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Do Eat Asian

An AYCE Choice For Asian Cuisine

ROD WILSON, NORTHERN SENTRY

So many times you sit down at a new non-American cuisine restaurant and wonder about the menu items. Such was the case when we received our menus at Do Eat Asian Cuisine, no open on the northeast corner of Dakota Square. Do East Asian Cuisine opened in Minot almost a year ago, and they are very proud of their extensive menu, where menu items can be ordered ala carte, or All You Can Eat. Our server was very accommodating when it came to explaining the different menu items. Like any restaurant there

were several appetizer items, and with the All You Can Eat choice, it's easy to sample many of them, verses choosing one, or maybe one each, appetizer. Pretty much through the entire meal we would each order a different menu item and then share so that you not only had a chance to sample something that looked interesting to you, but sharing was certainly easy to do. Add to the experience All You Can Eat and your food experiences quickly multiply. The portions are smaller "but that allows you to sample more" according to our waiter, "and everything is absolutely made fresh

in our kitchen." When I entered the restaurant I was expecting there to be a buffet type atmosphere "but with a buffet you never know. When our food arrives at your table you don't have to guess how long it has been since it was prepared." General Manager Kiky Rizky share that their goal was "serving the heart of Minot and the Minot Air Force Base communities." He also pointed out that their theme in November was "Gratitude and Warmth. We are having an entire day where we are donating a portion of our proceeds to a non-profit organization. This time it was The Northern Plains Children's Advocacy Center." Kiky also pointed out that every item on the menu is also offered ala carte "for those who may not have time to enjoy the AYCE experience." And at the end, you can head for the unlimited dessert bar which comes with every order. So if you are looking for a dining experience that offers unlimited Sushi & Hand Rolls, Unlimited Hibachi, Unlimited Thai Food and at the end Unlimited desserts, Do Eat Asian Cuisine is your choice.



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Minot Area Chamber EDC Operation Homebound Launches 3rd Year with Nearly 70 Airmen Already Set to Travel Home for the Holidays

MINOT AREA CHAMBER EDC (MACEDC)

For hundreds of Minot Air Force Base airmen, there's no better gift than time spent with loved ones, and thanks to the Minot community, that gift is once again within reach. As the holiday season approaches, the Minot Area Chamber EDC (MACEDC) is proud to announce that nearly 70 airline tickets have already been booked to help Minot Air Force Base (MAFB) airmen travel home beginning in November and continuing through December - a strong start to the MACEDC program's third year.

Formerly known as Home for the Holidays, the MACEDC initiative has a new name: Operation Homebound. While the title has evolved, the mission remains unchanged: to ensure as many first-term airmen as possible can spend the holidays with the families and friends who matter most.

What began in 2023 with a simple question following a Military Affairs Committee meeting - "How can the community do more?" - has grown into one of Minot's most heartfelt annual traditions. After learning that four airmen were able to travel through the original MAFB run program known as Operation Bright

Holiday, the MACEDC board of directors rallied to create a broader, community-driven solution. With an initial \$15,000 allocation from the Prairie Warrior Auction, MACEDC launched a program built on community partnership and a promise that every donated dollar would go directly toward purchasing airline tickets to send airmen home.

The impact was immediate.

- 2023: 115 airmen sent home, supported by more than \$123,000 in donations.
- 2024: 138 tickets booked, powered by more than \$126,000 raised.
- 2025: Already nearly 70 tickets booked, with additional fundraising activities planned.

The rebrand to Operation Homebound reflects both the program's growth and its purpose. "It's a wonderful gesture. This beautiful Minot tradition is a perfect reminder of how lucky we are to be serving our nation in such a special place," said Col. Jimmy Schlabach, 91st Missile Wing Commander. "Many thanks to our community volunteers, military spouses and First Sergeants for making this holiday magic happen," added Col. Jesse Lamarand, 5th Bomb Wing

Commander.

For MACEDC, the name change reinforces a long-term vision. "Operation Homebound directly aligns with our military support pillar of advocating and supporting airmen and families," said Brekka Kramer, MACEDC President & CEO. "Minot isn't Minot without Minot Air Force Base. Our military members carry out our nation's most important mission, and we'll always look for ways to serve those who serve us. We are proud of the strong community support for this program."

Fundraising for 2025 continues. On December 4, two Minot Qdoba locations and Minot Jersey Mike's will donate 100% of their sales to Operation Homebound, meaning every meal purchased helps send another airman home. Direct donations may also be made through the MACEDC office or via Venmo at @MinotAreaChamberEDC.

For more information on how you or your business can support Operation Homebound, please contact the Minot Area Chamber EDC at 701-852-6000 or email keli@minotchamberedc.com



Operation Homebound recipients, Minot Air Force Base leadership, and Minot Area Chamber EDC members gather to recognize the continued success of the Operation Homebound program. Supported by the Minot community, the initiative has already secured nearly 70 airline tickets to assist Minot AFB Airmen in traveling home for the holidays, marking a strong beginning to the program's third year.

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OUR SIDE**
ROD WILSON

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Congratulations ...to the crew of Air Force Security Police who man the front gate(s) at Minot Air Force base. Today, which is Tuesday, November 18th, 2025, you eclipsed the record. What record you ask?

The record of being greeted 43 times in a row with a warm smile and a friendly greeting as I entered Minot Air Force Base for a meeting this morning. Those of you who have businesses know the importance of that “first impression.” In fact, many businesses will tell employees that “it is impossible to make a good first impression the second time.”

Training someone to smile and have a warm disposition when greeting visitors to Minot Air Force Base is really only part of the challenge. Take into consideration that it is a 24/7 job at the main gate, and the greeting facility faces straight north, which a lot of winter days is straight into a cold, northwest wind, sometimes with driving snow. And when they are giving out wind chills they just have to dress a little warmer, and hope for warmer days ahead.

And then during the summer there might be days of 100+ degree days or days with wind and rain... and yet their job is still to welcome folks with a warm smile and friendly greeting.

So once again, congratulations on a new Rod Wilson from the Northern Sentry Greeting With A Warm Smile record. Once the weather gets really cold, I mean cold enough to test the fiber of even us true NoDaks, we’ll still keep track.

**NOVEMBER 28TH CAN
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

As you read this I hope you are making plans to bring your family to Downtown Minot for our

Annual Holiday Open House & Small Business Saturday. We want you to have a good time. Festivities start at 3 PM.

But the Downtown Business and Professional Association want to give you a couple of opportunities to get your holiday season started right.

First, we will be once again partnering up with Toys for Tots, a popular Marine Corps promotion that allows you to drop off new, or slightly used, toys at the drop boxes in Downtown Minot. There will be a drop box conveniently located at the Taube Museum on the corner of Central and Main. The Taube is kind of Santa Claus central with Santa giving kids a chance to visit with him and enjoy milk and cookies, kind of a pay it ahead thing you know. It’s a perfect opportunity to drop off a toy for a child who is less fortunate...after all that’s part of Christmas, right.

Next, the DBPA is proud to team up with the Souris Valley United Way to conduct a food drive for their Backpack Buddy program. From Emily at United Way “The Souris Valley United Way’s Backpack Buddies program is currently feeding more than 610 elementary and middle students in Minot each week. Recipients are identified by school counselors and teachers as children who might otherwise go hungry on weekends. The Backpack Buddies program provides food security for children in all 10 elementary schools in Minot, Dakota Elementary on MAFB, and Jim Hill and Central middle schools.”

The SVUV will also have a collection point at The Taube. The food gathered will be used to fill backpacks. I’ve included some of the items that are most appreciated from donors.

I guess part of an old fashioned Holiday Open House is helping our neighbors enjoy the season. Let’s fill those boxes in the Taube with food and toys...and yes, November 28th can certainly make a big difference.

ARE YOU MAKING A LIST?

The list of everything that you want to do this winter in Minot and North Dakota. Curling, ice skating, cross country skiing, downhill skiing, ice fishing, sledding, walking

(or jogging) in the crisp winter air. Enjoying a show at the Mouse River Players or at one of the high schools, or attending a hockey or basketball game? Yep, lots to do. In North Dakota we don’t shut down during winter, we just take a

different direction and keep right on going.

TODAY’S CHUCKLE

The trouble with singing your own praises is that it’s hard to get the right pitch.



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The importance of the newspaper



**UPSIDE DOWN
UNDER**
MARVIN BAKER

As a lifelong journalist, I’m always going to be partial to newspapers. After all, my paycheck throughout my professional career of 31 years came from newspapers where I held various positions.

And, in past articles, I’ve described how a newspaper is important because of weddings, births, obituaries, high school sports reports and so on.

This example I’m going to provide, however, is somewhat different than anything I’ve ever written about or even imagined until about a year ago.

Since January, I’ve been working

on the Baker family tree and as last winter was waning, I spent a lot of time researching my heritage.

One of the things I couldn’t pin down was the story of how my uncle Leo Dean Baker was killed in a car accident near Hazelton in 1946.

Since that happened 79 years ago, there have been three conflicting stories about his accident and death and more conspiracies regarding it. Even though I’m retired as a journalist, I still considered it my obligation to the family to get the real story about what happened.

One of the stories told of him passing away in a Minot hospital, another said he ran off a curve north of town and yet another indicated his accident occurred southeast of Hazelton. Still another theory was that someone was chasing him when he ran off a road.

Basically all my parents ever told me was that Leo (my dad’s brother) was killed in a car accident. My five siblings and I really didn’t know anything beyond that. As a result of that, I set out in January to find out what really happened.

Newspaper style interviews, reading previous family history stories, and looking through family obituaries didn’t turn up a single clue on what actually happened.

Last week, there was a breakthrough and as you may have guessed, yes, it came from a newspaper article from June 13, 1946 on the front page of the Emmons County Record in Linton.

With assistance from the North Dakota State Historical Society archives, I was able to obtain the official historic document that told of my uncle’s accident which nullifies any other rumors that may have been floating around out there.

As it was described in the article, Leo Dean Baker, 24, was at a dance in Moffit with some friends. The dance ended and a party was started later in Hazelton, 14 miles south. At some point, Leo got into a friend’s car and drove off. His friends assumed he was just driving around Hazelton, but he didn’t return.

The article didn’t indicate whether he was drinking or whether he may have gotten into an argument with someone or had a disagreement with a girlfriend. That part, we’ll most likely never know. The police report, as said by the Emmons County Record, said he drove away from the party.

The rest was investigated by the Emmons County Sheriff’s Department. He left town traveling

north at a high rate of speed. After several miles he encountered a curve and upon realizing what was happening, he locked up the brakes indicated by deep gouges where the wheel tracks were discovered.

He was thrown from the vehicle and declared deceased at the scene at 1:25 a.m., on June 9, 1946. The sheriff stated there wouldn’t be an inquest because there was no reason to indicate foul play was involved. Apparently my uncle Leo acted alone which caused his death, just three years after his brother Bert was killed in World War II in the Aleutian Islands.

The article also describes in detail what happened as a result of the investigation, which at times became graphic in nature. As I read the article I could only imagine what my grandparents must have felt when they read the same article, even though they were aware of what happened before it was published.

Conflicting stories nullified, conspiracies debunked, the facts as they happened, pinned down to set the record straight for the family tree. All the questions were answered from a newspaper article, yet another reason why newspapers are so important.



SHE’S NOT FROM AROUND HERE
AMY ALLENDER

Thanksgiving is a little like Valentine’s Day.

Stay with me. Every February, someone inevitably says, “I don’t need a holiday to remind me to love my spouse,” or “We should love each other every day.” And they’re not wrong. But also... after 12 months of routines and responsibilities, sometimes it’s nice to have a day that nudges us to pause. To remember. To celebrate what matters.

Thanksgiving has that same dynamic. I hear the statements made about the “Day of Thanks” as the “Day of Love”: “We should be thankful every day,” or “I don’t need a holiday to practice gratitude.” True—but if I’m being honest, sometimes I need a jump start. I say thank you to the barista, I prompt my kids to say it when someone hands them a sucker at the bank. But deeper gratitude—the kind that steadies you when life feels heavy—takes intention.

Every year, Thanksgiving seems to arrive just in time. Just when I start to become blasé and take gratitude for granted, it arrives.

And with cold weather and long nights settling in, I’m ready for a reset. Because when it comes to battling discontentment, gratitude is the most effective antidote. Not forced positivity. Not blind optimism. Not ignoring hard things. But authentic, grounded gratitude that trains your brain to see the good—even when someone isn’t giving you a hot cup of coffee, or candy for good behavior.

Here are a few simple practices that keep gratitude alive long after the pumpkin pie is gone.

1. MODEL GRATITUDE OUT LOUD.

Don’t just think thankful thoughts—say them. Tell your spouse why you appreciate them. Tell your kids something specific you noticed they did well. Even if you don’t have kids watching, this reshapes your inner world. Speaking gratitude out loud strengthens neural pathways connected to positive thinking. It literally builds a new “shortcut” in your brain. And, it feels good. Not just for the person hearing the “thank you” but for your own ears, too.

2. BE CONCRETE—VAGUE GRATITUDE DOESN’T STICK.

“I’m thankful for my best friend” is nice. But “I’m thankful for my best friend because she always answers when I call and makes me laugh harder than anyone else” lands differently. It adds texture and depth. This works with strangers, too. Instead of a generic thank you, try: “My order came out so fast—thank

you, I really appreciate it.” Specific gratitude becomes meaningful gratitude.

3. REFRAME UNFAVORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES.

This is the most powerful gratitude tool I know—though it’s not easy. Reframing doesn’t mean pretending everything is fine. It means finding something true and good inside a situation you’d rather skip. Instead of “I hate road construction; this is annoying,” try, “I’m grateful for people with skills to complete this project. This will be so great when it’s finished.” Just avoid the comparison version: “At least I’m not that guy.” That’s not gratitude—it’s judgment in disguise.

4. USE THANKSGIVING AS A JUMP START, BUT KEEP THE MOMENTUM.

Neuroplasticity tells us our brains change with repetition. If gratitude is a muscle you want to strengthen, it has to be consistent. Start on Thanksgiving if you need the push, but keep going. Eventually your brain learns to choose gratitude first—naturally, almost effortlessly. It’s one of the most stabilizing habits during a North Dakota winter when days are short, nights are long, and loneliness or homesickness can sneak in.

Here’s the good news: none of us get gratitude perfect, and we don’t need to. Thanksgiving simply gives us a moment to pause and remember that gratitude is worth practicing because it changes how we experience our own lives. It

softens the edges of hard seasons. It reminds us that even in a culture obsessed with more—more stuff, more achievement, more everything—we already have so much worth noticing.

This season, try one of these habits. Just pick one. Practice it for a week. You might be surprised by how much more “enough” your life begins to feel.

And if nothing else, let Thanksgiving be the invitation to look around, breathe deep, and say—with your whole heart—“There is good here.”

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HOLIDAY TRIP PLANNING CAN SAVE A LOT OF HARD ACHE

It’s hard to believe that the holiday season is fast approaching! Along with the holiday season, many base personnel and their families will be heading out of the local area and even out of state to spend time with their loved ones. Here are some important suggestions to keep in mind to help ensure your trip is a safe one.

- Map the route you are driving. Do not alter from the planned route.
- Discuss your plan with your supervisor and leave a contact phone number.
- Ensure your vehicle is in good mechanical condition. Check the oil, window washer fluid, tire pressure, and ensure you have packed a survival kit. Essentials in the survival kit are; flashlight, candles, matches, sleeping bag (1 per occupant of vehicle), non-perishable food stuffs that can be eaten with out preparation. An MRE is a good idea.
- Plan rest stops for about every 2 hours of drive time.
- Get adequate rest before starting trip. Altering normal sleep patterns may make you more susceptible to drowsy driving.
- Wear sunglasses to prevent eye strain caused by glare off snow and road way.
- While en-route to your destination, have planned contact times to let your contact person know every thing is still okay. Unless surprising a person, it is best to use the person you are traveling to visit as the contact person. The contact person can inform you of current weather and road conditions, etc. The reason for this check in times is if you do not call, that person can notify the highway patrol of a potential stranded motorist. Remember to give the contact person details such as; color, make & model of the vehicle, license plate number, and number of persons in vehicle.
- If you get stuck in the ditch, stay with your vehicle. Having

a cell phone would be helpful. Remember to run your engine for about ten minutes every half hour. The American Automobile Association recommends cycling your engine every hour for about 20 minutes. By using ten minute half hour cycles, you allow the oil in the vehicle to stay fluid, you also allow for less time to have vehicle lose the generated heat and now you can use the car radio to listen to weather updates and emergency broadcasts at the top and the bottom of the hour, instead of just one segment of

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One last bit of advice: Drive for road conditions and your own capability. If you need additional information, please call the wing Safety office at ext 2259/3305.

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Airman First Class (A1C) Marisol Garcia has made impressive strides in her 5-level upgrade training, completing 78% of her requirements within just six months, putting her well ahead of schedule. Currently, she is serving in a manning assist role at the 23rd Bomber Squadron, where she processes flying hours and aircrew sorties for 90 aviators during a 50% squadron aviation resource manager manning shortage. In addition to her core duties, A1C Garcia contributed to Global Thunder preparations by assisting with a deep cleaning of the Alert Facility during the government furlough, ensuring the facility maintained high operational standards despite contractor support. During U.S. Strategic Command’s largest nuclear exercise, she took on CQ duties, managing logistical support and ensuring aircrew accountability. Her efforts played a key role in generating 44 sorties, showcasing the Command’s readiness and lethal capabilities.

GAME SALUTE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

A1C Marvin Beltre-Diaz

91st Missile Security Operations Squadron Convoy Response Force
Hometown: Brooklyn, New York



Airman First Class Beltre-Diaz has served in the Air Force for two and a half years. As a heavy weapons expert, he was selected to be a machine gunner during the Annual Nuclear Convoy Validation Exercise. His tactical skills were crucial in helping his team earn recognition as the “Best Convoy Response Force” in Air Force Global Strike Command.

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Recipients of the Northern Sentry Salute will be honored at the respective Minot Minotauros home game. In recognition, each recipient and three guests will receive V.I.P. seating to the noted home game, a \$25.00 Gift Certificate good for concessions at the game, and during the game they will be recognized by the Minotauros public address announcer as well as having their photo and nomination published in the Minotauros Magazine.

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Global Strike Airmen strengthen strategic readiness during Global Thunder 26

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Global Thunder 26 (GT26), the latest iteration of U.S. Strategic Command’s annual field training and command and control exercise, concluded Oct. 26 here.

While Exercise GT26 occurred at multiple locations, Minot AFB supported activities amongst two bomb wings and a missile wing accounting for two thirds of the U.S. nuclear triad.

Airmen and B-52H Stratofortress bombers from the 2nd Bomb Wing, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, traveled to Minot AFB and worked alongside the 5th Bomb Wing to test their readiness. Meanwhile, members of the 91st Missile Wing conducted Bully Vigilance 25-2 in conjunction with GT26 at nearby missile sites.

“Team Minot is made up of disciplined and dedicated Airmen,” said Col. Jesse Lamarand,

commander of the 5BW. “It was impressive to see the 5BW Warbirds working alongside the 2BW Strikers during this exercise. Our teamwork, readiness, and combat capability is the foundation for strategic deterrence. GT26 gave us the opportunity to showcase that.”

GT26 included training scenarios across all U.S. Strategic Command mission areas, with a strong emphasis on nuclear readiness. During the exercise, personnel from the 5BW, 2BW and 91MW demonstrated their ability to maintain a strategic deterrent force that is safe, secure, effective, and credible.

“The American public should be very proud of their dedicated Airmen, and any potential adversaries should take seriously our combat power,” said Lamarand.

A team of teams including security forces, aircraft maintainers,

flight crews, missileers, munitions experts, airfield managers, food service staff, and other critical support roles worked nonstop under elevated security measures to demonstrate their readiness and hone their skillsets.

“I’m proud of the Rough Rider Airmen’s consistent dedication, and I’m proud we were able to showcase it during GT26,” said Col. Jimmy Schlabach, commander of the 91MW.

“Our around-the-clock readiness deters threats and protects the U.S. and our allies. Exercises like GT26 allow us to test and strengthen our capabilities and help us improve our lethal readiness,” said Schlabach.

GT26 reinforces readiness and operational skills for the 5BW, 2BW and 91MW, reaffirming Team Minot’s capability to deliver rapid and reliable global strike at any time.



A U.S. Air Force B-52H Stratofortress assigned to 2nd Bomb Wing, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, takes off as part of Exercise Global Thunder 26 at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Oct. 26, 2025. Global Thunder is an annual command and control exercise designed to train U.S. Strategic Command Forces and assess joint operational readiness.

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A U.S. Air Force C-130J Super Hercules assigned to the 40th Airlift Squadron, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, arrives in support of Global Thunder 26 at Minot Air Force Base, Oct. 18, 2025. Exercises like Global Thunder involve extensive planning and coordination to provide training opportunities for assigned units and forces.

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A B-52H Stratofortress assigned to 5th Bomb Wing, Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, is parked on the flight line during Exercise Global Thunder 26 at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Oct. 23, 2025. Global Thunder is an annual command and control exercise designed to train U.S. Strategic Command forces and assess joint operational readiness.

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Senior Airman Sierra Smith, 91st Missile Maintenance Squadron topside maintainer, performs maintenance operations during Global Thunder 26 at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Oct. 23, 2025. Global Thunder is an annual command and control exercise designed to train U.S. Strategic Command forces and assess joint operational readiness.

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A Humvee is parked on the flight line during Global Thunder 26 at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Oct. 25, 2025. Global Thunder is an annual command and control exercise designed to train U.S. Strategic Command forces and assess joint operational readiness.

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U.S. Airmen assigned to the 5th Maintenance Group, Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, load AGM-86 air-launched cruise missiles onto a B-52H Stratofortress assigned to the 5th Bomb Wing during Global Thunder 26 at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Oct. 22, 2025. Exercises continually develop Airmen and aircrew skill sets by improving operational capabilities and increasing mission readiness.

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It doesn’t matter if you are a brand new Airman starting your first assignment or sneaking up to that 20 year mark as an Air Force family, being the new one in town always just plain stinks. You have to find your way around town by relying on the GPS, discover what you like, get the kids plugged in and the list goes on and on. You know all about it the newbie struggles. You’re living it.

There are pits that come with being new-in-town, but the perk here is that the city of Minot is hands down THE MOST military friendly this writer has ever witnessed. Some communities near military bases say they are welcoming of their interant military comrades. But, let’s be honest, saying that isn’t always followed by welcoming actions. You know how hard it can be to break into long term communities as a temporary outsider. Have you experienced that “military judgment stare” that follows when introducing yourself to locals? Have you found it hard to dig into finding friends because the local community finds it more tiresome to connect with someone that will only be here a few years? That struggle is real to frequent movers like us.

However, in Minot’s case, that is simply not the truth of the matter at all. Churches, kids sports teams, restaurants, apartment complexes, and local businesses all welcome their military families with friendliness and a genuine sense of interest. Most everyone will happily help you with directions, suggest a popular place to visit or even tell you about the Minot history of this boom railroad town.

Just ask a Minot local about the Flood of 2011, everyone has a story to tell about that major event. They will ask you about where you’re from, how you’re liking North Dakota and what interests you. If you let them, the local Minotians will become your biggest friends.

Don’t let the rumor mill sway your decision before you find out for yourself; Minot is small town living community at its best. And if you let it, it can become a place you and your family feel loved, appreciated, accepted and happy.

Here’s how:

1. Step out of your comfort zone a little bit, and be willing to see things from a new perspective. Try not to get stuck in “the way you have always done things” mentality.
2. Take it day by day and try something new every week.
3. Don’t only do things on base. The drive on HWY 83 to

town is easy and straightforward -especially during the warm months- so take this chance to try it out and get comfortable driving.

4. Explore Downtown Minot. Even if you’re a big city snob, downtown Minot is the epitome of local small town cuteness at its best and worth frequent visits, especially during festivals, which aren’t overly crowded and people actually smile at each other
5. Do as the locals do. Try camping, ice fishing, outdoor ice skating, attend hockey games (Minotauros and Minot State) and shop local. You’ll find it may just change your perspective on life here.
6. Try not to compare Minot to other places, because it’s not like anywhere else. Try to take it for what it is and if you do, you’ll see what makes it special.

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The Civil Air Patrol Magic City Composite Squadron commemorated Veteran’s Day at the Minot Armed Force Reserve Center with two ceremonies that celebrated service and the enduring commitment of our community to honor, remember, and teach.

Thanks to the generosity of the Minot Area Community Foundation, the squadron cadets received a \$1,500 sponsorship towards veteran wreaths for Wreaths Across America, helping to ensure that every veteran laid to rest at Rosehill Cemetery is honored this December. The check

was presented by Program Director, Staci Kenney, and President, Jason Zimmerman, who also gave an inspiring talk to the teenage cadets and their families on the power of community fundraising and remembrance.

Following this meaningful gift, the evening shined a spotlight on nine of the Minot Squadron’s newest Cadets, who earned their first promotion to Cadet Airman after successfully completing the Great Start Program. Over the past 10 weeks, these young leaders have embraced lessons in followership, leadership, service, character,

fitness, and drill, laying the foundation for a lifetime of civic engagement and personal growth.

Their promotion marks the achievement of the Curry Award, named after Major General John F. Curry, CAP’s first National Commander in 1941. “During World War II, civilian aviators—men and women alike—stepped forward to serve when military enlistment wasn’t an option,” explained Squadron Deputy Commander Major Ben Conlin. “Their spirit of volunteerism, patriotism, and generosity gave birth to Civil Air Patrol, a legacy

that continues to inspire today’s cadets.”

The cadets of Minot’s local Civil Air Patrol are asking the community to help spread the word about Wreaths Across America. You’re encouraged to share this initiative with employees, coworkers, friends, and family. The goal is to ensure every veteran at Rosehill Cemetery is remembered with dignity and gratitude.

To sponsor a wreath for a veteran, visit MinotWreaths.org. The 2025 Sponsorships Goal is

1,000 Veteran Wreaths, so no hero is left behind; presently, there are 577 sponsorships, leaving 423 yet to be sponsored. The donation deadline is November 28th.

To order by check, make it payable to Wreaths Across America and mail to: CAP WAA, 2400 N. Broadway, Suite E, Minot, ND 58703 with the order form. Order Forms are available to print at FB.com/MinotWreaths. If you have questions, please email MinotWreaths@gmail.com.



A check was presented to the cadets of Civil Air Patrol Magic City Composite Squadron by The Minot Area Community Foundation Program Director, Staci Kenney, and President, Jason Zimmerman, for Wreaths Across America veteran wreath sponsorships.



Civil Air Patrol Magic City Composite Squadron promoted nine new cadets to the rank of Airman on Veteran’s Day.

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Minotauros Nov. 7-8 Recap

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Amid a Central Division race that is growing tighter by the week, the Tauros and Norsemen squared off for the second straight series as Minot looked to build on last weekend’s sweep in St. Cloud.

Entering the weekend, the Tauros were looking to leapfrog the Norsemen in the standings as the previous weekend’s sweep in St. Cloud closed the gap to a mere two points between the two teams.

The action picked up early on Friday night as Tauros’ forward Mario Fate was able to tuck home a second-chance effort in front of the Norsemen net to put Minot ahead just 25 seconds into the action.

Assisting on the opening goal for Fate was Braeden Jockims and Artem Prima, as they picked up their second and seventh assists on the season, respectively. The goal for Fate marked his fourth of the year.

Despite the quick start, Fate’s goal would be the only goal of the period as the 1-0 Tauros’ lead would hold into the first intermission.

After twenty minutes of play on Friday night, Minot held the shots on goal advantage 14-11.

A quick cross-checking penalty in the second period would provide St. Cloud with an extra-man advantage less than two minutes into the middle frame.

The Norsemen would take advantage as Gabriel Bugeaud would find the back of the net, beating Tauros’ netminder Devin Rustlie blocker-side to pull the game even at aces.

Nearly seven minutes later, it was the Tauros answering to restore the lead. It was Chase Pavlesich in his first game as a Tauro lighting the lamp, feeding a backhanded shot into the cage from close quarters to make it 2-1.

The Tauros would once again take a lead into the dressing room

as the second period horn would sound with Minot leading by one.

Shots through two periods of play favored St. Cloud, 27-20.

Minot would pick back up right where they left off as Dominic Pajkic would find nylon on a power play with 16:53 remaining in regulation to extend the Tauros’ lead to 3-1. Pajkic’s goal would mark his second of the season, with assists from Prima and Fate.

Just about halfway through the third period, it was Brady Zucec adding another for the men from the Magic City as he was able to redirect a shot from Solominsky into the net to extend the Tauros lead to 4-1.

With 10:28 remaining in regulation, chaos would ensue as Ori and Shaw would drop the mitts, leading to a slew of penalties both ways.

The Norsemen would be the ones seizing momentum following the scrum as William Esterbrooks would net one on the power play to cut the Minot lead in half.

Esterbrooks’ goal would be his fifth on the season and 18th point of the year as the Tauros’ lead was cut down to just two goals.

Minutes later, it was newly acquired forward Samuel Misak navigating through traffic and burying one five-hole into the back of the net to bring the Norsemen back within a goal with 7:40 left to play in regulation.

The Tauros defense would hang on, keeping the Norsemen scoreless through the final minutes of play to seal a 4-3 victory for Minot. The win would mark the Tauros’ third straight and bring Minot even with the Norsemen in the standings, tied at 15 points.

Getting the win in net was Devin Rustlie for his fourth of the season. Rustlie saved 30 of 33 shots faced to improve his record to 4-2-2 on the year.

Saturday night provided the Tauros an opportunity to take sole possession of fifth place in the division and get back to the .500 mark going into the off-week next weekend.

It was Lucca Ori getting the party started in the series finale as he fired one past Norsemen goaltender Wesley Jefferson-Swint II glove-side through traffic on the extra-man advantage to give the Tauros a first-period lead with 7:43 remaining in the opening stanza.

Prior to the period’s end, St. Cloud responded courtesy of a Tanner Hunt goal that snuck by Brian Cooke to pull the game even at 1-1. The goal would mark Hunt’s fifth of the season to tie the contest up entering the first intermission.

St. Cloud would carry that momentum into the second frame as Tyler Geyer would thread one to Bugeaud to the open side of the net for a tap-in goal for Bugeaud’s second of the weekend, giving the Norsemen their first lead of the season against the Tauros.

It wasn’t until the waning moments of the second period when the Tauros would find nylon again.

It was Zucec finding his eighth goal of the season and fifth against the Norsemen as he dragged one past the St. Cloud defense and fired it into the left side of the net to tie the game heading into the second intermission.

At the break, the Tauros held a 21-17 edge in shots.

A tightly contested first two periods would give way to a dramatic finish down the stretch in the Saturday night affair.

The third-period scoring would start just 1:10 into the frame as Brady Zucec would snag his second of the night and ninth of the season, putting one past Jefferson-Swint II to take back the lead for Minot.

Just over three minutes later, it was Jakub Habla adding on for the Tauros on his fourth of the year with assists from Ty James and Dane Ramirez to make it a 4-2 game with 15:03 remaining in regulation.

Despite a swift momentum shift, St. Cloud wouldn’t go down easily.

Wyatt Farrell would slice the Tauros’ lead in half as he swept a loose puck home from in front of the net to get the Norsemen back within striking distance with over 13 minutes still left to play.

Less than a minute later, Minot would have a response.

This time, it was Briggs Knott going backside, finding the open half of the net for his first of the season in Minot to restore the two-goal lead. Assisting on the goal was Habla and Cap Priem, as Habla would notch his second point of the night.

St. Cloud would add one by way of Avery Shaw, but it would prove to be too little too late as the Tauros would hang on for the 5-4 win in the Magic City, marking

their fourth straight win in a row.

The win completed a second straight weekend sweep over the Norsemen for the Tauros as they now sit in sole possession of fifth place in the Central Division.

The Tauros will head into the off-week with a 7-7-3 record, with a series against the third-place Austin Bruins awaiting them on the other side.

That series will take place on November 21st and 22nd on the Pepsi Rink at Maysa Arena. Tickets for those games and all Tauros’ home games can be purchased on the Tauros’ online ticketing site.

For those who cannot make it, as always, all Tauros’ games are broadcast live on NATV along with a free live audio broadcast on the Tauros’ YouTube, Facebook, and Mixlr pages.

To stay up to date with the Tauros over the off-week, make sure to tune into Tauros All Access Monday-Thursday at 3 PM with Preslie Davis and Olivia Tosto on YouTube and Facebook.



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Maintenance is an essential component of responsible vehicle ownership. Routine maintenance can help discover problems before they escalate into potentially costly issues. Maintenance also keeps vehicles running smoothly, making them more enjoyable to drive and extending their life expectancy. Various factors can help to determine how often drivers should change their vehicles' fluids and take them in for tuneups. Such variables include how frequently a vehicle is driven, the type of driving (city or rural) drivers do and how many miles are on the car. However, drivers can still rely on this basic car maintenance schedule, courtesy of Advance Auto Parts, to serve as a guide.

3,000 miles/3 months

Advance Auto Parts notes that monthly fluid checks typically are unnecessary with newer vehicles, though older vehicles should be inspected for leaks once a month. Among the fluids to check after every 3,000 miles or three months, whichever comes first, are:

- Engine oil level
- Windshield washer fluid
- Coolant
- Brake fluid level
- Transmission fluid
- Power steering fluid

Drivers also can use 3,000 miles or three months as a benchmark to check tire pressure, hoses and belts. Many vehicles now display tire pressure for each tire on the dashboard, and drivers should pay attention

to those numbers and put air in their tires when necessary. When inspecting hoses, touch them to make sure they're not leaking and bulging. Hoses should be a little flexible, especially when they are warm.

5,000 miles/6 months

Oil and oil filters should be changed at this interval. In addition, this is a good time to rotate tires and inspect lights to make sure they're still operating at peak capacity. Drivers also can check their cabin and engine air filters and replace them if need be. Changing these filters is a simple DIY project, and drivers can find an assortment of YouTube tutorials to help them complete these projects. Wiper blades also can be inspected around this time or whenever drivers suspect the blades aren't operating at peak capacity. Replacing wiper blades is another simple DIY project that drivers can complete in a few minutes.

10,000 miles/12 months

Advance Auto Parts notes that synthetic oil is typically used in cars made since 2010. Each manufacturer is different, and drivers should check their manuals for recommendations. Synthetic oil and filters in vehicles that use synthetic oil is typically changed every 10,000 miles or 12 months, whichever comes first. Once a year drivers should ask their mechanics to check the alignment on their vehicles and the condition of their brakes.

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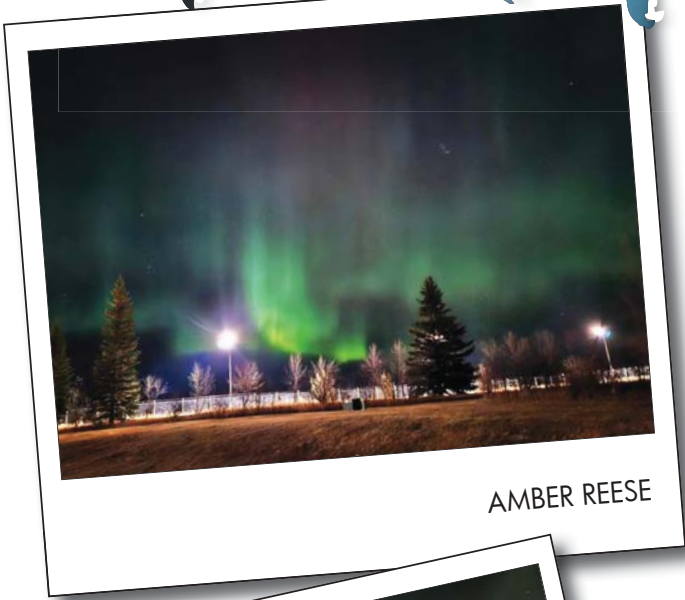
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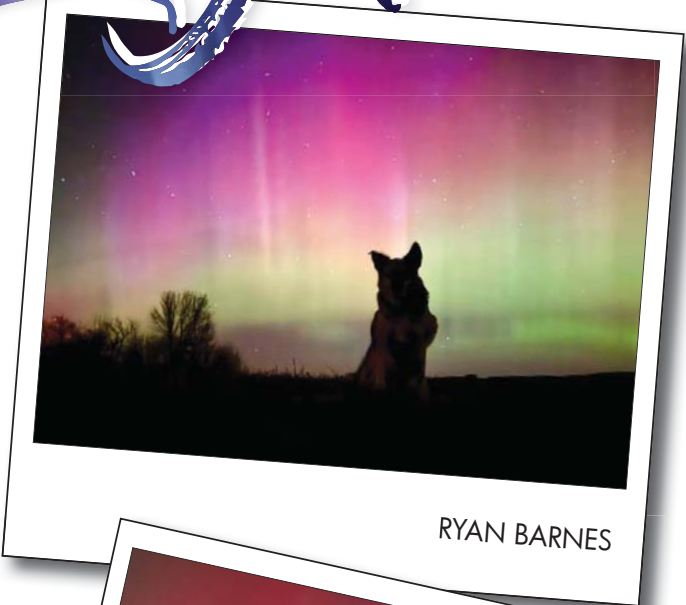
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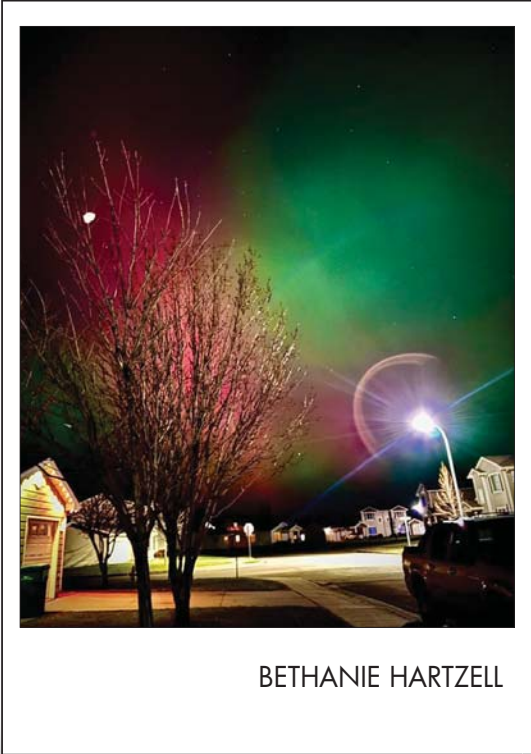
Last week, North Dakota, and many other northern states, along with some central and southern ones, got a rare glimpse of a solar flare storm that lit up the skies. Seeing the beautiful Northern Lights, also called the Aurora Borealis, is a bucket-list experience for many, and the Minot sky did not disappoint. Across the base and throughout town, people captured breathtaking photos of the night sky illuminated by the glowing Northern Lights.



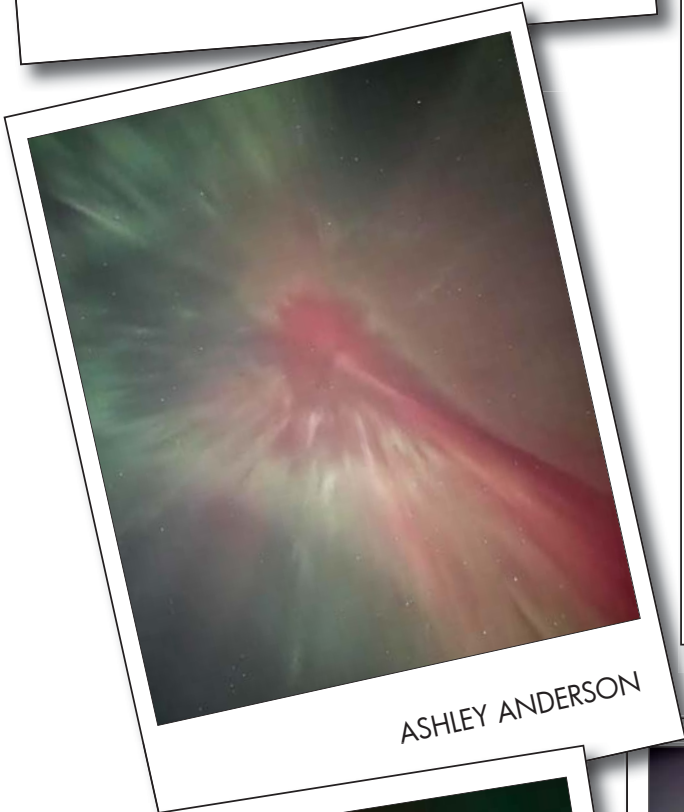
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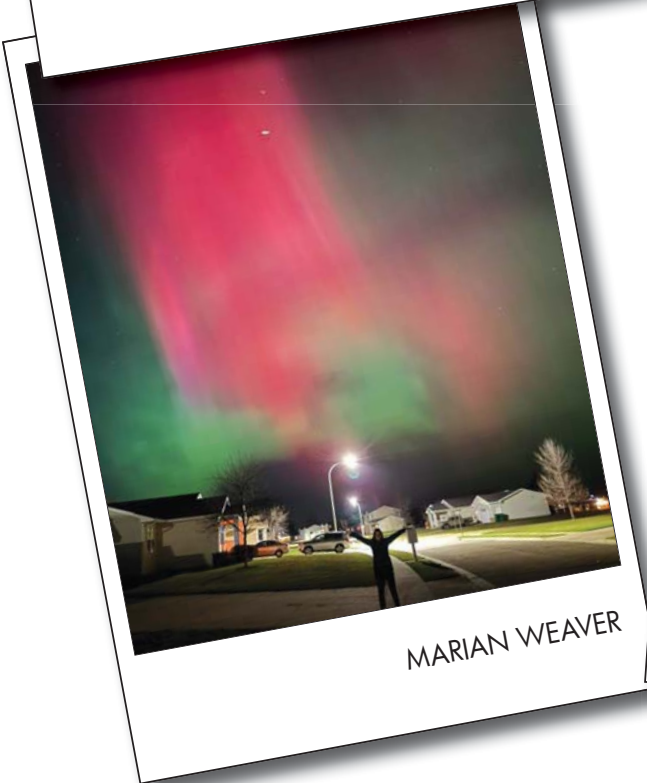
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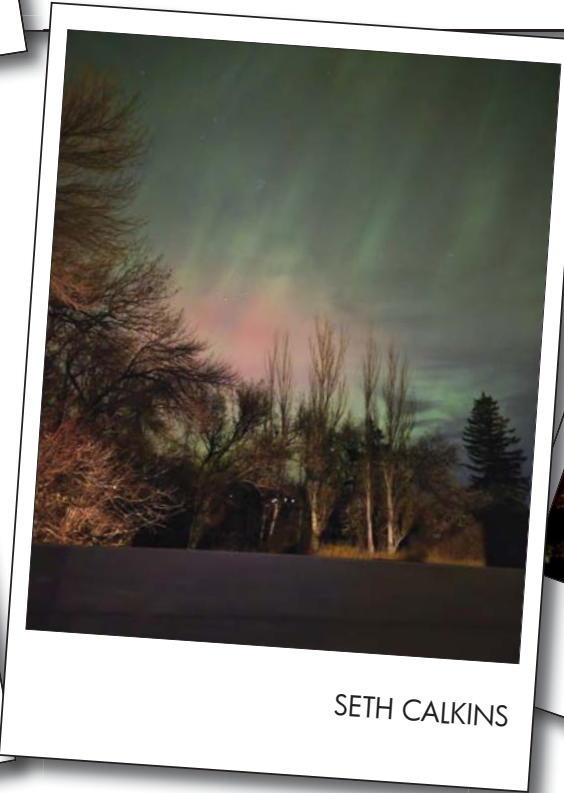
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NOVEMBER OUTDOOR MUSINGS

Patricia Stockdill

One's mind tends to wander when sitting in a quiet blind.

Well, it wasn't really a blind, it was hidden – as much as one can be with a hunter orange cap and jacket – amongst a tangled clump of silverberry shrubs on a pasture knoll during a warm, near mid-November late afternoon. Pheasants cackled somewhere in the background. Waves of snow geese and lesser Canada geese creased the sky. While the deer rut activity was increasing, on that particular afternoon they must have decided they would wait until the dark hours to be up and about because they were as quiet as the beautiful North Dakota day.

But that's OK because it provides opportunities to relax and just let one's mind wander; musing about past mid-November outdoor experiences and reflecting on the abundant opportunities afforded here:

Hmm, it seems there was one year when the weather was just like the day sitting in the silverberry, only this time instead of silverberry it was wearing the same orange cap and jacket trying to appear as nothing but a weird colored rock among buckbrush. Being a shorter shrub than silverberry it's harder to hide. But it was easy to soak up the sun.

And fall asleep on that particular quiet November afternoon. A setting sun and much cooler temperatures brought the realization – and awakening - that it was time to leave the field. Those memories bring warm thoughts. The memory of trying to drag a buck out of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Waterfowl Production Area (WPA - they're open to all legal hunting seasons) through knee-deep snow while it's still snowing provided a reminder of just how different each deer gun season can be.

Bundled up in warm layers of clothing with the advantage of walking to keep even warmer, the idea was to head out for what, given weather conditions, would likely be the last opportunity before the season closed a few days later.

One shot and I had my deer. But that's where the challenge began. Even the hilltops had more than a foot of snow and I had about one-half mile between me with my field-dressed deer and the vehicle. It was a slow, slow drag but as darkness set in my

husband realized I wasn't along the prairie trail bordering the WPA.

He had been sitting in a blind (hmm, much more weather protection than my walk) about 4 miles away. Being prepared, we had taken a sled along "just in case". Also, thankfully, we were in an area with wireless reception so I could describe the direction the deer and I were slowly coming from, and he met me with the sled for a much easier exit. The other thing one tends to think of when it's a beautiful, calm mid-November day is that it seems a vast majority of light geese wait and lesser Canada geese wait until the North Dakota deer gun season is on before they start their major migration southbound.

Living in west-central North Dakota, we get to experience the heart of Central Flyway migration, especially along the Missouri River System. The air almost echoes with their cackling and honking. It's a treasure to observe and a major waterfowl hunting opportunity.

If one isn't trying to harvest a deer.

Sometimes the geese will stay, resting, loafing, and feeding for the strength to travel yet another 1,000-plus miles. Other time weather dictates they continue arduously onward to the south with conditions like that deer season with a deer on a snow-laden WPA.

The "big" geese – giant Canada geese, though, will stay for as long as Mother Nature dictates, which means late-season waterfowl opportunities as well as the opportunity to watch the hardy birds on the Missouri River and open water of Lake Sakakwea. And then there are those taunting pheasants one hears while sitting among the quietness of that mid-November afternoon. It seems they know there's a rifle in hand and no one is carrying a shotgun with an eager Brittany in the lead, nose busily scenting their presence.

So they can cackle and crow away, taunting. Maybe the quiet afternoon in the silverberry shrubs atop a pasture knoll wasn't so quiet after all. It was busy with memories, smiles, and silent laughter.

More than anything, it was busy with the appreciation of the opportunities afforded someone taking the time to soak up the true outdoor experience.



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- 1. Decides to go
- 10. Don't go
- 15. Misconception
- 16. Cavaradossi's lover
- 17. "That's personal"
- 19. Comic Louis
- 20. Putter, ideally
- 21. Desiccated
- 22. At another time
- 24. __ dictum: passing remark
- 26. Dictator's aide
- 29. David's eldest son
- 31. Birth
- 34. Capt.'s heading
- 37. Save the day
- 39. Thin-rail filling
- 40. Listen
- 41. Apothecaries' weights
- 42. Not reached, as a goal
- 43. One of the Bernoullis
- 46. "Overturned Blue Shoe With Two Heels Under a Black Vault" and others
- 48. "A Jug of Wine ..." poet
- 49. Reunion attendee
- 52. "__ the year's midnight ...": Donne
- 55. A-test danger
- 59. Record
- 60. Not that bad
- 61. Columbia players
- 62. Surgery tool

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Down

- 1. Matching
 - 2. Host
 - 3. Used up
 - 4. __-Caps: candy
 - 5. Smiley, for one: Abbr.
 - 6. Print made on stone, briefly
 - 7. Cineplex theater name
 - 8. Foster child?
 - 9. 8 on the Beaufort scale
 - 10. UPS unit
 - 11. Gets connected
 - 12. To date
 - 13. Get home?
 - 14. "Crossworlds" actor Rutger
 - 18. You can dig it
- 22. Stake
 - 23. Road sign
 - 25. Crams
 - 26. Compassionate gp.
 - 27. Town near Wheeler Peak, New Mexico
 - 28. "Cope Book" name
 - 29. A Musketeer
 - 30. Air
 - 32. 1982 Toto hit
 - 33. Action __
 - 34. Fraud
 - 35. Indisputable
 - 36. Word with wind or wing
 - 38. D.C. group
 - 41. Southwestern Connecticut town
- 43. Superman's father
 - 44. Certain Arab
 - 45. Couldn't help it
 - 46. Bases' antitheses
 - 47. Variety
 - 50. Its parliament is the Althing: Abbr.
 - 51. 2002 erupter
 - 52. Lazy river floater
 - 53. Madonna's "La __ Bonita"
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 - 58. Light touch



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Finding My Place at the Youth Center

JOSHUA PAEZ SCAMARDELLA, AGE 12

Hi! My name is Joshua Paez Scamardella, and I just moved here from Orlando, Florida. This is my family's first base, so everything was super new to me — new school, new house, new everything! At first, I was nervous because I didn't know anyone here. I really missed my friends and family back in Orlando. I also think a lot about Venezuela, where my family is from, and how different things can feel sometimes. Then I started going to the Youth Center, and that's when everything started to get better — all thanks to Mr. Jay. He's awesome! He's the one who created really fun programs like Fear Factor Camp and Club Torch. Fear Factor Camp was crazy fun — we had to do all kinds of

challenges that were a little gross but super cool! Club Torch is awesome too because we get to do activities that make us think, help others, and work as a team. Mr. Jay is super kind and funny, and he makes everyone feel like they belong. He helped me feel welcome from the first day. Now I actually look forward to going to the Youth Center all the time. I've made new friends, and I feel like this is my place now. I'm really glad I met Mr. Jay and got to be part of what he built here. He makes the Youth Center more than just a place to hang out — it feels like a second home. Thanks, Mr. Jay, for everything you do and for making kids like me feel at home!

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Minot North Athletics: WDA, State, With More to Come!

BRYLEIGH MCBRIDE, STUDENT JOURNALIST

Minot North is still a young school, only two years old, but this year has already shown what happens when determination lines up with talent. From the volleyball court to the pool to the turf at the Fargodome, Sentinel athletes have pushed harder, stepped up in tougher moments, and proved that Minot North is not just building a program. It is building a standard. Volleyball has been one of those sports where you can see the growth happening in real time. The girls battled through a tough WDA schedule and took on strong non conference matchups that forced them to adjust, learn, and stay competitive. Their coaching staff is strong and the players have clearly committed to building something that lasts. Even without a WDA title yet, the progress is obvious. Every match looks a little more controlled, a little more confident, and a lot more connected. It is the kind of slow burn that eventually turns into a breakout season. Girls' swim has been on a similar path. The record does not tell the full story, and honestly it never does for a developing program. These athletes have been grinding through a stacked conference and still chasing personal best times with real consistency. You can see the potential, especially with how hard the group trains and how locked in the coaching staff is. They did not bring home a WDA

championship, but they showed up at every meet ready to fight for better results, while individually qualifying many swimming for WDA, and that matters just as much right now. It is a team that is clearly building toward future state contenders. Then there is sentinel football, which completely changed the conversation around Minot North athletics. Their run to the Dakota Bowl was the kind of story that does not feel real until you are watching it play out in the Fargodome. An 11 and 1 season with a perfect record in WDA play, a dominant defense that shut down almost everyone they faced, and a level of discipline that felt way beyond the age of the program. They took down Red River in the quarterfinals, outlasted Central Cass in a tight semifinal, and punched their ticket to state for the first

time in program history. Even in the Dakota Bowl, they fought until the last second. A late touchdown, an onside kick attempt, and one final shot at the end zone showed exactly who this team is. They did not leave quietly, but with a roar. Devils Lake took the title, but Minot North proved something just as important, getting second place with such a stellar record. They belong on the biggest stage in North Dakota high school football. What ties everything together is the identity forming across all Minot North sports. The sentinels do not fold. They do not get intimidated by older programs. They are willing to grind through the hard seasons to get to the historic ones. Volleyball is sharpening. Swimming is building. Football set the bar. And the momentum is not slowing down. The Sentinels are only getting started.

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Thank you, **students**, for continuing to learn, grow, and thrive amidst an ever-changing political climate in which parents/guardians may inadvertently share their frustrations. Your focus and drive to excel has not gone unnoticed, as your sports teams secure wins, your school assemblies showcase your American pride and talent, and your volunteer efforts in student clubs and community events help bring our families closer together. I hope that you will continue to independently develop as impactful citizens with respect, courage, compassion, and integrity so that our United States may collectively become greater through your presence!

Thank you, **educators**, for expertly teaching and supporting our youth amidst global and local challenges. During the 2026 Teacher of the Year ceremony at the Capitol, Gov. Kelly Armstrong called teaching “the most noble profession we have in North Dakota” and added, “Nobody affects

the future of North Dakota more than our teachers.” Also, former North Dakota Superintendent of Public Instruction, Kirsten Baesler, stated, “Teachers have the opportunity to change the world by lifting up the next generation” (Achterling, 2025). Both of these North Dakota leaders not only recognize, but applaud your current and future impact. We are lucky to live within such a teacher-supported state, among educators who work tirelessly to ensure our students succeed.

As your School Liaison Program Manager, I give a special thanks to our Public Schools on our Military Installation (PSMIs): North Plains Elementary, Dakota Elementary, and Memorial Middle School. The educators, administrators, and support staff in our PSMIs continuously and expertly navigate incoming/outgoing military-connected student’ challenges and work alongside me as we provide real-time solutions and support. Additionally, thank you, Erik Ramstad Middle School educators for welcoming me into your school community this month, so I could share knowledge on Supporting Military Families for your Professional Development, as you work to obtain the Purple Star Award. Lastly, thank you, Glenburn Public School educators

for scheduling a similar session with me in the near future as you, also, seek this military-friendly school recognition!

Thank you, Minot, North Dakota **community** and our local, surrounding areas. Our friendly communities contribute to our students’ success, because they work hard to provide opportunities that enhance their learning and lifestyles. For example, Full STEAM Ahead in Minot ceaselessly offers Robotics camps and STEAM opportunities, which are highly valued always, but especially now while Starbase ND funding is currently nonexistent. In fact, 80 local students have been adversely impacted by Starbase ND’s closure thus far. Our Minot Air Force Base Robotics Team, Dragon Master Builders, was made possible through Minot AFB’s partnership with Full STEAM Ahead. This past week, local archeologist, Dr. Amanda Watts from Minot State University, shared her many dig experiences with our military-connected master builders – further enhancing our understanding of this year’s theme: Unearthed. Freely giving of her time and support to share her lifelong passion was a treasured experience!

Moreover, Minot was fittingly recognized as a Great American

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Defense Community this year due to its special relationship with Minot Air Force Base. We feel this daily, and I am so grateful to partner with Minot Public School Foundation to offer deployed parent dolls to families, Minot Public Library to support student literacy, and our recent Career Expo to share High School student college, career, and military options. There are so many other organizations—evident at our annual Minot AFB’ Back-to-School Brigade—and I thank you all for enhancing the quality of life for our military families!

As your School Liaison Program Manager, I promise to continue to develop and enhance these partnerships—actively enriching our local educational climate—to best support our military-

connected students, educators, and communities. Please reach out with any partnership initiatives or resource requests to mafb.school.liaison@us.af.mil or 701-240-2380!

Achterling, Michael. “North Dakota 2026 Teacher of the Year wants to use platform to advocate for educators.” North Dakota Monitor, 26 September 2025. <https://northdakotamonitor.com/2025/09/26/north-dakota-2026-teacher-of-the-year-wants-to-use-platform-to-advocate-for-educators/>

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Minot Mayor Mr. Mark Jantzer and 5th Bomb Wing Commander Col Lamarand at North Plains Veterans Day Assembly.



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Local Cadet Program Celebrates Major Milestones in Youth Development: Graduates largest introductory class in over 25 years

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Civil Air Patrol’s Minot-area cadet program reached a historic milestone this month as nine new cadets completed the Great Start curriculum and earned their first promotions. The graduation marks the largest introductory class in more than 25 years of recorded activity for the Minot community, signaling renewed momentum in youth development, leadership training and civic engagement.

The Great Start program introduces cadets to the fundamentals of followership, goal setting, military drill, customs and courtesies, and proper uniform wear. This year’s class completed the eight-week course under a hybrid model that relied heavily on senior cadets for instruction and mentorship, demonstrating the program’s simultaneous growth in advanced leadership opportunities.

“Civil Air Patrol has never seen this level of parallel growth in Minot,” said Cadet Programs Commander Maj. Benjamin Conlin. “Our newest cadets are receiving strong, structured instruction, while our senior cadets are developing into confident leaders who plan, teach and mentor others. This momentum is the strongest indicator of a program that is thriving.”

Each graduate earned the rank of cadet airman, the first step in CAP’s progressive leadership and aerospace education pathway. The week also featured several advanced achievements: Cadet Ezekiel Hoverson earned promotion to cadet second lieutenant, receiving the prestigious Billy Mitchell Award, and Flight Sergeant Emma Slocum achieved the top enlisted cadet grade of cadet chief.

The squadron continues to expand its training capabilities despite temporary funding limitations that have delayed cadet orientation flights. Orientation flights will resume in the coming weeks, giving cadets the opportunity to take the controls of a CAP aircraft and apply their classroom learning in the air.

“Minot’s cadets are stepping forward with drive and discipline,” said Squadron Commander Maj. Jeffrey Slocum. “Their achievements reflect the strength of our youth, the dedication of our volunteers and the renewed energy behind one of the region’s longest-standing leadership programs.”



Visitors are always welcome Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at 3450 2nd St. NE, Minot, ND 58703. The next Great Start class begins Jan. 13, 2026. Contact benjamin.conlin@ndcap.us or visit gocivilairpatrol.com/join to learn more about CAP opportunities at any location.

Promotion well deserved. Cadet Kohen Merkel assists the promotion ceremony. Maj. Jeffrey Slocum pins on Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Emma Slocum’s new Chief rank while Maj. Benjamin Conlin pins on the opposite side. This promotion reflects Slocum’s work training the new cadets while developing her own leadership skills.



Accomplished: Minot’s first cadet officer promotion in over five years. Joann, Ezekial and Jeff Hoverson celebrate Ezekial’s work over the last two years, completing all requirements to become a Cadet 2nd Lt.

CIVIL AIR PATROL PHOTO BY MAJ. JEFFREY SLOCUM



Transformed: Minot’s largest graduating great start class for Civil Air Patrol receives their first promotion after eight-weeks of disciplined training at the Minot Armed Forces Reserve Center.

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THE SON TAY RAID

NOVEMBER 21, 1970

A painting of raiders exiting a crashed helicopter at Son Tay, by Mikhail Nikiporenko. (USAF)

During the Vietnam War, U.S. intelligence revealed evidence of over 50 prisoners of war being held at Son Tay, in North Vietnam. The Joint Chiefs of Staff and President Nixon believed that a rescue operation was worth the risk and appointed Air Force Brig. Gen. LeRoy J. Manor as mission commander and Army Col. Arthur D. “Bull” Simons as the ground force commander. The raid was a joint-force operation that began early on the morning of November 21, 1970.

While Navy carriers used flares to create a diversion, Air Force and Army Special Forces flew in under the cover of night. Once inside Son Tay, it was revealed that the POWs had been previously relocated. All military personnel involved returned safely after the 27 minute raid. While it failed to free POWs, the Son Tay Raid was still considered a success. North Vietnam consolidated POW locations to prevent other raids, making POW communication easier and raising morale and hope for the future. It also served as a basis for future joint-force missions. “Military leaders... were so motivated and committed to the rescue of the prisoners that their desire for solidarity and unanimity overrode any realistic appraisal of what was facing them,” said John Gargus, the lead navigator for the mission.

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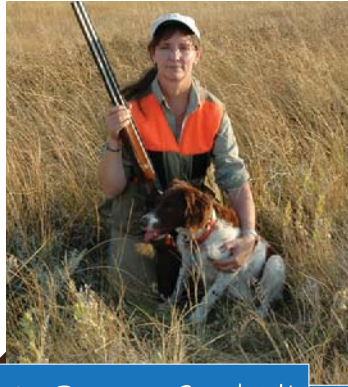
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•Lake Darling, Karma C-Store, Ruthville: No new reports.

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•Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Some activity around Deepwater Bay west to the river portion around New Town on Lake Sakakawea. Not much activity on the east end.

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- Nov. 22: Light Up Scandinavian Park Christmas tree lighting, 6 p.m.
- Nov. 23: Deer gun season closes.
- Nov. 24: Hunter's Brunch, Audubon Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge. Freewill brunch sponsored by Audubon Refuge Partners for hunters and non-hunters alike on opening day of upland game hunting at the refuge.
- Nov. 25: Minot Curling Club free youth instruction for 10 years of age and older, 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 25 – Nov. 27: Minot Curling Club Open House 6 p.m.
- Nov. 27: Magic City Turkey Trot, Dakota Bark Park, 9 a.m.
- Nov. 28: Deer muzzleloader season opens (lottery license drawing).
- Nov. 28: Minot's Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting and Open House, 3 p.m. with tree lighting at 6 p.m.
- Nov. 28 & 29: Fort Stevenson State Park Dicken Village Festival Ornament Geocache with coordinates live on park's Facebook page at 8 a.m. Free with park daily entrance fee or annual pass.
- Nov. 28 & 29: Fort Stevenson State Park "Make It & Take It" gingerbread house for all ages from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free with park daily entrance fee or annual pass.
- Nov. 28 – Nov. 30: Minot Rifle & Pistol Club Minot Gun show, N.D. State Fair Center, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, & 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. \$5 admission with children under 12 free with parent.
- Nov. 29: Christmas Lights in the Park, Oak Park, sponsored by the Sertoma Club through New Year's Eve, 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 29: Dove season closes.
- Nov. 30: Snipe season closes.

•Lake Sakakawea/Missouri River, Scott's Bait & Tackle, Pick City: Little to no activity on the east end of Lake Sakakawea or the Missouri River tailrace.

•Lake Sakakawea/northwest N.D. lakes, Scenic Sports, Williston: Lake Sakakawea continues producing nice walleye activity, including around the beacon by Tobacco Garden. Try jigs and minnows or jigging Raps. Good walleye success coming from the Yellowstone and Missouri rivers with some nice-sized fish taken.

•North-central/central N.D. lakes, Towner Hdwe. Hank, Towner: Area lakes remain quiet.

HUNTING:

•Deer: Rut appears to be underway with more activity during daylight hours.

•Pheasants: Hunters continue

finding fair bird numbers in parts of the northwest.

•Waterfowl: Fair numbers of birds around the midsection of Lake Sakakawea earlier in the week. Lots of movement around the east end of the Missouri River System. Pockets of geese remain on larger water bodies in the northwest but most ducks and geese moved on. A lot of birds also moved out of north-central N.D. over the last week with wetlands iced over. Devils Lake area also quiet, including not many diving on Devils Lake itself.

NUMBERS TO KNOW:

- N.D. Game and Fish Dept., main Bismarck office: (701) 328-6300, website: (<http://gf.nd.gov>).
- Report All Poachers: (701) 328-9921.

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- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- TAP DOL Employment Track Workshop, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Airmen's Night Out, 1600-2200, Maysa Arena, hosted by Outdoor Recreation
- Progressive Bingo – Fall Series, 1730, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Gobble Up Skate Night, 1800-2000, Youth Center
- No Limit Hold'em Turbo Tournament, 1800, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Karaoke Nights, 2000, Rockers Bar & Grill

SATURDAY22

- Five Nights At Freddy's Escape Room Game Begins, Minot AFB Library
- Karaoke Battle, 1700, Rockers Bar & Grill

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- Yellow Belt Process Improvement Foundation Training, 0800-1500, Atomic Spark Innovation Lab, next to B-Fifty Brew
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Sponsorship Training, 1300-1430, M&FRC
- Palace Chase/Front Briefing, 1400-1500, Professional Development Center

TUESDAY25

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Yellow Belt Process Improvement Foundation Training, 0800-1500, Atomic Spark Innovation Lab, next to B-Fifty Brew
- Moving Out of the Dorms Budget Class, 0900-1100, M&FRC
- Tuition Assistance (TA) Brief, 1000, Education Center
- Game Day, 1000-1930, Base Library
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Retraining 101, 1300-1400, Professional Development Center
- Credit and Debt Management Workshop 1300-1500, M&FRC

WEDNESDAY26

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Informed Decision Seminar, 0800-1200, Professional Development Center
- SkillBridge Brief, 1000, Education Center – Room 211
- Pre-Deployment/Remote Readiness Training, 1000-1100, M&FRC
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Storytime, 1030, Base Library

THURSDAY27

- Thanksgiving Day
- For a full listing of Thanksgiving Day holiday facility hours, visit 5thforcesupport.com
- Thanksgiving Meal, 1030-1330, Dakota Inn Dining Facility
- Thanksgiving Meal, 1630-1800, Dakota Inn Dining Facility

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