

Community

Meetings & Schedules

WEST RIVER TRANSIT runs Monday through Friday locally in Garrison; to Bismarck every Thursday (from Garrison and all towns south); to Minot on the first Tuesday of the month (from Garrison and Max) and to 4 Bears Casino on the last Wednesday of the month. The Garrison/Underwood bus serves Garrison, Benedict, Butte, Turtle Lake, Pick City, Riverdale, Washburn and Wilton. Reservations are needed 24 hours in advance, call 224-1876.

BONE BUILDERS meet every Monday and Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Garrison Senior Center.

GARRISON SENIOR CENTER is open Monday through Friday. Business meeting is held second Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. with a potluck supper at 6 p.m. the last Friday of the month.

MAX SENIOR CENTER every Tuesday- join us for coffee and games at 2 p.m. On the fourth Friday of the month, there is a noon potluck with meeting to follow.

RYDER HAPPY HOUR SENIOR CITIZENS meet the first Monday of each month at the Senior Citizens Center on Main Street in Ryder at 12 p.m. The Senior Citizens Center is also open for breakfast from 7-9 a.m., Monday through Friday. Contact P.J. at 701-240-7081 with questions.

RYDER COMMUNITY CENTER ASSOCIATION holds their regular monthly meetings on the third Monday of each month in the Old Ryder School Gym at 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY has their food distribution on the fourth Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at their new location at 181 Ellsworth Street, Makoti. Drive up only.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets Sundays at First Lutheran Church, Washburn, at 7 p.m.; and every Thursday at the Garrison Hospital cafeteria, at 8 p.m.

GARRISON LIBRARY is open Mondays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday-Thursdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MAX LIBRARY is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-5 p.m.

GARRISON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE meets the first and third Monday of each month at The Cubby Hole at 12 p.m.

GARRISON-MAX AMBULANCE BOARD meets the second Wednesday of each month at the ambulance barn in Garrison at 7 p.m.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP meets the first Wednesday of each month from 2-4 p.m. at the Minot Public Library. For more information, call 837-8538 or 858-8016.

GARRISON AREA RESOURCE CENTER (GARC) operates its Thrift Store on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; it is also open on food pantry distribution days the fourth Thursday of each month – from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. Proceeds from The Thrift Store support GARC's food pantry.

SAKAKAWEA WOOD CARVERS meet the third Monday of every month at the REC Building, Garrison, at 7 p.m.

GARRISON SPORTSMEN'S CLUB meets the third Thursday at 7 p.m. at the indoor shooting range.

WEST McLEAN SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT meets the second Tuesday of each month at the following times: from January to March at 10 a.m., from April to September at 8:30 a.m.; and from October to December at 10 a.m. at the USDA Service Center, Garrison.

THE PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD meets the fourth Saturday of each month at the SACA Lodge in Garrison starting at 9 a.m.

McLEAN-MERCER BOOKMOBILE travels to: the first Monday of each month to Benedict (10 to 10:30 a.m.), and Butte (11 a.m. to 12 p.m.); the first Tuesday of each month to Dodge (9:15 to 10 a.m. MT), Golden Valley (11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.), and Hazen Senior Suites (1:00 to 1:30 p.m.); the first Wednesday of each month to Max School (9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.); the first Thursday of each month to Wilton School (9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) with public access (1:30 to 2 p.m.); the second Tuesday to Underwood School (9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.); the third Tuesday to Center-Stanton School (9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.); the third Wednesday to Raub (11 to 11:45 a.m.) and Roseglen (12 to 1 p.m.) the third Thursday to Mercer (9:30 to 10 a.m.) and Turtle Lake-Mercer School (10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

GARRISON AMERICAN LEGION H.P. MINEHAN POST #49 meets the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Legion Building.

To have your meeting or event listed, call 701-463-2201 or e-mail tyson@nordaknorth.com. Items should be received by 5 p.m. Monday for inclusion in that week's newspaper.

Color Run for fun

The Garrison FFA is hosting a Color Run Fundraiser on Sunday, May 17, starting at 5:30 p.m. The two-mile walk/run will start and finish at Garrison City Park with a free-will supper to follow at the park.



Flath pulls in a whooper

Garrison's **Brandon Flath** caught this 72-pound paddlefish near the Pumphouse by Scenic Sports in Williston on Monday, May 4. Staff is always nice and quick to help me spool line last minute and get me in and out quickly.

Notice of Annual Meeting North Prairie Regional Water District will hold its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026

with registration and call to order at 5:00 pm
and business meeting to follow at 6:30 pm,
at the **State Fair Center, Minot, ND**

**Director positions up for election are for the
areas 1D, 6D and At Large.**

Also included is Voting on By-law Amendments.

GARRISON DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS SPOTLIGHT

PAUL GARCIA SCHOLARSHIP

Paul Garcia was a friend to all—full of laughter, joy, and a touch of sarcasm. His smile brightened every room he entered, and his knowledge was often (though not always) appreciated.

Paul was diagnosed with Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency. Despite the challenges this brought, his optimism never wavered. He consistently chose to see the brighter side of life, making the most of each day and facing adversity with strength and a smile. His zest for life was refreshing.

Paul spent many years doctoring in Minot, Garrison, and Rochester. While his disease was not curable, his outlook remained rooted in love, laughter, and joy. Through this scholarship, we aim to honor his legacy by investing in the future of medicine—supporting advancements that may improve the lives of others facing similar challenges.

Paul was deeply grateful for the care he received throughout his life. To him, medical professionals were more than caregivers—they became friends and family. While we grieve his absence, we find comfort in knowing he is at peace, breathing comfortably and free from the burdens he once carried.

This scholarship was initiated by NorDak North staff. The funds are a contribution from community members. If you would like to donate to this scholarship please contact Dollars for Scholars, Sundi Lagge at TruCommunity Bank, Garrison.



Happy Birthday

Birthdays are fun! The Independent would like to wish you a Happy Birthday. Just send us the date of your birthday or someone special ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE BIRTHDAY. We don't save birthdays year to year. Please resubmit each year. Send date, name and address (no age). Mail to Birthdays, Independent, Box 309, Garrison, ND 58540.

Make someone's birthday happier.

May 14: Larry Thurn, Wishek; Jim Suydam, Roseglen; Laurie Deutsch, Plaza; Steve Hoff, Parshall; Duane Berg, South Prairie; Jason Ziolkowski, Minot; Tracy Schneider, Bismarck; Sarah Hrichena, Minot; Vernida Songer, Huntsville, AL; Kris Thompson, Argusville; Rosalie Woodmancy, Yankton, SD

May 15: Addison Miller, Ryder; Barb Dyke, Plaza; Elaine Petrick, Minot; Mike Olson, Minot; Kari Mart, Lamoure; Crystle Sheppard, West Fargo; Dennis Olson, Brooklyn Park, MN; Marilyn Kletzien, Lake Wales, FL

May 16: Morgan Bauer, Garrison; Peyton Andes, Minot; Robert Helton, Minot; Duane Edwards, Sr., Redding, CA
MAY 17: Lu Graeber, Garrison; Lisa Skolrud, Kingman, AZ; Connie Opperude, Minot; Lloyd Dahl, Minot; Cooper Douglas, Minot; Mike Zenner, Northfield, MN

May 18: Caden and Nolan Latham, Des Lacs; Jackie Kohler, Max; Ronald Rustad, Bismarck; Debbie Hansen, Ryder; Galen Larson, Ryder; Cathy Coleman, Minot; Leanne Brossart, Minot

May 19: Nanc Sandstrom, Plaza; Sue Ellen Feist, Garrison; Richard Kimball, Dacono, CO

May 20: Billee Jo Iglehart, Garrison; Sarah Chase, Garrison; Ardyce Huber, Minot; Dustin Ziemann, Minot; Jayger Brown, Minot; Nancy Schuelke, Walker, MN

Garrison FFA Annual Color Run

Sunday, May 17th
@5:30 p.m.

Start and Finish
at Walleye Park

Approximately 2 miles
Shirts available for
purchase

**Free Will Supper
to Follow**

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DAY INTO THE PAPER!**

Garrison Meeting Places

The Cubby Hole: 463-2631
City Auditorium: 463-2600
Lamplighters: 463-2600
SACA Lodge: 463-2121

Please call for cost/details and to
reserve your time and place.