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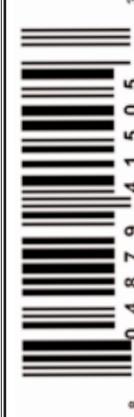
Ed and Sue Palmer of Avon Park, FL hosted Frank Snyder of Belmont for a visit back in March of this year. But a trip to the Sunshine State wouldn't be the same without taking along the Alfred Sun. Frank, who just turned 85 years old on Dec. 2, is credited with first spotting a typo that ended up being the 1997 New York Press Association Better Newspaper Contest Bloopoer of the Year.

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## Dr. Arun Varshneya wins Cooper Lecture Award



**DR. ARUN VARSHNEYA**

ALFRED—Add Dr. Arun Varshneya to the list of Alfred University researchers who were honored at a regional meeting of the American Ceramic Society (ACS) in Pittsburgh, PA. in October.

Dr. Varshneya, Professor of Glass Science & Engineering, Emeritus at Alfred University, was selected to receive the Al Cooper Distinguished Lecture Award.

As recipient of the award, Dr. Varshneya delivered the Cooper Distinguished Lecture at the conference, explaining that the two met when Cooper was taking a sabbatical year at Sheffield University (United Kingdom) where Varshneya was nearing the end of his undergraduate studies.

Cooper supervised Varshneya's senior thesis, and as the student's graduation date approached, Cooper said, "Arun, you should come to Cleveland [and be my graduate student]," to which Varshneya says he replied simply, "OK."

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.

Al 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.

### Kent Farms donates tree

Once again (since 1986) the Alfred Lions Club has put up and decorated a Holiday Season spruce tree on the lawn of the Box of Books Library in downtown Alfred. The sign beside the tree notes the continued donation of the tree by Kent Farms. Decorating the tree were (pictured above from left) Chuck Shultz, Sheila Foreman, Jon LeGro and Brad Bowden. In addition to the strings of the bright lights and blinking star at the top, the tree was also decorated with candy canes which seemed to disappear quite rapidly, yet more reappear! Now who could be doing that?



### A-A recognizes Scholars of Month

ALFRED-ALMOND Central School "Scholars of the Month" for November were, pictured at left, band students Allie 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)

## OBITUARIES

**MURIEL ROSSMAN**

*Homemaker who loved golf, bowling, flowers*

**ALMOND**—Muriel Rossman passed away Wednesday (Dec. 5, 2012) at the Comfort House of Allegany County.

She was born March 17, 1924 in Ithaca, to Myron and Ethel Morton.

She was predeceased by her husband of 43 years, Claire Rossman, in 1986; and two sisters, Jean Yager of Fillmore and Marcia Short of Belfast.

She is survived by four daughters, Bette Morris of Indiana, Linda (Clarence) Reese of Olean, Julie (Joseph) Prunoske and Cathy Harvey of Almond. Muriel was grandmother to nine grandchildren, Ralph (Patty) Morris of Indiana, Amy (John) Dusard of Indiana, Jamie Reese of North Carolina, Eric (Maria) Reese of California, Jennifer Pruloske of Pennsylvania, Brian (Lauren) Pruloske of Livonia, Jolynn Pruloske of Pennsylvania, Katie Harvey of Wellsville, and Jesse Harvey of California; seven great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter. Also surviving are her three sisters, Harriett Day of West Almond, Georgia Grastorf of Angelica, and Patricia Calkins of Hornell.

Mary had many interests, especially golf and bowling, which she enjoyed with her sisters and

friends. Aside from being a stay-at-home mom, she enjoyed all kinds of crafts, sewing, chair caning, stenciling, china painting, macramé and more.

She had a love of flowers, but the weeds usually got the best of her. She loved mowing her lawn and keeping her home looking nice.

She was a former member of the Kanakadea Chapter OES of Alfred, the Almond Grange and the Home Bureau.

Mary enjoyed the wonderful vacations spent with her daughters and all the grandchildren every summer and truly enjoyed life.

The family was present from 5-7 p.m. Friday (Dec. 7, 2012) at the Robertson Funeral Home 354 Canisteo St, Hornell, where a service was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8. Burial was at the Alfred Rural Cemetery.

To send a remembrance visit [www.brownandpowersfuneral-homes.com](http://www.brownandpowersfuneral-homes.com). The family is being assisted by Chester A. Gospier IV, director.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations made to the Comfort House of Allegany County 141 E. State St., Wellsville NY 14895.

**ROBERT N. CHASE**

*Had a servant's heart*

**WELLSVILLE**—Robert N. Chase, 64, of Wellsville, passed away Thursday (Nov. 29, 2012) at home.

Mr. Chase was born on June 30, 1948, in Oneida, to Benjamin and A. Elizabeth (Shields) Chase. He was a 1967 graduate of Elmira Free Academy. He attended Oswego State Teachers College and Alfred Agricultural and Technical College.

Robert owned and operated Chase Enterprises as an independent contractor for 40 years. He also drove bus for ARC in Wellsville and more recently worked security at Dresser Rand in Wellsville.

Bob is survived by a brother,

Douglas Chase of Westminster, Colo.; and several cousins.

Bob had a servant's heart. In the 1970s, he began a long association with the Salvation Army where he attended cadet school and was an eager volunteer.

He attended Alfred-Almond Bible Church and gave greatly of his time and talents during their church building project. He worked for a few years in the 1980s at Word of Life in Schroon Lake.

In the 1990s he attended Wellsville Bible Church and again used his construction talents during their initial building project. He also attended Faith Bible Church and Anchor Baptist Church, both in Wellsville, again serving wherever needed.

Bob enjoyed playing accordion and honed his talents as an artist. He was a member of the Willing Fire Department and a life member of the National Rifle Association.

There will be no prior visitation. The funeral service will be held on Saturday (Dec. 15, 2012) at 11 a.m. at Wellsville Bible Church with longtime friend, Rev. Daniel Kenyon, officiating. Burial will take place at Oneonta Plains Cemetery in Oneonta.

Arrangements are under the direction of Baker-Swan Funeral Home in Andover. Online condolences may be offered at [www.baker-swan.com](http://www.baker-swan.com).

In honor of the Christmas season and Bob's longtime relationship with Salvation Army, memorial contributions in Bob's name will be gratefully accepted at any Salvation Army collection point or Salvation Army, 25 E. Pearl St., Wellsville, NY 14895.

**DORIS S. MATES**

*Retired from AU in 1988*

**ROCHESTER**—Doris S. Mates died peacefully with family at her side on Thursday (Dec. 6, 2012), in Rochester.

Born in 1926 in Brookville, Pa., she was predeceased by parents, Lola and D. Frank Simpson; sister, Mary Louise Simpson; brother, David Simpson; and husband, Edward B. Mates of Maryland.

She is survived by a daughter, Susan (Lawrence) Rowley of Penfield, and son, Thomas E. (Amy Ramos) Mates, of Santa Barbara, Calif. She adored her three grandchildren, Matthew and Lindsay Rollins, and Kathryn Rowley.

Doris worked with her husband in his medical office in Wellsville until his death in 1969. She next worked for the Division of Education at Alfred University.

She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Wellsville. After retiring from AU in 1988, Doris moved to St. Petersburg, Fla., where she enjoyed the beach, started another career with an Oncology practice and became a docent for the Salvador Dali museum.

Doris retired at age 80. She relocated to Rochester to be close to her daughter's family in 2007.

Per her wishes, there was no visitation, and burial was private. Arrangements entrusted to New Comer Funeral Home.

## Sunbeams



You know it's a small town when... Directions are given using "the" traffic light as a reference.

Alfred University student Samuel A. Miller has been awarded the 2012 Lewis C. Hoffman Scholarship by the Electronics Division of the American Ceramic Society. His essay on environmentally benign electronic ceramics, total grade point average, SAT/ACT scores, and a faculty recommendation letter were all criteria factored into the selection of the winner. Along with a plaque, Miller received a \$2,000 scholarship. Miller is a senior materials science and engineering major from Kinsman, Ohio, son of Aaron and Melissa Miller and a Badger High School graduate.

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### ALFRED Weather for the Week

Dec.	Hi	Lo	Precip.	Snow
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A weekly photo feature  
By SHERRY VOLK  
*Alfred Sun Columnist*



### Darling Starlings

Both photos are of the same flock of starlings. I LOVE the bubbly, boily 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 op I'd hoped for. I love the "teeth" on the wire, and the light through the wings of the airborne birds.



### SUNNY SIDE UP

By ELLEN SHULTZ  
*Alfred Sun Columnist*



### Apricots get overlooked for Christmas

I have always been a chocoholic, but when Christmas rolls around I lean more toward fruity cakes and cookies. I used to look forward to my grandmother's fruit cakes and always had my fill of them because no one else in the family liked them.

This is a lovely cookie and so delicious. You don't often think of apricots for the holiday season.

#### Norwegian Apricot Bars

1 c. dried apricots  
Crust: ½ c. butter ¼ c. sugar 1 c. flour  
Topping:  
2 eggs 1 c. light brown sugar, packed  
½ c. flour ¼ tsp. salt  
½ tsp. baking powder ½ tsp. vanilla  
½ c. chopped pecans 1 ½ c. powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Rinse the apricots. Place in a saucepan and cover with water. Bring to a boil and cook for 10 minutes or until tender. Drain well. Cool and cut into small pieces. In a mixing bowl, combine the butter, sugar, and flour. Blend together until crumbly. Press into the bottom of a greased 9 inch square pan. Bake for 15 minutes. While crust is baking, prepare the topping.

Beat the eggs and add the brown sugar gradually. Add the flour, salt, baking powder and vanilla and mix well. Fold in the nuts and apricots. Remove the crust from the oven. Spread the topping over the crust. Return it to the oven and bake for approximately 30 minutes more. Cool, then cut in bars and sprinkle with powdered sugar.

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## Faculty and staff achievements acknowledged at Alfred State

ALFRED—Alfred State announces the following accomplishments achieved by faculty and staff this semester:

**Melissa Blake**, court reporting instructor, recently completed Certified Program Evaluator (CPE) training for the National Court Reporters Association. As a result, Blake is now qualified to evaluate undergraduate court reporting programs, assist schools through the rigorous certification process, and help influence the growth of the court reporting and captioning profession.

**Tammy Brackett**, assistant professor and chair, Digital Media and Animation, exhibited her work in three venues this fall including the prestigious TONY 2012 (The Other New York) exhibition organized by the Evergreen Museum in Syracuse. Brackett's piece, "Field Guide", was chosen from among 335 artists' work for inclusion in the show. "Field Guide" is a synchronized 2-channel HD video installation with 3-D animation and 5.1 surround sound. The exhibit was on display at the Syracuse University Art Gallery where Brackett also presented "An Evening with Video Artist Tammy Renée Brackett", a presentation which will be published online by Syracuse University. Brackett's other exhibits included a solo exhibition, "Field Guide Remix", at the Earlville Opera House in Earlville, and, a third exhibit, "In Words, Drown I", co-created with artist Jen

Pepper which was on exhibit at the Kirkland Arts Center in Clinton.

**Dr. Robert Curry**, professor and chair, English and Humanities, was a guest panelist at the College Board Annual Forum in Miami in October. The event focused on helping K-12 teachers meet new education standards and expectations. Curry was selected to participate in the event by College Forum president David Coleman.

**Erica Matteson**, registered health information administrator and instructional support assistant, professional practice experience coordinator, has completed American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) course work for its ICD-10 Academy. Matteson passed the final assessment test to become an AHIMA-approved ICD-10 trainer. ICD is the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems classification system that is used by the healthcare industry to code diseases, symptoms, and other medical conditions. ICD-10-CM/PCS is ICD's latest coding system which will be implemented in the United States beginning in October 2014. The ICD-10 Academy specializes in training coding professionals and enabling them to train others in the coding profession.

**Clifford McPeak**, associate professor and sports marketing instructor, recently joined the CEO of USA Volleyball, Doug Beal (who is the former head coach of the 1984 gold medal US Men's Volleyball Olympic Team) for the induction ceremonies at the Volleyball Hall of Fame in Holyoke, MA. McPeak is the former CEO for USA Vol-

leyball which is the national governing body for volleyball in the United States. McPeak was also the former chief administrator of the USA Men's Team which won back-to-back gold medals in the 1984 Olympics.

**Dr. Rick Mitchell**, professor, English and Humanities, has published five new poems including "Remolding" and "The Race" which were published by Miller's Pond; "In Her Image" published by The Concho River Review; "Just a Different Game" published by Drown in My Own Fears; and "Workshop" published in The Wisconsin Review. Mitchell has published poetry in some of the best magazines across the nation including The Cold Spring Review, The Wisconsin Review, The Louisville Review, The Cimarron Review, The Pittsburgh Quarterly, and Skylark (Purdue University). His first book, Speaking of Seed and Night, was published by Chiron Books.

**Spencer Peavey**, senior director of student activities & orientation, Alyshia Zurlick, assistant director of orientation, and Mallory Norton, coordinator of parent programs presented on Alfred State's successful civic engagement program at the National Orientation Directors Annual Conference October 29 in Las Vegas. The event was attended by over 900 higher education professionals from around the world.

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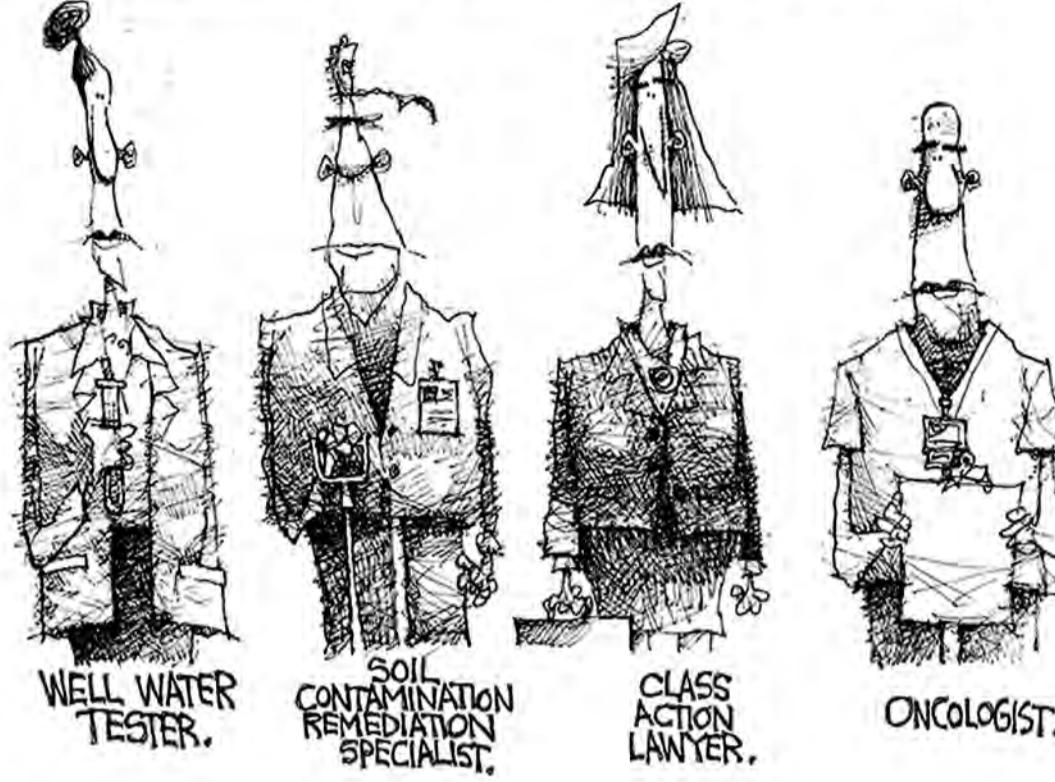
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This week's spotlight is on the Literacy West NY organization. The purpose of this organization is to provide free basic educational services including reading, math, writing, English as a second language, and workplace skills to Allegany County residents. Literacy West accomplishes their goals by recruiting and supporting community volunteers who provide one-on-one tutoring to adults in need. The typical adult student may be able unable to gather meaning based upon what he or she reads. In practical terms, this means that they are unable to fill out a job

application, write checks, read newspapers or signs or maps. The economic and social opportunities for these adults are severely limited. Staff members and volunteers log thousands of tutoring hours per year.

These services are effective. A significant majority (nearly 70%) of active students increased their skills by at least one grade level; these skill level achievements enable the students to apply for employment where previously they would not be considered; and many of the learners obtain their GED or secondary school diploma after literacy training. The improved abilities and confidence 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.

Remember 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. 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.

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### COUNTY FACILITIES UPDATE

The December 5th regular monthly meeting of the 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 involves 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 COB. Currently this elevator 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 limited to individuals who have been through the security screening. They should be placed to minimize disruption to existing offices and personnel. DPW Superintendent Guy James and Deputy Superintendent 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 retained 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 one new building each year. It means that we haven't built new storage facilities for many years. The Court system generates many of 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 DPW 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 undisturbed, while still permitting the needed improvements to be constructed. We directed DPW 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 comprise a large percentage of our total County Budget. Increased efficiency and productivity in this Department could save millions, and could justify some expenditure on facilities. The Committee directed DSS officials to review earlier plans and proposals, and to obtain copies of a State Study Report on DSS efficiency. We need this information before any decision is made. Our work continues.

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A look at the life of The Hobbit's Creator

## Things you probably never knew about J.R.R. Tolkien

By TIM BENNETT

*Special to the Alfred Sun*

If you are like I was before I studied the life of John Ronald Reuel Tolkien you probably know 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 of 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 there 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 house nurse 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 for an afternoon snack by a giant spider, and later rescued by Sam, his faithful friend.

How about his inspiration for the shire and the mischievous hobbits? After Tolkien, or Ronald as he was called, moved back to England with his mom and younger brother, Hilary, (his English father died in South Africa with rheumatic fever) she decided to live in a cottage just south of Birmingham. The authorized Tolkien biographer, Humphrey Carpenter, wrote this about this time period in Tolkien's life: "The effect of this move on Ronald was deep and permanent. Just at the age with his imagination was opening out, he found himself in English

countryside."

For Tolkien, this time of unfettered adventures in a rural setting with Hilary, gave him a love for nature that would last a lifetime. Believe it or not, he and Hilary also got into trouble with a farmer--they nicknamed him 'The Black Ogre' because he had chased them after they stole his mushrooms--reminiscent of the hobbits running for their lives after absconding with purloined 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 Aragorn 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.

After already losing his English father at a young age, Ronald also lost his mother when she sank into a diabetic coma, before the discovery of insulin, and never recovered. Thus, at 12 and 10 years old, he and Hilary became orphans. Fortunately, after the death of her husband, his mother found a personal faith in God and had a good relationship with the local Catholic priest, Father Francis Morgan, who had agreed to become their legal guardian.

Taking his charge seriously, he met with the boys often and made sure they had proper care and schooling. At first, Father Morgan found an aunt for them to stay with but eventually decided to put them in a boarding house when Ronald was 16. It was here that he met another orphan, 19-year-old Edith Bratt,



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who was also a boarder. Edith, of course, was thrilled to have children closer to her age as housemates, and even became co-conspirators with them to get more food when they complained about their daily portions.

A year later, Ronald and Edith were infatuated with each other--so much so that Father Morgan felt compelled to find the boys a new home. In fact, after learning of a clandestine meeting after his interdiction to see each other, he gave Ronald an ultimatum: Either you stop seeing and writing this girl until you are 21, or you lose my support for your education. Tolkien was heartbroken but he did not want to further

disappoint Father Morgan, nor lose his generous support, so he agreed to the terms.

At 12:02 a.m., January 3, 1913, however, the day after he turned 21, Tolkien wrote Edith a letter declaring his undying love for her and ended with a question: "How long will it be before we can be joined together before God and the world?" At first, Edith did not know how to respond, and dropped a bombshell--she was engaged to someone else. She confessed to him that she had doubted his intentions after four years, and had simply said yes to a man because he had been kind to her. Tolkien found this unacceptable and took a train out to see her. By the end of that first day, Edith was convinced of his love and broke her previous engagement. They were officially 'betrothed' in the Catholic Church in 1914.

Later, after Tolkien chose the career path of an English professor, he did something impulsive one day that eventually inspired him to create the literary classics for which he is known. Working a side job as a test examiner for the university system, he just picked up an answer book from a student, saw a blank page, and spontaneously wrote: *In a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit.*" When he got home he embellished on it and told it as a bedtime story to his children. By the early 1930s he had finished a draft of the book. Despite en-

couragement from C.S. Lewis and his friends from the *Inklings* to submit it to a publishing company, he refused.

Finally, a young woman who knew someone at a small, but respectable publishing house called Allen & Unwin, convinced him to let her show it to the editors. When the chairman of the company, Sir Stanley Unwin, read it he was perplexed because it was obviously a children's story, and he was no longer a child. He decided to re-serve judgment until his ten-year-old son, Raynor, read it and gave his opinion. The last two sentences of Raynor's review summed up his thoughts: *"This book, with the help of maps, does not need illustrations. It is good and should appeal to all children between the ages of five and nine."*

And he was right, but children were not the only ones who enjoyed the book. *The Hobbit* was published in 1937 and in 1938 won the New York Tribune prize as Best Juvenile Book of the Year. Soon it was on the required reading list for school children across the United States. Tolkien lived to see one million copies of *The Hobbit* sold in the U.S. alone. His trilogy would sell four times that during his lifetime, and both books still sell today.

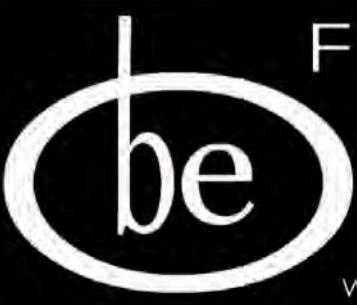
As you read about Tolkien's life: his rescue from death as a child, the compassion of a priest who cared for him after his parents died, his subsequent placing in a boarding house where he would meet his life-long companion, his godly influence on C.S. Lewis (Lewis himself claimed after talking with Tolkien he felt convinced to become a Christian), his sterling reputation as a college professor, and the keen insight of a ten-year-old boy who persuaded his father to publish Tolkien's first book, it is hard not to see the God's sovereign hand of blessing on his life.

Like another celebrated writer in the Bible named David, Tolkien was taken from a humble task of shepherding (students in his case) and was eventually exalted to high public acclaim and popularity that lives on today. A Bible verse that Tolkien could well have attested to comes from 1 Peter 5:6: *"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time"* (1 Peter 5:6). Tolkien was in his sixties when *The Lord of the Rings* was finally published and became a literary phenomenon. Both books have now sold over 100 million copies!



"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.)

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# Cultural Arts Calendar



## Music

BANDS/DJs/RECITALS

**AU Chorus, Chamber Singers and Orchestra** will perform Vivaldi'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.

**Festifall 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 lugern@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 Café, 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 welcomed. 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-Andover & Noah Band; Saturday, Nov. 10-Grand Slambassadors; 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, March 8-The Steel Wheels; Saturday, May 11-Lustre Kings. For tickets, 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 Carillonneur.

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

**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.

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By ELIZA ORDWAY  
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**PERFORMANCES**  
**Alfred University Performing Arts Division** presents 'Anton in Show' 8 p.m. Wed.-Thurs.-Fri.-Sat., Nov. 14-15-16-17 at CD Smith III Theatre, Miller Performing Arts Ctr, AU campus. This biting comedy looks at life on both sides of the footlights as three women with dreams deferred and obsessions obstructed pursue performing Chekhov's 'The Three Sisters.' Directed by Becky Prophet. Tickets required. Reservations may be made by visiting the online box office, emailing performs@alfred.edu, or calling 607-871-2828.

**Alfred Dramatists' Holiday Extravaganza** 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 in Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall. Call 871-2175 for further info.

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

**DANCE**  
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**Fosdick-Nelson Gallery** at Alfred University. Fosdick-Nelson Gallery is located in Harder Hall, AU campus. Open 11-4 Mondays-Fridays. Info 871-2412.

**Glenn H. Curtiss Museum** 8419 Route 54, Hammondsport. Special exhibits, special events. Open daily 10-4. Admission. (607) 569-2160.

**Hagadorn House Museum** Operated by Almond Historical Society. Genealogical research available Friday afternoons.

**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](http://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.

**National Warplane Museum.** Off I-86 in Big Flats. Call 607-739-8200 or stop by the museum for more information.

**Rockwell Museum,** 111 Cedar St., Corning. Largest American Western Art collection on view in the eastern United States, with paintings, sculpture, Native American artifacts, and firearms. Info 607-937-5386.

**Terra Cotta Museum,** Main St., Alfred. Open on special occasions or by appointment, call 587-8358.

**Lectures/Readings**

**AU Women's Studies Round-table.** 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 Station SDB Church with "History of the Alfred Sun" with David Snyder at 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 21-Sustainability Program 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 Jimison'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](http://www.bakersbridge.org)

**Bergen 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 "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 Brigitte 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.

**Films**

**AU Alternative Cinema**—7 p.m. Thursdays when college is in session, Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall. 7 p.m.

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8 & 11 p.m. Fridays and 2 p.m. Sundays, Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center, AU campus. Nov. 28-ParaNorman; Nov. 9&11-Ted; Nov. 16&18-Total Recall; Nov. 30&Dec. 2-The Dark Knight Rises; Dec. 7-9-The Bourne Legacy. Open to the public, Students \$2, children \$2, \$3 general public.

**Fun-n-Games****STAR GAZING**

John Stull Observatory open to the public free of charge, clear Friday nights from 9-11 p.m. Sept.-Oct.-Nov. and Feb.-March, April. Open clear Thursday nights from 10 p.m.-12 midnight during May, June and July. For info, call the Observatory phone at Alfred University, 871-2270.

**JMH Diabetes Support Group** meets monthly on the third

**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 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. 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 Walchi 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).

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**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.

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

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Meals on Wheels & Luncheon Center Menu

**Monday, December 17**

Sunshine Salad, Macaroni & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Green Beans, Wheat Bread, Oatmeal Cookies, Diabetic - Fruit Cocktail

**Tuesday, December 18**

Cinnamon Applesauce, Sloppy Joe on a Bun, Broccoli Cheese Soup, Spinach, Ginger Bread w/Lemon Sauce, Diabetic - Peaches.

**Wednesday, December 19**

Coleslaw, Tuna Casserole, Beets, Bran Quick Bread, Pears, Diabetic - Pears.

**Thursday, December 20**

Christmas Special: Ambrosia Salad, Stuffed Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Candied Carrots, Dinner Roll, Pie.

**Friday, December 21**

Tossed Salad w/dressing, Lasagna, Italian Mixed Vegetables, Garlic Bread, Applesauce Cake, Diabetic - Apple-sauce.

For reservations, call the site coordinator or 585-268-9390 or (toll free 1-866-268-9390) by 2 p.m. on previous day.

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**Thursday—Lunch at noon.****BELMONT NUTRITION SITE**

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**Call Lila Johnson at 585-268-5380.**

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**Thursday—Exercises**

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**Wednesday—Exercises**

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**Thursday—Lunch at noon.****CANASERAGA NUTRITION SITE**

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**Thursday—Exercises**

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

Thursday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., Cards, Dominoes, Puzzles, Euchre, "Evening Meal—Havens Family." Lynn Oyer, Issues & Answers.

**FILLMORE NUTRITION SITE**

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## One Time, One Meeting

*The Practice of Zen Meditation*

By BEN HOWARD

### WISE ATTENTION

According to a recent report on the *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 many situations, such as when operating a chainsaw, we have little choice but to attend to the task at hand. Our safety depends upon it. But in many others, we do have a choice, and should we elect to engage in meditation, Buddhist teachings offer a variety of objects on which we might place our minds. If you are already practicing meditation, you know that the most basic object is the breath—its comings and goings, its length and texture. But beyond that, the Teachings of the Elders, as they are called, prescribe four general objects (or "foundations") of mindful awareness.

According to the *Four Foundations of Mindfulness (Satipatthana Sutra)*, a fundamental text of the Theravadan school, those objects are the body (its posture, movements, and parts); the feelings (pleasant, unpleasant, neutral); transitory mental states; and "objects of mind." The last of these foundations includes such objects as the "Five Hindrances" (craving, aversion, sloth, agitation, and doubt), which impede meditation, and the "Seven Factors of Enlightenment," which are to be cultivated through systematic attention. By contemplating 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. Broadly speaking, the Zen practitioner is enjoined to focus on the breath, whether by counting out-breaths (*susokkan*) or "following" the breath (*zuisokukan*); on koans such as "What is this?" or "What is the sound of one hand?"; and on one's sitting presence itself (*shikantaza*). By so doing, the Zen disciple endeavors to cut through conceptual thought with the "sword of attention," to extinguish the ego's promiscuous 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."

All of Zen's traditional objects are worthy of attention, but lest the practice become narrow and rigid, it is important to remain open to other possibilities. The Vipassana teacher Jack Kornfield, who speaks of meditation as an art, warns against fixating on any one object or method of paying attention. Instead he advocates a flexible approach, in which the practitioner's "wise attention" becomes a "zoom lens," opening from a concentrated close-up to the middle distance to a panoramic view, depending on present conditions. Practicing "close-up" attention, we focus intently on a sensation, feeling, or thought, eventually becoming absorbed in the object of attention. Practicing in the middle distance, we witness whatever is occurring, be it a mental event or an occurrence in our immediate surroundings. And practicing panoramic attention, we open the mind's lens to its widest angle, allowing our awareness to become "like space or the sky." In this unconditioned awareness, thoughts, images, feelings, and sounds come and go, as though they were clouds in the sky. And as a final step, we can focus on awareness itself, observing its "clear, transparent, [and] timeless" 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 esoteric 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 "continuous, 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 heart 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 those of us who 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, that 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.com](http://www.fallingleafsangha.com)), a Zen practice group in Alfred. To learn more about the practice of Zen, visit [www.practiceofzen.com](http://www.practiceofzen.com).*



### Hornell Area Wind Ensemble concert

## 'Tis the Season...A Musical Gift' Saturday

HORNELL—Thanks to the Hornell Area Wind Ensemble's Saturday, Dec. 15 concert, it's beginning to sound a lot like happy holidays! (The snow date is 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16) At 7:30 in the Hornell High School Auditorium, Conductor Edward Belin will present "Tis the Season...A Musical Gift," a free concert as an enchanting gift to the community.

The audience will hear the wind ensemble play music such as "Winterfest" by Stephen Bulla, a joyful and buoyant hol-

### 'Y' staff, students to offer benefit concert

HORNELL—Instructors and students in the YMCA's Music and Arts Program and Y members will again present an evening of Christmas favorites at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14 at the Presbyterian Church in Hornell.

A free will offering will be collected to benefit the Y's Music and Arts Program. The evening will feature instructors Ellen Mason and Kate Truini; Y members Natalie Crosby and Grace Weyand; guitar, piano, and voice students; and director Rebecca Weaver Hamm.

Members of the adult traditional fiddle classes will play Irish tunes and Christmas carols with their instructor, JoAnne Cooney. Ellen Mason and Patricia Wiggers will accompany solos and group numbers. The program includes 'The Christmas Song,' 'Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas,' 'O Holy Night,' 'White Christmas,' and many more favorite songs of the Christmas season.

The group will even attempt to perform 23 carols in about three minutes! For more information, contact the Y at 607-324-5520.

iday medley to make your spirits bright. Contrast this with "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," which includes the ever popular "You're a Mean One, Mister Grinch."

Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" from the "Messiah," will also be performed.

The program includes military band music intertwined with

"Jingle Bells" in the humorous "Stars and Stripes for Christmas" by John Philip Sousa and Robert Foster.

This concert is made possible in part with public funds from the NYS Council on the Arts' Decentralization Program, and administered locally by The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes.

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## HOLIDAY POTTERY SALE





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)



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## Alfred Lions Club holds second Lions Story Time

By BRAD BOWDEN

Alfred Lions Club

ALFRED—The Alfred Lions Club's second Library Lions Story Time at the Box of Books Library on Saturday, Dec. 8 coincided with the Library's 'Parents Day Off' program and provided stories and holiday themed crafts for eleven youngsters.

Lion Kathy Benzaquin read *Pete the Cat Saves Christmas* and a second story that described the lights of Hanukkah and Christmas. The children were quite involved in answering and asking questions about the stories and telling their own stories as well!

Afterwards, the children circulated through three craft tables to make holiday wreaths from

paper plates and colored ribbons, snowmen from cotton balls and black paper, and fruit-loop necklaces which, in some instances, also served as an early lunch!

The children were assisted at the craft stations by Alfred-Almond Central School students Allie Henry and Marah Watson and Alfred University students Caroline Casey, Alex Mauss and Tom Stephan.

The Alfred Lions Club thanks the Box of Books staff for facilitating the Library Lions Story Time programs. The next program will be in January. Watch for details in emails to Friends of the Library, the weekly Notes from the Box of Books in the ALFRED SUN and on the event board at the Library.

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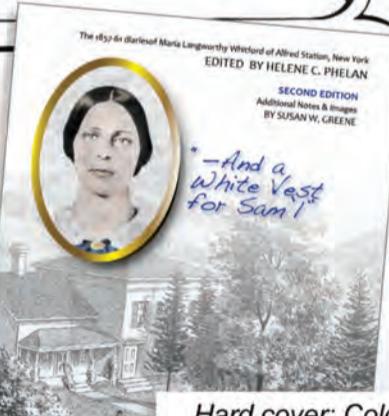
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# Dr. Kirk Heriot 'wrote the book' on practical surgical pathology

WELLSVILLE--Kirk Heriot, MD, PhD, chief of pathology at Jones Memorial Hospital, recently published his third book, *Practical Surgical Pathology: Integrating Molecular Pathology into Your Morphologic Practice*.

A textbook for practicing pathologists and residents, the

## Congressman Tom Reed to hold town meetings

CORNING--Congressman Tom Reed will hold four town hall meetings this Saturday, December 15th in Ontario, Schuyler, Steuben and Yates counties. "I hope people can join the conversation and share their thoughts and ideas on what our priorities should be," Reed said. "Input from all around our district is essential to good representation – everyone benefits from these open, face-to-face conversations."

In August, Reed held his promised 75th public town hall meeting in the 29th Congressional District. Reed continues to offer residents opportunities to voice their opinions at public town hall meetings and tele-town halls.

Town halls will be held Saturday as follows:

8:00–9:00AM--Corning Town Hall, 20 South Maple Street, Corning  
10:30–11:30AM--Watkins Glen Village Hall, 303 North Franklin Street, Watkins Glen

1:15–2:15PM--Penn Yan Village Hall, 111 Elm Street, Penn Yan

3:30–4:30PM--Phelps Community Center, 8 Banta Street, Phelps

"While we receive hundreds of letters, emails and phone calls each day, the town hall meetings are a major part of the job," Reed continued. "I am always ready to listen and welcome the conversation – the topics are up to residents."

Those unable to attend the town halls are encouraged to share their thoughts with Reed through his website ([www.Reed.house.gov](http://www.Reed.house.gov)) or on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/RepTomReed](http://www.Facebook.com/RepTomReed). Individuals can also sign up for regular updates through Reed's website ([www.Reed.house.gov/contact-me/newsletter](http://www.Reed.house.gov/contact-me/newsletter)). Those in need of help with an issue regarding a federal agency can contact one of Reed's offices: Washington (202-225-3161); Corning (607-654-7566); Olean (716-379-8434) or Pittsford (585-218-0040).

## 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 college football, announced its

East Region all-star teams Tuesday. AU senior defensive tackle Mike Raplee (Dundee, NY/Dundee) was named to the First Team, while senior free safety Jon Jackson (East

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.

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 Should 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 conflict in the dialog between peoples and nations. Both are available at CypressHouse.com and Amazon.com.



Raplee



Jackson

Amherst, NY/Bishop Timon-St. Jude) was a Second Team pick.

First Team All-Region picks are considered by D3Football.com for All-American selections. Raplee was an East Region First Team All-Star in 2010 and 2011 and went on to earn All-American honorable mention honors each time. D3Football.com is scheduled to announce its All-American teams on Dec. 14.

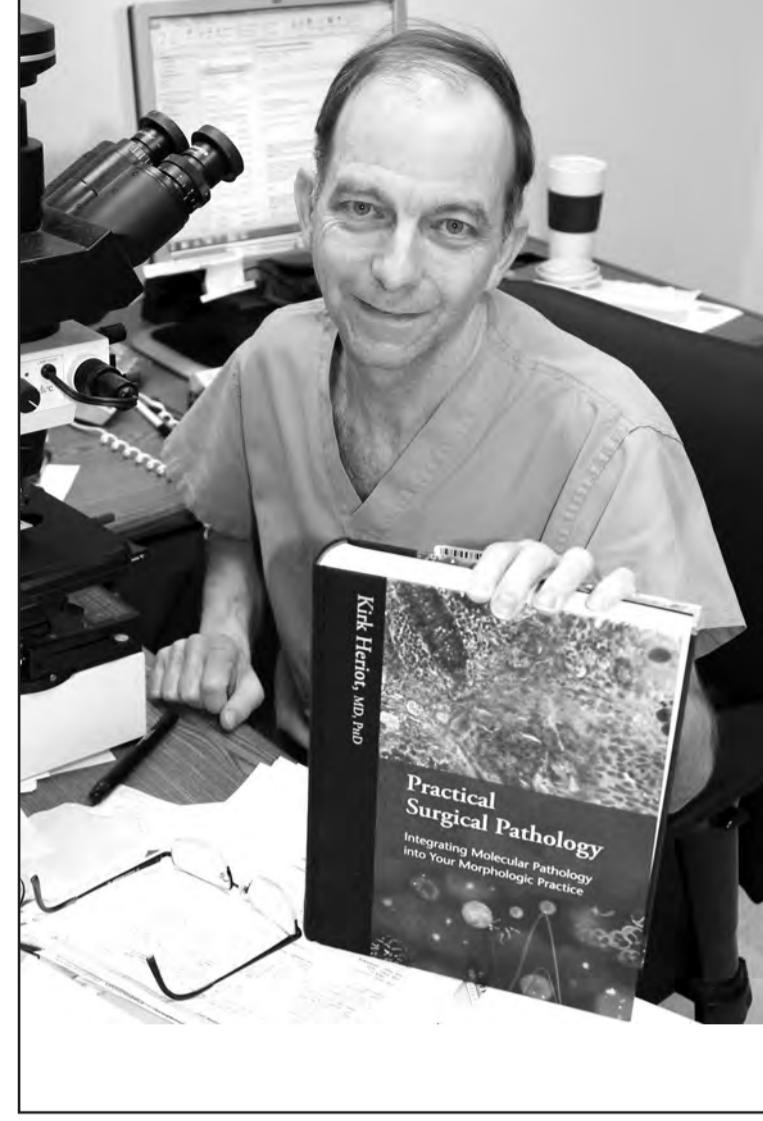
The 2012 Empire 8 Conference Defensive Player of the Year, Raplee anchored a Saxon defense that allowed only 118.8 yards rushing per game. He had a team-leading 72 tackles (20 1/2 for loss) with 11 1/2 sacks and two forced fumbles. In an Oct. 6 Homecoming win over Ithaca he tallied eight tackles, including 4 1/2 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 last three years.

Jackson had 57 tackles (three for loss) to go with a team-leading six interceptions. He also rushed 14 times for 147 yards and two TDs. He is a two-time Empire 8 all-star, earning First Team honors this season and Second Team honors in 2011.

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 centennial mark for coaching wins at Alfred University. His Saxons rallied from a 7-0 halftime deficit to defeat Hartwick, 30-13 in Oneonta Nov. 10. Murray is second in coaching wins at AU, behind the legendary Coach Alex Yunovich (177-85-12).



DR. KIRK HERIOT with the third book he has published.

## Scientific research society returns to Alfred University

ALFRED—Sigma Xi, the international scientific research society that honors excellence in scientific investigation, has returned to Alfred University. Established in 1886, the first chapter of Sigma Xi appeared on Alfred's campus in 1953.

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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.

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; Aisling 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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## 17. Personals

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## 21. Public Notices

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC FITZPATRICK PROPERTIES I, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/24/12. Office in Allegany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 884 Marietta Ave., Whitesville, NY 14897, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 43-6b

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Notice of Formation of McCarthy's Golf, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/04/12. Office

location: Allegany County. Princ. office of LLC: 9628 Old State Rd., Angelica, NY 14709. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. As amended by Cert. of Amendment filed with SSNY on 10/10/12, the name of the LLC is: McCarthy's Golf CG, LLC. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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## NOTICE OF FORMATION OF RAW FARMS LLC

Notice of Formation of RAW FARMS LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/03/2012. Office location, County of Allegany, NY. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 333 Grantier Road, Whitesville, NY 14897. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 46-6b

## VILLAGE OF ALFRED GARBAGE SERVICE – CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S

PLEASE NOTE the following important information regarding your service:

Village Garbage Service will be running a day late the weeks of Christmas and New Year's Day

The Village will have service on Wednesday, Dec. 26th and Wednesday, Jan. 2nd

KATHY KOEGEL  
Alfred Village Clerk-Treasurer  
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## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that sealed proposals, in DUPLICATE, are sought and request by the Alfred-Almond Central School District (hereinafter called "owner"), for the construction of the following Project:

2028-027 Alfred Almond Capital Outlay Project

Bids are requested for a single prime contract for HVAC Work, and associated Electrical and Plumbing Work In accordance with Drawings, Project Manual, and other Bidding and contract Documents prepared by Hunt Engineers, Architects & Land Surveyors, P.C., 100 Hunt Center, Airport Corporate Park, Horseheads, NY 14845.

Sealed bids will be received by the Owner until 2:00 P.M. local time on Tuesday January 8, 2013 at Alfred-Almond Central School District office, Almond, NY 14804, at which time and place all bids will be opened and publicly read aloud.

Bidders wishing to submit a bid prior to the above date can deliver the bid package to Alfred Almond CSD District Office. The Owner will review, approve and authorize the contract.

The Bidding Documents and Forms of Proposals may be examined at the following:

Associated Building Contractors, 535 Vestal Parkway West, Suite One, Vestal NY 13850

Builder's Exchange of Rochester, 180 Linden Oaks, Suite 100, Rochester, NY 14625-2837

Construction Exchange of Buffalo & Western New York, PO. Box 4189, Buffalo, NY 14217; 625 Enswinger Road, Tonawanda, NY 14150

Syracuse Builders Exchange, 6563 Ridings Rd., Syracuse, NY 13206

Southern Tier Builders Association, 65 E. Main St., Falconer, NY 14733

McGraw-Hill Construction, 3315 Central Ave, Hot Springs, AR, 71913 http://dodgepro-

jects.construction.com  
Alfred-Almond Central School District 6795 Route 21, Almond, NY 14804  
Hunt Engineers, Architects & Land Surveyors, P.C. Airport Corporate Park, 100 Hunt Center, Horseheads, NY 14845-1019

Documents are also available for view at <www.godataflow.com>; click on "Find Projects", click on: "HUNT Engineers, Architects & Land Surveyors, P.C. <http://www.godataflow.com/lilurl/39>" to view Bid Documents electronically and an up to date Plan Holders list.

Copies of said documents may be obtained from the Horseheads office of Dataflow, Inc., Airport Corporate Park, 100 Hunt Center, Horseheads, NY 14845, phone (607) 562-2196, fax (607) 5662-3214, by bidders upon payment of a deposit of \$50 for each complete set and a separate, nonrefundable \$25 shipping and handling payment for each set. All checks for sets of Bidding and Contract Documents shall be made payable to the Alfred-Almond Central School District. All checks for shipping and handling shall be made payable to Hunt Engineers, Architects & Land Surveyors, P.C.

All Prime Contract Bidders who have paid the aforesaid deposit for an entire set of Bidding and Contract Documents and have submitted a bid with required bid security, and return such sets to Dataflow Inc. Horseheads office in GOOD CONDITION within fifteen (15) calendar days after the award of contract or rejection of bids, shall receive a refund of the full amount of such deposit. Any NONBIDDER may be refunded his deposit only upon returning plans and specifications PRIOR to the bid opening. Postage and HANDLING are NOT REFUNDABLE.

A Pre-Bid Conference for all bidders will be held on Thursday December 20, 2012 at 9:00 am at Alfred-Almond CSD for the purpose of considering questions posed by bidders.

All questions prior to bid opening must be received by the close of business on December 28, 2012.

Questions shall be directed to Joe Magliocca at Hunt Engineers, Architects, & Land Surveyors, P.C. at fax (607) 358-1800, email maglioccaj@hunt-eas.com.

As bid security, each Bid shall be accompanied by a certified check or Bid Bond made payable to Owner, in accordance with the amounts and terms described in the INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS. The Owner requires that all bids shall comply with the bidding requirements specified in the INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS. The Owner may, at his discretion, waive informalities in bids, but is not obligated to do so, nor does this represent that he will do so. The Owner also reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Under no circumstances will the Owner waive any informality which, by such waiver, would give one Bidder a substantial advantage or benefit not enjoyed by all other Bidders. No Bidder may withdraw his Bid before forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof, unless a mistake due to error is claimed by the Bidder in accordance with INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS.

Attention of Bidders is particularly called to requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the Contract.

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Alfred-Almond Central School District

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12 THE ALFRED SUN, Thursday, December 13, 2012

# In The Alfred Sun 50, 25 and 10 Years Ago

**Compiled By DAVID L. SNYDER***Alfred Sun Editor and Publisher***FIFTY YEARS AGO, DECEMBER 13, 1962**

**Storm Writes -30- to Indian Summer**—When the weatherman finished peppering Alfred with snow, he began dropping the temperature until a low of zero degrees was reached Tuesday night, according to the U.S. Weather Bureau station maintained by Wesley Parish. Beginning last Thursday night, when a wet, driving snow began falling, the snow continued through Monday, dumping a total of 17 inches in Alfred, considerably less than some other snow belt areas in the state, but enough to cause power line and telephone interruptions in some areas and effect cancellation of some sports and school closings. Alfred-Almond Central School did not hold classes Friday, Dec. 7 because of hazardous driving conditions. The Alfred Tech basketball team, scheduled to drive to Morrisville Tech, between Syracuse and Utica, canceled the trip because of road conditions but did make a Saturday journey to Auburn College... Thursday's storm dumped icy, 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. Jacox, left the sum of \$8,492.70 in share accounts at the Alfred Mutual Savings and Loan Association, to the village. The will stipulates that the interest from the investment should be paid to the village for the purpose of holding an annual music festival each year... Village board members feel that the funds might be used to continue and perhaps expand the current village summer weekly band concerts. The will also has a provision in it that if the funds are not used by the village, that the interest should be paid to the Alfred University music department for the same purpose, a music festival...

**Bid openings for** the first two buildings to be constructed on the new campus of the State Tech here will be held in Albany early in 1963. Institute President Walter C. Hinkle said that the bids for two residence halls housing 404 students will be opened at the State Dormitory Authority offices in Albany on Tuesday, Jan. 8. The buildings, known as dormitories "b" and "c" on the college's campus plan, will include 102 rooms, providing sleeping and studying facilities for two students in each room, three private rooms for student counselors, a guest room, and a resident director's apartment...the dormitories will have a ground elevation of 1870 feet...

**Alfred Station**—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rink and William 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...Dr. and Mrs. Harrison Pierce of La Mirada, Calif., and Mrs. J. Lawton of Penn Yan were Friday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis. Dr. and Mrs. Pierce and Mrs. Lawton returned to California Saturday, after visiting friends and relatives in this area...

**Alfredians**—Mrs. Walter Lang was entertained by a group of friends at a baby shower for three-week-old Rebecca at the State Tech Student Lounge, Sunday afternoon...Lauren Soule and children visited Mrs. Ralph Hosley and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Scholes at Arkport, Sunday...Recent reports from John Ogden indicate he is or has recently been in Thailand...At the executive committee meeting of St. Albans Mission held on Tuesday evening, Dr. David Rossington was elected Warden of the Mission...Mrs. Evea Potter attended the funeral of Nathan Hull at Wellsville last Wednesday...

**Mr. and Mrs. Harold Snyder** of Alfred spoke to the members of the Almond-Alfred Kitchen Konference Wednesday, on the New York Farm Bureau Federation's Annual Meeting held recently at Syracuse...

**Axel M. Olson** of Wellsville, a former Alfred resident, died Monday evening at his home on the Stannards Road following an illness of several months. He was 74 years old. A native of Denmark, he came to the United States at the age of five years. A retired farmer and a veteran of World War I, he had resided in this area for the past 13 years. Survivors include his wife, Arvilla Stukey Olson; one daughter, Mrs. Carol Burdick of Andover; two sons, Kenneth M. Olson of Wellsville and Norman S. Olson of Alfred...

The Christmas program of the Forceythe-Willson Club was held at the Community House last Monday, 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 this year by Mrs. Agnes Bond and Mrs. Helen Ogden. It is the story of foster children. The club presents a cash gift to their project "Child Welfare in Allegany County," through M.E. Kenyon in memory of Mrs. Kenyon at the December meeting. Carol singing followed the program and refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Maybelle Warren, Mrs. Evelyn Thomas, Mrs. Eleanor Sisson, Mrs. Isabel Fenner and Mrs. Mable Reynolds.

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, DEC. 10, 1987**

**Alfred State College** has an early Christmas present for high school scholars in Western New York and part of the Southern Tier. The college has announced establishment of a President's Honors Scholars program which provides free tuition for seniors in the top 10 percent of their high school class...

**(Photo) Ready To Go**—Alfred-Almond Central School musicians Coral Wheeler, Melanie Owlett, Gena Simon, Michael Stebbins, Danielle 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.

**(Photo) The Alfred University** Women's Club has elected new officers for the 1987-88 year including Carole Coll, honorary president; Cheryl Hutter, vice president; Linda Doerschug, president; Donna Reynolds, director of marketing for the university who will serve as club secretary; and Ellen Lamb, who will act as treasurer.

**The Alfred Business Association's Homespun Holidays**, held this past weekend, was generally a successful event...Still with Homespun Holidays, the A.E. Crandall Hook & Ladder Fire Company, Alfred's volunteer fire department, netted a nice \$240 profit in its first annual(?) Breakfast with Santa. About 130 persons were served a delicious breakfast of scrambled eggs, ham, sweet rolls, juice and coffee. There were also tours of the fire trucks and even a fire truck ride with Santa...

**Handel's oratorio**, "The Messiah," will be presented by the choir of the Almond Union of Churches at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 as part of the worship service. The Christmas portion plus the two final choruses of the Easter portion will be sung by the choir, augmented by a few area singers. Soloists are Mrs. Linda Staiger, Miss Linda Luger, Donald Brink and Roland Warren. Nathan Hardy will direct, with Mrs. Lois Modaff serving as accompanist...

**Alfredians**—Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Gertz of Lincoln, MA were recent guests of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Fred Gertz...Debra and Chris Nye spent Thanksgiving with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Nye. Chris attends Ithaca and is a junior. Debra Nye is a Customer Service representative at the Howard Bank in Livingston, NJ... Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Schon celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary Nov. 28 at their home on Lake Lodge Road. They were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Clair Gowdy of Wellsville, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Szumiloski and 3 sons, Webster; Lynn Schon, Canandaigua and Scott Reed, Alfred...Man of the month—David Clarke, native son, family man, community spirited, loyal church member, charitable toward foreign students and migrant farm workers, loves young people, has a fine sense of humor...

**(Photos) Enjoying the French** buffet luncheon are Jesse Kernan, Shelly Baker, Heather Nordland, Cory Smith and Ruth Weaver, all French students at Alfred-Almond Central School. The annual luncheon has been held at A-A since 1971...Aron Keesbury, Tom Meacham and Kelli Schwert partake of some French cuisine at the annual French Luncheon.

**Arthur E. Burdick, 88**, of RD 1, Alfred Station and 46 Second Ave., Punta Gorda, FL, died Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1987 at his Florida residence. He was born May 30, 1899, in the Town of Alfred, son of Elmo and Mary Holmes Burdick. A lifelong resident of the area, he operated a dairy farm in Alfred Station until his retirement in 1982. He was a 60-year member of University Lodge 944, F&AM, of Alfred, member of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church, was a life member of Alfred Station Volunteer Fire Department, a charter member of the Araba Temple Shrine of Fort Myers, FL and was a charter member of Peace River Shrine Club of Punta Gorda. He was a veteran of World War I, having served with the army. Survivors include his wife, M. Gretchen Clare Burdick of Alfred Station, three daughters, Thelma Palmiter of Alfred Station, Norma Burdick of Alfred Station, and Joan Goff of Harbor Heights, FL; two sons, Charles and Douglas, both of Alfred Station RD 1; one

brother, Elon of Arkansas; 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren...

**Alfred-Almond's varsity** boys basketball team improved its record to 3-1 Friday night with a 64-46 win over Arkport...Bill Ernest led the A-A scoring with 13 points, followed by John Schmidt with 12, Jason Rogers and Rob McCarthy scored 11 and 10, respectively....In wrestling action...A-A defeated Campbell 60-12...John Emo had the fastest pin of the match for A-A, taking his 215 pound match at the 1:21 mark. Although teammate Kenny Porter (126 pounds) didn't log a pin, his technical fall was just as impressive, crushing his opponent in just 2:19 by a 17-0 decision...Others scoring pins for A-A were Don Olds at 105, Jeff Dobson at 119, Jason Emo at 132, Sean Olds at 145, Tom Decker at 155 and Dan Johnson at 167...

**TEN YEARS AGO, DECEMBER 19, 2002**

**Kenneth Bostwick**, 89, of Orange City, Fla., formerly of Andover, passed away Sunday, Dec. 8, 2002. Ken and his wife, Betty, resided in Orange City, Fla. Since their retirement from their business in Alfred and Andover in the early 1970s. He was predeceased by his wife, Betty...

**Randall I. Palmeter**, 80, of Battle Creek, MI, died Monday, Dec. 16, 2002 at his residence. He was born May 8, 1922 in Alfred Station to Irving V. and Marguerite (Lewis) Palmeter, graduated from Alfred-Almond Central School in 1940, and graduated from State Agricultural and Technical Institute of Alfred University in Alfred, NY. He joined the Army Air Corps in December 1942 and was stationed in England until his discharge in 1946. He loved doing woodworking, caning chairs and playing Bingo. He was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Battle Creek, was a life member of the American Legion Post #298, of the National Rifle Association and of Knights of Pythias. Randall I. Palmeter on Nov. 7, 1942 married Lois Louise Langworthy in Battle Creek, MI. She survives. Also surviving are two sons, Fred I. and Roger V., both of Battle Creek; a daughter, Nyle S. Erhardt of Vandalia, MI, seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and two brothers, Lyle and N. Keith Plamiter, both of Alfred Station...

**A son, Logan Andrew**, was born Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002 at Noyes Memorial Hospital in Dansville to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew (Jessica Snyder) Dwyer of Alfred Station...A daughter, Luci Annabelle, was born Monday, Dec. 9, 2002 to Coarrie Burdick and Daniel Lee of Smyrna, GA. Luci joins four-year-old sister Savannah at home. Maternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Vernon Burdick of Alfred Station.

**With the opening** of D.P. Dough calzone shop, the soon to be opening coffee shop, and now Alfred's very own tattoo and piercing parlor, Forever Art, there are more things to do in Alfred. "Alfred is slowly but surely turning into a happening place," said junior Alfred University student Amanda Farino. Forever Art, located above the Old Mill Restaurant and Bar in Alfred Station, opened Sept. 28 and since then piercer Lori McBride and tattoo artists Karl Palmiter and Scott Ruch have provided Alfred students and community members with quality tattoos, piercings and retail body jewelry. Many students say Forever Art's nearby location and customer service should allow the business to succeed in Alfred...

**Dr. Alastair N. Cormack**, the Van Derck Frechette Professor of Ceramic Science, has been named director of the Graduate School at Alfred University. Cormack, a former dean of the School of Ceramic Engineering and Materials Science, has been serving as director of that school's graduate programs. In his new capacity, he will be in charge of graduate programs for the entire University...

**Empire State College** has appointed Joyce E. Howland as coordinator of its Alfred Unit. Dr. Howland recently moved to Allegany County from the Los Angeles, CA area. In her new position, she oversees th day-to-day operations of the unit, including personnel, academics, enrollment and facility management...

**Sunny Side Up** (By Ellen Shultz)—Here's something super easy and delicious for your holiday hosting. This recipe was just given to me by a dear friend. "Cheesecake Bites" 2 lg. pkgs. Pillsbury Crescent Rolls; 2 (8 oz.) pkgs. cream cheese, softened; 1 c. sugar; 1 tsp. vanilla; 1 egg. Mix cream cheese, sugar, vanilla and egg together. Spread one package of rolls in a 9x13 pan, then spread the cream cheese mixture over the rolls. Top with remaining package of rolls. Topping: 1/4 c. sugar mixed with 1 tsp. cinnamon. Mix topping and sprinkle over rolls. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes. Cool and cut into squares.

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## 3rd Sabbath of Advent will be a busy one

**ALFRED STATION**—Your friends and neighbors at the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church, "A 3 C church: Connect-Care-Community" invite you to join them this Sabbath Dec. 15, the 3rd Sabbath in Advent.

First: The day begins at 9 a.m. with the Sanctuary Choir rehearsal. It is an opportunity for those who have the gift of vocal music who are 9th grade through adult, who desire to share their vocal gifts with the people of God.

Second: Eight classes gather at 9:45 am Nursery through 3 adult in Sabbath School. This is a friendly occasion to be with peers in learning the meaning of the Bible for the 21st century.

Third: At 11 a.m. is the Sab-

bath Worship Hour where the community gathers to Worship our Heavenly Father through the Son in the Spirit. During the Worship Hour we will light the 3rd Advent Candle of Love. We will be led to the throne of heaven by the music of the Sanctuary Choir in an anthem pointing to the "reason for the season."

Pastor Ken's sermon is "The Inspiration of the Mother" based on Luke 1:46-55. Come and sing the hymns of the season and join your friends and neighbors.

Fourth: If you are one in grades 9-12 come to Youth Fellowship starting at 1 p.m. lasting through Sunday at 10 a.m. What do you bring? Bring a change of clothes, toiletries, overnight bedding, and your Bible. What will we be

doing?

We will study the Bible; eating Lunch and Dinner; make cookies for the Alfred Area Food Pantry Christmas baskets; have the annual sock exchange and watch a good Christmas movie. We will Worship.

What a full day but all the glory of God. Your Friends and neighbors look forward to seeing you. The Alfred Station church meetinghouse is located at 587 State Route 244 in Alfred Station. It is down from the Robert Lawrence Trucking, Baker's Bridge Antiques, Canacadea Country Store, across from Hillbottom Pottery, up from Alfred Knitting Studio, Way to Gro Florists, Hi Tech Ceramics and The Bicycle Man.

If you would like further information about Salvation, the Sabbath, or Seventh Day Baptists call the church office at 607-587-9176.

### 'The Bistro' offers Fundraiser Friday

**BELMONT**--Each time Rita Geoppner is asked to make a donation for a fundraising event (which is frequently), her wish is that she could be more generous. But one can only give away so much before it becomes financially unwise. So, she came up with Fundraiser Friday.

Each Friday, Rita will donate back 20% of the day's lunch proceeds to a not-for-profit organization that submits a request. Those requesting a "Fundraiser Friday" must have a 501-c3 status and provide proof of eligibility.

The organization is responsible for promoting the event. The 20% based on sales is limited to that day's walk-in lunch business and excludes any private bookings such as meetings, banquets or parties.

Located at 40 Schuyler St., Belmont, contact Rita Geoppner @ 585-268-8057 to reserve your organization's "Fundraiser Friday".

### Christmas Eve service choir rehearsals set

**ALFRED**--Join the Alfred Area Christmas Eve Choir. Rehearsals will be at 3:30 p.m. Sundays, Dec 16 and Dec 23, at the Alfred SDB Church.

Amanda Snyder will lead the Choir. Anthem will be "Breath of Heaven" by Chris Eaton & Amy Grant. Music will be provided. Grades 4-Adult are invited to participate. Time for the Christmas Eve Service is 7:30 pm. Hope you will join us.

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

**ALFRED STATION**--Your friends and neighbors at the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church, "A 3 C church: Connect-Care-Community" invite you to join them during the Christmas Season.

Prepare your hearts and family for the true meaning of Christmas through coming to the 11 a.m. Sabbath Morning Worship Hour during Advent Season. Come with worship being shaped by the follow foci:

Sabbath Dec. 22 – Peace (Luke 2:19) The Pondering Mother

Make plans now to come to the community program Dec. 22, followed by Dish to Pass Christmas Dinner. You our friends and neighbors join us and make the Christmas Season special.

## THE GLORY OF AMERICA

### Thursday, December 13

A young Union sergeant, whose leg had been shattered on this day at the Battle of Fredericksburg in 1862, had fallen while carrying his country's flag. Refusing to relinquish the banner, he had clung to it through the amputation of his leg. Now he lay dying, still wrapped in the Stars and Stripes. Those attending him saw his lips move and stooped to hear his last words:

"Come on, boys! our country and our flag for ever!"  
They asked him, "Is the Saviour with you?"  
He whispered, "Do you think He would pass by and not take me? I go, I go."

--SMITH, SHOT, 257.

## Alfred Area Church Directory

### ALFRED-ALMOND AREA

**HORNELL ALFRED UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY**--Now meeting at 10:30 AM the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 198 Main Street across from Hornell Cinema. The Rev. George Smith leads the group the second Sunday. Call 607-698-4508 or 607-522-7803 for more information.

**ALFRED-ALMOND BIBLE CHURCH**--Rt. 21, Almond. Pastor John Prince. Sunday School 9:30 am, Sunday Worship 10:30 am. Sunday Evening 6 pm. Midweek Home Groups 7:30 pm. Phone 607-276-6700. www.aabible.org.

**ALFRED ASSEMBLY OF CHRISTIANS**--Remembrance of the Lord in the Breaking of Bread, Sundays at 9:30 a.m., Family Bible Hour at 11; Gothic Chapel, corner of Ford & Sayles, Alfred. Bible Study 8 p.m. Fridays in Almond. Call 276-6380 or e-mail lookup@frontier.net for more information.

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# Tips for selecting the perfect Christmas Tree

By COLLEEN CAVAGNA  
Cornell Cooperative Extension  
Community Educator

We are in the Christmas season and a great holiday tradition is picking 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 a cut-your-own tree farm.

**Both Retail and Cut-Your-Own Tips:** Whether you are buying from a retail lot or cutting your own tree, 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, knocking off ornaments or tinsel.

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

• Frasier 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.

• The Noble fir has stiff branches, good for heavy ornaments, garland or decorations.

- 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.

#### Retail Lot Tips:

- If you are selecting a tree at night, make sure the lot is well-lit.

- Ask how fresh 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 cut trees will last longer.

- 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!

- 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.

- 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 comes, please don't let him "mark" other people's trees.

- Saws are needed to cut your own tree. Check ahead of time to see if they are provided.

- Ask about pricing before you cut, some farms sell by the tree, others sell by the foot.

- Be careful when tromping through the trees. Snow may cover up holes from trees that were dug up and sometimes stumps are left standing well above the ground, creating a trip hazard. Nothing takes the fun out of selecting your tree faster than getting a boot full of freezing water after stepping in a hidden hole.

- Select tree with straight trunks. Keep in mind that pines will usually have, at least, some crook in their trunks. You may have to trim off bottom branches later to accommodate your stand.

- See if the farm provides a shaking or blowing service to shake out the oldest needles, providing you with a perfectly clean tree to start the season.

- Cutting the tree is a two person job; 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.

- 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.

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 tradition you can continue throughout the years. Have a great Christmas Season!



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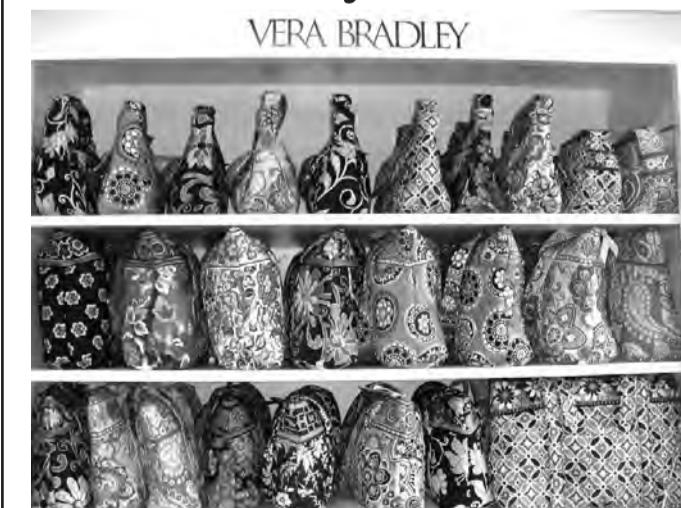
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# Saxon men cagers open Empire 8 play, lose two games

The Alfred University men's basketball team (2-6, 0-0 Empire 8) opened Empire 8 play against St. John Fisher, losing 85-40. Later in the week, they fell just short in overtime to Morrisville State, 77-76.

Against Morrisville, Alfred held a 50-40 halftime lead. Senior guard Sean Curran (Honesdale, PA) paced the Saxons, scoring 17 of his game-high 24 points in the first half. After Morrisville took a one-point advantage with 11 minutes remaining in the contest, the teams exchanged leads before AU sophomore center Dalton Walsh (Stockton/Cassadaga Valley) (nine points, seven rebounds) tied the game up (72-72) with 1:28 remaining in regulation before the contest went to OT.

Senior guard Tim Costello (Windsor) (four points, three rebounds) hit back-to-back shots to give AU a four-point lead (76-72) with three minutes left in overtime, but Morrisville scored the game's final five points to claim the narrow victory. Senior forward Brett Dennis (Webster Schroeder) recorded a double-double, with 14 points and a game-high 12 rebounds. Junior center Steve Lothridge (East Syracuse-Minoa) scored 11 points.

Against Fisher, Curran paced AU with a team-high 16 points and a game-high eight rebounds.

**This Week:** at Framingham State (12/16, 12 p.m.)

## Women's basketball team drops three

The women's basketball team (4-5, 0-1 Empire 8) fell at St. John Fisher in a 63-43 decision to open conference play, and later in the week lost road games against to Albany College of Pharmacy (47-34) and Hamilton College (88-52).

Against St. John Fisher, sophomore guard Harley Cleary (Rochester/Our Lady of Mercy) and sophomore guard Emilea Harrison (Conesus/Dansville) led Alfred with 10 and nine points, respectively. Junior forward Sarah Federico (Buffalo/Holy Angels) pulled down a game-high nine rebounds, and scored five points.

Against Albany College of Pharmacy, Cleary scored 11 points to pace AU. Sophomore forward Lindsay Drummond (Ogdensburg) and sophomore forward Shea Oleska (Seneca Falls/Mynderse) each pulled down five rebounds.

In the loss at Hamilton, Cleary scored a game-high 23. Federico (three points) and junior guard Cate Mensler (Ballston Spa/Saratoga Catholic) (five points) each pulled down six rebounds.

## Swimming and diving teams idle

The men's swimming and diving team (2-1, 1-0 Empire 8) and women's swimming and diving team (1-3, 0-1 Empire 8) were both idle last week and return to action Jan. 11 at Utica.

## Men's indoor track and field team solid in meet at RIT

The men's indoor track and field team opened its 2012-13 season at RIT last weekend. The AU men's team of seniors Jeremy Weaver (Lancaster, PA/Lancaster Catholic), Shane



**REBECCA GRAUDONS** won the pole vault for AU at the RIT Invitational. (PhotosbyLAN.com)

Stadtmauer (Red Creek) and Chris Lopez (Rochester/Pittsford Sutherland) and sophomore Nolan Rummel (Kings Park) won the 4X400 relay in 3:31.19.

Weaver also took second in the 400-meter dash (52.94) and sixth in the 200-meter dash (24.02). Junior Isaiah Cassin (Candor) was third in the high jump (ECAC-qualifying 1.93 meters).

## Women's indoor track and field team impressive in opening season at RIT

The women's indoor track and field team opened up their season at RIT this past weekend.

Other top performers for AU were: Lopez, third in the 60-meter dash (7.21 seconds); Tchabelino Azimy (NY/A. Philip Randolph), ninth in the 200 meters (24.18); senior Randy Brito (NY/Cardinal Hayes), third in the 500-meter dash (1:10.25); Rummel, fifth in the 1,000-meter run (2:38.10); and junior Eddie Potter (Lansing), 10th in the mile run (4:48.24); junior Mykel Ferguson (Rochester/Greece Olympia), eighth in the high jump (1.83 meters) and seventh in the long jump (6.21 meters); freshman Nathan Epolito (Depew), 10th in the long jump (6.10 meters); freshman James Mule (Cuba-Rushford), ninth in the triple jump (12.32 meters); and freshman Joseph Deurmeyer (Corfu/Pembroke), sophomore Lucas Marshall (Windsor), and freshman Phillip Caruso (Rome Free Academy), fifth (12.56 meters), sixth (12.48 meters) and seventh (12.44 meters), respectively, in the shot put.

Senior Derek Echevarria (New York/Cardinal Hayes) and freshman Desmond Lewis (Brentwood, TN/Hume Fog Academy), Gregory Matos (Bronx/English Language Learners, International Support Prep) and Patrick Krangbaye (Olney, MD/Sherwood) were fourth in the 4X200-meter relay (3:21.87); sophomore Tracie



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Forrester (Gainesville/Letchworth), seventh in the mile run (5:40.59); Pettit, fourth in the triple jump (10.11 meters) and eighth in the long jump (4.62 meters); freshman Kylie Berman (Wellsville), fifth in the triple jump (9.64 meters); and junior Jennifer Kirsch (Penfield) and seniors Kelly-Jo Beck (York) and Kari Blatz (North Babylon), eighth (9.66 meters) and tied for ninth (9.63 meters), respectively, in the shot put.

The team of Dalton, Hall, Forrester and freshman Morgan Flick (Honeoye) was fifth in the 4X400 relay (4:31.90).

## Graudons, Cassin Named Saxon Athletes of the Week

**Rebecca Graudons:** The junior from Mayville, won the pole vault with an ECAC-qualifying height of 3.33 meters as the women's indoor track and field team opened its season at RIT. She also placed third in the long jump (4.83 meters) and ran the opening leg for the 4X20-meter relay team that took third.

**Isaiah Cassin:** The junior from Candor, took third in the high jump with an ECAC-qualifying leap of 1.93 meters as the men's track and field team opened its season at RIT.

## ASC Sports Roundup

### Men's Basketball: 4-6

The men's basketball team fell 54-53 to St. John Fisher JV in the lone contest of the week. With the four-point lead and 47 seconds left, St. John Fisher hit a three-pointer, forced a turnover, and hit two foul shots to grab the lead. Alfred had three shots in the final seconds to win the game but were unable to get one to fall.

Jamar White (Laurel, MD) led the way with 12 points while Christian Santana (Harlem Village Academy) scored all 11 of his points in the second half.

### Women's Basketball 8-4

The blue & gold were 1-2 this past week. They defeated Ithaca JV 67-61 before traveling to the Onondaga CC Tournament and falling 57-54 in overtime to Sullivan CCC and 67-48 to Ithaca JV.

Haley Witchella (Oxford Academy) led the team with 60 points on the week. She also grabbed 43 rebounds. Destiny Brito (Manhattan/Park West) added 20 points and 11 assists while Briana Meehan (Whitesville), Jennifer Fedrick (Buffalo/Bennett), and Karley Fanning (Rochester/Bishop Kearny) all scored 19 points on the week. Swimming: Men 2-2, Women 0-4

Did Not Compete this Week. The Pioneers had their lone meet of the week cancelled but spent the week preparing for their last meet of 2012. The team competes at the Jamestown CC Invitational on Saturday.

### Wrestling: 1-2

The Pioneers lost their lone match of the week 50-0 to Niagara CCC. They will take on Mercyhurst North East at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in their final 2012 match.

### A-A grads earn soccer honors

Alfred State freshmen soccer players Kali Muhleisen (Alfred-Almond) and Hannah Holmok (Alfred-Almond) have been named to the NJCAA Division III All-American team. Muhleisen was a 1st team selection while Holmok was named to the second team.

Muhleisen led the Pioneers with 31 goals and eight assists on the season. The 70 points was tops on the team and tied for 3rd in the country. Her 31 goals was also 3rd best in the country. Muhleisen recorded hat tricks in six games. She scored at least two goals in four more contests and recorded two 7-point games. Muhleisen found the back of the net in 15 of the Lady Pioneers 19 games this year and was held pointless in just two contests.

Holmok scored 12 goals and six assists. Her 30 points on the season was 2nd on the team. Her 12 goals on the season is tied for 30th in the nation and her 30 points ranks her 32nd. She scored two goals in two games. Her top performance came in a 6-0 win over Mercyhurst North East when she had two goals and an assist.

The duo becomes the second and third Lady Pioneers to ever earn All-American status from the NJCAA joining Alfred State Hall of Famer Jody Alvarez who was an All-American in 2003.

Alfred State finished the season with a 17-2 overall record and reached the #1 ranking in the NJCAA Division III poll. The Lady Pioneers were the #1 seed in the Region III Division III tournament and won the WNYAC DIII crown with a perfect record.



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## The Dugout

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### HITS AND MISSES:

The NCAA Division III football championship game is all set and it will be 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-Whitewater. The D3 championship contest is this Friday evening. Usually on one of the many ESPN channels. Will A-A graduate, "Big Nev" 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. Could've talked 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 SJ Fisher game. They are done 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 lone loss of the year was to Genesee 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 Curle, the legendary former Alfred State College coach, has his Plattsburgh men's hoop team at (7-2) as they are off until participating in the Sponaugle New Year tournament in Lancaster (Pa.). The Red Dragons will play Franklin (Rusinko) and Marshall (Moses) in their opener. Salisbury and E. Connecticut are also in the field. Think A-A grad, Jay Evans ... "Help me Spock" ... still lives there.

Coach Bob Montana's Union College men's basketball team (6-1) dumped RIT 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 land and the (Hoot) 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 of 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 - 58, Arizona - 0. Now that would 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.

Manti Te'o of Notre Dame didn't win the Heisman Trophy but he hauled in the Maxwell (Most Outstanding Player), Bednarik (Top Defensive Player) and Walter Camp (Player of Year) awards prior to that.

Janis King won her age group (60-64) in the Leesburg CC 10K on Saturday past in Florida. "Greeter of the Year," Big D unable to run or attend due to work duties back at The Villages.

ASC cross country coach Moore was in Lexington (KY) over the weekend to run in the National X-C race with his Genesee Valley Harriers squad. Moore, bothered by a sore hamstring, placed sixth



ALYSSA GREANEY swims the breaststroke.

## Alyssa Greaney bests all her times

BUFFALO—Over the weekend of Dec. 8-9 Mercury Swimming (MERC) competed at the STAR Invitational in Buffalo. Alyssa Greaney, age 12, raced against 61 of her 11-12 year old peers from Michigan, New Jersey, Massachusetts, New York

and other parts of the northeast.

She completed a rare feat of improving her lifetime fastest results in every single race including both preliminaries and finals. Alyssa's results included: 100 Fly (1:08.03-fourth place overall), 100 breastroke (1:17.35

– sixth fastest time overall), 100 IM (1:09.08), 100 back (1:09.00), 50 back (33.40), and 200 freestyle (2:16.64).

MERC will kick off the New Year with a swim meet in Jamestown on Saturday, Jan. 5.

## The Dugout continued...

on 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. "Chud" lives in Lexington.

**Daughter Lauren** in Florida this week and also in Leesburg on Saturday, but not at the 10K race. Probably would've 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 Taft. 3L is scheduled to see the Hawks-Magic NBA game in Orlando this week with Duke's J.J. Redick in home togs. 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 play in the WBC 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.

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