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Lincoln High Newsletter

Editor's note: Judy and I went to the **Sky Club** in Plover for dinner tonight - 3/11!



What a great place to have dinner! We hadn't been there in 30+ years! Interior decor is great - intimate and luxurious! Fantastic salad bar! Wood County Judge Ed Zappen and his wife were there as well and had just enjoyed the salad bar for their evening meal. (Ed's trying to lose a few pounds and is an old friend of the Editor from Air National Guard days)

Restaurant review: Ambience is probably the best within 30 miles! Service was excellent! Drinks were great! And now we get to the food! As I said, the salad bar is fantastic - except for the "hot spinach salad dressing"! The spinach was the freshest I've ever seen on a salad bar - bar none. Don't know where they get it from but it could have been picked only hours before setting out! The dressing - I guess "**wan**" (look it up if you don't know what it means- and no, it's not Chinese!) would be the best descriptor! Think I'll have Judy send them her "hot spinach salad dressing recipe" - to die for! Other salad dressings were all great!

Judy had the "Cajun" Blackened Prime Rib. Good way to ruin a good piece of meat! It didn't taste of any of the cajun flavors that the Editor is familiar with - it was just kind of "hot"? Don't order it! It's a Thursday night special!

Editor had a 6 oz filet mignon which tasted and had the same texture as a "**No Name**" steak. It had evidently been treated with enough tenderizer (papain) to render it "partially digested!" Kind of like eating a piece of meat that someone has already chewed a couple of times! Had to ask for A-1 sauce to cover the flavor which papain treated steaks usually have - (dark-tending toward spoiled or liver flavor?)

Potato selections were great! Judy had relatively greaseless french fries and I had the twice-baked potato. Both fine!

Onion soup was good, if a bit salty.

Cost for the two of us including drinks and tips - \$46

Any of the readers in Point or Plover care to submit their reviews of the Sky Club?



Governor Doyle Announces More than \$650,000 in State Grants to Assist Stora Enso Expansion

Company to Upgrade Facilities, Expand Production Capability at Four Mills; Funding Will Help Train Over 400 Employees on New Technology, Equipment

Wisconsin Rapids - Governor Jim Doyle announced today that the Department of Commerce will provide Stora Enso North America with \$656,300 in Customized Labor Training Grants to assist the company as it expands its production capability and trains its workers on new technology. The Governor made the announcement during a visit to the company's Wisconsin Rapids Paper Mill today, Thursday, 3/11.

Stora Enso is investing \$98.7 million to expand the production capability of its facilities in Biron, Kimberly, and Wisconsin Rapids. The company has decided to upgrade its capabilities and rebuild its machinery to have the latest technology in the papermaking industry. The Commerce grants will be used to train 418 current employees.

"We are grateful for this assistance from the State of Wisconsin. The training of our employees with our new equipment and processes is a key factor in our future success," said Lars Bengtsson, President of Stora Enso's North America Division. "It is a clear demonstration of the state's commitment to work with business and industry so we can remain competitive in a global economy."

The projects are as follows:

- In Wisconsin Rapids, Stora Enso is investing \$47.5 million to rebuild the mill's largest paper machine to include the latest technology. Growing out of the rebuild, the company will train 161 current employees on state-of-the-art processes.
- Stora Enso will convert and upgrade its #2 fiber line from softwood to hardwood at the Wisconsin Rapids Pulp Mill. The mill will also increase its pulp production, handling, and shipping capabilities. In connection with this \$10.3 million expansion, the company will train 70 current employees on new equipment and processes.
- With the change to hardwood at the Wisconsin Rapids Pulp Mill, the Biron facility is investing \$9.2 million to build new facilities for the repulping of softwood. The company will train 33 current employees on new equipment and processes.
- Stora Enso's plant at Kimberly is investing \$31.7 million to rebuild and add new equipment to one of its paper machines and to upgrade the wetlap repulping and pulp-handling capacity. The company will train 154 current employees on new equipment and processes.