

# Out-of-this-world idea

## Pair wants to build UFO landing site

ELMWOOD, Wis. (AP) — Residents in this Northwestern Wisconsin village might be able to meet aliens from another planet one day if a proposed multimillion dollar UFO landing site is constructed, a businessman says.

UFO Site Center Corp. of Chippewa Falls, Wis., is planning to build the structure near Elmwood to provide a landing site for alien spacecraft, organization President Tom Weber said.

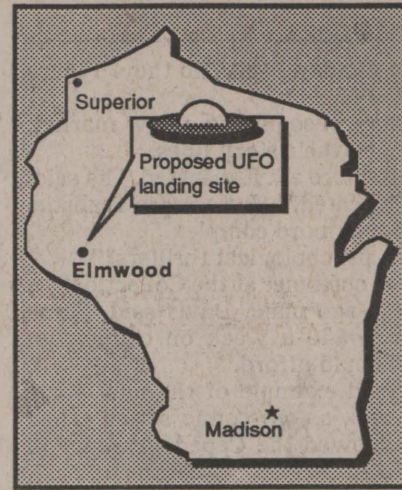
Weber, 50, Chippewa Falls, said he and other members of his organization have thought for many

years that another intelligent life form exists and has been trying to make contact with humans.

"There have been numerous sightings of unidentified flying objects, particularly spaceships," Weber said. "We believe these spaceships are manned by an intelligence that has been watching us for a long time.

"They are simply waiting for us to take the next step and give some kind of invitation to them," he

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said.

The village of Elmwood in Pierce County is the corporation's "logical first choice" because the community has reported numerous UFO sightings in recent years and annually celebrates "UFO Days," Weber said.

"We're talking with Elmwood officials about possibly locating the site near there because the people there are familiar with UFO discussions and sightings," Weber said.

An estimated two square miles of land would be needed for a receiving station and center, Weber

said. Eventually it would be staffed with professional scientists who would be able to "carry on a dialogue with the other life form," he said.

Weber said the site center would include a light system that would "show visiting spacecraft that this is a safe place to land."

"In a number of years, we may be exploring other planets where there may be life forms as well," he said. "Would we make ourselves known to them, and if so, how? I think we would do exactly what this intelligence is doing to us, let them know we are out there and are waiting for an invitation."

Weber said he believes this intel-

ligence has a body structure and central nervous system similar to humans, and it has monitored our television and radio broadcasts to the point where "they perhaps know more about our civilization than we do."

Weber and Dave Martinek, of Eau Claire, Wis., another corporation officer, said they have received numerous calls about their organization after running a newspaper ad.

"We know we are going to have skeptics," Weber said, "but if successful, we don't know under what rock we'll find them. The flak we receive will be well worth the gain."

The organization plans to go international in its fund-raising efforts, Weber said.

"We'd like to establish local support groups, not to have everyone come to the center," Weber said.

The cost of the proposed structure has not been determined, Martinek said. Corporation officials have a number of ideas on the design.

"We see our job as primarily getting this center started," he said. "The scientists and others who know more about it will take over. We feel it is our duty to mankind to make such a facility available."