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Live Comedy Performance of A Christmas Carol"

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New for 2021:

- · No Sunday: Join us on Fridays and Saturday!
- \bullet Festival Hours: Fridays Noon-7 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
- 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 with beer and wine tasting. Each Saturday evening, 5:30 p.m. social and 6 p.m. meal. Reserved and limited seating.
- The Queen has a new voice! A sound system that is. Thanks to the Cenex Community Pride Grant, it was installed last summer.
- The street poles will be shining bright! New street pole LED garland was ordered to replace the 10+ year old ones. And new hot chocolate dispensers are ready to serve our guests a warm drink!
- Quilts & Cuppa Tea will be held at the Cubby Hole 12 to 4 p.m. every day of the festival.

About the Gazette

The Dickens Gazette is your guide to the annual Dickens Village Festival.

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.

Dickens photo cutout

Step back in time and get your photo taken with the Dickens photo cutout. Available at the Piccadilly Square Craft & Vendor Show located in the Garrison City Auditorium.

COVID-19 Response

The health and safety of our community and guests is our priority. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place and any interaction with the general public poses an elevated risk of being exposed to COVID-19. By visiting the Dickens Village Festival, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and we cannot guarantee that you will not be exposed during your visit.

Where Christmas Begins, in Garrison, at the Dickens Village Festival – now more than ever, we feel many need the upbeat Holiday Spirit and "God Bless Us Everyone" from Tiny Tim. We welcome our guests with just a few small changes. Our Committee, along with our businesses, are committed to working together to have a "Smart Restart" and protecting lives and livelihoods with the help of you, our guests, too. When it's time for you, we'll be ready.

• Hand Sanitizing stations will be available at all main attractions/locations.



Welcome Dickens Visitors ...

Hope your visit is enjoyable ... stop in and see us while you're in town.



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Big name entertainment coming to Dickens



Travis Powell "Jason Aldean Tribute"

Nov. 26 at 3 p.m., \$22 adult, \$10 child

Michael Travis Powell has captivated and excited audiences all over the country both as himself and as a tribute artist, performing as Elvis Presley and Jason Aldean. Born and raised in Shelby, NC, Michael comes from a musical family with roots in Country music and Southern Gospel. Even from an early age, Powell knew he wanted to be an entertainer.

Travis Powell "Elvis" Nov. 27 at 3 p.m., \$22 adult, \$10 child

Travis' performances are filled with passion and emotion, as his charismatic southern style highlights the stage bringing back the magic of "Elvis" live and in concert. Travis focuses on the authenticity of his performance, but leaves his audience with just a touch of himself. Travis has the unique ability to captivate his audience with a simple smile. From the famous '68 Comeback Special to the Glitz and Glamour of the 1970s, Travis sets a precedence of professionalism and stunning stage presence only he can deliver.



Williams & Ree AKA "The Indian & The White Guy"

Dec. 3, 3 p.m. show: \$22 Adult, \$10 Child, 7 p.m. show: \$35 Adult, \$10 Child, Reserved Seating.

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). The framework surrounding the comedic pair is music, which has earned them a CMA vocal duo nomination. Their television credits include Country Kitchen, HeeHaw, Laff TV and Comedy Central. They currently host Country Thunder Music Festivals around North America and are featured on Sirius Radio. Williams and Ree headline shows at fairs, festivals, theaters, casinos, and small, out-of-the-way dives.

Creedence Revived "CCR Tribute Band"

Dec. 4, at 7:30 p.m., \$45 Reserved Seating

Creedence Revived has rapidly become one of the most highly sought after tribute bands in the world. Playing all over the globe for crowds upwards of 30,000, and with a track-record of selling out shows everywhere they go, this group is the real deal. The group is made up of four of Chicago's & LA's most talented and eclectic musicians – consisting of an award winning vocalist nicknamed "the chameleon" in the industry for his unique ability to shift his vocal to match the style of any vocalist, a world-renowned blues guitarist who attracts blues fans from around the world, a studio bassist who has a appeared on many top charting albums, and a drummer who sells out theaters on his own based solely on his unique playing style.





The Highwaymen Dec. 10. 3 p.m. show: \$22 Adult, \$10 Child. 7 p.m. show: \$35 Adult, \$10 Child, Reserved Seating.

Perhaps the greatest country music super group in history, the Highwaymen traveled the world performing country music to millions of fans. Your audience will watch in amazement as each song, one hit after another is sung just as if they were seeing the original band perform. This 90 minute country music tribute show is full of upbeat, honky-tonk hits like Ring of Fire, Dukes of Hazard, and On the Road Again.

Relive the glory days when country music was made by Good Men, Country Men, The Highwaymen.

On The Brink

Dec. 11, at 3 p.m., \$15 Adult, \$10 Child

We are On the Brink, a women's four-part a cappella quartet. We sing a variety of genres including comedic songs, soft rock, and traditional barbershop tunes, exclusively in four-part a cappella harmony! Our goal to have fun! On the Brink is available for company parties and special events, and our annual Singing Valentines. We have been singing together for over thirteen years in the Bismarck-Mandan area and are excited to be invited back to Dickens Festival!



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.

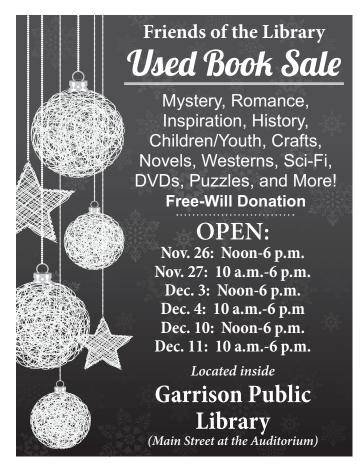
Milk and cookies with santa

Saturday, Dec. 11

Coinciding with the festival this year is the Garrison Chamber of Commerce's annual Milk and Cookies with Santa.

It's Saturday, Dec. 11, from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at the SACA Lodge.

Meet Santa and Mrs. Claus and decorate your own Christmas cookie.





Dickens Christmas Play

Spectators of this year's Dickens Christmas play can expect witty and light-heartedness in the play titled The Farndale Avenue Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of A Christmas Carol, a comedy by David McGillivray and Walter Zerlin Junior.

The play is a comedic version of the classic Dicken's Christmas Carol.

There will be familiar characters on stage but in a totally "new to Garrison" way. The cast has had fun finding new ways to bring the classic characters to life.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the cast took on the challenge of preparing a play that may not have seen the stage lights in 2020, but they gave it their all, hoping that they will get to utter the most famous line of all... "GOD BLESS US, EVERY ONE!"

Performances are Nov. 26 and Nov. 27, beginning at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. and Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sakakawea Area Council for the Arts' KOTA Theater.

Tickets are available for purchase at the N.D. Firefighters Museum 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 street 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.

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

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 and Dickens Depart 56 villages. Enjoy a cup of authentic tea from London for \$3.

Purchase tickets to vote for your favorite quilts.





One Stop Ticket Shoppe

Ticket Center (inside the ND Firefighter's Museum) Fridays: Noon-7 p.m., Saturdays: 10 a.m.-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











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 subjects to be used for publications and promotional materials and will become property of the Dickens Village Festival Committee.

Prize winnings in each category.



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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.

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 hand-full 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.

Yeah, we've come a long way, baby. www.dickensfestival.com | 800.799.4242

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



ENJOY THE FRUITCAKE TOSS

Where were you when the fruitcake was tossed?

Saturday, Dec. 4 · 11 a.m.

This annual event has become a favorite of visitors to the Dickens Village Festival. This year's competition is at the intersection of Central Avenue and Main Street just NW of the Garrison City Auditorium.

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 9 a.m.

Fezziwiy's Feast

Come enjoy a three-course gourmet meal as well as beer and wine tasting that is brand new this year to the Dickens Village Festival.

Kyle's Katering will be preparing the three-course gourmet meals every Saturday of the festival beginning with a 5:30 p.m. social.

Meals will be served at 6:00 p.m. at the Cubby Hole. Water and coffee will be served with all meals.

Hometown Tavern will be providing the beer and wine tasting.

Individuals must be age 21 or older to attend. Meals selections:

Nov. 27 will be stuffed pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, candy carrots, caesar salad, apple crisp and dinner roll

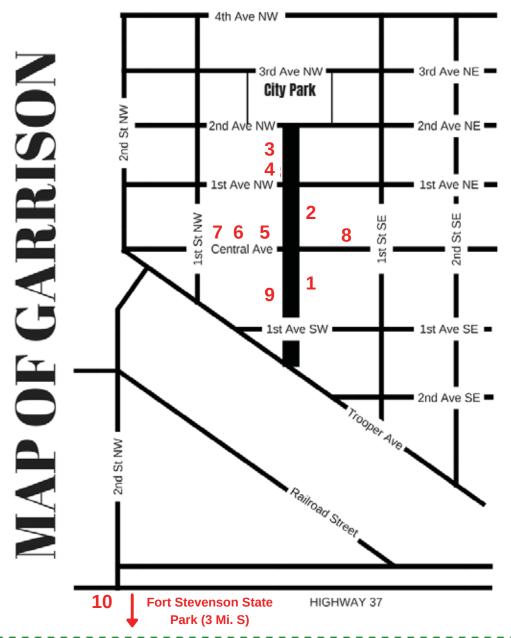
Dec. 4 will be stuffed chicken breasts with rice, mushrooms and alfredo sauce, caesar salad, dessert and dinner roll.

Dec. 11 will be chicken alfredo, garlic mashed potatoes, asparagus, caesar salad, dessert and breadsticks.

There is limited attendance. Reserved tickets can be purchased for \$25 by visiting www.dickensfestival.com or by calling 1-800-799-4242.



find your way around the festival!



1. City Auditorium

- Piccadilly Square
- 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

3. Kota Theate

- Entertainment
- Sing-Along & Play
- 4. Kid's Corner at Evangel Church

5. Dickens Queen Bus Barn

• Fruitcake Toss (Dec. 4)

6. Garrison Lamplighter's

• Tinsel & Treats

7. SACA Lodge

- Milk & Cookies with Santa (Dec. 11)
- 8. Carriage Rides

9. Cubby Hole

- Quilts & Cuppa Tea
- Fezziwig's Feast

10. Ft. Stevenson State Park

- Historical Tour at Guardhouse
- Geocaching
- Create a Gingerbread House (Nov. 26)
- Artist in Residence Events (Dec. 3 & 4)
- Create a Christmas Nisse (Dec. 11)





9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Tinsel & Treats Free Festival of Trees • Hot Drinks, Desserts, & Chili Garrison Lamplighters

Noon - 7 p.m.

Piccadilly Square & Dickens Store Open Free • Craft Vendor Show & Cratchit's Café City Auditorium

Ticket Center Open
Tickets & Information • CVB/ Firefighter's Museum

Noon - 4 p.m.

Quilts & Cuppa Tea \$3 • Cubby Hole (West of Auditorium) Sip a cuppa genuine London tea by beautiful quilts

Top Hat Decorating Free • Upstairs ND Firefighter's Museum

Noon - 5 p.m.

Ornament Making / Ceramic ornament making with Lewis & C Art Club. Prices vary. Foyer of Auditorium.

Tour Historic Ft. Stevenson Guardhouse Also, enjoy Ft. Stevenson State Park & participate in the Dickens Geocache. • 3 Miles South of Cenex.

Noon - 6 p.m.

Friends of Library Book Sale Located inside Piccadilly Square in Library

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

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

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Live Music at Piccadilly Free • Piccadilly Square- Thanks to MEC

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

2:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

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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

3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Afternoon Entertainment Jason Aldean by Travis Powell Tickets at Ticket Center: \$22 Adults, \$10 12 & Under At KOTA Theater

4:30 p.m.

Street Food Vendors Until the last cup is sold • Main Street

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

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Create a Gingerbread House \$5. Fort Stevenson Visitor Center, Limited Space

1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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2:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

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

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Visitors Center

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Piccadilly Square & Dickens Store Open
Free • Craft Vendor Show & Cratchit's Café
City Auditorium

Ticket Center Open
Tickets & Information • CVB/ Firefighter's Museum Kid's Corner at Evangel Church Fudge, Grinch Milk, Coffee, & Photo Booth • Main Street 4:30pm food 4 5pm entertainment

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Friends of Library Book Sale Located inside Piccadilly Square in Library

Noon - 4 p.m.

Quilts & Cuppa Tea \$3 • Cubby Hole (West of Auditorium) Sip a cuppa genuine London tea by beautiful quilts

Top Hat Decorating Free • Upstairs ND Firefighter's Museum

Noon - 5 p.m.

Ornament Making DIY Ceramic ornament making with Lewis & Clark Art Club. Prices vary. Foyer of Auditorium.

Tour Historic Ft. Stevenson Guardhouse Also, enjoy Ft. Stevenson State Park & participate in the Dickens Geocache. • 3 Miles South of Cenex.

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Live Music at Piccadilly Free • Piccadilly Square- Thanks to MEC

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Milk & Cookies with Santa Free • Meet Santa & Mrs. Claus SACA Lodge (one block West of aud.)

Create a Christmas Nisse

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

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1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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

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.

2:30 p.m.

Dickens Story Time Library in Auditorium • Storytime + Craft • Free

3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Afternoon Entertainment On the Brink Tickets at Ticket Center: \$15 Adults, \$10 12 & Under 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 vote Fezziwig's Feast

3 course Gourmet Meal with Beer & Wine Tasting Cubby Hole • \$25 Tickets at Ticket Center 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Live Music at Piccadilly Free • Piccadilly Square- Thanks to MEC

7:30 p.m.

Live Comedy Performance of A Christmas Carol Tickets at Ticket Center; \$18 Adults, \$10 12 & Under

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7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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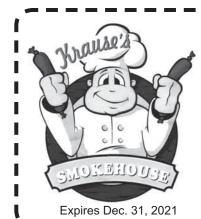




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Looking for the perfect souvenir? Come visit Ye Olde Dickens Souvenir Shoppe

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

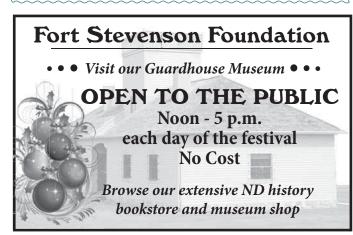
While you are checking out the shoppe don't forget to "pinch your pennies"!

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.

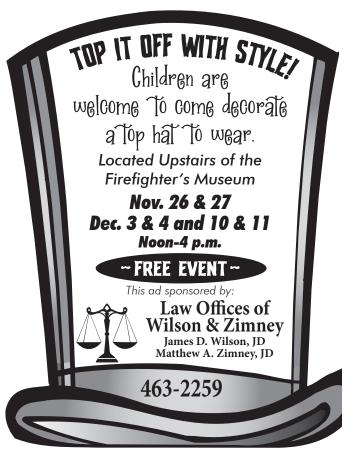


Public restrooms are at the Garrison City Auditorium, City Hall, Lamplighters and the North Dakota Firefighter's Museum all hours of the Dickens Village Festival.









Decorate your own ceramic ornaments

Nov. 26 & 27, Noon - 5 p.m. Dec. 4 & 11, Noon - 5 p.m.

Enjoy decorating a DIY ceramic ornament with the Lewis and Clark Art Club.

Located in the foyer of the Piccadilly Square at the Garrison Auditorium.



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 Audi-

The parade will be judged by secret judges off the street, randomly selected each Saturday.

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

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

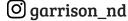
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Get the royal treatment

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.

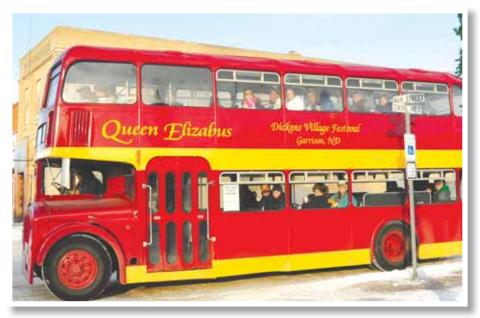
The next step was to build a shelter to house the Queen. The Dickens Festival Committee purchased a small building on Main Street.

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 aveen

•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.

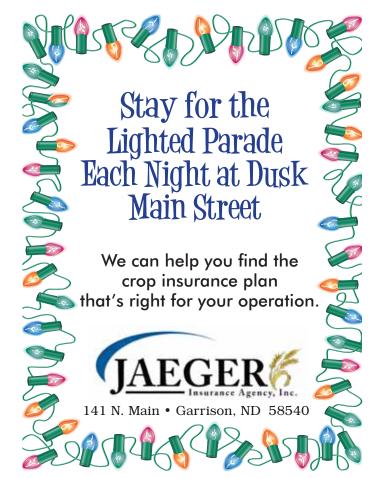
•Brought to the U.S. In 1980 by a Denver, Colo. Company. It was then sold to a company in Georgia, then a company in Iowa and finally to the Dickens Village Festival for \$5,000 in 2005.



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, northeast of the City Auditorium.

This feature comes free of charge courtesy of RTC Networks.







Take in the trees

While taking in the many attractions to enjoy during the festival, be sure to look for the seven specialty Christmas trees, all crafted and decorated by Garrison's own Jill Fuller.

Starting at The Cubby Hole, "the "Back Home" Christmas tree is a nostalgia-packed tree that includes ice skates, sleds, holly berries and bells.

While you are at the Cubby Hole, be sure to check out two more trees. "Let It Sew" is a tribute to the Dickens Quilt Show and will be sporting vintage sewing items, as well as handmade ornaments.

The "Afternoon Tea With Grandma" tree is decorated with pink gingerbread houses, bottle brush trees, pink nutcrackers, vintage ornaments, fine china and old lace. Be sure to enjoy the quilts – and a cuppa tea – while you're at The Cubby Hole as authentic British tea – imported straight from London – will be served there at Quilts & Cuppa Tea 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. everyday during the festival.

At the Garrison City Auditorium, among the vendors at Piccadilly Square, be sure to take in "Joy to the World," a Christmas tree pealed with bells, farmhouse-inspired ornaments and Christmas houses. A special feature include antique typewriters under the tree.

KOTA Theater will showcase "Candy Land," a tree dripping with sweet treats including gingerbread houses, marshmallows and candy canes — enough to leave you craving something sweet! The gallery will also be decorated in a Victorian-

Warming Houses Await

Looking for a place to warm those fingers, toes and noses? Want a place to sit and relax? There are a number of locations in downtown Garrison.

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

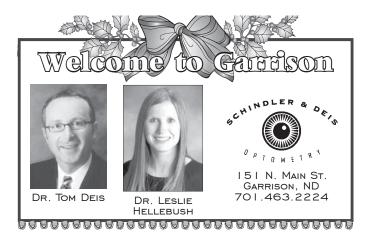
The Garrison Lamplighters (Senior Center), located on Central Avenue and adjourning City Hall, is another location to relax and warm up, or both! The center is open from 9 a.m.- 7 p.m. each day of the festival.

Festival of trees, hot drinks, chili and dessert.

inspired style. Be sure to check these out when if you enjoy the entertaining shows and the Christmas Carol play!

If you're looking for a place to warm up, the Garrison Lamplighters will offer that, as well as two more Christmas trees to enjoy! "Grandma's Kitchen" is sure to invoke memories of times gone by. Also, the "Downtown Dickens" tree honors the Dickens Village Festival Committee. It is a glam, flocked tree with silvers, golds and champagne-colored décor.

Each of the Christmas trees takes around 10 to 12 hours to complete. This is Fuller's fourth year decorating the Dickens Village Festival trees, but she has a lifetime of experience decorating her own trees.





Film crew visits Dickens

The crew of eight plus the CVB director, a volunteer and a few stragglers all squeezed their way into the tiny Dickens Village store for an interview during the 2019 Dickens Village Festival.

The film crew from Minneapolis descended on the Dickens Village Festival as part of a video they were making called, "Hometown Pride."

Even though some in the group were younger than the 26-year-old festival, they had a seasoned appreciation for all that went into it.

"I hate to say this but I was not thinking it was going to be such a young crew in here. I'm not meaning that in a bad way," McKaila Behles, the then-CVB director.

"We are not offended, no." said Rachel Oehlky.

While looking at the hats made by the Benedictine Living Center, one of the producers said, "I want one, but I don't think it will fit in my carry-on."

The crew went on to buy multiple toys, miniature Elizabuses and a few sets of salt and pepper shakers.

They seemed to be drawn to the question of small town hospitality, since they were all from the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. They listened intently to Behles speak about what this event means to this community.

"Community is coming together all for a common good, a prosperous community that continues to grow. That really takes everyone in town coming together for a common goal," she said.

Behles stressed the importance of volunteerism in Garrison and how everyone in the area is good about giving their time to make this town what it is.

"For a small town local it's that feeling of going in and everyone knowing your name, it's that feeling," Behles said. "But I also so think when a guest comes in from out of town they feel welcomed, they feel like we want them to be here and you enjoy that they came to your town to support it."

After the interview was over, Mandi Goplen, Oehky and Sally Mollman had a few free minutes to hop on the



McKaila Behles, then convention and visitors bureau director, talks up Garrison and the Dickens Village Festival to a Minneapolis film crew.

carriage ride and take a tour around town. The three also discussed what other events they were going to check out. The Elizabus and fruit cake toss came up as must sees.

Mollman was all smiles about the festival. "Dickens is awesome — it's so much fun," she said. "I've only been to North Dakota once before, and coming to Dickens has just been such a great experience. I've never been to a community where a town rallies around like Garrison does. Everyone here, no matter who I've talked to, has just been so accommodating. It's fun because that community spirit comes through in this festival."

She said the food was also a complete delight.

"I'd have to say the sausage on a stick would be my favorite," she said.

Enjoy the video by going to dickensfestival.com.

Library Story Hour at the Library

Dec. 4 and Dec. 11 at 2:30 p.m.

Join us at the Garrison Public Library (located in the Garrison auditorium) on Dec. 4 and Dec. 11 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.

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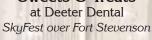
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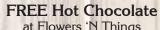
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