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Erickson declines offer to become Caro manager

By John Schneider | Reporter johnschneider@tcadvertiser.com

CARO — With Caro City Manager Matthew Lane less than a week away from stepping down, the Caro City Council keeps looking for his replacement.

At a July 19 special meeting, the council chose Erickson — the Tuscola County Economic Development Corp. executive director — as city manager.

From 1998 to 2007, Erickson worked as the village of Millington’s supervisor. But negotiations with Caro leaders didn’t pan out, and Erickson turned down the city manager job, deciding to stay with the EDC.

City Mayor Joe Greene confirmed the search for a city manager in “square to square,” and that the council would talk about the issue at its next meeting Monday, Aug. 1.

Diamond Caro resident and her husband own Sagan’s, a local Kalamazoo County Management L.L.C., and Diamond is one of the most important resources for the village.

But not for long. The board learned Monday that Consumers Energy is in the process of closing the gap that runs east from the intersection of M-37 and M-46 in Richville. Consumers is installing a new high-pressure natural gas line from that intersection to the east main that will close the gap about 1 ¼ miles west of Richville.

Once the line is installed, Consumers Energy will open the door for people living close to the area to get natural gas service.

The board also:

■ Will pay $5,000 to Joletec of Bay City to provide a computer server at the township office, connected to all computers at the township office.

Joletec will service the server.

The costs include connectivity, programming and installation.

■ Learned the township’s insurance premium from Buncham and Flowers Insurance Group of Kalamazoo increased by $2,163.25 a year, up from about $13,900 a year. The liability insurance has gone up dramatically, Supervisor Charles Heinlein said. The budget included $11,000 for the new fiscal year included 5 and 7 percent increases in the unknowns, he said. “Well, some of it has actual expenses on it, quite a bit.”

■ Learned the township is keeping heavy traffic off the newly paved entrance to the township cemetery. “We don’t want to pull a heavy truck on that road,” Heinlein said. “Let it cure a little bit.”
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Embracing Roundabouts
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Roundabouts seem to pop up more and more in Michigan. It appears that 49 out of 100 in our state on more with the use. I thought to think roundabouts were invented by college kids (probably Purdue) but it appears they originated in this technical age. (First Guess: Google).

As I’m coming up on a roundabout, I’m certain my blood pressure goes up a bit and I enter state of heightened awareness as I grip the steering wheel a bit closer to the windshield to figure out how to navigate a circular road with multiple entry and exit points. I was recently near Brighton where there are two roundabouts within about 20 feet of each other. I thought “Oh Lord, are these things gonna put me in another dimension?”

Still, there’s something about them that makes sense. In my search for a deeper understanding of our state’s roads, I went to check it out online. Check out https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/travel/safety/road-users/ roundabouts for some interesting information on these roads.

Roundabouts were designed for drivers to enter the circle, pick a lane, and ride that lane out of the circle. If you’re involved in an accident in a roundabout, you’ll likely be rule “at fault” if you just failed to yield the right of way to the circulating roundabout traffic.usually changed lanes, stopped your vehicle in the roundabout or were speeding or tailgating. All of these constitute negligent driving.

How to best navigate a roundabout? Pay attention to the signs, pick a lane and ride it out. If you’re the only one in the mad circle, changing lanes likely isn’t going to get you into much trouble. A good co-pilot, well, she’s right.

As always, the best way to protect yourself is to know the laws, relax, drive safely, and have good auto insurance! Now, about those “Michigan Lefts.”
Indianfields tax request replaces two road millages

By Josh Swenson | Reporter
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INDIANFIELDS TWP. — In its Wednesday, July 27 edition, The Advertiser reported that a proposed 2-mill property tax for road improvement and maintenance was not a renewal, stating that the township is asking twice as much as for past road proposals.

In actuality, the proposal, which will appear on Tuesday’s primary election ballot, will replace two 1-mill proposals.

“Let’s put this in perspective. We have a 2-mill millage, and this is one 2-mill proposal,” said Indianfields Township Supervisor William Campbell. Indianfields Township residents paid on average 2 mills in taxable valuation twice at tax season. Indianfields Township residents will pay just one 2-mill tax.

Campbell said when voters approve a millage, a municipality is not required to levy the full amount of the millage, but rather up to the millage limit. He said Indianfields taxpayers will not pay more than the 2 mills. We’re just trying to clean up the paperwork.”

“We assess up to that amount,” Campbell said, “If Tuesday’s proposal is passed, we won’t assess more than the 2 mills. We’re just trying to clean up the paperwork.”

The current proposal, which was passed by the board on July 19, is removing 1 mill from the previous 2-mill proposal.

If approved, the proposal on the Tuesday ballot will nullify the previous two 1-mill proposals, and instead of paying 1 mill in taxable valuation twice at tax season, Indianfields Township residents will pay just one 2-mill tax.

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The proposal on Tuesday’s ballot, officially called the Indianfields Township Road and Maintenance Proposal, combines both past road repair proposals into one renewal.

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‘Sparty’ stories: Fundraiser features man who was mascot

By Tom Gilchrist | News Editor
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CARO — An area man who once was the Michigan State University mascot “Sparty,” along with a woman who is the MSU women’s golf head coach, are featured guests at the Aug. 11 “Party with a Sparty” scholarship/fundraiser dinner.

Clark Ramsey, who donned the suit to portray Sparty for four years at MSU sporting events and other functions, is guest speaker at the 6 p.m. dinner/social hour, which is hosted by Tuscola County Spartans and benefitting the MSU women’s golf team.

Ramsey is married to Rochelle Thompson, formerly of Caro, and daughter of Rick Ramsey, a native of the Harbor Beach area, will share stories and laughs of his “life behind the helmet” as Sparty.

He heads up the marketing, business development and communications sector at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon. He graduated from MSU with a bachelor’s degree in telecommunications, information study and media.

Ramsey attended NCAA men’s basketball Final Four games as Sparty. Those wishing to reserve a seat may write a check payable to “Tuscola Spartans” and mail it to Tuscola Spartans, 1644 Edge Wood Drive, Caro, MI 48723.

For more information, contact Kathy Neuman at 989-550-4503.

Social hour begins at 5 p.m., and tickets cost $40 per person, with a steak/walleye dinner, beverages and dessert served to ticket buyers.

Tuscola County Spartans will present three $1,000 scholarships to Tuscola County students attending MSU this fall.

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Balloons, burnout contest return to Vassar RiverFest

VASSAR — There will be smoke on the water once again on the night of Thursday, Aug. 5 at the Vassar RiverFest, when car tires spin on the pavement at the burnout contest behind the Vassar Theatre.

Several years have passed since the contest occurred behind the theater along M-15 in downtown Vassar, about 80 yards from the Cass River.

The contest is famous for burning rubber and rising smoke, and it begins following the 6 p.m. festival parade on Aug. 5.

For more information on the burnout contest, call 989-823-4250.

Festival-goers hope to see hot-air balloons — rather than smoke — above Vassar at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6.

Pilots and crews of six hot-air balloons plan to launch then from the grass near Central Elementary School.

Kayla Brown, director of the Vassar Chamber of Commerce and RiverFest director, said the chamber "has adopted the hot-air balloon launch," formerly organized by Cheryl Deike for a number of years.

"It's a tradition here; we had to have the balloons back, so we adopted it and we've got it all pulled off," Brown said.

The Thumb Area Mud Runners host a beer tent from 3-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5 at Vassar Memorial Park, formerly the Vassar Fairgrounds, along Walnut Street which leads off Cass Avenue.

Kayak races on the Cass River begin at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 6 at Sivak’s Cass River Boat and Tube Rental, 200 N. Cass Ave. Paddlers can rent a kayak, or bring their own, with prizes awarded for first-, second- and third-place winners.

The festival car show runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6 in downtown Vassar. For more information, call Mark Cooper at 517-202-4310. The 41st annual car show is sponsored by The Shifters.

Food trucks will set up downtown to feed festival visitors.

The Vassar Area Historical Society hosts a lumberjack breakfast from 7 a.m. to noon Aug. 6 at T. North Pavilion.

The RiverFest duck race — featuring toy ducks purchased by donors — is set for noon on Saturday, Aug. 6. The Festival fundraisers offer a buyer a duck for $5, and several thousand ducks will be dumped into the river. The first duck crossing the finish line brings half of the pot to its purchaser.

The second-place duck brings $100, and the third-place duck is worth $50 to its buyer. Tickets will be sold at the festival, and buyers can choose their numbers.

Enjoy River Fest!

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Vassar’s North Main Street, shown here, is filled with cars during a recent Vassar RiverFest. This year’s show is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6.

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A competitor makes a scene in a burnout contest during a recent Vassar RiverFest. This year’s contest occurs behind the Vassar Theatre on Aug. 5, following the 6 p.m. parade.

“Trophies, plaques, medals, cash, gift certificates and more” will be given away at the races, according to the website for Sivak’s Cass River Boat and Tube Rental. Kayakers can register online at evenbreite.com, or call 989-284-8894.

A dunk tank, set up at Sivak’s on Aug. 6, operates all day as a fundraiser for the Vassar Wrestling Association.

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Reese AD becomes varsity football coach; lives out dream

New Reese football coach Kerry Messing, right, chats with defensive coordinator Mitchell Bender during Thursday’s 7-on-7 at Millington. Messing takes over for Cody Reif who served as Reese head coach for three seasons.

RESE — Reese Athletic Director Kerry Messing is familiar with Greater Thumb Conference football. The 1995 Ubly graduate not only helped coach in it, but he’s also played in it for one of the most storied programs and coaches in the Thumb area.

“I played for Hall of Fame coach Jerry Herp,” he said. “I spent my junior year at tight end and senior season as quarterback.”

Messing will now begin a head coaching path of his own after recently being named coach of the Reese football program following the resignation of Cody Reif after three seasons and a 12-14 record, including an 8-2 record last season, the program’s first winning campaign since 2013 and first postseason appearance since 2016.

Messing attended Ferris State University following high school obtaining a degree in computer information systems before arriving in Reese Nov. 15, 1999, as the Director of Technology.

He quickly found himself in a football coaching role.

“Coach (Bob) Saylor approached me as he had heard that I had an interest in coaching,” he said. “It was the second day of the season, and he was new to the program. He was still looking for two coaches, a freshman coach, and a junior varsity coach. He conducted a very brief interview which consisted of two questions. First, he asked what my knowledge of football was. Second question was ‘Do you love kids’ and the answer to that was a quick yes.”

Saylor helped guide Reese to a 116-35 overall record with 13 playoff appearances, 10 conference titles and three regional championships.

Messing went on to spend two seasons as a freshman assistant, 12 as the JV head coach and when Bob Bovvy took over as head varsity football coach Messing spent

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Broadhead Bandits end state 4-H finals as medal leader

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CASS CITY | TRACK & FIELD

CONNOR HERFORD

had a personal best of 23.68 in the 200-meter dash and a personal best of 55.56 in the 400-meter dash.

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CARLTON PATRICK

led Cass City in all offensive categories including 10 home runs, 23 doubles, 91 total bases, and 76 runs scored.

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JERZIE VANNCHEN

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2. MOVIES: The movie “300” is based on which famous historical battle?
3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many presidents have served more than two terms?
4. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How far can a skunk’s spray reach?
5. GEOGRAPHY: What is the southernmost major city on the continent of Africa?
6. LANGUAGE: What is a funambulist?
7. HISTORY: Who was the first woman to complete the Boston Marathon (unofficially)?
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.
6. Tightrope walker.
9. Blue, yellow, red, green and black.
10. Cacao trees.
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Walkthroughs are available on Friday, July 29, 2022 at 1:00 pm local time. Bids specifications, requirements, and required bid forms are to be submitted and are available at www.vassar.k12.mi.us.

Proposals should be addressed to:
District Office & Superintendent Vassar Public Schools 220 Athletic Street Vassar, MI 48768

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THUMB COMMUNITY CONCERT CHOIR Spring concert, on in the house under the direction of Dr. Phillip Burkett & Thumb Rogers handbell choir today April 14th at 7 p.m., Sunday April 10th at 3 p.m. at USA High School Auditorium. Free, will offering.

TOPS MI 4221 CHAPTER meets Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Bayshore Beauty Academy. Call JoAn at 989-551-6161 for more information.

TOPS CLUB 1212 VASSAR meets Wednesday at Ivan Middleton Hall, 1007 Lane St. Weigh in from 8-9 a.m., meetings Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall in Akron, VFW Post 4837, Marlette, third Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. American Legion Post #7 meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 110 W. Frank Street, Caro.

DISABLED VETERANS CHAPTER #75 Please come to the meetings held the second Tuesday of every month, at the American Legion Hall in Caro.

SELF HELP
AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP (AFG) - Find help if your life is being affected because of someone else’s excessive drinking. There are regular meetings in the Thumb area. For more information, call Jim Hurst at 989-823-8607 or Diana at 989-223-3147.

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During summer’s dog days, wade the river and hound fish with cane poles

Michigan Outdoors with Tom Lounsbury

When summer starts winding down, some of us have done since childhood, to go wade-fishing in a Cass River, which isn’t far from my family farm. This is on the upper reaches of the Cass, which typically reaches its lowest water levels in late summer, allowing excellent wading conditions, not to mention the wonderful fishing opportunities created by the “Dog Days” of summer.

The fish during this timeframe are in a hunger mood because the frequent and steady hatches provided by various insect species the fish have gorged and fattened themselves on during the spring and early summer are now a thing of the past. With regular meals becoming scarcer, fish are more ready to take the bait or hit the lure. Wading can take anglers into otherwise hard-to-reach areas which feature isolated pools that offer excellent fishing opportunities. Needless to say, folks, this is an environment I dearly love and always look forward to, and it is not difficult for me to spend an entire day wade-fishing.

Most likely, the main reason the Dog Days get their name from the late summer’s dry and sultry weather which, of course, can be hard on fish. However, the name comes from the late summer timeframe in which the Cass River, “Starr’s” (named by ancient Romans) can be readily seen.

Fishing, of course, has much history associated with it and primitive humans probably first started to fish with spears and crude nets. Somewhere along the way, when an inquisitive soul figured out how to use a fishhook, the true art of fishing began. When a long, slender, but strong, tip.

The selection of the right materials wasn’t the jointed poles that come apart when put together is in the neighborhood of 12 feet long, and unlike the already lengthy cane pole (for more durability), and cut off at the same length as the cane pole. On the end, I have a switch of sandbar willow, trim off the top of that, it is also very effective in catching fish in a brush-lined river environment. Presenting bait or even artificial lures and spoons can be performed with a variety of lily pads.

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The local hardware just happened to have bamboo poles of various sizes, a bunch of bamboo poles of various sizes, I turned to a fishing method that typically

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Tigers claw back, but can’t come up clutch

By JASON BECK | @MICHIGAN
MLB.com Tigers Reporter

The way Eric Haase has heated up at the plate lately, his latest big hit seemed imminent.

He worked Yimi Garcia for nine pitches, bunting every offering the Blue Jays reliever has in his toolbox. In a three-pitch span, Haase fouled off a 96 mph fastball up and in, a 95 mph heater up top, then another 95 mph heater up top. That’s the plate protection of a contact hitter, then another 95 mph heater up top.

Garcia then threw a 90 mph slider diving off the plate, Haase fouled off a 96 mph fastball, batting every offering the Blue Jays pitcher had in his arsenal lately, his latest big hit seemed imminent. Haase walked away having turned his heater at the top of the plate.

For a split-second, it looked like he might do more than that. Haase burst out of the box with his opposite-field drive soaring deep to right in a sign of hope, but the slowing strides George Springer took a moment at the edge of the warning track in right-center took away any that he had.

In the end, it was a battle that arguably neither side won, which seemingly fit the Tigers’ season. Haase’s sacrifice fly drove in a run, but that’s all the Tigers got out of the bases-loaded, nobody-out opportunity in a two-run game. A day after they overcame three unearned runs for a comeback victory, two more unearned tallies off errors — one of them coming after Haase’s fly fly — proved to be the difference in a 5-3 series-opening loss on Thursday at Rogers Centre.

Haase walked away having turned in a productive at-bat at Detroit’s unproductive night.

“We came back and had a huge chance, bases loaded, no outs,” manager A.J. Hinch said. “You’d like to get a little bit more, obviously, Haase had a great at-bat and was inches away from making it really interesting, but I look back and I see two errors that led to part of their scoring.”

Having only managed just a Willi Castro solo homer off Yu Darvish and a Jonathan Schoop solo homer off Tim Mayza to that point, the Tigers’ rally against Garcia was a product of timely hitting. Victor Reyes slapped a leadoff double off the right-field wall, then Robbie Grossman’s blooper fell in a collision between shortstop Jon Bichette and left fielder Lourdes Gurriel Jr.

Seven consecutive pitches out of the strike zone — four to walk Javier Báez, then three to give a 3-0 count to Miguel Cabrera — put Detroit’s chances of waking up at 50-50 percent, according to Statcast. Cabrera took a 3-0, then his fly ball to right field in on its way that left Reyes no chance to tag up from first.

Enter Haase, whose production this summer has turned him into the cleanup hitter hitting with confidence.

“It’s hard to be selective in that at-bat, maybe for a second there, but I was just happy to get the job done either way.”

Said Hinch: “He’s been really good obviously this month, and he was in the at-bat, fouling off some really tough pitches, and then just missed a pitch. Now we need that run there, just like you need any run, and there was still an opportunity after that.”

The run led Blue Jays interim manager John Schneider to turn to Jordan Romano for a potential four-out save. He needed just one pitch for his first out and to end the threat, getting a mid-hot Jeimer Candelario to ground out to second.

What had been a near-even chance to win dropped to a 12-percent chance of victory, sliding even lower after Toronto scored an unearned run in the bottom half and all the way up to 6-3 in the Blue Jays closed it out in the ninth.

Jason Beck has covered the Tigers for MLB.com since 2007. Reach him by email and follow him on Twitter @jbeckjason.
All anglers 17 years of age and older are required to have a fishing license.

SEOSTATE LOWER

The fishing in the western basin of Lake Erie was producing large walleye. However, the rapid growth of weeds caused problems for anglers looking to drag bottom bouncers with crankbait harnesses. Anglers fishing out of Sturgeon Point State Park were catching walleye in 25 to 28 feet of water in front of Ferry Point Plant on the edges of large seaweed patches. Some anglers were using spoons or flier krummums to try and pick up less weeds on their lines. Yellow perch limits were not reported but anglers were still catching some in 15 feet of water inside Break Bay. The best baits to use for yellow perch were crawlers and crankbaits. Fishing at Gateway Park on the Tawas River was slow with some largemouth bass, rock bass and catfish caught while casting and smallmouth bass. However, the rapid growth of perch caused problems for anglers fishing out of Luna Pier. Anglers were continuing to catch large size walleye in a slower pace in 15 to 22 feet of water with many undersized walleye being caught and thrown back.

SAGINAW BAY:

Walleye were caught two miles northeast of Spout Island in 15 feet of water on crawlers. Fish were also caught at buoy A and B in 16 feet of water on crawlers and at buoy 1 and 2 in 25 feet of water on Flicker Shad. Some freshwater drum and smallmouth bass were caught at Smith Park in Essexville by shore anglers using crawlers. Walleye were scattered around the entire east side of the bay. Anglers were catching walleye on the shallow side of the slot or 10 to 13 feet of water, in the slot around 14 to 17 feet, on top of the bar, and over the bar in 22 to 25 feet of water. Some small walleye were caught out near the Charity Islands and east across the Shipping Channel in 12 to 25 feet while trolling crawlers and crank baits. Fishing was also good south of the shipwreck in 20 to 30 feet of water while trolling crawlers and crank baits.

TAWAS:

Walleye were caught in the weed beds near bays 4 and 6 while trolling crawlers. There were some walleye, Atlantic salmon and steelhead caught out past buoy 2 and towards Charity Island in 50 to 70 feet while trolling spoons, crankbaits and crawlers. Fishing at Tawas City Park on the Tawas River was slow with some largemouth bass, rock bass and catfish caught while casting and smallmouth bass. Fishing at Au Gres was steady with limits. The best places to fish were Thunder Bay Island, Nortnebrae Wreck and at the humps. The best depths were in 60 to 90 feet of water. Anglers were running a couple of lines deep while scattering their other lines higher up. An occasional steelhead pink salmon, coho, Atlantic and Chinook were caught on the lines higher in the water column. Good colors were greens, orange and silver, orange, blues, and glow stuff early and late. The lake trout were coming in on flashers with spin glo plugs. Walleye fishing was still on the slow side because of cold water. A few walleye were caught in the very southern part of the bay near Sulphur Island and Scarecrow Island. The best depths were at 15 to 30 feet of water. Anglers were using harnesses and crankbaits.

THUNDER BAY:

Anglers fishing at Sturgeon Point 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, bowfins andpike while trolling smallmouth bass. Anglers at Scarecrow Island were catching smallmouth bass and trout. Walleye fishing was slow.

AG REE:

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. Fishing was also good south of the shipwreck in 20 to 30 feet of water while trolling crawlers and crank baits.

At the Pint River Access, there were some crappie, large and smallmouth bass caught while casting plastics, spinners, body baits and crawlers. Walleye fishing was 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. ROGERS CITY: The fishing pressure was light. Anglers were catching some lake trout with some limits reported. A mixed bag was starting to show up in angler catchers. Mostly lake trout with an occasional silver fish, Atlantic salmon, coho, Chinook salmon and steelhead. The best depths were in 60 to 93 feet of water. The lake trout were coming near the bottom with flashers and spin glo plugs. The silver fish were coming higher in the water.