

Area Events for Summer Fun

By Linda Andersen

No need to be bored this summer! Industrious individuals and committees in area towns are busy planning summer fun. Come see what they've been up to and rub shoulders with neighbors and friends, old and new. Here are some of the events being planned.

HERITAGE DAYS Lancaster Wednesday, June 21 through Sunday, June 25

Coming up soon is Lancaster's Heritage Days. Jen Rice provided a schedule which looks like five days jam-packed with fun. Activities begin Wednesday evening, June 21, at 4:30 p.m. with a smorgasbord at Sion Lutheran Church.

Activities continue Thursday evening, June 22, with Foxy Roxy's Motorcycle Show.

Friday, June 23, events include a corn dog feed and bingo.

A partial list of Saturday, June 24, activities includes a pancake breakfast, street fair, pie social, old time legion dance with Dave Hoglin and band and a street dance with *8th Hour*.

Sunday, June 25, events include a community potluck dinner plus "kayak, tube, and canoe the Two River."

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION Pembina Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4

It's hardly the 4th of July without fireworks and one can enjoy them and other activities at Pembina's annual 4th of July celebration. Tina Dorion, president of the 4th of July committee, provides the following information: "The 4th of July in Pembina was a big event years ago with people traveling from Minnesota, North Dakota and Canada to watch the fireworks and join in the festivities. Unfortunately, the celebration died down for quite a few years until Kris Wilwand decided to revive it in 2013...It was a great success and has been going strong since.

This year, we are having a street dance Monday, July 3, with music by Two River

Then Tuesday, July 4, we are having a scavenger hunt, parades (including a kiddie parade in the am), bouncy houses, fire truck rides, corn hole tournament and softball/kickball games just to name a few of the activities during the day. There will be concessions at the dance and on the 4th for lunch and supper as well. Then we will end the day with a firework extravaganza."

KITTSON COUNTY FAIR Hallock Wednesday, July 5 through Sunday, July 9

A recent edition of the *Kittson County Enterprise*, reported that some new events will be a part of this year's fair. They include a new game/sport called Xtremeball, opportunity for youth 10 and under to participate in the Muck-n-Fun Run, and a Miniature Horse and English Show. Saturday night will feature an appearance by Elvis and local entertainers performing music from the 50's, 60's and 70's!

For more information about the fair, see their website at www.kittson-countyfair.org

STEPHEN DAYS Stephen Thursday, July 13 through Sunday, July 16

C & C president, Kathy Bazey, provided information about this annual event in Stephen: "Our weekend starts off on Thursday with Community Fun Night. This is geared towards our kids and families. We have games, fire truck rides, Family Feud with local families competing! The night ends with an outdoor movie. Friday is a golf tournament and also "It's a Chic Thing," a vintage fair. Jr. SAC class does Storm tacos. Saturday is an event-filled day starting with the Sizzler, a walk run. We try to have activities going all day long. The Ruck Show and parade are big draws. Also, the night is capped off with a street dance. This year's band is Skyline. It is sure to be a good time!"

CELEBRATE KENNEDY Kennedy Friday, July 21 through Sunday, July 23

Andy Kirkeby provided information about this annual summer event in Kennedy: One need not go hungry on Friday night, as meals will be served at both the ball diamond and the community center. The annual softball tournament will also take place on Friday evening.

Saturday will feature kids' games and fire truck rides. The firemen will serve a meal from 5 to 7 p.m., followed by a street dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with Skyline.

Kirkeby stated that local churches often plan special activities for Sunday, though specifics of this year's activities were not known at the time of the interview.

MOOSE FEST Karlstad Thursday, August 10 through Sunday, August 13

Karlstad City Clerk, Sue Dufault, provided information about this annual event. She said Karlstad has held Moose Fest for approximately twelve years. Have there been changes over the years? "Many," she responded, "It changes all the time." This year the four-day event will include dueling pianos, fireworks, a street dance, a parade at 11:00 on Saturday, inflatable games, and a rib cooking contest. Of the latter, Dufault explained that the Lion's Club provide ribs which contest entrants cook.

OFF THE CHARTS MUSIC FESTIVAL Cavalier City Park Cavalier, N.D. Saturday, August 19 through Sunday, August 20

Kyle Gagner provided the following information about this festival: "This event was birthed out of a desire to serve our local community and to share the incredible love of Jesus

using music and other relative means. The 2017 event will mark our 6th year... The event is organized by a group by a dozen of us that meet throughout the year to plan and prepare. The music that we have always supports our mission of sharing the love of Jesus and those artists tend to come from the 'Christian' music world. We try to find artists that have a heart to proclaim the incredible Gospel message and who also speak truth by way of music. We absolutely love doing it and we look forward to blessing the community and region again in 2017! This year we look forward to having Building 429, Capital Kings, Citizen Way, Flood the Stone, and more. The music is free. The games are free. The fun is free. More information can always be found online at www.otcnd.com or by visiting our Facebook page."

RIB FEST Hallock To be announced Watch the paper for the date of this event. September 2017

Mark your calendars and take advantage of these opportunities for fun this summer!

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