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Way back when...

Talking of sports FroNt

Horn, Walter Wison received notice from Governor Green Saturday of his appointment as judge of the 40th Judicial Circuit court and Monday morning took oath of office before Probate Judge Guy G. Hill. The abstract business of Ealy & Co. was sold at auction its office Thursday, May 5. R. P. Park being the successful bidder at $21,700. It was later announced that the purchaser was Albert O. Purdy, who will assume control as soon as the sale is confirmed by the court. As the appraised value was $20,000,000, it is expected that no delay will result. Directors of the Caro Fair association met Friday, elected officers and laid plans for the 1927 exhibition. F. S. McDorman was chosen president; Purdy Clarence Purdy vice president. The directors are England James Kirk, G. N. Van Tour, Edward Eckfield, James Wilson, E. R. Pardy, Carl Palmer, Fred Janks, Frank Bowles, L. R. Stewart.

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Bay City is pushing for a sugar beet factory and claims that $200,000,000, or the $400,000 necessary to put a factory into operation has been proposed a Chicago capital fund. It is now proposed to raise $100,000 in Bay City and bond the county for the remaining $100,000.

Such an enterprise would be a great boon to Tuscola county.

Two old friends met on a road where it goes, and if the board and rail fences are not rapidly giving way to this more modern way of fencing.

O.J. Watrous has completed pulling down his barn on Sheridan street and will at once build a two story frame house. When completed it will be occupied by H. M. Truesdell and family.

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Juniors take stage at Juniata Christian School

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VASSAR TWP. — Seventeen performers from Juniata Christian School took the stage in March to present the comedy “Annie Play Will Do.” The production by the school’s junior class, directed by Rachel Prill, featured David Crooks as “Paul,” Abygail Meyer as “Laura,” Shye Ruppel as “Rhonda” and Grace Kaster as “Mrs. Morris.”

The play focuses on the chaotic plight of high-school drama teacher Mrs. Morris, who – because of a miscommunication – finds herself with only one day to cast, stage and present the school play.

In desperation, Mrs. Morris turns to two of her best students, Paul and Laura, to take charge and co-direct the show, unaware the pair are in the midst of a nasty break-up.

The situation becomes far worse when Paul and Laura – practicing with their friends independently – don’t realize they’re rehearsing for different shows: “Little Orphan Annie” and “Annie Get Your Gun.”

Juniata Christian School students presented the play on March 25 and 26 at Juniata Baptist Church along Washburn Road in Vassar Township.

The cast of “Annie Play Will Do,” performed by the Juniata Christian School junior class March 25 and 26, was composed of, front row seated from left, Amanda Bryan, Walker Uhl, Isabelle Prill and Emily Smith; middle row, Anna Prill, Abygail Meyer, David Crooks and Shye Ruppel; back row, Luke Smith, Wyatt Green, Micah Crumrine, Pastor Del Terpenning, play Director Rachel Prill, Grace Kaster, Pastor Stephen Thompson, Gavin Haley, Andrew Flanders and Tyler Green.

Congratulations to the Caro Middle School Student of the Month Winners for March

Students listed from left to right (Maxwell Grice, Isabella Putnam, Charlie Guigar, Becka Trisch, Kenneth Lown, and Emily Melton)

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we have included people that should not. And for that reason I cannot support it. I think it ought to be for the people who were on the front lines doing what they should be doing. And people who were working in our offices refusing to serve the public do not and should not be receiving pay.”

Felling responded during the public comment section at Monday’s meeting with this statement: “Commissioners, “Words have power. “The words I am referring to is ‘paper-pushers.’ This word resonated throughout the county as well as to the valued hard-working employees of Tuscola County. “Here are some examples why the paper-pushers of Tuscola County are essential, necessary, vital, critical. Words have power. “Paper-pushers issue death certificates – this was vital for families to gain benefits from the loss of their loved one during the pandemic. “Paper-pushers process estate court cases – this was critical. I reference back to item No. 1. “Paper-pushers issue birth certificates – this was necessary for people to renew their driver’s license or apply for unemployment benefits during the pandemic. “Paper-pushers process bonds – this was necessary to release people from jail in order to maintain manageable levels to assist in containing COVID-19 in the jail during the pandemic. “Paper-pushers administer property assessment for the county – this is essential in order to send out tax bills. “Paper-pushers collect the taxes – this is critical in order to have revenue for the county. “Paper-pushers pay the bills of the county – this is critical to keep the lights on. “Paper-pushers record property transfers – this is essential to keep the most valued record of the county up-to-date. “Paper-pushers accept and process court pleadings and hold court hearings – this is critical to keep the wheels of justice moving. "Paper-pushers administered one of the largest elections of Tuscola County – this was essential, necessary, vital, and critical, especially since it is still being discussed today. This ranges from all of the workers in the county to the city and township level to the inspectors that worked in the precinct on election day. They were unrecognized heroes during the pandemic. “Now, these are only 10 examples of what a paper-pusher does for Tuscola County. I could add another 90 examples, but I have a 5-minute limit on my time. “While each elected official and department head navigated providing essential services throughout the pandemic, the paper-pushers services provided from every county office to every court office were essential, necessary, vital, critical. I am not disregarding the front-line workers employed by Tuscola County, as they put their life at risk differently every day not only during the pandemic but still today. The paper-pushers could not do their job without the front-line employees. “In closing, many times, I have described the clerk’s office as the wagon wheel of the county. The clerk’s office is the hub of the county, the department that we work with is a spoke. If one of the spokes is broken, the wheel does not go round. I am proud of the employees of Tuscola County, because during the pandemic we kept the wheel going round with no broken spokes. “Words have power – essential, necessary, vital, critical. “Thank you.”

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Drivers must be 18 or older, and must bring their cars for weigh-in at 9 a.m. June 18 at the top of the hill. Organizers have placed maximum weight limits on vehicles. Those entering the race receive a special T-shirt created for the event, said Yasser Lions Club President Debby Gadany. Anyone wishing to enter a car in the races may call Wayne Aeder at 989-868-4511.

Anyone wishing to bring a food truck that day may call Kayla Brown at 989-714-1848.

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the driver’s identity. “We had a mobile food pantry this afternoon and we left at 1 p.m., and this happened after that,” McNett said. A pillow and blanket were observed in the back seat of the vehicle. A driver damages the grass at the church “every year, pretty much,” McNett said. “Last year somebody got stuck over there and they went in deep in the grass along Dixon Road,” McNett said. “They must have had a tractor come and pull them out of the church yard, because the grass was just all tore up, I mean there were ruts (of significant size). “I don’t know why anybody would do this today and just leave the car here.” Church volunteers gave free food to 280 households Wednesday, McNett said. The next food distribution starts at the church at 11 a.m. on April 28. Anyone seeking free food is invited to receive some.
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LEDs soon to light way along M-81 in Reese

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RESE -- Driving and walking along M-81 in the village of Reese is going to get a great deal safer soon.

The village council voted Monday to replace all of the streetlights on the village’s main thoroughfare with light-emitting diodes (LEDs).

The village is working with DTE Energy as its electricity provider — and the Troy-based Energy Reduction Coalition to change the 60 streetlights on M-81 as well as lights at the village park and at village buildings to light-emitting diodes (LEDs).

The M-81 lights last were changed 12-15 years ago for what was the best technology available at the time.

The ERC is a non-profit company offering qualifying organizations a LED lighting conversion program. The ERC pays all of the costs of converting to LED lighting and assumes all product risks, paying all of the costs of converting to LED technology available at the time.

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The village has also put in a year. It is projected to be a 15½-year payback on the investment, based on energy use. The lights also are expected to have a 12- to 15-year life. And the village didn’t make the change.

“LEDs are the solution and we’re on the cutting edge of that technology,” he said.

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According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), total domestic gasoline stocks decreased by 2 million barrels to 236.8 million barrels last week. Gasoline demand increased slightly from 8.5 million barrels a day to 8.56 million barrels a day. Although supply and demand factors would have typically supported elevated pump prices, the fluctuating oil price continues to be the main factor influencing pump prices. Pump prices will likely face downward pressure if oil prices remain below $100 per barrel.

Monday’s national average for a gallon of gas is $4.11, which is eight cents less than a week ago, 22 cents less than a month ago, and $1.25 more than a year ago.

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The nation’s top 10 largest weekly decreases: Washington, D.C. (−14 cents), Connecticut (−11 cents), Indiana (−10 cents), Ohio (−10 cents), South Carolina (−10 cents), Rhode Island (−10 cents), Georgia (−9 cents), Wisconsin (−9 cents), Florida (−9 cents) and Delaware (−9 cents).

The nation’s top 10 least expensive markets: Missouri ($3.67), Oklahoma ($3.67), Kansas ($3.67), Arkansas ($3.70), Texas ($3.71), Maryland ($3.74), South Carolina ($3.75), Georgia ($3.76), Wisconsin ($3.76) and Nebraska ($3.78).

OIL MARKET DYNAMICS

At the close of Friday’s formal trading session, West Texas Intermediate increased by $2.23 to settle at $98.26. Overall crude prices declined last week following EIA’s weekly report, which showed U.S. crude oil inventories rose by 2.4 million bbl to reach 412.4 million bbl. For this week, crude oil prices could decline further if the EIA’s next report shows another increase in total domestic supply. Additionally, market watchers will be keeping a close eye on China’s COVID lockdown of Shanghai and the impact it may have on crude oil demand.
Social Security offices resume in-person services

Commissioner Kilolo Kijakazi announced that local Social Security offices restored in-person services April 7.

“Customers who walk in without an appointment can save you a trip to our offices,” he said. “We’ve been receiving payments from the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act. In early April, 62 cities, 15 villages, 33 townships and 53 counties will be receiving payments from the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act. The state of Michigan’s 2021 fiscal year, this means each eligible municipality and county will receive more than $56,400 for every licensed retail store and microphone business that is in the jurisdiction.

“The Michigan Department of Treasury will distribute these dollars as practical to eligible local units of government,” State Treasurer Rachael Eubanks said. “The doubling of this year’s payment amounts will have a larger impact on local government budgets.” Revenue was collected from 374 licensees among the state’s cities, villages and townships during the 2021 fiscal year. Some of these municipalities host more than one licensed retail store and microphone business.

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FRANKENMUTH – The Frankenmuth and Reese baseball teams were busy battling for neighborhood bragging rights Thursday – when they weren’t trying to keep their caps on. Frankenmuth held off Reese to win the opening game 8-6, with wind speeds gusting to 32 mph in the Frankenmuth area during that contest, according to the National Weather Service.

The Eagles produced a fifth-inning rally to tie the Rockets in the nightcap, which ended in a 2-2 deadlock when it was called due to darkness.

“I’ve never played in wind like that before,” said Gene McKinstry, coach of a Frankenmuth squad that moved to 3-1-1 after Thursday’s twin bill.

Frankenmuth seized a 4-1 lead in the opening game, fueled by singles from shortstop Jack Rich and third baseman Tyler McKinstry, and a double by left-fielder Cole Lindow.

The Eagles added to the margin in the final two innings, boosted by five walks, a double from catcher Connor Gugel, and limiting the visitors to one run in the fifth inning, capitalizing on three walks, two Frankenmuth errors and a double from Rich, and singles by Drew Titsworth as well as Lindow.

Reese – only eight miles from Frankenmuth – rallied for three runs in the fifth inning, capitalizing on three walks, two Frankenmuth errors and a double from catcher Connor Gugel.

Coach McKinstry said he was “very impressed” with reliever Caleb Eurich, who “did a heck of a job” getting the Eagles out of a fifth-inning, bases-loaded jam, and limiting the visitors to one run in the final two innings.

“I was happy as can be with my two starting pitchers today,” said coach McKinstry.


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MHSAA officials say the state record for most runs in one game – for varsity softball contests – is 47. That mark was set on April 13, 1981 when Arenac Eastern High School routed Hale, 47-0.

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BIRCH RUN – Home plate took a historic beating in this Saginaw County village on Tuesday.

Junior varsity softball players for Vassar or Birch Run stomped, stepped on one another in 35-30 Birch Run victory that amazes even those who keep records of softball statistics.

“Wow,” said Geoff Kimmery, communications director for the Michigan High School Athletic Association in East Lansing, noting he’s never heard of a high-school softball game generating so many runs.

“Even in the games I can recall where a lot of runs were scored, they were very one-sided,” Kimmery said. “I do think the fact that JV is primarily a teaching/learning level can be one factor when a lot of runs are scored – plus the fact it’s early season and pitchers are still getting into the swing of things.”

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**TUSCALOOSA COUNTY**

**Host Deckerville sweeps own six-team meet**

By Scott Bolsby | Sports Editor

**DECKERVILLE** – The hometown squads of Deckerville track and field swept their own six-team meet here on Tuesday.
The Eagles won the boys’ events with a score of 159-130, beating Kingston (111), Dryden (67), Akron-Fairgrove (58), Mayville (49), and North Huron (14). The Deckerville girls won their team title with a score of 159 to edge out Kingston (128). Dryden took third with 91, Mayville was fourth with a score of 62, North Huron (46) was fifth and A-F placed sixth with a score of 20.

In junior varsity wins in the boys’ events from Ethan Harrington in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.64 seconds, and as a member of the 1,600 relay with teammates James Wilson, Nick St. George and Josiah Mather with a time of 3:57.19. Ethan Green placed first in the 5,200 run with a time of 11:01.36.

For the Wildcats, Gavin Helgeson put up a new personal record of 58.41 in the 400 dash and won the 1,200 relay with Nathan Crane III, Joel Enos and Eli Morey.

A-F’s wins came in the field events as Caysten Karpoosh leaped 5 feet, 2 inches and 33-inch vaulted 12-0 in the pole vault competition.

In the girls’ meet, the Cardinals swept the relay events. Faith Besci, Brooklyn Walker, Isabel Hud and Delaney St. George won the 400-relay with a time of 55.94, and the 800-relay with a final time of 1:58.49. Isabel and sister Andie Hud joined teammates Meganne Flikkie and St. George to win the 1,600-relay 4:40.64 while Ashlyn Walker, Gracy Walker, Brooklynlyn Walker and Meganne Flikkie won the 3,200-relay with a time of 11:48.41.

Isabel Hud took first in the high jump with a leap of 4-8 while St. George leaped 5-0.

The contest – the opening game for both schools could have been delayed due to thunderstorms, but it never happened. The twin teams were split after two innings, but storm back to take a 25-23 lead after the top of the fifth inning.

Ethan Hud, however, would prevail, rapping 23 hits during the game but giving up 10 walks.

Birch Run coach Angela Dowd, a 2014 Birch Run graduate, said she can’t recall a softball game with such a high score.

“We had a couple of parent’s taking in the stands about how we’re scoring more than that and asking if it is a softball game,” Whitman stated. Whitman, in her first year as a softball coach, added that “I couldn’t be more comfortable with this starting point.”

Birch Run leadoff batter Kennieenzie Zurcher scored seven runs to lead the Panthers. Lillie Watson scored four runs for Birch Run.

Birch Run freshman pitcher Gabby Krizkovich struck out six Vassar hitters. Alyssa Bames batted in six runs for Vassar, and collected two hits in the seven-inning contest. Addison Krock and Emily Thomas scored five runs apiece for Vassar, while Jordan Cain and Rachelle Hahn each scored four times.

“Both teams were having fun and the girls were going crazy in the dugouts,” Dowd said. “It’s a great game.”

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“The players who were part of this will be talking about it for years, whether it’s recalling it with friends or meeting players from the other team down the road and sharing memories,” Kenney said.

“The fact that it was a close game, along with the lead run when the Frankenmuth catcher called to try out a Renee runner at second base,” Dowd said. “I couldn’t be more comfortable with this starting point.”

Frankenmuth tied the game in bizarre fashion in the bottom half of the fifth. Tyler McKinstry singlet, stole second base and moved on to third on a passed ball. Two outs, he raced home after Trissworth struck out but raced to first base after the Reese catcher dropped the ball to validate the third out.

The catcher threw to first but hit Trissworth in the back as Trissworth made it safely to first base – making McKinstry’s run count.

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**FROM B1**

Whitney stated she suggested the game could have been called due to darkness. Frankenmuth beat Reese in the opener, 8-6.

On Thursday night, Reese and Frankenmuth wound up in a 2-2 tie in the game, which was called due to darkness. Frankenmuth beat Reese in the opener, 8-6.

**Frankenmuth nine beats wind, and rival Reese**

referred to junior Rob Remender, who picked up the win in game one, and Logan Gittman, who held Reese to two runs through five innings in the nightcap.

Connor Gugel powered the Rockets in the opener, with three of the five hits for first-year coach Jacob Purman’s team, new 1-2-1 after Thursday’s doubleheader. Neither squad pitched to its usual in Thursday’s nonconference games, but that’s not to say either team took the games lightly.

Coach McKinstry is a 1998 Reese High School graduate, while coach Purman played his freshman and sophomore years at Frankenmuth before graduating from Reese in 2013. Frankenmuth assistant baseball coach Todd Sprowel coached Purman when Purman played on Frankenmuth’s freshman baseball team.

“We’ve got a little friendly rivalry going,” said Purman, who succeeds longtime Reese coach Dave Elliott this season. “It was the Frankenmuth JV baseball coach for the last few years, and I was the JV coach at Reese. So we’ve been coaching against each other for years.

Sprowel called Purman “a real good ballplayer” back in high school.

“I talk to Purman quite a bit; he works with my wife here in town at Frankenmuth Credit Union,” Sprowel said. “He’s a great guy.”

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Frankenmuth coach Gene McKinstry enters a game during a doubleheader against Reese on Thursday. McKinstry’s Eagles win the first game, 8-6, and wound up 2-2 tie in the second game, which was called due to darkness.
1. GEOGRAPHY: Which Russian city used to be called Leningrad?
2. SCIENCE: What is the coldest city in the northern hemisphere?
3. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase “persona non grata” mean?
4. U.S. STATES: Which state’s flag is the only one currently that is two-sided?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the first animal to appear on a U.S. coin?
6. FOOD & DRINK: How many herbs and spices are in the original recipe of Kentucky Fried Chicken?
7. MOVIES: How many movies did Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire make together?
8. LITERARY: In the Harry Potter book series, what are N.E.W.T.s?
9. TELEVISION: How many children were in “The Addams Family” sitcom?
10. HISTORY: In what year was the first email sent?

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Answers
1. St. Petersburg
2. Oymyakon, Russia
3. An unwelcome person
4. Oregon (state seal on one side and a figure of a beaver on the other side)
5. An eagle
6. 11
7. 10
8. Critical examinations (Nastily Exhausting Wizarding Test)
9. Two: Wednesday and Pugsley
10. 1971

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following proposals will appear on the ballot:

CARO TRANSIT AUTHORITY MILLAGE RENEWAL
(Almer, Caro City, Indianfields)

 Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Caro Transit Authority, County of Tuscola, Michigan, be increased by Two Dollars ($2.00) per thousand dollars ($2.00 per $1,000 of taxable value) for a period of 5 years, 2023 to 2027, inclusive, as a renewal of millage previously approved by the voters which expires with the 2022 levy, for the sole and exclusive purpose of continuing public bus transportation services within the Caro Transit Authority (Indianfields Township, Almer Charter Township and the City of Caro)?

It is estimated that 2.00 mill would raise approximately $439,926 when first levied in 2023.

VILLAGE OF GAGETOWN MILLAGE RENEWAL FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT (Elwood)

If approved, this proposal will renew an existing millage and will allow and permit the Village of Gagetown to continue to fund Village of Gagetown law enforcement projects. Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Village of Gagetown be increased by Three Dollars and Fifty Cents ($3.50) per thousand dollars ($3.50 per $1,000 of taxable value) for a period of ten (10) years, 2022 to 2031 inclusive, for the sole and exclusive purpose of providing for the Village of Gagetown Police Department to continue to provide law enforcement services? It is estimated that $3.50 mill would raise approximately $34,650 when first levied in 2022.

VILLAGE OF GAGETOWN MILLAGE RENEWAL FOR PUBLIC WORKS (Elwood)

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Office of Township Clerk, Partial Term ending 11/20/2024

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Almer Charter Township Hall
1310 Cameron Road
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Village of Gagetown, Elwood Township
Pam Brinkman
Elwood Township Hall
6347 Lincoln Road
Gagetown, Michigan

Indianfields Township
Jodi Fellting, Interim
Indianfields Township Hall
1633 Mertz Road
Caro, Michigan

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Rita Papp
Caro Municipal Building, Fire Hall
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The amazing c y m b a l of the wild turkey – often near extinction – is truly a conservation success story.

By 1900, due to habitat loss and unregulated hunting, wild turkeys could be found only in very small numbers in isolated areas in North America, and had become nonexistent in many states, including Michigan.

Native to North America, the wild turkey is the largest upland game bird species, and the most widespread. It can be found even in Hawaii – where wild turkeys had never been before – due to successful transplantation and conservation efforts that began in the 1960s.

During the 20th century, visionary conservationists and various state agencies would begin transplanting wild turkeys that had been live-trapped in various other regions. Michigan would start out in the 1950s by releasing wild turkeys in the northern Lower Peninsula after the birds had been live-trapped in Pennsylvania.

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Turkeys would steadily increase in number and widen their range, and limited spring hunts (for bearded turkeys only) would begin in the 1960s. I was fortunate enough to be one of only 10 hunters drawn for the Baldwin area in 1968, and I have been a passionate spring turkey hunter ever since, because it represents a very unique outdoor experience and atmosphere like no other.

Today, wild turkeys are flourishing in 68 counties in the Lower Peninsula, as well as in most counties in the Upper Peninsula. One need not travel far to find wild turkeys in Michigan. I will never forget seeing a wild hen turkey walking down a sidewalk only a few blocks away from the Capitol Building in Lansing.

Due to dedicated conservation efforts, there are an estimated 7-million-plus wild turkeys worldwide, exists five subspecies: Eastern, Osceola, Merriam, Gould’s and Rio Grande. The Eastern – the wild turkey found in Michigan – is the most popular (and most hunted) and its range covers the eastern half of the country, from Maine to northern Florida.

Wild turkey subspecies (adult males) are a striking sight to behold with their white body, Bay, white tail fan, scarlet red throats and iridescent feathers which glint in the sunlight. A gobble can weigh up to 30 pounds, and the tips of its tail feathers, when fanned out, can reach four feet above the ground. Wild turkeys prefer to run rather than fly to escape danger and can easily reach 25 mph. When forced to fly, they can quickly attain 55 mph, and I have witnessed them do running takeoffs, or squat down and use their powerful legs to launch nearly straight up while propelling their wings. They typically fly briefly and then glide for 100 yards or so when escaping danger, but I have seen them go a quarter mile or more.

The wings are powered by muscles which require blood, which is why wild turkeys tend to be darker than that of domestic turkeys, which are way too plump to even fly. Just the same, I find the meat of wild turkeys to be quite delicious. Because wild turkeys require their legs to travel and also run to escape danger, their “drumsticks” can be on the tough and sinewy side, especially when compared to their domestic counterparts which never have to run, or even walk very far.

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I’ve heard comments from some folks who assume turkeys are dumb animals (aka “stupid brains”), and they obviously refer to the domestic variety. Wild turkeys, from the egg stage on, encounter a wide variety of predators. Raccoons, opossums, shanks, wrens, and even snakes will raid wild nests for eggs and chicks. Fox, coyotes and even predators are hard on peals (young turkeys) and the adults, too. I can remember having a golden eagle silently drop down with talons extended onto my adult-sized hen turkey decoy, collapsing it, and being a tad confused as to what just happened to a fine meal!

Turkeys, being prey animals, are honored survivors possessing keen eyesight and color perception, as well as phenomenal hearing. Although they don’t have a sense of smell, I’ve learned that wild turkeys pay close attention to other wildlife which do.

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Anglers are reminded to report marked and tagged fish they may encounter while fishing. MDC is continuing to monitor fish populations using clipped and marked fish. Reports may be made by calling the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fish in the Field.

15 angler ages 17 years of age and older are required to have a fishing license.

**SOUTHEAST LOWER PENINSULA**

LAKESHORE: Fishing on Lake Erie was slow for walleye with majority of anglers concentrating their efforts on small spoon and small jigging using both artificial and natural baits. A possible explanation for the low catch rate could be the water was very muddy, caused by high winds. Fish were marked closer to shore, possibly responding. Anglers started to see slightly more success while trolling with yellow and blue spoons closer to the surface, which matched the spawning activity. Boats trolling the shoreline for walleye did well. Northern pike shore fishing off the shake site access site was good while using cranks. Yellow perch were biting on minnows at the shelter at the Benton Harbor access site. Steelheads were caught close to shore or in relatively small band. Boat anglers that were fishing for steelheads were spotting over the weekend. The best results came from the Tenney Channel on the backside of Mud Island, and between the Anglers was catching large smallmouth bass, running across the fish in 23 to 27 feet of water. The results were when anglers tipped the jigs with minnows.

SAGINAW BAY: Walleye were caught working hard for 5 to 10 feet of water, at the Old Dumphing Grounds, at the Sparkplag in 24 feet and in the crib in 18 feet of water. Anglers reported catching walleye while running planner boards and small Shad Raps and Flicker Minnows. Some small perch were also being caught in the harbor. Pier anglers were making it difficult for wading, but boat anglers were doing well. High water levels have made it difficult to access locations, especially on the north side of the harbor. Anglers venturing out to fish are reminded to check the latest Michigan weather and water quality reports before heading out on the water.

**NORTHEAST LOWER PENINSULA**

TAWAS: Anglers were catching a few brown and lake trout out near Tawas Point while trolling bodies in 15 to 10 feet of water. A few suckers were caught in the river near Elbow Point.

GATEWAY PARK: Fishing was slow, but there were a few suckers caught while fishing crawlers.

GRAND HAVEN: Pier and boat anglers were finding the brown trout action to be spotty and spikes but boat anglers found the action to be better.

**UPPER PENINSULA**

LITTLE BAY DE NOC: Angler pressure has declined. Perch anglers were making an appearance in the upper bay area. Most anglers were targeting deeper water areas across from the Kippling access. Anglers are catching the best biomass with wigglers.

MANSFIELD: Steelhead were in the river, but water levels were high making for tough fishing conditions. Most anglers were floating steelhead. Some anglers were getting their boats in the water and trolling the mouth and river.

KEWEENAW BAY/HURON: Most angling pressure was concentrated to the Falls River mouth on Keewenaw Bay and the head of Hauen Bay. Catch rates have been limited while the pressure on the ice declines and boat launches were not open due to ice. Look for possible open water to be in the coming weeks.

SOUTH PORTAGE ENTRY/ BIG TRAVERSE BAY: Some anglers were catching off wave breaks and pairs for steelhead. Anglers should be casting spins or imitation spins in river mouths on Lake Superior to attract fish that may be moving nearby.

MUNISING BAY: Fishing pressure was low. However, the anglers that were out doing well with some limits of coho reported. Best action was early morning. Anglers were mainly targeting coho with a few incidental catch of salmon. GRAND MARAIS: The upper part of the harbor along the pier areas where ice flows have opened up where anglers could cast a line, but open water areas were limited. The Sucker Bay water levels were increasing. Open water ice flows were shifting out into the lake however we are still a few weeks away from any possible boat fishing.
EASTER EGG HUNT Lytle South Christian Church at 1125 E Industrial Blvd. Ahoine is having a Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16, 2022, 9 a.m. It is free. We will have Sassy the Clown, Snow Cones, & Lots of EASTER PRIZES.

FOOD OUTREACH hosted by Spring of Life Community Church will be held the third Saturday of each month. Free groceries will be available to all. A free dinner will also be available. Call 989-683-2094 to order.

FOOD PANTRY is open 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at St. Christopher Parish, 910 W. Frank St., Caro. Typical grocery staples plus some frozen foods. Limit one visit per month. For more information, call 989-672-1034.

FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH last Saturday of every month from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in fellowship hall at First United Methodist Church, Marlette. Menu includes soups, salads, sandwiches and desserts. The building is handicapped accessible.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC SERIES: April 22nd noon. Erik Gibyln, classical pianist, held at Presbyterian Church of Caro.

GOOD SAMARITANS FOOD PANTRY is open 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Cairo United Methodist Church, 670 W. Gifford Road. Open to Tuscola County residents. ID is required.

OFFERMAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY: Check out the new features that the public library has to offer. Overdrive (digital books and audiobooks), RIFdigital (digital magazines), Kinglon Explore, and more available online available from 1941 to Feb. 15, 1968.

SAVE A LIFE: Learn by free-handstand compression only CPR the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, 677 E. 6th St. Call 988-615-0578 to enroll or dave- lop a handstand. SOUTHERN CARE HOSPICE is searching for Vol- unteers for our Volunteer Program. Volun- teers make a big difference in the lives of the families we serve. Call us at 989-790-7533 to learn more about becoming a Volunteer.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED: This community agency is looking for volunteer drivers for our office to transport county veterans to their doctor appoint- ments or to VA Medical Center. Contact us at 989-759-5036 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED for Care Team Hospice to provide comfort visi- tions with patients in Tuscola County. Please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Gary Pasko at gmakuch@careteammi.com.

Spring Fling Spring Fling

1st Annual Our office can assist with (but not limited to):

• Applying for Survivors Benefits
• Resources for financial difficulties
• Getting a copy of their DD214/Military Records
• Applying for health benefits

SPOUSES OF VETERANS will be celebrated. Everyone welcome. 989-823-3473.

Even 1-2 days a month would help. Call 989-673-8148 for more information.

V A Medical Centers. The county has two

VETERAN TO VETERAN (VET2VET) MEETINGS/ EVENTS meeting is held the second Thursday of each month at the Unionville American Legion Hall. Phone: 989-673-4036 for more information.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY #4421 meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the Unionville American Legion Hall.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 194I meets the first Monday of each month at 12:00 p.m. at 248 W. Main St., Mayville.

BIBLE MEETINGS at the United Methodist Church on April 2 and May 4, 5p-10p at 904 W. Huron Ave., Huron Grove, contact Susan at 989-912-5413.

CARO AMERICAN Legion Post #7 meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

CARO CHAPTER #096 Royal Arch Masons meet the third Thursday of each month in the Masonic Temple, 156 N. State St., Caro.

CAR LIONS CLUB meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. at the Brentwood. Membership applications available. Call 989-673-5585 for more information.

CERT CHOIR Spring concert. Join the Choir in the House under the direction of Dr. Philip Burkett & Thumb Ringers hand-bell choir. Friday April 8th at 7 p.m., Sunday April 10th at 3 p.m. at USA High School Auditorium. Free, will offering.

TOPS #1221 CLUB meets at 6 p.m. every Thursday at Bayshore Beauty Academy. For more information, call 989-355-4361 or visit topsonline.org.

TOPS CLUB 1211 VASSAR meets Wednesdays at Bayshore Beauty Academy, 1101 Lane St. Weigh in from 8-9 a.m., meetings from 9-10 a.m. For more information, contact Sue at 989-823-8067 or Diana at 989-725-3467.

TOPS CLUB 1627 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thursdays at the help center, Legion Post #7, Caro, from 9-11 a.m. For more information, call Cecilia at 989-673-4023 or Connie at 989-673-4414.

VASSAR FRIENDS OF THE LI- BRARY meets the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the library. VETERAN TO VETERAN (VET TO VET) meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at the VG’s plaza next to former Ace Hardware Building. These meetings provide a chance to talk to other veterans about their experiences while serving and bring veterans together to learn about available benefits. Refreshments are provided. For more information, call 989-673-8148.

VFW POST MONTHLY MEET- ING takes place at 7 p.m. in the Legion Post #7, 4164, Caro, Second Monday, 7:30 p.m.

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The longevity of this game, that’s what amazes me...

“There was a period in time where I don’t know if there was a tougher out in all of baseball. That he continues to put together really good at-bats — those big numbers come from doing things really well for a long time. It’s impressive.”

He loves playing here, and Thursday’s flat-pump was a reflection. Funny thing was, he was celebrating his base-turning, having challenged Royals left fielder Andrew Benintendi in the second inning on a Harold Castro fly ball. The throw beat Cabrera to the plate, but was just wide enough for him to slide around Salvador Perez’s tag for the Tigers’ second run.

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