Mary Fielder, Bostynn's Ecken Band.

Bostynn Fielder took it as a old Aria Avila and 6-year-old Caro's Atwood Park, 8-year-fiddle Thursday night at By Tom Gilchrist | john@tcadvertiser.com

...operations in the past few years, have arrested dozens of suspects accused of planning to have sex with underage victims.

Earlier this year Swanson announced the arrest of Vassar Police Department Officer Todd Barraco – who later was fired – and said Barraco traveled to Genesee County intending to have sex with an underage male.

The Genesee County Sheriff’s Office, under former Sheriff Robert J. Pickell, initiated the G.H.O.S.T. organization that has netted criminals from a cross-section of society, including Barraco and former Vassar McDonald’s restaurant employee Jennifer L. Beckman of Vassar Township.

Prosecutors say Beckman and a Mount Morris man discussed sedating her 10-year-old and 15-year-old daughters, and the man’s 2-year-old daughter, so they could use the girls for sexual purposes.

Last year Beckman was sentenced to 13 years and six months, to 35 years, in prison, for crimes including first-degree criminal sexual conduct committed during the commission of a felony.

She also was convicted of second-degree criminal sexual conduct, and of child sexually abusive activity, with all three crimes occurring Nov. 1, 2016.

Barraco, free after posting bond, awaits an Oct. 4 pre-trial hearing in Genesee County Circuit Court.

...of seeking underage sex

Atwood Park...
Two killed following separate Huron County crashes

By Joes Schmeltzer | Reporter

HURON COUNTY — Two died last weekend in Huron County, the result of a pair of separate two-vehicle crashes.

On Friday, July 8, the Huron County Sheriff’s Office was notified that a 44-year-old woman involved in a June 27 crash in Colfax Township had died during surgery for injuries sustained in the crash. Later on July 8, a Marlette man was killed in a Sherman Township, Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson said in a press release.

At about 10:36 p.m. July 8, deputies were dispatched to M-25, south of Atwater Road in Sherman Township, for a two-vehicle crash. While the incident remains under investigation, preliminary findings indicate a Buick Enclave driven by a 36-year-old Harbor Beach man was traveling north on M-25 when it impacted the side of a 1999 Saturn. The victim had to be cut from the car by medics and was flown to a hospital for further treatment of an injury. She was transported to McLaren Port Huron in serious condition.

There were also witnesses to parts of the incident but not all of it,” Hanson said in the press release. “There were also witnesses to parts of the incident but not all of it. The driver of the Saturn, a 67-year-old Vincent J. Bechard of Marlette, was killed and his lone passenger, 62-year-old Peter Kreiner, of Marlette, was seriously injured. Kreiner was taken to Harbor Beach Community Hospital and then flown by medical helicopter to an out-of-county hospital for further treatment of injuries. The driver of the Enclave — the vehicle’s lone occupant — suffered minor injuries. The Harbor Beach Police Department and Sherman Township Fire Department assisted at the scene.

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volunteers handing out goodies during one of the free drawings for door prizes, darted
to and fro to deliver the items to holders of the winning tickets as announced by band
leader Ecken.
Katie Bruce of Caro, and Dan and Marsha Frost of Fairgrove, were among the many
prize-winners.
Sophia Will made a guest appearance as vocalist, singing several songs. Audience
members including Sue Muska and Pat Chantiny, both of Caro, clapped in unison
during several of
the band’s songs,
as did Mary Fielder
and her friend,
Denise Gusek.

Future
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the free concert
series are Kountry
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followed by
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on Aug. 11; the
Random Band
on Aug. 18; and
the Copper Creek
Band on Aug. 25.

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minutes per person, down from the five minutes that was being allowed, and gives the power to add time to the board and doesn’t leave it at the discretion of the supervisor. "Who do you think the supervisor be the only one to determine?" Daniels said. "Why would the supervisor have the sole power to determine that?"

Daniels also makes sure the residents know the board won’t be approving any changes during public participation.

Daniels said the new policy was the result of interactions he’d had with other residents. One older resident told him, “At what point are his rights more important than mine to come to this meeting and not be stressed out?”

“I (also) had a township resident contact me and wanted to know why I wasn’t cutting these guys off,” Daniels said. “I said, they have the right to do that.”

The old policy called for comment to be cut off if the person was being repetitive, but it didn’t define the term, so it could be repetitive in that meeting or it could mean anything else. It could mean anything else.

“It was quite ambiguous,” Daniels said. “The township’s attorney wrote the revised policy after witnessing a recent meeting in person. Daniels said the new policy takes any personal feelings out of the system.

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The MREC has paid nearly $4 million in legal fees in litigation with the energy companies, with the Tuscola County Controller/Administrator Clayette Zedeckel also a co-defendant. "Consumers wanting to come to the table would be a game-changer," Pierce said. “The MREC and DTE are looking for a fair shake.”

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If you’re in this situation where someone damages your auto, and being a kind person about “to let them go,” and figure you’ll pay for it yourself or let your insurance handle it, don’t do it. We have laws, you have rights, and having the offending party be responsible for their actions doesn’t make you a bad person, it just will allow someone to accept responsibility for their actions.

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years. After Year 15, the tax income would remain at 30 percent each year. But the original deal only lasted three years. In 2011, a consultant’s Commission decided to change the formula of the plan, putting motion into legislation with the energy companies and a coalition of entities affected by the change.

Tuscola ISD Superintendent Gene Pierce was among the founders of the Michigan Renewable Energy Collaborative (MREC), which includes members from Tuscola, Sanilac and Huron counties, as well as tax-receiving entities from Gratiot and Isabella counties. The MREC is made up of representatives from school districts, businesses and municipalities.

For the past 10 years, the MREC has been fighting to restore, or change, the tax table determined in 2011. It had been receiving tax funds due to the state government in 2014, but the energy companies filed a lawsuit, saying the MREC entities over the difference between the 2011 tax table and 2011 tax table on tax income received from 2014-21.

A February 2021 decision by Michigan Tax Tribunal Judge Victoria Eyrant determined that the MREC entities over $400 million dollars to the energy companies. Instead of appealing the decision to the Michigan Court of Appeals, the MREC decided instead to work directly with the energy companies to try and reach a settlement.

Earlier this month, the MREC and DTE issued a joint press release announcing a deal has been reached. During the settlement, the MREC entities has spent $400 million dollars owed to the energy company.

We would like to acknowledge the professionalism of the leadership team at DTE, who agreed to move forward to reach a settlement. After the Michigan Court of Litigation,” MREC coordinator Carl Tanzarella said. “The Michigan County Economic Development Commission, said in its released statement yesterday, the MREC would be paying the companies, with the Tuscola County Controller/Administrator Clayette Zedeckel also a co-defendant.

The settlement was finalized earlier this month, and it included paying tax funds to MREC entities according to the 2014 tax table and taxes not involved in any litigation or negotiations.

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DTE agrees to settle on wind-tax funds; Consumers Energy deal sought

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DTE and Consumers Energy are trying to reach an agreement on the amount of tax funds that were due. The energy companies are seeking a sum of money from the Tuscola County Controller/Administrator Clayette Zedeckel.

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Van Hoves to exit village government

By Mark Haney | Reporter haney@tcadvertiser.com

UNIONVILLE — By the end of November, Jessica and Dave Van Hove no longer will be a part of Unionville village government.

That’s when Dave’s final term on the village council will end – he’s not seeking reelection in the fall. But then Jessica will have been gone from her post as village clerk for four months. She’s leaving the village hall on Aug. 4. “It’s time,” she said. She’s been the clerk for seven years.

She signed on to serve as village clerk in June 2015. But her exit was planned all along. “It was never a surprise,” she said. “The council knew that as soon as my son graduated, I would be putting in my resignation.”

The Van Hoves’ only child, Jake, just graduated from Unionville-Sebewaing Area High School and is attending Michigan Technological University in Houghton to study electrical and computer engineering.

The Van Hoves now have sold their house for community service.

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The service ended with a open Communion for anyone wishing to participate, and an offering was collected, raising $416 for the Vassar Food Pantry. An ice cream social followed the service.

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CARO — Gas prices in Michigan are down 14 cents from a week ago. Michigan drivers are now paying an average of $4.81 per gallon for regular unleaded. This price is 41 cents less than this time last month but still $1.63 more than this time last year. Motorists are paying an average of $72 for a full 15-gallon tank of gasoline; an increase of about $21 from when prices were their highest last November.

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), gas demand increased from 9.92 million b/d to 9.41 million b/d ahead of the 4th of July holiday, while total domestic gas stocks decreased by 2.5 million bbl. Typically, these supply/demand trends would put upward pressure on pump prices; however, falling oil prices have contributed to lower pump prices.

At the close of Wednesday’s formal trading session, WTI decreased by 98 cents to settle at $98.53. Crude prices continue to face strong headwinds amid broad market concerns regarding the potential for economic growth to slow or stall due to rising interest rates and inflation. A lower economic growth rate than expected could cause crude demand to decline, leading prices to follow suit. Additionally, EIA reported that total domestic crude stocks increased by 9.2 million bbl to 423.8 million bbl last week, which is nearly 22 million bbl lower than the storage level last year.

“Michigan motorists continue to see lower gas prices across the state,” said Adrienne Woodland, spokesperson, AAA-The Auto Club Group. “While demand was still down nearly $4 per barrel from the end of the week due to increased market optimism as markets rebounded, the price was still down only 44 cents per gallon from the previous week. For this week, crude prices could continue to face strong headwinds if the market remains concerned that a potential recession will reduce demand for crude. If demand declines, crude prices will likely follow suit. Additionally, EIA reported that total domestic crude stocks increased by 8.2 million bbl to 423.8 million bbl, which is nearly 22 million bbl lower than the storage level last year.”

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Kingston lets linemen shine at five-on-five

Kingston coach Brandon Jones said. “I think doing it during the five on five is ideal.” Jones said. “I think the one we hosted last year was thought of as kind of an informal challenge because we didn’t have a lot of people. But this time we’ve held a lineman challenge.”

The first ever lineman challenge was the brainchild of CPS line coach and North Branch grad Travis Miller, who contacted Jones looking to organize something for the big guys in the trenches.

“I told him he’d be more than welcome to organize it and he could use all of our equipment and facilities,” Jones said. “I think more so it’s for the quarterbacks and receivers to get timing down and we’re just trying to install the basic pass concepts.

“We are just trying to keep it vanilla with our seven or eight different pass concepts and make sure the kids can run them out of different formations.”

Practice begins on Aug. 8 and Kingston will host a scrimmage with some North Central Thumb Leagues foes including Deckerville and North Huron.

The Cardinals, who compete in the NCTL—Stars Division, open the season on Friday, Aug. 25 at home against Akron-Fairgrove of the NCTL—Stripes Division.

Members of the Tuscola County 4-H Broadhead Bandits pose with their ribbons following the June 26 event at the Tuscola County Archers complex. They will represent Tuscola County at the state shoot on July 23rd at Centerline Gun Club of Calhoun County.

Broadhead Bandits shoot for awards at state meet

The kids competed in either target or 3D archery and within those two categories awards were given for classes based on age and type of equipment.

Those looking to compete in the state shoot must complete the county shoot and an educational exhibit for the upcoming county fair. The Tuscola County Archers is the only club in the county, and since the members are less than 32, it was not forced to choose a top three to qualify for states.

The educational topic for this season was archery safety since most of the group consisted of archers new to 4-H archery.

Sixteen kids from the club will be representing the Tuscola County area at the upcoming 4-H state shoot on July 23rd at Centerline Gun Club of Calhoun County in Bellevue.

Those competing along with their classes are Hunter Woodruff (Beginner Unsighted 3D), Donald Landau Gilberg (Beginner Open 3D), Jocelyn Tell (Beginner Open 3D), Zoe Monti (Beginner Open 3D), Ashlyn Astorn (Beginner Open 3D), Jared Franks (Junior Open 3D), Landan Monti (Junior Open 3D), Evan Freeland (Junior Open 3D), Canton Tell (Junior Unsighted 3D), Aylan Hanby (Junior Unsighted Target), Justin Bodeis (Junior Open Target), Brayden Forbes (Junior Open Target), Kerilyn Sella (Junior Open Target), Violet Tetil (Junior Open Target), Megan Mocny (Senior Open Target), and Peyton Osmun (Senior Open Target).
All-conference girls’ soccer teams

By Scott Bolsby | Sports Editor

Greater Thumb Conference - North Division

FIRST TEAM
Alex Scadlan, Laker, Jr., Keeper
Savannah Schulz, Laker, Sr., Forward
Tatum Boyes, Laker, Jr., Midfield
Mikaila Hoyle, Bad Axe, Soph., Midfield
Katelyn Meinhold, Bad Axe, Jr., Defender

SECON DX TEAM
Grace Shape, Bad Axe, Soph., Keeper
Sophie Shuart, Bad Axe, Sr., Defender
Abby Beecher, Caro, Jr., Defender
Kassie Clish, Caro, Jr., Defender

SECOND TEAM
Tori Ieuter, Laker, Jr., Defender
Maya Vier, Laker, Sr., Midfield
Jacquelyn Good, Laker, Sr., Defender
Maya Viers, Laker, Sr., Midfield

Honorable Mention
Kendal Boyce, Laker, Jr., Midfield
Amber Booms, Bad Axe, Fr., Defender
Hanna Rapson, Bad Axe, Jr., Forward/Midfield
Kayla Eremia, USA, Soph., Center/Midfield
Sara Mecomber, USA, Soph., Keeper

Abby Meyer, Marlette, Jr., Defender/Midfield

Tri-Valley Conference - 10

FIRST TEAM
Sterling Silek, Nouvel

SECOND TEAM
Iris Patel, Nouvel
Marina Collison, Nouvel
Grace Buckingham, Nouvel
Keeley Berthaun, Nouvel
Mackenzie Sprague, Nouvel
Kathryn Muns, Nouvel

Honorable Mention
Izzy Bay, Valley Lutheran
Olivia Krueger, Valley Lutheran
Grace Hall, Valley Lutheran
Riley Karas, Valley Lutheran
Kathryn Closter, Valley Lutheran
Bella Buckholz, Valley Lutheran
Lexi Johnson, Valley Lutheran
Lauren Wishowski, Bullock Creek

Tri-Valley Conference - 8

FIRST TEAM
Lauren Walker, Garber
Teagan Betzold, Garber
Bayne Davis, Garber
Elle Betzold, Garber
Cara Kelly, Garber
Rylee Jatzick, Garber
Kasia Johnson, Garber
Megan Henges, Freeland
Catherine Marlier, Freeland
Allyson Harvey, Freeland
Pagie Reiner, Freeland
Paige Kloos, Freeland
Kaitlyn Roth, Freeland
Rachel VanWormer, Frankenmuth
Grace Keinath, Frankenmuth
Emma Kern, Frankenmuth
Shannon Humpert, Frankenmuth
Emma Wingerter, Swan Valley
Alyssa Bell, Swan Valley
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Caro’s Olivia Walker kicks the ball during the second half of a May 16 game against Millington. Walker was the lone Caro player to earn first team all-conference honors in the Greater Thumb Conference - North Division.

Millington’s Vanessa Sileck celebrates after a goal during an April 29 9-0 win over Genesse. Sileck scored six goals against the Wolves in the win to set a new program record of most goals in a game.
1. GEOGRAPHY: Which country has the most islands?
   - Sweden

2. AD SLOGANS: Which product is advertised with the slogan “The snack that smiles back”?
   - Goldfish crackers

3. MOVIES: Which animated movie features more than 10,000 balloons?
   - “Up”

4. TELEVISION: Who did Jim Halpert marry in the long-running sitcom “The Office”?
   - Pam Beesly

5. HISTORY: Which country sold Alaska to the United States (1867) for $7.2 million?
   - Russia

6. MUSIC: Which rock group had an album titled “Dark Side of the Moon”?
   - Pink Floyd

7. LITERATURE: Which novel introduces a character named Lisbeth Salander?
   - “The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo”

8. SCIENCE: What is the name for magma after it has erupted?
   - Lava

9. U.S. STATES: Which state was the first to join the union after the original 13 colonies?
   - Vermont

10. ANATOMY: What is also known as the voice box in human anatomy?
    - Larynx
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July 18, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the City of
Caro Municipal Building, 317 South State
Street, Caro, Michigan, to consider a Res-
olution to Establish a Plant Rehabilitation
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Those persons wishing to comment on
the Resolution to Establish a Plant Reha-
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ANCHOR COVE CHURCH MOBILE FOOD PANTRY — Walk-through, 201 E. Sanilac Rd. Saturday, July 16th at 10am.

MEETINGS/ EVENTS

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIA- RY #421 meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at 4 p.m. at the Clintonville American Legion Hall.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 481 meets the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at 245 W. Main St., Marysville.

BIBLE MEETINGS, every Sunday in April and May, 4p-5p at 1040 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. Everyone is welcome and no collection is taken. Hosted by Bruce Shaw & Robert Bishop.

CARO AMERICAN Legion POST 7 meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

CARO CHAPTER 896 Royal Arch Masons meet the second Thursday of each month in the Masonic Temple, 156 N. State St., Caro.

CARO LIONS CLUB meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. at the Brentwood. Membership applications available. Call JoAnn at 989-673-8607 or Diana at 989-255-3467.

TOPS CLUB 4267 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thursdays at the Brentwood, Caro, from 9-11 a.m. For more information, contact Shirley at 989-823-6607 or Diana at 989-255-3467.

VASSAR FRIENDS OF THE LEAGUE — Meets the second Thursday of each month at 9 p.m. at the library.

VETERAN TO VETERAN (VET TO VET) — Meets the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at the VFW Post 437 in Vassar. These meetings provide a chance to talk to other veterans about their experiences while serving and bring veterans together to learn about available benefits. For more information, call 989-673-8146.

TOPS MONTHLY MEETINGS: VFW Post 4164, Caro, second Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.; VFW Post 3544, Cass City, second Monday; VFW Post 10844, Marysville, second Monday, 2 p.m.; VFW Post 7486, Fawngrove, first Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. at Villager Inn at 1040 W. Huron Ave.; VFW Post 4837, Marlette, third Wednesdays at 7 p.m. American Legion Post 47 meets the first Tuesday of the month held the second Tuesday of every month, at the American Legion Hall in Caro.

SELF HELP

AL-ALON FAMILY GROUP (AFG) — Find help for life is being affected because of someone else’s excessive drinking. These regular meetings are in the Thumb area. For more information, call the MI Al-Anon information line at 989-547-5594.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Meets first Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 503 State St., Caro. (VASSAR) meets Mondays at 7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 885 Saginaw St., Vassar. For more information, contact Susie at 989-511-8438.

AA (VASSAR) meetings are held on Mondays at 7 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church in Reese.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT VASAARS ANNUAL 2022 Summer Auction features a wide variety of items from Tuscola and Huron counties. The sale will be held at the Holiday Inn Express in Bad Axe, 55 Rapson Lane West. For more information, contact Susie at 989-673-4121.

GRIEF SUPPORT Meeting is held the third Wednesday of each month at Caro Senior Citizens. 1601 W. Gilford Road, Caro at 4 p.m. — public is welcome. For more information, please contact Chaplain Don Killey, 989-790-7533. Southern Care Hospice “Where caring is a way of life.”

HURON MONDAY NIGHT AA GROUP: 2960 S. Huron Ave., Unionville, 7pm.

LIVING WITH PARKINSON’S SUPPORT GROUP is held from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Holiday Inn Express in Bad Axe, 55 Rapson Lane West. For more information, call Susie at 989-673-4121.

MEN’S SUPPORT GROUP: For information, call 1-800-230-4085.

STEPING UP AA Group meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Sacred Heart Parish Building, 910 W. Frank St., Caro.

CAKIMA SERENITY HOME AA — 3800 Lee Hill Rd. Mayville. Day/weekends at 7pm, Sunday, Thursday & Saturday at 11am.

CAKIMA SUPPORT GROUP: Leader: Robert- 989-673-3444 or email: robertw5030@outlook.com. Contact leader for details.

The community calendar is available at TuscolaToday.com/Calendar.

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Fire is no doubt a living thing of sorts with oxygen and fuel. Primitive humans, after figuring out how to create its "magic," became able to ascend to the top of the food chain, primarily due to being able to use fire in a constructive manner. There is no question they knew fire could easily become a raging beast in its own near mystical night, whenever it went out of control. So, primitive humans out of the stone-age, through the Middle Ages, and into the modern day and industry (steam and you name it) which remains an ongoing and advancing process still today.

An example in history can relate to the knights in shining armor who couldn’t have done their heroic deeds if it hadn’t been for the individuals behind the scenes who knew how to handle and forge to create everything the knights required to live and thrive. An example (one of my favorite TV shows is "Forged in Fire" on the History Channel).

Certain survival situations, even during our modern times, require knowing how to properly make a fire, which can be quite complex, especially in the cold and dark. I always carry the means to create fire whenever I’m in the outdoors, and I’ve been in wilderness situations where it is a prime necessity. I will always remember the time when I was backpacking for caribou in the Arctic, and my hunting companion was showing signs of hypothermia while we waited in Yellowstone Park, and it wasn’t great news, whether or not it is accurate). The reality is, there is fire for a fire of this nature are ready and waiting to be harvested. Yellowstone itself was a matter of if, but when, and the summer of 1988 was the time.

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continually protected from fire until the late 1960s, when it was realized that fire, when controlled, was actually beneficial as it removed dead debris, which enriched the understory. The lodgepole pine also required fire in order to regenerate because intense heat from fire is required to open the cones and release the seed. By 1988, Yellowstone Park’s oldest lodgepole pine was 450 years old, and with an estimated lifetime of 5,000 years old, near their limit. Several small fires had started in July and were being monitored. However 1988 was a dry summer that featured a long drought, and winds were "dry stains" (the Christina with plenty of lightning but no rain or moisture of any sort). One nasty fire was started in a nearby National Forest when a timber-cutter dropped a cigarette and winds eventually created a firestorm, which is a fire with its own attitude that even creates its own winds and atmosphere (this is also lupine in the Thumb with the Great Fire of 1811). Many of the smaller fires linked up due to high winds and more lightning, and in no time, within 9,000 firefighters were on hand to battle the 1988 fire which was the largest in Yellowstone Park’s history to date, and 56% of the park was burned. The fires wouldn’t completely self-douse until cooling summer autumns arrived. Nature often has her way at times.

Park officials received a lot of media criticism for not preventing the blaze when the fire was still in its infancy, which during the fire was sometimes inexcusable (glooms, down and blazes makes for great news, whether or not it is accurate). The reality is, there is fire for a fire of this nature are ready and waiting to be harvested. Yellowstone itself was a matter of if, but when, and the summer of 1988 was the time.

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the occasional suckers themselves during the process.

That is why I hire Don Schank of Michigan Firepro, LLC. (1-810-656-6622) out of Clifford, whatever my CRP prairie grass fields need burning to beef up and improve habitat (burning is usually performed in early spring, as soon as winter snows are gone) I admit I was a tad nervous the first time, but Schank knows his business and works with a skilled crew. Two teams going in opposite directions start a back burn, with each team being supported by a person on an ATV equipped with a water tank and pressure hose to keep the fire in check and going in the right direction. Eventually the two teams meet with the wind directly behind them, and a full ring of fire has been formed, all of it heading to join the rest of the flames at the center, and the fire portion with a tailwind develops a real attitude.

When the ring of fire comes together, the beast really rears up toward the sky in swirling ultraviolet flames similar to a miniature tornado. Then suddenly,poof, the fire is dead, because all the fuel has been consumed. What is left is a solid black, apparently lifeless field, but that will soon change with the colorful green grass growing up through the charred blackness. Then there will be a profusion of prairie wildflowers everywhere and they will dominate the landscape until the prairie grasses gain steam and pass them by with renewed vigor.

Using fire as a constructive tool and keeping it under control is truly beneficial to conservation, and I regularly depend upon it to maintain proper prairie grass habitat, the way Mother Nature intended.

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Garrett Hill, Beau Brieske showing Tigers value of draft picks

By Jason Beck | @beckJason

MLB.com Tigers Reporter

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Other factors, however, are unavoidable. As Pleis acknowledged, the rash of pitching injuries has had a big impact on this year’s Draft crop — and in turn, the balance at the top between hitters and pitchers.

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THE MICHIGAN FISHING REPORT

SOUTHEAST LOWER PENINSULA

LAKESHORE: Anglers were battling algae blooms and strong winds outside of Fermi. Fish were scattered; however, a few people were still catching them on crawler harnesses in 18 to 21 feet of water. Silver for the harness blade was popular in that area. Those going south to the dumping grounds out of Luna Pier saw mild successes running crawler harnesses still, but with the weather fishing was slow. Yellow perch fishing has yet to pick up in mass, but early anglers were catching them on minnows closer to shore, around 10 to 12 feet. Smallmouth bass fishing has been steadily picking up with anglers catching them on artificial lures.

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GRINDSTONE: Walleye were showing up in 30 to 40 feet of water north and east of the harbor while trolling with crawler harnesses and artificial lures.

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WATERBURY RIVER: Anglers were still fishing with live bait and/or casting with an assortment of spinners, spoons and body baits. They were catching smallmouth bass, rock bass, freshwater drum, catfish, bowfin and pike. Walleye fishing was slow.

ALGONAC: Walleye fishing was good with limits caught out near the Charity Islands and east across the Shipping Channel in 12 to 35 feet while trolling crawlers and crank baits. Fising was also good south of the shipwreck in 20 to 30 feet while trolling crawlers and crank baits. At the Pint River Access, there were some crappie, pine and largemouth bass caught while casting plastics, spinners, body baits and crawlers. Walleye fishing was good there as well, while casting in the weeds with crawlers and body baits and trolling in 15 to 30 feet with crawlers and crank baits.

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Northwest Lower Peninsula

Ludington:

Catches were hit or miss but a few Chinook and coho were caught at Big Sable Point in 80 to 180 feet of water when fishing 50 to 80 feet down and straight out and south off the project in 100 to 150 feet of water when fishing 60 to 80 down. Spoons worked best. The pies remained slow.

Manistee:

A few salmon and lake trout were caught along the shelf both north and south of Clines, and south towards Big Sable Point in 120 to 200 feet of water when fishing 40 to 90 down.

Frankfort:

Anglers trolled the shelf in 120 to 150 feet of water and setting lines from 50 to 80 down were picking up a few good-sized Chinook with most being landed on flies and meat rigs. Lake trout were in the same area or bouncing the bottom with cowbells in Platff Bay.

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