

LANARK NEWS



CHANGES IN VOTING LAWS

POLLING HOURS: Uniform polling hours will now be in effect for every polling place in Wisconsin from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm.

VOTER REGISTRATION: All voters must be registered before receiving a ballot. Voters with a current and valid Wisconsin driver license must use their license number to register. Those who do not have a license may use the last four digits of their Social Security number or a WI ID number. A voter with a driver license who plans to register at the polling place on election day must have that number with them to register properly. Anyone who has not registered for the September primary must now register at the polling place on election day or call the Clerk to register in her home office. The mail-in registration time deadline is past. Wednesday, October 18 will be the last day for registration by mail for the November general election.

ABSENTEE VOTING: Mail absentee ballot applications to the Clerk by September 7 or call the Clerk to vote in her home office.

VOTE! TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

TOWN HALL 6177 COUNTY A



This is a partisan primary where electors may vote for candidates of only one political party. Every elector will receive a 5-part ballot - one for each party. Only one ballot can be marked with the other four ballots placed in the discarded ballot box.

Crossover voting is not permitted.

PROOF OF RESIDENCE: A voter who is registering must prove he/she has lived at their current address for at least ten days. Acceptable documents include: current driver license, current state ID, property tax bill, paycheck, bank statement, utility bill no more than 90 days old, college ID with photo, license issued by an employer with photo, license or document issued by a WI government unit or a residential lease. The resident must bring one of those documents to register at the polling place or the Clerk's office.

NEW VOTING EQUIPMENT: Federal law requires every polling place to have voting equipment that is accessible to people with disabilities. This equipment has a touch-screen and can be used by any voter. The State Elections Board offers reimbursement funding up to \$6000.00 for the purchase of the equipment.

POLL LOCATION CHANGE: For the November 7 election the polling place will be the new town hall at 7174 County TT.

NOTABLE NEWS

SALE OF TOWN HALL PROPERTY

The old Lanark Town Hall and 0.80 acres of land with Spring Creek frontage are up for sale by sealed bids. Bid packets are available from the Town Clerk for those wishing to purchase the property. The building is restricted by zoning laws to be used only for storage or a workshop. Any other use needs Town and County Zoning approval. Highway and water setbacks also apply to the property. The bids are due September 11.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW TOWN HALL

W. Much Construction, Inc. of Waupaca was awarded the contract for construction of the 40' x 70' building next to the garage at 7174 County TT. The bid was \$207,762.00. An Open House will be held for residents to view the Hall once the project is completed. The new Hall means future changes for 2007 as Town correspondence will be addressed to that location, tax collection will be held there, the Clerk and Treasurer will have office hours and all records will be centrally maintained.

PLAN COMMISSION REVIEWS ZONING MAP

Now that the Comprehensive Plan for the Town is completed and adopted the Plan Commission is meeting with County Planner Sarah Wallace to compare the new Land Use Plan with the current zoning map. Minor changes are planned to be compatible. An Open House to view these changes will be scheduled for residents later this

year.

NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Town must comply with the federal mandate to incorporate the National Incident Management System (NIMS) into local emergency response prac-



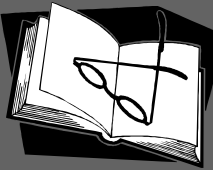
tices. As part of this compliance the Town has passed a resolution adopting NIMS, officials must complete several training classes and Emergency Operation Plans will need to be developed. A Joint Action Ordinance with Portage County Emergency Management will address policies

and procedures. AMBULANCE SERVICE STUDY RESULTS

Emergency Services Consulting of Oregon spent six months studying Portage County's ambulance service needs. The \$60,000 cost was split between the county and the city of Stevens Point. The first recommendation was to move the ambulances outside the city to improve response time to 10 minutes for 90% of the county. Sites for ambulance locations were the village of Plover, the town of Stockton, the villages of Amherst and Junction City and the town of Lanark. The location of County A & N was suggested for the construction of a facility to serve the southeast part of the county. The county will be assessing costs and what can be implemented before a contract is signed with the city in four months.

PROCEDURE BEFORE DIVIDING PROPERTY

Any property owner planning to divide their property should contact the Clerk to be placed on the Plan Commission and the Town



Did you know? In 1903 Wisconsin became the first state to adopt the direct primary. Instead of allowing the wealthy and powerful to choose candidates behind closed doors in party conventions, the direct primary gave voters the right to select candidates for their parties. Opponents of the direct primary feared that the political process would degenerate into personal popularity contests. While others originated the plan for the adoption of the primary election system in Wisconsin, Governor Robert LaFollette is credited for championing the issue and as an orator pushing forward the movement.



HOME INSPECTION SERVICE CHANGES

The Town of Lanark now has a contract with Badgerland Home Consultants, LLC for home inspections to meet the Uniform Dwelling Code (UDC). Dale Bates was working for Vierbicher Associates and has now begun his own service. Rates are now reduced back to the original \$495.00 flat fee for new construction, \$125 for additions less than 200 sq.ft. and \$0.15 per sq.ft. over that amount.

The office phone number is (715) 254-0886, and Dale's cell phone is (715) 340-1933.

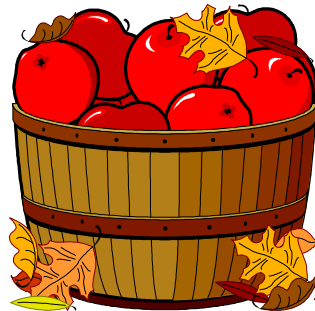
Building permits must first be obtained from the County Zoning office 346-1334 and the paper work for inspections will be available from their office or contact Badgerland.

ROADSIDE CLEANUP THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS!

Despite the busy schedules of residents, many of you helped walk the roadsides in April to keep the town free of litter. A hearty thank you to all who participated. This effort does not go unnoticed as comments are made on the cleanliness of our roads. This October will be another time to participate in the second clean-up of Highway 54. A date has not yet been set, but if you can help please leave a message on the garage phone or with the Clerk.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN 2006

In a joint project with the Town of Buena Vista, Mjelde Road was sealcoated with the slag method by Fahrner Asphalt of Plover. This dark coating has proven to melt snow faster and appears to last longer than the gravel type. Another project with Buena Vista is an asphalt overlay on Spring Lake Road. Lanark Lane and the south portion of Madley Road also received a slag sealcoat. Residents in the Boelter Lake area may have noticed that the new roadbed is constructed between B.L. Court and B.L. Lane. This new road will need a name! Although the County has certain restrictions for what names are available, if you have a suggestion please call the Clerk as soon as possible.



FLUORESCENT LAMP & COMPUTER/ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY

OCTOBER 4, 2006
9:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Portage County Highway Garage at 800 Plover Road

Prices:

Lamps \$0.35 to \$1.50 each
 Computers/Electronics \$0.35/lb
 Batteries, ballasts and other electronics are also accepted.

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PARTIAL 2007 REASSESSMENT

An assessment is the value placed upon your property by the assessor. This value determines what portion of the property tax levy will be borne by your property.

The level of assessment for 2006 is 99.45 % of equalized value with all classes of land within compliance limits with the Department. of Revenue except for 5, 5M, 6 and 7. The assessor will be reassessing the categories of 5 which is swamp, waste and fallow ag land (Undeveloped), 5M (Agriculture Forest) and 6 (Productive Forest Lands) for the 2007 values.

The County Equalization Report shows that Lanark increased in value by 9.25% for a total of \$105,341,300 in real estate and personal property valuation.

2006 CENSUS

The preliminary estimate of population in Lanark is 1,589. The 2000 count was 1,449.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

When registering your motor vehicle please check to see if the correct municipality is listed. Residents are noting for example that for those with an Amherst address may have the Town of Amherst listed instead of Lanark. This information is used in the census and for highway aids.

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