

BizSnaps

A Snapshot look at local businesses

Knute's Bar & Grill

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Hours: Located on Hwy 213 Across from Burtness Chevvy



When was the business started? I opened the business in November of 1998. The building itself was built in 1971 when Orfordville first voted to allow alcohol to be served in town.

Describe your products/services? Knute's is a Bar & Grill. Included in our full menu, we serve cold beverages, hand-patted fresh burgers, walley, jumbo shrimp and homemade pizza. We are best known for our Killer Prime Rib Sandwiches!

What do you do, product, service or philosophy, which differentiates you from your competitors?

We listen to our customers and strive to give them what they want. Not only do we offer great food at great prices, but we also do catering anytime, any place.

How did you get interested and/or started in this business? I started cooking when I was in High School. I have always loved to cook & create new entrees.

What kind of training or background do you have? I attended Blackhawk Technical College, and I have 28 years of on-the-job training. I, however, continue to still learn!

What have you learned from this business? It's never easy, but by listening to my customers and having great employees, the hard work pays off!

What are your future plans for your business? We plan to do some remodeling on the lower level and to grow our catering business.

What or who has had the most influence in the way you do business? I started out at the Elk's Club. I learned a great deal during my 20 years of business there (16 years as a chef and 4 as the General Manager.)

Do you have a favorite saying that applies to your business? GREAT FOOD AT GREAT PRICES!!!

What have been some of the challenges you've faced and how did you work them out? I had to work in a small kitchen until we could afford to expand, but I made the best of it. Overall, every day in a small business is a challenge. It's hard work and long hours. I strive to treat my customers and employees the best I can.

What do you find most rewarding about this type of work?

I love watching my business grow from year to year. I also enjoy helping my community in any way I can.

What type of customers use your products/services?

We have all ages enjoy our food and atmosphere. Everyone loves great food at a great price!

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