

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. 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-Thursday 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.)

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.

Annual Angel of Hope memorial this weekend

The Angel of Hope memorial, located just over the little bridge in Wilderness Park, will be lit for viewing on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 7-8 p.m. The Memorial Service will be Sunday, Dec. 7, at 4 p.m. Call Mike Matteson for more information.

Are you from Max and enjoy writing?

The McLean County Independent is looking for a Max correspondent. If you are interested, contact tyson@nordaknorth.com.

Common holiday scams to look out for

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The holiday season usually means fun with friends and family, goodwill and giving. Unfortunately, it's also a prime time for cybercriminals to perpetrate fraud. Here are some common holiday scams to look out for this holiday season:

Online shopping scams. Criminals create professional-looking websites and ads promoting popular items at steep discounts, but what you receive may be different than advertised—if you receive anything. Be cautious of unusually low prices and avoid clicking on ads in emails, texts, or social media. For safer shopping, go directly to a trusted retailer's website or app and pay with a credit card for stronger protections.

Delivery scams. As holiday packages crisscross the country, scammers send out phishing

emails and texts that appear to be from UPS, FedEx, or the U.S. Postal Service, notifying recipients about incoming or missed deliveries. Links lead to fake sign-in pages that request personal information, or to sites that may be infected with malware.

Gift card scams. Criminals steal gift cards in bulk from store racks, collect the information from the card, and return them to the rack for unsuspecting buyers. When the gift card is bought, criminals immediately drain the money. It is safer to buy cards that are kept behind the counter, or directly from the retailer's site.

Learn how to spot and avoid scams with AARP Fraud Watch Network™. Suspect a scam? Call our free helpline at 877-908-3360 and talk to one of our fraud specialists about what to do next.

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.

Dec. 4: Joyce McKinzie, Rolette; David Underdahl, Burlington; Donnette Strange, Colorado Springs, CO

Dec. 5: Jan Norenberg, Garrison

Dec. 6: Julie Behles, Garrison; Britt Matte, Garrison; Voni Slind, Garrison; Donna Larson, Ryder; Hayden Kautt, Roseglen; Jaycie Klabunde, Bismarck; Gary Sorenson, Fargo

Dec. 7: Allen Janz, Ryder; Randy Phillips, Ryder; Dustin Kulseth, Bismarck

Dec. 8: Neola Garbe, Minot; Stacey Hill, Williston; Alice Sundin, Rolette

Dec. 9: Joan Bauer, Garrison; Nicole Johansen, Williston; Judy Bingen, Minot; Tana Raulston, Great Falls, MT

Dec. 10: Candace Berntson, Garrison; Joshua Kolden, Roseglen; Samantha Rasmusson, Minot; Bob Knutson, Minot; Ardell Skogstad, Minot; Carrie McCluskey, Dickinson; Keith Torgeson, Crosby; Darla Churness, Eagan, MN; Zane Reed, Daytona Beach, FL

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permit for their Fall Breakfast that was scheduled for Oct. 11 and a second permit for a picture raffle that was to be held in November. Both motions passed.

Benedict

The Benedict City Council was called to order by Mayor Randy Tomlinson for its monthly meeting on Oct. 13.

Auditor Amy Ones presented a list of delinquent utility bills in the total amount of \$2,285.91 for the council to review.

The council approved an extension for Red Skies Bar and Grill's November and December liquor license.

3:00 PM TO 5:00 PM FREE WILL DONATION 13TH DEC

Santa & Social

COOKIES & DRINKS
HAM DRAWINGS EVERY HALF HOUR!
SPECIAL GUESTS MR. & MRS. SANTA

- MUSIC BY WAYNE KABANUCK
- PINOCHLE/CARD GAMES/CORN HOLE
- BOUNCE HOUSE & KIDS GAMES

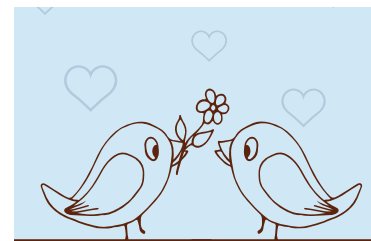
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Garrison Meeting Places

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.