You Can Do Big Things!

Premieres

MONDAY, MAY 3 on PBS KIDS
Dear Valued Pioneer PBS Members,

As we enter the final months of our fiscal year, Pioneer PBS is proud to say that despite the huge challenges and trying times during this pandemic, we were able to finish full seasons of our award-winning, thought-ful and thought-provoking productions.

Things may look a little different at times, but we are honored to continue to raise up the voices of western and southwestern Minnesotas safely. I want to thank the dedicated board of directors and the nimble staff for helping us make it this far. We aren't quite to the finish line yet, but we can see it from here!

I've been reflecting on how many changes Pioneer PBS has faced in its 55 years of service. From the ever-changing landscape of digital and expanding the channels available, to livestreaming and having content on demand, we have enjoyed growing with you! We are excited for what the future holds.

On a personal note, I am now a homeowner in the region and am very much looking forward to exploring western and southwestern Minnesota more fully this summer. Please feel free to send your suggestions of places you think I should see or reach out to tell me your story at yourtv@pioneer.org.

I look forward to meeting you all at events in the years to come. Thank you again for such a warm welcome!

The third week of April is volunteer appreciation week. Normally, we would invite everyone in to celebrate. We're not quite to the place of large events, but I want to make sure all the volunteers know how much your time and energy means to us. We look forward to thanking you again in person very soon!

We do what we do because of you, the viewer. It takes viewer support, volunteers stuffing envelopes and answering phones, as well as asking new viewers to join our growing and resilient Pioneer PBS family. We hope to end our fiscal year in the black, and we need everyone's support for the final membership drive of the fiscal year, June 4-13. We have some special treats in store so please tune in, donate what you can and continue to grow with Pioneer PBS.

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MEMORIAL DAY: A Day to Remember and Honor

“A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself.”

– Joseph Campbell

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday in May. For many Americans, it conjures up images of hotdogs and hamburgers on the grill and the start of summertime. But, most importantly, it serves as a time to honor those who died while fighting in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The day actually began as Decoration Day following the Civil War. On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Civil War soldiers buried there.

In 1971 Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, though it is still often called Decoration Day.

Cornerstone Builders

Every great organization depends on a core of faithful patrons whose commitment surpasses that of the customary gift. At Pioneer PBS it is the Cornerstone Builders. These members are very aware of the impact, and even more importantly, the tremendous potential Pioneer PBS has had and still has for enriching lives in our region for more than 50 years.

Gene & Kathy Fynboh Brandon
Laird Barber Alexandria
La Mont & Diane Jacobson Sacred Heart
Pat Kubly Granite Falls
Steve and MaryJane Lindholm Clarkfield
Shirl Ringness Sacred Heart
Loy and Sheryl Woelber Avoca
Paul & Liz Lanning, Lanning Farms Sacred Heart
Andy Kaufman, Minnesota Farms Company Appleton
Leo P. Flynn Estate Granite Falls
Donna Thompson Benson

To learn how you can make a difference for Pioneer PBS and join our list of Cornerstone Builders, call us at 800-726-3178 or go to pioneer.org.

Memorial & Honorarium Gifts

At a time of loss, a memorial gift brings solace to family and friends while nurturing a commitment to an organization that has a special place in the hearts of the givers. An honorarium gift is a way of remembering or honoring a loved one on a special day.

A gift has been given to Pioneer PBS in Memory of...

Marjorie Kough
by Carol White
Vi Risch & Joel Lund
Longtime, faithful Pioneer PBS volunteers
Joan Krakow
Former Pioneer PBS employee during the 1980s and 1990s

For more information about memorial or honorarium gifts, contact Janet in Planned Giving at 800-726-3178 or go to pioneer.org.

WATCH YOUR MAILBOX!
The 2021 spring survey is coming soon.

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WHAT TO WATCH

Sesame Street 50th Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, Nov. 17 at 6 p.m.

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US ON MASTERPIECE
Sunday, June 20 at 9 p.m.

LIFE AT THE WATERHOLE
Wednesday, May 19 at 7 p.m.

MYSTERIES OF MENTAL ILLNESS
Tuesday - Wednesday, June 22 & 23 at 8 and 9 p.m.

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE “BILLY GRAHAM”
Monday, May 17 at 8 p.m.

EXTRA LIFE: A SHORT HISTORY OF LIVING LONGER
Tuesday, May 11 at 7 p.m.

NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT
Sunday, May 30 at 7 p.m.
Premieres Sunday, May 30 at 6:30 p.m.  Recastream Monday, May 31 at 11:30 a.m. & Thursday, June 3 at 9 p.m.

Barry Anderson interviews author Bill Strusinski about his experiences as a combat medic in the Vietnam War.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

Midnight - 2:00am  International Jazz Day  Washington Week TVRE  7:00pm  Grassland Jam

2:00am - 4:00am  Firing Line with Margaret  Hoover TVRE  7:30pm  Farmer: The Most Powerful

4:00am - 6:00am  This Old House  8:00am  Finding Your Roots TVPG

6:00am - 8:00am  Noon  8:30am  Yoga in Practice

12:00pm - 2:00pm  Noon  3:00pm  Happy Yoga with Sarah Starr

3:00pm - 5:00pm  Noon  5:00pm  Finding Your Roots Movie

5:00pm - 7:00pm  Noon  6:00pm  Noon

7:00pm - 9:00pm  Noon  7:00pm  Noon

9:00pm - 11:00pm  Noon  9:00pm  Noon

11:00pm - 1:00am  Noon  11:00pm  Noon

MONDAY, MAY 3

Midnight - 2:00am  American Masters TVPG  11:00pm  Happy Yoga with Sarah Starr

2:00am - 4:00am  Finding Your Roots TVPG  11:30pm  Noon

4:00am - 6:00am  Noon  12:00am  Noon

6:00am - 8:00am  Noon  1:00pm  Noon

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TUESDAY, MAY 4

Midnight - 2:00am  American Masters TVPG  11:00pm  Noon

2:00am - 4:00am  Noon  12:00am  Noon

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PROGRAM LISTINGS  MAY - JUNE 2021

TV PARENTAL GUIDELINES


L = Language  V = Violence  D = Suggestive Dialogue  S = Sexual Content  Some ratings were not available at press time.

Care Under Fire

Author Interview
Pioneer Kids is now on YouTube TV!

WEEKDAYS

The Cat in the Hat
Nature Cat (Mondays/ Wednesdays/Fridays)
Peg + Cat (Tuesdays/ Thursdays)
Herolympic
Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum
MotorWeek

ALL - NEW Donkey Hodie

Elinor Wonders Why
Pinkalicious & Peterrific
Dinosaur Train (Mondays/ Wednesdays/ Fridays)
Curious George (Tuesdays/ Thursdays)

SUNDAYS & SATURDAYS

Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood
Arthur
Wild Kratts

Check out our new 24/7 Kids channel! 10.5 in Appleton, 20.5 in Wausau and 8.5 in Fergus Falls or go online to pioneer.org/kids.
1. Pioneer PBS “Compass” Producer Amanda Anderson interviews Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan at an event at the Lower Sioux Community to officially return land from the state of Minnesota to the tribe. View at pioneer.org/compass.

2. Amanda Anderson and Pioneer PBS Administrative Assistant Mollie Longren share a love for Grape Nuts – their daily breakfast in the Pioneer PBS kitchen.

3. Pioneer PBS Facilities Maintenance Manager Elroy Ross has a tradition of making popcorn every Friday in the Pioneer PBS studios with an old popcorn machine he rehabilitated.

4. “Prairie Sportsman” Videographer Dylan Curfman and Producer Cindy Dorn went maple syruping at Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center with Ashley Bozman and Joshua Dilling.

5. Alex Chocolusek and Elena Heinecke (the son-in-law and granddaughter of Pioneer PBS Communications Director Patrick Moore) fly a kite on Easter Sunday.

6. “Prairie Yard & Garden” Producer Mike Cihak and Host Mary Holm came to the Pioneer PBS studios in Granite Falls to meet new GM Shari Lamke and to record “Gathering Friends” for the recent membership drive.
7. Pioneer PBS “Your Legislators” Producer Matt Johnson snapped this photo of the glistening studio in the evening rain as he left work following another successful live broadcast of the program.

8. Pioneer PBS “Postcards” Videographer Ben Dempcy is with his three-year-old daughter Nora celebrating the bounty of an Easter basket.

9. Pioneer PBS Director of Engineering Paul Fisher and Senior Broadcast/IT Engineer Todd Johnson showed off the racks in the central equipment room to Jacob Neimand, owner of 96.7 KRAM radio station based in Montevideo.

10. Dylan Curfman and Cindy Dorn recorded an interview with Emily Ford of Duluth at Interstate Park, where she finished a 1200-mile hike on the Ice Age Trail to inspire people of color to explore the outdoors.

11. Pioneer President and General Manager Shari Lamke recently had a nice visit with Teresa Peterson of Belview.
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A PLACE FOR EVERYONE SUMMER MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
AUG. 28 - SEPT. 10
SUMMER MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: JUNE 4 -13

KEN BURNS: BASEBALL
Sunday, June 6 at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, June 9 at 7:00 p.m.

BUILD A BETTER MEMORY THROUGH SCIENCE
Saturday, June 5 at 10:00 a.m.

PRAIRIE YARD & GARDEN “GATHERING FRIENDS”
Thursday, June 10 at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 12 at 3:30 p.m.

LIFESTYLE

IRELAND IN MUSIC
Monday, June 7 at 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m.

ENJOYMENT

ANDREA BOCCELLI: BELIEVE
Tuesday, June 8 at 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 12 at 5:00 p.m.

BEST OF THE 60S: READY, STEADY, GO!
Saturday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m.
Friday, June 11 at 7:00 p.m.

RICK STEVES: EUROPE AWAITS
Sunday, June 13 at 2:00 p.m.

RICK STEVES: THE ALPS
Saturday, June 5 at noon
Sunday, June 13 at 10:30 a.m.

DREAM OF ITALY: TRAVEL, TRANSFORM AND THRIVE
Friday, June 11 at 1:30 p.m.

LANDMARKS: CLASSIC CAR ROAD TRIP
Thursday, June 10 at 9:30 p.m.

LANDMARKS: HIGHWAY 23
Sunday, June 6 at 7:30 p.m.