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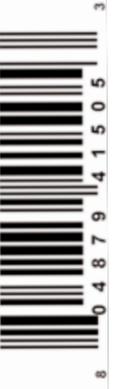
Allegany County artisans Bob Chaffee, Peg Cherre, Green Circle Grove, Kay Brooks, Joan Sinclair, Margaret Shulock and Elaine Hardman, took a few minutes from their Holiday Show preparations to read the *Alfred Sun*. The show will be held in conjunction with "Christmas in Belmont" 10-5 Friday, Dec. 7 and 10-4 Saturday, Dec. 8 at St. Phillips' Church Hall in Belmont.



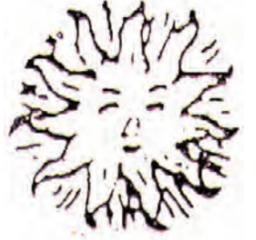
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No one appears at Village Board's public hearing

By DAVID L. SNYDER
Editor, Publisher & Janitor

ALFRED—The Alfred Town Board held a public hearing earlier this month that attracted more than 75 area residents. The Alfred Village Board held a public hearing twelve days later and no one attended.

It appears that area residents are more interested in a moratorium on hydrofracking in the Town of Alfred than whether a person arrested for disturbing the peace in the Village of Alfred ends up spending 15 days in jail.

The Village Board had recently increased the fines and penalties for violations of its Anti-Noise Law and its Public Peace and Order Law to "a minimum of \$150 and a maximum of \$500 or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding 15 days or both such fine and imprisonment."

Village Police Chief Tim O'Grady told the three members of the Village Board in attendance at the Nov. 13 meeting that the District Attorney had asked that the jail time be removed as a penalty for violation of the law.

O'Grady said that the "Disturbing the Peace" charge is often used as a reduced charge in cases

involving violations of other laws.

Rose Apartments: total loss?
Deputy Mayor Virginia Rasmussen summarized the developments since the natural gas explosion that rocked Rose Apartments on Sunday, Nov. 11.

"The explosion caused such shock throughout the building that it is likely a total loss," she said. She reported that Rose Apartments owner Louis Proto of Olean had returned the tenants' deposits and their November rent payments and sent them each a letter.

She reported that donations were being accepted for displaced residents, most of whom have since secured other living accommodations. She reported that Jeanne Hyland and Nadine Hoover at Hair Care in Alfred were taking reservations for Thanksgiving dinners, which would be boxed up at Andover Central School and made available to the displaced residents if they so desired.

"We were very very lucky," Rasmussen continued, "Injuries were minimal." One individual was air lifted to a Rochester hospital.

"She got very good ambulance care, after reportedly suffering a broken vertebrae," said Rasmussen, "She was handled with real skill."

She reported that tenants would be allowed to enter the building with a firefighter to retrieve their belongings.

She said that they would be unable to live in the building again until a structural engineer clears it for occupancy.

Members of the Village Streets Crew and the Police Department, along with volunteers from the fire department, assisted at Rose Apartments since the explosion.

In other business at the Nov. 13 meeting, with Mayor Craig Clark and Trustee Becky Prophet absent, the Village Board...

...HEARD Rasmussen thank members of the A.E. Crandall Hook and Ladder Fire Company for assisting with Election Day. The fire hall was used as the Village's polling place for the General Election. O'Grady said the Election Commissioners reported

there was only one ADA-compliant voting site in Allegany County "and I hope it was you."

...VOTED on a motion of Trustee Brad Bowden, seconded by Trustee Joe Dosch, to accept the \$230,850 bid from Villager Construction, Inc. for a heat exchanger at the Village's Waste Water Treatment Plant. The bid includes installation of the equipment and reportedly had the approval of Mayor Craig Clark.

...VOTED 3-0 to remove the "15 days in jail" from the penalty for conviction of violating the Village's Public Peace and Order Law.

...VOTED 3-0 to provide free downtown parking in the Village from Saturday, Dec. 10 to Jan. 1 for the benefit of holiday shoppers.

...VOTED 3-0 to renew the Stop DWI contract with the Allegany County Stop DWI Program for \$6,800. The grant funds are spent exclusively for overtime for DWI enforcement. It was noted that all fines generated from DWI

violations go to the Allegany County Stop DWI Program.

...DISCUSSED the Village's Real Property Tax Exemption for Persons over 65 and agreed to continue at the present household income level of \$19,500. Property owners with annual household income of less than \$19,500 are granted a 50% reduction in their property tax assessment.

...HEARD that the independent auditors, BWB Accountants of Olean, had "very good things to say" about the village's books and the books of the Village Court.

...DROPPED a proposed discussion of the assessment on Rose Apartments from the meeting agenda.

...VOTED to grant Police Chief Tim O'Grady permission to advertise in two local newspapers in order to fill a vacancy in the Village Police Department. He said he'd like to attract the most diverse group of candidates possible. A search committee will be set up in December.



Thomas Willets of Scio works on a lathe machine during CNC machining training class in Wellsville.

Displaced workers get training

ALFRED—Eleven area residents have completed a CNC machining training program through Alfred State which prepares dislocated workers in Allegany County for employment opportunities with area businesses.

The program, which is offered to community residents through Alfred State's Center for Community Education and Training, boasts a 98% placement rate and is offered periodically throughout the year.

Classes take place in the Alfred State machine shop located at the Dresser-Rand facility in Wellsville and typically include 168 hours of training and interviewing practice with area businesses.

"This program is helping me expand my general knowledge of machinery," said Jonathan Acker of Wellsville. "It's also giving me the opportunity to start a new career."

To learn more about the program, contact Alfred State's Center for Community Education and Training at (607) 587-4015.



"2011" granite cornerstone placed at Alfred State

ALFRED—New York State Senator Catharine Young (R-Olean) joined special guests of Alfred State recently to see a large granite stone engraved with the year '2011' placed at the entrance of the new Student Leadership Center (SLC) on the Alfred campus. The Center, which is slated to open next year, will be used as a hub of activity and will be dedicated to developing leadership and civic engagement initiatives on campus. Pictured (from left) are Ruben O. Rogers, Alfred State owner representative; Greg Sammons, Alfred State's interim vice president for student affairs and university chief of police; Bill Goodrich, president and CEO of LeChase Construction; Eric Tellander, associate project manager at William Rawn Associates; Andrew J. Smilnich, Alfred State's director of capital projects; Alfred State President Dr. John M. Anderson; NY State Senator Catharine Young; Gabe Conti, State University Construction Fund senior project coordinator; John Casey, chief operations officer at Manning Squires Hennig; Brian Donnelly, project manager for Manning Squires Hennig; Steve Tyrell, president of North Country Community College; Doug Johnson, principal and project executive for William Rawn Associates. (Alfred State College Photo)

OBITUARIES



DAVID FERRY
Almond native

ALMOND—David Ferry, 85, an Almond native who served in the U.S. Army, married the woman he sat next to (in alphabetical order) in classes at Ohio University, and who instigated the reunion of members of his Alfred-Almond Central School Class of 1945 for AACS alumni banquets, died Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2012, at his home in Sunset Hills, MO.

Born Oct. 25, 1927, David was the son of Hiram C. and Mabel May (Silfies) Ferry of Almond, who predeceased him Sept. 11, 1978 and June 20, 1982, respectively.

A 1945 graduate of Alfred-Almond Central School, David served in the U.S. Army from 1946-47 and was stationed in the Philippines following World War II. Following the service, he enrolled at Ohio University in Athens, OH where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1950.

Were it not for alphabetical seating in classes at Ohio University, David might never have met his wife of 60 years, Ann H. Farley, a native of Athens, OH. But with surnames of "Farley" and "Ferry," no other classmates sat between them in the several classes they shared, and the couple was married a week after Ann graduated, on June 22, 1952.

They spent the early years of their marriage in Columbus, OH where David was a salesman, selling margarine, oils, shortening and other baking supplies, working for several companies. His work took him to Missouri in 1970 where he and his family has resided since.

David loved his camera and took "millions" of pictures, especially at reunions of his beloved Alfred-Almond Central School Class of 1945, for which he was a chief instigator. Since his 50th alumni reunion in 1995, he enjoyed corresponding with classmates, sending them humorous stories and jokes along with class news.

One long-time Almond friend wrote, "Dave was a great guy. He enjoyed life, and he made life better for family and friends. He always remembered his Almond roots and the people here," adding, "We looked forward to those times he returned for AACS Alumni weekends and the opportunities to 'catch up'." In addition to his parents,

David was predeceased by a sister, Sylvia, and a daughter, Kathy Ferry.

In addition to his widow, David is survived by three sons, Dave Ferry, Bill Ferry and Joe (Diane) Ferry; and two daughters, Vicki (Scott) Merrill and Malinda (Mike) Terreri. He was also the cherished grandfather of Evan and Lauren Ferry, and Kate and Nick Terreri.

Visitation was from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25 at Bopp Funeral Home, 10610 Manchester Road, Kirkwood, MO. A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 26 at Bopp Chapel, followed by a private burial service.

Condolences can be shared at http://www.boppchapel.com/current_services.htm



LOLA SUTTON WEBSTER
AACS, AU graduate

MT. LAUREL, NJ—Lola Sutton Webster, 80, of Mount Laurel, NJ, died peacefully on Monday, Nov. 19, 2012.

Mrs. Webster is survived by her husband, Rev. William H. Webster and children Conni Webster, Michael Webster, Cynthia Tranquilli and Daniel Webster, 7 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter. She is also survived by a brother, Lyle Sutton of Friendship, and sister, Luan Ellis of Alfred Station.

A graduate of Alfred-Almond Central School and Alfred University, Mrs. Webster was an educator in the business department at Morristown High School, Morristown NJ and North Kingstown High School, North Kingstown RI.

After retirement, she was co-owner of a yarn shop in Wickford, RI and a volunteer at South County Hospital in Wakefield, RI and the Women's Division of RI Dept. of Corrections.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1 at the First Baptist Church of Moorestown. Burial will be at a later date at Maplewood Cemetery, Alfred Station.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Lola's memory to the Salvation Army, Heifer Project, or the First Baptist Church of Moorestown at 19 West Main St. Moorestown NJ 08057.



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DOROTHY ORMSBY ARGENTIERI
Long-time area resident

ALFRED STATION—Dorothy Ormsby Argentieri, 76, of 5495 Elm Valley Rd. (Jericho Hill), Alfred Station, died early Monday morning (Nov. 19, 2012) surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Hornell on Aug. 14, 1936, she was the daughter of Rowland and Guinevere (Wilcox) Ormsby.

Dorothy grew up in the Alfred area and was a graduate of Alfred Almond Central School. In 1958, she graduated from Alfred University with a degree in psychology. She received her Master's Degree in Education from SUNY Geneseo in 1962.

She was married on Nov. 28, 1959, to William "Chop" Argentieri. Together they resided in Hornell for many years and have lived in Alfred Station since 1997.

Her teaching career began in Pittsford, N.Y. where she taught kindergarten. She also taught kindergarten in Canistota and Hornell. For many years Dorothy was employed at SUNY Alfred, first as a reading specialist and later as Director of Human Resources. She retired in 2002.

Dorothy served as a volunteer and member of many organizations, including: the American Association of University Women; Planned Parenthood; Camp Fire Girls, where she also served as a group leader for her daughter; the Hornell Library Board; Sigma Chi Nu Sorority of Alfred University. She was a Life Member of Baker's Bridge Historical Society.

She was a "die-hard" New York Yankees fan and also an avid Buffalo Bills fan – having been a season ticket holder for many years. Dorothy was a phenomenal Bridge player, recognized as a Life Master by the American Contract Bridge League. She also enjoyed playing golf and tennis. She loved to travel, especially to visit her children and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brothers-in-law, Heinz Zydor and Robert Argentieri.

Surviving are her husband, William "Chop" Argentieri; two daughters, Judy Argentieri (Ben Watts) of Champaign, IL and Kate (Kevin) Nawracaj of Chicago, IL; a son, Matt, of Hornell; four sisters, Adele Zydor of New Jersey, Elizabeth Hall of

Hornell, Alberta (Dick) Brown of Clarence Center and Eleanor (Bob) Rink of North Hornell; two brothers, Rowland (Ginny) Ormsby of La Grange, IN and William (Teddy) Ormsby of Hornell; her in-laws, Francis (Mary Ann) Argentieri, James (Phyllis) Argentieri, Mary Agnes (Don) Crosby and Ginny Argentieri, all of Hornell; five grandchildren, Olivia Watts, Samuel Watts, Ella Nawracaj, Ethan Nawracaj and Elise Nawracaj; many nieces and nephews.

At Dorothy's request there were no calling hours. A memorial service was held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 23 at the United Presbyterian Church, 150 Main Street, Hornell. Funeral arrangements were in care of the Dagon Funeral Home, 38 Church St., Hornell, NY.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to "Alfred University" and will be designated to the University's Baccalaureate Scholarship Program in memory of Dorothy. Checks should be made payable to Alfred University and sent to University Relations, 1 Saxon Drive, Alfred, NY 14802. Please include a note stating that your gift is in memory of Dorothy Ormsby Argentieri '58. Gifts may also be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

To leave an online condolence or share a memory, visit www.dagonfuneralhome.com.

FLOSSIE M. MOORE

Almond resident since 1954

ALMOND—Flossie M. Moore, 81, of 6768 State Route 21, Almond, passed away early Wednesday afternoon (Nov. 21, 2012) at McAuley Manor in North Hornell.

Born in Cuyler, N.Y. on July 28, 1931, she was a daughter of the late Harold and Rachel Fisk. Besides her parents she was also predeceased by her brother, Ivan Fisk, her three sisters, Josephine Ingraham, Irene Bordwell and

Margaret Berardi and a dear friend, Michael Ashley.

A resident of Almond since 1954, Flossie was employed for many years at the Telephone Office in Alfred and later at Citizens National Bank and Key Bank in Alfred.

For over 50 years she was a member of the Almond Union of Churches where she also served as treasurer for several years. Flossie was also a long time member of the Almond 20th Century Club Library where she formerly served as a trustee and a treasurer.

One of her favorite past times was spending time shopping with her daughter.

Her family includes her husband of 61 years, Ernest W. "Ernie" Moore, who she married in Lower Cincinnatus, N.Y. on Oct. 27, 1951; her daughter, Nancy R. Moore of Hornell; her son, Gary E. (Mary) Moore of Geneseo; her "other daughter", Sandy Kinnerney of Almond and her two daughters, who Flossie considered as her granddaughters, Kimmy Kinnerney of Alfred Station and Kelly (Matt) Skeval and their daughter, Lia of Ithaca; also several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were from 2-5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26 at the Bishop & Johnson Funeral Home, Inc., 285 Main St., Hornell, where a funeral and committal service was held following callings hours at 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26 with Deacon Robert McCormick officiating. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Almond.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing may contribute in her memory to either the Almond 20th Century Club Library, 49 Main St., Almond or to the Almond Union of Churches, 11 S. Main St., Almond, N.Y. 14804. Envelopes for memorial contributions were available at the funeral home.



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Hagadorn House ready for Dec. 2

ALMOND—The Almond Historical Society's 2012 Christmas Open House will feature elegant decorations, tasty refreshments, a concert of Christmas music by local children, and a book signing by author Andy Phelan.

The public is invited to attend the event, set for Sunday, Dec. 2, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at the Hagadorn House located at the corner of Karrdale Avenue and Main Street.

The Christmas Open House and musical program has been an Almond Historical Society tradition for many years. The house will be decked out in Christmas decorations created by Helen Spencer, Cindy Banker, Diane Davis, and Susan Steere. Guests will be treated to wassail made by Kitty Baker and Mary Jane Reid's homemade Christmas cookies. Helen Spencer and Anna Morford will be serving refreshments.

At 2 p.m. in the Almond Union of Churches sanctuary (next door to Hagadorn House), Randi Corkey will direct three children's groups: a kids choir, a girls' ensemble and a young men's group, who will present a

musical program around the theme, "Christmas Blessings: Faith, Family, Friends and Festivities." Donna Ryan will accompany the groups.

Dr. Andrew Phelan, who lives in Oklahoma, will be present during the open house to sign copies of his newly completed book, *Becoming the Village Potter, the Life of Linn L. Phelan*.

Linn L. Phelan (1906-1992) was a long time Almond resident well known for his "personalized pottery." Phelan, together with his wife, Helene, were among the founders of the Almond Historical Society in the early 1960s. Linn served as archivist for many years, and Helene was historian and author of several books on local history. Phelan also was well known as an Alfred-Almond Central School art teacher and then later with his community involvement and cultural initiatives.

The author, the oldest son of Linn L. Phelan, will be present to talk about the book and to sign copies at the Almond Library on Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012 at 11 a.m. as well as during the Open House at Hagadorn House on Dec 2.

The Hagadorn house was built in the 1830s by Jesse Angell, a prosperous merchant whose general store was located across the street. By 1867, the residence was occupied by the John Wetherby family, including his daughter, Cornelia and her husband, Dr. Will Hagadorn. The dwelling was the home of the Hagadorn family for more than 100 years, when Ken Hagadorn bequeathed it to the Almond Historical Society in 1971. The house now serves as a museum and repository of materials and items which significantly illustrate the history of the town and village of Almond.

One important feature of the house is the cooking fireplace, complete with bake oven, wood box and fireplace equipment. The fireplace had been covered over sometime in the early 1900s, and was rediscovered by Ken's wife, Marie, in the early 1940s, shortly after they were married and living in the home.

The Hagadorn House is open to the public on Friday afternoons from 2-4 pm, with the records and resources in the adjacent office building available for genealogy and family research. Doris Montgomery is the archivist, and is assisted by volunteers Sheryl House, Kitty Baker, Lillian Hanks, Barbara Bernstein and Donna Ryan.

Scene About Alfred

A weekly photo feature
By **SHERRY VOLK**
Alfred Sun Columnist



One thing we look forward to is seeing and greeting friends and neighbors in this gorgeous town. Nearly every Sunday, at around 8:30 a.m., we see this group of women enjoying a walk, and each other. From left: Judy Samber, Barb Greil, Pat Edwards, Martha Lash.

SUNNY SIDE UP

By **ELLEN SHULTZ**
Alfred Sun Columnist



Christmas season is 'cookie season'!

I always think of the Christmas season as Cookie Season! Certainly Santa deserves his share, but churches, food pantries, and other charitable organizations will also be asking for donations of cookies to brighten the Christmas season for so many people.

Here is an easy recipe to put together, yet it is a uniquely different cookie. It is from the December issue of *Taste of Home* magazine.

Lime Shortbread with Dried Cherries

- 1 c. butter, softened
- 3/4 c. confectioners' sugar
- 1 T. grated lime peel
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 tsp. almond extract
- 2 c. flour
- 1/4 tsp. baking powder
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1/2 c. chopped dried cherries

In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until blended. Beat in lime peel and extracts. In another bowl, mix the flour, baking powder and salt; gradually beat into creamed mixture. Stir in cherries. Divide dough in half; shape each into a 7 inch long roll. Wrap in plastic wrap; refrigerate for 3-4 hours or until firm. Unwrap and cut dough crosswise into 1/4 in. slices. Place 2 in. apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 9-11 minutes or until edges are golden brown. Remove from pans to wire racks to cool.

(Makes about 5 dozen.)

SUNny evening with Baker's Bridge folks

ALFRED STATION—Join us on Monday, Dec. 10 if you are interested in local history or the Bakers Bridge Historical Association which you can learn more about at www.bakersbridge.org. At 6:30 pm, a dish-to-pass dinner will commence. All those attending are asked to

bring a generous main course dish to share and their table service. The event will take place at the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church at 587 State Rte. 244 in Alfred Station.

Following dinner a program will be presented by David Snyder, editor of the ALFRED SUN. So you have an idea of what kind of an offering is in store - David has called a previous talk "The Alfred Sun Editor, Publisher & Janitor: A Storied Career" and "When This Guy's Six Feet Under, It'll Be The First Deadline He's Ever Met."

David will give a brief overview of the history of the SUN from its rise on Dec. 6, 1883 to the present. We will hear stories about the paper (and the editor) from the past 36 years - from Bloop of the Year in New York State to first prize (\$10,000) in the National Amy Awards.

On Thursday, Dec. 13, the As-

sociation will hold a Cookie Walk from noon until the cookies are gone (about 2 p.m.), in the community room of the Alfred Station Fire Hall, which is located at 623 Rte. 244. Customers make their selections as they stroll around cookie-laden tables to select and purchase home-make cookies.

Holiday Bazaar set for Dec. 7

ALFRED—The Union University Church of Alfred will host its annual Holiday Bazaar on Friday, Dec. 7 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Church Center, corner of Main and Church Streets, Alfred.

Enjoy the traditional Bazaar luncheon featuring homemade soups, chili, sandwiches and pies!

Before or after the luncheon, shop the Bazaar! This year we feature the Holiday Giftique with handmade items and new-to-you ornaments; the Fair Trade Shop; and the bounteous Bake Sale with jams and candy, too. Also, a selection of unique Gift Baskets will be available for purchase!

Pre-purchase Luncheon tickets are available and make lovely gifts to office co-workers and friends. Call Joan Bowden, 587-9145, to purchase luncheon tickets.

ALFRED Weather for the Week

Nov. 20-Nov. 26				
Nov.	Hi	Lo	Precip.	Snow
20	53	25	0	
21	49	23	0	
22	57	23	0	
23	63	23	0	
24	51	27	0.08"	1.2"
25	35	25	0.09"	1.6"
26	32	27	0.01"	0.3"

By **JOHN BUCKWALTER**
Alfred Area Weather Recorder

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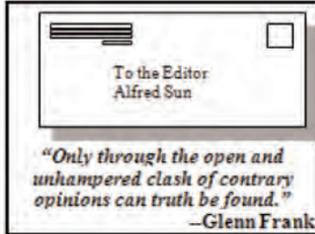
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—Anon A. Mouse



Election reflections

To the Editor

For a vast number of the voting public, it wasn't about the debt, deficits and the continuing devaluation of the dollar. It wasn't about the runaway spending by the government. It wasn't about the expansion of unconstitutional government. It wasn't even about the anemic economy or paltry job creation. It was about money from the other people's pockets. It was about large corporations who supported the candidate who delivered bailout money (from the pockets of the small business owner).

It trickled down to those who wanted the candidate who promised to provide them with food stamps, free health care, housing subsidies and a phone, among a long list of other things (paid for by people taxed enough already). It continued with those under government-run education and their unions who threw their support behind the candidate who could get them more stuff (from the pockets of other people). Then it filters down to the students who think that they should get a greater of the share of the taxpayer pie to pay for their education. So they too gave their vote in mass to the candidate who promised them the most stuff (from the pockets of other people). Never mind the looming debt passed on to them, they want their money now (from the pockets of other people). So, the election was basically won by those supporting the candidate who could get them the most stuff (out of the pockets of other people).

A shrewd candidate knew how to take advantage. He did not underestimate its power and exploited it. Looking cool and caring, he fashioned himself as the ideal candidate to those demanding more money (from the pockets of other people) but making thievery look compassionate. And when they get what they want, it won't still be enough. They'll demand more (from the pockets of other people).

Transformation has come. The words of JFK have flipped. "Ask not what you can do for your country, but ask what your country can do for you." Years ago Americans agreed and rallied with Patrick Henry saying, "Give me liberty or give me death." Later, they just said, "Give me liberty." Now a mass of Americans just say, "Give me." The talk show host who said it is right: when half the country votes like children, how can you defeat Santa Claus?

Mel McGinnis
Frewsburg

Alfred As It Was

By DONALD POLAN
Alfred Sun Columnist

Growing up in a small town, there was no problem about my mother sending me to the store to buy a loaf of bread.

Giving me a dime, I would go to Coon's Corner Store. Both of the local grocery stores, Coon's and Jacox, sold the local Pieters' Bakery Bread, ten cents a loaf whether it be the white bread, cracked wheat, whole wheat or short rising. All were much better in taste than the Bond bread or any of the other large commercial bakery breads which the stores also sold. (Mimi calls them "Styrofoam.") My favorite was the cracked wheat for peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. In any month we would have had all four of the breads at one time or another for our family liked them all.

Henry Pieters was the baker in the bakery on North Main Street aided by his father and his wife—later his children also helped. Henry's father lived alone in a house halfway up Terrace Street and went to the bakery about 4 a.m. to start the

ovens. Henry and family lived above the bakery.

Besides the breads, they made specialty foods – cinnamon rolls, multiple varieties of cookies and, at Easter time, white cross buns.

In making cinnamon rolls, the cinnamon and sugar would ooze off the rolls onto the baking tin, resulting in small fragments of very hard candy. Henry's father would take these pieces in a small paper bag in his pocket and, walking home in the afternoon, would pass out pieces to the kids he met along the street.

I was the recipient of many such pieces. We would try to be somewhere on the street at about 4 p.m. when he usually went home up South Main Street or Terrace Street. He would stop wherever there were kids.

Henry Pieters had a beautiful tenor voice, sang in the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church Choir for many years, and was often the soloist any time special music was presented.

Contact Don at: 206 1/2 Ridge-wood Ave., Deland, FL 32720.

Toward Community Chest goal of \$37,210

Drive raises \$33,238

Dear Community,

The Alfred-Alfred Station Community Chest drive has now received pledges for about 89.3% of our 2012 goal, or for \$33,238 out of \$37,210. We will need \$3,972 to conclude this year's drive. We know we are in difficult times but we also know that in these times we can count on YOUR support in order to help our local charities, so would you please consider your pledge this week?

The Alfred Box-of-Books Library is one of the recipients of Alfred-Alfred Station Community Chest funds. Stating their true function, as the "Alfred Public Library," the Box-of-Books is dependent on various sources of local funding for its existence. Community Chest funds make up a small but non-trivial portion of its operating budget.

While there are college libraries in town, the Box-of-Books exists for townspeople needing current titles, as well as, for the use of the town's children. The many young people in our area find the services of the Box of Books an important part of their 'enhanced' education. (The library is adjacent to the Montessori 'barn'.) From its inception, the Board of the Box-of-Books has made the seniors and the very young their priorities. Thousands of titles are loaned each year and we have many young 'readers' that can be 'identified' by their Alfred Box-of-Book's library card.

If you are looking for current best sellers, a story hour, or a July reading program, they exist on the corner of Main and West University. In order for the Box-of-Books to remain active for the town and village of Alfred, please consider giving to our Community Chest and its commitment to community oriented charities. As you make a contribution to support our campaign, remember how the community is dependent on its citizens, and your good fortune to be giving to the community's many worthy organizations through your pledge.

Many thanks to those of you who have already made a contribution to the campaign. We ask those of you who have not yet made a donation or pledge to join your friends and neighbors in making our drive a success. If, for some reason, you did not receive a pledge card, donations may be left at the Alfred Pharmacy in Alfred, the Canacadea Country Store in Alfred Station, or may be mailed to Alfred-Alfred Station Community Chest, Box 603, Alfred, NY, 14802. We look forward to your continuing support.

Sincerely,

Your Community Chest Board

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FROM THE DESK OF DAVID PULLEN

By DAVID PULLEN
Allegany County Legislator

BEING THANKFUL

Our family has a Thanksgiving custom of taking a few moments to reflect upon the things that we are thankful for. The things we identify usually include one another, our health, and most importantly God's grace and mercy. Although each member of my family faces challenges and stresses, it is our viewpoint that we actually have much to be thankful for. Unfortunately, much of the time we focus on our problems and challenges, rather than on our successes, blessings and answered prayers.

By many objective standards all Americans have a great deal to be thankful for. In this article I want to focus on some things that we ignore most of the time. Contrary to what many emphasize, we actually have it pretty good, and experience a high level of prosperity and blessing. For some reason we are more interested in bad news, than in good news. Here are some "positive" facts that may surprise you.

- According to a recent report most indicators of social health show significant progress over the past 20 years. High school dropout rates, college enrollment rates, drunk driving, juvenile crime, traffic deaths, infant mortality, life expectancy, workplace safety, air pollution, divorce rates, charitable giving, voter turnout, teenage pregnancies and per capita GDP have all improved by more than 20% over the past 20 years.

- For example, it is commonly declared that more than 50% of all marriages end in divorce. That was true 20 years ago, but the divorce rate has declined by more than 30% over the past 30 years.

- By almost any standard Americans are living longer and are healthier than they have ever been. There is still a lot of illness and disease, but many diseases have been either cured or significantly impacted by major medical breakthroughs.

- Poverty and hunger on a worldwide level have plummeted dramatically over the past 20 years. Today, fewer people are living in poverty and experiencing hunger than ever before, even though the world's population has doubled in the past 50 years.

- In the U.S. the rate of violent crime dropped from 51 incidents per 1,000 of population, to only 15 incidents per 1,000 from 1995 to 2010. Ironically, numerous studies indicate that most Americans feel less safe than they did in 1995 when they were three times more likely to be the victim of violent crime.

- Technology has given us gadgets and devices that make our lives easier and more convenient. We are in closer contact with family and friends than ever before, and spending a smaller percentage of our disposable income on those services.

Please don't misunderstand my point. We face huge challenges and many individuals suffer disproportionately from illness, poverty and crime. The increasing wealth inequality in our nation is a serious concern. We need to strive for more progress in many areas. However, it is important that we maintain an accurate perspective and celebrate our progress and successes. We should be thankful for how well off we are, even while acknowledging that there is plenty of room for improvement.

I believe the media plays a major role in our overly negative focus. Numerous studies document that the media pays undue attention to "extreme" events, while ignoring or giving only passing attention to routine or ordinary matters. Incremental progress is seldom reported. There is also a bias in favor of negative reporting compared to positive reporting. This gives the false impression that everything is bad, and getting worse. In addition, the media puts that negative information in our living rooms 24 hours every day.

One of the most encouraging aspects of the reported progress is that most of it was brought about by ordinary people, not big government or big corporations. When private individuals make wise choices it impacts our entire society. That is the basis for true progress, and that is something to be truly thankful for.

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VOICES members, utilizing a "lion face" warm-up, include (from left) Jon Schunk, Ryan Gogolack, Tom Frew, Gary Heywood, Nate Nolin. (Photo provided)

Alfred State's 'Voices!' will 'Sing Me to Winter'

ALFRED--Alfred State's vocal ensemble, "Voices!" will present a winter concert at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7 in the Cappadonia Auditorium in the Orvis Activities Center. Admission is free and open to the public.

Led by Alfred State Choral Director Linda Staiger, Voices! will present a number of seasonal favorites including "Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow", "It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas", and the lovely "Sing Me to Winter."

Adding to the mix will be jazz favorites like Manhattan Transfer's "Snowfall", "Hernando's Hideaway", and the madrigal "Weep O Mine Eyes, all with accompaniment by pianist Pat Wiggers.

Student Louise Jordan will perform a solo of Waring's "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and former members of the ensemble will round out the program with special performances.

AU dance concert Nov. 29-30

ALFRED--The Alfred University (AU) Performing Arts Division's Dance Program will present "An Informal Dance Showing" at 7 p.m. both Thursday and Friday, Nov. 29 and 30, in the Miller Performing Arts Center CD Smith Theater. Different performances will be shown each night.

AU to present winter concert

ALFRED--The Alfred University Chorus, Chamber Singers, and Orchestra will perform their 2012 Winter Concert twice, once Saturday, Dec. 1, at 8 p.m. in Miller Theater, Miller Performing Arts Center, and again on Sunday, Dec. 2, at 3 p.m., at St. Ann's Church, Hornell. The events will also include performances by the Alfred Volunteer Choir Company.

Both events are free of charge and open to the public.

Luanne Crosby, professor of voice and chorus, directs the chorus and chamber singers, with Laurel Buckwalter, musical specialist, serving as accompanist. Lisa Lantz, associate professor of music/strings, is director of the orchestra.

The Alfred University Orchestra will perform Antonio Vivaldi's "Concerto Grosso for Two Violins in D Minor."

The AU Chamber Singers and Alfred Volunteer Choir Company will combine their talents to perform three pieces from Tolstoy's drama "Czar Teodor Ivannovich," composed by Georgy Sviridov. The pieces include "Rejoice, O Virgin," "Sacred Love," and "Verse of Repentance."

Finally, the AU Chorus, Chamber Singers, and Alfred University Orchestra will perform the 12 verses of "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi, with Crosby and Rebecca Weaver Hamm, adjunct professor, performing solos.

Crosby earned bachelor of music and master of music degrees in music education from the State University of New York at Fredonia and a doctor of musical arts degree in vocal performance from the Cleveland Institute of Music and Case Western Reserve University. She has sung professionally with the Cleveland Opera, Aspen (CO) Opera Theater, and Cleveland Chamber Orchestra. Her performance with the Chautauqua Orchestra received praise from

the *Buffalo Evening News* and she has been featured as a soloist on the CD "With Heart and Voice: Anthems Across America."

Lantz earned a bachelor of music degree from the University of Toledo, a master of music degree from the University of Michigan, and Ph.D. in musical arts from Ohio State University. In addition to her positions of music/string professor and director of the Alfred University Orchestra, she also is currently serving as adjunct professor of Italian in the Division of Modern Languages. She has played in many regional orchestras such as the Southern Tier Symphony, for which she served as co-concertmaster, and The Orchestra of the Finger Lakes.

Ukelele player will perform

ANGELICA--Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Café (22 W. Main St., Angelica) presents composer, pianist and ukulele player Cherith Meeks of Avon, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Her show runs from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. There is no cover charge, but guests are expected to contribute to the musician's tip jar.



Meeks plays original folk and pop music with vocal accompaniment. She said, "Being a classical composer, I have a strong pull toward classical music and when I compose, I try to use interesting chord progressions and harmonies. I am drawn to simple but beautiful melodies. I love taking tunes from all genres and turning them into something I can sing! I am also a huge fan of minor keys which is one of the reasons I decided to take up the ukulele - because it's hard to play sad music on the uke."

"Having listened to Cherith, I believe that her attraction to 'simple but beautiful melodies' highlights the essence of her performance. And her voice is heavenly!" - Don Ash

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With our stomachs full of Thanksgiving goodness and the beautiful snow falling it has put us all in the Christmas spirit. This led me to start thinking about offering another Parent's Day off here at the Box of Books Library.

"Parents Day Off" is open to children 4 and up (as long as they are potty trained) there is a \$10 per child donation to the Box of Books requested to help us cover the costs of food and materials for the day. There is a limit of 20 children so register soon. Parent's Day Off will run from 10-6 on Saturday, Dec. 8. This event is registration ONLY, walk-ins will not be accepted. Registration forms are available at the Box of Books and registration fee is due at sign up. Lunch will be provided. Games, movies, activities and more will be offered to keep your children entertained for the day while you wrap, shop, cook, decorate or just relax.

Winter Hours Begin on Dec. 14 and are as follows: Monday 10-6, Tuesday 12-8, Wednesday 10-6, Thursday 12-6, Friday 10-5, Saturday 10-2, Sunday CLOSED.

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Music
BANDS/DJs/RECITALS

AU Chorus, Chamber Singers and Orchestra will perform Valdi's "Gloria" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 in Miller Theater.

Aural Satisfaction, an a cappella group of AU alumni, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16 at Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall.

Festfall with the AU Chorus and Jazz Ensemble 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2 at Susan Howell Hall, AU campus. AU Chorus will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the British Rock Invasion with greats from the 60's by the Beatles, Rolling Stones and the Kinks, and the AU Jazz Ensemble will present a wide variety of jazz styles. Free admission.

Living Saints, a pop punk band from Fredonia, 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17 at Terra Cotta Coffeehouse, Main St., Alfred.

Alfred University Performing Arts Division presents Student Recital, 3 pm Sunday, Nov. 18 at Susan Howell Hall, AU campus. Free admission. Students studying voice and strings will perform for your listening pleasure.

Alfred University Symphonic Band in concert, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7 in Miller Theater, MPAC.

Alfred Village Band offers summer concerts of popular music and marches at the Alfred Village Bandstand. The 2012 Schedule has concluded. For more information, please e-mail Nancy Luger at: lugerna@yahoo.com or call her at 607-587-9449.

Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Cafe 22 West Main St., Angelica. Open every day for lunch, dinner and live acoustic music on weekends; now serving breakfast - call for details. **Acoustic Open**

Mic Night 1st Thursday of month 7-10 pm. Café opens early for dinner, espresso, wine & beer, Scrabble & chess. **Music Schedule:** Friday, Nov. 2--Bill Ring; Saturday, Nov. 3--Casey Dinkin; Friday, Nov. 9--Conor Mulroy; Saturday, Nov. 10--Rob Falgiano; Friday, Nov. 16--Pat Kane; Saturday, Nov. 17--Nan Hoffman and Joe Tumino; Friday, Nov. 23--Skylark (Linda and Bernard Kunz); Saturday, Nov. 24--Alex Leyva. Music begins at 7:30 p.m. Café open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. for meals, espresso, beer, wine, desserts. **Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Cafe**, 22 W. Main St., Angelica. Call 585-466-3399 or visit black-eyed-susan.com

Hornell Area Wind Ensemble Rehearsals Tuesday evenings at Hornell Intermediate School. New members are always welcome. For further information, call Nancy Luger at 587-9449 or call 545-8603.

Maple City Bowl, 7580 Seneca Road, Hornell. DJ/Karaoke every Friday Night 9 pm-1 a.m.; Saturday night bands from 9 pm-1 a.m. For updates, check www.maplecitybowl.net Or call 607-324-1011.

Wellsville Creative Arts Center offers live music most Saturday evenings with performances beginning at 8 p.m., doors opening at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3--Andrew & Noah Band; Saturday, Nov. 10--Grand Slambovians; Friday, Nov. 16--Robin and Linda Williams and Their Fine Group; Saturday, Nov. 24--Tom Stahl; Saturday, Dec. 1--Rockwood Ferry; Saturday, Dec. 8--Bill Kirchen's Honky-Tonk Christmas; Saturday, Dec. 15--Carolyn Kelly Blues Band; Saturday, Jan. 12--Stone Row; Friday, Jan. 18--Miz; Saturday, Feb. 9--Joe Crookston; Saturday, Feb. 16--Yam; Friday, March 8--The Steel Wheels; Saturday, May 11--Lustre Kings. For tickets, visit: www.WellsvilleCreativeArtsCenter.com or call 585-593-3000.

CHORAL GROUPS
Andover Catholic Choir. Rehearsals 7 pm Mondays at Blessed Sacrament Church, Andover. New members welcome. Contact Director Marcy Bledsoe at 478-5238.

Genesee Valley Chorus. Weekly rehearsals 7 pm Tuesdays at Congregational Church, 289 N. Main St., Wellsville. New members welcome. For further information, call 716-593-3173.

Maple City (Barbershoppers) Chorus Meetings 7:30 p.m. Mondays at St. Ann's School, 27 Erie Ave., Hornell. New members welcome. Call 276-6835 for info.

Sanctuary Choir. Rehearsals Thursdays at 7 pm, The Seventh Day Baptist Church-Alfred Station. New members welcome. Instrumentalists practice 9 a.m. fourth Saturdays. Call 587-9545.

COFFEEHOUSES
Coffeehouse live entertainment periodically at Terra Cotta Coffeehouse, 34 N. Main St., Alfred. Saturday, Open Mic Night Wednesdays when colleges are in session.

Wellsville Creative Arts Center offers Coffee Houses nightly Monday-Thursday 7:30-10:30 p.m. with Movies on Mondays, Acoustic Campfire on Tuesdays, Open Mic Night every Wednesday 7 to 9:30 p.m. For more info, visit: www.WellsvilleCreativeArtsCenter.com or call 585-593-3000.

CONCERTS/RECITALS
Davis Memorial Carillon Recitals, AU campus. Saturdays at 4 p.m. except August. Laurel Buckwalter, AU Carillonist.

Wingate Memorial Carillon Recital Series at Davis Memorial Carillon, AU campus. Free concerts on the lawn 7-8 p.m. Tuesday evenings in July.



Theater & Dance
COMEDY
Comedian Hypnotist Joshua Seth 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2 in

Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall, AU campus.

Comedian Aaron Kominos-Smith 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17 in Knight Club, Powell Campus Center, AU campus.

Comedian Chris Doucette, 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30 in Knight Club, Powell Campus Center.

Friday Night Live. AU student comedy troupe. Call 871-2175 for further info.

Pirate Theater. AU student comedy troupe. Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall. Call 871-2175 for further info.

DANCE
Alfred Dance Academy, N. Main St., Alfred. Katherine Lang, artistic director. For further information, phone 607-661-0952.

Alfred Swing Dance Network holds dances periodically in the 1890 Firemen's Hall Theater located in Alfred Village Hall. For more information, contact Graham Marks/Megan Staffel at ealvey@frontiernet.net or call 607-478-8178.

Alleluia School of Dance offers classes in Houghton and Wellsville. Classical ballet and liturgical dance. All ages and ability levels. For more information or to register for classes, contact Director Rebecca Moore at 585-567-2079.

Let's Dance Club offers occasional dances. Five dances are scheduled Sundays from 2-5 pm at Arkport American Legion: Nov. 25, Jan. 27, Feb. 24 and March 24. For more information, contact presidents George and Carole Onoda at (607) 276-5475, vice-presidents John and Dee Cwynar at (607) 324-0373, secretaries Duffy and Barb Eisenheimer at (607) 295-7194, treasurers Charlie and Kathy Bill at (607) 295-7130, or band coordinators Doug and Melody Carrier at (607) 324-5821.

DRAMA GROUPS
Wee Playhouse meets monthly. Call Vice-President Martha Lash at 587-8675 for more info.

Alfred Community Theatre

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PERFORMANCES
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Alfred Dramatists' Holiday Extravaganza 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 in Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall, AU campus. A night of scenes and songs to get you in the spirit. Free admission but donations always appreciated.

Alfred Community Theater. For information, call Dave Snyder, President, at 607-587-8110 and leave a message. Next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13 at Alfred Station S.D.B. Church Christian Education Building, Main Street, Alfred Station. All are welcome.

Art/Galleries
INSTRUCTION/GROUPS
Allegany Artisans. The Allegany Artisans, local artists and craftspeople working together to host an annual studio tour in October, invite artists to apply. Work is juried. Studio must be in Allegany County. 585-593-6345 or www.alleganyartisans.com.

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Artist Knot. 36 Main Street, Andover. Current Exhibit: "Susie Mouroukas: Dreaming in Colour" now-Nov. 2. Admission is always free. Gallery Hours: Tues., Wed. & Fri. 11 am-4 pm, Thurs. 11-5 & Sat. 11-3 or anytime by appointment. Closed Sun., Mon. and Holidays. (607) 478-5100.

Wellsville Art Association meets 7 pm on the last Friday of each month at Wellsville Community Center. For information on meetings or classes, call 585-593-3579.

Steuben Trust Gallery. Steuben Square, Hornell. On-going exhibits of Artist of the Month. M-F 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Sponsored by the Hornell Area Arts Council.

Southern Tier Fiberarts Guild, founded in 1983, meets at Trinity Lutheran Church, 470 N. Main St., Wellsville, on the first Saturday of the month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. except months of July and Sept. The group welcomes spinners (and wannabes), quilters, knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, weavers, dyers, basket makers, hookers (rug hookers, that is) and everyone with a creative mind and an interest in fibers. For more information, call Debbie MacCrea at 607-587-9270, Carol Wood at 607-587-9519 or T.C. Gary at 585-593-4799.

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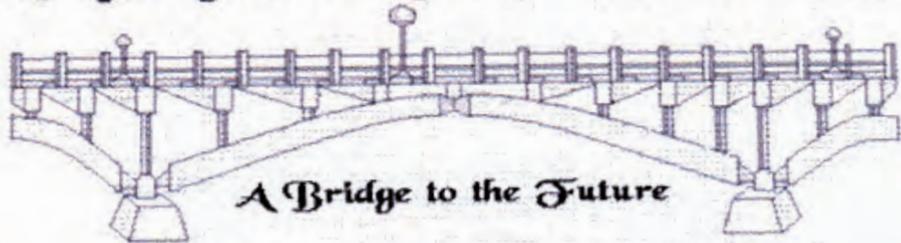
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Call Homestead Museum. Hartsville, celebrating 19th and early 20th century life in rural western NY, is open from noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays from May to October, in Hartsville. The museum is located 2 miles south of Hartsville on the corner of Purdy Creek Road (County Rt. 28) and Post Road. Weekdays by appointment. For further information, call 607-698-4789.

Hinkle Memorial Library 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.

Inamori Kyocera Museum of Fine Ceramics. The newly constructed museum focuses on fine ceramics used in technical and biomedical applications. Open 10-4 Wed.-Fri. Free admission.

The Schein-Joseph International Museum of Ceramic Art at Alfred. Located on the top floor of Binns-Merrill Hall, AU campus, Alfred. Open 10-4 Wed. thru Fri. Free Admission. Current Exhibition: PAUSE, now-Dec.7. Museum Closing Reception: 4:30-6 pm Thursday, Nov. 29. This special exhibition involves nineteen pieces from the permanent collection. They have a common visual soft-

ness - a pillow, rounded feel that along with their complexity in form, color and intent hope to give you pause. For information call the Museum at 607-871-2421; or visit the museum website: www.ceramic-museum.alfred.edu.

Steuben Trust Gallery. Steuben Square, Hornell. On-going exhibits of Artist of the Month. M-F 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Sponsored by the Hornell Area Arts Council.

Mather Homestead Museum. 343 Main St., Wellsville. Open 2-5 pm Wed. & Sat. or by appt. (Free) Call 716-593-1636.

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Lectures/Readings

AU Women's Studies Roundtable. Held on a Friday monthly during academic year from 12:20-1:10 p.m. at Women's Leadership Center, Commons, Ford Street, AU campus.

Allegany County Bird Club. Meetings held at the Allegany County Office Building in Belmont unless otherwise stated, at 7 p.m. on the first Friday of each month; speakers begin at 7:15 p.m.

Baker's Bridge Historical Asso-

ciation. Meets 7:30 p.m. third Monday of each month, Sept.-April in the Meeting House, 5971 Hamilton Hill Road, Alfred Station. Nov. 19--History of the Genesee River with John Babbitt; Dec. 10--Dish-to-pass Dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Alfred State College with Tom Kacalski; Feb. 18--Barns, Silos and Outhouses of Allegany County with Craig Braack; March 18--American Chestnut Trees with Steve Jakobi; April 15--Mary Jemison's Story with Kay Bennett & Bill Heaney; May--Field Trip. For more information, call President Laurie McFadden, 587-9493. To tour building and/or view exhibits, call Historian Susan Greene at 587-9488. Visit: www.bakersbridge.org

Bergren Forum. 12:10 p.m. Thursdays, Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center, AU campus. Bring a brown bag lunch; coffee & tea available. Fall Semester 2012 Schedule: Nov. 1--Gary Ostrower "Election 2012"; Nov. 8--Luanne Crosby "The Arts and Literature of Senegal"; Nov. 15--James Rummel, DO "Do you D.O.? Osteopathic Medicine?"; Nov. 22--Thanksgiving; Nov. 29--Chris Churchill "Fascist Influences in the History of Ideas" and Dec. 6--Emrys Westacott "The Philosophy of Frugality."

Hornell Fortnightly Club. 7:30 pm second Thursday of each month during academic year, Hornell High School Library. Membership dues \$12/single, \$18/family. Mail to: Donald Doster, 191 Hornell St., Hornell, NY 14843.

Maple City Garden Club. Monthly potluck lunch second Wednesday at Sawyer St. Court, Hornell (unless otherwise noted) at 12 noon. Program follows: Nov. 14--TBA with Craig Braack. Dec. 12--Field trip to see "A Christmas Spectacular" at Doug's Flower Shop after a noon lunch at Country Kitchen. Jan. 9--"Shade Lovers, the Wild and the Tame" with Mary Lu Wells. Feb. 13--"Plant Offerings and Colors for 2013" with Valerie Holler of Bennett's Greenhouse. March 13--"The Use of Native Plants in Residential Landscapes" with

Pauline Bourn, Regional Landscape Architect at DOT. April 10--"Saving Seeds" with Brigette Reynolds of Quest Farm, and Sandy Dygert. May 8--Plant auction and planning the 2013-2014 program. June 12--Field Trip to Quest Farm to hear Tom McDowell's talk and display of his honey bees after a noon lunch at Mulheisen's. For info, call Zoë Coombs at 587-8031.

Poets Theatre. 7:30 pm second Thurs. each month, 20 Broadway, Hornell. Open reading of original works. Interested persons invited. For info, 716-466-8524.



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BRIDGE Helen Bailey Bridge Club. Games at 2 p.m. Wednesdays and at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the Hornell United Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Hornell. For further information, contact Pat LaCourse at 587-8570.

Special Events

Annual Christmas Bazaar of the Union University Church. Friday, Dec. 7 from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Union University Church Center, Church Street, Alfred.

Support Groups

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

Alcoholics Anonymous. 7 pm & 8:30 pm Fridays at Union University Church Center in Alfred. Call 607-276-8588 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 716-268-9390 for more info.

Cardiac Support Group. Meets second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the St. James Mercy Hospital Cardiac Rehab (2nd floor). For info, call the Cardiac Rehab Unit at 324-8735.

Caregivers Support Group. For info, call the Allegany Office for the Aging, 716-268-9390 or toll-free 1-866-268-9390.

Diabetes Support Group. Meets fourth Thursday of the month from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Memorial Conference Room, ground floor just off the cafeteria at St. James Mercy Hospital. For more info, contact Bonnie at 607-324-8900.

JMH Diabetes Support Group meets monthly on the third

Wednesday Sept.-May. 7 p.m. in Walchli Room, (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 on the second Thursday of each month 6-7 p.m. at JMH. For more information, please contact the group facilitators Iris Bahamonde (585-593-1910).

Gastric Bypass Support Group. Third Monday of each month 7-8:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at St. James Mercy Hospital. For more info, call Faith Mills at 607-661-6265.

Afternoon Grief Support Group. Meets second Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. in the McAuley Manor Chapel on the 2nd floor. For info, Chaplain Astuti Bijlefeld or Deacon Bob McCormick at St. James Mercy Hospital Spiritual Care Office at 607-324-8153.

Evening Grief Support Group. "Good Grief Group" meets second and fourth Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in the hospital Chapel, on the ground floor. For more info, contact Deacon Bob McCormick at bmccormick@sjmh.org or call the Spiritual Care Office at 607-324-8153.

Homeschool Support Group—Allegany-Steuben County LEAH (Loving Education at Home) meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the Steere home in Almond. 276-6380.

LaLeche League. 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 first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. at Friendly's. For more info, contact Robert Staub at 607-545-6404 or Donna Boag at 607-295-9852.

Pulmonary Support Group of Jones Memorial Hospital meets from 1 to 3 p.m. 2nd Monday each month at the Walchli Education

WHAT'S COOKIN'?

Allegany County Office for the Aging Meals on Wheels & Luncheon Center Menu Monday, December 3

Tropical Fruit, Hearty Beef Barley Soup, Brussel Sprouts, Bran Quick Bread, Chocolate Pudding, Diabetic - Pudding.

Tuesday, December 4
Tossed Salad w/Ranch Dressing, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Spinach, Garlic Bread, Fresh Fruit, Diabetic - Fresh Fruit.

Wednesday, December 5
Lemon Lime Salad, Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, California Blend, Rye Bread, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Diabetic - Fruit Cocktail.

Thursday, December 6
Juice, Sweet & Sour Pork, Brown Rice, Carrots, Wheat Bread, Cheesecake, Diabetic - Peaches.

Friday, December 7
Pickled Beet Salad, Chicken Fillet, Baked Potato w/Sour Cream, Succotash, Roll, Pumpkin Crunch, Diabetic - Pears.
For reservations, call the site coordinator or 585-268-9390 or (toll free 1-866-268-9390) by 2 p.m. on previous day.

ALFRED NUTRITION SITE
Union University Church Center, 12 noon
Call Cindy Berry at 607-281-8794.

Monday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon. Lynn Oyer, Issues & Answers.

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 Lila Johnson at 585-268-5380.

Tuesday—Exercises at 10 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m. "Animals," "Show & Tell."

Thursday—Exercises at 10 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m. "Communication," "Mittens & Scarves."

BOLIVAR NUTRITION SITE
Fire Hall 12 noon
Call Rita Morris at 585-928-2278

Monday—Exercises at 11 a.m., lunch at 12 noon.

Tuesday—Lunch at noon. Lynn Oyer, Issues & Answers.

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

Thursday—Lunch at noon.

CANASERAGA NUTRITION SITE
Canaseraga Fire Hall, 12 noon
Call Barb Welch at 607-295-7301.

Tuesday—Exercises at 10:15 a.m., lunch at 12 noon. "Winter Words." Exercises/Cards at 1 p.m. Trish Haggerty, Wellsville Manor Care Center.

Thursday—Exercises at 10:15 a.m., lunch at 12 noon. "December Decorations." Exercises at 1 p.m. Blood Pressure Clinic.

CUBA NUTRITION SITE
AA Arnold Community Center, 12 noon
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Monday—Exercises, Euchre, Cards, Dominoes, Puzzles at 10:30 a.m. Lunch at 12 noon. "December Bulletin Board & Decorations."

Tuesday—Euchre, Cards, Dominoes, Puzzles at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon. "Animal Trivia."

Wednesday—Euchre, Cards, Dominoes, Puzzles at 10:30 a.m., lunch at noon. "Current Topics."

Thursday—Exercises, Cards, Dominoes, Puzzles at 10:30 a.m., lunch at noon. "Poinsettia Day."

FILLMORE NUTRITION SITE
Fillmore Fire Hall, 12 noon
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Monday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., Cards, Jigsaw Puzzles, Euchre. Lunch at 12 noon.

Thursday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., Cards, Jigsaw Puzzles, Euchre. Lunch at 12 noon.

FRIENDSHIP NUTRITION SITE
Community Center, 12 noon
Call Vivian Howell 585-973-2650

Tuesday—Exercises at 10:45 a.m., Lunch at 12 noon.

Thursday—Exercises at 10:45 a.m., lunch at 12 noon. Crafts at 1 p.m.

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

Monday—Stretch at 9:00 a.m., Walking at 9:30 a.m., Bingo at 10:30 a.m., Lunch at 12 noon, Euchre at 1:00 p.m., Exercises at 1:30 p.m. Kim Toot, OFA.

Wednesday—Walking at 9:30 a.m., Games at 10 a.m., lunch at noon, Euchre at 1 p.m., Exercise at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday—Stretch at 9 a.m., Bingo at 10:30 a.m., Lunch at 12 noon, Bridge at 1 p.m., Exercise at 1:30 p.m.

Friday—Walking at 9:30 a.m., Bingo at 10:30 a.m., Lunch at 12 noon, Pinochle at 12:30 p.m., Exercise at 1:30 p.m.

WHITESVILLE NUTRITION SITE
Whitesville Fire Hall, 12 noon
Call Becky Mattison at 607-356-3571.

Monday—Exercises at 10:45 a.m., Jigsaw Puzzle, lunch at 12 noon. "Animal Facts."

Tuesday—Lunch at noon. Jigsaw Puzzle. "Christmas Cookie Drive."

Wednesday—Exercises at 10:45 a.m., Jigsaw Puzzle, Lunch at noon. "Words with 'OA' in them."

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CHIEFS17	Carolina14
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Cincinnati23	CHARGERS20
RAVENS20	Pittsburgh17
COWBOYS23	Philadelphia16
NJ Giants24	REDSKINS23

East Region Fan Poll-- Week Eleven (11/12/12)

#	School (#1 votes)	Record	Pts. Prev.	This Week
1.	Hobart (5)	10-050	1	vs. Wittenberg
2.	Widener	9-0 43	2	vs. Salisbury
3.	Cortland State	8-1 39	4	vs. Wesley
4.	Salisbury	8-2 37	3	vs. Widener
5.	Rowan	7-2 31	5	Season over
6.	Lycoming	8-2 25	6	Season over
7.	Alfred	6-3 17	T9	Season over
8.	St. John Fisher	7-3 12	NR	Season over
9.	Delaware Valley	7-3 12	8	Season over
10.	Ithaca	6-4 5	T9	Season over

Dropped Out: Lebanon Valley
Also Receiving Votes: Springfield 3, Framingham State 2, Albright 1, Trinity 1, Union 1.
 (Five East Region fans comprise the pollsters.)

Pigskin Picks Football Contest

FLOYD FARLEY wins Week 11
 Floyd Patrick Farley of Hornell, with 4 misses, won Pigskin Picks Week 11. He edged Robert H. Torrey of Almond who had 5 misses, while Judy Marlatt of Almond, and Doug Lorow of Webster each had 6 misses. Chris Yarnal of Almond and Mark Davidson of Hornell had 7 misses.

An error was made in Week 10's judging and, while Chris Yarnal of Almond will still win \$10, he will be joined by Nelson Snyder of Alfred Station, who actually edged Yarnal, with only 3 misses last week. Snyder's entry, along with a 4-miss entry by Betsy Brooks of Alfred Station, were misplaced by the *Alfred Sun* janitor and, therefore,

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2. One entry per person on official entry form or facsimile of same.
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 Oct. 13--SJ FISHER* (W26-13)
 Oct. 20--at Salisbury* (L, 21-24)
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During the last few days of October, when Hurricane Sandy was threatening Western New York, state and local officials advised us as to the important documents we should take with us in the event of an evacuation: deeds, home-insurance policies, birth certificates, passports, and the like. In preparation, we should assemble those documents and place them in a waterproof envelope.

Sound advice, to be sure. But as I read that official list, I thought of a less than official item I would add to it: the file of documents I have kept for years under my father's well-worn Bible. Contained in that file are notes, letters, and cards from friends and family, including letters from my deceased mother; birthday cards from my wife; holiday cards from my daughter-in-law; and a variety of notes from my son, some of them dating from his early childhood. Unlike the policies and passports, those documents are irreplaceable. And all were written by hand, which makes them all the more valuable.

That value, I might point out, is more than sentimental. It is historical and spiritual. The novelist Philip Hensher, author of *The Missing Ink* (Macmillan, 2012), has argued, with ample corroboration, that "we are at a moment when handwriting seems to be about to vanish from our lives," having been supplanted by the printed—and now the digital—word. If Hensher is right, we would do well to cherish whatever handwritten documents remain extant, irrespective of their author or content.

But even if we believe that handwriting, having survived for 5000 years, will always be with us, the act of writing by hand is worthy of renewed attention, if not of veneration. For in the handwritten word, it might be said, the authentic human self is concretely embodied. And the handwritten note or letter, however rough or polished, affords a depth of intimacy between writer and reader that print can only approximate. Little wonder that the world's great spiritual traditions, Zen included, have accorded the handwritten word—or character—a place of honor, whether the handwritten text be the Torah, the Quran, the Heart Sutra, or the Book of Kells.



Yet, if the Zen tradition shares a common regard for the handwritten text, it differs in one important respect. In contrast to such treasures as the Lindisfarne Gospels, which were slowly and meticulously transcribed by medieval monks, some of the most revered texts of the classical Zen tradition are in essence improvisations. Executed spontaneously, without revision, they reflect the state of the practitioner's mind at the moment of composition. In a frame on our wall, my wife and I have one such text: a rendition of the Zen slogan "This is It," inscribed in a fluent English script by the Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh. Stamped in red ink with Thich Nhat Hanh's personal "chop," this inscription is not a reproduction. On the contrary, it is an original work of calligraphic art, and to contemplate it for any length of time is to feel the presence of a true Zen master, whose clear and spacious mind, at the moment of inscription, is unmistakably reflected in the words he inscribed.

By the same token, Thich Nhat Hanh's inscription also affords access to its author's unguarded heart. I am reminded of Sylvia Townsend Warner's comment, apropos of the great letter-writers of the past. *Look, they say. These black signs on white paper, they are me. My blood ran with this ink.* And I am reminded, even more, of my own encounters over the years with the handwritten words of writers living and dead, among them W. B. Yeats, Gerard Manley Hopkins, Loren Eiseley, Adrienne Rich, and Seamus Heaney. In every case the connection thus established transcended the merely literary.

As I reflect this morning on those encounters, one in particular stands out. During a visit to Dublin in the 1980s, I stopped in at the National Library of Ireland, where I was given permission to view and indeed to hold the original manuscript of Patrick Kavanagh's "The Great Hunger" (1942), one of the seminal poems of modern Irish writing. As I examined the manuscript under a green-shaded library lamp, Kavanagh's poem became more than a literary monument. Scrawled in the pages of a college blue book, it became an avenue to its author, whose vulnerabilities as well as gifts were on full display. "I wasn't really a writer," Kavanagh once remarked. "I had seen a strange beautiful light on the hills and that was all." In Kavanagh's rough-hewn but expressive hand, both the erstwhile Monaghan farmer and the gifted lyric poet were vividly present. To encounter both at such close proximity was as moving as it was illuminating.

The manuscript of "The Great Hunger" is safely archived in the National Library, and the poem itself is firmly established in the canon of Irish verse. Yet the blue book I was holding was no more permanent than its dry, acid-bearing pages. And from the vantage point of Zen teachings, neither was the self reflected in Kavanagh's script. Rather, it was the provisional self of the poet Patrick Kavanagh, compacted of his temperament, his literary and social culture, his historical moment, and other, contingent elements too numerous to mention. In her book *Nothing Special* the Zen teacher Charlotte Joko Beck likens the self to a whirlpool in a stream, subject to continuous change and eventual dispersal. All the more reason to conserve the handwritten documents in our possession, which provide a trace of that temporary self, whether their authors be Zen masters, celebrated writers, or members of our families. And all the more reason to pick up a pen.

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White House cards in Hinkle exhibit

ALFRED—A collection of White House Christmas cards will be exhibited at the Hinkle Memorial Library Gallery on the Alfred State campus, Dec. 10-17. An opening reception for the public will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 12 from 5 to 7 p.m., hosted by the Allegany County Area Foundation which has secured the collection for the exhibit.

This privately-owned traveling collection includes more than 30 original White House Christmas cards, including ones from each administration from Franklin Roosevelt to Barack Obama. Additionally, the collection includes special gifts given to the White House staffers by former presidents Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Clinton; cards chosen by subsequent first families; gift prints given to the White House Staffers; panels on the traditions surrounding Christmas at the White House, as well as those practiced by the American Public from the Civil War through modern times; and additional works sent by artists who have designed cards, namely Kay Jackson, Ray Ellis, James Steinmeyer, and Thomas McKnight.

The collection will be available for viewing during regular Library hours Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 1 to 7 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 11 p.m. Visitor parking is available.

Bergren Forum today

ALFRED—Christopher Churchill, assistant professor of history and global studies at Alfred University, will present "Fascist Influences in the History of Ideas" as part of Alfred University's ongoing Bergren Forum Series. His lecture will take place on Thursday, Nov. 29 at 12:10 p.m. in Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center. All are welcome to attend free of charge.



Almond 20th Century Club Library

By TAMMY KOKOT
Almond Library Director

Quail Creek Editions and the Almond Library are pleased to announce a book signing by author, Andrew L. Phelan of his newly completed book, *Becoming the Village Potter, the Life of Linn L. Phelan*. Linn L. Phelan (1906-1992) was a long time Almond resident well known for his "personalized pottery." Many area residents will remember Linn L. Phelan not only for his pottery but also for his teaching and then later with his community involvement and cultural initiatives. The author, the oldest son of Linn L. Phelan, will be present to talk about the book and to sign copies at the Almond Library beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1.



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Compiled By DAVID L. SNYDER

Alfred Sun Editor and Publisher

FIFTY YEARS AGO, NOVEMBER 29, 1962

An opera written especially for the Christmas season will be presented for students and the general public, Dec. 6, by the University departments of music and dramatic art. "Amahl and the Night Visitors" will be performed in Alumni Hall as a student assembly program and again at 8:15 p.m. for the general public. The opera was written by the American composer Gian Carlo Menotti for presentation as an NBC television program and it has become an annual production of the holiday season. It is the story of three kings on the way to Bethlehem who stop one night at the hut of a crippled shepherd boy, Amahl. The roles of the three kings will be played by Dr. Clifford E. Myers, bass; Darwin Dorr, a graduate student from Webster, baritone; and Herbert M. Berry of Dansville, tenor. Mrs. Betty Giles of Alfred will appear in the role of the mother, and Miss Nancy Skidmore, a senior from Delmar, as Amahl. A student chorus will also take part in the production. Mrs. Ada Becker Seidlin will be the accompanist. Paul D. Giles, assistant professor of music, will direct the production.

The annual Christmas Bazaar of the Women's Guild of the Union University Church will be held at the Church Center Friday, December 7, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Features of the Bazaar are the Apron, with pretty and most useful cover-ups; the Christmas Decoration Shop, an ideal place to get those decorations for your house, table, and tree; the Gift Shop, with many gifts for one and all; the Baked Goods Shop, with baked beans, breads, coffee cakes, cupcakes, cookies, cakes, pies and plum puddings; the Candy Shop, with homemade fudge, divinity, etc. and popcorn balls, too; and the Pantry Shelf laden with jams, jellies, pickles, soups, spaghetti sauce, TV snacks and many other specialties.

The development of Pakistan is a project that will take 25 years or more, Associate Professor George A. Kirkendale told members of the faculties of Alfred University and State University Agricultural and Technical Institute at a joint meeting in Howell Hall Monday night.

Alfredians—Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Seidlin were guests of Miss Rose Becker at New York City for the Thanksgiving holidays. Dighton Burdick was released from Bethesda Hospital, Nov. 21, and is convalescing at the family home at Addison. Miss Sharon Bouck of Randolph-Macon Women's College at Lynchburg, Va., spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bouck. Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Hale and Mrs. Alvin Cline were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Cline and two children and Mrs. Marion Lawson of Jamestown, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Cline and two daughters and Miss Lena Campbell of Olean and Dr. and Mrs. David Ohara and children. Guests of Mrs. Lloyd Watson for Thanksgiving and the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Huber S. Watson and family of Rochester. Mr. and Mrs. Jay McWilliams and children of West Hartford, Conn., spent the Thanksgiving holiday with Dr. and Mrs. C.E. Rhodes. Richard Crandall and a classmate, John Colby of Syracuse University spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Crandall; Thanksgiving Day guests included Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Crandall of Independence and Fred Turk. Michael Minnick who has been on furlough from Lackland AFB, Texas, will report to San Francisco for his new assignment. He has been spending some time here with his mother, Mrs. Marion Minnick.

Alfred Station—Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Simon P. Aldrich were Mr. and Mrs. Burr Woodruff and family of Medina, Mr. and Mrs. Simon A. Aldrich and daughter of Almond, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Austin and children. Mr. and Mrs. William L. Howden and sons of Wellsville were Sunday guests of Mrs. Glen Shaw. Bert and Don Carnes are among the lucky ones to get 10 and 8 point bucks. The Misses Ruby and Rena Clark and Merle Clark were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hadsell of Almond. Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.K. Ormsby were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall, Mr. and Mrs. William Argentieri, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rink and William Ormsby, all of Hornell, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brown of Clarence Center. Ben Nye and children of Bell, California, are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Allen. Mr. and Mrs. Judson Stearns and family were in Buffalo Thanksgiving Day to meet their new exchange student, Clara Ochoa of Medellin, Colombia, S.A. Clara is a cousin of the family Janice stayed with last summer.

Almond—Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Gillette and daughters of New Hampton and Miss Virginia Gillette of

Lockport have returned to their homes after spending the Thanksgiving holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Gillette. Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Northrup of the Arkport Road were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mensinger, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hurd and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ryan Sr. and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ryan, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee A. Ryan and son of Almond; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wyant of Dansville, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Doan of Hornell. Thirty members of the Raymond Hardy family attended a Thanksgiving celebration held Saturday at the Almond Grange Hall. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Hardy and boys of Alfred Station, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Hardy and son of Rochester, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Peters and two children of Southampton, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Karnes and family of Garwoods, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Hardy and children of Almond and Miss Eva Dyke of West Almond.

Coach Harold Hackett has announced that 27 men have been selected for the AACS wrestling squad for 1962-63. The A-A grapplers are looking toward their first match Thursday, Nov. 29 with Avoca on the A-A mats. Squad members include David Bordeaux, Karl Barron, Eugene Cleveland, Gene Cornell, Charles Cameron, Joseph Decker, Richard Davis, James Evans, James Hurne, Milton Hadsell, Bruce Jefferds, David Kemp, William Langer, Michael Leach, Alan Mason, Edward McMichael, Borden Mills, Emanuel Ninos, Donald Neeley, James Nye, William Parish, Frank Stevens, Roger Van Horn, John Wakefield, Carroll Wilcox, John Woodruff.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, NOV. 26, 1987

Alfred State College nursing graduates can literally walk across the street now, if they want to obtain their B.S. degree in nursing. That's because of the new "Three Plus One" guaranteed transfer agreement between Alfred State College and Alfred University. Under the agreement, Alfred State nursing graduates can earn their bachelor's degree in nursing by studying a third year at Alfred State and then transferring to AU for their senior year.

(Photo) "Three Plus One"—Officials from Alfred State College and Alfred University give final approval here to a "Three Plus One" transfer program in nursing. Under the agreement, Alfred State nursing graduates can earn their bachelor's degrees in nursing by studying a third year at Alfred State and then transferring to AU for their senior year. Signing the agreement are Professor Marilyn Lusk, chairman of Alfred State's Nursing Department, and Dr. Joella Rand, dean of the AU College of Nursing. Looking on are other signers, Dr. Rolf Zerges, Alfred State vice president for academic affairs; Dr. James Thompson, Alfred State dean, School of Agriculture and Allied Health; and Dr. S. Gene Odle, Alfred University provost.

Snyde Remarks: We have a winner! Congratulations to Alfred Sun subscriber and Tinkertown neighbor Joan Schulze in our contest to find out who can guess how many states this newspaper is sent to. We had a nice variety of guesses ranging from a conservative 15 to a flattering 48 states. But the real number of states the SUN is sent to is...drum roll please...here's the figure you've all been waiting for...36 states! Not counting Washington, D.C., the SUN is sent to 35 states. Therefore, there are only 15 states in which the SUN does not have a subscriber.

Alfredians—Mrs. Peter Finlay was in Boston, MA to attend an update on ear diseases, hearing loss, etc. at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear infirmary. She also had a tour of Massachusetts General Hospital. At ceremonies of the Allegany County Legislature, David Schwert and Barbara Fletcher were presented with certificates thanking them for the thousands of hours they have spent training emergency medical technicians. Dr. and Mrs. Dan Rase have returned to their home after being in Rhode Island most of the summer. Peggy joined a tour group and spent 17 days in China. She visited the school where Susie Burdick, Alfred missionary, had taught many years. Quoting an Alfred retiree, when asked how he liked retirement: "Terrible," he said, "No weekends, no holidays, no vacations. I never get a day off." It often shows a fine command of language to say nothing.

A son was born Tuesday, Nov. 17, 1987 to Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Chapin (Carol Wheeler) of Fairfax, VA. Maternal grandparents of the infant are Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wheeler of Almond.

(Photo) Alfred-Almond Cub Scout Pack 26 Leader Terry Muhleisen presents checks in the amount of \$122.43 to Joan Bowden, representing the Box of Books Library in Alfred, and to Edna Carter of the Twentieth

Century Club Almond Library...given as a result of its "Bottles for Books" drive held Oct. 31.

Carl Shively of Waterwells Road, Alfred Station, has received word that his 1985 Champagne was awarded first place in national amateur competition held at Charleston, SC earlier this month. The winning champagne was made from 90% Chardonnay and 10% Pinot Noir using the traditional method champenoise. This is the second straight year that Shively has won first place in the sparkling wine category in the American Wine Society's amateur competition.

TEN YEARS AGO, DECEMBER 5, 2002

Herrington C. Stebbins, 89, of 57 Franklin Street, Wellsville, went to be with his Lord on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2002 in the Highland Healthcare Center after a long illness. He was born January 27, 1913 in Wellsville, a son of Charles and Alta (Clark) Stebbins. On February 20, 1953, in Wellsville, he was married to Thressa Eaton, who survives. From 1942 until 1944 he served in the U.S. Army. He was a former Chief of Police for the Village of Alfred and served as a patrolman for the Village of Wellsville. He retired from the Village of Wellsville as a dispatcher in December 1979. He was a member of the Wellsville Salvation Army Citadel. He was a life member of the Genesee Hose CO. #5 in Wellsville and a life member of the Alfred Station Volunteer Fire Company. Surviving in addition to his wife are a daughter, Sandra (Cecil) Briggs of Alfred Station.

(Photo) Alfred-Almond Central School's Library welcomes Shelia Flint. A-A Library Media Specialist Kim Donius is pleased to welcome Mrs. Shelia Flint. Formerly an employee of the elementary school, she was assigned to the High School library in September. She replaces long-time A-A employee Stella Patrick, who retired in June.

For the Birds (By Betsy Brooks) In the western New York area, all the usual nifty winter birds are being observed. Just before Thanksgiving, birders were seeing nine species of gulls in the Niagara Falls area including Lesser Black-backed Gulls and adult California, Thayer's, and Iceland Gulls. The first wintry weather brought Tree Sparrows to local feeders. Near the Tech Lake several weeks ago, I saw a flock of about 17 Snow Buntings, the first I've seen in years. Beverley Snyder and Mary Lou Cartledge both phoned to report they had Carolina Wrens at their feeders. If we have a particularly harsh winter, these southern wrens probably won't survive. Hopefully they'll be around to get counted in the annual Christmas Bird Census scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 14. Keep your feeders stocked and watch the birds closely. Dick and I will be leaving soon for our winter trip. This will be a different kind of winter for us, with less moving around. Our daughter Laura bought a "fixer upper" house just outside of Nogales, AZ - and we'll be doing the work on it. We'll still make the trip to San Diego to see David and his family and to La Jolla to see Warren, and Laura will fly over from Rome for a few weeks' visit in Nogales. We sold our RV but plan to buy a trailer in the southwest and we'll do our usual leisurely trip home, visiting as many good birding spots as possible. As usual, I'll keep you posted from time to time.

Alfred-Almond's fifth and sixth grade gold All-Star team recently won the 9th annual Alfred-Almond Fall Soccer Cup Tournament, marking the first time A-A has won their annually sponsored event in more than six years. (Photo) A-A's Fall Cup Soccer Champions include Travis Bellows, Ethan Mix, Alexis Jersey, Danielle Chamberlain, J.R. Emo, Jason Fraser, Jacob Bayus, Justine Burnett, Justin Cornell, Aaron Rygiel, Paul Shephard, David Cooper, Curtis Benjamin, Ryan Baker, Kasey Cline, Kailea Murray and Coach Bill Baker.

The Alfred-Almond boys varsity and mixed modified swimming and diving teams are starting their seasons. The team's first meet was at home against Naples on Dec. 3. The varsity team consists of thirteen swimmers with nine new members including three of whom moved up from modified. The team consists of Chris Berry (captain), Peter Blades (captain), Eric Crandall, Jeff Salvagin, Kameron Chambliss, Hansen Donius, Casey Keenan, Robert Chester, Matt Turner, Alex Minnick and Nicholi Ludlow. Kate Crandall is the varsity coach this year. The large modified team consists of Britany Fuller, Kristin Lorrow, Caitlin Pollard, Mary Fugate, Alyssa Perry, Kenneth Bellows, Josh Boyce, Brian Butts, Zac Edwards, Steve Kovalcik, Adam Margeson, Riha Prophet, Justin Shardlow, Katie Trost and Megan Votava. Ten of the swimmers are new this year. The modified coach is Linelle Soule.

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Alfred-Hornell Area AAUW member Christine Thomas (left) inspired a new essay contest honoring an outstanding woman in American History; Penelope Whitford, Chair of the essay contest; Michelle Courtney Berry, speaker "Ending the Myth of the Superwoman," and Sally Hopkins, branch member.



Recently elected officers of the Alfred-Hornell branch, AAUW from left to right: Patricia Soper-Oakes, VP for Program; Mary Jane Lloyd, President; Mary Smith, Treasurer; Dani Wassink, Secretary; and Ada White, VP for Membership. (Photo provided)

Coons outfox Master Gardener

Harvest's unwelcome guests

By CHESTER GALLE
Cornell Cooperative Extension
Master Gardener

This summer, I welcomed many guests to my garden on Randolph Road in Alfred Station. They came to see the students' garden project. One of the things they noticed was that the area containing the corn plants was completely encircled by summer squash plants, placed two feet apart and sometimes closer. The reason for planting this barrier was to prevent the raccoons from devastating the sweet corn.

In past years, I've always erected an electric fence, which was 100% effective in keeping the raccoons out of the corn. Last year, however, I tried the squash barrier technique, and it worked! So, I did it again this year, thinking I would get the same result.

However, I made the mistake of harvesting the summer squash and, in many cases, knocking over squash leaves that created the barrier. As a result, this year's crop of sweet corn was totally devastated during my trip to visit my son in New Hampshire in early September. When we returned, there wasn't a stalk left standing. The raccoons were thorough. They ate every kernel off every stalk. It must have been delicious!

I'm writing to tell you of my failure, so that next year you will not choose to implement my



Photo: Clemson Extension.

squash barrier technique, unless you are willing to leave the squash plants undisturbed. While this has not been corroborated with scientific testing, I am willing to try new ways to

protect my hard work. However, my next year's corn crop will be protected by an electric fence.

I am pleased to report that the students had considerable success with their raised beds, growing carrots, beets, lettuce, tomatoes, beans and Brussels sprouts. My recommendation for beginning (and experienced) gardeners is to try a raised bed. It works wonderfully! If you want to learn more about raised bed gardening, just call the local Master Gardener office in Belmont at (585) 268-7644, ext. 23.

I trust you have gathered your fall leaves and grass clippings and put them in your compost bin. They'll give you a great start for next year. And, the next gardening season is right around the corner!

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AAUW hears inspirational talk

HORNELL--The October meeting of the Alfred-Hornell Branch of The American Association of University Women (AAUW) was a dinner meeting at Marino's Restaurant featuring guest speaker Michelle Courtney Berry from Ithaca.

Michelle's presentation, "Ending the Myth of the Superwoman," was inspirational, dynamic and humorous as she outlined various approaches to manage stress and change. Personal experiences and tales of her life were shared, as well as

quotes from Maya Angelou and from Michelle's most recent book *Breathe*. Attendance included members from the Bath AAUW Branch and representatives from Alfred University and Alfred State College.

The Alfred-Hornell Chapter recently elected officers as follows: Patricia Soper-Oakes, VP for Program; Mary Jane Lloyd, President; Mary Smith, Treasurer; Dani Wassink, Secretary; and Ada White, VP for Membership.



As anyone who knows me or reads this column from time to time knows, I feed the birds come winter. They bring such colorful cheer on those short, grey days while we wait for spring.

There was a bit of disturbing news this morning. Scott's Miracle Grow, one of the largest in the garden industry, had just been fined \$12 million for--guess what?--adding insecticide to their bird seed to keep it from being infested in storage. Never mind this has been illegal for several years (those old government regulators again), never mind some of the insecticides could kill birds. It's all about the bottom line - making money.

Now some call me a cynic - no I am not. I just have lived a while and am well informed. As the years pile up and the news rolls on, the conflict between human nature and the common good becomes apparent. The desires to enhance the bottom line must be curbed by someone. This task often falls to government agencies. We in a civilized society need laws to live by - laws which support honesty and justice.

It really makes me angry that large companies run by intelligent men (mostly) can still do such a thing. And if our government regulators had not caught them, they would still be adding poison to the bird feed.

Once again, the fabric of our society sustains a rip; we lose a bit more trust. Is it any wonder we become cynical?

So, this time they got caught and were fined. I for one will add them to my blacklist. All Scott's Miracle Grow products banned from my shopping list. If all bird lovers did that, it would affect their bottom line.

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'Best Yet to Come!' Revelation 1:4-8

By LINDA STAIGER

ALMOND—Worrisome this week, to say the least, is the conflict in the Middle East. Israel and Palestinians in Gaza Strip exchanging bombs. Lined up ready for an all out offensive. The blessed words, "Cease Fire," were announced Wednesday and we can only hope that it lasts.

Think about it—how close we were to yet another all out war somewhere. Prompting another thought about how much war has changed over the years. American Revolution had the British lined up like gentlemen with their muskets, bayonets just a stone's throw away from the enemy (us).

"Don't shoot til you see the whites of their eyes" is understandable given the fact that the muskets were unreliable and could not be reloaded fast enough for a quick second shot. (This reporter was taught that the Americans had to resort to a guerilla warfare given the fact that we really did not have a standing army already outfitted.)

The Civil War was similar—hand to hand combat, lots of people dead on the fields. Then we

come to the World Wars: more mobile, more firepower, air power, bombs. Gee, now we could actually drop bombs over a city and never have to see "the whites of their eyes"! Impersonal warfare... but at least you still knew who the 'enemy' was.

Now we have acts of terrorism, no longer two armies fighting against each other. Civilians with bombs strapped on into crowded areas...sounds a lot like Vietnam too. Women, children, old people often against their will are used as weapons with no compunction. Cannot tell who the enemy is anymore....devastating.

Now move on to everyday violence (what a sad term) such as road rage, domestic violence, a mother who was mad at her family and set fire to the house to kill them all. Take your pick. It's a loss of hope—there isn't any end to their struggles—they can no longer see who/what the 'enemy' is.

We just celebrated Thanksgiving and heard of so many organizations helping so many people. At the Almond Church Food Pantry we were able to put to-

gether 24 turkey dinner baskets for our pantry. At our church as is true for so many organizations, all this is done in the name of Christ, the one who came to give us hope. Jesus loves us, frees us and makes us part of His kingdom. He made a promise to provide salvation and the promise came down at "Christmas"—whenever...He came, He lived among us, He walked down the last road and died on the cross. That was the end ---of the beginning.

One last story: ever hear about the woman who wanted to be buried with a fork in her hand? It's an old one, but I will repeat it here. An elderly lady was dying and asked her pastor if he would make sure she was buried with a fork in her hand. He agreed, but asked why. Her answer? She explained that she had been to countless church dinners and everytime the tables were cleared they were told to keep their forks because "the best was yet to come"! DESSERT!

Her faith told her that although she must die, she somehow knew that the best was yet to come. And to show this faith, th show her confidence, she wanted everyone to see her for the last time with that fork in her hand!

The best is, indeed, yet to come. There is hope. Sometimes this here life really hurts. Sometimes we are in pain. Sometimes watching the struggles of others causes us to lose our hope. Don't. Don't ever lose hope, but be confident in this. The best is yet to come!

Methodist Church Bulletin

Reader's Theatre to be presented at Methodist Church

By ADAM GAYHART

ALFRED--Starting Sunday, Dec. 2 and continuing for the next two Sundays after that (Sunday, Dec. 9 and Sunday, Dec. 16) Alfred United Methodist Church will be featuring a series of three Reader's Theater skits in honor of the Christmas season.

The skits will be about the Casting Call of the Nativity and will be a part of the regular services on those Sundays. The story will imagine that a Director/ Producer is putting a live Nativity play together. This Director/ Producer, played by Dick Kephart, will be auditioning the major players in the play.

Each piece will be a short talk between two characters, the Director and the person being cast; lasting about seven to nine minutes each. The first skit, on Dec. 2, will be the Casting Call for Mary; the second, on Dec. 9, will be the Casting Call for Joseph; and the third, on Dec. 16, will be the Casting Call for King Herod. The three vignettes will be directed by Barb Larsen.

This Reader's Theater selection is the most recent in a long line of very well done and heartfelt skits directed by Larsen. The public is welcome to come and enjoy. Services begin at 9 a.m. each Sunday, with Fellowship time following at 10 a.m.

If you would like more information you may call Pastor Timothy Middleton, Sr. at (607) 587-8168. The church newsletter is available on the Alfred United Methodist Church Facebook page. We welcome College students. We hope to see you next Sunday.



This men's group is shown here rehearsing for the Alfred Almond Bible Church Christmas musical, to be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 and 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9 in the Alfred-Almond Central School auditorium. Front row, Carson Prince, Cody Prince; back row, Pen Palmer, Ed Raish and Craig Mix.

Alfred Station S.D.B. Church announces Advent services

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Thursday, November 29

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--ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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Saxon men cagers drop two games



Alfred University's #4 Terrell Rankin led all Saxons players with 13 points and he pulling down 4 rebounds against Hilbert College. (PhotosbyLAN.com)

Men's basketball team drops pair of games

ALFRED--The Alfred University men's basketball team (1-3-0, 0-0-0 Empire 8) fell at Penn College, Tuesday evening, 53-61, and to Hilbert College, 67-77, at the McLane Center Saturday afternoon.

Against Penn College, senior forward Sean Curran (Honesdale, PA) paced the Saxons with a team high 17 points and seven rebounds. Senior guard Tim Costello (Windsor) added 12 points and three rebounds. Senior forward Brett Dennis (Webster-Schroeder) tallied seven rebounds and five points.

Against Hilbert, Costello scored 10 of his 12 points in the first half as AU led 32-27 at the break. Junior forward Terrell Rankin (Buffalo/Sweet Home) led the Saxons with 13 points, while junior forward Jason Ruback (Pittsford-Mendon) netted 11 points and four boards.

Junior center Steve Lothridge (East Syracuse/East Syracuse-Minoa) pulled down nine re-

bounds.

Last Week: L, 53-61, at Penn College (11/20); L, 67-77, vs Hilbert (11/24)

This Week: at Wells College (11/28, 1 p.m.); vs. Cazenovia (12/1, 1 p.m.)

Women's basketball team topples Penn College and Hilbert

The women's basketball team (2-2-0, 0-0-0 Empire 8) knocked off host Penn College, 94-64, Tuesday evening, then whipped visiting Hilbert, 74-48, Saturday evening.

Against Penn College, AU led big at intermission, 59-35, and continued to add to their lead in the second half, outscoring Penn College 35-29.

Sophomore guard Harley Cleary (Rochester/ Our Lady of Mercy) (23 points, four rebounds), junior guard Rachael Stedman (Hamburg/ Springville Griffith) (16 points, three rebounds), freshman guard Heather Hebert (Hilton) (14 points, six rebounds), and junior forward Sarah Federico (Buf-

falo/Holy Angels) (13 points, 13 rebounds) all scored in double digits for the Saxons. Freshman forward Hailey Sick (Dansville) pulled down 10 rebounds and scored eight points.

In the win against Hilbert, Alfred led 41-21 at the half and was never threatened after intermission. AU held the Hawks to 20 percent shooting in the second half and 21.4 percent for the game. The Saxons forced 31 Hilbert turnovers while committing only 13 miscues themselves.

Stedman paced AU with a game-high 15 points and five rebounds. Cleary had 11 points and a game-high six assists and Hebert had 10 points and eight steals. Federico had a game-best 10 boards.

Last Week: W, 94-64, vs. Penn College (11/20); W, 74-48, vs. Hilbert (11/24)

This Week: at Wells College (11/28, 5 p.m.); vs. Cazenovia College (12/1, 3 p.m.)

Men's swimming and diving team idle

The men's swimming and diving team (2-1, 1-0 Empire 8) was idle this week and returns to action Nov. 30-Dec. 2 at the Ithaca Invitational.

This Week: at Ithaca Invitational (11/30-12/2, 1 p.m.)

Women's swimming and diving team set to return to action

The women's swimming and diving team (1-3, 0-1 Empire 8) was idle this week and returns to action Nov. 30-Dec. 2 at the Ithaca Invitational.

Western equestrian team set to return to the show ring

The Western equestrian team was idle last week and returns to the show ring for a pair of shows on Saturday, Dec. 1, at the AU Equestrian Center.

English equestrian team set to return to the show ring

The English equestrian team was idle last week and returns to the show ring for a pair of shows on Dec. 8 at the AU Equestrian Center.

Costello, Cleary Named Saxon Athletes of the Week

Tim Costello: The senior guard from Windsor averaged 12 points – twice scoring in double figures – in two men's basketball games last week. He had 12 points, three rebounds and three assists at Penn College and netted 12 points, with two rebounds and an assist, against visiting Hilbert.

Harley Cleary: The sophomore guard from Rochester averaged 17 points, 2.5 rebounds, four assists and four steals as the women's basketball team swept a pair of non-league games last week. She had 23 points, four rebounds, two assists and four steals as the Saxons whipped host Penn College, then had 11 points, one rebound, six assists and four steals in a home win against Hilbert.

ASC Sports Roundup

Holmok and Moore Named Region Coaches of the Year

Women's soccer coach Anne Holmok and women's cross country coach Gary Moore have been named Region III Coaches of the Year by their peers following very successful fall season.

Holmok led the Lady Pioneers to a 17-2 season in which the team moved all the way up the NJCAA Division III poll to the #1 ranking behind the strength of a 17-game winning streak. The team earned the #1 seed in the Region III Division III Tournament but was tripped up in the championship game. Alfred finished the year ranked #7 in the country.

After losing their first game of the year, Alfred won 17-straight games in which they outscored opponents 69 to 4. During that streak the team recorded 15 shutouts.

Four members of her team, Kali Muhleisen, Hannah Holmok, Kelsey Murray, and Maura Tuffey, were named All-Region 1st team and seven Lady Pioneers were named All-WNYAC. The team also captured the WNYAC championship with a perfect record of 5-0 in WNYAC DIII play.

Moore led the women's cross country team to their second straight Region III crown and the program's sixth all-time. The blue & gold went on to finish 3rd at the NJCAA National Championships. Three members of his women's team, Kim Lupo, Claire Holleran, and Katy Monahan, raced to All-Region honors.

Moore and the Lady Pioneers were ranked in the top five all season and were ranked as high as #2. This is the second year in a row that Moore has been named coach of the year.

Holmok and Moore are Alfred-Almond Central School grads.

Platt and Rusek Earn All-American Honors

Jedediah Platt (Appleton/Barker) and Jordan Rusek (Buffalo/Williamsville East) earned NJCAA DIII All-American honors following their top-15 finishes at the National Championships. Platt and Rusek were the top two runners for Alfred State all season long. Platt finished the National Championship in 10th place to earn 2nd team honors. He finished the five mile course in 28:56 (average of 5:48 per mile). Earlier in the season he raced to 1st team All-Region honors with a 5th place finish. Rusek raced to honorable mention honors at the National Championship with a 13th place finish. He crossed the finish line in 29:10 averaging 5:50 per mile. At regionals, he earned 2nd team All-Region honors with a 10th place finish.

The Pioneer men finished tied for 5th overall in the team competition after spending most of the season ranked in the top-8 in the NJCAA Division III poll. Platt and Rusek are the first two NJCAA All-Americans for Alfred State during the 2012-13 school year.

Eight Football Players Named All-Region

Eight members of the Alfred State football team have been named All-Region following the Pioneers 5-4 season. The blue & gold finished the year as the runner-up in Region III.

Colton Caldwell (Dublin, OH) was named Co-Offensive player of the year while Sammy Diaz (Dansville), Dileel Bartley (Rochester/Edison) and Erik Simmons (Elmira Free) were all named to the All-Region offensive team. Thomas Daniels (Bronx/ICE), David Howell (Rochester/Greece Athena), Collin Frazer (Woodbridge, VA), and Michael Gibson (Capital Heights, MD) were named to the defensive team. Frazier was also honored as the Region's return specialist.

Caldwell was the leading receiver for the Pioneers. He caught 27 passes for 467 yards and five scores. He also completed 25 passes for 324 yards and a score under center.

Diaz caught 16 passes for 217 yards and a score from his slot wide receiver position. He also rushed for 42 yards and two scores. Bartley was the Pioneers leading rusher accumulating 281 yards on 73 carries. He also caught 20 passes for 229 yards and a score.

Simmons pulled in 27 catches from his tight end/wide receiver position. He finished the year with 334 yards receiving and one score. Daniels led the Pioneers with seven sacks on the year. He finished the year with 44 tackles (13.5 for a loss) and two fumble recoveries. Howell accumulated 46 tackles and three sacks from his linebacker position. He also recovered three fumbles.

Frazer led the team with three interceptions. He added 51 tackles, a sack, seven pass break-ups, and a fumble recovery. On special teams he accumulated 355 yards and two scores on punt returns and 280 yards and one score on kick returns. He finished the season with five total touchdowns (three on special teams, one on defense and one receiving).

Gibson was second on the Pioneers with 69 tackles (11 for a loss). He had two sacks, three forced fumbles and recovered two fumbles on the year.

Erie CC's Jacob Wims shared offensive player of the year honors with Caldwell while Devin Coney (ECC) was named defensive player of the year, and Tyler Blackburn (ECC) was named special teams player of the year.



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The Dugout

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HITS AND MISSES:

The NCAA Division III football playoffs are set for the quarter-final round of action and the eight teams left have a combined record of (92-1). Yikes! The lone loss was by Wesley (10-1) at the hands of Mary Hardin-Baylor (12-0) and those two programs collide again this Saturday. The other three games are: the Hobart Statesmen (12-0) at St. Thomas (Minn.) which is also 12-0, Widener (11-0) at the Mount Union Purple Raiders in Ohio and their 12-0 mark and Wisconsin-Oshkosh (12-0) ... by gosh, at Linfield (11-0). Most of those schools are in year-after-year at this stage. W-Oshkosh is "replacing" W-Whitewater this season. In round two action: Hobart topped Wittenberg, Widener handled Salisbury (E8) with ease, Wesley crushed Cortland and Mount Union blasted Johns Hopkins. With those records there should be some great games this weekend but it doesn't always pan out that way at the D3 level. Should be a great setting in Ohio for the Widener-MU contest with a solid crowd on hand. What a facility! Thoroughly enjoyed being able to go to the AU-MU game two years back, doing the radio with Cody and heading out there with noted area photographer, Leo Nealon.

In "big-time" college football it'll be the Fighting Irish from Notre Dame (12-0) taking on either Alabama ... the defending champion, or Georgia in the BCS National Championship game. The Crimson Tide and Bulldogs will meet this weekend to decide the SEC title as they are currently ranked 2-3 in the BCS poll. Both teams are (11-1) as is Florida from the SEC and Oregon. Would've been quite the mess if ND had dropped their game to USC over the weekend with 11-1 marks galore. One of the worst things about the BCS and the bowls is that either Alabama, Georgia or Florida will not be headed to a lucrative BCS bowl. Think only two from a conference can go, although not 100% sure on that one, but a team from the "ding dong" Big East gets to play. Alabama-Georgia-Florida are 2-3-4 in the current BCS poll and one will not be in a BCS bowl? A top five team!? Crazy.

The streak is over for the Hornell High football team as the Red Raiders (12-1) lost the Class "C" state title game in Syracuse, to Hoosick Falls (13-0), 34-21. After three-straight "B" state trophies and 51-consecutive wins, Hornell finally lost. It took an undefeated Hoosick Falls squad to stop them though. Congrats on a great four-year run by the Hornell Red Raiders!

In the NFL ranks, as we head to December, looking at five teams that can win a Super Bowl. The NFC title game should be San Francisco and the NJ Giants while the AFC championship will be Houston against the Denver/New England winner. Of course other teams have a shot, including the (10-1) Atlanta Falcons and the Baltimore Ravens, but just don't see that happening.

And the inept Buffalo/Toronto Bills will NOT be in the NFL playoffs again this year. Poor drafts and shaky coaching hamper this team too much. The talent is better than it was a year ago but the results will be the same.

Speaking of "inept," why did the Oakland Raiders fire head coach Tom "Savo" Cable a couple years back?

In Division III college basketball action the Alfred University Saxons are (1-3) on the young season after taking 3rd-place in the Houghton College Tip-Off Classic. Coach Dale Wellman's squad has a game Saturday at home versus Cazenovia and the E8 opener at SJ Fisher on Tuesday. Might wander down to the McLane Center with Nealon but will be at SJF for sure to see the AU "double dipper" of cage games. Coach Murphy's women are now (2-2) after dropping both in the Buffalo State tournament to start the season.

Coach Rob Kornaker's (AU) men's hoop team at SJ Fisher is 2-0 after winning the Hilbert College Tip-Off tournament and his Cardinals are in the long-running Wendy's College Classic this week. Formerly the Chase tournament.

Coach Tom Curle's Plattsburgh Cardinals men's cage team is (2-1) on the year with both wins in their own Cardinal Classic tournament. The Alfred State College Hall of Famer and local legend in Waterloo will have his troops in Geneseo on 1-11-13. Might take in that outing if "Doc" Moore/Mary are headed there as well.

Coach Tom Spanbauer's men's basketball team at SUNY Cortland is undefeated after beating Elmira and Utica. The ex-AU Saxons head coach brings his troops to Geneseo on December 4th (that figures) and to Nazareth on the 15th. Will head over to 'Naz to see them in action that Saturday.

Coach Bob Montana's Union College men's cagers are (2-1) after a third-place finish in the Hamilton College tournament. The Dutchmen are at RIT in Liberty League play on December 8th.

Quite Frankly,
this Saxon fan
will be 85 on
Sunday, Dec. 2.



...and you can count on one hand the number of AU home football games he's missed since 1937.

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Alfred State to host baseball prospects

ALFRED--Alfred State College Baseball Coach Jason Cronin and the rest of the coaching staff will host a Prospect Camp on Sunday, Jan. 27 at the Orvis Activities Center.

The camp will allow high school players to showcase their skills in front of the Pioneer coaching staff. Each participant will receive an evaluation of their skills from the coaching staff.

There will be two sessions during the day. In the first between 9 a.m. and Noon infielders and outfielders will be evaluated while in the second between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. pitchers and catcher will be looked at. The cost of one session is \$35 and \$45 for both sessions. Each session is limited to 35 prospects.

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The Dugout continued...

Jack Taylor of Division III Grinnell College scored an absurd 138-points last week in a 179-104 victory over somebody named Faith Baptist Bible College. Taylor "only" took 108-shots, including 71-three point attempts and had ZERO assists! Basketball? More like a traveling circus.

Watched some Duke ... yes!, basketball on the tube last week as the Blue Devils won a loaded tournament in Atlantis, beating #2 Louisville in the title game. Daughter Lauren and I watched that great game together over the extended Thanksgiving weekend. Duke previously topped Kentucky and next play #2 Ohio State. Assuming the Buckeyes will move into that slot. Kentucky-Louisville-Ohio State ... all in November. Wow. Still hoping to see Duke-Maryland live, with 3L ... compliments of Milko, in February.

Spotted a few vanity plates last week: SOXRULE (Kansas) ... assume Chicago and not Boston, RETNYPD (Alabama) and KEUK AAH (Pennsylvania). From New York: ZZPOPS w/Mets logo, NFL RAMS and BENNETT ... the former mayor in St. Pete's!

Was a great extended Thanksgiving weekend past as 3L back in Webster from NYC. On Thursday she ran in the Webster Turkey Trot race with over 2700-runners in the 4.4 Mile Run she was in and an additional 2400 in the 2.5 Mile Race. Some pre-race coffee at the Beasley residence. Cass Beasley running ... a former Northcoast and 'Macker hoops teammate, the Lindahl sisters, Beas ... who coached 3L, Cass and Chels in hoops. Saw Andy Welker at race ... Webster Schroeder girls b-ball coach and brother of Alfred State College SID, Paul. Mike Alfieri ran in it ... brother-in-law of Stu and father of Vicki whom Lauren played soccer with at WS. Jess and Megan Herbst ran in it, Haley Marks (Penfield/UVM), Chris Frechette ... brother of A-A/AU great Derck, Melissa Beale (Penfield/SUNY Geneseo) and a batch of others. Talked to a guy who went to AU in the early 90's from Webster. Some Geneseo cross-country runners in race. Didn't see everyone mentioned with throng, but they were there.

Rest of weekend was solid as well. The Baker's pulled back their "Thanksgiving invite" so 3L cooked a solid meal. Lauren, Jess Herbst and I went out to dinner on Friday at place called Mona Lisa's in Webster. Very good. Brooke "Red" Easton stopped over at house that nite. 3L and I to dinner at the Sherman's in Holley/Brockport on Saturday nite. Coach-Coach, three kids and new house! Enjoyable evening. 3L, Easton and I to breakfast Sunday am at T's in Webster. Stuffed. Errands galore and just good seeing 3L again. Herbst and Easton are Indian Lake "veterans." Lauren back to NYC early Monday morning.

Lauren will compete in that Tough Mudder event, mentioned in this paper last week, at the Tall Pines ATV Park in Andover next summer. A "slightly" busy week/weekend in July. We'll be at Indian Lake July 22-26, the event is July 27-28, pretty sure that is Hornell Macker weekend and the A-A alumni banquet! Whew. 3L has done two of these already. One in the Albany area and another in the Middleton/New Paltz region. Mostly with a bunch of former Geneseo soccer teammates. To Andover with Herbst, Beasley, maybe Bre Glynn and others.

Busy taking in some Division III basketball action in December: Alfred-Fisher-Cortland-Nazareth-Union-RIT but first off to Baker's Christmas party this Saturday evening!

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