

LANARK NEWS



REFERENDUM SEEKS RESIDENTS' DECISION ON CTY. EXECUTIVE

On the ballot for November 2, voters will be able to cast a vote for or against the establishment of a County Executive position in Portage County. The question is binding, so, if passed, the County will be mandated to move from an Administrative Coordinator to a County Executive form of government and hold an election in April of 2005 to fill the position. The Portage County University of Wisconsin-Extension has a non-biased brief explaining the positions on their web site: www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/portage/ There are three options for county administration as per WI Statutes. Forty-six counties, including Portage County, adopted for the Administrative Coordinator form with the Portage County Board Chair serving in this position. This official's authority is granted by the county board. An Executive would be elected for a four-year term and runs county departments similar to a mayor. The Executive prepares the county budget and appoints and removes department heads, although hires are subject to board confirmation. An executive can veto county board decisions, but the board may override the veto on a 2/3 vote. The county board acts like a legislature in this

VOTE!

NOVEMBER 2

**Poll Hours 8 am to 8 pm
Town Hall 6177 County Rd. A**

Lanark does not have voter preregistration at this time. All electors will register on Election Day at the town hall. The state is working on setting up a uniform system where everyone will preregister and the information will be recorded in a central computer at the state. To be able to vote you must be a U.S. citizen, age 18 or older on election day, and a resident of the Town of Lanark for 10 days before the election. For new electors please bring an acceptable form of proof of residence:

- A WI motor vehicle operator's license
- A university, college or technical institute identification
- An airplane pilot's license
- Any other official identification card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body or by an employer
- A residential lease which is effective for a period that includes election day
- A real estate tax bill for 2003 or a utility statement for the period commencing not earlier than 90 days before the election
- A witness that will testify of your residency.

Absentee ballots are available by filing an application form or sending a written and signed request to the Clerk. The deadline for receipt of the request is October 29 and the last day to vote absentee in person is November 1 at the Clerk's home office between the hours of 9 am to 4 pm. The polling place is handicapped accessible. Anyone assisting an elector must notify the election inspectors and sign the ballot. Otherwise, talking while voting is not allowed.

NOTABLE NEWS

BUDGET HEARING & TOWN MEETING NOVEMBER 15, 7 P.M.

The Town Board has been preparing the 2005 Budget and will hold a hearing and then a town meeting to adopt: 1) the highway expenditures; 2) the town tax levy; and 3) the officials' salaries. As a follow-up to the annual meeting the Board has been gathering information for possible construction of a new town hall at the garage site.

COUNTY JJ RENAMED "OLD AMISH ROAD"

Residents on County JJ (Lanark & Buena Vista) have selected a new road name once the jurisdictional transfer is completed with Portage County. The new name will commemorate the number of Amish that used to be in abundance along the road. Another new road in the town will be Rolling Meadow Drive, a short access road to a new subdivision located off County K.

SPECIAL CHARGE FOR GARBAGE MAY INCREASE

Due to the abundance of garbage going to the landfill, the town will end up paying an estimated \$7000 more in tipping fees for 2004. Part of the problem is due to recyclables being placed in garbage. Remember it is illegal to landfill or burn corrugated cardboard, newspapers, magazines, office paper, aluminum cans, #1&2 plastics, glass containers, tin cans, waste oil, & lead-acid batteries. **PLEASE**



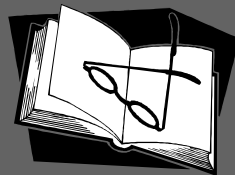
LANARK POPULATION ON THE INCREASE!

As of January 1, 2004 Lanark was estimated to have 1527 people. This is an increase of 78 since the 2000 census and 5.38% compared to the state increase of 3.138%.

HIGHWAY 54 ROADSIDE CLEANUP OCTOBER 23, 9-noon

Please take some time from your busy schedules and help the town keep our roadsides clean. By adopting HWY 54 the town must clean it at least twice a year. Residents along this road are especially asked to help in this task. Colleen Smith cleaned most of the roadway in April and deserves your sincere appreciation. We will gather at the town garage at 9 a.m. to distribute garbage bags and safety vests and assign routes. If you can clean at a different time please call Gerald Deuman at the town garage 256-1376.

Did you know? Polish settlers in Portage County were different from the majority of Poles in the United States since they were rural and intended to stay. Nine-of-ten Polish immigrants lived in the city and one-in-four worked and returned to Poland. The Poles were more advanced agriculturally than other parts of Europe and in general the most experienced farmers to come to the county. Stevens Point became home to the largest per capita population of Polish-



Americans in the United States. Close to one-third of the county population in 1890 was Polish, followed by the Germans, the Norwegians and then the Irish. Lanark's population in 1870 was about one-third foreign-born compared to New Hope with over one-half. Plover and Pine Grove had native-born outnumbering foreign-born ten-to-one. Most of the Portage County Poles came from Prussian-occupied north and northwest Poland. The Belmont Poles were recruited from Milwaukee and Chicago. Ellis was referred to as "Poland Corners" in the late 1860's. After a "church war" initiated by the preference of Polish men for whisky over Mass on Sunday, the Sacred Heart Church was constructed and Polonia became the heart of Polish Portage County.



A LETTER FROM THE HUMANE SOCIETY

The Animal Control Division of the Humane Society of Portage County would like to clarify a few concerns for the citizens of Lanark. First, when a stray animal is called into the shelter the caller is asked if the animal has been contained or if it is running loose. If the animal is loose we ask if it is possible for the animal to be contained if it is friendly enough to be caught and if the caller feels comfortable doing so. We do not encourage anyone to attempt to catch a dangerous animal or place him or herself in a bad situation. The drive from Point to Lanark can take up to 30 minutes or more if we are further out on a call and it is helpful if the animal has been contained to assure our ability to pick the animal up. If it is not possible to contain the animal we will still respond as quickly as pos-

sible and look for the animal in question. We only have one Officer on at a time and multiple calls can come in a day, emergencies are responded to first, strays next and complaints last. When complaints come in about dogs that defecate in someone's yard, chase someone, or run loose, we sometimes advise people to take pictures of the animal in question because the burden of proof will be on the complainant in court. We are more than happy to write a citation if the problem occurs a second time or is a danger to the caller. We attempt to work through the problem at first by talking to the animal owner and looking for solutions, if this does not remedy the problem then a citation will be issued. We do respond to all complaints called into the shelter. Barking complainants are offered a three party petition as an option to providing proof of the noise violation. We do our best to provide the best service possible to all the municipalities that contract with us and are more than willing to discuss any issues a person may have about animal control. We are striving to improve our services and welcome any concerns, complaints or compliments that citizens may have, please contact us at 344-6012 or PO Box 512 Stevens Point,

TAXPAYER \$ EQUALIZED VALUE IN C LANARK JUMPS O

The Department of Revenue has determined using sales information that the total value of real estate and personal property has increased 15.55% since 2003 to a total of 102,910,700. Agriculture land included in the report only reflects the use value of the land, not the current market value. Lanark lead the county with the highest increase in value with Pine Grove next in line. The report used for apportionment of county levy shows Lanark bearing 0.187% more of the tax burden. One might also conclude that Lanark is a good place to live with 21 new homes in 2003.



HOUSEHOLD CLEAN SWEEP

OCTOBER 22, NOON-7 PM
HIGHWAY GARAGE

HWY 54, PLOVER, WI

Portage County will hold a one-day collection of unwanted, unused, damaged, restricted and banned household hazardous waste. The cost is only \$5 for the first 50 pounds, or \$10 if you exceed 50 pounds.

Precautions: Line a sturdy box with plastic, leave chemicals in their original containers, make sure all lids are secure, weakened containers may have kitty litter, sawdust or ground corn cobs poured around them for protection, cover exposed containers of dry formulations with plastic and transport in car trunks or in the bed of a pickup truck.

WHAT IS ACCEPTED AT CLEAN SWEEP?

Automotive: degreasers, fuel, brake & transmission fluid, ether, solvents

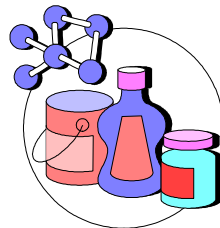
Lawn & Garden: Fungicides, Rodenticides, Herbicides, Insecticides

Household: Nail polish remover, moth balls, drain cleaner, oven cleaner, dry cleaning fluid, silver polish, spot remover, metal cleaners, floor/furniture polish, mildew cleaner, swimming pool chemicals, oil based paint (no latex)

Workshop: Stripper, lacquer, hobby materials, thinners/solvents, lead-based paint, gun cleaning fluid, varnish, turpentine, creosote

Materials not accepted: latex paint, radioactive materials, explosives, ammunition, compressed fuel cylinders, fire extinguishers, freon 11 & 12, biological, infectious or medical wastes, appliances, waste oil, tires, antifreeze

QUESTIONS: Call the Portage County Solid Waste Dept. at 345-5970



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