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The North Dakota Governor's Walleye Cup is the region's largest walleye fishing tournament held annually in Garrison, ND, along the beautiful shores of Lake Sakakawea. The 50th annual ND Governor's Walleye Cup will be held on July 18-19, 2025. We welcome team representatives from all states, and are looking forward to another awesome tournament! The city of Garrison wishes to welcome you and hopes that your stay is enjoyable. Please, bring your families and make a week or weekend of it.

Governor's Cup turns 50

BY TYSON MATTHEWS
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Since 1976, Lake Sakakawea has been the home of the North Dakota Governor's Walleye Cup Derby, which means this year is a very important anniversary. "Celebrating 50 years is a big deal," Governor's Walleye Cup Derby Chairwoman Joyce Pfliger said. "There are some very nice big items for the Friday and Saturday evening drawings at the weigh-ins," Pfliger said. "We have some great prizes."

There are a couple of new competitions within the tournament this year such as a past winner's division, grandparent and grandchild team division, and a husband-and-wife team division. "I am also appreciative of the other committee members. I also can't say enough good things about our volunteers and awesome sponsors," Pfliger finished. As a thank you for making the tournament a success, the committee has a small gift for each angler this year.

FLIGHTING SCHEDULE

DAY 1

- Flight 1:** {Teams 1-65} Gray Shirts
Inspection Time 5-6:30 a.m.
Flight Leaves 7 a.m. • Returns 3 p.m.
- Flight 2:** {Teams 66-130}
Red Shirts
Inspection Time 6:30-7 a.m.
Flight Leaves 7:30 a.m. • Returns 3:30
- Flight 3:** {Teams 131-195}
Navy Shirts
Inspection Time 7-7:30 a.m.
Flight Leaves 8 a.m. • Returns 4 p.m.
- Flight 4:** {Teams 196-260}
Green Shirts
Inspection Time 7:30-8 a.m.
Flight Leaves 8:30 a.m. • Returns 4:30

DAY 2

- Flight 1:** {Teams 196-260}
Green Shirts
Inspection Time 5-6:30 a.m.
Flight Leaves 7 a.m. • Returns 3 p.m.
- Flight 2:** {Teams 131-195}
Navy Shirts
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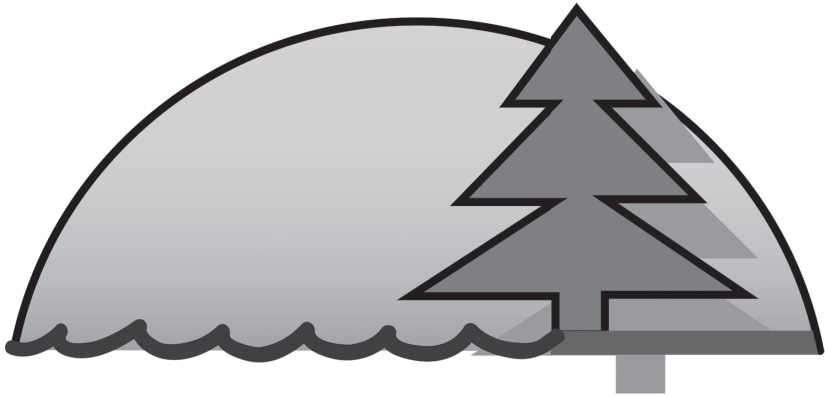
- REGISTRATION:** JULY 17 - Noon to 6:30 p.m. - Garrison City Auditorium. *If you are not registered by this time, registration will open again after the rules meeting. (Approx. 7:30 p.m.) Try to register early!*
- ANGLERS MEAL:** JULY 17 - 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. - Garrison City Auditorium. *Meal tickets may be purchased along with registration fees. Extra tickets will be available for purchase at the registration table.*
- RULES MEETING:** JULY 17 - 7 p.m. - Garrison City Auditorium. *The rules meeting {required by at least one team member}, also includes prize drawings, speakers & ND Fishing Hall of Fame inductions.*
- BOAT INSPECTIONS:** Starting at 5:30 a.m. - Ft. Stevenson State Park Marina. *Please arrive to the park according to your flight time. Early boats will be staged in the deTrobriand Marina.*
- LAUNCH / RETURN:** Boats launch and return in flights. *There will be volunteers assisting anglers with trailers & parking at the ramp. Flights will be escorted to the Garrison City Park for weigh-ins. See flight schedule for times.*
- WEIGH-INS:** Starting at 3 p.m. - Garrison City Park. *Please contact a committee member if you need to weigh earlier than your assigned flight time.*

LOCATIONS

- REGISTRATION / ANGLER'S MEAL / RULES MEETING:** Garrison City Auditorium • 15 Main St South
- WEIGH-INS:** Garrison City Park • Main Street - North End
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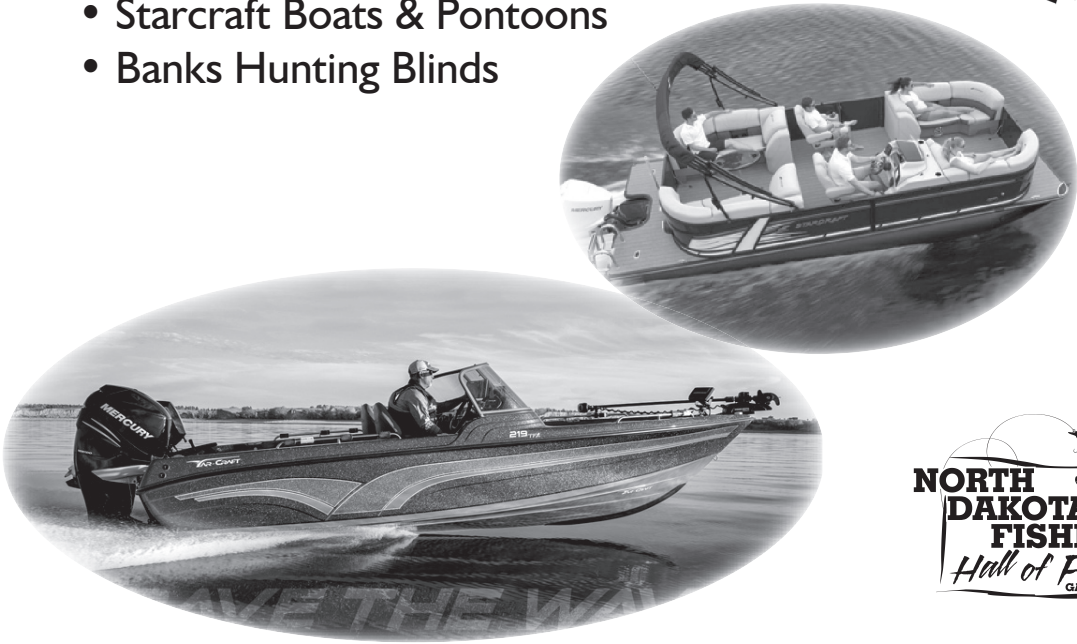
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She’s the big fish of the Governor’s Cup

Pfliger chairs the largest fishing tournament in ND

BY TYSON MATTHEWS
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Joyce Pfliger is currently the chairwoman of the Governor’s Walleye Cup. “Although there is a lot of work involved with the cup, I love it!” Pfliger stressed.

About Joyce
Pfliger was born and raised just east of Garrison near Lake Audubon. After high school graduation, she attended St. Mary’s School of Practical Nursing in Pierre, SD. After passing her nursing boards, she worked at the Stanley Hospital before returning to Garrison to work at its hospital. She has been living in this area ever since, but now she’s out west by Lake Sakakawea.

Pfliger was married to Bernie Pfliger, who passed away in 2006. She has four stepchildren, and a “furry” family of one dog and two cats.

Governor’s Cup
“I have never fished the tournament,” Pfliger said.

Several years ago, there was a ‘Schmidt’s (beer) Barge’ that would go around the lake to give out refreshments (beer) to the people fishing on the lake. In 1983, along with a friend, Pfliger started freezing ice for the barge. While helping with the barge, tour-

nament director Jim Fischer said they needed help collecting prizes for the anglers and asked if Pfliger could help. She agreed. Pfliger became committee secretary in 1983, and later chairwoman in 2005. She is the only woman to ever head up this committee. And she doesn’t only work on this event during tournament time; this is a year-round job for Pfliger. She is totally invested in this tournament and tries to provide a positive experience for all participants every year. “Although the Governor’s Cup began as a small derby, comprised of friends and neighbors, it has grown into a field of 260 teams with several states involved,” Pfliger said. “I have met so many amazing people, with some becoming lifelong friends.”

ND Fishing Hall of Fame
“Pfliger’s dedication to the North Dakota Governor’s Walleye Cup Fishing Tournament is obvious, and her thousands of hours of effort accompanied by her friendly, personal touch has ensured the continuing success of the tournament,” ND Fishing Hall of Fame President Keith Witt said in a press release about her induction. “Her commitment to the tournament while ensuring a positive experience for all involved has provided significant benefit to sportfishing in

North Dakota.” Pfliger was surprised to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. “Never did it cross my mind,” Pfliger said. “I feel very fortunate to be included with the awesome people who have proceeded me in being inducted.” Through her activities involving tournament preparation as well as during the tournament itself, Pfliger has many interactions with tournament competitors, and they often express appreciation for the personal touch that Pfliger provides and have developed personal friendships with her. As of this year, there have only been two women inducted into the ND Fishing Hall of Fame. Also, she should really look into starting up the Schmidt’s Beer Barge again!



Joyce Pfliger has been on the North Dakota Governor’s Walleye Cup Derby committee for 42 years and is the current chairwomen. (Submitted for ND Fishing Hall of Fame)

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2024 ND Governor's Cup Walleye Tournament winners Travis Brothers and Dustin Bowers from Bottineau, weighed in #35.23 during the two-day tourney. (Morgan Bauer)

2024 STATE CHAMPIONS WINNERS



Governor's Cup Champions Weston Weisenburger Steven Weisenburger, took home the title of State Champs this year. (Morgan Bauer)



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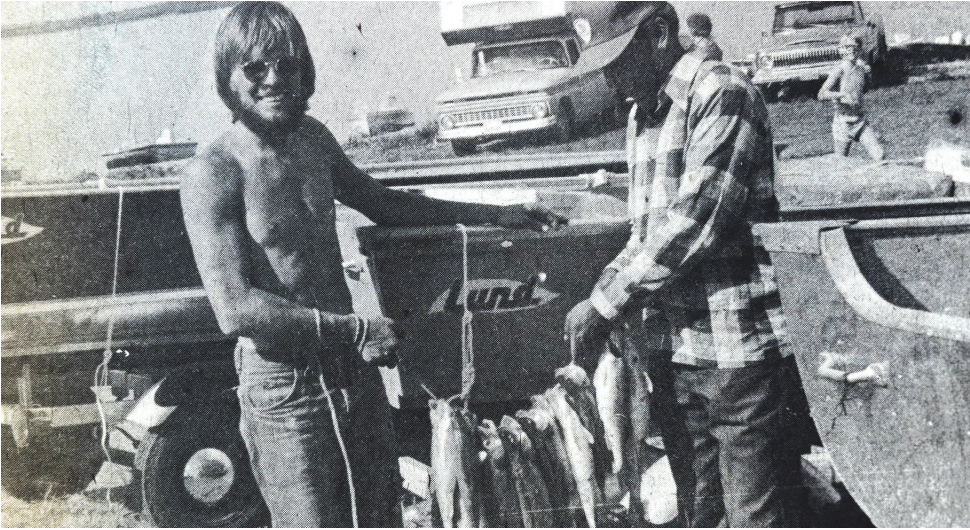
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50 YEARS AGO



Governor's Cup Champions, Terry Schneider and father Joe Schneider display some of their 33 lb. 3 oz. in walleyes which earned them three boats and trailers, and \$500 in cash during two days of fishing on Lake Sakakawea. Boats picked up by the champions were donated by Lund-American Boat Company. The Schneiders claimed two boat/trailer combos for top total weight in fish caught and added the third set by posting the largest walleye of the tournament at 3 lb. 3 oz. (From the McLean County Independent- July 1976 archives)

Plans Complete for the First Governor's Walleye Cup Derby

July 17, 1976

A flotilla of over 100 boats will be poised in deTrobriand Bay south of Garrison early Saturday morning awaiting the signal from starter Mike Zimmerman to get the First Annual North Dakota Governor's Walleye Cup fishing tournament underway. With that signal some 100 two-man teams will set course for areas which they hope will yield the elusive walleye which may earn them a portion of some \$7,000 in cash and prizes being awarded at the conclusion of the Sunday evening.

The tournament, which becomes a reality through the combined efforts of a number of Garrison businesses and civic organization, the American-Lund Boat Co., the State Game and Fish Department and Gov. Arthur Link, will run June 19-20 from 7 a.m.- 5 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the fisherman landing the largest walleye and to the top teams register-

ing walleye by total weight. Top prize for the largest walleye is a Lund boat and Gator trailer. The next nine teams will receive cash prizes ranging from \$475- \$250.

Minot television sportscaster Russ Smith will be guest speaker at the pre-tournament banquet slated for the Garrison American Legion building Friday at 6:30 p.m. where all entrants will receive the tournament rules and regulations.

Teams representing governors of Montana, South Dakota, and Minnesota will compete with designates Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hjelle, representatives of Governor Link, in quest of the Governor's Cup, which goes to the team landing the most total pounds of walleye in the two-day event.

Launch site for the event will be on the east shoreline of Fort Stevenson State Park which will also offer fishermen camping facilities during the tournament.

The Big Lake Is Still Master But-

June 24, 1976

While most entrants were finding it tough to land a single fish, a Bismarck father-son team of Joe and Terry Schneider landed one elusive walleye after another over the weekend to claim top honors in the two categories of the first annual North Dakota Governor's Cup Walleye Derby held on Lake Sakakawea.

For their performance in the two-day event, the Schneiders "took everything but the lunch tent" they claimed a pair of Lund boats and Gator trailers and \$500 for the top prize based on total poundage of fish and added another boat the trailer combo after weighing in the largest walleye of the event.

The Bismarck anglers weighed in 33 pounds, 3 ounces of fish in the total weight division and claimed top honor in the larg-

est fish category with a respectable 3 lb. 3 oz catch.

Nearly 20 pounds behind the winners in second place were Fargo anglers Bob Schmidt and Glen Lien, who weighed in 13 pounds, and 14 ounces of walleyes. They did, however, earn then \$500 in runner-up money.

Area anglers, especially those from the Garrison area, ran into a near shutout in the event as the few fish taken were definitely in the "small" walleye class. There had been claims by some "locals" would dominate the event despite the fact that Lake Sakakawea poses problems for all anglers.

The Schneiders' key to success appeared to be the use of nightcrawlers fished in water six to 15 feet deep.

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2025 ND Governor’s Walleye Cup Registered Teams

Teams are updated 6.30.2025

1. Travis Brothers-Dustin Bowers

2. Jens Stokke-Logan Stokke

3. Richard Schiable-Jonathan Schiable

4. Justin Sheldon-Tyge Sheldon

5. Glenn Dosch-Ryan Dosch

6. Marty Trett-Blair Trett

7. Chad Talbott-Jarett Bauer

8. Brent Wendel-Jayden Wendel

9. Dan Doschadis-Jesse Doschadis

10. Tom Hoffer-Adam Beyer

11. Dennis Anderson-Lance Anderson

12. Dan Nelson-Dennis Nelson

13. Chad Bullinger-Ryan Bullinger

14. Matt Perleberg-Arnie Perleberg

15. Kevin Huston-Conner Huston

16. Don Cline-Richard Johnson

17. Justin Racine-Brent Racine

18. Tom Klabunde-Heath Crawford

19. Londell Nissen-Lori Nissen

20. Bryan Feller-Josh Feller

21. Aaron Fuller-AJ Fuller

22. Ken Schmidt-Mark Jones

23. Cole Schiable-Nate Gusten

24. David Jensen-David Brandt

25. Craig Kolden-Shaeli Kolden

26. Brian Merkel-Tanner Merkel

27. Woody Hall-Kelly Hall

28. Erik Grubb-John Grubb

29. Casey Steele-Jerrad Huston

30. Joe Schmidt-Kane Schmidt

31. Tom Christianson-Denise Christianson

32. Jordan Engelhardt-Brandon Nordstrom

33. Ryan Schoenwald-Zach Williams

34. Eric Zietz-Lindsey Zietz

35. Francis Schumacher-George Kuntz

36. Brian Mazigian-Jason Mazigian

37. Justin Bechtold-Jason Bechtold

38. Chad Olson-Tripp Olson

39. Scott Demond-Donald Franklin

40. Gene Fetzer-Gerald Roland

41. Brad MacClennan-Mark Roth

42. Art Renner-Chuck Keller

43. Brent Wallin-Tyler Hauf

44. Mike Hammeren-Nathan Stittleburg

45. Roger Schumann-Travis Hennings

46. Mason Brudevold-Doug Panchot

47. Kevin Massine-Travis Kamphius

48. Sheldon Osterberg-Justin Osterberg

49. Mark Klein-Eric Klein

50. Taiton Carlson-Chris Smith

51. Todd DeBoer-Haley DeBoer

52. Lonnie Schneider-Leo Bohl

53. Justin Ronyak-Lyrisa Ronyak

54. Scott Boehm-Russ Ulmer

55. Philip Weber-Andrew Ronningen

56. Steve Campbell-Jeremy Seelye

57. Cody Northop-Drake Herd

58. Derrick Holman-Dean Marshall

59. Darron Nichols-Michele Nichols

60. Scott Murphy-Jon Rush

61. Jacob Heilman-Kent Heilman

62. Jeff Moum-Chris Mobley

63. Josh Christianson-Shawn Johnston

64. Dylan Deseth-Paisley Deseth

65. Mike Gibbs-Carrie Gibbs

66. Calvin Berry-Kellen Hunter
67. Rodger Affeldt-Scott Affeldt

68. Allan Freidig-Clint Deveir

69. Brian Walter-Blake Walter

70. Ty Rossman-Travis Rossman

71. Eric Dehaven-Ethan Steele

72. Tim Sandstrom-Dani Standstrom

73. Tom Beaton-Scott Beaton

74. Josh Grudzinski-Brian Grudzinski

75. Shane Smith-Craig Smith

76. Brandon Aldinger-Eric Stebbins

77. Jason Wright-James Wright

78. Lee Gregerson-Luke Sturn

79. Loren Desjardins-JyliAnne Striha

80. Robyn Klabunde-Rusty Klabunde

81. Jim Houston-Brent Fettig

82. Greg Hoewt-Eric Thuner

83. Jordan Schmaltz-Gavin Schmaltz

84. Glen Ternes-Justin Ternes

85. Michael Hanson-Mason Hanson

86. Sam Adams-Shawn Fritel

87. Wyatt Zietz-Jamie Zietz

88. Brooklyn Starck-Abraham Starck

89. Marcus Matthews-Tyson Matthews

90. Cory Golberg-Al Woitte

91. Tory Holen-Shaylie Holen

92. Rod Swenson-Tavin Wessels

93. Jim Elkins-Tyler Harris

94. Justin Flores-Rob Volk

95. Erik Haas-Chad Keller

96. Roger Heinle Jr -Randal Belisle

97. Justin Hauff-Jesse Hauff

98. Michael Brandt-Heather Brandt

99. David Kaminski-Shawn Johnson

100. Troy Tofteland-Alexis Tofteland

101. Larry Erickson-Garrett Erickson

102. Lynn Leifson-Tyler Thull

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104. Paul Huffman-Nate Chappell

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143. Justin Klabunde-Nathaniel Klabunde

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25 YEARS AGO

Deja vu- Siegel, Schimdt win N.D. Governor's Cup

June 13, 2000

BY STU MERRY

The 25th Anniversary of the North Dakota Governor's Cup Walleye Tournament is history, and like it's 1997 counterpart, Kenny Seigal and Thomas Schmidt of Mandan are the reigning champions.

The duo made the most of their catch, turning in just nine fish equaling 43.28 pounds. This is only the second time second time there has been repeat champions in the tournament. The only other team to repeat as tournament champions was the tandem of Joe and Terry Schneider of Bismarck.

Minoters Joe Dittus and Marty Anderson claimed second place. The Magic City team netted a full 12 fish limit with a total of 39.82 pounds.

The top local team was the brother team of Brian and Todd Gehring. The Garrison duo placed fourth with 12 fish equaling 38.10 pounds.

Last year's champions, Galen (Hap) Munz and Rod Huston, finished in 44th place with 10 fish equaling 25.84 pounds, just out of the money. (The tournament pays out to 42nd place.)

"We were sitting in better shape than

anyone else," Siegel said, noting they could catch up to eight more fish, while other teams in the hunt had caught more fish during first day action.

Tournament Director Jim Fischer said the 25th anniversary edition of the Governor's Cup Walleye Tournament was "excellent."

"The tournament went real smooth," he said. "The weather really cooperated this year."

A total of 1,761 fish were caught during the two-day event totaling 3,871.8 pounds. The average weight per team was 15.9 pounds, with the average walleye weighing 2.2 pounds.

Keith Altendorf, who landed an 8.13-pound walleye on Friday, caught the largest walleye.

In noting the winning team's bait of choice, Siegel emphatically said crank baits.

"We used them 95 percent of the time."

Besides being crowned the Governor's Cup champions, the two also were crowned winners of the mini tournament of past Governor's Cup winners.

The two have been together in the Governor's Cup for about 16 years and they said they have finished in the money about five times.



Receiving the wares for their efforts from the North Dakota Governor's Walleye Cup Tournament Director Jim Fischer, left, are the 2000 25th Anniversary Tournament Champions Thomas Schmidt and Kenny Siegel. These are the only two-time winners of this tournament. (From the McLean County Independent- July, 2000 archives)

Governor's Cup just around the corner

June 6, 2000

BY KAREN HEINZEN

It's time to hit the big waters as the 25th annual North Dakota Governor's Cup Walleye Tournament is just ahead. The tournament is scheduled for July 21-22 at Fort Stevenson State Park.

Just as past years have done so, top prize for the Governor's Cup is \$6,000 with second place finishers at \$2,250 and third \$1,650. Prize money is paid through 42nd place.

Fighting will start at 7 a.m. at Fort Stevenson State Park Marina with successive flights leaving every half-hour.

With 252 teams to compete in the tournament, the event will be a catch and release derby with a maximum 12-fish weight-in. A total of 10 fish can be caught on either day.

For this year's silver anniversary derby, past winners of the derby will be entered into

a "winner takes all" tournament. Approximately 20 past winners are returning to participate in the event. The mini-tournament has a separate entry fee and payback said Governor's Cup Coordinator Jim Fischer.

He said extra money could be won at the derby as well.

Fisherman may also register for the optional Hall of Fame Tournament. The tournament is a tournament with-in the Governor's Cup.

The Hall of Fame tournament is an opportunity for funds to be raised for the North Dakota Fishing Hall of Fame.

Fischer said new things are happening with the tournament this year.

"Prizes will be given away for special things that happen during the tournament," Fischer said, "like \$25 to the 25th place team."

Meet the Governor's Walleye Cup Derby Committee

Joyce Pfliger

Years on committee: 42 years

Why is the Governor's Cup important to Garrison? I feel the Governor's Cup brings many people to town. The cup is an economic boost to our town. There are people who originally came to Garrison to fish the cup and have eventually moved here.

Your favorite memory from the Governor's Cup? A couple memorable moments were the year that the lake was so high the boats could pull right up to the weigh-in site. Another hilarious moment involved a fisherman and a tackle box.

Don Trueblood

Years on committee: 17 years

Why is the Governor's Cup important to Garrison? The ND Governor's Cup Fishing Derby gives us an opportunity to showcase the community of Garrison and the supporting businesses. Participants and their families/guests experience what Garrison, and the Fort Stevenson State Park have to offer. We have some of the best fishing in the state and the most welcoming community members around. We have many businesses (local and state-wide) that step up to the plate year after year providing financial support, gifts and special events. We couldn't host this event without the community members, business community, and our volunteers. We have a fantastic group of volunteers that do whatever is needed to make this event enjoyable for everyone. It is my honor to serve on the committee with a group of very dedicated board members.

Your favorite memory from the Governor's Cup? I have many, but to start with the lifelong friendships, the final weigh-ins when the leaders change with the final flight of anglers coming to the stage, and I always look forward to the youngest participants proudly weighing their catch.

Chad Betz

Years on committee: 17 years

Why is the Governor's Cup important to Garrison? It has been a long-lasting event for the community and brings about 800 people in between the anglers and family members that support our local community.

Your favorite memory from the Governor's Cup? Special Tackle Box that one of our committee members received.

Ronald Krebsbach

Years on committee: 47 years

Why is the Governor's Cup important to Garrison? It brings people to town that may come back to make their home here or build a summer cabin.

Your favorite memory from the Governor's Cup? The year we planned on taking the boats out of the bay and release them by shooting a cannon. We were moving toward the mouth of the bay when the cannon was sounded too early causing what

could have been a dangerous situation. The boats back then were much smaller and could have capsized but fortunately no one was injured.

Morgan Bauer

Years on committee: 10 years

Why is the Governor's Cup important to Garrison? The Governor's Cup brings so many people to our community and highlights this destination area that we get to enjoy every day! Not only is it an economic boost to Garrison, but the friendships and comradery that the fishing community brings are something special.

Your favorite memory from the Governor's Cup? Tackle boxes...Ask a committee member at the tournament if you want to hear the story!

Tod Graeber

Years on committee: 15 years, I think

Why is the Governor's Cup important to Garrison? The Governor's Cup is important to promote Garrison and Walleye fishing on Lake Sakakawea. The tournament is a big economic driver for the Garrison area.

Your favorite memory from the Governor's Cup? Lost and found tackle box story according to Art Thompson and Wade Peterson.

Derick Seibel

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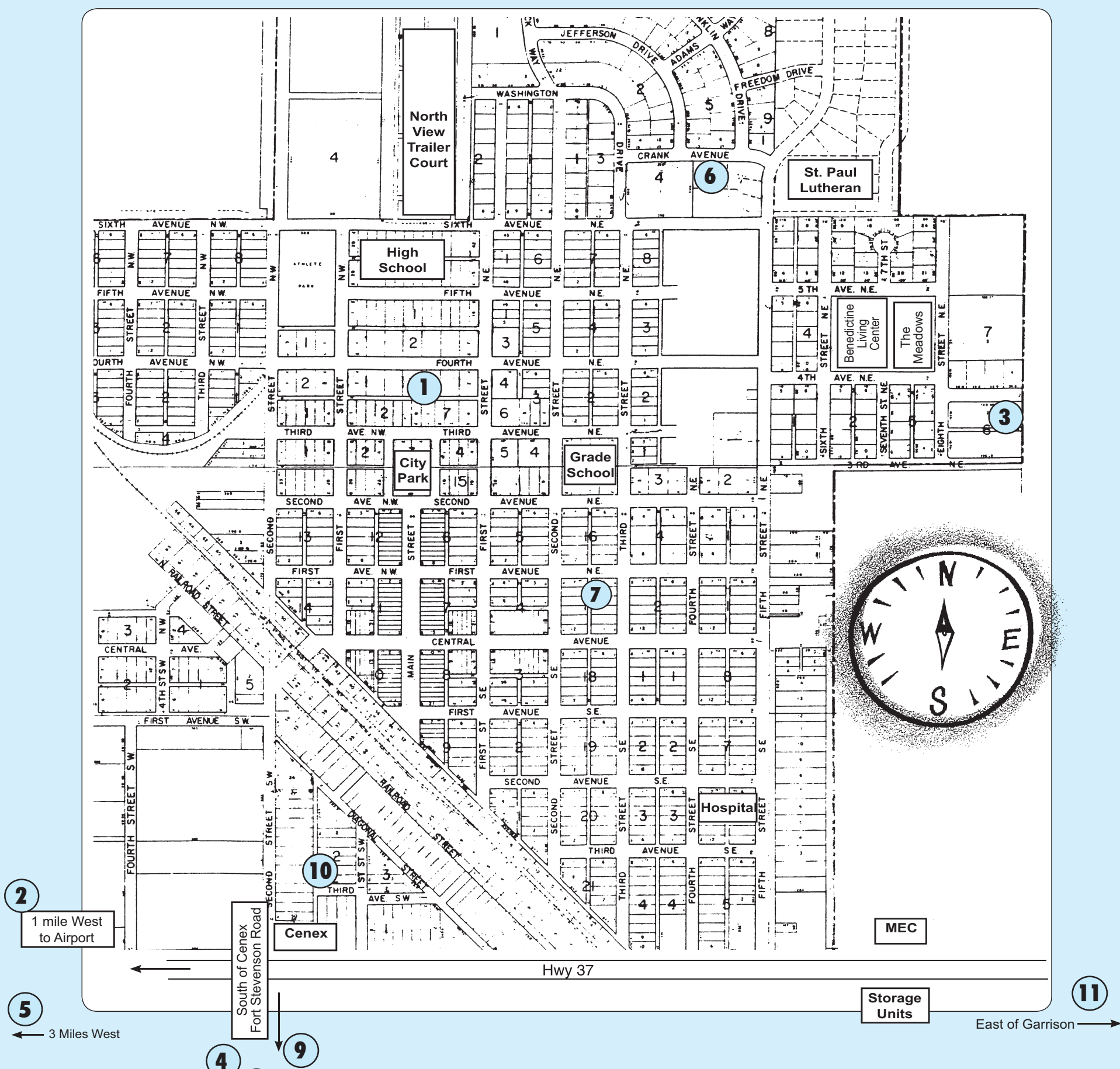
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Garrison City-Wide Rummage Sales

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday — July 17-20



THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY

1. 38 4th Ave NE
Thursday, July 17, Noon – 6 pm
Friday, July 18, 9 am – 4 pm
Saturday, July 19, 9 am – ?
Multi-Party Rummage Sale.
Little bit of everything.

2. 6 Bonanza Way (1 mile west of Cenex by Garrison Airport)
Thursday, July 17, 10 am – 6 pm
Friday, July 18, 10 am – 6 pm
Saturday, July 19, 9 am – Noon
Womens L-XXL, Mens L-XL, toys, books, household, kitchen, seasonal items, miscellaneous.

FRIDAY ONLY

3. 828 4th Ave NE
Friday, July 18, 9 am – 4 pm
Small but sweet sale. Home goods, decor and misc. items. Outdoor goodies. Teen and Adult clothing. Boys clothes sizes 7-10.

4. 4071 - 13th St. NW
Go 3 miles South of Cenex, 1/4 mile East, 2nd house.
Friday, July 18, 8 am – 5 pm
Garage Sale: Little bit of Everything... too much to list.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

5. 1492 44th Ave NW (Barrow residence)
3 miles West, 1/2 mile South of Garrison, (County 13 South)
Friday, July 18, 9 am – 5 pm
Saturday, July 19, 9 am – 2 pm
Numerous Items.

6. 424 Crank Ave NE
Friday, July 18, 9 am – 6 pm
Saturday, July 19, 9 am – 4 pm
3-Family Garage Sale. If we don't have it, you don't need it! Furniture, household, tools, clothes, crafts, office, décor & so much more. The garage is overflowing!

7. 212 1st Ave NE
Friday, July 18, Noon – 5 pm
Saturday, July 19, 10 am – 5 pm
BIG SALE! Antiques, dishes, clothes, pictures, collectible figurines, low prices.

8. 105 Marina View
Friday, July 18, 8 am – 2 pm
Saturday, July 19, 8 am – 2 pm
Multi-Party Rummage Sale: Something for everyone! Lots of BRAND NEW items, kids/adults clothes & shoes. Home Items, Toys, Tons of Essential Items/Name Brand Items!

9. 4142 14B St. NW
Friday, July 18, 9 am – 4 pm
Saturday, July 19, 9 am – Noon
New Baretool Makita 18V Lawnmower, TroyBuilt Riding Lawnmower 42" deck. 1979 John Deere Snowblower, Weber charcoal and Q Grills, Lawn Chairs.

10. 137 3rd Ave SW
Friday, July 18, 9 am – 4 pm
Saturday, July 19, 9 am – 4 pm
Household items. Dishes, pots, pans, yard tools. Light hunting and fishing equipment, nightstands, bed frames. Some small appliances.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

11. 3259 18th St NW
Friday, July 18, 9 am – 5 pm
Saturday, July 19, 9 am – 5 pm
Sunday, July 20, 9 am – 5 pm
Canning supplies, baby crib, high-chair, and dolls.