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Vassar hosts a fair -- and a festival -- today

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VASSAR — The Cork Pine Fair has returned to the Cork Pine City after more than 30 years, but that isn’t all that’s happening this weekend in Vassar.

Vassar’s RiverFest takes place on the same days as the fair, with a hot air balloon launch set for 6:30 p.m. tonight outside Central Elementary School. A car show occurs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in downtown Vassar.

Kayak races on the Cass River start at 10:30 a.m. today, at Sivak’s Cass River Boat and Tube Rental, 208 N. Cass Ave.

Paddlers can rent a kayak, or bring their own. Kayakers can register online at eventbrite.com, or call 989-284-3894.

A beer tent, hosted by the Thumb Area Mud Runners, operates from 11-11 p.m. today at the Vassar Fairgrounds – also known as Vassar Memorial Park – along Walnut Street, which leads off North Cass Avenue to the fairgrounds.

The Super Kicker Rodeo is set to take place at 7 p.m. tonight during the Cork Pine Fair at the fairgrounds. The fair features carnival rides and games, bingo, face-painting, pony rides, craft vendors and food vendors today.

Jase Witham won the fair’s ice cream-eating contest on Thursday afternoon. The fair was a staple in Vassar for decades, but was staged for the last time in about 1990.

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CARO — Thumb-area residents didn’t need the scare from Monday’s thunderstorm that spawned two tornadoes, but farmers need the scare from Monday’s thunderstorm.

“A few growers have lucked out with a great harvest,” said Jon Schumacher, a Michigan State University Extension employee who lives in Huron County’s Sheridan Township, west of Huron.

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CARO — In a twist, Tuscola County’s Michigan Indigent Defense Counsel office will have a new leader.

The county’s board of commissioners approved Thursday the hire of Geoffrey J.M. Stuart as the new assistant district attorney for the office. He will start Aug. 8 at a rate of $90,012 a year. The only vote against the hire came from District 4 Commissioner Doug Daubus, who objected to the pay and asked why the job was advertised.

“Mr. Stuart has great credentials,” Daubus said. “But I am at a point where we first started looking for this, I didn’t think we would have any positive response that’s what I think it is. It looks like he’ll do a great job, but that is my only complaint.”

Stuart earned a bachelor’s degree in history and pre-law from Albion College and his law degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing. He spent a little over two years as a circuit court judicial assistant in Lapeer before spending about 2½ years as an associate prosecuting attorney in Lapeer County. He is a first-year associate in the attorney at the Morgan, Damiani & Green law firm in Lapeer.

“Welcome to the team,” District 2 Commissioner Carla Alderson said. “I think you are going to be a very good addition to the Tuscola County. We have a good team here.”

Stuart said the team in charge of the hiring process was quick and efficient.

Now, hopefully I will be able to handle the position,” he told the commissioners, “and keep up with the adequate representation for all of the indigent clients out there.”

He said the job of his office is to “ensure fairness, fundamental justice and dignity.”

He said he would work with the lawyers who will accept assignments as well as the elected officials to “make sure that it’s a real team effort. To make sure that fundamental fairness within our judicial system,” he said. “If all those things work together, we will have a very positive public impact.”

He said he’s in favor of doing “the fairly realistic study by the commissioners to determine if Tuscola County can support and has enough work for a public defender’s office, replacing the current MDC office.”

The first thing is, there funding? And the second thing is, there is a need, he said. “And the third thing is, do we have enough attorneys to start that model of an office? I don’t think we’ve seen what we’ve been doing.”

District 1 Commissioner Dan Grimshaw said the current model in Tuscola County “is the most expensive.”

“Do we see any change of anything today is not sustainable,” Grimshaw said. “It really isn’t. You cannot continue to see escalating costs that they have.”

Stuart will report to a larger office in the building across from the courthouse. The office previously used by other attorneys.

“We think it will become norm for you needs,” District 2 Commissioner Thomas Badrard said.

Stuart this week’s hire was left vacant when Mike Rolando resigned April 19. Rolando’s resignation was submitted just days after the commissioners had refused to act on his request for an additional salary for the local MDC office.

That case came after both District Judge Jason Biter and Circuit Judge Amy Grace Gerhardt-Rolando’s work and both Grimshaw and Daubus asked the effort to reduce the public defender’s office.

Rolando had led the local MDC office for less than a year.

Since Rolando left in May, Stbby Taylor has kept the local office open with legal help from local lawyer Jessica Riskey and Matt Lothen from the Sanilac County MDC office.

Badrard thanks Taylor for helping get the county through thetransition. “Thank you for the kind words,” said Stbby Taylor to help with the local MDC office and for assistance with the transition.”

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He also said it will be open to all small businesses. Erickson said a small portion of the money would be used to expand EDC’s use of its Facebook page and website to reach more potential businesses and to retain those already operating in the county. The plan did not get approval. Instead, Erickson said the EDC was given suggested changes.

Grimshaw said he doesn’t think there should be any grant involved at all. He said it should be only loans, and that those loans require collateral. And he thinks the loans should charge 1 percent over prime in order to get money back for the EDC’s investment. “This should be a long-term program,” Grimshaw said, “that never loses money. And doing the grant will lose money.” District 3 Commissioner Kim Vaughan pointed out the EDC has had few, if any, defaults on low-interest loans. “Your success rate is pretty good,” he said to Erickson. “It’s the taxpayers’ dollars,” Grimshaw said. “We want to guarantee the money is paid. It is not a giveaway.” “We’re here to help,” Vaughan said. “We’re not here to put them in a bigger problem than they already have.” Erickson said the people who come to the EDC are small businesses with small loans or grants. Erickson said he preferred making more loans than grants, saying the grants would create an equal match from the township. He also said the program would be limited to firms that had been in business for at least four years. The plan, Erickson said, was to charge 2 percent interest on all loans. The board, after choosing lettering for the vehicle, learned the other equipment for the vehicle hasn’t arrived yet. The board also:  
- Accepted the bid from Hamilton Propane for $1.79 a gallon to supply propane for the township hall.  
- Reopened Doug Jackson to the zoning board of appeals.  
- Removed the garbage assessment from the parcel at 9766 Barnes Road.  
- Amended the 2022-23 expense budget of the general fund by $26,757.80.

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Vassar changes policy for emergency purchases

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VASSAR — In July, Andrew Niedzinski said $12,994 in order to save the city of Vassar $1 million.

The city manager had to spend the money without council approval, so the council needed to change its policy. The policy change was put into effect.

Niedzinski said, “so I just wanted members were aware of the need to make an emergency purchase.”

The purchase, however, exceeded the limits on the city’s purchasing policy.

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In those cases, the city council members were aware of the need to make the purchase and approved them after the fact. “It still was kind of a gray area of our policy,” Niedzinski said.

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“Everyone was excited on Wednesday,” said Falcon, who covers Huron, Tuscola and Jackson counties.

“Three were times when it rained hard, there was no way to get to the city hall, and that had to be done by getting to the city hall,” Niedzinski said.

Niedzinski reported from sources in the Sandusky area reporting about an inch of rain on Wednesday. “It was a relief,” Niedzinski said.

Falcon said Wednesday looked pretty widespread across the Thumb, Falcon said. “I know had 14 spots at any moment of it. They’re about the only ones that the rain didn’t show up on. Falcon said.”

Falcon said. “I saw a picture from somebody over in the Reese area on Monday and was posting saying ‘It’s going to soak in,’ Falcon said.

They just had clouds of mud to deal with Monday – mud going on their machines.”

The follow-up rain on Wednesday had cucumber farmers making tough decisions.

“You can only go when it’s so wet and you can’t work, you’re doing the opposite of what you should be doing,” Falcon said.

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“We worked with the developer and we required them to put a water meter on them so we’d get as much water they’re using so we’d know how much they’re using,” Niedzinski said.

The rainfall on Monday was very welcome, but if it had been slow and steady it would have been more beneficial, because unfortunately, due to how much rain was received and how quickly it was received, a chunk of that rain was going to run off to the stormwater department, Niedzinski said. “We worked with the developer and we required them to put backups into their building. And we don’t want to cause any sort of property damage.”

The building’s owner, he said, has not responded to the city’s request for the water meter.

Niedzinski said, “it was either do this or go into court. We really didn’t have to have backups into their building. And we didn’t want to cause any sort of property damage.”

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Victim Services loses grant, needs funds to stay open

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CARO — Nancy Cook came to the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners asking for some financial support. All she wanted was about $85,000 of the $101 million the county has in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to tide over the Victim Services Program until the county line up new funding. That money would cover her salary and the bulk of the $92,704 budget for the victim services office, which has been part of the county’s judicial system for about 25 years.

Cook made her request at the July 25 Committee of the Whole session (where the commissioners can consider and discuss issues and ideas, but can take no action) because an annual grant that has funded the Victim Services Program has been eliminated and the money moved to a cultural diversity-based application. That means, starting Oct. 1, the victim services office wouldn’t have enough money to pay Cook — its only employee.

Questions about whether or not ARPA funds could be used for that purpose and whether or not offering the financing promise might not jeopardize Cook’s efforts to line up new grant funding caused the commissioners to delay action until the following member panel has those answers.

Cook said she wasn’t alerted to the end of the grant until it was too late to apply for other grants that might work, that she had no confidence a new funding source can be found.

“It’s looking good at this point to be funded, starting in October,” Cook said. “What I am looking for is backup for the funding to continue until that is actually secured.”

Controller administering Clayton Zechmeister suggested the board allocate money first in general fund and to make it clear on whether or not Cook is able to secure grant funding to cover the cost. “If we don’t have a coordinator there it’s no use in funding the program,” District 1 Commissioner Tom Young said. “So I don’t have any problem funding your office.”

District 5 Commissioner Dan Grimsword said that since the state created the program, they provided the grant to fund it, then this request needs to go back to state officials. “They have far more money than we do,” he said. “That’s where it needs to be. “Not funded.”

He said the ARPA money wasn’t meant for this purpose because the coronavirus pandemic didn’t affect her funding, but a change in state use of its money did.

“Your program was created by a grant program not intended for the county to follow,” Grimsword said. “It’s as simple as it gets. The county hasn’t funded it for 25 years. It has been funded by a grant. And when the people who create a grant program end the grant program, they clearly don’t feel that program is worth funding.”

Cook said a lot of people have come to rely on the program, which provides victim’s services in the sheriff’s office. There is also a program through the prosecutor’s office. They complement each other, Zechmeister said, rather than duplicate any efforts.

“You have a great history, Grimsword,” said. “I understand that. But the fact remains, it is a state-funded program. What’s next that the state decides not to fund?”

He asked if she had talked to Rep. Phil Green (R-Watertown Township) or Sen. Kevin Daley (R-Lans). She had not. He said the issue isn’t limited to Tuscola County alone, and the change should have been raised during the Legislature’s recent budgeting process.

“To me, that is where the fight is,” he said. “It is here. I am only asking to be funded until I can find other funding.” Cook said.

“Then we don’t fund it for a year,” Grimsword said. “We only fund it for six months, a temporary stay. And if you don’t come up with funding in six months, then it ends. To me, those are the kind of things we have to do.”

“You consider it (Cook’s request) as a bridge,” Zechmeister said. “I think, in Tuscola County, I think the judge would sign.”

Probate Court Judge Nancy Thane said she wants the county to continue.

“If she wasn’t there,” Thane said, “I know this would fall on somebody else and I am not sure of the source our community would receive.

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District 4 Commissioner Doug DuRussel then said the commissioners would have kept the program in operation for another fiscal year, Thane said. It also would give Cook time to find a different funding source. And if that doesn’t pan out, District 3 Commissioner Kate Vaughan said, the commissioners can reexamine the county’s options at that time.

“It gives us time,” Vaughan said, “It gives you (Cook) time, if we don’t fund.”

Zechmeister said Cook is close to funding for the program, as the money from the county might not be needed.

Kingston Schools adds to security measures

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KINGSTON — Tristan Skinner has been hired to work for Kingston Community Schools this summer. He will install Nite Lock door-jamming systems in all classroom doors.

“I am excited to get to the Kingston Lock door-jamming systems on all of the classroom doors at Kingston Community Schools. The Nite Lock system is credited with providing schools with a secure environment during the Nos. 30 and 50 shooting at Oxford High School that left six students dead,” Skinner said. The district’s board of education approved hiring as a summer help position at a July 25 session.

That was just one of the steps being taken to improve security at the schools. Earlier this year the board approved a new student threat assessment team to its roster and created a protocol for it to use. The team includes school administration, teachers and others, depending on the threat and the situation.

On Monday, the board added that protocol to the updated student handbooks along with language to reflect changes in gender references, adding harassment to student discipline, coping to the smoking and tobacco section, and changing policy governing students attending the Tuscola Tech Center, allowing them to waive certain classes for a career or a school resource officer to the district. The officers would be used in both buildings, on a rotation basis.

The district plans to do this work through surveys that are being done to go through the questions asking if people want to be part of this.

On July 25, the board also:

• Learned the first fire suppression system at the elementary is nearly totally installed.

• Kept Thru Law Firm of East Lansing as the district’s law firm.

• Approved Brandon Jett’s head varsity football coach, with Jay Green as a line assistant and Mike Stramam and Seth Brandt as volunteer assistants.

• Hired knight gloves and spatulas. squids to science as a teacher. She will teach her teaching classes and become certified.

• Be looking for a batting cage and irrigation system for the softball field and nets to keep errant balls from leaving the baseball field.

• Bought $85,000 in furniture for the high school library and $5,351 of workstations furniture for the elementary school teacher’s lounge.
Fun blossoms during Mayville Sunflower Festival

Tammy Blackwell, a Mayville Sunflower Festival staff member, drives the golf cart that was raffled off at the Mayville Sunflower Festival.

The Veterans Esteem Team float was one of the highlights of the Mayville Sunflower Festival parade on July 22. Veterans rode the float while young people accompanied them on foot or by riding on the float.

This float by the Dayton Center Church, 3632 Phelps Lake Road, drew the attention of spectators at the Mayville Sunflower Festival parade on July 22.

Arelyna Gilbert, 12, of Mayville tosses an ax at a target during the Mayville Sunflower Festival.

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Millington fest marks 50-year ‘jubilee’ next week

By Scott Bolsby | Sports@tcadvertiser.com

MILLINGTON — The Millington Old-Fashioned Summer Festival is celebrating an important milestone from Aug. 10-13.

The summer festival will hold its 50th annual jubilee with something for everyone throughout the Tuscola County village of Millington, population 1,028.

The festival, which began in 1971 when it was known as the Jaycettes’ Homecoming, in 1972, Sally Chatters won a contest to find a theme for the event, and the name “Millington Old-Fashioned Summer Festival” was born, with the festival held on school grounds along Gleason Street.

Dr. Treva B. Kirk received the first “Outstanding Citizen Award.”

The festival begins Wednesday, Aug. 10 on school grounds along Gleason Street, with the food court operating at those same times all three days. The bake sale and raffle take place on State Street operating at those same times all three days along State Street (M-15) from Thursday, Aug. 11 through Saturday, Aug. 13.

The petting zoo is open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. all three of those days. The bake sale and raffle operate from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each of those days.

Thursday, Aug. 11 is kids’ day and includes games and activities on Depot Street beginning at 2 p.m., with a spelling bee in the bus stop tent at 4:30 p.m., and a pedal tractor pull at 6:30 p.m., with registration at 6 p.m. on Center Street near the Millington-Arabela Townships Fire Department hall.

A festival tradition, the frog-jumping contest that first began in 1978, takes place on the library lawn Thursday from 1-3 p.m. and event organizers remind participants to bring their own frogs to enter the competition.

For the adults, Thursday, Aug. 11 is a hometown night at the Red Garter Saloon beer tent featuring Millington’s own musical performer, country-music singer Waylon Hanel. Those entering the tent must be at least 21 with a picture ID.

The touch-a-truck event giving people the ability to explore different careers and check out equipment and view demonstrations from area businesses, runs from 1-3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12 in the Depot Street parking lot.

A community carnival and food court takes place along Center Street from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 12 and Saturday, Aug. 13.

Millington-Arabela District Library and Sweet Lou’s Baseball Cards hosts a Pokémon Go tournament and battle for the entire family at 4 p.m. Aug. 12, with participants meeting at that time at the library at 8530 Depot St.

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To Celebrate 50 Years of Festival Fun, many past favorites are coming back! The Blind Competition and more! Don’t miss the Euchre Tournament, Food Court, Petting Zoo, Tractor Race (aka The Backseat Driver), The Bed Race, and the Beard/Mustache contest following the parade, occurring in front of the Historical Society building and souvenirs booth on State Street. From 7:30-9 p.m. on Aug. 12, the street party and car show takes place.

The Red Garter Saloon is open from 6 p.m. until midnight Aug. 12, with a comedy series from 8-10 p.m. for those paying a $10 ticket/cover charge. The comedy series will be followed by live music and entertainment from Chase Wilson of Wilson Music Productions.

The Millington Old-Fashioned Summer Festival resumes Saturday, Aug. 13 with a pancake breakfast from 7-11 a.m. at the Bus Stop Tent, hosted by the Millington/Arbela Townships Fire Department. There will be a gentleman’s and ladies’ tractor show from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. along East Center Street, and a car show on Center Street with a 9 a.m. registration.

Center Street will also host the 9 a.m. garden tractor races.

The fun begins at 1 p.m. Aug. 13 at Depot and Main streets, with bed races and a backseat-driver contest. The festival’s first bed races were held in 1981. The fun continues in the Red Garter Saloon on Aug. 13 with a comedy tourney for all ages, including categories for intermediate and professional players.

Saturday, Aug. 13 caps off at 10 p.m. with fireworks at the junior high football field.

The festival will hold a hymn and gospel sing on Sunday evening, Aug. 14, from 6-7 p.m. at the Bus Stop Tent, featuring a non-denominational service.

For more information on the Millington Old-Fashioned Summer Festival 50th anniversary jubilee, visit the “Millington Summer Festival” page on Facebook.
CARO — No football team in the Advertiser area has a longer playoff drought than Caro. The Tigers have not reached the playoffs — other than in 2020 when every team in the state made the postseason — since 2003. But Howard Lovett, recently hired as the new Caro football coach, has his eyes set on the postseason and won't back down.

“I think we have enough talent this year to make the playoffs,” he said. “If we don’t, we should at least have a fighting chance to make it. My goal is obviously the playoffs and to fill the kids that every single day.”

Lovett, 56, a Clarkston native, worked his way up through the ranks within the Caro program that included youth and middle school football, coaching his son, — 2022 Caro High graduate Tristen — through the years.

“Tristen started playing here and the first year I didn’t coach,” he said. “The next year they needed coaches, and I am always hanging around the games and I thought to myself, I do know how to do this, so that’s when I started really coaching.”

Howard Lovett played middle linebacker for the Clarkson Wolves, and that knowledge eventually served him well.

“I followed Tristen through youth football, coaching him along the way,” he said. “Then he got into middle school and that’s when Mark Brimmer took over the varsity program, I interviewed with them, and they gave me the defensive coordinator job within the middle school, which is really the side of the ball I’m comfortable with.”

“I eventually became the defensive coordinator at the junior varsity level when Jason Pierce was head coach and did that until last year,” Lovett added. “I dropped down to middle school last year and became head coach down there.”

Caro parted ways with coach Pierce in late May, which made finding a new head coach that much tougher. The Tigers needed to find a new coach to get off-season activities set up, and Lovett felt he was the right fit for the position.

“When they began looking for a coach this year, it was getting late in the season, so when they posted it, I thought to myself that nobody has more invested in these kids than I do through the years,” he said. “I’ve been around this program more than anybody else who is involved with it and it just felt like the next natural progression, honestly.”

Lovett, 56, is prepared to tackle the negativity surrounding the Caro football program from the inside out.

“Every team has a culture, and it may not be a positive one,” he said. “We do not have a good culture. We have a losing one and we have not won more than five games (in a season) in almost 20 years. I put that on the wall in the weight room. I put the last 20 years’ worth of schedules on the wall, so they could see it.”

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After midnight: Four teams begin practice at 12:01 a.m. Monday

“Really excited our returners step up and take on a bigger role,” Reese coach Angie Compton said. “I’m going to be really young this year, so I’m going to need those girls to lead by example.”

The Rockets lose some key pieces from last season’s state title team including setter Aydan Dalak and outside hitter Maddi Osantowski, who will continue playing volleyball at Bluefield State University and Cornerstone University, respectively.

The opening of football practice will also see new faces at the helm throughout the Advertiser coverage area, including Caro’s Howard Lovett, Reese’s Kerry Messing and Vassar’s Jim Carlisle.

There will also be a change within the local conferences as Cass City moves from the GTC West to the East, taking Messing and Vassar’s Jim Carlisle.

The Vulcans welcome in new head coach Jim Carlisle following the retirement of 15-year veteran head coach Jason Kiss.

Reese quarterback Luke Foco throws the ball to his receiver during a July 28 7-on-7 at Millington. Foco takes over for the graduated Tanner TerBush who continues his football career at Adrian College.

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8. TELEVISION: What was the name of the cruise ship on the sitcom "The Love Boat"?

9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which colors make up the five-ring Olympic symbol?

10. FOOD & DRINK: Which plant produces cacao beans, which are used to make chocolate?

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Answers

1. Crest.

2. The Battle of Thermopylae.

3. One. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

4. About 10-20 feet.

5. Cape Town.

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FOOD OUTREACH hosted by Spark of Life Community Church in Mayville the first Saturday of each month. Food progres - sions will be available to all who attend. A free dinner will also be available. For more information, call 989-673-1397.

FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH – last Saturday of each month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in fellowship hall at First United Methodist Church, Mayville. Menu includes soups, salads, sandwiches and de - serts. The building is handicap accessible. GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD PANTRY is open 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Caro United Methodist Church, 670 W. Gilford Road. Open to anyone in need. Soup, bread, and drinks are provided, plus some vegetables. Limit one visit per month. For more information, call 989-722-3194.

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Frankenmuth MI 48734
Tom Lounsbury is shown with his refurbished vintage (1953) Oliver tractor he named “Ollie,” way back when. Tom and Ollie have spent endless hours together over the years, something that is still much enjoyed today.

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Tigers send Fulmer to Twins for RHP at Deadline

By Jason Beck | @beckjason

Michael Fulmer sat in the visiting clubhouse at Target Field for most of Tuesday afternoon, waiting to find out his destination. As a soon-to-be free agent, he knew he was about to be traded, but didn’t know where.

Little did he know that, barely an hour later, he’d be walking down the service tunnel at Target Field to the home clubhouse, donning Twins gear and getting ready to suit up against the only team he has known in his Major League career.

It was a surreal scene in what ended up being a relatively quiet Trade Deadline for Detroit. The Tigers traded Fulmer to Minnesota for Double-A right-hander Sawyer Gipson-Long.

TRADE DETAILS

Tigers get: RHP Sawyer Gipson-Long

Twins get: RHP Michael Fulmer

The 29-year-old Fulmer has spent his entire Major League career with the Tigers, who acquired him as the Mets pitching prospect at the 2015 Trade Deadline for18-year-old Jairo Labourt. Fulmer made his MLB debut with the Tigers the following April as an injury fill-in for their rotation, and went on to win an American League Rookie of the Year. He was an All-Star the following summer before a series of surgeries—aural nerve transposition in 2017, right knee surgery in 2018, then Tommy John surgery—slowed his career path and eventually led him to a revival in relief.

Fulmer missed all of 2019, then was limited to three outings in the shortened 2020 season. The arrival of Detroit’s top pitching prospects last year left Fulmer to the bullpen, where he became a formidable setup man and part-time closer. Fulmer racked up 14 saves last year, then 18 in this season so far, and he now has a season to go with a couple of saves.

Fulmer’s contract is up at year’s end, making his trade all but inevitable. Nothing even he understood as he talked to reporters last week, following what everybody figured was his final outing at Comerica Park as a Tiger. The return is a far cry from what teams were reportedly willing to offer the Tigers for Fulmer when he was a promising young starter five years ago, but it’s a pragmatic deal to add depth to Detroit’s farm system.

With both Fulmer and outfielder Robbie Grossman, who was traded to Atlanta on Monday night, the Tigers were motivated to get whatever they could rather than hold onto the players and let them walk in free agency. In Fulmer’s case, general manager Al Avila cited an abundance of relievers who entered the trade market in the days leading up to the Deadline as limiting their leverage.

“There were several teams looking for relievers,” Avila said, “but I will say that the market was flooded with relievers. I think there were more relievers [available] than buyers this time around, but the [Twins] were a team that came in at a little bit later and we had them on the board this week with other clubs. It came down to the last day.”

Rita Papp  City Clerk

City of Caro, hereafter called the Owner, reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals and to waive any formality or technicality in any Proposal in the interest of the Owner.

Owner: City of Caro
Date: August 2022
Michigan’s 3rd District, comprising all of Tuscola, Bay and Lapeer counties. In this year’s election cycle, the county is split – nearly evenly – into two districts.

District 25 includes the city of Caro along with Akron, Columbia, Elkland, Ellington, Elmwood Township, Indianfields, Kingston, Koyhtyn, Novesta and Wells townships.

District 26 includes the city of Vassar and Almont,Arbela, Dayton, Denmark, Fairgrove, Fremont, Gilford, Janiata, Millington, Tuscola, Vassar, Watertown and Wisner townships.

The only Senate race in Tuscola County on Tuesday was in the 26th District on the Republican side, where Kevin Daley (27,650 votes district-wide) defeated Sherry J. Marden (8,796).

Daley, from Lumm in Lapeer County, is an incumbent senator, having won the 2018 District 21 election. Vassar Township’s Charles Stadler was the lone Democrat on the ballot, moving on to November to face Daley by garnering 18,963 votes overall.

There was no drama in the 25th District primary due to just one candidate running in each party. Democrat Bert Van Dyke, a St. Clair County political newcomer, received 14,745 votes district-wide. He moved on to square off against Republican Daniel V. Lauwers in November, after Lauwers ran unopposed to claim victory Tuesday.

U.S. CONGRESS

The scope of Tuscola County’s role in the United States government has also changed. In the past several elections, the county has been split, with about two-thirds of the county in the eastern portion – in District 10 and the remainder of the county in District 9.

This year, all of Tuscola County except for part of Auburndale Township is in District 9.

Two Republicans vied for the 9th District seat in 2021, will face Congressman Paul Mitchell in 2021, will attempt to earn a second term when she faces Democrat Brian Jolly in November. Democrat Daniel Kildee will face Republican Paul Junge in the 9th District.

LOCAL PROPOSALS

Almost all ballot proposals passed Tuesday. Here is a look at the results.

**TUSCOLA COUNTY**

**Michigan State University Extension and 4-H Renewal Proposal**
Yes, 8,168, No, 3,069

Bridge and Street Improvement Renewal Proposal
Yes, 7,264, No, 4,048

Primary Roads and Street Improvement Renewal Proposal
Yes, 7,235, No, 4,064

**SCHOOL PROPOSALS**

Saginaw ISD Special Education Millage Proposal
Yes, 18,811, No, 19,964

Almer Township Road Millage Renewal Proposal
Yes, 302, No, 168

Arbela Township Road Repair Millage Proposal
Yes, 398, No, 207

Arbela Township Fire Equipment Millage Proposal
Yes, 462, No, 147

Akon Township Emergency Services Millage Proposal Renewal
Yes, 226, No, 34

Akon Township Road Construction and Maintenance Millage Renewal Proposal
Yes, 203, No, 50

Novesta Township Road Millage Proposal
Yes, 303, No, 212

Indianfields Township Road Improvement and Maintenance Proposal
Yes, 390, No, 126

Novesta Township Road Millage Proposal
Yes, 162, No, 167

Bridge Millage Proposal
Yes, 768, No, 306

Library Proposals

Bullard Sanford Memorial Library Millage Renewal Proposal
Yes, 734, No, 370

Milling Millage Proposal
Yes, 1,062, No, 562

Rawson Memorial Library Millage Proposal
Yes, 903, No, 391

Marlette Livestock Auctions

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New districts have their candidates

Novesta Township residents weren’t so generous. By a count of 187-192, they turned down the township’s request for a tax increase to finance work on township roads.

**STATE REP RACES TAKE SHAPE**

A redistricting process following the 2020 Census placed Tuscola County into parts of three newly created districts. Prior to this year’s elections, all of the county was part of one district represented by Republican Phil Green of Tuscola County’s Waterous Township.

Two Vassar-area residents will square off Nov. 8 to become the state representative for the 97th District, which includes roughly the western half of Tuscola County, and portions of Genesee, Saginaw and Bay counties.

Paul M. Whitney, a Tuscola Township Democrat, ran unopposed Tuesday to win his party’s endorsement to face Vassar Township Republican Matthew Bierlein.

Bierlein collected 8,348 votes from district residents to best Rodney Wakeman, of Frankenmuth, who received 4,203 votes, while Dean Riley of Genesee County’s Kurt Damrow, who gathered 5,199 votes, and Huron County’s Phil Green, who compiled 5,199 votes, and Huron County’s Kurt Damrow, who gathered 5,199 votes, and Huron County’s Phil Green, who compiled 5,199 votes, and Huron County’s Phil Green, who compiled 5,199 votes, and Huron County’s Phil Green, who compiled 5,199 votes, and Huron County’s Phil Green, who compiled 5,199 votes.

Gregory L. Alexander of Sanilac County won the Republican nomination for state representative in the 98th District, which covers eastern Tuscola County, all of Huron County, all of Sanilac County except for Worth Township in the southernmost corner of that county, and northeastern Lapeer County including the village of North Palms.

The villages of Mayville, Kingston and Casa City are in this district.

Alexander will duel Sandusky’s Robert Moscuti, a Democrat who ran unopposed Tuesday to win his party’s primary election and move on to the Nov. 8 general election.

Alexander amassed 5,565 votes to defeat running-mate Christopher Good of Sanilac County who compiled 5,199 votes, and Huron County’s Kurt Damrow, who garnered 4,579 votes.

The 98th District, which includes Watertown Township in Tuscola County and much of Lapeer County, Phil Green fought past seven other Republicans on Tuesday to move on to the general election where he’ll face Lapeer-area Democrat Brian A. Lauwers.

Green claimed the victory with 3,477 votes, defeating runner-up Chris Tuski of Lapeer County’s rural Miami Township. Gabriel Livsong of the Fostoria area was third with 2,939 votes. Each of the five other Republican candidates failed to garner more than 2,000 votes.

**STATE SENATE RACE: STADLER VS. DALEY**

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