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# UFO Days land for weekend in Elmwood

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ELMWOOD — The sounds of last-minute preparations filled the streets of downtown Elmwood Friday afternoon as the first big night of UFO Days approached.

Taking a brief break on a picnic table in front of the village hall was Tom Weber of Chippewa Falls, president of the UFO Site Center Corp. His firm's proposal to build a \$50 million research center and landing pad for unidentified flying objects is the main reason Elmwood officials and business leaders expect more of a crowd than usual for this weekend's annual celebration.

Weber and his wife were busy setting up the Site Center Corp.'s information area. Most visitors will be in Elmwood for the carnival atmosphere of a small-town festival, but not Weber. He and other center officials literally will be above the fray, headquartered in the big auditorium on the second floor of the village hall and library building.

"We're here because we want to address the serious aspects," Weber said.

Weber's latest project is getting signatures on a petition requesting the federal government to release classified information about an alleged UFO crash in

1947 in New Mexico. The documents reportedly say four alien creatures died in the crash.

"We would like to get in the neighborhood of five million signatures by election day," Weber said.

The non-profit Site Center Corp. has been the object of heavy publicity, but donations for the project have been light.

"We're nowhere near our goal . . . just scratching the surface," Weber said, adding that the project needs to be adopted by a celebrity or other high-powered personality who can start the contributions rolling.

But this weekend in Elmwood, it seems most people are more serious about enjoying themselves.

Caroline Schoeder walked past people setting up food and beer stands and into her insurance office, where she produced a "Lunar Linen," a handkerchief modeled after the popular "Homer Hanky" distributed last year while the Minnesota Twins were on their way to winning the American League pennant and the World Series.

Carol Page, a Boston correspondent for the National Enquirer, arrived in town at mid-afternoon and said she was "sort of stunned" that only a few people were around. When asked what sort of story her editors wanted, she replied, "They



Staff photo by Jim Daly

Caroline Schoeder of Elmwood holds a "Lunar Linen." She said the son of an Elmwood woman had the handkerchiefs produced at his company in St. Paul, Minn.

just said, 'Come and see what you can find.'"

Winnie Anderson of Hales Corners said, "I think it's fun; besides that, I'm a firm believer in UFOs. This is something new." Anderson is visiting her cousin, Dolores Radtke of Elmwood, who was a founder of UFO Days 10 years ago.

And what does a genuinely serious guy like Tom Weber do with someone like Bernardo S. Ceguerra II, who said he came to Elmwood from Los Altos, Calif., to look for a boy who

landed on a UFO in the "Wisconsin-Indiana area" in 1979.

Ceguerra, who said he is from the Philippines, claimed he has made contact with aliens three times in the Philippines, and that aliens there told him about the boy. He said the boy's father is human and "the mother is from Jupiter."

Ceguerra said he has lived in the United States for two years and plans to devote part of a book he is writing to UFOs.

Weber said he couldn't comment much about Ceguerra's mission.

"I guess I just have to be open-minded about it and not pass judgment," he said. "We've had just about every kind of individual contact us that you can imagine."

"Our main emphasis is on the individuals here in Elmwood that have had (UFO) experiences. They're our neighbors; they're close."

The UFO Site Center does not investigate UFO sightings around the globe, he said.

"We have all we can do just to handle our correspondence," Weber said.



Photo by Steve Dzubay

UFO HUNTER Bernardo Ceguerra II came all the way from Los Altos, Calif. to camp at the Fred Smith property on Tuttle Hill where UFO's are said to have been spotted with regularity. Ceguerra, a native of the Philippines, wasn't disappointed. He saw four extraterrestrial vehicles between Thursday night and early Saturday morning. He claims to have been chosen by aliens as a telepathic messenger in 1967 and expects a visitor from space to land in the upper midwest within several years. "I have no doubt. I've spent more than 21 years at this," he said.