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SEBEWAING — Thieves in Huron County have gotten creative in the wake of high gas prices. Two times in the past week, a person or persons drilled a hole into a vehicle gas tank, presumably to collect the vehicle’s gasoline.

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Fairgrove finds fire contract goes unsigned, unpaid

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— The Fairgrove Fire Dept. covers six of the 56 sections of Juniata Township. Those are just a part of what the department covers, but they are causing some issues for both the department and the village of Fairgrove. Because Juniata Township hasn't signed its 2022-23 contract, nor has it paid for it.

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Wells Twp. focuses on unpaved roads

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The township, however, still intends to discuss the issue at an upcoming road commission meeting and to seek a resolution to the paving problems on Frankford Road.

The board also is investigating the cost of a speed limit sign on Cat Lake Road before proceeding with the necessary documents.

Approved Michigan Township Association Resolution to allow funding and Eileen Thorne at a cost of $3206.

Will spend $45.99 for a telephone answering machine and will discontinue the call-forwarding service from CenterLink.

Learned the Memorial Day ceremony is 9:30 a.m., May 30.

Learned the township still is waiting for Public Act 116 farmfiled preservation recommendations from both the Tuscola County Planning Commission and the U.S. Soil Conservation District to send to the state.
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‘The Base’ leader sentenced to prison

By John Schneider

The 26-year-old Bad Axe man appeared in a Tuscola County Circuit Court hearing via online video from the Washtenaw County Jail, where he is set to be sentenced June 13 for an uninitiated crime.

The Tuscola County case against Watkins — which was tried as a joint effort between the Tuscola County Prosecutor’s Office and Michigan Attorney’s General Office — alleges he and three others, on October 3, 2020, entered two former Michigan Department of Correction sites in Tuscola County — the MDOC Camp Tuscola Annex and MDOC Tuscola Residential ReEntry Program — which are vacant in Indianfields Township near the city of Caro.

Prosecutors have said the men were members of “The Base,” and were scouting the location as a possible hate camp for the group’s activities. Items were also stolen from the location, according to prosecutors.

Three of the four men accused of trespassing on the property were charged with four identical counts — larceny in a building (four-year maximum prison sentence), gang membership (20-year maximum sentence), conspiracy to commit teaching the use of explosive devices/firearms to commit civil disorder (four-year felony) and possession of a firearm while committing or attempting to commit a felony (two-year felony). Watkins in April pleaded no contest to the two latter counts. On Tuesday, he was sentenced to 32 months in prison for the conspiracy to teach the use of explosive devices/firearms count and two years for the felony firearm charge. Watkins was ordered to serve the sentences consecutively, or one after the other. He was also ordered to pay $3,130 in court costs and assessments.

Suxita Duddamani, head of the hate crimes and domestic terrorism unit for the Michigan Attorney’s General Office, who is prosecuting the case along with Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reene, told the court at a previous hearing that the three defendants in the case were “armed to the teeth.” She also said racist and neo-Nazi literature was found during a raid at a Bad Axe residence where some of the defendants lived.

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In a pre-sentencing report, Watkins is described leader of a white supremacist organization, “The Base,” that openly advocates for acts of violence to further its white, racially-motivated violent extremist ideology.

On the report also states that, “The Base,” which is the literal translation of Al-Qaeda, recruits and plans to train like-minded individuals with the goal of carrying out violent operations in and against the United States.

Watkins has been a prisoner at the Washtenaw County Jail since May 2021, when his bond was revoked, according to court records. The Attorney’s General Office charged Watkins and Alfred Gorman, of Taylor, with three felonies on in October 2020 in connection with a 2019 event in Dexter in which a “family who lived there. Investigators determined the duo believed the house was occupied by an Antifa Podcaster, but they had the wrong house.”

In Washtenaw County, Watkins was charged with three felonies — unlawful posting of a message, gang membership and using a computer to commit a crime with a maximum sentence of between two and four years in prison. He pleaded guilty in April to gang membership and the other two counts were dismissed. He is set to be sentenced in Washtenaw County on June 13.

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Fairgrounds, will be open for visitors.

They’ve been gathering old signs and paraphernalia from the old businesses.

Windham said, “Within weeks they had all the old stuff from the businesses on the list.”

In addition, Matt Putnam of the historic society has been working on finding advertisements, placed in 1922 edition of The Tuscola County Advertiser, and printing them out to display at the museum, which will be open to visitors between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., on both days of Cars and Crafts.

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■ Will seek bids for a township attorney.

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The Sanilac County Police Department at 989-883-2380 or by sending a message to the department’s Facebook page.

They've since taken care of that.” Repkie said.

Chicago police looking for help from the community.

“The communication is the biggest answer to anything that happens in a community,” Repkie said.

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Local fire departments practice bus rescues

Multiple fire departments took part in training exercises featuring bus crashes. In one scenario, a passenger vehicle rear-ended the bus, which has been lifted by the bulldozer into upright position for the final scenario. Hay was placed inside the bus, which contained a firefighter – was attempting to access the bus by disregarding orders to turn off the bus and pull out Britton, who was pretending to be unconscious. Also hampering the rescue attempt, which occurred late Saturday, a short time after a nearby school bus crash into a tree, firefighters were forced to restrain him. The third scenario imagined the bus driver suffered a heart attack and became unconscious, causing the bus to overrun on its side. In this scenario, students had to be rescued by breaking the emergency exit window at the back of the bus and by cutting a hole in the top of the bus. To make this exercise more difficult, it was imagined that a parent of one of the students – played by a firefighter – was attempting to access the bus by disregarding orders to turn off the bus and pull out Britton, who was pretending to be unconscious.

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KOYLTON TWP. — The changeover in Koylton Township has had some hiccups.

The township had been getting its garbage pickup service from Brown City-based Midway Disposal. In the past two months, however, GFL Environmental has purchased Midway and taken over its contracts.

“There have been some problems in the transition,” Koylton Township Supervisor Doug Kramer said. “They are hoping that things will go better in a couple of weeks.”

A representative from GFL Environmental attended the township board’s May 12 session to explain the source of the issues and the solutions.

Kramer said the firm has been short of new trucks coming that will serve the township.

“They also are having some trouble with personnel,” Kramer said. “They are hoping that things will go better in a couple of weeks.”

The firm has mailed letters to township residents, apologizing for the inconvenience.

The board also:

■ Signed all of the contracts with the Tuscola County Road Commission for this summer’s road work. The township is spending about $120,000, or about $28,000 per mile, for improvements to gravel roads in the township. The improvements will be made to Harris Road, to Centerline Road, from Kingston to Cemetery roads; to Denhoff Road, from Kingston to Cemetery roads; and to Phillips Road, from Marlette to Mayville roads.

■ Learned the first of two calcium chloride applications are to be applied this week to all of the township’s unpaved roads. The timing is dependent on the weather. The best time to apply, Kramer said, is right after the roads have been graded, as long as it isn’t going to rain. “It’s tricky,” he said. “A little moisture is good. You need moisture to keep it working. But if you get too much right after you put it (calcium chloride) down it ends up in the ditch. And you don’t want that.”
Fremont seeks source of road flooding

By Mark Haney | Reporter haney@tcadvertiser.com

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FREMONT TWP. — The wet, cold spring has brought a road issue to the surface in Fremont Township.

The spring rains wound up closing Phelps Lake Road in the township when the road flooded at the intersection with Schott Road. The Tuscola County Road Commission plans to pour 18 tons of gravel onto that intersection to clear up the soggy road. But supervisor Matt Blatt told the township board, at its May 12 session, that only would be a temporary answer. He said a drainage tile near that intersection may be clogged or damaged. So he and board member Kyle Thom plan to check out the site to determine the best solution.

In the meantime, the board did decide to spend $21,565.20 with the road commission to repair the unpaved roads after July 4. The mowing of the sides of local roads also will begin at about that time.

The board also:

■ Heard from Ken Lind of EMC Insurance of East Lansing about the renewal of the township’s insurance.
■ Approved the fire protection service agreement with the Richville Fire Dept. provides that protection.
■ Appointed Renee Rodammer and reappointed Lurry Kern to the planning commission.
■ Heard from Steve Anderson, township director, on the county’s hazard mitigation plan.
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Cemetery trees, land bought by Tuscola Twp.

By Mark Haney | Reporter haney@tcadvertiser.com

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TUSCOLA TWP. — Twelve trees cost more, for Tuscola Township, than a parcel of land.

At its May 17 session, the township board voted to spend up to $2,000 to buy up to 12 trees from Abele’s Greenhouse in Saginaw to replace those cut down over the winter at the cemetery on Loren Road. Those trees were removed for safety reasons.

At the same time, the board voted to spend $1,400 to purchase a parcel on Williams Street. The parcel, which is in the portion of the township that abuts the city of Vassar, was available due to non-payment of back taxes.

The board also:

■ Approved the caregiver cultivation ordinance, which regulates the number of marijuana plants a caregiver can raise for a patient, as well as how and where the plants can be grown.
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**GILFORD TWP.** — Gilford Township only is getting $72,117 in American Recovery Plan Act funds, but it planning to use them in an emergency.

Or, rather, before one.

After learning the Vassar Area Ambulance Service stands to lose around $11,000 from its contracting memberships because of smaller 2020 census numbers, the township board received a request from the VAAS to use some of its ARPA money to help buy a generator for the Fairgrove ambulance base. Clerk Diane Spencer was asked to get a contract from the VAAS board of directors for the township to consider.

The township also signed fire protection contracts with the villages of Reese and Fairgrove. But those contracts came with some additional charges for new equipment. In each case, the township board decided to use ARPA funds to cover the added costs.

These decisions came after the township’s auditors suggested the township issue certified checks from the credit union when paying with ARPA money.

The board also:
- Signed a contract with Susan Jensen to become the township’s assessor, replacing Assessment Pros. The contract goes into effect June 1.
- Approved a request from Arnold Hawley to place 40 acres into Public Act 116 farmland preservation.
- Approved a parcel division request from Tim and Kathleen Howell.
- Approved the Brickell Brothers site maintenance contract.
- Set the township cleanup day for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 17.
- Tentatively set the next Board of Review session for July 18.

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The Millington team pose after winning the Jeremy Warner Memorial Golf Tournament at Vassar Golf and Country Club with a team total of 346 points. Members of the Cardinals’ team are, from left, Drew Murray, Andrew Hoard, Kaden Wisenbach, Emily Martin, Owen Kreger, and Brad Coleman.

Saturday, May 28, 2022

By Scott Bogusz | Sports Editor

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VASSAR — The Millington boys golf team finished its regular season Wednesday the way it started on April 26 — with a first-place finish at Willow Springs Golf and Country Club.

This was clinched the Tri-Valley Conference championship for the Cardinals.

Isaac Slough was the top Millington golfer, shooting a team-low 78 while Bryce Martin followed with a 79. Drew Murray had an 83, Kaden Wisenbach shot an 86, Alma golf signee Emily Martin fired an 88 and Brad Coleman carded a 92.

Martin, Wisenbach and Slough were named first-team all-conference while Issac Slough were named first-team all-conference while Brad Coleman were second-team all-conference.

CARO — Unionville-Sebewaing Area kept its Greater Thumb Conference West Division record blemish free Tuesday with a sweep at Caro.

The Patriots won the opener 9-0 and the second game 7-1.

Kennedy Schember and Luci Harris both lined home runs in Game 1. Harris led the offense with two hits, two RBIs and one run scored while Mady Reinhart added one hit, two RBIs and scored two runs. Ella Neumann rapped four hits.

Harris earned the win from the circle, tossing seven innings, allowing no runs and three hits and fanning 15 batters.

In Game 2, Rylie Betson took the win for USA (25-6), tossing seven innings and allowing one earned run on eight hits with eight strikeouts.

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Compau tossed three innings, allowing no hits with eight strikeouts. In Game 2, Maggie Thiel tossed her way to a victory. She allowed seven earned runs on eight hits with seven strikeouts.

Breinager and Schafsnitz had four hits and two RBIs each. Thiel drove in three runs while Payton Schafsnitz scored three times.

The second game also was mercy-shortened and ended after four innings. Thiel tossed four innings while allowing one earned run on one hit without striking out three in the nightcap.

Faith Breinager had two hits, three RBIs and two runs scored. Thiel added two hits, two RBIs and three runs scored and Tiffany Keller and Kendall Thompson had two hits, two RBIs and scored two runs each for the Eagles in Game 1.

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- Rhode Island

2. MEDICAL: What is a common name for the medical condition called hyperlipidemia?
- High cholesterol

3. PSYCHOLOGY: What is the abnormal fear represented by peccatophobia?
- Fear of committing sins or imaginary crimes

4. FOOD & DRINK: What fish is the basis of Worcestershire sauce?
- Fermented anchovies

5. GEOGRAPHY: Nuuk is the capital of which island constituent country?
- Greenland

6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which state has produced the most presidents?
- Virginia, with eight presidents

7. ART: In which major city would you find the Uffizi Gallery?
- Florence, Italy

8. MOVIES: What is the main setting of the “Mama Mia!” movies?
- Skopelos, Greece

9. MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the Greek god of wine?
- Dionysus

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- Northern Ireland
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I glanced up, that bull moose I was setup up flashes of scarlet red as the creature while, the water bug started to come apart place right before my eyes. The creature the metamorphosis which was taking within.

Something stayed my hand, and I became first thought was to give it a good thump that no doubt could have a mean attitude about them, nor had I ever endeavored from my face.

The water bugs were actively swimming just up movement in the water not far from the surface as well.

The panoramic reflection on the water’s surface was a distance, they had eats something (in nature, everything like a helicopter), I like helicopters (they ability to hover about their lifecycle or just hang out, observation however, gave me another insight and I was so close in all, I did all to be pucker up and try to get a photo of this one. There was something still rather ominous about this now adult dragonfly, the way its eyes close together and actually become something, but other then noticing their many brilliant colors and admiring their ability to hover about like butterflies (I often wish I could do this too), there was something still rather ominous about it. This incident occurred over a couple decades ago, and needless to say, folks, I’ve been studying up on dragonflies ever since. The field trip is quite a bit like birdwatching, only with some extra thrown in when you try determining what water bug belongs to what dragonfly species.

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Belonging to the order “Odonata” (meaning “toothed ones”) adult dragonflies are fearsome predators which can catch other insects while on the wing. I’ve already mentioned the scarlet red dragonfly, its wings.

As best as I can discover, there are at least 342 different species (the number seems to keep changing with new discoveries) of dragonflies found in our northern hemisphere, and I haven’t come close to identifying them all, although I’m trying. The scarlet one I witnessed emerging from the “water bug” was a “Prince Baskettail.”

What eventually emerged from the ugly water bug called (a “carnivore”) was a brilliant, scarlet red dragonfly. Its wings at first were limp, rolled up and pale affairs, but I was amazed at how they soon began to unfold and stiffen, and in the bright sunlight I could see visible lines forming in the nearly transparent structure as holoymph (insect blood) was being pumped through the wing veins.

Now at that point, I’ve seen plenty of dragonflies during every summer I could remember. Most were flying usually near a water source, and some were even perched on a perch, observing something, but other then noticing their many brilliant colors and admiring their ability to hover about like butterflies (I often wish I could do this too), there was something still rather ominous about it. This incident occurred over a couple decades ago, and needless to say, folks, I’ve been studying up on dragonflies ever since. The field trip is quite a bit like birdwatching, only with some extra thrown in when you try determining what water bug belongs to what dragonfly species.

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I will never forget the large Common Green Darner which landed on a leaf near my face when I was in a tree-stand while bear hunting in Ontario, and it allowed me nearly an hour of very close observation, while it rested in the sunlight and displayed the iridescent sheen of the intricate veins in its transparent wings.

The female spatterdock dragonfly which landed in front of Myles Willard and Tom Lounsbury, carving a slit with a needle on the stem of a target flower. There is an amazing variety of dragonfly species. This is a “Prince Baskettail.”

5 summers ago, when he invited me on a field trip to his beloved Murphy Lake State Game Area (SGA). Top on the list, my request, was viewing dragonflies, and we headed for a small kettle lake, which this very unique SGA in the Thumb has quite a number of. Myles had mentioned that a spatterdock dragonfly had just been sighted and was new to the area, so we soon found ourselves at “Squier Pond,” which features its water surface being virtually covered with a solid mass of beautiful water lilies. It was while we were standing next to the water’s edge and Myles was describing the new dragonfly, that what he was describing few low over our heads and landed on the stem of a spatterdock lily a few feet away, and being an obvious female, it began using a hook on the end of its tail to carve a slit in which to lay an egg. This amazing situation allowed Myles, who is a highly skilled naturalist photographer, to photograph the actual egg-laying process taking place! Myles Willard has just completed his new book, “Dragonflies of the Murphy Lake Area,” which features detailed color photographs of the various species, including damselflies, which are not “true” dragonflies, found in the unique area (For a book, call 989-843-6443), and if no answer, keep trying as he is out and about a lot. According to Myles, Michigan features at least 120 (true) dragonfly species, and 42 damselfly species, with a combination of 70 of them being found in the Murphy Lake area. He has also noticed that the nearby Cass River features dragonfly spots not found in the Murphy Lake area, and vice versus, and is wondering if oxygen levels in certain water environments, plays a key role. One thing for certain about dragonflies, is that they add a whole lot of animistic color to our local summer scene, and summers truly wouldn’t be the same without them.
The occasional suckers themselves during the process. Drivers using long handled dip-nets and fish spears to herd suckers to waiting nets, and getting his scoreless streak to 21 innings, the longest inning and overcame a two-out single from retired the Guardians in order in the first couple of days later.

Skubal showed no ill effects. When he retired Guardians in a row in the first inning and overcame a two-out single from Oscar Gonzalez in the second, he stretched his scoreless streak to 21 innings, the longest by a Major League starter this season and the longest by a Tigers starter since Michael Fulmer’s 34-inning streak in 2016.

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HURON MONDAY NIGHT AA GROUP—2960 Cass St. Unionville, 7pm.

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

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

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TUSCOLA MS SUPPORT GROUP: Leader: Robert, 989-673-3444 or email: rbrownii5303@outlook.com. Contact leader for details.

The community calendar is available in full at TuscolaToday.com/Calendar.
FRANKENMUTH — Tyler McKinstry gets the force out on a Reese batter during the April 14 contest. McKinstry had six hits, drove in nine runs and scored four times in a doublesweep doubleheader sweep of Flushing.

SPRING LAKE— The Wild Billies swept the Grand Haven varsity and JV softball teams Tuesday night to improve to 12-2 on the season.

The Billies, led by their bats, defeated the Redhawks in a doubleheader, 12-7 and 6-5.

In the opener, Riley Rhen had a double and three RBIs. In the nightcap, the Billies scored two runs in the top of the seventh on a double by Rhen and a wild pitch by a Spring Lake pitcher for the win.

Tyler Rhen (6-3) took the mound in both games and allowed just one run in seven innings. 

The Billies are 12-2 on the season, including 7-1 in the Lake Michigan Western Conference.

The Red Hawks are 5-7.

WILDCATS CRUISE PAST VIKINGS 

BAY CITY — The Wildcat baseball team defeated the Vascans on Tuesday night, 14-1.

The Wildcats, who defeated the Vascans, 11-0, lost the second game, 5-4.

Tyler McKinstry (7-2) was the winning pitcher, recording six strikeouts.

He gave up four hits in the contest.

Cass City (12-20) hosts Millington on Tuesday for a Greater Thumb Conference West Division nonconference battle.


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CAROL MARTIN

MARLETTE — Marlette napped a three-game skid by defeating Ortonville-Brandon in a doubleheader sweep here Monday.

The Red Raiders were victorious 6-5 in Game 1 before falling 9-0 in Game 2.

The Marauders had 10 hits in the opener, but just two in the nightcap.

Carson Anthes was tagged with the loss in the opener, allowing three earned runs on five hits in five innings of work.

Marlette scored three runs in the first inning.

Aiden Lindow and Jack Rich had two hits, one RBI and one run scored each.

Cass City (10-18) fell 4-2 and 9-0 in Game 2.

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Logan Garchow, Hunter Bernthal and Jake Andrews had two hits each.

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Cass City (10-20) hosts Saginaw Nouvel Monday on the opening day of the Greater Thumb Conference West Division nonconference battle.

The Red Hawks were victorious 7-3 and followed it up with an 11-0 win in the nightcap against the nonleague opponent.

Tyler Sowards earned the win from the mound in Game 1, allowing no earned runs on four hits in four innings of work.

Luke Tschirhart had two hits, one RBI and one run scored while Luke Swiderski had two hits and one RBI.

Garrett Reif tossed 4 2/3 innings in Game 2, allowing no earned runs on two hits with one strikeout.

Ryan Ulewicz scored four runs and drove in two in the second game.

The Rockets were victorious 9-1 and 2/3 innings and allowing five runs on seven hits in their three innings.

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Maville splits with C-P on soggy Thursday

MAYVILLE — The Mayville baseball team routed Cass City-Farrington Smalley 12-1 in the nightcap after falling 8-7 the day before.

The Eagles were victorious 2-1 and 10-0 in Game 1.

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Cass City (15-2, 13-2) dominated the opponent in the opener with one hit, one RBI and one run scored.

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

SOUTHWEST PENINSULA

LAKE ERIE: Walleye fishing was fair to good from the rock wall out past Breakwater Park with anglers landing fish to 11 pounds. Many anglers were catching walleye while using vertical jigs with white grubs. A few lake trout were taken while fishing lines 70 to 80 feet down. Anglers reported spoons and flies worked best. Although there were a few fish, but fishing was on the slow side. Spoons and flies worked best. Although there were a few fish, but fishing was on the slow side. Spoons and flies worked best. Although there were a few fish, but fishing was on the slow side.

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ST. JOSEPH: Boat anglers continued to be low. Anglers reported fair to good catch rates with most anglers. Smallmouth bass fishing increased with very little success. They were also bullheads while targeting walleye. The fish were very spread out, but 80 to 100 feet of water seemed to be the most consistent. Anglers using spoons were catching good numbers of walleye caught out in front of the Pine Island in depths anywhere from 30 to 70 feet of water. There were a couple of limits of walleye caught while running a variety of lines, some high, low and some in between. Spoons were on the higher lines while flashers and Spin-Glo type flies were on the deeper lines. There were a few stray Atlantic salmon and steelhead that were hitting good up off pan boards. Good spoon colors were 10-0 red, 7-0 silver and bright color. CROSS RIVER RIVER: Anglers were catching smallmouth bass and bullheads while targeting walleye. The walleye fishing was very slow. Anglers were catching good numbers of walleye in the evening with very little success. There are also jiggers and Drilling with live bait.

ALGUS: There were some walleye caught while trolling crawlers and walleye baits in 10 to 35 feet of water out in front of the river, between Point Lookout and Point Au Gres, near the green can and on the shore Island. There were some pike caught on the south side of the break wall of the Au Gres River while casting spinners. There were some reports of walleye caught out in front of the Pine River while trolling crawlers in 10 to 20 feet of water.

BOUGHTON LAKE: Anglers reported catches of crappie. Walleye were actually caught earlier in the evening along the shoreline.

ROGERS CITY: Anglers were catching lake trout and salmon. The best water depth was 30 to 60 feet off water. Anglers were using brook trout or salmon spinners and some were using deep water. Walleye were still scattered and anglers had to do some searching for them but once anglers got one, they were fishing that same spot with very good success. The salmon were running a variety of lines, some high, low and some in between. Spoons were on the higher lines while flashers and Spin-Glo type flies were on the deeper lines. There were a few stray Atlantic salmon and steelhead that were hitting good up off pan boards. Good spoon colors were 10-0 red, 7-0 silver and bright color. CROSS RIVER RIVER: Anglers were catching smallmouth bass and bullheads while targeting walleye. The walleye fishing was very slow. Anglers were catching good numbers of walleye in the evening with very little success. There are also jiggers and Drilling with live bait.

FRANKFORT: Alewives were reported throughout the area as the water temperatures started to increase. Anglers were marking fish, but the bite was slow due to the amount of bait fish in the area. Lake trout were hitting good up north off the bottom in 80 to 120 feet of water.

UPPER PENINSULA

LITTLE BAY DE NOIE: Walleye anglers found fair to good fishing success. Anglers were having results with a variety of tactics, including casting jenk baits, jigs, as well as trolling. The mouths of the Escanaba and Whitefish rivers were the primary focus for many anglers. Smallmouth bass fishing increased throughout the Bay, with many targeting the Ford River. Bass anglers were catching soft plastics and jenk baits. Yellow perch anglers reported fair catches in the upper Bay, as well as having some success near the Escanaba River.

MUSKEGON: Anglers reported good results steelhead fishing with a good number of fish still in the river. Beads were asked to be omitted presentation. Walleye anglers reported fair to good catch rates with most doughing or trolling crawlers.

TRaverse BAY: South Peninsula anglers were able to find fish in near shore waters with some good fish to 20 pounds. While trolling, other anglers found brown trout, and brook trout in the same area. A few were caught near the Jacobsville Lighthouse in 110 to 120 feet of water below and above. Silver and blue birds were showing the most success in the past week, but other angler reports were virtually zero.

UMINDING: Boat anglers were mainly fishing for coho and Chinook west of Munising towards Au Train with an occasional Chinook with a mix of coho. A few anglers venturing out however the waters were not favorable for fishing. Shore fishing continued to be low fishing pressure as there was a large sand bar north of the water and water levels continued to be low.

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Boat anglers continued to be slow. Anglers were using producing smallmouth bass on spinner baits and tube baits. Off Cape Vincent, there was good fishing in 12 feet of water on crawlers and baits. Off the tip of the Lower Peninsula, fishing from Sunday up to Saturday was a good spot. Crawlers presented in the slot, but baits were also working. From Quansing to Cheboygan, bass were caught and released in the shallows on a variety of baits. Anglers continued to produce Shingle, pumpkinseed, and a few black crappies on the same baits.

TITUS-BOWEE RIVER: Anglers were catching and releasing good numbers of shiner minnows near the bow. Dam while casting various baits. Drum were caught in 6 feet of water off of the Upper Peninsula. Bass and panfish continued to be low. Beads were asked to be omitted presentation. Walleye anglers reported fair to good catch rates with most doughing or trolling crawlers.
Granddaddy of ‘Olympic’ meets - Thumb Meet of Champions - turns 50, hosting 28 schools

The Tuesday, May 31 version of the meet features past Athletes of the Meet and Thumb Sports Leaders to be honored during the traditional opening ceremonies.

The honorary leader of this year’s Meet of Champions will be Mark Gamblin, 1975 Unionville-Sebewaing Area graduate and former USA boys’ basketball coach, and a member of USA’s 1975 state track champion team.

The events begin at 2:30 p.m. with the girls’ pole vault, with a 4 p.m. start for other field events. The 3,200-meter relay commences at 5:15, followed by the Parade of Champions at 6 p.m., and running events.

Teams appearing in the meet are from Alcona-Fairgrove, Bad Axe, Beaver City, Capac, Caro, Cass City, Deckerville, Frankincenst, Harbor Beach, Imlay City, Kingston, Lakeview, Lakeville Memorial, Marlette, Mayville, Millington, North Branch, North Huron, Peck, Reese, Sandusky, Ubly, Unionville-Sebewaing Area, Vassar and Yale.

Anyone attending the meet who is a past Athlete of the Meet, past board member, current or past record-holder, or past sports leader recipient, or can enter the Parade of Champions is asked to check in at the entrance upon arrival, so officials can properly acknowledge those persons during the parade.

For more information, contact the Thumb Track & Field Meet of Champions Facebook page or by email angie.campbell@mayvilleschools.org.
CARO — Longtime Unionville-Sebewaing Area boys’ basketball coach Mark Gainforth is set be honored for his dedication to athletics.

But it won’t be at a basketball game, as Gainforth has been named as the honorary leader for the 50th annual running of the track and field meet, which is scheduled for Tuesday at Caro High School’s Stamats Field.

Gainforth is the 2022 Meet of Champions Friends of Youth honoree. The 1975 Unionville-Sebewaing graduate not only enjoyed success on the basketball court but was a member of the 1975 USA Class C state championship track and field team.

“In high school I was fortunate to be a member of many successful teams, and this motivated me and began my pursuit to my eventual career,” Gainforth said. “Growing up on a farm and being guided by motivated teammates and coaches, it was evident that our work ethic and team-first goals were a winning combination to our success.

“Much of what I learned was the blueprint that I tried to incorporate when I began coaching.”

Gainforth went on to coach multiple sports at USA and served as the school district’s athletic director. He also served as an assistant coach for the Saginaw Valley State University men’s basketball team.

He used his track and field expertise to coach the Patriots track team from 1980-1985 and helped guide it to three league titles and two regional crowns. After a 20-year hiatus, Gainforth took over the school’s track and field team in 2006 and helped guide it to a league and regional title as well as Michigan Interscholastic Coaches Association Class C state champion. Gainforth was also a teacher, counselor, assistant principal, principal and interim superintendent in 25 and 1/2 years with the district.

“Success is never alone,” he said. “Without the support of my wife Brenda, and our children, I would not have been given the opportunities that I have been blessed with. I feel fortunate that our children Shaun, Isaiah, and Megan all experienced successful high school careers, and are all college graduates.”

“Too, they, used their experiences in athletics to shape their lives and helped mold their beliefs.”

The Meet of Champion will kick off at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday with the pole vault competition, an event that is near and dear to Gainforth’s heart.

“I would like to thank the Thumb Meet of Champions Board of Directors for this recognition,” he said. “I was able to win a gold medal in pole vault back in 1975, and I still remember to this day that accomplishment and what it meant to me. The fact that this is the 50th year of this event says a lot about the quality of people that make this a unique experience for all.”
MEET OF CHAMPS

Local athletes qualify for states; five teams crowned

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The Tuscola County Advertiser area had five teams win regional titles and numerous state qualifiers, some in multiple events, as two days of track and field came to a close on Saturday.

The action began on Friday as the Kingston girls’ team won the Division 4 regional title at Marlette with a score of 100.5, defeating runner up Deckerville (91) and third-place Marlette (87) in the 13-team competition. Mayville (60.5), Unionville-Sebewaing (46) and Akron-Fairgrove (18) also competed.

The announcement of Kingston’s regional title was followed up shortly after with the announcement of the USA boys winning their first regional title since 2012 with a score of 124. Ubly finished second with a score of 101.5 and Kingston took third (84). Marlette (48) placed sixth, A-F (27) took eighth and Mayville (19) took 12th out of 15 teams.

Frankenmuth boys’ track and field dominated the Division 2 competition at Frankenmuth with a score of 171. St. Clair took second with an 89 and Clio had a score of 60.2 for third. North Branch placed fourth out of 17 teams with a score of 46.

North Branch (89) fell to Marysville (100) in girls’ competition, and Frankenmuth placed third with a score of 80.

The Reese girls’ team won the Division 3 regional title at Bad Axe with a score of 189.5 to defeat Caro (109) and Almont (91.5) in the 13-team competition. Millington (72) placed fourth, Vassar (35.5) placed sixth and Cass City (30.5) took seventh.

The Caro boys’ team ran away with the regional title scoring a 152.5 to defeat Almont (81), Cass City (66), Reese (49.5), Millington (37), and Vassar (2).

Teams that won a regional title automatically qualify for the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association state meet at Brookwood Athletic Complex in Clare on Saturday.

Runners and field competitors qualify for the MHSAA individual state meet by finishing in the top two of their event or by reaching a certain mark or time set by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

The state finals will take place on June 4, with the Division 1 events taking place at Rockford High School, Division 2 at Forest Hills Eastern High School, Division 3 at Kent City High School, and Division 4 at Baldwin Middle School in Hudsonville.