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Sparta Hunting & Fishing Club



By **MIKE MATTHEWS**
 Not only can we tell its spring because the snow is gone, but by the tragic condition of our roadsides in the outlying areas. The damage isn't from the snowplows that kept us mobile over the winter, or the harsh weather we had either.

The creature responsible has two arms, two legs,

two eyes, and a mind which should tell him that the damage he is doing is wrong. But this animal seems to have no conscience. All he seems to know is that when he is finished with whatever it is he is using or holding or drinking; he can throw it or the container it came in, "away".

We know him as the litterbug, but it may be that the term is too polite. To those of us who love and spend most of our time outdoors, he is a murderer; suffocating the land that we care so much about with his beer cans, paper, and garbage.

Maybe we think about litter more at this time of year than others because it isn't hidden by winter snow or the grass that will be popping up pretty soon; but the litterbug knows no season and he has got to be stopped. Woodsy Owl and "Keep America Beautiful" signs constantly remind him not to litter, but he does it anyway.

As conservationists and sportsmen it is our duty to help stop this critter, and publicly ridiculing him just might do it. The next time any one of us sees someone on the highway, in the woods, or on the river dumping his junk into the environment; we should report him to the nearest officials for prosecution. It might seem a little hard, but every bit of unspoiled ground and water is precious to us today and we've got to do everything we can to save it.

TRAP SCORES: J. Mombler 25; D. Wheeler 21, 22; B. Young 21; F. Wilkes 20, 21; D. Horton 23; P. Crowley 23; P. Miszewski 23; T. Crawford 23; J. Sullivan 23, 20; R. Averill 22; P. Succop 21, 22; R. Corey 20; F. Blackall 22; H. Lobdell 22; L. Johnson 23; and F. Hiestand 21.

CLUB CALENDAR: Potluck Supper Friday, March 18 at 6:00.

REMINDER: Don't forget to pick up your allotment of raffle tickets for the spring turkey shoot. We've got a lot of good prizes this year and we want to give all your friends a chance to win.

Sparta School Page



Early Blue a success

Friday night, March 4, the Sparta High School Student Council presented "Early Blue in the Summer Breeze". We're very proud to be able to say that it was one of the most successful dances we've ever had at Sparta High. It started at 8:00 when our live band, "Early Blue", broke in the evening with "Johnny B. Goode". The crowd seemed to show up in one big bang, ending up with approximately 150 people. With such a big crowd, you can be sure that the refreshments didn't last long, but that didn't bother the crowd any. Almost everyone in the place was moving their feet to the beat of Peter Frampton, Steve Miller, "Kiss", "The Beatles" (the band's specialty), and even a couple of compositions by their own. Dennie Middleton. To top that, they did a couple of numbers everybody likes to move to — polkas! That also included a sing along to "Roll Out the Barrel", which everyone got in to.

"Early Blue" is composed of: Jeff Okkonen on lead guitar, Nick Lewis on bass guitar, Dennie Middleton on keyboards, and Bruce Bradford on the drums. Bruce was relieved however, when Dennie took over to play drums on "Wipeout", which had been requested. It ended up becoming an outstanding 10-minute solo, that really

caught the crowd's attention.

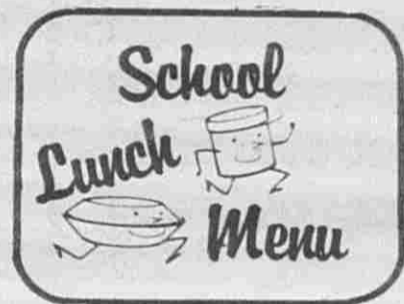
A few thank-you's are in due here. First, to the student council, and its members who worked so hard at making it a success. It wouldn't have been possible without them. Second, "Early Blue" would like to thank all the students who came to the dance.

The huge crowd was a surprise that gave them an extra amount of confidence and enthusiasm to play for 3 hours straight. Last, but not least, we'd all like to

thank Jeff Okkonen, Nick Lewis, Bruce Bradford, and Dennie Middleton for the fine performance they put on for the crowd. It was everyone's pleasure just to sit and listen, and the fine turnout makes the outlook of future dances like this very encouraging.

Track season begins

The SHS track team went to their first organized indoor meet Saturday, at the J.C. auditorium and fared very well. Although there wasn't any team scoring, fine efforts were put forth by almost all Spartan runners. Paul Heyt placed 4th in the 60 yd. High Hurdles with an 8.5. Den Hayes and Den Middleton made the 60 yd. dash Semi-finals; Hayes went on to place 4th in the finals with a 6.8. Tom Cheslek took second place in the shot put with a throw of 48-6 1/2 ft; he was defeated by 1/2 an inch. The sprint medley team placed fourth. David Anderson took 2nd in the 2 mile run. Scott Christopher placed 3rd in the mile at 4:49. Rick Thompson finished 4th at 4:50.5, and the mile relay team took 5th place. This team is looking forward to a very successful year along with the rest of the Spartan squad: David Anderson, Tim Bearsley, Brent Bradford, Marvin Bradford, Gary Brechting, Gary Brewer, Ken Breen, Keith Brophy, Milton Burns, Tom Cheslek, Chris Christopher, Scott Christopher, Bryan Fales, Bob Graub, Jody Harrison, Dennis Hayes, Craig Helmer, Paul Heyt, Jim Holland, Glenn Howard, Tim Jones, Eric Kolenbrander, Keith Kutzli, Kurt Hermann, Brad Lackey, Greg Latsch, Mark Latsch, Juan Mata, Robert Marohn, Dennis Middleton, Mark Moody, Kurt Mullen, Steve Norvell, John Okkonen, Tom Penland, Craig Pitsch, Kelly Potes, Steve Reed, Randy Reynolds, Miles Ring, Brad Ritter, Tim Schoonmaker, Doug Schutter, Chris Schwartz, Ed Shangle, Dick Shangle, Bob Shangle, Dave Shepard, Rick Stevens, John Stover, John Sullivan, Justin Sullivan, Mike Sutter, Tim Telder, Doug Thompson, Rick Thompson, Mike Traxler, Rick Vawter, Tony West, Ben Yost, Dan Ysseidyke, and Ivan Phillips.



- March 21-25, 1977
- MONDAY**
Goulash, Green Beans, Applesauce, Sweet Rolls, Milk
 - TUESDAY**
Pizza, Buttered Peas, Fruit, Bread & Butter, Milk
 - WEDNESDAY**
Taco, Buttered Corn, Pumpkin Pie, Milk
 - THURSDAY**
Hamburger Sandwich, French Fries, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
 - FRIDAY**
Turkey & Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Cookies, Bread & Butter, Milk

Free magazine to seniors

"Summer," a sequel to "Sourcebook" and a magazine designed to provide seniors with an overview of their summer education and entertainment opportunities, will soon be given free to seniors compliments of the U.S. Army. The 56-page handbook is designed for all seniors, including those going to college, those who plan to go to work, and those who are undecided about what they want to do after high school.

The magazine opens with the accounts of 10 recent graduates who discuss what they actually did during the summer after graduation. Their activities vary from participating in an African Outward Bound program to working at Disney World.

For those seniors who are having doubts about future plans, "Those Last Minute Have-I-Made-The-Right-Decision Jitters" looks at the problem and suggests ways to cope with

such anxieties. "Summer" also features summer learning opportunities ranging from photography workshops to archeological digs in "Summer Electives: Adventures in Learning." And the magazine collects a series of tasks every senior needs to master in "Doing It: 13 Useful — and Fun — Things to Learn."

For those who are interested in making some money during the summer, "In Search of a Summer Job" reports on employment opportunities and job-hunting procedures.

In addition to the above articles, seniors will also find information of interest on scuba diving, back-country expeditions, volunteer work, planning an affordable trip to Europe, and "Foxfire" projects to learn more about the people and skills of the past.

Seniors can get their free copy of "Summer" from the guidance office.

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