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Chris Gehrke (L) presents Rachel Hansen with a check and certificate for her winning entry in the Patriotic Art contest.

Auxiliary awards check for Patriotic Art contest

by Matt Klos

The Ladies Auxiliary Young American Creative Patriotic Art Scholarship Contest winner from Post 5040 for 2004-2005 is Rachel Hansen.

Rachel, age 18, is a Senior at Woodstock High School. She submitted a mounted pencil drawing (9" x 12") for the scholarship contest.

On her entry form, a brief explanation of patriotism expressed in art is given in her own words, "Every soldier takes the oath to serve their country. For those who don't understand what they fight for, this is an explanation. Our country is blessed to have such protectors."

Rachel plans to attend college in the fall and wants to major in High School Education or Accounting. She plans to attend Carroll College which is located in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Chris Gehrke, Ladies Auxiliary Secretary and Youth Activities Chairman, presented a \$50.00 check to Rachel for her winning entry. Rachel's drawing now moves on to District judging.

The Young American Creative Patriotic Art Scholarship Contest is sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary and is open to students in grades 9, 10, 11, or 12. First, second and third place prizes are scholarships in the amounts of \$10,000, \$5,000, and \$2,500 respectively.

Soup to Nuts sale results

by Donna Freeman

The annual Soup to Nuts sale was once again a great success for the Post. Total sales for the two day event on May 6th and 7th brought in \$1,525.43.

Russ and Donna Freeman would like to thank all the people that helped with the Soup to Nuts sale. It takes a lot of work to put on this sale and we had a lot of help to make it a success.

A special thanks to Pat and Bob Gaylord, Ralph and Pat Ritter, Jim Reece, Chris Merrell, Kelly Gorham and Scott Ling who helped with the picking up and disposing of some unusable items.

Thanks also for those that helped selling: Jack Fish, Anita and Don Sword, Larry Dhom, Bob Gibson, Nick Stemper, Anna Mae Webber, Bill Lyford, Irene Gaylord, Ruth Gehrke, Margaret Webb, Harriet Pope, Viola Brown, Ed Lange, Chuck Mathey, Howard Engstrom, Dorthea and Wally Thomas, Jim and Sally Shoemaker along with Caroline Stolzke.

We are waiting for some ideas on how to spend the money for use at the Post. Thanks again for the help. See you next year for another sale on May 12th and 13th, 2006. In the meantime, keep saving those treasures for us to sell.

Congratulations to our newly elected VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Officers

Listed on page 2, the 2005-2006 VFW Post 5040 and Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 5040 officers are listed. Congratulations to all those elected and appointed!

Some of you are taking a position in leadership for the first time and we wish you the best of luck in the coming year. Others of you are returning for another year in a leadership position, possibly in a new role or the same role as last year. We wish you the best of luck as well, hopefully passing on knowledge you learned from last year to some of the "newer" people who were elected.

Installation of VFW Post 5040 officers will take place on Sunday, May 29th. Installation of the Ladies Auxiliary officers will take place on Thursday, June 2nd at the normal Auxiliary meeting. Due to a timing issue and conflicting events, the installation of the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary are taking place on different dates.

Again, congratulations and best of luck in 2005-2006!

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†††††††††† Chaplains Report ††††††††††

By Howard Engstrom

During this coming Memorial Day weekend, let us remember to pray for the families of the comrades who made the supreme sacrifice for our freedom. We should also pray for our nation to have wisdom & strength to meet the challenges before us and to do what is right so that we will have peace in our world. May God bless our country. Amen.

Personal Visits

- Joe Thiede - Hospital
- Don Smith - Hospital
- Don O'Rourke - Hospital

Draped Charter

(May Meeting)

- Jerald Kehe
- Daniel Kennebeck

Cards and Phone Visits

- Bob Loomis
- Joe Thiede
- Don Smith
- Bud Pflug
- Wilber Kiefer

Ladies Auxiliary - from the President

By Nyda Fogarty, President 2005-2006

I want to thank all the ladies who furnished pies for the Memorial Day Dinner and who baked something for the Bake Sale the Auxiliary held at the Soup to Nuts Sale. The bake sale brought in \$115.00

The end of this year is approaching soon with the Department convention in Peoria held on the last weekend in June. Carolyn Gratz of Antioch who was a previous 5th District President will be taking the office once again.

A number of members who have not paid their dues this past year will lose their membership soon and also their cancer insurance that the Auxiliary pays for. The insurance pays a benefit per day of hospital confinement and also a grant is paid to you from National if you have cancer surgery. I think yearly dues of \$15.00 is an insignificant price to pay for this benefit alone.

Members who have not paid their dues: Charlotte Davis, Sally Shoemaker, Florence Nolan, Jeanette Walters, Judith Bennetts, Elwanda Ebel, Evelyn Hoey, Patricia Nelson, Mary Carpenter, Bernice Kolberg, Blanche Stebbins, Beulah Polnow.

June 30th is the end of our year. Chris Gehrke will be the installing officer for our 2005-2006 Auxiliary officers at the June 2nd monthly meeting.

Nyda Fogarty

Please remember these dates

- May 26 to June 1 -**Moving Wall** (Vietnam Veterans Memorial) will be on the Woodstock Square from **May 26th to June 1st**.
- May 27 - **7 pm**, the opening ceremony for the wall will take place.
- May 29 - **VFW Post 5040 Officer** installation. Sunday night (possibly 5? or 6? pm)
- May 30 - **Memorial Day Ceremony** on the Square. 10 am program start on Woodstock Square, 11 am parade, 12 pm Ham lunch at the Post (\$7.00 adults). We need 40 pies for desert, so if you can, please bring one.
- June 2 - **Ladies Auxiliary Officer** installation.
- June 23 to 26 - VFW and Ladies Auxiliary **State Convention** in Peoria, Illinois.

Wednesday night dinner buffet will be discontinued after June 8, 2005

Due to financial constraints and lack of attendance, the Wednesday night buffet will no longer be offered. We thank all of you that have supported the post through this dinner and thank you for your patronage. **The last buffet will be served on June 8th.**

The Friday night fish fry will continue to be served as usual.

June 2005

☆☆☆☆☆☆ Post Normal Operating Hours (unless noted otherwise) ☆☆☆☆☆☆

Closed	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Installation of VFW Post Officers Time TBA Moving Wall	30 Memorial Day Memorial Day Observed 10 am Ceremony on Woodstock Square 11 am Parade 12 pm Lunch at Post	31 Dirtt Group 7 pm (Vietnam Memorial) On Woodstock Square	1 Chicken and Ribs and Special 5 - 8 pm	2 VFW Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 pm (Installation of Officers for Auxiliary)	3 Fish Fry / Salad Bar 5 - 8 pm	4
5	6 Woodstock Memorial Day Committee 7 pm Little League 7 pm	7 Dirtt Group 7 pm	8 Cub Scouts - ?? Pm Chicken and Ribs and Special 5 - 8 pm	9	10 Fish Fry / Salad Bar 5 - 8 pm	11
12	13 American Legion 7:30 pm	14 VFW Board Mtg. 7 pm Dirtt Group 7 pm	15 Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County 7:30 pm	16 Marines 7 pm Marines Auxiliary 7 pm	17 Fish Fry / Salad Bar 5 - 8 pm	18
19	20 VFW Meeting 7:30 pm VFW Pre-Meeting Dinner (VFW Members Only) 6:30 pm Deadline for July 2005 VFW News items	21 Dirtt Group 7 pm Jaycees 7 pm	22	23	24 Fish Fry / Salad Bar 5 - 8 pm	25
26	27 Girls Softball ?? pm	28 Dirtt Group 7 pm	29	30	1 Fish Fry / Salad Bar 5 - 8 pm	2



From the editors desk By Matt Klos, VFW News Editor

I apologize now for such a short issue comrades. I wanted to get this issue out as soon as possible to remind you of some of the dates and events that are taking place in and around Woodstock during Memorial Day. Before I knew it, the month was already ending and I don't even know if this issue will get to you on time to be aware of the dates. On other news, some of you might be interested to know that the VFW website now has a search engine that will search the past 2 years worth of *VFW News* issues as well as anything else on the website. This might be kind of handy if you were looking for something or someone in particular from a past issue. Also, on the Post History web page, I put a copy of the 1996 issue of the *VFW News* that Don Peasley produced for the 50th anniversary of the post. It's a large download, but this was such a good issue I wanted people to have access to it. I hope to have a better issue next month to celebrate the *VFW News'* 50th anniversary. I have a lot of work ahead of me for the next issue and a lot to report on. Wish me luck in getting this next issue out.

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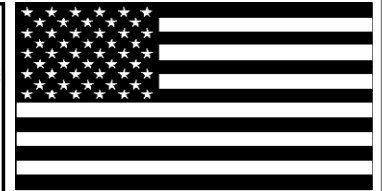
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