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The Alcona High School Marching Band sports new uniforms during the Curran Black Bear Festival parade. Band members who participated are: (front) Ella Gehring, (from left) band instructor, Emma Hilton, Emma Schroeder, Addison Birk, Alivia Clark, Haley Glick, Emily Samp, Emily Atkinson, Tori Burns, Piper Flerchinger, Matt Abee, Lee Kozlow, Darren Boyat, Amanda DeSouza, and Logan Bates.

Photo by Kathy Asheton.

Fall brings variety of local events

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

A little something for everyone will be offered during October in Alcona County, including a costumed fun run, spooky haunts, trick or treating, bump and run and a GospelFest.

• **A Fall Classic Bump and Run** will be held on Saturday, Oct. 8 at the Alcona County Fairgrounds on Barlow Road at 3 p.m. Gates open at 11 a.m. and the drivers will be offering kids a chance to trick or trunk on the track before the bump and run. A \$5 gate fee will apply per person for ages 13 and older. Food concessions and face painting will be available. All proceeds will go toward the bleacher fund.

• Also, at the fairgrounds on Friday, Oct. 7th from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 8 from 3 to 9 p.m., the Ace Riders 4-H Club will hold its annual **Haunted Barn** in the Home Arts Building. Entry is by donation, but gate fees will apply during the bump and run.

• The Harrisville State Park is celebrating its annual **Haunted Halloween Weekend** from Friday, Oct. 7 through Sunday, Oct. 9 with prizes awarded to the best-decorated campsite. Activities

are open to the public but vehicles entering the park must have a valid State Park Recreational Passport.

State Park volunteers will offer a variety of activities throughout the park on October 8 between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Check the "Great Pumpkin" near the campground restrooms for activity details. Trick or treating from campsite to campsite is offered from 5 to 6 p.m. and local businesses will be passing out candy in the day-use area from 5 to 6:30 p.m., campground roads will be closed from 4:45 to 6 p.m. for children's safety.

• Sunshine Fire Entertainment will bring its fast-paced fire manipulation, fire breathing and blazing Hula Hoops to the State Park on October 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the day use area. Local businesses will offer a haunted self-guided trail tour at the State Park from 7 to 9 p.m. the same day.

• All are invited to the **Greenbush Trick or Trunk** on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Spencer Park on Ridley Road in Greenbush.

• On Friday, Oct. 28 the Alcona Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) invites everyone to attend the school's **Haunted Halloween**

Trail from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Entry is by donation. Children under 16 are encouraged to be accompanied by an adult. Groups of 10 at a time will walk the trail. Parking is available at the elementary school. Donuts and beverages will be available to purchase.

PTO president, Adrienne Boyd explained since this is a fundraiser for the PTO, they are looking for donations from the public to help outfit their haunted trail and for candy to pass out to the school children who will be visiting the trail earlier in the day.

Candy can be dropped off in the "Monster" can in the lobby of the elementary school or at the Harrisville Dollar General. Haunted trail décor is needed, a wish list is on Amazon. Visit https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/190AKY-Q4Q6FF8?ref=wl_share.

• **A Dawn and Dash costume fun run**, walk or crawl will be offered on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. to noon at Alcona Community Schools. The costumed dash is sponsored by the Matrix Youth Ministry and Revolution Dance. Cost is \$25 for ages 13 and up, \$15 for ages six to

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Three proposals on general election ballot

The Michigan Board of State Canvassers has approved ballot language for the following proposals on the Tuesday, Nov. 8 general election ballot:

Proposal 22-1 -- A proposal to amend the state constitution to require annual public financial disclosure reports by legislators and other state officers and change state legislator term limit to 12 total years in legislature.

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Require members of legislature, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, and attorney general file annual public financial disclosure reports after 2023, including assets, liabilities, income sources, future employment agreements, gifts, travel reimbursements, and positions held in organizations except religious, social, and political organizations.

- Require legislature implement but not limit or restrict reporting requirements.

- Replace current term limits for state representatives and state senators with a 12-year total limit in any combination between house and senate, except a person elected to senate in 2022 may be elected the number of times allowed when that person became a candidate.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Proposal 22-2 -- A proposal to amend the state constitution to add provisions regarding elections. This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Recognize fundamental right to vote without harassing conduct.

- Require military or overseas ballots be counted if post-marked by election day.

- Provide voter right to verify identity with photo ID or signed statement.

- Provide voter right to single application to vote absentee in all elections.

- Require state-funded absentee-ballot drop boxes, and postage for absentee applications and ballots;

- Provide that only election officials may conduct post-election audits.

- Require nine days of early in-person voting;

- Allow donations to fund elections, which must be disclosed.

- Require canvass boards certify election results based only on the official records of votes cast.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Proposal 22-3 -- A proposal to amend the state constitution to establish new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make all decisions about pregnancy and abortion; allow state to regulate abortion in some cases; and forbid prosecution of individuals exercising established right This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Establish new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make and carry out all decisions about pregnancy, such as prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, abortion, miscarriage management, and infertility.

- Allow state to regulate abortion after fetal viability, but not prohibit if medically needed to protect a patient's life or physical or mental health.

- Forbid state discrimination in enforcement of this right; prohibit prosecution of an individual, or a person helping a pregnant individual, for exercising rights established by this amendment.

- Invalidate state laws conflicting with this amendment.

Should this proposal be adopted?




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Obituary





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 **Ernest R. Delgado**

Ernest R. Delgado, 82, of Lincoln, died on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022, at home. He was born February 20, 1940, to Ernest and Trinidad (Chaigres) Delgado in Saginaw, Mich., he was raised in Ecorse, Mich. He served in the U.S. Army in the 101st Airborne. He was a longtime resident of the Down River area and was a founding member of the Southgate Community Players. Mr. Delgado was a Boy Scout leader and coached his kid's baseball teams. He was a skilled welder and worked and taught at Great Lakes Steel. He also taught welding at Wayne County Community College. On September 20, 1984, he married Judith Foss Edwards in Dearborn, Mich. Mr. Delgado retired in 1993, and moved to Lost Lake Woods Club in 2000, where he had been a longtime member. The Delgados enjoyed traveling, taking trips with a fifth wheel to Alaska, Mexico, and throughout the United States. They enjoyed winters in Florida. He was a talented artist and enjoyed painting and sculpting. He was a sign maker, and much of his work can be seen throughout Alcona County. Mr. Delgado is survived by his wife, Judy; five sons, Ernest (Deborah) Delgado, Antonio Delgado, Rick (Summer Pafford) Delgado, Daniel Delgado, and David (Zeke Borrego) Delgado; four daughters, Belinda (James) Elliott, Deanna Delgado, Stephanie (Matthew) Cecil, and Cara (Andy Casali) Edwards; 12 grandchildren, Nichole (Mark) Landis, Nina Rodrigues, Heather (Josh) Fratangelo, Antonio Delgado II, Phillip (Adrian) Czabot, Brittany Delgado, Miranda (Rick) Avila, Sky Delgado, Donte Delgado, Elyana Cecil, Caden Heflin, and Luciano Casali; 14 great-grandchildren; one sister, Margo (Dean) Germaine; as well as several nieces and nephews.



He was preceded in death by one son, Matthew Delgado, and one brother, Henry Delgado. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Oct. 8, at 1 p.m. at Lost Lake Woods Club. Memorial donations are suggested to PBS Television. Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

 **Calendar of Events** 

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

The Alcona County Baby Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. at St. Raphael Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado. Alcona County residents with newborns through age four are eligible and welcome. This is not an income-based program. There is free formula, diapers, toys and new and gently used clothes and shoes. Layettes are available in the eighth month. Friends of the Alcona County Library will meet at 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch. Alcona Needlecrafters will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Chosen Ranch Community Center, 483 E. Traverse Bay Road, Lincoln. Everyone is welcome to participate. The group makes hats, baby blankets and mittens to donate to area groups.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

Veterans are invited to join fellow comrades for coffee and fellowship from 9 to 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville. For additional details, call (989) 724-9581. The Community Walking Club for Everyone will meet in the parking lot of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more info. TOPS 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado with weigh-in at 9 a.m. and meeting at 9:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Site is handicap accessible. For details, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-8600.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

A story time and craft activity for children will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information. Alcona woodcarvers will host a reception at noon at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Wood carvings will be on display until October 27. For details, call (989) 724-6796. CrossRoads Recovery, a faith-based addiction program, will meet at 7 p.m. at Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 S. State Street, Greenbush. For more information, contact Pastor Caincross at (989) 569-1298.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

The Alcona County Board for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the lower-level meeting room at the Alcona County Courthouse in Harrisville. Euchre is played at the Lincoln Senior Center, lower level, 207 Church Street, Lincoln from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. All seniors are welcome. Alcona Needlecrafters will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Chosen Ranch Community Center, 483 E. Traverse Bay Road, Lincoln. Everyone is welcome to participate. The group makes hats, baby blankets and mittens to donate to area groups. Sunrise Community Food Pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible Church. Clients are asked to come only one time per month and must be present to receive food. Recipients must

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Alcona Needlecrafters will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Chosen Ranch Community Center, 483 E. Traverse Bay Road, Lincoln. Everyone is welcome to participate. The group makes hats, baby blankets and mittens to donate to area groups.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

Recycle Alcona County will hold drop off day from 10

Free Accessible Yoga will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center in Lincoln. Sessions include gentle movement for joint freeing, muscle strengthening and stress reduction. Call Liz McNichols with questions at (989) 335-1777. Catch an afternoon baseball movie at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Prof. Emeritus John Blakemore will present the moving starting at 2 p.m. Popcorn and pop are included in this free, family event. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information. a.m. to 1 p.m. at the ARA site on Barlow Road in Lincoln. Enter and exit through the north gate. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

Correspondence

To the Editor,
I am a veteran who moved to Alcona County and have been receiving VA benefits because of the information the Alcona County Veterans Affairs office made me aware of and helped me receive.

I have been aware of the ongoing disagreements between the veterans committee and the Alcona County Commissioners over the is-

sue of moving the veteran affairs office located in a former janitor's closet (120 square feet) to a separate location more centrally located for more convenient access to the veterans.

It now appears that the veterans and the commissioners have finally come together and that both have agreed to meet with the Village of Lincoln to put together a deal to

build the veterans building on land donated by the Village of Lincoln directly across the street from the Lincoln Post Office.

I believe that this will be a win-win accomplishment that show that with persistence and cooperation, good things can get done.

Jerry Merrick
Lincoln

To the Editor,
Let's look at Michigan's Proposal 3 for November 2022.

First, this is a proposal to change the constitution of our state, not a new law that can be rewritten at a later date.

The *italicized* phrases which follow are the amendment's texts. The proposed amendment would: *Establish new individual right to reproductive freedom, including the right to make and carry out all decisions about pregnancy...* The proposal language omits the word adult. With this proposal minors could seek abortion with no parental consent. Teens can be brought to abortion centers by adult men

who have illegally had sex with them, or trafficked them for prostitution, avoiding prosecution for child sexual abuse and human trafficking.

There would no reporting, as the amendment would... *prohibit prosecution of an individual, or a person helping a pregnant individual, for exercising rights established by this amendment.* A minor can also obtain sterilizations, hysterectomies and other permanent, altering procedures and interventions listed in this amendment with no parental counsel or consent.

The amendment would *invalidate state laws conflicting with this amendment.* Mich-

igan's parental consent law would be voided.

Parents, we are the first line of defense for our children. We must be tireless in our protection of children. Abortion facilities, under this proposal could be freed from state inspections and supervision due to the clause, *forbid state discrimination in enforcement of this right.*

All consumers of health care deserve clean, safe environments that meet strict standards. Far from granting reproductive protection to women, our state would surrender the ability to legislatively regulate any protections within the scope of reproductive health of women and girls if this proposal is written into Michigan's constitution.

We can do better than this! Protect our reproductive health. Vote no on Proposal 3.

Jacqueline Fitzgerald, DO
Harrisville

To the Editor,
When does the useless spending stop at ACCOA?

This letter is my understanding from concerns shared by people with firsthand knowledge at ACCOA.

Lenny Avery, director of ACCOA, was approved \$3,000 by the board for livestock purchase. He spent \$4,000 and couldn't use meat purchase for seniors, as intended, because he failed to have the meat processed correctly. Over \$4,000 spent uselessly, no help for seniors.

We're to trust this director with responsibility of a \$12.5 million grant?

For over a year we've been led to believe the grant was for a 44-unit apartment complex on land bought in Lincoln where he was told he can't hook into existing sewer systems. It's not "low-income" housing, not for seniors -- three floors, no elevators!

Perhaps months pursuing answers made progress. Board meeting last week director now says apartments will be on one floor, working on senior accessibility.

This director has \$10,000 he can spend without prior

authorization or board approval. My opinion, mistake.

I think the line has been drawn on "useless spending" by a recent purchase initiated by the director for a "wetland" parcel in Harrisville. Why? Answer, some future purpose.

Something has to be done to protect the senior center's interests and to stop useless spending of ACCOA's assets. Bring the focus back to the needs of the seniors.

The board is allowing this director to take ACCOA in a completely different direction than it was intended.

I have no confidence in the director of ACCOA.

Employee morale is low with a high rate of employee turnover -- another red flag.

Answers regarding the Lincoln project have been evasive/nonexistent.

He's bullied a senior board member twice for questioning him, this behavior is abusive and unacceptable!

Is anyone else not okay with any of this? The Senior Center needs help!

Karen Jaynes
Black River



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Betty J. Luther**

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and friends.
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Local Notes

Ballot Proposal Forum

There will be a Ballot Proposal Forum offered by Michigan State University (MSU) Extension, via Zoom, on Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, Oct. 19 at noon. Viewers will learn about what's on the ballot in November. Register at events.anr.msu.edu/ballot22.

Breast Cancer Screening

MyMichigan Medical Center in Alpena is hosting a special breast cancer screening event on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 8 a.m. to noon. During the event, MyMichigan will offer extended mammogram hours, as well as special give-a-ways.

"It is important that women beginning at the age of 40 get their annual mammogram," said Bonnie Goff, breast nurse navigator, MyMichigan Health. "We are offering spe-

cial screening times to offer women a more convenient time to schedule their mammogram and all our mammograms utilize the 3D technology."

With 3D mammography, breast cancer can be detected at even earlier stages, reducing the rates of breast cancer deaths. This state-of-the-art technology allows a radiologist to see through the breast tissue layer by layer which helps provide multiple slices through the breast tissue for the radiologist to view, similar to flipping through pages of a book.

Registration is required as appointments are limited. Those interested in scheduling a mammogram during the October 8 event, or needing financial assistance to obtain a screening, may call the breast health coordinator at (989) 837-9054. A provider's order is needed, and insurance will be billed for the mammogram. Those interested in more information on

the comprehensive breast health program at MyMichigan Health may visit www.mymichigan.org/breast.

Childhood Trauma Class

Adverse Childhood Experiences, or ACEs, are significant childhood traumas that can impact health and social wellbeing. These experiences can have an impact on youth throughout their lives. There is growing interest in the understanding and prevention of ACEs through a trauma-informed approach. Attendees of this workshop will learn about ACEs and what steps can be taken to increase protective factors and decrease risk factors for youth. This free class will be held using Zoom on Tuesday, Oct. 11, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. To register go to <https://events.anr.msu.edu/acesoct11/>.

Calendar of Events

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remain in their vehicle for curbside pick up and follow volunteer traffic control. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county residence. Identification is required. Bring box or bag. The church is located at 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Call (989) 727-3606 for more information.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

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A book sale will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. by Friends of the Library.

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12 and free for children under five.

Register at <https://www.facebook.com/MATRIX-YouthAlcona> or email matrixpastors@gmail.com. Proceeds to help provide free and low-cost family and youth events in our community.

The annual **Lincoln Trick or Trunk/Chili and Soup Cook-Off** will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Second Street in downtown Lincoln. Decorated cars are invited to begin lining up at 10 a.m. The event will have a best-decorated car, best pet costume and a best business decor contest.

Chili and Soup will be offered by local businesses and the public can sample all and vote for their favorite for \$5. All profits will go to next year's event and the Village of Lincoln's annual Easter Egg hunt. Event coordinator Teresa Hart said the egg hunt budget has dwindled in the last few years, so she is also looking for additional donations for that. For questions, call her at (989) 335-0436.

Camp Doyawanna Campground and Party Store in Harrisville will have a **haunted weekend** from October 27 through October 30 with the public invited to trick or treat on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. The campground will offer horse-drawn hayrides and face painting during that day along with children's activities. For more information call the campground at (989) 724-3143.


For those looking for less spooky and more enlightening, **GospelFest** will hold a free concert on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church.

Singers are invited to join in the concert by registering before October 25. The one-day rehearsal begins at 12:30 p.m. October 29 under the guidance of lead director Jean Wilson who directs One Voice Gospel Choir of Saline, Mich.

No experience is necessary, just the ability to carry a tune. A cost of \$15 covers the workshop, music, folder, snacks and dinner. Singers ages 14 to 18 are invited to sing free but must be registered. For more information, call Lynn VanderLinde at (989) 657-4773 or visit the Inspiration-Alcona.org website.


For additional listings on what is happening in the community check the Alcona County Review calendar of events at www.alcona-review.com.


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 Wednesday Bible Study and Coffee 10 a.m.
 Patch the Pirate children's ministry on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

New Life Lutheran Church (ELCA)

 Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Hubbard Lake Rd.,
 3/4 mile south of White Pine National Golf Course
 Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816

Our Savior Lutheran Church

 3639 South M-65, Glennie, Michigan
 Sunday Morning 9 a.m. Worship Service
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Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)


 Church Street at Traverse Bay Road
 Lincoln, Mich. 48742 ~ 736-1227
 Pastor David Putz ~ Service, Sunday 9 a.m.


Hope Lutheran Church NALC
 5462 Nickelson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake
 Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
989-727-3206


Catholic Parishes of the Resurrection
 St. Raphael, Mikado Saturday 4:30 p.m.
 St. Anne, Harrisville Sunday 11 a.m.
 St. Gabriel, Black River, Saturday 6:30 p.m.
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 Pastor John William • (989)471-5121 • (989) 724-6713


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 • Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.

Haynes Community Church
 4505 Shaw Road, Harrisville, Michigan 48740
 Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m. • 989-724-6665
 Pastor Claire Duncan • haynescommunitychurch.org


First Baptist Church of Lincoln

 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. - Worship 11 a.m.
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 Pastor Dr. Arie VanBrenk • 202 Main Street • 736-8796


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 Pastor Char McGuire • 736-3486

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 217 N. State St.
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 Rev. Reeve Segrest - Pastor - 989-724-5450

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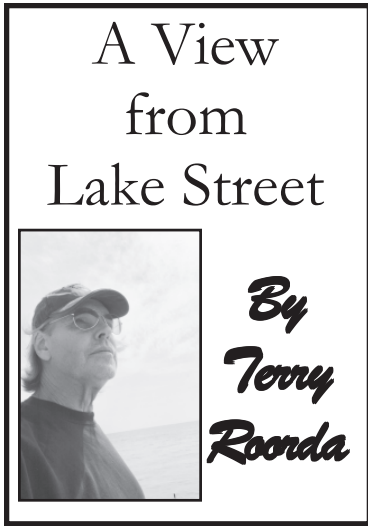
Confessions of a mad waver

By Terry Roorda
Aspiring Extrovert

I confess it. I am a waver. I never used to be a waver, and being antisocial by nature, that suited me just fine. It was easy being a non-waver in Northern California where I spent most of my adult years and where people aren't afflicted with the syndrome known as Midwestern Nice. They're afflicted with NorCal Aloof instead, and I was not immune.

Thus in California no one waves much, and if you do, the wave is rarely reciprocated by the wavee — they tend to avert their eyes and quicken their pace because that type of inappropriately friendly behavior is widely associated with pushy panhandlers, crazies, and insurance salesmen, or some distressed motorist by the side of a remote backroad with a flat tire, and who wants to get involved in all of *that*?

Not me, so naturally the move back to small town Michigan where smiling and waving at folks is endemic was a bit of a culture shock. I tried to assimilate, nonetheless, because it quickly became apparent that waving was a matter of social survival. Especially waving *back* since failing to do so would be interpreted as a snub and someone's feelings could get hurt and in a tiny burg like H'Ville with long isolated winters one can ill-afford to alienate the citizenry.



And most everyone waves back. All except the dogs. The dogs don't wave at people, as a rule, but they do enthusiastically greet others of their own kind. They all seem to know one another, and they keep up on the local doggie gossip with a thorough sniffing about the grass around the stop sign at Madison and Lake. Dogs are nosy. Heh.

Now October has arrived marking the end of the summer season. Businesses in town are beginning to shutter, the marina and campgrounds are depopulating, the snowbirds are beginning to decamp for their winter nesting grounds in Florida, the maples on Lake Street are beginning to blush crimson, and the promenade procession is dwindling rapidly.

There are fewer and fewer people and dogs to wave at as a result, and in order to keep



Long may she wave

As time went on, I warmed to the gesture and the exchange, but even so the possibility that I might catch the Midwestern Nice bug and end up as one of those pixelated old geezers you see on the news sometimes who sit out on their porch smiling and waving like a halfwit at any damn thing that crosses their field of vision was, frankly, frightening.

It didn't help that I had taken up residence in a high-profile house with a big sun porch right on the Lake Street promenade with a steady stream of passersby. During the summer season, pretty much everyone in town passes by my porch at one time or another, and most of them are prone to smiling and waving.

It's an eclectic procession of cars and pickups, and cyclists on bikes of every variety from beater beach cruisers to high-zoot E-bikes; riders on scooters and minibikes and ATVs and golf carts converted for promenade parade duty; pedestrians by the score, and dog-walkers walking dogs of every persuasion. I wave at all of them.

my hand in (*groan*), I've taken to waving at other targets. Mostly I wave at the deer who frequent my property, and the squirrels who all have unsettlingly bushy tails for this early in the season. A cold winter lies ahead.

I guess I'm telling you all of this as a warning: Don't be alarmed in the months ahead if you should find yourself on a wintry Lake Street and spy a pixelated old geezer sitting on his front porch smiling and waving like a desperate lonely halfwit at anything crossing his field of vision.

I just can't help myself.

[Epilogue: When Queen Elizabeth II passed away last month the whole world took it pretty hard, but no one took it harder than the wavers of Lake Street. To us she was more than a queen; she was a smiling and waving deity who was not only the most prolific waver in the history of the world, but the creator of the Royal Wave. You know the one. Her white-begloved hand swiveled indefatigably on the stem of her ulna like a flower in a soft wind. Sigh. I need a moment...]

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF ALCONA COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that **MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022** is the last day to register to vote in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk for the November 8, 2022 General Election.

Any qualified elector who is not already registered may register to vote at any Secretary of State branch office, a designated State agency or with their respective County, City or Township Clerk. Registration forms may be obtained at www.mi.gov/vote. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com. After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492/497) with their City or Township Clerk at the below address:

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 - Community College:** Kirtland Community College Trustees
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 - Township Proposals:** Mikado
 - School Proposals:** Fairview Millage Proposal

Full text of ballot proposals may be obtained from the City or Township Clerk's office. Sample ballots may be obtained from the City or Township Clerk's office.

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By Lenny Avery
ACCOA Director

The Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA), a 501(c)3 public charity, works to improve the lives of senior citizens in the county.

For instance, ACCOA in August delivered 2,513 hot and frozen meals plus 485 sack lunches, provided more than 450 hours of homemaking services, performed almost 80 hours of personal care, and delivered 167 hours of respite care. Those basic, traditional services are paid for from the senior millage.

In recent years, ACCOA's director and board have sought and won a number of grants and contracts that have allowed significant additions to services. For instance, now available at the senior center is more than \$15,000 in exercise equipment that any Alcona resident can use free of charge. ACCOA has also purchased \$50,000 in computers that modernize our service network and provide a free computer lab to seniors.

ACCOA's Non-Emergency Transportation Services last month drove more than 10,000 miles taking seniors and other people in need to medical appointments.

Since the beginning of the pandemic shutdown in March 2020, ACCOA has given away more than \$2.5 million dollars' worth of food to Alcona County residents. None of those services were paid with millage dollars. Instead, ACCOA's grants, contracts and donations provided the money. In fact, grants, contracts and donations have grown so much that only about half of ACCOA's budget now comes from the millage.

Research from several sources shows that Alcona County needs more housing and a community gathering place. A 2021 study from United Way found that while 38 percent of Michigan households struggle to afford housing, child care, food, technology, health care and transportation, 46 percent of Alcona households do so. The state of Michigan said in 2020 that Alcona is among the eight poorest counties in the state.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Michigan's Regional Prosperity Initiative and a 2021 survey of 1,000 people in Alcona County, done for



Lenny Avery
**Guest
Columnist**

ACCOA by the University of Michigan, all pointed out that Alcona County would benefit from a comprehensive plan for a community center, housing, economic development, increased food resources, broadband Internet and more.

So ACCOA began looking for solutions. With the direction of the board, my team and I worked for the last two years toward a plan to tackle those issues in a sustainable way without raising taxes. We did all of this without asking Alcona County residents to pay for it.

ACCOA recently received \$12.5 million dollars from the Economic Development and Workforce Grants, Section 1094m, of Michigan's fiscal year 2022-23 General Omnibus Appropriation Bill. Thanks to this grant approved by the state budget process, ACCOA can provide much-needed housing, a community center and other amenities to the residents of Alcona County.

The state reviewed our plan, along with many other proposals, in a highly competitive environment. We told our story, your story, the Alcona story, and the state agreed to fund it because we offered a sound plan, produced a good design and served an area of need.

Over the next few years, ACCOA will begin multi-phase construction to build a new community center with both senior and community amenities, and a housing plan to help seniors and other local families.

The idea to build a community center rather than a senior center comes from social research that proves that seniors benefit both mentally and physically from interaction with younger people. At a community center, the generations can come together in a number of ways for a variety of purposes. Building an all-ages, fully accessible gathering place directly next to senior living makes such interactions easy for the seniors.

Within our community center, seniors and local residents will have a range of physical resources like meeting and wedding areas, learning centers, public spaces for socialization and recreation usage. As seniors live longer, their desires are to thrive, not just survive. As ACCOA adds other programs, the importance of putting health and well-being sites at an all-in-one fully accessible location will have growing benefits for Alcona seniors.

The housing phase of our project provides a senior living and multifamily living community built for working families and retirees. The structures will provide fully modern apartments that meet or

exceed all code and legal requirements of the state's Workforce Housing concept. The detailed plans for the apartments, like those for the community center, are still being discussed with ACCOA's architect and construction company. When we are closer to the final drafts we will share them with you.

Creating a senior living community within a development of working families allows seniors to have small, ordinary interactions where they can feel safe and connected. This feeling of community connectedness is precisely what we will provide with the opportunity for seniors to create and form new friendships and relationships that are vital for their happiness throughout the aging process.

Senior renters will be able to walk to the community center and socialize with kids and their families. They will also meet peers with similar interests and life experiences within a maintenance-free environment. More than half of the proposed development is geared towards handicap-accessible living spaces. This means that our focus is towards incorporating seniors into those living spaces.

Workforce Housing targets middle-income workers, professionals like schoolteachers, law enforcement officers, health care workers, retail clerks, emergency responders, retired seniors, and a host of other blue-collar working residents. These units provide residents with a stable ecosystem, where their housing remains stable enough for them to save up enough wealth to purchase homes of their own.

These typically blue-collar residents will have the financial opportunity to spend less on housing and more on nutritious food, healthcare, shopping in local businesses, and education to increase their labor marketability. Based on the Workforce Housing plan, a single individual making less than \$42,000 or a family of three making less than \$69,090 a year would qualify for our units. In Alcona County, the median household income is \$43,341. Based on the math, an average Alcona County resident would qualify.

Access to affordable housing is vital to reducing intergenerational poverty and increasing economic mobility. Housing is the first part of building a stable community. Having a stable, safe, and affordable home greatly helps school-age children thrive in school. They have a

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Alcona soccer falls to Standish Sterling; Rigby breaks saves record

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity soccer team had a wild game at Standish-Sterling on Thursday, Sept. 29.

The Tigers lost the contest 8-2, but it was an eventful night that was highlighted by goalkeeper Dawson Rigby breaking the school's single

game record, making 42 saves.

The Tigers took a 1-0 lead early on, with a goal by Preston Sharp and assist by Anthony Perez.

The Panthers rallied to lead 3-1 by the half, and pulled ahead 8-1 late in the game.

Alcona wrapped up the scoring with a 35-yard bullet from Ashton Rigby that found the back of the net, with Cole Upper getting the assist.

D. Rigby's busy night led to him getting the school record by six saves and he helped keep his team from getting mercied in the process.

"He is a first-year goalie that has been very sharp all year getting better and better every game," said head coach

Brendan Nelson. "Dawson had his eye on that record all year and he went crazy when he heard he broke it."

The Tigers also played at Fairview on Wednesday, Sept. 28 with the game ending in a 1-1 tie.

They also hosted Royal Oak Shrine on Saturday, Oct. 1 and suffered an 8-0 loss.

Game details were not reported for either of those contests.

Alcona (2-6-1 overall) heads to Mackinac Island on Friday, Oct. 7 and travels to Harbor Springs on Monday, Oct. 10 to wrap up the regular season. The Tigers open up Division 4 district action on Wednesday against Roscommon.

Runners place third in league jamboree

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

After winning the first North Star League jamboree a week earlier, the Alcona cross country team was unable to reclaim that magic in the second league meet.

The Tigers, running at Hale on Tuesday, Sept. 27 had to settle for third place. Fairview won with 41 points, Hale was second with 45, Alcona placed third with 52 and the Charlton Heston Academy was fourth with 85 points.

Cole Upper led the way with a second-place finish and time of 18:45. Carter Upper was fourth at 18:58. Darren Boyat had a 10th place finish on a run of 20:36. Zymund Villalobos was 16th at 22:20 and Alex Smith was 26th at 25:00.

"Cole, Darren, Zymund and Alex all had a personal best, while Carter had his season best," said head coach Tammy Nelson. "The team is working hard this season."

Lady Tigers split matches

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity volleyball team took on visiting Posen on Thursday, Sept. 29 for a North Star League crossover match. The Lady Tigers got the win in straight sets, 25-17, 25-15 and 25-11.

"Carmen Dellar had a great night all-around and together we played well," said head coach Kristi Miller. "We need to continue to work on our accuracy, both defensively and offensively."

Dellar finished with nine kills while Emma Travis had 10 digs and Kaylee Wambold served up eight aces.

On Tuesday, Sept. 27 the Lady Tigers played another NSL crossover contest. They lost this one to Atlanta, however, 25-18, 25-22, 18-25 and 25-22.

"We did not play as consistently as we needed to," Miller said. "We had strong plays and kept fighting, but Atlanta played solid offensively, and we struggled at times to defend."

Angelina Howe had 12 kills. Sage Gauthier had five aces and 11 digs.

Tigers take down Bulldogs

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

In a battle of two of the best 8-man football teams in the state, Alcona stood a little bit taller than host Inland Lakes last Saturday.

The Tigers, ranked ninth in Division 1, used some big plays, especially in the fourth quarter to earn the 50-40 win over the 14th ranked Bulldogs; for perhaps what was their signature victory of the season.

"This was a big win for our team," said head coach Jason Somers. "The guys had made some goals at the beginning of the year and one of them was to win meaningful games and this was one they were thinking about."

Alcona led 12-6 after the first quarter and 26-18 at the half, but the Bulldogs knotted it up 34-34 entering the fourth.

There, a pair of touchdown runs gave the Tigers the lead for good, as they hung on for the victory.

"The amount of turnovers that we created (were key)," Somers said. "Four fumbles and one interception. Also, we were able to capitalize on two-point conversions in the second half. I usually don't call players (as standouts), but I thought we got a huge game from Jacob June, often times overlooked, but was a monster Saturday."

"I also thought that our team as a whole showed that all teammates matter and can step up when needed as the case with Nathan Nardi and his timely reception to keep a drive alive. These young men are starting to mold into something pretty special."

Garrett Somers had his usual big game, completing 23-of-32 passes for 276 yards

and three touchdowns and he also ran 14 times for 80 yards and a touchdown. Jesse Sheldon ran nine times for 56 yards and two touchdowns. Jeremiah Bullis had 20 yards on three carries.

Collin Walker had an impressive 16 receptions for 177 yards and three touchdowns. Bullis had four receptions for 45 yards. Sheldon had two grabs for 23 yards and Nardi had one reception for 31 yards.

On defense Walker got 17 tackles. June tackled 12, Somers got 11 tackles, and William Liebler and Bullis had nine apiece. Sheldon had eight tackles and Hayden Johnston took down six. Bullis also had an interception and forced two fumbles. Liebler recovered two fumbles and Johnston recovered a fumble as well.

Alcona (6-0 overall) hosts AuGres (5-1) on Friday. The Wolverines are ranked ninth in Division 2, and are coming off a 66-30 win over Mio last week.

"They are a pretty balanced team that can both run and pass," Somers said. "We will have to scheme up to stop their potent offense and then, when we have the ball we will have to take care of things."

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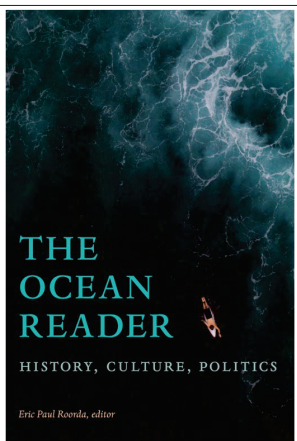
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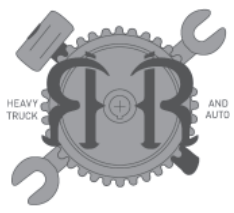
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Vanished mansions of Black River

By Eric Paul Roorda

Artist & Author

With all the recent hubbub for Hazen “Ki Ki” Cuyler, at the time of his 124th birthday anniversary (why now? one wonders), you would think the Hall of Famer was Alcona County’s most famous citizen.

But Russell Alger was kind of a bigger deal.

Alger, a self-made man, drove the regional economy of northeast Michigan from his base in Black River, harvesting vast tracts of timber, and building the railroads required to get the lumber to Lake Huron, and off to markets across the Midwest. He was elected to the United States Senate, and served as President William McKinley’s Secretary of War in 1898, when the war known as the “Spanish-American War” was fought, not in Spain or America, but in Cuba and the Philippines.

“Ki Ki” Cuyler was a cracker-jack hitter, as fleet on the basepaths as the foxes he hunted, and a peerless

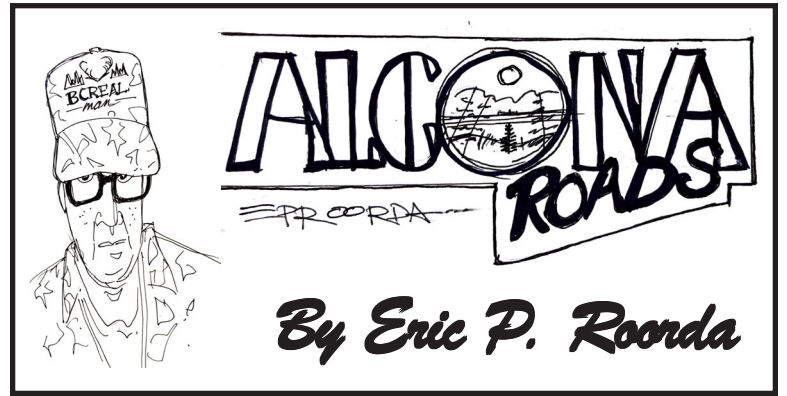
defender of right field. But the Honorable Senator Alger moved millions of dollars and armies of men around the fields of life.

Lots has been written about Russell Alger’s career, including a piece by my father, Bill Roorda, in the newsletter of the Alcona Historical Society, and a story in Michigan History magazine. This Alcona Road takes us to the nearly matching mansions he built in Black River with his partner, one Smith. (Who remembers Smith? The many Smiths run together. Smith is not important to this tale.)

Aside from the iconic lighthouse at Sturgeon Point, what is the most significant structure in Alcona County? My vote goes to the Van Buskirk

Mansion, better known as The Springport Inn, which is another Alcona Road, a “Place We Miss,” for a future week. (Who remembers staying there or having dinner there? Please email me!)

But if the Alger-Smith mansions still stood, commanding the view of the mouth of the Black River, and its wreck-littered sandbar, they would get my vote, collectively, because they came as a pair. They took shape at the same time, and slowly decayed at the same rate, seeming to melt into the soil over the decades. It was slow-motion ruin porn to witness for a traveler of that grandest of Alcona Roads, Lakeshore Drive, for a half-century, like me.



The buildings epitomized “balloon frame construction,” which the timber boom made possible across the prairies. The capacious farmhouses of the treeless Midwest plains were built of Michigan lumber, carried great distances for the purpose. But the White Pine planks of the bigger-

than-a-barn-sized Alger and Smith houses must have traveled a very short distance.

I don’t know what year they were built, probably the late 1870s. To research the exact date would mean nothing! The fact is the twin mansions dominated boomtown Black

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Buggy Rides



Olson gives a little, gets a lot

October 1, 1997 ~ Alcona County is fortunate to have many talented citizens within its borders. Becky Olson is one of those talented citizens, and she is willing to share her time with others.

Olson volunteers one day a week at the Alcona Elementary School where she works with various groups of children.

She helps guide them in

D. & M. water tank falls on the railroad tracks

Crash Came Shortly After Passenger Pulled Through

October 5, 1922 ~ A commotion among the bystanders at the D. & M. station was caused Monday morning when the big water tank holding hundreds of barrels of water suddenly toppled and fell on the tracks.

There was a mighty crash and rush of water as the structure struck and the flood of water washed the small coal shed ten feet off its base.

Fortunately the tank fell when the tracks were clear, otherwise a real catastrophe might have resulted. The eight o’clock passenger train passed south a few minutes before the crash came and the nine o’clock passenger was due a few minutes later.

The section crew and the road crew working north of town were summoned, making a force of fifteen or twenty men, who had the wreckage removed and the tracks clear in record time, so that the north bound passenger was not delayed.

developing personal growth skills and coping with the concerns of growing up.

Olson’s training for this position is not formal. It was acquired through rearing her own children, many volunteer hours spent with school, church and community events, and enjoying the company of her grandchildren.

She is “just a natural” for this type of involvement, according to Paula Pinder of the Alcona County Probate Court.

Pinder oversees the program that Olson works in. “She may not have a counseling degree, but she has the intuition, insight, empathy, and the ability to relate extremely well with the youth,” said Pinder. “She is a vital

asset to the development of our youth to help them achieve their full potential.”

Olson is already making plans to spend time in the school this year. “I hope to spend even more time there,” she said. “I learn so much from the children, and it makes me feel good to be there for them.”

And what do some of the students she’s involved with have to say?

“We really like her.”

“I like to talk to her, she listens to me.”

“We have fun and learn new things.”

“I liked the pizza party!”

“Hats off to Becky Olson!” Said Mary Ann Church, volunteer coordinator. “She was

looking for something worthwhile to do and she found a most appreciative community.

“Thank you Becky, you make a difference!”

Olson works through the Alcona County Volunteer Resource Center which has a variety of community needs and requests for volunteers. “Everyone has something special to offer,” Church said.

“Allow the resource center to help you find your niche.”

Ed Pikel injured in farm accident

October 5, 1972 ~ Edward Pikel 52, was seriously injured in a farm accident Saturday afternoon, at his farm on M-72 west of Harrisville. He was taken by Alcona County Ambulance to Alpena Hospital where he has undergone skin grafting on one arm and surgery and skin grafting on one leg. The leg will be in a cast possibly until January.

According to Mrs. Pikel, Ed, working alone at the time, was driving a tractor which was towing a windrower in a field of oats when the gears on the windrower began to work improper.

He got off the tractor and kicked the pulleys and the moving shaft caught his pant leg and began pulling him into the machine. Due to his powerful strength he pulled against the machine until he ripped his clothes off and then he was able to pull himself away from the machine. A son-in-law, Joel Mayo, living in a nearby mobile home, heard his shouts and summoned help.

Call goes out to help preserve Lincoln depot

October 1, 1997 ~ A joint effort between Lincoln area citizens, Alcona Historical Society plus Lincoln Planning Commission will explore the community support for preserving the Lincoln train depot.

All of Alcona County will have the opportunity to participate in this campaign called “All Aboard.”

Sign up sheets will be placed in businesses across the county looking for public endorsement to go ahead with this project.

Don Sawyer, president of the Alcona Historical Society, reported he was willing to search for outside funding sources and contacts with the state historical division office.

“This needs to become a

community project with participation and input from across Alcona County,” said Hank Bianchi, Lincoln Planning Commission member.

Several contacts from across Michigan have been identified as capable of providing information and help for protecting railroad history and places.

A gathering with all interested people will be held on Monday, Oct. 13 in the Lincoln Village Hall to determine the direction this project will take.

A post office mail box is secure for anyone wanting to “sign on” as supporting this project. You can write to Depot, P.O. Box 158, Lincoln, Mich. 48742, or sign one of the sheets that are in local businesses now.

Seniors

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more significant opportunity to learn inside and outside the classroom.

Know that there is a plan in development for this phase. There are many highly intelligent individuals working with ACCOA. After the building is complete, a professional management company will ensure that the apartments operate properly and continue to meet all codes and legal requirements.

In summary, ACCOA’s building plans will begin to ease the county’s housing shortage, provide quality housing for both seniors and working families, and create a fully accessible facility where all residents of Alcona County can gather for fun, learning, exercise and companionship.

Although ACCOA has been working on the idea for two years, the new grant has only just made the idea into reality. At last solid planning is possible. As ACCOA and its partners reach final decisions on the building project, we will report progress.

In closing I leave you with the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., “If you can’t fly then run, if you can’t run then walk, if you can’t walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward.”

(Lenny Avery, executive director of the Alcona County Commission on Aging, is a local minister and a lead pastor of Matrix Ministries. He holds a bachelor’s degree from Southeastern Louisiana University and is a certified Master Community Health Worker and National CHW Trainer.)

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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a baby hedgehog called?
2. **MOVIES:** Which 1960s movie features a character named Holly Golightly?
3. **HISTORY:** In which country did the Easter Rising of 1916 take place?
4. **GEOGRAPHY:** Which U.S. state is bordered by the states of Washington, Oregon, Montana, Utah, Wyoming and Nevada?
5. **LITERATURE:** What do the initials in J.D. Salinger's name stand for?
6. **GEOMETRY:** How many sides does a heptagon have?
7. **TELEVISION:** Richard Dawson was the original host of which TV game show?
8. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Which gymnast was the first to score a perfect 10 in Olympic competition?
9. **U.S. STATES:** Which state's official animal is a red fox?
10. **MEDICAL:** What is the common name of a condition called tussis?

Answers: 1. Hoglet; 2. "Breakfast at Tiffany's."; 3. Ireland.; 4. Idaho.; 5. Jerome David.; 6. Seven.; 7. "Family Feud."; 8. Nadia Comaneci.; 9. Mississippi.; 10. Cough.; (c) 2022 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword

BREAKFAST STACKS

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Like ludicrous comedies</p> <p>9 Ballpark stat</p> <p>12 Yak it up</p> <p>15 Dad</p> <p>19 For all time to come</p> <p>20 One, in Bonn</p> <p>21 "Jumbo shrimp," e.g.</p> <p>23 Classic morning combo</p> <p>25 Trial software phase</p> <p>26 Donned</p> <p>27 1969 film featuring two hippies</p> <p>29 Downed</p> <p>30 — mignons (beef tidbits)</p> <p>33 "Fighting" NCAA team</p> <p>34 Beatle buddy Sutcliffe</p> <p>36 "If you ask me," in texts</p> <p>37 Rough- — (unrefined)</p> <p>39 Group of 20</p> <p>42 Irritated states</p> <p>46 Things often dyed and hidden</p> <p>50 Word often ending in "-ly": Abbr.</p> <p>52 Food carton abbr.</p> | <p>53 Mascara mistake</p> <p>54 "I don't find it that simple!"</p> <p>59 Republic of China's capital</p> <p>61 Southern Wyoming city</p> <p>62 Actress Kazan of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"</p> <p>63 Charade</p> <p>64 Roman Cath., e.g.</p> <p>66 Summer Games gp.</p> <p>67 Incites</p> <p>68 Pulls off a difficult feat effortlessly</p> <p>73 Tick away</p> <p>75 Main character in "Despicable Me"</p> <p>76 Bank acct. buildup</p> <p>77 — -jongg</p> <p>80 Recording room</p> <p>81 Be exultant about</p> <p>84 Madrid's land, in Madrid</p> <p>87 They're boiled for 180 seconds</p> <p>90 Zesty flavors</p> <p>91 Afresh</p> | <p>92 That, in 84-Across</p> <p>93 Sitting duck</p> <p>95 Parks and Ponselle</p> <p>97 Patrol for prey</p> <p>101 Army division</p> <p>102 Jai alai cheer</p> <p>103 Genetic inits.</p> <p>105 Henchman of Daddy Warbucks</p> <p>108 Goes aboard</p> <p>110 Large antelope</p> <p>113 Dish topped with hollandaise sauce, informally</p> <p>116 Funny Johnson</p> <p>117 Be worry-free</p> <p>119 Food that's literally represented five times in this puzzle</p> <p>124 Strengthen from below</p> <p>125 Bit of mail: Abbr.</p> <p>126 Be similar to</p> <p>127 Chili tidbit</p> <p>128 Common PC file extension</p> <p>129 Demure</p> <p>130 One doing property appraisal</p> | <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Second mo.</p> <p>2 Actress Gardner</p> <p>3 Fun, for short</p> <p>4 Actor Russell</p> <p>5 Answering machine notification</p> <p>6 Less civilized</p> <p>7 Duncan of Obama's cabinet</p> <p>8 Steered</p> <p>9 Queenly</p> <p>10 Older female sib</p> <p>11 Working harmoniously</p> <p>12 Mongolian desert</p> <p>13 Fired</p> <p>14 Gig</p> <p>15 Poker take</p> <p>16 Locale</p> <p>17 Mile marker</p> <p>18 Poker stake</p> <p>22 Shops</p> <p>24 Moray, e.g.</p> <p>28 — Grande</p> <p>30 Baja party</p> <p>31 Greeting in Apple ads</p> <p>32 Go nuts</p> <p>33 "Little House on the Prairie" surname</p> <p>35 Quiet</p> <p>38 Teeny</p> | <p>40 Funny Martha</p> <p>41 Old Tokyo</p> <p>43 "— big deal"</p> <p>44 Mark who created Huck Finn</p> <p>45 Eyelid woe</p> <p>47 Strike lightly</p> <p>48 Govt. office supplier</p> <p>49 Isr. neighbor</p> <p>51 Latin Bible</p> <p>55 Lack of success</p> <p>56 Melville novel</p> <p>57 Puerto —</p> <p>58 Gift add-ons</p> <p>60 Irritating</p> <p>65 Wide shoe spec</p> <p>67 Poetic dusk</p> <p>68 Began a big battle</p> <p>69 "... blackbirds baked in —"</p> <p>70 Ice house: Var.</p> <p>71 Brisk gait</p> <p>72 Good two-pair hand, in poker lingo</p> <p>73 Prefix with biology</p> <p>74 Tempts</p> <p>77 Chutney fruits</p> <p>78 San —, Texas</p> <p>79 Expedite</p> <p>80 Polaris, e.g.</p> <p>81 Growl like a dog</p> | <p>82 "— -haw!"</p> <p>83 Grocery chain inits.</p> <p>85 Douglas fir, for Oregon</p> <p>86 Birdie + 1</p> <p>88 MSN, e.g.</p> <p>89 Wd. in a thesaurus</p> <p>94 Striped female stalker</p> <p>96 Smile evilly</p> <p>98 Gambling parlor, for short</p> <p>99 Tricycle parts</p> <p>100 Duration</p> <p>104 Slack-jawed</p> <p>106 Mad</p> <p>107 — admin</p> <p>109 Abounds</p> <p>110 Chow</p> <p>111 Maui goose</p> <p>112 Meat-stamping org.</p> <p>114 E.U. body comprising half a dozen nations</p> <p>115 "Auld Lang —"</p> <p>116 Birds' class</p> <p>118 Decade count</p> <p>120 Man-mouse link</p> <p>121 Sit-ups work them</p> <p>122 — Poke (candy)</p> <p>123 "— out!"</p> |
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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Oct. 6, 1866, the Reno gang carries out the first robbery of a moving train, making off with \$13,000 from a train in Indiana. This new method of sticking up moving trains in remote locations that were low on law enforcement, instead of trains sitting in depots, soon became popular in the American West.
- On Oct. 4, 1927, sculpting begins on the granite images of presidents Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt at Mount Rushmore. Jefferson's image was originally fashioned to the right of Washington. Within two years, the face was badly cracked, and workers blasted the sculpture off the mountain. Sculpting began again with Jefferson on the left side of Washington.
- On Oct. 5, 1947, President Harry Truman makes the first televised presidential address, asking Americans to cut back on food to help starving Europeans. He requested that the public voluntarily forgo meat on Tuesdays, eggs and poultry on Thursdays and to save a slice of bread each day.
- On Oct. 8, 1956, New York Yankees right-hander Don Larsen pitches the first no-hitter in the history of the World Series. It was a perfect game that no one matched until Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Roy Halladay in 2010.
- On Oct. 9, 1967, socialist revolutionary and guerrilla leader Che Guevara, age 39, is captured and executed by the Bolivian army. In 1997, Guevara's remains were found and sent back to Cuba, where they were reburied in a ceremony attended by President Fidel Castro and thousands of Cubans.
- On Oct. 7, 1983, Sean Connery stars in "Never Say Never Again" as the British secret service agent James Bond, a role he last played in 1971. The film's title referenced the fact that the Scottish-born actor had previously remarked that he would never play Agent 007 again.
- On Oct. 3, 1995, Heisman Trophy winner O.J. Simpson is acquitted of the double murder of his estranged wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman, despite a DNA match, a wound on Simpson's hand, the recent purchase of a Stiletto knife and matching shoeprints at the scene.

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- Because we know you've always secretly wondered, that depression on the flexure of your arm is called a chelidon.
- In 1992, Saab created a prototype vehicle called Prometheus that featured a joystick in place of a steering wheel. While it increased safety and space, it also proved more tiring and challenging to use, and the car never made it to production.
- A one-eyed yellowtail rockfish at the Vancouver Aquarium was given a prosthetic eye by the facility's head veterinarian after being bullied by its fellow fish on its blind side.
- Here's an incentive to keep up your hygiene: When scientists examined the genetic makeup of bacteria in navel lint from 60 volunteers, one notable subject who hadn't washed for several years was found to host two species of extremophile bacteria that typically thrive in ice caps and thermal vents!
- The modern high jump technique was created by Dick Fosbury and dubbed the Fosbury Flop.
- Dooley Wilson, who played Sam at Rick's Cafe Americain in "Casablanca," was an experienced musician and bandleader, but a drummer, not a pianist. He mimed his piano performance, and "As Time Goes By" was dubbed in later.
- A linguistic study revealed that winter workers in Antarctica began to develop a new accent as a result of being isolated together for several months.
- Sharks have existed on Earth for roughly 50 million
- John Joseph Merlin, often credited with inventing roller skates, debuted them at a 1760's masquerade in London by rolling into a room as he played the violin ... then crashing head-on into a quite expensive mirror.

Thought for the Day: "The history of Western science confirms the aphorism that the great menace to progress is not ignorance but the illusion of knowledge." -- Daniel J. Boorstin

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: Y equals B

UCPX QCBW OIP YVLX QIPKG IK
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IPC GEIQCL WOMC BEDTMG VS
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 RICHARD SMITH, Plaintiff,
 v
 JONATHAN GILLS, Defendant.
 Jonathan Gills
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 2. Such notice shall provide as
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 Owners' Association at 4100

Northwood Court, Barton City,
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 9/21, 9/28 & 10/5

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Craftmakers' Cabin Craft Show
 October 8, 10 am to 2 pm 106 S.
 State Road. Crafters include
 handcrafted furniture,
 handcrafted wood art, Chainsaw
 Art, Tutus and costumes, wire
 wrapped jewelry and crystals,
 Truly Green personal care prod-
 ucts and an amazing Cabin Bake
 Sale. \$20 to participate. Call 734-
 904-0108.

BIDS WANTED

The Craftmakers' Cabin of
 Harrisville is seeking bids to re-
 place a few logs. Call Mark at
 989-739-7639.

BINGO

Mikado Goodfellows Bingo ev-
 ery Monday 6:30 p.m. at Mikado
 Civic Center. Winner-takes-all
 game and hot ball. All proceeds
 to charity.

BUYING TIMBER

Buying standing timber, mini-
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Central Boiler Certified Classic
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 pick up 989-736-1054 evenings.

SALES

Huge estate sale 3630 East Mi-
 kado Road. Saturday and Sun-
 day 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Everything
 must go!

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Lauren Lilly Cleaning Co.

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Now Hiring
 R.N., LP.N., CNA
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HELP WANTED

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT AFTERHOURS NIGHT SURVEILLANCE OFFICER

The Family Division of the 23rd
 Circuit Court based in Alcona
 County, is seeking resumes to fill
 the part time vacancy of After
 Hours Night Surveillance Officer.
 The position is under the direc-
 tion supervision of the Juvenile
 Probation Officer and the Court
 Administrator. Job duties in-
 clude, but are not limited to trav-
 eling to juvenile probationers'
 homes to verify curfew compli-
 ance and to administer drug/al-
 cohol testing. Work hours are
 evenings/nights, alone, with
 minimal supervision. A
 Bachelor's degree is preferred
 with an emphasis on criminal jus-
 tice, law enforcement or related
 field of study. Prior legal experi-
 ence is valuable, a valid driver's
 license, good general clerical
 skills, computer experience, and
 the ability to work well with the
 public are essential assets. A
 resume should be filed with Court
 Administrator Jennifer Lueck,
 Alcona County Trial Court,
 Alcona County Building, PO Box
 385, Harrisville, MI, 48740 no
 later than October 21, 2022. An
 Equal Opportunity Employer. To
 include those qualified persons
 with a disability.

The Alcona County Road Com-
 mission, an Equal Opportunity
 Employer, is seeking to fill the
 position of a full-time Laborer/
 Truck Driver. This position will
 challenge the selected individual
 to operate and utilize various
 equipment to maintain roads and
 road right-of-way throughout
 Alcona County, perform general
 maintenance of equipment,
 roads, road signs, complete win-
 ter maintenance, and more. High
 school graduate or equivalent
 required. Must have a driving
 record sufficient to maintain a
 valid CDL class B minimum with
 medical card, class A preferred.
 Must be free of drug and alcohol
 abuse. See complete job de-
 scription on our website for ad-
 ditional requirements and duties.
 Competitive wage and benefit
 package. Apply by sending ap-
 plication and resume to P.O. Box
 40, Lincoln, Michigan 48742 un-
 til November 1st, 2022, or until
 which time the position is filled.
 Applications are available at
 www.alconacrc.com or at the
 road commission office.

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section
 3212 of the revised judicature act
 of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL
 600.3212, that the following
 mortgage will be foreclosed by a
 sale of the mortgaged premises,
 or some part of them, at a public
 auction sale to the highest bid-
 der for cash or cashier's check
 at the place of holding the circuit
 court in Alcona County, starting
 promptly at 10 a.m. on Novem-
 ber 2, 2022.
 The amount due on the mort-
 gage may be greater on the day
 of sale. Placing the highest bid
 at the sale does not automati-
 cally entitle the purchaser to free
 and clear ownership of the prop-
 erty. A potential purchaser is en-
 couraged to contact the county
 register of deeds office or a title
 insurance company, either of
 which may charge a fee for this
 information:
 Name(s) of the mortgagor(s):
 Rebecca K. Banks and Dale A.
 Banks, wife and husband. Orig-
 inal mortgagee: Mortgage Elec-
 tronic Registration Systems, Inc.,
 as mortgagee, as nominee for
 lender and lender's successors
 and/or assigns. Foreclosing as-
 signee (if any): Nationstar Mort-
 gage LLC. Date of mortgage:

April 21, 2004. Date of mortgage
 recording: April 22, 2004.
 Amount claimed due on date of
 notice: \$40,045.00.
 Description of the mortgaged
 premises: Situated in Township
 of Harrisville, Alcona County,
 Michigan, and described as: Part
 of the NE-1/4 of the SW-1/4 of
 Section 12, Town 26 North,
 Range 9 East described as com-
 mencing at a point where the
 north line of the NE-1/4 of the
 SW-1/4 of Section 12, Town 26
 North, Range 9 East, intersects
 the west boundary line of U.S.
 Highway 23; thence southerly
 parallel with the west boundary
 line of U.S. Highway 23, 200 feet
 to the point of beginning; thence
 southerly along the westerly right
 of way of U.S. Highway 23 to the
 north line of land owned by Anna
 Cuyler as of April 4, 1945; thence
 north 66 degrees 16 minutes
 west 198 feet; thence northerly
 and parallel with the westerly
 right of way U.S. Highway 23,
 108 feet; thence easterly 198 feet
 in a line parallel with the north
 line of land owned by Anna
 Cuyler as of April 4, 1945, to the
 point of beginning. Common
 street address (if any): 601 N.
 US-23, Harrisville, Mich. 48740.
 The redemption period shall be

six months from the date of such
 sale, unless determined aban-
 doned in accordance with MCL
 600.3241a; or, if the subject real
 property is used for agricultural
 purposes as defined by MCL
 600.3240(16).
 If the property is sold at foreclo-
 sure sale under Chapter 32 of the
 Revised Judicature Act of 1961,
 pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the
 borrower will be held responsible
 to the person who buys the prop-
 erty at the mortgage foreclosure
 sale or to the mortgage holder
 for damaging the property dur-
 ing the redemption period. Atten-
 tion homeowner: If you are a mil-
 itary service member on active
 duty, if your period of active duty
 has concluded less than 90 days
 ago, or if you have been ordered
 to active duty, please contact the
 attorney for the party foreclosing
 the mortgage at the telephone
 number stated in this notice.
 This notice is from a debt collec-
 tor.
 Date of notice: October 5, 2022
 Trott Law, P.C.
 31440 Northwestern Hwy., Suite
 145
 Farmington Hills, Mich. 48334
 (248) 642-2515
 1477722
 10-05, 10-12, 10-19, 10-26

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Thank you.

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Mansions Continued from page 9

River, with its cottages, boarding houses, taverns, brothels, and railroad roundhouse. Later, they loomed over the fishing industry, which clustered on the banks of Black River in the form of barn-sized "fish houses." Slowly, all the other buildings went away, and the houses of Alger and Smith moldered, too.

They looked like twin Hawkline Mansions in the 1960s and early 1970s, when Richard Brautigan was writing his lyrical Hippie books, like "The Hawkline Monster," "Trout Fishing in America," and "In Watermelon Sugar." Hippies, are you out there? Do you hear me?

The Alger and Smith mansions disintegrated, morphing from the Hawkline homestead into so much watermelon sugar: "In watermelon sugar the deeds were done and done again as my life is done in watermelon sugar."

Those amazing mansions are gone, as if they never existed, like the memory of timber baron, senator, and Secretary of War Russell

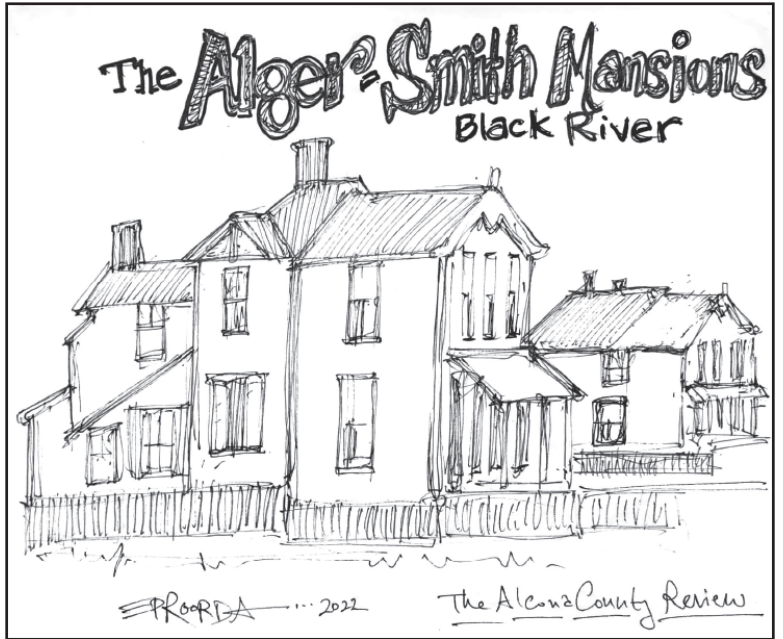
Alger, and his partner, Mr. Smith.

Ephemeral! Like watermelon sugar. Such is life, no? Snap! It's gone...

With that in mind, how about a permanent State of Michigan historical marker for Hazen "Ki Ki" Cuyler, to be unveiled on Courthouse Square on his 125th birthday? Let's not let "Ki Ki" become watermelon sugar, another vanished mansion of Alcona County history.

Support the "KiKi" Cuyler historical sign initiative! What is it? I don't know, yet, but let's get it going... email me, and we'll figure it out collectively!

(Eric lives in Springport, where his parents put down roots 50 years ago. He was a college history professor for three decades. His books include, "The Ocean Reader" (Duke, 2020), "Twain At Sea" (Chicago, 2018), and "The White Tail Family: A Coloring Book" (R/DC Press, 2021), which is available for \$10 at eproorda@gmail.com.)



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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