Dr. Arun Varshneya wins Cooper Lecture Award

And so began a collaboration that lasted for the rest of Cooper’s life. Varshneya says that working for Cooper was “absolutely a wonderful experience, like a symphony where every note was darn close to being perfect.” He recounts that Cooper was one of the first to apply rigorous mathematical modeling to glass science, and even won NSF funding “to increase the mathematical competence of PhD students.”

Varshneya’s hour-long lecture included many personal stories from his long friendship with Cooper, as well as some amusing anecdotes relating to his student experiences. He describes the arc of his own career—earning his MS and PhD from the (then) Case Institute of Technology, becoming a researcher at Ford Scientific Research Labs in Dearborn, Mich., joining the faculty at Alfred University and, eventually, starting his own company, Saxon Glass Technologies.

Cooper was a kind-hearted soul and, by all accounts from those who know his work or worked with him, a brilliant glass scientist. While Varshneya is highly accomplished in his own right (as the technical part of this talk clearly shows), his admiration and respect for his advisor and mentor shine through, for example, at one point he refers to his own graduate students as Cooper’s scientific grandchildren. Varshneya contributed more than the lecture to further Cooper’s legacy, though. At the end of the lecture, he and his wife announced a donation to the Cooper Session endowment to ensure the continuation of future Cooper Session lectures and awards.

A-A recognizes Scholars of Month

ALFRED-ALMOND Central School “Scholars of the Month” for November were, pictured at left, band students Altie Henry (from left) and Sarah Bialecki, December Scholars of the Month were, pictured at right, art students Maddie McConnell (from left) and Kelly Sanford. Congratulations to the honored students. (Photos provided)
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To send a remembrance visit www.brownandpowersfuneralhomes.com. The family is being assisted by Chester A. Gosper IV, director.

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Both photos are of the same flock of starlings. I LOVE the bubbly, boil-y look of them pecking along the ground, and when I got out of the car to take the photo (Rochester, NY, Thursday, December 6, 2012), they flew to the wire, giving another photo. I’d hoped for I love the “teeth” on the wire, and the light through the wings of the airborne birds.

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Toward Community Chest goal of $37,210...will it fall?

Dear Community,

The Alfred-Alfred Station Community Chest drive has now reached 91.8% of the 2012 goal of $37,210, yet we are still in need of $3,037 to reach the charity goal. So far we have received pledges of $34,173. Would you please consider us as one of your worthy ‘gifts’ this holiday season?

This week’s spotlight is on the Literacy West NY organization. The purpose of this organization is to provide free basic educational services including reading, math, writing, English as a second language, and workplace skills to Allegany County residents. Literacy West accomplishes its goals by recruiting and supporting community volunteers who provide one-on-one tutoring to adults in need. The typical adult student may be able to gather meaning based upon what he or she reads. In typical adult student may be able to gain strong foundation for themselves abilities and confidence to obtain their GED or secondary school diploma after literacy training. The improved literacy and abilities achieved by adult learners makes a direct impact upon their families. Adults who embrace learning for life help end the cycle of poverty and build a strong foundation for themselves and their families.

A portion of the funds you contribute to the Community Chest will go to help support Literacy West in Allegany County and this in turn will help citizens of Alfred and Alfred Station. So please consider giving to the Community Chest and its commitment to our community oriented charities. As you make a contribution to support our campaign, remember how the community is dependent on its citizens, and with your good fortune we are providing support 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.

For some reason, you did not receive a pledge card, donations may be left at the Alfred Pharmacy, Alfred Alcalada 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
Peter Finlay, Laurel Buckwalter, Anthony Graziano, Linell Soule, Andy Call, Wes Bentz, William Carlson, Tricia Napolitano, Andy Eklund

Sun Spots

A.K.A. Mouse, Jr.
Considering Every Circumstance, It’s Lovely — Yes?

One, two, three...the gift came to be
Four, five, six...Into the mix
Seven, eight, nine...Something fine
Ten, eleven...Here’s?...How?...Huh?...daw?...el’ve?

Thirty, fourteen...fifteen...Here’ll be no re-gifting
Sixteen, seventeen, eighteen...Just for what we were waiting
Nineteen, twenty, twenty-one...The years pass plenty fun
Twenty, twenty-three, twenty, twenty-four...Happy Birthday — and many more!

—A.K.A. Mouse, Sr.

COUNTY FACILITIES UPDATE

The December 5th regular meeting of Facilities and Communications Committee spent almost the entire session addressing various “space” or “facilities” issues facing the County. This article will review the issues and discussion from that committee meeting. This is important for several reasons. It lets residents and taxpayers know some of the space challenges facing the County. It also demonstrates how our Committee works through these challenges.

One issue involved proposed changes to the elevator that formerly provided access to the third (former Jail) floor of the County Office Building (“COB”). Because there is no handicapped access to that floor we are prohibited from using approximately 16,000 square feet of high quality space. If the existing elevator shaft and car can be modified to provide public access to that space it would become fully usable. It would also provide a second handicap access to all floors in the old Jail. Currently this floor opens only on the ground floor and third floor. It needs to have doors that also open on the first and second floors. Those doors should be located so that access would be provided to individuals who have no access through the security screening. They should be placed to minimize disruption to existing offices and personnel. DPR Superintendent James Hardy and Deputy Superinten- dent Dean Scholes presented a proposal that would satisfy most of these criteria. The new elevator car will have doors on either end (like in many hospitals) and will open onto existing hallways and corridors. The Committee approved the general concept and approved use of available contingency funds to cover the expenses. The proposal now goes to the Ways and Means Committee and full Board of Legislators.

Another issue involved the need for another records storage building. State and federal laws mandate that the County maintain many records for long durations. Some records must be kept permanently (forever), while other records must be kept for 7, 10 or 20 years. We recently completed construction of one storage building, but learned that it will soon be filled to capacity. That doesn’t mean that we need another building each year. It means that we haven’t built new storage facilities for many years. The current one only stores the records that must be stored permanently. We discussed the possibility of using excess bond funds from the Courthouse Project to pay for a storage facility that would store only court records. The Committee ultimately directed our DPR officials to gather additional information and report back to us. We need to know how much record storage space is needed “per year,” where we could place such a facility, and the most cost effective way to design and build such a facility. The Committee will reconsider this when that information is available.

The Committee also considered a proposal to renovate the Probation Department offices located in the basement of the Courthouse building. This area was not included in the renovation work done over the past several years. We learned that asbestos is present in that area and that any work that would disturb the asbestos would require expensive abatement procedures. The projected asbestos abatement cost was $110,000, plus inspection services. The Committee considered several alternatives that would allow the asbestos to remain undis- turbed, while still permitting the needed improvements to be con- structed. We directed DPR to research the cheaper alternatives and report back to the Committee.

The Committee also considered a proposal for an efficiency study for the Department of Social Services (“DSS”). This is one of our largest departments, and its programs are a significant portion of our total County budget. Increased efficiency and productivity in this Department could save millions, and could justify some expenditure for the Department of Social Services (“DSS”). This is one of our largest departments, and its programs comprise a large percentage of the Department’s budget. The Committee requested a report back to the Committee.

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Special to the Alfred Sun

If you are like I was before I studied the life of John Ronald Reuel Tolkien you probably knew the basics about his life: he is the author of "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings." He was an English professor; and he was a member of the writers' group, "The Inklings," with C.S. Lewis and others, who liked to meet in pubs, drink warm beer, and read their works in progress.

Fewer people know the dramatic events of his life, which fed his imagination for his fiction; the details of how his first book came to be published, and his personal faith in God.

For example, did you know that Tolkien was born in Bloemfontein, South Africa and was actually bitten by a tarantula as an infant? This incident could very well have aborted the destiny of the genius of Middle Earth, if it wasn't for a quick-witted housewife who boldly ran to him and sucked out the poison.

This experience no doubt inspired the scene in The Lord of the Rings where Frodo naively follows Gollum into the cave, only to be shrink-wrapped naively. Tolkien himself was a student, saw a blank page, and filled it with stories.

How about his inspiration for his mushrooms -- reminiscent of 'The Black Ogre' because he had chased them after they stole his mushrooms--remniscent of the hobbits running for their lives after abducting with protected goods in The Lord of the Rings. His love for trees and languages came from his mom who taught him botany as well as the rudiments of Latin and French at home. It's no wonder that the trees and languages are so important to him in that epic story.

Though romance is not a strong theme in his works, it is there nonetheless. The love between the future king Aragon and Arwen, the elven beauty, is a prime example. Tolkien, too, had a strong and passionate love story of his own. The circumstances, however, leading up to it are tragic.

A year later, Ronald and Edith were infatuated with each other -- so much so that Father Morgan, who had agreed to be a confidant to the couple, felt compelled to find the boys a new home. In fact, after learning of Tolkien's relationship with the local Catholic priest, Father Francis Morgan, who had agreed to become their legal guardian.

Tolkien was broken hearted and his grief was apparent when he met his life-long companion, his godly influence on the young author, his keen insight of a ten-year-old boy who persuaded his father, Tolkien, to give Ronald an ultimatum: Either you stop seeing and writing this girl until you are 21, or you lose my support for your education.

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"The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" opens in theatres this week. The show opens at Grand Theatre in Wellsville with a special screening at 12 midnight tonight (Thursday, Dec. 13.)
Music

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WISE ATTENTION

According to a recent report on NBC Nightly News, American police have been running stop signs and causing serious accidents, so distracted have they become by the computers in their cars. To address the problem, the Fort Wayne, Indiana police department has installed devices that freeze the computer’s keys whenever the patrol car’s speed exceeds fifteen miles per hour.

This situation may be uniquely ironic, but the underlying problem is hardly peculiar to the police. On the contrary, in the age of the Internet and ubiquitous mobile devices, distraction has become endemic. With so many objects summoning our attention, where shall we direct it? On what objects should we place our minds in the reality we inhabit? And to an extent that may surprise us, that which we have a choice, and our power to choose can be strengthened.

According to the Four Foundations of Mindfulness (Satipatthana Sutta), a fundamental text of the Theravadan school, those objects are the body (senses, postures, emotions, and pains); the feelings (cold, unpleasant, neutral); transitory mental states; and “objects of mind.” The last of these foundations includes such objects as the “Five Hindrances,” which include craving, sloth, agitation, and doubt, which impede meditation, and the “Seven Factors of Enlightenment,” which are to be cultivated through systematic attention. By concentrating the hindrances, we gradually diminish their power. And by placing our attention on the Factors of Enlightenment, which include concentration, tranquility, and equanimity, we purify our minds, freeing them of “mental afflictions.”

Zen Buddhism is a late flowering of the classical tradition, and though its teachings incorporate elements of Theravadan practice, its prescribed objects of mindfulness are fewer in number and less introspective in character. The broadly speaking, the Zen practitioner is focused on the breath, whether by counting out-breaths (sukodan) or “following” the breath (zuiokan); on koans such as “What is the sound of a bell?”; on the “sound of one hand clapping”; or on the “sitting presence itself” (shihantza). By so doing, the Zen disciple endeavors to cut through conceptual thought with the “sword of attention,” to cultivate the ego’s “passionless delusions,” and to abide continuously in the present moment—the “only moment,” as Zen master Thich Nhat Hanh often puts it, “where life is available to us.”

The quality of attention is, of course, only one of the factors that lead to the practice become narrow and rigid, it is important to remain open to the present moment.

In one of his talks on meditation, Kornfield also recommends the practice of listening to the “sounds of the universe,” which is to say, the sounds in our immediate environment.

In this exotic practice, known as nada yoga, we listen first to the sounds around us, whatever they may be. Within that body of ambient sound, we may detect a “continuing, high-pitched inner sound.” By concentrating on this “nada sound,” we cultivate stability of mind, even as we heighten our awareness itself, observing its “clear, transparent, and endless” nature. Like open space itself, unconditioned awareness accommodates all things, without being limited by any one of them. Jack Kornfield also recommends the practice of listening to the “sounds of the universe,” which is to say, the sounds in our immediate environment. This practice, Kornfield notes, “brings the mind to a naturally balanced state of openness and attention.” In similar fashion, the Theravadan teacher Ajahn Amaro encourages us to meditate on the “inner sound,” or the “sound of silence.” In this ecstatic practice, known as nada yoga, we listen first to the sounds around us, whatever they may be. Within that body of ambient sound, we may detect a “continuing, high-pitched inner sound.” By concentrating on this “nada sound,” we cultivate stability of mind, even as we heighten our awareness of the insubstantiality of thoughts, feelings, and states of mind. And if we persist in the practice, Amaro observes, we may come to realize the “orderly perfection in which the world is balanced within the atmosphere of vibrant silence.”

To place the mind on the “nada” sound, or indeed upon any of the traditional objects of Buddhist meditation, is a far cry from placing it on the latest garish pop-up on our computer screens. Yet in this instance the issue of “high” versus “low,” or “wholesome” versus “unwholesome” objects of attention, is somewhat beside the point. For when we spend hours online, claims on our attention are countless and more or less continuous. Given such conditions, it behooves us to remember that where the disposition of attention is concerned, we have a choice, and that our power to choose can be strengthened by daily practice.

Moment by moment, it might be said, we are creating the reality we inhabit. And to an extent that may surprise us, the reality is determined by where and how we have placed our minds.

Ben Howard is Emeritus Professor of English at Alfred University and leader of the Falling Leaf Sangha (www.fallingleafsangha), a Zen practice group in Alfred. To learn more about the practice of Zen, visit www.practiceofzen.com.
ABOVE, Participants in the second Alfred Lions Club Library Lions Story Time at the Box of Books Library were, sitting (from left) Eric Butts, Candy Zhou, Vittorio Causarano, Trey Kent, Lion Kathy Benzaquin, and standing (from left) Liam Carstens, Evan Kent, Raegan Ordway, Rhiannon Brown, Sarah Butts, Will Kent, Preston Ordway, Luci Lee and Ben Carstens.

BELOW, Assisting the children at the craft tables at the Alfred Lions Club Library Lions Story Time were, standing (from left) Alfred-Almond Central School students Allie Henry and Marah Watson; and (seated from left) Alfred University students Alex Mauss, Caroline Casey and Tom Stephan. (Brad Bowden Photos)
WELLSVILLE—Kirk Heriot, MD, PhD, chief of pathology at Jones Memorial Hospital, recently published his third book, "Practical Surgical Pathology: Integrating Molecular Pathology into Our Morphologic Practice."

A textbook for practicing pathologists and residents, the book began as Heriot’s personal notes. “Whenever I attend a lecture or read a book or an article I take notes and keep them in one place for future reference,” he explained. "After ten years, my notes became pretty voluminous and not much more work was needed to put it in book form."

Copies of his book may be ordered from the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) web site, ASCP.org. It will also be available through Amazon.com in January.

Dr. Heriot is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio. "I graduated from a combined MD/PhD program which was created to train people for careers in academic medicine at universities," he explained, adding that he decided not to get into the political world of academia.

Dr. Heriot is also on the staff at Thompson Health in Canandaigua and Ruby Memorial Hospital in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Dr. Heriot has written two previous books. The first, "Who We Are: A Chronicle of the Ideas that Shaped Our World traces the development of civilization, chronicling the emergence of the world’s great religions, the most important scientific discoveries, and the flowering of the arts. His second book, "Understanding Each Other After 9/11: What Everyone Needs to Know About the Religions of the World." is a look at the world’s array of faiths and how a lack of mutual understanding leads to conflicts in the dialogue between peoples and nations. Both are available at CypressHouse.com and Amazon.com.

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Raplee, Jackson All-Americans

ALFRED—Two members of the Alfred University football team have been named D3Football.com regional all-stars.

D3football.com, a leading website covering Division III football, announced its 2012 Empire 8 Conference All-Conference teams Tuesday.

First Team All-Conference selections included Mike Raplee (Dundee, NY/Dundee) and Mike Jackson (East Amherst, NY/Bishop Timon-St. Jude’s) as Second Team pick.

The Saxons finished the 2012 season with a 6-4 record (5-2 Empire 8), ending the campaign with a loss at Springfield in the ECAC Northeast Bowl. During the season, Coach Dave Murray reached the century mark for coaching wins at Alfred University. His Saxons rallied from a 7-0 halftime deficit to defeat Hartwick, 36-13 in Oneonta Nov. 10. Murray is now being accepted by faculty of undergraduates who have (or are currently), through initial research achievement in a field of pure or applied science, shown an aptitude for research. Faculty members are also accepted into Sigma Xi to help promote scientific research on campus and in the community. Faculty may make a self-nomination to the society and the flowering of the arts.

In the 2012 Empire 8 Conference Defensive Player of the Year, Raplee anchored a defense that included only 118.8 yards rushing per game. He had a team-leading 72 tackles (20 ½ sacks) and two forced fumbles. In an Oct. 6 Homecoming win over Ithaca he tallied eight tackles, including 4 ½ sacks.

Raplee completed his AU career as a four-time Empire 8 all-star: he was an honorable mention selection as a freshman and was named to the First Team each of the three years. Raplee had 57 tackles (three for loss) to go with 13 sacks and two forced fumbles.

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Nominations for membership during the current academic year are being accepted until March 18, 2013. Alfred University campus representatives, by department, include:

- Heather Zimbler DeLorenzo, assistant professor, Biological Sciences Department; Chemistry – Geoffrey Bowers, assistant professor; Chemistry, Department; Ailis Coughlan, research specialist, Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering; Frederic Beaudry, assistant professor, Environmental Studies and Geology; and Joseph Kirtland, assistant professor, Physics and Astronomy Department.
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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, DECEMBER 13, 1982
Storm Warnings issued - to Indian Summer...When the temperature dropped to 30 degrees on Oct. 19, it began to dew the temperature until a low of zero degrees was reached Tuesday night, according to the U.S. Weather Service in Wellsboro. Beginning last Thursday night, when a wet, driving snow began falling, the snow continued through Monday morning, and conditions were considerably less than some other snow belt areas in the state, but enough to cause some telephone intertumptions in some areas and effect cancellation of some sports and school closings. Alfred-Almond Central School did not hold school due to hazardous driving conditions. The Alfred Tech basketball team, scheduled to travel to Morrisville Tech, between Syracuse and Utica, was forced to remain in the area due to road conditions but did make a Saturday journey to Auburn College...Thursday’s big snowstorm, which dumped wet snow on Alfred’s streets which made it difficult for village and town road crews to get down to the pavement...

A former Alfred resident, who grew up in this village and then left to become a lumber dealer at Appleton, Wis., and Spokane, Wash., has bequeathed money to the village for an annual music festival. Waldo E. Rosebush, a native of Alfred, and a boyhood chum of Alfred’s mayor, John W. Jacob, left the sum of $3,492.71 to the Alfred arts accounts at the Alfred Mutual Savings and Loan Association, to the village. The will stipulates that the interest from this fund be used to hold an annual music festival each year...Village board members feel that the funds might be used to present concerts other than just current vanguard of the musical weekly band concerts. The will also has a provision in it that any interest on the remaining money in the account should be paid to the Alfred Music University department for the same purpose, a music festival...

Bid opening for the 400 buildings to be constructed on the next campus of the State Tech here will be held in Alfred early in 1963. Institute President Walter S. Carow said Monday that bids for the first six buildings housing 404 students will be opened at the State Dormitory Authority building in the Town of Alfred on Tuesday Jan. 8. The buildings, known as dormitories “a” and “c” on the college’s campus plan, will include 102 rooms, providing sleeping quarters for each student and room for other faculty and administrative employees...

In the event of a budgetary decision, the buildings for each room, three private rooms for student counselors, a guest room, and a resident director’s apartment...the dormitory was described as a place that would make the students feel right at home.

Alfred Station—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rink and Ulma Ormsby of Hornell called on Mr. and Mrs. R.K. Ormsby, Sunday afternoon...Mr. and Mrs. Howard Turner of Rochester were Thursday evening callers at the Turner-Woodworth home...Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Pierce of La Mirada, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawton of Penn Yan were Friday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Clark...

Alfred Station—Mayor Edward A. Gdin spent Thanksgiving dinner with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Nye. Chris attends Alfred Station, and is a junior. Debra Nye is a Customer Service representative at the Howard Bank in Livingston, N.J...

Ms. and Mrs. Anthony Charles celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary Nov. 28 at their home on Lake Lodge Road. They were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gosong of Alfred Station, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Szumiloski and 3 sons, Webster; Lynn Schon, Canandaigua and Scott Hinkle of Wellsville, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Goddy and 3 brothers, Elon of Arkansas; 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Charles Goddy was 80, of Battle Creek, MI, died Wednesday, Dec. 2002 at Noyes Memorial Hospital in Dansville to Mr. and Mrs. Logan Andrew, was born Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002 at Noyes Memorial Hospital in Dansville to Mr. and Mrs. Logan Andrew. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Logan Andrew of Alfred Station, Luci Ann Amore Figurin of Battle Creek, MI.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Snyder of Alfred spoke to the members of the Alfred-Almond Kitchen Konference Club Thursday evening under the direction of Mrs. Aletha Peck. The skit “Merry Christmas to Daddy” which was written by the late Mrs. Gertrude Kenyon especially for the club, was enacted by Mrs. Amy Lee Nichols, Helen O’Connor was the story of foster children. The club presents a cash prize of $25 to the writer of their project. The skit was performed through M.E. Kenyon in memory of Mrs. Kenyon at the December meeting. Carol singing followed the program and Mrs. Scholes served refreshments to the members...Maybelle Warren, Mrs. Evelyn Thomas, Mrs. Eleanor Stratton, Mrs. Isabel Fennel and Mrs. Mable Reynolds.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, APRIL 18, 1987
Alfred State College has an early Christmas present for school year students in New York State and part of the Southern Tier. The college has announced establishment of a President’s Honors Scholars program which provides financial aid for seniors in the top 10 percent of their high school class...

(Photos) Ready To Go—Alfred-Almond Central School music director, Melanie Oulton, Gena Simon, Michael Stebbins, Daniell Allen and John Faulkner are ready for the school’s elementary band and chorus concert, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15 in the high school auditorium.

(Photos) The Alfred University Women’s Club has elected new officers for the 1987-88 year including...COLLESE, honorary president; Cheryll Hutter, vice president; Linda Doerschug, corresponding secretary; Donna Reynolds, director of marketing for the university who will serve as the club’s financial secretary; and Ellen Lamb, who will act as treasurer.

The Alfred Business Association’s Homespun Holdiay Luncheon was one of the generally a successful fund raising event...Still with Homespun Holidays, the A.E. Crandall Hall & Ladder Company, Alfred’s volunteer fire department, netted $1,750 in its first annual French Luncheon breakfast with Santa. About 130 persons were served a hearty breakfast, hot coffee, Swiss rolls, honey, swiss cheese and juice and coffee. There were also tours of the fire trucks and even a fire truck ride with Santa...

Alfred Station—Alfred Station’s annual French Luncheon will be presented by the choir of the Alfred Union of Churches at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 as part of the worship service. The portion of the program’s final choruses of the Easter portion will be sung by the choir, augmented by a few area sing-along guitar players. Mrs. Linda Steig, Pratt Street, Linda Luger, Donald Brink and Roland Watson. Nathan Harden will direct, with Mrs. Lois Modaff serving as accompaniment...

Alfredians—Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Gertz of Lincoln, MA were recent guests of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Fred Gertz...Debra Nye is a Customer Service representative at the Howard Bank in Livingston, N.J...

Arthur E. Burdick, 88, of Alfred Station. (Photos) Enjoying the French buffet luncheon are...Mrs. Burton Elwes, Mrs. Dorothy Luger, Donald Brink and Roland Warren. Nathan Harden will direct, with Mrs. Lois Modaff serving as accompaniment...

Cranberry dip...

This recipe was just given to me by a dear friend. It is a perfect dip for crackers, cookies, and farm workers, loves young people, has a fine sense of humor, member, charitable toward foreign students and migrant farm workers, loves young people, has a fine sense of humor...
CHARACTERS OF CHRISTMAS—The Characters of Christmas being presented at 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 16 at Hillside Baptist Church, 805 County Route 66, Hornell—and this is Claire Clifford rehearsing her monologue for the program.

‘Characters of Christmas’ set at Hillside Baptist Church in Hornell

Special to the Alfred Sun
HORNELL—Hillside Baptist Church invites you to experience the true meaning of the season as we present The Characters of Christmas at 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 16.

Come journey through the scriptures as we recall in its literal sense the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our adaptation of this reader’s theatre presentation interpersed with poignant carols will propel you, the audience, into a true experience of pilgrimage, yearning, incarnation and joyful response. Hillside Baptist Church is located at 805 County Route 66, Hornell. There is no admission for the program and refreshments will be served at its conclusion.

For more information call 607-324-0309. Please join us as we share this humble story of the baby in a manger. The Characters of Christmas was written by Lois Sank and produced by special arrangement by the Contempory Drama Service, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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We are in the Christmas season. It is a holiday tradition to pick out the best tree for your home. Let me give you some tips on what to look for when either buying from a retail lot or going to cut a your-own tree farm.

Both Retail and Cut-Your-Own Tips: Whether you are buying from a retail lot or cutting your own, there are a few things you should do before getting everyone into the car.

1. Measure the ceiling height of your room in which the tree will be displayed. Remember, when you are outside the tree will look small against the sky as a backdrop. Don’t buy a 12’ tree for an 8’ room unless you plan on trimming it; use the pruned branches as decorations (garland or wreaths).

2. It isn’t just the height of the room you need to measure but also the width where the tree will be displayed. Most trees are trimmed at an 80% taper which means a 10’ tall tree will be 8’ wide at the base. You don’t want people to have to brush by the tree while another person holds it while the cutter lies on the ground to cut at the base of the tree while another person holds the bottom of the limbs up. The person that is holding the tree should tug lightly on the tree so the cutters’ saw doesn’t bind or fall on them.

3. What decorating theme are you using? What style of tree do you like? Some species have more open foliage, stiffer branches and more needles.

• White pines have a beautiful form, however they don’t hold up heavy ornaments well. They are used in garland and wreaths due to their long needles.

• Fraser fir has a nice triangular shape, holds its needles well and has a pleasing aroma.

• Douglas fir is a very popular tree with very full branches.

4. If you are strong enough, do the stump test, grab the center truck and lift the tree a few inches and allow it to thump on the ground. If a large amount of needles fall off, the tree is either older than you want or dried out, pass that one by. If you aren’t strong enough to lift the tree for a stump test, place your hand at the base of a branch (where it meets the trunk) and slowly pull your hand up the branch and see how many needles fall off. Also, make sure there isn’t discolored foliage or a musty odor. If none of the trees on the lot look fresh, go somewhere else.

Cut Your Own at a Tree Farm Tips:

Remember, the Christmas trees purchased from local Christmas tree farms are as fresh as a Christmas tree can get.

1. Dress for the weather, wear boots, mittens, gloves (for the person cutting or holding the tree) or warm clothing if it is cold. It might take longer than you think to make that critical decision. If Rover cutters, please don’t let him “mark” other people’s trees.

2. Ask fresh how the trees are; were they all delivered once at the beginning of the season or does the retailer get fresh cut trees each week. Fresher trees will last longer.

3. Test the fir trees by taking a needle and sharply bending it, it should snap crisply like a fresh carrot. Pine however has a different indicator because they are more fibrous than firs. A pine needle should NOT break; unless they are overly dry. Avoid these!

4. If you are trimming it, tug the branch just to see if it is a real tree. The trade secret is that for a Christmas tree the needles are 5/8” which is about the width of a pencil. For a fake Christmas tree the needles are 1/2” which is about the width of a coffee straw.

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• Concolor fir branches look less sharp than other firs and hold its needles well.

• Most Spruces have poor needle retention; however the Blue Spruce has good needle retention and that blue-green color some adore.

5. Bring the tree back to the processing area to be measured (if sold by the foot), cleaned and netted. Netting makes transport easier and getting the tree into the house is a breeze when it is netted.

6. Many people question whether they should buy a fake tree or get a real one. The National Christmas Tree Association has this to say, “It is much better environmentally to use a natural agricultural crop and recycle it after the holidays. Real Christmas Trees are a renewable, recyclable, natural product grown on farms throughout North America. Unfortunately many people have the misconception that Christmas Trees are cut down from the forest. Real Christmas Trees are grown as crops, just like corn or wheat, and raised on a farm. Once they are harvested, new seedlings are planted to replace harvested trees. These would NOT have been planted if trees hadn’t been harvested the previous year. Fake Christmas Trees however are a non-renewable, non-biodegradable, plastic and metal product most often made in overseas factories.”

Make getting your Christmas tree a family event and a tradi- tion you can continue through-out the years. Have a great Christmas Season!
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HITS AND MISSES:
The NCAA Division III football championship game is all set and the Purple Raiders from Mount Union in Ohio taking on St. Thomas (Minn.) at the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl in Salem, Va. Both teams are undefeated (14-0) as MU beat Mary Hardin-Baylor in one semi-final, 48-35 and St. Thomas stopped Wisconsin-Oshkosh, 28-14 in the other semi-final outing. St. Thomas ended Hobart's season in the game prior to that. Mount Union will be making its 16th trip to the D3 title game and eighth straight after going 3-4 the last seven visits. All of those games were against Wisconsin-Stevens Point. The D3 championship contest is this Friday evening. Usually on one of the many ESPN channels. Will A-A graduate, "Big New" be in attendance?

In Division III hoop action the Alfred Saxons (2-6) men's squad dropped two games last week as they were drilled at SJ Fisher and nipped in OT at Morrisville. Coach Wellman's squad has one game left this semester at Framingham (MA) this Saturday. Assume A-A grad, R."Hilly" Moses will be taking in that game! Did venture over to the SJF gym on Tuesday last week to see the AU-Fisher games. Ouch. Coach Kornaker's men's team, coming off a 4th-place finish in the Wendy's tournament, drilled AU, 85-40. Had a chance to chat with Lyndsay Murphy after the AU women's loss, new AU athletic director Paul Vecchio and noted area photographer, Leo Nealon. Couldn't talk to coaches Wellman and Kornaker but didn't want to bother prior to contest. Former Greece Arcadia girls hoop star, Megan Shoniker is now an assistant on the SJ Fisher women's staff. Chris Sullivan (Avoca) back on Kornaker's Division I-sized staff with the Cardinals after a couple years away. Usually a good game, AU-SJF men. Not this year.

The AU women are now (4-5) on the season after a three-game losing skid last week. Coach Jay Murphy's team fell to the Albany College of Pharmacy and Hamilton College after the SJF game. They are done up until next semester when they travel to Ithaca early in January. Coach Tom Spanbauer recently won his 300th game at the D3 hoops level as his Cortland squad (6-1) is at Nazareth this Saturday afternoon. The Red Dragons lost lone loss of the year to Geneseo last Tuesday evening. "Spanny" has won 288 games at SUNY Cortland and another 12 at AU where he was the head men's coach for one season prior to his return to his alma mater.

Coach Tom Carle, the legendary former Alfred State coach, has his Plattsburgh men's hoop team at (7-2) as they are off until participation in the Spoonagle New Year tournament in Lancaster (Pa.) The Red Dragons will play Franklin (Rustin) and Marshall (NC) this weekend in their opening round. Salisbury and Lebanon are also in the field. Think A-A grad, Jay Evans - "Help me Spock"... still lives there.

Bob Montanta's Union College men's basketball team (6-1) dumped CIT on Saturday past in Liberty League action. The Dutchmen play Utica next and then are off to Daytona (FL) to play in the Land of Magic Classic. First round game against Elmira. Did not take in the Union-RIT game. Work got in the way. Hate it when that happens!

See where the Syracuse men's basketball team beat Monmouth (NJ) over the weekend, at home obviously, 108-56. Thought Monmouth was a Division III school.

Watched the Temple and Duke men's b-ball game on the tube Saturday past from the Izod center in NJ. The Blue Devils #2 in the country and the (Hoover) Owls undefeated prior. Enjoyed watching it, one because Duke won, but also because 3L and I went to the Xavier-Duke game at the Izod 3-4 years ago. Formerly the home of the New Jersey Nets of the NBA. Duke rolled in that game as well.

Alfred State College... ongoing "Coach of the Year"... Gary "Doc" Moore is off to Toronto this weekend to take in the Seattle Seahawks/Bills game as he won some contest. Not sure if he is taking along his former agent, Robert H. Torrey.

The "Traveling Sports Fan" from Almond/Cleveland has been on the NFL circuit late as he has viewed the Steelers-Browns game in Cleveland, the Jags-Bills game at the Ralph and the Browns win over KC this past Sunday. Might as well head to Toronto! Seattle - SK, Arizona - 8. Now would that be a "fun" NFL game to watch after plucking down $50-75 bucks?

Former Alfred University WR, "Shuey" was an official (#129) at the Rams-Bills game on Sunday.

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ASC cross country coach Moore was in Lexington (KY) over the weekend to watch as he won the National XC race with his Genesee Valley Harriers squad. Moore, bothered by a sore hamstring, placed sixth in his team as they were 5th in the nation in their age group (50-59). Olympian and A-A grad, John Tuttle did not run for his Atlanta Track Club in this event, which he usually does, due to illness. "Chad" lives in Lexington.

Daughter Lauren in Florida this week and also in Leesburg on Saturday, but not at the 10K race. Probably wouldn't run if she had known about it. Anyhow, visiting her grandmother on Saturday and took in the NFL Eagles-Bucs game on Sunday in Tampa with A-A grad, Fred Tuttle. Is scheduled to see the Hawks-Magic NBA game in Orlando this week with Dukes' J.J. Redick in home town. No Milko though. Did get a chance to see her cousin, Megan Lorow though.

The New Orleans Hornets to become the New Orleans Pelicans? And then the Charlotte Bobcats to become the Charlotte Hornets... again? How about Utah sending the Jazz nickname back to NO instead? Actually, with the New Orleans and Charlotte teams in the NBA, doesn't much matter.

Some vanity plates spotted: BLONDIE, 4 CASTLE... on ABC, WOOD MAN, LUVPSU... with the Penn State logo and BIGU... Ungawa!

Zack Greinke to the LA Dodgers, 6-years!$147-million bucks! Yikes! He isn't exactly the second coming of Justin Verlander.

Bryce Harper (Washington Nats) will not be in the WHC for Team USA in the spring.

Third-sacker, A-Fraud of the Yankees will not play period... until June or so.

Messiah College won the women's Division III soccer championship... again.

North Carolina won the women's Division I soccer championship... again.

Hoping to take in the Cortland-Nazareth men's hoop game this Saturday.