UA 400 hosts pipe trades experience
Nov. 11 in Kaukauna

By Brian Roebke

Editor

Looking for a job? Check the want ads.
Looking for an education? Check out colleges.
Looking for a career? Check out youth apprenticeships with UA 400 Pipe Trades in Kaukauna.

You’ve undoubtedly heard about the low unemployment rate nationwide, but locally, there are hundreds of unfilled jobs in the trades that pay good money.

UA 400 holds its high school open house from 2-5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 11, at the UA 400 Training Center, located at 2700 Northridge Dr. in Kaukauna’s Industrial Park located north of Highway 41. That day kicks off National Apprenticeship Week (Nov. 11-17), now in its fifth year, a nationwide celebration that gives businesses, communities and educators the opportunity to showcase their apprenticeship programs and apprentices while providing valuable information to students and career-seekers.

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Kimberly accepts Buchanan land island into village
By Judy Dixon Hebbe  
For the Times-Vilager

The Kimberly Village Board accepted a Town of Buchanan "island" this week when it annexed the 6.7-acre parcel at N864 Marcella St., owned by Ben LaFrambois.

The property was completely surrounded by Kimberly. For whatever reason, the property was not part of the 2016 annexation that took in the rest of the neighborhood, creating an island of property for Buchanan. When LaFrambois chose to expand his business to include climate controlled facilities, he discovered that it was less expensive to buy into Kimberly's sewer and water system than to upgrade the water system.

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"That's the perfect story line of a young apprentice graduating," Kolda said. "For that to happen, that's perfect."

The first day of an apprenticeship is a very important date because that's when everything starts to accumulate.

Workers already start getting pension contributions in their third year, possibly before they're 21 years old, and that's going to be a great asset when they retire because they started so early.

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"The students are pretty proud of the program and they should be," Lawrence said while Gardner nodded in agreement.

Kaukauna, Kimberly and Little Chute high schools are all well known for their industrial and manufacturing programs, and that's good for students looking to get a head start in the field over students at other schools.

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