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Staff photo by David Joles

Out of this world

Clad in alien garb and carrying papier-mache masks for Elmwood's UFO Days. Lisa Weber, left, and Jodi Reckin, both 15, cross a downtown

Elmwood street Saturday. Both are members of the Elmwood High School pompon squad. Festivities continue today with a parade at 2 p.m.

291 Local teams take UFO Days Softball tournaments

Durand teams triumphed in both men's and women's softball tournaments held in Elmwood last weekend as part of the community's annual UFO Days celebration.

Bear Creek Band took first-place in the men's double elimination tourney, compiling a 6-1 record en route to the championship. Corral Bar/Schlusser Construction was the women's tournament champion, going undefeated through the winner's bracket of the double elimination tournament.

Bear Creek Band strung together three wins -- 5-0 over a River Falls team, 14-2 over Longbranch of Elmwood, and 10-9 over Cub's Pub -- before losing 6-3 to Carlson's of Red Wing on Sunday.

The Durand team came back to defeat Checkers of River Falls 8-6 to advance into the tournament final, where an 18-6 victory over Carlson's forced a second game. Bear Creek Band edged Carlson's 12-10 in that contest to gain the championship trophy.

Top hitters for Bear Creek Band were Tom Trainor, who was 12-for-24 with 9 RBI; Chris Harmon, the tourney MVP who went 10-for-20 with four homers and 11 RBI; Chris Bauer, who was 12-for-20 with five homers and 10 RBI; Brad Bauer, who was 10-for-22 with 6 RBI; and Eric Harmon, who was 6-for-8 with 6 RBI.

The latter Harmon played only in the championship games after returning from a state Class B softball tournament at Stevens Point.

Other Bear Creek Band players were Jody Lane, Jon Rode, Gary Hoyt, Steve Hagness, Darrell Hinrichs, Darwin DeLong and Jeff

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Members of the Corral Bar/Schlusser Construction team that won the UFO Days women's softball tourney Sunday are, from left, (front) Paula Berg, Chris Schlusser, Georganne Hagness, Wendy Berg, (middle)

Becca Berg, Mel Schlusser, Sharon Berger, Karen Berger, Kristine Harschlip, (back) Missy Stainer, coach Keith Stainer, and Chris Stainer. Absent from the picture are Kim Lewis and Joane Churchill.

Tulip. Delton Hoyt and Dan Hayden managed the team.

In the women's tournament, Corral Bar/Schlusser Construction cleaned up with four straight wins.

The team shut out Bud's of River Falls 4-0 in the first game, and edged

Southside Inn of Eau Galle 8-7 in the second round. Corral/Schlusser arrived in the championship game after posting a 14-4 victory over Sportshop.

The tournament final saw the Durand team edge Sidetrack of Rochester, Minn., 2-0 to take the

title and trophy. It was the second consecutive year Corral/Schlusser won the UFO Days women's softball tournament.

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