacy Cooper, 319th Security Forces Squadron.

Donald Hunter Worth, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, born March 15 to Staff Sgt. Donald and Rebecca Worth, 319th LRS.

Leslie Elizabeth Bonilla, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born March 17 to Airman 1st Class Maria and Jose Bonilla, 319th LRS.

Ishan Dyani Brown, 7 pounds, 2.8 ounces, born March 22 to Staff Sgt. Terence and Veronica Brown, 319th Communications Squadron.

Emily Ann Gerrie, 7 pounds, 10.1 ounces, born March 22 to Capt. John and Amy Gerrie, 319th OSS.

Noah Reece Harrison Magcalas, 6 pounds, 5 ounces, born March 23 to Staff Sgt. Rudyard and Holly Magcalas, 319th CS.

Mathew James Bernardi, 9 pounds, 4 ounces, born March 29 to Capt. Mike and Amy Bernardi, 912th Air Refueling Squadron.



Photo by Staff Sgt. B. Jay Toves



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott Sturkol

PTO events

(Left) **EIELSON HAM BINGO:** Abri Toves, daughter of Beki and Staff Sgt. B. Jay Toves, stands by her bingo cards during the Eielson Elementary School "Ham Bingo" Parent-Teacher Organization event April 1. (Right) **TWINING SPRING AUCTION:** People make bids on baskets during the Twining Elementary and Middle School spaghetti feed and auction. Both events raised thousands of dollars for each school.

News



Photos by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

Beautiful baby/child contest

(Left) Diane Allen and her daughter Sarah stop for a photo during the family advocacy beautiful baby/child contest event Tuesday at Liberty Square. (Above) Jennifer Miller and her son, Mark Miller Jr., wait in line to get Mark's photo taken. (Right) Asha Klaassen has her photo taken. The event was in observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Pictures of all the children who had photos taken of them will be on display in the community activities center Thursday.



Outdoor Recreation: Backcountry activities highlight spring, summer seasons

Courtesy 319th Services Squadron

North Dakota, northern Minnesota, southern Manitoba and Ontario offer exceptionally varied backcountry opportunities within a short drive for those willing to take advantage. The menu includes everything from day trips to weekends to week-long (and longer) vacations.

Most of what is available can be enjoyed by novice and expert alike. Canoeing, kayaking, hiking, backpacking, and mountain biking are just a few of what is available. Of course, along with those activities can be included camping, fishing, nature observation, swimming, and just plain old-fashioned exploring.

These activities can be enjoyed by singles, groups, or families. Children love canoeing and backcountry camping. If the trip is kept simple it's very easy to do.

Short, exploratory day hikes from a base camp in a state park are also kid-pleasers.

Fishing for small northern pike and panfish in overlooked lakes and rivers can be fun for both young and old. Sharing a couple of campfires with children or that special someone can create long-remembered experiences.

319th Services Squadron Outdoor Recreation has the equipment to get you started: canoes, kayaks, backpacks, mountain bikes, and lots of camping

gear. Most importantly though, they have knowledge of rivers, lakes, parks, and trails and are eager to help you plan an outing that fits your experience and fitness level.

"We have a very nice inventory of equipment for rental along with a lot of services available to our customers," said John Gorman, Outdoor Recreation director. "We have maps of many of the canoeable waterways in Minnesota, and some of

"The doe and her twin fawns were just sort of 'there' less than 50 yards away. She'd spotted us, but had yet to identify our contraption other than more river debris.

"I whispered to my daughter to stop paddling and be quiet. The river's current drifted our canoe silently closer. The doe eyed us suspiciously, while nervously swishing her tail. The small, spotted fawns unconcernedly sipped at the river's edge.

"When we were within about 20 yards I slowly tried to bring up my camera. The three deer framed my daughter and I thought, 'What a great picture!'

"Naturally, as soon as I moved, so did the doe. With a snort and a flash of her white tail she was gone taking her fawns with her. 'Cool!' exclaimed my daughter. 'Yeah,' I agreed."

John Gorman
319th Services Squadron
Outdoor Recreation director



Photo by Christine Davis

Lawrence Cannedy, Outdoor Recreation programs director, and John Gorman, Outdoor Recreation director, work on an outboard motor at their facility.

these have backcountry campsites available."

"A lot of the state parks in North Dakota, Minnesota, and Manitoba hold something of interest, and most of them conduct interpretive programming on the weekends throughout the summer season," Mr. Gorman said.

What does Outdoor Recreation have that few people know about? Gorman said he asks himself that very every day and the answer changes daily.

"We have a lot of knowledge about the local area, including most of North Dakota, Minnesota, and parts of Manitoba and Ontario and we're happy to share what we know," Gorman said. "We are experienced outdoorsmen and are willing to offer

advice about hunting, fishing, canoeing, camping, bird watching, sightseeing and more.

"We also have an array of brochures and pamphlets from interesting local areas that feature the full spectrum of outdoor and sightseeing activities," he said.

Mr. Gorman added that outdoor recreation can also help people plan their spring and summer trips.

"A lot of our business time is related to giving out information, showing folks our equipment, and just being friendly," Mr. Gorman said. "We like for people to enjoy their free time and we can help. Not enough people take advantage of us this way."

Outdoor Recreation offers a variety of activities and services, Gorman said. Available for rent are items such as mountain bikes, canoes, kayaks, campers, and motor boats. Camping equipment such as sleeping bags, tents, lanterns, and stoves is also on hand.

Military members and their families need morale, welfare and recreation, Mr. Gorman said, and outdoor recreation is one of the best places to find it.

"It is a fact that you cannot always take it with you," he said. "The military personnel move often and duty stations change regularly so why buy if you can rent."

For details on outdoor recreation and their programs, call 747-3688.

Taking care of people: 319th Services Squadron provides Warrior community with many morale, welfare, recreation choices

Northern Lights Club seeks more members; looks forward to future of improvements

By Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol
Public affairs

With a spring club membership drive and future plans to move to a renovated facility, the future looks bright for 319th Services Squadron club activities.

The Squadron Spring Fling Membership Drive is going on right now, according to Heidi Wakefield, Northern Lights Club administrator. During the drive, people who become members can help their unit earn a pizza party.

"The Northern Lights Club is offering pizza parties to the squadrons that increase their membership percentage the most," Ms. Wakefield said.

Ms. Wakefield said the drive is currently showing results with an increased percentage of people becoming club members throughout the base.

To become a club member, people have to get the credit card or proprietor's card, said Richard Howard, club manager.

"All you have to do is come to the club between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, and fill out the application," Mr. Howard said. "We do the rest. You will receive your cards in about four weeks."

Becoming a club member provides a lot of benefits, Mr. Howard said.

"The 'Member's First' discounts, such as \$2 at lunch and \$3 at dinner, is one of the biggest benefits," Mr. Howard said. "In March alone the club had more than \$5,200 in discounts."

"The pasta bar for lunch is a great hit," Mr. Howard said. "Also, the 'all you can eat taco night' for only \$3 for members is also well received."

Club members also receive discounts at various other services activities throughout the base. They include:

- ❑ Fifty percent off most rentals Tuesdays and Thursdays at outdoor recreation.
- ❑ Ten percent off of a framing or graphic purchase at the skills development center.
- ❑ Discounts off of labor as well as a discounted price on "do-it-yourself" services such as

renting a stall space at the auto skills center.

❑ Discounted price on season passes and visits at the base pool.

❑ An open bowling discount at Dakota Lanes bowling center.

❑ A \$1 lunch once a month at the Northern Lights Club – the next one is April 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

❑ A free membership night two times a year at the Northern Lights Club with dinner and prizes.

❑ Members receive a lunch/brunch coupon during their birthday month.

❑ Club dues are only \$4 a month for E-4s and below, \$8 a month for all other enlisted members, and \$17 a month for officers.

❑ Club members who are moving to Grand Forks AFB can stop by the club's cashier cage where they can transfer their membership and receive \$25 in gift certificates as a welcome.

❑ Dues are automatically billed to the club card. People can mail their payment or stop by the Northern Lights Club to pay for it.

The existing officers' club will become the co-located club in early 2005 following a complete interior and exterior renovation, 319th Civil Engineer Squadron officials said. The former officers' club has a better layout, location and building compared with the current Northern Lights Club, which will be demolished 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.

"The move to JR Rockers is a very exciting event," Mr. Howard said. "We are moving into the modern era much like a Buffalo Wild Wings, but we will still be able to accommodate having functions. With this concept come NTN, the interactive trivia game, an assortment of amusement machines, 10 to 12 types of beer on tap, multiple big screen TVs and much more."

For more details about club activities, call Ms. Wakefield or Mr. Howard at 747-3392.



Officials highlight member benefit improvements Courtesy Air Force Services Agency

Recognizing the need to continually improve club members benefits, Air Force Clubs have taken several initiatives to enhance club membership and ensure members are well taken care of whether on active duty, retired, or deployed. Following are some recent improvements in club membership benefits:

❑ **180-DAY COMPLIMENTARY MEMBERSHIP UPON RETIREMENT:** Air Force Clubs offer a free 180-day complimentary membership to all retiring Air Force active duty, reservist, Department of Defense civilian, or non-appropriated-fund regular employees. Anyone wishing to obtain the complimentary membership must do so within 90 calendar days after his or her retirement date.

❑ **SPECIAL REDUCED MEMBERSHIP DUES RATE:** Dues rates for members who live outside a 50-mile radius from the closest Air Force Base are at least 50 percent off of the regular active duty dues rate.

❑ **DUES WAIVED DURING DEPLOYMENT:** With many active duty club members getting deployed, they can now have their membership dues waived for the duration of their deployment. Membership dues can be waived during deployment to a contingency location for 30 days or more, where there is no Air Force club. The home base also has the option to provide coupons in the amount of the monthly dues. The person being deployed must notify the club before deployment.

❑ **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:** Air Force Clubs is giving away \$25,000 in scholarships. There will be six scholarships awarded, with the top prize of \$6,000 for higher education costs. Scholarships will be awarded based on a 500-word essay. All entries at Grand Forks AFB must be submitted to the 319th Services Squadron commander by July 15.

Current club members and their family members, such as a spouse, son, daughter, stepson, and stepdaughter, who have been accepted by or are enrolled in an accredited college or university for entry during the fall 2004 term as a part-time or full-time student are eligible.

For details on rules and entry forms go online to <http://www-p.afsv.af.mil/Clubs/Scholarship.htm> or call the Northern Lights Club at 747-3392.

Airey dining facility continues to make life better for customers

By Airman Patrice Clarke
Public affairs

Customers who frequent Airey dining facility may have noticed a few subtle changes lately. That might be because the staff is doing things to lighten the atmosphere.

"We are trying to make the dining facility a lot more fun," said Senior Master Sgt. Adam Camp, food service superintendent.

"We just decided to make a change and cater more to the clientele," Sergeant Camp said. "We've really started giving the customers more options and variety on the menu."

The dining facility serves 18 main items during the lunch meal.

The reason management at the dining facility is trying to give the patrons more variety during the week is that it's not so monotonous, Sergeant Camp said.

One change can see every time they go into the dining facility is the advertisements.

"We have never advertised before and so far we've been getting good results," Sergeant Camp said.

With advertisements that say, "Come try Yuki's wings," or "There is nothing scary about liver and onions," the 319th Services marketing department also lends a helping hand to the revamp of the dining facility.

More changes will continue to keep on coming.

"Patrons are always getting meals to go so we're trying to make that a little easier and with more variety," Sergeant Camp said.

The dining facility offers pre-wrapped deli sandwiches and canned sodas for patrons on the go.

The facility is also looking at acquiring a pizza display oven so patrons can have pizza everyday. They are also considering getting a Gatorade dispenser.

"It wouldn't be separate bottles of Gatorade, but a dispenser like we have for soda and juice," Sergeant Camp said.

Coming up, the dining facility is offering its Easter meal, Sunday, from 4 to 6 p.m., and will feature loin strip steak, barbeque spare ribs, roast turkey and many dessert choices.

The quarterly birthday meal will be

Wednesday for all birthdays from January to March.

"The changes will continue as long as patrons speak up," Sergeant Camp said.

Any patron can make a comment on the service or any aspect of their dining experience at the dining facility by filling out a comment card.

"Every comment card is looked at and every adverse comment is replied to," said Sergeant Camp. "Patrons comments do make a difference."

Every comment card filled out is entered into the monthly comment card drawing the 319th Services Squadron runs.

The winner of the comment card drawing receives a \$50 gift certificate good at any services facility.



Courtesy photo
Customers choose lunch items during a recent visit to Airey dining facility.

Services' mortuary affairs people gently handle unit's toughest job

By Airman Patrice Clarke
Public affairs

Everyone who joined the Air Force knew in the back of their minds they might have to give their life for their country like so many before them.

In the event of an active duty death the 319th Services Squadron's mortuary affairs section is there to lend a helping hand to the families in both a deployed, war situation and at home station.

All services squadron Airmen are trained in deployed location mortuary affairs said Tech Sgt. Daniel Cute, Non-commissioned officer in charge of mortuary affairs.

In the event of a death of an active duty member at a deployed location the services squadron would be in charge of preparing the deceased for the somber ride back to the United States.

The services job is to make sure the military member gets to their family back home said Sergeant Cute.

Only a few services squadron members actually have mortuary affairs in their title back at home station.

"The work we do on home station is more in depth than the work we do at a deployed war time location because we work one on one with the family members," Sergeant Cute

said. Members who will perform mortuary affairs duties on home station must first attend special training at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

In the event of an active duty death on home station the mortuary affairs office here would get right to work.

"Within 24 hours of an active duty death the NCO in charge of mortuary affairs must speak to the families and brief them on the benefits they are entitled to due to the death of their active duty member."

"The first thing we do is appoint a Family Liaison Officer and Summary Court Officer," Sergeant Cute said.

A FLO deals directly with the family of the deceased.

FLOs usually come out of the same squadron as the deceased and usually have extensive knowledge of the deceased's background.

"A family liaison officer is meant to answer the family's beck and call," said Sergeant Cute. "They are there to help with funeral arrangements and anything else that the family might need."

FLOs don't go into a situation unprepared; every FLO must have a one day annual FLO training which is given by the services commander, the family support center, and the NCO in charge of mortuary affairs.

There at least two trained FLOs in every squadron at all times.

While the FLO is appointed by mortuary affairs the summary court officer is appointed

by the wing commander and is usually from the deceased squadron.

The primary duty of the summary court officer is to settle all of the deceased estates.

"The summary court officer will be the person who inventories all of the deceased belongings – primarily if the deceased is in the dormitories," Sergeant Cute said.

The summary court officer is trained by the NCO in charge of mortuary affairs, but not as intensive training as the FLO.

The summary court officer will inventory all of the deceased's belongings and they are in charge of getting the belongings to the family, wherever they are.

"The mortuary affairs office here has the training needed to help family members through those tough times," Sergeant Cute said.

Squadron faces

Staff Sgt. Christian Gaxiola



Senior Airman Beth Clark



Dakota, the 319th Services Squadron Bear



Kid-friendly fishing

By John Gorman

Outdoor Recreation director

"Mm-mmm!" A skillet of fresh walleye fillets sizzling over an aspen fire with a side of fried potatoes and beans, all washed down with a tin-cup full of Old Stumpblower and a splash of lake water.

Now that's my idea of a quality shore lunch! Alas, most of us with families can only imagine such feasts.

However, there is hope for the short-term. Panfish! Panfish? Yep, panfish. I mean those floppy little things like bluegill and sunfish that children fish for with pieces of nightcrawler.

Let's say your buddies are taking off for Devils Lake early Saturday morning, but you can't get permission no matter how hard you beg. Why not take the children and your spouse to one of the local holes such as Larimore, the coulees, Golden, Fordville, or some other close-ish spot and fish for 'gills. Bluegill, sunfish, yellow perch, crappie, and even (ugh) bullheads can usually be caught easily by grownups and kids alike. If you have a small enough fillet knife the slaughter can be impressive.

Kids love to fish and explore. And the neatest thing is they don't need a stringer full of 3-pound walleyes. A bucket of keeper perch suits them just fine.

All the lakes, ponds, rivers, and ditches in North Dakota and Minnesota have Northern Pike in them. Let one of them slough sharks get on the end of the line. It's a hoot for everyone. The main thing is, take a kid and just go fishing!

Sport shorts

EARTH WEEK GOLF TOURNAMENT: There will be an Earth week 18 hole golf tournament April 23 at 11 a.m. at the Plainsview Golf Course.

The tournament will be played in a four-man team scramble format, shotgun start. There is a \$5 entry fee for every person plus cart fees and green fees. The top three teams will receive prizes.

For details or to sign up call Joshua Ross or David Lavergne at 747-4944, or you can sign up at the golf course.

NEW LIFEGUARD CLASSES: There is a new life guard class starting April 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The class will run up every Sunday up until May 16 with testing May 17. Cost is \$85 per person and includes a life guard training textbook and certifications in LGT, CPR and first aid. A pre-course swim test is required to take the class.

For details and to sign up call outdoor recreation at 747-3688.

WOMENS SELF DEFENSE CLASS: Learn how to protect yourself and fight back. Mr. Michael Coachmen will be instructing girls and women ages 10 and older the basics of self defense. Classes will be April 26 and 29 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the sports and fitness center.

For details call the sports and fitness center at 747-3384.

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.



Photo by Airman Patrice Clarke

Catch me if you can

Blake Powell – blue jersey – sets up a goal for the 319th Operations Support Squadron April 1 against the 319th Civil Engineer Squadron A team, while an opposing player goes in for the block. OSS beat CES-A 3-0.

Intramural Standings

Soccer

SVS		5-4
OSS		8-2
CES-A		6-3
LRS		1-9
CES-B		6-4
MXS		2-7
AMXS		5-4

MOS
SVS/MSS
AMXS
MXS

Volleyball

8-2	
2-8(out)	
3-7	LRS
5-4	OSS
	CS
	MDG
	CES
	LRS
	OSS
	CS
	MDG
	CES



5-5
2-7
8-2
1-9
10-0

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

Friday – Good Friday Service, 7 p.m.
Saturday – Easter Vigil, 8:45 p.m.
Sunday – Easter Mass, 9 a.m.

PROTESTANT ACTIVITIES

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

Community

Today

FREE-STYLE FRIDAY: Come to the Warrior Airmen recreation center at 8 p.m. to hear some of the base's finest do their thing while D.J. Triple X spins. Must be 18 or older to attend, all ranks are welcome.

CLUB DINING: The Northern Lights Club offers steak, chicken, or salmon dinners from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Members receive a \$3 discount.

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.

Saturday

NASCAR AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER: The community activity center is having NASCAR races. Race on Xbox NASCAR Thunder 2004 or race on the slot car track. Prizes will be awarded to the top three places. For rules or to enter call the CAC at 747-6104.

VIDEO NIGHT: There will be a preteen video night at the youth center for ages 6 to 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$1 and includes popcorn.

Sunday

EASTER BRUNCH: The Northern Lights Club will be having a special brunch for Easter from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$14.75 for an adult, \$9.75 for children ages 5 to 12 and children four and younger eat free. There will be a childrens drawing for easter baskets. Members receive a \$3 discount. Call 747-3392 to make reservations which are required.

Tuesday

PARENT, CHILD PLAYGROUP: The par-

ent-child playgroup meets every Tuesday in Liberty Square from 10 a.m. to noon.

The average age of children attending is ages 2 to 5.

This is a gathering of mothers and children and is not affiliated with any organization.

Wednesday

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

\$1 LUNCH: Club members come to The Northern Lights Club today for \$1 lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MALL OF AMERICA: Outdoor recreation is sponsoring a trip to the Mall of America departing April 17 at 5 a.m. from outdoor recreation and returning the same evening.

Cost is \$25 per person which includes transportation only. Sign up by close of business today.

Upcoming

OPERA: The University of North Dakota Hughes Fine Arts Center will be hosting an opera April 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m.

This is an Operation Enduring Friendship event and military need to just show identification at the door.

For more details call 777-2644.

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 will be in Huntsville Ala. Scholarships are available for this experience.

For details call the youth center's youth programs at 747-3150.

Base theater



Today, 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).

Saturday, 7 p.m.

Twisted (R)

In *Twisted*, a police detective named Jessica Shepard (Ashley Judd) tracks a serial killer who murders the men she dates. When Jessica begins blacking out before each murder takes place, her partner, Mike Delmarco (Andy Garcia), and the police commissioner (Samuel L. Jackson) target her as the prime suspect.

April 16, 7 p.m.

Starsky and Hutch (PG-13)

Based on the popular 1970s TV series, *Starsky & Hutch* follows the pair of bachelor undercover cops (Ben Stiller as Dave Starsky, Owen Wilson as Ken "Hutch" Hutchinson), focusing on how the duo met and teamed up on their first big case. The two work the case with the help of Huggy Bear (Snoop Dogg), their street informant.

April 17, 3 p.m.

Agent Cody Banks 2; Destination London (PG)

Frankie Muniz stars as Cody Banks, the teen spy who can't figure out how to talk to girls. He returns to Kamp Woody for more CIA training before moving to London as a foreign-exchange student.

April 17, 7 p.m.

Hidalgo (PG-13)

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

OSC SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET: The Officers' Spouses Club invites all to the annual Scholarship and Angel Awards Banquet May 4 in the Northern Lights Club.

Social hour begins at 6 and dinner starts at 6:45 p.m. and the dress is business attire.

Scholarships from the OSC, African American

Cultural Society, Fisher House, and the Defense Commissary Agency will be given away.

Beef burgundy or lemon pepper chicken will be served. Reservations are needed to attend.

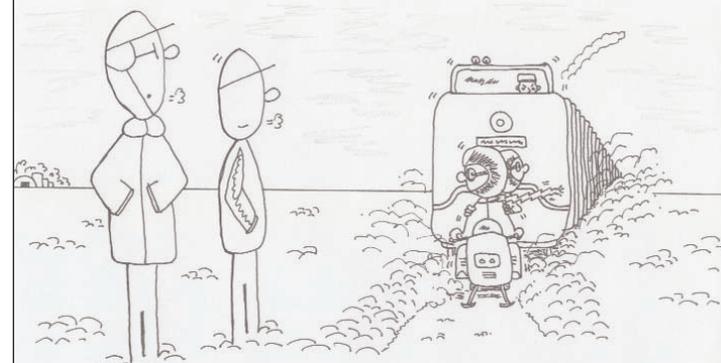
For details or to make a reservation, call Kathi Hunnewell or Cappy Younker at 594-3429, or 594-9448 respectively or e-mail osereserve@yahoo.com by April 29.

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.

Also, the thrift shop will temporarily relocate to 1274-B Nevada Drive June 15.

Due to space restrictions consignments must be limited to 30 days duration. No consignments will be taken after May 1. Donations are always welcome.

It Could be Worse...



They keep wondering why they haven't seen any other riders on such a good trail.

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