

the collection of Red Kerr upon his passing.

"The stories behind the items," he said, are the most interesting part of a collection. "How did you come to have them?" is a question Osacky likes to ask.

"I have been able to meet so many interesting people through collecting cards," Osacky said. "I am always amazed at the cards found in people's attics."

Through his endeavors Osacky excitedly recalled being introduced to Walter Payton, whom he described as "very nice," and discussing with Bob Sellers his time in the Navy.

In his experience, one of the most disheartening things in the sports memorabilia arena is the prevalence of baseball card reprints. Osacky explained that many were done in the 1980s of vintage 1950s cards. They are typically identifiable by a notation, usually on the back in small letters, which says "collector's series."

Collectors are still sometimes fooled by these cards.

Another tip-off of a re-print card, Osacky said, is inclusion of information about a player's career in the past tense.

Of all the items Osacky has possessed the most special to him is still the first shoebox of baseball cards from his grandfather; which, he recalled, was really a vast collection with almost 900 cards.

Though based in Chicago, Illinois, Osacky travels throughout the Midwest and United States based on requests and referrals; recently he was in Vail.

"I probably go to Iowa at least every few months," Osacky said. For more information about Osacky or Baseball in the Attic, see www.baseballintheattic.com.

ment.

"Family mediation is different than legal mediation," Fox explained. "We don't decide who is right and who is wrong. What we do is we bring the two parties together...and come to an agreement so the children can see the two parties, each parent." The agreement, Fox con-

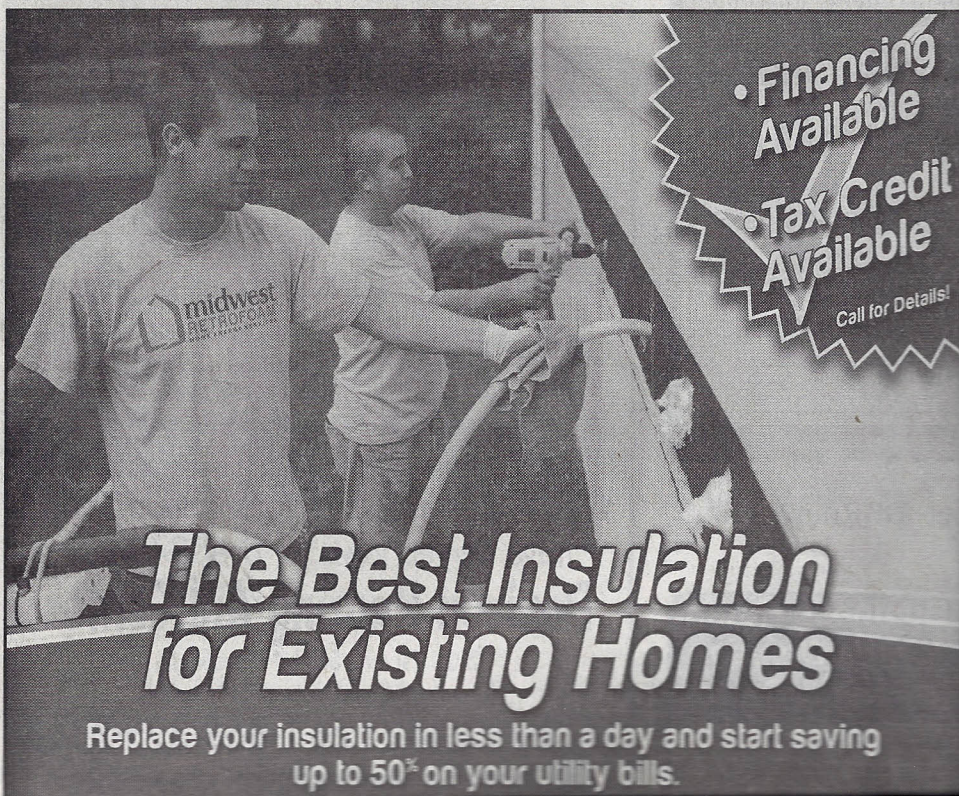
A history

Boys Town has for more than 100 years provided in-home family services. It has served more than 500 families.

"When families are torn apart by neglect or maltreatment we go in and help them. We can keep that family together and get them back home," said Brian F. Fox, director.

In-home services are provided by the Iowa Department of Human Services in instances of family violence.

Services include teaching parents effective parenting and linking them to community resources, help with playing, help model parenting.



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