

100th Sauerkraut Day

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Sauerkraut Day: Wishek's Century-Old Celebration

by Madeline Schauer

This year marks a major milestone for Wishek, North Dakota: the 100th celebration of Sauerkraut Day. Whether you're a sauerkraut enthusiast or curious explorer, Wishek invites you to experience a one-of-a-kind small-town harvest festival.

Fittingly, the "Sauerkraut Capital of the World" is pulling out all the stops. For the first time, the city has expanded the celebration into an entire weekend. Mark your calendars for the second weekend in October and join in on a tradition that's been going strong since 1925.

What started a

century ago as a simple community outreach effort has become a beloved tradition that draws people from across the country and even from abroad. It's not uncommon to meet visitors from as far as Alaska or Poland.

You'll also see familiar faces, city officials, and likely our state senators and representatives.

Local resident Cleo Boschee, who has attended more than 50 Sauerkraut Days, shared a bit of the event's early history.

"People used to ride into town with a team of horses and head to the old city hall," he recalled. "They served sauerkraut out of a little window,

and people would just stand around, eat, and socialize."

For Boschee, it's the people and community spirit that makes the day special.

"It's a big deal, I tell you what. The best place to live and the best place to raise a family."

And with the 100th anniversary on the horizon, Boschee expects a record turnout.

"I think there's going to be a lot of people coming back that normally don't."

Cooking Up Tradition

Behind the scenes, preparation starts before sunrise. In the town garage and civic center kitchen,

volunteers—including high school students, longtime residents, and even city officials—stir up massive vats of sauerkraut, hot dogs, and speck (a traditional bacon fat).

Some years, the event has called for more than 120 gallons of sauerkraut, 500 pounds of hot dogs, and 200+ pounds of bacon.

Beverly Vilhauer, a retired CFO of Wishek Hospital and longtime volunteer, remembers how local businesses pitch in.

"Every business in town would donate money to the Sauerkraut Day committee," she said. "We also donated our staff to help serve."

The event even adapted during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"COVID really pushed the envelope for to-go orders," Vilhauer explained.

"Now, we still have the traditional serving line, but we also offer to-go meals for those who can't make it to the civic center."

For her, it's about more than food.

"It was an appreciation meal—our way of thanking

people for doing business in town. It's part of our heritage. Something we've been doing for 100 years. And we continue to do it."

"I think a lot of people come back just to see how the town has changed. It gives them an excuse."

A Weekend of Festivities

This year's expanded celebration offers something for everyone.

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Wishek Celebrates 100 Years of Sauerkraut Day



October 10-12, 2025

Follow Wishek Association of Commerce on Facebook for more details and event updates!

Friday, October 10th

10:00 am-6:00 pm- 100 Years Photo Exhibit @ St. Lukes Lutheran Church

11:00 am-1:00 pm- FREE Sauerkraut Meal- NO TO GOS @ Civic Center

Music Provided by Wishek School Students under the direction of Julianna Wolff

11:00 am-6:00pm: Car & Tractor Show-Pfeifle Chevrolet & Sayler Implement

10:00 am-5:00 pm: Antique Quilt Show @ 4 Seasons Flower Shop 6 N Centennial St

12:00 pm-6:00 pm: Vendor Show @ Wishek Armory Contact: Angie Vliem 701-321-2331

1:00 pm-4:00 pm: Pie Social @ First Baptist Church \$

1:00 pm-5:00 pm: FREE Ice Cream Social @ Stans Supermarket

2:00 pm: \$1000 Jackpot Bingo @ Civic Center \$

3:00 pm-4:00 pm: Accordion Music @ 4 Season Flower Shop 6 N Centennial St

5:00 pm-7:00 pm-FREE Sauerkraut Meal-NO TO GOS @ Civic Center

5:00 pm- 12:00pm am: 701 Food Trucks @ Civic Center

5:00 pm- 7:00 pm: Hunter Heinrich Accordion Polka & Guests @ Civic Center

7:00 pm-11:00 pm: Uptown Band Civic Center Sponsored by: Wishek Collision, Big Screen Bar, & Central Iron

11:00 pm-1:00 am: Stacks of Wax DJ @ Civic Center Sponsored by: Wald Fencing

Saturday, October 11th

8:00 am: 11:30 pm-American Legion Breakfast @ The Civic Center \$

8:00 am: Kraut 5k Sponsored by: South Central Health Registration starts @ 7:00 am Softball field

10:00 am: Parade (Line up starting at 8:00 am @ Wishek School)

10:00 am-5:00 pm: Antique Quilt Show @ 4 Seasons Flower Shop 6 N Centennial St

10:00 am: 5:00 pm: Vendor Show Resumes @ Wishek Armory

10:00 am-6:00 pm: 100 Years Photo Exhibit @ St. Lukes Lutheran Church

11:30 am: Car & Tractor Show @ Pfeifle Chevrolet & Sayler Implement

12:00 pm-12:00 pm: 701 food Trucks @ Civic Center

1:00 pm-4:00 pm: Kids Events (apple bobbing, pumpkin painting (sponsored by: Hunter Pinke), face painting \$, corn pit, photo booth, sack races, pony rides, petting zoo, & more) \$5 per kid @ Danke Acres 1406 2nd Ave N Sponsored by: Danke Acres, Just Insurance, High Energy Gymnastics, & Staci Just Photography

1:00 pm-3:00 pm: Hayrides @ Danke Acres 1406 2nd Ave N

2:00 pm: Kiddie Tractor pull @ Farm Credit (Wishek Electric Shop if inclement weather) Sponsored by: Farm Credit

2:00 pm: \$1,000 JACKPOT Bingo @ Civic Center \$

3:00 pm-5:00 pm: Kuchen, Cards & Coffee @ Wishek Senior Center. \$

3:00 pm-4:00 pm: Accordion Music @ 4 Season Flower Shop 6 N Centennial St

4:00 pm: October Fest Beer Tasting @ Civic Center

4:00 pm: Beer Olympics 2 Person Teams @ Civic Center Parking Lot

5:00-7:00 pm: Dakota Rangers Polka Band Dance @ Civic Center Sponsored by: Diamond D Plumbing

7:00 pm - 11:00 pm: Rhyme or Reason Band Sponsored by: Hwy 13 Spray Foam & Outlaw Construction

11:00 pm- 1:00 am: Impact Audio DJ @ Civic Center Sponsored by: Titan Machinery

Sunday, October 12th

10:00 am: Polka Service Community Church @ St. Lukes Lutheran Church

11:00 am- 1:30 pm: Taste of Wishek @ Civic Center \$20/ticket. Tickets sold at Wishek Inn & Pinke Lumber or Contact Ali Herr (701) 202-2025 **Limited Amount of Tickets Sold**

11:00 am - 2:00 pm: 100 Years Photo Exhibit @ St. Lukes Lutheran Church

1:00 pm: Co-Ed Volleyball tournament @ Wishek School \$150 per team Contact Melisa Meidinger (701) 659-0566

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**Note these changes - The parade line up will now take place at the school parking lot. The Vendor show has moved to the Armory and the times have changed. The kiddie tractor pull will be at the Farm Credit parking lot. If inclement weather it will be in the Wishek Electric Shop (located at 1406 2nd ave N)

Mmm.... Beer: Beer Olympics set for Sauerkraut Day

No self-respecting, German-based centennial celebration would be complete without including activities centered on the fine art of tasting, and having fun with, BEER!

This year marks Wishek's 100th straight year of celebrating Sauerkraut Day, and the Wishek Association of Commerce is doing it up right with a three-day party. Throughout this section you'll read about the incredible line-up of fun, food

and frivolity on tap. If you're a fan of the hops, you'll want to find a partner and make your way to the Civic Center parking lot by 4 pm for the BEER OLYMPICS (not sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee—YET!)

and the Oktoberfest-like beer tasting extravaganza.

The Beer Olympics will include up to 20 two-person teams that will compete in such esteemed events as Stein-holding,

tipsy bartender obstacle course and the ever-popular, yet culturally vague Hammerschlagen (If you don't know, you'll just have to come see this one for yourself.)

Teams will pay \$40 to participate, and competitors will take home a glass, boot-shaped Stein to commemorate their Beer Olympics appearance on the world stage...okay, not world...regional stage... okay, okay, the greater McIntosh County stage!

Try 20-plus ethnic foods at this year's Sauerkraut Day

It will surprise you to learn that, although heavily and historically German, Wishek has quite a diverse ethnic mix of residents, which will be very evident if you take in A Taste of Wishek, happening Sunday, Oct. 12 from 11 am to 1:30 pm at

the Civic Center.

While still evolving as the event gets closer, Taste of Wishek will feature foods from 20-plus ethnic backgrounds prepared by residents of the surrounding communities.

Attendees will get to sample the variety of

delicious dishes as they move from booth to booth.

Admission is \$20 per person. Only 250 tickets will be sold for the event, and can be purchased at the Wishek Inn, Pinke Lumber or by calling Ali Herr at 701-202-2025.

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Sauerkraut Day from years gone by

The following stories were taken from historical issues. "1700 Turn Out For Sauerkraut & Wieners" was published in 1975. "Sauerkraut Day Draws Largest Crowd in Years" was published in 1950. The stories do contradict one another as the 1950 story said there were 3000 that year and the 1975 story said there 1700, but claims that was the 'biggest attendance ever.' Interesting indeed!

1700 Turn Out For Sauerkraut & Wieners

"No doubt about it" is what the chairman,

Em. Fercho and vice chairman Duke Hochhalter told the Star, "this year was the biggest attendance ever in the 50 year history of Sauerkraut Days in Wishek." Seventeen hundred people were fed sauerkraut and wieners along with all the needed extras. Last years attendance was reported to have been 1600. According to the committee 600 pounds of wieners and 120 pounds of bacon and 96 gallons of sauerkraut

were consumed.

The afternoon entertainment consisted of a magician's act by Dick Oslund which was enjoyed by those attending.

The evening's program featured the famous Chmielewski Bros from Sturgeon Lake, Minn. which saw about 1000 in attendance. The dance after the main show was also well attended.

The Sauerkraut Committee would like to thank the following for a job well done. The finance committee,

entertainment committee, food committee, cooks and the people hauling and serving the kraut. A special thanks to the Wishek Cheese Plant for donating various cheeses manufactured by the plant, to Pfeifle's Chev-Buick, Pontiac and Security State Bank for the napkins and cups donated. Also to M.G. Fiechtner for emceeing the Sauerkraut Day program. Also the Wishek High School Band under the direction of Paul Olienyk.

Sauerkraut Day Draws Largest Crowd in Years

The largest crowd ever to attend Sauerkraut Day, estimated at over 3,000 people, turned out here on Wednesday and jammed the auditorium for the program and drawings for free prizes. The crowd consumed all available sauerkraut and wieners

and serving went on until 2:30 p. m.

Winner of the Appreciation Day prize was Mrs. Andrew Miller who received \$64.47. Next Wednesday's Appreciation Day drawing will be held at the usual place and time. Winning other special cash awards were: Gerhard Just, \$20.00; Mrs. T.T. Nies \$15.00; V.C. Scott \$10.00; J.L. Raile \$5.00; Katharina Thurn \$5.00; Mrs. Emil Herr \$3.00; Mrs. Ben Aipperspach \$2.00 and Adam E Reich \$2.00. A large number of merchandise prizes donated by local merchants were also given away.

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Sauerkraut Day Music - A one-ah and a two-ah!

by Janet Wolff



One thing that has been a staple through all the Sauerkraut Day festivities is music. Even 100 years ago when there was no civic center, Wishek had community dances and basket socials. The first community meeting place was in the second story of the First State Bank building located on the corner of Centennial Avenue and Highway 13. Back in 1905, even before Sauerkraut Day began, "The Wests" were known to play at community dances and basket socials where people could polka and two-step the night away.

In 1913, the Pleasant Hour Theatre opened by the owner, H.L. Bohlman. The theatre showed a silent film called, "The Perils of Pauline" and comedies such as a Charlie Chaplin show entitled, "The Price of Justice". This venue is where the first Sauerkraut Day dance happened which featured a popular piano-accordionist named Lawrence Welk.

It was written in the paper that, "He is a North Dakota Boy and has a great future with a little more training."

The Wishek Association of Commerce also sponsored prizes. Back in 1928, there was a \$50.00 prize for the best fiddler, dancer and hog caller. It was advertised in the paper that "anyone that can fiddle, sing, do vaudeville stunts, call hogs, chickens or husband and wives, are invited to enter."

Once the Civic Center opened, many great bands provided entertainment, especially polka bands. In 1966, The Six Fat Dutchman played their polka hits for an audience along with Miss North Dakota making an appearance on the stage. The Chmielewski Fun time band was the feature band in 1974.

When the new high school opened, music students would have a relaxing walk back and forth to the civic center. For many years, the first performance

of the year was at Sauerkraut Day. When this writer arrived in 1988, I was "warned" about the upcoming performance in front of over 1000 people. It was quite a surprise to look out at the crowd of people who had suddenly appeared in our little town just to eat some sauerkraut and socialize with people of like minds. The most favorite songs, by far, were The Beer Barrel Polka and The Notre Dame Victory March (school song).

Both the high school and junior high bands played in the morning. It was always a surprise to the students how well the polkas were received by the crowd. Students wanted to play the pep band songs, but much to their chagrin, they were forced to play songs like "When Yuba plays the Rumba on the Tuba" and patriotic folk songs like "America".

When this writer arrived, the choir sang choral pieces with wonderful harmonies

in the English language. However, the music teacher had an epiphany that the traditions of Sauerkraut Day should be shown in the folk music that came over with our ancestors. The predominant language was German. Many of these songs are threatened to become extinct since the German speaking people are becoming less and less. The music teacher remembers coming to an interview for the music teaching job here in Wishek.

"I landed in Maggie's Café before the meeting and as I walked in, everyone stopped talking to take a look at me! They were all speaking German!" Since that beginning day, the choir has gone on music trips from Chicago all the way to Seattle to share the German folk music we love in this town.

Many people, since then, have been interviewed to help find music that was traditional. John Gross of Napoleon was a huge help in teaching many songs by rote, since very few songs had notes written with the melody. He explained that the Germans who settled in Wishek wanted to have a "closed colony" type of settlement. However, they did have a diverse religious background: Catholic, Lutheran, Mennonite and Baptist. This was shown in much of the music and dialect that they sang. There are many different verses to "Stille Nacht"

and "Ach Du Lieber Augustin" depending on where you live.

Now the students in the choir room have a song packet that helps to lead them on Sauerkraut Day. Some of the titles are: Der Fröhliche Wanderer, Drei Rote Rosen, Du Du Liegst Mir Im Herzen, Ich Bin ein Farmer Buh, Ich Bin Ya Heut So Gluchlich, Jagersmann, Lauterbach Medley, Liechtensteiner Polka, Mein Hut Der Hat Drei Ecken, and Muss I Denn. There is also a fun part in the entertainment where the students try to teach the audience some German with poster-pictures of a Schnitzelbank. They also bring out the most popular instrument in the area: the accordion. Although most students do not play at an expert level, they can still learn to appreciate the instrument and its history.

This year, the Association of Commerce has brought in many accordion players. Hunter Heinrich, from Eureka, will be playing in the Civic Center. There

will be a live accordion player during part of the Quilt Show located inside 4-Seasons Floral. Also, the Polka Service at St. Lukes will feature familiar Polka songs with lyrics changed to words that are more conducive to a church service. Saturday night, the Dakota Rangers are sure to have some great polkas ready for the evening.

But Wishek also knows how to bring in the new music since Uptown Band will be playing on Friday night. These four musicians from Fargo, ND are a high energy dance band. Some of their songs they play are: Brown Eyed Girl, Alabama Mix and Chicken Fried. Rhyme or Reason Band will be playing Saturday night until 11 p.m.

This country band also comes from Fargo and are known for their street dances. To finish the night, two DJs will come in. Stacks of Wax is on Friday. He has music from the 50s to the 2000s. Impact Audio, out of Napoleon, will begin on Saturday.

All music events are free and open to the public.



CONGRATULATIONS WISHEK!

I would like to congratulate the City of Wishek on 100 years of Sauerkraut Day. It is a tradition we all look forward to every year!

- McIntosh County Sheriff Steven C. Delzer



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The following stories were taken from historical issues. "Sauerkraut Day" in Wishek on October 13" and "Sauerkraut Day was a big success in Wishek" were written 100 years ago for the first Sauerkraut Day. "Tales of Sauerkraut Days Past" was taken from the 75th Sauerkraut Day. Transcribed by Tabitha Janke as they were written in their original form.

"SAUERKRAUT DAY" IN WISHEK ON OCTOBER 13

Free Sauerkraut and Wieners to all Who Are Here on That Day; Prizes Are Being Offered For Best Sugar Beets

Wishek will have an annual "Sauerkraut Day." This was decided at a meeting of the board of directors of the Wishek Association of Commerce at a meeting held Monday evening of this week.

At this annual "Sauerkraut Day" farmers and those coming from neighboring towns, will be served free sauerkraut, wieners, coffee, etc. This will be free to all and everybody is cordially invited to come to Wishek and partake of this old-time German lunch.

This year's "Sauerkraut Day" will be held on Tuesday, October 13th. Arrangements are now being made to handle a large crowd and Wishek will be disappointed if there isn't a record-breaking crowd here to eat sauerkraut and wieners. Further announcement will be made later.

On Tuesday, October 13th, those farmers

who took out sugar beet seed last spring and planted it, will be asked to bring six samples of the beets to town where they will be judged as to size, weight, and shape and six different prizes offered. All those who have taken out beet seed will be send notice to this effect and will be told what the prizes will be.

Everybody is invited to come to Wishek on Tuesday, October 13th and see who wins the sugar beet prizes. Also to fill up on sauerkraut and wieners.

Come to Wishek to have a good time on October 13th.

At this meeting the committee on the city park also reported and the board decided that a plot of ground in the southeast part of town would be best suited for that purpose because of the rich soil there, and an effort will be made to have this set aside for that purpose.

Camping ground for next year will be provided on Highway

No. 35 in the west end of town where a well will be dug and other small buildings erected for the convenience of tourists.

The name of Christ. Hiller was also added to the Doyle State Park commission. Mr. Hiller lives near the lake, is very much interested in the state park project, and will be a valuable member of the commission.

Ways and means have also been considered to place a screen at one end of the lake so as to hold the fish in when the water raises next spring. This will be looked after at the proper time.

Road matters were also discussed so as to keep in touch with what is being done along that line in the county.

The board is always willing to listen to suggestions in regard to any matters for the betterment of the town and community and any and all citizens are welcome at any of its meetings.

"SAUERKRAUT DAY" WAS BIG SUCCESS IN WISHEK

Farmers Gathered From all Parts of Logan, McIntosh and Emmons Counties to Eat Sauerkraut and Wieners

Wishek's first annual "Sauerkraut Day" was a grand and glorious success. While there were not as many people in town as might have been, because of the fact that the farmers are still busy threshing, enough were present to do away with the lunch provided for them.

Sauerkraut, wieners, sandwiches and hot coffee were served at the city hall beginning at noon and it was 11:00 in the evening before everybody had been served.

During the afternoon free tickets were given to the farmers and at 4:00 o'clock numbers were drawn to see who would win the prizes donated by local business men. This caused lots of excitement as the farmers, their wives and children anxiously held their numbers in their hand to see if they would win. The following is a list of those who won prizes: August Boschee; L.H. Plopper; Emanuel Vossler; George Rueb; F.F. Sprenger; Emanuel Vossler; Gabriel Miller; Jacob Kogler; John Brosy; L.H. Plopper; Geo. Herr; E. Moeckel;

August Boschee; F. F. Sprenger; Henry Krein; Emanuel Herr; John Schauer; O.S. Link; John Vossler; Jacob Weisser; Lydia Lippert; F.F. Sprenger; Peter Thurn; Philip Rueb; Edward Sayler; Jacob Martel; John Wanner; Jacob Hoirup; Emanuel Koth; Jacob Weisser; Christ. Vossler and Walter Kocher.

Sugar beet samples were brought in by the farmers and placed on display in the city hall. In the evening these were judged and the following prizes awarded: Jacob Hoirup; \$10.00; John G. Schmidt, \$7.50; Wm. Mittelstadt, \$5.00; George Herr Jr., \$2.50 and August Boschee, \$1.00. Samples of the beets have been sent to the Agricultural College to be tested for sugar content. It has been demonstrated that the beets will grow here and if the sugar content is sufficient a number of farmers will put in small acreages next year.

The plowing demonstration also drew a large number of farmers. Farmers and dealers from the following towns were

here to take in the plowing demonstration and to eat lunch: Ashley, Eureka, Linton, Zeeland, Venturia, Napoleon, Burnstad, Streeter, Lehr and Fredonia.

Some farmers also brought in samples of grain, vegetables and some poultry which was displayed in the city hall also.

It was the first "Sauerkraut Day" ever held in this community and those connected with it are satisfied that the time was well spent.

The Wishek Association of Commerce feel grateful toward the following ladies who were instrumental in making it a success: Misses Amelia Wolf, Caroline Schwindt, Helen Vossler, and Mesdames H.E. Timm and Robert Greiser. Without the help of the ladies the men would have been lost and the crowd gone hungry.

Plans are now being made for something for the month of November. Announcement will be made later and we hope the farmers are anxiously waiting to see what will be pulled off next in Wishek.

Tales of Sauerkraut Days Past

A full day of festivities is on tap today as Wishek celebrates its 75th annual Sauerkraut Day.

Serving of Sauerkraut, wieners and all the trimmings will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Wishek Civic Center.

The Sauerkraut Day committee has been collecting memories from area residents in honor of the event's 75th Anniversary:

- Ben Eissinger, 95, of Wishek remembers the very first Sauerkraut Day held October 11, 1925 in the old

City Hall building. Ben says many people gathered outside and when it was time for the food to be served, the crowd ran over Police Chief John Rott and knocked down the door.

- Eva Ketterling, 91, also of Wishek, recalls a Sauerkraut Day in the late '20s when her parents brought the family to town with a team of white horses. They took a load of wheat to the grain elevator and then waited outside City Hall for the

sauerkraut to finish cooking. Eva says it was a very cold day, but the chill was lessened a bit when she won three pencils and a bread pan given away as a door prize.

- Gideon Rueb of Tracy, Calif., says his first memory of Sauerkraut Day was in 1929. He remembers holding on to his father's hand as they stood in line for the delicious meal. Gideon adds that during the Depression days of the 1930s, pancakes

and sausage were served instead of sauerkraut.

- Waldemar Diegel, 77, remembers going to eat sauerkraut and wieners with his mother during the 1920s. He recalls that he was so small that he couldn't see what was on the table where the food was being served. Waldemar thinks that special Sauerkraut Day was probably in either 1925 or 1926.
- Gideon Rueb of Lehr was reminded of Sauerkraut Day

every time she and her husband, Marvin, drove a pickup they purchased in 1982. Myrtle says the truck was part of a Sauerkraut Day sale at Jim Weber Ford.

- Clarence Kienzle has hauled sauerkraut from the City Hall to the Civic Center for 43 years. Ferdinand Vossler has served on the Sauerkraut Day committee for 41 years in various capacities.

Sauerkraut Day cooks

through the years have included Mr. and Mrs. B.B. Kaseman, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kalenberger, Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Woehl, Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Schaffer. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Mueller, Edward Rath, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Wanner, Mr. and Mrs. Waldemar Diegel, Patrick Wanner, Violet Diegel, and Violet Kaseman.

Among the emcees have been J.C. Rott, Walter Sayler, M.G. "Mertz" Fiechtner (35 years), Art Bender (8 years), Larry Wald (10 years) and Mary Ann Weber.

Polka... Country... Pop... Sauerkraut weekend has music for everyone!



It's going to be a big weekend in Wishek Oct. 10-12 when the city celebrates its birthright holiday, Sauerkraut Day! Of course, the smell of kraut and weiners will fill the air, but equally as important, the joint will be jumping with music for two days!

This year will recognize 100 years of feeding free kraut to the masses, and has ballooned into a three day party featuring music of all kinds, from accordions to rockin' country.

The celebration's opening meal being served from 11 am to 1 pm Friday, Oct.

10 will be serenaded by the city's future generation of squeeze box players from Wishek Public School. This entertainment began a few years ago and became an instant hit with guests who enjoy seeing the community's young people carrying on the tradition of playing accordion. They will perform under the direction of Wishek's music teacher, Julianna Wolff.

If you don't get enough accordion that day, Janet Laymon Wolff will be performing on the accordion at 4 Seasons Floral Shop, 6 N.

Centennial St., from 3 to 4 pm on Oct. 10.

From 5 to 7 pm Friday during the party's SECOND free sauerkraut meal being served at the Civic Center, you guessed it—MORE ACCORDION! Eureka native Hunter Heinrich will take you back in time as he performs lively numbers in the style of Myron Floren from the popular Lawrence Welk show that aired from 1955 to 1971. Heinrich is known for his fast fingers, feel-good melodies and serious Welk style of entertainment.

At 7 pm Friday,

Fargo's Uptown Band takes the stage at the Civic Center and will rock Wishek until 11 pm. This high energy variety dance band entertains audiences with all genres of popular music from the last 60 years. The band's appearance is being sponsored by Wishek Collision, Big Screen Bar and Central Iron.

Linton-based Stax of Wax will finish out Friday's musical agenda from 11 pm to 1 am., playing a wide variety of dance music. Wald Fencing of Wishek is sponsoring Stax' appearance.

And don't think you're done polka-ing Saturday, no no! The Dakota Rangers will perform from 5 to 7 pm at the Civic Center, showing off their 100-plus years of musical expertise. Eureka residents Earl Mehlhoff and Dennis Walker, and Ashley's Randy Becker make up this trio who performs

a variety of polkas, waltzes and two-steps. They are also well-known for their cajun tunes. The Dakota Rangers are being sponsored by Diamond D Plumbing of Wishek.

Fargo-based Rhyme or Reason will kick off Saturday night's music, playing from 7-11 pm, also at the civic center. If you like country, you'll become a fan of this high-energy country party band that just might blow the roof off the place! Rhyme or Reason is being sponsored by Wishek's Highway 13 Spray Foam and Outlaw

Construction. The closer to the Centennial Sauerkraut Day celebration will be Impact Audio DJ Chris Gross from Napoleon. Gross's music caters to proms, weddings, family reunions and more. His appearance is sponsored by Titan Machinery.

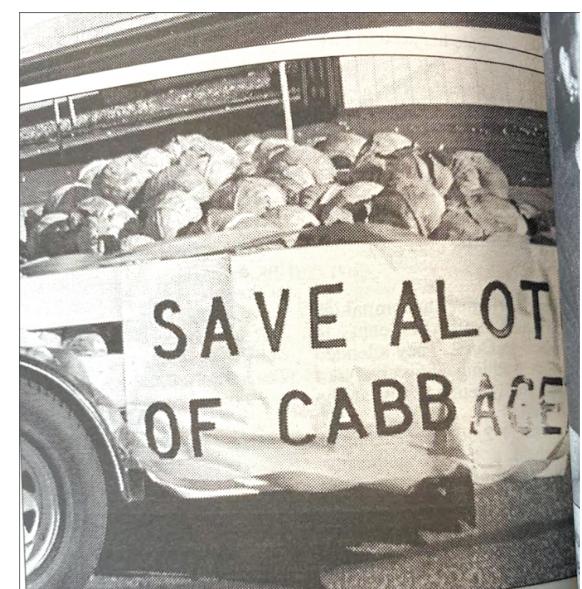
Posters for Sauerkraut Days can be found at many area business places and on the Wishek Association of Commerce Facebook page. Brush off those dusty dancing shoes and prepare for a polka party the likes you've never seen!



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Sauerkraut Recipes

The recipes below were borrowed from the Wishek 125th Anniversary cookbook. The authors' names are listed.

REUBEN SANDWICHES

Ruth Thurn

1/3 C. mayonnaise or salad dressing
 1/2 lb. sliced, cooked corned beef
 12 slices rye bread, buttered
 1 can (16 oz.) sauerkraut, drained
 1/2 lb. sliced Swiss cheese
 Soft butter

Spread mayonnaise on 6 slices of bread. Arrange cheese, corned beef and sauerkraut on spread slices; top with remaining bread slices. Spread both sides of sandwiches with butter; toast in skillet until light brown on both sides.

POLISH REUBEN CASSEROLE

Erma I. Krein

2-10 oz. cans cream of mushroom soup 1-8oz. pkg. uncooked med. width noodles
 1 1/2 C. milk
 1 1/2 lbs. Polish sausage, cut into 1/2" pcs.
 1 T. prepared mustard
 2 C. shredded Swiss cheese (8 oz.)
 1/2 C. chopped onion
 3/4 C. whole wheat bread crumbs
 2-16 oz. cans sauerkraut, rinsed, and
 2 T. butter, melted, drained

In a bowl mix soup, milk, mustard and onion until blended. Spread sauerkraut in a greased 9x13" baking dish. Top with uncooked noodles. Spoon soup mixture evenly over noodles. Sprinkle with sausage pieces, then cheese. In a small bowl stir together crumbs and melted butter; sprinkle over cheese layer. Cover tightly with foil. Bake at 350° for 1 hour or until noodles are tender (country-style sausage may be substituted).

KNEPHLA HOT DISH

Tracy Boschee & Janice Meidinger

1 pkg. frozen egg noodles or home-made
 Salt and pepper to taste
 Knephla
 1-16 oz. can sauerkraut
 4 1/2 C. flour
 1 1/2 lbs. ground beef, browned
 1 tsp. salt
 1 can French fried onions (2.8 oz.)
 1 3/4 C. water
 2 T. butter
 1 egg

TO PREPARE THE HOT DISH: Brown the hamburger. Mix the sauerkraut, hamburger, French fried onions, salt and pepper; add butter. Add this mixture to cooked noodles or cooked Knephla. Bake 45 minutes at 325°.

TO PREPARE THE KNEPHLA: Mix water, flour and egg. By hand, mix and form into small rolls the size of a finger. Snip in pieces with scissors into boiling water and boil until the Knephlas come to the top. Drain and mix with the hamburger mixture. Bake at 325° for 45 minutes. Serves 8.

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