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## Tyler Carter -N- Kane County Cougars

*On July 14th MAGCS held its Family Picnic Night at Fifth Third Bank Field to watch the Kane County Cougars. As golf course superintendents we often times find ourselves paying more attention to the turf on the field than the game itself when in a ball park. The man behind the scenes for the Kane County Cougars is Head Groundskeeper Tyler Carter. Tyler is in his rookie season as Head Groundskeeper for the Cougars. Prior to his arrival in the Chicago area, Tyler served as a grounds crew member for the Minnesota Twins at Target Field. Tyler also fulfilled a student internship at Target Field while attending Michigan State University's Sports Turf Management Program.*

As head groundskeeper, Tyler has been successful in field preparation for not only minor league baseball games but also other events that the park hosts. On July 8th the ball-park held its first concert. The band Wilco took stage during a major heat wave to their largest audience they every had. Fortunately, Tyler and his Assistant, Sean Ehlert, were able to prepare the field for all events while constantly keeping a watchful eye on the weather.

Prior to graduating from MSU Tyler received a Bachelor's Degree in Archeology from the University of Michigan. While at U of M, Tyler took a student job working on the football field. It was not too long after that when Tyler caught the "turf bug" and turned a college job into a career. Some of Tyler's mentors who have helped him hone his craft have been Dr. John "Trey" Rogers of Michigan State University and Larry DiVito, Head Groundskeeper of Target Field.

One aspect that Tyler enjoys is watching the stands full of fans at game time. Certainly MAGCS is a group of fans who can realize and appreciate the hard work that Tyler has put in so far. **-OC**

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*On July 14, 2012 the MAGCS held their Family Night Picnic at the Cougar baseball game in Geneva, Illinois. It was a mild evening weather wise and most of the talk centered on a few passing rainstorms that hit the evening and morning prior to the game. Nevertheless, those in attendance enjoyed a Cougar win, good food and company and fireworks as usual. The highlight of the night was our own Jan Jarvis as he sang "God Bless America" to kick off the seventh inning stretch. Thanks to our sponsors for making this night affordable for all: Arthur Clesen, Inc., BASF, Burris Equipment Company, Nels J Johnson Tree Experts, Pro Gro Solutions, Reinders, Inc. and Syngenta Professional Products.*

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