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Judson Leadership Center awarded $4,000 grant

ALFRED—The Judson Leadership Center at Alfred University has received a $4,000 grant “will be used to support leadership and training for Alfred scholars who are interested in being community leaders and to support the development of human growth and potential. Leadership, character development and life-skills education, from kindergarten through college, are key components of the foundation’s mission, said Overton-Healy. Overton-Healy explained the assessment tool will be used “to enhance students’ learning and self-understanding” about their leadership skills, values and goals. “It will be a central component in the way we teach, develop and train emerging student leaders,” she said.

What the Judson Leadership Center offers Alfred University students is unique in that it administers three leadership development programs, including the Women’s Leadership Program, which is one of only 25 in the country; a first-year student mentoring program called the Saxon Sidekicks; and the Horwitz Leadership Certificate Program. Additionally, beginning in fall 2012, the Judson Leadership Center will launch a partnership with the School of Engineering that will provide leadership training and career coaching to student recipients.

ASC kicks off ‘Campaign 101’

ALFRED—President Dr. John M. Anderson kicked off the spring academic semester by presenting an abundance of kudos for the college community as well as issuing a new challenge.

Anderson’s presentation began with a series of vignettes acknowledging the impact the college’s faculty, staff, and students have had over the years, in places near and far. Congratulating the assembled audience, Anderson noted that the college’s efforts do not go unnoticed by a wide variety of entities, including alumni, donors, elected officials, and businesses and industry, to name just a few.

Also acknowledging that many colleges—Alfred State—in particular, is an international society for optics and photonics. The Society has been dedicated to advancing “light-matter interactions,” competed at the conference for the first time ever. As a result, the society has dedicated to advancing “light-matter interactions,” and have also contributed to the development of materials science and engineering. They are internationally recognized for their interdisciplinary work in materials science and engineering, and have considerable experience in assembling highly functional multidisciplinary research teams.

During his career, he has made more than 100 presentations; edited or contributed to 11 books; published more than 75 peer-reviewed publications and technical reports; mentored and/or supported more than 40 students; and organized or co-organized several national and international symposia on advanced topics in materials science. He has authored three patents and two patent applications, and has several in the pipeline.

AU prof tapped as senior member of optical society

ALFRED—S.K. Sundaram, Inamori Professor of Materials Science in Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering at Alfred University, is one of 166 researchers worldwide selected for membership in SPIE, an international society for optics and photonics.

“The selected researchers are members of distinction who will be honored for their professional excellence and innovative involvement with the optics community and SPIE, and for significant performances that set them apart from their peers,” according to the Society.

In order to be nominated as a senior member, a person must have been a member of the Society for at least five years, and must have at least 10 years’ professional experience. The Society, founded in 1955, is dedicated to advancing “light-based technologies.” There are more than 180,000 members in 170 countries. Sundaram was chosen for his “achievements in millimeter wave material diagnostics and sensing.”

Prior to joining the Alfred University faculty in January 2011, Sundaram was chief materials scientist at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. He joined Pacific Northwest Laboratory in 1994 after earning his Ph.D. degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He became chief materials scientist at the lab in 2002, and has more than 16 years of scientific, technical, and managerial experience.

Sundaram’s major areas of research interests include THz materials science and technology, multifaceted materials processing, five-cell spectrometry for rapid screening, and ultrafast materials science and engineering. He is internationally recognized for his interdisciplinary work in materials science and engineering, and has considerable experience in assembling highly functional multidisciplinary research teams.

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He is the recipient of numerous awards, including four R&D 100 Awards, two for millimeter wave technologies in 2001 and 2006, one for multi-scale materials processing in 2008; and one for InCabATR®-Live Cell Monitor in 2010.

Sundaram is an elected Fellow of the American Association of Advancement of Sciences (2006), American Ceramic Society (2006), and Society of Glass Technology UK (2009). He is a member of the New York Academy of Sciences (NYAS). He is also a visiting scientist at MIT (since 1998) and has held visiting scholar appointments at Harvard (2002) and Princeton (2005). His undergraduate work was completed at India’s Indian Institute of Ceramic Sciences in Kolkata, India, and his master’s degree at the Indian Institute of Technology in Khagpur, India.
ALFRED—Alfred State College’s Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management, Deborah J. Goodrich was recently a featured speaker at a National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) national conference. An overview of her presentation was subsequently printed in the November 2010 issue of the Enrollment Management Report (prac- tical guidance in recruitment, admissions, retention and financial aid). The focus of this year’s conference was the sharing of ideas and innovations in response to change in the profession. According to NACAC President Jim Miller, “…we must embrace opportunities to question our as-sumptions, learn new concepts, adjust our plans, and enhance and improve our work.” Goodrich’s presentation, “Using Predictive Modeling and Communication Plans to Make the Most of Your Marketing Dollars,” was a case study relating how Alfred State, recently recognized as a University Busi- ness of Enrollment Efficiency honoree, implemented predictive modeling to realize significant savings and increased enrollment.

DEBORAH J. GOODRICH

This method also allowed the college to focus limited mar- keting dollars on students who were most likely to enroll. Goodrich joined the Alfred State College professional staff in 1978 and moved through the ranks from admissions coun- selor, to associate vice president. She holds an associate’s degree from Erie Community College, a bachelor’s degree from SUNY at Buffalo, and a master’s degree in student person- nel administration from Buf- falo State College.

Goodrich featured speaker
Blues guitar workshop set

ANDOVER—The Mustard Seed Inn and B&B, 13 East Center Street, Andover, will host Ernie Lawrence in a Blues Guitar Workshop on the January 13th FIRST FRIDAYS program. The program will combine performance of the various Blues genres as well as a workshop on Blues music.

The program is free of charge and open to the public and begins at 7 pm. Everyone is asked to bring a non-perishable food item or personal care product for donation to the Andover Food Pantry.

Ernie Lawrence has played rock music in bands and folk music in coffeehouses since the early 1970’s. The responsibilities of being a husband, father and school teacher took him away from his music for over 30 years. With his son Andrew he began playing again in 2007 and continue to perform the music that he loves into his 50’s.

Dr. Joyce Howland will lead a FIRST FRIDAYS program at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3. She will speak on Duane Elgin’s book, Voluntary Simplicity. If there is need of further information, please call Anthony and Mary Lipnicki, The Mustard Seed Inn and B&B, (607) 478-5329.

ERNIE LAWRENCE, who after 30 years away from music, began playing guitar again in 2007, he will lead the Jan. 13 workshop in Andover.

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CAMPUS NOTES

WEST POINT—Cadet Eric Goodrich, son of Deborah and Jeffrey Goodrich of Alfred Station, has been named to the Dean’s List for the Fall Semester—August through December at the U.S. Military Academy. To earn this distinction, a cadet must maintain a 3.0 average in all courses. Goodrich graduated from Alfred-Almond Central School, Alfred-NY, in 2008 and will be commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army upon graduation at West Point. The mission of the U.S. Military Academy is to educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the Nation as an officer in the United States Army.

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The Steelers met the Broncos to To which would be the champions. In the Sunday AFC Wild, Wooly Game; Hmm… Broncos vs. Steeler-s… Who’s gooder… Who’s the better… Would Big Ben or Tim repair his tarnished name? This crude game, some thought, (Based on 12-and-4) should ought to have played out in the friendly air of Pittsburgh; Denver (once of Elvis Presley’s Kinda backed into the game – and somehow saw the playoffs land in its burg. That meant Ryan Clark was sat due to the height the game was at, and a lot of other Steelers were confirmed; So Tebow played the stealers (As well as trademark kno-Down) which a scepter ‘leven-second overtime confirmed.

COURTHOUSE MILESTONE (FINALE) On Friday, January 6th, the County Courthouse and Addition were officially dedicated. That ceremony represented the culmination of a project that took more than 5 years of planning, haggling, designing and building. Our Legislature had authorized, decreed, be engaged in a game of “chicken” with the State. We approved a plan that we believed would meet our needs for decades to come. We approved a budget for almost $1.5 million under budget. That budget had been pared from almost $35 million to $12.5 million. We have already made two annual payments on the debt, which is now under budget. That budget had been pared from almost $35 million to $12.5 million. We have already made two annual payments on this project during the last budget year.

The new Courthouse facilities provide numerous improvements that will impact almost every citizen in our County. The most sig- nificant changes include the following:

• There is now a security screening area that everyone entering the courtroom must pass through. This significantly im- proves safety and security. We have reduced our risk of suffering a tragedy similar to those suffered by other communities in recent years.
• Persons with disabilities and handicaps can now access the entire courthouse complex. The elevation in the new addition provides access to all three floors of both that building and the historic court- house. Every citizen can now reach every public office on every floor of both buildings. We no longer have second-class citizens who cannot access all of our public services and all of our public officials. • On the main floor of the new Courthouse Addition is the “Chil- dren’s Room,” which I believe is one of the most important rooms in the building. In the past children waited, played, slept, and cried in the hallway. On many occasions they were forced to remain in close proximity of others suffering from noise or neglect. Children could not get away from the problems engulfing their par- ents and families. Our children now have a “safe room” that insulates them from the world.
• The Surrogate’s Court Clerk’s Office has been relocated and expanded. In addition to providing space for the court’s current staff, we have added space where local residents and visitors can conduct ge- nealogy research. We now have viewing areas where citizens can examine court records relating to the history of Tioga County.
• There are three new or expanded courtrooms in our courthouse. This should reduce delays and waiting time. This was a common problem in the past.
• We now have conference rooms where our citizens can discuss private, confidential and sensitive issues. In the past those conversa- tions took place in the halls of the courthouse. Now we can have discussions with each other, with family members, and even their lawyers, in total privacy.
• There is now adequate seating for those attending court pro- ceedings in our courthouse. The days of standing in the halls or on the steps of the courthouse are finished.
• Several County departments unrelated to the Courts have been re-located to new offices. Those departments include the County Treasurer’s Office, the Tioga County Tax Agency and Information Technology Services. The Support Collection Unit is now located in the ground floor of this Building, where it is pro- tection from the elements and the constant cold. • Other agencies will benefit from other building improvements in this project, including the Tioga County Department of Motor Vehicles, which will move into newly renovated space on the main floor of the court- house. In the near future the DSS Foster Care Program will move into large, newly renovated offices in the Tioga County Office Building. So will the County Attorney’s Office and Department of Public Works. The Allegany County Legislature believes that government ex- ists to serve the people, not the other way around. Society doesn’t exist to serve the Courts, the Courts exist to serve and preserve the So- ciety. The State may have forced us to build a new facility, but we didn’t build it for the State. We built it for you, the citizens and taxpay- ers of Allegany County.

New York Farm Bureau asks for hydraulic fracturing to be allowed

ALBANY—With the January 11 deadline to submit com- ments on high volume hy- drofracturing to the Department of Environmental Conservation set to expire, the several Farm Bureau leaders from around New York State are speaking out. In a letter to Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo, New York Farm Bureau President Dean Norton expressed frustration at recent delays in the process to allow gas drilling to begin in the Marcellus and Utica shales. In part Norton’s letter reads: “New York Farm Bureau be- lieves that High Volume Hy- drofracturing (HVHF) is critically important to the fu- ture of the economy in New York State. At the same time, the state must have the needed staff and the stringent permit requirements for HVHF drilling operations to ensure that farm- land, water resources and our communities are not negatively impacted. We believe that the Department of Environmental Conservation has been on this goal and we have commu- nicated this to the Department and recently to the New York Farm Bureau leaders from around New York State are speaking out. In a letter to Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo, New York Farm Bureau President Dean Norton expressed frustration at recent delays in the process to allow gas drilling to begin in the Marcellus and Utica shales. In part Norton’s letter reads: “New York Farm Bureau be- lieves that High Volume Hy- drofracturing (HVHF) is critically important to the fu- ture of the economy in New York State. At the same time, the state must have the needed staff and the stringent permit requirements for HVHF drilling operations to ensure that farm-
Dr. Richard Kellogg writes about Philip Wylie
The Life of Wylie

Philip Gordon Wylie (May 12, 1902 – October 25, 1971) was a prolific American author on subjects ranging from pulp science fiction, mysteries, social diatribes and satire, to ecology and the threat of nuclear holocaust.

Dr. Kellogg is a professor of library science at Alfred University, a master of library science degree from Elmira College, and a master of library science degree from SUNY Buffalo.

His work also appears in anthologies including Many Voices, Montauk and New American Poets.

Mitchell has been widely published in a variety of magazines and literary journals, such as Saturday Evening Post and American Poets Quarterly. He holds a B.A. Ed. Degree from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Fredonia, a master of library science degree from Elmira College, and a master of library science degree from SUNY Buffalo.

Smith has served previously as the president of the SUNY librarians' Association and a member of the SUNY Fact Advisory Council. He has also received a number of awards and recognitions, including the 2004 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

The Johnson City native holds degrees from Broome Community College in Saranac Lake. He holds a B.M. Ed. Degree from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Fredonia, a master of library science degree from Elmira College, and a master of library science degree from SUNY Buffalo.

Dr. Richard A. Mitchell

The Johnson City native holds degrees from Broome Community College and SUNY Os- wego, and earned a PhD in English from the University of Virginia.
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Alfred Village Band offers concerts at 7:30 p.m. every Friday night from 9 pm-1 a.m.; Saturday nights from 9 pm-1 a.m. at Maple City Bowl, 8419 S. Main St., Wellsville, NY 14895. Call 607-324-1011.

Alfred Community Theatre, 7th St. Alfred, presents "Crimes of the Heart" by Beth Henley. For more info, call Diane Snyder at 558-3170.

Alfred Downtown Association, 24 W. Main St., Alfred. Shows of local artists.

Alfred Swing Dance Network, 111 Cedar Rd., Corning. Largest American dance floor in the world, featuring daily afternoon sessions, all levels of dance. Call 607-937-5386.


Amelia Bird Place, 564 Main St., Alfred. Local art, current exhibits of members working together to host an annual studio tour in October, invite artists to apply. Work is judged for inclusion. Call 585-268-5951. www.ameliabirdplace.com

Artisans, local artists and crafters, offer a wide variety of work at The Allegany Artisans, main level of 1890 Firemen's Hall Theater located on W. Main St., Wellsville. New members welcome. Call 607-587-9449 for more information.


Artists Studio Tours at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 470 N. Main St., Wellsville. New members welcome. Contact 607-587-9449 or lugerna@yahoo.com or call her at 607-587-9449.

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The trustees set Monday, January 28 as the day for the annual meeting of the Citizens National Bank held Jan. 9th, 1962…To provide for anticipated future expansion the bank purchased a de-rezoning lot in the Village of Owego during the year. This will provide ample room for parking as well as a “Drive Up” window for the convenience of the customers.

Alfredians—Mrs. Allan Hitchcock and daughter Margaret of Geneseo spent last Wednesday with Dr. and Mrs. R.O. Hitchcock of Alfred and Mr. and Mrs. George Place will spend the coming week with their daughter, Mrs. Walter Betka and daughter at Schenectady…Mrs. Frank Snyder and elugin and Nelson Snyder have returned from Florida with Frank, who had driven the Norwood car to Daytona Beach for Dr. and Mrs. J.N. Norwood…Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Watkins of Millville, former AU students, visited Mr. and Mrs. Harold Snyder recently…On Jan. 6…B.G. Potter came home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Nye be-cause he was serving an internship at Disneyland is spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wagner of Wilmington, NC wish to announce the birth of their daughter, Roberta and her family (grand-daughter was at home for semester break from Colorado College) in Stephenstown…Debbie Nye who has been serving an internship at Disneyland is spending some time with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Pete Nye because he was serving an internship at Disneyland is spending some time with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Pete Nye because he was serving an internship at Disneyland is spending some time with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Pete Nye because he was serving an internship at Disneyland is spending some time with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Pete Nye because he was serving an internship at Disneyland is spending some time with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Pete Nye because he was serving an internship at Disneyland is spending some time with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Pete Nye because he was serving an internship at Disneyland is spending some time with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Pete Nye because he was serving an internship at Disneyland is spending some time with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Pete Nye because he was serving an internship at Disneyland is spending some time with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Pete Nye because he was serving an internship at Disneyland is spending some time with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Pete Nye because he was serving an internship at Disneyland is spending...
Alfred-Almond to stage ‘Nunsense’ Jan. 21-22

ALMOND—Alfred-Almond Central School Drama and Music Departments will present Nunsense, a comedy musical by Dan Goggin on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 21-22. The musical will be performed for two nights in the school auditorium. This musical takes place in the民心 of Nunsense, a nunnery that is about to be sold to the beavers for a mateen performance at 2 p.m. Saturday in the high school auditorium.

This musical enjoyed a ten year run with more than 3,672 shows, and won multiple accolades as one of the best off-Broadway productions. In fact, the popularity of Nunsense lead to the creation of six sequels, with nearly 500 active productions worldwide.

With a small cast of only five women, the musical highlights the talents of ACS actresses: Lara Karaaslan, Kaleigh Kenney, Madeleine Dewey, Carolyn Anderson, and newly joining the cast this year, Erica Gillish.

The show opens as the Little Sisters of Hoboken are hosting and performing in a fund raiser/valet show to help with the cost of burying some of their fellow nun’s remains which were accidentally poisoned by the convent cook, Sister Julia-Child, of God, and her pesky vichyssoise soup. One of the Nuns (Lara Karaaslan) who believed that she had enough money from the nun’s greeting card business, and who purchased a 72 inch flat screen TV with money meant to help bury the 52 deceased nuns, has come up with a bit short. To make matters worse, the board of health could any day discover the four nuns still in the freezer.

Mother Superior looks to her “second in command”, Sister Mary Hubert (Madeleine Dewey) to try and help keep track of Sister Mary Annesia (Carolyn Anderson) whose name says just how forgetful she can be, Sister Robert Anne (Lara Karaaslan) who loves doing impersonations and is a very streetwise nun, and young Sister Mary Leo (Erica Gillish) who hopes to one day be a world famous funny nun in a tutu. Needless to say Mother Superior and Sister Hubert have their hands full!

Nunsense has received rave reviews for its hilarity and heartwarming performance. This show is an audience participation as the nuns interact with the audience throughout the show. Much of the comedy in this show is light hearted and can be enjoyed by an audience of many ages. What can be better than singing and dancing nuns?

Tickets are $6.00 and will be available at the door for general admission. Shows are Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 21 and 2:00 p.m. (matinee performance) Sunday, Jan. 22.

A-A Drama, Music to stage Nunsense

The Nunsense cast performing songs from the musical is set for December. From left are Lara Karaaslan, Madeleine Dewey, Kaleigh Kenney, Erica Gillish, and Carolyn Anderson. Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 and 2:00 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 22 in the Alfred-Almond Central School high school auditorium. Tickets are $6 at the door.
Alfred Area Church Directory

Baptist World Alliance will speak on Jan 21

By LINDA STAIGER

ALMOND—“In the Beginning, God...” these are the first words of the Bible and they are also the first part of our first words of our Guest Preacher, Charlie Emerson.

Actually, they are some powerful, provocative words if you stop and think about them. The beginning of the book and verse and one of the sweetest parts of the story is what God says at the end of each day: “It is very good.”

We prescribe—that we “can do all things though He who strengthens me.” That’s the point of this message—having faith in God will give you the strength you need to move through all of life’s trials, temptations. This doesn’t mean that everything will be easy, but it does mean that, with faith, you will make it through.

Look at the Scriptures—what do they say to you? In Acts, Peter and John and Barnabas restored the name of the Lord to the people, but the religious people of the day were quite angry...how dare they teach this? This is not the way we do things here! But the cool thing is, Peter and John were unlearned, “common men”—not the wise, educated leaders of the day, but “the everyday kind of Joe”. They had walked with Jesus and seen the healing, the miracles, so they shared this with others.

Paul is an interesting apostle—he’s the only one who had never walked with Jesus. He knew Jesus, but not through actual experience with Him. Paul tells us here in Philippians 4:6-7 that whenever you all need to hear: God speaks with a small voice. It isn’t all about loud noise, it’s all about knowing Christ. He doesn’t have to come to you in loud thunderclaps, but if you listen—nightly of demanding your attention—He comes in little ways so often that many don’t notice it the first time.

Is there a way to familiarize the Grace of God and Live the Gospel. Preach the gospel...and sometimes, use words. Get it? Live the gospel—let it shine. (Right about now, if you are a musicin’ fanatic, you might be thinking of the Beach Boys, “Good Vibrations.” Stand fast in the Lord—be not ashamed of the gospel. Be a servant. Be Joyful in the Lord. Love the Lord with all your heart, mind and strength. Love the Lord with all your strength. Love the Lord and the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts, minds in Christ. Can I hear an “Amen”?

Red Cross offers Jan., Feb. classes for disaster training

WELLSVILLE—The American Red Cross of Southern Western New York will host disaster training classes in January and February. These classes will be offered at no charge and are intended for emergency preparation and response training for individuals and organizations in the region. Class sizes will be limited and pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

On Saturday, Jan. 21, Disaster Services Overview and Shelter Operation classes will run from 9 am to 5 pm. The Disaster Services Overview class is the first and basic course for those interested in volunteering for disaster services. Shelter Operations describes the procedures for opening, operating and closing shelters, and identifying resources available to clients. This class will also include information on logical first aid principles in providing immediate support to people.

On Sunday, Jan. 22, Shelter Simulations will run from 1 to 5 pm. This class is recommended for all disaster volunteers as part of the foundation preparation, as it provides the learning experience needed to prepare the setting up, running and closing a shelter.

On Saturday, Feb. 4, Client Casework: Providing Emergency Assistance class will run from 9 am to 5 pm. At the conclusion of the class, students will be able to demonstrate the skills needed to perform an effective client interview, identify and demonstrate the correct use of the basic forms and how to need for providing assistance to clients on chapter, multi-chapter and national disaster relief operations, as well as make appropriate decisions regarding the use of Red Cross resources and agency referrals. Class size will be limited, so pre-registration is required.

In addition, on Sunday, Feb. 5, Disaster Assessment-Basics will run from 2 to 4 pm. This class is recommended for volunteers supporting a disaster relief operation and a local incident such as a single- or multi-family fire.

For more information or to register, please contact your local American Red Cross located in: Jamestown, 716-644-5115; Dunkirk, 716-367-3080; or Wellsville, 585-593-1331. The American Red Cross of Southern Western New York is a United Way Agency.

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A depressing start to the new year. I knew the last one was out, which is fine, but the rest? Yikes! Cheesecake & carrot cake from Cheesy Eddies (Bakes) in Rochester, NY. They will be missed.

We did the last-minute packing and cleaning RV early on the morning of Dec. 11, under a gorgeous Alfred full moon, with the temp. around 80. I learned the hard way many years ago not to pack perishables the night before a trip, we live with a monthly supply of onions and potatoes frozen and the petels of the flowers in the bouquets the kids had sent us for our anniversary shat- tered like glass in the 80dg tem- perature!

As we neared Erie, the snow cover increased and it stayed with us nearly to Cincinnati. But the roads were clear and the driving easy. Like many others, RVers, Wal-mart Supercenter parking lots were our hosts at St. John Fisher College, in Rochester, NY and Cum- man, AL.

During our trips along the inter-states, I got in the habit many years ago of counting road-kills. I suspect that it all started when we moved to Arizona in Idaho late sixties, and a local high school boy (last name of Simp- son) submitted regular reports to the SUN on the numbers of var- ious road-killed animals (deer, ducks, etc.) that he had ob- served along the area’s roads. I always admired a teenage boy who would do that (and proba- bly take some flak from his teen- age contemporaries for it!). And I admired the SUN’s then-pub- lisher Gene Van Horn for pub- lishing the reports.

On this trip, as usual, I started counting dead deer (51 by the time I got to Kentucky) along with the occasional pos- sum, 11 skunks, two dogs, (no, not the 4 raccoons, 5 owls (Barred and Screech), etc. I never saw a dead bear, but no- ted in new sign on I-80 “Catskill 86 in Cattaraugus County warning motorists to watch for bears on the highway!”

On our third day, heading through Kentucky, there was a large slope on the side of the road was what clearly was a dead kangaroo. I looked to see if he proba- bly got hit by the truck. But clearly was a dead kangaroo. But I was not about to tell Dick – first of all, because he probably would have been furious I was suspicious I was hallucinating or in the midst of having a stroke, and figured (because there was nothing I could do to help him) he could turn around and go back to do it. And with the RV getting just nine miles to the gallon that would have been an expensive check on my ability to accu- rately identify deceased kangaroos in Kentucky!

So quietly stewed, trying to figure out which native Ken- tucky animal could possibly look that similar to a kangaroo. Nothing came to mind. For too long afterward, a rest area near Horse Cave, KY came up and Dick decided not to stop for the morning tea break. Just as I was pouring the tea, I looked out the window at the roadside bill- boards advertising tourist attractions in the area including the “Kangaroo Park” featuring exotic birds and...yes...KAN- GAROOUS! Apparently one of them didn’t make it back home (Magnus) during its death trying to cross Interstate 65. After that, I decided I’d had enough of counting road-kills for this trip.

We decided to check out a new-to-us Army Corps of Engi- neers campground outside of Demopolis, Alabama. We took some back roads to get to De- mopolis and enjoyed looking for a little “tongue” on the north shore of Lake Tuscaloosa, USA. We found 73 turtles sunning themselves along the bank across from us. It also was really pretty. We came back home when we arrive at Fontainebleau State Park in Louisiana. We spent a week there, happy to renew friend- ships with some of the regulars. One evening we attended pre- dinner festivities with two cou- ples speaking English and three French-speaking Canadian cou- ples. And we enjoyed the park’s annual Christmas cookie party.

There’s always something going on at Fontainebleau – New Year’s Eve, the big band, weddings, etc. This year it was a huge AKC dog show with probably close to 70 dogs with their owners and handlers. Gatsby and Dick walked over to check things out and discovered every single dog was a Pit Bull and every single one of them extremely friendly and well- mannered.

These birds were as good as ever at Fontainebleau... Eastern Bluebirds, Pine Warblers, Great Crested Flycatchers, at least hundreds of Yellow-rumped Warblers and the most Red- breasted Nuthatches I’ve ever seen in one place at one time. Recent hurricanes in the area (and the resulting downfall of hundreds of thousands of trees in the park and some of the dead trees that re- main are perfect for the nests of woodpeckers. So I was able to tally seven different kinds of woodpeckers in the campground – Pileated, Downy, Hairy, Red-bellied, Red-headed, etc. And every single one of them ex- pressed itself perfectly.

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We left Fontainebleau on Dec. 22 and headed to Austin to cele- brate Christmas with Laura. There will be more adventures to come but meanwhile, a very Happy New Year to everyone in the SUN country.

Happy New Year to everyone in the SUN country!
The Rochester Democrat & Chronicle newspaper selects a Player of the Year, Coach of the Year, first-team nods, sometimes a second team and an honorable mention list, depending on what sport it is, and it is called the All Greater Rochester (AGR) team. I believe the paper first started doing this by picking players from just football and basketball but they have expanded it to all the sports now and three times a year, fall-winter-spring, the area coaches and sports writers for the paper pick the respective teams. Alfred-Almond’s Meghan DioGuardi has been named AGR Player of the Year for girls tennis! And she is just a sophomore, to boot!

In a sport dominated in the Rochester area by girls from Pittsford and Penfield, the four-time “C” sectional champ was selected for the honor after another stellar campaign for A-A DioGuardi not only has won the sectional championship four times ... obviously starting as a mere seventh-grader, but the team has won the championship three of the last four seasons and she is a shining (100-31 overall versus Section Five opponents) in this four-year span! Even I can figure out that is a gaudy 25-wins per year!

In certain sports, like tennis and wrestling, all the classes/players are grouped after the sectionsals are over for individuals to compete so they can qualify for the state finals. DioGuardi beat players from bigger schools (Pittsford-Pittsford!) along the way and advanced to the state finals before being defeated. Again, she is only a sophomore!

Guessing the sophomore hotspot is the first-ever winner of this prestigious award from Alfred-Almond. Have to believe John Tuttle would’ve won it during his illustrious high school cross country track career but don’t think the AGR is all in the sports when he was here. I heard eagle togs. Either way, “congrats!” to Meghan DioGuardi and might we see a three-peat down the road?

In boys soccer, Alfred-Almond’s Mitchell Porter was named second team in honorable mention status. The Eagles won their first sectional title in 11 years and saw his Eagle team win the sectional title. That is quite the feat as well with Rochester powerhouses like Webster Schroeder, Penfield, both Pittsford schools and other Section Five teams. The AGR team will be this year’s section as well.

In girls soccer, Kristy Sherman of Brockport was named Coach of the Year after her Brockport girls won the AGR sectional championship and advanced to the state “Final Four.” Her 2005 team was also a sectional winner. Three of her players, including Audrey Hayward, were first-team selections. Listed in the “honorable mention” category from Alfred-Almond were: Hannah Holmok, kali Muhleisen and Mary Hendee. Sherman ... an Arkport standout during her high school career in soccer, named to the Green Shirt (A-A)

Gene Mastin of Hornell was named the AGR co-Coach of the Year in football after his Red Raiders secured their third-straight state “B” championship and ran their winning streak to 39. Mastin, who is retiring from his gridiron post, won 11-sectional titles at Hornell and was named to the state team of the Year twice. He was the 2009 AGR Coach of the Year. Why not in 2010? Three Hornell players were named to the first-team and they were Zack Bacon, Scott Richardson and Dominic Scavetta. (Rosetta Greaney Photo)

"Congrats" to all the local athletes who made this list in one form or another after excellent season on your respective teams.

HITS AND MISSES:

The Syracuse Post-Standard writers for the paper pick the respective teams. Alfred-Almond’s Kevin Cook and Nik von Stackelberg were named to the first-team and they were Zack Bacon, Scott Richardson and Dominic Scavetta. (Rosetta Greaney Photo)

Other double number one finishes were turned in by Nik in the 200 free (1:55.79) and 500 free (5:06.30), Taylor’s 200 free (23.41) and 300 (52.50) and Patrick’s 100 fly (56.84) and 100 breast (1:05.65).

The Eagles looked to continue their unbeaten quest when they traveled to Campbell-Savona on Tuesday, Jan. 10. Tonight (Thursday, Jan. 12) will find the Eagles celebrating their final home meet at 5:30 pm against Canisteo-Greenwood when they honor their graduating six senior team members.

Come out to the AA pool to watch an exciting duel in the pool!!