TUSCOLA COUNTY

County commissioners approve their own raises

By Mark Haney | Reporter
haney@tcadvertiser.com

CARO — When the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners convene in January, the members of the five-member group will be earning more money. And so will the county’s road commissioners.

At their July 28 session, the county commissioners approved a 3 percent increase in each of the coming two years for the board of commissioners and the road commissioners. The motion passed 3-2, with District 3 Commissioner Kan Vaughn and District 4 Commissioner Doug Doffinest voting against it.

“I feel the health insurance thing was raise enough for a while,” Vaughn said. “I feel that was something that was put back in place. So that is my position on that. The health insurance was enough of a raise.”

Vaughn and District 4 Commissioner Kim Zechmeister voted for the raise.

Zechmeister said she’ll check with the county’s lawyer – Eric Morris of the Saginaw law firm Braun Kendrick – to see if this is legal.

“We can reduce salaries without any concern after an election,” Bardwell said. So the board could saber the pay now and lower it later if it sees fit.

District 5 Commissioner Dan Grimshaw, who had proposed the 3 percent raises for each year to mirror what the employees will get, said the commissioners could avoid such issues in the future by setting up an independent committee to look annually at the pay for all elected officials. Then, he said, the pay could be changed after an election.

“That is what a lot of counties do,” Grimshaw said, “so that it is not done by the board of commissioners. Because if it is taken out of the hands of the people who will benefit from it and it is a third party of a compensation committee, they determine what the compensation is going to be for going to elected officials.”

SAGINAW COUNTY

Public invited to sturgeon release in Frankenmuth

By Tom Gilchrist | Reporter
gilchrist@tcadvertiser.com

A diver holds a sedated lake sturgeon, a fish that can grow up to 300 pounds. A number of entities are banding together to reintroduce sturgeon into the Saginaw Bay watershed, and its tributaries – the Tittabawassee, Shiawassee, Cass and Flint rivers.

Public invited to sturgeon release in Frankenmuth

By Tom Gilchrist | Reporter
gilchrist@tcadvertiser.com

FRANKENMUTH — The public is invited to the release of more than 100 lake sturgeons into the Cass River at 2 p.m. Aug. 19 in Frankenmuth.

The event begins at the parking lot behind Zehnder’s of Frankenmuth restaurant, at the Gunzenhausen Street walkway.

The city of Frankenmuth hosts the event, which is part of the project to reintroduce lake sturgeon – known by some as the “dinosaur fish” – into the Saginaw Bay watershed.

Short presentations may be made at the event by local partners supporting sturgeon reintroduction.

The young sturgeon released Aug. 19 have been raised in hatcheries. Sturgeon also will be released that day into the Tittabawassee, Flint and Shiawassee rivers.

TUSCOLA COUNTY

City hires DPW director, Amellal named interim manager

By John Schneider | Reporter
john@tcadvertiser.com

Curtis Wells, the city’s wastewater manager, has been named interim city manager of Caro, as the city searchs for a successor to Matthew Lane. Prior to being named interim city manager earlier this month, Amellal had been working as Caro’s director of development and strategic initiatives, and an associate city manager/assistant project manager.

Graham announced he was leaving for a similar position in Lapeer. Also that month, Curtis Wells, the city’s wastewater manager.
MEET THE EDITORIAL STAFF

Carla Alderson, Business Manager
Carla Andern
Email: carla@tcadvertiser.com

Advertising Design

Marketing

Ilse Nelson
Email: ins@tcadvertiser.com

Marketing

Joshua Clapp
Email: clapp@tcadvertiser.com

Marketing

Mike Sauder
Email: msauder@tcadvertiser.com

Marketing

Kerry Daley
Email: kdaley@tcadvertiser.com

Marketing

Jennifer Cook
Email: jcook@tcadvertiser.com

Marketing

Melissa Moore
Email: mmoore@tcadvertiser.com

Marketing

Mike Haag
Email: mhaag@tcadvertiser.com

Marketing

Tom Giel
Email: tgiel@tcadvertiser.com

Marketing

Mike Haney
Email: mhaney@tcadvertiser.com

Marketing

Alison Van Sickle
Email: avansickle@tcadvertiser.com

Marketing

Erie Warsinskey
Email: ewarsinskey@tcadvertiser.com

Marketing

Carly Smith
Email: carly@tcadvertiser.com

Marketing

Mark Haney
Email: mhaney@tcadvertiser.com

Marketing

Jared Coyle
Email: jcoyle@tcadvertiser.com

Marketing

Mike Smith
Email: msmith@tcadvertiser.com

Marketing

Tim Murphy
Email: tmurphy@tcadvertiser.com

Marketing

Boyd Parks
Email: bpark@tcadvertiser.com

Marketing

Michelle Brown
Email: mbrown@tcadvertiser.com

Marketing

Cara Ford
Email: cford@tcadvertiser.com

Marketing

Zachary Birtwell
Email: zbirtwell@tcadvertiser.com

Marketing

Brooke Huyck
Email: bhuyck@tcadvertiser.com

Marketing

TUSCOLA COUNTY

MILLINGTON finalizes school leadership team, hires teachers

By Mark Haney

MILLINGTON

The Millington Board of Education finalized the leadership at Millington Community Schools on May 2, 2017.

With Larry Kruswck retiring as superintendent, junior/senior high school assistant principal Roger Beavers retiring too and Jeff Torke — who had been the district’s director of federal, state and local programs and the students service coordinator — leaving the district to become superintendent of Hade Area Schools, there were empty seats at the top of the leadership at Millington Central Schools.

Junior/senior high school principal Stephen Beausse became the new superintendent. Lenny Dunston went from being the college and career readiness advisor to being the junior/senior high school principal. Melissa Truax, an elementary teacher, took over Dunston’s old post.

And Jason Germain, the athletic director, took over Beausse’s old post.

The district’s board of education finalized all of the changes when it met Aug. 1, approving the combining of the assting junior/ senior high school principal with the athletic director.

This was in anticipation of a new contract for German and French teachers in the district. Karen Moore. Her pay was adjusted due to the new compensation structure. She previously was a leader of a grade K-5 building.

Anyway. The wages for the jobs were both were based on what is being paid to similar positions in districts in the Saginaw Bay area. Some of the administrators’ contracts, he said, were based on old, outdated numbers.

“Some of the administrators hadn’t had a raise in quite some time,” he said. “I tried to look at comparable districts and just place them where I thought they should be.

The rehiring also opened the door for the district to hire three new teachers. Mackenzie Cobb was hired as an English and social studies teacher for the junior/senior high school. Aiden LeFevre Schaefer was hired as a second-grade teacher and Kerry Hubbad was hired as a first-grade teacher.

There were also:

• Approved some minor changes in the handbook for each of the schools.

The one thing that is coming back are the new superintendents. Mackenzie Cobb was hired as an English and social studies teacher for the junior/senior high school. Aiden LeFevre Schaefer was hired as a second-grade teacher and Kerry Hubbad was hired as a first-grade teacher.

Some of the administrators hadn’t had a raise in quite some time,” he said. “I tried to look at comparable districts and just place them where I thought they should be.

The rehiring also opened the door for the district to hire three new teachers. Mackenzie Cobb was hired as an English and social studies teacher for the junior/senior high school. Aiden LeFevre Schaefer was hired as a second-grade teacher and Kerry Hubbad was hired as a first-grade teacher.

There were also:

• Approved some minor changes in the handbook for each of the schools.

The one thing that is coming back are the new superintendents. Mackenzie Cobb was hired as an English and social studies teacher for the junior/senior high school. Aiden LeFevre Schaefer was hired as a second-grade teacher and Kerry Hubbad was hired as a first-grade teacher.

Some of the administrators hadn’t had a raise in quite some time,” he said. “I tried to look at comparable districts and just place them where I thought they should be.

The rehiring also opened the door for the district to hire three new teachers. Mackenzie Cobb was hired as an English and social studies teacher for the junior/senior high school. Aiden LeFevre Schaefer was hired as a second-grade teacher and Kerry Hubbad was hired as a first-grade teacher.

There were also:

• Approved some minor changes in the handbook for each of the schools.

The one thing that is coming back are the new superintendents. Mackenzie Cobb was hired as an English and social studies teacher for the junior/senior high school. Aiden LeFevre Schaefer was hired as a second-grade teacher and Kerry Hubbad was hired as a first-grade teacher.

Some of the administrators hadn’t had a raise in quite some time,” he said. “I tried to look at comparable districts and just place them where I thought they should be.

The rehiring also opened the door for the district to hire three new teachers. Mackenzie Cobb was hired as an English and social studies teacher for the junior/senior high school. Aiden LeFevre Schaefer was hired as a second-grade teacher and Kerry Hubbad was hired as a first-grade teacher.

There were also:

• Approved some minor changes in the handbook for each of the schools.

The one thing that is coming back are the new superintendents. Mackenzie Cobb was hired as an English and social studies teacher for the junior/senior high school. Aiden LeFevre Schaefer was hired as a second-grade teacher and Kerry Hubbad was hired as a first-grade teacher.

Some of the administrators hadn’t had a raise in quite some time,” he said. “I tried to look at comparable districts and just place them where I thought they should be.

The rehiring also opened the door for the district to hire three new teachers. Mackenzie Cobb was hired as an English and social studies teacher for the junior/senior high school. Aiden LeFevre Schaefer was hired as a second-grade teacher and Kerry Hubbad was hired as a first-grade teacher.

There were also:

• Approved some minor changes in the handbook for each of the schools.

The one thing that is coming back are the new superintendents. Mackenzie Cobb was hired as an English and social studies teacher for the junior/senior high school. Aiden LeFevre Schaefer was hired as a second-grade teacher and Kerry Hubbad was hired as a first-grade teacher.

Some of the administrators hadn’t had a raise in quite some time,” he said. “I tried to look at comparable districts and just place them where I thought they should be.

The rehiring also opened the door for the district to hire three new teachers. Mackenzie Cobb was hired as an English and social studies teacher for the junior/senior high school. Aiden LeFevre Schaefer was hired as a second-grade teacher and Kerry Hubbad was hired as a first-grade teacher.

There were also:

• Approved some minor changes in the handbook for each of the schools.

The one thing that is coming back are the new superintendents. Mackenzie Cobb was hired as an English and social studies teacher for the junior/senior high school. Aiden LeFevre Schaefer was hired as a second-grade teacher and Kerry Hubbad was hired as a first-grade teacher.

Some of the administrators hadn’t had a raise in quite some time,” he said. “I tried to look at comparable districts and just place them where I thought they should be.

The rehiring also opened the door for the district to hire three new teachers. Mackenzie Cobb was hired as an English and social studies teacher for the junior/senior high school. Aiden LeFevre Schaefer was hired as a second-grade teacher and Kerry Hubbad was hired as a first-grade teacher.

There were also:

• Approved some minor changes in the handbook for each of the schools.

The one thing that is coming back are the new superintendents. Mackenzie Cobb was hired as an English and social studies teacher for the junior/senior high school. Aiden LeFevre Schaefer was hired as a second-grade teacher and Kerry Hubbad was hired as a first-grade teacher.
CARO — The new Midway Hall, constructed in 2018 at the Tuscola County Fairgrounds in Caro, received exterior improvements shortly before the Tuscola County Fair came to town in the last week of July.

Colleen Russell, the Tuscola County Fair Board, joined forces with the Caro Garden Club to spruce up the outside of the building. Work began in May and was completed in mid-June.

The garden club helped with designing, measuring, installing landscape fabric, plant shopping and installation of new plants. Fair board members Gale Jackson and Randy Romain prepared the work site by pre-digging holes, while Caro chiropractor Rocco Boryc and volunteers from the Caro Youth Football League placed boulders donated by Jackson and spread mulch.

Will’s Greenhouse of the Vassar area provided petunias for the project.

In addition to serving as fair headquarters, Midway Hall is available to rent for baby and bridal showers, family reunions, graduation parties, large meetings and other group activities. Contact John Riley at tuscolacountyfair@hotmail.com for rental details.

A-F begins work on alternative ed center

Akron-Fairgrove Schools wants to offer an alternative.

The district plans to turn the former Fairgrove Medical Clinic building in Fairgrove into the Academic Learning Center, an alternative education center. Those plans, however, have been slowed during the past three years since the purchase by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. So the board took a step in that direction Monday when it accepted the $68,850 bid of Thush Heating and Cooling to install heating-ventilation-air conditioning and plumbing at the new Academic Learning Center.

“We’re just now getting to where we can do some of the renovations,” Superintendent Diane Foster said.

The district has applied to the state Department of Education for approval of the center, but the earliest that can happen is January. If not, it should open the next year.

The state has to give the district permission to have an education program in a different building. "It is a work in progress," Foster said, "depending on how long it takes to get the renovations done."

The part was to be shipped last week and "some parts for the new dishwasher in the kitchen. The tables for the kitchen are in. said, though the district still is awaiting permission to have an education program in a different building."

The board also:

■ Approved the 2022-23 curriculum guide.
■ Learned the district hosted staff in-service days on Aug. 2 and Aug. 3, with school resuming on Monday. The summer projects mostly are done, Foster said, though the district still is awaiting some parts for the new dishwasher in the kitchen.
■ Hired Debra Bierlein as a junior high teacher, Alainna Shannon as paraprofessional at the junior high and Bo Schember as a junior high football coach.
■ Approved the 2022-23 curriculum guide.
■ Learned the district hosted staff in-service days on Aug. 2 and Aug. 3, with school resuming on Monday. The summer projects mostly are done, Foster said, though the district still is awaiting some parts for the new dishwasher in the kitchen.
The village council also:

- Learned Thumb Area Transit, based in Huron County, wants to meet with Powell to discuss expanding its bus service to Cass City. Bus officials told Powell they have received requests from Cass City residents to use the service.

- Will spend $6,764.40 with BBQ Pool Service and Supply for Ligonera for chemicals needed to get the Helen Stevens Memorial Pool through the remainder of the season.

- “We are having problems with our control system and we were manually monitoring our chemicals,” Powell said. “We end up using a little bit more chemicals than we had anticipated if we would have had the automated system.” Repairs to the automated system have been delayed by the need for a part. “It is very frustrating right now,” Powell said, “that you get the parts or you get other things that you need for components for some machines or other supply-side issues.”

- Condoned the incentives policy to change language that some found abusive and uninviting.

- Is changing the zoning ordinance and zoning map to accommodate two different single-family residential designations to take the place of the LA-1 and LA-2, and the other two designations had significant differences from the current single-family residential designation. In some cases it was the lot size, in others it was the setback. There no longer are 85 foot or 1,200-square-foot requirements. It is at the minimum requirement “So it is one-size-fits- all for the one-family residential designation now,” Powell said.

- Appointed Jeffery Robinson and Rodelrick Whelon to three-year terms on the planning commission. The planning commission now is fully staffed. The village has spent $92,19.19 with Wieland Truck and Trailer of Saginaw to move the Village Hall. “We are strategically placing cameras in the park,” Powell said, “so that we can monitor vandalism, which has been an ongoing problem.”

- The village council also will spend $9,673 for a new Wi-Fi network and adding to the camera network something we are looking at doing run security cameras off our Wi-Fi to anyone using the park. It will work out, she told the council, the village will use a free Wi-Fi service and use the Village Park, by Cass City Municipal Village.

- The village council decided July 2 to hire the village staff researched what Village of Sebewaing to work out, she told the council, the village will use a free Wi-Fi service and use the Village Park, by Cass City Municipal Village.

- The village council also will spend $9,673 for a new Wi-Fi network and adding to the camera network something we are looking at doing run security cameras off our Wi-Fi to anyone using the park. It will work out, she told the council, the village will use a free Wi-Fi service and use the Village Park, by Cass City Municipal Village.

- The village council also will spend $9,673 for a new Wi-Fi network and adding to the camera network something we are looking at doing run security cameras off our Wi-Fi to anyone using the park. It will work out, she told the council, the village will use a free Wi-Fi service and use the Village Park, by Cass City Municipal Village.

- The planning commission now is fully staffed. The village has spent $92,19.19 with Wieland Truck and Trailer of Saginaw to move the Village Hall. “We are strategically placing cameras in the park,” Powell said, “so that we can monitor vandalism, which has been an ongoing problem.”

- The village council also will spend $9,673 for a new Wi-Fi network and adding to the camera network something we are looking at doing run security cameras off our Wi-Fi to anyone using the park. It will work out, she told the council, the village will use a free Wi-Fi service and use the Village Park, by Cass City Municipal Village.

- The village council also will spend $9,673 for a new Wi-Fi network and adding to the camera network something we are looking at doing run security cameras off our Wi-Fi to anyone using the park. It will work out, she told the council, the village will use a free Wi-Fi service and use the Village Park, by Cass City Municipal Village.
INDIANFELDS TWP. — A contract between Indianfields Township and the city of Caro for fire protection services remains unsigned, putting the township approximately 6,000 residents in jeopardy.

At Monday’s township board meeting, Supervisor William Campbell expressed his wish to make changes to the existing contract, which runs from July 1 to June 30 each year — the city of Caro’s fiscal year.

In the meantime, since July 1, the Fire Department has been responding to emergencies on a courtesy basis. The fire department not only responds to fires, but to vehicle crashes and medical emergencies as well.

“If there is a house fire in Indianfields Township, we are not legally obligated to go to a house fire,” said Campbell.

“We are not legally obligated to go to a house fire, so I think we should be paid for our services.”

Campbell asked the board for permission to pay the first quarter of the 2022-23 fiscal year bill, so that the two sides could continue to negotiate.

Campbell said he wants Indianfields to be active in deciding how much the fire department charges per run.

“It’s my concern that the cost of the contract continues to go up and up and up,” Campbell said. “But is it a fair and reasonable contract? We have no input. We receive a contract from the city of Caro and it’s take it or leave it.”

Heckroth said it’s possible to know the exact amount for a year of first-responder service until the end of each fiscal year. The cost for the township is based on the average cost of the previous three years.

Indianfields Township pays for service through a property tax. Earlier this month, township voters passed a 75-cent proposal that will raise approximately $49,000 for fire protection in its first year. The township’s bill for the 2022-23 fiscal year is about $32,000.

Campbell at Monday’s meeting provided those in attendance with a draft of a new contract. In it, the township requests a solution was not agreed upon.

Campbell threatened to pull the township from the partnership should an agreement not be met.

“I talked to our attorney, and he brought up contacting with another fire department. And maybe that will get Caro’s attention, I don’t know,” Campbell said. “I have been in contact with the Mayville Fire Department. I have not received any replies back as to whether they would be interested in a contract or if this contract would be Campbell, Caro interim city manager Lauren Amellal and Heckroth met Thursday morning to further discuss the situation, but a solution was not agreed upon.

Heckroth said the fire department typically does not have issues with the other townships in regard to fire protection contracts. He added that if a contract is not signed, the only department legally obligated to provide services is the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fire Department.

“But we hope it doesn’t come to that,” Heckroth said. “We’re hoping something positive happens in the next few days.”

A合同 between Indianfields Township and the city of Caro for fire protection services remains unsigned, putting the township approximately 6,000 residents in jeopardy. At Monday’s township board meeting, Supervisor William Campbell expressed his wish to make changes to the existing contract, which runs from July 1 to June 30 each year — the city of Caro’s fiscal year.

In the meantime, since July 1, the Fire Department has been responding to emergencies on a courtesy basis. The fire department not only responds to fires, but to vehicle crashes and medical emergencies as well.

“If there is a house fire in Indianfields Township, we are not legally obligated to go to a house fire,” said Campbell.

“We are not legally obligated to go to a house fire, so I think we should be paid for our services.”

Campbell asked the board for permission to pay the first quarter of the 2022-23 fiscal year bill, so that the two sides could continue to negotiate.

Campbell said he wants Indianfields to be active in deciding how much the fire department charges per run.

“It’s my concern that the cost of the contract continues to go up and up and up,” Campbell said. “But is it a fair and reasonable contract? We have no input. We receive a contract from the city of Caro and it’s take it or leave it.”

Heckroth said it’s possible to know the exact amount for a year of first-responder service until the end of each fiscal year. The cost for the township is based on the average cost of the previous three years.

Indianfields Township pays for service through a property tax. Earlier this month, township voters passed a 75-cent proposal that will raise approximately $49,000 for fire protection in its first year. The township’s bill for the 2022-23 fiscal year is about $32,000.

Campbell at Monday’s meeting provided those in attendance with a draft of a new contract. In it, the township requests a solution was not agreed upon.

Campbell threatened to pull the township from the partnership should an agreement not be met.

“I talked to our attorney, and he brought up contacting with another fire department. And maybe that will get Caro’s attention, I don’t know,” Campbell said. “I have been in contact with the Mayville Fire Department. I have not received any replies back as to whether they would be interested in a contract or if this contract would be Campbell, Caro interim city manager Lauren Amellal and Heckroth met Thursday morning to further discuss the situation, but a solution was not agreed upon.

Heckroth said the fire department typically does not have issues with the other townships in regard to fire protection contracts. He added that if a contract is not signed, the only department legally obligated to provide services is the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fire Department.

“But we hope it doesn’t come to that,” Heckroth said. “We’re hoping something positive happens in the next few days.”
**CASEVILLE TWP. — A 65-year-old man drowned Thursday morning off the coast of Caseville Township in Huron County.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson, in a press release, said the man from Oakland County's Commerce Township, and another man, were standing on a sandbar in Lake Huron's rough water just after 11 a.m., when they were knocked over by a wave.

One man was able to get back to shore but the other was taken farther away from shore by what is believed to be a rip current. Rescuers located him about 20 minutes later, approximately 400 feet west of where he had last been seen. Sheriff's office deputies arrived moments later, approximately 400 feet west of where he had last been seen.

The victim, identified as Kerry Atwell, was pronounced dead at 12:36 p.m. and assisted in resuscitation efforts he had last been seen. Sheriff's office deputies arrived moments later, approximately 400 feet west of where he had last been seen. Sheriff's office deputies arrived moments later, approximately 400 feet west of where he had last been seen.

**FAIRGROVE TWP. — The fate and future of a two-mile stretch of Fenner Road will be on the agenda when the Fairgrove Township board meets Monday.**

The board decided, at its July 11 session, to discuss what to do with Fenner Road when the board meets again on Aug. 15. There have been water issues with the road, as well as questions about spraying the ditches and dealing with stamps along the road.

Fairgrove Township's portion of the north-south road runs north from VanGeisen Road, to Deckerville Road.

The board also:
- Approved removing a tree at the cemetery and having a new tree planted and funded by Joyce Farrow. The location runs north from VanGeisen Road, to Deckerville Road. The board decided, at its July 11 session, to discuss what to do with Fenner Road when the board meets again on Aug. 15. There have been water issues with the road, as well as questions about spraying the ditches and dealing with stamps along the road.
- Will provide ingredients for the Michigan Bean Festival.
- Is waiting to hear back from Harper Alarms of Vassar.
- Is waiting for a contractor to become available to work on the sidewalk outside the township hall.
- Will have the drinking fountain at the township hall removed. Clerk Katie Gebhardt said it does not get used and runs constantly. Gebhardt also will bring prices to the board at Monday’s meeting for new tables and chairs for the hall. The cloth-covered chairs were removed during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. The board also was asked to purchase a wall clock and smaller table at the entrance to the hall.
- Will provide ingredients for the Michigan Bean Festival soup in exchange for advertising.
- Will be having a Zoom meeting with the auditors from Weilandner Fitzhugh of Bay City to discuss township funds.

**The portion of Fenner Road in Fairgrove Township runs north from VanGeisen Road to Deckerville Road. The Fairgrove Township Board of Trustees meets Monday to discuss the future of the road.**

By John Schneider | Reporter
john@tcadvertiser.com

By Mark Haney | Reporter
mark@tcadvertiser.com
Almer Township seeks agreement with Caro Schools for soccer field

By Mark Haney | Reporter

ALMER TWP. — Almer Township and the Caro Soccer Club have a new agreement concerning the use of the soccer fields on M-81.

The soccer club had been using the fields without a signed agreement with the township for about a decade, until July. That's when the township alerted the club's leadership that the fields would be off limits until an agreement was reached with the township.

Now the township wants to do the same with Caro Community Schools. The high school soccer team's first game is on Aug. 21, but the district doesn't yet have an agreement with the township that allows the team to use the Darbee Farms Park fields.

Jim Mantey, the township supervisor, said he's working with Superintendent George Rierson to get the district to agree to use of the township's soccer fields.

"We're going to figure something out here," Mantey said, "or he's going to have to use another school's (field).... We have to work this out.

"Hopefully they will get it together here. My board is pretty resolute on it, that we are going to do things differently.

"Township officials have determined the irrigation equipment at the soccer complex is in good condition and will be put to use, once one small repair has been made.

"In addition to signing the agreement with the township, the Caro Soccer Club also has provided all of the records and paperwork the township had been seeking.

"The township board also:

- Learned the Tuscola Intermediate School District's request to get its property annexed from the township into the city of Caro was turned down by the state boundary commission due to some errors in the paperwork. A change wouldn't mean any revenue loss to the township, since the ISD is tax-exempt, and would cost the city some income since the ISD pays non-resident rates for the water and sewer services it gets. Since the ISD first applied for annexation, the township has changed its policy and now allows properties to get city water and sewer service only through a franchise agreement instead of annexation. The ISD is seeking the aid of a real estate lawyer to resolve the case, though the boundary commission was indicating the township would have to start the process all over again. It has taken more than a year to get to this point.

- "I don't know how that is going to shake out," Mantey said. "As I see it, it is going to be a lot less headaches, a lot less red tape, a lot less paperwork just to have the city write them a franchise agreement. It is a better option and they still can get their sewer and water."

- Will be seeking approval of two additional mills for road work from the voters in November. "There's no wrong answer to that question," Mantey said. "The wrong thing would be to not even ask. That would be irresponsible."

- Received high marks from the auditors at Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt and Doran of Caro for the financial records kept during the last fiscal year.

- Learned John Fox is donating his time and talent to draw up preliminary plans for a new township hall.

- Is in the process of updating the land division ordinance.
Red Hawks fly from Greater Thumb West to East

By Scott Bolsby | Sports Editor

CASS CITY — The Cass City football team is eyeing a new conference landscape for the 2022 season.

Cass City, a longtime member of the Greater Thumb Conference West Division, will make the jump to the East Division following Brown City’s move to 8-player football this season.

The Red Hawks are original members of the GTW since its inception in 1997. They have won three football conference titles – two outright in 2018 and 2019, and a co-championship with Bad Axe in 2020.

Despite the division switch, coach Scott Cuthrell – entering his 22nd season at the helm – stressed that the team’s mindset won’t change despite a change in conferences.

“We tell our kids we want to be ready for the first game,” he said. “Everything we do in the offseason helps us move forward to control for the league title, and then get to the district and that’s the same thing we’ve done for the last 15 to 20 years.”

The Red Hawks go on the road to open the season with a familiar GTW foe – Reese – before returning home to host Lake High and new GTW opponents Harbor Beach and Memphis.

Cass City then travels to GTE foe Sandusky, which has battled Cass City in recent postseason battles, including a 14-12 Cass City win in 2020, and a 32-28 Cass City triumph in 2018. The final stretch of the season includes a home contest against Ubly before finishing the season with road games at Marlette, Caro and Beal City.

Beal City defeated Ubly 12-7 in the Division 8 semifinal last season before losing to Hudson 14-7 in the state championship game.

“It’s going to be tough. I think we have one of the toughest schedules around,” Cuthrell said. “I mean, not only are we playing the best in the East, but we are also playing the best in the West. My only open date and not in conference game is Beal City in week nine – who will probably be more than likely No. 1 in Division 8.

“We have a very tough schedule, and we have to take it week by week. The kids are doing well with the numbers we have and the key for us is staying healthy. I think the focal point for us is going into each week and expecting to win.

This year, Cass City running back Ryker Wallace runs through the blaster during Wednesday’s practice. The Red Hawks open the season on Aug. 25 at Reese.

The Red Hawks pride themselves on a smashmouth style of football.

“We tell our kids we want to be ready for the first game, and understand what we’re doing. It doesn’t matter who we go, I just hope someone is standing in week eight or nine,” Cuthrell said with a laugh. “You go down the list of teams and they all love to play that smashmouth style of football.”

Don’t expect the Red Hawks to get fancy this season with their offense. Cuthrell stresses that “We run the dink and draw and hang our hat on that.”

Cass City coach Scott Cuthrell roams the field during Wednesday’s practice at Cass City High School. Cuthrell is entering his 22nd season as head coach and Cass City will compete for the first time in the Greater Thumb Conference East Division.
Cass City opens its season Aug. 26 at Reese in a nonconference matchup against first-year Reese head coach Kerry Messing.

“We do a lot of work in the offseason because we put together a tough schedule,” Cuthrell said. “We’ve obviously got switched around this year, but we open with Reese and that is another tough game. Our theory is let’s play the best and see where we are at. We’re excited and just by the few days we’ve had (in practice), we’re impressed. “I think a lot of good things are going to come out of this group.”

Landyn Schott runs through the ropes during Cass City practice on Wednesday. The Red Hawks completed the season with a 5-5 overall record and a playoff appearance.

Cass City junior Carter Patrick listens in as a coach gives direction during Wednesday’s practice at Cass City High School. Patrick is projected to be the starting quarterback for the Red Hawks this season.

Landyn Schott runs through the ropes during Cass City practice on Wednesday. The Red Hawks completed the season with a 5-5 overall record and a playoff appearance.

Cass City linemen Luke Tschirhardt, left, and Trysten Gruber, right, battle it out during Wednesday’s practice. Cass City will be making the move to the Greater Thumb Conference East Division.
1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the only vowel on a computer keyboard’s middle row of letters?

2. LANGUAGE: What is the diacritical mark used over the first “a” in “château”?

3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of the Czech Republic?

4. MOVIES: Where was the “Lord of the Rings” trilogy filmed?

5. MEASUREMENTS: What is 4 ounces of liquid equal to in cups?

6. U.S. STATES: Which is the only American state that begins with the letter P?

7. LANGUAGE: What is the word that stands for the letter Y in the international radio alphabet?

8. CHEMISTRY: What is the symbol for the element zinc?

9. TELEVISION: What is Kramer’s first name in the sitcom “Seinfeld”?

10. MUSIC: Which country is home to the rock group AC/DC?

© 2022 King Features Synd., Inc.

Answers

1. A.
2. Circumflex.
3. Prague.
4. New Zealand.
5. 1/2 cup.
7. Yankee.
8. Zn.
9. Cosmo.
10. Australia.

Posting Date August 8, 2022

HELP WANTED: Live John Leibold available, bid from anywhere at johnpeckauc.com Call to schedule your live or online auction now. 1-800-835-0495.

LEAF GUARD GUTTERS & FIREPITS, FURNACES & STOVES FOR SALE 989-872-4745

FREE: 6 Isa Brown Chickens, 6 month old, free anywhere in Michigan for 190 Channels! Blazing speed, top quality service. (some restrictions apply) Call 1-888-351-0154


HELP WANTED IN Caro City dental office. 810-672-2381.


GARAGE SALE: 4584 Caine Rd. August 18th, 19th & 20th, 9-5. New 32 size 8 girl’s clothes, winter clothing, bedding & household, & much more. Tapestry love seat, 4 Amish made oak chairs, excellent late teen-junior
garage set, vintage items, formal gowns, clothing, home/holiday decor and lots more.

HELP WANTED: ADULT Foster Care hiring in Caro for 2nd shift and weekends. Experience a plus but not necessary, we will train. Call 810-665-3568 for interview. Must pass a background check.

A KING PILLOW TOP MEMORY MATTRESS NEW in plastic, slightly dam- aged, must go. $200, sell for $350. Call 810-922-0591.


HELP WANTED: Harris Sausages, 12 W. Jef- ferson at Main, Frensan- mutated. Must Have Saus- age Production. Accept 30 hours per week. M-F. Car shipping rate. Apply in person.

HELP WANTED: Glasses Sausages, 12 W. Jef- ferson at Main, Frensan- mutated. Must Have Saus- age Production. Accept 30 hours per week. M-F. Car shipping rate. Apply in person.
TUSCOLA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
NOTICE TO BIDDER

TUSCOLA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION - 1733 S. MERTZ ROAD, CARO, MI 48473

Sealed bids will be received Thursday, September 1st, 2022, by 8:30 AM at the office of the Board of Tuscola County Road Commissioners at 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, MI for the following items (as at the time specified):

Louis Road Culvert Replacement over the Elliot Branch of the Smith Drain - Project includes complete removal of existing culvert and installation of 54' of 60" C.S.P. with metal headwall.

Benets Road Cleaning 0.4 miles west of M-24 - Project includes approximately 15 acres of clearing and restoration.

Bids are to be submitted on the Road Commission forms in a plainly marked and sealed envelope. No electronic bids will be accepted. Specifications are available online at www.tuscolacounty.org. Please contact Brent Clark at Tuscola County Highway Engineer at 889-550-2265 or bclark@tuscolacounty.org with any questions.

The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to readvertise or to accept the proposal that in their opinion, is in his best interest of the Tuscola County.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
“An equal Opportunity Employer”
John Laurie, Chairman
Gary Parsell, Vice-Chairman
Jule Michalski, Member
Duane Weber, Member
David Keenem, Member

NOTICE TO TUSCOLA COUNTY RESIDENTS

The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners’ are accepting applications for the following:

Tuscola County Veterans’ Committee
As a member of the Board, you would receive per diem for attending the meeting.

Please submit your resume with a Board and Commission Application, available online at www.tuscolacounty.org or Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk, 440 N State Street, Caro, MI 48723.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE
VASSAR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given that Vassar Public Schools is receiving bids from trade contractors for the following project:

VRF SYSTEM

Proposals for HVAC installation will be received by Vassar Public Schools (Townsend North, Central Elementary, 6-12 Building) until 9 am on August 25, 2022. Responses received will be submitted to the Vassar Public Schools Board of Education for action at their meeting on September 13, 2022.

Walkthroughs are available on Friday, July 29, 2022 at 1 pm local time. Bids specifications, requirements, and required bid forms are to be submitted and are available at www.vassar.org.

Proposals should be addressed to:
Dorothy Blackwell, Superintendent
Vassar Public Schools
220 Athletic Street
Vassar, MI 48486

OWNERS RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

The Owner reserves the right to reject any part of any of all bids and to waive or nullify or modify any informalities in the bidding procedures. The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid when Bidder fails to submit data required by the Bidding Documents, or if the bid is submitted incomplete or improper. The Owner reserves the right to reject or modify, or call for additional bids by the Owner.

TUSCOLA COUNTY IS SEEKING BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:

Tuscola County is seeking bids for the Parking lot Painting and New Recycling Building Paving. Please see the Tuscola County website (tuscolacounty.org) for more information under the Online Services tab, or call 989-672-3756. Bids are due no later than 4 pm, August 19, 2022.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF CARO

CITY OF CARO

2022 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT

General Notice
City of Caro (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

2022 Sidewalk Replacement Project

Bids will be received for the Parking lot Painting and New Recycling Building Paving. Please see the Tuscola County website (tuscolacounty.org) for more information under the Online Services tab, or call 989-672-3756. Bids are due no later than 4 pm, August 19, 2022.

NOTICE TO CITY OF CARO RESIDENTS

The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners’ are accepting applications for the following:

Tuscola County Veterans’ Committee
As a member of the Board, you would receive per diem for attending the meeting.

Please submit your resume with a Board and Commission Application, available online at www.tuscolacounty.org or Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk, 440 N State Street, Caro, MI 48723.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE
VASSAR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given that Vassar Public Schools is receiving bids from trade contractors for the following project:

VRF SYSTEM

Proposals for HVAC installation will be received by Vassar Public Schools (Townsend North, Central Elementary, 6-12 Building) until 9 am on August 25, 2022. Responses received will be submitted to the Vassar Public Schools Board of Education for action at their meeting on September 13, 2022.

Walkthroughs are available on Friday, July 29, 2022 at 1 pm local time. Bids specifications, requirements, and required bid forms are to be submitted and are available at www.vassar.org.

Proposals should be addressed to:
Dorothy Blackwell, Superintendent
Vassar Public Schools
220 Athletic Street
Vassar, MI 48486

OWNERS RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

The Owner reserves the right to reject any part of any of all bids and to waive or nullify or modify any informalities in the bidding procedures. The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid when Bidder fails to submit data required by the Bidding Documents, or if the bid is submitted incomplete or improper. The Owner reserves the right to reject or modify, or call for additional bids by the Owner.

TUSCOLA COUNTY IS SEEKING BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:

Tuscola County is seeking bids for the Parking lot Painting and New Recycling Building Paving. Please see the Tuscola County website (tuscolacounty.org) for more information under the Online Services tab, or call 989-672-3756. Bids are due no later than 4 pm, August 19, 2022.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF CARO

CITY OF CARO

2022 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT

General Notice
City of Caro (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

2022 Sidewalk Replacement Project

Bids will be received for the Parking lot Painting and New Recycling Building Paving. Please see the Tuscola County website (tuscolacounty.org) for more information under the Online Services tab, or call 989-672-3756. Bids are due no later than 4 pm, August 19, 2022.

NOTICE TO CITY OF CARO RESIDENTS

The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners’ are accepting applications for the following:

Tuscola County Veterans’ Committee
As a member of the Board, you would receive per diem for attending the meeting.

Please submit your resume with a Board and Commission Application, available online at www.tuscolacounty.org or Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk, 440 N State Street, Caro, MI 48723.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE
VASSAR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given that Vassar Public Schools is receiving bids from trade contractors for the following project:

VRF SYSTEM

Proposals for HVAC installation will be received by Vassar Public Schools (Townsend North, Central Elementary, 6-12 Building) until 9 am on August 25, 2022. Responses received will be submitted to the Vassar Public Schools Board of Education for action at their meeting on September 13, 2022.

Walkthroughs are available on Friday, July 29, 2022 at 1 pm local time. Bids specifications, requirements, and required bid forms are to be submitted and are available at www.vassar.org.

Proposals should be addressed to:
Dorothy Blackwell, Superintendent
Vassar Public Schools
220 Athletic Street
Vassar, MI 48486

OWNERS RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

The Owner reserves the right to reject any part of any of all bids and to waive or nullify or modify any informalities in the bidding procedures. The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid when Bidder fails to submit data required by the Bidding Documents, or if the bid is submitted incomplete or improper. The Owner reserves the right to reject or modify, or call for additional bids by the Owner.

TUSCOLA COUNTY IS SEEKING BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:

Tuscola County is seeking bids for the Parking lot Painting and New Recycling Building Paving. Please see the Tuscola County website (tuscolacounty.org) for more information under the Online Services tab, or call 989-672-3756. Bids are due no later than 4 pm, August 19, 2022.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF CARO

CITY OF CARO

2022 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT

General Notice
City of Caro (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

2022 Sidewalk Replacement Project

Bids will be received for the Parking lot Painting and New Recycling Building Paving. Please see the Tuscola County website (tuscolacounty.org) for more information under the Online Services tab, or call 989-672-3756. Bids are due no later than 4 pm, August 19, 2022.

NOTICE TO CITY OF CARO RESIDENTS

The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners’ are accepting applications for the following:

Tuscola County Veterans’ Committee
As a member of the Board, you would receive per diem for attending the meeting.

Please submit your resume with a Board and Commission Application, available online at www.tuscolacounty.org or Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk, 440 N State Street, Caro, MI 48723.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE
VASSAR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given that Vassar Public Schools is receiving bids from trade contractors for the following project:

VRF SYSTEM

Proposals for HVAC installation will be received by Vassar Public Schools (Townsend North, Central Elementary, 6-12 Building) until 9 am on August 25, 2022. Responses received will be submitted to the Vassar Public Schools Board of Education for action at their meeting on September 13, 2022.

Walkthroughs are available on Friday, July 29, 2022 at 1 pm local time. Bids specifications, requirements, and required bid forms are to be submitted and are available at www.vassar.org.

Proposals should be addressed to:
Dorothy Blackwell, Superintendent
Vassar Public Schools
220 Athletic Street
Vassar, MI 48486

OWNERS RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

The Owner reserves the right to reject any part of any of all bids and to waive or nullify or modify any informalities in the bidding procedures. The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid when Bidder fails to submit data required by the Bidding Documents, or if the bid is submitted incomplete or improper. The Owner reserves the right to reject or modify, or call for additional bids by the Owner.

TUSCOLA COUNTY IS SEEKING BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:

Tuscola County is seeking bids for the Parking lot Painting and New Recycling Building Paving. Please see the Tuscola County website (tuscolacounty.org) for more information under the Online Services tab, or call 989-672-3756. Bids are due no later than 4 pm, August 19, 2022.
3 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 989-672-2104.

FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH – last Saturday of every month at 11 a.m. in fellowship hall at First United Methodist Church, Vassar. Meals include soups, salads, sandwiches and deserts. Donations appreciated. 

GOOD SAMARITANS FOOD PANTRY – open 9 a.m. to noon Monday and Wednesday at the Caro United Methodist Church, 270 W. Gilford Road. Open to Tuscola County residents; ID is required.

COMMUNITY SERVICE rooms are open every Tuesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Vassar Seventh-day Adventist Church, 5920 Frankenmuth Rd. for free clothing, shoes, bedding, etc. Donations greatly appreciated. Everyone welcome. 989-823-3860.

DO YOU HAVE EXTRA PRODUCE FROM YOUR GARDEN? PLANT A ROW FOR THE HUNGRY PRO-GRAM will be collecting donations of fresh vegetables, fruit, nuts and herbs from local gardeners until Oct 4th. Donations can be dropped off at the MSU Extension office located at 362 Green Street in Caro. Donations can be left on the shelves by the shed behind the office on Monday evenings or Tuesday mornings before 8 a.m. The Caro United Methodist Church’s Good Samaritan Food Pantry picks up the donations on Tuesday and distributes them through the pantry during the parity. For more information, call the MSU Extension office at 989-822-9707.

FOOD OUTREACH is hosted by Spring of Hope Ministries. It is in Mayville on the third Saturday of each month. Free groceries will be available to all who attend. A free dinner will also be available. For more information, call 989-823-0194.

FOOD PANTRY is open 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tuesdays 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 989-672-2104.

FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH – last Saturday of every month at 11 a.m. in fellowship hall at First United Methodist Church, Vassar. Meals include soups, salads, sandwiches and deserts. Donations appreciated.

GOOD SAMARITANS FOOD PANTRY – open 9 a.m. to noon Monday and Wednesday at the Caro United Methodist Church, 270 W. Gilford Road. Open to Tuscola County residents; ID is required.

COMMUNITY SERVICE rooms are open every Tuesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Vassar Seventh-day Adventist Church, 5920 Frankenmuth Rd. for free clothing, shoes, bedding, etc. Donations greatly appreciated. Everyone welcome. 989-823-3860.

DO YOU HAVE EXTRA PRODUCE FROM YOUR GARDEN? PLANT A ROW FOR THE HUNGRY PRO-GRAM will be collecting donations of fresh vegetables, fruit, nuts and herbs from local gardeners until Oct 4th. Donations can be dropped off at the MSU Extension office located at 362 Green Street in Caro. Donations can be left on the shelves by the shed behind the office on Monday evenings or Tuesday mornings before 8 a.m. The Caro United Methodist Church’s Good Samaritan Food Pantry picks up the donations on Tuesday and distributes them through the pantry during the parity. For more information, call the MSU Extension office at 989-822-9707.

FOOD OUTREACH is hosted by Spring of Hope Ministries. It is in Mayville on the third Saturday of each month. Free groceries will be available to all who attend. A free dinner will also be available. For more information, call 989-823-0194.

FOOD PANTRY is open 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tuesdays 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 989-672-2104.

FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH – last Saturday of every month at 11 a.m. in fellowship hall at First United Methodist Church, Vassar. Meals include soups, salads, sandwiches and deserts. Donations appreciated.

GOOD SAMARITANS FOOD PANTRY – open 9 a.m. to noon Monday and Wednesday at the Caro United Methodist Church, 270 W. Gilford Road. Open to Tuscola County residents; ID is required.
Snakes play a vital role in nature, but you won’t see me cuddling one.

Michigan Outdoors with Tom Lounsbury

Not long ago, I was building my horses an outside run-in shelter, and a leaf fell into the run. I bent down to pick it up, and yellow jackets suddenly swarmed out from under the manger and began singing the left side of my face. Let me say, folks, that will wake you right up! One even zapped me near my left eye.

When I looked in the mirror the following morning with only my right eye available, it wasn’t a pretty sight. The left side of my face was swollen, the left eye sealed shut, and all would remain so for a couple days.

What stung me were the small eastern yellow jackets, which aren’t much bigger than a boxelder. Despite their diminutive size, they pack a punch. My wife Ginny stepped near a very well-concealed nest on our deck two summers ago, and received multiple stings on her leg from the little buggers. She had a reaction, and soon found herself headed to the emergency room.

I’m outdoors a lot, and getting stung on occasion (more times than I care to count) seems to be my lot in life, and thus far, I just roll with the punches.

Honey bees sting you only once, and soon die after their stinger is ripped off from their body. The rest – including hornets, wasps and hummels – don’t have barbed stingers – can keep right on stinging. I will never forget when I was down a backroad and a hornet flew through my open truck window, bit me under the chin, fell down inside my shirt, and went to stinging away! It didn’t take me long to jump out of my truck and rip my shirt off! Hornets are tough, because I had dumped an open garbage can when it was crawling around underneath my shirt, but it still managed to fly away unscathed.

When I was a teenager working on a dairy farm, I often got up to pour a low-flying weed from near a stepping stone and something came out of nowhere and plowed down right on the back of my hand. Of course, I triggered rather instinctive reflexes on my part, including, I guess, a somewhat unmanly shriek. I’ve been in wild places where reflexes (and shouts) can be a bad thing. It turned out to be the largest toad I have ever seen. It was actually quite big, because they tend to be bigger than mice – with the quite outstanding coloration of green and rusty brown.

I let the toad go its way and I went mine. I didn’t see the toad go. It was hidden quite well, and I thought it might be a type of people; those who are fascinated by and love snakes, and those who absolutely are very uncomfortable anywhere around them. I’m located right in the middle of those two factions as I respect snakes, understand their importance and try to use a live-and-let-live attitude. You will never see me handling or swallowing a snake, and I give them a wide berth whenever possible.

Of course, being outdoors I often have my share of snake encounters, including a few surprises. I will never forget when I was a teenager working for a neighbor, pulling hay. I was stacking bales on a wagon as they came off the roller and took possession of my life when a bale I grabbed had the front of a snake protruding out and it wasn’t happy because it was biting at the bale I was holding, and whipping all over the place.

Automatic reflexes can produce amazing feats of energy, because I’ve never thrown a bale of hay that far ever since.

There was then my only rattlesnake encounter in Michigan, which occurred more than five decades ago on a sunny, mid-September afternoon while squirrel hunting. I found a handy oak to sit against and reached down to remove a stick just as my bottom was on the ground. The “stick” suddenly soiled and started buzzing. I doubt I could ever duplicate the physical feel of going from a nearly sitting position to being airborne, and I believe I was just a hair too quick for a landing when I shot the rattlesnake out of reflex with my 410 shotgun. Just before firing, I remember seeing the snake expand its dorsal stripe, which I didn’t notice it, because I had honestly forgotten it. I guess I was still reeling from the experience in Michigan, folks do occasionally get bitten by a snake protruding out and it wasn’t happy.

I’ve always felt guilty about killing that little (it was only about 18 inches long) massasauga rattlesnake because it was minding its own business and simply letting me know it didn’t appreciate me sitting on it while it was bunching in the sun.

Although I’ve seen the occasional encounter in Michigan, folks do occasionally get bitten by a snake protruding out and it wasn’t happy.

The reason for few if any, fatalities associated to massasauga bites is because it is a typically very shy and small pit viper which releases an amount of venom according to its size. Today, the massasauga rattlesnake is protected in Michigan.

We have been in wild places, including the Florida swamps, and there the massasauga snakes might be encountered more often. It can be an environment where it is wise to know what is on the other side of a log before stepping over it. I guess that is one of the things we like about Michigan. You can generally wander around in the woods today without worrying too much about something venomous ruining your day.

Today, the massasauga rattlesnake is protected in Michigan. I shot the rattlesnake out of reflex with my .410 shotgun. Just before firing, I remember seeing the snake expand its dorsal stripe, which I didn’t notice it, because I had honestly forgotten it. I guess I was still reeling from the experience in Michigan, folks do occasionally get bitten by a snake protruding out and it wasn’t happy.

I’ve always felt guilty about killing that little (it was only about 18 inches long) massasauga rattlesnake because it was minding its own business and simply letting me know it didn’t appreciate me sitting on it while it was bunching in the sun.

Although I’ve seen the occasional encounter in Michigan, folks do occasionally get bitten by a snake protruding out and it wasn’t happy.

The reason for few if any, fatalities associated to massasauga bites is because it is a typically very shy and small pit viper which releases an amount of venom according to its size. Today, the massasauga rattlesnake is protected in Michigan.

We have been in wild places, including the Florida swamps, and there the massasauga snakes might be encountered more often. It can be an environment where it is wise to know what is on the other side of a log before stepping over it. I guess that is one of the things we like about Michigan. You can generally wander around in the woods today without worrying too much about something venomous ruining your day.

Today, the massasauga rattlesnake is protected in Michigan. I shot the rattlesnake out of reflex with my .410 shotgun. Just before firing, I remember seeing the snake expand its dorsal stripe, which I didn’t notice it, because I had honestly forgotten it. I guess I was still reeling from the experience in Michigan, folks do occasionally get bitten by a snake protruding out and it wasn’t happy.

I’ve always felt guilty about killing that little (it was only about 18 inches long) massasauga rattlesnake because it was minding its own business and simply letting me know it didn’t appreciate me sitting on it while it was bunching in the sun.

Although I’ve seen the occasional encounter in Michigan, folks do occasionally get bitten by a snake protruding out and it wasn’t happy.

The reason for few if any, fatalities associated to massasauga bites is because it is a typically very shy and small pit viper which releases an amount of venom according to its size. Today, the massasauga rattlesnake is protected in Michigan.

We have been in wild places, including the Florida swamps, and there the massasauga snakes might be encountered more often. It can be an environment where it is wise to know what is on the other side of a log before stepping over it. I guess that is one of the things we like about Michigan. You can generally wander around in the woods today without worrying too much about something venomous ruining your day.

Today, the massasauga rattlesnake is protected in Michigan. I shot the rattlesnake out of reflex with my .410 shotgun. Just before firing, I remember seeing the snake expand its dorsal stripe, which I didn’t notice it, because I had honestly forgotten it. I guess I was still reeling from the experience in Michigan, folks do occasionally get bitten by a snake protruding out and it wasn’t happy.

I’ve always felt guilty about killing that little (it was only about 18 inches long) massasauga rattlesnake because it was minding its own business and simply letting me know it didn’t appreciate me sitting on it while it was bunching in the sun.

Although I’ve seen the occasional encounter in Michigan, folks do occasionally get bitten by a snake protruding out and it wasn’t happy.

The reason for few if any, fatalities associated to massasauga bites is because it is a typically very shy and small pit viper which releases an amount of venom according to its size. Today, the massasauga rattlesnake is protected in Michigan.

We have been in wild places, including the Florida swamps, and there the massasauga snakes might be encountered more often. It can be an environment where it is wise to know what is on the other side of a log before stepping over it. I guess that is one of the things we like about Michigan. You can generally wander around in the woods today without worrying too much about something venomous ruining your day.

Today, the massasauga rattlesnake is protected in Michigan. I shot the rattlesnake out of reflex with my .410 shotgun. Just before firing, I remember seeing the snake expand its dorsal stripe, which I didn’t notice it, because I had honestly forgotten it. I guess I was still reeling from the experience in Michigan, folks do occasionally get bitten by a snake protruding out and it wasn’t happy.

I’ve always felt guilty about killing that little (it was only about 18 inches long) massasauga rattlesnake because it was minding its own business and simply letting me know it didn’t appreciate me sitting on it while it was bunching in the sun.

Although I’ve seen the occasional encounter in Michigan, folks do occasionally get bitten by a snake protruding out and it wasn’t happy.

The reason for few if any, fatalities associated to massasauga bites is because it is a typically very shy and small pit viper which releases an amount of venom according to its size. Today, the massasauga rattlesnake is protected in Michigan.
Gipson-Long taking nontraditional path to MLB

BY JASON BECK | @BECKSEAN
MLB.com Tigers Reporter

Sawyer Gipson-Long had just completed a long bus trip with the Twins' Double-A affiliate from Wichita, Kan., to San Antonio, Texas, when he got a call from Minnesota player development director Alex Hassan. Knowing that Tuesday was baseball's Trade Deadline, the 24-year-old right-hander instantly knew what the call was for. “The Twins are in the running for a World Series this year, and they need dudes to bolster their rotation and make a push,” Gipson-Long said. “I figured they were going to trade some guys away. Never figured it would be me.”

The right-hander put things together to dominate High-A hitters at Cedar Rapids this season, posting a 5.2 record with a 1.99 ERA and just 37 walks over 83 innings in 2019 but struck out 99. “It’s something I’ve always had a knack for,” Gipson-Long said. “Going through college, I wasn’t exposed to the numbers and analytics that I am now. I wasn’t exposed to that objective side, but subjectively I’ve always been experimenting. I think it helped a lot more information gave me a better idea what I was trying to aim for. Obviously at the end of the day you want to get hitters [out], and it’s much easier to chase a number.”

“The Twins didn’t start when he got a call from San Antonio to Wichita. Gipson-Long was an unranked prospect heading into his Senior season, posting a 4.55 ERA in 19 starts and a relief appearance in Class A ball but struck out 83 in 19 innings and was a big part of their rebuild, rated pitching prospects from programs that all the way to Detroit. But there’s another Deadline-deal prospect thrown into the system. Much like Alex Lange in the Nick Castellanos trade, the Tigers hope they might have found another talented but undervalued arm, this one from a less traditional background.

While the Tigers have stockpiled highly rated pitching prospects from programs big and small as part of their rebuild, Gipson-Long was an unranked prospect heading into his Senior season, posting a 4.55 ERA in 19 starts and a relief appearance in Class A ball but struck out 83 in 19 innings and was a big part of their rebuild, rated pitching prospects from programs that all the way to Detroit. But there’s another Deadline-deal prospect thrown into the system. Much like Alex Lange in the Nick Castellanos trade, the Tigers hope they might have found another talented but undervalued arm, this one from a less traditional background.

While the Tigers have stockpiled highly rated pitching prospects from programs big and small as part of their rebuild, Gipson-Long was an unranked prospect heading into his Senior season, posting a 4.55 ERA in 19 starts and a relief appearance in Class A ball but struck out 83 in 19 innings and was a big part of their rebuild, rated pitching prospects from programs that all the way to Detroit. But there’s another Deadline-deal prospect thrown into the system. Much like Alex Lange in the Nick Castellanos trade, the Tigers hope they might have found another talented but undervalued arm, this one from a less traditional background.

While the Tigers have stockpiled highly rated pitching prospects from programs big and small as part of their rebuild, Gipson-Long was an unranked prospect heading into his Senior season, posting a 4.55 ERA in 19 starts and a relief appearance in Class A ball but struck out 83 in 19 innings and was a big part of their rebuild, rated pitching prospects from programs that all the way to Detroit. But there’s another Deadline-deal prospect thrown into the system. Much like Alex Lange in the Nick Castellanos trade, the Tigers hope they might have found another talented but undervalued arm, this one from a less traditional background.

While the Tigers have stockpiled highly rated pitching prospects from programs big and small as part of their rebuild, Gipson-Long was an unranked prospect heading into his Senior season, posting a 4.55 ERA in 19 starts and a relief appearance in Class A ball but struck out 83 in 19 innings and was a big part of their rebuild, rated pitching prospects from programs that all the way to Detroit. But there’s another Deadline-deal prospect thrown into the system. Much like Alex Lange in the Nick Castellanos trade, the Tigers hope they might have found another talented but undervalued arm, this one from a less traditional background.

While the Tigers have stockpiled highly rated pitching prospects from programs big and small as part of their rebuild, Gipson-Long was an unranked prospect heading into his Senior season, posting a 4.55 ERA in 19 starts and a relief appearance in Class A ball but struck out 83 in 19 innings and was a big part of their rebuild, rated pitching prospects from programs that all the way to Detroit. But there’s another Deadline-deal prospect thrown into the system. Much like Alex Lange in the Nick Castellanos trade, the Tigers hope they might have found another talented but undervalued arm, this one from a less traditional background.

While the Tigers have stockpiled highly rated pitching prospects from programs big and small as part of their rebuild, Gipson-Long was an unranked prospect heading into his Senior season, posting a 4.55 ERA in 19 starts and a relief appearance in Class A ball but struck out 83 in 19 innings and was a big part of their rebuild, rated pitching prospects from programs that all the way to Detroit. But there’s another Deadline-deal prospect thrown into the system. Much like Alex Lange in the Nick Castellanos trade, the Tigers hope they might have found another talented but undervalued arm, this one from a less traditional background.

While the Tigers have stockpiled highly rated pitching prospects from programs big and small as part of their rebuild, Gipson-Long was an unranked prospect heading into his Senior season, posting a 4.55 ERA in 19 starts and a relief appearance in Class A ball but struck out 83 in 19 innings and was a big part of their rebuild, rated pitching prospects from programs that all the way to Detroit. But there’s another Deadline-deal prospect thrown into the system. Much like Alex Lange in the Nick Castellanos trade, the Tigers hope they might have found another talented but undervalued arm, this one from a less traditional background.
Drivers using long handled dip-nets and fish spears to herd suckers to waiting nets, and getting spoons.

Walleye were caught in 80 to 120 feet of water while trolling with lead core, some using Dowagiac and squid to the northeast and south towards the Regina shipwreck. Lake trout and a few coho and steelhead were caught in 50 to 100 feet while trolling with lead core and spoons. Walleye were caught in 30 to 40 feet while trolling with crawler harnesses and artificial lures.

GRUNSTONE: Walleye were caught straight out from the harbor in 25 to 35 feet while using both artificial lures and crawler harnesses.

PORT AUSTIN: Walleye were scattered in different areas sometimes out of the fishhole to the west towards Caseville. Anglers were mostly trolling with crawler harnesses in 30 to 40 feet of water.

TuscolaToday.com

THE MICHIGAN FISHING REPORT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2022

FURTHER NORTH...

INDOOR & OUTDOOR

HURRY IN!

OPEN 7 DAYS!

PUBLIC WELCOME

INDOOR & OUTDOOR SEATING NOW AVAILABLE!

JANSON EQUIPMENT COMPANY

178 Park Drive, Case
Ph: 989-673-2330

THE MICHIGAN FISHING REPORT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2022, The Advertiser — 811

TUSCOLA TODAY.COM

All anglers 17 years of age and older are required to have a fishing license.

SOUTHEAST LOWER PENINSULA

DETROIT BAY: Fishing was slow. Anglers caught a lake trout while trolling in 45 feet of water near the Rouge River. Anglers should look for walleye action to pick up as temperatures cool.

SAGINAW BAY: Walleye were caught near buoy 1 and 2 in 25 feet of water on flicker shads and two milts west of the Sparkplug while trolling with crawlers. Walleye were also caught two miles east of the Sparkplug while trolling with crawlers and in 6 to 8 feet of water while trolling with crawlers out in front of Fim Rod. Some yellow perch were caught in the Old Shipping channel and at sailboat buoy H and A. On the east side of the bay, walleye were starting to scatter and head out into deeper water. Anglers near the inner bay were doing best over the bar in 20 to 24 feet of water, or east of the shipping channel in 25 to 30 feet of water. A few walleye were caught in 10 to 12 feet, and also out in the slot in 10 to 18 feet of water. Those fishing around the Caseville area should be able to find walleye off the Charity Islands and around Oak Point. Crawler harnesses, body baits and spoons all catch fish.

QUANICASSEE: Anglers reported slow walleye fishing with one to three walleye per hour taken while trolling night crawler harnesses on Callahan Reef in 10 to 15 feet of water.

HARBOR BEACH: Anglers reported good walleye fishing with some limits taken and an occasional coho mixed in. Anglers were doing best fishing straight out in 65 to 80 feet of water while running crankbaits or night crawler harnesses for smallmouth bass and rock bass caught while casting spinners, plastics and crawlers. At Gateway Park on the Tawas River, there were a few largemouth and smallmouth bass, and pumpkin seed fish caught while casting plastics, spinners and still fishing with crawlers.

ALPENA: The lake trout fishing was steady near Thunder Bay Island and the at the humps. Best depths were in 80 to 140 feet of water and fishing near bottom. Anglers were using Dowagiac, Spinz-N-Glo and Spinz-N-Glo Rigs. Anglers were also running lines high and picking up a few coho salmon and an occasional pink salmon and walleye on spoons. A few steelhead were also caught.

THUNDER BAY BAY: Walleye anglers were starting to pick up a few walleye, but its hit or miss. Anglers were trolling crankbaits or night crawler harnesses for best results. The best depths were in 15 to 35 feet of water. Good places to try were Sulphur Island, Scarecrow Island, along North Shore or North Point. A lot of walleye were caught in the main basin.