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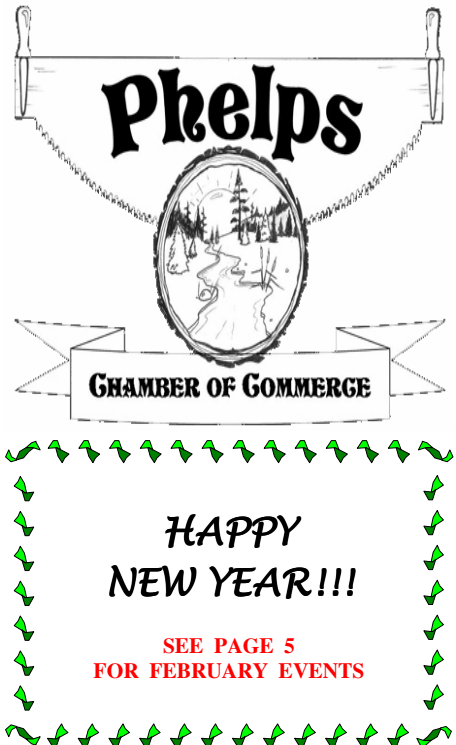
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## NEWS FROM THE CHAMBER OFFICE

**JANUARY EVENTS:**

- January 16th,**  
Women's Club Meeting at 1:00 p.m.  
Joint Chamber, Town Board & Community Development Committees Meeting at 6:30 followed by a Joint Chamber/Town Board Meeting
- January 17th, 7:00 p.m.**  
Fire Department Meeting
- January 18th, 6:30 p.m.**  
School Board Meeting
- January 19th, 6:00 p.m.**  
Lions Club Meeting
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Phelps School Handbells, Band & Choir Winter Concert
- January 28th,**  
Phelps Lions Club 26th Annual Great Northern Ice Fishing Tournament starting at 8:00 a.m. & "Luau" at Holiday Lodge at 9:00 p.m.
- January 30th, 1:00 p.m.**  
Phelps Senior Center Club Meeting
- January 31st, 6:30 p.m.**  
Rescheduled Community Development Meeting



Rick Brown and Ralph Spurgeon coordinators of the Phelps 3rd Annual Predator Hunt, were pleased with the 12 coyotes harvested this year. The Predator Hunt began on December 30th, 2011 at 7 p.m. and ended Sunday January 8th, 2012 at noon. Sponsor for the event this year was the Northern Exposure Bar. The big dog contest was won by Rick Lapp with a coyote weighing in at 43 pounds. Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd, were based on total points for coyotes harvested. 31 hunters paid an entry fee of \$20 and 3 non-perishable items each. Half of the entry fee (\$20.00/hunter) was used for cash prizes for the three winners with the most points. The remaining entry fee and non-perishable items were donated to a needy family. The next Predator hunt in this area will be sponsored by Northern Waters in Conover. This will be their 4th annual predator hunt. Their meeting will be on Friday, February 3rd at 6 p.m. at Northern Waters.

Article and picture submitted by Jeanne Brown

## NEW 2012 MEMBERS

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# NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS

## HOLIDAY LODGE

Holiday Lodge will be hosting a variety of events in the near future. On Saturday, January 28th starting at 9:00 p.m. they will have a Luau to include coconut bowling, hula hoop, minnow toss, limbo and drink specials.

Saturday, February 4th at 7:00 p.m. they will have a 9 ball tournament. There is a five dollar entry fee and payouts for first, second and third places.

Saturday, February 18th at 7:00 p.m. Holiday Lodge will have a double-elimination dart tournament with 501 games and two person teams. Cost is five dollars per person to enter.

Saturday, February 25th starting at 9:00 a.m. they will be holding a kickball tournament. The entry fee costs fifty dollars per team, all monies will be paid back to teams.

Contact Jill or Amy at (715) 545-2515 for more information.

## SONICNET

SonicNet has been upgrading equipment in Phelps since late summer 2011. Customers that have line-of-site or nearly line-of-site view to either the St. Louis Road tower or the Fire Tower can most likely get upgraded equipment at no charge.

This new equipment can provide up to 3.0 Mbps service. This faster speed is great for movie downloads, viewing TV shows online, and similar activities.

SonicNet service is also now available in some areas that previously couldn't get signal. This particularly includes areas north of town along Highway E and Sugar Maple Road, as well as east along Highway 17.

Anyone interested in getting an equipment upgrade or who may be in one of the new coverage areas, just call the SonicNet office at (888) 631-9666 during regular business hours. Or send an email to [info@sonicnet.us](mailto:info@sonicnet.us) to get more information.

Article submitted by Lori Collins

## SUNRISE LODGE

We have now changed to our winter dining room schedule of serving breakfasts only on Friday, Saturday from 7:30-11:00 a.m. and Sundays from 7:30 a.m. until noon. Continuing Friday's in January, Sunrise Lodge is offering a **TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE BREAKFAST SPECIAL.**

We would like to have you come for a visit. If you can get away for a week, few days or a weekend give us a call. We still have availability most weekends throughout the winter and hope to be seeing you. Snowmobile, X-country or downhill ski, ice fish, sled, skate, curl up by the fireplace to read, watch a movie or just relax and enjoy the beauty and quiet of the North-wood's during the winter season.

The work is complete and we now have a heated workshop for working on your snowmobile or other equipment should the need arise. Don't forget that we also have a heated fish cleaning house with warm running water ready for you to use (though you do have to catch your own fish). Both facilities are being used on a regular basis and we have received many positive comments from guests.

The historic Stateline building in Land O Lakes and owned by the Mendham family is still for sale and is priced to sell. The location is great (on the corner of Cty B and Hwy 45). The building is adjacent to a convenience store on one side and a golf course on the other. The 10,000 square foot hall could be divided and would be perfect for any number of businesses or could continue to be utilized as a catering hall, restaurant and bar. Give us a call if you would like more information.

The Mendham family and staff hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and wish you a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Highlights from Sunrise Happenings, 1/8/12 issue

## 26TH ANNUAL GREAT NORTHERN ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT

The Phelps Lions Club will be hosting its 26th Annual Great Northern Ice Fishing Tournament on January 28th, 2012. It will be held on Lac Vieux Desert's West Shore boat landing near Sunrise Lodge from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Briefing and registration will take place at 8:00 a.m.

There will be a morning and afternoon contest. \$100 cash prizes will be awarded for the largest fish in each of five categories- northern, walleye, perch, crappie and bluegill. Two \$100 special prizes will be awarded: one for the largest northern pike over 36 inches and one for the largest walleye over 26 inches. The tournament also includes door prizes and a raffle.

The tournament dinner will be held at the Stateline Restaurant located at the junction of Hwy 45 and B in Land O' Lakes. The bar opens at 4:30 p.m. and dinner will follow from 5:30-6:30 p.m. All prizes will be awarded at the dinner. You must be present to win.

Registration is \$45 per person and include an evening meal at Stateline Restaurant. Meal-only tickets are \$15, but only a limited number are available. Registrations are being accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

100% of proceeds benefit Wisconsin and community Lion's projects.

For more information call (715) 545-3327, (715) 545-4058 or (715) 891-2474.

## WOUNDED WARRIORS IN ACTION BANQUET

On Sunday, February 19 the first annual WWIA Phelps Fundraiser banquet and raffle will be held at Holiday Lodge in Phelps from 1-5 pm. The buffet includes a ham/turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Tickets sell for \$30 each for a single or \$50 for a couple. Only 150 dinner tickets will be sold, first come first serve. Tickets can be purchased at Holiday Lodge, Phelps First National Bank, the Tackle Box in Land O'Lakes or contact Spurgeon at (715) 891-8161, email [scott@wwiaf.org](mailto:scott@wwiaf.org). Raffles will be held throughout the afternoon. The event is coordinated by Lyle and Karen Spurgeon and Robin and Debbie Vold all of Phelps. All proceeds go to providing six purple heart recipients, located throughout the states, an all expense paid two day and three night fishing event with local Phelps fishing guides. Any excess funds will be donated to the WWIA to help support other events. Sunrise Lodge on West Short Drive will be providing lodging and food at a reduced rate for the six veterans. For those unable to attend but would still like to contribute, an account has been set up for the WWIA at the Phelps First National Bank. Items for the raffles are greatly appreciated. Call or email Spurgeon.

The WWIA Foundation was established by John McDaniel in 2007 setting up corporate headquarters in Apollo Beach, Florida. A retired Army officer, he felt that his service to the American nation was not yet finished. WWIA, a 501c organization assists over 100 Purple Heart Veterans with recovery by providing various outdoor sporting opportunities at no cost. Through Wounded Warriors in Action, combat wounded veterans who have been awarded the Purple Heart receive opportunities they might otherwise never have, first-rate sporting activities like hunting elk in Washington State, hunting pheasant in South Dakota, and wreck fishing off the coast of New Jersey. The foundation is now growing by leaps and bounds, thanks to the generous support of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation, devoted federal employees in the Combined Federal Campaign, and concerned patriots.

One of the most important outcomes of Wounded Warriors in Action events for Purple Heart recipients is being able to connect with other service members who have been through similar experiences. These events can also help to ease the debilitating effects of post-traumatic stress disorder, facilitate warriors' adjustment to life back home, and foster a sense of self-reliance.

The situation is that the country has been at war for over 9 years. As of May 27 of 2011 the combined number of wounded warriors from Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation New Dawn was 43,643. These men and women are our nation's most treasured asset. Americans want to help but are unsure how. The WWIA provides them an opportunity to make a difference in our heroes' lives.

Lyle (Scott) Spurgeon is an associate of WWIA and a purple heart recipient. He said, "I have long realized the therapeutic nature of God's creation having grown up in Northern Wisconsin where the forests, lakes and streams were right out my back door and hunting and fishing a way of life. On October 1, 2009, during deployment to Afghanistan, I was severely wounded by an RPG. Although my wife and family have been the main focus for my recovery, hunting and fishing have been my therapy. My love of the outdoors has helped to get me back to what is now a normal life. On that same night of October 1 SGT Ryan Adams made the greatest sacrifice. Sgt Adams gave his life so that others could continue to enjoy these things. It is my hope that through the WWIA I will have the opportunity to pass on what little knowledge of hunting and fishing I have and hopefully help fellow Wounded Warriors back to a normal life."

Robin Vold was invited in June of 2011 to attend a WWIA summer muskie classic with Spurgeon. He said, "I was very impressed with the men I met there. They took me in even though I am not a veteran. It is my wish to help anyway I can with the WWIA events.

Let the patriots of Northern Wisconsin give our wounded heroes the opportunity to enjoy the scenic and serene Northwoods while fishing world class lakes under the direction of professional guides.

Article submitted by Sharon Gifford

# January 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
15	16 1:00 p.m. Women's Club Meeting  Joint Meetings starting at 6:30 p.m.	17 7:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting	18 6:30 p.m. School Board Meeting	19 6:00 p.m. Lions Club Meeting	20	21
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- January 30th, 1:00 p.m. Phelps Senior Center Club Meeting, call for lunch reservations 24 hours in advance at (715) 545-3983.
- January 31st, 6:30 p.m. Rescheduled Community Development Committee Meeting

# February 2012

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5	6	7 5:00 p.m. Events Planning & Chamber Meeting at 6:00 p.m.	8 2:00 p.m. Phelps Library Movie Afternoon	9 Snowmobile Club Meeting at Sand Lake Pub	10 12:15 p.m. Phelps Library Story Hour	11 6:00 a.m. Northern Exposure Ice Fishing Tournament
12	13 7:00 p.m. Town Board Meeting	14 7:00 p.m. EMS Meeting	15 6:30 p.m. School Board Meeting	16 6:00 p.m. Lions Club Meeting	17	18 7:00 a.m. Sand Lake Pub Ice Fishing Derby Dart Tournament at Holiday Lodge 7:00 p.m.
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- February 7th, Events Planning at 5:00 p.m. Chamber Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- February 8th, 2:00 p.m. Phelps Public Library will be playing the movie "Anonymous"
- February 9th, Snowmobile Club Meeting at Sand Lake Pub
- February 10th, 12:15 p.m. Phelps Public Library's Story Hour
- February 11th, 6:00 a.m. Northern Exposure Ice Fishing Tournament
- February 13th, 7:00 p.m. Town Board Meeting
- February 14th, 7:00 p.m. EMS Meeting
- February 15th, 6:30 p.m. School Board Meeting
- February 16th, 6:00 p.m. Lions Club Meeting
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- February 19th, 5:00 p.m. Wounded Warriors in Action Banquet at Holiday Lodge
- February 20th, 1:00 p.m. Women's Club Meeting at the Fire Hall
- February 25th, 9:00 a.m. Kickball Tournament at Holiday Lodge
- February 26th, 8:00 a.m. 16th Annual Ice Fishing Jamboree on Lac Vieux Desert at the West Shore Boat Landing
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## CHAMBER OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday	10am-4pm
Saturday	10am-1pm
Wednesday & Sunday	Closed

*NEXT ISSUE:*

*February 15*

*DEADLINE  
FOR  
ARTICLES*

*February 13*

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone. Here we are in the middle of January and it seems as though winter may have finally arrived. It is always nice to be able to enjoy this time of year.

There has been some nice progress on event planning for the Chamber. Prior to last month's meeting there was a special event planning meeting. I was not able to attend, but I hear nothing but positive feedback about it. I know there will be more of these meetings so if you would like to be involved in how the Chamber events function please try to attend. It is a great opportunity for everyone to work together toward a common goal.

I am looking forward to fun, prosperous, cooperative year here in Phelps.

Respectfully,  
Marti Primich  
President



Chamber Board President, Marti Primich

**Is there something exciting going on in the community or at your business?**

**Share it with other chamber members!**

**Please consider submitting an article for the February edition of your Chamber newsletter!!**