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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

5:00 PM
CHRISTMAS MUSIC (TENTATIVE)

5:30 PM
CHOLE MARIE CHRISTMAS SING ALONG- PART 1

5:55 PM
DOWNTOWN LIGHTS DEDICATION

6:00 PM
TREE LIGHTING PROGRAM

6:10 PM
CHLOE MARIE CHRISTMAS SING ALONG- PART 2

6:30 PM
END OF PROGRAM ON STAGE

AROUND TOWN

MAINSTREET BOOKS

Early Bird Deals 10:00am-3:00pm:
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NOV 17 - 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 17 and December 12 and Santa will send you a letter back! As long as there is a legible name and address.

NOV 23

MAGIC CITY TURKEY TROT!

9th Annual Magic City Turkey Trot! 5K/1mi Thanksgiving Day Run! Whether you're a competitive runner, a walker or somewhere in between, this event is for you! So lace up your running shoes, grab your leash, dust off that costume, and get ready to be part of an unforgettable Thanksgiving morning tradition!

Link to signup:
<https://runsignup.com/Race/ND/Minot/MagicCityTurkeyTrot>

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 2

TEAM MINOT TREE LIGHTING AND FROSTIVAL CEREMONY

DEC 5

MAGICAL MEDORA CHRISTMAS TOUR

This beloved tour has made its way across the Dakotas and Minnesota for more than six years and we're excited to help you continue the Christmas Tradition in 2023. Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at Minot State University in the Old Main Building. 7:30pm Central Time, Doors Open by 7:00pm. The 90-minute show is filled with Christmas carols you know and love performed by talented musicians and vocalists complimented by a wholesome message to help you celebrate the Christmas season.

DEC 10

CHRISTMAS AT THE ZOO

Community Giving + Family Zoo Walks
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A True Northern Tradition: THE CP HOLIDAY TRAIN

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 24 years: the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train.

24 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. 16, 2023, 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, Dallas Smith and MacKenzie Porter 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

ERIN BEENE, NORTHERN SENTRY

Are you ready to begin the most Wonderful Time of 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 24 this year will be one for the books as the Minot Downtown Business and Professional Association hosts their gigantic welcome to the Christmas season, the Christmas Open House. The community-style event will feature the Christmas 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 Minot Downtown 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 Downton Open House will be greeting guests from 3-8pm and the downtown parking garage will be open to parking for free all evening too!

Margie's Art Glass at 109 S. Main

St. will be featuring live music with Jordan Pederson along with shopping and ceramic painting. Main Street Books will be bursting at the seams with sales and fun with Early Bird Deals from 10am-3pm, buy one get one 1/2 off kids' books, \$5 fill-a-bag of used books, free apple cider and candy canes, 20% off one regularly priced item (some exclusions may apply) and free apple cider and candy canes. Over at Gourmet Chef, Guitartist Gene Putnam will be playing in the shop from 4-7pm. Down on the corner, Mainstream Boutique will have their fleece pull-over as a doorbuster, hot chocolate and chex mix during the tree lighting. Oliver's Attic will be serving their delicious chili outside until 4pm or until they run out, along with 15% off purchases for the day. Bray's Saddlery will offer cookies all day & a significant boot sale. Ricks Jewelry will be open 2-8pm and will be celebrating their 35th Anniversary in business with storewide savings, lots of specials and gifts with purchase. Additionally, you can get a \$5 off coupon if you bring a new toy for the Horn of Plenty. The Cozy Shop will be open on Friday, Nov 24 from 12-7pm. They will have coffee and chai tea for sampling, and also have an area set up for taking selfies and group pics. It will definitely be a chance to

get into the holiday spirit! Bernina Plus is keeping it simple with Black Friday Savings throughout the store. The Blue Rider Bar is offering FREE meatballs around 4pm and Live Music at 9pm! Keeping it classy, Liens Jewelry will host Holiday Jazz with Erik M Anderson from 5:30pm-7pm, a Black Friday Balloon Pop Event, savings of up to 20% off all day and hot cinnamon apple cider and cookies too!

Bring the kiddos to The Spot between 2-5pm for Hot Cocoa, S'mores and have a chance to see live reindeer! Drink specials and free pool for the adults from 3-8pm.

The Downtown business will offer more than great steals, it will host the over 50 year traditional Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony at 6:05pm. In Minot custom, the light switch for the magical tree lights will be switched on by the Minot AFB wing commanders. 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, 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, a special guest will be coming in all the way from the North Pole that is not to be missed! (wink)



Minot's Main Street lights up the dark winter nights with a magical Minot's Main Street lights up the dark winter nights with a magical 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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Colonel 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.

Colonel Benjamin (Dan) D. Jensen is the Deputy Commander of the 5th Bomb Wing, Minot Air Force Base, N.D. Colonel Jensen was commissioned in 2001. He graduated from pilot training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas and was operationally assigned to the B-52. He has served in multiple operational and training assignments and logged more than 3,000 hours in B-52H, T-37, T-6, and T-38A. Notable educational and staff assignments include Air War College and Deputy Chief, Capabilities Division for Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, HAF/A10, U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington D.C.

Chief Master Sergeant Tori M. Jones serves as the Command Chief for the 5th Bomb Wing, Minot Air Force Base, N.D. She is the primary advisor to the Bomb Wing Commander on matters of readiness, professional development, health, welfare,

discipline, quality of life, and force utilization. CMSgt Jones grew up in Berwick, Pennsylvania and entered the Air Force in June 2000 as a Command Post Controller.

Her background includes leadership roles from flight to Combatant Command Levels. Throughout

her career, Chief Jones has filled a myriad of roles including serving as additional duty First Sergeant, Squadron Superintendent and Wing Staff Superintendent, as well as being the first-ever non-aviator enlisted member to be cross-flown as a Contingency Response Team Chief. She has deployed on six AEF deployments ISO Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, and NEW DAWN as a C2 expert throughout the Middle East and on a Joint Expeditionary Tasking as an Iraqi Force Protection Officer and Mentor for NATO Training Mission-Iraq Forward.

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 landbased 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.

Colonel 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.

Colonel George Chapman is the Deputy Commander for the 91st Missile Wing. He grew up in an Air Force family and received his commission in 2003 from the Reserve Officer Training program at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. He has served in a variety of positions, including an instructor assignment to the U.S. Air Force Weapons School. His notable staff tours include Aide-de-Camp to the Commander, Twentieth Air Force/Task Force-214; executive officer to the Commander, U.S. Air Force Warfare Center;

Senior U.S. Fellow at the George C. Marshall European Center for International Security Studies, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany; as an Executive Officer to the Commander, U.S. Central Command; and as the Nuclear and Missile Operations Officer (13N) Career Field Manager. Colonel Chapman is a master nuclear and missile operations officer with

more than 5,560 hours of nuclear alert duty.

Chief Master Sergeant Ernest (Kacky) D. Crider serves as the Command Chief Master Sergeant for Air Force Global Strike Command's 91st Missile Wing, Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota. He ensures mission readiness by focusing on effective utilization, qualification training, professional development, morale, welfare and quality of life issues for the Wing's Airmen and their families. Chief Crider entered the United States Armed Forces in 1989. He served six years in the United States Navy as an Aviation Electronics Technician. Following a six-year break in service, Chief Crider entered the Air Force in October 2001 as a Communication & Navigation Technician prior to retraining to Flight Engineer. He has accumulated over 3,600 flying hours on the KC-10 Extender and has flown in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. In his free time, Chief Crider enjoys fishing and a variety of other activities that make the most of all North Dakota has to offer.

Thanks to the leaders, Airmen and families who carry out the mission each and every day. The Northern Sentry wishes you all a joyous holiday season!



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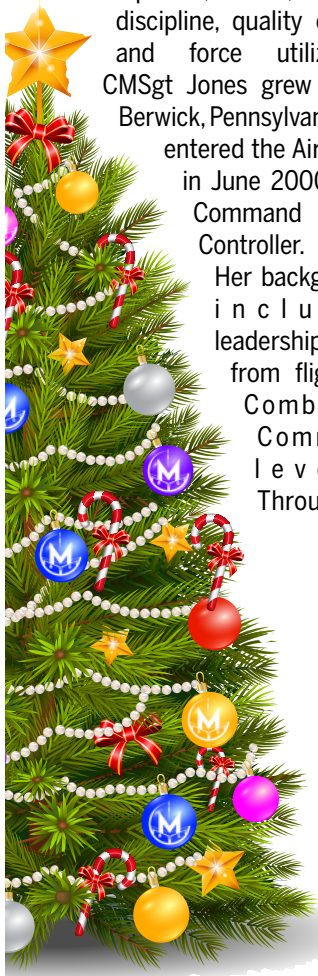
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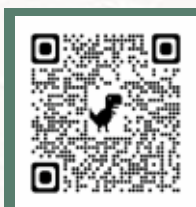
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Place your cookies in disposable packaging with a numbered count, and drop them off at the on-base or in-town locations above.

For questions email Jennifer Westphal at jenniferwestphal@gmail.com



LIVE PERFORMANCES



Chloe Marie with Amanda & Leland Moen

Minot country music singer/songwriter Chloe Marie has performed professionally since she was 15 years old with shows in six states, including at Tequila Cowboy in Nashville. She recently wrote and

recorded original music in Nashville and is working toward its release. Chloe Marie was nominated this year as one of the Best of the Best local performers in a competition hosted by the Minot Daily News. This

is Chloe Marie's third year of sharing her music at the Downtown Minot Christmas Tree Lighting. Joining her are Amanda Moen and Leland Moen.



Jared Schumaier

Jared Schumaier, a singer-songwriter from Minot, will take the stage at 5:00pm sharing Christmas songs and carols.



SANTA TRACKER

A family friendly program by the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) to track Santa December 24th around the world using military sensors and technology. The NORAD Tracks Santa website, www.noradsanta.org, goes live each Dec. 1 with games, videos, information and more, then we track Santa Dec. 24.



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