

The Sentinel Leader

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SPARTA, MICHIGAN

Root plans North Kent meet Jan. 19

District No. Commissioner, Jack Root, has invited all of the governing boards of the townships in his district, and the villages' and cities' governmental units, to join in an evening conclave on January 19 at 7:30 at the Rockford American Legion Hall (on Courtland Street).

The units involved include the Townships of Tyrone, Solon, Nelson, Spencer, Algoma, Courtland, Oakfield, Grattan, as well as the cities of Rockford and Cedar Springs and the villages of Sand Lake, Kent City, and Casnovia.

Root has called the meeting in order to bring county government units as close to each other as possible, hoping to pinpoint similar problem areas as well as their solutions. He hopes to continue these conclaves at least once a year and possibly twice.

Root says, "I would like to emphasize that the invitation to attend the meeting includes all board members". He added, "Chairman of the Kent County Board of Commissioners, John Brewer, will be present as well as Robert Blandford, chairman of the Board's Finance Committee. I've also asked Dave DesPres to be on the program to update the county officials on the activities of the Board of Public Works. Either Sheriff Parsons or Undersheriff Bob Hill will also be present to answer your questions. Frank Evans, acting County Controller, will also be on the panel as well as our State Representative, Martin Butz. All in all, it should be a very productive meeting, and I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there", the Commissioner concluded.

Middle School PTA meets January 19th

The Sparta Middle School P.T.A. will meet Tuesday evening, January 19, at 8:00 p.m. at the Middle School cafeteria.

There will be a short business meeting followed by the speaker for the evening, Mr. VanderTuig from the Child Guidance Clinic in Grand Rapids. Mr. VanderTuig will speak about the services available through the Child Guidance Clinic and also about mental health problems of school age children.

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the program.

James Mathews resigns from Kent City school board

James A. Mathews tendered his resignation as a member of the Kent City-Casnovia School Board. The resignation was accepted at the December school board meeting.

In accepting the resignation, the Board said it wished to express its gratitude for the help and cooperation he had given so willingly.

Elanora Hersey Named to Unexpired Term

Elanora Hersey was named by the Board to complete the unexpired term of Mr. Mathews which runs until the annual election in June. Mrs. Hersey was named at a special Board meeting.

The Board is now composed of Charles Saur, President; Carl Waldherr, Vice President; Richard Peters, Treasurer; George Hanson, Secretary. Trustees include Lloyd Afton, Frank VandenHeuvel, and Elanora Hersey.

The Board meets the fourth Monday of the month in the Kent City High School library. Interested persons are invited to attend the meetings.

Parents Athletic Assoc. sponsoring chili dinner

The Sparta Parents Athletic Association is having their Annual Chili Supper January 25 in the high school cafeteria, serving from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door and by the boys in the Varsity Club.

Chili Supper tickets will also admit the diners to the wrestling match. The team will be playing Northview. The Junior Varsity starts at 6:30 p.m., and the Varsity about 8:00 p.m.

Chairman of the event is Mrs. Barbara Claxton. Kitchen chairman is Mrs. Maxine Cumings.

Vacaron awarded 50 year pin

John G. Vacaron was presented a 50 year lapel pin at the Sparta Masonic Lodge F & A M #334, Monday night, January 11. Besides being a member of the Blue Lodge for 50 years, he also belongs to DeMolay Commandery #5 K.T., also to Royal Arch Masons Kent Chapter #106 and to the Order of the Eastern Star #34.

Sparta Middle School & High School

January 18 - 21

Monday
Bar-B-Que
Buttered Peas
Fruit Crumble
Milk

Tuesday
Beef and Noodles
Buttered Corn
Upside-down Cake
Bread and Butter
Milk

Wednesday
Pizza
Green Beans
Fruit
Bread and Butter
Milk
Thursday
Chicken-A-la King
Baking Powder Biscuit
Cherry Bars
Bread and Butter
Milk

Friday
NO SCHOOL

Kent City school lunch

January 18-21

Monday
Vegetable Soup and Crackers
Cheese Squares
Peanut Butter
Bread and Butter
Lazy Daisy Cake
Milk

Tuesday
Spaghetti and Meat Sauce
Buttered Carrots
Bread and Butter
Fruit
Milk

Wednesday
Whipped Potato and Hamburg Gravy
Buttered Green Beans
Bread and Butter
Jello
Milk

Thursday
Hamburger
Buttered Corn
Blueberry Buckle
Milk

Friday
NO SCHOOL

Events

Tuesday, January 19, 1971
Sparta Middle School PTA meets 8:00 p.m. at Middle School cafeteria.

Thursday, January 21, 1971
Women's Senior Citizens meet at noon.

Monday, January 25, 1971
Parents' Athletic Association Chili Supper 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 at Sparta High School cafeteria.

Independent basketball starts 1971 season

The Community Foundation Independent Basketball League began at the Sparta High School gym last Monday evening, January 11, with two games booked for the first night of action.

In the opener, the Kent City Merchants continued their mastery over the conference with a 76-43 win over Van's Marine while the nightcap was won by the Sparta State Bank on a forfeit by East Sparta Farm Supply.

The opening game of the season saw the Kent City team jump off to a 12-3 first quarter lead on the hot hitting of Norm Hill, and from there on the Merchants coasted to the win. The winners held a 37-17 halftime edge and led 53-35 after three quarters of play. Hill and Rich Edgar paced the winning team with 20 points each, while Mike Shirey and John Anderson added 13 and 11 points respectively. For the losers it was Walt Elliott with 18 points and Marv Chappell, who added nine points.

The second and final game scheduled for Monday night, January 11, action was won by the Sparta State Bank on a forfeit by East Sparta Farm Supply. Due to prior commitments the East Sparta Farm Supply team was unable to make the first night of action.

In action tonight Rieth-Riley begins league action as they take on the Kent City team in the 7:30 contest while Sparta State Bank will play their first game also, taking on Van's Marine in the 8:30 p.m. contest.

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Pancake supper at Chapel Hill Methodist Church

The Methodist Men of the Chapel Hill United Methodist Church will sponsor a Pancake Supper in the church on Saturday, January 30. The men will be serving from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with tickets now available from most of the members of the Methodist Men.

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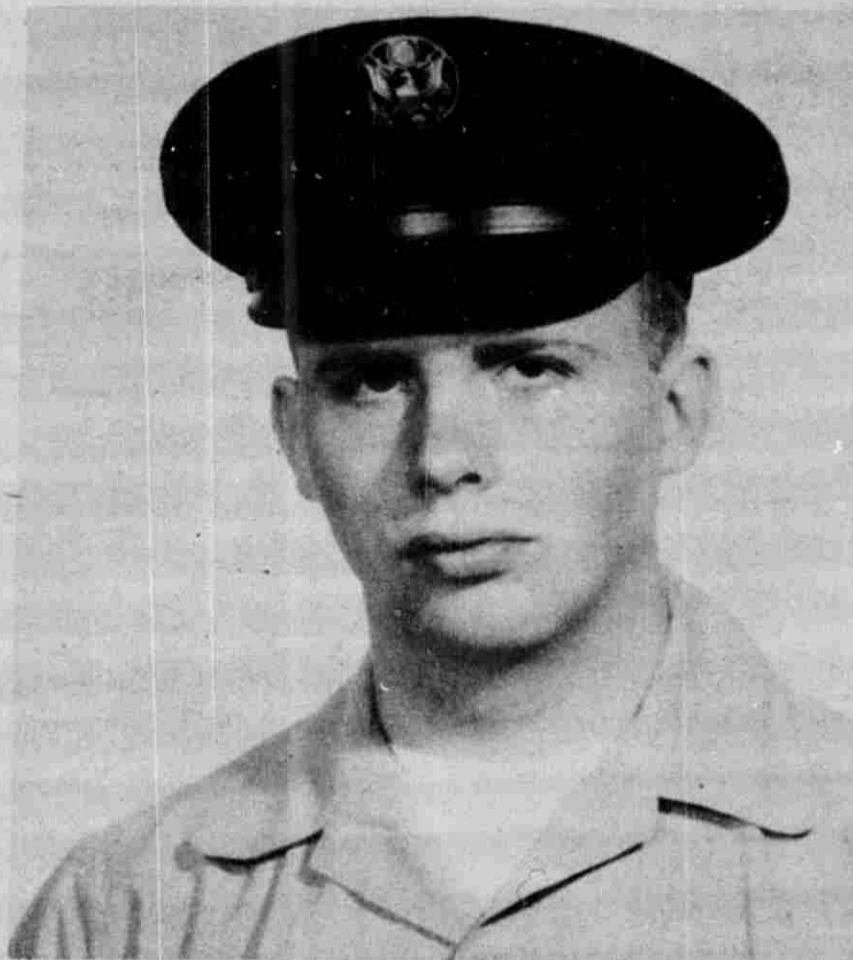


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MEN IN SERVICE



Airman David E. Biddinger

SAN ANTONIO - Airman David E. Biddinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayland L. Biddinger of 273 Brandwyne NW, Comstock Park, Mich., has completed his basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas. He has been assigned to Sheppard AFB, Texas, for training in the transportation field. Airman Biddinger is a 1970 graduate of Comstock Park High School.

Marine 2nd Lt. Gerald H. Rohloff

QUANTICO, VA., JAN. 4 - Marine Second Lieutenant Gerald H. Rohloff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Rohloff of 3814 Cordes NW, Comstock Park, Mich., was advanced to his present rank upon graduation from the Officer Candidate School at the Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Va. Rohloff is a 1969 graduate of the University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio.

Marine Cpl. Fred E. Graub

BEAUFORT, S.C., JAN. 4 - Marine Cpl. Fred E. Graub, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Graub of 12031 N. Division, Sparta, Michigan, was promoted to his present rank while serving with Marine Air Control Group 28, Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, S.C.

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SPARTA HIGH SENIOR CLASS



Barb (Cavanaugh) Parent



Karen Conner

Mrs. Parent is the first of six Sparta High seniors to be featured this week in our Meet Your Seniors column. Barb and her husband, Roger, are both members of this year's senior class. A member of the Spartanettes, Mrs. Parent is also a twirler with the Sparta High marching band as well as being the president of the Pep Club. Mr. and Mrs. Parent make their home at Hansen's Trailer Park.

Miss Karen Conner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Conner of 1320 12 Mile Road is another of the seniors being presented this week. Karen is a second year member of the Pep Club at Sparta High as well as being a cheerleader this year for the third year. A former member of the Spartanettes, she is on the Echo staff for the second year and also on the yearbook staff for her second year. Karen is in the Spanish Club this year, and in her freshman year was on the gymnastics and swimming team.



Bob Couturier



Frederick Brechting

Eighteen year old Bob Couturier, who lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Couturier at 11940 Pennington Avenue stated that he has participated in no activities while attending Sparta High. Bob's future plans are to attend college and gain a degree in Technical Engineering.

Although his given name is Frederick, this 17 year old senior goes by the name of Rick. Rick also has a limited number of high school activities although F.F.A. has kept him busy throughout his high school career. Rick and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred "Fritz" Brechting live at 8815 Baumhoff Avenue.



Lawrence Carter



Gary Campbell

Larry, as he is known to his many friends, is the center of the Sparta High basketball team this year. Larry has participated in the sport of basketball at Sparta High since his freshman year, as he has in football and tennis. He has also been on the Student Council for four years, as well as the Spanish Club for the same length of time, and the Varsity Club since his sophomore year. Larry is the son of L. W. Carter of 51 S. Elm Street, Sparta.

Gary Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Campbell of 128 W. Averil Street, is presently in training for the one sport he loves best - wrestling. Gary has been on the wrestling team at Sparta for four years, as well as being a member of the Sparta High track and football teams his freshman and sophomore years. Since the beginning of his junior year, Gary has been a member of the Sparta High Varsity Club.

Kent City winter swim program starts

Kent City-Casnovia students will be able to travel to Rockford on each Saturday to participate in winter swimming. A bus will leave Casnovia at 3:00 p.m. and Kent City at 3:10 p.m. Those students wishing to participate should see their building principal. Last year an average of approximately 50 students per outing attended. Students are reminded that the program costs 50¢ each time they participate. Students will swim from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. and should be returned to their respective towns by 6:00 p.m.