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This Week's
Spotlight

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Youth,
Military
Waterfowl
Weekend

Introduce a youngster to duck hunting during North Dakota's two-day youth waterfowl season Sept. 20-21. In addition, the special veteran and active military personnel waterfowl season is set for the same weekend.

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department has a Virtual Duck Hunting Mentor webpage with all the basics, including license requirements, regulations, gear recommendations and tips for finding a place to hunt.

Legally licensed resident and nonresident youth waterfowl hunters 15 and younger, and veterans and members of the Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty (other than for training), may hunt ducks, geese, coots and mergansers statewide.

Resident and qualifying nonresident youth waterfowl hunters must possess a general game and habitat license.

Veterans and members of the Armed Forces must possess a resident hunting license, which includes a general game and habitat license and a small game license.

Hunters 16 and older must also possess a federal waterfowl stamp, and youth 12 and older need to have passed a certified hunter education course.

In addition, all hunters must be Harvest Information Program certified. Hunters who do not HIP certify when they buy a North Dakota license can add it by visiting the state Game and Fish Department website at gf.nd.gov.

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Weekly Chuckle

When people ask me what I did over the weekend, I always squint and respond, "Why? What did you hear?"

"Some people think of the glass as half full. Some people think of the glass as half empty. I think of the glass as too big."

-- George Carlin

PFC Henry Gurke Memorial Highway Commemoration

In celebration and in remembrance, a program and reception will be held at the Neche Fire Hall on October 4 at 2:00 to commemorate the naming of a portion of ND Highway 18 located in Pembina County as the PFC Henry Gurke Memorial Highway.

Henry Gurke was born in Neche, ND, the son of Julius and Hulda Gurke. Henry and his brother Tom joined the CCC following high school. Then Henry enlisted in the Marine Corps and his overseas assignment was with the 3rd Marine Raiders Battalion. The battalion was deployed on Guadalcanal.

On November 9, 1943, as the enemy was attempting to drive the out-numbered Marines into the sea, one grenade fell into the foxhole Gurke shared with a fellow Marine. Without hesitation and with utter disregard for his own security, PFC Gurke smothered the explosion with his body enabling his buddy to keep firing. It is difficult to say how many Marine lives were spared by this selfless sacrifice.

For this act of courage and bravery, PFC Gurke was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, the first for a North Dakotan in WWII. President Roosevelt presented Henry's mother with the posthumous award in Washington on May 2, 1944.

On February 15, 1945, the Navy destroyer USS Gurke DD-783 named in honor of PFC Gurke was christened and sponsored by Mrs. Hulda Gurke. USS Gurke cruised to the western Pacific and participated in the occupation of Japan. The destroyer was instrumental in Korea specifically during the Inchon Assault in September 1950. After Korea, Gurke saw action in Vietnam then was decommissioned in 1976 and sold to Greece.

The highway designation was made by the 69th Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and signed in law by Governor Armstrong on March 3, 2025. The designation is for ND Highway from the junction of Highway 5 to the Canadian border.

The public is invited to attend this event, to honor PFC Henry Gurke, to meet Gurke family members and USS Gurke sailors, and to drive ND Highway 18 reflecting on the sacrifices made by the men and women who serve in the US armed forces.

This event is being sponsored by the Gainer-McAndrew American Legion Post No. 242.



Cavalier Ag Students Visited Big Iron Farm Show in Fargo



Cavalier Ag students visited the Big Iron farm show in Fargo. Those who attended were required to talk with several of the exhibitors and vendors. Some students even attended a seminar put on by the extension service. Highlights included meeting and visiting with social media influencers, making connections with those in the ag industry, and viewing the impressive equipment along with the other new advancements in agriculture.

Attention local business, farms, and other places of work:

The CTE students will be

signing up for job shadows soon and would love to have local options from a range of career fields to shadow. Please complete the Google Form in the link to find more information and sign up! You also may contact the Cavalier Public School and ask for one of the CTE teachers to get your place of work signed up as well. Thank you from the CTE students and teachers for using this opportunity to participate in providing a quality education!

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City of Cavalier App Now Available

Want to stay updated with everything going on in Cavalier (including upcoming power outages)? There's an easy way!

The City of Cavalier has just released a new, customized app. Make sure to have push notifications turned on; the goal is to provide an additional resource for information regarding anything city-related.

Download "Info Grove Municipalities" on any smartphone or tablet, and search for the City of Cavalier; or scan one of the QR codes shown at right.



4-H's Embrace Healthy Habits

4-H clubs from 17 counties across North Dakota have been recognized for incorporating nutrition, fitness and health-focused activities into their meetings throughout the 2024-2025 year.

A total of 33 clubs, representing 771 members, earned the distinction of being named Healthy North Dakota 4-H Clubs. To achieve this recognition, clubs incorporated at least one nutrition or fitness activity into six or more regular meetings. Activities ranged from field trips and food demonstrations to hands-on community service projects.

"4-H is more than livestock or exhibits — it's a launching pad for future leaders," they continue. "What better way to teach youth about leadership than by letting them experience it first-hand?"

In addition, 11 clubs joined the Family Mealtime Challenge, which encourages members to share more meals together at home. Research shows that eating as a family can improve school performance, support healthier eating and reduce risky behaviors. Clubs offered practical tips such as discussing family schedules at the beginning of the week, setting family calendars, prepping freezer meals in advance and cooking together.

This year's honorees included four first-time healthy clubs and others who have sustained their recognition for up to 18 consecutive years.

Two of those recognized clubs were from Pembina County who have received recognition for completing the month-long Family Mealtime Challenge. They included:

- The **Crystal Clovers** with 36 members have received recognition for the past three years.
- The **Mountain Movers** with 18 members have received recognition for one year.

4-H clubs interested in participating in the 2025-2026 North Dakota Healthy 4-H Clubs program should contact their NDSU Extension county office to get involved.

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