

Vonheim Saga
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Fra Presidenten

Hoping all of you are enjoying this fine summer weather. Vonheim members met Sat. June 10, at Norway House for Conversation, Bingo, and an Ice Cream Social. The 15 persons attending formed 3 small groups and shared their Norwegian heritage and discussed possible future activities for the lodge.

Upcoming Lodge events include the following---Tues., July 25 6 pm Vonheim and Oslo Lodges are having a catered picnic at Waubun Park (same place as last year). Sat. Sept. 9 at 1 PM Viking Age presentation at Norway House. Tues, Oct 17, 6:30 PM Scholarship Fundraiser Torsk Dinner at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Mpls. Dennis Sorheim is co-ordinating this event.

Events have been planned for November and December (further information in future Sagas.)
Enjoy your summer!

Tussen Takk!
Don Teigen



Picnic! Picnic! Picnic!
Tuesday, July 25th, 6 PM

Come enjoy BBQ chicken and ribs from Caps Restaurant
Cost: \$15

The traditional beans and cole slaw will round out the meal The same location as previous years, area D, at Waubun Park just east of Minnehaha Falls. Following there will be Bingo with prizes.

Reservations Required by July 18th to Louise
763-545-4827



Get Well wishes to Don Teigen as he recovers from hip surgery. We hope he is on his feet soon.

COMING EVENTS

Meetings are held on **Saturday** at Norway House, 913 E. Franklin Avenue, adjacent to Mindekirken in Mpls. (Lillehaugen Room on the lower level)

Sept 9th Lodge mtg at 1PM
Oct 17th Dinner at 6:30PM at
Lutheran Church of the GoodShepherd

Error in Google Maps Sends Hundreds to Small Norwegian Village

Today's technology offers mapping applications that make traveling to unknown or hard to reach destinations easier than ever before. Google Maps, for example, provides its users with features like 3D angles, street level views and multiple routing options, all through the convenience of your mobile device. So what could possibly go wrong? Well, with even the smallest of mapping glitches you could consequently find yourself on the wrong side of a fjord.

That's exactly what happened to hundreds of confused travelers seeking the famous Preikestolen cliff in Western Norway. Due to a simple error in Google Maps, these travelers were instead sent to the small, quiet village of Fossmark—30 kilometers away, on the other side of a fjord. Although the cliff formation can be seen from the tiny village, it is a long, narrow, winding country road away from the picture-perfect views. Village residents have had to redirect long lines of minibuses, cars and hopeful visitors who have flooded the town with no idea of the miscalculation. One man living in the area told the local newspaper, Stavanger Aftenblad, that in the summer season up to 10 to 15 cars show up each day.

The Preikestolen cliff, home to one of the most visited tourist attractions in Norway, receives up to 200,000 visitors each year. Rising more than 600 meters above the Lysefjord, Preikestolen is a steep cliff with a large flat summit making it an ideal location for tourists wanting to capture that once in a lifetime view.

A spokesperson for Google released a statement saying the company will resolve the mapping issue as soon as possible, and encourages others to report similar errors.

Also due to the increased popularity of the cliff, there is currently a project in progress to help improve the path to the site, which is only accessible by a 3.8 kilometer hike.

Lingonberry Bavarian Cream The Norwegian Kitchen by Astrid Karlsen Scott

- 5 sheets (5 tsp. powdered) gelatin
- 1 cup full fat milk
- 3 egg yolks
- scant ½ cup sugar
- 1½ cups whipping cream
- 1½ cups lingonberries
- 3 tbsp. sugar

Soak the gelatin sheets in cold water (or sprinkle the powdered gelatin over 3 tablespoons of the milk) 5 minutes to soften. Squeeze excess water from the sheets (disregard for powdered gelatin). Melt the gelatin over low heat. Bring the milk to a boil. Beat the egg yolks with ½ cup sugar until light and lemon-colored. Whisk egg mixture into the boiling milk. Stir in the melted gelatin. Refrigerate until syrupy. Combine berries with the remaining sugar. Lightly whip the cream and fold in the berries. Fold cream and berries carefully into the slightly stiffened gelatin mixture. Pour into a rinsed 1-liter (quart) mold. Refrigerate at least 3 hours. Remove from mold and garnish with whipped cream and fresh lingonberries.

Midsummer

Midsummer, also known as **St John's Day**, is the period of time centered upon the summer solstice, and more specifically the Northern European celebrations that accompany the actual solstice or take place on a day between June 19 and June 25 and the preceding evening. The exact dates vary between different cultures. The Christian Church designated June 24 as the feast day of the early Christian martyr St John the Baptist, and the observance of St John's Day begins the evening before, known as St John's Eve.

As in Denmark, *Sankthansaften* is celebrated on June 23 in Norway. The day is also called *Jonsok*, which means "John's wake", important in Roman Catholic times with pilgrimages to churches and holy springs. For instance, up until 1840, there was a pilgrimage to the Røldal Stave Church in Røldal (southwest Norway) whose crucifix was said to have healing powers. Today, however, *Sankthansaften* is largely regarded as a secular or even pre-Christian event.

In most places, the main event is the burning of a large bonfire. In Western Norway, a custom of arranging mock weddings, both between adults and between children, is still kept alive.^[23] The wedding was meant to symbolize the blossoming of new life. Such weddings are known to have taken place in the 1800s, but the custom is believed to be older.

It is also said that, if a girl puts flowers under her pillow that night, she will dream of her future husband

(information provided by Wikipedia)

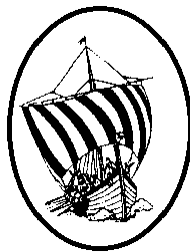
Minnesota Trivia compiled by Laurel Winter

In what town did Libby's build a water tower shaped like a corn cob? Rochester
What is the self proclaimed geographic center of Minnesota? Chisholm
What town's festival involves the states' mammal? The Viola Gopher Hunt
Where was John Jacob Astor's greatest fur trading post? Mendota
How many drinking establishments did Winona have during Prohibition? As many as 200 (five times more than when drinking was legal)
What MN county leads in wild rice production? Aitkin County
How many islands does the Lake of the Woods contain? 14,000
What cartoonist was born on November 26, 1922, in Mpls? Charles Schultz

Who was one of MN's earliest writers whose description of M'haha Falls was used by Longfellow in the poem *The Song of Hiawatha*? Mary Eastman
Who created much of the state capitol's sculpture? Daniel Chester French
Who was rookie of the year in 1967? Rod Carew
What political figure received a hearing aid from Starkey Laboratories in the Twin Cities? Ronald Reagan
What popular hot cereal was developed in MN? Cream of Wheat
What is the life span of the MN State Flower, the lady slipper? 100 years
What was one of the first packaged mixes developed by General Mills in Mpls? Bisquick
What U of M professor of surgery and biomedical engineering developed an implantable insulin pump? Henry Buchwald

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Vikings in September

Come join us for a cup of coffee on Saturday, September 9th at 1PM at Norway House and learn more about the Vikings, their history, activities, and lifestyle.