

DAVENPORT

A silhouette of a horse-drawn wagon with a large banner. The horse is on the left, pulling the wagon to the right. The banner is draped over the back of the wagon and contains the text 'PIONEER DAYS'. The scene is set against a circular background with a large sun on the left and a dark horizon line at the bottom.

**PIONEER
DAYS**

**JULY 17-19
2026**

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Davenport gears up for Pioneer Days

DAVENPORT — Families and visitors from across Lincoln County will gather this July for three days of parades, music, fishing and community fun as Davenport celebrates its annual Pioneer Days tradition.

The event runs July 17-19, 2026, and has grown from a single-day museum opening in 1972 into a beloved weekend that brings the town together. Dawn Canfield, Pioneer Days president, said the celebration continues to evolve while honoring its roots in local history and volunteer spirit.

Friday opens with the Kids Fishing Derby at the city park, a chalk art contest downtown and a kids carnival. Vendors set up in the Memorial Hall, and the day ends with a movie in the park. Saturday features the Pioneer Plod fun run, a parade at 11 a.m., a Lions Club barbecue and live music in the park. Sunday offers a community breakfast hosted by the Davenport 4-H Club, church services in the park and more time at the

museum.

The weekend draws crowds for its mix of old-fashioned fun and modern activities. Organizers encourage residents to bring picnics or support local vendors while enjoying the downtown atmosphere. A car show celebrating its 70th anniversary adds variety for classic vehicle enthusiasts.

Pioneer Days also includes vendor opportunities inside and outside the Memorial Hall. Registration remains open through early July for those interested in participating.

Community members say the event strengthens local ties and showcases Davenport's pioneer heritage. Sponsors including Wheatland Bank, Highline Grain Growers and local businesses help fund entertainment and activities.

Residents are invited to join the fun whether by marching in the parade, cheering on runners or simply spending time with neighbors. The celebration reflects the town's commitment to keeping



traditions alive while creating new memories for future generations.

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Schedule of events

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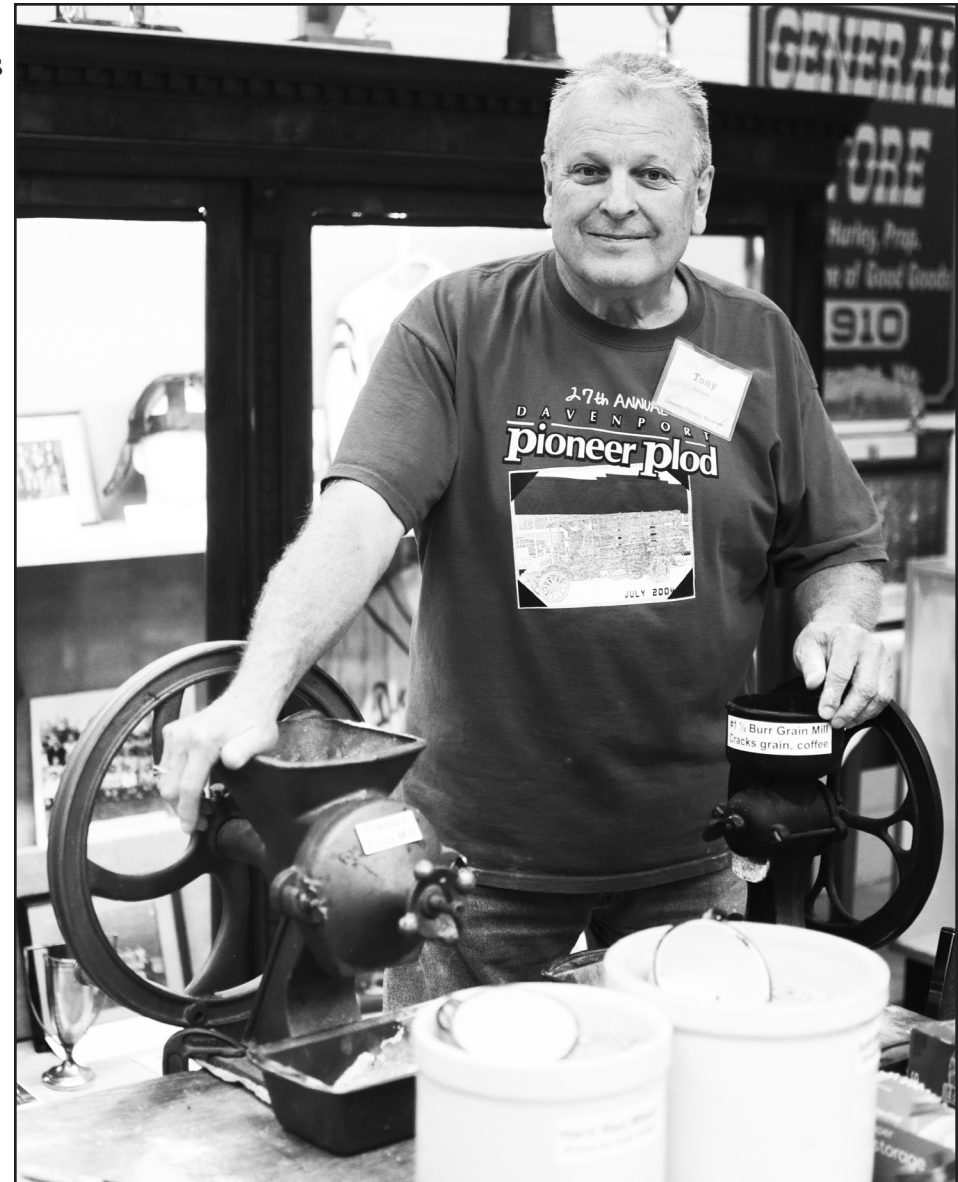
- 7 a.m. - Kid's Fishing Derby-organized by the Davenport Lions Club
- 9 a.m. - Chalk Art Contest-sign in at Wheatland Bank
- Davenport Library Book Sale
- Vendors in the Memorial Hall until 4 p.m.
- Noon - Kids Carnival until 4 p.m.
- Lincoln County Museum open from 1 to 5 p.m.
- 9 p.m. - Movie in the Park-Zootopia 2

SATURDAY, JULY 18TH

- 8 a.m. - Pioneer Plod Fun Run-5K
- 9 a.m. - Vendor and Craft Booths Open
- Road Knights Car Show
- Davenport Library Book Sale
- Vitalant Blood Drive
- 10:45 a.m. - Kiddie Parade
- 11 a.m. - Pioneer Days Parade
- Noon - Davenport Lions Club BBQ in the Park
- Music in the Park: Big Dawg & The Howlers
- Friends of Davenport Fireman's Fund Beer Garden until midnight at the Fire Station Lincoln County Museum activities until 5 p.m. Flour grinding, wash day, weaving and cotton candy
- 7 p.m. - Music at the Beer Garden-Jesse Quant

SUNDAY, JULY 19TH

- 7 a.m. - Breakfast at the Memorial Hall- organized by the Davenport 4-H club
- 10 a.m. - Church Services in the Park
- Lincoln County Museum open from 1 to 5 p.m.
- Sponsors:
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 - Highline Grain Growers Leffel, Otis & Warwick, P.S.
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Senior center named grand marshals

DAVENPORT — The Davenport Senior Center has been selected as grand marshals for this year's Pioneer Days celebration.

Board members said the honor recognizes recent efforts to revitalize the center after a period of reduced activity and temporary closure.

Board President Linda Jahn, 68, of Davenport, said the center provides a safe space for people to meet, learn and socialize while supporting independent living for older adults.

"We would like to bring all ages together," Jahn said.

The center offers meals several days a week along with a Meals on Wheels program. It also provides exercise and balance classes, informa-

tion sessions on topics such as fall prevention and home safety, and space rentals for community events. One board member assists with organizing the Pioneer Days parade.

Board Vice President Jim Reinbold, 78, of Davenport, said the group maintains a booth during the parade and has hosted a bake sale in recent years.

Board Secretary Keri Rainsberger, 49, of Davenport, said the center has focused on expanding programs and increasing participation since facing challenges that included a temporary closure.

Board members identified transportation as a major issue for seniors in Lincoln County, particularly for medical appointments outside the area.

They also noted a shortage of in-home caregivers and concerns related to loneliness and physical limitations.

"We are hoping to complete the renovations that we've started, and have more events for our seniors," Jahn said.

Reinbold said the center welcomes community members of all ages for meals and activities. He added that the group aims to grow involvement in the coming years.

Rainsberger said increased visibility from the honor could encourage more residents to participate or learn about available resources.

The center operates at 728 Morgan St. and can be reached at 509-725-7055.

Pioneer plod fun run draws crowds

DAVENPORT — Runners and walkers will take to the streets for the Pioneer Plod, a scenic 5K that kicks off the weekend's festivities and encourages healthy activity in the community.

The event starts at 8 a.m. on Saturday, July 18, 2026, with check-in at 7 a.m. on the west side of Davenport High School. Participants receive a commemorative shirt, and the course winds through quiet neighborhoods and local landmarks.

Early registration fee costs through July 1. Packets can be picked up Friday evening at the Memorial Hall.

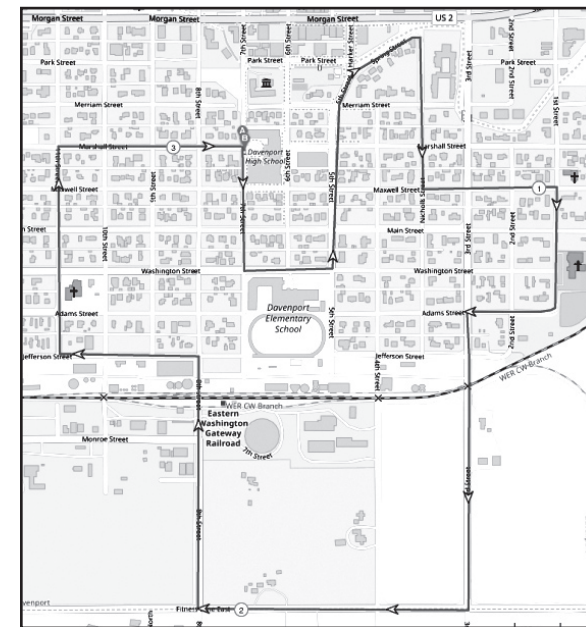
The fun run adds energy to Pioneer Days and appeals to participants of all ages and abilities. Organizers say it attracts both competitive ath-

letes and families looking for a relaxed morning together before the parade and other activities.

The event fits the Pioneer Days spirit of community involvement. Volunteers help with registration and course support, keeping the focus on enjoyment rather than intense competition.

Runners pass through neighborhoods that reflect the town's history and charm. Many finish with a sense of accomplishment and head straight to the parade or barbecue.

The Plod remains a favorite that highlights Davenport's commitment to active living and togetherness. Whether walking with friends or pushing for a personal best, participants help build the welcoming atmosphere that defines the weekend.



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Kids fishing derby reels in fun

DAVENPORT — Children from across the region will cast lines at the annual Kids Fishing Derby, a highlight of Pioneer Days that combines outdoor adventure with community support.

Hosted by the Davenport Lions Club, the event runs from 7 a.m. to noon on Friday, July 17, 2026, at the city park. It is open to all kids age 14 and under and features stocked trout, free worms, goodie bags and hats for participants.

Bob Guhlke, the longtime Lions Club member who helped start the derby said in last year's coverage that the goal remains giving every child a chance to experience the thrill of catching a fish in a safe, welcoming setting.

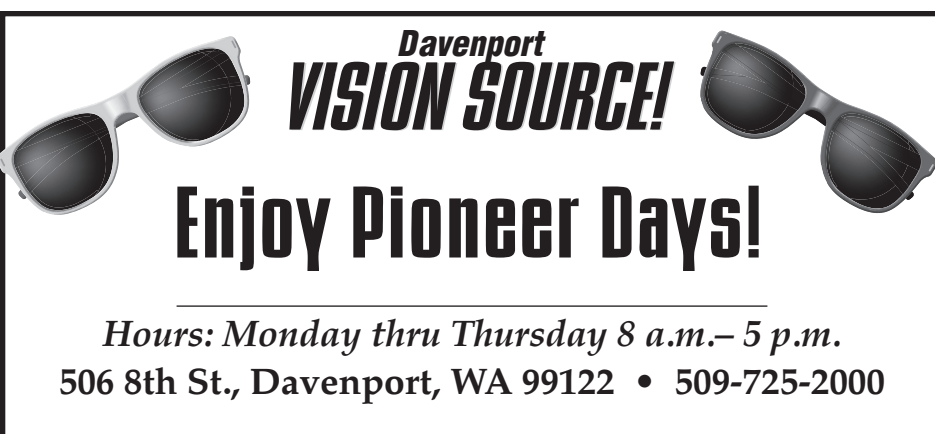
Volunteers assist with baiting hooks, untangling lines and offering guidance, especially for first-time

anglers. Local businesses donate supplies and prizes to keep the event accessible and fun for families.

This year's focus stays on participation and safety. Kids must follow a two-fish limit, stay in designated areas and use rod and reel only. The event encourages kids to return to the creek throughout the summer while respecting the rules.

Parents often enjoy the day as much as the children. The derby draws families from Davenport, Reardan, Spokane and beyond, turning the park into a hub of excitement and laughter.

Guhlke previously said the event promotes outdoor recreation and strengthens community bonds. It remains a labor of love rooted in the belief that every child deserves the joy of reeling in a fish during Pioneer Days weekend.

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Road knights car show marks anniversary

DAVENPORT — Classic cars, trucks and motorcycles will fill the streets as the Road Knights Car Club celebrates its 70th anniversary during Pioneer Days.

The show takes place Saturday, July 18, 2026, with check-in at 9 a.m. at the Davenport Fire Station. Entry fee includes a commemorative T-shirt. Awards begin at 1 p.m. across categories for stock and modified vehicles, rat rods, motorcycles and special interest entries.

Club members say the event draws enthusiasts from across the region who enjoy showing off their rides and swapping stories. Many participants also join the parade later that morning.

The show adds variety to Pioneer Days and appeals to car lovers of all ages. Spectators can browse the

lineup, chat with owners and enjoy the downtown vibe while celebrating the club's long history in local events.

Awards recognize excellence in preservation and creativity. Categories cover everything from pre-1939 cars to newer models and unique builds.

The anniversary celebration highlights the club's role in community gatherings. Organizers encourage anyone with a classic vehicle to register and take part in the fun.

The car show fits seamlessly with the weekend's mix of parades, music and family activities. It draws crowds who appreciate craftsmanship and the pioneer spirit that defines Davenport's biggest celebration of the year.



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