A CAPITOL FOURTH

JULY 4 AT 7 & 8:30 P.M.
Dear valued Pioneer PBS members and viewers,

Thank you to those of you who made it out to Fagen Fighters WWII Museum on Memorial Day for the preview screening of WWII veteran Robert Holstrem's story, *Night Wings* OSS Carpetbagger Ops. It was great to see a full house and to have Robert in attendance to be celebrated! If you were not able to make it, please visit pioneer.org/veteran-stories to watch the special about him at any time.

If we didn’t see you Memorial Day weekend, don’t worry! There are many summer and fall events planned. We hope to get the chance to connect at one of the upcoming events. We were at Dawson’s Riverfest Celebration screening *Compass: Alt-Meat Revolution* June 28. We are thrilled to be back at Hort Night July 25 in Morris. We’ll be in a few more communities this summer as well. The LANDMARKS membership event at Pioneer PBS's studios was rescheduled to September 21 in order to give more people an opportunity to join us. The general public, as well as members, are invited to attend and celebrate this popular program with a Lasting Adventures memory reel with highlights from each episode, a meet and greet and exclusive memorabilia...perhaps even getting a sneak peak at an all-new LANDMARKS planned for next spring.

Production teams are well underway with field production for another season of your favorite shows—Postcards, Prairie Sportsman and Prairie Yard & Garden. We love capturing your stories and sharing them with others in the region. While our teams will travel across the state this summer, you can enjoy much of their work lifting your voices from prior seasons online on the PBS App, video.pioneer.org or on our social media channels anytime.

July brings a new fiscal year to Pioneer PBS. Recently, a new strategic framework was approved by our Board of Directors with five-year growth plans. We have plans to expand production, finish the build out of our state-of-the-art facility and broadcast path, increase our fundraising capacity, and assure the staff and boards are trained and ready to provide the best service possible to our valued members, viewers and shared community. If you have ideas for future Pioneer PBS local productions, please share them with me at slamke@pioneer.org.

As the only television station in western Minnesota, we take the responsibility of bringing the world to you and lifting your voices up to the world seriously. Thank you so much for being a part of the Pioneer PBS family. We do what we do for you, but we cannot do it without you. Your support—in time, in viewing, monetarily—has all helped us overcome some incredible odds this past year. We are so honored to be your tv!

We are looking forward to connecting with you this summer.

Respectfully,

Shari Lamke  
President & General Manager

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RAISING VETERAN VOICES

Pioneer PBS is committed to sharing the voices of our region's veterans. We have heard from many of our viewers and families of these veterans that they appreciate these stories and a deeper understanding of what their parents, spouses, neighbors and friends endured during service to their country.

Several projects are underway to continue sharing these important voices. In the coming year you will learn about the little-known story of German and Italian POWs during WWII. These POWs were held in POW camps throughout Minnesota and worked the fields, in the timber industry or in factories across the state. You will hear from an Iraq War veteran, a Vietnam veteran, a WWII veteran and so many more.

We will celebrate these stories and veterans in events held with partners including a return to Fagen Fighters WWII Museum after the overwhelming success of the last two Memorial Day events engaging with capacity crowds. We are also planning a screening of several veteran stories in Little Falls in partnership with the Minnesota Military Museum.

Watch our website at pioneer.org/events for details. We hope you can join us at some of the events to help us honor these individuals and their stories.

We are proud to shine light on many veterans in our region. See their stories at pioneer.org/veteran-stories.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Pioneer PBS has several upcoming events you won't want to miss, including a charter bus trip to The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum with PVCG host Mary Holm, a special LANDMARKS event at the Pioneer PBS studio with host Doug Ohman, and tours and so much more.

For watch on details for pioneer.org/events and Facebook, scan the QR code with your cell phone for upcoming events or learn more or sign up for an event by contacting the development team by e-mail at yourtv@pioneer.org or by phone at 800-726-3178.

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ABOUT THE COVER: A CAPITAL FOURTH

Thursday, July 4 at 7 & 8:30 p.m.

Celebrate our country’s 248th birthday with the 44th anniversary broadcast of America’s Independence Day celebration for our entire nation with musical performances by top stars from pop, country, R&B, classical, and Broadway, featuring the National Symphony Orchestra under the direction of premier pops conductor Jack Everly.

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JULIA DABB

Julia Dabbs is an art historian who does research on historical women artists. She recently retired from University of Minnesota, Morris where she had taught since 2000. In her spare time, Dabbs enjoys walking her pup Bella, gardening and selling gluten-free baked goods at Morris Area Farmers Market.

Dabbs is the newest CAB member, joining the board this spring. What she really appreciates is Pioneer PBS's variety. She especially loves learning more about the very talented and inspiring people who live or have lived in this area.

Aaron Olson has worked at Thorson Memorial Library in Elbow Lake for more than 22 years. In his free time, Aaron enjoys spending time at his parents' farm in the outdoors, working in the garden and learning about local history. Aaron loves animals, especially horses and his loyal dog.

 Olson joined the CAB in 2015. He enjoys being on the board because he likes knowing what’s going on in rural communities. Olson has always lived in rural areas and likes to see the work that Pioneer PBS does for those communities.

Make a difference by being the voice of your community and representing your hometown on the Community Advisory Board (CAB). Pioneer PBS greatly appreciates the insights shared by our CAB members. We’re excited to introduce you to the valued members of the CAB in the upcoming months.

To know someone who would be a good addition to the CAB, please call us at 800-726-3178 or e-mail yourtv@pioneer.org.

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WHAT TO WATCH

TUNE IN TONIGHT

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION COVERAGE ON PBS NEWSHOUR
MONDAY, JULY 15 - THURSDAY, JULY 18 AT 7 P.M.

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TONIGHT

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION COVERAGE ON PBS NEWSHOUR
MONDAY, JULY 15 - THURSDAY, JULY 18 AT 7 P.M.

GODS OF TENNIS
BEGINNING TUESDAY, JULY 23 AT 8 P.M.

VOCES ON PBS: FROM HERE, FROM THERE
PREMIERES TUESDAY, JULY 9 AT 9 P.M.

HOTEL PORTOFINO // SEASON 3
PREMIERES SUNDAY, JULY 28 AT 8 P.M.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION COVERAGE ON PBS NEWSHOUR
MONDAY, AUG. 19 - THURSDAY, AUG. 22 AT 7 P.M.

GREAT PERFORMANCES “VIENNA PHILHARMONIC SUMMER NIGHT CONCERT 2024”
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LIFE CONNECTIONS

Life Connections is a day of connection and community hosted annually in Willmar by West Central Tribune. The event is filled with various vendors, entertainment and opportunities to create lasting memories with friends. Pioneer PBS was pleased to sponsor the keynote speaker, Mary Holm, host of Prairie Yard & Garden. Holm’s presentation titled “Designing and Growing Wonderful Containers” was filled with helpful tips for flower planting and drew a large crowd. Pioneer PBS had a large display booth adjacent to the main stage that promoted the value of membership and provided the opportunity for attendees to get Mary’s autograph and ask additional questions. Volunteers included CAB member Gary Bartlett of Parkers Prairie and Tom Holm of Morris in addition to Pioneer PBS staff Tracy Hanson and Maxim Uhlrich.

MONTEVIDEO VETERAN’S HOME

Recently the new Montevideo Veteran’s Home opened, and Pioneer PBS producer Tyler Gastecki stopped by to interview residents and staff alike, including Korean War veteran Curtis Hanson (left), public affairs/volunteer coordinator Cidny Wilkens (bottom left) and WWII veteran Bill Homan.

TELLING VETERAN STORIES

Pioneer PBS is honored to share the stories of the veterans of our region. See page 2 for information about upcoming screenings. If you know a veteran with a good story, we want to hear from you. Please email us at yourtv@pioneer.org.

HONORING VETERAN STORIES

Producer Tyler Gastecki, videographer Dylan Curfman and production assistant Esmerelda Ziemer visited with Drew Brockman, a U.S. Army Airborne veteran who served two tours in Iraq, about his experiences in Iraq and what it’s like being an Iraq War veteran.

BUILT WITH LOVE SCREENING

Above: Postcards executive producer Dana Johnson answered questions at a recent screening in Portland, Oregon, during a special Built With Love screening for the Sons of Norway. Built With Love was sponsored by Margaret A Cargill Philanthropies.

Below: The Postcards team with members of Portland’s Sons of Norway organization.
Pioneer PBS, Ron and Diane Fagen and staff at the Fagen Fighters WWII Museum co-hosted a screening event at the museum in their new Navy Hanger on Memorial Day. Over 320 people came out to view the documentary featuring WWII veteran Robert Holmstrom.

We appreciate Robert and his daughter Jenny for being on hand and participating in insightful discussions following three screenings of the film. Night Wings: OSS Carpetbagger Ops is about the secret WWII missions that veteran Robert Holmstrom reveals as part of personal experiences while part of the pre-CIA organization, the Office of Strategic Services.

1. Viewers watch Robert Holmstrom on screen.
2. Viewers watched the Night Wings: OSS Carpetbagger Ops.
3. Attendees arrived at Fagen Fighters WWII Museum, checking in with Pioneer PBS Board Member LaMont Jacobson. Not pictured are fellow volunteers Community Advisory Board member Gary Bartlett at the membership table and his wife Jane serving refreshments.
4. Ron Fagen treated audiences to a special air show in a WWII plane.
5. Viewers watched the film in the Navy Hanger.
6. Robert's daughter Jenny read a special poem she'd written to honor him.
7. Guests were greeted with a spectacular view when they arrived at the Navy hanger for the screening.
8. Tyler Gastecki, producer of the film, answered audience questions.
9. The crowd was treated to first-hand stories from WWII veteran Robert Holmstrom during the screening.
10. Diane Fagen spoke to the crowd about the importance of partnering with Pioneer PBS to bring programming like this to the region.
11. Attendees had a special opportunity to engage directly with Robert as he took questions from the audience.
Midnight

Cobra TV14

1:00 a.m.

Mid-South

American Woodshop

9:00 a.m.

American Masters TV14

3:00 p.m.

Bakken will highlight a variety of classic vehicles from around the U.S. and showcase the people who own and love them. "It’s like taking a trip down memory lane with each owner," says Bakken.

1:00 p.m.

Cobra Episode 2 TV14 The Prime Minister and Rachel race to a collapse site caused by a sinkhole.

11:00 p.m.

Austin City Limits TVP

SUNDAY, AUG. 25

2:00 a.m.

Midnight

Food - Delicious Science TVG

4:00 a.m.

Antiques Roadshow

5:00 a.m.

See page 3 for PBS Kids lineup

9:00 a.m.

4:30 a.m.

American Masters TV14

10:00 a.m.

PBS News Weekend

11:00 a.m.

American Ocelot

1:00 p.m.

The Bank Hacker TVJ

3:00 p.m.

Mid-South

Comedy

Hot August (Saturday) Nights

TRAVEL AUGUST 3
- 8:00 p.m. Travel Detective
- 8:30 p.m. Travels with Darley
- 9:00 p.m. Islands Without Cars
- 9:30 p.m. Finding Festivals

MUSIC AUGUST 10
- 8:00 p.m. Life of a Musician
- 8:30 p.m. Songs of the Center
- 9:00 p.m. David Holt’s State of Music
- 9:30 p.m. The Caverns Sessions

ANTIQUES AUGUST 17
- 8:00 p.m. Antiques Roadshow
- 9:00 p.m. Celebrity Antiques Road Trip

LOCAL AUGUST 24
- 8:00 p.m. Luck & Love: A Rodeo Story
- 8:30 p.m. Eight Women Together Alone
- 9:00 p.m. Wheels “Classics & Collections” 3rd Gear

LOCAL AUGUST 31
- 8:00 p.m. Made In Sweden
- 8:30 p.m. Built with Love
- 9:00 p.m. Playing Haydn for the Angel of Death
- 9:30 p.m. Frozen In Time: The Vietnam War