



### **Chris Danou's Capitol Report**

#### Wishing You and Your Family a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season

It's hard to believe 2015 is just about over and another holiday season is here. I'm truly looking forward to the holidays and spending time with my wife, sons and other family members before the legislature is back in session in January.

Aside from spending time with family, the holidays are a time for us to remember our own blessings and give back to others in our community. There are many opportunities to give back. Whether it's by donating food, clothing, money or your time for a cause, there really are things that everyone can do to make the holidays better for others. I can't think of a better feeling than knowing you've done something to help someone else, even if that person is a total stranger or someone you will never meet.

The holidays also give us a chance to reflect on the past year and make plans for the upcoming year. As your State Representative in the 92<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District, I've spent the last year advocating for the things that make western Wisconsin a great place to work, live and raise a family. I'm proud to be a voice for our community in Madison, and I will continue to stand up for our schools, infrastructure, economy, health care, natural resources and recreational opportunities, and quality of life.

The past year has been an interesting one in Wisconsin State Government. For a brief moment Wisconsin was on the national stage when our Governor spent 71 days campaigning for the Republican nomination for President. While some people may agree with the philosophy of the Republicans, I think it's fair to say we aren't better off, or moving in the right direction after four full years of complete control of Wisconsin State Government. It's especially clear that we need to do a better job improving the quality of life in Wisconsin and stop doing things that do nothing but advance a partisan political agenda. We need to shift our energy and focus in a direction that encourages collaboration and puts the interests of our state first.

While our first priority should be creating 21<sup>st</sup> century jobs that pay family supporting wages, creating jobs is just one piece of moving Wisconsin forward. If we are going to truly move Wisconsin forward, we need to focus on our schools, economy, infrastructure, public health, protect our natural resources and promote recreational opportunities. Certainly, these are the things that Democrats and Republicans can agree on, and I hope we can work together to do what is in the best interest of our state today and for the next generation tomorrow.

The holiday season has a special meaning in different ways for different people, but I see it as a great chance to reflect on the past year and think ahead to the New Year. The holidays are also a great time to do something for someone else and give back in some way. No matter where or what you do to celebrate the holidays, I hope you have a safe, happy and healthy holiday season in which you get to spend quality time with family and friends!

