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The main level of the new Garrison Community Center boasts a large open room with movable tables and chairs, a few booths and a 95-inch television. (Tyson Matthews)

## Big, blue building nearly ready to become Garrison's new hangout

### Chamber of Commerce holds first meeting at the Garrison Community Center

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Renovations are nearly finished at the former Church of God building on Trooper Avenue, where the Garrison Chamber of Commerce held its first meeting in the new space on June 15.

Now that the Cubby Hole has been leased by Travis and Christy Lyle to open a restaurant by the end of summer, the Garrison Chamber of Commerce, as well as other committees and groups that utilize the Cubby Hole for their meetings, needed to find a new home.

The former church has been transformed into a new community center designed to meet several needs in town.

Chamber of Commerce and GAIA member Mike Matteson said the main level will feature a 95-inch screen that can be used for meetings, training sessions, and community events.

Six large round tables with seating and a few booths are on the main level, while the lower level has been remodeled to include a full kitchen and additional large gathering space with three small rooms and restrooms.

"We're trying to make it something the community can use for the things we've been lacking space for," Matteson said.

New carpeting has been installed throughout the main level, with additional work scheduled for the stairway.

The goal is to create a flexible space that can host everything from meetings to small practices or group activities.

"It's not going to be a sports center, but it will give us room for things we haven't been able to accommodate," Matteson added.

One limitation is that the bathrooms remain on the lower level, meaning the building is not fully handicap accessible.

The main entrance for meetings will be the side door with the



The big, blue building on Trooper Ave. is set to debut as Garrison's new community center and meeting space next month. (Tyson Matthews)



The basement of the new Garrison Community Center has three small rooms, a large open area, a full kitchen, and restrooms. (Tyson Matthews)

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new ramp, which provides the easiest access to the main floor.

The blue building, located just off Trooper Avenue, has hosted a few community events in recent years, including Trunk-or-Treat and a Haunted House.

More information will be

shared with the community as the transition approaches.

The GAIA/CVB is still working out logistics to avoid disrupting the neighborhood, including limits on event attendance, ending times, and similar operational details.

Once finalized, a letter will be sent out to community members in town who live near the building.

The GAIA/CVB expects the space to be ready for use by the end of June.



### Krebsbach honored for 55 years of service

Garrison resident **Ron Krebsbach** was honored at the North Dakota Firefighters State Convention on June 4-6 in Mayville for his 55 years of service with the Garrison Fire Department. (Submitted by Janis Sloka)

## Treat your dad to breakfast

The Garrison Fire Department's Annual Fly-In Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, June 21. This is a free will donation brunch with the proceeds going for equipment replacement and ongoing firefighter training.

The firefighters will be serving scrambled eggs with ham, pancakes, juice and coffee.

Serving times are from 8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. at Garrison Airport. Take-out meals will be available.

## City Council Round-up

### Makoti

The Makoti City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Chase Karna on June 2, at 7 p.m. at Makoti City Hall.

In old business, the council discussed the derelict property in town. The ND Health Department has spoken with the owner and is waiting on how to proceed. If there is no response from the homeowner, the city will move forward with cleaning up the property and the owners with be charged.

Ground prep for the Makoti Pavillion has begun. Concrete will be poured in the next few weeks if weather permits. Work on the structure will begin mid-July.

Street repairs were discussed. The council is waiting for bids before proceeding.

The council had the first reading of increasing the mowing charge to \$150 per lot/per mowing. The second reading will happen at the July 7 city council meeting.

The next Makoti City Council meeting will be on July 7.

In attendance at the meeting were Bernadean Kellerd, Chris Huus, Stephanie Huus, Ralph Butterfield, and Dar Huus.

### Ryder

The Ryder City Council met on June 1. Mayor Jody Reinisch called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

It was decided that the Bye

Airport Memorial will be moved to Ryder City Park.

It was motioned to renew the liquor license for the Ryder Star Bar for \$50.

The council approved the transfer of \$5,000 from the sewer fund to the Lift Station fund.

The city will no longer carry seriously past due water accounts. The water will be shut off to the property.

In attendance at the meeting was Reinisch, Harlan Skarphol, Rick Sherven, Merle Dreher, Matt Sholar and auditor Teri Petz.

The next Ryder City Council meeting will be on July 6 at 7 p.m. at Ryder City Hall.

### Benedict

Mayor Randy Tomlinson called the Benedict City Council meeting to order on May 11.

It was motioned and passed for the McLean County Independent to be Benedict's official newspaper.

The McLean County Sheriff's contract was approved at a cost of \$2,442.60 for 2027.

It was motioned and passed to approve the 2026-2027 charitable gaming site authorization for the Velva Volunteer Fire Department.

Present for the meeting was AshLynn Barrette, Juston Crum and auditor Amy Ones.

Benedict's next city council meeting was scheduled for June 8 at Benedict City Hall.