Village Board meets with county election commissioners

By DAVID L. SNYDER
Editor and Publisher

ALFRED—In a last ditch effort to persuade county election commissioners to retain a polling place in the Village of Alfred, the Alfred Village Board of Trustees met Monday, Dec. 19 with Catherine "Cass" Lorow and Elaine Herdman.

The election commissioners had previously stated that the Town of Alfred will have one polling place for the 2012 General Election, with all voters casting ballots in the Alfred Fire Hall in the ambulance bay.

In a letter following up their Dec. 19 meeting, Alfred Village Mayor Craig Clark thanked the election commissioners for meeting and requested information about the additional costs of maintaining two election districts within the Town of Alfred.

He wrote: "As we have requested on a number of occasions, we would like to know the increase in Alfred Town costs related to the maintenance of two election districts in accordance with present state regulations. We understand the Election Board is in communication with the Allegany County Board of Legislators regarding possible changes to the costs that are charged to towns, but we are requesting specific figures associated with items that are currently charged. At the meeting, you stated the items currently charged to the Town are costs for election inspectors and machine setup. These costs, as we see it, are only one of many factors that speak to the question of whether Alfred Town’s polling sites should be consolidated."

Mayor Clark continued, "All public officials are in service first and foremost to the people within their jurisdictions. It is the right of a large and centralized student population to be served by its town, village and elected officials in the interests of civic participation. As any election district may be divided for the convenience of the voters", Article 4, Section 100 of 2011 NYS Election Law, he trust we can interpret that to mean that any district may remain divided for the voters' convenience. Taking into consideration the potential voter numbers at issue, a suitable election site having been established within the village, and a commitment to democratic process and engagement, we urge that you approve a continued polling place within Alfred Village."

Mayor Clark asked the election commissioners to send the Alfred Village Board an official response "in the near future as your November letter stated that the decision would be made in January 2012."

Village elections, which take place in March, are not affected as the Village Board designates its own polling place.

Youth Court gets $1000

BELMONT—The Allegany County Area Foundation made a grant of $1,000 to Allegany County Youth Court prior to its regular session last month. Carolyn Miller, president of the Foundation, presented a check to Jessica Jennings, coordinator of the Youth Court.

"We have such a small budget, something like this makes a big difference," said Ms. Jennings, "Generosity like this allows the Youth Court to keep functioning."

"We are pleased that the Foundation can have a role in support of such an important system," said Ms. Miller, who worked as clerk of Allegany County’s support court for many years before retiring. The youth Court provides an alternative to the juvenile court system for young people ages 7-18. "The goal is restorative justice," Ms. Jennings said, explaining that the court passes out sentences such as community service, apology letters and essays to offenders. If they meet the requirements of their sentence, their cases are dismissed.

"Youth and police, the county probation department and town and village judges send cases to the Youth Court. Offenders must plead guilty and the Youth Court then decides their punishment."

A further unique aspect of the court is that young people themselves fill the positions of prosecutor, defense attorney, judge and jury. "We have 46 members right now, 14 of them newly sworn in this week," said Ms. Jennings. Not all are able to attend each session, she noted. The grant from the ACAF will help provide training materials to new members. Each of them must undergo 20 hours of training as well as observe the court in action.

"It’s heartening that people in the county continue to support the Foundation, even during these difficult economic times," said Ms. Miller. "Their generosity allows us to provide grants such as these to nonprofit organizations throughout the county."

The ACAF is preparing for a year-end campaign to enlist "Friends of the Foundation" in its activities for the upcoming year.
STEPHANIE CULLEY Kulyeshie

Enjoyed volleyball, softball
South Hill, Manchester, N.H. on Dec. 17, 2011 at 76 years old.

Stephanie (Culley) Kulyeshie, 39, died Saturday (Dec. 17, 2011) at home in South Hill, Manchester, N.H. on Dec. 17, 2011 at 76 years old.

Stephanie was born Jan. 5, 1972 in Erie, PA. Growing up she enjoyed volleyball, softball and enjoyed playing with her children. Stephanie was preceded in death by her mother, Cynthia Culley. A memorial service was held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21 at the First Baptist Church, 28 Church St., Hornell. Donations may be sent to the Hornell Area Humane Society, 7645 Main Rd., Hornell, N.Y. 14843.

STEPHAN PARADZSIK

Member of Shriner Cart Corps

WELLSVILLE—Stephan Paradzsik of Early Street, Wellsville, passed away in Rochester Memorial Hospital in the U.S. Army during WWII. Cecil was awarded the Bronze Star for his service. Cecil was a Past Priest of Mason, a member of the Ismailia Shriners Cart Corps. He was a Past Governor of the Moose Lodge in Woodlawn and the former Worthington in Wellsville. Passed away in Siklos, Hungary, to Andres Paradzsik. On Oct. 10, 1945 he married Hilda Gast who predeceased him on Sept. 7, 1980. In 1981 he married Irene Mosher who survives. Cecil was a long time resident of the area. Survivors include his wife, Patsy (Culley) Rausch and Maria (Culley) Smith; brothers, Laslo Paradzsik of Queensland, Australia.

Burial was at the Crossroads Center at 7 p.m. except the January meeting will be at L'Italia in Wellsville at 6 p.m. The January meeting is a dinner with a presentation on the Genesee River Wilds Project. Contact the Office of Development for more information. All other meetings are open to the public. For information about Allegany County Planning visit: www.alleganyplanning.com.

PORTER’S ORGANIC FARM

ALFRED Village Board

The Alfred Village Board voted to convene a village forum during the first hour of its Tuesday, Jan. 10 meeting. While the village board meetings are open to the public, this is a special invitation only participation so that issues can be more fully addressed and villagers’ views given a full opportunity.

TRAVIS Harvey

Alfred State College.

The Alfred State College. Koch is slated to graduate in 2012 from Alfred-Almond Central School and intends to enroll in the human services program.

Swing In the New Year!

Burr Ridge, IL, and Lillian Taylor of Hudson, FL, and Lillian Taylor of Belmont.

CAMPUS NOTES

ROCHESTER - Piper Chester of Alfred has been named to the Dean’s List for the first quarter at Rochester Institute of Technology.

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Think about getting trained for CPR to help save a life.

For more information on safety and preparedness, visit www.redcross-acc.org or call 585-593-1531.

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This recipe comes from Ann, my daughter’s best friend in Massachusetts.

Ann’s Spicy Almonds

3 Tbs. peanut oil 1/2 cup and 1 Tb. sugar
2 cups whole almonds, blanched 1 1/2 tsp. Kosher salt
and skinned 1 1/2 tsp. ground cumin
1 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes

Sauté the blanched and skinned almonds in a frying pan over medium heat in the oil, stirring and coating the nuts with oil. Sprinkle with 1/2 cup sugar and stir until almonds go deep brown and the sugar caramelizes. Remove from the heat, sprinkle with the remaining ingredients and toss. Pour onto a baking sheet and break apart when cool.

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When Addition Becomes Subtraction

3. For many years our County operated a Certified Health Home Agency (“CHHA”). After taking office we audited the CHHA’s finances and determined that it was losing approximately $300,000 per year. After exploring alternatives the County decided government didn’t belong in the home health care business. We ultimately sold our license to WillCare, a private company, for $750,000. This eliminated annual losses of more than half a million dollars per year. After exploring alternatives the County decided that government didn’t belong in the home health care business. We ultimately sold our license to WillCare, a private company, for $750,000. This eliminated annual losses of more than half a million dollars per year.

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5. Neville Callam is so easy for us to overlook the amazing ways in which God is marvelously at work in our world today. Yet, wonderful stories abound of people transforming the world by displaying how to be selfless and faithful disciples despite the reality of being treated with friendly contempt and respect, at a point where it is difficult to maintain one’s self-respect. The word “gratitude” only begins to express the emotion that flooded over me when I got home with a festively wrapped Christmas dinner, and discovered that every cookie on a generous plate had been freshly baked.

So, dear editor, I hope you’ll pass along my heartfelt thanks, on behalf of every person who has benefited from this crucial program, to each caring soul who has made it all happen. It’s a wonderful thing to belong to a community where people care about each other. Thank you. I promise you, I’ll do everything in my power to “pay it forward.”

Your Neighbor, or, (Apologies to the Awo-nonny-nony-Mouse!)

COUNTY PROGRESS REVIEW

The end of 2011 seems like an appropriate time to review some significant developments and progress achieved over the past several years. Much credit to be shared, and we have many. For example, progress in a number of areas. It was a desire to achieve this type of progress that motivated me to run for County Legislator six years ago. However, after that election a departing legislator told me that their Board had done all that could possibly be done. He doubted whether new legislators could achieve significant changes. I respectfully disagreed. I had run to become a Legislator to bring about real change. Would we be successful?

Over the six years progress was slow and somewhat discouraging. Our Board persisted and after six years there is progress to report. Here are a few of our notable accomplishments:

1. We finished the work on the new Public Safety Building (Jail). While some die-hard opponents still complain about that project the reality is that it has saved the County millions of dollars. We receive more each year in payments for “house-in” federal prisoners than we pay on our annual bond installments. That means that the new building essentially costs local taxpayers nothing. However, that is only the beginning of our savings. We no longer are forced to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars to “house-out” our own local prisoners in other counties’ jails. In addition, we save on transportation costs because our local prisoners aren’t being shipped back and forth to other jails. This has saved hundreds of thousands of hours of overtime pay to deputies and correction officers. The Sheriff’s Department is no longer running hundreds of thousands of dollars over-budget each year.

2. Soon after taking office we began making changes in our health care coverage for county employees. We obtained bids from various third-party administrators (“TPAs”). We ultimately selected a TPA that had negotiated network pricing from various hospitals, doctors and pharmacies. This has saved hundreds of thousands of dollars. We now pay lower managed care rates than we pay to deputies and correction officers. The Sheriff’s Department is no longer running hundreds of thousands of dollars over-budget each year.

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With the debris of doubt-infused angst. We can start the New Year with our mental house in order.

A more attentive faith will propel us toward the confident faith in God that can sustain us through all of life’s vicissitudes.

As the new years dawns, we will decide to be more attentive to the signs of God’s providential care. Then, life’s narratives of hope will propel us toward the confident faith in God that can sustain us through all of life’s vicissitudes.

For us all, may 2012 be filled with unceasing hope in the faithfulness of the unchanging God!
Also, a few school aged afterschool programs. Ideas are always welcome and registration for events will be strongly encouraged!

made before the holidays and I am sure the donations tend to dwindle after the holidays. The food pantry had many donations January, every canned or nonperishable item you bring in will erase that of cultivating a peaceful body and mind. As Thich Nhat Hanh often points out, when we are anxious or filled with anger, we print gates of our innermost self. With anger or worry at the door, meditation can be kinder to the earth, and we can also cultivate peace within ourselves. To lessen the unpleasant feelings brought about by anger, “we observe, we give our whole heart and mind to the practice of walking meditation, combining our breath with our steps and yielding full attention to Thich Nhat Hanh’s "walking meditation" serves in part to provide relief between long periods of sitting. In principle, at least, kinhin also provides a bridge between the stillness of zazen and the activity of kinhin. In its limited success kindles a spark of hope. Even in Washington, it is confirmed, entrenched opponents can learn the practice of peace. As so described, peace is more than a noble goal. It is a practice for everyday life. Peace is to be cultivated not only by envisioning it. It doesn’t have to be great, but it will mean making a commitment to peace. This practice, suggests Thich Nhat Hanh, has “one purpose: to help the other person suffer less.” To that end, the practitioner is enjoined to give wholehearted attention to the other person’s words, bringing non-judgmental awareness to whatever is being said, however accurate or inaccurate, true or false. That is not easy, and to some it might prove untenable. To support the practice, Thich Nhat Hanh recommends the verses, “Breathing in, I know that I am listening in order to make this person suffer less. Breathing out, I remember the person in front of me suffers very much.” Should that measure fail, he advises the practitioner to postpone the conversation, lest harm ensue. “We must renew ourselves,” he warns, “before continuing. It is important to know our limit.” In a world scarred by violence and rent by deep social divisions, the integrated practices of walking meditation, loving speech, and deep listening may appear utopian—and far removed from the corridors of power. But such was not the case in September, 2003, when Thich Nhat Hanh came to Capitol Hill to speak at the Library of Congress and offer a three-day meditative retreat. Nine members of Congress, 19 members of their staff, and nine members of the press, which focused on loving speech, deep listening, and the resolution of conflict. However idealistic Thich Nhat Hanh’s effort may appear, it bears important lessons for us, individually and as a community. As it is confirmed, entrenched opponents can learn the practice of peace.

NOTES from the BOX of BOOKS

Reunited Hearts
Logan Herne

Romance novels now available

ANGELECIA—Not long after author Ruth Logan Herne of Hilton, NY pitched her four-volume series—“Men of Allegany County”—to the publishers at Harlequin Enterprises, she was given a contract to write the novels, which were inspired by and pay homage to beautiful Allegany County. These novels exude the sweet, comforting familiarity of small town life that is rich with history and full of beauty. With the recent publication of the fourth and final book, Yuletide Hearts, the series is now complete. Ms. Logan Herne has made it possible for the books to be sold locally at the Angelica Station Book Shop, 44 W. Main St. in Angelica, and at Delectable Collectibles, an antiques and collectibles co-op located at 95 Main St., Angelica.

The first novel, Reunited Hearts, received a coveted four-star rating from Romantic Times. It tells the heart-wrenching story of a military hero returning home, only to discover his old flame has a son that looks just like him. In tribute to Angelica, Logan Herne fondly describes this first novel of the series as “a return to her names and new beginnings.” She said, “Of course I’ve added so other fun things to the fictional town of Jamison (which is based on Angelica). Great pastors. A grumpy store owner. A sweet and sage CEO, a woman determined to help Jamison, NY get back on its feet and she’s ready to make some money while doing it!”

The subsequent novels in the series also reflect local inspirations. The second book, Small-Town Hearts, tells the story of a small town confectioner and a candy mogul intent on reinstating his grandmother’s business. Set along State Route 19, the plot revolves around a candy store that has an uncanny likeness to Angelica’s very own Sweet Shop.

Book three, Mended Hearts has a familiar theme: a library based on David A. Howe Library in Wellsville, and the inspiring, tight-knit love of family. Other local institutions mentioned include Wellsville’s Texas Hot and the Beef Haus, as well as Cattaraugus Tougheen College.

The synopsis of Yuletide Hearts reads, “When Matt Callow returns to his Allegany County hometown, he’s not as rough around the edges as he used to be. The former marine is a successful contractor, a man who now believes in the Lord and old-fashioned hard work. But when he buys a bankrupt subdivision, he discovers he’s stepped on single mother Callie Burdick’s dreams for her family. And when Matt learns about Callie’s troubled past, he’s determined to rebuild her trust—plus an entire community—in time for Christmas.” To reserve a copy, or the entire four-volume series, phone 385-466-7070.

THE PRACTICE OF PEACE

By BEN HOWARD

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One Time, One Meeting
The Practice of Zen Meditation

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The practice of walking meditation is based on a traditional Asian practice of kinhin but adds another dimension, that of cultivating a peaceful body and mind. As Thich Nhat Hanh often points out, when we are anxious or filled with anger, we print gates of our innermost self. With anger or worry at the door, meditation can be kinder to the earth, and we can also cultivate peace within ourselves. To lessen the unpleasant feelings brought about by anger, “we observe, we give our whole heart and mind to the practice of walking meditation, combining our breath with our steps and yielding full attention to Thich Nhat Hanh’s "walking meditation" serves in part to provide relief between long periods of sitting. In principle, at least, kinhin also provides a bridge between the stillness of zazen and the activity of kinhin. In its limited success kindles a spark of hope. Even in Washington, it is confirmed, entrenched opponents can learn the practice of peace. As so described, peace is more than a noble goal. It is a practice for everyday life. Peace is to be cultivated not only by envisioning it. It doesn’t have to be great, but it will mean making a commitment to peace. This practice, suggests Thich Nhat Hanh, has “one purpose: to help the other person suffer less.” To that end, the practitioner is enjoined to give wholehearted attention to the other person’s words, bringing non-judgmental awareness to whatever is being said, however accurate or inaccurate, true or false. That is not easy, and to some it might prove untenable. To support the practice, Thich Nhat Hanh recommends the verses, “Breathing in, I know that I am listening in order to make this person suffer less. Breathing out, I remember the person in front of me suffers very much.” Should that measure fail, he advises the practitioner to postpone the conversation, lest harm ensue. “We must renew ourselves,” he warns, “before continuing. It is important to know our limit.” In a world scarred by violence and rent by deep social divisions, the integrated practices of walking meditation, loving speech, and deep listening may appear utopian—and far removed from the corridors of power. But such was not the case in September, 2003, when Thich Nhat Hanh came to Capitol Hill to speak at the Library of Congress and offer a three-day meditative retreat. Nine members of Congress, 19 members of their staff, and nine members of the press, which focused on loving speech, deep listening, and the resolution of conflict. However idealistic Thich Nhat Hanh’s effort may appear, it bears important lessons for us, individually and as a community. As it is confirmed, entrenched opponents can learn the practice of peace.
Alfred Village Band offers concerts at 7:15 p.m. Sunday evenings during July at the Alfred Village Bandstand. For any questions or information, please call Luoger at 607-587-9270.

Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Cafe 22 West Main St., Angelica. Open Mon.-Thurs., 5-11 p.m., and Fri.-Sat., 5-11 p.m. Call 585-466-7070 for more information. Open Mic Night every Weds.-Thurs. 8-11 p.m. For more info, call Debbie MacCracken at 585-268-5951 and 493-5739.

Maple City (Barbershoppers) 60-64 N. Main St., Wellsville. Classical ballet and theatrical fare. All ages and ability levels. For more information or to register, call Director Rebecca Moore at 585-567-2070.

Drama Groups

Wellsville School Assessment meets on the last Friday of each month in Wellsville Community Church. For more information, call Debbie MacCracken at 585-268-5951 or 493-5739.

Alleluia School of Dance Wellsville. Classical ballet and contemporary styles. Current Exhibit: “Wonder Artist Knot.” For more info, call 585-466-7070 or e-mail info@angelicasweetshop.com.

Museum

The Corning Museum of Glass One South Street, Corning. Largest American glass collection in the world on display. Call 607-937-5386.

Hinkle Memorial Library 401 North Main St., Wellsville. Open 2-5 pm. Wed. and Sat. or by appointment. (585) 937-1626.

Rockwell Museum 111 Cedar Street, Corning. Western NY’s premier Art collection on view in 100,000 sq. ft. of exhibits. Call 607-937-5386 or visit our website at: www.rockwellmuseum.org for more information.
WHAT’S COOKIN’?

Allegany County Office for the Aging Monday through Friday
Lunch at 12 noon
Baked Cornmeal Pancakes with Maple Syrup

Mandarin Orange Glazed Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy,
Carrots, Wheat Bread, Apple Cider, Apple Pie, Applesauce—APPS.

Wednesday, Jan. 4
Tossed salad w/creamy dressing, Chicken Fillet,
Baked Potato w/Sour Cream, Zucchini, Carrots & Tomato Roll,
Pumpkin Crunch, Diabetic, Pudding—Pudding.

Friday, Jan. 6
Lemon Salad Lunch, Roast Beef, Mashed Potato w/Gravy,
Brown Sprouts, Garlic Bread, Diabetic, Gluten Free—APPS.

For reservations, call the site coordinator for 933-324-4129 or 607-585-2675 by 2 p.m. on previous day.

ALFRED NUTRITION Site
Union Catholic Center, 305 Main St.
Call Cindy Berry at 607-353-6830
Monday—Lunch
Wednesday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon.
Thursday—Lunch in Alfred.

BELMONT NUTRITION Site
Belmont Hotel, 503 Main St.
Call Lia Johnson at 585-268-5300
Monday—Lunch
Wednesday—Exercises at 10:15 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m.
Thursday—Exercises at 10:15 a.m., lunch 11:30 a.m. “Thank you, New Year!”
Friday—Exercises at 10:15 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m. “National Bird Day”, “National Son Day”
Saturday through Monday—Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

BOLIVAR NUTRITION Site
Fire Hall, 12 Church St.
Call Carol Johnson at 585-268-2675
Monday—Nutrition site closed.
Tuesday—Lunch
Wednesday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon.
Thursday—Lunch
CANASERAGA NUTRITION Site
Canaseraga Fire Hall, 12 Canaseraga St.
Call Sandy McDonald at 585-268-5300
Tuesday—Exercises 10:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon.
Matter of Balance at 1 p.m.
“Bingo”
Thursday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon, Crafts at 1 p.m.

Northwestern New York Agency on Aging
110 W. Spring St., Hornell
607-432-6830
“Bingo”
Tuesday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon.
Wednesday—Lunch at 12 noon.
Thursday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon.
Friday—Lunch at 12 noon.
Saturday through Monday—Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hornell Health & Wellness Center
111 Cedar St., Hornell
607-722-2219
“Bingo”
Tuesday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon.
Wednesday—Lunch at 12 noon.
Thursday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon.
Friday—Lunch at 12 noon.
Saturday through Monday—Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hornell Firehall, 12 Center St.
607-724-2222
Monday—Lunch
Wednesday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon.
Thursday—Lunch

WHAT THE FREE LIBRARY OF HORNELL IS OFFERING:

Genealogical research available
Hartsville, celebrating 19th and 20th century history
Open on Saturdays and Sundays from May to October
The library is located 2 miles south of Hartsville on Route 68
Call 607-724-4789.

Muscatine County Public Library
Monthly program scheduled for the first full weekend of the month
Public invited to attend, free of charge.

For reservations, call the Union Union University Church Center, 12 noon
Call Cindy Berry at 607-281-8794.

The Schein-Joseph International Museum of Ceramic Art at Alfred
Admission. For information call the museum at 607-871-2421; or visit the Schein-Joseph International Museum of Ceramic Art website.

Mather Homestead Museum
343 Main St., Mather. Open 2-5 p.m. Wed. & Sat. or by appt. (Free admission)

National Warplane Museum
607-871-2222.

Museum of Ceramic Art at Alfred
871-2227.

The newly constructed three-story building is located on the top floor of the Baker’s Bridge Historical Association’s town hall.

BELMONT NUTRITION SITE
Bellmont Hotel, 503 Main St., Hornell
3:00; “Sherlock Holmes 2” (PG-13) Daily 6:30, 9:00; “Mission Impossible 4” (PG-13) Daily 12:30, 3:00, 6:30, 9:00; “The Guy from Down Under” (PG-13) Matinees 2 & 4 pm. Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows; Dec. 1–4—“Darwin’s Trials” (PG-13) Daily 12:30, 3:00, 6:30, 9:00; “The Amazing Spider-Man 2” (PG-13) Daily 12:30, 3:00, 6:30, 9:00; “Beverly Hills Chihuahua 3” (PG) Daily 12:30, 3:00, 6:30, 9:00; “Rise of the Apes; Dec. 2&4—Our Idiot Brother; Dec. 9&11—Conta...
FIFTY YEARS AGO, DECEMBER 28, 1961

St. Brendan’s still

Wellsville--Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Jackson were Misses Katharine Etz, Nancy Simmons, and Jean Trotta.

Hinkle Memorial Library has opened its stude...
The winners of the “Shop the Stalls” raffle baskets were: Mary Steckler, Joel Peck, Linda Peck, and Nancy Bordoni.

Joining David and Beverly Snyder in celebrating his Christmas Eve birthday were son Jordan Snyder of Arlington, VA, daughter Heather Snyder of Johnson City, daughter Heather Snyder and granddaughter, Norma, and son, Frank Snyder of Belmont.

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Fires are not the only danger from cooking or heating your home. Carbon monoxide is also quite deadly. It is important to install carbon monoxide detectors in your home. Cross-acc.org or call 585-593-1531.

There were no contests in the Nov. 8 General Election in the Town of Alfred. Alfred Town Supervisor Tom Manfield was re-elected with 150 votes, and 147 votes, respectively, Town Justice Sandy Cameron was re-elected with 150 votes, and 147 votes, respectively, and Highway Superintendent Jamie Manfield was re-elected receiving 150 votes.

In the Town of Almond, challenger Lucille George unseated Councilperson Doris Rose, while incumbent Larry Perry was re-elected as councilman in the Nov. 8 General Election. George received 114 votes, Rose and Warren 87. George has served as deputy supervisor for 2011, appointed by Supervisor Councilperson Doris Rose, while incumbent Larry Perry was re-elected with 150 votes, Town Councilmen Fion MacCrea and Jerry Snyder of Belmont.

Kana-Mac Chapter OES, Alfred, NY. Luxury one-bedroom apartment. 5 Real Estate Sales

FIREWOOD - It’s what’s for dinner. Super Dry Wood for fireplace at Sears & Roebuck.

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2b. Autos Wanted

CASH FOR CARS! We Buy Any Car or Truck. Running or Non-Running. Do not call to see if it’s going to be salvaged. Get a top dollar for your car. Call today 1-800-648-HELP.

Local Energy Company is looking for energetic, enthusiastic sales individuals for a highly rewarding career opportunity. Please fax resumes to 716-324-8700.


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MONEY with your own band sawmill. Cut lumber any dimension, make or model. Call 607-382-2881.

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WILL CLEAN OUT your attic, garage, or basement. Will remove scrap metal from your property. Stay ahead of the code enforcement officer. Dependable clean-ups. Call 607-382-8089 today.

How to start your own cleaning business for which LPs may be needed. Call 607-382-8089.

15. Instruction

18. Adoptions


What to do about your problem pregnancy NOW... Call 1-800-648-HELP.

Phones for 5/insertion (10c each additional word) or 25 words for $5/insertion (10c each additional word)

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American Red Cross Blood Drives offer coffee to January donors

SCHEDULE OF AREA BLOOD DRIVES
1/3/2012, 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM, American Legion - Bannett Hall, West Main St, Canaseraga, NY, 14822
1/12/2012, 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM, First Congregational Church - Fellowship Hall, 27 Andover Rd. Rte 417, Wellsville, NY 14895
1/13/2012, 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM, St James Hospital - Memorial Conference Room and Cafeteria, 418 N Main St, Hornell, NY 14843
1/13/2012, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Allegany County Arc - P.I.W. Training Room, 2718 Andover Rd. Rte 147, Wellsville, NY 14895
1/19/2012, 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM, First Baptist Church - Fellowship Hall, 17 South St, Canandaigua, NY 14424
1/20/2012, 12:30 PM - 6:30 PM, Homer Memorial Library, 66 Seneca Street, Hornell, NY, 14843
1/31/2012, 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Filmore Central School - Elementary Gym/Auditorium, 104 W Main St, Fillmore, NY, 14843

For more information, contacts: Allegany County Arc, P.O. Box 5207, Wellsville NY 14895. Contact number is 587-9215. Red Cross Blood Drive, 622-2023. Share the gift of life. Give blood. Save a life.

‘Real Cost of Christmas,’ John 1:1-14

By Linda STAIGER

ALMOND—Now that Christmas is here, the gifts purchased, the stress of hosting home and hosting family, the gifts purchased, come out loaded down with big cost’. What does this holiday derive from in a while—a man—the supreme deity left His home in heaven and became one of us. He entered the man and made of human existence and became one of us. If He was willing to pay such a great cost, then it must be pretty important, you think? This is a perfect opportunity to reconnect with people whom you have not been speaking terms with—a neighbor whom you have had a falling out? What if we, what’s left of the family? If you had a relative one year beginning with the Christmas and seriously in just one of these relationships?

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The impact of what we buy fades fast. What if we invested one year beginning with the Christmas and seriously in just one of these relationships?

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American Red Cross called to aid at 137 domestic disasters in 2011

At home and across the globe, American Red Cross called to aid people whose lives were forever changed by disasters in 2011, from tornadoes, floods, wildfires and hurricanes in the U.S. to earthquakes and other disasters around the world.

Throughout the year, the American Red Cross supported the people of Japan and Haiti, while launching 137 domestic disaster relief operations in 46 states and territories to help people affected by fires, floods, hurricanes and tornadoes across the United States.

In addition, major international disasters included the Japan earthquake and tsunami response and the continuing work following the 2010 Haiti earthquake.

"The number of lives affected by large disasters in the past year is simply staggering," said Bill Tucker, Executive Director for the American Red Cross of Southwestern New York. "Devastating wind, flooding and wildfires wiped out entire neighborhoods. Through it all, the Red Cross worked with our partners, and communities nationwide responded, offering people shelter, food and comfort.

In the United States, the Red Cross opened 1,019 shelters and provided more than 130,000 overnight stays. 27,622 trained disaster worker served more than 6.7 million meals and snacks and distributed more than 2.6 million relief items. Health and mental health workers provided more than 133,000 consultations and Red Cross workers opened 16,752 cases to help people get on the road to recovery.

Tornadoes, flooding and wildfires ripped across the country.

State after state faced the powerful force of tornadoes in 2011. Devastating winds plowed through many neighborhoods, leaving destruction in their wake. Through it all, the Red Cross was on the scene, providing a safe place to stay, food to eat and supplies to help with the clean-up.

The Red Cross helped people affected by large-scale tornadoes in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin in 2011. A large part of the country – almost 20 states – was impacted by flooding in 2011. The Red Cross trained 27 relief operations related to flooding in Alaska, Arkansas, Connecticut, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee and Vermont.

Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee caused the need for relief operations in more than a dozen states. Thousands of disaster workers were deployed and more than 250 Red Cross feeding trucks were sent into neighborhoods to distribute meals and clean-up supplies. In New York and New Jersey alone, the Red Cross provided more than 1,000 overnight stays in shelters and distributed more than 840,000 meals and snacks.

Wildfires consumed almost four million acres across the state of Texas, and destroyed thousands of acres in New Mexico, Arizona, Florida and Oklahoma. Again, the Red Cross stepped in to help in the fire-ravaged neighborhoods, providing a safe place to stay, food to eat and emotional support for those forced to leave their homes, as well as firefighters and first responders.

Japanese earthquake, tsunami changed people’s lives forever

In March, a powerful earthquake and resulting tsunami struck Japan, claiming more than 15,000 lives, as well as damaging and destroying buildings, roads and nuclear power plants. Hundreds of thousands of people were left homeless and lives were changed forever.

The Japanese Red Cross responded immediately, distributing food, emergency kits, blankets and supplies. Their medical teams provided health services, while other volunteers provided emotional support and social assistance. More than 80,000 volunteers assisted in operating shelters, helped with clean-up efforts and provided care for the elderly.

Through the generosity of the American people and their donations, the American Red Cross continues to support recovery efforts through the Japanese Red Cross. These include improving living conditions in evacuation centers and temporary homes by providing appliance packages for families and winterizing structures against the cold.

American Red Cross funds are also supporting the Japanese Red Cross in building a temporary hospital and rebuilding a Red Cross nursing school dedicated to training specialists in disaster medical care. Additional American Red Cross support will improve the disaster response capacity of the Japanese Red Cross.

The Red Cross depends on the generous support of the American public to assist people affected by disasters. If you would like to help, please consider making a donation today by visiting www.redcross.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or texting the word REDCROSS to 90999 to make a $10 donation.

Contributions may also be sent to your local Red Cross chapter or to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013.
ANGELICA—On Friday, December 30, Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Cafe welcomed a fundraising show for the benefit of Grammy-winning songwriter Jill Pohl, a songwriting songwriter who performs mostly original pop and R&B music on guitar, piano and vocals.

Katherine’s show runs from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. with a $10 cover charge, but guests are expected to contribute to the musician’s tip jar.

On Saturday, Dec. 31, New Year’s Eve, the cafe presents Aleks and Ted of “The White Hots” performing a swinging New Year’s Eve gala by reservation only.

Katherine Pohl is a singer-songwriter originally from Rochester. She has been singing all her life, and writing almost as long. Having been exposed to music from theatrical music to The Beatles as a child, she found her voice. Katherine’s songs are her own compositions both a thrill and a challenge. After taking up the piano, Katherine began composing original songs about a wide variety of subjects.

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