

Happenings at the Hollow

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Playing it Safe

Tis the season fellow Dutch Hollow members. The Safety and Security Committee wishes all of you a happy and safe holiday season. That being said, we would like to pass on some points to keep in the back of your mind during this time of year.

For those of you that are still traditionalists and like to do actual Christmas shopping at malls, here are some gentle reminders. When walking to your car with bags full of goodies try to be aware of who is around you, especially during the evening hours. Take the time to turn around occasionally to check your surroundings. Thieves like people with their arms holding on to shopping bags and their purses dangling. It makes it very easy for them to yank the purse from your arm and run. If you shop during the evening try to park your car in lighted areas and close to entrance ways where there is a lot of foot traffic. If you plan on keeping your purchases in the car and continue to shop. You should lock them in your trunk. If you do not have a trunk cover them with a blanket. It doesn't take much to break a window and take everything that is in plain sight.

It is too bad we have to discuss this next topic, but we feel it is necessary because of what is going on in the rest of the world. Active shooters as well as drivers of motor vehicles intentionally harming people. When you are

going somewhere where there is going to be a large group of people, such as concerts, sporting events, shows and other large gatherings. Look for where the exits are and keep them in the back of your mind. If something were to occur, you do not want to waste time trying to find them. Try to have an escape plan just in case. If you hear something that sounds like firecrackers, assume they are not, until proven otherwise, and leave quickly, away from the sound. If you are on crowded streets just be aware of what is around you and keep your eyes and ears open.

We just want everyone to have a safe and happy holiday season.

Riddle Fun!

What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment and never in one thousand years?

(Answer provided later in this issue.)



Gift Ideas!



- ◆ V-neck t's, Zip-hoodies, and Pull-over hoodies.
- ◆ 2018 Calendars! Shipping is available. Call for details.
- ◆ Gift Certificates!

Riddle Fun Answer

Riddle answer:
The letter M

Holiday Hours

Regular off-season hours for the Association office are: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The office will be closed the following days through the holiday seasons: November 22, 23, 24. December 25, 26. January 1, 2.

Save The Date!

The first event on the schedule for 2018 is a Winter Fun Day!

**Saturday, February 10th
Noon to 3 p.m.**

Chili Taste Off

Horse & Carriage Rides

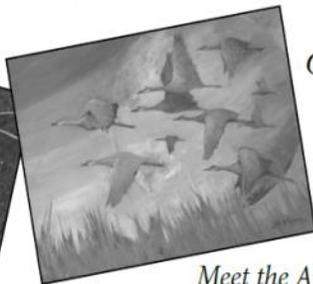
Music

Family Fun & More!

INTERNATIONAL CRANE FOUNDATION

Gift Shop Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 2 • 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
E11376 Shady Lane Road, Baraboo



Free
Giftwrapping

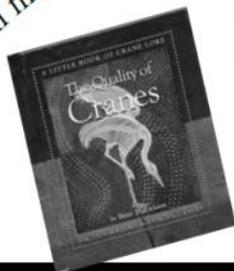


Meet the Artists

- Blue Ridge Woodcarving •
- Janet Flynn • Ellen McGaughey •
- Kim Russell • Nestled Pines •

Live Music

You'll find something special for every Craniac on your holiday shopping list!



Author book
signings

Artisan Refreshments

- Coffee & Tea •
- Cowboy David's Bakeshop •



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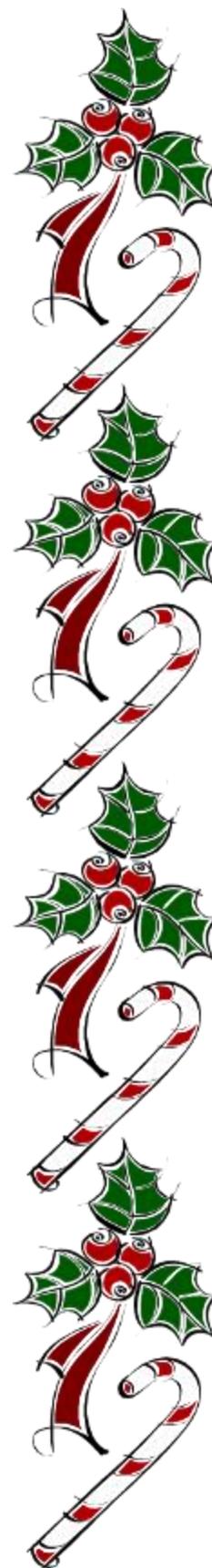


'Twas the Night Before Christmas

At Dutch Hollow Lake



'Twas the night before Christmas, the lake was like glass.
Not a creature was stirring, not even a bass.
The stockings were hung by the chimney for sure
In hopes that St. Nicholas would leave a new lure.
The grandkids were nestled all snug in their beds
While visions of blue gills danced in their heads.
And Grandma sipping Jack Daniels, and me a beer
Had just settled down for a little Christmas cheer.
When out on the lawn there rose such a clatter.
I sprung from my recliner to see what was the matter.
The moonlight on the snow made the night very bright.
Made me want to throw up 'cause I like 80 degrees, alright!
When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But an old fashioned sleigh and eight white-tailed deer.
With a little old driver so lively and quick
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
"They're not very fast. They're really quite tame."
He whistled and shouted and called them by name,
"Now Sven, now Ben, now Clyde and Bitsy,
On Zelda, on Zoe, on Ruby and Ditsy.
From the edge of the pier to the top of the mound
Now dash away, dash away, with one leaping bound!"
So up to the homestead those white-tails they flew
With a sleigh full of toys and a cooler full of brew.
And then in a twinkling I heard quite a hubbub.
It was those darn deer eating our shrubs!
As I drew in my head just to see what I could spot
In came St. Nicholas so I offered him a shot.
He was dressed all in fur, those were his terms
And his clothes were all tarnished with bug guts and worms.
A bundle of toys he had slung over his shoulder.
It was very impressive, couldn't be much bolder.
His eyes how they twinkled, his nose like a cherry.
His cheeks were like roses from too much Blackberry.
His droll little mouth was quite something to remember
And the beard on his chin looked like mine in November.
He had a broad face, round belly and lots of hair.
Oh, how he reminded me of the Hamm's bear.
He was chubby and plump. Could be a little thinner
Like he had eaten one too many of Grandma's good dinners.
He spoke very little, just got right to work
Filling all the stockings, then he turned with a jerk.
And spotting a snack, the reward for his toil,
Enjoyed crackers and cookies with a shot of Crown Royal.
We had a short visit, downright pleasant, rightfully so.
But duty did call, "Just one more, then I gotta go."
He sprang to his sleigh knowing he was such a hit.
But the deer were not listening, they were taking a ----- break.
Soon I heard him exclaim as he rode out of sight,
"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good bite."



Written and submitted by Paul Bowers, DHL resident.

Thanks Paul!

Forestry & Wildlife

Thoughts from (FWMC) Forestry and Wildlife Management Committee

- Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been found near Hillsboro which is approximately 12 miles to the northwest of Dutch Hollow Lake in Vernon County.
- Feeding Deer is prohibited in our surrounding counties.
- When deer are being fed by humans, the animals tend to restrict their home range because they do not have to spend as much time searching for food. Deer that are fed on one parcel become less mobile and are less likely to travel while searching for food.
- Feeding deer in the winter (e.g. corn) can actually kill them within 72 hours!

(CWD) Baiting and feeding deer increases the likelihood of deer coming in direct contact with CWD prions in saliva, feces, and urine as they feed. The prions can survive in the environment and be infectious long after the baiting or feeding has concluded, and then indirect disease transmission can occur. Scientific studies have shown there is an increased risk of CWD transmission when many deer are congregated over small food sources, such as bait piles, as well through environmental contamination after the bait is gone.

(Corn feeding) Some people think they are helping their local herd by feeding corn, however, deer enzymes change in the winter to browse vs graze. With this enzyme change, feeding corn will actually KILL deer. Just the right combination of microorganisms, enzymes, and pH enable deer to digest a normal winter diet of woody vegetation. When offered a sudden supply of corn, a deer's digestive system doesn't have time to adjust to a high carbohydrate diet. The result can be acute acidosis followed by death within 72 hours.

Beach Update

Early in November work was done to refresh the beach at DHL.

A local contractor improved the swale that is above the beach rock retaining wall. This is an effort to reroute rain around the beach instead of it coming down the hill through the wall and washing out the sand.

And the icing on the cake was the addition of 256 yards of new sand added to the beach!

Members will be pleased with the way this project turned out; if only we could skip winter and move right back to summer to enjoy this beautiful amenity!

2018 Plans for Fun!

- * Winter Fun Day
- * Spring Clean Up
- * Kick off the Summer! (Pancake breakfast, band)
- * Campground Block Party/Luau Theme
- * Pickle Ball
- * DHL Garage Sale
- * DHL Olympics
- * Flag Raising
- * Silent Auction
- * BBQ Challenge
- * Nature Weekend
- * Blood Drive
- * Show your DHL Pride Day
- * DHL Races
- * Sunset Trio: Wine/Cheese/Sunset
- * Fall Fest

The Year In Review



2017 at DHL was great!