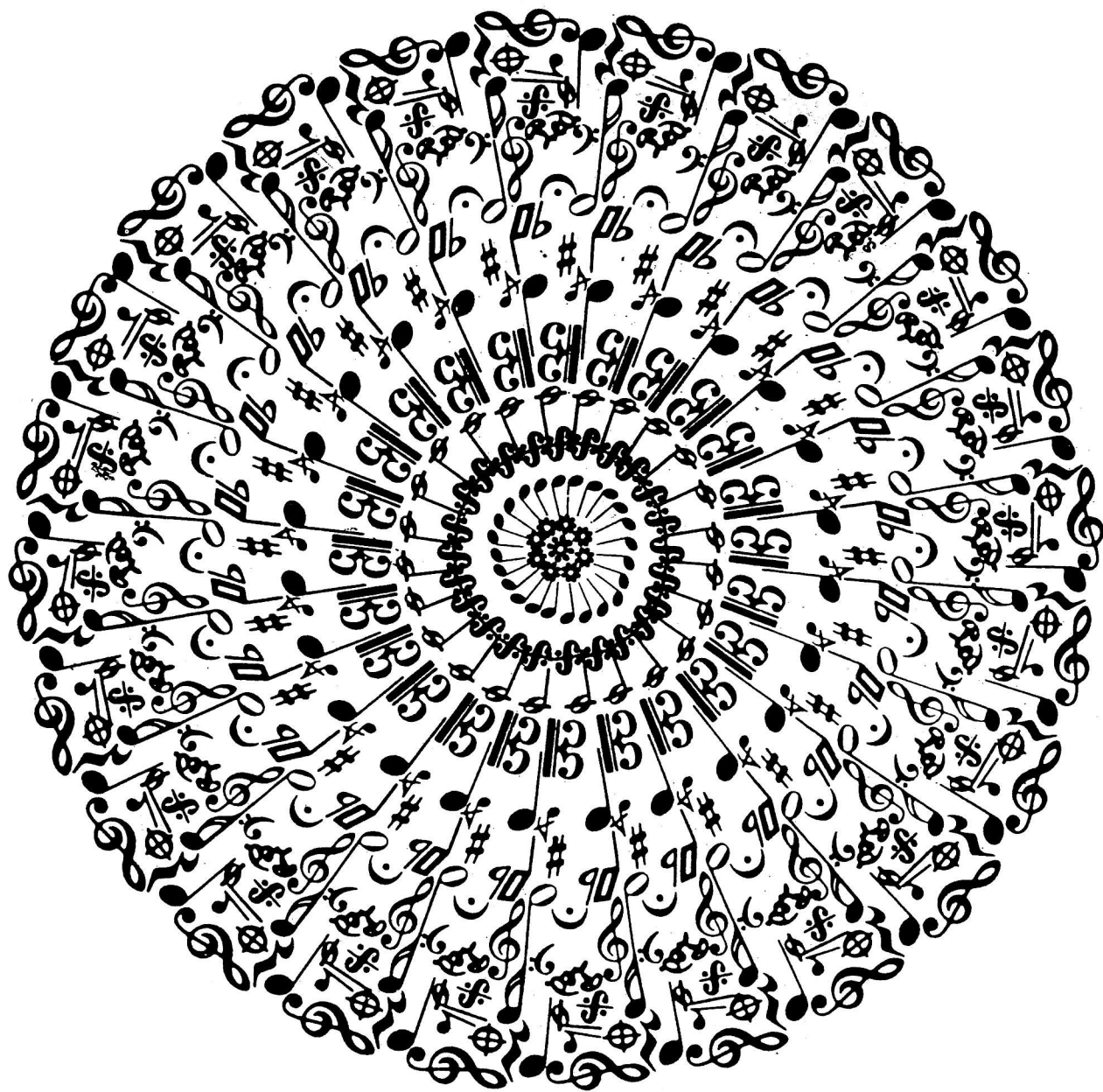


The



Grenadiers Band

The Beginning

There's a lot of hidden musical talent among senior citizens of Stevens Point. This fact was proven at a recent meeting of several musicians as they gathered at Lincoln Center to form a new band.

Members of this new band are Courtney Tucker, (Clell) Stien, Bonnita Stien, Mabel Schobert, Joe R. Pfiffner, Bill Nason and Tom Schulze.

According to Judy Lokken, Program Coordinator, Tucker and Stien are taking the lead roles in organizing the yet un-named band which will be practicing on Mondays at the Center starting April 13, 1982 at 3 p.m.

Tucker, who retired 12 years ago from Tucker Photography, plays the clarinet and toured with the John Phillips Sousa band in 1928-29, He has been a member of the Stevens Point City Band for 45 years.

Stien directed a Stevens Point band in 1928-32 known as the "Starving Six". This group was well known for their weekly half hour radio show for the Meyer Drug Store on WLBL.

In the early 1930's the "Starving Six" along with several other musicians were hired by the manager of the Fox Theater to entertain the Saturday night shoppers in-between movie showings. Their "stage" was the top of the marquee, which they reached by crawling through a second story window.

New members are welcome. There is a special need for trumpet players. If you are interested, please contact the Portage County Commission on Aging.

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Grenadier Roster

Clell Stien – tuba

#Marge Jose – clarinet

Bonita Stien – clarinet

#Courtney “Tuck” Tucker – clarinet

Kathy Kawleski – trumpet, director

***Christine Rosner – cornet – director**

Joe Pfiffner – alto sax

#Mabel Schobert – trumpet

#Dorothy Ryan – sax

Tom Schulze – trombone, baritone

#Bill Nason – percussion

Yvonne Oksiuta – flute, bells, director

Terry Schulze – flute

***George Gard – cornet, french horn, baritone**

Mary Johnson – french horn

Lance Whitrock – baritone

Paul Christianson – trumpet

Al Marquart – all instruments

***Geary Larrick – percussion**

Tim Kellogg – trombone

Harold Klumpner – trumpet

***Judy Herrold – flute**

***Jan Seiler – flute**

***Maggie Liebl – clarinet**

***Joan Meeteer – clarinet**

***Sonja Peterson – clarinet**

***Bob Kitto – cornet**

***Jeff LaRose – cornet**

***Elaine Gard – alto horn**

***Lorraine Kresh – trombone**

***Jack Larsen – baritone**

***Bob Emrick – tenor sax**

***Megan Cylar – trumpet**

***Chad Ostrowski – tuba**

***Ella Wisniewshi – percussion**

***present members**

***Deceased members**

#Art Fritschel – flute, director

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Carl Manns – clarinet

#Arno Timm – trumpet

#Bob Slater – trombone

#Juanita Tomezek – tenor sax

Charley Justmann – trombone

John Johnson – trumpet

#Stratton Martin – baritone

***Patti Hoppa – alto sax, percussion**

***Wally Ives – trumpet**

Norm Myers – percussion

Tim Trepto – sax

Paula Gruentzel – baritone

Clark Crandall – reeds

***Present members**

#Deceased members

Chad Ostrowski*****Tuba*****

Chad began playing trombone at age 12. He learned quickly and while in seventh grade he could join the eighth grade band. Next year, his parents could no longer afford the rent on the trombone. His teacher found a solution for the problem. Chad was sent to the practice room with a baritone, and a study book for his class lesson that week. He was happy when his parents bought the trombone that following week.

Two years later in tenth grade, he had another problem. There were three trombones and no tuba in the band. There he was, back again to teach himself another new instrument—the tuba. He now had found his “calling” that of a tuba player. During his high school years he not only learned to play tuba but found how much fun it was marching in a band and playing a sousaphone.

Chad noticed an ad in the newspaper announcing auditions for the Stevens Point City Band. He auditioned and made second chair of two tubas.

When he graduated from high school, he realized one of his favorite pastimes was performing music. He continued with the city band and enjoyed meeting many good people. Kathy Kawleski and Jack Larsen asked him to substitute a few times in the Grenadiers, and later asked him to join the group. He felt he would have to fill some big shoes.

Chad enjoys playing in a band with great people who are great players, and enjoys the camaraderie at rehearsals and concerts.

Chad lives in Stevens Point and is a chef at Springville Wharf Restaurant at Plover.

Clell Stien*****TUBA*****

Clell began playing the Eb tuba while in eighth grade. It was the instrument of his choice because there was no money to buy or rent another type of instrument. While he was in eighth grade at Emerson School he played in the high school band. Later he switched to BBb bass while in high school. It was there that he organized and managed the Stien's Starving Six German Band. Their "gigs" were much like those of the present Grenadiers. They included a weekly program over radio station WLBL and on the marquee of the Fox Theater on Friday nights. He also played with the John Gazus Polka Band and, of course, in the Stevens Point City Band.

Then it was off to the University of Pennsylvania for new schedules and experiences. While there he played in two dance bands -- the Penn Ambassadors, (a campus band), and the Philavanians, an off-campus group.

Clell said he never became a pro but managed to get by. He made many friends and had a lot of fun.

Over the years, Clell has contributed many hours as music librarian and arranging dates for appearances by the Grenadiers.

At one time Clell was co-owner of a Christmas tree plantation and spent many hours with that business.

He and his wife Bonnie, also a former Grenadier, live in Stevens Point and have three sons and two daughters. Two of their sons are medical doctors as are four of the grandchildren. They all learned to play piano and three of the children learned to play snare drums, flute and clarinet. There are seventeen grandchildren of whom only three are girls. They are all very much involved in sports; however they have two flute players, a cello player, a saxophone player and three classical guitar players.

Jack Larsen*****BARITONE HORN*****

Jack's instrument was trumpet, which he played in band and orchestra from fifth through twelfth grades in Owen. He also played in a dance band, a poika band, and in The Atomic Trio. While at UW—Madison, he played in the summer band.

Jack's beginning with the Grenadiers band is a bit different from some of the histories. As he approached retirement from UWSP, he was often asked about future plans. Among many activities, he invariably mentioned he would like to play baritone horn (treble clef) in the Grenadiers, a group he had heard about.

One of the persons to whom he mentioned playing baritone was Cheryl Kawleski, who worked with him. One day when he arrived at his office, he found his desk chair occupied by a large music case containing a baritone horn, along with practice books and many pieces of music. He knew now the "jig was up," and he had to practice what he had been talking about.

Cheryl is the sister of Kathy Kawleski, who was then the lead trumpet player and leader of the Grenadiers. Kathy is the band director at Rosholt High School and kindly arranged for a baritone and music to magically appear in Jack's office. Thank you, Kathy!

After forty-some years away from his music, Jack joined the Grenadiers. He found the first year or two presented some real challenges, requiring much practice and a great deal of patience on the part of the band. He is extremely grateful for their acceptance, understanding and encouragement.

Eventually he purchased a baritone horn and continues to practice. Now, after seven or so years, he feels he is a full member of the band. Most important of all, he is having a lot of fun.

Jack's interest in the band doesn't take all of his time, as he also does some volunteer work and has many hobbies. He wrote the music for "The Grenadiers Band March." He writes poetry and enjoys woodcarving and snowshoeing. He makes maple syrup and does some hunting. When not busy with his hobbies, he and his wife enjoy traveling.

Jack and his wife, Ann, have six children, and they all play the piano and/or other musical instruments. There are 11 grandchildren, most of whom also play musical instruments.

George Gard*****BARITONE TROMBONE*****

George, in fourth grade, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota started learning cornet. He played with the band, orchestra and the Fergus Falls Civic Orchestra during his school years.

After high school graduation in 1951 he continued in Civic Orchestra and played in a dance band. Needless to say he also had a day job.

In 1951-53 George, like many other local men, was involved in the Korean War, a member of the Army.

Then he married Elaine, who along with the GI Bill, put him through NDSU in Fargo, North Dakota. He played in the college band under the director Bill Euren.

During the years of 1957 through 1962, he and Elaine lived in three states: Northern Minnesota, Western North Dakota and Upper Michigan. There was no time then for playing.

They were back in Fergus Falls with the Civic Orchestra in 1962-1973. It was then that George switched to French horn.

When arriving in Stevens Point in 1973-1982 there was no playing at all. It is interesting to note in many musicians' lives there were times when it was impossible to pursue their musical interests while raising families or due to pressures of professions.

Now since 1982 with the Grenadiers, George admits it has been the most fun he's ever had playing. He started with trumpet, then French horn, switched to euphonium and then to valve trombone.

George has not limited his interest to music only. He has done peer counseling and is interested in visual arts. His artistic endeavors include beautiful paintings and excellent sculptures. Natural history and nature-related items are important to George and are influenced by his college major, zoology.

George and his wife, Elaine, also a Grenadier member, live in Stevens Point.

Lorraine Kresh***TROMBONE*******

Lorraine says her music began because her Dad played trombone. He played in the Shrine Band and Stevens Point City Band.

Lorraine began playing when she was in seventh grade.

Lorraine worked at Sentry and also for the Police Department. When she was retired at the end of 1994 she decided she needed something to do. Reading, computer and traveling didn't seem to make her retirement complete. She still is occasionally employed as a bailiff but there was something lacking. She decided that as long as she had played trombone in grade school and high school she needed her music again. She had really enjoyed playing and thought it would be fun to begin playing her trombone again.

She had heard of the Grenadiers and decided to go to one of the rehearsals to inquire about sitting in and finding out if she could still play. Well, she's still sitting in and trying and loves being a part of the great group. It has been a lot of fun. She is a dedicated member and always attends rehearsals and concerts

Even now with her music, she still enjoys her hobbies that include the computer, reading and traveling.

Lorraine and her husband, Frank, live in Stevens Point. They have three grown children.

Robert Emrick***TENOR SAXOPHONE*******

Bob began his music career in fifth grade when he took piano lessons. After three years he quit piano lessons so that he could learn to play clarinet. When in junior high school he also learned to play saxophone. He played in the Fort Atkinson High School band and dance orchestra. The orchestra played Youth Council dances and dances for neighboring high schools.

In 1946 after graduation he enlisted in the Marine Corps and was stationed at Paris Island. After boot camp he was sent to field music school to learn to be a bugler. After two weeks, they learned he played piano and wanted him for the dance band. The Marine Band Staff Sgt. said he should play sax instead and thus Bob became a member of the newly organized 2nd Marine Division Band at Camp Lejeune. For a year and a half he played guard mounts, parades, concerts and "Raised the Colors".

The Marine Corps League had a convention in Miami, Florida where the band paraded the troops into the Orange Bowl and later played for a beauty pageant in the Bowl. At Wilson, North Carolina they marched in the Tobacco Festive Parade.

After being discharged in 1949 he joined the Jefferson American Legion Band and was a member for over 40 years. During that time he played in various dance bands –Mello Tones Trio, Fort Mello Winds Dance Orchestra and other groups. He was a member of the Fort Atkinson City Band for over 35 years.

In 1950 he was recalled into the Marines during the Korean War. He was then an instructor for retraining reservists who were recalled to active duty in Korea.

Bob moved to Stevens Point in 1998 and joined the Grenadiers. He enjoys being able to continue his music hobby. Since moving to Point he has been able to enjoy his role of grandfather to his six grandchildren and also has time to play organ, piano, do some gardening, play cards often and attend theater and concerts.

He and his wife Bonnie, have two children – Dale Emrick and Luanne LaRose, who live in Plover. They too are musicians – Dale plays oboe and is band director at Ben Franklin Jr. High. Luanne plays clarinet. Their son-in-law Jeffrey LaRose plays trumpet with the Grenadiers and is a band director at Nekoosa. The grandchildren are experiencing music lessons too. Justin plays saxophone and guitar, David, Elizabeth and Timothy all take piano; Stephen would like to play drums and so far Caitlyn hasn't decided, but likes the ~~flute~~. *Tuba*

Patti Hoppa*****Saxophone / Percussion*****

Patti began her music career in 1988 when in fifth grade by learning clarinet. She really wanted to play the French horn but her band teacher gave the last available instrument to another student. The following year she switched to alto saxophone. In eighth grade she started fiddling around with her younger sister's flute, and by the time she was in ninth grade she was a self-taught flute player, along with sax.

While in high school Patti played alto, tenor and baritone saxophones. In tenth grade she taught herself oboe, horn and tuba. It was then in 11th grade she began playing with the Grenadiers. In her junior year she learned to transpose music and still loves to do it. She had a working knowledge of the flute, clarinet, horn, trombone, tuba and percussion by her senior year.

In her junior year, she began playing with the Grenadiers. She is currently a drum player with the band.

Since 1994 she also enjoyed playing with the Stevens Point City Band. She became a board member in 2003.

Patti, who says, "music is my life", considers her main hobby to be going back to Rosholt School to help her former band director Kathy Kawleski. She credits Kathy for her passion for the music that she now enjoys.

She collects classical/jazz music and composes in her spare time.

A resident of Shantytown, she has been employed as point of sale supervisor at Mills Fleet Farm for the past seven years. She also works part-time in the mail department at Eastbay.

Elaine Gard***ALTO HORN*******

Elaine has a solid foundation in music experience, beginning in grade three on the violin. In her sophomore year she earned the position of first chair violin in the orchestra. As a senior, she was chosen as a member of the all-state orchestra that presented a concert in St. Paul during the State Teachers Convention. She was also a member of the civic orchestra in her community of Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

Elaine's other musical experiences included piano, E-flat alto horn and high school choir. During her elementary school years she had a few years of piano lessons, which gave her a fine foundation for reading music and playing instruments.

As a junior, Elaine had the opportunity to play E-flat alto horn, but only with the condition that she take violin lessons from the orchestra director. He was also the band director, so she had the opportunity to participate in concert, marching and pep bands.

After many years of being away from participating in music groups she was fortunate to find an alto horn. It enabled her to once more play and enjoy a wide variety of music with a great group of fellow musicians. The band needed what Clell called the "peck horn". She has enjoyed playing with the Grenadiers since about 1989.

Elaine's interests are not limited to music. She enjoys sewing and has had for sale at the Holly Shoppe her decorative rag dolls and children's teddy bears. Her latest challenge and interest is in leather craft and in designing tote bags. Elaine serves on the board for the Holly Shoppe.

Elaine and her husband George (also a Grenadier) who live in Stevens Point have two daughters and a son and nine grandchildren.

Their children have all studied piano. They now have two granddaughters who are learning cornet and piano.

Judith A. Herrold*****Flute/Piccolo*****

Judy was born and raised in LaPorte, Indiana, where she began her music career at age six. There were excellent music programs in the public schools and she learned piano, trombone, and later flute and piccolo. Flute and piccolo have remained her favorite instruments.

She is a retired professor at UWSP and held joint appointments in the School of Health, Exercise, Science and Athletics and the School of Health Promotion and Human Development.

Judy has traveled to Europe and Asia and wants to travel to Russia and South America.

She has played in many groups including The LaPorte, Indiana City Band; Michigan City, Indiana Municipal Band; LaPorte County Symphony Orchestra; Indiana University Symphonic Band; Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra Stevens Point; Stevens Point City Band; and The Grenadiers. She is also past president of the board for the Stevens Point City Band.

Judy's hobbies include sailing, reading and small watercrafts.

She is enjoying her retirement and living in Stevens Point.

Jan Seiler*****Flute*****

Jan began her music education by learning piano at age eight. When she was eleven she learned to play flute in public school in Paris, Texas. Jan was first chair flute in the Texas All-State Band in her senior year of high school.

Although her principal instrument is flute, she also plays piccolo, recorder, soprano, alto and tenor. She participates in church choir, and is a member of Point in Time Early Music Consort.

She is professor of German at the University Wisconsin Stevens Point.

Jan enjoys reading and travel. She also enjoys languages and other cultures.

She and her husband, Mark, live in Stevens Point.

Joan Meeteer***CLARINET*******

Joan says that way back she was inspired and motivated by parents who could not play a note but wanted their children to learn music. She started piano lessons in first grade and continued through her junior year in high school. In the fifth grade she started playing the flute-a-phone and the next year took up the clarinet. She always enjoyed being in the band and learning to play piano. The pride shown on her parents' faces when she played for them was worth all her effort in learning to play well. There were times that her mother would let her out of doing the dishes so that Joan would practice piano.

She had many great music teachers for whom she is thankful: Mr. Howard J. Schuren, Sister Adeline and Mrs. Shirley Green. Most of all she thanks her parents for supporting and encouraging her musical efforts.

Joan never missed the instrument when raising her family, but later was glad for the opportunity to play. Sometime around the mid—late 1980's Dr. Arthur Fritschel, then retired, came into her office to visit Joan's co-worker, Lois Crick. Joan heard him talking about being in the Grenadiers Band. It sounded like a really good time and so she told him she'd like to play in it. The problem was, she didn't have an instrument.

Sometime soon after that she happened to be at a rummage sale where she was trying to sell instruments her kids had played in junior high. A man came to the sale and said he had a clarinet for sale. She didn't sell her violin, saxophone and trumpet as she had hoped, but instead ended up buying a clarinet.

Now at last she had the instrument and just needed to get the word from Art that she could come to practice. The band had a gig at the State Fair in Milwaukee and someone was unable to attend. The leader of the band, Clell Stien, said she could come to try out with the group and possibly go along to Milwaukee. She passed the test and had a great time playing at the fair and has had many wonderful times with the group.

Being in the company of so many good musicians has increased her enjoyment of music and motivated her to be the best she can be on her clarinet. She enjoys the variety of music that is played and also appreciates the opportunities to play in many places for such varied audiences. Thanks, Grenadiers.

Music doesn't take all of Joan's time as she also has other hobbies and interests. Traveling, golf, sewing, bicycling and reading give her many hours of enjoyment.

Joan and her husband Hal live in Stevens Point and have two sons and two daughters. They have seven grandchildren; a granddaughter studies violin and a grandson's learning piano.

Maggie (Knapstein) Liebl*****Clarinet*****

Born and raised in Stevens Point, Maggie started playing the clarinet during the summer before sixth grade. Even though she began lessons almost a year later than her classmates, she quickly became the first chair player when school resumed in the fall. During junior and senior high she studied privately, first with Eugenia Schuler and later with numerous professors at UW-Stevens Point. She played in both band and orchestra all through junior and senior high and in pit orchestra for high school musicals. Playing in the Wisconsin State Honors Orchestra was a fabulous experience for Maggie. During her senior year in high school she also played in the Wind Ensemble under the direction of Donald E. Greene. She graduated from the University in 1977 with a Bachelor of Music degree. She played in Stevens Point City Band for many years.

Maggie played clarinet with the Grenadiers as a sub in 1988, having been recruited by Art Fritschel. After that she was asked to become a regular member.

Maggie enjoys reading and cooking. She also loves to travel. She and her husband own a Beachcraft Bantanza aircraft that is parked at the Mosinee airport. Needless to say that gives her many opportunities to travel.

Maggie and Leo, her husband, live in Stevens Point and she is always available for rehearsals and concerts and enjoys her place in the Grenadiers.

Sonja Peterson*****Clarinet*****

Sonja Sunnie Peterson began playing clarinet in sixth grade. She had a few piano lessons. Sunnie began playing her church organ when she was a sophomore in high school, continuing for about twenty years.

Sunnie didn't play her clarinet for 35 years. When she decided she wanted to play again, she asked the high school band director to have her clarinet corked and repadded. He told her to make a lamp out of it! Her electrician son-in-law made it into a lamp for her. She bought a new clarinet that she played with the Grenadiers, as well as with the Waupaca City Summer Band.

She retired from the Safety Department at H.O. Wolding, Inc. Now she has more time for her grandchildren and hobbies. Reading, working in the yard, refinishing furniture, eating out with friends, and walking are some of the things she enjoys doing.

She and her husband Allen have five children— Scott (wife Ann), Todd (wife Sherry), Cheryl (husband Mike) Susan (husband Randy) and Dale (wife Shaina). All of their children played in the school band. They have twelve grandchildren, ages 14 down to 3. So far two of them play instruments and one plays violin.

Bonnie Newby Stien***CLARINET*******

Bonnie was a clarinet player in the original band that later became the Grenadiers. They started with just five people. She played the trumpet music because Courtney Tucker, known locally for having played in John Phillip Sousa's band, was the clarinet player.

Bonnie tells us she started her music career as a freshman in high school in Stevens Point and loved it! She continued through high school and then at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point under Peter Michelson.

After graduation she became the band director at Boyceville, Wisconsin. She took her band to state tournaments and marched with them to be judged. She had a senior and a junior band at the school and taught all the instruments.

After teaching for two years she married Clell Stien and moved to Chicago to live.

Over the years she kept her clarinet handy and played often. She led small groups in orchestra and band music so her instrument did not become neglected.

Bonnie played with Clell's German Band at fairs, picnics and also with Stevens Point City Band. Special memories are the good times at band tournaments and university trips to advertise the music program at school.

The Grenadiers are a diverse group but all enjoy the type of music they play—especially "Stardust" and other selections arranged for them by their director at the time, Art Fritschel.

There continues to be a need for music lovers to play the old marches and popular tunes and a place where all blend into one group with one interest.

There are many other activities that keep Bonnie busy besides her music. Now in her retirement she enjoys reading. In the past she was an avid golfer and enjoyed curling.

Bonnie lives with her husband, Clell, in Stevens Point.

Kathryn Kawleski*****Trumpet*****

Kathy began playing trumpet at McKinley Grade School in Stevens Point when she was in fifth grade. She now holds a Bachelor's Degree in Instrumental Music Education. Since 1985 she has been the band director (grades 5-12) for Rosholt Public Schools.

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Bob Kitto***TRUMPET*******

Bob began his musical career in the high school band in 1940-1943 and in 1943 the band placed first in the State High School Tournament. Then in the years of 1943 to 1945 he had no music experiences as he was in the Navy. Following that, he attended Michigan State, graduating in 1950.

He was in Madison during the years of 1950-1987 as an administrator and teacher. His musical talents remained on hold until 1988 when he bought a cornet at a garage sale. For the next seven years he fooled around at home, practicing and playing the instrument.

While living in Florida in 1995 through 2002 he played with the Alley Cats. Since then, he has been playing with the Grenadiers. In addition to being the lead trumpet, he announces the program. He has thoroughly enjoyed playing for concerts and various performances.

In addition to his music Bob includes woodworking as a hobby.

He and his wife Lois, a retired Methodist minister, live in Stevens Point. Their combined family includes nine children who live throughout the country, some of whom live in the Madison area. Two children play trumpet and clarinet and two of the grandchildren play violin and cello.

Jeffrey LaRose*****Trumpet*****

Jeff began playing trumpet when he was in fifth grade at Washington Elementary School. He continued to play in various bands during his high school career and continued in college. He attended the University of Stevens Point and graduated in 1981 with a degree in Music Education.

He was co-principal trumpet in the Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra from 1979 – 1999. Jeff also played in the Stevens Point City Band during the 1971 –1981 period.

His music profession has afforded him the position of instrumental music teacher for grades six – eight in Nekoosa.

Jeff is married to the former Luanne Emrick and they live in Plover. Luanne plays clarinet and piano and does substitute teaching in the local school system.

They have four children who have learned to play instruments. David plays the piano, as do Elizabeth and Timothy. Stephen claims to be a future saxophonist.

Jeff says that raising four children is really more of a lifestyle than a hobby. He also enjoys reading, playing cards and board games, and listening to all types of music. He does some gardening and spends time with his children that include bike riding and fishing.

Chris Rozner***TRUMPET*******

Chris' music began at age two with her first solo, "You Are My Sunshine", taught to her by her daddy. Her mom told her she loved music from the day she was born, an interest encouraged by her parents. They took their hymnals and harmonized their favorite songs as they rode on long trips to visit her grandparents.

Chris took piano lessons for several years and in the fourth grade joined the band. Chris was part of the percussion section, but really had her eye on the flashy trumpets (not to mention the two good looking boys who played them). After a year she got her wish, and became a member of the trumpet section. She played first part through grade and high school.

In high school she joined the Milwaukee Lutheran Symphony Band. Doc Severinson of the Johnny Carson Tonight Show soloed with their group. Christy enjoyed playing trumpet and singing with her church choir during her high school and college years. While in college she majored in both instrumental and vocal music thus giving her the opportunity to play and sing in many musicals and operas.

Chris was a member of the First Brigade Civil War Band playing the original over-the-shoulder horns. She remembers riding on the big blue bus as they toured all over the Midwest.

Her music career continued as she gave private voice and instrumental lessons. She directed three church choirs. For a couple of years she held a high school choir position, directing the group in "The Messiah".

She took time off to be a Mom, and put her trumpet in a case for eight years. Marjorie Jose told her to take that trumpet out and work on it, which resulted in an invitation to join the Grenadiers about eight months after the group was organized. She has been a member ever since and has "loved it immensely".

Chris has begun playing again in church. She was a member of the Stevens Point City Band for a couple of years. She has played for Master Chorale and toured Washington D.C. and Europe as a choral member.

Throughout her lifetime, Chris says she has been greatly blessed with exciting musical opportunities with many dear friends whom she loves, including the Grenadiers, who are like family to her.

Chris lives with her husband Louie, and son Josh in Plainfield. She also has a grown son and daughter, Nathen and Kelly Cox.

Ella Wisniewski*****BASS DRUM*****

Ella grew up in a family of seven where there was lots of music. Her Mom played the piano and her Dad played harmonica. She learned from her siblings, as there were two clarinetists, a trombone player, three percussion players, and two baton twirlers, plus a choir member.

Ella began her musical career with the concert band at Lindblom High School, Chicago in 1946. The band played at many school functions, the biggest being football games; the school usually had a winning team. They sat on the 50-yard line and supplied the drum roll for the extra points and field goals, as well as the school victory march after each touchdown. At half-time there was a display of marching talents. At that time in Chicago, there were no school buses and it was necessary for each band member to get to rehearsals and events on public transportation. Ella's specialty was the bass drum; she had a harness-like sling to carry it and the cymbal. She would have to take at least two streetcars to get to the games, carting along all the necessities. The thing that amazes her today is that there were no problems. There were only good times had by all that she encountered, who must have thought it odd to have a girl, barely 5 feet tall, carrying around such an unusual lot. She played at many school events and had a bit of a problem with her snare drum playing due to not following the director. It resulted in the director throwing his baton at her which flew out an open window. He instructed her to go downstairs and pick it up for him. He cooled down, she said, while she was gone.

In her senior year, after responding to a newspaper ad, she participated in an All-Star Band that was organized for the College All-Star game at Soldier's Field. Ella also played with the Chicago Boys' Club Band at various events in Illinois. When the rehearsal area became rather dangerous, she could no longer commute to rehearsals.

When she graduated from high school, she thought that was the end of her band career. About 50 years later she had an opportunity to play during the Ben Franklin Jr. High School spring concert because one of the directors asked for senior citizens to join the band. She was thrilled to have the opportunity to drum again. Following the concert she felt sad, as she was once again a drummer without a band.

A few months later she received an invitation to try out with the Grenadiers and has been a faithful member ever since. She says she is happiest when she is part of a band.

She lives in Plover with her husband, Ray, who is a former policeman in Chicago. They have nine children who play French horn, flute, drums and saxophone. There are twenty-two grandchildren who range in age 28 to 1 year. Some of them play flute, trumpet and clarinet.

Geary Henderson Larrick*****Percussion*****

Geary, who is a professional musician, is a retired University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Assistant Professor of Music. He holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Percussion and Pedagogy from the University of Colorado, Boulder. He also has a Master of Music degree in Performance and Literature from Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester, New York. His Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education from Ohio State University, Columbus, was earned after graduating from high school in Cambridge, Ohio.

Geary's professional career before coming to Stevens Point included the following highlights: percussionist with the Columbus Symphony and later with the Baltimore Symphony, OSU Dormitory American Wind Symphony Orchestra, teacher in the Cambridge City Schools and percussionist with Muskingum College and graduate assistant at Eastman School.

He became an author, composer and music performer in 1985. He has published numerous books, articles and compositions, and is an honored member of Strathmore's Who's Who, 2003.

Geary wrote an arrangement for the "Grenadiers Band March", which made it possible for the Grenadiers to perform the march written for them. He continues to find time to participate with the Grenadiers at many of their concerts and functions.

Geary and his wife Lydia have a daughter, Sulina, and they live in Stevens Point.

Norman A. Myers*****Percussion*****

Norm began his music study at age eight when he learned violin. He continued with steel guitar at ten, followed by trumpet at age twelve. Drums became his interest at fourteen. Though violin was his first instrument, he finds drums to be his main music interest.

Norm is a retired minister and now has a new hobby remodeling old buildings.

He is married to Donna Dee and they have children who also have music interests. Debby sings and plays piano, Skip plays guitar and piano, Steve plays sax and piano, David is trumpeter and John plays drums. The boys have a group called "The Meyers Brothers" and have recorded six contemporary Christian music CDs. Donna and Norm have fifteen grandchildren who have all learned to play instruments.

Norm's musical background includes playing in scores of small bands and big band (swing music). He formed and led big bands in Pasadena, California, Denver, Colorado, Dayton, Ohio and Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Norm and his wife live in Stevens Point.

GRENADIERS BAND MARCH

Three years ago a member of the Grenadiers, Dr. John (Jack) Larsen composed a march for the band. Recently, Dr. Geary Larrick, a current member of the band, wrote an arrangement of the march.

Today, for this distinguished audience (Senior Olympics opening ceremony), we are pleased to present the inaugural performance of the Grenadiers Band March.

We wish to dedicate this piece to Clell and Bonnie Stien and to all original members of the Grenadiers, our 20th anniversary year.

Dated May 19, 2003

B^b Trumpet I

The Grenadiers Band March

J. Carlsen

Allegro

Handwritten musical score for B^b Trumpet I, measures 1 through 36. The score is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B^b). The tempo is marked "Allegro". The score includes measure numbers 1 through 36, with some measures grouped by brackets and labeled with letters A and B. The notation includes various note values, rests, and accidentals. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat signs.

measure 5

m. 9

m. 13

m. 17

m. 21

m. 25

m. 29

m. 33

m. 36

(A)

(B)

Arranged G. Carrick 2002

GRENADIERS SCHEDULE 2004

As of February 21, 2004

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Event</u>
February			
9	1:45 p.m.	River Pines	
10	11:25 a.m.	Lincoln Center	
March			
8	1:45 p.m.	River Pines	
9	11:25 a.m.	Lincoln Center	
14	1-4 p.m.	Moose Family Center	Community Friends Dance
April			
12	1:45 p.m.	River Pines	
13	11:25 a.m.	Lincoln Center	
16	9:30-10:30 a.m.	Lincoln Center	Get to the Point
May			
10	1:45 p.m.	River Pines	
11	11:25 a.m.	Lincoln Center	
24	8:15 a.m.	Lincoln Center (Note location)	Senior Olympics
June			
8	11:25 a.m.	Lincoln Center	
10	6:30-8 p.m.	Lions Camp, Rosholt	Dance for visually impaired
12		Plainfield	Thresheree
14	1:45 p.m.	River Pines	
17	7-8 p.m.	Springville Gazebo, Plover	Patriotic Concert
July			
12	1:45 p.m.	River Pines	
13	11:25 a.m.	Lincoln Center	
15	7-8 p.m.	Springville Gazebo	Patriotic Concert
August			
9	1:45 p.m.	River Pines	
10	11:25 a.m.	Lincoln Center	
19	7-8 p.m.	Springville Gazebo	Patriotic Concert
September			
13	1:45 p.m.	River Pines	
14	11:25 a.m.	Lincoln Center	
October			
2	1-2:30 p.m.	Plover VFW	Salute to Veterans
11	1:45 p.m.	River Pines	
12	11:25 a.m.	Lincoln Center	
November			
8	1:45 p.m.	River Pines	
9	11:25 a.m.	Lincoln Center	
December			
13	1:45 p.m.	River Pines	
14	11:25 a.m.	Lincoln Center	

JACK LARSEN, Phone 344-7327

Summer concert series focuses on patriotism

BY TRUDY STEWART
Journal staff

PLOVER — George Nugent makes it a rule to attend the monthly patriotic concerts performed by The Grenadiers Band each summer at the gazebo in Springville Pond Park.

"It's a very fine band," said Nugent of Plover, who is a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

But he also likes hearing what the speakers have to say about issues of importance to veterans. "I'm just interested to know what's going on," Nugent said. "The Veterans of Foreign Wars, which I belong to, is very active. It's nice to keep posted."

Nugent's post, Greater Plover Area VFW No. 10262, is one of the sponsors of the summer concerts, along with Plover American Legion Post 543 and the Marine Corps League.

Secretary John Scocos of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs kicked off the 2004 opening concert Thursday as the sun met the horizon on the humid spring evening.

Scocos talked about his recent trip to Washington, D.C., for the dedication of America's long-awaited National World War II Veterans Memorial. Many other ceremonies during this year's 60th anniversary of the D-Day invasion on June 6, 1944, also were dedicated to the more than 400,000 veterans who never came home from the World War II battlefields, including 4,000 from Wisconsin, he said.

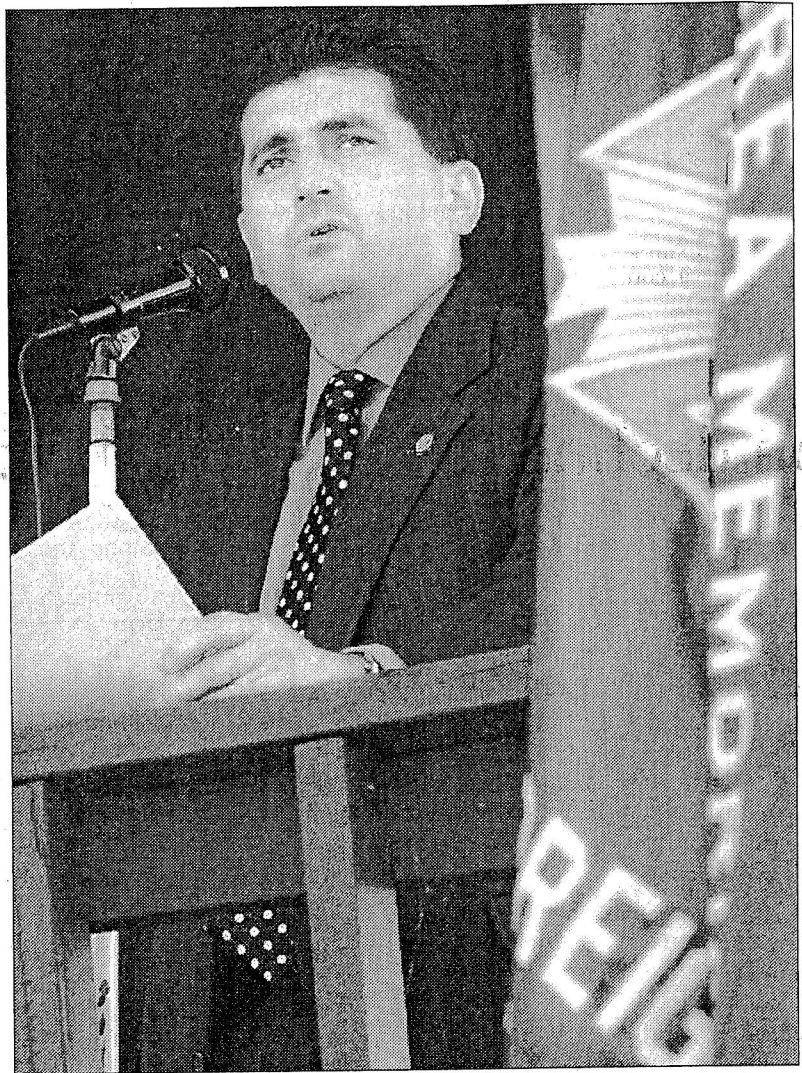
"On Memorial Day, we remember the cost of the freedom we enjoy," Scocos said. "With current events in the Middle East, many people across the country also have been reflecting on the loss of their friends, family and servicemen and women in Iraq and Afghanistan."

"We owe so much to countless heroes. We must ensure that their sacrifices are never forgotten."

Michael Wanserski also was concerned about the tendency of the nation and its politicians to forget their veterans during times of peace.

"They sing all kinds of glory songs during war," said Wanserski of Plover, a veteran of the Marine Corps during World War II. "Right now, the Veterans Administration is way under-budgeted, and the veterans hospitals are a shambles."

The concerts started about eight years ago as a way for the veterans organizations to do something for the community, said John Hanson, Plover, a World War II veteran of service with



THOMAS KUJAWSKI/Stevens Point Journal

SECRETARY JOHN SCOCOS of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs addresses the crowd Thursday at the concert in Springville Pond Park in Plover.

IF YOU GO

What: Patriotic band concerts

Who: The Grenadiers Band

When: 7 p.m. July 15 and Aug. 19

Where: The gazebo in Springville Pond Park

More Info: Featured speakers will be Commandant Bill Crowley of the Wisconsin Veterans Home, King, and Mike Clements, Portage County Veterans Service officer.

Concerts are free, and the public is welcome. Listeners should bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating.

the U.S. Army and member of the VFW and American Legion. "It puts our name out there, and the VFW and American Legion are here to help the community."

Plus it's a beautiful place to hold a concert, added Joyce Hanson, his wife. "People come up in boats and on

their bicycles to hear the band, and then we have people speak who have connections with the services," Joyce Hanson said.

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Lincoln Center German Band

July, 1983

Welcome to our circle of entertainers! We hope you will enjoy performing in the Talent Revue on Security Senior Day. We are looking forward to some fine entertainment and a fun filled day.

SPECIAL INFORMATION

PERFORMANCES: Friday, August 5, 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM at the Activity Dome Stage, State Fair Park, West Allis/Milwaukee, WI 53214. Your performance is scheduled from 1:30 pm - 2 pm. This was arranged earlier in a phone conversation.

EXPENSES: Each performer will be responsible for his/her transportation costs. Each act will receive a \$50.00 stipend at the end of the Fair. Tickets for anyone 60 years of age or over may be purchased at the gate for \$2.00 on Security Senior Day.

In July you will receive delivery permits and parking information. Please complete the attached form and return it by July 18, 1983.

Sincerely,

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR PARK

Ruth Fallon

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Coordinator Security Senior Day
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SECURITY SENIOR DAY INFORMATION

ACTIVITY DOME STAGE

To all Senior Performers:

Your delivery permits and a map of the fairgrounds indicating parking areas are enclosed. If you have not already ordered your tickets, special admission price at the gate for seniors is \$2.00 until 3:00 p.m.

To Park:

Enter Gate 1 (77th & Greenfield). If Gate 1 is closed for any reason, proceed north to Gate 9 (77th & Pierce) and enter grounds through this gate. Park in the infield indicated on map.

If large pieces of equipment are being brought in, enter Gate 5 (84th & Schlinger) and proceed to the Activity Dome Stage; deposit equipment in the designated area, and then drive to the parking lot. A delivery permit will be provided for those groups carrying equipment.

Your performance is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Please plan to allow sufficient time to unload equipment and change before your performance. There are many performers which sometimes leads to congestion behind the stage in the ramp area, so please be patient. We want you to allow plenty of time to perform and enjoy the entire fair.

There will be an emcee to announce your group for the performance. Please prepare a short introduction about yourself or your act and bring it with you on Security Senior Day. A volunteer will be stationed near the stage ramp and will take the introduction to the emcee at the proper time.

This year's schedule is a full one as usual. In order to move smoothly, we ask that you be ready to perform at least 10 minutes ahead of your scheduled time.

Sincerely,

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR PARK

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Security Senior Day Coordinator

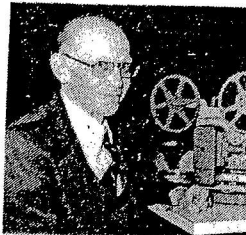
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Hotel Whiting's Special **POINT 126** **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

Monday and Tuesday, July 2 and 3
9:00 P.M.

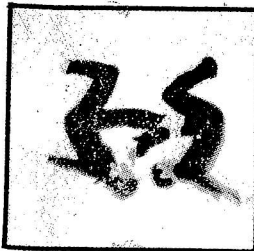
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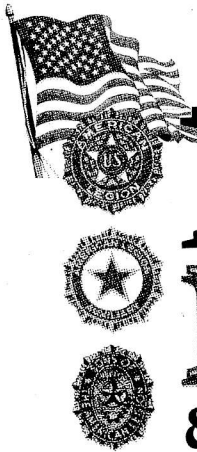
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Korean War Veterans Memorial Association of Wisconsin, Inc.

AN INVITATION

You are cordially invited to attend a **MEMORIAL CEREMONY and BAND CONCERT** in observance of the 51st anniversary of the July 27, 1953 historic signing of the Korean War Armistice and Ceasefire. Pay honor to those Wisconsinites who served and those who died in the "Forgotten War" – the war to preserve freedom for the South Korean people.

WHEN: Sunday, June 6, 2004. **Band Concert:** 10:30 a.m.
Ceremony: 11 am-12:30 p.m.

WHERE: The site of the **WISCONSIN KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL** at Plover, adjacent to I-39/US 51. **DIRECTIONS:** Take I-39/US 51 TO EXIT 153, then proceed west on County Highway B and take first left leading into large parking lot. Park vehicle and proceed on foot on pathway into wooded Worzella Pines Park to seating area.

TIP: Bleacher seating is limited so you are advised to bring along a folding chair, a sun hat, a bottle of water and perhaps an umbrella. Food and beverages will be sold in the park. Portable toilets will be available and EMS personnel will be on standby. **ALL ORGANIZATION COLOR GUARDS ARE WELCOME!**
Be there by 10 a.m.

A **HALF HOUR CONCERT** (10:30 a.m.) will be performed by the **GRENADIERS BAND OF PLOVER** – A GROUP OF ACCLAIMED COMMUNITY MUSICIANS, WELL-KNOWN IN CENTRAL WISCONSIN.

THE 51st ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM WILL BEGIN AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK AND WILL LAST APPROXIMATELY AN HOUR.

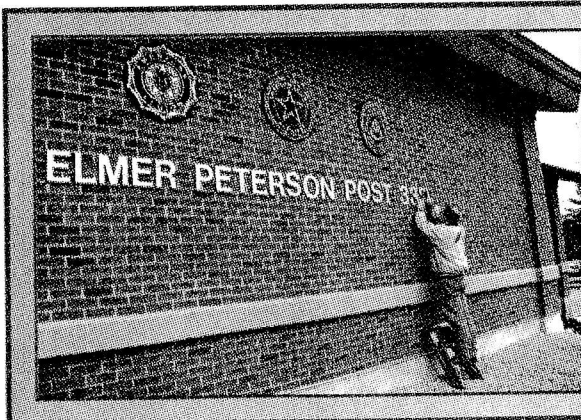


BOYS STATE TAKES OVER RIPON COLLEGE

63rd session starts June 12th

The 63rd Session of Badger Boys State on Ripon College campus will be in session beginning Saturday June 12th and runs until Saturday June 19th. The staff is anticipating nearly 900 young men to attend the 2004 session. The highlight of the week will be inauguration of the 2004 state officials on June 17th at 7:15 pm. Everyone is invited to attend any of the sessions, with the Thursday evening program being the culmination of a very exciting and educational week.

Follow the daily happenings at *Badger Boys State*, updated nightly, at www.badgerboysstate.com. Check out the web to see how your sponsored students are doing throughout the election process.



ELMER PETERSON POST 333

A worker puts the finishing touches on the lettering outside the new Elmer Peterson Post 333 of Sun Prairie. The new million-dollar, state-of-the-art facility will be dedicated on June 5th in a program beginning at 3 p.m. The Post is at 137 S. Bristol St. and features meeting rooms, a museum, full kitchen and dining area, and storage for the Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion.