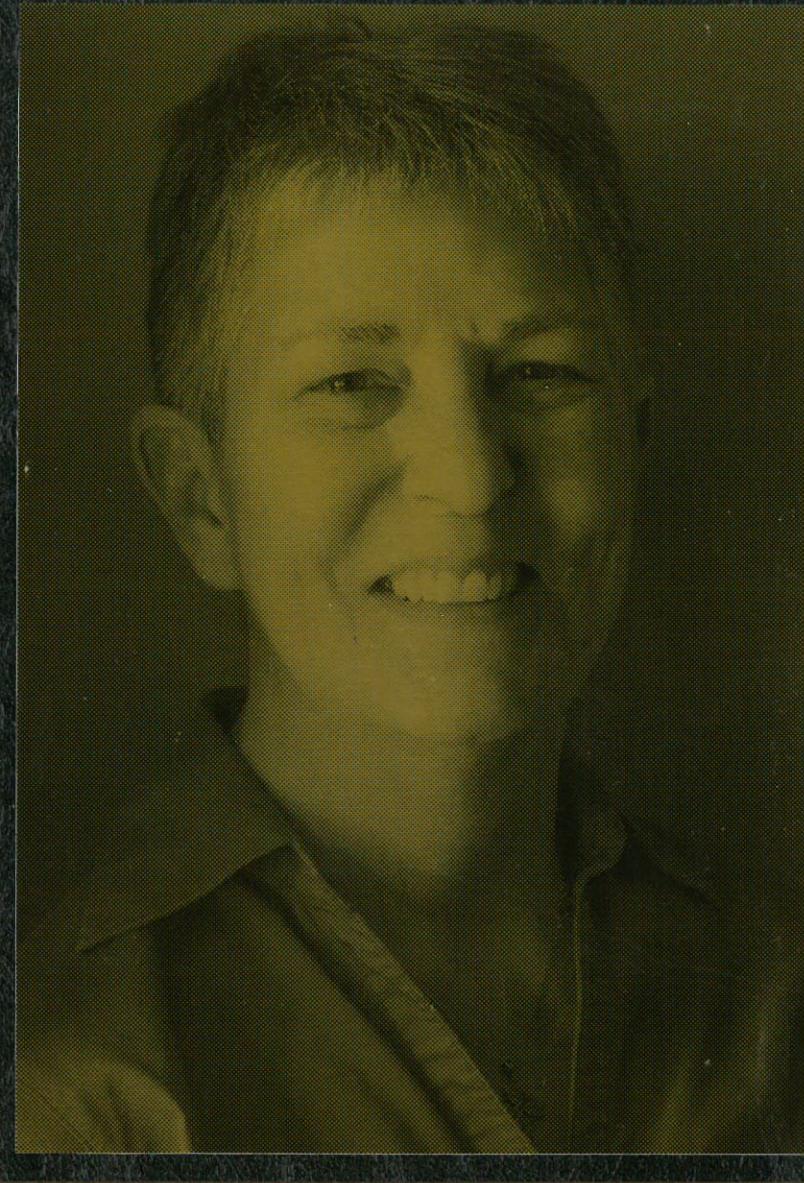


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WALL OF FAME

Inducted May 26, 2019



PATRICIA "PAT" TRUDELL

Growing up in the small town of Little Suamico, Patricia "Pat" Trudell is the second oldest child of Milan and Grace (Bramschreiber) Stiller. She attended the two-room Little Suamico School for six years, moving on to Washington Middle School and graduating with the Class of 1969 from OFHS.

As a child, Pat and her sisters were baton twirlers who competed across Wisconsin. She and her older sister, Mary, were once crowned champions at the Wisconsin State Fair. Continuing this avocation, Pat was majorette with the OFHS marching band, the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay marching band and became a Golden Girl—the baton-twirling cheerleading group for the Green Bay Packers in the late 1960s.

As a high school sophomore, Pat worked at the Green Bay Press-Gazette as its first high school intern, gaining experience as a proofreader, headline writer and staff writer. After graduating from UWGB with a degree in Creative Communication in 1973, Pat was hired at the newspaper and worked as a general staff writer before becoming the first woman to help on the sports desk and the education beat.

Pat married Tom Trudell, her high school classmate, in January of 1972 and left fulltime employment in 1974 to welcome the birth of their first child.

At that point she was asked to write the newsletter for Falls Paper Employees Credit Union, which has grown into N.E.W. Credit Union. That experience turned into 41 years of serving the members of the local financial cooperative, holding a variety of positions and ultimately becoming Vice-President of Operations and Compliance Officer.

Pat was active in her faith community, serving on many committees at St. Anthony Catholic Parish, including Parish Trustee. She has served as volunteer choir director for nearly 20 years and is president of the Parish Council of Catholic Women.

In the community, Pat has been a volunteer with the Oconto Falls Chapter of Dollars for Scholars for 17 years as well as Oconto Falls Youth Baseball for over 20 years. While her children were playing ball, she was a regular fixture in the concession stand.

She also served on the Oconto Falls Library Board, Oconto Falls Youth Futures and the Oconto Falls Community Development Agency. Pat and Tom are proud parents of five children, Chad, Polly (Kopke), Keith, Luke and Gregg, seven grandchildren and two grand-dogs.