Alfred State earns honors for community service

ALFRED—Alfred State College has been named to the 2009 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteer service, learning, and civic engagement.

The Corporation for National and Community Service, which administers the annual Honor Roll award, recognized more than 700 colleges and universities for their impact on issues from poverty and homelessness to environmental justice.

“Congratulations to Alfred State and its students for their dedication to service and commitment to improving their local communities,” said Patrick Corvington, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service. “Our nation’s students are a critical part of the equation and vital to our efforts to tackle the most persistent challenges we face.”

The Honor Roll includes six colleges and universities that are recognized as Presidential Awardwiners, with an additional 115 named to the Distinction List and 621 schools named as Honor Roll members.

“We are pleased and proud to have the award named to the President’s Honor Roll for Community Service,” said Alfred State College President Dr. John M. Anderson. “This recognition lets our students know that their contributions matter.

“Our students are continually partnering with local villages, community organizations, and non-profit groups, to help implement the college’s community service strategy. The electrical students and faculty installed an off grid photovoltaic (PV) array at the National Arboretum in Washington, DC, and also taught contractors in Washington, DC, on photovoltaics use.

“ASC students participate in local projects as part of their course work. With our students supplying a large percentage of the labor, we help local entities secure grants for improvements. The students in our Building Trades Department provided the majority of the labor for the historic restoration of the Alfred Village Hall in 2006. This facility was renovated to house the new Police Station, Village Clerk offices, and auditorium - a $1,000,000 project.

“Building Trades students volunteered with a community group to save and restore a large Victorian home in Alfred. This home had fallen into disrepair. Had this non-profit group not had our help, the house would have been torn down and the Village would have lost part of its historic heritage. Much of this was volunteer work done evenings and weekends. Our heavy equipment operations program worked with Habitat for Humanity for their houses. We renovated Alfred Montessori School and built the new Wellsville Montessori School.

“We are integrating cutting edge technology into our curriculums by building a 2,250-square-foot green home on campus that will be used for educating our students, local contractors, and the public on green building technologies. We have a weatherization course that helps contractors expand their businesses and help workers become more employable. Some of our other service activities include:

- Culinary Arts students and faculty, in cooperation with St. Bonaventure University (Olean) participate once a month in feeding community patrons at the Warming House – a public hunger outreach program.
- ASC opens its facilities to some 800+ western NY Skills USA high school competitors with our faculty and students volunteering as judges in the many areas of competition.

“Our students not only receive outstanding technical education, but they learn to give back and support their local communities by typically conducting two to three projects each year for the public good,” he said.

By ELAINE HARDMAN

Mini-mart being recycled, renovated into sustainability center, food co-op

The former C&go on Rt. 19, Houghton will become a sustainability center. (Elaine Hardman)
JUNE E. BROWN
Longtime Alfredian, AU librarian
ALFRED--A memorial service for June E. Brown, formerly of 30 Sayles Street, Alfred, who passed away Monday, Dec. 28, 2009 at the Wellness Manor, will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 27 at the Union University Church in Alfred.

All who knew June are invited to come and celebrate her life.

Following the memorial service, a slide presentation will be shared during a reception to be held at the Union University Church Center.

SHIRLEY A. VELEY
Operated Belmont family farm
BELMONT--Shirley A. Veley, 78, of 160 Seneca St., Wellsville, died Tuesday (Feb. 23, 2010) at the Wellsville Highland Health-care Center. She was born Aug. 14, 1931, in the town of Howard, the daughter of Harold C. and Edith M. (Blakeslee) Gardner. On Dec. 24, 1947, she married Leland J. “Pete” Veley, who predeceased her in 1998. Shirley and Pete operated the family farm in Belmont for many years. They were also former members of the Grange. She is survived by seven children, Jane (Ralph) Speota of Cuba, Robert (Sharon) Veley of St. Mary’s, Pa., Gary I. Veley of Cuba, J. “Eddie” (Sandra) Veley of Belmont, Richard “Rick” (Betty) Veley of Zephyrhills, Fla., Cheryl (Jerry) Weicht of Inverness, Fla., and Debbie (Paul) Zipto of Spencerport; and several grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. She was predeceased by a son, Leland J. Veley Jr., in 2007, and a sister, Gloria Green.

A memorial service was held at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26 at the J. W. Embser Sons Funeral Home, Inc., 17 Schuyler St. in Belmont with Pastor Dick Helms presiding. There was no prior visitation. Burial was in Forest Hills Cemetery in Belmont. In appreciation for the care Shirley received, her family suggests that memorial donations be sent to the Activities Department of the Highland Healthcare Center, 160 Seneca St., Wellsville, NY 14895.

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POLICE REPORT
In recent activities of the Alfred Police Department:
--James R. Sheflin, 21, of Geneseo was charged with 2nd degree criminal trespassing. He was arrested after a village resident returned home from an overnight trip and found him sleeping on the living room couch. He was to appear in Alfred Village Court on Wednesday, March 10.
--Weston J. Ulrich, 21, of Boston, NY and Harrison H. Hendricks, 22, of Sodus, were each charged Thursday, Feb. 25 with disturbing the peace. The arrests followed an incident on the Alfred University campus. Both are to appear in Alfred Village Court.
--Erind Saraci, 20, of Alfred, was charged with Wednesday, Feb. 24 with petit larceny. The arrest followed an incident at Herrick Library on the Alfred University campus. Saraci was released and issued a ticket returnable in Alfred Village Court.
--Bradi A. Sherer, 39, of Hornell, was charged Tuesday, March 2 with driving while intoxicated, blood alcohol content greater than .08% and aggra-vated unlicensed operation, following the report of a motor vehicle off the roadway on Route 21 in the Town of Alfred. Sherer, after being issued traffic tickets returnable at Alfred Town Court on Monday, March 8, was released to a third party.
--Theresa A. Poehmel, 31, of Wellsville, was charged Tuesday, March 2 with petit larceny. The arrest was made following a complaint by a local businesswoman after she was observed leaving a store without paying for merchandise. She is to appear in Alfred Town Court.

You know it’s a small town when... you get a wrong number and still manage to chat for twenty minutes on the phone.

The Allegany County Red Cross assisted a family of three with emergency needs when their home caught fire on Saturday, Feb. 27 in Belfast. All disaster assistance from the Allegany County Red Cross is free. Assistance is made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from people of Allegany County and the Allegany County United Way. You can help the victims of this and other disasters by mailing a check to Allegany County Red Cross, 112 N. Main Street, Wellsville, NY 14895 or you can charge your donation to your credit card by calling 585-593-1531.

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Bill and Denise Hart, owners of Hart’s Jewelry in Wellsville, recently attended a series of educational seminars, workshops and courses at the Independent Jewelers Organization (IJO) Spring Conference held in Grapevine, TX. The Harts also had the opportunity to preview the lines of more than 150 top manufacturers and jewelry designers who exhibited their merchandise, some of which is exclusive to Master IJO Jewelry members. Mr. and Mrs. Hart then carefully selected many unique and exciting items for the Spring season looking for quality and value in styles and designs that would be desirable in this area.

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Allegany County Red Cross offers the following classes in March: Adult CPR, 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, March 16; Infant & Child CPR, 6-10 p.m. Thursday, March 18; CPR for the Professional Rescuer, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 20; First Aid, 6 to 10 p.m. Monday, March 22; and Babysitter Training, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, March 27. To register, call the Wellsville office at 585-593-1531.

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Alfred State College’s School of Applied Technology, Wellsville, will host the 12th annual New York State Postsec-onal (college level) Skill-USA competition Saturday, March 27. Proposed categories of competition are automotive service, CNC milling, carpentry, collision repair technology, commercial baking, computer maintenance technology, culinary, masonry, precision machine tooling, residential wiring, technical drafting, and welding. Contestants will report by 8:30 a.m. and the competition runs through 4 p.m. An awards banquet follows at 6 p.m.

Preparations for the Fifth Annual Quilt Show to benefit the Cuba Friends of Architecture are in progress. The show will be held 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 1-2 at the VFW Post 2721 in Cuba on Route 305. The organization is seeking new or old quilts or other quilted products. To exhibit a quilt send your name and address and information regarding quilt; make, date of quilt, name of quilt and any story behind the making. Or call 585-968-2812 for an application or for more information.

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E-mail Sunbeams to: alfredsunnews@gmail.com
Coalition issues call for nominees for annual awards

ALFRED--The Alfred Community Coalition would like to invite members of the Alfred community to submit nominations for its Awards Reception, which will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 6. This will be the group’s second annual event to honor those community organizations, businesses or individuals who have made Alfred a safer place for our students and community members.

This year the Alfred Community Coalition is soliciting nominations for the following two awards:

- **Community Service Recognition**: To an organization, individual or business who has provided an outstanding service to the Alfred community in the past year.
- **Spirit of Alfred Award**: To an individual, family, or business who best embodies the Spirit of Alfred based on the Alfred Community Coalition mission, stated below.*

*The Alfred Community Coalition is comprised of members from Alfred University, Alfred State College and the Village and Town of Alfred who are dedicated to addressing issues that arise regarding students living in the Alfred community. The Coalition works proactively to reduce high risk behaviors of students in the community. The Coalition also is committed to promoting responsible decision-making of college students and to educate students on their rights and responsibilities as good neighbors and citizens in the Village and Town of Alfred.

Area residents are invited to send their nominations, with a paragraph about why they are nominating that individual, organization or business, to the Alfred Community Coalition c/o Kathy Woughter, Vice President for Student Affairs at AU, woughter@alfred.edu.

Deadline for receipt of nominations is 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, 2010.

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**SUNNY SIDE UP**

By ELLEN SHULTZ
Alfred Sun Columnist

While Ellen’s away, the editor will play!

By DAVID L. SNYDER
Editor, Publisher and Cook(?)

I’m turning once again to Alfred Community Theatre’s cookbook, An Alfred Community Cookbook: A Hot Historical Helping of Dramatic Recipes to fill Ellen’s place. Our church recently had a soup and roll fellowship lunch. I thoroughly enjoyed a 15-Bean Soup and Cheeseburger Soup, which I believe may have been Donna Rogers’ recipe that is often featured in the Alfred Station SDB Church Winter Soup Lunch.

**CHEESEBURGER-N-FRIES SOUP**

1/2 lb. ground beef 3 c. chicken broth
3/4 c. chopped onion 4 c. diced potatoes
3/4 c. sliced carrots 1/4 c. flour
3/4 c. chopped celery 8 oz. cubed Velveeta cheese
1 tsp. dried basil 1-1/2 c. milk
1 tsp. dried parsley 3/4 tsp. salt
4 T. margarine pepper to taste

Brown beef, drain and set aside. Saute onions, carrots and celery in 1 T. margarine in a stock pot until carrots are tender. Add chicken broth, potatoes, and beef; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until potatoes are tender. In a small skillet combine 3 T. margarine and flour. Cook to boiling; add to soup. Cook 2 minutes. Reduce heat to low. Add cheese, milk, salt and pepper. Cook until cheese and flour. Cook to boiling; add to soup. Cook 2 minutes. Reduce heat to low. Add cheese, milk, salt and pepper. Cook until cheese

**MONTESSORI SCHOOL WILL Flip Pancakes in Fund-Raising Venture**

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The cost is $5.00 for eggs, hash browns, sausage, beverage and all you can eat pancakes. Kids 5 and under eat FREE.

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**Dramatic Recipes Coalition issues call for nominees for annual awards**

**Weather for the Week**

**February 22-February 28**

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| 27  | 36 | 24 | .20" | 3.0" |
| 28  | 33 | 23 | .01" | 1.0" |

By DENNIS SMITH
Alfred Area Weather Recorder

**Babysitting course set**

ALMOND--The American Red Cross will offer a Babysitting/First Aid Course at Alfred Library from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 27. Kids 11 and over are encouraged to register for this course that will encompass the majority of the day. Participants are asked to bring a copy of their birth certificate as well as a lunch with them.

Pre-registration is required and all must be signed up by 7 p.m. March 25. Please stop in at the Library to pick up a registration form that requires a parent/guardian signature. There is a limit of 12 registrants and the fee is $15 per person.

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**QUITE FRANKLY, WE WANT TO KEEP THE DREAM ALIVE.**

Back in 1884, a simple item appeared in the Alfred Sun that said, “Wanted, one thousand subscribers to the Sun.”

That goal suggested by Sun co-founder and legendary Editor and Publisher Frank A. Crumb, was met before the new millennium. But now we’d like to keep the dream alive. So we’ve set a goal of 125 new subscribers to mark the SUN’s 125th anniversary.

During Frank Crumb’s Dream Campaign, we offer new subscribers 13 months for the year’s subscription price of $27 ($30 outside of Allegany County). That’s $25 off the newsstand price. And you’ll read outside of Allegany County. That’s $25 off the newsstand price. And you’ll read

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Dear Editor:

Governor Paterson has released an executive budget piled high with healthcare taxes, including a doubling of taxes on inpatient and home care. There are also proposed tax hikes for inpatient and home care. There continues to be only a dot of hope for crossed arms and an absence of common sense.

Medical providers would have no choice but to build the taxes into the cost of their services and pass them on. Inevitably, increases in medical costs will result in increased insurance rates, meaning fewer individuals can afford the premiums.

As a member of the New York State Association of Health Underwriters, I am on the front lines of this health care crisis. I bear witness every day to how increases in health insurance rates affect the most vulnerable families. I recognize that our state is in a financial quandary, but increasing taxes on the healthcare sector will just exacerbate the problem, further creating more uninsured New Yorkers.

If further taxes like these are added to the healthcare sector in 2010, New Yorkers will be looking at a perfect storm of rate increases, causing employers to drop insurance coverage for their employees or to lay off workers.

As more people are dropped from the rolls of the insured, this health care tax revenue would decrease, prompting a trend of higher taxes collected from fewer premium payers statewide. No one would win.

Ralph Morse
West Oneonta, NY

INFRASTRUCTURE AND TAXES

In 1984 my wife and I purchased our house. It cost $24,500. It was inexpensive because it hadn’t been well maintained for many years. Over the intervening 25 years we have spent about $100,000 on repairs, maintenance, renovation, and additions over. It really isn’t the same house that we purchased. It is now totally redone and different. The prior owners got away without paying for all those repairs, but in the long run someone had to decide to either tear it down or assume responsibility for long-term capital repairs.

The same thing is true for public infrastructure. In prior years we built roads, bridges, water and sewer systems, and other public works. In recent decades people have objected to high taxes and public officials have neglected necessary maintenance to our infrastructure. Unfortunately this cannot continue, and we are now facing critical infrastructure deterioration. We must address this situation and make responsible choices, even if they are unpopular.

Allegany County has over 120 bridges on County roads. Towns have an additional 200 bridges on town roads. We have established a joint bridge repair program under which the County pays 85% of the cost of bridge repairs, while the local town pays 15% of the cost. Because of budget problems we have cut back on appropriations for bridge repairs. In recent years we have done only one or two major bridge repairs each year. As a result there are now numerous bridges that are deteriorated and facing closure. This year we increased appropriations for bridge repair and are scheduled to work on five bridges. That represents progress, but is still not enough.

Deputy Superintendent Guy James estimated that the typical cost for replacing each bridge would be about $400,000. The math is simple. Eight bridges at $400,000 will cost $3,200,000 each year. That is almost 3 times more than we have spent in recent years.

Are we prepared to act responsibly and make the necessary investment in our basic infrastructure? Over the past few years the County Legislature has managed to balance the budget and even managed to build a modest surplus. How should that surplus be used? Should we reduce taxes to provide some much needed relief for our taxpayers? That would probably be the most popular action. However, it may not be the best or most responsible action.

At present it is my tentative conclusion that we need to increase our annual appropriation for bridge repairs by about $2,000,000. That would allow us to establish a schedule of bridge repairs that could start to reverse the effects of neglect and deterioration suffered over the past few decades. Maybe we can reduce that amount after the first several years. This is really an investment in our future. The alternative is economic and social stagnation. Without adequate roads and infrastructure we will fall further and further behind the rest of the country and world.

Volk, My Lu-Wen, Linda Staggers, Alfred State College, Alfred University, Alfred-Almond Central School and many more. 

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Three performing arts faculty on sabbatical

ALFRED—Three faculty members from the Division of Performing Arts will be on sabbatical leave for the spring 2010 semester to study in their fields outside of the United States.

D. Chase Angier, assistant professor of dance, is in Kyoto, Japan to create three new works and develop two new courses. She will also be collaborating with music composer John Laprade to create a new walking artwork that will be performed by Kyoto citizens and visitors. Alfred’s GIS technologies specialist, Justin Grigg, will lead his students to connect the walking performance to a global audience using the technologies learned in the classroom.

Angier’s new Site Specific Performance course will be taught next fall and her study abroad course will be taught in spring 2012. Angier’s project is supported by the Levine Presidential Endowment Fund; Mary McGee, dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences; Joseph Lewis, dean of the School of Art & Design; and a liberal arts and sciences faculty development grant.

Angier has been directing the dance program at AU since 2002. Some of her many accomplishments include her signature work, “Lemons for Loveliness,” which was included in Dance Insider’s top 50 dance works. While based in New York City, Angier toured nationally as a performer with Senta Driver’s dance company and has performed and choreographed for MTV and Nickelodeon. Chase received a master of fine arts degree in choreography from Ohio State University and a bachelor of arts degree in dance from UCLA.

Theater Professor Stephen Crosby is a visiting faculty member with the Latin American Studies Program in San Jose, Costa Rica. Students attend this program to focus on Latin American topics such as “People and Environment,” “Democratization and Politics,” “USA-Latin America Relations,” and “The Marginalized.” Crosby will be joining the students on trips within Costa Rica as well as Nicaragua and possibly Cuba.

One of his main goals is to expand his research of and familiarity with Latin American theater while establishing connections with Latin American theater artists in hopes of future exchanges, collaborations, and guest artists visiting Alfred.

Crosby is an equity actor, director, and writer. He has worked professionally in New York, Los Angeles, and in regional theaters such as the Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis. He has appeared in film and on PBS television, including in “The School for Scandal,” part of the “Theatre in America” series.

Prior to coming to Alfred, he taught at Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, MI; Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN; and the University of Alaska, where he organized a Native Alaskan Theatre program which toured nationally and internationally presenting original works based on cultural and social issues. He has also been a faculty member for the Semester at Sea program.

At AU, Crosby has directed performances such as “Metamorphose,” “Cat on a Hot Tin Roof,” “Fiddler on the Roof,” “Into the Woods,” and “Buried Child.”

Professor of voice and chorus, Dr. Luanne Crosby, is in Costa Rica with her husband (Stephen) and children to prepare a recital program scheduled to be performed at the Chautauqua Institute in August 2010. The recital, titled “The Three Sopranos,” will include Christine McManus and Sarah Holman and pianist Reddekopp Edwards. L. Crosby is also advising students in the American Studies Program on research papers in Latin American music and protest songs.

LuAnne Crosby earned a doctor of musical arts degree from The Cleveland Institute of Music/Case Western Reserve University, and master’s and bachelor’s degrees, both in music, from the State University of New York at Fredonia. She helped write the NYS high school general music curriculum and served as a master trainer, teaching other teachers the curriculum. During the summer of 2007, L. Crosby sang the soprano solos for the oratorio “Elia jah,” at the Int’l Conducting Workshop in Varna, Bulgaria.

AU Chamber Singers to go ‘Off Broadway’

ALFRED—On Friday, March 26 (NOTE the change of date) the Alfred University Chamber Singers will present an evening of Broadway show tunes accompanied by delicious desserts. A fundraiser for the group’s 2011 Tour, admission is $10 per person. A cash bar will open at 7 pm with show time at 7:30. Exciting, beautiful, whimsical and humorous numbers from more musicals than one can list will be offered. Choral pieces include the exciting “Tonight” and the beautiful “Somewhere” from West Side Story, among others. Solos, duets and small group pieces will also be presented. Location will be Howell Hall on the AU campus. Only 80 tickets will be available for sale.

Reservations are required. To obtain tickets, send payment to the Chamber Singers, AU Division of Performing Arts, Alfred, NY 14802. Tickets will be held at the door or can be picked up in the Division Office in Miller. Tickets also will be sold Monday-Friday the week of the show in the Powell Campus Center from noon to 1 pm. For more info, contact Laurel Buckwalter at fbuckwal@alfred.edu or call 607-871-2562.

ALFRED—The Alfred Swing Dance Network is pleased to announce its next dance will be held Friday, March 19. An evening with Jon Seiger and the All-Stars is something you won’t soon forget. Authentic renditions of songs by Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald, Cab Calloway, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, and many other jazz greats will leave you feeling as if you were living jazz history. They were a great hit at the ASDN dance last September and will return to Alfred for your dancing and listening pleasure!

The evening will start with a free introductory class for beginners at 7 p.m. The Dance will start at 8 pm and go till 10 pm. This event is open to everyone, all ages and all levels of experience. Beginners are especially welcome!

All events will take place in the beautiful restored ballroom on the second floor of the Alfred Village Hall, 7 West University Street, Alfred.

It is not necessary to have a partner to attend the evening of dance. The Alfred Swing Dance Network strives to create a friendly atmosphere, where dancers of different levels feel comfortable mixing and asking others to dance.

Dress is casual. Dancers are asked to bring clean, smooth-soled, non-marking shoes to protect the dance floor. There are plenty of chairs and it will be easy to change from your street shoes.

In consideration of people with allergies, ASDN asks that dancers please do not use fragrances: perfumes, colognes, aftershave, etc.

There will be a $12.00 admission to the dance.

Please join ASDN, spread the word and bring your friends! This band will be of interest to any classic jazz fans – there is a balcony and plenty of seats for non-dancers to enjoy the music.

For info, call 607-478-8178 or email: evalley@frontiernet.net

JON SEIGER and the All-Stars, to the delight of Alfred swing dancers, will return to Alfred for the Alfred Swing Dance Network’s next dance, set for 8 p.m. Friday, March 19. Free instruction will be available beginning at 7 p.m. Admission to the dance is $12.

AU Chamber Singers to go ‘Off Broadway’

ALFRED—On Friday, March 26, (NOTE the change of date) the Alfred University Chamber Singers will present an evening of Broadway show tunes accompanied by delicious desserts. A fundraiser for the group’s 2011 Tour, admission is $10 per person. A cash bar will open at 7 pm with show time at 7:30. Exciting, beautiful, whimsical and humorous numbers from more musicals than one can list will be offered. Choral pieces include the exciting “Tonight” and the beautiful “Somewhere” from West Side Story, among others. Solos, duets and small group pieces will also be presented. Location will be Howell Hall on the AU campus. Only 80 tickets will be available for sale.

Reservations are required. To obtain tickets, send payment to the Chamber Singers, AU Division of Performing Arts, Alfred, NY 14802. Tickets will be held at the door or can be picked up in the Division Office in Miller. Tickets also will be sold Monday-Friday the week of the show in the Powell Campus Center from noon to 1 pm. For more info, contact Laurel Buckwalter at fbuckwal@alfred.edu or call 607-871-2562.
Artist Knot Gallery ‘Starting Small: 12 x 12’

in March 12 opening of Exhibition Room

ANDOVER—After nearly a year of renovations and remodeling, The Artist Knot Gallery will host its first exhibition, “STARTING SMALL: 12 X 12.” The exhibition will run from March 12–April 23, 2010. An opening reception is scheduled for 6 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 12, with music performed by renowned cellist Jennifer Berg.

The show’s title, “STARTING SMALL: 12 X 12,” is a reference to the fact that all work on display is small. How small? Under 12 inches. The other 12 in the title alludes to the 12 artists, represented by The Artist Knot Gallery, that will be presenting work.

In addition, according to Artist Knot Director Amy Brown, “The title ‘STARTING SMALL’ also reflects our approach to establishing the exhibition space, and the main gallery. We’ve got grand plans for these spaces and even plans for expansion. However, for now, we’re focused on a small group of talented artists and utilizing every inch of our 2000 square foot facility. This is our starting point.”

Mrs. Brown also mentioned the reason for presenting work of such a small size.

“Smaller works tend to carry smaller prices. One of our goals with this exhibit is to encourage emerging collectors to begin or expand their collection by presenting a great variety of lower priced works,” she said.

At the same time, an opportunity for established collectors to enhance their collection exists with such a breadth of work being presented.

“I can’t emphasize enough,” said Brown, “the amazing variety of work on display by established artists, as well as emerging artists.”

The show features ceramic art, oil paintings, wood sculpture, pen and ink drawings, metal sculpture, watercolor paintings, stone sculpture, acrylic paintings, encaustic and egg tempera paintings, and a couple of mixed-media pieces.

The works range in style from representational to abstract to non-objective, with a few blurring the boundaries. There is a full scope of works from traditional to contemporary.

“We have assembled a delightfully array of new pieces,” said Brown, “that have two things in common: small size, and big impact.” She went on to say that even though the pieces are physically small, the impression which each work makes is captivating.

To find out more, you can see a preview of the show at http://www.artistknot.com. All events are free and open to the public. The Artist Knot Gallery is a fine art gallery located at 36 Main St., in historic downtown Andover. Regular gallery hours are Thursday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., open late Thursdays until 8 p.m.

Drawing workshops offered in Belmont

BELMONT—The Fountain Arts Center is offering drawing workshops for those who have always wanted to learn to draw or to enhance their drawing skills.

Under the guidance of Deborah Rush, an award-winning fine artist especially skilled in equine art, students will review the basics of composition, form, line, subject matter and the various drawing mediums. This review will be followed by individualized instruction as each student works toward completing a drawing of his choosing.

Supplies will be provided for the review phase, with others available for purchase. Students will bring their own supplies to create their individual drawing in their medium of choice.

The fee is $8.00 per class, with each class being held at 1 p.m. Mondays, March 15, 22, and 29. The classes will be extended as student interest demands.

Pre-registration by March 12 is strongly encouraged by calling 585-268-5951. A series of drawing workshops will also be offered on Monday evenings at 6:30, beginning April 23. These classes will be held at The Fountain Arts Center at 42 Schuyler St. in Belmont.

Photo Workshops Offered

A series of photography Workshops with expert photographer Craig Braack will be held as well. Known foremost as the Allegany County Historian, and a popular public speaker, he is also a seasoned photographer.

The workshops will cover the basics of photography, from cameras—both film and digital, to lenses, additional equipment, and composition. If you don’t know the difference between an F-stop and a bus stop, then this class is for you! The workshops will be held from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, March 3, 10, March 31, and April 14, at The Fountain Arts Center in Belmont. Cost per class is $5. Pre-registration is recommended. For more information, call 585-268-5951.

WHEN ENOUGH IS NOT ENOUGH

Years and years ago I became interested in the concept of saving time by making fewer motions. I was doing two things simultaneously. To this day, despite my continuing efforts to be efficient in that way, the desired results elude me.

I think I can’t emphasize enough, “To be efficient, in the Gilbreth family, was on a par with veracity, honesty, generosity, philanthropy, and tooth-brushing.”

The father always carried a stopwatch, and would time how long family members took to do little jobs just as he did when examining factory procedures. He figured out ways to quickly teach his children to do anything at home everything from shortcuts in arithmetic to learning foreign languages to using the Morse code. Some involved his painting the information on walls viewed every day.

The children, in turn, figured out many ways to discount adults, including their father. Also, he varied physical ways of showing displeasure with the children’s behavior, although widely acceptable then, would not meet today’s standards. However, they were brief in time and motions.

Since calculators, computers, and the Internet have now made it unlikely that painting data on walls would solve my time and motion problems, I am still in a quandary. Helen used to help me out with her hints. If I were to let them, advertisers would offer bombastic solutions to me every day. Magazine articles and TV shows, whether “reality” based or not, provide all sorts of “Do It Yourself” advice.

I eagerly attended the Bergren Forum presented by Chris Romanchock, program director of AU’s Children and Youth Learning Initiative, on February 25 to see what DIY occupations he performs. His two cows looked appealing as projected on the screen.

I only have room for a hamster or gerbil or two, and lack the ability to harness their wheel-running power to provide energy for household use. Still, they offer commercial-free, instant amusement without my making any motions. And a purchased container of cow milk does fit readily into my refrigerator.

I was pleased to learn from Chris that I am doing something for the planet and myself by regularly making purchases at Salvation Army Thrift Stores. In fact, during his talk I was wearing a cardigan purchased at one. However, I am still at a loss for time to hand launder it.

Perhaps the best time and motion saving routine ever pointed out to me came from a stranger who used the Scholares Library of European History at the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University only once. It happened to be a night when I was working at the Reference Desk. As I helped him to find some information, the abstract problem of locating something one has lost just moments before came up.

He mentioned hastening back to the starting point where he knew he had had it in hand, then proceeding forward once again. His theory was that the object would more likely be visible from that vantage point than when approaching it from the opposite direction.

As my clutter has grown, I have tested that theory on a daily basis. It has proven to be true and to have precluded the waste of a lot of time and motion. Just not enough to notice =

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Please join us for a great night!
AU’s ‘Widows’ receives honors at theater festival

ALFRED—The Alfred University student theater production team received an “Honorable Mention Award” as runner-up to the “Golden Hand Truck Award” at this year’s Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF) 2010 hosted at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. The award is given to the team with the safest and most expedient load-in and load-out.

AU’s production of “Widows” was selected for performance Jan. 12-16. “Widows” was selected from among entries from Region 2 marking the third time in the last five years that AU has been invited to perform, and four years out of the last 10.

Students were recognized for their ability to work together on a complicated set and with good spirits. Also commended were Zach Hamm, technical director, Performing Arts, and Marketa Fantova, assistant professor of theater design.

Great things happening in Angelica

ANGELICA—Great things are happening in Angelica. Come see what we have prepared for you this month at the Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Café.

Saturday, March 13--George Hochbrueckner – Afro-Celtic Rock, Surf, Blues. A review of his last CD: “George dabbles in Beach Boys themes, surf, blues, R&B, college rock and even laid back coffeehouse vibes. For an indie project, this goes well with a long cigar.” http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/gjhoebhru

Tuesday, March 16--Spoken Word – An evening of poetry. Join host Christopher Clow for another evening devoted to the performance of poetry at Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Café. Poets and poetry-lovers of all ages and levels of experience are invited to read or recite their own work, or the work of an admired poet. The theme for March 16 will be NATURE. This event begins at 7 p.m.; the café opens at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 20--Jonny Geeze – Folk, Acoustic Rock, Pop, Originals. Jonny creates a unique sound on acoustic guitar with the help of an e-bow, loop and delay pedals. He has performed at coffeehouses in New England and is now a sophomore at Houghton College. www.myspace.com/jongeezemusic

Saturday, March 27--Bethel Steele and Sierra Rocks – Alternative Folk, Rock, Country, “Country-alt-folk (Bethel) meets rock-alt-folk (Sierra) to create an evening of wickedly tight harmonies and a fire of acoustic goodness.” www.bethelsteele.com www.sierrarocks.com

The Saturday performances start at 7:30 p.m. but if you can arrive earlier, you’ll be treated to Jim Schwartz singing ballads, popular standards and folk tunes. Jim starts at 6 p.m.
**Cultural Arts Calendar**

**BANDS/DJs**

Music will be in concert at 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27--Ernie and Andy. Rehearsals Tuesday evenings at 4:30-11 pm with music, dinner, espresso & desserts. Open Mon.-Fri. 11-2 for lunch, 7-9 p.m. for dinner. Espresso & desserts.

**CHORAL GROUPS**

Wellsville Choral Society and Firemen’s Hall Theater. For more info, call Linda Staiger at 276-2068 or call e-mail info@angelicasweetpottery.com

**CONCERTS/RECATIALS**

Dvorak Memorial Carillon Rehearsals. Call Nancy Luger at 587-9449 or comed. For further information, New members are always welcome. Rehearsals Tuesday evenings at 9:30.

**DANCE**

Alfred Ballet Academy, N. Main St., Alfred. Jennifer Decker Foreman, director. For further information, phone 607-587-8715.

**DRAMA GROUPS**

Wee Playhouse presents the most comprehensive list of drama groups in Alfred and to help people working together to host an annual studio tour in October, invite artists to apply. Work is judged. Studio must be in Allegany County. 585-654-3454 or www.alleganyartsians.com.

**FOODSHEDS**

Coffee Houses nightly Monday-Thursday 7:30-10:30 p.m. with Movies on Mondays, Acoustic Cafes, Open Mic Night on Thursdays. For more info, visit www.WellsvilleCreativeArtsCenter.com or call 585-593-3000.

**MUSEUMS/EXHIBITS**

Glenn H. Curtiss Museum: 800 Military Road, Hammondsport. Special exhibits, special events. For more information, call 585-569-2160.

**REINTRODUCING LUNCH**

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Art

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**THEATER & DANCE**

**INSTRUCTION/GROUPS**

Allegany Artsians. The Allegany Artsians, local artists and craftspeople working together to host an annual studio tour in October, invite artists to apply. Work is judged. Studio must be in Allegany County. 585-654-3454 or www.alleganyartsians.com.

**Fountain Arts Center.**

48 Fountain Arts Center Alfred, NY 14821-3825. Call 607-587-9673.

**ARTS CALENDAR**

**BLACK-EYED SUSAN ACOUSTIC CAFE**

22 West Main St., Angelica. Open Mon.-Fri. 11-2 for lunch, parties, expresso, desserts. Saturdays 4:30-11 pm with music, dinner, espresso & desserts. Feb. 27–Ernie and Andy Surprise. For more info, call 585-486-3699 or visit black-eyed-susan.com

Blue Sky Mission will be in concert at 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12 in the Knight Club, Powell Campus Center, AU campus. Sponsored by WALF 89.7.

Franz Nicolay of the Hold Steady keyboardist will be in concert at 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27--Ernie and Andy. Rehearsals Tuesday evenings at 4:30-11 pm with music, dinner, espresso & desserts. Open Mon.-Fri. 11-2 for lunch, 7-9 p.m. for dinner. Espresso & desserts.

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Call 585-593-3000. Free concerts on the lawn 7-8 p.m. Tuesday evenings in July.

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**Art/Frame University. Food/Nelson Gallery is located in Harder Hall, AU campus. Open 11 Mon.-Thurs., info 871-4121.


**HINKE LIBRARY MUSEUM**

Gallery, Alfred State College Campus. Open during library hours, 8 a.m. -10 p.m. Monday-Thursday. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and 3-9 p.m. Sundays.

**MOTHER MUSEUM**

33 Main St., Wellsville. Open 2-5 pm Wed. & Sat. or by appt. Call 585-593-1810 or visit www.theadmuseum.com

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Off I-86 in Big Flats. Call 607-739-5520 or visit www.warplane.org

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Support Groups

Adult Survivors of Sexual Abuse. Meets at various times. Call 716-593-6300 for info.

Alcoholics Anonymous. 8 p.m. Man. & Wed., in room 228, Student Center, AU campus; 7 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. Fridays at University Church Center in Alfred. Call 607-276-8528 for help or information.

Alzheimer's Support Group. Meets third Thursday of the month at noon in United Church, Belmont. Call Allegany County Office for the Aging at 716-268-6390 for more info.

Cardiac Support Group. Meets second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the St. James Mercy Cardiac Rehab (2nd floor). For info, call the Cardiac Rehab Unit at 324-8730.

Cancer Caregivers Support Group. For info, call the Allegany Office for the Aging, 716-268-8390 or toll-free 1-888-268-8390.

Diabetes Support Group. Meets fourth Tuesday of the month. Meetings from 3-4:30 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. in the meeting room at mercyCare, Bethel Drive, Hornell. For more info, call Judy Griffith at 324-8139.

JMH Diabetes Support Group meets monthly on the third Wednesday of each month. May 31, 2010 in watchful, unless otherwise noted, Jones Memorial Hospital, Wellsville. For more information, call the JMH Diabetes Nurse Educator Brenda Torrey 585-596-4035.

The Fibromyalgia Support group meets the second Thursday of each month 6-7 p.m. at JMH. For more information, please contact the group facilitators Iris Bahamonde and Linda Tribble at 585-596-4110.

Gastric Bypass Support Group. Third Wed. of each month 7-8 p.m. at Jones Memorial Hospital. For more info, call the JMH Dietician at 585-596-4110.

Mother Breastfeeding Support. Mother-to-Mother Breastfeeding Support. Hornell group meets third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, corner of Main and Center Streets, Hornell. For more info, call 324-6266.

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group. Meets Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Adrian Center at MercyCare, Bethel Drive, Hornell. For more info, call Group Facilitator Mara Carbone at (585) 596-4114.

Hornell Lions Club

For info, call Group Facilitator Mona Carbone at 607-596-4114.

Etcetera

Creative Writers of the Southern Tier. Meets 1:30-4 p.m. second Tuesday of each month. March through November at site to be determined. For further information, call 716-593-0820 or 585-569-2200.

Allegany County SPCA. Volunteers or those wishing to contribute are asked to call 585-593-2200. Send contributions to PO Box 381, Wellsville, NY 14895.

Wellsville Lioness meets second Monday of the month upstairs at the Beef Haus.

Clinics

Blood Pressure Screening. No appointments needed. All ages welcome. Offered 11 a.m. to noon occasional Thursdays at Of- fices of Dr. Jia (Nevins Theater, PCC) and Center of Dr. Ya (Baker’s Bridge, ASC campus). For info, call St. James Mercy Health at 324-8730.

Two new classes!

Edges and Borders Sat, Mar 13—10:2

Learn to knit and attach borders with Carol Wood in 1 day!

Lace Knitting Sat, Mar 20—10:2

If you have done some lace knitting and want to learn more techniques, this class is for you. Bring a pattern to try!
Walker Mettsmiths Celtic Jewelers travel south to improve their skills

ANDOVER—Three local jewelry artisans left the snow behind for a week in February and traveled south to improve their skills.

The jewelers from Walker Mettsmiths Celtic Jewelry attended a week long training course in advanced stone setting techniques at the New Approach School for Jewelers in Virginia Beach. The course was taught by master stone setter Blaine Lewis, who has revolutionized the education of jewelers in technical skills by a combination of improved techniques and illustrating those techniques through live demonstrations magnified to one hundred fifty times actual size on large screen monitors.

Mr. Lewis has an international reputation for his courses and training videos. He is regularly consulted by jewelry industry manufacturers regarding new designs for jewelry components and has trained craftsmen for many leading jewelers around the world.

Each participant in the course successfully worked on at least twelve stone setting projects during the week. These skills will be useful immediately as these artisans are regularly called on to set diamonds, sapphires, emeralds and a variety of precious and semi-precious gems in the jewelry crafted at Walker Mettsmiths.

Business and Professional Women’s Club will meet

WELLSVILLE—The Wellsville area Business and Professional Women’s Club will meet Tuesday, March 16, at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church on Fassett Lane in Wellsville. Dinner is at 6 p.m. followed by a program and business meeting.

Geralyn Gough will be the featured speaker.

Members and guests may telephone Gretchen at 585-593-4133 or Marion at 585-593-0253 to reserve a seat for the dinner no later than March 12.

Donations of non-perishable foods for the Food Pantry are solicited, along with children's books for Jones Memorial Hospital.

As always, guests and new members are most welcome.

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10. Help Wanted

HELP WANTED: Alfred-Almond Central School, a highly successful, progressive district, seeks NYS certified and qualified individuals for the following anticipated openings for the 2010-11 school year: Certified Science/Physics Teacher with dual certification. All candidates in possession of either certification are encouraged to apply by April 10, 2010. All applications must be completely electronically by accessing the district web site at www.aacs.wnyric.org and using the Employment Information link.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of: Faulkner Construction LLC, Arts. of Org, filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/30/2009. office location: Allegany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon which process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to principal business location: 35 North Main Street, Wellesley, NY 14895. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 5-6b

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The name of the registered limited liability company is Buckcham, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the N.Y.S. Secretary of State on December 14, 2009 with an existence date of January 12, 2010. The address of the principle office of the LLC is 12 Schuyler Street, Belmont, New York 14813, County of Allegany. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this State to which the Department of State shall mail a copy of any process served against it is 12 Schuyler Street, Belmont, New York 14813. The busi- ness of the LLC is to engage in any lawful business. 7-6b

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Compiled By DAVID L. SNYDER
Alfred Sun Editor and Publisher
FIFTY YEARS AGO, MARCH 10, 1960

The 28th annual St. Pat's Festival at Alfred University will be held on March 18-19, paying tribute to the city's Irish inhabitants. The students have been working tirelessly to ensure the activities are enjoyable affairs. A new feature this year is the introduction of the knowledge of the use of lime and mortar in Ireland, and students of State University College of Ceramics here plan the annual celebration honoring him. Features are the opening parade of floats, a dance, and the College of Ceramics open house, with exhibits and displays of modern ceramics and equipment and techniques.

The author of the Broadway hit play, "West Side Story," will be the guest playwright at the Eighth Annual Drama Festival at the State Tech here. Arthur Laurents will speak at the drama banquet March 14 at the Student Union Building, according to Mort Clark, assistant professor of speech and drama.

Alfred Station—Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Davis and family of Woodhull were recent guests of her sister, Mrs. Bruce Jeffers, and family. Mrs. R. and C.E. Woodruff entertained Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Mulllen and family for dinner Sunday in celebration of the 8th birthday of Mary Mulllen. Miss Audrey Hunt was a Thursday overnight guest of Miss Sheryl Butts at Alfred. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rink of Hornell were overnight guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howe and children at Salamanca. A2c David Mott arrived home Feb. 15 to spend a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Mott. On March 17 he will fly to Minot, North Dakota where he will be assigned to a SAC location. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Cornelius were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Shaw, honoring Mr. Shaw on his 82nd birthday. Mr. and Mrs. William Argentieri and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rink of Hornell were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.K. Ormsby to celebrate Mr. Ormsby's birthday.

Almond News—Mr. and Mrs. David Decker and sons were in Elmira, Saturday shopping. Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Gillette and daughter Jane spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sexton in Canasagera. The Methodist Youth Group held a skating party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Mullikin of Bishopville Union Building, according to Mort Clark, assistant professor of speech and drama.


Alfredians—Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Phillips accompanied Mrs. Sadie Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Linderman to a meeting in Florida.

Alfred-Almond Central School Board of Education and trustee of Alfred University, died Saturday morning, March 6, 1960, in Jones Memorial Hospital, Wellsville, at the age of 95. While in the hospital for but four days, he had been in failing health for several years. Dr. Crandall graduated from Andover High School in 1893 and Alfred University in 1897.

A modern English play, read under the direction of Miss Hazel Humphreys, was the feature of the March meeting of the Alfred Civic Acting Club. In the cast were Mrs. Hannah Burdick, Mrs. Helen Cottrell, Mrs. Frances Linderman, Miss Leila Tupper, Miss Jennifer Smith, R.M. Brown, Clarence Mitchell and Miss Humphreys. Mrs. E. Gordon Ogden, president, opened the meeting and scripture read by Mrs. M. Ellis Drake, was from 2 Corinthians 9:7-9.

Busy Blue Jays Camp Fire Girls—March 3-Today we elected officers. They are: President, Holly Horton; vice president, Janet Best; treasurer, Marilyn Cameron; and scribe, Melodie Palmeter. We made Knitting Nancys.

Alfred—Mr. and Mrs. W. Colern, also of Rochester. Miss Pierce is a graduate of Alfred-Almond Central School, and a nephew of former Alfredians Maxine and Donald King of Ithaca. Frank and Jane Snyder were among those who helped Mrs. Charles E. Davis and family celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Alfred-Almond Central Association trustees voted at a meeting this week to renew their contract with Robert P. Lewis for care of the cemetery. Lewis is assisted by his wife, Mrs. Florence Lewis, who also keeps the grave records. The Lewises were complimented on their work.

Alfred-Almond Central School Regents Scholarship Winners include: Alan Burdick, Isaac Campbell, Heather Carr, Christine Conderman, Regina Earl, Elise Flynn, Brian Freeman, Elizabeth George, James Klemaszewski, John Lange, Kelly Palmer, and Virginia Reynolds.

Alfred Rural Cemetery Association will host a meeting this Saturday, March 16 at 9 a.m. The meeting will be conducted by the association's secretary, Melodie Palmeter, Scribe.

The effects of the mounting federal deficit on the nation's economy will be the major topic of discussion March 14 at Alfred University's 35th annual invitational business seminar, in Howell Hall. More than 100 area bankers, lawyers and business leaders are expected to attend the 7 p.m. meeting sponsored by the university's College of Business and Administration.

Do you remember gathering together with family or friends on a Sunday afternoon for picnics? The Alfred-Almond Central Association will help bring those memories with a Sugar-Off Social at 8 p.m. on March 18, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Alfred Station. From a small bowl of hot maple syrup, each person can make maple candy or create delicious projects with sugar. There will be home-baked biscuits, butter, pickles and wax-on-snow.

Floreance F. Braack, 70, of 100A Main Street, Alfred, died Friday, Feb. 22, 1985 at St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. A native of Buffalo, she was a graduate of Buffalo State College. She was the first kindergarten teacher at Alfred-Almond Central School beginning in 1940, where she taught for five years. She was an elder and Sunday School teacher at the Almond Union of Churches and a member of the Almond Historical Society. Survivors include her husband of 43 years, Richard; a daughter, Carol Braack and a son, Craig, both of Almond; a sister, Arlene Bentley of West Orange, N.J.; a nephew, Josephine Borjesson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gorton Jr. family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Gorton at Olean, over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. William Crandall were guests last week of Bill's vacation in Florida.


The Board of Directors of the Alfred Twenty-First Century Group announces the appointment of Jo Ellen del Campo to the group's Executive Advisory Council. JoEllen currently is employed as secretary for the SS. Albanian and Parish. She serves as secretary and accountant for her husband’s dental business in Alfred.

Alfred native John Tuttle, now an industrial arts teacher in Douglasville, GA, has been named Male Masters Runner of the Year by Runner’s World magazine. His designation appeared in the February 2000 issue of the magazine. John, son of Esther Tuttle of Randolph Rd., Alfred, and the late Dr. Dr. A. “Doc” Tuttle, had a tremendous first year competing in the Masters...

(Alfred-Under New Management) Girls Scouts assisted by adults, attempted cross-country skiing Saturday, Feb. 5. Gretchen Schulze, Elizabeth Fugate, Heidi Schulze, and a nephew...The event was sponsored by the Alfred Street Center, generously outfitted the troops with ski boots, skis and poles.

A senior Mark Aultman qualified for last weekend’s supersectionals by successfully depending his Class D 215# title. Mark had an unfortunate draw, facing the eventual state qualifier from Greece-Athena in the first round, where he suffered his first defeat of the season. Mark and his partner...would have been discouraged by the loss, but as expected, Mark battled back, fighting his way through six matches to finish third overall...

Restoration is coming to the Belmont Hotel. Located in the Village of Belmont, the century old structure is about to experience a reawakening that will give it new purpose, new structure, and new life. The Fountain Arts Center, Inc. recently closed on a deal for the purchase of the building from long-time owners Edward and Barbara Cloude of Dubois, PA...
Masons, OES to hold Pan Steak Dinner March 12

ALFRED—The next Masonic/Eastern Star Pan Steak Dinner will be held Friday, March 12 from 4:30-6:00 pm in Fraternity Hall Dining Room. Plenty of parking is available and this dinner is open to the public. Proceeds of the meal go toward upkeep of the building.

Kanakadea-McArthur Chapter #242 held Installation of Officers at their January meeting. Tad Manske, Installing Officer, presided with the following assistant, Doris Montgomery as Chaplain.

The following Officers were installed: Matron Nancy Zeliff of Alfred Station, Patron Ronald Nichols of Andover, Associate Matron Gloria Griffin of Arkport, Associate Patron Ted Manske of Andover, Secretary Mary-Lou Cartledge of Alfred Station, Treasurer N. Keith Palmier of Arkport, Conducress Jennifer Guthrie of Hornell, Associate Conducress Ruth Manske of Alfred. Trustee for three years Gene Garrison of Hornell, Trustee for two years Lona McIntosh of Almond, Trustee for one year Judy Grantier of Almond. Chaplains: Velma Sherman of Canisteo, Marshal Chris Mott of Almond, Historian Susan Shaffer of Rochester, Warder Kathleen Sullivan of Dansville, Color (Flag) Bearer Keith Guthrie of Hornell, Adah Lalia Nichols of Andover, Esther Doris Montgomery of Almond and Martha Norma Rossman of Almond. The following Offices remain unfilled: Assistant Marshal, Musician, Sentinel, Ruth and Electa.

Matron Nancy Zeliff then appointed the following committees: Ted Manske and Doris Montgomery on Audit and Finance; Ron Nichols, Tad and Ruth Manske on By-Laws; Doris Montgomery on Refreshments; Lona McIntosh, Judy Grantier and Ruth Manske and Lalia Nichols on Dinners; Gloria Griffin on Floral; Jennifer Guthrie on Good Cheer; Ruth Manske on Welfare; Marshall Chris Mott on Zeliff Nominations; and Mary-Lou Cartledge on Publicity.

Any Eastern Star or Masonic member in good standing is welcome to attend the meetings. For more information or directions, please contact Mary-Lou Cartledge, 587-8071.

Alzheimer’s support
BELMONT—The Allegany County Office for the Aging will hold an Alzheimer’s Support Group on Tuesday, March 16, from 1 to 2:30 pm at the Episcopal Church, 12 Williats Avenue, Belmont. The topic of discussion this month is the stages of Alzheimer’s. This support group is offered for persons who are caregivers for someone age 60 and older with dementia. Caregivers are offered information and assistance and opportunities to learn from and share with each other.

For more information on these support groups or to be added to the mailing list, please call the Allegany County Office for the Aging at 585-268-9390 or toll free 866-268-9390.

College open house
ALFRED—The Admissions Office at Alfred State College announces an Open House program, Saturday, March 27, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Orvis Activities Center on the Alfred campus.

Prospective students and their families are invited to participate in a variety of campus tours. For more information, call 1-800-4-ALFRED or 607-587-4215.

Baker’s Bridge Assn. will meet March 15
ALFRED STATION—The next meeting of Baker’s Bridge Historical Association will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 15. Our speaker will be Laurie McArthur, Curator, Herrick Library at Alfred University. She will relate the contents of an “AU Student Diary” from 1951.

The meeting will be held in our building, “The Meeting House”, 5971 Hamilton Hill Road. McFadden will preside over a short business meeting before the presentation of refreshments will follow. The program is free and open to all; parking is at the rear of the building.

We are happy to announce another new member has joined our organization, Joyce Howland of Alfred Station. We are very pleased to welcome her to our endeavors to learn about and protect local history.
Alternative energy demonstrated

WELLSVILLE—Several freshmen enrolled in Alfred State College's electrical construction and maintenance electrician program, recently traveled to Letchworth Central School at the invitation of middle school health teacher Susan Murphy to explain and demonstrate the uses of alternative energy. Murphy explains: “Students from Alfred State College came into my eighth grade health class after studying environmental health. Their presentation and demonstration of alternative energy introduced my students to options of how they can participate in making our environment healthy and safe. The ‘hands-on’ activities also kept their interest. Because water, air, and land pollution have caused health problems in our society, my students learned that by using alternative energy, environmental health issues can be solved and also save our natural resources.”

Murphy's students weren’t the only ones who benefited. ASC student Cory Stuff, North Tonawanda, commented: “The day was very beneficial to me. I actually learned more about the technologies we were teaching them by interacting with the students at Letchworth Central School. I walked away with a stronger knowledge and a different attitude.” Pictured here, l-r: Doug McNamara, Holland; Jeremy Swiatkowski, Holland; and Stuff. Missing from photo is David Goodman, Newark.

WHAT’S COOKIN’?

Allegany County Office for the Aging
Meals on Wheels & Luncheon Center Menu

Monday, March 15
Italian vegetable salas, lisagna, green beans, garlick bread, applesauce cake and diabetic ap- pleasauce.

Tuesday, March 16
Creamsicle salad, beef stew, Brussels sprouts, biscuit, blueberry crisp, diabetic apple.

Wednesday, March 17
Juice, baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, squash, dinner roll, pumpkin crunch, diabetic pumpkin pudding.

Thursday, March 18
Cinnamon applesauce, BBQ pork on a bun, sour cream & chive potatoes, succotash, chocolate chip cookie, diabetic fruit cocktail.

Friday, March 19
Spinach mandarin salad, tuna caserole, mixed vegetables, banana bread, fresh fruit.

For reservations, call the site coordinator or 585-286-9390 or (full-time) 585-286-9390 by 2 p.m. on the previous day.

ALFRED NUTRITION SITE
Union University Church Center, 12 noon
Call Cindy Berry at 607-382-4914.

Monday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., lunch at noon.

Wednesday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., lunch at noon.

Thursday—Lunch at noon.

BELMONT NUTRITION SITE
American Legion Hall, 11:30 a.m.
Call Lisa Johnson at 585-286-0380.

Tuesday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m. “American Chocolate Week” and “Lidien Awareness.”

Thursday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m. “Spring Begins” & “St. Patrick’s Day.”

BOLIVAR NUTRITION SITE
Fire Hall, 12 noon
Call Carolyn Hackett at 585-928-2672

Monday—Exercises at 11 a.m., lunch at noon.

Wednesday—Exercises at 11 a.m., lunch at 12 noon. Cheryl Czworka. “Why Go Nuts?”

CANA SAGA NUTRITION SITE
Cassadaga Fire Hall, 11:45 a.m.
Call Barb Welch at 607-295-7031.

Tuesday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., Lunch at 11:45 a.m. “St. Patrick’s Day” Free Tax Clinic 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., Lunch at 11:45 a.m. “Chocolate Day.” “Prescriptions & Alcohol”- Ann Werner.

CUBA NUTRITION SITE
AA Arnold Community Center, 12 noon
Call Linda Nelson at 585-985-2540.

Monday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., Euchre, Cards, Puzzles at 11 a.m., Lunch at noon. “The Name Game Puzzle.”

Tuesday—Euchre, Cards, Dominos, Puzzles at 10:30 a.m., Jig-Saw Puzzles at 12 noon. “Celebrate Chocolate Week.” Cheryl Czworka. “Why Go Nuts?”

FILLMORE NUTRITION SITE
Fillmore Fire Hall, 12 noon
Call Maggie Brown at 585-737-9560.

Monday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., Lunch at noon. Cards, Jigsaw Puzzles.

Tuesday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., Cards, Jigsaw Puzzles, Euchre, Lunch at noon. Free Tax Clinic, 9 a.m.-12 noon.

FRIENDSHIP NUTRITION SITE
Community Center, 12 noon
Call Office for the Aging 585-286-9390.

Tuesday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., Lunch at noon, Truffles at 1 p.m.

WELLSVILLE NUTRITION SITE
Community Center, 12 noon.
Call Donna Fiegl at 585-593-7665.

Monday—Stitch at 9 a.m., Bingo, at 10:30 a.m. Lunch at noon, Euchre at 1 p.m.

Wednesday—Tax Clinic 9 a.m.-12 noon. Games U-10, lunch at noon. Euchre 1 p.m.

Thursday—Stitch 9 a.m., Lunch at noon, Bingo at 1 p.m., Blood Pressure Clinic. Cheryl Czworka. “Why Go Nuts?”

Friday—Bingo at 10:30 a.m., Lunch at noon. Puzzles at 11:30 a.m.

WHITE SVILLE NUTRITION SITE
Whitesville Fire Hall, 12 noon
Call Voni Malton at 315-787-2550.

Monday—Exercises at 10:45 a.m., Lunch at noon. “St. Patrick’s Day.”

Tuesday—Lunch at 12 noon. “American Chocolate Week.” Information & Assistance, Ruth Avradlo.

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How Big is Big?  Wind Speed and Project Jobs...

By KIM DONIUS

Special to the Alfred Sun

As I was watching the future home of John Nino’s “Collegiate” employing a 75-ton Terex crane, I tried to imagine a 275-ton crane rolling down Alfred roads and placing 3megawatt wind turbines on an Alfred ridge. I had been informed locally that New York’s C.P. Ward Inc., could be a potential company to contract for a 275-ton crane to carry out the wind farm project however, after contacting the company, C.P. Ward said this type of work would likely require a 1600-ton crane to do the job—a worldwide corporation such Bechtel may be more in line for this project... C.P. Ward was very gracious. After the inquiry, I then went back to imagining the negotiating of a 1600-ton crane positioning itself for this work.

Board notes for the Town and an ESWE, LLC company newsletter verified the following size wind turbines for Alfred. “We are looking to use the “2 Megawatt” class of units which generally measure around 400’ from the ground to the tip of a rotor (blade)... As for a number of units, a number less than 10 looks to be economically challenging, while more than 30 units looks to be an upper bound [number]. An example of a wind turbine unit in the “2 Megawatt” class is the Suzlon model S-88, Keith Pitman stated. At the October village meeting, Mr. Pitman also cited the Vestas windmill as the possible wind generator to be placed at Alfred. A quick look at the specifications sheet of the Indian company’s Suzlon and the Danish Vestas product brochures yield a lot of information. The Suzlon S-88 is a 2.1 megawatt rated wind turbine. Currently, 2000MW are in operating worldwide. The Suzlon S-88 is named after the 88 meter blade diameter. The diameter is the equivalent of 288.7 feet or a 747 jet, blades are placed at 79 meters high (260 feet). They would exceed the Statue of Liberty in stature.

The second model, the Vestas, cited by Keith Pitman’s energy company, ESWE, LLC., is a 2MW (2000kw) and there are currently 100 worldwide. The Vestas models generators, blades can being. The Vestas has three blades each weighing 6500 kg or 19.5 metric tonnes. The Nacelle weighs 69 metric tonnes, the hub 18 metric tonnes and the tower 155 metric tonnes. The total combined weigh is 261.5 metric tonnes or 288 short tons. Now add the anchoring concrete base to support that tonnage. Hence, the need for a very tall and heavy crane.

In order to get the wind turbine generator moving you need to have a cut-in speed of 4m/s. Metres per second can be doubled to determine the minimum height. Therefore, 4m/s would equal 8mph to start the bladerating. Push this information in mind when examining the wind data currently being gathered at the farm. Wind Data available at:http://www.alfredstate.edu/about-us/going-green).

Constant wind is important with wind turbines not the sporadic stops and starts-gusts reducing efficiency of a windmill. There is a safety cut-off speed which is important too. The wind turbine must be shut off when the wind is 25m/s. The Suzlon has a mechanical brake and three aerodynamic rotor brakes to change the pitch and reduce the speed for turbine safety.

The Suzlon Company provides what they call “End-to-end solution” management. “Suzlon undertakes the complete turn-key responsibility - from arranging land; to equipment supply and EPC (Environmental Protection Code) ; to nodal agency clearances; to life-cycle operations & maintenance of projects. Customers do not have to engage extra manpower for their wind projects”. The Danish Vestas has “Active Output Management”. The company can take care of all aspects of a project: siting, designing, installing, servicing and maintaining, monitoring and remote trouble shooting. “Your wind turbine has to be managed with great care to avoid exposing your investment to unnecessary risks.” The “End to End Solutions” and “Active Output Management” would, of course leave the Chamber of jobs available for local hires, as these are highly technical.

As an added note, in accordance with the General Accounting Office, an investigative arm of Congress, reporting on the receipts and payment of public funds, local hires to operate a project for communities with smaller population and economic base results in less expense and new jobs created for every 5MW. (Upton County, Texas project statistics cited)

August 21, 2008, Keith Pitman stated at the Town meeting, “It won’t create many jobs”. Next column we will take a look at what local jobs could be created and available. Please come and attend future community wind energy meetings for more information.
Saxon men’s lacrosse team looks to move up in rugged E8

ALFRED-- The Alfred University men’s lacrosse team has improved steadily in each of Jason Lockner’s four seasons as head coach. Lockner hopes that trend continues in 2010, with the Saxons ultimately reaching its first-ever Empire 8 Conference championship tournament.

Scoring shouldn’t be a problem, as the Saxons possess a potent offense that returns three of its top four goal-scorers from last year’s 8-7 squad (1-7 Empire 8). A potent attack, and deep and balanced midfield, will lead the Saxons early as a young defense that lost all three starters from 2009 gains experience.

“The offense is going to put the ball in the back of the net,” Lockner commented. “The defense will have to get used to having a lot of new faces, but once we get them going, I expect them to be good.”

The attack will be led by the Saxons’ top two goal scorers from last seasons: senior Mike Russo (Mattydale/Cicero-North Syracuse) and junior Marc Zoyhofski (Blasdell/Frontier).

Russo, a midfielder his first two seasons, netted a team-best 27 goals and 40 assists and had 29 groundballs, tops among attackmen. The two returning midfielders (19 goals and 38 assists) and Gibbs added an assist and 27 groundballs. 

Schutz. Adding depth to the AU midfield will be sophomore Mike Ciepiela (Marilla/Iroquois) and freshman Simon Chon (Farmington, CT). “Our midfield is the strength of our team, along with our offense,” Lockner said. “We have a lot of depth and talent and this is the best group of defensive midfielders I’ve had here.”

The Saxons defenders will be inexperience, as only junior Trent Thurston (Ontario/Webster Schroeder) saw any meaningful minutes in 2009, tallying eight groundballs in 12 games. Lockner is encouraged by the return of sophomore Alex Hamilton (Corning East) and with Freshman Jake Spadoni (Webster Schroeder). Hamilton was penciled in to start last season before an injury suffered in the preseason knocked him out for the year. Spadoni is expected to step right in a start.

Freshman Dave Konnick (Vestal) will compete with Thurston for a starting spot on defense, and junior Eddie Anderson (Palmyra-Macedon), a transfer from Finger Lakes Community College, will compete for time on defense as well.

Sophomore Tim Doyle (Palmyra-Macedon) will take over for Schutz in goal. Lockner said Doyle is solid between the pipes, both stopping the ball and making the outlet pass.

Sophomore John Landi (Putnam Valley, NY/Putnam Valley) and freshman Justin Becker (Conesus, HY/Livonia) will compete to back up Doyle in goal.

NEIL WILSON

BRITTNEY BROOKS

SHAWNA McNEIL

ALFRED State cagers earn honors

ALFRED-- Fredonia senior guard Neil Wilson (ft. Worth, TX) has been named 1st team All-Region. Wilson led the Pioneers to a 12-18 mark and the #4 seed in the Region III Division II Tournament. Rasean Parris (Brooklyn/Benjamin Banneker) joined Wilson on the All-WNYAC team.

Wilson led the Pioneers with a 16.7 point game average. He shot 45.6% from the field and made 41.6% of his three-point attempts. Wilson finished the season with 82 3-pointers. He also paced the team with 2.2 steals, 1.7 blocks and 8.6 rebounds per game. 

Wilson scored in double figures in all but three of the Blue & Gold’s 26 games. He had more than 20 points in ten games (eight in the second half of the season) and finished the season with back-to-back 33 point games.

For his career Wilson finishes with 958 points (15.7 ppg), 236 rebounds (3.9 rpg), 183 assists (3.1apg), and 95 steals (1.6 spg). Wilson was also named 1st team All-WNYAC and was joined on the team by Parris who was selected to the honorable mention team. Parris averaged 10.1 points per game and pulled down 166 rebounds from his guard position. He also passed out 56 assists and was credited with 27 steals. Parris had 15 games in which he scored in double figures and had a season high 23 points at Cayuga CC.

Brooks, McNeil honored

Alfred State College sophomores Brittany Brooks (Elmira Free) and Shawna McNeil (Hornell) have been named to the Region III Division II All-Region team. Brooks was a 2nd team selection while McNeil was a 2nd team selection.

Brooks led the Pioneers with 591 points and 242 rebounds on the season. Her 591 points in a season is second best in region III Division I and second only to Brooks’s 598 points in her Sophomore season.

McNeil scored in double figures in all but three of the Blue & Gold’s 26 games. She had 15 games in which she scored in double figures and had a career high 23 points vs. Geneseo. She also averaged 1.0 assists per game, 0.9 steals and 0.4 blocks per game.

McNeil used a strong second half of the season to earn All-Region honors. McNeil finished the season the 235 points (8.7 per game) and 140 rebounds (5.2 per game). In the second half of the season she scored in double figures in seven of the thirteen games and had a career high 23 points vs. Geneseo. She also averaged 1.0 assists per game, 0.9 steals and 0.4 blocks. She ended the year shooting 42.6% (84 for 197) from the field.

Brooks and McNeil helped the Lady Pioneers to a 11-6 record and the #5 seed in the Region III Division II Tournament.
HI S T A N D M I S S E S :
March has always been my favorite month of the year as far as viewing sporting events goes. College basketball is going strong with conference tournaments at hand and the NCAA's soon to follow. "March Madness." Major League Baseball teams are in Arizona and Florida getting ready for another season. PGA Tour makes its annual swing thru Florida. Have always wanted to spend the month of March in Florida (after winning the lottery) and going around to the various spring training facilities to see games. Ideally with Pat Atwell for a week. Play some golf here and there, hooking up with Jake Taft and Obie, then going to Bay Hill or Doral to watch the pros golfers in person. Would much rather watch a spring training MLB game than a regular season one, live. Smaller stadiums, warmth after a winter in WNY, kicking back with a cold one (or two) and the excitement of a new season about to unfold. Talking to others at park doing same thing you are doing. Spraying shots up with Jake Taft and Obie, then going to Bay Hill or Doral, years ago, but now it is a World Championship tournament. Toss in an NCAA men's basketball regional and March in Florida would be pretty sweet.

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"March Madness." Major League Baseball teams are in Arizona and Florida getting ready for another season. PGA Tour makes its annual swing thru Florida. Have always wanted to spend the month of March in Florida (after winning the lottery) and going around to the various spring training facilities to see games. Ideally with Pat Atwell for a week. Play some golf here and there, hooking up with Jake Taft and Obie, then going to Bay Hill or Doral to watch the pros golfers in person. Would much rather watch a spring training MLB game than a regular season one, live. Smaller stadiums, warmth after a winter in WNY, kicking back with a cold one (or two) and the excitement of a new season about to unfold. Talking to others at park doing same thing you are doing. Spraying shots up with Jake Taft and Obie, then going to Bay Hill or Doral, years ago, but now it is a World Championship tournament. Toss in an NCAA men's basketball regional and March in Florida would be pretty sweet.

Alfred-Almond grad. Skip Sherman will be in Florida next week as he brings his Genesee CC baseball team south for some "spring training" games in the Tampa and Davenport areas. GCC is a member of the WNYAC as is Alfred State. Sherman is in his fifth-year at the helm of the Genesee CC program, in Region III, Division II action. His team won the conference title in 2005, he was named the Region III Coach of the Year in 2007 and also the Region III National Coach of the Year in January of 2008. Sherman's GCC program hosts Alfred State on 4/15 and travels to Alfred on 4/17. Twinbill both. "Odd" schedule. He and his wife, Kristy are the proud parents of two young boys. She the girls soccer coach at Brockport Central School.

Alfred-Almond grad and Hall of Famer, Andy Allgrimm is in his sixth-year as an assistant coach in the Cedarville (OH) men's basketball program that completed a stellar (25-8) campaign, won the AMC league title and a trip to the NAIA Division II championships in Montana. The Yellow Jackets beat Malone, Daemen of Buffalo and Notre Dame of Ohio to win the AMC title. Same league Walsh University of Ohio competes in. Allgrimm played b-ball at A-A, Jamestown CC and Cedarville prior to entering the coaching ranks. His is also the JV coach at Cedarville.

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