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Warrens Cranberry Festival, Inc., names Norman Anderson 2011—Grand Marshall and Robert & Vicki Nemitz 2011—Parade Marshall

WARRENS, WISCONSIN, January 20, 2011—Warrens Cranberry Festival announces the 2011 Grand Marshall and Parade Marshall.

2011 Grand Marshall –Norman Anderson: Norman was raised in the village of Warrens, WI. He attended grade school in Watermill and Warrens schools and graduated from the Tomah High School in 1952. Following High School he spent two years in the U. S. Army where he was a Personnel Specialist for the Headquarters & Headquarters Co., 4th Armored Division Tank Battalion, 35th Armored Division, at Nurnberg/Erlangen Germany. He also served as organist for all chapel services. He worked 37 years for the Veterans Administration Medical Center in North Chicago, IL and Tomah, WI, where he attained the title of Chief Ambulatory Care and later was promoted to Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Psychiatry. Norm has always had an interest in music and has been a member of the Gospel Word Singers for 38 years. He has performed with the Gospel Word Singers at every Cranberry Festival since the Festival's inception. The Gospel Word Singers were honored by being named the Grand Marshal for the annual Cranberry Festival parade in 2004. Norm received formal training as a young man for singing and has shared his voice throughout his life for weddings, funerals, church services, choirs and many, many special occasions. He was awarded the "Good Neighbor" Award by the Board of Directors of the Cranberry Festival and the "Village President's Award" for Warrens. He is a member of the Cranberry Festival and has volunteered for years in the office during the Festival. Norman currently resides in Warrens, WI.

2011 Parade Marshall – Robert & Vicki Nemitz: Robert & Vicki Nemitz, together with their children daughter, Amy Nemitz (who is also a former Cranberry Festival Queen) and son, Adam and his wife, Sandy (Potter) Nemitz, own and operate J R Nemitz Cranberry Co., Inc. The marsh has been producing cranberries under various owners since the early 1900's. Robert, and son Adam, work full-time on the marsh. Robert is a member of the Tomah Warrens Sportsman Alliance and volunteers in their booth during the annual Cranberry Festival He also enjoys shooting sporting clays and hunting. Robert has also driven his prize 1972 Hurst Oldsmobile pace car in the annual Festival Parade a time or two. Vicki has worked with the Warrens Cranberry Festival for years as past parade participant and coordinator, she has done set-up and take-down of various contests at the school gym through the years, and she was the former Biggest Berry Contest Chairperson. She has also helped with the Youth Quilt Block Contest, marsh tour bus guide, sold buttons, picked up garbage, worked in the Vendor Information Booth, set-up of vendor booths prior to Festival and helped work on the 25th Anniversary book committee. Being a parent of a former Cranberry Queen, Vicki has attended various Royalty functions representing the Festival. Currently, Vicki is the President of the Cranberry Museum, Inc., which oversees the Wisconsin Cranberry Discovery Center in Warrens; and also serves on the Board of Directors for the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Tomah/Warrens. She has served on the Warrens Cranberry Festival Board of Directors for years and currently holds the position of President as well as, the Chairperson for the Human Resource Committee. Robert & Vicki currently reside in Warrens, WI.

The 39th Annual Warrens Cranberry Festival Parade will take place on **Sunday, September 25, 2011**, at noon. For more information , please visit www.cranfest.com, or call the Festival Office - 608-378-4200.

The purpose of the Warrens Cranberry Festival shall be to promote the common good and general welfare of the community of Warrens, including holding an annual community festival and raising funds to be used exclusively for civic betterments and social improvements in the Warrens community.