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Lincoln High Newsletter

Memories of then! News of now!

I have a beautiful new granddaughter Megen McKenzie (sp) 8#14oz 21" born 6-16 at 4am Mother and baby doing well.

Jim Natwick (65) jnatwick@charter.net

You Wisconsin folks probably need this more than anyone else I know. I haven't tried it, but then we don't have many mosquitos down here. Too hot - they boil in the air!

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MOSQUITO REMEDY

Pass this on to anyone who likes sitting out in the evening or when they're having a cookout. So you don't like those pesky mosquitoes, especially now that they have the potential to carry the West-Nile Virus!

Here's a tip that was given at a recent gardening forum:

Put some water in a WHITE dinner plate and add a couple of drops of "Lemon Fresh Joy Dish Detergent". Set the dish on your porch, patio, or other outdoor area. I'm not sure what attracts them, the lemon smell, the white plate color, or what, but mosquitoes flock to it, and drop dead shortly after drinking the Lemon Fresh Joy/water mixture, and usually within 10 feet of the plate.

Vesper firm to lay off 66

By Andrew Hellpap
Daily Tribune Staff

VESPER -- Life will change this year for more than 60 people who found out Tuesday they would lose their jobs with a Vesper manufacturing company, the community's largest employer.

Kerry Ingredients officials announced the company would cut its 140-employee workforce nearly in half -- eliminating 66 positions this year.

"I'm a little bit shell-shocked," said Brent Friday, who found out this week that he will lose his job. "I was just disappointed there was no notice."

Plans for the future will change for Friday, 31, his wife, Kristen, 32, and their 9-month-old son, Braden, now that Friday will lose the job he's held for eight years.

They will adjust, Friday said Tuesday as he played with Braden on the living room floor of his home just outside of Vesper.

Initially, health insurance was their major concern, but the family will be covered through Kristen's position at the Marshfield Clinic.

"I know we will make it; it's just a little frightening," Friday said. He had to call his brother and cousin who were on vacation to inform them that they also lost their jobs.

Friday worries about the older employees, who might have a harder time landing on their feet after the layoff.

"There are people I know in their 50s. I don't know what they are going to do," Friday said.

The layoff affects 58 production and eight administrative positions, which will be phased out during the next several months, said Jim Egan, spokesman for the company, which has its U.S. headquarters in Beloit.

In the next two to three weeks, negotiations over severance for employees will take place between the company and local union, Egan said.

The company is looking to focus the Vesper facility on spray-drying. The company is moving some of the plant's other operations to facilities throughout the United States, Egan said.

"We are repositioning some of our product lines," he said.

Many residents said they expect the job losses to hurt the community.

Employees from the Kerry plant make up a good portion of the lunch crowd at The Brickyard restaurant, said employee Kathy Villalobos.

"They are one of our main sources of business," she said.

The impact on businesses in the village might be hard to gauge initially, Villalobos said, because no one knows how many people who lost their jobs live in the community.

Bill Winch, owner of Winch Oil Co. in Vesper, echoed those thoughts.

"(The effect is) hard to say at this point, but it's not going to be good," Winch said.

Regardless, he said, if the laid-off employees from Vesper stay in the village, they might not have much money to spend at his store, Winch said.

"I can't see anything positive coming of this," he said.

Longtime resident Ray Behling has seen numerous businesses shrink and grow in his 85 years living in Vesper.

"It always hurts a community when some part of a business moves out. ... It's kind of sad to see this happen," Behling said.

He's confident Vesper will recover.

"It was a good little community, and it still is," Behling said.

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New Living Will Form:

I, _____, being of sound mind and body, do not wish to be kept alive indefinitely by artificial means. Under no circumstances should my fate be put in the hands of pinhead politicians who couldn't pass ninth-grade biology if their lives depended on it or lawyers interested in simply running up the bills. If a reasonable amount of time passes and I fail to ask for at least one of the following:

- _____ Scotch and water
- _____ Glass of wine
- _____ Margarita
- _____ Martini
- _____ Cold Beer
- _____ Steak and baked potato
- _____ Chicken fried steak and cream gravy
- _____ Mexican food
- _____ Hamburger and fries
- _____ Pizza
- _____ The remote control
- _____ Bowl of ice cream
- _____ Double Espresso
- _____ Chocolate
- _____ S+x

It should be presumed that I won't ever get better. When such a determination is reached, I hereby instruct my appointed person and attending physicians to pull the plug, reel in the tubes and call it a day.

Signed-----