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**Wisconsin Public Radio and Al Johnson's Swedish Restaurant Bring  
New Dining Experience to Door County**

Green Bay, Wis. – Wisconsin Public Radio (WPR) is celebrating summer with the launch of *Crayfish Sommerfest* at Al Johnson's Swedish Restaurant in Sister Bay on August 16.

"We are excited to partner with WPR," said Lars Johnson of Al Johnson's Swedish Restaurant and Butik, a long-time business sponsor, "and to be a part of something that is already a part of us every day; in the kitchen, in the truck that brings the goats, and in the barn – we have WPR dialed in."

The menu highlights traditional Swedish summertime food including crayfish boiled in a salty brine, steeped with dill grown by Al Johnson's and served with a melted dill compound butter. Side dishes will feature locally grown baby dill potatoes, fresh corn, Swedish cucumber salad, assorted Swedish and Wisconsin cheeses, knäckebröd and baguette tray, Swedish cardamom shortbread with fresh strawberries and whipped cream, and a shot of chilled Aquavit.

"We're looking forward to dining and sharing an incredible experience with our supporters," said Mike Crane, director of WPR. "From the time our radio towers went up in Sister Bay in 2000, we've been embraced by the people of Door County. We appreciate our listeners and many business sponsors." *Afternoon Classics* host Lori Skelton, *Wisconsin Life* Executive Producer Maureen McCollum, and WPR regional staff will join Crane at this inaugural event.

Johnson says he is happy to celebrate a bit of his Swedish culture with us, "events like the Crayfish party share a little history and insight into who we are and where we come from." Crayfish have been a delicacy in Sweden since the 16th century. For a time in the 19th century, Swedes could only harvest the crayfish from August through October. Thus, the Crayfish Party (Kräftskiva) in August became a national festivity, marking the end of summer as the Swedish way to eat, drink, and be merry.

Seating is limited and tickets are available at [wpr.org/presents](http://wpr.org/presents). The event is a fundraiser for WPR.

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