



Garrison's eighth-grade class took a field trip to see some of North Dakota's history. Along the way, they stopped at Wabek School to see what an old country school looked like. **Sophia Paulson, Brooklyn Berntson, Isaac Trautman, Jessica Libke, Joey Stephen, Logan Klabunde, Karson Kolden, Hadley Kerzmann, Avery Melby, Cambree Koelzer,** (in front) **Jocelyn Zimmerman, McCall Chase,** (in front) **Piper Ziemann, William Leppell, Leeann McGee, Gavin Schmidt, Caleb Cabrera, Thomas Kamara, Deven Rassmussen, Logan Calogianes, Paxton Klabunde, Rylan Kallberg and Tristan Jerome.** (Photo by Hunter Andes)

Eighth-graders explore local history on field trip

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English teacher Hunter Andes said he loves teaching seventh and eighth-grade 'coming of age' literature that has a local connection.

"My students have learned about Hazel Miner from Center, the Wohlk Brothers from Ryder, Waheenee from Like-a-Fishhook Village, Laura Ingalls and more," Andes said. "I feel it's important to tie what I teach to something physical so students

can fully grasp what they've read and written about."

And to continue with that theme, Andes took his eighth-grade class on a full-day field trip south.

The main purpose of the field trip is to follow the steps of Waheenee, who lived at Like-a-Fishhook Village (beneath Lake Sakakawea), straight south of White Shield near Beulah Bay.

"The entire MHA tribe temporarily relocated to the Confluence sometime in the mid-1800s to be closer to the buffalo herds

during one winter, and what better way to learn about it than to follow the trail there," Andes said.

Along the way, the students stopped at the Wabek Schoolhouse, which Andes spent years restoring.

"The Wabek Schoolhouse is on the way, so we made a pit stop so the students could experience what schools used to be like," Andes said. "Wabek is also similar to what Hazel would have attended. It's the last WWI era physically consolidated school-

house remaining in the state in a preserved condition."

During the full-day field trip, the class also made stops at Earl Bunyan in New Town, the Confluence of the Yellowstone and Missouri Rivers, Fort Buford, and Fort Union.

Andes added that the students were able to see Crow Flies High Butte and discuss its extensive history.

"They saw the foundations of Sanish since the water is low," Andes said.

For years, Andes has brought

his students to the Heritage Park schoolhouse and read books while they sit at the actual desks for some immersive learning.

"Heritage Park is great, and I continue to utilize it as a teacher in the Fall, but experiencing active preservation and 'history where it took place' is a powerful feeling for adolescents and adults alike," Andes said. "And the students liked Wabek so much that we stopped there again on the way home."



Marketing & Outreach Coordinator **Scott Grahl** from Community Options visits the Max City Hall every third Monday of the month. (Photo by Robin Hennings)

There is help

BY ROBIN HENNINGS

Getting by this day and age can be difficult for many. There is help!

And it's right here in Max, on the third Monday of every month, Scott Grahl is waiting to help you navigate the opportunity's that "Community Options" has to offer you. Grahl is the Marketing & Outreach Coordinator of Community Options. Community Options is a organization that aims to improve the lives of people by offering personalized support services. They primarily focus in

empowering people within their own homes and communities by highlighting choice, dignity, and respect. They cater to a very diverse range of unique needs in North Dakota through their Residential and Behavioral Health Departments.

Grahl says, "All programs offered by Community Options are free and funded through the state."

Grahl comes to Max from the Community Options Bismarck office on Max Food Pantry distribution days and sets up a table in the Max City Community Hall from 4- 5:30 p.m. and is happy

to talk with anyone that wants more information on navigating challenges with housing, utilities, mental health, substance abuse, child care, and so much more in a easy to understand matter.

Along with his consulting, Grahl always has a variety of free items to hand out, such as jar openers, key chains, water bottles, hats, etc., along with his many informative brochures to take home. Please reach out to him if you have any questions.

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City Council Round-Up

Makoti

The Makoti City Council met on March 3.

A discussion was held. About the derelict properties in town. A dumpster has been ordered, and a cleanup crew has been scheduled.

Water rate increase letters were mailed out.

One resident was sent a copy of the animal ordinance, and another will be sent a letter.

Copper and Lead water tests were received, and all of the samples were satisfactory.

In attendance were Mayor Karina, S Huus, C Huus, Howell, Butterfield, Kellerd and Dar Huus.

Benedict

The City of Benedict City Council met on March 9 and was called to order by Mayor Randy Tomlinson.

The council discussed city snow removal. Justin Crum will present a written three-year contract at the April meeting for the council to review.

Discussion was held regarding City Ordinance #27- Nuisance Properties about abandoned vehicles. Auditor Amy Ones will research next steps with the League of Cities.

In attendance were council members AshLynn Barrette, Teresa Barrette, Crum and Tyler Hauf

The next Benedict City Council meeting was held on April 13. The Independent is waiting for meeting minutes.

Ryder

The Ryder City Council met on April 7 at Ryder City Hall.

Josh Reinisch will blade the street as the weather warms up.

Mayor Reinisch will apply weed sterilizer.

Funds have been raised to replace the vandalized park sign.

The council discussed that the city will no longer carry past due water bill and warned the water will be shut off.

In attendance were Mayor Jody Reinisch, Rick Sherven, Merle Dreher and Auditor Teri Petz.

The next council meeting will be on May 4 at 7 p.m.

Douglas

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

The RV Park has been updated but still needs the water line to be replaced. Porter will call to get quotes.

The Douglas City website is in the works. Residents will be notified when it is up and running.

In attendance were Tabitha Carlson, Evan Riemer, and Dusty Zuck.

Butte

The Butte City Council met on March 2 and was called to order by Mayor Amy Nechiporenko at Butte School.

Easter Breakfast was held in conjunction with Government City Day on March 28.

The council discussed the school apartments, and items will be purchased to prevent more damage from happening.

All new street signs have been put up.

In attendance were Perry Moseanko, Vern Schatz, Jody Gullickson and Auditor Jen Loken.