

Official Goose Festival Press Release 2009

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Middle River Invites You to the 35th Annual Goose Festival October 2-4, 2009

The community of Middle River would like to invite you to come and celebrate the 35th Annual Goose Festival. There are multiple activities planned for all ages during this fun-filled weekend October 2-4. There are many new events this year!

Opening ceremony is FRIDAY, October 2 at 3:30pm at the Spruce Valley Community Center in downtown Middle River. The Senior Citizen's lunch is at the community center from 11:00am-2:30. The Senior & Kindergarten Goose Walk commences at 2:00pm at the Community Center. The Beer Garden & Pork Sandwiches opens at 3:00pm at the Sportsmen's Shed downtown. At 4:00 pm Bed Races begin in front of The Garden Cafe-teams of 2, show up and beds will be provided! Also at 4:00pm, the DNR is hosting a laser shot simulator in the drive thru of Border State Bank. The Legion Auxiliary Supper is from 4:30-7:30 with Friday Night Bingo beginning at 6:00pm in the American Legion Club. At 7:30, "Harvey" will be performed at the Middle River Community Theater. Enjoy live music with "Luck of the Draw" at the American Legion or "Saddle Tramp" performing at The Wheel; both venues 9:00pm-1:00am.

Morning - SATURDAY, October 3rd starts with the 7th Annual Goose Walk/Run with proceeds benefiting the Middle River/Thief Lake Living At Home program serving area seniors and the Steve Holmes Walking Path, sign up is at 8:00am at the Community Center. From 9:00am-6:00pm, the craft and flea market is located in the Davidson Building – for more information or to register, call 218-222-3345. From 9:00am-12:00pm, the United Lutheran Ladies are hosting a bake sale in the Community Center. Morning coffee and a noon meal are hosted by Thief Lake Church, also in the Community Center and from 9:00am-3:00pm. The Sportsmen's Club Beer Garden & Pork Sandwiches opens again at 10:00am and a basketball free throw contest begins at 10:00am, located in front of the Sportsmen's Shed. At 10:00am, the DNR is hosting a laser shot simulator in the drive thru of Border State Bank. At 10:30am the Home Run Derby begins at the Middle River School Field with several divisions and age groups and trophy prizes awarded – proceeds benefit the Flying V Cancer Relay for Life and contact KayDell Super for registration and more information 218-222-3767. At 11:00am are the bike races on 3rd street hosted by Women of Today. Rentertainment Kid's Games open at 11:00am next to the Post Office.

Afternoon/Evening – SATURDAY – October 3rd at 12:30pm the Goose Festival Parade runs through town with the *Middle River Community Theatre Board* as Grand Marshalls - to register a parade entry, please contact Tanna Engen at 218-874-4301 or Tishara Melcher at 218-222-3928 (10am is line up behind the school, judging is from 11-11:45, please come early and PRE-REGISTRATION IS ENCOURAGED) and performing on Main Street immediately following the parade is the Red Lake Falls Drum Line directed by Lacie (Roppe) Hovland. Also after the parade is finished, bingo is offered in the Ambulance Garage with proceeds benefiting the Flying

V Cancer Relay for Life. Also, after the parade until 4pm the Antique Car & Tractor Show will be held at Memorial Park next to water (if too wet, it will be in community center parking lot). Also, after the parade, there is the Fireman's open house at the Fire Hall with cookies and coffee. From 1:30 to 4:30 pm, there is a band to be announced at the American Legion.

At 2:00 pm, the Pumpkin Decorating contest is next to the post office-entrants must be present to win. Also, at 2:00 the GMR Art Club will have art for sale and art projects for elementary kids next to the Post Office. At 2:00 Outhouse Decorating Contest Judging, by Post Office-need to be present to win. At 2:00 is the Geocaching Treasure Hunt, bring your own GPS and meet at the Goose Nest (motorhome in front of flea market). The Pet Show Contest is on Main Street starting at 2:30. "Chute 7" performs at The Wheel Bar starting at 2:00pm. From 3:00-5:00pm, the Paint Ball shoot is on main street (under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult). At 3:30, Women of Today and local businesses host the Kiddie Quarter Scramble at the volleyball courts - fire whistle starts the event. All afternoon there will be food at the American Legion and American Legion bingo starts at 5:00pm. At 5:00pm, the Goose Cook Off starts at the Shelter on Main Street with proceeds benefiting the Flying V Cancer Relay for Life - trophy prizes will be awarded - please call KayDell Super for more information at 218-222-3767. Also at 5:00pm, the Goose Calling Contest is at the Shelter on Main Street. At 7:30pm, Middle River Community Theatre performs, "Harvey" at The Theatre. From 7:00-11:00pm is the Teen Dance at the Middle River School (Grades 7-12) doors will be lock at 9:00pm. Enjoy live music with "Luck of the Draw" at the American Legion or "Saddle Tramp" performing at The Wheel, both venues 9:00pm-1:00am.

SUNDAY, October 4 also provides a big day of activities. From 9:00-11:00am, there is a blood pressure clinic and open house sponsored by Middle River EMT's at the Fire Hall. From 9:00-11:00am, Border State Bank sponsors a pancake breakfast at the Community Center (FREE with Goose Fest button). At 10:00am NCHSC Open Horse Show is at the Ornquist Arena; 1/2 mile west on Marshall County Road 6 from Highway 32. From 10:00am-3:00pm, the Craft and Flea market is in the Davidson Building - call 218-222-3345 for more information. At 10:00am, the Lefse, Doughnut, and Rommergrot sale is in the Davidson Building. Also at 10:00am is the Community Church Service at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. At 1:00pm, A Kick Ball Tourney will be held at the Middle River School Fields with proceeds benefiting Flying V Cancer Relay for Life. All ages are welcome and trophy prizes will be awarded. There is a \$30 registration fee per team with proceeds going to Cancer Research - to register or for more information, contact KayDell Super at 218-222-3767. Starting at 1:00pm, the Tractor Pull is sure to entertain a large crowd again at the Farmer's Coop Grain & Seed Elevator. The American Legion hosts the Music Jam at 1:00pm, sponsored by the Legion and the Community Club (FREE with Goose Fest button). At 2:00pm is the Lightening Basketball Tournament at the Middle River School (4th grade to Adult) with trophy prizes - call Kevin at 218-781-2795 or Nathan at 222-3485. Don't miss the final performance of "Harvey" at the Middle River Community Theatre at 4:00pm.

You can purchase your Goose Fest button at any business in Middle River. The cost is \$3.00 and provides free entertainment, entry for dozens of prizes, and a free breakfast. Advance tickets for "Harvey" are on sale at Young's General Store. Official Goose Fest Clothing is available with all proceeds benefiting local charities and organizations. Also, Middle River Memorabilia is available for purchase at various locations. The Middle River History book is available at Young's Store. Many food vendors will line the downtown of Middle River. Come join in for all the festivities, contests, and entertainment at Middle River's 35th Annual Goose Festival.