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## New for 2022:

• Festival Hours: Fridays Noon-7 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

• Dickens Story Time has expanded and will take place every day during Dickens, except for Nov. 25, at 2:30 p.m.

• Ron and Jenny Waliser will provide a house tour of their home, the former Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Garrison, every day during the festival.

• Ticket center is now open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day during Dickens.

• A Comedy Production of A Christmas Carol is only performing on the first Friday and all three Saturdays. 7:30 p.m., except for Dec. 4 which is at 2 p.m. Childrens ticket price available for play!

• The second and third Friday will feature evening entertainment performances at 7 p.m. in addition to the second Saturday.

• Fezziwigs Feast: A three-course gournet meal (by Lenore's Outdoors and Catering) with beer and wine tasting. Each Saturday evening, 5:30 p.m. social and 6 p.m. meal. Reserved and limited seating.

Send a London 'Telegram'

While in "London" for the Dickens Village, why not send a telegram to share your excitement?

Send a postcard to your friends and family, straight from the festival! Fill out the postcard, drop it in the London Mailbox and your message will be headed to its destination. Located in the foyer of the Garrison City Auditorium.

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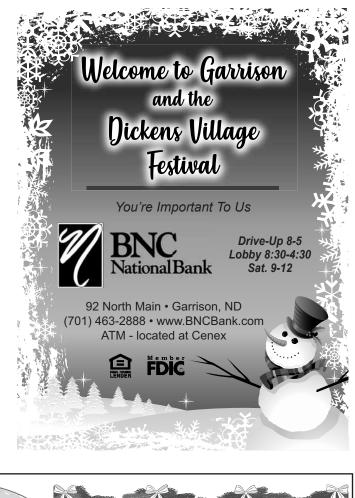
It's a top to bottom look at what to do while you're at the festival. It's a souvenir. It's a program to share with family and friends when you return home.

It's a reason to return to Garrison during the coming year, we're open year-around.

Enjoy your time here. Come visit us again.

If you'd like to be included in next year's Gazette, contact Sarah at the McLean County Independent, 463-2201, or 1-800-658-3485.

The Dickens Gazette is a publication of the McLean County Independent.





## Big name entertainment coming to Dickens



### The Cropdusters

Friday, Nov. 25 at 3 p.m. \$25 adult, \$10 child

The Cropdusters are a rotation cast of musicians from the Fargo/Moorhead area that perform a variety of songs in a folk, Americana, country and bluegrass style.



Tigirlily

Saturday, Nov. 26 at 3 p.m. \$35 adult, \$10 child

Tigirlily is comprised of sisters Krista and Kendra Slaubaugh who have been touring since they were young teens across their home state of North Dakota, as well as South Dakota, Montana and Minnesota.



### Williams & Ree "The Indian and the White Guy"

Friday, Dec. 2 at 3 p.m. \$35 adult, \$10 child

Williams and Ree, AKA The Indian and The White Guy" are a music and comedy phenomenon. This long running duo eschews political correctness and conformity and spins comedy gold from the union of a Plains Indian (Terry Ree) and a Western Angloid (Bruce Williams).



### Sounds of Summer

Friday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. \$55 for all tickets

Sounds of Summer is a tribute show based in southern Indiana that includes over 30 familiar hits and tells the story of America's band: the Beach Boys.

### Dance Party Reunion

Saturday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m., \$55 for all tickets

Dance Party Reunion is a "re-staging" of Buddy Holly's 1959 Winter Dance Party, featuring music of Buddy's costars Richie Valens, Dion and the Belmonts, The Big Bopper and Frankie Sardo.



### Hammerhead Steel Drum Band



Friday, Dec. 9 at 3 p.m. \$10 for all tickets

St. Mary's Central High School Hammerhead Steel Band group consists of ninth through twelfth graders who learn musical styles such as calypso, soca, samba and Afro-Cuban which originate from places such as the Caribbean and South America.

### Arch Allies

Friday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. \$55 for all tickets



Arch Allies are a timeless tribute centered around making classic rock sing-alongs with dynamic vocals, huge guitars, dashing keyboards and powerful drums.

### Da Lutherlic Ladies

Saturday, Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. \$25 adult, \$10 child



The Da Lutherlic Ladies are two good Lutheran girls who married two bad Catholic boys! When they "turned," they weren't Lutheran anymore, but not fully Catholic, so hence "Lutherlic."



## Milk and cookies with Santa Saturday, Dec. 10

Coinciding with the festival this year is the Garrison Chamber of Commerce's annual Milk and Cookies with Santa. It's Saturday, Dec. 10, from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at the SACA Lodge. Meet Santa and Mrs. Claus and decorate your own Christmas cookie.



### Proud sponsors of Free Carriage Rides throughout the Festival.

The carriage stop is located at 1 Central Ave, northeast of the City Auditorium.

1:00 - 5:00 p.m. each day of the festival.



## A Whittle at a time!

A familiar face will be missed this year at the Dickens Village Festival with the passing of long time Dickens Village Festival vendor and friend, Clifford Rime, on July 1, 2022 at the age of 86.

If you were a guest on any day of the festival, you would have met Clifford at his woodworking booth in the corner of Piccadilly Square.

Although farming was Clifford's entire life, he had many hobbies through the years. From raising chinchillas for the pelts and rabbits for meat, to raising cattle, pigs and chickens. He was also a very talented, artistic man. He made jewelry, belt buckles, clocks, lamps and tables with agate rocks. He was well known however for his woodworking. He loved to whittle, carve and scroll saw, but he also did big projects such as a roll top desk and five grandfather clocks – one for his wife, Vanona, and each of their kids. Clifford also did a lot of wood turning, making thousands of wooden tops to give to kids at the Dickens Village Festival in Garrison. In his later years, he put hundreds of puzzles together.



When visiting with Clifford's wife, Vanona, she shared that Clifford attended every Dickens Festival except one and that was only because he was going through cancer treatments in

Minneapolis that year. Vanona also shared that at the festival's first year in 1994, the vendor show featured Clifford and his carvings and another lady doing tatting. The festival has seen a lot of changes and Clifford was there through it all!

Thank you Clifford for your dedication to the Dickens Village Festival! We will miss you!





### One Stop Ticket Shoppe

Ticket Center (inside the ND Firefighter's Museum) Ticket Center is open every day during Dickens from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

It's convenient and it's easy – one stop ticket shoppe for all your Dickens Festival tickets! This year you'll be able to pick tickets for that day's events or purchase tickets for future weekends all in one place.

Tickets Available for:

- Live Comedy Performance "A Christmas Carol" Play
- Afternoon & Evening Entertainment
- Queen Elizabus Bus Rides
- · Fezziwig's Feast

## Classes to be held at Fort Stevenson

Drop-in classes will be held at Fort Stevenson State Park throughout the Dickens Village Festival. All of the classes will be held at the park's Visitor Center.

The first, to create a gingerbread house, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26 from 1-3 p.m. The class is designed for youth 4 and up. Space is limited. The class supply fee is \$5.

A new addition to this year is a tree coin ornamentmaking class, which will be held Saturday, Dec. 3 from 1-3 p.m. Space is limisted. The class supply fee is \$5.

Create a Christmas Nisse (Santa Logs) on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 1-3 p.m. Space is limited. The class supply fee is \$5.



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## Dickens Photo Contest

1. Send in your favorite photos taken during the festival by capturing the magic of the festival with your own personal touch.

2. Compete in the London Telephone Booth "Selfie" Contest. Get your friends together and snap a picture in or around the phone booth.

London Telephone Booth can be located near the Garrison Auditorium, thanks to RTC Networks.

Submit five photos by emailing: ndfm@restel.com or mailing them in to: Dickens, PO Box 521, Garrison, ND 58540.

Photos must be received by December 20 to be eligible.

All photos submitted are subject to be used for publications and promotional materials and will become property of the Dickens Village Festival Committee.

Prize winnings in each category.

## Library Story Hour at the Library

### Nov. 26, Dec. 2, Dec. 3, Dec. 9 & Dec. 10 at 2:30 p.m.

Join us at the Garrison Public Library (located in the Garrison auditorium) on Dec. 3 and Dec. 10 at 2:30 p.m. for a children's Christmas story.

One lucky winner will walk away with a free copy of the book of the day! Also, enjoy a small kids craft. Complimentary for Dicken's guests.

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## Quilts & Cuppa Tea

Everyday of the festival from 12 p.m.- 4 p.m. The Cubby Hole, west of the auditorium on Main Street. View Quilts made by the local Piecemaker's Quilt Guild members Enjoy a gun of authoritic too from London for \$3

Enjoy a cup of authentic tea from London for \$3.

## Garrison ranked 29th best Christmas towns in country

It's no surprise that Garrison is a Christmassy town. Now, the city can put another feather in its cap as it has received a distinction of being one of the top Christmas towns in the country.

MyDatingAdviser.com, which also featured Garrison in a poll of the most coziest small towns in the United States (Garrison ranked #69th), recently ranked Garrison as the 29th best Christmas town in the United States of America.

Based on several metrics, such as festive activities (the Dickens Village Festival most likely gave Garrison a nudge to the top of the list), weather and "other joyful Christmas break indicators," the city of Garrison made the grade among 152 well-known Christmas towns in the nation.

Of highlights, Garrison also ranked fourth for Best Lodging.

## Light up the night parade

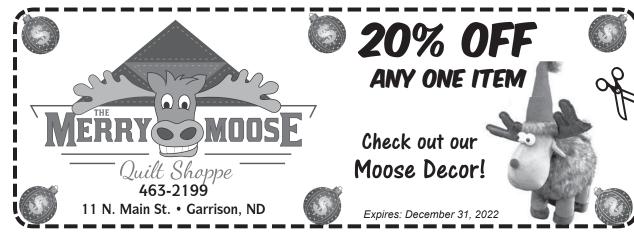
Each evening at dusk (approximately 5:30 p.m.)

Local businesses, churches and organizations provide floats for your viewing pleasure. The floats will be beautifully decorated and lit up for the evenings festivities.

The parade is announced and is clearly heard in the middle block of Main Street. It will start at the top of Main Street by Wally the Walleye in City Park and travel down Main past Piccadilly Square in the Garrison Auditorium.



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# Who is Charles Dickens?

Born in Portsmouth, England February 7, 1812, Charles John Huffam Dickens was an English writer and social critic.

He created some of the world's best known fictional characters and is regarded as the greatest novelist of the Victorian era.

His works enjoyed unprecedented popularity during his lifetime, and by the 20th Century, critics and scholars recognized him as a literary genius. His novels and short stories enjoy lasting popularity.

Despite his lack of formal education, he edited a weekly journal for 20 years, wrote 15 novels, five novellas, hundreds of short stories and non-fiction articles, lectured and performed extensively, was an indefatigable letter writer, and campaigned vigorously for children's rights, education, and other social reforms. Dickens's literary success began with the 1836 serial publication of The Pickwick Papers.

Within a few years he had become an international literary celebrity, famous for his humor, satire and keen observation of character and society.

His novels, most published in monthly or weekly installments, pioneered the serial publication of narrative fiction, which became the dominant Victorian mode for novel publication.

The installment format allowed Dickens to evaluate his audience's reaction, and he often modified his plot and character development based on such feedback.

He died of a stroke June 9, 1870, leaving his final novel, The Mystery of Edwin Drood, unfinished.

He is buried in the Poets' Corner of Westminster Abbey. Charles Dickens | Feb. 7. 1812 – June 9, 1870

### Dickens facts:

•Second of eight children.

•He was forced to leave school at the age of 12 to work in a boot blacking factory along the River Thames when his father was incarcerated in a debtors' prison.

•In 1833, he began submitting sketches to various magazines and newspapers under the pseudonym "Boz."

•Dickens began writing "A Christmas Carol" in October 1843. It was finished by the end of November and was published in time for Christmas.

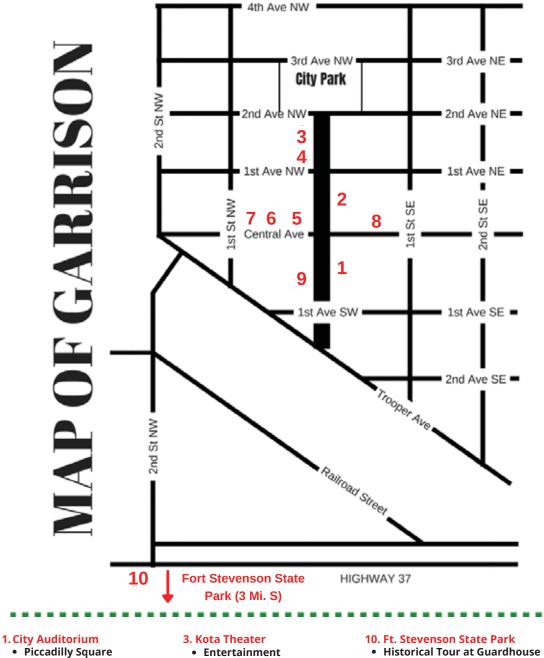
•Dickens and his wife, Catherine, (Hogarth) had 10 children before the couple separated in 1858.

### Some of Dickens' literary successes:

Pickwick Papers David Copperfield A Christmas Carol The Cricket on the Hearth Oliver Twist A Tale of Two Cities The Life and Adventures of Nicolas Nickleby



# Find your way around the festival



- Dickens Store
- Queen Elizabus Loading
- Cratchit's Café
- Public Restrooms
- Dickens Story Time
- Live Entertainment

### 2. Firefighter's Museum/CVB

- Ticket Center & Information
- Warming House
- Public Restrooms
- Top Hat Decorating

- Sing-Along & Play
- 4. Kid's Corner at Evangel Church
- Fruitcake Toss (Dec. 3)
- 5. Dickens Queen Bus Barn

### 6. Garrison Lamplighter's

- Tinsel & Treats
- 7. SACA Lodge
- Milk & Cookies with Santa (Dec. 10)
- 8. Carriage Rides

### 9. Cubby Hole

- Quilts & Cuppa Tea
- Fezziwig's Feast

- Geocaching



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Ticket Center Open Tickets & Information • CVB/ Firefighter's Museum Noon - 4 p.m.

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**Noon - 5 p.m.** Tour Historic Ft. Stevenson Guardhouse

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After dusk • Pick up a map at the Ticket Center to vote 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

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Deck the House Christmas Light Contest After dusk • Pick up a map at the Ticket Center to vote

Fezziwig's Feast 3 course Gourmet Meal with Beer & Wine Tasting Cubby Hole • \$25 Tickets at Ticket Center

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Queen Elizabus Trip to Ft. Stevenson Guardhouse \$3 Tickets at Ticket Center • Loading by Auditorium

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Carriage Rides Free, Thanks to RTC Networks. NE of Aud. at 1 Central Ave E

2 p.m. - 7 p.m. Kid's Corner at Evangel Church Fudge, Grinch Milk, Coffee, & Photo Booth • Main Street 4:30pm food ♀ 5pm entertainment

2:30 p.m. Dickens Story Time Library in Auditorium • Storytime + Craft • Free

2:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Queen Elizabus Trip \$3 Tickets at Ticket Center • Loading by Auditorium 2:30pm: Short trip around town 6:30pm: Around town to view lighted homes.

3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Afternoon Entertainment Hammerhead Steel Drum Band Tickets at Ticket Center: \$10 At KOTA Theater

> 4:30 p.m. Street Food Vendors Until the last cup is sold • Main Street

5 p.m. Queen Elizabus Trip in Lighted Parade \$3 Tickets at Ticket Center • Loading by Auditorium

5:30 p.m. Lighted Parade Main Street • Watch for Free Hot Chocolate! Deck the House Christmas Light Contest After dusk • Pick up a map at the Ticket Center to

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7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Evening Entertainment The Arch Allies Tickets at Ticket Center: \$55 At KOTA Theater • Reserved Seating

SATURDAY, DECEMBER

6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Noon - 6 p.m.

## 1 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.

### **1 p.m. - 2 p.m.** Live Music at Piccadilly

### 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

## vote

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## Enjoy the Fruitcake Toss Where were you when the fruitcake was tossed? Saturday, Dec. 3 • 12 p.m.

This annual event has become a favorite of visitors to the Dickens Village Festival. This year's competition is on 1st Avenue NW between 1st Street NW and Main Street (between NorDak North Publications and Evangel.)

Enjoy the fun watching or participating and competing for prize money paid out in Garrison Bucks.

The competition is broken into age groups: Small Fry (six and under), Youth (seven to nine year-olds), Preteen (10 to 12 year-olds), Teenagers (13 to 15 year-olds) Young Adult Ladies (16-18 years old), Young Adult Men (16-18 years old) Adult Women (19 and over) and Adult Men (19 and over).

Space is limited in each category with a maximum of 25. Sign up at the Dickens Bus Barn beginning at 10 a.m.

Top hat decorating Everyday from noon- 4 p.m.

Back this year is the children's Top Hat Decorating. The activity has proven to be a popular draw for youngsters.

Grab your decorating kit and head upstairs at the N.D. Firefighter's Museum.

Free to children under 18 years of age.





## Dickens Christmas Carol

God Bless Us, everyone!

A Christmas Carol will be returning to SACA Kota Theater for four performances during the Dickens Village Festival.

Adapted by Burton Bumgarner with a script by Heuer Publishing, "A Christmas Carol" – published by Charles Dickens almost 179 years ago – has been a popular Christmas mainstay worldwide.

The SACA Singers' sing-a-long will be incorporated into the beginning of each performance, starting at a half-hour before the play.

Performances are on Nov. 25 and 26 and Dec. 10, beginning with the SACA Singer's sing-along at 7:30 p.m. and the play at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. On Dec. 3., the sing-along is at 1:30 p.m. with the play to follow at 2 p.m. Doors open at 1 p.m. This year, the sing-along is considered part of the play, so audience members should be fully seated before the sing-along.

Tickets are available for purchase at the Ticket Center, located at the N.D. Firefighters Museum on Main Street, the day of or in advance by visiting www. dickensfestival.com or by calling 1-800-799-4242.

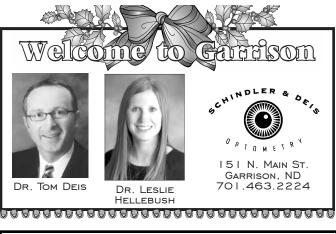


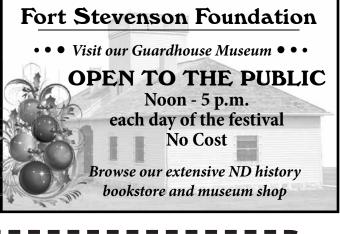
## Meet the English Bobby

Festival volunteers will patrol the streets of Garrison dressed as an English Bobby, but don't worry—they won't be writing any tickets. Their sole mission is to help Dickens guests enjoy the festival.

### Public Restrooms

Public restrooms are at the Garrison City Auditorium, City Hall, Lamplighters and the North Dakota Firefighter's Museum all hours of the Dickens Village Festival.







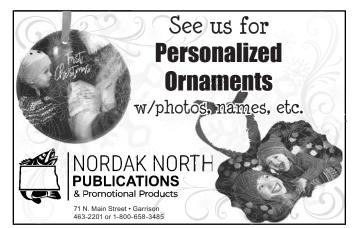


Located at Piccadilly Square, the Dickens Village Festival will have something to suit everyones needs at the Souvenir Shoppe. It will include merchandise direct from London. Some souvenir items include: Dickens Festival Ornaments, Double Decker Bus and London Telephone Banks, British Tea Gift Sets, Lapel Pins, Dickens Books and more.

### **Pinching pennies**

While you are checking out the shoppe don't forget to "pinch your pennies"!

There will be four designs to choose from: Scrooge and Tiny Tim, Wally the Walleye adorned with a top hat, a horse and carriage and the Queen Elizabus. A "passport" book is offered that accommodates the various designs.

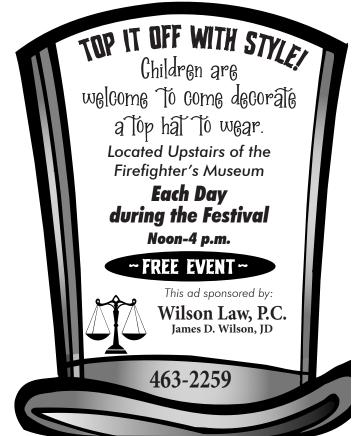


## Travel back in time

If you enjoy history, you'll want to hop on the Queen Elizabus for a ride to the Fort Stevenson State Park to visit the Guardhouse Interpretive Center at 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The interpretive center is a replica of the guardhouse that was originally used to house prisoners and the soilders who guarded them at the frontier military fort.

The Guardhouse Interpretive Center is open each day of the festival from noon to 5 p.m.







# Take in the trees

For the past few years, Jill Fuller of Garrison has decorated several themed Christmas trees placed around the community during the Dickens Village Festival.

This year, Fuller has found that "developing a posse" – about eight helpers, much to Fuller's appreciation – to help assemble the decorated trees has made the process easier.

The process of putting the trees together starts in September, arranging the trees and getting decorations into totes, explained Deb Altringer, a member of Fuller's posse. "Then she has people, like me, who go and do some trees in the community."

Then, she added, Fuller gives them a look to see the progression of the tree – then does any necessary tweaking, Altringer added.

Each year, Fuller said she tries to change the themes of the trees. "I think we should keep it fresh," she added.

Starting with the Garrison City Auditorium, which will be transformed into Piccadilly Square for the festival, upon walking inside, you will be greeted by "Frozen," a tree decked out in crystal and glass ornaments. Inside is a tree decorated with golds, rust tones and coppers. Titled "Old World Elegance," the nine-foot tree "will be beautiful," Fuller said.

Across the street, at The Cubby Hole, is "Topsy Turvy," a whimsical tree decorated with antique toy tops and hand-crafted German toys. (While you are there, be sure to enjoy the quilts made by the Peacemakers Quilt Guild and a cup of tea – imported straight from London – during Quilts

& Cuppa Tea from 12-4 p.m. every day during the Dickens Village Festival.)

Invoking the volunteering spirit that Garrison has, the "Wings of a Dove" tree at Lamplighters includes red and white ornaments to represent blood drops. The purpose of this tree is to recognize the work done by Dennis Ness of Garrison, who coordinates blood drives in town. (Last year, the city of Garrison received an award from Vitalant for the amount of donations from the Garrison blood drives.



Also at Lamplighters is a Pheasants Forever habitat tree, which conveys "a good habitat for pheasants and other wildlife," Altringer said, as well as a white flock tree ("Sugarplum") decorated in pinks and golds.

While taking in A Christmas Carol or one of the several entertaining shows during the festival, the KOTA Theater will include an elegant red and gold tree with coordinating garland around the theater. Taking a page from Charles Dickens, Fuller called this tree "The Best of Times."



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# Get the royal treatment

Since its arrival, The Queen Elizabus has made her way into the hearts of the community and its guests.

While she was once called a "majestic old beast," the Garrison community now sees her as a beauty. The transformation required hundreds of hours of volunteer labor and included a huge fundraising drive.

The refurbished Queen Elizabus was on the streets in 2009 with new paint, replaced window stripping, signage, reupholstered seats and new carpeting.

In 2010, the flooring was completed; the PA system and heat have also been improved. Better heating was added to the driver's cab.

The next step was to build a shelter to house the Queen.

When the queen isn't in use, it can be viewed inside its "home." A 20x40 building with 16-foot sidewalls – and plexi-glass panels for easy year-around viewing -- was constructed behind the building in 2011.

The efforts to improve the bus were all part of a major fundraising effort that involved the individual "sale" of seats, corporate donations and the generosity of the Garrison Sales and Use Tax Committee. (Check out the list of donors on a plaque inside the bus.)

Once ready for its makeover, there were more obstacles for the Queen. The only commercial painting bid was for \$19,000 from a Bismarck company, so volunteers took on the project during the summer and fall of 2009. Upholstery and carpeting were done by Brenda's Decor.

Volunteers Dick and Melissa Messerly, Ryan Nelson and Raymond Halverson devoted numerous evenings and weekends to the bus project. Brenda Mai, owner of Brenda's Decor, enlisted the help of brothers Floyd and Richard Kolobakken when she was "re-



installing" wall board in the 11th hour before the 2009 festival.

In 2014, the Queen blew a gasket. Since English gaskets are impossible to find in the states, the help of an Olde England repair shop was enlisted to make a mold of the old gasket and create a new one. Rensch's, an auto and farm equipment business in Garrison, became the Queen's repair shop and she was restored to running order.

The once dowdy queen that arrived in May 2005, had become worthy of her name, Queen Elizabus. It's a name she'd been given before arriving in Garrison.

The cherry red double-decker 1961 English bus first appeared at the Garrison Chamber of Commerce's annual kick-off to summer in 2005. Since then the Queen can be spotted at many local events, weddings, area community celebrations and open houses.

The double-decker came to Garrison as part of a brainstorming session by former Fort Stevenson State Park Manager Dick Messerly and local business owner Mike Gackle. After exploring the internet, they learned such a vehicle existed. They searched for one that was both affordable and could be transported to Garrison. The closest was in Sergeant Bluff, Iowa.

After hearing about the idea, the Dickens Village Festival Committee decided to purchase the bus, sight unseen.

The rest is history.

### Times:

Departs and arrives from the City Auditorium parking lot.

### 1:00 • 2:30 • 3:30 • 5:00 • 6:30 p.m.

\$3 Tickets available at the Ticket Center



## A few facts about The Queen

• 1961 Bristol Lodekka (FLF Model – flat bottom floor, long body and front entrance). Built in England through a contract with the English government as part of the first double-decker bus fleet.

•Only 1,867 FLF models were built between 1959 and 1968. It is unknown how many are still operational.

- 24 volt electrical system
- •4-speed manual transmission system (constant mesh.)
- •70 passenger capacity.
- 6-cylinder Bristol diesel engine.
- •Top speed is 40 miles per hour.

• Steering wheel is on the right side of the bus with no power steering and gear shift is on the left side of the driver.

•Originally painted green in England because it was a non-London bus; only the double-deckers in London were printed the typical red.

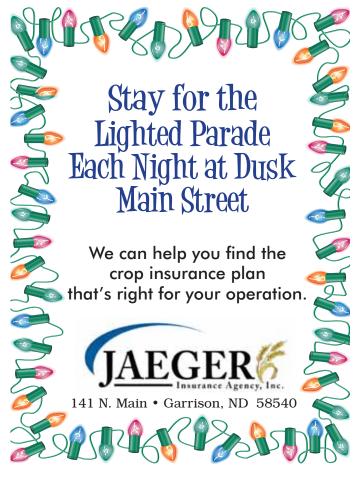
• Brought to the U.S. In 1980 by a Denver, Colo. Company. It was then sold to a company in Georgia, then a company in Iowa and finally to the Dickens Village Festival for \$5,000 in 2005.



# Carriage rides

Each day of the Festival, from 1 p.m.-5 p.m., weather permitting, Dickens guests will have the opportunity to ride around in a decorated horse-drawn carriage. Pick-up and drop-off site will be at 1 Central Ave. East, northeast of the City Auditorium.

This feature comes free of charge courtesy of RTC Networks.







### Dickens, the beginning

The Dickens Village Festival has come a long way, baby.

The event kicked off in 1994 with a lighting ceremony in the city park after a community-wide Thanksgiving church service. Lights in the park were financed with money from memorials.

The first play, performed by a Sakakawea Area Council for the Arts cast, was a musical featuring 56 people.

The Main Street of Garrison came alive with a handful of street vendors. The first street vendors were the Potato Man and the Garrison Fire Department hawking pickled fish.

House tours were of the Robin's Nest Bed & Breakfast, now a private residence, and the rural Norlan Nelson home.

The first Dickens ornament was ordered.

The First Congregational Church hosted a Victorian dinner and tea, which then developed into the famous English High Tea.

The lit-up jingle bell lights on Main Street were later replaced with wrought iron brackets on light poles. In preparation for each festival, the poles are decorated with garland and bows.

Today, it's estimated that at least 1,000 people attend each day, sometimes as many as 3,000. A survey by the University of Mary in 2009 showed the festival generated an average of \$175,000 each day.

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Yeah, we've come a long way, baby.

### House tour scheduled

A new addition to this year's Dickens Village Festival is a tour of the former Bethlehem Lutheran Church, which is now the home of Ron and Jenny Waliser.

Tours will be held every day of the festival from 1-4 p.m., with tours held on the hours. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the Dickens ticket center.

## Vickens photo cutout

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### N.D. Firefighter's Museum

The N.D. Firefighter's Museum, on Main Street, is a popular attraction that ranks with Wally Walleye.

During the Dickens Village Festival the museum and hall of fame is open to the public from noon to 7 p.m.

Guests are welcome to come in from the cold and tour the museum. See who are members of the North Dakota Firefighter's Hall of Fame.

Public restrooms are located on the main floor.

The museum is dedicated to preserving and presenting stories of the firefighters of North Dakota.

Just south of the museum is the N.D. Fallen Firefighter's Memorial that honors fallen firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty.

### **Garrison Lamplighters**

The Garrison Lamplighters (Senior Center), located on Central Avenue and adjourning City Hall, is another location to relax and warm up, or both! The center is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day of the festival.

Festival of trees, and treats.

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each day of the festival 1-2 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.

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