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Senior/community building decision on hold until 2023

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

During a three-hour special meeting of the Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) board of directors, a decision to hold off on signing an addendum has put its proposed building project on hold for another month.

The project involves several phases including a senior/community center (or community hub), handicap accessible housing for seniors, additional housing for families along with outdoor amenities that would entice unity and healthy living such as a shuffleboard courts, a fitness walking trail or other amenities.

The addendum contract would have placed emphasis on prioritizing the senior/community hub building, a 30,000 square foot building, placing it first to be built before senior and family housing. The project is to be built with funds received by a grant of \$12.5 million dollars awarded to ACCOA by the State of Michigan General Omnibus Budget.

Prior to the board's vote and after, public attending the meeting, of which there were about 30, were allowed two minutes each to speak and share their opinions.

Many in the room were especially concerned about the family housing phase of the project and implied ACCOA had lost sight of what its mission was, to care for seniors and only seniors.

"I want to wake up the whole board to realize that we citizens do not want apartments. We need a senior center. I don't know what's going on, but it's too bad you don't listen to the voice of the people. We do not, do not, want the apartments just a new senior center," Karen Shar-boneau, a local resident said.

Others in the room felt differently. Another Alcona County resident, Marjorie Tait, pointed out that since the median age of the county was over 55, no matter what was built would benefit the majority of the seniors in the community. "Whatever we can get, whatever we can conjure, let's work together and the seniors will benefit," she said.

Judy French of Lincoln was

concerned the \$12.5 million earmarked would not be enough money to complete all the phases of the building project. "That \$12.5 million can go like that, then what will you do? You are going to come boo-hooing to the county and we ain't going to give it to you," she said.

Others blasted the board for not having more control over the project and allowing their executive director, Lenny Avery and their three building project sub-committee members too much leniency in making decisions instead of recommendations.

Some questioned the logic of putting seniors and families together saying seniors didn't want anything to do



Lenny Avery discusses revised plans for the senior/community hub building, senior accessible housing and family townhouse units. Photo by Mary Weber.

with younger people.

Some questioned if ACCOA's 501(C)3 charitable tax status may be in jeopardy if they build the family housing, saying the board better have a good "Cracker Jack" attorney looking over everything before making any decisions.

Others shared their concern about the housing crisis in northeastern Michigan and although the ACCOA project is small in stature considering what is needed, it will help. They encouraged the board to go through with the project while others thought it would be better to just give the \$12.5 back to the government.

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Veterans board unhappy with county officials

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Alcona County Veterans are once again feeling slighted by the Alcona County Board of Commissioners and are asking them to either waive or postpone the commissioner's request for \$3,000 of veteran millage funding for allocations to cover the administrative costs of the county clerk and treasurer.

The passionate, and some-

times heated, request came during the veteran's update at the commissioner meeting on December 7. Patrick Smylie, chairperson for the Alcona County Veterans board, said they received an invoice from the county they were confused about.

"We want to know why?" Smylie asked. Commissioner Adam Brege explained that all entities that have a millage in the county are charged accordingly for the costs of

administration, something the veterans had budgeted \$3,000 for in their 2022 budget.

Smylie admitted they had the funds budgeted for indirect services, which they have been charged for in the past, but it was never \$3,000.

He pleaded with commissioners explaining that before the millage the veterans were given \$27,000 by the county. After the millage, the veteran's board felt it no

longer needed those funds to operate and told the county they could keep the money. "Over the last two years that is \$54,000 we gave back and now you are asking for \$3,000 more," Smylie said.

Smylie felt the \$3,000 could go a long way to help feed hungry veterans in the county, pay a heating bills or provide wheelchair ramps. "And we aren't even up and running in our new office yet, you could have at least waited to see how we get along with that."

"There are other counties who have veteran millages and they still get their general fund monies and they also have adequate offices and secretarial help for their director. We don't get that from you. We have a closet for an office, you all know that. We can't provide our director with a secretary to help him because he doesn't have adequate space. Now, with this millage in place, we are finally going for it, but it has been nothing but a fight with you for the last year and a half. It's a shame we have to go through this with our elected officials," Smylie said.

Smylie was also upset with the current commissioner liaison saying he did not do his job diligently in reporting veteran meetings with the board of commissioners and how even after complaining about that months ago and being promised by Brege that two

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Community hub sparks debate

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

While some Alcona County Commission on Aging board members may still be on the fence about whether the new building project will ever break ground, others are optimistic in saying when it breaks ground.

Will St. John who has been on the board for about a year and a half feels it would be a great deal for seniors and for the community. "Our current senior center is grossly inadequate for hundreds of reasons among them access problems and the plumbing falling apart. It is just an old building, not up to modern standards," St. John said.

He explained when executive director Lenny Avery

was hired, which was before he became a board member, Avery was charged with trying to find a way to build a senior center.

"He found a way to do it. The state and government (are) not willing to hand out money for a senior center but in his talks with people an idea came up of building a community hub, which could get funding," St. John said. The community hub, according to St. John, is a gathering place for the community including folks under age 55, but it is fine to have a lot of the building devoted to seniors.

Housing, however, is key to getting the money and without the housing, there would be no grant funding. According to St. John, housing will also provide future revenue

to use to operate the senior center/community hub for years to come.

With a plan in place to build a senior/community hub, senior housing and family housing and proving they had adequate property to build on, ACCOA applied and was awarded a \$12.5 million dollar grant through the State of Michigan General Omnibus Budget. The grant funds must be used by September 30, 2024.

Avery explained currently there are Alcona County seniors in nursing homes simply because they do not have a home that is accessible for their daily needs and the 10 fully handicap-accessible senior villas would be a great option for them.

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God Bless America





Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

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 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.

The Barton City Improvement Association will be judging the Christmas lights for Barton City beginning at 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

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 Cryptid Club will meet at the Alcona County Library in Harrisville at 4 p.m. Teenagers and adults are welcome to participate in this newly formed club. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

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 information.

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.

The Winter/Holiday Concert featuring Alcona Community Schools bands and choir will be held at 6 p.m. in the Alcona High School auditorium., 51 N. Barlow Road, Lincoln. This event is free and open to the public.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

There will be a story time and craft activity for children at 10:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

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.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

White Pine Quilt Guild meets at 6:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville. Anyone interested in quilting is welcome.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

The Alcona Book Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from noon to 1 p.m. The selection for December is "The Greatest Gift: A Christmas Tale," by Philip VanDoren Stern. Call (989) 724-6796

for more information.

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.

Knitting Klub & Crochet meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. All ages and levels are welcome. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Children of all ages are invited to Homeschoolers at the Library for a fun and educational activity at 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

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A youth craft activity will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Alcona County Library in Harrisville. The project is a Cabochon pendant for ages eight and up. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Teenagers are invited to a movie with munchies at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 5 p.m. A holiday movie for youth ages 13 and up will be shown and popcorn will be available. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

A special Christmas dinner will be served at the Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) senior center at 4 p.m. The menu is baked ham, au gratin potatoes, squash, dinner roll and cinnamon apple sauce. Reservations are required. Call Robin at (989) 334-3466, ext. 0 before 11 a.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

(Editor's Note: Entries for Calendar are always welcome. The deadline is Friday at noon. They will be published in chronological order as space allows. Entries should be turned in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event. Events sponsored by businesses or individuals to make a profit or governmental units for meeting notification are not eligible for this free public service. Sorry, bingo, garage sales, raffle ticket sales, or political campaigning information is not eligible.)



Obituaries



Larry "Dick" Kilbourn

Larry "Dick" Kibourn, 86, of Clyde, Mich. and Zephyrhills, Fla., died on Thursday, Nov. 24, 2022, at Advent Medical Hospital in Zephyrhills, Fla.

He was born in Yale, Mich. on February 18, 1936, to Thomas and Viola (Chapman) Kilbourn Sr.

He graduated from Harrisville High School in 1954.

On July 14, 1956, he married Genevieve Downer in Harrisville.

Mr. Kilbourn was a foreman for a door manufacturing company in Wayne, Mich. and Mt. Clemens, Mich. for many years.

He enjoyed fishing and playing his guitar. Going to garage sales and flea markets was also a favorite hobby.

Mr. Kilbourn is survived by his wife, Genevieve; seven children, Richard (Nancy) Kilbourn, Kristy (Jack) Helwig, Koni Kelly; Kandy (Pat) Kelly; Kevin (Patti) Kilbourn, Karalee (Keith) Rivers, Kyle (Julie) Kilbourn; 17 grandchildren; four step grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; six step great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Robert Kilbourn, Duane Kilbourn, Tom Kilbourn Jr. and James Kilbourn; one sister, Nora Shea; one brother-in-law, Del Shea; and one son-in-law, Timothy Kelly.

No funeral service is planned at this time.

Mary E. Fitzgerald

Mary Elaine Katona Fitzgerald, age 87, a resident of Harrisville, formerly of Chelsea and Brighton, Mich., died on Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022. She died in Harrisville in the home of her daughter, Jaci and son-in-law, John MacMaster.

Mary was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, aunt, sister, and friend.

Mary was born July 27, 1935, to George Katona and Ruth Gillam Katona in Ann Arbor, Mich. She was the eldest child of four children. Mary has three brothers, who survive her, Michael, Paul and David.

Growing up in Ann Arbor, she loved the culture and opportunities the city had to offer. She studied dance and the grace and elegance she acquired from that training were always a part of her being.

She attended Saint Thomas Catholic High School in Ann Arbor, where she met the love of her life, Robert Fitzgerald. Mary and Bob married in 1952 and began their family of 9 children, Chriss, Michael, Marie, Jaci, Cathy, Steve, Kevin, Meg and Patrick. They were later blessed with 23 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren. They were also blessed with wonderful and loving daughters- and sons-in-law.

Mary was a talented artist, painting in both oils and watercolor. She loved to write. Gardening was a passion of hers. She enjoyed travel, especially cruise ships. She was a savvy card player and enjoyed games with her big family. She was a wonderful hostess, the bigger the event the better.

In addition to her interests and family responsibilities, Mary co-owned and operated Brighton Diesel Diagnostics with her husband,



son, Steven, and his wife, Mary.

Mary is survived by six of her children, Michael (Penny) Fitzgerald, Marie (David Cobabe) Fitzgerald, Jaci (John MacMaster) Fitzgerald, Cathy (Denny) Green, Meg (Dan) Rentschler and Patrick (Suzi) Fitzgerald. Also surviving are daughter-in-law, Mary Therese (Steven) Fitzgerald, and son-in-law, Christopher (Chriss) Barndt.

Preceding Mary in death are her husband, Robert; daughter, Chriss Barndt; twin sons, Steven and Kevin; grandson, Will Goodwin; and brother-in-law, Msgr. William Fitzgerald.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022, from 2 to 8 p.m. at Keehn-Griffin Funeral Home, 706 Main Street, Brighton, Mich., 48116. Rosary, eulogy and sharing celebration will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, Dec. 19, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. at Saint Patrick Catholic Church in Brighton, Mich. Visitation at the church will begin at 9:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Saint Patrick Calvary Cemetery in Brighton.

Donations in Mary's memory may be made to Saint Patrick Church in Brighton, Mich. for perpetual care of Calvary cemetery.

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Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, Lincoln.

- Monday, Dec. 19: Fish, baked potato, California blend vegetables, plum.
 - Tuesday, Dec. 20: Goulash, green beans, peaches.
 - Wednesday, Dec. 21: Chicken a la king, biscuit, pineapple.
 - **Thursday, Dec. 22: Christmas Dinner** – Baked ham, au gratin potatoes, squash, dinner roll, Cinnamon apple sauce.
- *December 26 through December 30: Closed. No meals served.*

Reservations are required by 11 a.m. each day by calling (989) 334-3470. Takeout meals can be reserved at the same number by calling no later than 10 a.m. No membership is required. A donation of \$6 for folks under 60 and \$3 for those over 60 is welcome. For home delivered meals, call by 8 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

Community Christmas Show

The Shoreline Players 14th Annual Community Christmas Show will be Friday, Dec. 16 and Saturday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Shoreline Players Theater in Oscoda. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. There is no admission charge for the show as the theaters' way of giving back to the area as well as showcasing the talent of its Shoreline Players Youth Drama Association (SPYDA), adult members and friends.

This year the SPYDA show will be "The ReImagined Polar Express." Cast members are, Dominic Conley, Anorah DeGraff, Liam DeGraff, Delilah Fouchey, Elizabeth Fouchey, Iris Heramb, Danica Markey, Lincoln Markey, Owen Markey, Maci McDougall, Piper McDougall, Roonie McDougall, Sloane McDougall, Gage Miller and Isaac Moore.

Master of ceremony is J.D. Hock. The show is written by Chris Van Allsburg with the Reader's Theatre/Musical Script adapted by Sara Campbell.

On Friday the show will open with the Northern Blend Chorus. The show will also include performances by Rebecca Collier, Tim Curtis, Renee Diener, Robert Diener, Nicole Markey, Mike Maturen, Rebecca Maturen, Cher Nentwig, and a surprise guest or two each evening.

The show is produced by Sue Miller and crew members including Curtis, Diener, Greg Gjerde, Hock, Eric Joseph, Eric Koppen, Chelsea Miller, Jackie Temple and Tammie Wilson.

A free will offering will be collected to support SPYDA program. Concessions will be available. The theater is located next to the Robert Parks Library on the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda. For more information about this show or any upcoming Shoreline events go to www.shorelineplayers.org or call (989) 739-3586.

Mindfulness for Wellbeing

A science-based mindfulness training: Discover how mindfulness can make drastically positive shifts in physical and mental health. Research has shown that people who are more mindful are generally happier and report less anxiety, symptoms of depression, anger, and worries. A higher degree of mindfulness is also associated with reduced stress and increased gratitude, hope, and vitality. Mindfulness for Wellbeing is designed to walk participants through everything they need to fully understand mindfulness and experience the profound effects it can have on their life.

This class is free and will be offered through ZOOM. This training will be offered through MSU Extension in two different programs.

On Thursdays from January 5 through February 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/mwj23/>.

Or, on Mondays from January 30 through March 20 from 9 to 11 a.m. register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/mwj23/> or call Jamie at (989) 344 3264.

Correspondence

To the Editor,
I am overwhelmed by the support of our community. The beautiful cards and notes of Glenn's kindness are so comforting.

Thank you so much!
He was a gem of a husband and provider.

Janice MacNeill
Lincoln

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Board of Road Commissioners of the County of Alcona will hold a public hearing at the Road Commission office, 301 N. Lake Street, Lincoln, Michigan, at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 28, 2022. **The purpose is to receive public comments on the proposed Road Commission budget prior to taking final action to approve a budget for 2023.**

Anyone wishing to examine the proposed budget may do so at the Road Commission office Monday thru Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., or online at alconacrc.com beginning November 30, 2022.

Theodore R. Somers, Chairman
Board of Road Commissioners
County of Alcona, Michigan

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Village of Lincoln Tax Abatement Ordinance 2022-1

The Village of Lincoln Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the 2022-1 Tax Abatement Ordinance on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall located at 117 W. Fiske Street, Lincoln, Mich.

The Tax Abatement Ordinance can be viewed on the Village of Lincoln Web Site www.lincolnmi.com. A copy of the Ordinance is on display at the Alcona County Library, Lincoln branch, located at 324 W. Traverse Bay, Lincoln. Written comments may be submitted to: Village of Lincoln Planning Commission Attn: Tax Abatement Ordinance, P.O. Box 337, Lincoln MI, 48742.

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During the meeting ACCOA board member Will St. John explained that the \$12.5 million in grant funds does not come without strings attached and those strings include building a community hub, senior housing, family housing and additional amenities.

Also in attendance were many employees of ACCOA who shared their experiences working with the community and seniors need for inclusion. The board also listened to presentations from the Sidock Group which explained a bit of the history and rationale of how it came upon the building plan for the senior center/community

hub, 10 fully handicap-accessible senior villas and 16 town-house style family units. A scaled-down version of their original plan which included 44 units.

The Sidock Group also explained the survey that was canvassed prior to the drafted plan so they could include what the community wanted in a hub.

The 30,000 square foot community hub now planned includes a multi-purpose room, dining room, recreational activity room, computer lab, multi-media area, commercial kitchen, outdoor patio, a locker room, gym with basketball courts, an indoor run/walk track, fitness weight area, exercise yoga/dance/cross-fit area, sauna, a 500 square foot kid zone, as well as room for ACCOA to conduct business serving seniors.

A 10-page pamphlet of frequently asked questions, distributed by ACCOA, explains a community center is more enticing than a senior center because social research proves seniors benefit from interaction with younger people. Something the execu-

tive director often sees when children and their parents visit with the seniors.

Avery said the \$12.5 million is a blessing, not a curse, and encouraged the board to vote so the groundbreaking could begin soon on the 13.69 acres in Lincoln that ACCOA purchased in 2021.

With the clock ticking to use the awarded funds by September 30, 2024, the board consensus was they did not have a reasonable amount of time to look over the addendum fully, as they had just received it a day before the special meeting. A vote will take place at the next scheduled board meeting on January 24, 2023.

ACCOA welcomes the public to attend its meetings held at the senior center in Lincoln on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m.

A copy of the ACCOA New Building Project Frequently Asked Questions can be found on the alconaseniors.org website under the link ICAN Alcona.

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Answers

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commissioners would be attending future veteran meetings, it never happened.

Brege agreed that he did not carry through with two liaisons as promised.

Veterans director, Tony Atkinson joined the plea saying the allocations of funds was something the county acted on and it is not a state law they have to follow. "If the millage goes away, the state will still require the county to fund us. So, either give us our \$27,000 a year back and then charge us for the allocation fee, or take the \$27,000 and not charge us," Atkinson said.

He pointed out that he and the veterans board campaigned hard to earn the millage votes, putting in their personal funds to purchase advertising. "That millage helped you out, it gave you back \$27,000 every year to help pay for some of the extra clerk and treasurer fees," Atkinson told the board.

After the meeting Brege said the issue with the veteran's appeal to waive or postpone the \$3,000 the county is allocating the veteran's will be on the agenda at the next board of commissioners meeting on December 21.

He clarified that the veteran boards, like other county entities, are responsible for putting together their budget for the coming year and that the veterans had put \$3,000 in the allocation of funds line item as requested by commissioners last year.

"I sent those (statements) out to all the entities we bill for the services of the clerk and treasurer three weeks ago as a courtesy. We don't have to send those invoice notices; we could just make a transfer and take the funds without notice. I'm not sure why they are surprised or why they waited until now to discuss it," Brege said.

Brege explained the allocation of funds has been a standard practice of the county since about 2018. "We are required by the state to have an audit that tells us and the state how much each department's value to other departments is. This is the practice of other counties as well.

"I know during the meeting the veterans said they contacted other counties that haven't adopted that practice, but there are many more out there that do. I can't speak to other counties on whether they allocate funds to veterans, but I know Alpena charges entities significantly higher than we do because we only charge for the clerk and treasurer," Brege said.

He was happy that one of the better aspects to come out of the December 7 board meeting was the 2023 budget was approved and, for the first time since he became a commissioner, there was not anything in the line items to come out of the fund balance. "That's a big deal and the reason is because of financial policies the board has put in place, including cost allocation. If we back off from those

policies we will be right back where we were before," he said.

He admitted two American Rescue Plan Act grants the county is receiving have also helped balance the budget, but when those grants run out, he doesn't want to be in the same sinking boat they were in 2016.

According to Brege other commissioners may side with the veterans and want to waive the fee, but he will be standing strong to keep the allocation fee as is. "The fear is once we do that, all the other entities will be coming to us wanting the same option. EMS could come to us and say we offer lifesaving services for the county why should we get charged for it," Brege said.

In the past, the veterans received a \$50,000 grant and the county made up the difference because it is a state requirement to maintain a veteran's office in the county adding another \$27,000 to cover the veteran's budget. But when the veterans received their millage, they no longer needed the additional \$27,000.

"The veterans feel they gave us that money back because it was no longer needed, but, they didn't. The state requires the county to fund the veteran's office, but it doesn't make a stipulation on how it is funded or that it cannot be funded solely on a millage," Brege said.

Brege said the veterans were in good shape and they are now going into 2023 with a fund balance of \$80,000. He also understands they are trying to purchase a new building, which is why he wants the allocation issue back on the agenda, so all commissioners could share their opinion and make a decision.

Also during the commission meeting, Smylie gave an update that the veterans board has voted to increase burial allotments from \$300 to \$500 due to rising costs and that they have conducted interviews and chosen two men to recommend as possible board members in order to raise their board to seven members.

Some of the county commissioners seemed surprised by the request saying they were unsure if the veteran's board could be expanded. Smylie reminded them it was not the first time he requested the board expansion due to the age of the veteran board members and that sometimes they have to miss a meeting due to illness or appointments and then there are not enough members in attendance to meet a quorum causing the cancellation of meetings.

The commissioners requested an opportunity to meet and interview the recommended gentlemen. A special meeting to conduct the interview took place December 12.

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Lady Tigers bounce back with win over Hale

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona girls varsity basketball team traveled to Hale on Friday looking to bounce back from a tough loss earlier in the week. The Lady Tigers did just that. They got a convincing 61-29 North Star League crossover victory.

"It was great to see our kids bounce back after a tough loss," said head coach Mark Feldhiser. "We had a great shooting night, hitting eight threes."

Alcona took control right away. The Lady Tigers had a 21-2 lead after the first quar-

ter and led 35-11 at the half. The score was 47-19 entering the fourth quarter.

Sage Gauthier led the Lady Tigers with 16 points. Jena Wambold netted 15. Emma Travis chipped in with 12.

On Tuesday, Dec. 6 Alcona lost a home NSL crossover game against Hillman, 34-33.

"We lost a tough one," Feldhiser said. "They got hot and we went pretty cold on offense, especially in the fourth quarter. It was a pretty disappointing loss but we will bounce back. Once in awhile there are games where you can say we should have or

could have won, but that happens in basketball."

Alcona held leads through the first three quarter breaks; 14-6, 18-8 and 28-21.

Hillman pulled ahead in the fourth quarter, though. Alcona inched back in front 33-32 with a buck in the late stages, but Hillman drew a late foul and sank a pair of free throws to steal the win.

Kelsey Hansen led the way with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Travis had 12 points and five rebounds. Gauthier tracked down five rebounds.

Alcona (2-2 overall) returns to action on Tuesday, Dec. 20 when it hosts Tawas.

Tigers split games in opening week

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

Fresh off a nice win to open the season, the Tigers eyed a win on back-to-back nights last Friday.

The Alcona boys varsity basketball team hosted Hillman in a North Star League crossover battle, but dropped a tightly-contested game, 59-57.

In the first quarter, Garrett Somers and David Sharboneau hit two three-pointers each. Sharboneau also hit three free throws after getting fouled on a shot from behind the arc, which allowed Alcona to claim a 15-10 lead after one quarter.

Jacob Renschenski and Sharboneau had threes in the second as Alcona led 31-22 at the half. DJ Howe scored six points in the third quarter, but the lead shrank to 39-36 entering the fourth, where Hillman finished its comeback.

Sharboneau hit five threes on the night and finished with 23 points. Somers and Howe put in 12 points apiece. Ryken Wallenmaier had four points, Renschenski scored three and Hayden Johnston netted two.

On Thursday, Alcona opened the season with a NSL crossover home win over Hale, on a score of 48-32.

Sharboneau had six points in the first quarter and Johnston added four, as the Tigers led 14-5 after one.

The Eagles pulled within 14-10 early in the second, but a lay-up by Johnston and a three by Nate Nardi pushed that gap back to 19-10.

Somers also hit a three late in the frame as Alcona took a lead of 24-16 into the half.

In the third quarter, Somers added seven more points to his total, as the Tiger lead read 38-24 entering the final frame.

Leading the way was Somers with 15 points. Johnston and Sharboneau

put in 10 points each. Wallenmaier finished with five and Nardi netted three.

Alcona (1-1 overall) hosts AuGres on Thursday, Dec. 15 and is at home against Tawas on Monday, Dec. 19.



Alcona's Hayden Johnston goes up to the basket for two points during last Thursday's home win over Hale. Photo by Ben Murphy.

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Unfortunately, the ACCOA board paused at a recent special meeting to vote on an addendum that would start the construction of the community hub. Avery felt the pause was due to a small majority of people in the county who are concerned about the additional 16 family townhouse units.

He felt a group of about 15 people showing up at their meetings were putting out fear tactics and targeting himself, the ACCOA and the board because they were going to build low-income housing, which according to what he has read on social media, they feel may attract migrants, undesirables, murderers and rapists.

“What we are building is not low-income housing. We did explore low-income, tax credit housing to get rents low enough so low-income seniors, which make up 13 percent of Alcona County, in need of barrier-free housing could afford. As it stands, we are not doing any low-income housing. The housing we are looking at is called the missing middle program which targets middle-class individuals.

“That is the danger of assigning a vocal minority to the majority. Unfortunately, it is those 15 people who show up at our meetings each month portraying themselves as the voice of the community and because they are the only voice in the room, it would appear no other voices are there.

“Encourage individuals, if they are in support of the project, let the board know. Write a letter to the editor, get your voice out there. I do not believe 15 individuals represent the entire community. We have over 1,000 surveys that say differently,” Avery said.

He explained that many people who use the services ACCOA provides don't attend the meetings because they have more pressing issues like how they are going find enough food to eat.

“While we were meeting, there was 150 people standing in the cold picking up food boxes. They are in need; they don't have the free time to come to our meeting to support or complain. Those are the voices we talked to and listened to when we sent out our surveys. We talked to the people who are receiving our services,” Avery said.

He explained how much of Michigan, especially northeastern Michigan, is looking at the ACCOA build project and how it spends the grant monies as an example to follow. “We've got the office of rural development cheering us on. Alpena is asking how they can duplicate it. The Northeast Council of Government (NEMCOG) is watching us.

“They want to uplift all of northeastern Michigan and this is the first step. The first domino in getting infrastructure, broadband, Internet. We are not taking away money from the county, we are putting in an infusion of 12.5 million dollars into it. What other agencies or developers

are doing that? There is none,” Avery said.

He explained they went after the grant because they did not want the community to have to pay for a new senior center. With a budget of five to eight million dollars to build a senior center, they initially looked at a low-interest loan through the United States Department of Agriculture, but that would require paying back a few hundred thousand dollars a year in payments.

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~ Lenny Avery,
Executive Director
Alcona County Commission on Aging

ACCOA then looked at the housing and decided it could be an income revenue to pay for the senior center. “Then God blessed us with this crazy appropriation of \$12.5 million where we could do it all,” Avery said.

Over the course of the last year, some things have expanded and some things have contracted based on the grant guidelines.

Avery explained the senior/community center hub would have a budget of about \$7 million and be about 30,000 square feet. The housing budget for 10 handicap accessible senior villas and 16 family townhouses, of which seniors could rent out if they are capable of climbing stairs, would be about \$5 million, which \$3.5 million of that coming from the grant money with the rest subsidized by Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA). The remaining funds would be used for community amenities.

Avery broke down, in detail, the square footage of the community hub, which, when

compiled, created a space largely devoted to senior needs, dining and community health and fitness amenities which would appeal to seniors as well.

“There will be a 500 square foot kid zone, that's approximately the size of a two-car garage, where grandparents can drop off their grandkids to have fun while they are in yoga or engaged in other services or activities at the center. All the rest of the building is something the seniors need

or can use. So, to say this is not for seniors or what seniors want is blatant misinformation,” Avery said.

He explained the State of Michigan defines a senior as anyone 55 years and older. “I have worked with seniors for the last 15 years and being a senior does not mean the person is feeble and unable to do things. It does not mean they do not want to be active or interact with others.

“Seniors experience isolation all the time. Why don't people come here? Because for years we have told people it is the senior center, so the community doesn't come here.

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The hard-knock life of Jennie Blanche Stonehouse

By Eric Paul Roorda

Artist & Author

This week's column has to do with my mother, Pearl Elaine Carpenter Roorda, the Spirit-Woman of Springport, Bertha Cuyler's bridge partner. She decided that Harrisville was the place to be. She bought a green acre here in 1970. It was the best decision she ever made!

My family tree had a severed branch. My mom never knew her father's father. Her father never knew his own father. He thought the man's name was Thompson, or Thomas, but he wasn't sure. His mother, Jennie Blanche Stonehouse, rarely spoke of him, apparently.

That family mystery always intrigued me, and tantalized Pearl. Who was her unknown grandfather? She moved on to Mount Joy Cemetery without knowing the answer. Too bad Ancestry.com wasn't around before she headed for that pretty hill...

Have you discovered Ancestry.com, the genealogical website? It's enthralling! Within a day of employing its cybernetic research toolbox, I learned the rough outline of my family tree's truncated limb.

Poor Jennie Blanche Stone-house, my great-grandmother. She lived a hard-knock life.

Her father, John Stonehouse, emigrated from England to Grand Rapids, Mich., married a girl from New York named Keziah Davenport, and went to work first as a farmer, then as a lumberman.

Keziah went to work birthing babies. The bare-bones vital statistics of the U.S. Census hint at the heart-rending tale of her motherhood. In 1860, at age 23, Keziah Stonehouse had three children: Henry, 4, named for his grandfather; little Keziah, 3; and baby John Jr., four months old.

None of them were counted as members of the Stonehouse household in the 1880 Census. Maybe they grew up and moved out, or maybe they died. But by then, Keziah had given life to seven more kids! The youngest was Jennie Blanche, just one year of age.

Then came the diphtheria epidemic. Jennie Blanche's sisters, Belle, 12, and Mayme, 9, both died on September 19, 1880. Two days later, Clydea, 7, followed them. Jennie Blanche's grief-stricken mother died the next year, then her father two years later. Jennie Blanche Stonehouse was an orphan before she was five.

The paper trail of her life goes cold until June 19, 1904, when Jennie Blanche married one Louis N. Thompson before a justice of the peace in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Louis N. Thompson's first appearance in the database is the 1895 Grand Rapids City Directory, which listed him as an "assistant advertising agent" for the Grand Opera House, renting a room. He is recorded in the 1900

U.S. Census, living in a boardinghouse in Detroit and working as a carpenter.

He told the census taker that he had been married for a year, but his wife was not residing at the same address. I wonder what happened to her...

Jennie Blanche Stonehouse shows up again in 1908 as Jennie B. Thompson, exchanging wedding vows with Orton Adelbert Carpenter. Something had clearly gone wrong, yet another setback in her hard-knock life.

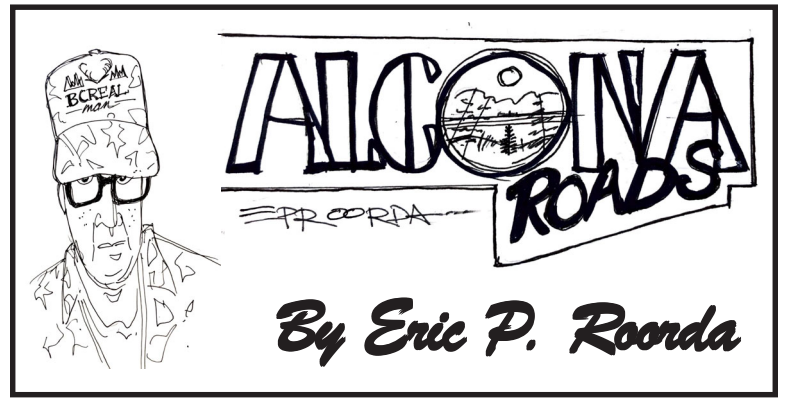
Jennie Blanche had given birth to my grandfather in November 1905. After she remarried, her son lived his life as Maxwell Carpenter. But Jennie Blanche changed her name back to Stonehouse, and never took the surname

Carpenter.

When she passed away after a week at Grand Rapid's Blodgett Hospital in 1943, the coroner listed her date of birth as "Dec. ? 1878" on her death certificate. My mom was 14 then, living across town, but she never spoke of meeting her grandmother while she was growing up.

Her step-grandfather, Orton Carpenter, lived until 1962, but she never mentioned meeting him either. He is not in her wedding photos.

Louis N. Thompson seems to have moved to Los Angeles, abandoning Jennie Blanche Stonehouse and his toddler son Maxwell. The records indicate that he married three more times, and worked as an electrician. He



died a widower in 1946, when his granddaughter Pearl was 17. He was ignorant of her existence, as she was of his.

Louis N. Thompson may have been a rolling stone, but he came from a rock-solid family of New Englanders. The first Thompson in his lineage was born in New York in 1664 and moved to

Stonington, Connecticut, where the next five generations of Thompsons lived and died. Then Louis's grandfather Oliver Perry Thompson moved to Michigan, where he married Rose Ann Wesley from Ontario, Canada. She gave birth to my mystery

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World War II pilot lives in Hubbard Lake

**December 10, 1997 ~
By Marlene Kew**

Senior Correspondent

Hubbard Lake resident Maurice (Maury) Clark Cornelius has a long history with the area and has made his mark in U.S. history.

In 1924 when he was five years old, Maury and his brother, Stanley went to live with their Uncle Edwin on Bennett Road, which is Uncle Edwin's last name. He spent most of his youth with his aunt and uncle.

The grounds of this homestead are now where Churchill Point Inn is located. The beautiful white building still stands overlooking Hubbard Lake.

Maury's life was rather uneventful until the summer when he was 16. It was a typical summer day, the house and grounds were humming with company. Some were inside the house, and some were out in the yard.

The weather turned against them, and it started to rain. Some ran inside the house, and some stayed outside. Maury ran under a tree to get out of the rain, but the tree was struck by lightning. The fire and heat spread to Maury, and he was burned. This was serious enough to keep him in bed all summer with no physical exercise at all.

Six months after the doctor gave him a clean bill of health, he was classified A-1 for the Army. After a change of heart, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. While waiting to get into U.S. Air Force aviation school, Maury went to Jackson, Mich., to work for Jackson Auto Screw Machine

Co.

The year was 1942 and he was 18. Maury was trained at four levels to certify him as a pilot. There was preflight, primary, basic and advanced. Each time he got to fly a bigger and more powerful plane.

He graduated from pilot training school Dec. 7, 1943 as a second lieutenant. He was assigned a twin-engine B-26 bomber to fly. He went to Freeport, Louisiana to meet his crew and they were sent to Florida.

Only two days after arriving, Maury was handed an envelope and was told not to open it until he flew to a certain heading with his crew. He obeyed his order.

Upon opening the orders marked "Top Secret," he found their destination was to fly to Sardina, Italy. The flight took them to numerous cities to finally settle in the Mediterranean, 200 miles off of Italy, then to Corsica and numerous missions in France.

He and his crew flew 53 missions in all. Two of them resulted in crash landings, yet Maury managed to stay unharmed with the rest of the crew.

After spending two years in the Air Force, Maury volunteered for one more year. By volunteering, Maury calls himself, "either a very stupid young man or a very loyal American."

After serving three years in the Air Force, Maury left with the rank of captain and a group leader. He flew 53 combat missions and had 72 planes.

With his discharge from the Air Force, he received 15

medals one of which was the Distinguished Medal of Honor.

Maury came home in July, 1945 and immediately settled down in Spruce where he opened his own hardware store.

After operating that for five years, he opened a second store, which was run by his brother, Stanley.

In 1955, he sold both hardware stores and went to work for the Besser Company in Alpena.

The company is the largest manufacturer of concrete blocks in the world. He was a district sales manager.

During this time, Maury had accumulated about 600 acres of land a round Hubbard Lake.

Wanting to do something with it, he purchased a few hundred turkeys and set them loose on his properties to multiply, and they did.

In 1963, Maury left the Besser Company and then built and developed the Mt. Maria Ski Resort. He also built the Mt. Maria Real Estate office.

After successfully running the ski resort for 17 years, he sold it.

Maury says he's kind of retired now, but he is at the real estate office six or seven days a week. It is operated by his wife, Donna. They now own four villas on Hubbard Lake Road and Mt. Maria which they rent out by the day, week or month.

Maury has two sons, Michael, a real estate broker and Tom, a heavy equipment contractor. He also has seven grandchildren.

Maury and his wife, Donna live on Hubbard Lake.

Alcona Tigers chalk up win No. three

The Alcona High School Tigers stretched their perfect basketball record to 3 - 0 Friday night, but not before getting a scare from the Onaway Cardinals.

Coach Jim Emington's charges journeyed back to Alcona with a 54 - 48 decision over winless but upset-minded Onaway.

Both teams played on even terms during the first quarter, the stanza ending with the score deadlocked at 14 all. Alcona put its scoring machine together in the second eight minutes, however, and moved to a 34 - 28 lead at the half.

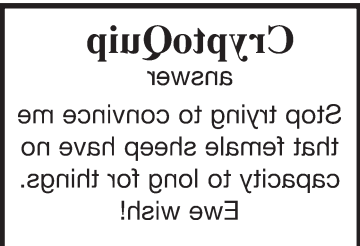
The halftime breather cooled the Alcona guns. However, and Onaway managed a 10 - 5 bulge in the third frame to cut the margin 39 - 38 going into the payoff period.

The Tigers managed to hold on for the win with a 14-10 output in the final eight minutes.

Mike Goddard paced the victory with 19 points, followed by Tom McIntyre with 14 and Steve Belt with 10 for the Tigers. Doug Pauhus paced Onaway with 12 points.

Onaway captured the preliminary contest, 58-48. C. Peters was high for Alcona's J.V.'s with 20.

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Two tasks to start the year

By Freddy Groves

In a matter of weeks, we'll have a new year when, ideally, we'll have more control over our lives. Here are two things we can all do to start with a clean slate.

Clean out your medicine cabinet. Pull out expired drugs (both prescription and over the counter) and go on a hunt for a location to drop them off. Some towns have only one drug disposal day per year, but other towns keep a machine in their police department to drop off drugs anytime. Ask if your local Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility has disposal. Or you can go to <https://apps.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubdispsearch> to search for a controlled substance public disposal location near you. Whatever you do, don't put them down the sink or toilet.

Organize your military files and information. If the worst should suddenly happen to you, don't add to your relatives' grief by making them dig for your information or wonder what your final wishes would be.

Here are some of the things you'll need to gather up:

-- Your DD214 or service equivalent. If you don't have one on hand, send for it.

-- Your birth certificate.

-- Your final will. If you don't have one, now is the time to make an appointment for January with an attorney. Call the nearest military base and ask for Legal Aid to see if you qualify for a free will.

-- Any life insurance policies, copies of marriage certificates and divorce decrees, and a list of all the places you served while on active duty along with

the dates.

Download or send away for the following:

-- Application for United States Flag for Burial Purposes (VA Form 27-2008)

-- Claim for One Sum Payment Government Life Insurance (VA Form 29-4125e)

-- Application for Standard Government Headstone or Marker (VA Form 40-1330)

Print out the Federal Benefits for Veterans Dependents and Survivors book or send away for it by calling the VA (800-827-1000) and add that to your stack.

Once you've gathered all this information (a box on a closet shelf will be enough), make sure someone knows where it is. Remember: Once it's done, it's done.

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The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged 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): Paul Robert White, a single man. Original mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns.

Foreclosing assignee (if any): Specialized Loan Servicing LLC.

Date of mortgage: November 14, 2005. Date of mortgage recording: November 18, 2005. Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$27,705.94.

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Caledonia, Alcona County, Michigan, and described as: Parcel D: Part of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 7, T28N, R8E, described as: Commencing at the north 1/4 corner of said Section 7; thence north 87 degrees 40 minutes 21 seconds west 605.00 feet along the north section line of said Section 7 to the point of beginning; thence south 3 degrees 33 minutes 10 seconds west 264.00 feet; thence north 87 degrees 40 minutes 21 seconds west 220.00 feet; thence north 3 degrees 33 minutes 10 seconds east 264.00 feet to said north section line; thence south 87 degrees 40 minutes 21 seconds east 220.00 feet along said north section line to the point of beginning. Subject to any part thereof that may be used for road right of way purposes.

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those in attendance included president Phillips; treasurer Mahalak; clerk Somers; and council members, Gauthier; Lucas; Schick; and Wambold. Durham was absent.

Attorney David Cook swore in newly elected officials, Phillips, Mahalak, Somers and Wambold. Meeting dates were set for the 2023 calendar year. The following dates were set: Wednesday, January 4; February 6; March 6; April 3; May 1; June 5; Thursday, July 6; August 7; September 6; Wednesday, Oct. 2; November 6; and December 4. All meetings are at 7 p.m. at the village hall. Budget workshop is February 15 at 6 p.m. A motion to accept meeting dates was made by Schick, with support from Wambold. Carried.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved on a motion from Wambold with support from Schick. The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Gauthier with support from Wambold. The bills were approved for payment on a motion from Wambold with support from Gauthier.

Guests Liz and Marty Connolly introduced themselves to council members. They are new to the village and were welcomed by all. President Phillips offered an update on the possibility of becoming a Host Community Development Program. She will be talking with members of the DDA group about joining forces. The DDA tax increment plan is nearing completion. The pavilion is finished and it has been approved by

the building inspector. Christine Skuse and Destinee Wambold of the planning commission presented a tax abatement policy for consideration. A motion was made by Brett Wambold to adopt the Tax Abatement Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Debbie Lucas. The ordinance will be on display at the library in Lincoln. The ordinance follows:

Tax Abatement Ordinance for Commercial and Industrial Facilities
 Ordinance 22-1

The Village of Lincoln has set forth the following goals and objectives:

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 2. To encourage development which will increase the economic vitality of the business districts of the village.
 3. To create and retain employment from existing facilities that might otherwise leave the village.
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5. No abatement periods can exceed those allowed in the Act through which abatement is granted.

Nothing within this ordinance shall imply or suggest that the Village of Lincoln Council is under any obligation to provide tax abatements to any applicant, regardless of the extent to which an applicant is able to meet provisions contained herein. Certificates for abatement under all the Acts referenced in this policy are granted by the State Tax Commission, which may deny such certificate even if approved by the village council.

A roll call vote was taken. Gauthier, Lucas, Schick and Wambold: Aye 4. Council member Durham was absent. Nays 0. A public hearing for the Tax Abatement Ordinance will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the village hall at 117 W. Fiske Street, Lincoln, Mich. The regular monthly village council meeting will follow.

Mahalak gave the zoning report. It has been a busy month. One court judgement has been handed down and there are other property owners that will be receiving a letter from our attorney.

Billy Cordes gave the fire department report. Wambold made a motion to advertise for a council member. Gauthier gave support. Carried.

Phillips gave the street report. Lenny Avery brought a copy of the plans for the building project for the ACCOA for council members to look over. Motion to adjourn was made by Wambold, with support from Schick.

Linda K. Somers
 Village Clerk

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Estate of Ronald John Pinto
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Date: December 14, 2022
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Estate of Leslie Patrick Reames Sr.
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 Notice to creditors: The decedent, Leslie Patrick Reames Sr., died May 26, 2022.

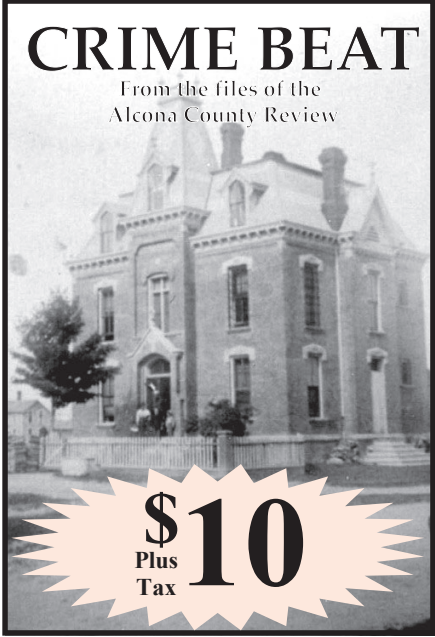
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Yvonne Reames, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 106 N. 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice.

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great-grandfather in Detroit on April 22, 1874.

I really wish my mom were here for the big ancestry reveal. Had she known about her ancestral roots, she would have joined the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her great-grandmother Keziah's

great-uncle Noah Davenport was a POW during the War of Independence. Now, my sister and daughters and nieces can be DAR, if they want.

Not only that, but Pearl's intuition that there was nobility somewhere back in her family turns out to be true!

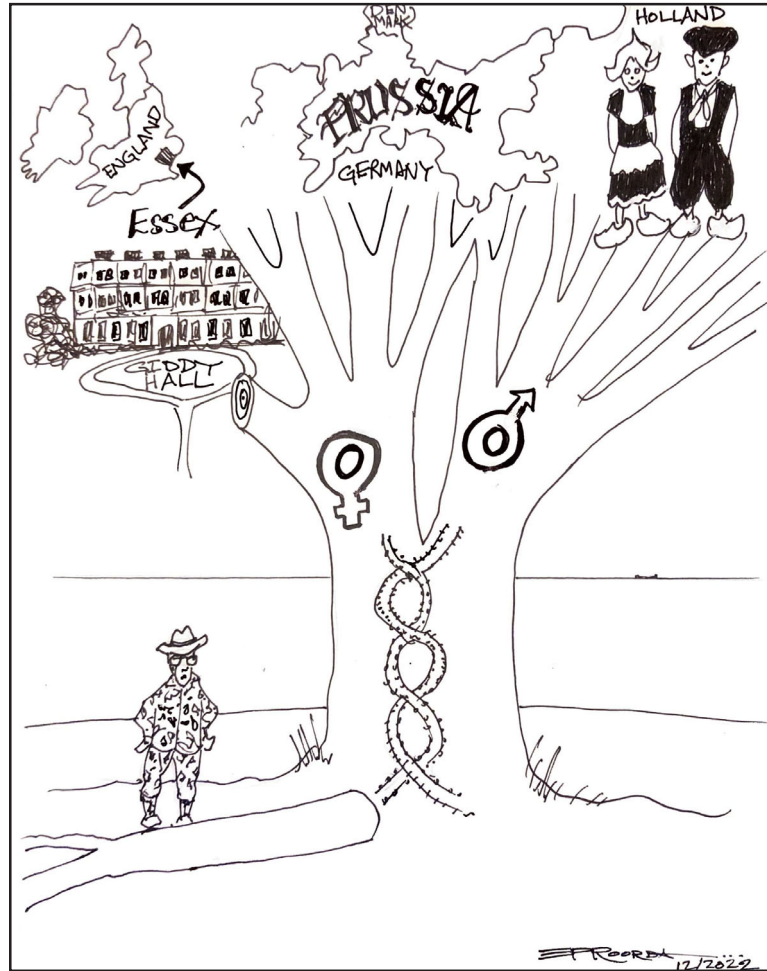
Jennie Blanche was the great-granddaughter times 11 of Lord John Richard Caunton, born in 1522 in his ancestral home, an enormous manor in Essex, England which dates to the 13th century. It still stands. It makes Downton Abbey look like a guest house. Its name is Gidea Hall, which is pronounced and often spelled "giddy." That invites the local commoners to joke about the lifestyle of the lords who lived there.

I once thought that I, too, was a mere commoner. But then I got ancestry.com.

Now, I know that I am to the manor born, like mom always said, however distantly, and I can prove it with the evidence of DNA. Now I can trace one twig of my Whomping Willow of a family tree to Sir Thomas Cooke, Lord Mayor of London, who purchased Gidea Hall in 1452.

And just think, my noble blood comes from Jennie Blanche Stonehouse, whose life was far from giddy.

(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.)



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