



Crowd flips for pancake breakfast

The Garrison Knights of Columbus hosted their pancake breakfast on Sunday morning. Knights' member **Rick Olson** served eggs to **Grand Knight Travis Klein**, **Deacon Tom Magnuson** and **Father Christy**. (Photo by Heidi Ermer)

City Council Roundup

Ryder

The Ryder City Council met at the Ryder City Hall on March 2 at 7 p.m.

The City of Ryder Assessor meeting: Ward County is scheduled for April 7 at 5:45 p.m.

Off year elections are coming up in June.

In attendance were Mayor Reinisch, Councilmen Rick Sher-ven, Matt Sholar, Merle Dreher, and City Auditor Teri Petz.

The next regular city council meeting will be moved to Tuesday, April 7, following the Assessor meeting.

Douglas

The Douglas City Council met on March 11 at 7 p.m. and was called to order by Mayor Jim Porter.

Porter led a discussion about the addition of the old ballpark. The property line affidavit has been signed and filed with the county. The play was no longer two lots; it's now one, and the 70-foot easement was abandoned. Porter will obtain a map. The council will discuss bids for the property at the next city council meeting.

The necessary sewers are in place, but the water lines do need to be repaired still. Porter will get quotes for waterlines and rocks for the lagoon.

The City of Ryder is working on a website. There will be an announcement when it's up and running.

In attendance were Tabitha Carlson, Evan Reimer and Edwin Zuck. Dylan Nerem was absent.

Max

The Max City Council met on March 2 with Mayor Samuel Adams calling the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

A building permit was presented by Max Farm Services to build new bathrooms at the Max Cenex.

City Maintenance requested to purchase a barrel of tar and two new tar pots for spring crack sealing.

The Tax Equalization Meeting will be April 22 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

In attendance at the meeting were Councilmembers Shawn Fritel, Roger Westman, Kristen Weltikol.

Meet Our Neighbor

North Dakota: Then and now

Rostad shares glimpse into North Dakota's past

BY LANDON RUSTAD

Helen (Reichenberg) Rostad, a neighbor at The Meadows in Garrison, has fond memories of growing up in the Hazen area and being a farm wife in Blue Hill Township south of Ryder.

She was raised on a farm near Hazen and retains many memories from her childhood.

"My earliest memory is doing farm chores" Rostad said. "When I was really young, my main job was working on my parent's dairy farm since before I can remember."

A typical day for her on the farm was watching the kids, walking to the country school, and frequently attending church.

"I walked two and a half miles every weekday to school," Rostad said. "During the winter when it was cold out, sometimes we'd get horse rides instead of having to walk. I would have to say the thing that has changed the most in North Dakota during my life is the infrastructure."

Rostad's family was a typical North Dakota 20th Century family and really only celebrated the main holidays such as Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc. She said traditions were always important.

"The old traditions of North Dakota are still out there," Rostad said. "You just have to look in the right place."

She explained how people were in much bigger groups when she was younger compared to how isolated people are today and how their main source for information was the radio.

"The radio was there but didn't get used a whole lot," Rostad said. "It's how we got our news back then. That was the main source for information."

Quilting

Quilting is without a doubt Rostad's life-long passion.



Landon Rustad and Helen Rostad pose for a photo at The Meadows in Garrison. Rostad has been quilting since the age of 15.

"I started quilting when I was around 15," she said. "My mom was also a very avid quilter, and she was the one who got me into quilting. She even left me behind a quilt from 1924."

Rostad said her favorite quilting pattern is either regular square or misplaced squares. She explained that the main materials for quilting are the cloth, pattern squares, rotary cutter, and square ruler.

"Making a quilt is a very tedious project, and it can either take a short time or a very long time depending on the pattern and size," she said. "You have to be so precise to make it perfect."

She said the process contains so many steps it's almost hard to remember.

"You start by getting your cloth ready with one piece on the bottom, a cotton piece in the middle, and another piece of fabric on top," Rostad said. "You then sew these together in a square shape to make neat patterns. Cutting straight lines is very important during this since if it's crooked the whole quilt will be distorted. In my opinion, the binding on the edges is the hardest part because it must be precise to make it perfect."

As she wrapped up telling her stories and sharing her excitement about quilting, Rostad also passed along some advice for the younger generations.

"Be patient, and be kind and respectful to everyone," she said. "Patience is always key."

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