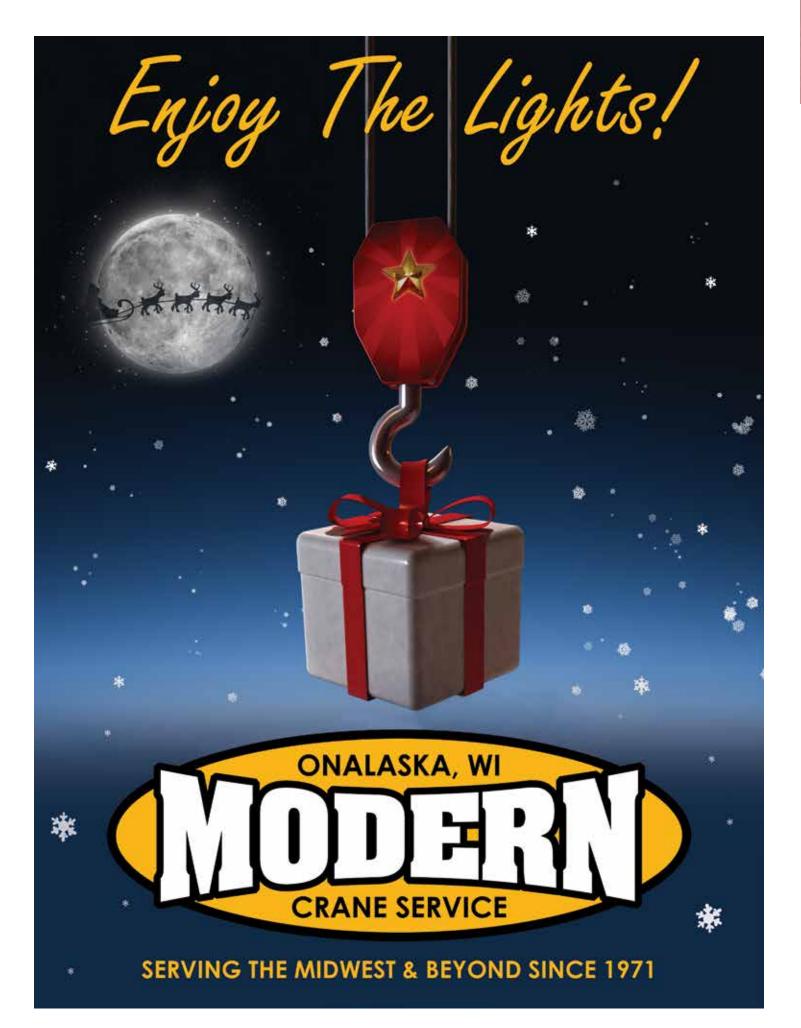
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WE'RE BACK! We are pleased to bring back the opening night parade and Ice Castle entertainment this year. These are two fun aspects of Rotary Lights that had to be put on hold last year because of the virus.

After 26 years, we decided it was time to have a Rotary Lights mascot. You will see these "lightbulbs" in the parade and on other special occasions. In cooperation with the La Crosse Tribune, we launched a "name the mascot(s)" campaign. The new names and winner of the contest will be announced as part of our opening ceremony.

We are also happy to announce our first ever "All Abilities Night" in the park. On Monday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> we will adjust a number of our displays so there is a comfort level with the sounds, flashing lights, and other park set-ups. We've worked closely with the Autism Foundation Group, School Districts, and Medical Facilities to try to make this a very special night for those that might not otherwise be able to enjoy the park.

Our free hayrides are back; we've even expanded the number of nights. Bring the family down on Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 16, 21, 23, and 28. We'll operate from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Nothing like a ride through the park while listening to the clip-clop of the horses.

It is breaking our hearts again this year that we can't have the little ones be able to sit on Santa's lap and tell their stories, but we've tried to keep the spirit alive despite this setback. We'll again use a special walkway where the kids can talk to Santa behind the window of the Santa House, and when finished, Santa has a chute so he can give them a Santa button and candy cane.

By popular demand, we are bringing back Helicopter Rides. The perfect gift for the person who has everything. The rides will be taking off from the parking lot next to the Oktoberfest Grounds on Dec. 16-17-18-19. Just go to: www.lakesuperiorhelicopters.com to book your special adventure.

We have just under 40 establishments that volunteer to help feed our daily crew of volunteers. They are all listed on another page in this booklet. Our "food ladies", Sue Crothers, Joanne Stephens, Teresa Peters and Joyce Diveley make certain our helpers are well fed. We learned a long time ago that it is better to not let your workers go home for lunch.

On behalf of the Stephens Family, my fellow Rotarians in La Crosse Rotary East, La Crosse Downtown, Valley View Rotary, After Hours Rotary, La Crescent, Caledonia, Onalaska, Holmen, and Onalaska Hilltopper Rotary Clubs, along with a very dedicated Board of Directors and Steering Committee, and over 3,000 community volunteers, please accept best wishes for a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.

Irish holiday hugs,

Pet Stephens

Pat Stephens-President

#### Only in La Crosse-

After 26 years Rotary Lights suffered its first ever vandalism loss. How sad. Over the years we have helped 14 other communities get lighting displays started. One of their main questions is always, "how do you handle vandalism". We always said with pride that we've never had to deal with it. Can't say that any longer.

I cannot believe the outpouring of support and encouragement that we've received from the community. Financial gifts to offset our loss, volunteer hours to help with rebuilding the pedestals, and literally hundreds of notes expressing their love of Rotary Lights and hopes that this incident will not reduce or eliminate the 2021 display.

I can assure you that our volunteer core of workers have accepted the challenge and are determined to present another beautiful holiday lighting display. *We will 'git 'er dun"*.

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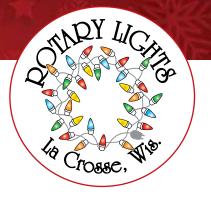


### What Is Rotary?

Rotary Lights is sponsored by area Rotary Clubs who, in turn, are part of an international service organization. That organization is built on providing humanitarian aid, fostering high ethical standards, and promoting peace and goodwill throughout the world.

Any project or activity is based on the Four Way Test, questions on which Rotary decisions are based:

Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



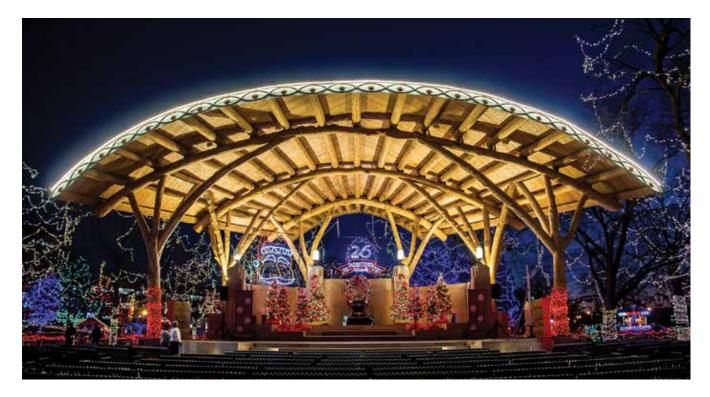
As Rotary Lights entered the planning stages, these questions were addressed. Out of those discussions came the decision to collect food for hunger agencies and money for participating non profits. The questions were the basis for creating Rotary Lights as a free-to-the-public event. Rotary does more than light up Riverside Park between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. You may recognize some of these projects, all of which Rotarians have played a part in organizing, fundraising, and labor:

• Kids Coulee • Myrick Hixon Ecopark • Trees for Tomorrow • International Gardens

• Chad Erickson Park • Riverside Band Shell • Fight the Flood • St. Clare Mobile Clinic

On an international level, Rotary provides exchange programs for high school students, works tirelessly to eradicate polio, seeks ways to provide clean water, and much more.

Participating Rotary Lights Clubs				
After Hours	Caledonia	Holmen	Rotary East	La Crescent
Onalaska Hilltoppers	Onalaska	La Crosse D	owntown	Valley View Rotary



### **The Mission of Rotary Lights**

#### "TO HELP FEED THE HUNGRY OF THE COULEE REGION"

	NUMBER OF FOOD
YEAR	ITEMS COLLECTED
1995	13,010
1996	20,014
1997	
1998	
1999	66,211
2000	
2001	91,634
2002	101,789
2003	121,040
2004	
2005	
	204,178
	206,479
	237,246

The generous gifts of food that are collected unfortunately only last 8-10 weeks. The demand is high and growing. If you or an organization you are involved with would like to help organize an event in partnership with Rotary Lights to help us increase food collections, contact Rotary Lights at 608.784.9993.

We have collected items at the gate and other food items through the efforts of:

> The La Crosse Area Jeep Club Shamrock Club Oktoberfest Challenge The Trane Company

Rotary Lights would like to partner with any groups that would like to be involved with food drives from November 1, through December 31.

#### Food Pantries Sharing Collections in 2021:

#### In Park

#### Caledonia Food Shelf La Crescent Food Basket New Horizons Onalaska Food Basket Salvation Army Holmen St. Elizabeth WAFER Place of Grace

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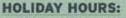
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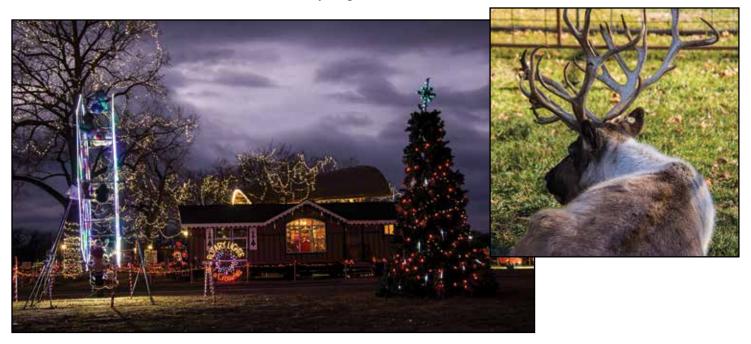


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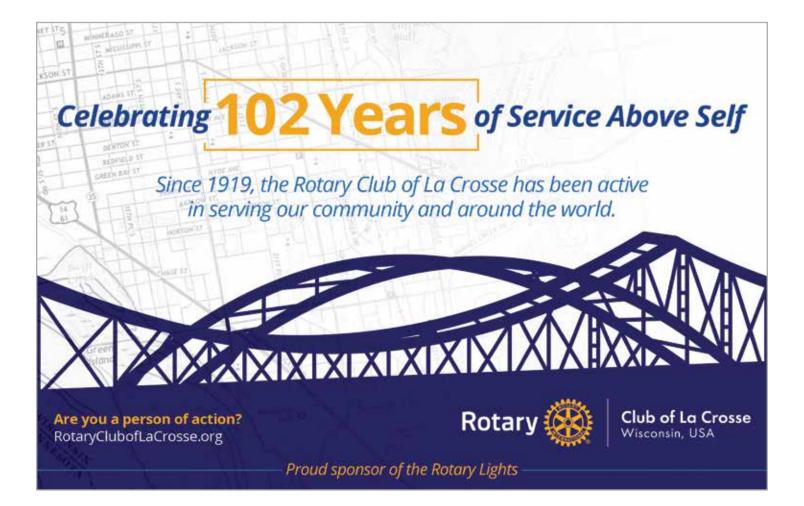
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Mon. Nov. 29 6:30 - 7:30	Bone-A-Fied Brass	
Wed. Dec. 1	. Bangor schools jazz	
Thurs. Dec.2	River City Strings	( Y 77 ~
Mon. Dec. 6	. Onalaska High School jazz band	
Tues. Dec. 7 6:00 - 6:30	Sons of Norway	
6:30 - 7:00	Giving Hearts choir	- And 😈 😈 😈
Wed. Dec. 8	. Aquinas Middle School groups	II A A H
Sat. Dec. 11 6:00 - 7:00	Tuba caroling	
Mon. Dec. 13 6:00 - 6:30	. West Salem High School band	
7:00 - 7:30	. La Crosse Longfellow Middle Sch	nool band
7:30 - 8:00	Bluffs Horn Club	
Tues. Dec. 14 6:00 - 8:00	. La Crosse Lincoln Middle School	ensembles
Wed. Dec. 15 6:00 - 7:00	Holiday Saxes saxophone quartet	
7:00 - 8:00	. Cashton middle/high school band	& choir
Thurs. Dec. 16 6:00 - 8:00	Tugg	
Mon. Dec. 20 6:00 - 8:00	Sparta Night - school district ense	mbles
Tues. Dec. 21 6:00 - 7:00	. A Note Above	
7:00 - 7:30	. La Crosse Emerson Elementary So	chool sing-along
Wed. Dec. 22 6:00 - 6:30	. Caledona Vocal Jazz Ensemble	
	Westby High School choir	







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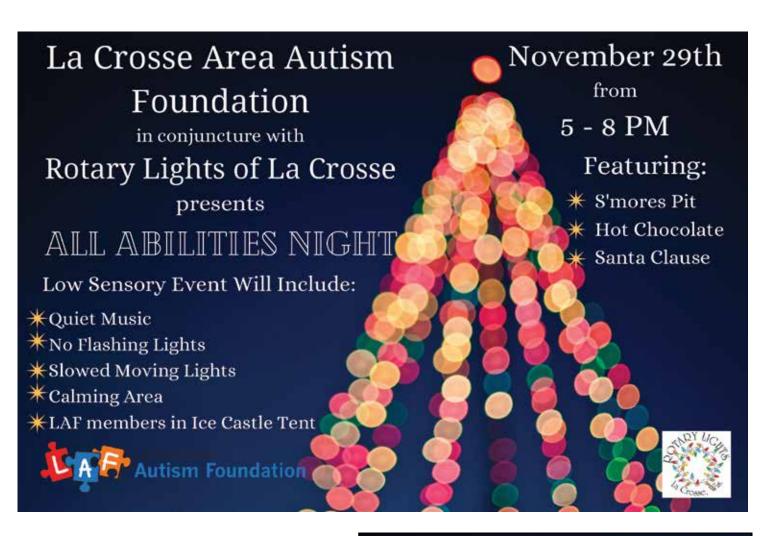




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### 2021 Traffic & Food Assignment

Date	Traffic Control	Food Goes To
Friday, Nov 26	La Crosse Downtown Rotary	Salvation Army
Saturday, Nov. 27	Northside Auto and Fleet	Holmen St. Elizabeth
Sunday, Nov. 28	Valley View Rotary	Onalaska Food Basket
Monday, Nov. 29	Verve Credit Union	Place of Grace
Tuesday, Nov. 30	Dairyland	WAFER
Wednesday, Dec. 1	Wieser Brothers	La Crescent Food Shelf
Thursday, Dec. 2	Mayo Health System	WAFER
Friday, Dec. 3	Marine Credit Union	Caledonia Food Basket
Saturday, Dec. 4	Mathy Construction	Salvation Army
Sunday, Dec. 5	Wells Fargo Advisors	Onalaska Food Basket
Monday, Dec. 6	Merchant's Bank	Place of Grace
Tuesday, Dec.7	Dahl Automotive	Holmen-St. Elizabeth
Wednesday, Dec. 8	Inland Packaging	Salvation Army
Thursday, Dec. 9	Gundersen Health System	WAFER
Friday, Dec. 10	Associated Bank	Holmen-St. Elizabeth
Saturday, Dec. 11	Altra Credit Union	Onalaska Food Bsket
Sunday, Dec. 12	Downtown Mainstreet	WAFER
Monday, Dec. 13	Festival Foods	Salvation Army
Tuesday, Dec. 14	Cleary Management/State Bank Fin	Onalaska Food Basket
Wednesday, Dec. 15	Kwik Trip	New Horizons
Thursday, Dec. 16	LHI-Optum	Salvation Army
Friday, Dec. 17	Coulee Bank	WAFER
Saturday, Dec. 18	J. F. Brennan	Holmen-St. Elizabeth
Sunday, Dec. 19	The Insurance Center	New Horizons
Monday, Dec. 20	IC System	La Crescent Food Shelf
Tuesday, Dec. 21	Doug Shupe Family	WAFER
Wednesday, Dec. 22	Morrie's Brenengen	Salvation Army
Thursday, Dec. 23	Hoel/Newburg/Christianson	WAFER
Friday, Dec. 24	Dave Thurston Family and Friends	Holmen St. Elizabeth
Saturday, Dec. 25	Pat Stephens Family and Friends	WAFER
Sunday, Dec. 26	Onalaska Rotary	Onalaska Food Basket
Monday, Dec. 27	Caledonia Rotary	Caledonia Food Basket
Tuesday, Dec. 28	After Hours Rotary	Onalaska Food Basket
Wednesday, Dec. 29	Holmen Area Rotary	Salvation Army
Thursday, Dec. 30	La Crosse Rotary East	Holmen-St. Elizabeth
Friday, Dec. 31	Citizen Advocacy	Salvation Army









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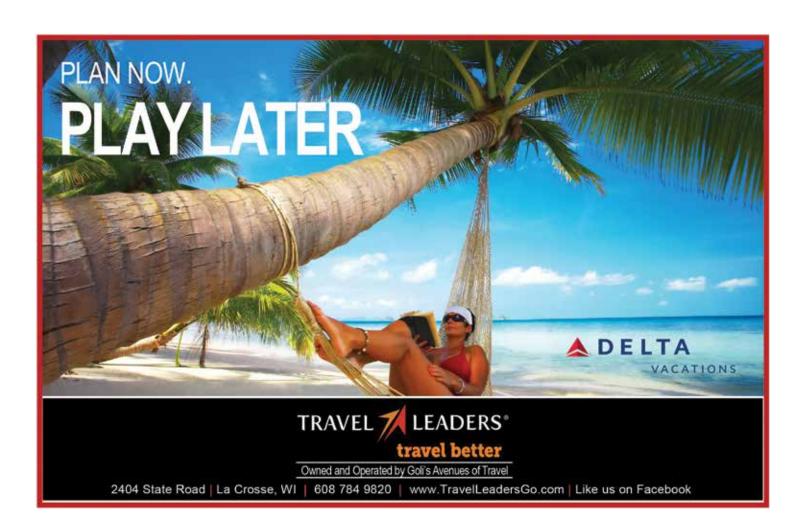




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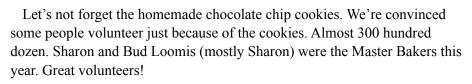
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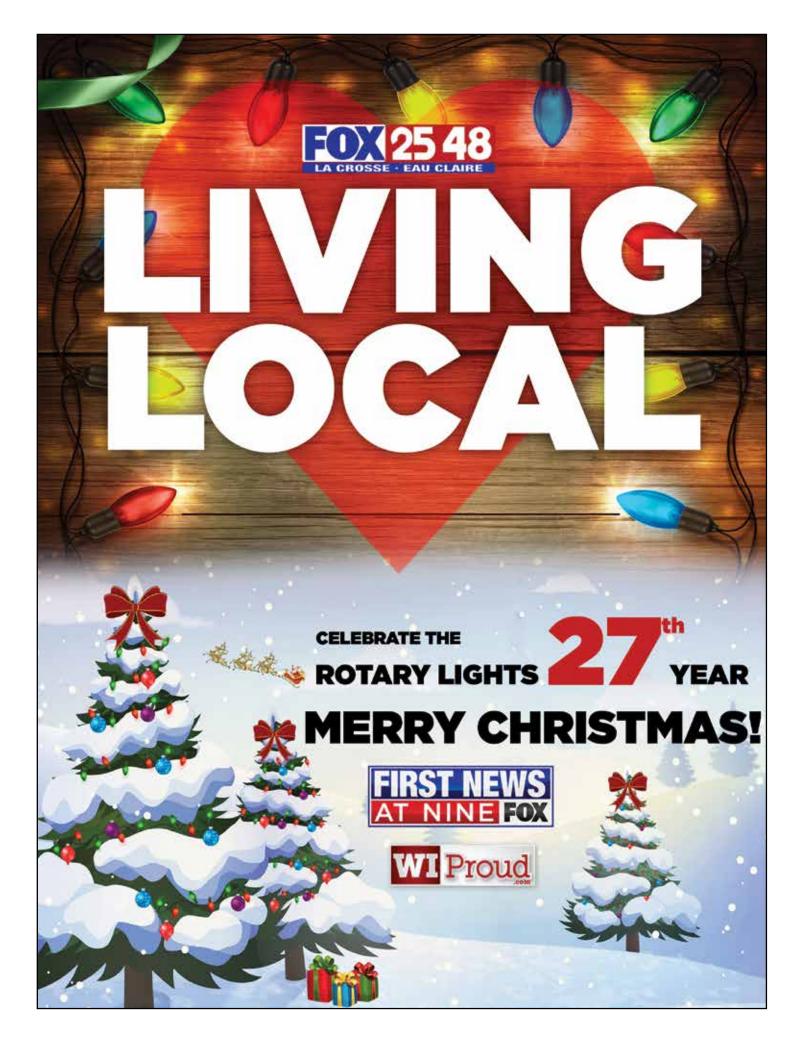
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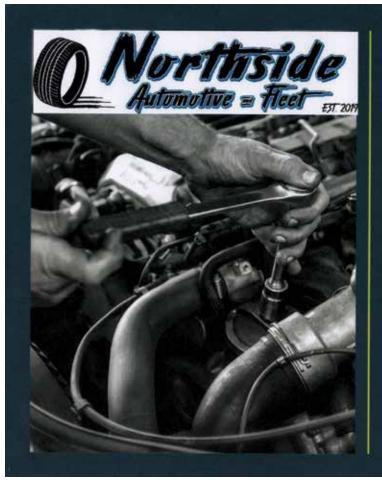
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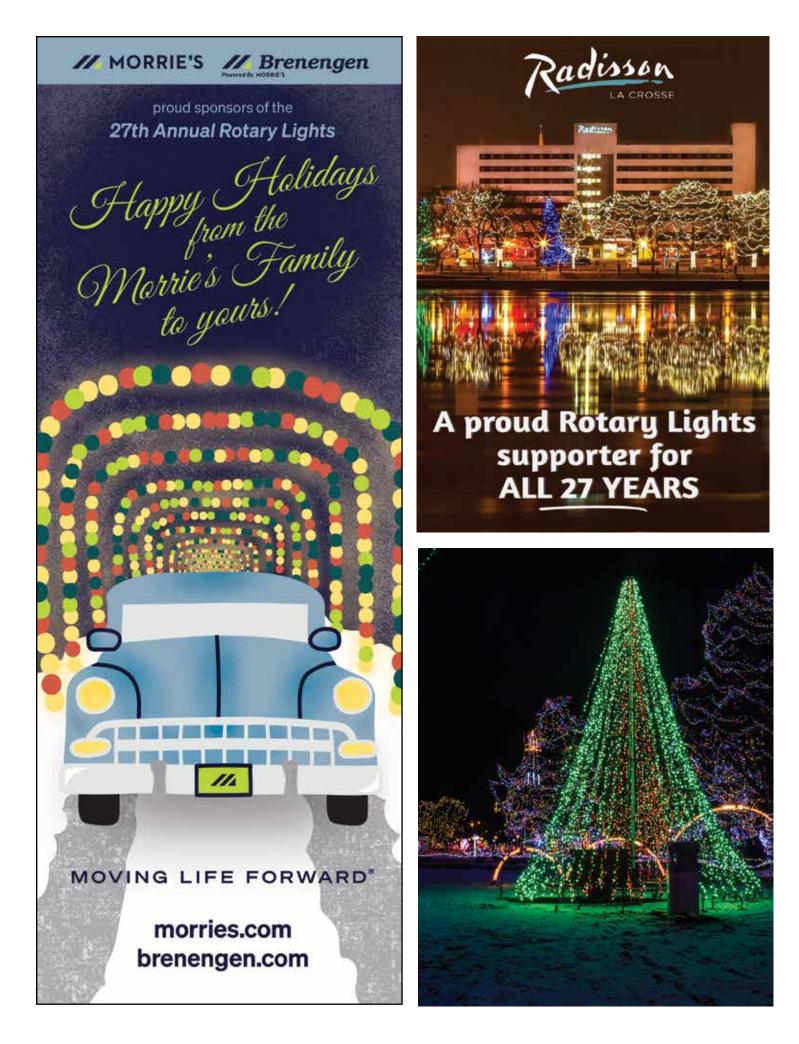
Festive holiday events are a key part of making our communities feel alive. That's why we're proud to back an initiative like Rotary Lights that makes this place even more vibrant. We encourage you to support its mission as well.

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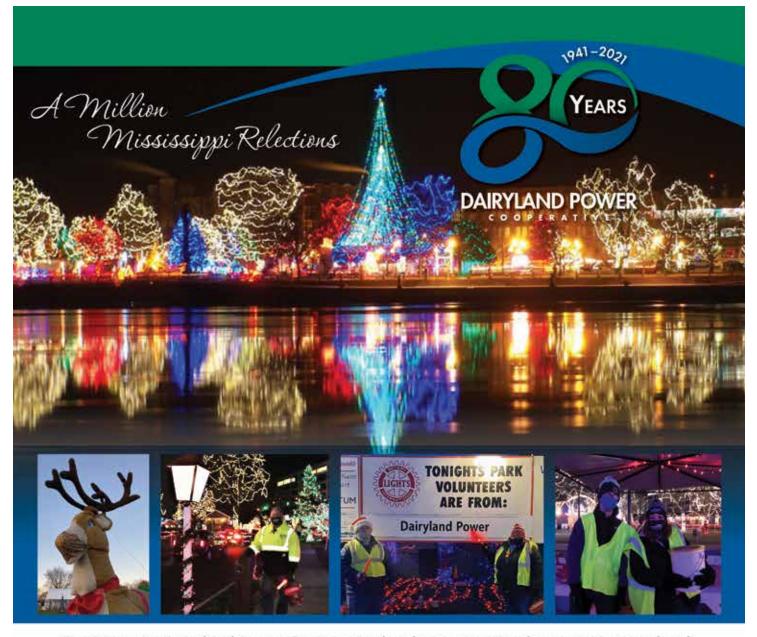


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For 80 years, Dairyland Power Cooperative has been committed to powering our local communities and empowering cooperative members to improve the quality of their lives. Change is constant – a fact that has been front-and-center the last two years. As we reflect on our 80-year history, our commitment to our local communities is unwavering. The organizations that benefit from Rotary Lights provide light in times of darkness. Since the first string of lights was hung, Dairyland has been a proud supporter of Rotary Lights and those in our community who reflect their light and hope to others. Peace on Earth and goodwill toward all starts with a twinkle of hope.



# HAPPY HAPPY HOLIDAYS THANK YOU

FOR MAKING THIS ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS!

