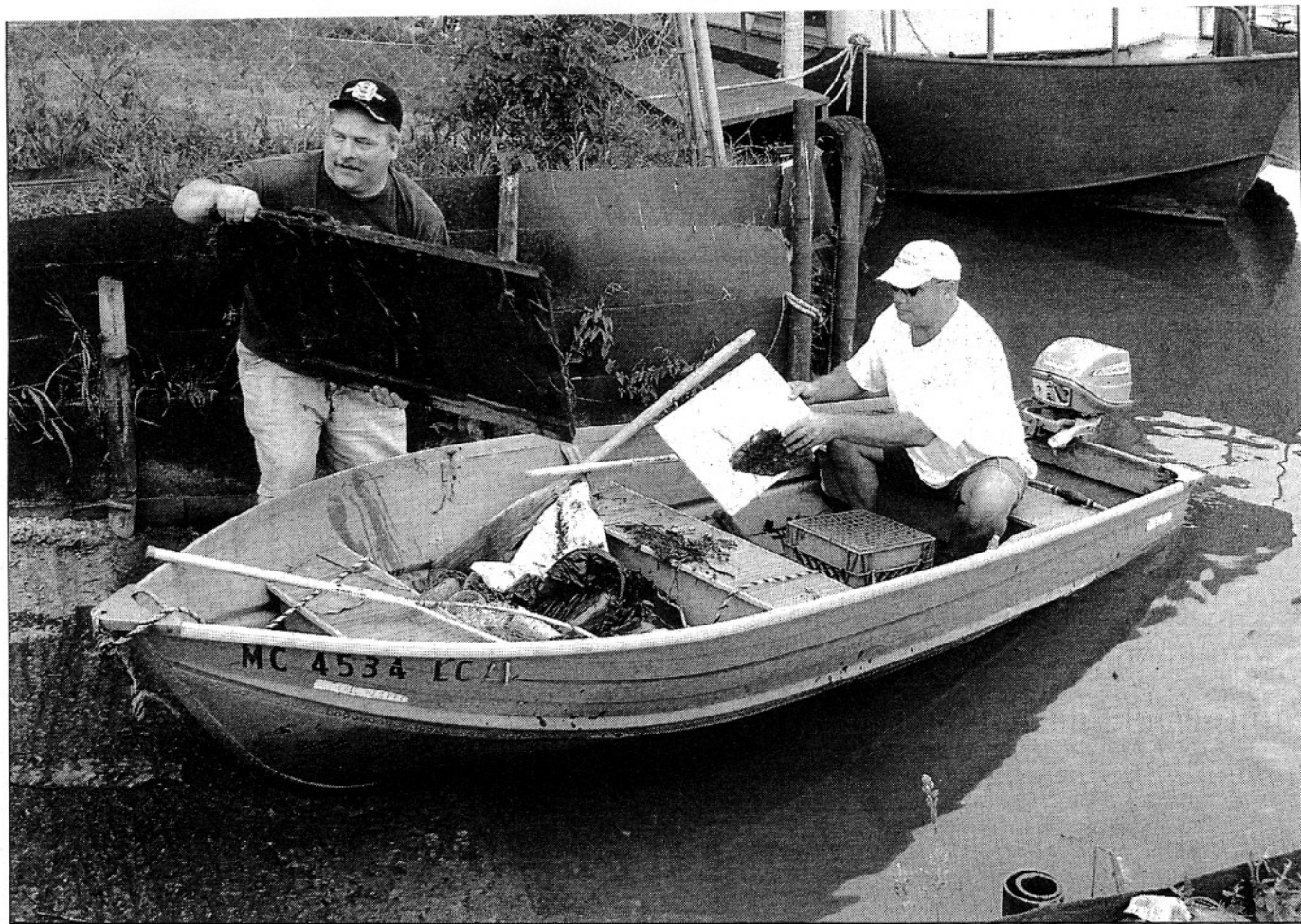


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Dave Millar (left), chief of the Estral Beach Volunteer Fire Department, prepares to toss debris, which was removed from Swan Creek during a communitywide cleanup last week, on the shoreline. Village resident Carl Frank (sitting) assisted in the cleanup.

Volunteers clean up mouth of Swan Creek

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More than 25 people cleaned up the mouth of Swan Creek in Newport last week.

The area cleared was bounded by the Fermi 2 nuclear plant shoreline on the west and the Brancheau Drain on the east, said Danny Swindle, one of the organizers of the cleanup.

Volunteers removed from the stream and the shoreline 11 car tires, three truck tires, numerous bags of trash, a refrigerator, a bowling ball and other unidentifiable objects.

The main launch was from the south boat ramp in the village, which is where the trash was collected in two trailers. Another resident along the creek brought his personal truck loaded with junk back to the village to be dumped, Mr. Swindle said.

"We crammed as much trash as we could into the dumpster," he said



Volunteers pulled 14 tires from Swan Creek in Newport, along with a refrigerator, a bowling ball and enough trash to fill numerous bags during a cleanup organized last weekend. Various companies donated to the effort.

Monday. "The rest of the bagged trash was scattered between the volunteers' homes for normal trash pickup."

Mr. Swindle said he is working with Jamie Dean, Monroe County's solid waste coordinator, to dispose of the tires.

Among those taking part in the cleanup were village residents and people living along Swan Creek,

volunteer firefighters from Estral Beach and employees and retirees of DTE Energy who run the power plant. A dinner was held at the village hall afterward for the volunteers.

The following companies donated to the effort: Kroger, DTE Green Team, RAND Environmental, Energy Solutions, Bartlett Nuclear and Sargent & Lundy Engineers.

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