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Tri-County News and Augusta Area Times to fully merge starting next month

By Sean Scallon

The Tri-County News and Augusta Area Times will fully merge into one newspaper with one front page starting Feb. 4

The papers joint pages except for Pages 1 and 5 since the mid-1980s but now will be fully merged as one paper called the Tri-County Area Times.

"We are doing this because it will make us more efficient and makes the papers better with layout and readership," publisher Mike Stumpf said. "It will give the papers a larger readership by combining the two which will make them more competitive."

Stumpf said that subscribers to both papers

will receive the new paper next week as per usual through their subscription period.

"Our readers will not see any lapses in their subscription they will continue to receive their paper each week like always."

The Tri-County News has been publishing out of Osseo since 1912 and Augusta Area Times has been in operation since 1964. Editor and reporter Sean Scallon will hold the same jobs with the new publication.

"I hope all the readers are excited for these changes and hopefully the pandemic will end soon and we can get back to normal so we can continue to bring you your local news." Stumpf said.