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# What's Going On?

## 11/25 Friday - Open House

5:45 PM

Chloe Marie & Friends

6:00 PM

Welcome to Downtown Minot

6:05 PM

Christmas Tree Lighting  
Special guests: 5th Bomb Wing and 91st Missile Wing leadership

6:10 PM

Christmas Sing Along  
Sing classic holiday jingles with your family, friends and neighbors

6:30 PM

Zack Mannino  
Sing classic holiday jingles with your family, friends and neighbors

Enjoy yourself in Downtown Minot!

### Around Town

#### Artmain

Serving holiday treats with specials throughout the shop all night

#### Artspace Suite 1

Find gifts \$25 or less, 50% off select items

#### Cookies for You

Between 4 - 8 PM, stop in for a picture with Cookie Monster and enjoy some treats

#### Gourmet Chef

Join us 4 - 7 PM for a live performance from guitarist Gene Putnam

#### Jamaican Vybz Kitchen

Free soup samples, \$1 off order over \$10

#### Lien's Jewelry

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#### Magic City Hoagies

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Annual Candy Cane Sale: Pick a candy cane with a percentage off your purchase, ranging from 15% to one 50% winner!

Chex mix and hot cocoa available during the Christmas Tree Lighting

#### Main Street Books

10 AM - 3 PM: \$5 off Shashibo Cubes and Spinballs Poi Sets, Buy 2 get the 3rd Free on all kid's books (exceptions apply),

\$5 Fill-a-Bag of used books

After 3 PM: 25% off any one regularly priced item  
Free apple cider and candy canes

#### Margie's Art Glass Studio

Live music from Denbigh Forest from 5 - 8 PM

#### Oliver's Attic

Come warm up on the sidewalk with fresh-made chili from 4 - 6 PM

#### Prairie Sky Breads

3 - 8 PM: \$15 Hot chocolate flights  
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#### Roosevelt Park Zoo

Zoo Memberships are all \$5 off

#### Taube Museum of Art

Festival of the Arts Sale: local art, handmade goods, and more

#### The Spot

11 AM - 8 PM: Pool for \$5 per person, Drink Specials: \$4 White Christmas or Christmas Punch



## 11/26

# Small Business Saturday

#### Main Street Books

Spend \$75 or more, get the choice between \$10 off TODAY or a \$15 gift card for your NEXT visit! Plus, free book with purchase!

#### Minot Area Council of the Arts

Artists After Hours: Holiday party and Carnegie Tree Lighting at Carnegie Center at 7 PM

#### Prairie Sky Breads

Drawings/giveaways, musical guest Jordan Pederson from 12 - 2 PM

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# Other Holiday Celebrations

Nov 23 - Dec 12

## Mail Your Letters to Santa

Elves are sneaking into Minot's Scandinavian Heritage Park and Polaris Park to drop off a magical mailbox on November 23rd, so children can mail their letters to Santa! The elves will pack up the letters and take them home to the North Pole for Santa to read on Monday, December 12th. Don't forget to include names and a return address to ensure the elves know where to send Santa's response! Place your letter in Santa's Mailbox between November 23rd and December 12th and Santa will send you a letter back! As long as there is a legible name and address.

Nov 25 - Dec 31

## Sertoma Christmas in the Park

Experience a colorful wonderland of light displays in Minot's Oak Park from 6 PM - 10 PM every evening. \$5 per car, \$20 per bus. All proceeds from this event are invested back into the community through the Minot Sertoma Club.

Dec 1

## Discover Minot Excursion - Holiday Edition

This opportunity will feature our quarterly Discover Minot Excursion but include light displays, dinner at Whiskey Nine, drinks and a ride from the base to downtown and back! Plus shopping perks at Mainstream Boutique and a demonstration from Gourmet Chef. Only \$20 per person (includes bus, dinner, and more). Open to all military and dependents.

Dec 3

## Team Minot Tree Lighting and Frostival Ceremony

Dec 17

## Canadian Pacific Holiday Train

Colorful lights, holiday fun, and a free concert all for a good cause! After a COVID hiatus, the CP Holiday Train is back and better than ever!

# A True Northern Tradition: The CP Holiday Train

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One of the greatest things about living in a small, rural town during the holidays is that there is no lack of meaningful traditions. Each year, Minot's Downtown Open House attracts thousands of people looking to make Christmas memories that can be passed down for generations to come. If you come from up North, you may have heard about another tradition that has enchanted hundreds of thousands of people from British Columbia to Maine for the last 23 years: the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train.

## 23 Years of Giving Back

In 1999, Canadian Pacific Railway created a Christmas fundraiser for the food banks in the communities they operated out of in Canada and the United States, and thus

the Holiday Train was born. Through this special holiday tradition, Canadian Pacific has gathered over 3 million pounds of food and over \$9 million for Canadian and American food banks, as well as brought the Christmas spirit to over 168 northern-tier towns and a few lucky midwestern participants. It travels over 100,000 miles for three weeks each season, accompanied by musical guests from all over.

The 14 rail carriage Holiday Train is meticulously decorated in colorful Christmas lights and at each stop along the way, the railcars open up to reveal a stage where the musicians perform a free concert. All ages can attend the event for free, but CPR encourages attendees to get in the "giving spirit" and bring nonperishable food or monetary donations that will

benefit the local community's food bank.

## You Don't Want to Miss This

Are you new to North Dakota or the small town holiday celebrations? You do not want to miss out on this unique experience. The Train will arrive in Minot on Dec. 17, 2022, at approximately 6:30 p.m. The actual event will go from 6:45 to 7:15 p.m. at the Main Street N railway crossing in downtown Minot, just past 10 North Main and the Depot. This year, folk rock singer Alan Doyle and country singer Kelly Prescott will perform.

If you are unable to make it to downtown Minot for the show (and it will be busy), cozy up at home and stream the concert on Facebook, YouTube or on the Canadian Pacific Website, cpr.ca.



The Canadian Pacific Holiday Train is a 23-year-long tradition that brings joy (and food) to people in over 160 cities in Canada and the northern United States each year. Attendees are encouraged to bring nonperishable or monetary donations to the free event to benefit the food pantries of the local community.

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# Kicking Off the Holidays: Downtown Open House

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Are you ready to begin the most wonderful time of the year? Downtown Minot is not wasting a single minute of the holiday season by hosting a magnificent celebration on the first official day of the Christmas season—otherwise known as Black Friday—the day after Thanksgiving. November 25 will be one for the books as the Minot Downtown Business and Professional Association hosts their gigantic welcome to Christmas event, the Christmas Open House. The old-fashioned event will feature the huge tree lighting, hot chocolate, carol singers, music, cookies, Santa and of course, LOTS of shopping and special deals all in downtown Minot!

Seasoned shoppers know that Black Friday is the peak time to get some unheard of deals and grab the gifts of the season on this once a year day. Almost every single business in Downtown Minot is gearing up for their biggest

shopping day and sales of the year with unbeatable gifts and prices. Plus, the casual window shopper can still get into the spirit by viewing all the lovely holiday themed window displays. The Downtown Open House will be greeting guests from 3-8 p.m., and the downtown parking garage will be open to parking for free all evening too! Margie's Art Glass Studio and The Black Iguana Coffee Shop at 109 S. Main St. will be featuring the musical group, The Denbigh Forest, from 5-8 p.m. along with shopping and ceramic painting. Main Street Books will be bursting at the seams with sales and fun as well. From 10-3 p.m. they will promote their infamous bag of used books for only \$5, and they will also offer 25% off any one regularly priced item! Plus, they are offering free, hot apple cider and candy canes and they will stay open until 8 p.m. At Gourmet Chef, guitarist Gene Putnam will

perform from 4-7 p.m., and they will have holiday food samples. Cookies for You will offer free cookie samples from 4-8 p.m. on that day as well.

The DBPA will offer more than great steals, it will host the over 50-year traditional Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:05 p.m. In Minot custom, the light switch for the magical tree lights will be switched on by the Minot AFB wing leadership teams. Before the big moment, guests will be treated to a mix of live music including a Christmas sing along by Chloe Marie. This festive event is outside, so dress warm. But, most businesses welcome guests inside for free treats and a chance to warm up from the bitter wind. Not only will this event be the perfect chance to start the holiday season, but a special guest will be coming in all the way from the North Pole that is not to be missed! (wink) See you there!



Minot's Main Street lights up the dark winter nights with a magical Christmas tree and a string of festive decorations down the main road.



A cheerful crowd awaits the big tree lighting moment at the 2021 Christmas Open House in downtown Minot. This annual tradition has brought joy to generations of Minot citizens and continues to draw thousands each year in the name of holiday spirit.

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Each year, the people of Minot begin their holiday celebrations with a gigantic Christmas tree placed at the end of Main Street and a tree lighting ceremony in November.

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**Col. Daniel S. Hoadley**  
5th Bomb Wing Commander



**Col. Kenneth C. McGhee**  
91st Missile Wing Commander

# Team Minot Holiday

Team Minot leadership wishes you the happiest of holiday seasons! Join 5th Bomb Wing Commander Col. Daniel Hoadley and 91st Missile Wing Commander Col. Kenneth McGhee in celebrating the spirit of the season downtown, but first, a little more about the new commanders.

Col. Daniel Hoadley is commander of the 5th Bomb Wing, Minot Air Force Base. He ensures the wing's combat readiness and is responsible for operations involving the wing's fleet of B-52H bombers to provide deterrence and long-range strike capability for combatant command operations worldwide.

Col. Hoadley graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 2000 with a bachelor's degree in history.

He has served in a variety of operational units, including duty as a standardization and evaluation pilot, chief of weapons and tactics, weapons school instructor, and squadron commander. Col. Hoadley is a command pilot with over 2,700 flight hours in the B-52, B-1, B-2 and T-38, including 238 combat hours.

He enjoys spending time with his wife Joyce, his children, Wesley and Lucy, and his dog Apollo.

Col. Kenneth McGhee is the Commander of the 91st Missile Wing at Minot Air Force Base. He leads over 1,800 Air Force Airmen and Civilians in support of the nation's land-based Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) mission. The wing operates, maintains and secures 150 Minuteman

III ICBMs, 15 missile alert facilities and 150 remote launch facilities covering an 8,500 square-mile area in central North Dakota.

Col. McGhee earned his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1998 from the University of Memphis. A career nuclear officer, he has served in a variety of assignments within the nuclear enterprise with duties related to intercontinental ballistic missile operations, training, and maintenance. He is a graduate of the National Laboratories Technical Fellowship Program at Sandia National Laboratory and National War College.

He is joined in Minot by his wife, Corliss,



Col. Daniel Hoadley enjoys the Christmas celebrations with his wife Joyce, and his children, Wesley and Lucy.



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# Live Performances

*Chloe Marie with  
Amanda & Leland Moen*



Chloe Marie is a country singer/songwriter from Minot, ND. In high school, she released eight original pop songs. After realizing her love for country music, she released two country singles, "Walk Away" and "Boy in the Bakken." Chloe Marie has been performing across North Dakota since she was sixteen years old. In the past year, she has traveled to Nashville for songwriting, opened for Will Banister at the North Dakota State Fair as a part of Hometown Sound, and played at the sold out Grand Ole Brewery event in Fargo, along with Tigirlily Gold and many other talented local musicians. She has even added two more states to her past events this year by playing in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

For this event, Chloe Marie will be joined by Amanda Moen and Leland Moen, originally from Upham. Chloe Marie has played with them frequently for the past three years. Their talent shines through their playing and smooth harmonies.



*Zack Mannino*



Raised in a small town in Louisiana, Zack Mannino grew up singing and playing instruments in the church. After high school, Zack went to college at Southeastern Louisiana University for a year before joining the U.S. Air Force. Zack is currently an Active Duty member and has served for 11 years. In 2019, Zack decided to start teaching himself how to play the guitar. His first solo gig was in June of 2020 and since then, he hasn't stopped. Zack has played all over the south to include GA, FL, TX, LA, WV, CO, and is now living in Minot, ND. This summer, he was selected as one of the Top Five Finalists in the Hometown Sound contest where he opened for Will Banister. Recently he was a part of an event raising awareness for domestic violence where he opened up for Tigirlily Gold.

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## Preserving the Past, Shaping the Future

M by EPIC is a planned mixed-use development that will make use of the Midwest Federal Building. The Midwest Federal Building, also known as "The Big M" and "M Building", first opened in 1963 as Minot Federal Bank. Minot residents remember multiple businesses being in this location

including: The Shirley Room, Arnold Theater, Embers, Midwest Federal Bank, Blue Cross Blue Shield, New York Life, Minot Center for Family Medicine, and many others.

This \$14.3 million dollar renovation will include 36 apartments and 9,000+ square feet of commercial space. "The more and more we learn about downtowns, we have realized

how important it is to restore the culture and continue to breathe life into the area," said McKenzie Braaten, Vice President of Communications at EPIC Companies. "It seems downtowns are the heart of many cities and Minot's is no different... We are proud to join other developers who have invested a lot to keep the area successful."