

# LANARK NEWS



## TOWN ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE

A revision to the Roadside Maintenance Policy calls for a vertical clear zone of 16 feet above the pavement and shoulders on town roads. Due to the height of snowplow trucks, especially with the box tipped when sanding, encounters with low hanging limbs pose a dangerous and costly situation. Employees are already cutting on roads where problems have occurred. If trees are to be cut in the road right of way, the wood is the property of the landowners and shall be disposed of according to their wishes. However, wood left in the right of way must be removed by the landowner within 30 days of cutting or the Town may contract for removal.

Otto Road west from the bridge to Morgan Road will be "put out for bids" this spring to complete the resurfacing of the entire road. Badger Drive, due to its length of 2.06 miles from D to TT and subsequent cost of repair, will be split into two projects. The pavement will be ground, gravel lift added, spot ditching and paved to 20' with 2' shoulders. Mjelde Road is also scheduled for a small overlay and sealcoat. Submitted costs will determine how many of the projects can be completed in 2005. Patching and cracksealing is planned for many roads.

## ROADSIDE CLEANUP & POTLUCK PICNIC

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

9:00 AM until Noontime

Bad Weather Date: April 23



Residents keep showing how much they care for the appearance of our community by walking roadsides and picking up truckloads of litter on this annual event. **WE NEED EVERYONE TO GET INVOLVED** and be stewards of the land. Sign up at election time or call the Town Clerk (824-5475). Hwy 54 is included and we need more volunteers for this job. The Unit Coordinator will arrange a meeting site, distribute garbage bags and safety vests and disperse crews to roads. The garbage bags will be collected and brought to the Town Garage (corner Hwy 54 & Cty TT) where a Potluck will be served at noon! Please bring a dish to pass. Beverages will be provided.

**THINK SAFETY:** Be alert for traffic, wear hiking shoes and work gloves, tuck pants into socks to protect yourself from ticks, and never touch anything hazardous (car batteries, dead animals, chemicals...). The reward is a clean environment and great food after the work!

## NOTABLE NEWS

### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

**Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 pm**

The Town of Lanark will hold its annual meeting of electors at the Town Hall on the second Tuesday in April.

This year's **Agenda** includes:

Minutes of the 2004 meeting  
Annual Financial Report  
Road Repair Plans  
Comprehensive Planning News  
Building a New Town Hall  
Clerk/Treasurer Combination  
Topics as Allowable from the Public

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

**Tuesday, April 12, 6:30 p.m.**

Before the Annual Meeting there will be hearings held for the creation of two ordinances:  
Adoption of Uniform Dwelling Code and Ordinance Banning Nudity on Premises Licensed to Sell Alcoholic Beverages.  
Copies of the proposed ordinances are for review at the bulletin boards. (Please do not remove them.)

### UNIFORM DWELLING CODE UPDATE!

Currently the town is under state enforcement of the Code. If you are applying for a UDC Building Permit for a new dwelling you must submit the following information to the Building Inspector (call Vierbicher Associates, Inc. 715-359-2003 for the forms) **1.** UDC Permit Form **2.** 2 complete sets of plans **3.** Energy Work Sheet **4.** Permit fees and **5.** Any other necessary data to show code compliance (sanitary permit). You still must check with the town and county before ap-



### VOTE APRIL 5!

**Polling Place: Town Hall**

**Poll Hours: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.**

All school districts will have a ballot, the town officials ballot, plus a ballot for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Justice of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals Judge and Circuit Court Judge.

There will also be a ballot for a state referendum on 4-year terms for some county offices and 3-part county referendum regarding a County executive, paying for the court system and paying for human services in the County.

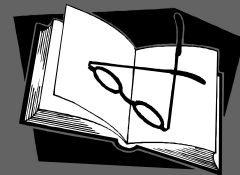
### DOG LICENSES DUE

April 1 is the deadline for any animal more than 5 months of age on January 1 to obtain a license! The tax is \$6 for neutered or spayed dogs and \$16 if not. The Town Treasurer will issue a license upon proof of vaccination.

With springtime comes complaints about dogs running at large.

**IT IS A STATE LAW TO KEEP DOGS ON YOUR OWN PROPERTY OR UNDER RESTRAINT!**

**D**id you know? Portage County farmers were caught up in the hop craze that swept across Wisconsin for a brief period between the late 1860's and 1880. The migration of lager-beer drinking Germans and large numbers of young men in the army with too much time on their hands gave boost to the brewing industry. The first lager brewer in the County was Adam Kuhl of Stevens Point who made his first beer in 1867. The flower pod of the hop plant was the



necessary ingredient for the required bitters. Vines were planted at the rate of 600 per acre and trained to grow up 16 foot poles. This spurred a boom in pole cutting in swamps for tamarack, cedar, spruce or straight-trunked pines. At harvest the vines were cut and poles pulled to square boxes where pods would be plucked. Usually young women were hired for the job. At the end of the day the square dance style "hop dance" was the favorite of the Yankee farmers while the German and Polish popularized the "hop waltz". At the height of the boom a hop farmer could net up to \$1,000 an acre while most other farm operations were making only half that amount.



**FIRST RESPONDER VOLUNTEERS**

The Town of Lanark wishes to express a sincere thank you to those individuals in the Town donating their time to be a part of the Amherst Area EMS team!

**EMT -Basic:**

- Dave Anderson - County A
- Jason Olds - County K
- Hazel Packer - Valley View Rd.
- Jeff Reichert - Otto Rd.
- Diane Sackman - Evergreen Dr.E.

**First Responder:**

- Rosalie Bednar - County TT
- James Boelter - Hwy 54
- Timothy Eddy - Morgan Rd.
- Cassandra Helbach - County N
- Sara Peskie - County TT (new)
- Katie Fessenden - Lanark Lane
- Heather Sannes - County DD

**If you see these people give them a big "pat on the back" as one day they may keep you or a loved one alive!**

Being a First Responder or an Emergency Medical Technician - B requires classroom training of 58 hours to 140 hours. EMTs need 4 hours of Weapons of Mass Destruction and 48 hours of continuing education. A First Responder can perform the following procedures: administer oxygen, rescue breathing, Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, fracture immobilization, defibrillation and control bleeding. EMTs skills allow for administration of epinephrine for shock, aspirin, albuterol and glucagon as well as use of non-visualized airways.

**Volunteers are always needed!**

**NEW EMPLOYEES ON THE JOB**

Snowplowing and brushing projects since mid-January have been performed by a new crew: John Lange of Durant Road, Gerald Peskie of Cobbtown Road along with continuing employee Delmer Dain of Durant Road. These part-time workers had to quickly learn the roads and operation of equipment to take over when full-time employee Gerald Deuman left on medical leave. If you see them, they too, deserve a "thank you".



**BURNING PERMITS**

With the snow finally melting it is time to remember to obtain free burning permits from your DNR Fire Wardens. Permits are needed for everything except cooking or warming fires. The safe time to burn is from 6 p.m. to midnight.

**Tom Clinton**, 9388 Clinton Rd., 824-3609 Tues. or after 5 p.m..

**Sarah Lucht**, 7188 Cty. Rd. D, 258-3150 after 3 p.m..

**Evergreen Hills - Permits**

**Matthew Bohm**, 10970 Red Pine Way, 256-1881 3-5 p.m. (not Wed.)

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**TRANSPORTATION AND GAS PRICES**

In paying our fuel taxes each time we fill up and in remitting our vehicle registration fees annually, motorists trust that those dollars will be put to work

by government to maintain and improve the transportation system. Wisconsin's Transportation Fund is considered a "segregated fund" because its user-fee revenues are kept separate from sales, income and other tax revenues. The 29.1 cent gas tax makes up 64% of the Fund's revenue. Aids to local municipalities for constructing and maintaining roads is based on spending and eligible costs. The formula uses available funding and the six-year average costs reported by the municipality annually. The aid for 2005 is \$1,825 per mile of roads maintained.

However, an outdated law in the state statutes ensures that gasoline prices will never be too low. Known as the minimum-markup law, it requires motor-fuel retailers to charge at least 6% over their wholesale cost or 9.18% over the average posted price at the nearest fuel terminal. In 1939 it was created to protect small retailers from predatory pricing by larger operations, but it now costs consumers 1.3 to 1.8 cents per gallon of gas. Let your state lawmakers know your opinion on repealing the markup. Call the Legislative Hotline 800-



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## OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

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**Sheriff**  
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