

In the Sun 10 years ago

Ten years ago, Earl, Cathy, Stephen and Matthew Johnson of Almond took a road trip to Tuscaloosa, Alabama in the summer to visit the Philip Prigmore family at their summer home there and help Charles move in to his dorm at the University of Alabama. Decked out in Crimson Tide t-shirts outside his dorm, the Sun was hot with temperatures near 100 everyday!



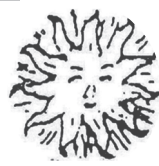
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King of the Mountain

John Koester races motorcycles to pro hill climbing summit

ALFRED—Racing has been a major part of Alfred State College alumnus John Koester's life ever since he first began competing in motorcycle races at just 2 ½ years old.

Today, after years of honing his skills, Koester, a 2014 building trades: building construction graduate, is now a professional hill climber who has raced his way to the very top of his sport. And at age 26, he's just getting revved up.

Taking an interest in racing came only too naturally to Koester, given that his father, mother, sisters, and grandfather have all raced competitively. Each year, the family would take in the hill climb races at the Poags Hole course in Dansville, which sparked Koester's interest in the sport.

"We would go and watch and I pretty much just said, 'I can do that,'" said Koester, a Hornell native. "We went and tried it and it's worked out for us."

In 2010 at just 16 years old, Koester became a professional hill climber. Two years later in 2012, the same year he graduated from Arkport Central School and enrolled at Alfred State, he joined the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA). He has since competed in several states, including Kentucky, Michigan, Tennessee, Montana, and Ohio.

In his career, Koester has achieved some pretty impressive feats, including earning 10 national No. 1 titles. During the 2017 season, he had a nearly perfect season in the Extreme Class, winning all but one race. In 2018, he became the first

professional climber in the United States to win all three National AMA Pro Hill Climbing titles (450 Pro Class, Extreme, and Unlimited) in the same season.

Koester once again made history earlier this year when he became sponsored by Indian Motorcycles, marking the first time the company has entered the sport of hill climbing since 1939. Under this new partnership, Koester is competing in an all-new AMA Twins Class on a modified FTR750 bike. After Indian Motorcycles provided the engine, Koester and his father Gordon, who is an instructional support assistant in Alfred State's motorcycle and power sports technology program, designed, fabricated, and built the bike from the ground up.

"It's kind of surreal to bring that company back into the sport of hill climbing after so many years that they've been out of it," Koester said of the sponsorship. "To have them choose me and my team, it's really cool for me to see that the hard work we've put in over the years has paid off."

In addition to the support he has received from his parents, siblings, and friends, Koester credits Arkport Cycles for playing a major part in his successful racing career. The business is owned by his grandparents, John and Rose Jamison.

"My grandparents and their business have really propelled me forward in my racing career and my life, as well," he said.

Koester also gives credit to Alfred State for helping him succeed in his full-time



Alfred State alumnus and professional hill climb racer John Koester now has 10 national No. 1 titles and is sponsored by Indian Motorcycles.

occupation as a utility lineman, both because of the electrical training he received as a student and the lessons he learned at the college.

"It really helped me realize that you've got to work hard to get what you want," he said. "That's the way everything is but Alfred made me realize that, if you want something, you've got to go and get it."

For Koester, the best part about hill

climbing is the exhilaration and sudden rush he gets while competing in races that typically last between only six seconds and 20 seconds. Unlike the nature of his sport, however, Koester's professional hill climbing career is poised to be a long one, with even more wins and achievements sure to follow as he continues racing to the top.

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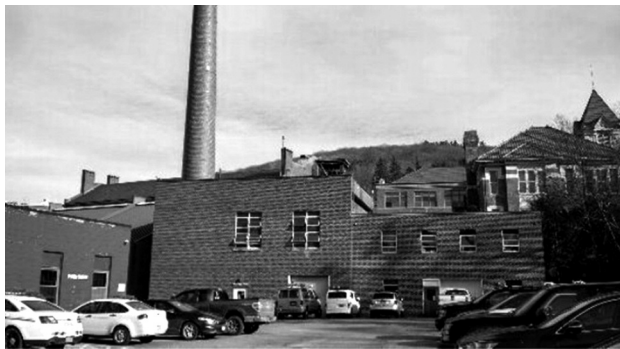
Cohens' gift to aid in foundry/boiler project

ALFRED—Board of Trustees member Michele Cohen and her husband Martin have long been among Alfred University's most generous benefactors. Their most recent gift, of \$6 million, will provide the University with a state-of-the-art foundry facility that will create exciting new opportunities for art and engineering students, while also providing the campus with a new energy-efficient heating system.

Alfred University President Mark Zupan this week announced the Cohens' gift, which establishes the Michele and Martin Cohen Capital Fund in support of Alfred University's foundry/distributed boiler project.

"We are so inspired by and grateful for all the magic that Michele and Marty Cohen are setting in motion through their generous philanthropic commitment to the foundry/distributed boiler project for so many future generations of Alfred University students, faculty, and staff," Zupan commented.

The project will renovate the existing heating plant—currently located in a building behind the Carnegie Hall parking lot—to house a state-of-the-art foundry. It will also replace the University's current central steam heating plant with an energy-efficient distributed boiler sys-



Alfred University's heating plant, shown here, will be renovated to house a new foundry facility.

tem, thereby creating significant savings in utilities and maintenance costs while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The overall project also will create upgraded space to house displaced facilities team members who now work out of the existing central heating plant.

Michele Cohen, who has served on the University's Board of Trustees since 2001, is retired from Cohen and Steers Capital Management in New York City and cur-

rently serves as chair of the Board of Trustees at the Museum of Arts and Design in New York City. Alfred University awarded her an honorary degree in 2018. Martin Cohen, who co-founded Cohen and Steers in 1986, is the company's chair. The Cohens' son, Adam, is a 2003 alumnus of the University's School of Art and Design.

The Cohens' previous philanthropy has endowed the deanship of the University's School of Art and Design and Division of Performing Arts, established the Cohen Center for the Arts and Cohen Gallery, and launched APEX, our applied experiential learning program.

The Cohens established the capital fund after the project was identified as something "that would be transformative for the University," Michele Cohen explained. "We had been considering a gift to Alfred and when this project was described, it became clear that it was something we could support. There are multiple ways it will help the University and the student experience."

The new foundry will be home to our University's National Casting Center, Advanced Digital Fabrication Lab, and Additive and Advanced Manufacturing Center. The student-focused collaborative space will provide

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OBITUARIES

Marjorie Joan Dunn Area, 84, member of A-A Alumni Humanitarian Hall of Fame



MARJORIE JOAN DUNN AREA

Humanitarian Hall of Famer LEBANON, IL—Marjorie Joann (Dunn) Area, 84, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020, in Lebanon, IL, after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's.

Marjorie was born Oct. 14, 1936 in Hornell, the first of three children of Theodore and Hazel (Whitford) Dunn.

Following her graduation from Alfred-Almond Central School, she earned her BS degree in Home Economics from Buffalo State Teachers College in 1958 and held memberships with Phi Upsilon Omicron Honorary and Kappa Delta Pi Educational Honorary.

In 1959, Marjorie was the first woman to participate in the 4H IFYE program, spending a year in Panama living with nine various families and upon her return, worked as a New York Saratoga County 4-H Agent for Cornell University. In 1964, Marjorie earned her Masters of Adult Education from Colorado State University and subsequently accepted a position with Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS.

From 1976 to 1994, Marjorie owned and operated the "Area Retail Liquor Store" in Manhattan, KS. Marjorie was honored as Woman of the Year by the Manhattan Chapter of the American Business Women's Association and nominated for Who's Who in American Women in 1968. She was honored to receive the Kansas Friend of IFYE Award by her peer group in 1978 and was inducted into the Humanitarian Hall of Fame by the Alfred-Almond Central School Alumni Association in 2006.

Marjorie was united in marriage to Donald Wayne Area in Manhattan, KS, Christmas Eve 1967. In 1975, they moved from Manhattan to Randolph, KS, where they farmed, raised cattle and took on foster parenting for eight children at various times. In 1998, they retired and relocated to Tonkawa, OK, where Marjorie sang with the local

chapter of the Sweet Adelines and enjoyed many hobbies, including photography, gardening, refinishing furniture, cake decorating, genealogy, and writing. Marjorie was especially proud of her "Friendship Garden", comprised of plants and flowers acquired throughout the years from special friends and relatives. Donald and Marjorie also enjoyed traveling the country in their RV.

Marjorie was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Area, in 2016. Surviving are two brothers: Jim (Bonnie) Dunn of Milan, IL, and Ray (Margaret)

Dunn of Hornell. She is also survived by stepchildren, Blyth Wilson of Trenton, IL, and Jay Area of Newton, KS, and many nieces, nephews and stepgrandchildren.

Marjorie joins her husband by interment of ashes at the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at Fort Riley, Manhattan, KS.

In lieu of a funeral service during this concerning time of illness and social distancing, it is recommended that you plant a tree, bush or colorful flowers as a living tribute to Marjorie's memory.

Kenneth E. VanDuser, Almond



KENNETH E. VanDUSER

Lifelong Almond resident

ALMOND—Kenneth E. VanDuser of Main Street, Almond, passed away Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020 at the Wellsville Manor Nursing Home in Wellsville.

Born in North Hornell, Feb. 12, 1940, the son of Howard and Bernice Townsend VanDuser, he had resided his entire life in Almond. He had been employed as a carpenter for the former Hollis Building and Construction in Almond.

Ken was a member of the former Eagles Club in Hornell, and enjoyed hunting and reading.

He was predeceased by his parents; his sister, Doris Mullen; his brother, Richard VanDuser; as well as a half sister, Alberta Lewis and half brother, Paul Binder.

Ken is survived by his sister, Nancy Griffin of Hornell, and his brother, Donald VanDuser of Hornell; nieces, nephews and cousins.

To send a remembrance to the family, please visit www.brownandpowersfuneralhomes.com or on Facebook@brownpowersfh. The family is being assisted by Gerald R. Brown, Director at Bender-Brown & Powers Funeral Home of Hornell.

A private graveside service and burial was held Wednesday, Nov. 25 at the Maplewood Cemetery in Alfred Station.

SUN OBITUARY POLICY

The Alfred Sun does NOT charge to publish obituaries. It never has; so long as the janitor has his say, it never will.

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Alfred Weather Recorder

Sharon Ruth Clark, 73, Hartsville, Canisteo grad

SHARON RUTH CLARK

Had managed Alfred Sub Shop

HORNELL—Sharon Ruth Clark, 73, of Clark Road, Town of Hartsville, passed away Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020 at the home of her son.

Born in Jamestown, March 12, 1947, the daughter of Raymond and Julia Partridge Clark, she spent her early life in Canisteo and was a graduate of Canisteo Central School. She had resided in several parts of the U.S. She moved to this area from Texas about 25 years ago.



Sharon enjoyed sewing, crafts, especially attending craft shows, gardening and her flowers. She had been employed as a manager at the former Alfred Sub Shop and as a waitress and bartender down south prior to her moving back to the

area.

She was predeceased by her parents, and her husband; Charles D. Clark Sr. in 2002.

Surviving are her daughter; Sunni M. Clark of Allentown; three sons; Charles D. (Carol) Clark of Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania, Timothy T. (Karina) Clark of Alfred Station, and Theodore T. (Cassandra) Clark of Canisteo; 11 grandchildren including Sara Cleveland, Steve Cleveland, Michael Cleveland, Suzanne Clark, Timothy T. Clark Jr., Kimberly S. Clark, Joshua Clark, Jacob Clark, Theodore Clark Jr., Zaria Clark and Damien Camann; and 22 great-grandchildren.

To send a remembrance to the family, please visit www.brownandpowersfuneralhomes.com or on Facebook@brownpowersfh. The family is being assisted by Anthony M. Cone, Director at Bender-Brown & Powers Funeral Home of Hornell.

The family will not be observing calling hours. A Celebration of Sharon's life will be held during the Memorial Day Weekend in 2021.

Lorene A. McLean, 92, Andover, home health aide



LORENE A. MCLEAN

Home Health Aide, Election Monitor

ANDOVER—Lorene A. McLean, 92, of Andover, passed away after a brief illness on Friday, Nov. 20, 2020 at Highland Park Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Wellsville.

Lorene was born on May 7, 1928 in Canisteo to David and Maetta (Vanzile) Spencer. On April 14, 1956, she married Lewis D. McLean, who predeceased her on Aug. 9, 1995.

Lorene is survived by four children, Rand (Carmelita) Gallagher of Carlsbad, California, David Gallagher of Pueblo, Colorado, Linda (Lowell Dickerson) Bierman and Nina Harrison,

both of Andover; one sister-in-law, Violet Spencer of Ontario; seven grandchildren, Michelle Shryer, Brian Gallagher, Richard Gallagher, Jessica Johnson, Sheri Lewis Mason, Eric Harrison and Jenna Palys; many great grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her husband of 39 years, she was predeceased by three siblings, Doris Schloesser, Donald Spencer and Dale Spencer.

Lorene lived a life of overcoming obstacles. She attended rural school in the Canisteo area for several years. At age13 she became the first reported case of polio in Steuben County. She spent many months recovering from some of the effects at a facility in Ithaca where she continued her schooling. After returning home her family relocated to Andover where she attended Andover Central School. She always regretted not graduating, so in 1975 she was extremely proud of receiving her GED.

In addition to her many responsibilities as a wife and mother she worked as a home health aide and for many years worked the local elections as an election monitor.

She was a long-time member

of Andover Baptist Church where she sang in the choir for many years. Lorene enjoyed the many trips she took with the Andover Golden Agers.

Lorene was an avid reader and loved listening to country music. She enjoyed playing cards and board games with her children and later with her grandchildren. In her later years she looked forward to spending Saturday afternoons playing cards with her daughters at the nursing home, where she also enjoying a good game of BINGO.

She will be fondly remembered by her family and friends for all the greeting cards that she sent that would brighten their day.

There will be no prior visitation. A graveside service will be held in the spring at Bennett's Creek Cemetery in Canisteo at a date to be determined.

Arrangements are under the direction of Baker-Swan Funeral Home in Andover. Online condolences may be offered at www.baker-swan.com.

Memorial contributions in Lorene's name may be made to Andover Free Library, PO Box 745, Andover, NY 14806 or SPCA Serving Allegany County, 5440 NY-19, Belmont, NY 14813.

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Puzzles on Page 10
CryptoQuote

answer

We may eliminate death someday, but I doubt if we'll ever eliminate taxes.
— Robert A. Heinlein

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solution

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3. Robust; 4. Design

Today's Word

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Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

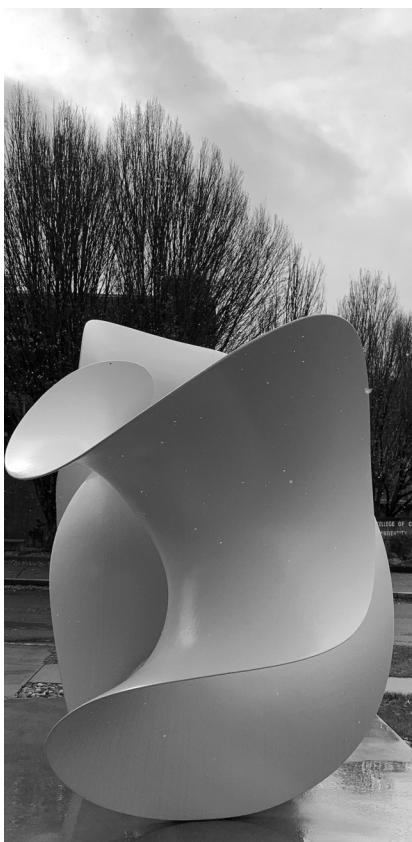
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Sunbeams



You know it's a small town when... You call a wrong number and they supply you with the correct one.



Different aesthetics from different sides, the curvy, luminous sculpture that attracts one to the front of Alfred University's Ceramic Art Museum.



Pictures with Santa at fire hall Saturday

ALFRED—This year, an indoor Breakfast with Santa buffet is not advisable. Instead, all are invited to meet with Santa as he tours Alfred on Saturday, Dec. 5.

Santa and his driver will be stationed in the parking lot next to the fire hall and in front of Alfred Montessori School in Alfred 1, our 1992 KME engine for families to have their pictures taken on the fire truck and chat with the jolly old elf. Dani Gagne will accompany them to take pho-

tos to email to families.

All this is free of charge to participating families. Donations are most welcome and will be used to help purchase two new defibrillator monitor units in early 2021.

We hope to see you on Dec. 5. Santa and his helpers will be present from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. If you drive, you will be directed where to park. If you walk, we will have waiting areas marked out for you.

Annual collection of warm clothing underway

ALFRED—Alfred's annual collection of warm winter wear for Cameron Ministries in Rochester is now underway. Donation of coats, heavy fleeces, winter hats, mittens, scarves,

new socks and underwear, any size are requested.

Totes for donating are on the Church Street entrance to the Union University Church Center, outside the door of the Box of

Books, and in Hair Care, all in Alfred. This collection by the Union University Church will be delivered to Rochester soon after the cut off date of December 11th. Thanks for your help! Spread the word around town.

From the mayor

By BECKY B. PROPHET
Alfred Village Mayor


Here's hoping that everyone had a gratifying, if strange, Thanksgiving. Staying safe with frightening waves of infection can be challenging. Keeping those around us safe can be even more difficult. Please, let's keep our guard up with protocols to stop the spread of corona. At the same time, let's lower our guard and give generously to those around us and to those far from us who are in need, no matter what that need is.

Zoom, as exhausting as it is, is a safe alternative to being in touch with family and friends. The Prophets were treated to a six-way zoom where participants were in PA, CA, AZ, VT, MA, Quebec, and NY. Under "normal" circumstances we could not have brought the participants together for the three hours that we spent on screen. It was refreshing and delightful to unite so many from so many places. While we wish we could spend holidays in December with many of these people, we are guessing that we cannot. Keeping those we love and ourselves safe and healthy is paramount. We can look forward to times and places we can meet with hope and joy.

Thanksgiving for Alfred University employees took a turn toward abundance. The University gave employees a holiday meal—for starters. Our household was given a thirty-one pound turkey. We enjoyed the occupation of figuring out how to handle it, prepare it, and roast it. The process was a delightful team effort and it was (and still is) delicious.

But the greatest joy of this amount of good food was finding willing hands to receive it for their own celebrations and their living of traditions while separated from others. The bird yielded about twenty-four pounds of juicy turkey. We dispersed, in our neighborhood and wider community, about nineteen pounds! A part of this Thanksgiving for which we are most grateful is that we enjoyed the distanced contact with so many, while hearing their appreciation for several meals! Yet, if you are out and about in the community, don't be surprised if you find, in these days between holidays, that all friends of Alfred University employees are locking their cars.

Let us continue to find joy, laughter, and deep gratitude for life in Alfred. Let us also give aid (and maybe turkey) where needed. Let us enjoy the contact we can have through distance and technology. But most of all we must stay healthy!



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Kelly's Forecast

By KELLY SNYDER
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"God gave us memory so that we might have roses in December."
—James M. Barrie

Thursday, Dec. 3

PARTLY CLOUDY

(HIGH 42—LOW 32)

Chance of precipitation....10%

Friday, Dec. 4

MOSTLY CLOUDY

(HIGH 39—LOW 28)

Chance of precipitation....20%

Saturday, Dec. 5

RAIN / SNOW SHOWERS

(HIGH 34—LOW 29)

Chance of precipitation....40%

Sunday, Dec. 6

FEW SNOW SHOWERS

(HIGH 34—LOW 25)

Chance of precipitation....30%

Monday, Dec. 7

PM SNOW SHOWERS

(HIGH 30—LOW 22)

Chance of precipitation....30%

Tuesday, Dec. 8

CLOUDY

(HIGH 32—LOW 25)

Chance of precipitation....10%

Wednesday, Dec. 9

MOSTLY CLOUDY

(HIGH 36—LOW 30)

Chance of precipitation....20%

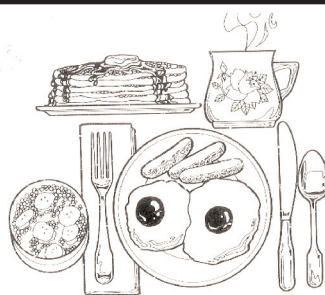
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SUNNY SIDE UP

By ELLEN SHULTZ
Alfred Sun Columnist



Lasagna made in a slow cooker

[Editor's Note: Like most of the recipes she shared with our readers over the past couple of decades, Sunny Side Up columns by the late Ellen Shultz are worth repeating.]

Some time ago I saw a recipe for lasagna made in a slow cooker. I neglected to cut out that recipe and have been thinking about it from time to time since—wondering how in the world the heavily noodled layered dish would turn out. I always made my lasagna in a baking pan about six inches high. A few weeks ago it dawned on me that I have a cookbook just for crock pot recipes. Sure enough, there it was jammed in with many others, and, it had several recipes for lasagna. The book is *Fix-It and Forget-It Cookbook* by Dawn J. Ranck and Phyllis Pellman Good. The recipe I chose is entitled Helen's Lasagna, contributed by Helen King of Fairbank, Indiana.

Helen's Lasagna

1 lb. ground beef	1 tsp. salt
1 med. onion, chopped	1 tsp. dried oregano
2 cloves garlic, minced	8 oz. pkg. lasagna noodles, uncooked
1 c. water	4 c. (16oz.) shredded mozzarella cheese
24 oz. can tomato sauce	(12oz.) small-curd cottage cheese
½ tsp. garlic powder	½ c. grated Parmesan cheese
1 tsp. dried basil	¼ tsp. pepper

Cook beef, onion, and garlic together in saucepan until browned. Drain. Stir in tomato sauce and seasonings. Mix well. Spread one fourth of meat sauce in slow cooker. Arrange one third of noodles over sauce. Combine the cheeses. Spoon one-third of mixture over noodles. Repeat layers twice. Top with remaining meat sauce. Cover.

Cook on Low 4-5 hours. (I recently discovered Reynolds Slow Cooker Liners that you spread in the cooker and up over the lip. When you are through, the liner lifts right out leaving a clean pot. You could also lift the whole lasagna out to a platter to serve.)



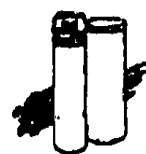
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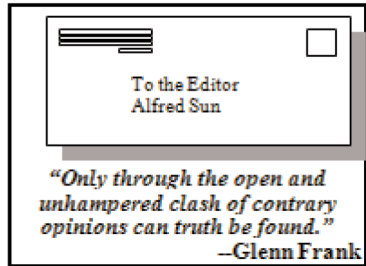
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EDITORIAL PAGE



No illegal votes

Dear Editor,

As someone with nearly two decades of experience as an election inspector, I am appalled and offended with cries of illegal votes. Things are different in every state and every year but there are some things that voters can depend on. People who aren't registered to vote, don't vote. The people pushing that idea have either never voted or have evil intentions.

If you have voted at a poll, you know how it has worked. People greeted you and asked for your name and then paged through the book for your name. If your name was in the book, that meant you were registered and had the right to vote. With that determined, you signed and

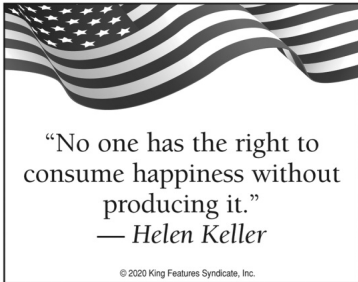
only after that were you given a ballot.

The ballot had no identifying number on it but near your signature someone recorded a number and signed their initials taking responsibility for handing out a ballot. Maybe someone told you that you were the 100th person to vote that day. That number is important because every ballot torn out of a book left a tab. Every ballot handed to a voter is represented by a numbered tab and every ballot has to be accounted for. If 100 people had checked in, signed and voted, there had to be 100 tabs on hand.

If that 100th voter made a mistake and needed another ballot, next to their name in the book would be the number 100 (for the first ballot) and then another number indicating that they needed a second ballot. At the end of the day, every ballot has to be accounted for. None are handed out willy-nilly.

If you tried to check in and your name wasn't in the book then a few things might have happened. If you were at the wrong poll then someone likely directed you to the correct poll.

Americanisms



THE FIRST AMENDMENT
Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Sun Spots



The UnWelcome Mat

Or,

It's Not So Much The Unwelcome Mat
As It Is The Unwelcom Cat...ssss

There once was a small "Welcome" mat;
Right outside of my door's where it sat.

Though it did its job well,
After 'while, it did smell,
And the Ms. says "Begone!", so that's that.

There's a cat 'round here—molly, and feral;
Has the neighborhood toms acting puerile.

On the mat they've all sprayed...
Forgot to tell 'em, she's spayed—
So best o' luck tryin' to prove that they're virile!

But I'm 'fraid that there's coming a day
That ol' molly will soon pass away.

Her toms will all cry
As her grave they pass by—
I'm in hopes that there won't be...a spray.

—Un Welcomousssss

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If you weren't registered to vote, then you should have been given the chance to register to vote. In the past if you felt strongly that you should have been registered, you were given a provisional ballot that was kept separate from other ballots until the folk at the Board of Elections (BOE) worked out what the problem was and determined whether or not your provisional ballot should be accepted.

So what about mail in ballots? If someone contacts the BOE asking for a ballot in the mail, workers there first check the voter rolls and determine if this was a registered voter. If so, they would take the steps needed to send a ballot to that voter.

When it was time to count those mailed ballots, the information on the outside of the envelope would be checked. Was it sent in by a registered voter? If so, the inner envelope with the ballot would go into a bin for counting.

Just how do you think unregistered voters would get ballots to mail in? Ballots are only mailed to registered voters and before they are counted, things are checked and rechecked. Sometimes a voter passes away between mailing the ballot and having it counted. Death notices

are checked and such ballots are rejected.

In some states, a person can mail a ballot and then show up to vote in person. In such cases the records of in-person votes are checked before mail-in ballots are counted. If someone voted in-person, when their mail-in ballot shows up, it is shredded. There are procedures in place.

Are a few mistakes made? Yes, of course, but the history of recounts shows the tiniest percentage of mistakes are made and most are unintentional. The work at polls, the counting at polls, the work on machines, and the counting in offices after election day are done with representatives of the two major parties involved.

Records, results, books, ballots and all voting materials have a detailed chain of custody. The biggest problem is that of voter suppression, a little discussed issue.

Poll workers go to training sessions and work for long, tedious days to help make elections happen. Most poll workers take voting seriously and want votes counted honestly and accurately. I once worked at a poll where I was criticized for helping older voters open the heavy

doors. The other workers told me that if people couldn't open the door, they didn't deserve to vote. I didn't see that as the way to behave.

Several states have only mail-in votes and boast the highest rates of voter participation. Every voter gets a ballot in the mail and then have time in their homes to study and decide without standing in line or worrying about getting time off from work.

I would like to see every state move toward automatic voter registration and mail in ballots and talk about election week, not election day. Please consider this to be a public thank you to election inspectors and BOE staff, particularly those in Belmont.

Elaine Hardman

BIDEN WINS

Dear Editor,

In the edition of The Alfred Sun that followed the 2016 Presidential Election, we recall your headline was "TRUMP WINS."

When do you plan to announce for 2020 "BIDEN WINS!" ?

Stuart E. Smith
Alfred, NY
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CONVIVIAL CONTRARIAN

By SEAN HYLAND
Alfred Sun Columnist

Why Trump

Because of my relative political unorthodoxy, I find myself having an easy time engaging in discussions with those from across the political spectrum. This can be fascinating, particularly as I compare notes on how "the other side" thinks and talks about their respective political opposition, especially as polarization has increased.

Especially interesting in this election has been the complete bafflement of the political left as to the motivation of Trump voters. Of course there are the nearly axiomatic explanations, that they are motivated by racism, sexism, or any number of other types of wrongthink-isms. However, infinitely more interesting are the explanations expressed tacitly or in private. Multiple times during political banter have folks on the left leaned in to me, and with a bit of the conspiratorial stage whisper and wink said, "It's because they're not educated.", or "They only read the books Fox News tells them to. If they even read any books!", or "Well, they just haven't seen much of the world." They are essentially implying that Trump voters are, as a group, small-minded, ignorant unsophisticates whose worldview can and should be disregarded prima facie.

I was a bit flabbergasted the first time that it happened, but subsequently I was ready with my rejoinder, asking them if perhaps this wasn't a wee bit of the issue. After all, condescension isn't typically a winning strategy for outreach.

I suppose I shouldn't have been too surprised since this attitude is quite frequently in evidence on the left wing outlets I check, although somehow it seemed more surprising in person, away from the impersonal interwebs. It is an attitude which has also been expressed by some of the shining lights of the Democratic party, notably in Hillary Clinton's "Deplorables" comment and Barack Obama's infamous characterization of small town America, "They get bitter, they cling to guns or religion or antipathy to people who aren't like them or anti-immigrant sentiment or anti-trade sentiment as a way to explain their frustrations." That air of superiority and virtuous elitism has been well noted by those whom it is directed at.

This pervasive attitude should make for no surprise as to why so many people voted Trump in 2016 and 2020. Who likes being talked down to condescendingly and told that their values and concerns are irrelevant and retrograde? Trump may be a bully and loudmouth, but he can't be accused of being condescending or talking down to either his supporters or opponents. Those tired of being treated with contempt by their political "betters" found the appeal of Donald Trump's lib-owning, bomb throwing, straight talking persona to be a powerful draw.

Belying the Democratic party's longstanding "Big Tent" reputation, it has really become a party which has very little tolerance for ideological de-

viation. You could, for example, be to the left of Bernie Sanders economically but be opposed to open borders immigration, or be a fervent supporter of single payer health care but be opposed to abortion and the Democratic Party will make clear that there is no place at the table for such unorthodoxy.

This is part of the long term trend of political polarization which has engulfed our country. Not so long ago, you had Liberal Republicans like Rockefeller and Conservative Republicans such as Goldwater or Liberal Democrats like FDR and Conservative Democrats such as Joe Lieberman. Both parties have polarized, with the result that voters who may have mixed tickets or switched parties based on individual candidates have been increasingly pushed to one party or another.

While the polarization is occurring on both sides, the intellectual elitism and self congratulatory snobbery seems to be overwhelmingly the domain of today's Woke signalling left. They are not reticent about their disdain of those who may value any sort of cultural conservatism, traditional religious values, or nationalism and demand that any such people either "catch up" ideologically or be cast into outer darkness. Those "Deplorables" feel that they are no longer just an ignored demographic, but are under attack. However much the Left may want to snort derisively at this sentiment, the sentiment remains and cannot be willed away by exhortations to "get on the right side of history". After all, nearly 74 million voted for Trump in what proved to be a very close 2020 election, a fact which should cause Democrats some introspection.

Far from the cartoon parody of ignorant White Supremacist haters, the Trump voters that I know are no monolith, an observation echoed by the fact that Trump gained significant ground among all minority groups in 2020 compared to 2016, only losing ground among white men. I personally know Trump voters who are among the smartest, most ethical, hardest working, kindest people, just as I know many Biden voters of similar sterling caliber. The Trump voters that I know didn't think they were voting for some Neo-Facist racist strongman. Many found Trump's personality repugnant, but because of a variety of sincerely held convictions found a vote for Trump to be the lesser of two evils.

You can disagree with that assessment, but the the joke will be on the Democratic party if it dismisses it out of hand. When the Democratic Party asks the question, "What is wrong with Trump voters?" it may wish to also take a close look in the mirror. After all, who in their right mind votes for a party which appears to despise them and their values?

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CORNELL'S AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM

Bolivar-Richburg teacher is 'Teacher of the Year'

Outstanding New York State teacher who uses agricultural literacy in the classroom merits statewide recognition

ITHACA—Each year, New York Agriculture in the Classroom recognizes an exceptional teacher who incorporates learning through a lens of agriculture into their curriculum. We are pleased to announce the selection of Patricia Eshelman, a high school teacher at the Bolivar Richburg Central School District, as the 2021 Teacher of the Year. Eshelman prioritizes learning through agriculture through relevant and engaging cross-curricular learning experiences and is well-deserving of this recognition.

Patricia Eshelman will be representing New York Agriculture in the Classroom as a model educator who incorporates agriculture as a context for learning in her biology and agriculture classrooms in Bolivar, New York. The Wolverine Environmental Center, also known as the WEE-Center, was an effort put forth by the Bolivar Richburg Central School District, students and community partners. Over the last three years it has blossomed into an agricultural learning center offering students opportunities to experiment with various agricultural technologies.

There, Eshelman recognized a need to reconnect the rural students with the agricultural industries around them and sought to create a brand-new course at her school that would teach thoughtful food choices, make a connection between them and natural resources, and give them a basic knowledge and understanding of agriculture. Thus, the Sustainable Living and Agriculture course was formed.

The Sustainable Living and Agriculture course provides students with a survey of a broad range of agricultural topics from botany to ethics, gives students hands-on experiences, and engages the community by bringing in guest speakers each week with different areas of expertise. Eshel-



Patricia Eshelman, Teacher of the Year

man empowers her students to ask questions and guide the focus of the lessons for a truly interactive experience. The students have conducted studies of food waste which led them to explore composting and vermicomposting food from the school cafeteria and thought-provoking conversations about nutrient recycling.

The class also created a garden space where the composted soil could be utilized. In their garden they planted garlic, asparagus, blueberries, black raspberries, fruit trees, perennial flowers, and tomatoes. Diversity and inclusion are a part of Cornell University's heritage. We are a recognized employer and educator valuing AA/EEO, Protected Veterans and Individuals with Disabilities.

With this garden and other herbs and vegetables grown in the classroom, the class was able to provide fresh foods for the school cafeteria and expose the rest of the school to the fruits of their hard labor. The success of the Sustainable Living and Agriculture course was obvious, and the school quickly saw the need to expand their offerings with a Sustainable Agriculture 2 class, also taught by Eshelman. The

Sustainable Agriculture 2 class builds on the concepts taught in the first class and dives deeper.

Eshelman also helped jumpstart another initiative regarding employment opportunities for students at the WEE-Center. A civil service job of Youth Laborer was created through Allegany County where each summer the WEE-Center offers employment opportunities to two or three students. This provides students with valuable opportunities to instill work ethic, time management skills, teamwork experience, and more that future employers will be looking for. Graduates of Bolivar Richburg are more prepared for the workforce or further education due to their experiences with the WEE-Center.

Patricia Eshelman is an exemplary educator who's passion shines through her everyday interactions in the classroom. Bolivar Richburg Central School District Principal, Daniel J. Quartley, said, "In my opinion no one deserves the honor of Teacher of the Year more than Patricia Eshelman. Her hard work, determination, vision and love of agricultural science has made all the things that the WEE-Center represents possible."

"She is an educator, visionary, supervisor of youth workers and developer of dreams. I feel blessed, proud and grateful to have been a part of all of this," Katie Carpenter, Director of New York Agriculture in the Classroom, shares, "We could not be prouder to honor Patricia Eshelman as our Teacher of the Year and share her story over the next year to inspire teachers across the state. It has been a joy over the past years having Patricia as part of our net-

work with her enthusiastic attendance at the National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference for professional development and her creative grant proposals to enhance her curriculum. She is a model educator for creating authentic learning experiences for her students."

For her excellence in teaching through agriculture, Eshelman will receive an expense-paid professional development experience to the National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference in Des Moines, Iowa and receive a recognition of her and her accomplishments. This exceptional professional development opportunity will allow her the chance to meet and learn from educators across the country and become exposed to even more classroom resources and tools to teach through and about agriculture.

For more information about the New York Agriculture in the Classroom Teacher of the Year program, visit the website at www.agclassroom.org/ny. New York Agriculture in the Classroom is an outreach program of Cornell University. Working with classroom teachers, volunteers, and agriculture's stakeholders throughout the state, New York Agriculture in the Classroom fosters an awareness, understanding, and appreciation of our food and fiber system.



Students test a beef recipe for the Top Cut Contest

Cohen gift facilitates foundry/boiler project

(Continued from front page)

melting facilities, classroom space, and other experiential learning opportunities. It will be utilized by the School of Art and Design's Division of Sculpture/Dimensional Studies for its glass and metal casting programs, and by the Inamori School of Engineering for the materials science and mechanical engineering programs.

The facility—which creates the potential for new degree programs in combined art and engineering, such as digital fabrication design and engineering—will significantly benefit Alfred University's student recruitment and retention efforts.

"The possibilities of what can be accomplished in this new building are endless. I have always wanted to see more collaboration between the many departments, giving students the opportunity to use different parts of their brains and to explore classes that they might not otherwise had considered. This will help to maintain and amplify the excellent reputations of both of these top-rated schools," Michele Cohen commented. "Giving students more creative, wide reaching opportunities will keep them engaged, excited, and challenged."

Lauren Lake, Michele and Martin Cohen Endowed Dean of the School of Art and Design and Division of Performing Arts, agreed that the foundry will attract a diverse population of students, while also shining a spotlight in the sculpture program.

"The foundry is a collision space for the creation of new knowledge, research and teaching—a co-laboratory for students studying art, engineering, and more. The facilities will attract undergraduate students, transfer students and graduate students to our programs while providing community bridges across disciplines at Alfred and connections with the greater foundry communities across the country," Lake said.

Gabrielle Gaustad, dean of the Inamori School of Engineering, agreed. "Engineering and Art and Design already collaborate in a variety of ways, she said, pointing to shared courses like the GlassArtEngine, in which engineers and artists work together on glass related projects, and shared facilities like our Digital Fabrication Lab. "This will open additional opportunities for those

interactions – both curricular and extracurricular."

"Having this new facility on campus will open a large variety of opportunities for our engineering students," Gaustad added. Among those opportunities: creation of metallurgy labs, in which materials science and mechanical engineering students learn about processing, smelting and casting; expansion of digital fabrication and 3-D printing capabilities; and enhancements to extracurricular offerings, like the student forging and blacksmithing club.

Coral Lambert, professor of Sculpture/Dimensional Studies in the School of Art and Design and director of National Casting Center Foundry, is excited about what the foundry project will mean to the growth of the Sculpture/Dimensional Studies Program.

"Being able to offer courses in a brand new facility located directly on campus holds tremendous opportunities for the Division of Sculpture, the School of Art and Design, and the University in general," Lambert commented. "Due to proximity, educational collaborations can be more easily implemented by integrating course content with art history, engineering, environmental and global studies, among others."

Lambert said the foundry facility's centralized on-campus location will better serve existing students and be beneficial as a recruiting tool.

"The major difference for the new facility is its location, which is something I fervently advocated for because it will raise the visibility of the National Casting Center Foundry and will increase student involvement," Lambert said. She noted that the facility's split-level design—which includes a catwalk that will allow for foundry pours to be viewed safely from above—will make the facility more accommodating for student visits and public tours.

New York State has approved \$1.2 million from the SUNY Construction Fund for the foundry project's design phase, set to begin in January. Construction of the new foundry will be completed by the fall of 2022 or spring of 2023. Construction of the new distributed boiler system will begin in January, with completion scheduled for the fall of 2021.

"We are truly grateful for Michele and Martin Cohen's gift. They understand the important role that transdisciplinary and exceptional facilities contribute to support thoughtful, innovative and expansive research," Lake said. "Our learning community is dedicated to building a shared base of knowledge that supports each student's individual development and prepares them to be active creative members of the world and their support allows this to happen."

The Cohens made their \$6 million commitment to the foundry/boiler project in honor of 1954 Alfred University graduate Marlin Miller (honorary degree recipient in 1989 and 2019), Michele Cohen's colleague on the University's Board of Trustees. Miller, a former Board chair, is a noted businessperson and philanthropist, and Alfred University's most generous donor. Projects funded by his gifts include the Miller Performing Arts Center, Miller Theater, Alfred Ceramic Art Museum, renovations of our Tefft and Openhym residence halls, construction of the Link between Tefft and Moskowitz halls, and a repaving project on campus which will create new bicycle and pedestrian paths as well as nearly 100 new parking spaces. Marlin's philanthropy also supports numerous student scholarships and endowed faculty/staff positions.

"We both want to recognize a hero of ours. There is no one we know who has taught us more about generosity and philanthropy," Michele Cohen said of Miller. "Marlin has an elegant and gracious way of seeing a need and addressing it directly, providing our students the opportunity to be their best. There are few people who make such an everlasting impression on the lives of so many."

With the Cohens' commitment, Alfred University has generated \$102.3 million as part of the quiet phase of the fundraising campaign that began in July 2016. At some point over the next year or two, the University will publicly announce a target of at least a \$200 million for the campaign, toward advancing Alfred University's mission, vision, and values.

Cultural Arts Calendar



Music

BANDS/DJs/RECITALS
Alfred University Symphony Orchestra featuring Ken Luk performing Vivaldi's Concerto in D for Lute & Strings, Pianist Lucy Mauro performing J.C. Bach's Concerto in G, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 19 in Miller Theater, AU campus. Free admission.

Alfred University Recital featuring Tenor JR Fralick, Soprano Luanne Crosby and pianist Kurt Galvan at 3 pm Sunday, April 5 in Susan Howell Hall.

Alfred University Concert Band Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 1 in Miller Theater, AU campus. Free admission.

Alfred University Jazz Band Concert, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 24, Miller Theater. Free admission.

Alfred University Choral Concert. AU Choirs joined by Rochester Oratorio Society in presenting Ernest Bloch's "Sacred Service," 7 p.m. Sunday, April 26, Miller Theater.

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

MostArts Festival: Plan to enjoy Summer Music & Art July 12-18, 2020 featuring the 2020 Piano Competition ages 13-18, workshops, pop-up restaurant, music under the stars, Art Walk. visit: www.MostArts.alfred.edu for more information.

Off the Wagon show schedule is as follows: Saturday, March 14

at Hornell AMVETS as part of St. Pat's, 12 noon-4 pm; Saturday, April 18 at Hornell Moose, 9 pm-1 am; Saturday, May 2 at Hornell AMVETS 8-midnight; Saturday, June 6 at Off Duty Club in Belmont, 9 pm-1 am; Friday, June 12 at Palmer Opera House in Cuba, 7 pm. Follow the band at: www.facebook.com/pg/OfftheWagonAcoustic

Wellsville Creative Arts Center offers live music some evenings with performances beginning at 8 p.m., doors opening at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28-Honeysuckle; Friday, March 13-Joe Robinson. For tickets, visit: www.Wellsville-CreativeArtsCenter.com or call 585-593-3000.

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

Genesee Valley Chorus. The Genesee Valley Chorus meets every Tuesday at 7 P.M. at the Grace United Church, North Main Street, Wellsville (formerly Congregational Church). The chorus is directed by Norma Bartlett. For further information, call 585-593-3173.

Maple City (Barbershoppers) Chorus Meetings 7:00 p.m. Mondays at United Methodist Church of Hornell, 7528 North Main St Ext., near Webbs Crossing Road, Hornell. New members welcome. Call 607-698-4690 for info.

Sanctuary Choir. Rehearsals 1st & 3rd Sabbath of Month – 12:30pm; Instrumentalists 4th Sabbath of Month– 9:00am. The Seventh Day Baptist Church – Alfred Station. New musicians welcome. Call 607-587-9176.

COFFEEHOUSES
Wellsville Creative Arts Center offers Coffee Houses TBA. Open Mic Night every Wednesday 7 to 10 p.m. For more info, visit: www.WellsvilleCreativeArtsCenter.com or call 585-593-3000.

CONCERTS/RECITALS
Davis Memorial Carillon Recitals, AU campus. There is currently no weekly recital.

Wingate Memorial Carillon Recital Series at Davis Memorial Carillon, AU campus. Free concerts on Tuesdays during the month of July. The Wingate Memorial Carillon Recital Series honors Dr. Ray Winthrop Wingate, a professor of music at Alfred University for 56 years.



Theater & Dance

DANCE
International Folk Dancing Tuesday evenings from 8:30-10:30 p.m. We learn and do a variety of International Dances, many from the Balkans, Israel, Armenia, etc. Everyone is welcome, no partner or experience necessary! Miller Performing Arts Center, AU campus.

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

Alfred Community Theatre (ACT). For more info, call Dave Snyder at 587-8110.

PERFORMANCES
Alfred University Spring Production, "Annie Jump and the Library of Heaven" by Reina Hardy, directed by Eliza Beckwith, CD Smith III Theater, 7:30 p.m. Wed.-Thurs.-Fri.-Sat. April 15-18.



Art/Galleries

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

Allegany Arts Association, regular board meetings open to public, 10 a.m. 2nd Tuesday monthly, at the David A. Howe Library, Wellsville.

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Cohen Center for the Arts. 55 N. Main Street, Alfred. Gallery open Tues, Wed, Fri 11-4 pm; Thursday 11-7; Sat and Sun 1-3

Wellsville Art Association. For informationcall Karen Dickerson, 585-593-3579.

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

Southern Tier Fiberarts Guild, founded in 1983, meets at Trinity Lutheran Church, 470 N. Main St., Wellsville, on the first Saturday of the month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. except months of July and Sept. The group welcomes spinners (and wannabes), quilters, knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, weavers, dyers, basket makers, hookers (rug hookers,

that is) and everyone with a creative mind and an interest in fibers. For more information, call Debbie MacCrea at 607-587-9270, or T.C. Gary at 585-593-4799.

MUSEUMS/EXHIBITS
The Andover House, exhibiting Alfred connected Ceramic Art and 2 dimensional art. Historical and contemporary. Open 11am to 4pm on Saturdays. At 21 North Main Street, Andover. For visits by appointment call 585 593 3947 or 607 478 5014. E-mail: Johnfdolan@yahoo.com.

Fountain Arts Center, 42 Schuyler Street, Belmont. For info or group arrangements, call 585-268-5951 or visit our website at: www.thefountainartscenter.org

The Corning Museum of Glass presents the most comprehensive glass collection in the world in "35 Centuries of Glassmaking." For info, call 607-937-5371.

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 Friday afternoons.

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. For more information, call the library at 607-587-4313.

Hornell Erie Depot Museum, 111 Loder St., Hornell is open Wed. & Thurs. from 6-8 pm, Fri. from 4-8 pm and Sat from 12:30-3 pm.

Inamori Kyocera Museum of Fine Ceramics. The newly constructed museum focuses on fine ceramics used in technical and bio-medical applications. Located on the top floor of Binns-Merrill Hall, AU campus, Alfred. Open 10-4 Wed.-Fri. Free admission.



Alfred Ceramic Art Museum. Located on Northeast corner of Main and Pine Streets, AU campus, Alfred. Hours: Tues. thru Friday 10-5, Thurs. 10-7, Sat. and Sun. 10-4. \$7 Adults, \$5 Seniors, \$3 Local Residents. Free for Museum members, 17 and under, AU and A State faculty staff and students. For information call 607-871-2421; or visit the museum website: ceramicsmuseum.alfred.edu

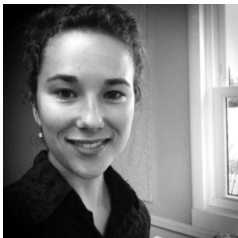
Alfred Art Walk, A collaborative monthly opening by galleries in the Village of Alfred and at Alfred University and Alfred State. For a complete and up to date listing of venues, please visit alfredartwalk.org. To add your event to Alfred Art Walk email: submit.alfredartwalk@gmail.com

The Pioneer Oil Museum in Bolivar will induct Henry Lindquist, Jim Beckwith, Don Miller, and Arthur Yahn, Sr. into the New York State Oil Producers' Association. Museum will open following Memorial Day Weekend. For updates, visit: www.pioneeroil-museum.com

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. 1007-937-5386.

Terra Cotta Museum, Main St., Alfred. Open on special occasions or by appointment.

World War II Museum, 201 Main Street, Eldred, Pennsylvania. For more information, visit: <http://eldredpawwiimuseum.com/>



Nutrition in a Nutshell

By MARIA BOYUK
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Building a Thriving Lifestyle: Exercise

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration! Just for fun, I decided to pull out this article on exercise to provide encouragement through the feasting season. Whether you need to stay in shape or get back to it, I hope this encourages you to enjoy moving more the next few months!

Movement is critical to a healthy lifestyle. If you look back through history, over the last couple centuries it is evident how we have become drastically more and more sedentary as human beings. We experience so many modern conveniences that demand less of our physical bodies. However, even a couple centuries ago, when most of the hours of the day consisted of physical work, individuals benefited from exercise that was distinctly set apart from their daily grind. So, if you do have a physically demanding job, exercise still has a place in your life. Join me as we look at tips and benefits for various levels of exercise as well as the importance of stretching.

First of all, exercise is defined as "activity requiring physical effort, carried out to sustain and improve health and fitness." [1] If we don't move our bodies, we naturally become weaker--less fit and agile. This is why we need a lifestyle of exercise. By engaging in intentional exercise that challenges our muscles, we become stronger--more fit and agile.

No matter how active your job, chores, or hobbies require you to be, it is important to engage in physical activity that challenges your body to grow stronger. This will also enhance your ability to do your work! I have personally found that regular exercise outside of my more physical work activities of cleaning, gardening, stacking wood, etc. allows me to do those very tasks with greater efficiency and ease.

Besides being stronger, exercise helps to support several aspects of mental health: improves mood, reduces anxiety, improves sleep and mental clarity! When we exercise, we use stored glucose in our cells which allows insulin to work more efficiently. This pampering to our blood sugar handling system improves our ability to handle stress and regulates sleep. Additionally, exercise stimulates the release of those wonderful feel-good hormones called endorphins. Endorphins "bind to the brain's opiate receptors, reducing the perception of pain and triggering feelings of euphoria." [2] It is amazing that we have been naturally designed to experience these pleasures! Rather than turning

to a substance that produces these feelings with negative consequences, with exercise we can steward our health to enjoy the pure benefits.

In order to determine the best exercise for you, ask yourself what form of exercise will challenge your body without adding unhealthy stress. It is important to be aware that any healthy habit needs to be in balance. Over-exercising is just as unhealthy and stressful as no exercise. If your lifestyle is very sedentary, begin regular walks and slowly increase their length and speed. If your work requires you to be on your feet all day or engaged in heavy lifting, for exercise, try short intervals of cardio workouts that get your muscles warm and heart rate up but don't demand additional hours of your day.

Also, don't forget to stretch and warm up your muscles! Although so often neglected, this is equally as important as the exercise itself. Ideally, first do light exercises for 5-10 minutes that warm up your muscles. Then stretch for another 5-10 minutes. By using a resource that guides you through various stretches, you can learn proper techniques that will prevent injury, increase flexibility and movement of the muscles, as well as improve mental health as you practice intentional breathing. Included below is an online resource for a great warm up and stretch routine.

In conclusion, exercise is a habit (much like eating healthy foods) that is really hard to start or restart. Thus, the initial motivation to begin must be strong until we begin to experience those wonderful benefits. It is important to find an exercise that you can love and will support your goals. Also, a clearly defined goal is easier to execute with an accountability partner such as a lifestyle coach, workout buddy, or fitness trainer. No matter the level of exercise in which you engage, keep it fun and refreshing. This will equip you to experience the wonderful benefits of a sustainable exercise routine.

[1] <https://en.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/exercise>
[2] <https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/319157.php>
Online Resource:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g0XGO6HNPeY>

If you have questions or comments for Nutritional Therapy Practitioner, Maria Boyuk, contact her at thrivinghealthNY.com.

Rural Health Day observed

WELLSVILLE—On Thursday, Nov. 19, Jones Memorial Hospital joined other healthcare facilities in recognizing National Rural Health Day. Celebrated nationwide on the third Thursday in November, Rural Health Day was started as a way to increase awareness of rural health-related challenges.

This year Jones Memorial is dedicating Rural Health Day recognition to our dedicated staff and our caring community, according to Eva Benedict, CEO at Jones Memorial.

"With the COVID pandemic, this has been a year unlike any other – especially for rural hospitals and those we serve," she said. "Throughout the pandemic, the dedication of our staff and the acts of support and kindness toward our workforce from the

community has been very much appreciated as we work to keep our patients, our staff, and our community safe during an unprecedented time." Since March, Jones has been showered with gifts including food, flowers, headbands, Tupperware, chalk art, cards, personal protective equipment, and even a trailer for the drive-through COVID swabbing station. "What a wonderful reminder of what it means to work in a rural hospital, caring for our family, friends, and neighbors," she added.

Additional information about National Rural Health Day can be found at PowerofRural.org. To learn more about NOSORH, visit www.nosorh.org. To learn more about Jones Memorial Hospital, please visit jones.urmc.edu.



Take care of your partners: tools

As the snow begins to fly and settle, it is time to take care of our hard-working partners – our tools. A good gardener doesn't need many but they should be high quality and you should take care of them. If you do, they will see you to the grave, which is more than can be said for most modern purchases. A \$100 tool will last eight times longer than one at half the price!

By now, most garden chores should be done; you and your tools can take a four-month rest. Now, what do you need and how do you take care of them?

My list includes: a long handled pointed shovel, a shorter T-handled four-prong spading fork, a grass rake, a "regular" rake, a hoe, a pitch fork (a midsummer murderer's weapon of choice), a trowel and a pair of shears, pruning saw.

After use: clean – sharpen – maybe oil. NEVER leave outside. At end of season: do above extra well and check wood handles for rough spots, splinters – sand down and oil – wipe off extra. Put away until March.

P.S. Have you done the math to see how much you saved by buying the \$100 tool?

Also notice: These are all hand tools – no noise – no pollution – no money for gas, repairs. You provide the horse power – tone muscles, lose weight, help your heart! The list goes on.

Have fun and start planning next year's adventure in your great backyard.



Lectures/Readings

AU Environmental Studies Speakers Series. Talks are 12:20 to 1:10 Fridays during the fall semester. Oct 30 20 Years of Drought in the Colorado River Basin: Perspectives from Lake Mead, Nevada, Todd Tietjen, Regional Water Quality Manager, Southern Nevada Water Authority; Nov 6-Small Scale and Diversified Seed Production in Nova Scotia: A Tale of Preserving a Rare Heirloom Variety from the Brink of Being Lost, Chris Sanford, Owner, Yonder Hill Farms
Allegany County Bird Club. Meetings held at the Grace United Church, 289 N. Main Street, Wellsville, unless otherwise stated, at 7 p.m. on the first Friday of each month; speakers begin at 7:15 p.m. The club will NOT meet during the months of January and February 2020.

Baker's Bridge Historical Association. Meets 7:30 pm, third Monday of each month, Sept.-April in the Meeting House, 5971 Hamilton Hill Road, Alfred Station. Remaining meetings canceled due to COVID-19. All programs free, open to the public. Website: www.bakersbridge.org. For more information, contact President Jim Ninos, 607-587-9018, jninos@gmail.com. For a tour of the building contact Collections Manager, Alexandra Hoffman, (607-382-9404, ahoffman4@gmail.com).

Bergren Forum. Alfred University's Bergren Forum, now entering its 51st year, is presented via Zoom and will continue on a bi-weekly schedule every Thursday for the remainder of the fall semester. Forums will take place at the usual time on Thursdays, beginning at

12:10 pm and lasting for approximately 50 minutes. The lectures/talks/discussions will also be recorded and made available on the Bergren Forum Youtube channel. A Zoom invitation to each forum may be obtained during the week of that forum by emailing Marilyn Saxton at saxtonmj@alfred.edu. The schedule: Oct. 15- The Future of Engineering Work, Gabby Gastaud, Dean of the Inamori School of Engineering; Oct. 29- Election 2020: A Republic if We Can Keep It, Gary Ostrower, Professor of History at AU; Nov 12- Material Investigations in the Anthropocene, Alexa Horochowski, Professor of Fine Arts at Saint Cloud State University.

Nunda Historical Society. Questions: see www.nundahistory.org or call 585-476-2354 or 585-465-0971.



Films

GRAND THEATRE 585-593-6899, Main Street, Wellsville. grandtheatrewellsville.com

SPOTLIGHT THEATER. 191 Main Street, Hornell. www.spotlighttheaters.com (607) 661-4685

DAVID A. HOWE LIBRARY Nancy Howe Auditorium 155 N. Main Street, Wellsville
Senior Matinees at the Howe
 The David A. Howe Library presents a special matinee screening for Senior Citizens the fourth Tuesday of each month starting at 2:00 pm. All programs in the Nancy Howe Auditorium are suspended until further notice due to the coronavirus. Watch for further information.

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.

BEEKEEPING

Belvidere Beekeeping Club
 A group is forming a group that will share information about beekeeping in our area. We will provide guest speakers and information about getting started beekeeping. We will share information, tips and frustrations, have suggested readings and handouts along with yard walks. Our mission is to attract and encourage beekeepers to pass on their knowledge to others. The club will meet at Angelica Ink Letterpress, 20 Allegany Avenue, Angelica, during cold months and at Belvidere Cornerstone, 5781 County Road 20, Belmont, summer months on the following 2020 Saturdays from 1-3 pm: July 18, August 29, September 26, October 24, November 21. Contact The-BelvidereCornerstone@gmail.com with questions. Meetings are subject to cancellation due to the coronavirus pandemic. Watch for further information.

BOWLING
Maple City Bowl, 7580 Seneca Road, Hornell. Check out our new Arcade Section. Visit www.maplecitybowl.net Or call 607-324-1011.

BRIDGE
Helen Bailey Bridge Club. Games start at 12:30 pm Wednesdays and 6:30 pm Thursdays in Hornell. Rides are available. For more information email johnson@alfred.edu

Str8 Eight Tournament at the Terra Cotta Coffeehouse, Main St., Alfred. Tournaments held quarterly in February, May, August (the big one!) and November on the



8th day of each month at the Terra Cotta Coffeehouse starting at 8 p.m. (unless otherwise noted). You get the idea. To learn more about the card game invented in Alfred, NY, visit: www.str8-eight.com

Special Events

Alfred-Almond Central School Alumni Association Annual Reunion Weekend July 24, 2021. "Double the Fun" Celebration honoring alumni graduating in the years ending in 0, 1, 5 and 6. For updates, check out the AAAA website at: www.aacsalumni.org

Allegany Artisans OPEN STUDIO TOUR October 16-17-18, 2020. Visit artists' studios where their creative ideas come to life. For a map, check out our Web site. www.alleganyartisans.com

Bareknuckle Boxing Hall of Fame Induction Weekend July 2021. For tickets info, visit: <https://www.bareknuckleboxing-halloffame.com/induction>

Allegany County Fair July 20-25 at the County Fairgrounds, Angelica, has been cancelled for 2020. Watch for details for the bigger and better County Fair in July 2021.

Journey to Transformation: Friday night community prayer for host, community and Allegany County churches, and beyond, are being held from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Biweekly Sunday night praise and worship and prayer time, with live music, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to pray for prime county-wide concerns. Ongoing area prayer gatherings during the week available from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. weekday mornings at Knights Creek Evangelical Methodist Church, 2987 County Road 9, Scio; 8 to 9 a.m. Wednesdays at the Belfast Free Methodist Church; and from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturdays at the Powerhouse Youth Center, 23 West Main

Street, Fillmore. Further info: Pastor Dan Kenyon, Wellsville Bible Church, at wbc@ne.twcbc.com or (585) 593-6471, or most area pastors.

Support Groups

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

Al-Anon. 7pm Thursdays and Sundays at the United Presbyterian Church, 150 Main Street, Hornell. Use the side entrance

Alcoholics Anonymous. 7 pm Fridays at Union University Church Center in Alfred. Call 607-276-8588 for help or information.

Alzheimer's Support Group. Meets third Thursday of the month at noon in United Church, Belmont. Call Allegany County Office for the Aging at 716-268-9390 for 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.

Celebrate Recovery/Celebrate Victory Christian 12-Steps support for all types of hurts, hangups, habits and struggles of life, including common addictions. 7PM Saturdays at Knights Creek Evangelical Methodist Church, 2987 Knights Creek Road (Co. Road 9), Scio. www.facebook.com/KnightsCreekChurch, or Casey Jones at

bps461@msn.com or (484) 435-0503 for information.

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.

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.

PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP Meets 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 am to 11:00 am at the Hornell YMCA. For more info, call Lisa at 607-382-6497.

Etcetera

Allegany County SPCA. Volunteers or those wishing to contribute are asked to call 585-593-2200. Send contributions to PO Box 381, Wellsville, NY 14895.

Wellsville Lioness meets second Monday of the month upstairs at the Beef Haus.

Deadline

To include your event in this calendar, send information to: Calendar, ALFRED SUN, PO Box 811, Alfred, NY 14802 or e-mail: alfredsun.news@gmail.com no later than 5 p.m. Friday. Event listings should be sent two weeks prior to ensure sufficient notice.

Op Shop closed through Feb. 2

ALFRED—The Op Shop consignment store, located in the Alfred S.D.B. Church Parish House on West University Street, will be closed until Feb. 2, 2021. The thrift store is NOT accepting donations until further notice.

WHAT'S COOKIN'?

Meals on Wheels Menu

Monday, Dec. 7

Cinnamon Applesauce
 Scalloped Potatoes & Ham
 Peas & Carrots
 Banana Bread
 Citrus Angel Cake

Tuesday, Dec. 8

Mixed Fruit
 Macaroni & Cheese
 Stewed Tomatoes
 Yellow Beans
 Whole Grain Roll
 Oatmeal Raisin Cookie

Wednesday, Dec. 9

Carrot Raisin Salad
 Pepper Steak
 Brown Rice
 French Green Beans
 Beets
 Peanut Butter Cookie

Thursday, Dec. 10

Fruit Cocktail
 Chicken Breast
 Mashed Yams
 Butter Beans
 Whole Grain Roll
 Coconut Cream Pie

Friday, Dec. 11

Lettuce/Tomato
 Fish Sandwich/Whole Grain Bun
 Tartar Sauce
 Oven Browns
 Peas & Onions
 Spiced Peaches

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

ASIAN STYLE BBQ QUAIL

6 quails
 2 tablespoons bbq sauce (I used honey garlic)
 2 tablespoons sesame seeds
 1 tablespoon chili garlic sauce
 3 tablespoons sesame oil (dark)
 2 tablespoons honey
 3 cloves garlic (minced)
 1 tablespoon ginger (fresh, minced)
 1/4 cup ACV
 1/4 cup soy sauce (low sodium)
 2 tablespoons coconut oil

Combine all ingredients, excluding quail and coconut oil, in large heavy-duty zip-top plastic bag and add quail. Seal, and chill 30 minutes, turning occasionally. Preheat oven to 375 F degrees.

In an oven proof large skillet or a dutch oven, heat the oil over medium to high heat. Sear the quail on all sides until brown, be careful to turn often, since quails are so small they might burn quickly. Save left-over marinade. Roast quail in the oven uncovered for 20 to 30 minutes or until quail is done.

In the meantime, pour the marinade in a small pot and simmer over medium heat for 10 minutes, it should reduce a bit. Pour marinade sauce over quail and serve hot with your favorite side dish.

If you have a household tip to share or questions for The Farmer's Wife, e-mail: Kristinamariesnyder@gmail.com or write her at: The Farmer's Wife, 1724 Randolph Road, Alfred Station, NY 14803.



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We are closed until further notice.

For those that have not heard, The State has mandated closure of movie theaters (as well as gyms, restaurants, bars, etc) effective Monday, March 16. Thus, we will be closed until further notice.

We will provide updates as we know them as to when we will be allowed to reopen, as well as what we will be showing at that time.

ALLEGANY COUNTY NEWS

Covid-19 will not cancel cancellation at Angelica Post Office Angel Station

ANGELICA—The Angelica Booster Citizens angel cancellation (design as always by Pat Kaake) again this year will be available for more than just one day. The ceremonial debut of the cancellation at the Angelica Post Office will be Friday, Dec. 4.

As in previous years, greeting cards may be mailed to the office or dropped off prior to Dec. 4, addressed appropriately and intended for mailing on that date. Please separate in-town and out-of-town mail.

Because of COVID restrictions postal employees will not be at a table in the lobby, nor will there be refreshments. Customers may hand their cards in at the window to be hand-cancelled that day.

In addition, as introduced three years ago, the Post Office will accept all mail to be postmarked with the Angel cancellation from Dec. 4 through Dec. 24. Window hours are (M-F) 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-3:30 pm; (Sat) 10 a.m. - 12 Noon.

All mail received requesting the Angel Station



postmark after Dec. 24 will be for collectors only, for 30 days. Please provide a return stamped envelope or your postmarked item w/stamp will be sent through the normal mail stream. For more information please contact the Angelica Post Office at 585-466-7869.

This will be the 24th annual offering of the Angel Station postmark. Final count for the 2019 cancellation was 8,741, a new record number.

COVID-19 case count at 1093, county death toll rises to 49

BELMONT—In the United States, the COVID-19 virus has infected approximately 13.4 million people, and there have been over 267,000 deaths. According to the New York State Department of Health COVID-19 tracker, there have been 647,980 confirmed COVID-19 cases, and there have been 26,747 deaths statewide. As of 3:40 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, Allegany County's statistics are:

Confirmed Cases: 1,093 (11 new)

Recovered Cases: 873

COVID-19 Related Deaths: 49 (Depending on reporting times and agencies, this figure may vary between different reports.)

Total Quarantined/Isolated to Date: 5,114

Released from Quarantine/Isolation: 4,178

Currently Quarantined/Isolated: 936

Precautionary Travel Quarantines to Date: 1,317

Total COVID-19 Antibody Tests Given: 873

Total COVID-19 Antibody Positives: 50

For the 1,082 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Allegany County, 615 were female, 467 male from the following age categories:

0 to 9 years 24 cases 10 to 19 years 96 cases
20 to 29 years 187 cases 30 to 39 years 86 cases
40 to 49 years 113 cases 50 to 59 years 151 cases
60 to 69 years 131 cases 70 to 79 years 121 cases
80 to 89 years 112 cases 90 to 99 years 61 cases

If your life or someone else is in imminent danger, call 911. If you are in crisis and need immediate help, contact the following:

COVID-19 Emotional Support Hotline: 844-863-9314

Allegany County Crisis Hotline: 888-448-3367

Allegany County Community Services: 585-593-1991 (Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 800-273-TALK (8255)

NYS Text Line: Text "GOT5" to 741741

Veterans' Crisis Lifeline: 822-273-8255 (Press 1)

For additional COVID-19 questions and information:

Call: 585-268-9250 (Health Department)

Email: healthinfo@alleganyco.com; Website: www.alleganyco.com

Facebook: Allegany County, NY, Government & Allegany County Department of Health

For re-opening questions and information:

New York Forward Website: <https://forward.ny.gov/>

Allegany County's Website: <https://www.alleganyco.com/coronavirus/reopening-allegany-county/>

Allegany County Re-Opening Email: reopen@alleganyco.com

Sunbeams



The annual Allegany County Board of Legislators Republican Leadership Caucus was held to choose the Republican Candidates for Leadership for the coming year following the regular November 23, 2020 Board Meeting. The results were as follows:

Curtis Crandall (Belfast, District 1) was chosen as Republican Candidate for Chairman of the Legislature and Philip Curran (Alfred, District 5) selected as the Republican Candidate for Legislative Vice Chairman. Dwight "Mike" Healy (Amity, District 2) was re-elected as Majority Leader for 2021. The candidates will be voted on by the full Board of Legislators at the Organizational Meeting on January 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

In Central Florida, former Alfred resident Tony Schon continues to recover from a fusion of his right foot in late June. Leigh

Ann from Penfield drove her parents, Tony and Ginny Schon, to Orlando for the surgery and helped after. Lisa came for a few days from West Virginia and Lynn, from the Philadelphia area, was the most recent family to visit and assist.

The Alfred State Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) made three \$100 donations to help those in need during the Holidays. Donations were given to the PLATE (Alfred State's campus food pantry), ACCORD's Community Action Angels, and Billy Schu's restaurant in Hornell, which has a longstanding tradition of providing Thanksgiving Dinner to those in need. SAAC, a group of student-athletes representing all 17 intercollegiate teams on campus, raises money during 50/50 raffles during football games.

Elected by the Allegany

County Democratic Committee to serve as Legislative District representatives for two-year terms: Cheryl Hannigan, District 1; Annette White, District 2; Diane Cox, District 3; Kathie Stedina, District 4; and Ly Kesse, District 5. Democrats residing in each district may contact reps to learn more about the party's activities, discuss running for local office, or with any political concerns or Email info@alleganycountymocrats.org or phone 585-610-4321.

MOOGAN HOUSE, OLD MILL INN

AU alum buys landmark properties

By TAMMY KOKOT
Special to the Alfred Sun

ALFRED STATION – Philadelphia native, Noah Heyman, decided that he wanted to make the Alfred area his home after graduation from Alfred University. A "fixer upper" caught his eye...a gracious brick home that obviously had a history and needed some tender loving care.

Three years later, the Moogan homestead is still his "project," but progress has been made. In May, despite Covid-19, Noah further vested himself into the community by purchasing The Old Mill Inn.

Both properties pose their own challenges, but between being an Alfred Station Volunteer Fireman, he fits in time to work on both and fill in at the bar and behind the stove. His staff and customers know and understand that when tones are heard from his pager, he's dropping everything to head out the door, and no one complains.

Having never owned a restaurant Noah knew that he had some "learning" to do. Having worked in the food industry prior, he had some of the basics, but trial and error was going to be the case.

He told he repeatedly test cooked a batch of french fries, 'til the desired crispness was achieved. He did the same with chicken tenders, mozzarella sticks, and other deep fryer items. On the wall are timers with boxes drawn around them for each food item. What comes out of the kitchen must meet his expectations.

His cooks are encouraged to come up with original meals, utilizing their skills. He's also willing to try favorite recipes requested by customers (those hushpuppies added to the fried chicken dinner came from my grandmother's family cookbook).

Purchasing a business during the height of Covid-19 might have some folks questioning Noah's sanity. While businesses are closing left and right, Noah is determined to keep "The Mill" going despite NYS mandates by making the best of a difficult situation and "punting" when necessary.

He's a firm believer in support-ing local businesses...he serves chicken from Stearns, produce from Fitzpatrick's (and the Alfred Farmer's Market during season), has Tinkertown Hardware on speed dial for home and restaurant repairs/projects, and he hires local contractors when a project is more than he can handle or has time for. He also employs four local residents as bartenders and cooks, filling in himself as needed.

A couple of weeks ago, I came to Noah with the idea of a hot meal delivery service plan. I had helped out a neighbor a couple of months after learning that he was barely sustaining himself on frozen salmon and spinach. He wasn't capable of

preparing a meal and was afraid to go out for fear of exposure. How many others are facing the same challenges? The communities of Alfred, Alfred Station, and Almond have a heavy population of senior citizens, many of them widows and widowers who are adjusting to living alone.

Quite a few have families who live afar and may worry about them cooking safely and eating well. And there are many single people out there that find cooking a meal for one to be a pain. Eating out isn't preferred, or they are just too busy and end up popping a frozen dinner in the oven or settling for a sandwich.

Noah cares about those in his community and wants to make sure that a good, hot meal isn't out of anyone's reach. Not too long ago, one of the colleges had a situation with quarantined students and on

short notice, needed meals for the entire weekend. Within a couple of hours, Noah had it all pulled together and delivered.

And he again came through for one of the colleges over the Thanksgiving weekend when their normal source for meals was closed. My hope is that his willingness to respond with such short notice is remembered for future planned events.

In our quest to provide quality meals to the communities of Alfred, Alfred Station and Almond, a new venture (or, adventure, if you will) is "The Old Mill's Hot Mill Meals." A well thought-out dinner will be prepared fresh that will go right from the oven into an oven-safe reheatable container, then to an insulated bag, out the door, and delivered right to one's doorstep.

The subscription plan is simple: Choose from three to five meals per week from the menu. Choose the number of meals for the days that you've decided upon. Family coming over on Tuesday? Order an extra meal. There are two size options ~ regular portion and reduced portion. This could be a perfect Christmas gift for someone who doesn't / can't / shouldn't cook.

Of course, Noah hopes that you'll come visit him at The Old Mill; maybe for the All-You-Can-Eat Pasta night or Wing night. Social distancing is practiced at The Mill, and masks are required.

See Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Old-MillInnNY> and/or the website at <http://OneDepotStreet.com/> for the upcoming 'Hot Mill Meals' menu, the regular menu, as well as specials. You can get the menu using this link, then print off, complete, and follow the instructions on the reverse side of the menu: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-UE3sq-tUSTidoy65ezxhriUH2MEp_xFaBuAmw_Dpc/dit?usp=sharing



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Pandemic Escapes Paddy's Great Walk

By ALAN LITTELL
Alfred Sun Contributing Writer

I met him only once.

It was 21 years ago, in Athens, Greece, on the occasion of a speech he gave growing out of his wartime exploits as a British special agent serving with Greek resistance fighters in German-occupied Crete.

At the time of the talk he was a world-famous author, traveler, and cultural and historical polymath. And what should have been, for me, the pleasure of a long-anticipated conversation about his singular brand of literary magic turned instead to dismay and embarrassment on my part and obvious anger on his over a question I had put to him.

His name was Patrick Leigh Fermor. According to the people closest to him, the failure of the late war hero and travel writer known familiarly as Paddy to complete the third and final memoir of his extraordinary mid-1930s walk across Europe was for decades a gnawing source of pessimism and wounded pride.

The author had set out as an 18-year-old schoolboy to make the journey—from the Dutch coast to Turkey—but it was not until some 40 years later that the memoirs would begin to appear. *A Time of Gifts* was published in 1977; *Between the Woods and the Water*, 1986. They won immediate acclaim. The New York Review of Books, for example, praised the works as incomparably “vivid, absorbing, and beautifully written.”

On the night I met him, Leigh Fermor, a brilliant prose stylist yet notoriously slow writer, was widely rumored to be struggling to finish the third volume of the trilogy.

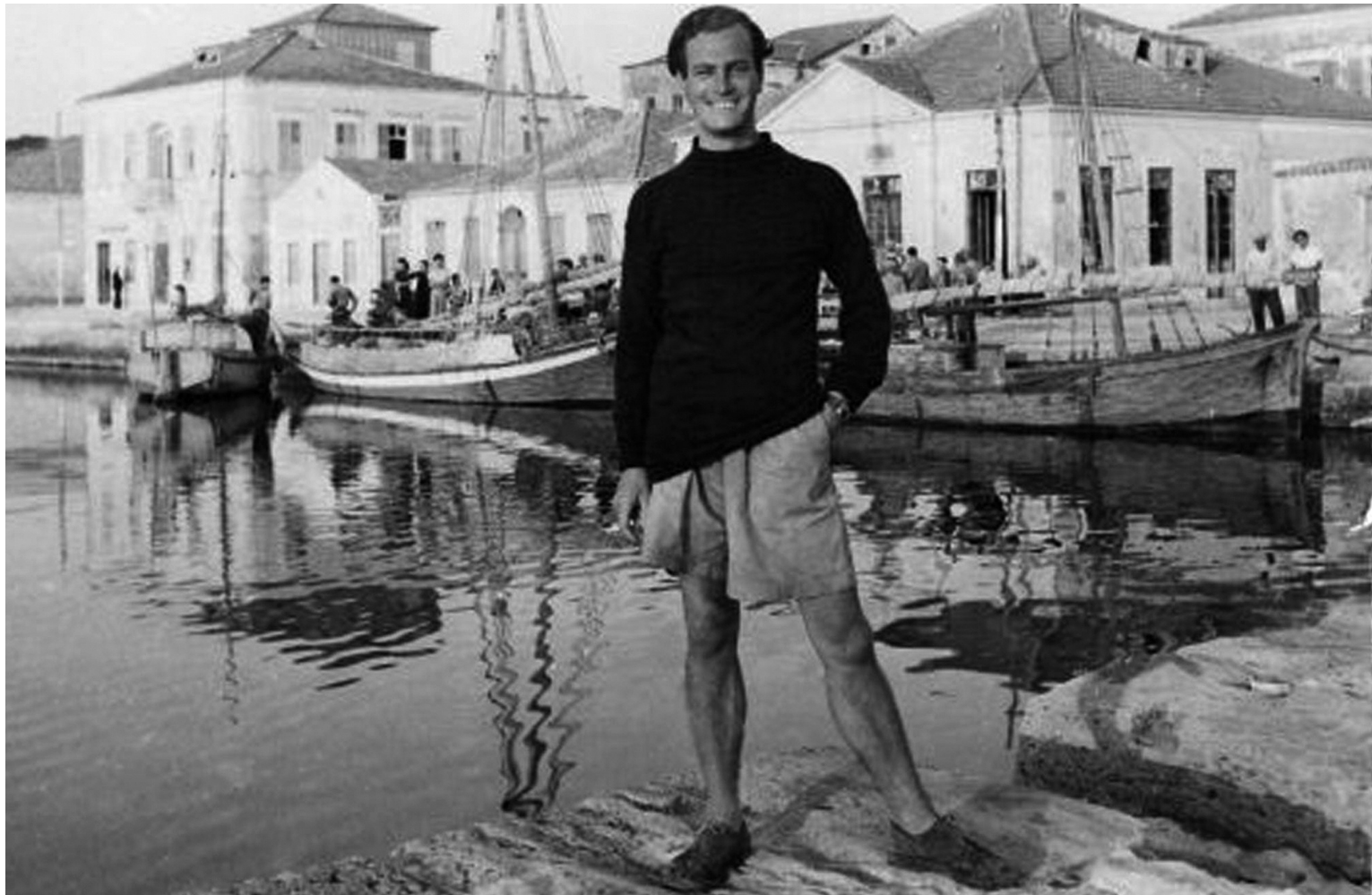
As we chatted over drinks at the end of his talk, I asked how he was getting on with it. His response was immediate and explosive. “Oh, don’t ask me that!” And he turned on his heel and stalked off. I was aghast not so much at his reaction to what I had said as at my inexcusable want of tact. I had caused pain to this remarkable man.

We know now that the writing Paddy had done on volume 3 had not even come close to achieving a publishable manuscript. For as hard as he had tried—and as old age, debility and a crippling case of writer’s block held him in their grip—the task confounded him. Paddy died in 2011. He was 96.

Two books tell the story of Patrick Leigh Fermor and of the last leg of that celebrated trek—what commentators invariably refer to as “Paddy’s Great Walk” but which he himself offhandedly dismissed as “The Great Trudge.”

The first is Artemis Cooper’s handsomely crafted biography, *Patrick Leigh Fermor*, published in Britain in 2012 and a year later in the U.S. In it, Cooper relates the life of a trim, square-shouldered, curly-haired adventurer of enormous charm and courage.

She had known Paddy for most of her life. She admired him as an author whose books on travel—particularly his works celebrating an enduring love affair with Greek culture, language and landscape—were triumphs of 20th-century literature and scholarship. But at no time does she let her personal friendship and affection for



Paddy in Greece (photo provided)

Paddy blunt a balanced portrait of a sometimes moody, sometimes depressive, sometimes bumptious character addicted to women, alcohol, endless talk and round-the-clock partying.

“He had always resented going to bed,” writes Cooper “[He] revelled in the smoky world of tarts and nightclubs, all-night cafés, seedy bars and chance encounters.”

Paddy was also afflicted by an almost pathological need for distant travel. As Cooper makes clear, he was essentially rootless. He wrote his books in getaways that ranged from Greek islands and French monasteries to a clutch of English country hotels and private estates. In late middle age he built the only home he would ever possess, in a shaded olive grove overlooking the sea in his beloved Greece.

The second of the two recent works is the one that Paddy on his own was unable to finish. Assembled and published posthumously from existing manuscripts and diaries by biographer Cooper and the travel writer Colin Thubron, it tracks the conclusion, in 1934, of his European ramble. The book appeared in 2014. Its title is *The Broken Road*.

While lacking some of the youthful exuberance of Paddy’s first two memoirs, the final volume is told in the author’s distinctive voice. He continues his trek as the traveler and observer we have come to know—historian of art and architecture, geographer, antiquarian, ethnologist, speaker of Balkan languages, scholar of classical literature. Above all, he continues as a peerless story teller.

“*The Broken Road* may not precisely be the ‘third volume’ that so tormented him,” note his literary executors, “but it contains at least the shape and scent of the promised book.”

Still, of all Paddy’s writing, it is a much earlier work, *Mani*, that strikes me as his most personal and idiosyncratic. A dazzling account of a season of travel in a remote corner of southern Greece, it wonderfully captures the spirit of place: a

bare, desolate upland terrain peopled by a breed of dark-visaged relics of ancient Sparta.

The book also traces Paddy’s lifelong quest for order and tranquility in a career of frenetic wandering. Order and tranquility, however, are oxymorons. They are attributes he rarely attained. In a revealing passage of longing for an irrecoverable past, he takes the reader with him on a Zen-like jaunt among the “smashed and scattered mas-

sonry” of antiquity.

“A spell of peace lives in the ruins of ancient Greek temples,” he tells us.

“As the traveller leans back among the fallen capitals and allows the hours to pass, it empties the mind of troubling thoughts and anxieties....

“Nearly all that has happened fades to a limbo of shadows and insignificance and is painlessly replaced by an intimation of... simplicity and calm which unties

all knots and solves all riddles and seems to murmur a benevolent... suggestion that the whole of life, if it were to unfold without hindrance or compulsion or search for alien solutions, might be limitlessly happy.”

Note: All of the books mentioned in this piece as well as others by Patrick Leigh Fermor are still in print. They are available in larger bookstores and on Amazon.

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16 Lineage
18 Astronauts' descent to Earth
20 Locations
21 Comic DeLuise
22 Satchel
23 "Forget it!"
26 Nation
30 Lawyers' org.
31 Sly one
32 Nay opponent
33 Racism, e.g.
36 Aden's land
38 Bill and —
39 Adams or Ameche
40 Clean software
43 Turducken, e.g.
47 Immoderate devotion
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50 Taj Mahal city
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52 Ring up
53 Lecherous

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2 Aesopian also-ran
3 Formerly
4 Landlocked African nation
5 Amulet
6 Skeletal
7 Moment
8 Delegate
9 Dillon or Damon
10 Shrek, for one
11 Jailer's jan-glers
17 Jacob's brother
19 Plaything
22 Carton
23 Apprehend
24 Japanese sash
25 Witty one
26 Coquettish
27 Scot's hat
28 Deli bread
29 Longing
31 To and —
34 Eye-related

35 Forum garment
36 Second person
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41 Advantage
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44 Snare
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46 New Haven campus
48 Pair

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ALMOND PLAYGROUND REMINISCENCE

‘Bob,’ director of playground, formed a softball team

We continue Almond native Steve Metzger's reminiscences of the role that the Almond Playground, now Greg Norton Memorial Park, played in his personal development. The author, now residing in Bellingham, Washington, wrote the recollections back in February 2018 when he learned of the plans to renovate the park and playground. The Alfred Sun will continue to publish his treatise as a series of articles as space permits.

By STEVE METZGER

Last week, we learned that one-time Almond Playground Director Mr. Robert Torrey desired to be called “Bob” at the playground...but there’s more to tell. Steve Metzger continues:

We were to understand once school started in the fall, he would return to being referred to as, “Mr. Torrey,” anywhere on the school grounds. He informed us of this serious twist, again, with “that look.” He didn’t have to explain its underlying message. “That look” communicated all we needed to know!

Initially, it was socially awkward for most of us to communicate with him using this new protocol. Conveniently, about the same time these evolutions were occurring, he became a “regular” among the social circle hanging out at Palmer’s Sporting Goods Store in Almond. It soon became a rite of passage at that point to address him as Bob - a friend first, and one’s respected school teacher, secondly.

As aside to this story, I was heartened one day when Bob invited me to his house after playground hours. Out of the blue, he announced he was going to teach me to fly fish. At that point, I didn’t even understand the concept of fly fishing. He spent well over an hour with me in his backyard, as I variously held his fly fishing rod, often with a book pinned under my casting arm, to achieve proper technique.

He managed to make good on his generous offer due to his being a much better teacher than I was a student. To this day, fly

fishing remains one of my favorite pastimes thanks to him. Each time I grab a fly rod, I often have a pleasant flashback to that special time after playground hours when Bob Torrey surprised me with an unexpected, lifetime gift. What possibly motivated him to do such a thing? This imprinted within me the significance of helping a youth adopt a rewarding, lifetime passion - especially when it’s neither one’s job nor duty to do so. A great friend, teacher, and humanitarian was he!

Softball team formed

Following the initiation of a structured summer program, an Almond Playground boys’ softball team was formed and became integrated into the Almond Softball League. Bob Torrey was team manager. A large, community-wide work party was informally assembled to build a new ball diamond. With volunteer labor, donated supplies, and in the spirit of an FDR-type infrastructure project, the ball park quickly emerged from a reasonably level, but heavily rock strewn and wood-chuck-infested piece of land across Canacadea Creek. It was conveniently located along what I believe is still named, Depot Street in recognition of a long ago abandoned railroad depot located at its terminus.

Herein lies some irony. Because the Almond Playground facility was much too compact for bigger, stronger teenagers to suitably play baseball there, it is curious that softball wasn’t played there during the 1950’s. Conversely, when a much more expansive ball diamond was created across the creek, where neighborhood windows and vehicular traffic were out of harm’s way, only softball was played there during my time.

To further complicate the justification for choosing baseball over softball at the much smaller Almond Playground ball field, consider the differences in the balls. The softball of 70 years ago was much different in contrast to today’s softball. This former softball was indeed soft, and was considerably larger than a

baseball of the period. Consequently, because of its greater flight resistance to air, in combination with its mushiness against a bat’s striking force, the softball of old couldn’t measure up to the hitting distances of today’s much harder, softball; and certainly not against the harder, smaller baseballs of the 1950’s.

In conclusion, the 1950’s softball game would have been perfect for our Almond Playground. Besides, Almond girls would have been more likely to join us in this play endeavor. Again,

“too soon old, too late smart.” So, there are all the facts and circumstances, now go figure.

I did, and here’s what I came up with. The 1950’s cultural fascination for baseball overrode all the practical arguments for playing softball at the Almond Playground. Until the village mayor or Almond cop told us to buzz off, or worse, incarcerate us, we steadfastly continued to play baseball at the “increasingly undersized” Almond Playground.

Translation! As we were getting bigger and stronger relative

to our constant-sized ball diamond, a form of Russian roulette was being played out, between a baseball taking flight with a mind of its own, and some hapless vehicle or house window on the receiving end. Therefore, with every swing of the bat we didn’t know what kind of a day we were about to have, or that of our unfortunate victims – until those sickening sounds of glass shattering or sheet metal denting, let us know!

The most compelling reason we allowed insanity to rule the day was very straightforward. Major leaguers didn’t play softball. And besides, they weren’t about to be paid to sign their photo on a small, statistics-filled card, which was then placed inside a package of gum, and have it called a “softball card!”

We’ll continue Steve’s story next week!

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NOTICE is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Allegany County Board of Legislators to discuss the proposed Local Solid Waste Management Plan. The public hearing shall be held in the Legislative Chambers at the County Office Building, 7 Court Street, Belmont, New York 14813, on Monday, December 14, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.

All parties in interest and citizens will be heard by said Board of Legislators at the public hearing relative to the grant application. A copy of the Local Solid Waste Management Plan is available for viewing at www.alleganyco.com. Reasonable accommodations will be provided for persons with disabilities upon advance request. Due to social distancing protocols the public is invited to submit written comments prior to the public hearing. The Public Hearing shall be livestreamed. Re-

quests for accommodations and comments should both be made to Brenda Riehle, Clerk of the Board, at the following address: County Office Building, Rm 201, 7 Court Street, Belmont, New York 14813. Phone: 585-268-9222. Dated: November 23, 2020

Brenda Rigby Riehle, Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators 46-1b

NOTICE OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING ONLINE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that due to the increase in infection rates of covid-19, the Alfred Village Board of Trustees regular monthly meeting will be held online only on Tuesday December 8, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

To register for the board meeting, please send an email to info@alfredny.org with the subject line "board meeting registration". To allow the maximum window for registration, the deadline for registering is Monday, December 7, 2020 at 10 p.m. You will receive a return email with a link to join just after 10 p.m. on Monday evening.

Members of the public may comment during the public comment periods. The "chat" will be closed during the meeting. Dated: November 30, 2020

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Village Clerk 46-1b

Alfred Community Survey

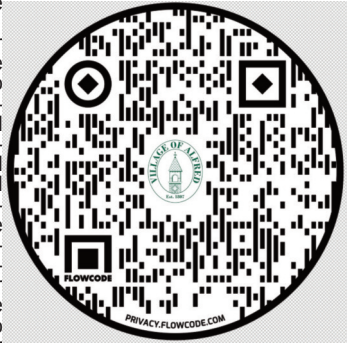
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We invite every member of the Alfred Community to share their perspectives of life in Alfred. We encourage students, residents, employees, business owners, landlords, tenants and regular visitors to Alfred to join the conversation.

Responses will be used in conjunction with the Village's completion of the New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Executive Order and to improve safety and policing practices, and quality of life in Alfred. Responses can be made anonymously. Thank you for sharing your experience with us.

Please complete the survey by December 20, 2020 via QR code, link on the Village website, or if you prefer to submit a paper copy, contact info@alfredny.org to pick up and submit at the Village Hall.

ACES is a collection of individuals comprised from the various constituencies that make up the Town and Village of Alfred including representatives from: the faculty, staff and student bodies at Alfred State College and Alfred University; Alfred Police Department, Alfred State College University Police, Alfred University Public Safety, Alfred Village Board, Town of Alfred, A.E. Crandall Hook and Ladder Company, business owners and community members. The purpose of this group is to serve the entire community.

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60 Years Ago, December 1, 1960

Alfredians—Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Seidlin were called to New York last weekend by the death, Nov. 24, of Mrs. Seidlin's mother, Mrs. John Becker...The Charles Smith family with Mrs. Sally Doty of Almond and Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Kenyon spent Thanksgiving Day with Dr. and Mrs. Richard Palmiter at Rochester. Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon remained until Saturday before returning home...Mrs. Roger Thomas, Susan and Sally and Mrs. Harold C. Moland spent Friday in Buffalo...Mr. and Mrs. James Scholes and Sandra of Geneseo, and Dr. and Mrs. S.R. Scholes were guests Thanksgiving Day of Dr. and Mrs. S.R. Scholes Jr. Miss Lelia Tupper was also a dinner guest. The James Scholes family accompanied Dr. and Mrs. S.R. Scholes to Warren, Pa., where they were Friday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Addison Scholes and family...Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Tuttle and family of Almond spent Thanksgiving Day with Dr. and Mrs. Milton Tuttle and family...A few friends helped Amy, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Milton Tuttle, celebrate her fourth birthday, yesterday...Dr. and Mrs. Murray Rice returned Sunday from Sudbury, Mass., where they spent the holiday with their son John and family...Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snyder entertained Thanksgiving evening. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Palmer and Mrs. Matie Palmer of Alfred Station, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Palmer of Greenwood and Mr. and Mrs. John Palmer and family of Wellsville.

New Arrivals—Mr. & Mrs. David Ferry of Columbus, Ohio, are parents of a son, born November 28. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Ferry of the Bishopville Road...Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lobdell of Alfred Station are parents of a daughter, born Monday, Nov. 28, 1960 at Bethesda Hospital in North Hornell.

Alfred Station—Mr. and Mrs. John Ide of Alfred were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Carnes...Mr. and Mrs. Leland Emerson and family of Corning were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Emerson...Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Weaver and Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Dickerson of Addison spent Thanksgiving Day with Mr. and Mrs. Allen Lorrow at Almond...Dean and Mrs. Albert N. Rogers and Cynthia, accompanied by Miss Susan Minnick of Alfred and Miss Jean Loof-boro, spent Thanksgiving weekend with Mrs. Eli Loof-boro and Norman Loofboro of Westerly, R.I. They were joined there for the holiday by Brian Rogers of Washington, D.C. and Keith Rogers of the Coast Guard Training Station at Groton, Conn. Thanksgiving Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Shaw were Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Shaw and family of Cassadaga, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Shaw of Rushford and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Cornelius...Miss Shirley Emerson and James Pickering of Rochester spent four days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Milton Emerson...Mrs. Millicent Huff of Canisteo was a recent visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Austin...Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Walter and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Walter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lehman at Andover...Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis and children spent Thanksgiving Day with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knox and John at Little Genesee...

Almond News—David Decker and David Jr. spent Sunday at Phillips Creek with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Decker...Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Gillette entertained Carleton Gillette of Slate Hill, Virginia Gillette, home from Geneseo, and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gillette at Thanksgiving dinner. Virginia returned to her cadet teaching at Holcomb School, Geneseo, Sunday evening after spending the holidays with her parents...Mr. and Mrs. Richard Braack and family spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. George Fuhr at Buffalo...Mr. and Mrs. Harold MacMichael spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. M.M. Wilson at Hornell...Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lockwood Jr. and sons were holiday guests of Mrs. Charles Lockwood at Thacherville...Burr Straight was home from Oswego State for the holiday...Mrs. Louella Ells and son, and Mrs. Ruth Sisson spent Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sisson at Andover...

35 Years Ago, December 19, 1985

Alfred Historical Society held an open house Saturday, Dec. 7 opening the Terra Cotta Museum to the public. The event culminated a long term effort to preserve and restore the Alfred landmark. The building was

constructed in 1892 as an office and a display center for the Celadon Terra Cotta Company which was organized in 1889. The building was so unique that a replica was produced and exhibited at the 1892 World's Fair in Chicago. The company prospered and was partly responsible for locating the N.Y. School of Clayworking (later N.Y.S. College of Ceramics) at Alfred University. The company was sold to Ludowici Company in Ohio. At that time the plant covered more than an acre of land where McLane Center now stands. In 1909 all but the office was destroyed by fire. The tile works were not rebuilt...Photo shows Jean Lang, Warren Bouck and Alfred Historical Society President Evelyn Thomas.

The grandfather clock on the cake honoring Ed Crandall Friday, Dec. 6 said it all. The clock showed 5 o'clock or quitting time for the long-time watchmaker and businessman. He was honored at Crandall's Jewelers on his last day of the week after some 53 years of service to the public.

Alfred-Almond Central School's Chipp Stewart, Helen Ann Smith and Eric Minns display wreaths and door sprays they made and gave to the patients of the Wellsville Nursing Home Dec. 9. Some 57 students took the door swags and 80 wreaths and 80 cards and enjoyed a sing-along and time socializing.

Allegany County's first commercial FM radio station expects to air next month. WJQZ with studios in Wellsville expects to provide full stereo music, news and entertainment from 5 a.m. to midnight by January 1986, said Michael T. Baldwin, station manager.

25 Years Ago, December 7, 1995

Sharon Real Estate has announced that the firm has been selected by Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate Service to be a Better Homes and Gardens member in Alfred. The firm, which will become Blauers & Assoc., Inc./Better Homes and Gardens today (Dec. 7) is located at 10 Church Street, Alfred. The firm will remain independently owned and operated. Prior to affiliation, Bob Blauers purchased the firm from Sharon Burdick on Oct. 1. Blauers is now broker-owner and Sharon will continue as an associate broker and consultant. Sharon Real Estate was founded by Sharon and has served Steuben and Allegany Counties for more than eight years. Sharon said the decision to sell her company was based on changes taking place in the real estate industry and challenges she saw lying ahead...

Notes from Palmiter Hill (By Rev. Albert N. Rogers) The squirrels have robbed our bird feeders to the point that we now have a separate feeder for birds with a metal guard to keep the squirrels from climbing up to the feed trays. Nature is not always polite...Buffie, our cat, hates the snow and doesn't venture out for fear of getting his feet cold. He screeches in protest some of these long winter days indoors...Franklin Delano Roosevelt was asked what influence polio had on his life. He responded that it turned him from an impatient and testy man into a more patient person. If you're not patient in a wheelchair, he added, you're going to die of frustration...Some of our family in Colorado are going through deep water as I mentioned in this column last week. Please remember them in your prayers...The secretary of the Lutheran World Federation has reported the massacre of refugees in northern Guatemala as they returned from exile in Mexico. United States officials are investigating this violation of human rights...Robert Torbet, American Baptist historian and professor, died recently at his home in Lansdale, PA. I recall his lectures at Yale Divinity School in my student days.

The Union University Church of Alfred continues its annual Christmas preparation of food and gift baskets for needy families in the Alfred area. The Christmas basket contains a holiday turkey dinner plus staples, canned goods, fresh foods, Christmas cookies, gifts and mittens for the children. Baskets will be distributed to 19 families...

Virginia S. Steele, 76, of Loveland, Colorado, died Nov. 20, 1995 at Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins. She was born July 8, 1919 at Hornell to Paul C. Saunders and Edna Burdick Saunders. She married Richard Steele April 12, 1968 in Alfred. She was graduated from Alfred High School in 1937 and the Maryland General Hospital School of Nursing in Baltimore, Maryland. She worked at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore and at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C. during World

War II, as a registered nurse...

Maybelle Sutton Warren, 92, of South Bay Manor, Wakefield, RI, a former librarian, died Nov. 26, 1995. She was the wife of the late Reverend Hurley S. Warren. Born in Blandville, W.Va., a daughter of the late Alvadore and Wilda (Davis) Sutton, she had lived in South Kingstown for over 20 years. Her late husband served as pastor of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church from 1952-1963. She was a librarian at the New York State Agricultural and Technical Institute at Alfred and previously was a librarian at the Plainfield Public Library in New Jersey. She leaves a daughter, Barbara Harris of Wakefield; a son, David Warren of Columbia, MO; 8 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren...

10 Years Ago, December 2, 2010

Alfred is fortunate to have access to a village green --the area on Main Street by the bandstand. It is the perfect spot for activities and celebrations such as "The Station and the Centre: Holidays in Alfred" which will take place on Saturday, Dec. 18. Previous articles about this event have described activities in Alfred Station and at Uncle Alfred's Sub Shop and the Box of Books Library in the village of Alfred. This article will highlight some of the activities planned for the village green. At 2:00 pm, children will enjoy parading around the green in a Mini-parade of the Elves. In the spirit of the holidays, children can don elfish hats and scarves and pretend to be elves like the ones who help Santa in his workshop at the North Pole. Two special books will be awarded as prizes for the two most creative elfin outfits! Adding to the holiday spirit will be live performances by members of the Maple City Barbershop Chorus at the bandstand...Highlight of the afternoon's festivities will be the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus following the Mini-parade. How they arrive will be a surprise!

Ellen E. Baker, 88, passed away Sunday, Nov. 28, 2010 at Wellsville Manor Care Center. Mrs. Baker was born on April 30, 1922 in Hazen, PA to Benjamin and Edith (Robertson) Perrin. She was a 1940 graduate of Wellsville High School. On Nov. 2, 1940, in Andover, she married Richard M. Baker, who survives. Ellen worked in custodial services for Alfred University in Howell Hall from 1963 until her retirement in 1991, where she made many friends and met many dignitaries.

Coach Dave Murray's Alfred Saxons used a complete team effort to defeat the host Cortland State Red Dragons, 34-20, Saturday, Nov. 27 on the cold and windy turf of Cortland's Stadium Complex. After AU's Nick Clark late in the game broke through the line on a 3rd-and-1 for 29 yards and his third rushing TD to remove all doubt, the bundled up Alfred fans began to chant, "O-HI-O!" The Saxons (10-2), seeded 6th in the Mount Union Bracket, had defeated both the #3 seed SUNY Maritime (10-1) and the #2 seed Cortland State (10-2), and will now travel to Alliance, OH to play #1 seed Mount Union, which Saturday defeated #4 seed Delaware Valley, 31-3.



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Thursday, December 3

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Finally, on this day in 1844, the old man's motion to rescind the Gag Rule carries. In his diary he wrote: "Blessed, forever blessed, be the name of God!" And to his dumbfoundment, he found he had become a national hero.

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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.

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ALFRED ASSEMBLY OF CHRISTIANS—Remembrance of the Lord in the Breaking of Bread, Sundays at 10:30 a.m.; Gothic Chapel, corner of Ford & Sayles, Alfred. Bible Study 8 p.m. Fridays in Almond. Call 607-382-4140 or e-mail lookup@frontiernet.net for more information.

ALFRED SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH—5 Church St., Alfred. Adult Sabbath (Saturday) School, 10 a.m. in the SDB Parish House; Sabbath Worship Service at 11 a.m. Church Office: 607-587-9430. Pastor Christian R. Mattison.

ALFRED STATION SEVENTH-DAY BAPTIST CHURCH "Baptist with a Difference" Sabbath (Sat.) Worship Experience: Sabbath (Sat.) "Face to Face" (You will need a mask, and be willing to practice Social Distancing.) You will be dismissed row by row) 10:30 am Church Meetinghouse Opens; 10:30 am Contemporary Christian Music in the Sanctuary 10:45 am Traditional Christian Hymns; 10:55 am Classic Choruses. "Cloud Congregation" (Streaming Live) Sermon.net - www.alfredstationsdb.org; Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church Facebook Page; Alfred Station Seventh-day Baptist Church You-Tube Channel. Pastor's Phone 607-222-6023 Pastor's E-Mail pastor.chroniger@gmail.com Campus at 585 Rt. 244 Alfred Station.

ABUNDANT LIFE MINISTRIES—Rt. 21, Almond. Pastor Everett Hasper. Sunday 10 am & Wednesday at 7:30 pm. 276-6201. www.almcommunity.org

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ALMOND COMMUNITY CHURCH—11 Main St., Almond. Join us Sunday Mornings: Bible Hour 9:30 am, Worship Service & Kids' Club 10:30 am. Wednesday Morning Women's Prayer Group at 9:30 am. Food Pantry open Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9 am to Noon. For more information, call (607) 276-6151 or email us at almondcommunitychurch@gmail.com or by mail at PO Box E, Almond, NY 14804. We're your Community Church, please join us! Pastor Scott Dumond.

HARTSVILLE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH—Purdy Creek Road, Hornell. Pastor Charles Williams. Sun. School 9:30 am, Worship 10:30 am.

HILLEL AT ALFRED—Friday night services 6:30 pm at Melvin Bernstein Hillel House, 18 S. Main St., when AU is in session. Add'l services & programs throughout year. For info, call Larry Greil (871-2215 work, 587-8694 home) or Barbara Greil (587-4313 work).

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN—E. Greenwood St., Andover. Worship Service at 10:15 AM, Coffee hour before service. Pastor Christian R. Mattison.

ZION'S HILL MINISTRIES—23 Barney St., Andover. Services: Sunday 10:30 am. Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:45 p.m. Pastors Mary and David Nevol. Phone 716 498 0119.

Call 587-8110 or e-mail changes to: alfredsun.news@gmail.com. Thank you!

CHURCH NEWS

Peace focus of 2nd Advent Sabbath sermon

ALFRED STATION—This Sabbath (Saturday) Dec. 5 is the 2nd Sabbath in Advent. Advent is the Season in the Church Year which is meant to prepare the hearts of God's People for the Celebration of Christmas with the understanding that "God was in Christ reconciling the World to Himself." This 2nd Sabbath is

the Sabbath of Peace. Yet around the Planet nations and people groups go to war with each other. Even within family units there is destructive patterns where there is brokenness and pain. The individual finds sleepless nights and pressured days because in the depths of one's soul there is no peace. In fact, peace seems not only improbable but impossible.

Your Friends and neighbors at the Alfred Station Seventh-day Baptist Church, "Baptist with a Difference" invite you to experience the 11 a.m. Sabbath Worship Hour. This Sabbath Pastor Ken's Sermon is "This is Impossible" focusing on the Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ. From Isaiah 7:14 and Luke 1:26-27. If this impossible thing is able to be accomplished then our God can bring everlasting peace.

The doors of the church-meetinghouse open at 10:30 am. While sitting in the Sanctuary Worship through Contemporary Hymns of Praise, Classical Hymns, and at 10:55 a.m. Modern Choruses. At 11 a.m. the Sabbath Worship Experience begins with the ringing of the Church meetinghouse Bell.

When you come to 'Face to Face' Worship please wear a face mask, be ready to answer three questions about you and the

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Titus in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Obadiah is the shortest book in the Old Testament and is divided into how many verses? 21, 64, 101, 164
3. Who climbed the Mount of Olives (Mount Olivet) while barefoot and weeping? Moses, David, Abraham, Noah
4. Which New Testament chapter is known to many as the "Love Chapter"? 1 John 4, Jude 1, James 5, 1 Corinthians 13
5. From 1 Samuel 25:3, what's the name of Abigail's first husband? Aaron, Solomon, Ethan, Nabal
6. What are the two gospels that feature the Lord's Prayer? Matthew/Mark, Luke/John, Matthew/Luke, Mark/John

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) 21; 3) David; 4) 1 Corinthians 13; 6) Nabal; 7) Matthew 5:9-13/Luke 11:2-4

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Alfred-Alfred Station Community Chest sets \$30,000 goal

ALFRED—The Alfred-Alfred Station Community Chest Board has set a goal of \$30,000 for the 2021 campaign. Fund raising is underway and will continue into the New Year.

Members of the community should have received a mailing by US Post recently and are encouraged to mail in donations to AAS Community Chest, Post Office Box 603, Alfred, NY 14802.

One third of the Community Chest goal goes to the Alfred Ambulance Company, which is serving the community in an unprecedented time that affects all aspects of its operations. The Covid-19 global pandemic has necessitated the purchase of specialized Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and curtailed the number of Emergency Medical Service (EMS) responders as members navigate the risks to themselves and their families, and restricted training to small groups.

Alfred Ambulance Company provides state-certified ambulance service, 24 hours per day, to the Town and Village of Alfred, as well as parts of Ward and Hartsville. That service is expensive. The budget for the current fiscal year plans on income of \$95,221. This includes contri-

butions from Alfred State College, Alfred University, the Village and Towns, Community Chest, and sale of two gurneys to Medical Transport Services, a for-profit ambulance service. Our income this year does not include contributions for athletic standbys or Hot Dog Day, all cancelled due to the pandemic.

Expenses this year are projected to be \$324,050. This includes the purchase of an ambulance to replace the 2005 model and purchase of two new gurney systems. The ambulance will cost approximately \$186,000 and the gurneys cost \$43,000.

Two hospital-grade defibrillators need to be replaced in 2021 or 2022 as they will no longer be updated or serviced by the manufacturer. List price for them was over \$30,000 each in 2009 when current models were purchased. Remaining funds go to the purchase of routine equipment and supplies, vehicle and building maintenance, insurance, diesel fuel, and training. EMTs renew certifications every three years; budgeted for training includes online classes, an annual conference, and occasionally sponsoring a member to become an EMT-Paramedic, as done in 2019.

The A. E. Crandall Hook and Ladder Company keeps separate accounts for its ambulance operations and fire company operations. No one in the organization receives any payment or salary for service.

Members of the Ambulance Company are volunteers who receive extensive training in emergency medical care and/or ambulance driving. Alfred Ambulance has Emergency Medical Technicians trained at four different levels: Basic EMT, Advanced EMT, Critical Care Technician (EMT CC), and EMT-Paramedic. There are two active Paramedics and five active EMT-CCs. For patients suffering heart attacks or other life-threatening crises, the Paramedics and Critical Care Technicians can provide emergency-room-level care in the field. The volunteers of the Ambulance Company devote significant amounts of personal time to training and service. Over the past 5 years, the Ambulance Company responded to an average of nearly 350-400 emergency calls per year.

Alfred Ambulance provides Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance service free of charge to all persons who live, study, work, or simply pass through this

community. In this regard, Alfred Ambulance is rapidly becoming the exception in the region as more volunteer ambulance services bill for services or turn to part- or full-time paid staff. Donations received from Community Chest are critical to the continued operation of Alfred Ambulance Company. The company is grateful for past support and appreciates continued support.

Those who wish to contribute to the costs associated with the vital services provided by the Alfred Ambulance Company are encouraged to mail their donations to:

Alfred-Alfred Station Community Chest
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The Alfred-Alfred Station Community Chest Board includes the following volunteers:

Andy Eklund, Cam Duke, Catherine Chambers, Kert Decker, Trish Debertolis (treasurer), Linell Soule (secretary), Peter McClain (vice-president), and Laurel Buckwalter (president).

Feel free to contact one of them if you have questions.



MATTERS of Finance

By MATHEW S. HILL, CFP®
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Five Tips for Buying Your First Home

Low interest rates and a desire for more space as COVID-19 leads people to spend more time at home are boosting demand for homeownership. According to the National Association of Realtors, home sales jumped to 6.85 million annual rate, a year over year increase of 26.6%, with over a third coming from first-time home buyers.

If you are one of those people looking to purchase your first home, here are some tips to help you get your finances ready.

Determine your down payment and monthly housing cost. Traditionally, lenders have preferred a down payment of at least 20 percent. If 20 percent or more is possible for your situation, it can be advantageous as you'll likely reduce the interest you'll pay and avoid Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI) attached to low-down-payment loans. However, if a large down payment is not suitable for your situation, there are many low-down-payment options available, especially as a first-time buyer, including Federal Housing Administration (FHA) loans and conventional loans. But be aware that a lower down payment usually means you'll pay a higher interest rate.

You can determine your monthly housing cost by adding the cost of your mortgage payment, taxes and homeowners insurance. You'll want to look at the total monthly housing cost before purchasing a home to make sure it fits into your overall budget.

Get preapproved for a home loan. With preapproval in hand from a reputable mortgage company, your offer has a better chance of being accepted. Plus, you may be able to shorten the closing period since the loan approval process has been completed. Keep in mind that getting prequalified for a loan is not the same as obtaining preapproval. Prequalification is merely an estimate of how much you may be eligible to borrow based on self-reported income information – it is not a guarantee you will receive a loan. You are still required to undergo an approval process.

Approach fixer-uppers with caution. Unless

you are confident the house you're buying has been deeply discounted based on the current housing prices in your area, you may place yourself at greater financial risk if your new home requires a lot of work. Be realistic about what you can afford in terms of fix ups. If you have the time and know how to retile the bathroom, paint the living room or enhance the landscaping, a moderate fixer-upper could be worth the financial investment. Otherwise, to avoid overextending yourself, you may want to look for a home that is in good shape and will stay that way for the foreseeable future.

Limit your demands. If you want to make a compelling offer, particularly in a strong real estate market, you may want to be selective about the conditions you're adding to your offer. An inspection contingency is smart but asking for extensive repairs may tip the scales in favor of another buyer who is less demanding.

Do your research so you're ready to act. Buying a home can be a very emotional decision and it's important to go into the process well prepared. Take some time to lay out your priorities and research the market. What's most important to you long-term – resale value, location, school district, number of bedrooms? Be practical about what you can truly afford and take the time to obtain preapproval from your bank or mortgage company. When you start seriously looking, you may have to act fast if you find the perfect house for you. If you're prepared and thoughtful at the beginning of the process, you'll be in a better position to make the right move.

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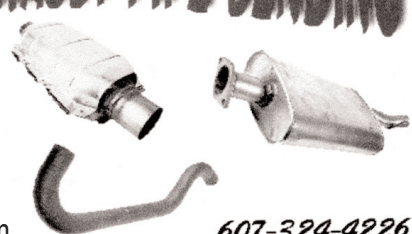
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Jason Rawady wins Week 12 of Pigskin Picks Contest

It was a log-jam at the top of Pigskin Picks as no less than six persons tied for honors with only two misses. On the tiebreaker, all six picked the Seahawks, who outflowed the Eagles, 23-17, a six-point spread.

Jason Rawady of Charlotte, NC picked the Seahawks by 8 to win the tiebreaker as Randy Gillette of Tonawanda had them by 10, Doug Lorow of Webster by 11, Bob Baker of Alfred and Marc Mullen of Rexville by 13, and Noah Shutt of Almond by 14.

Finishing with 3 misses were Alex Kowtun of Hornell, Chris Yarnal and Judy Marlatt of Almond, along with Art McLaughlin, Nelson Snyder and Barb Welch, all of Alfred Station. Ken and Josiah Shutt of Almond had 4 misses.

Take a minute and make your picks and get your entry in the mail. You could be next week's winner!

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Doug's NFL Picks

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SUNDAY, DEC. 6

New Orleans	24	FALCONS	23
STEELERS	27	NJ Giants	9
Indianapolis	27	TEXANS	20
VIKINGS	27	Jacksonville	13
TITANS	20	Cleveland	13
Detroit	24	BEARS	23
DOLPHINS	27	Cincinnati	13
Las Vegas	24	JETS	17
SEAHAWKS	27	NJ Giants	10
LA Rams	30	CARDINALS	27
New England	24	CHARGERS	23
PACKERS	27	Philadelphia	13
CHIEFS	37	Denver	13

MONDAY, DEC. 7

RAVENS	20	Dallas	17
NINERS	24	*Buffalo	23

(Byes: Tampa Bay and Carolina)
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Pigskin Picks

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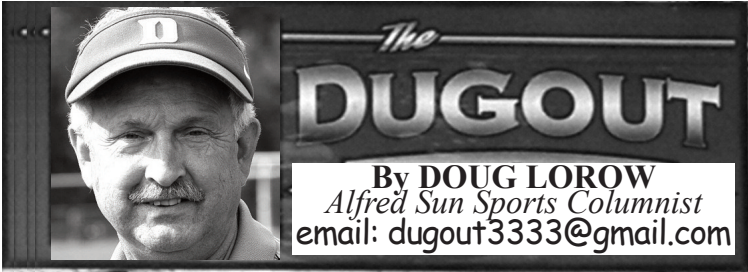
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With the recently completed high school soccer season and sectional champs crowned, here's a look back on past champions in the two brackets associated with local teams, many on the Alfred-Almond boys slate over the years. Have always been fascinated with various teams on "runs" over the years in soccer and basketball. So, a look back now on championship boys soccer teams to start out with. Was hoping to do from the year 2000 on but the Section V website I found just had from 2002 onward, so going from that point in time. The brackets earlier were D and DD, then they became D2 and D1, for whatever reason!

Starting in 2002 Jasper-Troupsburg was victorious over Northstar Christian Academy from Rochester in the "D" bracket while Genesee Valley topped Arkport to claim the "DD" trophy. The Jaguars of Genesee Valley and Coach Mike Obuhanich (A-A) beat the Eagles in the quarter-finals, 4-0.

Houghton Academy won their only sectional boys soccer trophy, as far as I can tell, when they beat Belfast for the "D" title. Genesee Valley and J-T clashed in the 2003 "DD" finale, after both won championships the previous year and now J-T had moved up, beating GV for their second straight title. J-T beat A-A in the quarter-finals.

2004 was a season with co-champs in each local bracket as Andover tied with Webster Christian and Genesee Valley was at it again versus Jasper-Troupsburg. The Panthers and GV each advanced in the PK shootout for the right to move on and then Genesee Valley won the sectional qualifier round over Andover. J-T had beaten A-A (again) in round one this time. More on this GV team later.

Belfast came back two years later and won the "D" title over Webster Christian in 2005 as Fillmore entered the scene and bounced J-T in the "DD" championship contest. That is four straight title games, though, for the Wildcats! Alfred-Almond lost to Hammondsport in round one, 1-0.

The year 2006 saw Andover beating Whitesville for the "D" sectional trophy which is ironic now as the two schools are combined in some of their sports. And the Eagles of Alfred-Almond beat the Eagles of Fillmore, 2-0 to win their "DD" title.

Northstar and Belfast collided the next season for the "D" championship as the Christian school came away with the win. Fillmore rebounded from the year prior to grab the "DD" crown as they topped J-T in the finals. Alfred-Almond fell to J-T in the quarter-finals, 2-0 in defense of their championship.

DUGOUT CONTINUED...

Andover continued their every-other-year run in the title game as they beat Belfast in the 2008 contest, decided by PK's as they were declared co-champs of "D." Webster Christian thwarted Fillmore's bid to repeat as the Eagles fell in their title game. Fillmore and A-A tied in the semi-finals with the "other" Eagles advancing on PK's. That made it four straight years in the finals for Fillmore.

In 2009 Belfast came out victorious in the "D" bracket as they beat Webster Christian to claim the championship in "D." And the Alfred-Almond boys started a nice four-year run of their own in the "DD" bracket as they fell in the finals to Arkport, 1-0. The Eagles had blanked J-T and Fillmore to reach that contest. So, they gave up just one goal in three sectional games and it was only good enough for a runner-up finish.

Belfast was back in the championship game for the third consecutive season as they lost the "D" game to Northstar. Just as in 2006, the Eagles of A-A beat the Eagles of Fillmore for the 2010 "DD" sectional trophy by a 3-0 tally.

Whitesville and Andover met in the 2011 title game for "D" bragging rights, in a rematch of 2006 and this time the Blue Jays turned the tables on their Andover foes. And, Alfred-Almond won their second straight "DD" trophy as they bested Arkport on PK's. Both as co-champs. The Eagles swamped Avoca, 11-0 and Lyndonville, 8-0 prior to that game. Yikes!

Whitesville was looking for a repeat in the 2012 championship game but they fell to Webster Christian in the "D2" finale. Jasper-Troupsburg was back in the championship picture and they stopped A-A's two year streak, 2-0 in the "D1" finals. Four straight excellent campaigns for Alfred-Almond though.

In 2013 there were a couple of "repeats" from the previous season as Webster Christian beat Whitesville (again) in the "D2" title game and J-T won their second straight sectional trophy, this time over HAC. With only eight-teams in the field, did not see an A-A entry? Three straight final appearances for Whitesville though.

Mount Morris beat Andover in the "D2" championship game and wondering why MM was in that bracket? Webster Christian won their third straight title as they moved up to win the "D1" trophy over a combined Finney/Northstar squad. A-A lost to that Finney/Northstar team in 2014 along the way, 1-0.

Andover bounced Finney the next season as Finney was back by itself and in the "D2" bracket. The Panthers starting a nice run of their own. Alfred-Almond won the 2015 "D1" championship as they nipped Genesee Valley by a 2-1 mark. The Eagles beat Northstar and HAC to get to that game.

Andover is back in the championship game for the third straight fall and they fell to Finney this time around. 2016 saw the Eagles of A-A not only beat Naples, 1-0 to win the "D1" title but they went on to become NYS champs! The Eagles beat J-T, 3-0 and Mount Morris, 4-0 along the way for a perfect slate in the sectionals ... no goals allowed. The last hurrah for A-A ... for now.

Belfast, Avoca, Scio and J-T went on to win "D2" championships after that while Mount Morris, Finney, Fillmore and Keshequa hosted the trophy in the "D1" bracket the next four years.

Back to Coach Obie and his Angelica/Genesee Valley teams for a moment here as he won sectional championships in 1985-88-89-02-04 with a 2003 title game loss in there as well. His 1985-88-04 teams also advanced to the NYS finals in "D" as they fell to Southold, Northville and Chazy along the way. Quite the run in itself. Southold was a powerhouse then as they won the state title in 1980-81-83-84-85 in "D" after they were co-champs with Red Creek in 1979 in "C." And check this out: Chazy has won titles in 2004-05-07-09-2010-12-13-17-18. Egads. Obie's teams just ran into some great programs along the way. Also, J-T won the state title in 2002 after topping GV in the qualifier round of section Five.

With all these sectional soccer trophies collected, what sport at Alfred-Almond has the most ... boys soccer or boys track & field? Guessing girls track & field might be third? Only a guess

there. Could be softball.

Next week some "runs" in boys sectional basketball that I discovered, looked up, when doing some research on the Alfred-Almond championship teams of Coach Powers in 1946-47-49.

HITS AND MISSES:

The Buffalo Bills (8-3) kept their narrow one-game lead over the Miami Dolphins in the AFC East as they stopped the visiting Chargers of LA, 27-17 on Sunday past. Miami, meanwhile, was thumping a hapless NJ Jets squad in the Meadowlands, 20-3 with "FitzMagic" back at the controls. The Bills have a tough challenge this week at SF (Santa Clara) or maybe in Arizona due to Covid restrictions, against the Niners. Miami hosts the Cincy Bengals minus QB Joe Burrow.

And the Tampa Bay Bucs lost another prime time contest as they fell to the KC Chiefs at Raymond James Stadium, 27-24. Patrick Mahomes (2020 MVP) had over 300-yards in the air ... in the first half, as the Chiefs improved to (10-1) on the season. Meanwhile, the Bucs and Tom Brady fell to (7-5) and are headed for a #6 or #7 seed in the playoffs and on the road. Tampa Bay will have their third-straight home contest this week, against Minnesota and then finish with Atlanta-Detroit-Atlanta in another screwy bit of NFL scheduling. The Bucs and Falcons are in the same division and don't even face each other until their 14th game?

In the incredibly weak NFC East, the NJ Giants and Team Washington are actually tied for first-place at (4-7) pending the results of the Eagles game on MNF. The winner will be a #4 seed in the playoffs, with a home game and the TB Bucs (for example) could be (11-5) and headed to Seattle or Green Bay or New Orleans, part III.

The top eight teams in the AP college football are unchanged after another Covid-interrupted weekend as Alabama, Notre Dame, Ohio State, Clemson, Texas A&M, Florida, Cincy and BYU roll on. Still think they should expand the playoffs for this one, crazy season! Top eight or top six with teams 1-2 getting byes. Florida with Heisman Trophy winner Kyle Trask not playing? If Florida were to bounce Alabama in the SEC title game, who goes? If Clemson upends ND in the ACC championship, who is left out? Does Ohio State go with six-games played? Cincy and BYU are undefeated. Expand for this year! Oh yes, Liberty is (9-1).

And the crazy season continues for the sad-sad Syracuse Orange football team as they fell to NC State and, get this ... their fifth-year, redshirt QB, spikes the ball on fourth down to stop the clock! Great, game over. The Wolfpack prevail, 36-29. The Orange (1-8) next get the Irish of Notre Dame. Awesome. Tony Schon in Florida ... enjoying those games?

Big-time college hoops have started and losing already are the likes of: Kansas, Villanova and Kentucky. Will cut the Jayhawks some slack there as they fell to the top-ranked Zags, 102-90. 'Nova fell in overtime to Virginia Tech. And Syracuse survived a home game opener against Bryant, 85-84. Bryant & Stratton College? The Champions Classic was Tuesday nite as UK-KU tangled, so one of them will have two losses already. A young Duke team hosted Michigan State in the other annual gathering of the four elite teams. Will be interesting to see if basketball will be able to survive a season in the pandemic.

Are the Tampa Bay Rays actually considering a trade of their ace hurler, Blake Snell? Doubt very much they'd deal with the NY Yanks on that front, if true, more likely either to an AL West team or a team in the National League. They have already lost starter Charlie Morton to free agency as he inked a one-year deal with the Atlanta Braves. Dodgers and Braves in the NL championship series again?

Good week past in Leesburg, Va. with a Thanksgiving Day meal at the Larsons in Warrenton. We observed pandemic "guidelines" on Turkey Day with only seven adults assembled plus Quinny and Rowan for ongoing entertainment. Was 68-degrees that day which reminded me of time we ate out on the deck in Taylor Mill, KY about 4-5 years ago for that holiday. Not sure if "Fish" still remembers that?

Frank Sumo ... attendance.

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