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Bringing a food pantry to Garrison

BY DIANE NEWBERRY BHG NEWS

The Great Plains Food Bank in Bismarck estimates that one in every nine people in the region struggle with hunger, but though it's the largest city in McLean County, Garrison does not have its own food pantry. A concerned group of citizens, primarily lead by Dawn Kolden and Nancy Leidholm, have come together to change that.

The group began meeting in April with the goal of starting a pantry, and when a space became available with the recent closing of Lazy J's, plans started moving fast for the new Garrison Area Resource Center.

Kolden explained that Garrison used to get mobile food pantry deliveries from the Great Plains Food Bank, but service stopped in 2016.

"It's a Band-Aid," Kolden said of the mobile service. "It's not a solution to the problem."

Alisa Dahl, also on the board for the new pantry, said the food bank has been "encouraging" communities that have a need to fulfill that need from within.

Your first opportunity to help

Though they have not yet opened for operation, the Garrison Area Resource Center wants to hit the ground running with a Thanksgiving project.

"Everybody, it seems, wants to give more during the holidays," Alisa Dahl said.

The pantry is asking for donations of the following items to put together Thanksgiving Blessings Baskets for families who might not otherwise have a traditional Thanksgiving feast:

- instant potatoes
- canned sweet potatoes/yams · canned green beans
- canned corn
- · canned cream of mushroom soup • canned fried onions
- gravy packets
- boxes of stuffing
- · Jell-O or pudding boxes
- powdered drink mix



Alisa Dahl and Dawn Kolden stand outside what will soon be the Garrison Area Resource Center.

The need

Both Dahl and Kolden said they have encountered skepticism that Garrison is in need of a pantry, but that studies show hunger is often a silent problem.

"People aren't very vocal that need it," Dahl said. "They just go elsewhere, or they go without."

According to the Census Bureau, Garrison's poverty level is 11.3 percent, but Dahl and Kolden said poverty level alone isn't an indicator of a community's need.

"I don't want people to think the only people coming to a food pantry are those that are under a certain income level," Dahl said. "If we're going to partner with Great Plains Food Bank. at least fifty percent need to be under those guidelines, but

there's so many people that have a temporary situation. Maybe they had extra medical expenses. Maybe their car that gets them to work every day breaks down."

Over three deliveries to Garrison in 2016, the Great Plains Food Bank distributed 18,000 pounds of food to an average number of 42 households.

"That to me says there's a need," Dahl said.

In a 2018 survey conducted by the Great Plains Food Bank, 90 percent of respondents did not receive public housing assistance and while 72.1 percent had applied for SNAP, only 47.6 percent had received SNAP benefits in the past 12 months.

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- canned jellied cranberries
- canned fruit cocktail

Donations can be dropped off to any of the following community locations: BHG Inc, Garrison State Bank, the Bank of North Dakota, Krause's, city hall, McLean Electric Cooperative, the KOTA Theater, the Camp of the Cross office and the USDA Service Center.

You could also sponsor a ham or turkey (which you can personally name) by dropping off \$20 to the Camp of the Cross office or mailing in your donation to Garrison PO Box 1002.

The new "houses" at the elementary school will also be competing to see which group can bring in the most donations for the baskets. Items that go unused for the baskets will be some of the first items to stock the shelves when the pantry is up and running.

Households can sign up for or be nominated for a basket from Oct. 1 through Oct. 31 at the McLean Electric Cooperative. Baskets will be delivered Nov. 23.

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Planting garlic **BY CALLA EDWARDS** MCLEAN CO. EXTENSION AGENT

Our outdoor growing season is officially over with the first

frosts of the fall finally starting plant garlic! to arrive. That doesn't mean that we are completely done in the garden for the year. There is one gardening exercise left to ensure a good harvest of one crop for next year. It's time to

Now is the optimum time to plant garlic for harvest next fall. It's best to plant your garlic now because you will grow bigger bulbs compared to planting garlic in the spring.

Garlic is a hardy bulb and there are two types of garlic that can be planted in North Dakota, hardneck garlic and softneck garlic.

• Hardneck garlic is the hardiest type, however it

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produces smaller overall bulbs. fewer cloves that are larger in size that softneck garlic, and it produces scapes which are actually an edible flower stalk. These scapes can be eaten and are a delicious additive to salads or stir-fry's.

 Softneck garlic produces larger bulbs with many small cloves. This type of garlic is not as hardy as hardneck and is not recommended for the Northern portion of North Dakota.

Garlic should be planted around Columbus Day or one to two weeks after the first hard freeze. Plant your garlic cloves 4" deep and space them 1-3" apart. When you are planting be sure to add some fertilizer as good fertility is needed to grow big bulbs of garlic. If we have a snowless winter or it is forecasted to get very cold before snow arrives, be sure to mulch your bed to ensure that the garlic tops don't freeze over winter and always mulch garlic planted in raised planters.

In the spring and summer, be sure to keep your garlic bed weeded as weeds are the worst enemy of our garlic plants. Their sparse foliage doesn't compete well against most weeds and the competition will result in a smaller yield. Try using mulch around your garlic plants to cut down on your weeding time and effort.

Harvesting of garlic usually will take place in mid to late August once the foliage starts to turn yellow. Dig your bulbs up rather than pull them to prevent damage to the bulb and don't wait till the foliage turns completely yellow to dig your bulbs. Place the bulbs with their tops on a screen in a well ventilated location at room temperature for two weeks. Once they are dry, remove the tops to about an inch above the bulb and they can be stored in cool dry conditions for many months.

If you follow the above steps you should have garlic to enjoy for the years to come. Be sure to plant some cloves from your favorite variety for the next year now. We've included a recipe for you to try this fall and winter. Contact your local extension office at 701-462-8541 for more information.

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Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark, PG-13 A group of teens face their fears in order to save their lives. L 1 hr. 48 min. Oct. 11 & 12 7:30 p.m. (Last movie before Dickens)







CALENDAR

Saturday, Oct. 5

Max Museum fundraiser, 7 p.m., Max High School Gym. Garrison City Landfill, 8

a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. Our Savior's Church annual fall bazaar, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mercer Community Center.

Rust's Hardware Hank 20th anniversary celebration, Turtle Lake. Serving free hotdogs and hamburgers from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lorraine Anderson is celebrating her 90th birthday with a card shower. Send cards to: 505 Eastside St., Turtle Lake, ND 58575.

Sunday, Oct. 6

Fire Prevention Breakfast, Garrison Fire Hall, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Blessing of the Animal Service, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Garrison, 3 p.m.

Washburn Lions breakfast, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Washburn Memorial Building.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Octoberfest, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. dinner, Bingo, 1:30 p.m., Wilton Memorial Hall.

Vernon Edinger's 90th birthday open house, cake and coffee 2-4 p.m. at Turtle Lake Legion Hall. No gifts please.

McLean County Historical Society fall meeting, 2 p.m., at the museum.

St. Bonaventure Catholic Church chicken supper, 4:30-7 p.m., Underwood.

Hazen Lions Club fleischkuechle fundraiser at Hazen City Hall, 3-4:30 p.m. takeout available, 4-6 p.m. dining in. Call 880-1169 for takeout.

Last jam session of the season, 6 p.m., Hazen City Hall. Free to attend for all ages. Musicians welcome, call 873-5695.

Washburn Drama Dept. performing Cinderella? by William J. Springer at 7 p.m. Oct. 6 and 8 The plays will be part of a dessert theater event with desserts and "potions" being served.

Monday, Oct. 7 McClusky School Board meeting, 8 p.m.

McClusky Job Development meeting, 7 p.m.

McClusky Fire Department meeting, 9 p.m.

Martin City Council meeting, 7 p.m. WIC nutritionist available

at the Washburn office. Call 462-3330 to schedule an appointment.

Yoga, First Congregational Church, Garrison, 8 a.m.

Bone Builders exercise, Garrison Senior Center, 10 a.m.

The Christian Women's Club of Harvey and surrounding area will be having a "What's Does Your Card Say?" luncheon from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Assembly of God Fellowship Hall, Harvey. Call 324-4728 or 324-4553 to RSVP.

Tuesday, Oct. 8

Washburn School Board meeting, 8 p.m. Garrison Lamplighters

Business Meeting, Garrison Senior Center, 2 p.m. Pickleball, Garrison

elementary gym, 7 p.m., beginners welcome. Riverdale community flu

clinic, 10-11 a.m., Corp of Engineers Building. Washburn Civic Club to

meet at noon at Captain's Cabin.

Lawrence Stephenson Post 133 of the American Legion to meet at 6:30 p.m. for supper, meeting to follow, Turtle Lake.

Wednesday, Oct. 9 Goodrich City Council meeting, 5 p.m.

Yoga, First Congregational Church, Garrison, 8 a.m.

Garrison City Landfill, 1-5 p.m.

Foot care clinic available at the public health office, McLean County Courthouse, Washburn. Call 462-3330 to schedule an appointment.

Turtle Lake Chamber of Progress meeting, noon, Bev's Cafe.

American Legion Post 12 stew feed - 5 p.m. social; 6 p.m. meal; 7 p.m. meeting; Washburn.

Thursday, Oct. 10

Community Clothing Share-Exchange open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at 221 Main St., Turtle Lake

Sheridan County Senior Citizen potluck at the center. Bone Builders exercise,

Garrison Senior Center, 10 a.m. Pickleball, Garrison elementary gym, 7 p.m.,

beginners welcome. Max community flu clinic 1:30-3:30 p.m., Max Senior Center.

Lord's Pantry open 2-4 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church,

515 Kundert St., Turtle Lake. Melvin and Gloria Henne

are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary with a card shower. Send cards to: 3328 27th St. NW, Max, ND 58759. No gifts please.

McClusky School fall music concert, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 11

Lewis & Clark Farmers Market, 3-6 p.m., L&C Interpretive Center, Washburn.

Yoga, First Congregational Church, Garrison, 8 a.m. Garrison City Landfill, 1-5

p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 12

Garrison City Landfill, 8 a.m.to noon and 1-5 p.m. North Dakota Firefighter

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McLean County youth celebrate National 4-H Week

BY MICHELLE EFFERTZ 4-H YOUTH EXTENSION AGENT

Millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country will be celebrating everything 4-H during National 4-H Week, Oct. 6-12. In McLean County five community clubs, a horse club and shooting sports club will showcase the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people. Clubs celebrate by displaying 4-H exhibits in banks and libraries. Many older members go into the grade school classrooms to tell younger students about the positive experiences they have had in 4-H.

The theme of this year's National 4-H Week is Inspire Kids to Do, which highlights how 4-H encourages kids to take part in hands-on learning experiences in areas such as health, science, agriculture and civic engagement. Each year we celebrate by engaging youth in the National 4-H Youth Science Day Experiment.

The exciting theme for this year's challenge is Game Changers, where we teach kids coding skills through fun exercises including gaming and puzzles. This year the science day experiment will be conducting the first two weeks of October in the 5th grade classrooms.

In McLean County, 132 4-H youth and 20 volunteers from the community are involved in 4-H. Many of them began their re-enrollment in September which is the start of the new 4-H year. To learn more about how you can join 4-H please call the Extension office at 701-462-8541 and we will get you in touch with a club leader.

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Tuesday, Oct. 8

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Souris River Basin Longbeards fall raffle, 4:30-Goodrich School Board 11:30 p.m., Hunter's Lodge, Butte.

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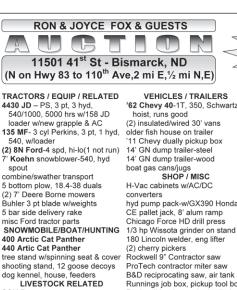
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Gluten free cheeseburger soup

1 pound ground beef, cooked

- 1 cup diced carrots
- 1/2 cup diced celery
- 1/2 onion, diced
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2-3 large potatoes, peeled and diced
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley
- 1 cup velveeta cheese, cubed
- 1 cup milk

salt and pepper to taste

In a large soup pot, melt butter. add in carrots, celery and onions, Cook over medium heat until onions become translucent. About 5-8 minutes.

Add chicken broth, potatoes and parsley, let come to a low boil and cook for 10 minutes, make sure potatoes are fully cooked.

Turn heat down to low, stir in ground beef, cheese and milk, add salt and pepper to taste. Once cheese is melted and all ingredients are blended, serve with fresh bread.

Gluten free pumpkin cheesecake **CRUST:**

1 1/2 cups gluten free vanilla wafers

1/3 cup butter or margarine, melted

CHEESECAKE:

- 3 packages (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 can (15 oz.) Libby's 100% Pure Pumpkin
- 2/3 cup (5 fl.-oz can) Nestle Carnation Evaporated Milk
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 1/4 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

TOPPING:

1 container (16 oz.) sour cream, at room temperature

- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Preheat oven to 350° F.

CRUST: Combine cookie crumbs and butter. Cool in refrigerator.

CHEESECAKE: BEAT cream cheese, granulated sugar and brown sugar in large mixer bowl until fluffy. Beat in eggs, pumpkin and evaporated milk. Add cornstarch, cinnamon and nutmeg; beat well. Pour into crust.

Bake for 55 to 60 minutes or until edge is set but center still moves slightly.

TOPPING: Combine sour cream, granulated sugar and vanilla extract in small bowl; mix well. Spread over surface of warm cheesecake. Bake for 5 minutes. Cool on wire rack. Refrigerate for several hours or overnight. Remove side of springform pan.

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Optional: Melt a bag of chocolate chips and a bag of butterscotch chips in the microwave and frost the bars.





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Almost 52 percent had unpaid medical bills, a major driver of hunger. Dahl said this can be especially true in small towns whose employers might have a tough time providing health insurance.

'So there's this gap – and I have family that's been in that gap – where you make too much to get SNAP, but you're not paid enough to pay all of your operating expenses for the month and feed your family,' Dahl said.

The set-up

Dahl said the board will hopefully have the lease agreement ironed out and access to the space by the end of October, then they will begin making renovations to fit their needs. Overall, however, she said "the infrastructure that is in there right now will work well."

The food bank will be operating out of the rear of Lazy J's former off-sale space, and Kolden and Dahl said the board has had a lot of talks about confidentiality. The rear entrance will not face downtown and all volunteers will sign confidentiality contracts.

When the pantry opens, Dahl said households that sign up will be able to come collect supplies once a month. There will be daytime and nighttime hours, but the board has not decided yet when those will be.

The board has already established a Facebook page under the name Garrison Food Pantry, where they say they will post about what their donation needs are. These needs will always be evolving based on their clients and what Great Plains Food Bank has in stock.

Besides food, they will also be looking for donations for hygiene products, baby products and cleaning supplies. You can give fresh beef if it has been processed through a USDA-certified facility and

farm-fresh eggs. "If you're worried about what to give, dollars are fine," Dahl said. "The dollars you give to the food bank can buy so much more through the food bank because they get things in bulk. It's always great to give food, but the dollar you give will buy more food from them than you paying the dollar for something."

The future

Going forward, the pantry hopes to eventually open a second-hand shop to sell quality, affordable goods to the whole community. It will be called "Tossed and Found."

Dahl said she hopes the shop

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will fit in well with the culture of Garrison's downtown, as well as provide a sustainable income stream for the pantry.

'We want to spend most of our time being of service," she said. "If we have to spend all of our time trying to raise funds, that takes something away."

Kolden and Dahl also said that there remain open positions on the board, although they hope that all of the pantry's activity isn't undertaken by board members. They are also looking for volunteer coordinators, especially for events.

Though they do not have offices right now, interested volunteers can contact the pantry through their Facebook page, at garrisonfoodpantry@ gmail.com or at PO Box 1002 in Garrison.

For the pantry to be successful, Kolden said, "it's going to take the whole community.'