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### Inside:

#### Weekend weather

Today	80/55	Partly cloudy
Saturday	83/59	Partly sunny
Sunday	85/62	Poss T. storms
Monday	85/63	Poss T. storms



Weather information courtesy  
319th Operations Support Squadron weather flight

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# Base improvements require patience

By Col. Mark F. Ramsay  
319th ARW commander

It's not a well kept secret that Grand Forks AFB is undergoing many major improvement projects this summer, with some scheduled to continue through next summer and well beyond. The bottom line to all this construction is that we have to be patient with the inevitable inconveniences and delays that are a natural byproduct of base improvement. Or to put it another way, we've got to break some eggs to make a great omelet.

By any measure of merit the quality of life projects ongoing are unprecedented in the history of this base. Our base exchange interior was just renovated and upgraded to provide more items in a much better layout.

On Tuesday we opened our new \$10.7 million commissary that is a quantum leap ahead of our 43-year-old former commissary. The old commissary will soon be torn down to make way for another great feature in our Community Area, our Cold War Heritage Park.

While we're building the Park, we'll also close and completely rebuild the old commissary parking lot to make it more logical and user friendly, and bring it up to base architectural standards.

We're also in the midst of a major renovation to our Family Support Center facility to include new heating

and air conditioning, and the addition of a new standing seam metal roof.

To round out our Community Area projects, we'll soon start the total renovation of our old officers' club into our new consolidated club. The new club will include a "JR Rockers" sports lounge, a franchise operation that is extremely popular at other Air Force bases.

Both of our base entry gates are also undergoing extensive renovation to improve base security. The gate project started later this summer than we originally anticipated, and we now expect the project to continue through at least December.

In the meantime we will continue to use the main gate for inbound car traffic and the south gate for inbound truck traffic. Outbound traffic will continue to use the Eielson gate between 4 and 5:30 p.m. weekdays, and the south gate at all times of the day and night. We have asked commanders and supervisors to spread out morning reporting times for our personnel to minimize entry delays during morning rush hour. I'm confident we've done everything possible to balance expeditious traffic flow with base security.

Finally, the most visible and expensive construction project on our base is in military family housing. Next month we'll open the first block of 50 units out of 318 that are funded and on contract. We will soon announce a ribbon cutting and model home opening date

for the new "Lewis and Clark Trail" area just north of Twining Middle School. We anticipate this date will be in mid to late-August. For those senior non-commissioned officers waiting for this new area to open, I can assure you the new homes are well worth the wait!

I ask that everyone have patience as we complete the gate construction and other projects. I find it hard to believe that as we actively fight the war on terror, I continue to receive reports of irate drivers making unprofessional comments to our dedicated Security Forces and Army Guard base entry personnel concerning delays.

Rather than chastise the joint Warriors who protect our base, I ask that you say thank you for standing guard 24/7/365 to ensure our security.

It's a simple fact of life that during the gate construction project, all of us will have to add a few minutes to our schedule to ensure we get to work, school or elsewhere on time.

I recently hosted my fourth Town Hall meeting in the past 10 months, and provided a lengthy update on all base improvement projects. In addition, we ran a detailed article with photographs of our construction projects in the July 2 edition of the Leader. We will continue to provide updates to our base populace through the Leader newspaper, Channel 3, Daily Admin Messages, Commander's Calls and Town Hall Forums.

Please read and share this information, discuss it with our fellow Warriors to ensure our Air Force family is well informed, and be patient as we work hard to improve our base quality of life. Grand Forks AFB is great and getting better!



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

Col. Mark Ramsay  
319th Air Refueling Wing commander

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Call 747-4522

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.

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Consecutive DWI-free days

Goal is zero DWIs.

## THE LEADER



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Joseph Wickman

Cover: Mackenzy Dodds, daughter of Staff Sgt. Clayton Dodds, 319th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, reads a brochure on the Happy Hooligans at the base Open House July 10. The Happy Hooligans are the North Dakota Air National Guard F-16 unit from Fargo, N.D.

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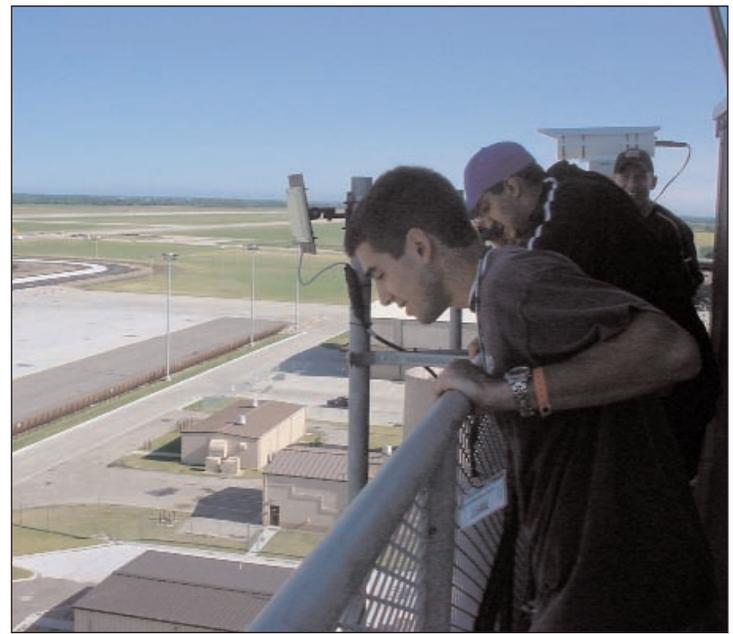
## News



*Photos by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol*

### UND Aerospace Camp visits

(Left) High school students attending the University of North Dakota's Aerospace Camp look at a KC-135R Stratotanker as part of a base tour July 9. (Right) More Aerospace Camp students take in the view from the catwalk of the base air traffic control tower July 9. Overall, more than 35 people from the Aerospace camp toured the base. More than 40 people from a separate Aerospace Camp also toured the base in June. The camp includes students from all 50 states and some foreign countries.



# Time to horse around — Summer Bash is here

## Compiled by staff reports

The 319th Services Squadron has planned a full day of entertainment and free food for the entire base populace this Thursday, and they're calling it the Summer Barn Bash.

And "barn" is a key term, as events will be held in and around the base stables.

"What's so different this year is that a group of enthusiasts who have horses at the stables came to us with an idea," said Julie McWalter, 319th Services Squadron. "Their idea was to have a

country theme in the barn area, as a way to thank the base for letting them house their horses." Not all bases have stables, she said.

Some events offered this year are musical hay bales, which is just like musical chairs, and hayrides from the horse stables to the pavilion. Pony rides will be offered almost all day long.

There will be a free ATWIND picnic, where people can enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers and other free food, but picnic-goers from past years advise people to get there early.



Photo by Master Sgt. Mark Bucher

Members of the 319th Medical Group run hard during the annual bed race during the base 2002 Summer Bash.

"It's always fun seeing the crowd enjoy themselves," said TSgt. Charles Tuck, a base firefighter involved in planning the day's events. "I just want to see people have fun—that's what it's all about."

Sergeant Tuck described what he called time-proven fire department events, "kind of like cotton candy at a carnival."

### Water Battle

"You try and push a barrel back and forth on a wire with fire hoses," he said "and of course you get very wet because you're aiming at the barrel. The water kind of arcs, so what doesn't hit the barrel hits your opponents."

### Fire Hose Target Shoot

"We're having a competition to see how quickly you can drag a hose 300 feet," Sergeant Tuck said. "It's really hard. You have to really dig in. Some people don't even make it. The three sections of hose weigh about 150 lbs, and when you're trying to drag it across the ground, it catches on everything. Sometimes we get ornery and kind of wet the ground down to make it more fun."

### Bucket Brigade

"We use a 3,000 gallon emergency water storage tank, and a bunch of buckets," he said. Participants "dip buckets in water and pour into a locally built house which is 5 feet tall, 8 feet wide and 4 feet

deep. The roof is slanted on both sides, and as you pour water onto the house, the water goes into the gutter, which goes into a barrel—and the first one with a full barrel wins."

Firefighters are also bringing the world's largest fire truck and a trailer set up like a small 2-story house which teaches children the hazards associated with home ownership, such as grease fires. They are also sponsoring obstacle courses involving a "dummy drag," railroad tie station and hose drag.

All events are designed for four-person teams. After the official competitions, the fire department may allow others a chance to experiment with the different events.

The "Rolling Thunder" car show will be in the parking lot of building 524.

The summer bash cannot end without the staple of every summer bash...bed races. Each year Grand Forks squadrons find their best wheels, a lot of imagination and some elbow grease to come up with a presentable "bed on wheels."

"Also making appearances will be Calvin the Steer, Curly the Pig and Buddy the Chicken," said Ms. McWalter. "We're also hoping KYCK Coyote will make the scene from Leighton Broadcasting to join our own Dakota the Bear, Sparky the Firedog and McGruff the Security Dog."

# Grand opening



*Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol*

Officials from the base and the Defense Commissary Agency watch as the ribbon is cut for the grand opening of the new base commissary Tuesday.



*Photo by Tech. Sgt. Anthony Tyrrell*

Mr. John Marshall, honorary wing commander, talks with Col. Mark Ramsay, 319th Air Refueling Wing commander, as they look at the produce section in the new commissary.



*Photo by Tech. Sgt. Anthony Tyrrell*

"Tony the Tiger" meets with children during the grand opening of the new commissary Tuesday.



*Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol*

Shoppers line up to buy groceries at the commissary check-out lines.

## News

# Twin sisters assume command of squadrons

By 2nd Lt. Katherine Kebisek  
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

**SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFP)** — Twin sisters, Maj. Shawna O'Brien and Dawn Keasley, assumed command of two Air Mobility Command mission support squadrons on the same day recently.

Major O'Brien took command of the 319th Mission Support Squadron at Grand Forks AFB, N.D., and her sister, Major Keasley, took command of the 375th MSS here.

"We've had overlapping assignments ... but this is the first time we're having the same type of job at the same time," Major Keasley said. "And it just happens to be in the same (major command). It's pretty cool."

Major O'Brien comes to the 319th MSS from the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, Ala. Major Keasley comes to the 375th MSS from the Pentagon.

The sisters began their career together attending the Air Force Academy; Major Keasley graduated in 1989, and Major O'Brien graduated in 1990 after attend-

ing an 11-month preparatory school. They did not begin their Air Force careers in personnel; rather, Major Keasley began in security forces, and Major O'Brien in air traffic control.

After independently deciding to retrain into personnel, the two attended the Basic Personnel Officer Course together and graduated in 1997. Since then, both have served as military personnel flight commanders and have worked as action officers at the Pentagon, but never at the same time.

The two are very close to their family and continue a rich military tradition. Their father, Joe Keasley, is a retired Air Force master sergeant and their mother, Vera Keasley, works as the director of family day care at Robins AFB, Ga.

Both majors said they use one another to bounce ideas off of, or to help observe and analyze different situations or problems.

"We're each other's compass," Major O'Brien said. "We're really not very different. We both care about people very much ... we always do the best that we can, because anything less is a waste of time."



Photo by 2nd Lt. Katherine Kebisek

**Maj. Dawn Keasley, 375th Mission Support Squadron commander**



Photo by Staff Sgt. Monte Volk

**Maj. Shawna O'Brien, 319th Mission Support Squadron commander.**

## AF names 12 Outstanding Airmen

**AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER** The Air Force has selected the service's top enlisted members, naming the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2004.

The nominees are authorized to wear the Outstanding Airman of the Year ribbon, while the 12 winners will wear the bronze service star device on the ribbon. The winners will also wear the Outstanding Airman Badge for one year from the date of formal presentation.

The winners are: **Senior Master Sgt. Michael David**, 437th Communications Squadron, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.; **Senior Master Sgt. Trace Edinborough**, Defense Supply Center, Philadelphia; **Senior Master Sgt. Valise Godley**, Headquarters 3rd Air Force, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom; **Master Sgt. John Knipe**, 1st Air Support Operations Group, Fort Lewis, Wash.; **Master Sgt. Jonathan Rosa**, 123rd Special Tactics Squadron,

Louisville, Ky.; **Tech. Sgt. Stephanie Clark**, 88th Aerial Port Squadron, McGuire AFB, N.J.; **Tech. Sgt. Miguel Ortega-Llarena**, 96th Security Forces Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.; **Staff Sgt. Aaron Davenport**, 56th Civil Engineer Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.; **Staff Sgt. Teresa Mossoni**, 90th Space Wing, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.; **Staff Sgt. Terri Palmer**, 15th Air Support Operations Squadron, Pope AFB, N.C.; **Senior Airman William Moore**, 31st Rescue Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan; **Senior Airman Class Kurt Marunick**, 47th Maintenance Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga.

The 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year will be honored during the Air Force Association national convention in Washington D.C. in September, and will serve as members of the AFA's enlisted advisory council for the next year.

# June Courts Martial

## Case One: Drunk Driving

At a Special Court-Martial held on June 29, Airman 1st Class Patrick C. Kelly of the 319th Maintenance Squadron pled not guilty to a charge that he drove while drunk in violation of Article 111 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. On April 17, Airman Kelly was stopped by a University of North Dakota police officer who observed him going the wrong way down a one way street on the UND campus. When the police officer made contact with Airman Kelly, he detected a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from Airman Kelly's person and vehicle. The police officer then conducted field sobriety tests, which Airman Kelly failed. Airman Kelly then refused to take the breathalyzer and intoxilyzer tests. Airman Kelly was arrested and taken into Grand Forks Correctional Custody. Pursuant to North Dakota law, Airman Kelly's driver's license was revoked because he refused to take the breathalyzer and intoxilyzer tests. In May 2004, the Air Force asked for and obtained jurisdiction of the case from Grand Forks County.

The case was heard by a jury consisting of both officer and enlisted members. After hearing the evidence, the jury found Airman Kelly guilty of the charge. They then sentenced him to be confined for 14 days, to serve hard labor without confinement for 1 month, and to be reduced to Airman Basic.

## Case Two: False statement, assisted in theft

At a Summary Court-Martial held on June 30, Airman Drew J. Brewer of the 906th Air Refueling Squadron pled guilty to making false official statements in violation of Article 107 of the UCMJ and to being an accessory after the fact in violation of Article 78 of the UCMJ. In June 2003, Airman Brewer was present when Airman Lonnie McColligan of the 905th Air Refueling Squadron (court-martialed earlier in June) stole an all-terrain vehicle and trailer from a parking lot in Grand Forks in July 2003. Thereafter, Airman Brewer hindered the



apprehension of Airman McColligan by helping him to store and paint the stolen ATV and by assisting him in getting rid of the stolen trailer. In addition, when questioned by Security Forces investigators, Airman Brewer lied by telling them that Airman McColligan had lawfully acquired the ATV. The Summary Court-Martial officer accepted Airman Brewer's guilty pleas and sentenced him to be confined for 15 days, to forfeit one half of one month's pay, and to be reduced to Airman Basic.

## Case Three: Drug abuse

At a Special Court-Martial held on June 30, Airman Basic Richard B. Rowland of the 319th Communications Squadron pled guilty to wrongfully using both marijuana and methamphetamine in violation of Article 112a of the UCMJ. Airman Rowland, who was previously court-martialed in March for using marijuana and introducing it onto Grand Forks AFB, faced this court-martial after two urinalysis drug tests administered by the base demand reduction office came back positive for illegal drugs. One of the drug tests was randomly administered, and the other came when Airman Rowland was in-processed into confinement following his first court-martial. Airman Rowland's case was heard by a military judge sitting alone. The judge sentenced Airman Rowland to be confined for four months and to be discharged from the Air Force with a bad conduct discharge.

# News Briefs

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## Senior NCO induction ceremony

The 10th Annual Senior NCO Induction Ceremony is July 29 at the Northern Lights Club. All 52 of the new Master Sergeant selectees on Grand Forks have been invited to receive recognition at this year's prestigious event.

The ceremony not only recognizes the the individuals being promoted into the senior enlisted ranks, but it also serves as a reminder of the new responsibilities and challenges ahead. Promotion to Master Sergeant is a significant milestone in an enlisted member's career.

This year's guest speaker is the fifth Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Robert D. Gaylor. Sign up on the pro rata sheet in your command support staff. Tickets are \$15 for club members and \$18 for non-club members.

## Military family housing construction

In preparation for the next construction phase of 144 new housing units, the central part of housing, J Street to Louisiana Street and South Nevada Drive to Redwood Drive, will be enclosed by a new construction fence. A temporary bypass road will be constructed south of South Nevada Drive to allow direct access to Eielson Elementary School.

The construction gates close Wednesday to allow the contractor to begin work within the fenced area. Plan to adjust your travel routes accordingly.

Our goal is to build the highest quality housing units for our people.

## AF Intern Program develops future leaders

### AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER

The Air Force Intern Program Central Selection Board will convene here Sept. 20-24. The program lets 30 junior captains study the application of air and space power and observe senior Defense Department leadership in critical decision making processes.

AFIP is a fast-paced 18 to 24 month program that is designed to develop tomorrow's leaders. While the program is available to both line and non-line officers a maximum of three slots are available to non-line officers.

"AFIP is another great opportunity for young officers to continue their development," said Capt. William Schlichtig, chief of the Developmental Education Section here. "It's a method of preparing our very best officers for future key leadership positions."

AFIP combines hands-on experience as an intern in the offices of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Secretary of Defense and/or the Air Staff as well as an opportunity to earn an Air Force funded master's degree in organizational leadership from George Washington University.

"Selection for AFIP is based on potential for greater achievement as demonstrated by an officer's ability to handle more challenging jobs," said Captain Schlichtig

The program consists of two phases for interns not enrolled in George Washington University and three phases for those interns enrolled in the GWU program. The program lasts between one and two years.

Officers incur a three-year active duty service commitment upon completion of the program. Officers who have not attended Squadron Office School in-residence prior to AFIP will be allotted quotas to attend prior to attending the program.

For application instructions and more information, visit the Officer Professional Development website at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pme/>.

## Aerial spray dates

The 757th Aerial Spray Squadron will spray the base July 26-31. This new time frame targets the reduction of Culex Tarsalis mosquitoes which potentially carry the West Nile Virus. The aerial spraying also reduces the overall mosquito population. The Air Force Reserve C-130s from Youngstown, Ohio were originally scheduled to spray Aug 22-28.

## Feature

# Course trains Airmen to drive convoys for Army in Iraq

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter  
Air Force Print News

**WASHINGTON** — Riding in a truck through Iraq, manning a weapon and facing armed adversaries is not a scenario many Air Force vehicle operators thought they would see.

But that is exactly what more than 500 of these Airmen are doing — driving convoys for the Army supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Chief Master Sgt. Timothy Tate, Air Force vehicle operations career field manager, said a tasking for Air Force drivers to lend a hand came about during a sourcing conference attended by each of the four services.

“The secretary of defense had directed us to develop joint solutions that ensured the combatant commander had the forces necessary to meet operational needs,” the chief said. “We looked to see if we possessed a like capability for specific skill sets to help the Army alleviate shortfalls that exist. We determined we had a like capability in the Air Force and the ability to provide Airmen to drive convoys.”

To prepare for the mission, the first rotation of vehicle operators underwent six to eight weeks of training. The training was somewhat informal and unstructured, since it was a first for the Air Force, the chief said.

“To remedy that situation for the next rotation and



U.S. Air Force photos by Tech. Sgt. Scott Reed

**Master Sgt. Theron Jones monitors the progress of a 67-vehicle convoy along the main supply route between Baghdad and Tikrit. He and other Airmen of the 2632nd Air Expeditionary Force Transportation Company provide security to military and civilian convoys as they move supplies to forward-deployed locations throughout Iraq.**

better prepare our Airmen for combat operations, Air Education and Training Command (officials) stood up the Basic Combat Convoy Course, a formal three-week course at Lackland AFB (Texas),” he said.

As soon as the operators complete the course, they will form into units of about 150 Airmen and deploy to Kuwait for convoy live-fire training.

“As part of the convoy live-fire training, they go through a block of training known as close-quarter marksmanship, where they are firing a weapon while on the move,” Chief Tate said. “You’re 5 feet from your battle buddy. When you feel the muzzle blast from an M-16 on the back of your neck, (it) raises your hackles, but it’s necessary for developing an Airman’s confidence in his or her teammates and handling his or her weapon.”

“You don’t have any choice but to trust your teammates because not only are you depending on (them, they are) depending on you,” he said.

The normal span of 30 months between weapons training for vehicle operators did not develop the level of confidence needed in Iraq, the chief said.

“That’s why heavy emphasis on weapons training and close-quarter marksmanship is so critical,” he said. “Every Airman who went through the training (in Kuwait) fired no less than 600 rounds with an M-16.”

Another element of this training was to prepare Airmen to truly defend themselves against enemy forces, Chief Tate said.

“Part of that critical preparation is knowing that your survivability could depend upon your ability to raise and use a weapon against another person,” he said. “There are some Airmen who have had to do that.”

Training also focused on developing “muscle memory,” where Airmen are trained to respond to a situation without an extensive thought process.

“It’s a natural reaction,” the chief said. “You have hostile contact, and the next reaction is you aim, you fire, you kill.”

Once fully trained, vehicle operators deploy into Iraq for a six-month rotation, Chief Tate said. To supply the number of drivers needed, the vehicle operations career field is surging two air and space expeditionary force “buckets.”

Air Force officials have committed about 300 Airmen through March 2006, he said.

“So, it’s quite possible for some of the Airmen currently deployed to Iraq to have to support a future rotation as well,” the chief said.

Facing hostile areas on a day-to-day basis is drawing the units together in many ways, Chief Tate said. Most of the Airmen deployed supporting this mission



**A gun truck from the 2632nd Air Expeditionary Force Transportation Company moves along the main supply route from Baghdad to Tikrit with a 67-vehicle convoy in tow. The company’s Airmen provide security to military and civilian convoys as they move supplies to multiple forward-operating bases throughout Iraq.**

had no idea they would be truly on the front lines.

“It’s really difficult for some to comprehend the team dynamics taking place, but as a leader seeing it firsthand, the cohesion and camaraderie developing as the teams come together is exciting and satisfying,” he said. “I saw it when the teams came together and started to communicate to each other their concerns, their fears and what they wanted to achieve while deployed.”

This communication and trust is what makes the teams so successful, he said.

“When they go outside the wire on a convoy, they are tight,” Chief Tate said. “They are as sharp as you would want a unit to be. They’re alert, they’re vigilant, they’re confident, and they are certainly combat-capable. I have to say that those elements, along with the leadership they have, are (keys) to the overwhelming success of this mission.”

That leadership, the chief said, includes elements of both the Air Force and the Army.

“Even though the Airmen are tactically assigned to Army units, they are still well taken care of by Air Force leaders in the region,” he said. “There may be a perception that we’ve taken Airmen, given them to the Army and forgotten them. That’s false — we have Airmen working for Airmen, and we have effective support elements in place.”

To make sure things run as smoothly as possible for the vehicle operators, a command and control structure was developed through U.S. Central Air Forces that addresses administrative concerns, the Uniform Code of Military Justice and other personnel issues through Air Force chains of command.

So far, the chief said, the Airmen’s performance has been outstanding.

“One Army battalion commander (whom) the Airmen fall under said they are the best unit under his command,” Chief Tate said.

## Feature & Community

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“It’s an honor and a privilege to serve in the Air Force and the military,” Captain Eckhardt said. “Having Cy serve in the military at the same time as me is something I am extremely proud of.”

Sergeant Eckhardt said the family-military bond is “somewhat nostalgic.”

“It’s odd to be in a career where people knew me when I was young,” Sergeant Eckhardt said. “There are times when I will be deployed somewhere and I will run into someone who knew my dad when he was a tanker pilot and they were stationed with him. They in turn remember what I was like when I was a child. I guess you could say it has its good points and bad points.”

More future meetings “on the road” are likely between this father and son, they both said. However they both hope the family tradition continues.

“Serving in the military is our family heritage and our way of life,” Captain Eckhardt said. “Now it’s up to Cy to keep it going.”

Sergeant Eckhardt answered, “I’ll go as far as I can in the military and if someday I get married and have children, it would be nice to see one of them carry on the tradition.”

Sergeant Eckhardt plans to get married in October.



*Courtesy photo*

### And the winner is...

Tech. Sgt. Dusty Huntley, 319th Logistics Readiness Squadron, right, accepts a certificate from Col. Mark Ramsay, 319th Air Refueling Wing commander, for a LifeFitness LifeCycle. Sergeant Huntley is the June ATWIND winner for Grand Forks Air Force Base.

# Base theater

## Today, 7 p.m.

*Shrek 2 (PG)*

*Shrek (Mike Myers) and Fiona (Cameron Diaz) return from their honeymoon to find a dinner invite from Fiona's parents, the King and Queen of the Kingdom of Far, Far Away. They heard their daughter had wed, but they assumed she married Prince Charming and are shocked at the arrival of two green ogres and a donkey (Eddie Murphy). Wanting to break up the couple, the King enlists the help of Puss in Boots (Antonio Banderas).*

## Saturday, 3 and 7 p.m.

*Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (PG)*

This third installment of the *Potter* series has Harry beginning his third year at Hogwarts. Sirius Black — an escaped convict from the prison of Azkaban — is on the loose, and there's only one thing he wants: Harry. But why?

## July 23, 7 p.m.

*Garfield (PG)*

## July 24, 7 p.m.

*The Terminal (PG-13)*

## July 30, 7 p.m.

*Two Brothers (PG)*

## July 31, 7 p.m.

*Dodgeball A True Underdog Story (PG-13)*



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

# 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 by calling 747-5673.

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

**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 747-4359 for details.

**Women's Bible Study:** 7 a.m. Monday, Prairie Rose Chapel. Call 594-3916 for details.

## JEWISH:

Call Synagogue B'nai Israel at 775-5124.

## MUSLIM, BUDDHIST, ORTHODOX, OTHER:

Call 747-5673 for details.



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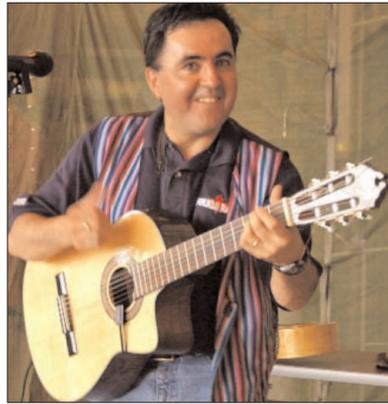


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Photo by Staff Sgt. Jason Gamble

# Open House 2004 'Stunningly successful'

## Warriors of the North,

I want to thank you and your families for a stunningly successful Open House July 10. Despite the overcast skies and limited aerial demonstrations, you proved once again why our base is the best air force base on the planet. After a six year lapse, we opened the base to the general public and you showed them who we are and what we do.

I can't tell you how many citizens came up to me and told me a similar story. They told me that from the first Airmen they met at the gate to everyone they met in the Open House area, they received the same highly professional and courteous greeting, and willingness to talk about mil-

itary life. Each of you left a lasting and immeasurable positive mark on over 10,000 people who attended this event. In short, you hit a grand slam home run!

An event of this magnitude took thousands of hours of preparation from hundreds of people. To say thank you from the wing to all who worked on this event, Monday will be a much deserved Reward Day to give our Airmen a three-day summer weekend and make up for the one-day weekend from the Open House.

I ask that those who can take time off do so SAFELY. Remember, we're still in the 101 Critical Days of Summer, the most dangerous time of year for mishaps and fatalities. Have fun over the three-day weekend, but be extra careful and return refreshed for duty on the 20th!

**Col. Mark Ramsay**  
Commander, 319 ARW



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## Base Activities

### Today

#### Member's Mayhem

"Member's Mayhem" starts at 4:30 p.m. at the Northern Lights Club. This is a free all-ranks, club-member social with carved baron of beef and many other delicacies. For questions contact the Northern Lights Club, 747-3392.

#### Frame class

Sign up today for the  skills development framing class. Anyone wanting to use the frame shop needs this class. Cost is \$20, plus supplies. The class is 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in the skills development center. Participation earns an ATWIND game piece.

### Tuesday

#### Creepy crawlers

The skills development center will be offering Youth Classes today through July 22. Times are 10:30 a.m. to noon for ages 4 – 7 and 1 to 2:30 p.m. for ages 8 – 12. Classes are \$3 each or \$7.50 for a three-day session. Participation will earn you an ATWIND game piece!

#### Summer reading program

The summer reading program is at the library 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday and July 27. Grades first to sixth and families can participate for free. This week's presentation is "How did Lewis & Clark deal with mosquitoes and prairie dogs?" Registration continues throughout the summer program dates for the reading program.

### Wednesday

#### Parent advisory meeting

The next parent advisory meeting is 4:15 p.m. Wednesday, at the child development center. All families of the child development center, youth programs, and family child care are welcome to attend. The speaker is Capt. Deneisbeck and the topic is "Learn about protecting your child from sunburn, ticks and mosquitoes, and updating your child's immunization records."

### Thursday

#### Summer Barn Bash

Summer Bash starts at 9 a.m. with the Stay Fit 5K fun run/walk followed by opening ceremonies. A free lunch is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### Winnipeg zoo trip

Date: July 24th

Depart: 8 a.m. from outdoor recreation

Return: Same evening

Cost: \$20 per person (Zoo entrance fee is \$13.50--Canadian per family includes two adults and children under 17).

Deadline: Thursday.

#### Red Lake Falls tubing trip

Date: July 24

Depart: 10 a.m. from outdoor recreation

Return: Same evening

Cost: \$25.00 per adult \$15 per child 12 and under

Deadline: Thursday

### Upcoming

#### Lake Bronson camping & hiking trip

Date: July 31

Depart: 8 a.m. from outdoor recreation

Return: Sunday evening

Cost: 2 person package \$76, 4 person package \$126, 6 person package \$186

Deadline: July 28

#### Summer reading program

Library: The summer reading program runs through July 27 at the library. Youth in grades first to sixth and families can partic-

ipate. Programs are: Wagon Train Around the Library – For every hour of reading time, receive a wagon to add to the wagon train around the library. The goal is to get around the library by the end of summer.

*Barnes & Noble Reading Certificates:* Every registered child gets a chance to earn a certificate for a free book for every eight books read by or to the child. Each child can earn two certificates.

*Lewis & Clark Game:* Registered participants get a reading log sheet for the game. For every landmark accomplished, a prize will be awarded. For every finished game, participants receive a chance at prize drawings at the end of the Summer Reading Program. Play as many times as you can. For details call the library at 747-3046.

#### Read by mail program

The Summer Read by  Mail Program runs through Aug. 7. Grades K to Second, Third to Fifth and Sixth to Eighth can participate in this program by stopping by the youth center to register online. Youth can read different books, take a test and watch their points go up over the summer. Youth can turn in their points to receive prizes. For details call 747-3150.

## Area Events

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### **‘Oklahoma!’**

Through July 25

#### **Fort Totten**

The Indian territory now known as the state of Oklahoma, soon after the beginning of the 20th century, is the setting for this Rodgers and Hammerstein musical favorite being performed at the Fort Totten Little Theatre. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. A 2 p.m. matinee will be held July 25. Tickets are \$15. VIP seats and dinner are available for \$35 by reservation only. Information: 701-662-8888; Web site: [www.tottentrailinn.com](http://www.tottentrailinn.com)

#### **Fort Abraham Lincoln Melodrama**

Through Aug. 7

#### **Mandan**

While visiting Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park, plan to attend the melodramas held each Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening through Aug. 7. Melodramas are plays similar to those seen back in the 1870s when General Custer lived at the fort. They are held in the granary on Cavalry Square. The cost is \$5. Information: 701-667-6380; Web site: [www.fortlincoln.com](http://www.fortlincoln.com)

#### **Disney’s ‘Beauty and the Beast’**

Through Aug. 7

#### **Walhalla**

Frost Fire Theatre offers this dazzling production with memorable songs and a beautiful love story. A buffet dinner is also available prior to the musical. Set in the breathtaking Pembina Gorge seven miles west of Walhalla in the covered outdoor amphitheater, Frost Fire Theatre is now in its 20th year. Call for performance times. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$9.50 for kids under 12. Information: 701-549-3600; Web site: [www.frostfiretheatre.com](http://www.frostfiretheatre.com)

#### **‘Kiss Me, Kate’**

Through-Aug. 1

#### **Fargo**

Members of the Trollwood Performing Arts School will perform this Cole Porter Broadway musical comedy at Trollwood Park amphitheater. “Kiss Me, Kate” is about the intrigues in a modern-day theatrical troupe that is performing “The Taming of the Shrew.”

Actors, orchestra members and crew are students in grades eight-12. Performances are set for 8 p.m., July 15-17, 21-25 and July 28-Aug. 1. General admission tickets are \$11 for adults and \$6 for children. Information: 701-241-4799; Web site: [www.trollwood.org](http://www.trollwood.org)

#### **‘Annie Get Your Gun’**

Thursday-Aug. 1

#### **Bismarck**

This musical by Irving Berlin contains some of America’s most beloved songs and the story of sharp shooter Annie Oakley of Buffalo Bill’s Wild West Show fame. The play will be held in the beautiful Sleepy Hollow Arts Park at 8:30 p.m. each evening. Bring your lawn chair early and pick up a picnic dinner at the concession stand. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for children. Information: 701-319-0895; Web site: [www.shst.org](http://www.shst.org)

#### **‘Groovy!’**

July 20-Aug. 15

#### **New Rockford**

Groove to the “Life, Love, and Music of the 60s” at a musical review at the Niven-Adams Opera House in New Rockford. The popularity of past reviews inspired two talented local residents to conceive this year’s show. Performances are at 8 p.m., July 20-24, 27-30, Aug. 3-7, 10-13; and at 2:30 p.m. Aug. 1, 8 and 15. Tickets cost \$15. Information: 701-947-2174; Web site: [www.dprca.com](http://www.dprca.com)

*For more information, check out the calendar of events on the North Dakota Tourism Web site at [www.ndtourism.com](http://www.ndtourism.com). It’s an opportunity to have an adventure without venturing far from home.*

#### **Fishing for Donors**

The Dak-Minn Blood Bank holds its annual Fishing for Donors promotion through July 31.

Fishing-related prizes will be given away during daily drawings. The grand prizes, including a two-night stay at Ballard’s Resort, will be given away at the end of the event. Free cholesterol checks will be available August. For appointments call 780-LIFE (5433) or email [espaeth@altru.org](mailto:espaeth@altru.org). During the summer, office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## Sports & Fitness

### Intramural standings

#### Intramural Golf

MXS-A	6-0-0
OSS	5-0-1
LRS-A	6-1-0
CS-A	5-1-0
MSS	5-2-0
MDG	4-3-0
SFS	4-3-0
SVS	4-3-0
MOS	3-3-0
LRS-B	3-4-0
CONS	1-5-1
CES	1-5-0
CPTS	1-4-0
AMXS	0-6-0

#### Intramural Softball

SFS	11-0
MXS	10-2
CES-B	8-3
CES-A	7-7
LRS-A	6-6
MOS	6-4
AMXS	5-6
MSS/CPTS	4-7
CS	3-8
LRS-B	3-8
MDG	1-11

*Standings current as of July 8*

### Sports shorts

#### **Ping Pong tournament**

There is a ping-pong tournament at 6:30 p.m. for ages nine to 12 and at 8:30 p.m. for ages 13 to 18 Wednesday at the youth center. Cost is free for members, \$1 for non-members.

#### **Boater safety course**

Want to rent a boat? Outdoor Recreation requires this free class before you can rent powered watercraft from us.

North Dakota law requires youth ages 12-15 to pass an approved boater safety course before they can operate watercraft over ten horsepower, including personal watercraft. Additionally, many insurance companies offer a premium discount to boat owners who complete this course. Sign up at outdoor recreation.

*Class Dates:* Wednesday and July 28 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

#### **Air Force marathon**

The 8th Annual Air Force Marathon is Sept. 18, at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. Several new award categories have been added including Top Male and Female major command finisher's and total MAJCOM participation.

The 26.2-mile course traverses historical places including the USAF Museum, the AF Institute of Technology, Huffman Prairie Flying Field and the Wright Brothers Memorial Monument.

General John W. Handy, Air Mobility Command commander encourages AMC participation in this fit to fight event.

Festivities include a two-day sports exposition, pre-race pasta dinner, race day opening ceremony, and a post-race party.

For more information visit <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil>.

## WELLNESS TIP

### **Drinking on the weekends, in many instances, leads to alcohol dependence**

- Excess drinking can cause liver damage (cirrhosis), malnutrition, heart disease, some cancers (including cancers of the breast, stomach, pancreas, mouth and esophagus), high blood pressure, brain damage, and is responsible for a high percentage of accidents, especially car crashes
- Heavy drinkers are more likely than nondrinkers to commit suicide and engage in violent actions
- The severe damage done to families and relationships is harder to measure, but it's just as real



**For more information, contact your local ADAPT Program office**

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## Sports & Fitness

# Lady Warriors dunk Otters, claim silver in Prairie Rose State Games

Compiled from staff reports

The Lady Warriors Varsity Basketball team dunked the Grand Forks Otters 54-28 to earn the silver medal in their final game at the Prairie Rose State Games July 10-11.

Despite lack of preparation, the Lady Warriors performed beautifully the whole weekend.

"We were fighting an uphill battle (by having only a couple weeks to prepare)," said coach D.J. Lemelle. "But these ladies played with huge hearts,"

The Lady Warriors didn't have time to learn organized sets on offense, so they focused on 'in-your-face defense' instead.

"Our game plan was to cause 'organized chaos on the court' this weekend, and we did that," said Mr. Lemelle. "With a lack of experience, we knew if we ran a full-court press and played pressure defense the whole tournament, we would have a chance."

The Warriors came close to pulling off the tournament upset by taking the heavily favored Bismarck/Fargo KFYP team in their first game. KFYP's 6' 3 1/2" center caused matchup problems for the Lady Warriors and shot out to a 14-3 lead, but the Lady Warriors battled back, only to fall short 60-54.

"Even being outsized, we had our chances," said Mr. Lemelle. "We only had eight bad defensive plays the whole game, but each time, they made us pay...that was the difference."

Before the Lady Warriors' second game, they identified their defensive miscues and jumped out to a 17-3 lead with 10 minutes to go in the first half. They never looked back.

"These ladies really deserved this medal," said Mr. Lemelle. "This is a building block for them going into their upcoming season. They really impressed a lot of local teams and it was a pleasure to have the opportunity to work with them."

## Prairie Rose State Games highlights

The Men's Varsity basketball team claimed sixth place in the Commercial One division.

In track and field action, Christopher Phillips and Lawrence Cannedy each won the Gold Medal in their respective age groups in the 100-Meter dash.

The Base Varsity Soccer team took the bronze medal in the Soccer Division.

# Marathon man plans run of a lifetime after battling cancer

By Tech. Sgt. Gerald Sonnenberg  
932nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

**SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILL. (AMCNS)** – It was a warm July day in 2003, and the heat radiated from the tennis court where the two men were competing.

Perspiration fell in large, frequent drops and evaporated on the court, but soon, one of the men fell to the court's hard surface. He was Maj. Brian Kissinger. What was at first thought to be a case of heat exhaustion soon became a fight for life for the 35-year-old husband and father of three young daughters.

Major Kissinger's tennis partner, a

paramedic, called 911, and an ambulance rushed the Air Mobility Command major to the emergency room. The medical team stitched a cut in his scalp. As a precaution, they conducted a Computerized Tomography scan that revealed a tumor "the size of a baseball."

Previous bouts with headaches and memory loss now made sense, and the major revealed that his sister had died of a brain tumor as a young child. Now, barely a month into his assignment at Scott AFB, he had to face a life-threatening situation without the comfort of his family, still in Charleston, S.C.

Major Kissinger is an Air Force

Reservist and navigator serving a controlled tour at Scott AFB as an AMC Reserve liaison with the Plans and Programs Directorate. He spent eight years on active duty, then spent time as a traditional reservist at Charleston AFB before accepting the Scott assignment. Having had no chance to relocate his family, he had to tell his wife, Priscilla, and daughters, Alexa, Gabby and Belle, about his illness by phone.

"Like with any life-threatening illness, it was frightening," said Major Kissinger.

Having been healthy and athletic, he said he cried at the nearly overwhelming thought of maybe losing his life. A navigator, he was also saddened at the prospect of not being able to fly again. He turned toward his faith and went to the base chapel to speak with a chaplain.

Major Kissinger's tumor was thought to be a stage 2, or slow growing tumor. Surgery and chemotherapy were inevitable if that was true, but would wait until September so he could move his family to Illinois and get settled.

"The separation made it more difficult, but the ER docs and staff at the Scott hospital were great," said Major Kissinger. "They performed all the pre-surgery tests and treatments."

After mid-September, the surgery was accomplished at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

Major Kissinger motioned with his hands as he talked easily about the procedure. With a thick head of hair, it's difficult to see where a large incision over his right frontal lobe was made to expose bone that was removed to give access to surgeons.

Though Major Kissinger's hair has grown back and the low dosage doesn't affect it, he said there are days when he feels run down and can't work.

However, he rarely lets this interfere with his goal – running the Air Force marathon at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, in September.

"I hit a bump in the road, but I have a lot of friends and family praying for me," Major Kissinger said. "When we run the marathon Sept. 18 (the Air Force's birthday), it will be almost one year to the day that I had my surgery."

With a smile and sound of determination in his voice, he added, "My first marathon was a milestone. With my recovery, this is a milestone that says I'm almost completely healthy, even with the chemo. That makes it pretty special."

"Another reason I'm doing this is to raise money and awareness about brain tumors," he added. "I'm the healthiest patient at the oncology office, and I realize a lot of people have worse things happening to them. I feel fortunate."

Maj. Brian Kissinger (left front), along with his boss, Col. Peter Wangler, and his friends, Suzie and Tim Hurst, run along the parade ground at Scott AFB in preparation for the Air Force Marathon in September. Major Kissinger is an Air Force Reservist and navigator serving as an Air Mobility Command Reserve liaison with the Plans and Programs Directorate.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Gerald Sonnenberg

