

Ward helped with Wausau plan

Your paper recently published articles regarding Wausau Paper's \$27 million investment to rebuild a paper machine at the Brainerd facility. As noted in the articles (Feb. 17 and 18), the capital investment will provide additional machine capabilities to produce unsaturated tape-backing papers that are used to produce masking tape.

The articles correctly acknowledged assistance from the State's Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), Sheila Haverkamp from the Brainerd Lakes Area Development Corp (BLADC), and Brainerd City Administrator Dan Vogt. Unfortunately, the articles failed to acknowledge the support that we received from Rep. John Ward from District 12A.

Rep. Ward traveled with us to St. Paul when we meet with DEED, and he was able to clearly articulate the significant impact that this project would have on the Brainerd community. It was evident that Rep. Ward's support influenced the Department of Employment and Economic Development.

While it has not been noted in the two articles already published, Wausau Paper wants to acknowledge and thank Rep. Ward for his support.

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