



December 2010

Dear Friends,

The boys are excited to see the snow on the ground. Andrew is ready for cross-country skiing on the school team and Zach is ready for snowboarding. In the land of five-month winters, enjoying snow is the equivalent of enjoying life.

Many of you know by now that Andy and I are no longer living under the same roof. He lives a mile away in a nice home that he built. We continue to run the business together and parent the kids together. We appreciate your kindness and understanding.

Tales from the North Woods: *He-who-shall-remain-nameless was pounding down some suds at a local bar. It was nightfall as he climbed into the cab of his pickup where his loyal hound awaited him. On the way home they accidentally hit a deer. In the northwoods no meat goes to waste. But how to get it home? If he was seen with the deer he might be charged with poaching – the truck bed was too visible. The truck cab – perfect! Both occupants were willing to give up a bit of space and were looking forward to future dining.*

*As they pulled into the driveway the deer awoke, stunned and injured but very much alive. Knife drawn, retreat was never considered. A wild melee proceeded, leaving all the truck windows broken, a finally dead deer, a bruised and battered dog and our hunter with an accidental stab wound 1/2 inch from his abdominal aorta. He stumbled off to bed. Then, rudely awakened by his wife and mother (a nurse) while they examined him – off to the ER. One look and the doctors alerted the police. The officers dutifully arrive and listened to the explanation. Having both personal and professional experience with him, they found the story completely believable. The deer dressed out to 85 #. Success!*

We have been in a family way this fall. Amanda gave birth to 7 puppies on November 28th. I performed mid-wifery duties. Their muzzles, compressed folds of skin, look spring-loaded - one false move and they could fold out to full-size. **Please** contact us regarding potential adoption.

Well, we aren't blogging but we are reluctantly facebooking. Delta Lodge has a fan page, which I update with chatty information. You can "like" (which is a little different than "friending") the lodge page by going to <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Iron-River-WI/Delta-Lodge-Wisconsin/122396851148519>. (Or simply search for Delta Lodge when you are in Facebook.) The computer guy says to spread the word "organically". I am resisting social convention and distributing this information in the Christmas newsletter. It is beneficial to be **liked** on facebook, so please **like** us and pass your **like** of us onto others... organically.

Andy is still skiing the Birkie. Andrew will be skiing the Kortelopet (1/2 Birkie) this year. Zach skateboards and snowboards. I am volunteering: tutoring in school, organizing a small kids' ski group, fundraising, writing the newsletter for the Unitarians, shuttling skiers and helping Amanda with the puppies. Volunteering keeps me flexibly busy, which I prefer.

Love and Peace –  
Four Einspaniers,  
Jake, Amanda and  
7 puppies (patiently  
awaiting adoption)



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