

# 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 pm., 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](mailto:tyson@nordaknorth.com). Items should be received by 5 p.m. Monday for inclusion in that week's newspaper.

### 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.

### Book study at 1st Congregational Church this month

A book study of "The Serviceberry" will be held each Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at 1st Congregational Church- Garrison from now through Feb. 11.

### Garrison Rural Fire Department to hold annual meeting

The Garrison Rural Fire Department will host its social, supper and meeting starting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 27.

### Register for Hunters Safety

If you were born after 1961, you are 12 years or older, you must take an in-person or home study certified hunter education course before you can get a firearm or bowhunting license in North Dakota. Individuals interested in taking a hunter education class in 2026 can go to [gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov) website to enroll. Classes are listed by city.

### Get those pets registered

It's time to get your pets registered with the City of Garrison. Purchase your tags/licenses at City Hall during business hours. The fee is \$5 per pet, and an up-to-date vaccination record is required.

### In-town lot up for bids

The City of Garrison is accepting bids for a lot at 821 Freedom Drive in the Bicentennial Addition. Submit your bid to City of Garrison, PO Box 459, Garrison, ND, 58540. Bids will be opened on Monday, Feb. 2, at 7:05 p.m. at the city council meetings.

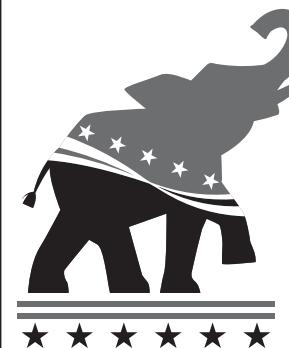
### Remove your stand by Jan. 31

Hunters need to remove tree stands, blinds, steps and other cameras, from all North Dakota Game and Fish Department wildlife management areas by Jan. 31. If items are not removed by Jan. 31, it is considered abandoned property and are subject to removal and confiscation by the Game and Fish Department.

### Would like to receive a West McLean Soil Conservation District newsletter?

Please call (701) 463-2267,  
 Email: [westmcleanscd@restel.com](mailto:westmcleanscd@restel.com),  
 Sign up on our website or Facebook or stop in  
 and see us in the office!

### District 33 Republicans Endorsement Convention



Precinct Caucuses to be held,  
 followed by a District Convention  
 to endorse candidates for the  
 ND State Legislature.

State Convention Delegate  
 selection to be held.

**Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026  
 at 2:00 p.m.**

Betty Hagel Memorial Civic Center  
 312 N Lincoln Ave, Center, ND 58530  
 Delvin Boehm, Chairman - 701-42907881

Paid for by District 33 Republicans, Delvin Boehm, Chair

### PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

#### WHY?

To discuss the proposed pump station and reservoir project for the Garrison Rural Water District. The project consists of constructing a wood framed building with metal panel exterior, process piping, pump controls and a 125,000-gallon glass-fused-to-steel tank.

Proposed improvements include water piping off Hwy 37  
 and a new fire hydrant.

#### WHEN?

Monday, February 24, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

#### WHERE?

Garrison Rural Water District office  
 1598 37<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Garrison, ND

### OPEN HOUSE CONDUCTED BY

Garrison Rural Water District,  
 and Ackerman-Estvold

This meeting is designed to allow for public input and to answer  
 any questions about the project.

**Advertise 463-2201**

**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.

**Jan. 21:** Duane Rolle, Garrison

**Jan. 22:** Scott Dewitz, Garrison; Lori Bruns, Makoti; Travis Trulson, Minot

**Jan. 23:** Connie Bennett, Garrison; Megan Engeseth, Lake Park, MN; Lisa Blowers, Mandan; Jennifer Karow, Stanley

**Jan. 24:** Patty Koelzer, Garrison; Kimberly Ann Riley, Bismarck; Tadd Franklin, Fort Collins, CO

**Jan. 25:** Amber Ouellette, Douglas; Dwight Raszler, Des Lacs; Peggy Nissen, Minot; Kim Tande, Minot; Deb Olson, Brooklyn Park, MN

**Jan. 26:** Darci Behles, Garrison; Janet Maxson, Minot; Allison Bostow-Beuchler, Minot; Mark Brossart, Minot; Kimberly Pederson, Oakdale, MN

**Jan. 27:** Edwin Olson, Douglas/Minot; Maria Bigelow, Minot; Kayla Gidley, Minot; Cindy Pflugrath, Minot; Siniah Bautista, Minot; Hunter Kamrath, Washburn

**Jan. 28:** Denine Baluski, Garrison; Tanya Pease, Garrison; Shonta Zieman, Minot

### Garrison Rural Fire District Annual Meeting



to be held

**Tuesday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Garrison Fire Hall**

**Social at 6 p.m.**

**Supper at 7 p.m.**

**Meeting at 8 p.m.**

**Daryl Engel, Sec.**

