

Farmington area softball squads gear up

By TOM BAER

Ask Farmington's Coach Linda Barber how her season's shaping up. She'll answer with one word: "Shup."

"Our field is a hopeless mud pile right now," she said last Thursday. "We've been outside for practice only one day."

In past years Mercy played its home games at Farmington city parks. This spring the school is attempting to build its own field, but so far the results have been "a big pile of dirt," according to the coach.

Getting the home field ready is one of Barber's problems. Another is producing a team which can better last season's 8-7 overall record.

Mercy will have a strong pitcher in senior right-hander Gretchen Larges. Last season, Larges compiled a 7-2

won-lost record, including a no-hitter against Detroit Mumford in the state pre-district game. Juniors Lisa Morris and Margie Kueber, both right-handers, are other pitching possibilities.

Senior Diane Jones, a four-year softball starter, looks like a good bet at shortstop, and senior Vicki Vermeesch has experience at first base. Aggie Conit, a junior, will be the team's catcher.

"I think we'll have a strong infield," Barber said. "We have so many kids to choose from, and the competition'll keep them on their toes."

Mercy opens its season April 26 at Birmingham Marian, a Catholic League opponent.

FARMINGTON HARRISON softball coach Sandra Rivers is working with an experienced team, which includes eight seniors. Last year, Harrison had a 6-4 record in the Western Six League and finished in a four-way tie for first place.

Harrison's two best pitchers are seniors Barb Erickson (6-4 last season) and Lori Webb, both right-handers. Other experienced players: seniors Helen Laskaris (outfield), Kathy Corbett (infield), and Cathy MacManus (catcher), and Carolyn Marcelino (infield), juniors Linda Bache (infield), Debbie Goodwin (catcher) and Cathy Purcell (infield), and sophomore Cynthia Pink (infield).

"Hopefully, our offense will be a little stronger this season," Rivers said. "Last year we lost too many one-run games."

Harrison has an April 25 game at WSL-Joe Northville High. The next day, Harrison plays at city-rival Farmington High.

There was a lot of interest in Harrison's softball team last year, and Rivers hopes the fans keep coming. "Last year we got good crowds — a lot of people besides the players' parents," she said.

AT FARMINGTON High, coach Vestus Spindler is counting on sophomores — seven of the 16 hopefuls — to improve on last year's 7-11 overall record. The Falcons finished fifth in the Inter Lakes League with a 3-8 mark.

The sophomores include outfielders Cathy Christensen and Sue Caruthers, infielder Kim Rogers, catcher Denise Coyette, and pitcher Jean Zukorski. Farmington will have some experience with seniors Kay Deeg (infield), Wendy Dierkes (outfield), Marsha Perry (infield), and junior Betsy VanDeusen (pitcher-infielder).

"We hope to do a lot of running this season," Spindler said. "And I think we'll have a much better hitting team than in the past. This team looks very strong in the offense department."

"We've only been outside only one day, but they look like they're good fielders, too."

Farmington opens April 23 at home against non-league Walled Lake Western. The ILL season begins April 27 at Milford Lakeland.

AT NORTH Farmington, coach Dave Finney has a team with nowhere to go

but up. Last year, the inexperienced Raiders were 2-13 overall and 1-7 in the Northwest Suburban League.

But Finney, who teaches Civil War History at North, is convinced that things will be better this spring.

"Our infield is really looking up," he said. "I don't anticipate as many errors as last year because the kids are more knowledgeable. Last year we had one kid who'd played before. This year, we have six juniors with experience."

There are no seniors on North's softball team. Junior pitcher Sandy Stumpf, a right-hander, won both games last year. Other promising juniors are infielders Dureen Gundie and Carolyn Rambus, and catcher-outfielder Barrie Bailey.

Four sophomores will play key roles. They are infielders Stacy Smith, Debbie Davis and Pam Rathgeb, and pitcher-end bassman Mary Shouy.

"We have more stability and leadership," Finney said. "And we have a cohesive unit. The kids held a fund raiser this spring and raised about \$700 to buy a pitching machine."

North entertains Westland John Glenn, a tough NSL opponent, in the season opener on April 24.



Farmington's Wendy Dierkes makes contact. (Staff photo by Harry Mauth)

Farmington outruns Jays

Farmington High, paced by double winners Rick Curtis and Scott Hazen, defeated Southfield High, 74-50, last week in a non-league boys' track meet which opened the season for both teams.

Hazen, an outstanding heavyweight wrestler at Farmington, won the shot put (43-1/2) and the discus (124-7). Curtis won the long jump (20-8) and the high jump. Southfield's John Yuchas won the both distance events, going 4:47.6 in the mile and 10:20.4 in the two mile. Teammate Barry Jones won the 220 (23.7) and the 440 (53.3).

Southfield's girls defeated Farmington by default.

Farmington's next dual meet is April 26 at home against Milford Lakeland. The Inter Lakes League meet has a 4 p.m. start.

Injury seminar

An all-day athletic injury seminar will be held Sunday, April 22 at the Troy Hilton, 1455 Stephenson Highway. All interested coaches, students, athletes and parents are invited to participate. The Troy Hilton is located on the corner of 15 Mile Road and Stephenson Highway.

Pre-registration deadline for this seminar is today. Anyone interested may call Don Graham Associates at 559-6730 for more information. Registration fee is \$5 for students and \$5 for coaches and other interested persons. The fee includes lunch.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON SPECIAL MEETING

A Special Meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, April 2, 1979 in the Council Chambers, 2600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M. All Council members were present. Also present were City Manager Deaton, City Clerk Vane, Mayor Tupper advised that this was an informal fact-finding meeting regarding the Farmington Hills proposed development on Drake and Freedom Roads. Comments were received from residents in the audience regarding opposition to the proposed development of Drake and Freedom Roads. Comments were received from residents in the audience favoring the proposed development. Council received a letter from the Chatham Hills Subdivision, Drake Heights Homeowners Association, Woodcroft Civic Association and the Developer of Tall Pine Subdivision requesting certain actions by the Council in their behalf. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 to be continued on Wednesday, May 1, 1979 at 7:30 P.M.

RICHARD L. TUPPER, Mayor
NEDRA VIANE, City Clerk

CITY OF FARMINGTON SPECIAL MEETING

An adjourned meeting of the Farmington City Council convened at 7:30 P.M. Wednesday, April 4, 1979 in the Council Chambers, 2600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Richard L. Tupper. All members of the Council were present. Also present were City Manager Deaton and City Clerk Vane. City Manager Deaton reviewed proceedings of the past meetings and Council discussed possible ways of expressing opposition to the housing development at Drake and Freedom Roads proposed by the City of Farmington Hills. Comments were received from the audience and a review was made of the requests submitted by various homeowners associations. A Resolution was adopted by Council authorizing the City Manager to forward a letter to MSJDA and the City of Farmington Hills outlining certain requests and suggestions regarding the proposed housing development at the corner of Drake and Freedom Roads. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

RICHARD L. TUPPER, Mayor
NEDRA VIANE, City Clerk

Prep softball schedules

MERCY SOFTBALL

VARSITY SCHEDULE — April 26, at Birmingham Marian, 4 p.m.; April 27, Redford Bishop, 4 p.m.; April 28, at Detroit Mumford, 4 p.m.; May 2, Harper Woods, 4 p.m.; May 3, at Redford Bishop, 4 p.m.; May 4, at Harper Woods, 4 p.m.; May 5, at Redford Bishop, 4 p.m.; May 6, at Harper Woods, 4 p.m.; May 7, at Redford Bishop, 4 p.m.; May 8, at Harper Woods, 4 p.m.; May 9, at Redford Bishop, 4 p.m.; May 10, at Harper Woods, 4 p.m.; May 11, at Harper Woods, 4 p.m.; May 12, at Harper Woods, 4 p.m.; May 13, at Harper Woods, 4 p.m.; May 14, at Harper Woods, 4 p.m.; May 15, at Harper Woods, 4 p.m.; May 16, at Harper Woods, 4 p.m.; May 17, at Harper Woods, 4 p.m.; May 18, at Harper Woods, 4 p.m.; May 19, at Harper Woods, 4 p.m.; May 20, at Harper Woods, 4 p.m.; May 21, at Harper Woods, 4 p.m.; May 22, at Harper Woods, 4 p.m.; May 23, at Harper Woods, 4 p.m.; May 24, at Harper Woods, 4 p.m.; May 25, at Harper Woods, 4 p.m.; May 26, at Harper Woods, 4 p.m.; May 27, at Harper Woods, 4 p.m.; May 28, at Harper Woods, 4 p.m.; May 29, at Harper Woods, 4 p.m.; May 30, at Harper Woods, 4 p.m.; May 31, at Harper Woods, 4 p.m.

HARRISON SOFTBALL

VARSITY SCHEDULE — April 25, at Northville High, 4 p.m.; April 26, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; April 27, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; April 28, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; April 29, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; April 30, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 1, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 2, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 3, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 4, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 5, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 6, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 7, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 8, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 9, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 10, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 11, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 12, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 13, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 14, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 15, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 16, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 17, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 18, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 19, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 20, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 21, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 22, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 23, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 24, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 25, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 26, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 27, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 28, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 29, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 30, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 31, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.



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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 26, 1979

The City Council of the City of Farmington Hills met in Regular Session at City Hall on March 26, 1979. Mayor Oppertbauer convened the meeting at 7:30 P.M. Council Members present were: Deacon, Dolan, Jones, Smith, and Sorrell. Others present were: City Manager Savage, City Clerk Cairns, City Attorney Bibeau.

"Police Member," was unanimously enacted.

Amendatory Ordinance No. C-679 to Chapter 4 of the City Code Section 4.120, "Police Member," was unanimously enacted.

Amendatory Ordinance No. C-679 to the City Code, Chapter 42, restricting the number of dogs allowed to be owned by an individual to no more than three before a kennel license is required was unanimously enacted.

Amendatory Ordinance No. C-68-182 to rezone Lot 74 of Farmington Acres Subdivision located on the north side of Eight Mile Road between Farmington Road and Cass from Single Family Residential use (R-3) to Office District use (O-2) was unanimously enacted.

Amendatory Ordinance No. C-68-T creating a new zoning classification under Office Service District use to be called O-3 for properties abutting Northwestern Highway was unanimously enacted.

Request for a Class C Liquor license at 24385 Haledale Road, Court Time Racquet Club LTD., was approved by a vote of 6 to 1. Mr. Deacon opposed.

Final Plat for Bridge Hills Estate Subdivision (60 lots) including escrow deposit in Farmington Green North No. 1 Subdivision (\$3 lots) including escrow deposit in amount of \$49,713.35 was unanimously approved.

Introduction of Amendatory Ordinance No. C-68-U to the City Code to allow use of political signs during election was postponed.

Public Hearing date was set for April 9, 1979 to determine necessity for sewer improvements in West Gate Franklin Village Subdivision.

Resolution authorizing City Manager Savage to accept federal surplus property through the State of Michigan Federal Property Assistance Program, which transfers federal property for public use to draft was unanimously approved.

City Attorney Bibeau was directed to draft amendatory ordinance and report back regarding benefit changes to the City's pension system for general employees providing retirement at age 60 rather than 65, a change in the final average compensation formula, and an increase in the employee contribution rate from 3 percent to 3.5 percent of current salary.

Traffic Control Order No. 1.B.1.1 establishing eastbound and westbound Hamilton Court east and west stop signs at Hamilton Boulevard was unanimously approved.

Amendatory No. C-679 to the City Code, Chapter 14, Section 14.1120 increasing water service installation rates was unanimously introduced.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 P.M.

Prepared by: FLOYD A. CAIRNS
City Clerk
Approved by: EARL C. OPPERTBAUER
Mayor

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 19, 1979

The City Council of the City of Farmington Hills met in Special Session at City Hall on March 19, 1979. Mayor Oppertbauer convened the meeting at 7:30 P.M. Council Members present were: Alkateeb, Deacon, Dolan, Jones, Smith, and Sorrell. Others present were: City Manager Savage, City Clerk Cairns, City Attorney Danohue, and City Planning Consultant Coates.

After Public Hearing, Introduction of Amendatory Ordinance No. C-62-180, a request to rezone Lot 26 of Farmington Acres Subdivision located on the west side of Farmington Road, south of Planders from Business Service District use (B-1) to Business Service District use (B-3) was tabled by a vote of 5 to 2. Alkateeb and Smith opposed.

After Public Hearing, Introduction of Amendatory Ordinance No. C-62-181, a request to rezone 27.32 acre located on the southwest corner of 14 Mile and Middlebelt Roads from Single Family Residential use (R-3) to Multiple Family Residential use (R-3) was unanimously adopted on April 2, 1979.

After Public Hearing, Amendatory Ordinance No. C-62-182, a request to rezone Lot 74 of Farmington Acres Subdivision located on the north side of Eight Mile Road between Farmington Road and Cass from Single Family Residential (R-3) to Office Service District use (O-2) was unanimously introduced.

After Public Hearing, Amendatory Ordinance No. C-62-T establishing a new Office District use (O-3) zoning classification along Northwestern Highway was unanimously introduced.

After Public Hearing, costs in the amount of \$1,025,800 for sanitary sewer improvements in Old Farmstead Subdivision were unanimously approved.

After Public Hearing, necessity for the installation of a sanitary sewer along Haggerty Road from Eight Mile to approximately 9 1/2 Mile Road at the cost of \$354,150 was unanimously approved.

After Public Hearing, necessity for the installation of a water transmission line along Haggerty Road from 8 Mile to approximately 9 1/2 Mile Road at the cost of \$200,000 was unanimously approved.

Request to barricade Tailspout Street between Valley Forge and Quail Hollow was approved by a vote of 4 to 2. Deacon, and Oppertbauer opposed.

Amendatory Ordinance No. C-7-79 to the City Code Chapter 14 "Water & Sewers" establishing operation and maintenance policies for Water Supply System "A" was unanimously introduced.

Cancellation of purchase order for a pick-up truck for the Department of Parks & Recreation from Roger Penske Chevrolet in the amount of \$8,453.38 due to failure of dealer and purchase of an automobile from Tom Haker Ford for \$8,667 was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 A.M.

Prepared by: Floyd A. Cairns
City Clerk
Approved by: Earl C. Oppertbauer
Mayor

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