

This Week's
Spotlight

4th of July
Celebrations

Three 4th of July celebrations will be taking place in Pembina County in the near future. Here are some highlights of events taking place in Pembina, Bathgate and Walhalla.

Pembina

Thursday, July 3rd

St. John's Church Museum open to the public from 7 to 9 p.m.

8 to midnight - Street dance at Bridgestone. Live music by Dakota Jam! Open to all ages (in case of rain, dance will be indoors for ages 21 and older only).

Friday, July 4th

Free golf all day.
8 to 10 a.m. - Breakfast at the Methodist Church

Pembina State Museum will be open from 9 to 5 with free lemonade and lawn games.

11:30 a.m. - Kiddie Parade
11:45 a.m. - Free kids games in south Pembina

Enjoy hot dogs, an ice cream social and a 3 p.m. parade.

4:30 p.m. - Pickle ball
7 p.m. - Duck race at the Pembina River bridge

7:30 p.m. - Free bingo at South Pembina Pavillion

Dusk - Large fireworks display

Walhalla

Saturday, July 5th

10:30 a.m. - Parade
Pembina Hills Show and Shine immediately following the parade in Riverside Park.

Looking for vendors and food trucks. Call 549-3939 or email
chamber@walhallaand.biz

Bathgate

Saturday, July 5th

4:30 p.m. - Parade
5:30 p.m. - The County's Best Potluck followed by softball with fireworks at dusk.

Parade entries can call 265-2882.

Book
Discussion

NENDHA is hosting a book discussion at 7 p.m. at the Pioneer Heritage Center this Thursday, June 26th. A discussion will take place on Richard Louv's book, "Last Child in the Woods."

Everyone is welcome to come and join the conversation.

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Weekly Chuckle

It actually took me quite some time to become this good of a procrastinator.

HOW TO
BE SKINNY

Step 1: Notice that your body is covered in skin.

Step 2: Proclaim, "Wow! I'm skinny!!"

Pembina
Hills Show
& Shine

Riverside Park,
July 4-6, 2025

Friday, July 4 - Main St.

Activities on Main Street throughout the day with a 9 p.m. street dance sponsored by Jackson's Bar.

Saturday, July 5

9 a.m. - Registration for Show & Shine begins; also the check-in and line-up for parade

10:30 a.m. - Parade

11 to 3 - Pembina Hills Show & Shine

11 a.m. - OASIS rolling video games

12:30 - Kids and adult treasure hunt

1 to 5 - Live music with 32 Below

2 p.m. - Kids pedal pulls at the pool parking lot

3:30 p.m. - Duck races at the pool parking lot

There'll also be food trucks and vendors Saturday

Sunday, July 6

11 a.m. - Nondenominational church service at the Walla Theater

Noon - Registration begins for volleyball

1 p.m. - Volleyball trny. at Riverside Park

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Faith in
Action
Cookout

Faith in Action's cookout will be Wednesday, July 16th from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Leever's parking lot.

We'll be cooking up burgers, hot dogs and brats to be served with chips, homemade cookies and a cold drink.

Thank you for your support!

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Henry Gurke Inducted
Into Hall of Honor

On April 16, 2025, PFC Henry Gurke was one of 18 recipients inducted into the US Special Operations Command 'Commando Hall of Honor' in Tampa, Florida.

Henry's family was represented at the ceremony by Ret. Cpt. 06 Gurke, nephew (son of Sam and Helen Gurke) and Ret. Lt. Col. Jennifer Erlendson, granddaughter of Edith Gurke Fiedler and daughter of Gary and Patty Becker. Lee served in the US Navy and Jennifer served in the US Army.

Henry Gurke was the son of German Russian immigrant parents (Julius and Hulda Gurke) of Neche, ND. Henry, along with two of his brothers, served in the WWII theater. Henry Gurke was born 11/6/1922 and was killed 11/9/43, three days after his 21st birthday.

Henry was North Dakota's first recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor and also received the Purple Heart medal. The USS Gurke ship was commissioned on 5/12/1945. The museum west of Cavalier has a section dedicated to Henry along with the bell from the USS Gurke.

From this poor immigrant family came many sons and daughters to proudly serve and be part of our American history.

Private First Class Henry Gurke
United States Marine Corps, MOH

"For extraordinary heroism and courage above and beyond the call of duty while attached to the 3rd Marine Raider Battalion during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands area on 9 November 1943. While his platoon was engaged in the defense of a vital roadblock near Empress Augusta Bay on Bougainville Island, Private First Class Gurke, in company with another marine, was delivering a fierce stream of fire against the main vanguard of the Japanese. Concluding from the increasing ferocity of grenade barrages that the enemy was determined to annihilate their small, two-man foxhole, he resorted to a bold and desperate measure for holding out despite the torrential hail of shells. When a Japanese grenade dropped squarely into the foxhole, Private First Class Gurke, mindful that his companion manned an automatic weapon of superior firepower and therefore could provide more effective resistance, thrust him roughly aside and flung his own body over the missile to smother the explosion. With unswerving devotion to duty and superb valor, Private First Class Gurke sacrificed himself in order that his comrade might live to carry on the fight. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country. Private First Class Gurke's unwavering loyalty and devotion to duty reflect the utmost credit upon himself, Special Operation Forces, and the United States Special Operations Command."



Ret. Lt. Col. Jennifer Erlendson



Ret. Cpt. 06 Gurke

Classic Cars, Accordion Music, and Burgers:

A Night of Fun at the
Pembina County Museum

Join the Pembina County Historical Society Thursday, July 3, for an evening of vintage cars, lively music, and great food at the Pembina County Museum Grounds, 13572 Highway 5, Cavalier.

The celebration kicks off at 5:00 p.m. and runs through 7:30 p.m., featuring a variety of attractions the whole family will enjoy.

The Valley Cruisers Car Club will be showcasing an impressive array of classic and vintage cars. Car enthusiasts are encouraged to come chat, admire, and explore vehicles from decades past. The museum's historic car collection, featuring models from the 1920s through the 1960s, will also be on display.

In honor of Lawrence Welk Day officially proclaimed for July 2 throughout North Dakota and in Pembina County, the evening will include a "Tribute to the Accordion King" beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the Bathgate Depot deck. Drayton native Aimee Klein and fellow Fargo musician Bill Balsley, performing as "Aimee & Bill's Multiple Personalities," will deliver an entertaining mix of accordion music, comedy, candy, prizes, and audience

participation.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own accordions and join in on classic tunes like the Beer Barrel Polka or Chicken Dance. Have a Lawrence Welk Show story? Share it during the tribute!

The Burger Night Fundraiser begins at 5:00 p.m. Enjoy a full meal including a burger with all the fixings, beans, chips, bars, and a beverage for \$15. Proceeds benefit the renovation of the kitchen in the Biliske Building, which has served breakfast at the annual Pioneer Machinery Show for the past 31 years. The renovation will feature updated serving spaces, lighting, storage, and locally-sawn lumber from the Museum's Arnold Sawmill.

PCHS president Scot Becker encourages everyone to come out to the museum on July 3 for a toe-tapping, gear-turning, belly-filling evening of community fun!

The Pembina County Museum is located at 13572 Highway 5, Cavalier and is open to the public 11-5 daily; appointments can be scheduled outside regular hours. For more details, contact 701-265-4941 or pchsm@polarcomm.com.

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