

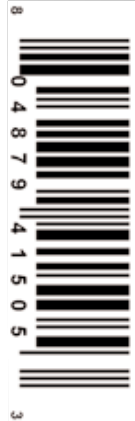
Travels with Lurie

Retired Alfred State College English Professor Terry Morgan, upon learning of Alison Lurie's passing in December 2020, remembered his 1973 travels with the Pulitzer Prize-winning author from Ithaca to Auburn...in this week's Pandemic Escape on Page 15.

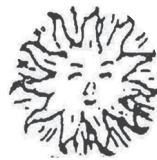


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NY Nursing Home Scandal

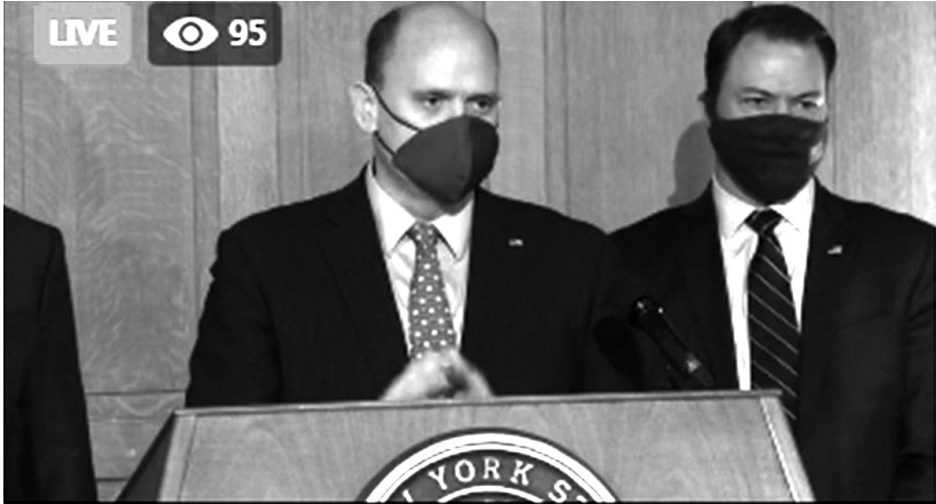
Rep. Reed, Sen. Borrello want independent investigation

ALBANY—On Tuesday, Congressman Tom Reed, State Senate Republican Leader Robert Ort, and State Assembly Republican Leader Will Barclay joined together to highlight their efforts to secure justice for the families of New Yorkers who lost loved ones due to Governor Cuomo's dangerous mishandling of the COVID-19 pandemic in our state's nursing homes.

During the press conference, the group reaffirmed their call for the Biden Administration and Department of Justice to provide the public with answers and accountability through a full, independent, and fair federal investigation.

"We were honored to join Leader Ort and Leader Barclay, who have been tireless advocates for those who lost a parent or grandparent because of Governor Cuomo's disastrous nursing home edicts," said Congressman Reed. "Today we demonstrated, in one clear voice, that there are leaders at the state and federal level who will not relent until we've secured justice for the people of New York. We urge the Biden Administration and Department of Justice -- do what is right. You must show the country that your past commitments to impartiality, non-partisanship, and integrity weren't just lip service. While New York Attorney General Tish's bombshell report was a start, only a full and thorough federal investigation, including subpoenas, will expose the full extent of the state's incompetence and lies."

Senate Republican Leader Rob Ort



U.S. Congressional Representative Tom Reed (R-Corning) speaks at Tuesday's press conference.

said, "The Senate Republican Conference recently requested New York's congressional delegation to obtain more information on the Department of Justice's inquiry into nursing homes and COVID. In the wake of the AG's bombshell report, New Yorkers need to know that their public officials are being held accountable now more than ever. Since our colleagues in the Majority refuse to perform any meaningful oversight, we must turn to our federal officials for help. I am thankful that Congressman Tom Reed and our New York Republican delegation have answered our calls and joined us in the effort to make sure that a full, independent investigation is finally done. For the families of those who lost loved ones in nursing homes, please know that today is one more step towards accountability -- but the path is far from over."

Assembly Republican Leader Will Barclay added, "The Cuomo Administration hid the truth from the public. Through lawsuits, a legislative hearing, constant inquiries from families, media and lawmakers and an Attorney General investigation, they refused to tell the full story. Only after the AG's report confirmed that the Department of Health underreported nursing home deaths by 50 percent did the governor and his team provide information. Now is the time for accountability. The Legislature should hold bipartisan hearings, using subpoena power, and the Department of Justice

should expand its efforts to look into what happened here. We have a duty to get answers for more than 13,000 families who lost loved ones due to highly questionable decisions and what has been an ongoing coverup."

Last week, Congressman Reed joined with members of the New York Congressional delegation in a letter to Acting Attorney General Monty Wilkinson requesting the Department of Justice immediately issue subpoenas for Governor Cuomo, the Secretary to the Governor, and the New York State Commissioner of Health.

Senator George Borrello also joined legislative colleagues and advocates Wednesday, Feb. 3 to call for an independent investigation. A virtual press conference also included family members who lost loved ones in nursing homes to COVID, including Janice Dean, Fox News Senior Meteorologist.

Senator Borrello underscored that the lawmakers' calls for transparency came on the day that Health Commissioner Howard Zucker was supposed to testify at a health budget hearing. However, the Commissioner cancelled the February 3 appearance, rescheduling for February 25.

At press time, one source reported that "the total number of nursing home and long-term-care facility deaths (in New York State) went from 9,154 last month to 14,933. That's an increase of 5,778, or 63%."

ALFRED STATE COLLEGE

Virtual tours offered

ALFRED—Alfred State College is delighted to announce the dates of three upcoming virtual Open Houses that will bring a little bit of the campus right into the homes of prospective students and their families.

The Open Houses will take place on the following dates and times:

- Wednesday, Feb. 24 from 6-8 p.m.
- Saturday, March 27 from noon to 2 p.m.
- Sunday, April 18 from noon to 2 p.m.

The program for each Open House includes an overview of Alfred State College, including admissions and financial aid; a live panel with current students, including an open Q&A; an academic overview from the pro-

gram of your choice; an optional virtual campus tour guided by a current student; an assortment of campus life videos and so much more. A community chat will also be offered.

Students may register for a Virtual Open House or any of the college's visit opportunities by going to [www.AlfredState.edu/Visit-Us](http://www.AlfredState.edu/Visit-Us).

Prior to the date of the selected Open House, students will receive a link that will allow them to access the event.

**Prospective students and their families can check out all that Alfred State College has to offer from the comfort of their own homes by attending an upcoming Virtual Open House on Feb. 24, March 27, or April 18.**





OBITUARIES

Michael Cheney Wood, 69, A-A Class of 1969, hiked 310-mile Superior Hiking Trail



**MICHAEL CHENEY WOOD**  
*A-A Class of 1969*  
AURORA, MN—We are profoundly saddened to share that Michael Cheney Wood, 69,

passed away February 1, 2021 at his home in Aurora, MN, following a brief illness. He was born August 31, 1951 in Chicago, IL to John Cheney Wood and Suzanne Watson Wood, both of whom predeceased him. Michael attended Alfred-Almond Central, Almond, NY, graduating in 1969. He received the Bachelor of Arts degree from St. John's College, Santa Fe, where he studied the great books and liberal arts. He later spent time in New York City, dancing with the Merce Cunningham dance company. He and Marjory Johnson were married in Minneapolis, MN, on May 29, 1996.

Over the course of his work life, he was known for his creative and innovative approach - applying technology solutions to business problems in New Mexico, Australia, and Minnesota,

for Sophia Learning, Solution Design Group, Fujitsu, and BORN Information Services, among others. His important work in weather/nuclear winter modeling (Los Alamos National Labs) contributed to the end of the Cold War. His continued, endless curiosity about climate change and scientific inquiry was applied to many aspects of his life's pursuit of knowledge.

His love for family, friends, and the outdoors is reflected in every memory of him, from ski patrol in New Mexico, to canoeing in the Minnesota Boundary Waters (at one time taking a wrong turn into Canada), to shuttling grandchildren to school, or testing a new sleeping bag on the porch in the dead of winter. He believed in our responsibility to protect the environment and respect the Earth. He was always willing to step

up, with grace and generosity, when called upon by friends or family. Michael loved the trails, mountains, and lakes of Minnesota and the mountains of New Mexico. He hiked the entire 310-mile Superior Hiking Trail over the course of several years, and a number of sections of the North Country Trail. His passion for hiking, cycling, skiing, camping, and other outdoor activities was clear to anyone who crossed his path.

Michael is survived by his wife and best friend, Marjory Johnson Wood; son Galen Wood (Minneapolis) and his daughters Maia and Sofia; daughter Ranier

Wood (Santa Fe) and her son Oliver; grandchildren he & Marjory raised Erinn Wilson, and Tyler and Gabe Wood; sister Carol Wood and brother-in-law Ken Maracek (Plattekill) and their daughter Casey Maracek and son Avery Maracek, Avery's partner Gillian Hammond; and numerous additional grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A private memorial service is being planned. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that a donation be made to the Superior Hiking Trail or a trail system of your choice.

We will miss his intelligence, kindness, wit, and laugh.

Cynthia R. Gallese, 68, local RN

**CYNTHIA R. "CINDY" GALLESE**  
*Taught nursing at Alfred State*  
HORNELL—Cynthia R. "Cindy" Gallese, 68, of 24 Pardee St., Hornell, died early Wednesday evening, Feb. 3, 2021 at St. James Hospital, following a brave and courageous battle with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS).

She was born in Hornell on May 2, 1952. Cindy grew up in Hornell and was a graduate of Hornell High School (class of 1970). She later attended Alfred State College School of Nursing where she obtained her Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) Degree and later her Registered Nursing Degree (RN). Cindy eventually went on to earn her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. She later taught several nursing courses at Alfred State College.

As a Registered Nurse she served the Hornell community with her heart and soul. She had been employed for a time at Steuben County ARC, working at several group homes in the Hornell area. For many years she worked as a registered nurse at St. James Mercy Hospital, primarily in the Adolescent Psychology Unit. Most recently she was employed as a registered nurse at Hornell Gardens.

Cindy was a member of Our Lady of the Valley Parish and a communicant of St. Ann's Church. She was a former member of the Hornell Association. Cindy was an avid reader and would read anything and everything! She also enjoyed swimming at the Hornell YMCA. She enjoyed meditation, Yoga & Qigong.

A very spiritual woman, Cindy enjoyed taking trips with her husband, Joe, to such places as Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Lillydale (Spiritual Community) at Chautauqua Lake, and also loved traveling to visit her children in places such as Boston and Long Island.

She was married on April 1, 1978 to Joseph "Joe" Gallese who survives. Also surviving are three sons, Gary "Buddy" (Karen Robinson) Strobel of St. Augustine, FL, Joseph Gallese of Canandaigua, and Michael (Jessica) Gallese of Hornell; one daughter, Hilary (Domenic) Argentieri of Rochester; several siblings including Donna Spicer of Hornell, Jimmy (Charlene) Pond of Virginia and Milburn Pond of Mississippi; seven grandchildren, Casey Strobel, Melody Strobel, Joseph Gallese, Brooke Gallese, Sabin Gallese, Ruby Argentieri and Lola Argentieri; several nieces & nephews.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, there will be no prior calling hours. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9 at St. Ann's Church. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements are in care of the Dagon Funeral Home, 38 Church St., Hornell. Cindy's family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name be made to the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Foundation, Upstate New York Chapter, 135 Old Cove Rd., Suite 213, Liverpool, NY 13090.

To leave an online condolence or share a memory, visit [www.dagonfuneralhome.com](http://www.dagonfuneralhome.com)

Gary Sheldon Fisher, 84, Wildwood administrator



**GARY SHELTON FISHER**  
*Saw BOCES grow in Hornell*  
VERO BEACH, FL—Gary Sheldon Fisher of Vero Beach, Florida died peacefully with his family at his side one day after his 84th birthday following a short illness.

law Sally Swank (Nelson Groh) and his cousin Mary (Rick) Ward. He was preceded in death by his parents Senie and Sheldon Fisher, step mother Janet Irey Fisher and his brother-in-law Marty Swank.

Gary was born in Bloomsburg, PA on January 31, 1937. He graduated from Bloomsburg High School in 1954 where he lettered in baseball, basketball and football along with talented athletes and coaches who were not only champions, but also lifelong friends. He became a drummer at the age of five, and continued to enjoy jazz music throughout his life. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Bloomsburg State College in 1959, married Barbara and started his career at Jasper Central School in New York State. He obtained his Master's in Education at Alfred University and after several years was named the first principal of the Steuben-Allegany County Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) Vocational Program in Hornell.

During his tenure the program grew from one small auto mechanics class in a rented garage to the Wildwood Education Center, situated on a sprawling campus serving thirteen school

districts. Gary took pleasure in the success of the thousands of students who benefitted from the wide variety of vocational, adult education, migrant and college level programs he supervised. After 27 years, and being officially retired, he was called upon to serve the Hornell School District in an administrative capacity for several more years.

Gary was active in his community, participating in the Hornell Jaycees and coaching youth sports. He also was a volunteer firefighter in North Hornell, and he was active in the Steuben County Red Cross, serving on the board in several capacities.

He was deeply admired for his positive spirit, his contagious smile and his interest in others. He will be truly missed by cherished friends, colleagues and all who had the privilege of knowing him, most especially his family.

A celebration of life will be planned when it is safe to gather. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Red Cross at [www.redcross.org/donate](http://www.redcross.org/donate).

Arrangements by Thomas S. Lowther Funeral Home & Crematory, Vero Beach. An online guestbook is available at [www.lowtherfamily.com](http://www.lowtherfamily.com)

Michael J. Moland, U.S. Army vet, firefighter



**MICHAEL J. MOLAND**  
*Worked at Dresser-Rand*  
WELLSVILLE—It is with great sadness that the family of Michael J. Moland announces his passing on Friday, Feb. 5, 2021. He was born in Wellsville and was a graduate of Wellsville

High School, Alfred State College, and Houghton College.

He was a veteran of the United States Army, and in his leisure-time enjoyed hunting and racing cars. A dedicated volunteer firefighter and respected past chief, he served with the Alma, Wellsville, and Willing Fire Departments. He spent his career of over 40 years at Dresser-Rand/ Siemans in a variety of positions and retired in 2019 as manager of Global Quality Processes.

Forever remembered by his wife of 46 years, Kathy Paris Moland; daughter, Mendy (Jason) Varga; son, Michael; brothers: Don (Nancy) Moland and John (Jill) Moland; sister Dorothy (Larry) Murphy; seven grandchildren; and many nieces

and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Milo Moland and Genevieve Moland Greene.

Calling hours were held from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10 in the J.W. Embser Sons Funeral Home in Wellsville. A memorial service followed at 1:30 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Wellsville with full military honors.

The family wishes to thank the members of the Wellsville Ambulance Corps for their expertise and dedication to the community.

Donations in his name may be made to Wellsville Ambulance Corps, 37 South Main Street, Wellsville, NY, 14895. To leave online condolences please visit [www.embserfuneralhome.com](http://www.embserfuneralhome.com)

Puzzles on Page 10

CryptoQuote

answer  
The path to my fixed purpose is laid with iron rails, whereon my soul is grooved to run.  
— Herman Melville

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solution  
1. Gargle 2. Vector;  
3. Villain; 4. Ankle

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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.**

The Almond Town Board has changed the meeting time for its regular monthly meetings, effective immediately. The Almond Town Board will meet at 4 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month during 2021. Meetings will be held at 1 Marvin Lane, Almond at the municipal building.

Cartwright's Maple Tree Inn, located in Short Tract near Angelica, will open for gift shop sales and take out meals only, beginning Tuesday, Feb. 16. Hours for the seasonal eatery are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays. "Seated dining is in the works," according to the

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restaurant's website, but will not be available until further notice. To please the palate, the Maple Tree Inn is now offering Breakfast Special Bundles that include pancake mix, syrup, ham, and sausage bundled together to cook at home! To place an order or for further information, call 585-567-8181.

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Cecilia Beach, Alfred University Professor of French, Director of Women's and Gender Studies, and Yoga instructor, was recently featured in the German yoga magazine *Yoga Easy*. Beach spent two years in Rwanda living at the Ituze Mindfulness and Yoga Center in Kigali and teaching yoga, meditation and Breath-Body-Mind both in the studio and in a variety of outreach programs including a school for disadvantaged youths, a center for disabled women, a rehabilitation center for street kids, and homes for elderly genocide survivors. She talked about her time in Rwanda at last week's Bergren Forum.

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Next week's Bergren Forum at 12:10 Thursday, Feb. 18 will feature one-time Alfred resident Alex Sich on "Chernobyl Unknown Unknowns: What Neither the Soviets nor the IAEA Wanted Anyone to Know."

## Academic All-Star results listed

**By MARY HARRIS**  
*Special to the Alfred Sun*  
Results from Monday night's Zoom matches are as follows:  
**LARGE SCHOOL DIVISION**  
Corning Gold 48 - Hornell 33  
Corning Black 27 - Bath 7



**Kelly's Forecast**  
**By KELLY SNYDER**  
*The Alfred Sun Weather Forecaster*

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness."

--John Steinbeck

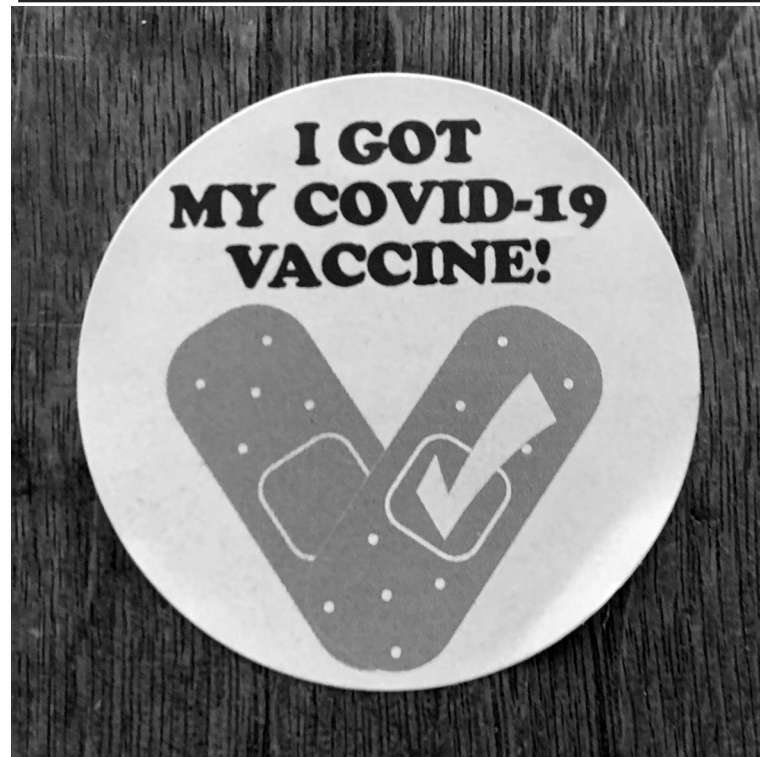
**Thursday, Feb. 11**  
**MOSTLY CLOUDY**  
(HIGH 23- LOW 11)  
Chance of precipitation....16%  
**Friday, Feb. 12**  
**AM SNOW SHOWERS**  
(HIGH 21-LOW 8)  
Chance of precipitation....51%  
**Saturday, Feb. 13**  
**PM SNOW SHOWERS**  
(HIGH 18- LOW 8)  
Chance of precipitation....37%  
**Sunday, Feb. 14**  
**FEW SNOW SHOWERS**  
(HIGH 16 - LOW 3)  
Chance of precipitation....34%  
**Monday, Feb. 15**  
**MOSTLY CLOUDY**  
(HIGH 20 - LOW 9)  
Chance of precipitation....24%  
**Tuesday, Feb. 16**  
**CLOUDY**  
(HIGH 23 - LOW 14)  
Chance of precipitation...24%  
**Wednesday, Feb. 17**  
**SNOW SHOWERS**  
(HIGH 27- LOW 16)  
Chance of precipitation...42%  
For more up to date weather information add your *Alfred Sun* Weatherman Kelly Snyder on Facebook where he conducts occasional Facebook Live Reports. As always, if you don't like the weather in Alfred just wait five minutes!



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## Scene About Alfred

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



**Happy Valentine's Day, and beyond! 2021's best news. Squint a little and you will see the "heart."**

## ALFRED Weather for the Week

| Feb. 2-Feb. 8 |    |    |         |      |  |
|---------------|----|----|---------|------|--|
| Feb.          | Hi | Lo | Precip. | Snow |  |
| 2             | 30 | 11 | 0.12"   | 1.4" |  |
| 3             | 25 | 11 | 0.27"   | 2.2" |  |
| 4             | 32 | 14 | 0       | 0    |  |
| 5             | 44 | 18 | 0       | 0    |  |
| 6             | 36 | 15 | .07"    | 0.7" |  |
| 7             | 28 | 14 | 0       | 0    |  |
| 8             | 25 | 3  | 0.02"   | 0.3" |  |

**By FION MACCREA**  
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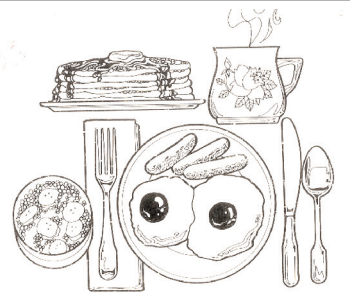
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## SUNNY SIDE UP

**By ELLEN SHULTZ**  
*Alfred Sun Columnist*



## Hot or cold, a sweet rice pudding

[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.]

Do you want something you can serve hot or cold and it will please your sweet tooth? I found this recipe in the *Taste of Home Magazine* for February/March.

### Arroz Con Leche (Rice Pudding)

1½ c. water  
½ c. uncooked long grain rice  
1 cinnamon stick (3 in.)

1 c. sweetened condensed milk  
3 T. raisins

In a small saucepan, combine the water, rice and cinnamon. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 15-20 minutes or until water is absorbed. Stir in milk and raisins. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 10-15 minutes or until thick and creamy, stirring frequently. Discard cinnamon. Serve warm or cold.



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# The Credit Crunch

Alfred's proposed parking solution of installing "smart" app based parking meters brings to mind another tangential issue. Readers may have picked up on the fact that I am somewhat of a self-avowed Luddite with, perhaps not a hatred of, but a deep distrust in technological solutionism. Sometimes with my flip phone, lack of social media, and ancient vehicles, I feel akin to the Old Testament prophets in their hair shirts decrying a society gone astray. Well, that's hyperbole! However, I do in fact have a beard which is looking increasingly like those of the ancient patriarchs, so with the addition of a hair shirt, I could at least look the part!

Naturally enough, an app based parking system will process all transactions through credit cards or other digital payment platforms. We've gotten increasingly used to this over the years as more and more shopping happens online and fewer people carry cash to do even their brick and mortar shopping. There has even been talk of eliminating cash altogether and transitioning to all digital transactions.

It certainly is convenient not having to carry around wads of bills which could be lost or stolen, but as with most conveniences, there is a price to pay. In this case, the price is a percentage fee charged to the seller, for all card transactions processed. The buyer never sees these fees directly, but yet the seller must factor this cost into their overhead and price merchandise accordingly. It's almost the equivalent of a hidden tax which is paid, not to an entity such as the government which is at least theoretically operating for the public good, but to credit card companies, whose idea of the public good is hoovering as much money as possible out of your wallet. Imagine how much those companies would be salivating at the prospect of society going cashless and getting a cut of virtually all consumer spending!

The charge levied by credit card companies varies from about 1.3% to 3.4%, plus smaller interchange fees, assessment fees, and processing fees. These other fees go to the card's issuing bank, the card's payment network, and the payment processor. This may not sound huge, but it adds up to some real money. In 2018, purchases with credit cards (not including debit



## CONVIVIAL CONTRARIAN

By SEAN HYLAND  
Alfred Sun Columnist

totalled almost \$4 trillion dollars. If we take the average charge at 2.5%, even excluding the other processing fees, it adds up to \$100 billion being charged just to process purchases. Of course, this is in addition to all the other revenue streams that credit card companies have, such as charging exorbitant interest on balances.

One might argue that the credit card companies have to make a living too and it's a reasonable cost of the convenience it brings. Judging from the numbers, the credit card companies are doing significantly better than just making a living. As of December 2020, Visa's net profit margin, not gross profit but NET profit, was 49.91% and Mastercard's was 41.9%. To put that into perspective, the average net profit for residential construction companies is 6%. I really don't know how you can rationalize net profits of nearly 50% in any other context other than charging extortionate amounts for the service provided. At those margins, can these companies really be considered anything but economic parasites, fueling eye-popping profits at the expense of customers and businesses that provide tangible products? This is money which never returns to circulate back to local economies and is part of, to paraphrase Ross Perot, "The giant sucking sound" which is leading to massive economic imbalances as the rich get richer and the middle class gets squeezed out.

This is not really a dynamic that I particularly like feeding. I deeply dislike debt and I hate paying interest, so I structure my life around those priorities. However, with things such as the smart parking meters proposed in Alfred, we are increasingly moving toward a point where it is just not possible to avoid giving the gods of Mammon their cut. And if society ever does go cashless, as some advocate, we will all be forced to pay a figurative tithe to the credit card companies and banks just for the privilege of being able to perform the most basic functions of society: buying food, fuel, or clothing.

As we move toward a future that, if not cashless, becomes ever more cash exclusionary,

there are important questions to be asked. We expect the government, through the Treasury Department, to print and mint money as a legitimate function towards the public good. In a world

where cash is increasingly superfluous, where does that role stand? Is it right for private companies to make easy fortunes skimming off the cream from every purchase, when we increasingly have no choice but to participate? Should the government set limits on how much profit can be reasonably made facilitating such transactions? Or should the government take a direct role routing such transactions as a public good, similar to how we expect them to have a monopoly on minting money?

It seems that even though we have incrementally moved from credit cards being the plaything of the wealthy to their being almost a necessity for participating in the economy, these questions have scarcely begun to be asked by the public. Instead, changes seem to be happening de-facto with the public left with whatever it gets, which may or may not be in its best interest. For this reason, I hope that when innovations such as "smart parking meters" are proposed they will get some due scrutiny in context with the bigger picture.

As the self-proclaimed Luddite and centralization skeptic that I am, you may surmise where my sympathies lie. So, if by chance, in some not too distant future, you see me ride my horse into town with my little bag of gold nuggets jingling by my side, don't be surprised if I ask the barista at the Terra Cotta how many cups of coffee I can get for a chicken.

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# Sun Spots



## Super Blowout

Or,

## Mag-a-nificent Performance

The Bucs bucked KC crazy right off their backs; The Chief's chief scrambled, scrambled, just 'scaping (most) sacks.

"It's MY home, Mahomes!" brayed TB-of-TB, "And Patrick's geriatric—way, way more than me!"

The GOAT got our goat, posting (mostly) less shady a win. How he fired up his base? "Make the Super Bowl Brady Again!"

—O. Bradymous

## Suggestion on village parking

Dear Editor,

Many thanks go to Caitlin Brown for her informative write-up on Alfred's long standing parking woes and the Village's proposed solution and to Len Curran for her pertinent critique of the proposed solution from the perspective of a business owner.

I can say that from my own perspective, as a inveterate flip-phone loyalist, that the chances are nearly zero that I will call a 1-800 number with my credit card info every time I need to run into a main street store.

It seems that parking has and will continue to be a long term problem with no easy solution. One potential solution did come to mind, although I'm sure I'm not the only person to think of it. Is there a reason why the "Sculpture Park" couldn't become a parking lot, perhaps reserved for longer term parkers such as those who work in downtown

businesses? Instead of being assessed hourly it could be on a purchased tag system, like what Len suggested, which could be an affordable yearly rate.

The sculpture park is a rather forlorn and uninviting place as it is and I can say that I've never seen anyone lingering there absorbing the ambiance. If it became a parking lot it could possibly even maintain perhaps a row of sculptures off to one side, therefore having one's cake and eating it too.

I'm guessing that there are probably thorny and intractable problems that I'm not thinking of with turning that space into more parking, or it would have already been done. However, if the potential obstacles could be overcome, it seems to me that it would solve a slew of problems to the benefit of all parties on Main Street.

Respectfully,  
Sean Hyland



## 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.*

## DR. NICHOLAS L. WADDY

## Florida Governor Ron DeSantis' Bold Assault on Big Tech

Ron DeSantis, an unabashed social conservative and Trump supporter, won a surprise victory in the 2018 race for Governor of Florida. He then surprised his critics once more by surging to a 72% approval rating on the strength of his outreach to all segments of Florida's highly diverse population.

When the coronavirus pandemic hit, Democrats and "progressives" thought they had DeSantis right where they wanted him. Surely, the state with the second highest percentage of residents over 65 would fare poorly in those all-important death metrics trumpeted by the media, especially given DeSantis's emphasis on keeping Florida open for business, including its tourism sector.

But no — actually DeSantis struck a near-perfect balance between sensible precautions to keep Floridians safe, and prudent measures to keep stores and schools open, and unemployment rates low. Meanwhile, blue states, which enacted crippling lockdowns, often suffered higher rates of COVID infection and mortality.

Now, Governor DeSantis has done it again. He has positioned himself as a leader among Republicans, conservatives, and elected officials nationwide by taking on the biggest challenge of our times: "cancel culture" in the form of social media censorship. DeSantis is proposing bold new measures that could breathe new life into our nation's tradition of free speech...and could him make him its greatest champion.

This week, Desantis proposed sweeping reforms to Florida's (Republican-dominated) legislature, which, if enacted, would penalize social media companies that ban anyone running for public office in the state of Florida from their platforms. In addition, DeSantis wants to levy fines on Big Tech companies that use algorithms to limit access to content based on ideology or political messaging. Lastly, DeSantis argues that Floridians should have the right to opt out of Big Tech's content moderation altogether, so that they get a free and unbiased sense of what other people, across the political spectrum, have to say.

These reforms, if they become law in Florida — a major market, needless to say — could have a revolutionary impact on the debate over censorship. They could upend the current mania in Silicon Valley for silencing conservatives. Coupled with similar measures pending in countries like

Poland and Hungary, Florida's bold initiative could make it clear to Facebook, Twitter, You Tube, Google, and other social media conglomerates that their days of picking winners and losers in our country's political debates are over. Instead of playing the role of Big Brother, they could once again be forced to serve as neutral platforms for free expression. They would become, in effect, public utilities, instead of a public menace.

In proposing these groundbreaking regulations on Big Tech, Governor DeSantis is addressing what for many Republicans and conservatives has become their paramount fear: that they will be stigmatized as "hateful", "extreme", or "dangerous" by woke ideologues and thus be denied the right to participate in public discourse. Worse, conservatives who are thus falsely maligned could even be fired from their jobs, evicted from their homes, or shunned in their communities. In this high-tech age, the stakes in the battle to maintain universal and equal access to popular social media platforms really are this high.

Assuming that DeSantis can succeed in altering the political, legal, reputational, and financial calculus of Big Tech executives, thus stifling their censorship efforts, he will have won a victory not just for conservatives, but for democracy and the American way. Such a triumph would not be soon forgotten.

2024 is, of course, a long way off. Many Republicans are already on the radar of conservatives as they assess who would make the best standard bearer for the party and the movement in the next presidential election.

Be that as it may, a popular governor of a major state, with a diverse population and a thriving economy, who also took on and vanquished Big Tech, would be in an extremely favorable position to lead the GOP, and the nation.

Perhaps, for that very reason, Ron DeSantis will be next on the chopping block for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Google, et al. After all, silencing him might be their only hope of avoiding accountability for the digital reign of terror that they have unleashed.

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WAYNE HIGBY BOOK

## 'Materiality' rated one of 'best new ceramic art books'

ALFRED—International BookAuthority, the online curator of best books for every occasion and subject, has rated Alfred University Professor Wayne Higby's *Materiality: The Miller Ceramic Art Collection* as number one out of the five "best new ceramic art books to read in 2021."

Materiality focuses on the ceramic art collection of Alfred University graduate and Trustee Marlin Miller '54, who began collecting ceramic art following his graduation from the University. Since Miller's earliest acquisitions, the Miller collection has grown to include some of the most renowned names in ceramic art, including many affiliated with Alfred University: Higby himself; John Gill; Andrea Gill; Robert Turner; Anne Currier; Val Cushing. Miller's collection also contains work by celebrated Japanese and Chinese ceramic artists.

A portion of the collection was shown in 2019 at the Alfred Ceramic Art Museum, in the exhibition *Materiality: Masterworks from the Miller Ceramic Art Collection*.

According to BookAuthority, *Materiality: The Miller Ceramic Art Collection* "is a comprehensive presentation of one of

the world's most distinguished private collections of contemporary studio ceramics, and an observation on the correlation between ceramics and architecture."

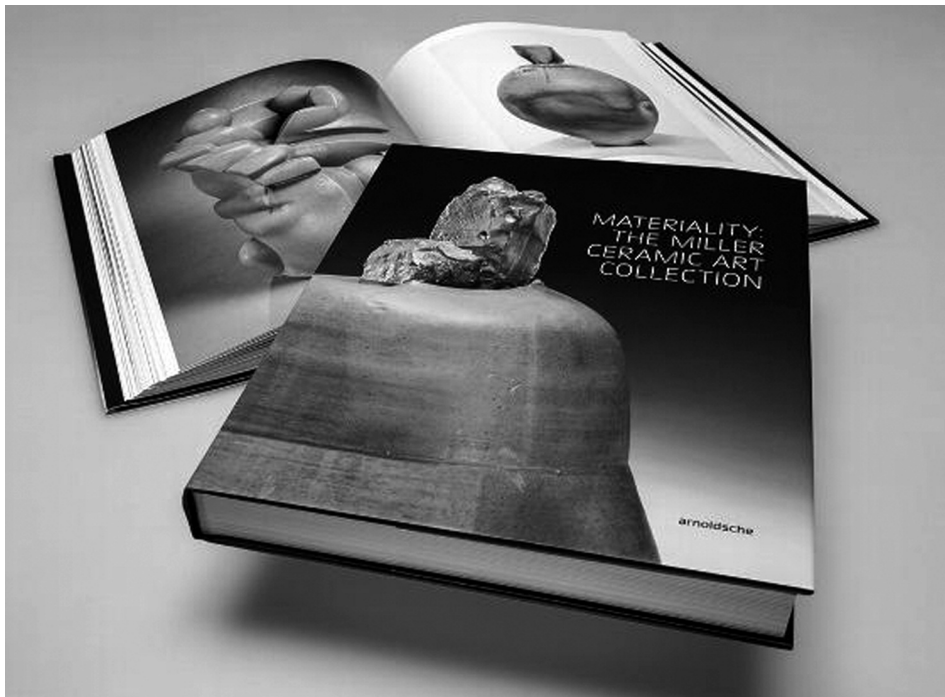
The book includes contributions from Higby, who serves also as director and chief curator at ACAM; Alfred University Art History Professor Meghan Jones; Sequoia Miller chief curator at the Gardner Museum, Toronto, who delivered the 2019 Perkins Lecture at Alfred University; and architect Michael McKinnell, who designed Alfred University's Miller Performing Arts Center, the Miller Theater, and the Alfred Ceramic Art Museum. The photography is by Brian Oglesbee.

Additionally, International BookAuthority lists the book *Infinite Place: The Ceramic Art of Wayne Higby* as number ten on its list of the 43 all-time best books on ceramic art. *Infinite Place* documents Higby's retrospective shown at the Smithsonian American Art Museum, BookAuthority's roundup of notable books has been covered by major media including CNN, Forbes, and the online magazine Inc.

In support of the Alfred Ceramic Art

Museum, *Materiality: The Miller Ceramic Art Collection* is available for \$65 with free shipping and a one-year Museum membership by contacting the Al-

fred Ceramic Art Museum at Alfred University by email at [ceramicsmuseum@alfred.edu](mailto:ceramicsmuseum@alfred.edu) or by phone at 607.871.2421.



Cover of "Materiality: The Miller Ceramic Art Collection."

## Electronic Arts Institute receives state grant funds

ALFRED—The Alfred University School of Art and Design Institute for Electronic Arts (IEA) has received a second year of grant funding from the New York State Council on the Arts to support the IEA Artists in Residency program.

The \$17,580 in grant funding, for 2021, follows the IEA receiving an identical amount in 2020. The grant will allow the University to bring as many as nine artists to campus for one- or two-week residencies. The Artists in Residency program is designed to assist electronic media artists working in emerging new media tech-

nologies and discourses. The residencies—in studio settings where artists can carry out focused explorations of new ideas and techniques—support artists in their working strategies and assist them with their research.

"We are happy to see that New York State is supporting the arts during this time of many uncertainties," said Joseph Scheer, professor of print media at Alfred University and director of the Institute for Electronic Arts. "This grant will allow artists to do research that will potentially advance their skills and careers."

The IEA serves new and evolving communities of artists who are committed to expanding new media production and cultural literacy. The goal of the IEA Artist in Residency program is to provide artists with state of the art media arts facilities, technical support and expertise in an environment conducive to experimentation and creative production.

Established in Alfred in 1997, the Artist in Residency program has provided over 200 residency artists the opportunity for concentrated new media research and exploration, expanding contemporary and

emerging ideas and methods.

The IEA recently acquired a 4K video editing suite to complement its large array of contemporary and historical video and sound processing equipment available to resident artists that may be otherwise inaccessible due to rarity of the equipment or expense barriers. The completed works of the IEA artists are available to the public through numerous ongoing new media exhibitions and performances, locally in Alfred and in state, national, and international venues.

## The Still Point

THE STILL POINT

In his poem "New Hampshire" (1923), Robert Frost broods on the meaning of a place name. Listing the names of small towns in that state, he pauses at the name *Still Corners*, remarking that the town is "so called not because / The place is silent all day long, nor yet / Because it boasts a whisky still—because / It set out once to be a city and still / Is only corners, cross-roads in a wood." Whether Frost is pulling the reader's leg, as he was known to do, or is making a serious point about stunted growth, his riff call attention to the suggestive ambiguity in the name he's elected to contemplate.

A kindred ambiguity surrounds the phrase "the still point," which Frost's contemporary T.S. Eliot brought into prominence in his poem "Burnt Norton" (1936). In that expansive meditation on "time present and time



### One Time, One Meeting

By BEN HOWARD

past," Eliot alludes to "the still point of the turning world," a coinage that has since found its way into the mainstream of American discourse. At least three wellness centers are known as The Still Point, and the novelist Amy Sackville chose the phrase as the title of her debut novel, identifying the "still point" with the North Pole. More pertinently for Zen practitioners, John Daido Looi (1931-2009), founder and abbot of the Zen Mountain Monastery, invoked the phrase for his book *Finding the Still Point*, a basic manual on Zen meditation. For Looi, finding that point was an essential component of Zen practice, if not its central aim.

Broadly speaking, the "still point" might be defined as the state of mind we experience when we have stopped rushing into the future: when we have come to rest in the present moment. Looi notes that "every other creature on the face of the earth seems to know how to be quiet and still. A butterfly on a leaf; a cat in front of a fireplace; even a hummingbird comes to rest sometimes." By contrast, "humans are constantly on the go. We seem to have lost the ability to be quiet, to simply be present in the stillness that is the foundation of our lives." The practice of Zen meditation is, among other things, an eminently practical way of recovering that ability.

Yet, as Eliot observed, and as Looi clearly implies, the still point is more than a stopping point from which to observe the "turning world." It is also the "foundation of our lives." From the still point, Looi writes, comes "all the activity of your life." More lyrically, Eliot reminds us that "at the still point, there the dance is . . . Except for the point, the still point, / There would be no dance, and there is only the dance." Those who practice

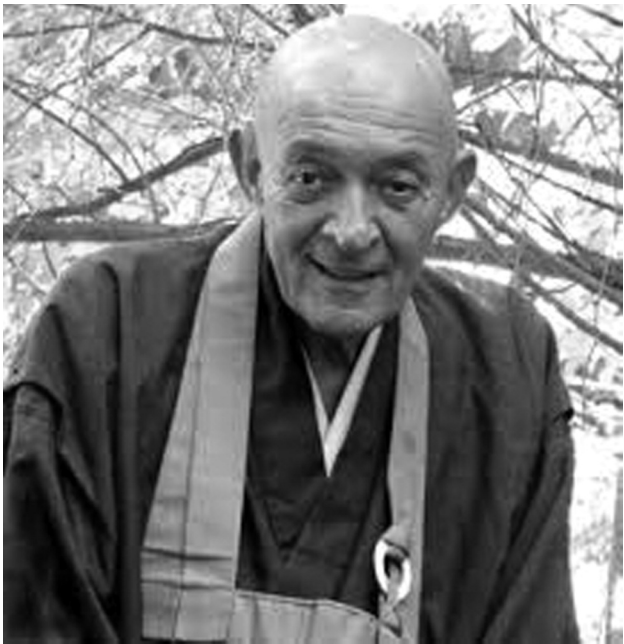
yoga, tai chi and other meditative arts endeavor, as a common motto has it, to "find stillness in movement, and movement in stillness." For if the still point is the antithesis of movement, it is also its core: the axis upon which the "turning world" revolves.

"The *zendo* is a place of stillness and silence!" barked the *jikijitsu* (head monk) at Dai Bosatsu Zendo, the Rin-zai Zen monastery where I was undergoing Zen training. It was 5:00 in the morning. A group of us were sitting in our robes, practicing *zazen* (seated meditation) in the darkened *zendo*. One of us (it wasn't I) had rustled his robe and loudly cleared his throat, and the noise had echoed throughout the hall. In keeping with his role as disciplinarian, the *jikijitsu* uttered his stern reminder.

By so doing, he called attention to another dimension of the still point, namely the complete cessation of sound. The still point is not only a place of rest; it is also a place of silence, external and internal. When we have established ourselves in that place, our interior chatter may diminish or disappear altogether. But even if that inner noise remains, we experience it against a background of prevailing silence. Just as stillness is the core of movement, so is silence the foundation of sound. And, having grounded ourselves in that foundation, we can learn to observe and eventually to release ourselves from our inner monologues, our fixed ideas and our most corrosive notions.

For Daido Looi, the still point had a physical location: the region just below the navel, known in Zen as the *hara*. But whether or not we concentrate on the *hara* during meditation, as Looi recommends, the most auspicious conditions for "finding the still point" are those created and sustained by a daily meditative practice. The *zendo* is indeed a place of stillness and silence, but the still point can be found wherever one practices, be it a *zendo*, one's bedroom, or a busy airport. As Looi notes, "the still point is not something unusual or esoteric." But it is "a very important part of being alive."

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John Daido Looi



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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

**Angelica Ink Letterpress** Located at 20 Allegany Avenue, Angelica, NY. 585.466.7040

**Angelica Sweet Shop** 44 W. Main in Angelica's Park Circle National Historic District. Open daily 8 am-5 pm For more info: 585-466-7070 or [www.angelicasweetshop.com](http://www.angelicasweetshop.com).

**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 information .....call 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://alfredartwalk.org). To add your event to Alfred Art Walk email: [submit.alfredartwalk@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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. Info 607-937-5386.

**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/>

ALFRED UNIVERSITY

Confucius Institute to sponsor monthly zoom concerts

ALFRED-With winter and COVID restrictions keeping people at home, the Confucius Institute at Alfred University (CIAU) would like to invite all to experience a musical journey half-way around the globe, just in time for Chinese New Year.

Here is an opportunity to expand cultural horizons by virtually "stepping backstage" to chat

with world-class musicians sharing their deep love of music, their diverse instruments, and their amazing life stories.

To better serve Alfred University and the surrounding communities with a variety of cultural exchange programs, CIAU is starting this new monthly Zoom concert/forum series featuring Chinese and

Western musicians together. Each program will feature an hour of music performance and discussion between the guest musicians, hosted by Daisy Wu (Chinese guzheng artist and CIAU Director) and then half an hour for audience questions and comments.

For the first concert, scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb.

18, the guest musicians will be an internationally-famous musical couple, Gao Hong and her husband, Paul Dice. Gao has delighted audiences with her pear-shaped pipa, or "Chinese lute", since she was 12 years old. She is the Gold Medal Winner of the 2020 Global Music Awards, Grammy Voting Member and Director of the Chinese Music Ensemble of Carleton College in Northfield, MN.

Paul is an award-winning composer of music inspired by nature for instruments from many nations and President of International Friendship Through the Performing Arts.

The Zoom ID and passcode: Meeting ID: 942 3247 7312 Passcode: CIAU

This event is organized by CIAU and co-sponsored by the Almond 20th Century Club Library, the Cuba Circulating Library, the Hornell Public Library, the David A. Howe Library in Wellsville, and the Wimodaughian Library of Canisteo.

If you have questions or your organization would like to assist in promoting this series, please contact Daisy Wu at [wuz@alfred.edu](mailto:wuz@alfred.edu) or CIAU Assistant Director Susan Steere 607-382-4140 for further details.

WZKZ 101.9 "THE RIDE"

Family Life Network buying country station

BATH-In the near future, there will likely be one less country music radio station in Allegany County. Multiple media reports provided to Wellsville Regional News say that WZKZ/KZ-102 "The Ride," is being sold to Family Life Network, the regional Christian broadcaster.

According to media reporter Scott Fybush, "in Alfred (Wellsville), Sound's WZKZ (101.9) will go to Family Life under new calls WCOQ - and in Olean, WUDE will change city of license again. After Colonial moved it into Olean as a Portville-licensed signal, FLN will take over the 96.7 facility, moving it over the state line to Bradford, Pennsylvania as WCOR.

Family Life's radio network airs contemporary Christian music, Biblical teaching, kids programs, and news from a Biblical worldview on nearly 70 radio outlets in New York and Pennsylvania.

Family Life also can be heard online, and knowing listeners appreciate musical variety, has customized several other online music streams - Rock, Urban, Light Jazz, Southern Gospel, Instrumental and more - all within the Christian genre.



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Nutrition in a Nutshell

By MARIA BOYUK  
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Supporting the Foundations: Digestion

Two thousand years ago, this famous Greek physician, Hippocrates, our "father of medicine," made this statement, "All disease begins in the gut." The evidence of its profoundness has only grown. This is because every cell that makes up every tissue, that makes up every organ, depends on the body's digestive system to provide the nutrients it needs to function. Even when an individual eats a nutrient-rich diet, if his digestive system has been compromised, he will not be able to utilize those nutrients. Therefore, the other systems of the body which depend upon those nutrients will lend toward disease.

Therefore, I start our discussion on the "Foundations of Health" with Digestion. I want to give you a "big picture" principle of how digestion works, and then equip you with 2 action steps you can take to improve your digestion.

Digestion is a process which takes place north to south. Digestion starts in the brain with the sight and smell of food, releasing salivary enzymes in the mouth. The process continues south through the esophagus, into the stomach, small intestine, and large intestine. Accessory organs like the liver, gallbladder, and pancreas play important roles. If dysfunction occurs in a northern organ, such as the brain (pituitary) or mouth, it can impair the function of southern organs.

Out of this complex cascade, here are the 2 functions (with respective action steps) I want to highlight:

1) Digestion occurs in a relaxed state (parasympathetic). If you are stressed, the organs of digestion have a difficult time signaling each other when to participate.

2) The stomach needs to be very acidic (1.5-3.0 pH) to sanitize and break down food, preparing it

for entry into the small intestine. Stress and processed foods, particularly processed carbohydrates (refined flours, sugar, etc.) reduce our body's ability to produce sufficient stomach acid. Thus, proteins putrefy, carbohydrates ferment, and fats become rancid in our gut. AND, ill-governed bacteria and parasites thrive and disrupt the balance of healthy microbes.

Therefore, your two action-steps revolve around reducing stress. First, even if you can't change external stress bombarding you, for the sake of your digestion, slow down and relax when you eat! By taking several deep breaths before a meal, you transition your body from a sympathetic (stressed) state to a parasympathetic state.

Also, being thankful does the same thing chemically. (We don't have to fake our way to happiness, but rather choose to focus on genuine blessings in our life. If there are ongoing emotional stressors, getting to the root of those are also necessary for health.) Second, reduce/eliminate dietary stress. When we eat processed foods, stripped of nutrients and needed enzymes, and replace them with chemicals and preservatives, we directly assault our stomach's vital role of acid production.

May these steps not only improve your digestion, but increase your enjoyment of the foods with which you nourish your body!

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## Lectures/Readings

**AU Environmental Studies Speakers Series.** Talks are 12:20 to 1:10 Fridays during the fall semester.

**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 2021.

**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](http://www.bakersbridge.org). For more information, contact President Jim Ninos, 607-587-9018, [jninos@gmail.com](mailto:jninos@gmail.com). For a tour of the building contact Collections Manager, Alexandra Hoffman, (607-382-9404, [ahoffman4@gmail.com](mailto: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 spring 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](mailto:saxtonmj@alfred.edu). The schedule: Feb. 4-Cecilia Beach, "A

Yogini in Rwanda." Feb. 18-Alex Sich, "Chernobyl Unknown Unknowns: What Neither the Soviets nor the IAEA Wanted Anyone to Know." March 4-Jean Ellefson, "In Quest of Inclusive Course Engagement." March 18-Levi Bridges, "La Vida Es Un Carnaval: Travels with America's New Low-Wage Workforce." April 1-John D'Angelo, "Ethical Science." April 15-Phi Beta Kappa Wit and Wisdom winner. April 29-Niki Tulk, "How Improvisation Can Save the World."

**Nunda Historical Society.** Questions: see [www.nundahistory.org](http://www.nundahistory.org) or call 585-476-2354 or 585-465-0971.



## Films

**GRAND THEATRE** 585-593-6899, Main Street, Wellsville. [grandtheatrewellsville.com](http://grandtheatrewellsville.com)

**SPOTLIGHT THEATER.** 191 Main Street, Hornell. [www.thspotlighttheaters.com](http://www.thspotlighttheaters.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 hand outs 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.str8-eight.com)



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## 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.facebook.com/KnightsCreekChurch), or Casey Jones at [bps461@msn.com](mailto: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](mailto:alfredsun.news@gmail.com) no later than 5 p.m. Friday. Event listings should be sent two weeks prior to ensure sufficient notice.

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### Meals on Wheels Menu

**Monday, Feb. 15**  
President's Day Holiday  
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or  
Home Delivered Meals

**Tuesday, Feb. 16**  
Pears  
Breaded Chicken Filet  
Mashed Red Potatoes  
Garlic Cauliflower  
Whole Grain Roll  
Banana Filing

**Wednesday, Feb. 17**  
Spinach Mandarin Salad  
Beef on Keiser Roll  
Horseradish  
Oven Browns  
Succotash  
Chocolate Chip Cookie

**Thursday, Feb. 18**  
Pineapple Orange Salad  
Sweet & Sour Pork  
Brown Rice  
Carrots  
Bran Quick Bread  
Chilled Peaches

**Friday, Feb. 19**  
Apple Slices  
Ham & Broccoli Frittata  
Yellow Beans  
Banana Bread  
Pineapple Upside Down Cake

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



## Locally Made

The DIY Farmer's Wife Approach

By KRISTINA SNYDER

Alfred Sun Columnist

## DIY Baked Beef Enchiladas

I love using a nice size roast for multiple meals. Roasts are one of the most economical cuts of meat. A roast goes a long way and is versatile with leftovers! One of my favorite dishes to make is baked enchiladas. So delicious these go down easy and the cheesy goodness is a crowd pleaser!

### What You Need:

- \*1# leftover beef pot roast
- \*Gluten Free tortillas
- \*1 jar salsa
- \*2T taco seasoning
- \*2 cups shredded cheese
- \*lime and cilantro (optional)

Preheat the oven to 375° F. In a skillet warm up leftover roast and toss with taco seasoning, 2T salsa and a splash of lime juice. Fill tortillas with 3T of roast and a sprinkling of cheese. Then roll tortillas and line up side by side in a greased casserole dish. Pour jar of salsa over top and top with remaining cheese. Bake for 20 mins and then serve with a splash of lime juice and cilantro.

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



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### TIMES FOR WEEKEND OF February 12 thru February 14

February 12-13-14  
**Judas and the  
Black Messiah (R)**  
Fri.-Sat. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00  
Sun. 3:00, 6:00

February 12-13-14  
**Music (PG-13)**  
Fri. 1:15, 4:15, 7:15  
Sat. 2:30, 5:00, 7:30  
Sun. 12:00, 5:30

February 12-13-14  
**The Little Things (R)**  
Fri. 12:00, 2:30  
Sat. 11:30, 7:15  
Sun. 11:30, 6:00



ALLEGANY COUNTY NEWS

# Great Lakes Cheese Co. Inc. plans to construct new plant

BELMONT—The Allegany County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) Tuesday held a public hearing on a proposal for the Great Lakes Cheese Co., Inc. to construct a processing plant near Interstate-86 Exit 30 in the Towns of Amity and Angelica.

The public hearing was held in connection with the Great Lakes Cheese Co., Inc. Project, and, due to COVID restrictions, was held electronically via conference call rather than in person.

Comments on the Project and the benefits to be granted to Great Lakes Cheese Co., Inc. a State of Ohio business company (the “Company”), were solicited during the hearing.

The Company submitted an application (the “Application”) to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the “Project”) for the benefit of the Company, said Project consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in a portion of several parcels of land totaling 210 acres located on Trianna Road (Tax map number 158.-1-31) and Old State Road (Tax map number 158.-1-2.1) in the Town of Amity and County Road 20 (Tax map number 145.-1-5.1) in the Town of Angelica, Allegany County, New York (collectively, the “Land”), (2) the construction on the Land of an approximately 486,000 square foot cheese manufacturing facility and an approximately 50,000 square foot waste water treatment facility, utility interconnections, site preparation, access roads and any other

required improvements (all said improvements being collectively referred to as the “Facility”) and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery, equipment and other personal property (the “Equipment”), all of the foregoing to constitute a cheese manufacturing facility to be owned and operated by the Company (the Land, Facility and the Equipment being collectively referred to as the “Project Facility”); (B) the granting of certain “financial assistance” (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the “Financial Assistance”); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency.

The Agency is considering whether (A) to undertake the Project, and (B) to provide certain exemptions from taxation with respect to the Project, including (1) exemption from mortgage recording taxes with respect to any documents, if any, recorded by the Agency with respect to the Project in the office of the County Clerk of Allegany County, New York or elsewhere, (2) exemption from deed transfer taxes on any real estate transfers, if any, with respect to the Project, (3) exemption from sales taxes relating to the acquisition, construction, renovation and installation of the Project

Facility, and (4) in the event that the Project Facility would be subject to real property taxation if owned by the Company but shall be deemed exempt from real property taxation due to the involvement of the Agency therewith, exemption from real property taxes (but not including

special assessments and special ad valorem levies), if any, with respect to the Project Facility, subject to the obligation of the Company to make payments in lieu of taxes with respect to the Project Facility. Additional information can be obtained from, and written comments may be

addressed to: Dr. Craig Clark, Executive Director, Allegany County Industrial Development Agency, Crossroads Commerce & Conference Center, 6087 State Route 19 N. - Suite 100, Belmont, New York 14813; Telephone: 585-268-7445.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS

## Regional blood drives scheduled this month

BUFFALO—In honor of Black History Month this February, the American Red Cross encourages eligible donors, and especially those who have recovered from COVID-19, to give blood to honor the legacies of African Americans like Dr. Charles Drew and Dr. Jerome Holland. Their passion for helping improve the lives of patients in need of lifesaving blood products is carried on through dedicated blood donors, blood drive sponsors, volunteers and Red Cross employees.

Drew, an African American surgeon, was the medical director of the first Red Cross blood bank in 1941. Drew’s research about the storage and shipment of blood plasma proved that blood could be stored for transfusions. Many of the processes he developed are still in use today.

Blood donation appointments can be made by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device. As a thank-you for helping ensure a stable blood supply, those who come to give this February will receive a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email, courtesy of Amazon.

Area blood drives are scheduled as follows:  
**Allegany County**

**Fillmore:** 2/26/2021: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Fillmore Volunteer Fire Department, 24 South Genesee Street  
**Wellsville:** 2/25/2021: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., American Legion Post 702, 23 Jefferson Street  
**Whitesville:** 2/19/2021: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Whitesville Fire Hall, 496 Main Street  
**Cattaraugus County**  
**Allegany:** 2/18/2021: 12 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., American Legion Post 892, 4350 Route 417 West  
**Gowanda:** 2/24/2021: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., American Legion Post 409, 100 Legion Drive  
**Olean :** 2/22/2021: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Jamestown Community College, 260 N Union St  
2/25/2021: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Bethany Lutheran Church, 6 Leo Moss Dr  
**Chautauqua County**  
**Jamestown:** 2/18/2021: 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., American Red Cross - Jamestown Chapter, 325 E 4th St  
2/19/2021: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Audubon Nature Center, 1600 Riverside Rd  
2/25/2021: 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., American Red Cross - Jamestown Chapter, 325 E 4th St  
**Mayville:** 2/18/2021: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Lakeside Park Community Center, 50 West Lake Rd  
**Portland:** 2/23/2021: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m., Portland Fire Department, 6481 W Main Rd

## COVID-19 case count 2,733, county death toll remains 54

BELMONT—In the United States, the COVID-19 virus has infected approximately 27 million people, and there have been over 463,000 deaths. According to the New York State Department of Health COVID-19 tracker, there have been 1,479,220 confirmed COVID-19 cases, and there have been 36,339 deaths statewide. As of 3:20 p.m. on Monday, February 8, Allegany County’s statistics are as follows:

**Confirmed Cases: 2,733 (5 new)**

**Recovered Cases: 2,572**

**COVID-19 Related Deaths: 54 (Depending on reporting times and agencies, this figure may vary between different reports.)**

**Total Quarantined/Isolated to Date: 10,064**

**Released from Quarantine/Isolation: 9,674**

**Currently Quarantined/Isolated: 390**

For the 2,728 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Allegany County, 1,499 were female and 1,229 were male from the following age categories:

|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 0 to 9 years 107 cases   | 10 to 19 years 312 cases |
| 20 to 29 years 470 cases | 30 to 39 years 295 cases |
| 40 to 49 years 326 cases | 50 to 59 years 400 cases |
| 60 to 69 years 347 cases | 70 to 79 years 234 cases |
| 80 to 89 years 165 cases | 90 to 99 years 72 cases  |

Effective February 3, the Allegany County Department of Health will begin reporting statistics via a County Dashboard at <https://arcg.is/0KGnyu>. While we will continue to send press releases with the daily statistics through February 10, we are transitioning to this means of reporting in an effort to provide the most accurate and up-to-date information in conjunction with the NYS-DOH statistics as some entities report directly to New York State and not to the County Health Department. You will notice that some statistics will migrate to the NYS reported numbers (to include deaths, tests administered, etc.) in an effort to mitigate discrepancies between data sets.

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

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](mailto:healthinfo@alleganyco.com); Website: [www.alleganyco.com](http://www.alleganyco.com)

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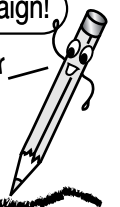


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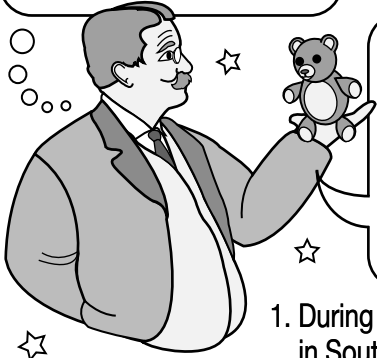
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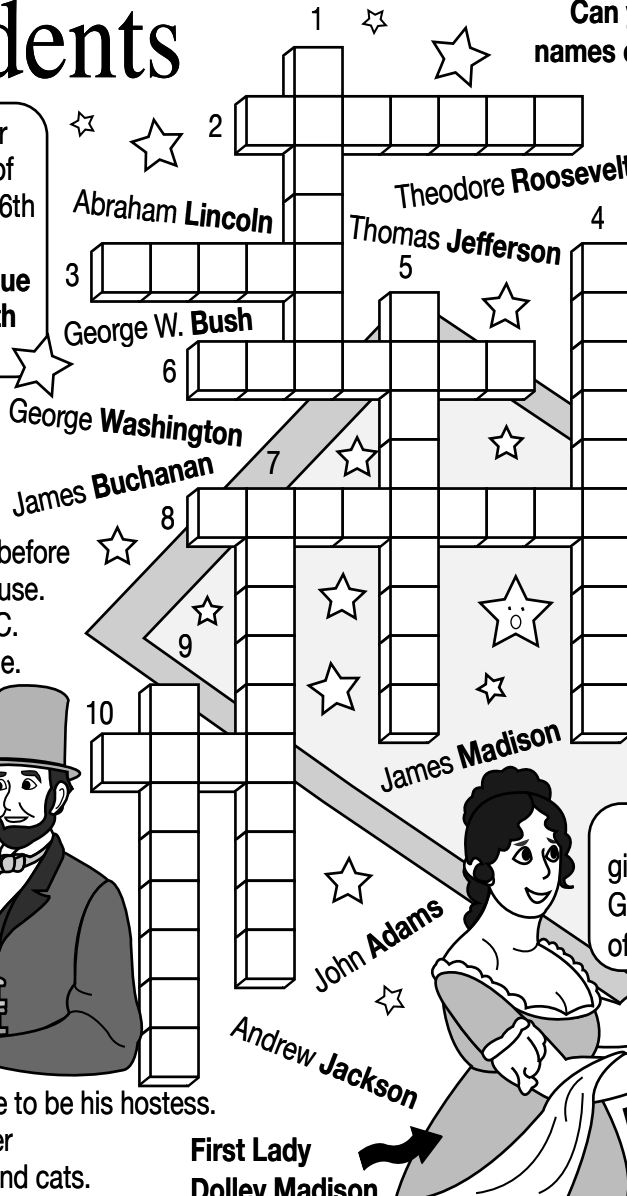
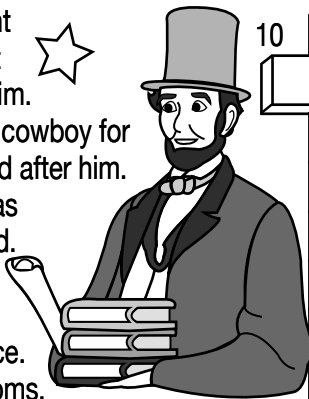
Well, it's certainly cuddlier than a real bear.



## U.S. Presidents

Who was the first president of our country? Why George Washington, of course! President Joe Biden is our 46th president. How much do you know about the presidents? **Read each clue below and fill in the crossword with the last names of each president:**

1. During the American Revolution, as a child in South Carolina, this president was taken prisoner by the British. He was wounded by a sabre (sword) cut from a British officer when he refused to clean the officer's boots.
2. This president's wife, Dolley, saved a portrait of George Washington before the British attacked the city of Washington and burned the White House.
3. While this man was president, the government made Washington D.C. its new home. He and his wife were the first to live in the White House.
4. As a young soldier in battle, our nation's first president escaped uninjured even though his uniform had bullet holes in it and two horses were shot out from under him.
5. This president loved the outdoors. He even lived as a cowboy for a while. The much-loved toy, the teddy bear, is named after him.
6. This lawyer was known as "Honest Abe." When he was president, he declared that the slaves were to be freed.
7. This 5-star Army general was first president to travel in a nuclear-powered submarine.
8. This president drafted the Declaration of Independence. He felt strongly about each person's rights and freedoms.
9. This president never married. He invited his niece to the White House to be his hostess.
10. This Governor of Texas became president eight years after his father left the presidency. He owns a ranch where there are cows, dogs and cats.



Can you fill in the blanks to spell the names of these 4 U.S. presidents?

1. \_ osep\_ \_ iden
2. \_ onald J. \_ rump
3. \_ arack \_ bama
4. \_ eorge W. \_ ush

During the War of 1812, the British marched on Washington, D.C.

They burned the White House, and other buildings. They were only there about one day.

Dolley Madison saved the giant portrait of our first president, George Washington, with the help of staff at the White House.

Fill in the blanks to spell the names of these U.S. First Ladies?

1. Dr. \_ ill \_ iden
2. \_ leanor \_ oosevelt

## Do *You* Ever Think about Running for President?

Presidents Day is a good time to think about the leaders of our country. Do you ever wonder about the jobs they did before they held the office of the presidency of the United States?

Well, they were soldiers, lawyers, teachers, farmers and writers. Some went to private or public colleges and some were self-taught!

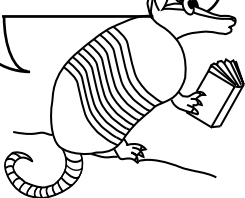
Does this sound like any of the people you know? Do you think that they could become President of the United States if they wanted to seek this important office? Or...maybe it is **your** dream?



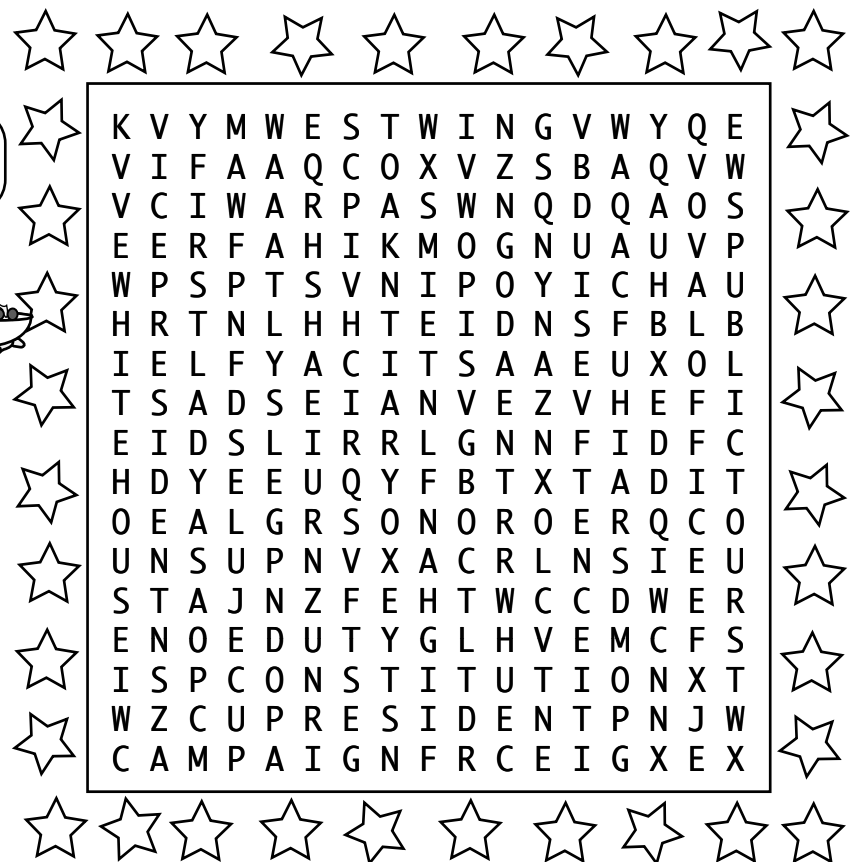
**Find and circle the words below connected to the Presidential Office:**

- |                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| President        | Constitution     |
| Vice President   | elections        |
| First Lady       | Inauguration Day |
| White House      | oath             |
| West Wing        | serve            |
| Oval Office      | lead             |
| Pennsylvania Ave | duty             |
| Marine Sentries  | campaign         |
| Washington D.C.  | Air Force One    |
| public tours     | Camp David       |

I like reading about the kinds of things the presidents did when they were kids.



Check out your library for cool books about the presidents.

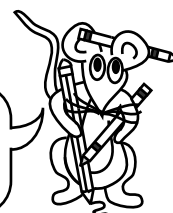


## What Do *You* Need to Run for the Office of U. S. President?

According to the U.S. Constitution, to run you **need** to:

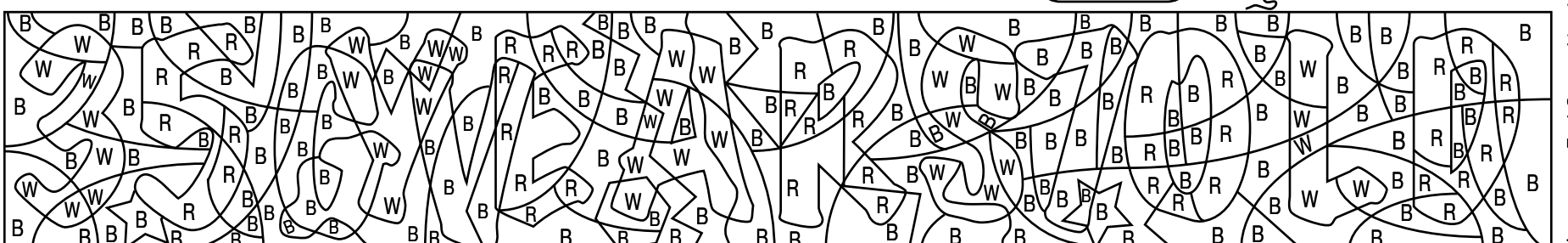
1. be a "natural born Citizen"
2. have lived here at least 14 years
3. be at least...

...and a staff and lots of money help!



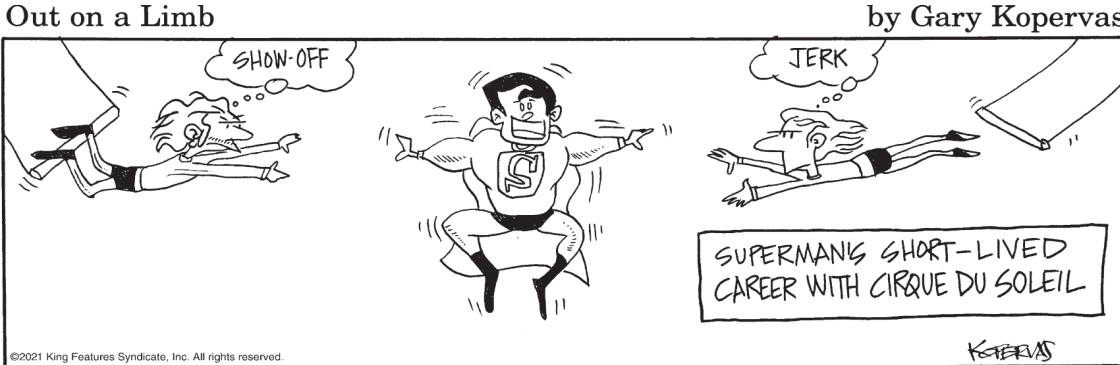
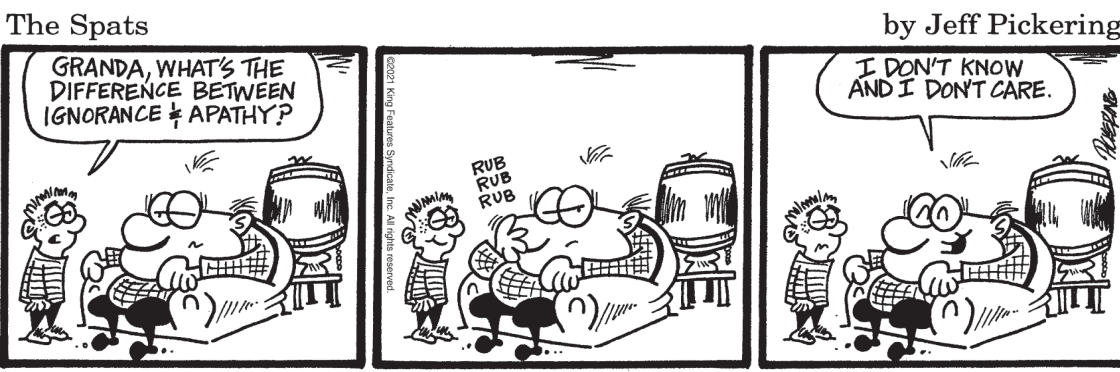
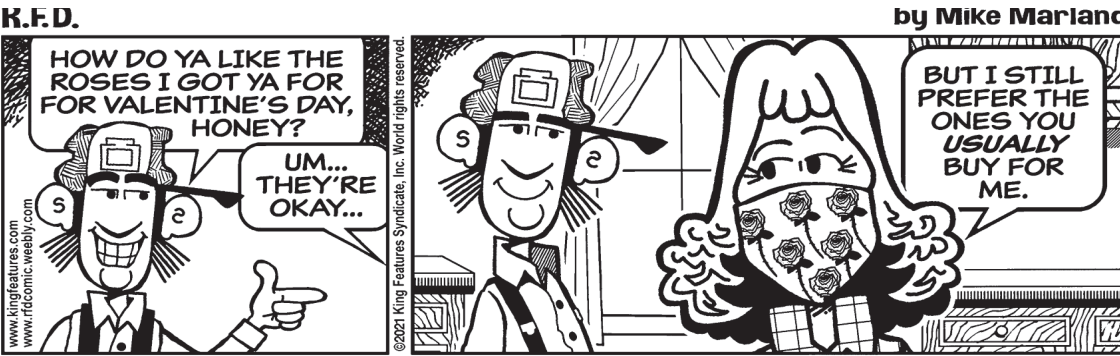
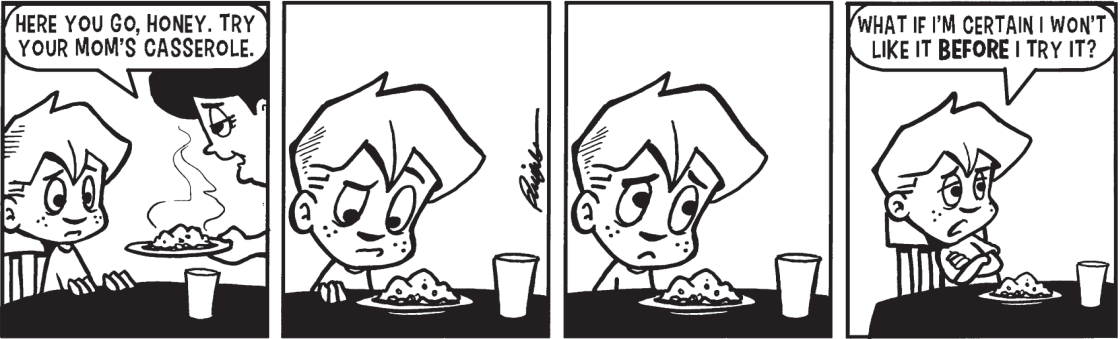
Use this color key to see the answer:

- R = Red  
W = White  
B = Blue





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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Swish  
**LAGGER**

Trajectory  
**COVERT**

Scoundrel  
**VINILLA**

Tarsus  
**KLEAN**

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**ACROSS**

1 To boot  
5 Tummy muscles  
8 Writer Rice  
12 Appeared suddenly  
14 Earth  
15 Regatta  
16 Pout  
17 "— a Camera"  
18 Decisive moments  
20 A Musketeer  
23 Prejudice  
24 Reddish horse  
25 Lake activity  
28 CCV x X  
29 Pre-diploma hurdles  
30 Dig in  
32 Straw hats  
34 Carton sealer  
35 School orgs.  
36 Used a sponge  
37 Stir-fry veggie  
40 Crony  
41 Slanted type (Abbr.)  
42 Yacht lover's event  
47 French 101 verb  
48 Veteran  
49 Easy targets  
50 Ballot marks

**DOWN**

1 NYPD alert  
2 Brit's restroom  
3 Hotel amenity  
4 Choice  
5 Leading man?  
6 Tampa Bay NFLer  
7 Dishes not on the regular menu  
8 Home of St. Francis  
9 Entre —

10 Egyptian river  
11 BPOE members  
13 Historic times  
19 "Phooey!"  
20 Branch  
21 Pyramid, maybe  
22 Saintry ring  
23 Wild pigs  
25 Challah holder  
26 Tide variety  
27 Be slack-jawed  
29 "Beetle Bailey" dog  
31 Danson of

"Cheers"  
33 Granny Smiths  
34 Mild cheese  
36 Bulb measure  
37 Slapstick arsenal  
38 Jazzy James  
39 Seniors' org.  
40 Cushions  
43 Flamenco cheer  
44 Med. plan option  
45 Not 'neath  
46 Like some humor

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW  
One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

NXD SUNX NT KF JVEDO  
SHISTMD VM RUVO PVNX VITQ  
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## GARDENING

## Scio, Belfast schools receive Farm to School grant funds

BELMONT—Teachers in New York were asked to submit their innovative teaching ideas the week of January 11 for an opportunity to win State Farm® Teacher Assist grants. Two hundred submissions were accepted and reviewed. In the end, State Farm recognized and awarded 40 New York teachers with a \$2,500 grant to implement or support their classroom projects.

Two of these projects in Allegany County were awarded funding. Teachers Kyle Canfield, High School Science Teacher at Scio CSD, and Josh Hazelton, Science and Technology Teacher at Belfast CSD, will use their awards to promote Farm to School programs in their respective districts.

"As a company, we have a long history of working with teachers, educators, and students across the country. We are heartened by the immense response received from teachers sharing their solutions to overcoming challenges," said Annette Mar-

tinez, State Farm Senior Vice President. "Congratulations to the winners. We are proud to support you and help you reach your goals!"

At Scio, this grant will allow the purchase of the initial start-up equipment required for Canfield's ninth grade Living Science students to take care of honeybees safely at school leading to the successful harvest of honey. Teaching about bees allows students to further understand that pollinator insects are vital for plants to produce food, and therefore are essential components to our food system. "I believe that the future of education can incorporate technology into outdoor settings to further inspire our students to appreciate the natural world" says Canfield.

At Belfast, this funding will purchase two vertical hydroponic growing systems. For over thirteen years, Hazelton has been teaching an upper-level course called Hydroponics and Aquaponics in which students

design and maintain several tech-heavy agricultural projects. These new hydroponic systems will be used in his eighth-grade technology class and help demonstrate the breadth of the subject. Having hydroponics available to the eighth grade may spark an interest in younger students and inspire them to keep technology in-mind when

deciding their future careers.

These grants were written with support from Cornell Cooperative Extension's Farm to School Coordinator, Cassandra Bull. Bull works with stakeholders in each unique district in whatever way they need to help build the capacity of Allegany County's Farm to School programs. Her work connects NY

agribusinesses to school cafeterias, assists teachers to develop garden-based curricula, and helps find funding that these programs need to thrive.

For more information or to be involved, please contact Bull at CB775@cornell.edu. For more information about State Farm, please visit <http://www.state-farm.com>.

## 'Our Friends, Bacteria' via zoom

*Master Gardener Steven Jakobi offers presentation*

BELMONT—Cornell Cooperative Extension of Allegany County's Horticulture Program welcomes you to join us for a zoom presentation, "Our Friends, the Bacteria" led by Master Gardener, Steven Jakobi. The program will be held Thursday, February 11th, via Zoom, beginning at 4 p.m.


To many, bacteria is seen as an invader, something detrimental to our family's safety and health. Products claim to disinfect and clean, killing 99.9% of house bacteria, thus giving these microbes a bad reputation. This creates a common misnomer that bacteria are innately harmful.

Come join Steven as he uncovers the unseen world of bacteria—giving some insight to why bacteria is so important and how beneficial our friends the bacteria truly are.

Pre-registration is required and there is no fee for the program. Please contact Jeremy Baier, Allegany County Cooperative Extension at 585-268-7644 ext. 14, or by email [jtb273@cornell.edu](mailto:jtb273@cornell.edu) for details to attend. There will be an opportunity for questions after the presentation has finished.

This zoom presentation is one of many programs offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Allegany County (CCE-Allegany). The association is part of the national cooperative extension system, an educational partnership between County, State, and Federal governments. As New York's land grant university Cornell administers the system in this state.

For more information, call 525-268-7644 or visit our website at [www.cce.cornell.edu/allegany](http://www.cce.cornell.edu/allegany). Cornell University Cooperative Extension provides equal program and employment opportunities.



### Soil temperatures

Tree and shrub roots can be damaged or killed if the temperature of the soil around them dips to 10°F or lower. To help protect roots, look for deep ruts or cracks in the soil around the roots, and fill them in with additional soil, tamping down lightly. Watering well in autumn helps to prepare the soil to better protect the roots from dangerous conditions. Covering the root zone **only** (not against the trunk) with 4-6 inches of organic mulch, as well as allowing snow to cover the mulch, will form a barrier that can help the soil retain optimal temperatures for root health. — Brenda Weaver

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### 17. Personals

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Jerry Snyder, Susan Meacham, Beth Mennelle, Roger McGraw, Lindsey Lawrence Blair, Lydia Mix, Michael Mennelle, Kevin Bradley Snyder, Levi Lawrence, Katelyn Lawrence, Saglun Rose Snyder, Ayden Thomas Burdick, Jacob David Squier, Kaylee Remchuck, Isiah Marcus Tutak, Joel McGraw, Andrew Grant Meacham, Cooper Grey Cline and Liam Radka. **Happy Anniversary** to Nathan & Ayaka! Love, Aunt Kay

### 21. Public Notices

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
MCMAHON Acres LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 12/07/2020. City: Allegany. SSNY design. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 772 Karr Valley Road, Almond, NY 14804. General Purpose.

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**NOTICE OF VILLAGE BUDGET WORKSHOP**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village Board of Trustees will hold a Budget Workshop on Tuesday February 16, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. Due to the covid-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held online only.

To register for the budget meeting, please send an email to [info@alfredny.org](mailto:info@alfredny.org) with the subject line "budget meeting registration". To allow the maximum window for registration, the deadline for registering is Monday February 15, 2021 at 10 p.m. You will receive a return email with a link to join. Dated: February 8, 2021  
CAROLYN HASPER  
Village Clerk 6-1b

**State of Emergency Declaration**  
**ALLEGANY COUNTY DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**  
A State of Emergency is hereby declared in Allegany County, effective 10:00 p.m. on February 7, 2021.

This local State of Emergency is being declared as a continuation of our March 14, April 13, May 13, June 12, July 12, August 11, September 10, October 10, November 9, December 9, 2020, and January 8, 2021, declarations due to

the ongoing public health impacts of the Coronavirus-19 (COVID-19).

Allegany County currently has had numerous cases of COVID-19 to date, and the threat of this virus is imminent to the citizens and visitors of Allegany County. It is necessary that Allegany County continue to be proactive and fully prepared to deal with its effects.

As the Chief Executive of Allegany County, I, Curtis W. Crandall, Chairman of the Board, exercise the authority given me under Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law, to preserve the public health and public safety and hereby render all required and available assistance vital to the security, well-being, and health and safety of the citizens of Allegany County.

I hereby direct all departments and agencies of Allegany County to take whatever steps necessary to protect life, health, property, public infrastructure, and provide such emergency assistance deemed necessary.

Local emergency orders may be enacted subsequent to this declaration. This State of Emergency will remain in effect for thirty days or until rescinded or renewed by a subsequent order.  
Dated: February 7, 2021

Curtis W. Crandall, Chairman  
Allegany County Board of Legislators  
Witnessed by:

Carissa M. Knapp  
Allegany County Administrator  
6-1b

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
NOTICE is hereby given that a virtual public hearing will be held by the Allegany County Board of Legislators concerning a proposed grant application developed in partnership with the Allegany County Land Bank under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Planning/Capacity Building Grant, seeking a \$47,000 grant to implement a county-wide map-based property survey application to create an accurate and up-to-date county-wide database to track vacant and abandoned housing, rental properties, and bank foreclosure properties that will be instrumental in leveraging funding to achieve housing stability goals and community improvement outcomes. The virtual public hearing shall be held via Zoom, on Monday, February 22, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

Any interested parties that would like to make a statement regarding this matter must pre-register by 10:00 a.m. on the 22nd of February to access the virtual public hearing by contacting Keith Hooker, Director of Information Technology at (585)268-9802 or [HookerKM@alleganyco.com](mailto:HookerKM@alleganyco.com). Those wishing to listen only, please join the live feed on Facebook from the Allegany County, NY, Facebook page. Dated: February 9, 2021

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# The Alfred Sun 75, 55, 35, 25, and 10 Years Ago

Compiled By DAVID L. SNYDER

*Alfred Sun Editor and Publisher*

## 75 Years Ago, February 14, 1946

**Mrs. Charles Wheaton**, chairman of the National Infantile Paralysis Fund of Alfred Station, will hold Open House and tea at her home Feb. 25, Tuesday, from 2-5. Everyone is invited.

**Edward Crandall** and son Richard from Canisteo spent Sunday afternoon at the home of C.M. Crandall of Independence.

**Mrs. William Harding** of Almond announced the engagement of her daughter, Margaret Willy to Wendell Taft, son of Mrs. Ross Champlin. Miss Willy is a graduate of Alfred-Almond Central School. Mr. Taft is in the Navy. The wedding will take place Feb. 24 at the home of the bride. A variety shower will be given in the couple's honor on Feb. 20...

**Mrs. Victor Cornelius** has returned from the week-end in New York City.

**DeRuyter**—A call to consider becoming the pastor of the First Hopkinton Church, Ashaway, R.I. has been received by Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson.

**A son, Timothy David** was born Feb. 13, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack B. Moore in Bethesda Hospital.

**Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bond** of Little Genesee are parents of a son, born at the Olean General Hospital. He was named Philip Skaggs.

**Stanley Stillman** of Rochester spent the weekend with his sister, Miss Mary Lee Stillman.

## 55 Years Ago, February 3, 1966

**The severe storm** which blanketed the entire eastern half of the country last week, showed no partiality, hitting Alfred with one of the biggest stores in memory. It was more severe than some storms which have greater snowfall due to high winds which produced blizzard conditions. Alfred-Almond Central School along with other Allegany and Steuben County schools were closed Monday and Tuesday. Dr. Paul Saunders has looked over his long term weather reporting and furnished us with the fact that may be of interest—Albany weather service now reports that they no longer refer to the Blizzard of 1888 but the Blizzard of '66. Wesley Parish, present Co-operative Recorder, reports that the total snowfall for the winter is 40 inches.

**Sometime between 1 a.m.** and the time the store (Crandall's Jewelry) opened Monday morning, E.W. Crandall & Son jewelry store on North Main was burglarized. Initial investigation of goods stolen was over \$1,300 worth of merchandise was taken... Burglars gained entrance to the store by completely removing the rear door. Apparently the recent remodeling of the store and regulations that the doors must swing out, improper hinges were used... Apparently burglars used the severe weather conditions to work to their advantage.

**Mr. and Mrs. William Harrison** and their Florida passengers, Mrs. Nelson J. Norwood and Mrs. A.J.C. Bond who left Alfred about 8 a.m. Sunday, were involved in a four-car mishap at Duncannon, PA that day. Although there were no serious injuries to the car passengers, the car was severely damaged and the travelers are now awaiting another car to continue their journey.

**Mrs. Alta Gardner Keller** of Alfred Station died Jan. 27, 1966 at the Harris Nursing Home in Hornell where she has been a patient two years. Mrs. Keller was born in Five Corners near Alfred on Aug. 31, 1876, the daughter of Michael and Betsy Cornelius Gardner. Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. John R. Hickman of Kent, Ohio, and a sister, Mrs. Addie Monroe of Cuba...

## 35 Years Ago, February 17, 1986

**One of the first piglets** born of Alfred State College's \$100,000 swine production facilities is named after Mr. Donald Middleton, physical plant director... Alfred's pigs lead secluded lives, never leaving the homestead until market day.

**The Alfred Village Board** Feb. 4 authorized \$13,500 for the project development part-time position to help implement the Village Downtown Plan...

**Ruth Weaver** and Cynthia Luger, both sophomores at Alfred-Almond Central School, have been chosen to sing in the Steuben-Allegany County Chorus.

**Diane Martin** suffered facial cuts and bruises in an accident Thursday, Feb. 10 at Short's Self Service, Rt. 244, Alfred Station when her brakes failed as she entered the gas station, she steered into a snow bank, hoping to

stop, instead her car went up and over the snow, landing in a gully...

**Tracy and Cynthia (Pierce)** More of Palm Bay, Florida are parents of a son, born Jan. 31, 1986. They have named him David. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pierce of Alfred Station.

**Henry M. Holmes, 88**, formerly of Alfred, died Jan. 13, 1986 at the Homestead Nursing Home in Willow Grove, PA. Henry Maxon Holmes was born in China of missionary parents, Rev. Thomas and Mrs. Lois Maxon Holmes on March 22, 1897. The family experienced the Boxer Rebellion in 1900 but escaped with their lives having been protected by the chief magistrate of the city of Kinhua. Mrs. Holmes traveled to the U.S. with her children, Ellen, Lois and Henry; Rev. Holmes remained on the mission field until a later date. Mrs. Holmes went back to China with the children and two more daughters, Marion and Lillian. The family settled in Alfred in 1908; Henry was graduated in the first high school class at the Alfred Academy and went to Alfred University. He is survived by three sisters: Dr. Ellen Holmes Sutton of Utica, Maybel Marion Holmes of Asheville, NC, and Lillian Jacobs of Christ's Home in Warminster, PA.

## 25 Years Ago, February 15, 1996

**Mayor William Hall** has issued a reminder to Alfred residents that they are obligated to put their shoulders to the shovels by a local law. After Village workers' hands have been put to the plow following a snowfall, residents become responsible for keeping sidewalks cleared...

**Having had no regular** meeting since November, the Baker's Bridge Historical Association is ready to pick up on some activity again. Meetings will resume on Monday, Feb. 19 and will be held at the home of Lyle and Thelma Palmiter at Alfred Station, Route 244. Thelma, a collector of pewter, will tell us of her hobby...

**Notes from Palmiter Hill** (By Rev. Albert N. Rogers) Six deer have been feeding on Palmiter's meadow this week. The hunters didn't get them all... Girls from the Toronto group that sang at Alfred University's Nevins Theater occupied our guest rooms the night after the concert. Their chorus is sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Toronto, the membership of which is largely Jamaican. Our churches have supported a mission in Jamaica for a generation or more and migrants find it easier to come to Canada than to the United States... The birds that enjoyed our feeders have left for a warmer clime but the squirrels are enjoying the feeders... Ruth Dennis, columnist in the Hornell Sunday Spectator, has some wise observations about New Year's resolutions. One that struck me is that those individuals who live alone deserve to be remembered, if only by a friend's call on the telephone... The snow comes and goes but the ice is still firm on Palmiter Pond... The New York State Electric and Gas Corporation offers good advice about keeping our homes warm and safe: have the chimney checked at least once a year and don't use your gas range to heat your house or apartment. Never store gasoline or paint thinner near gas appliances, and don't worry about frayed wires—do something about them and have them repaired or replaced!

**Sports Adrift** (By Doug Lorow) Took in the Division III men's basketball game pitting SUNYAC opponents Cortland and Brockport this past Saturday with Liverpool's Our Man Frank (lucky me!). Sat down with former Alfred University men's hoop coach and current Cortland mentor, Tom Spanbauer prior to the outing. The following exclusive interview took place....SA: This being your first year at Cortland... Was it tough leaving Alfred after five years there, four as an assistant? TS: A very difficult decision to make. The friendship I had made in the area. I liked the area, the working environment, the athletic department was moving forward in areas that I had become part of. Good things were going on. But the Cortland opportunity presented itself and that situation might not have presented itself down the road... SA: As a graduate of Cortland and now the head coach, is this your "dream job" come true? TS: I guess as a player the thought of returning to coach at your alma mater is always a dream or a goal, if coaching is in your mind down the road. Cortland has a quality physical education situation and I guess I would consider it a dream job that way! SA: What is down the road for Tom Spanbauer? TS: I am very involved with basketball and although the coaching profession is something I enjoy I

don't see myself doing it for 25 years. It is just too demanding. I have some personal things I'd like to do that will eventually force me to change gears. Some other goals in life. Eventually I'd like to get into the athletic administration end of things. [Editor's Note: Twenty-five years later, Tom Spanbauer remains head coach of men's basketball at Cortland State.]

**A21CG Around the Corner** (By Anne Acton) I am pleased to announce the following individuals have agreed to serve on the Community Committee for the Village Hall feasibility study: Doug Barber, Randy Belmont, Linda Burlingame, Zoe Coombs, Bill Hall, Karen Ninos, Terry Palmiter, Philip Prigmore, Becky Prophet and Anne Wenslow...

## 10 Years Ago, February 10, 2011

**Alfred-Almond Central School** students Lucas Bayus and Colby Curran (pictured above left) received the Alfred State College Distinguished Scholar All American Award which entitles them to free board. Alexis Holmok and Anthony Ordway (pictured above right) have both received an Educational Foundation Academic Distinction Scholarship from Alfred State. They are eligible for a \$1000 per year scholarship for up to 8 semesters of continuous full time attendance.

**The February meeting** of the Bakers Bridge Historical Association will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21. The topic will be "World War II on the Home Front; One Grade School Girl's Experience". Martha Mueller, who grew up in Joplin Missouri, was that girl. Matt will be giving examples of what patriotism meant to children and adults during World War II. Anyone interested in this topic and local history are invited to attend the evening program at the Meeting House at 5971 Hamilton Hill Road, Alfred Station.

**Scene About Alfred** (By Sherry Volk) While I was growing up on High Street, then South Main Street in Alfred, one of the comforting sounds often heard at night was the whistle of a train passing through Railroad Valley (Route 21), over the hill from the Alfred valley. It disappeared for many years, but has now returned. I can hear it now on a good night over two hills. Recently, we had two little girls (Erin Sanborn and Claire Volk) in the car as we drove Route 21 toward Andover. They giggled and exclaimed excitedly as we caught up with, then passed, a train. I felt I'd gone back sixty years, as I used to be as excited and delighted with trains back then as these two young ones are now.

**It's time for the Allegany County Picnic** on Friday, March 4 in Davenport, FL. The 55th annual picnic will be held at Polo Park East Recreation hall located on Rt. 27 west of Orlando...

**Frank Snyder and daughter** Susan Meacham enjoyed a week vacationing in Florida. En route south on Jan. 29, they visited Jordan Snyder and Lauren Eckhardt in Arlington, VA. In Avon Park, FL, they visited Ed and Sue Palmer, Jack and Marilyn Palmer, and Jim and Faith Palmer. In Lake Wales, FL, they lunched with Waneta Ormsby Allen, Allen and Art Ormsby.

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"By what authority?" replied the British officer.

"In the name of the great Jehovah and the Continental Congress!" thundered Allen. The latter surrendered instantly.

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Alfred Area Church Directory

ALFRED-ALMOND AREA

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**ALFRED-ALMOND BIBLE CHURCH**—Rt. 21, Almond. Pastor Ken Shutt. Pastor Justin Langley. Sunday Song Service 10 am, Sunday Worship 11 am. EPIC (for teens) 5:30 pm EPIC Kids-online (K - 6th grade) Evening Service 6 pm Sundays. Tuesday - Vintage (Young Adults/College Students) 7:00 pm. Wednesday - 6:30 pm - Bible Study. Phone 607-276-6700. [www.aabile.org](http://www.aabile.org).

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**LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**—Randolph Road, Alfred. Pastor Roger Gardner. Worship 10:30 am Sundays. Kingdom Life School of the Bible 9-10:30 a.m. Saturdays at Seidlín Hall Room 114, AU campus. Student Prayer Meeting 7 p.m. Mondays in Scholes Library Rm. 218. Small Group Gatherings throughout the week. 607-382-4217.

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**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH**—26 Elm St., Andover. Father James W. Hartwell, Pastor. Weekend Mass Sunday 9:00 a.m. Office phone: 607-478-8885; Rectory phone 607-276-5304.

**CHENUNDA CREEK FELLOWSHIP**—Mennonite congregation of believers in the Town of Independence, five miles south of Andover. Sunday School 9:30, Worship 10:45 a.m. Pastor Stephen Richard 585-610-0166. Phone 478-5277.

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CHURCH NEWS

‘Built Up in Christ’ Sabbath sermon topic

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itual house. This Sabbath (Saturday) Feb. 13, the sermon focus is on the phrase from the Covenant Document "Built Up Together in Christ." The passage of Scripture that will unlock this portion of our DNA is 1 Corinthians 3:8-11. Your friends and neighbors at the Alfred Station Seventh-day Baptist Church "Baptist with Difference," invite you to mark your calendar now and share in the 11 a.m. Worship Hour.

As Seventh-day Baptists celebrate their 350th year since the founding of their first congregation in Newport, Rhode Island the church's focus will be on a portion of our inheritance from our English Baptist ancestors "The Covenant Document."

The doors of the church-meetinghouse open at 10:30 a.m. While sitting in the sanctuary worship through Contemporary Music. 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 virus, experience social distancing in the sanctuary and be dismissed at the close of the Worship Experience row by row.

At 10:55 a.m. we welcome the "Cloud Congregation" through live participatory Streaming at: Streaming.org- [www.alfredstationsdb.org](http://www.alfredstationsdb.org)

Alfred Station Seventh-day

Baptist Church Facebook Page Alfred Station Seventh-day Baptist Church You-Tube Channel

Hope you will join us on Sabbath Feb. 13, in "Face to Face" or "Cloud Congregation" Worship. Whether participating in the Worship Experience through the "Cloud Congregation" or "Face to Face," please bring your Bible either hard copy or digital.

The Church Meetinghouse is located at 585 Route 244 Alfred Station. For further information call the church office at 607-587-9176.

E-mail church news to: [alfredsun.news@gmail.com](mailto:alfredsun.news@gmail.com) or mail to: PO Box 811 Alfred, NY 14802

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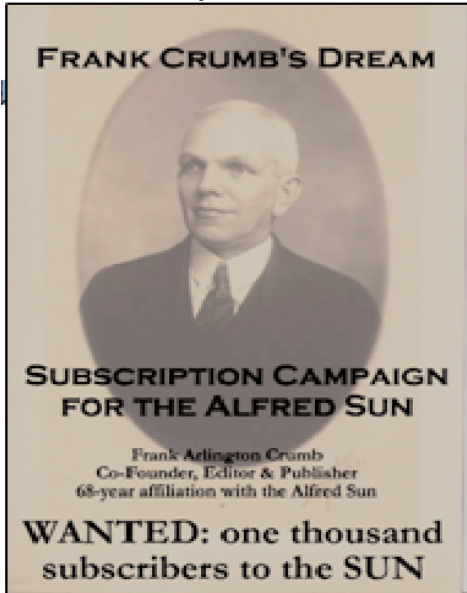
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# College welcomes new employees

ALFRED—Alfred State College recently welcomed six new faculty and staff members to its Division of Academic Affairs.

**Cody Beckwith** was hired as a staff assistant in Technology Services. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science from SUNY Fredonia.

**Afua Boahene** joins the college as an Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) academic adviser. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wells College, a Master of Science in Education from Syracuse University, and a Certificate of Advanced Studies in women and gender studies, also from SU.

**Ronald Foster** is a new associate librarian. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from

Utica College and a Master of Library Science degree from SUNY Albany.

**Thomas Ide** was hired as an instructional support assistant in the Electrical, Machine Tool and Welding Technology Department. He served in the US Army from 1966 to 1968 and has 35 years of experience in an automotive manufacturing environment as a machine repair specialist.

**Dr. Angela Graves** joins the college as an academic success coach in the Student Success Center and an adjunct instructor in the Social and Behavioral Sciences Department. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Babes-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca, Romania; a

Master of Arts in political science from Central European University in Budapest, Hungary; and a doctorate in political science from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University.

**Dr. Tolga Soyata** is a new assistant professor in the Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Technology Department. He earned a Bachelor of Science in electrical and communications engineering from Istanbul Technical University in Istanbul, Turkey; a Master of Science in electrical and computer engineering from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD; and a doctorate in electrical and computer engineering from the University of Rochester.

## COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE

# Campaign goal reached!

ALFRED—The Alfred-Alfred Station Community Chest Campaign has come to a successful conclusion as Community Chest Treasurer Trish Debertolis announced Sunday, Feb. 7 that the 2021 goal of \$30,000 has been reached!

Members of the community who have not yet donated and wish to, may continue to mail in donations to AAS Community Chest, Post Office Box 603, Alfred, NY 14802. Donations in excess of the Community Chest goal will be distributed to organizations as designated by the donor.

Many thanks to those who have contributed to the success of the 2021 campaign. Thanks also to members of the Community Chest Board for their time and efforts toward a successful drive.

The Alfred-Alfred Station Community Chest Board includes Andy Eklund, Cam Duke,

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

### 2021 Charities, Support

All charities funded give services in Alfred and Alfred Station. As a result of this successful campaign, the following 15 charities will receive:

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| Alfred Ambulance.....          | \$10,000 |
| Alfred Station Fire Co.....    | \$4,000  |
| Allegany County SPCA.....      | \$2,000  |
| Co. Mental Health Assn.....    | \$2,000  |
| ARC Special Olympics.....      | \$500    |
| Cub Scout Pack 1026.....       | \$750    |
| Alfred Sr. Nutrition Site..... | \$200    |
| LifeStation Response.....      | \$4,500  |
| Hart Comfort House.....        | \$1,200  |
| Alfred Area Food Pantry.....   | \$750    |
| Literacy West Inc.....         | \$1,000  |
| Baker's Bridge Historical..... | \$400    |
| Blind/Visually Hdcpd.....      | \$1,000  |
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| ACC Fund for Women.....        | \$300    |



## MATTERS of Finance

By MATHEW S. HILL, CFP®

Financial Advisor

### How You May Benefit from Another Government Stimulus

For the second time in 10 months, Congress approved a fiscal stimulus plan designed to provide a financial boost to a wide range of Americans in response to hardships created by the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes individuals, businesses and other organizations. The legislation was part of a comprehensive package that passed both the House and Senate on December 21, 2020 and was signed into law on December 27.

While the \$900 billion+ package is structured somewhat similarly to a stimulus program put forward in March 2020, the level of benefits are generally reduced from that time. Nevertheless, it does offer some help for those struggling due to the economic fallout from the continuation of the pandemic. Here are five key areas of support included in the plan:

#### #1 – Direct payments of up to \$600 per person

Economic impact payments of \$600 will be made for individuals earning up to \$75,000 per year based on adjusted gross income (AGI) in 2019. Married couples with AGI of up to \$150,000 will receive \$1,200. In addition, a \$600 payment is provided for each dependent child. Payments phase out for those with higher incomes. Single taxpayers with a 2019 AGI of \$87,000+, or married couples with a 2019 AGI of \$174,000+ are not eligible for any payments under this plan. If the IRS has direct deposit information for one of your bank accounts, you will receive the money that way. Others will receive a physical check in the mail.

#### #2 – Added unemployment benefits

With millions of Americans still unemployed, Congress has approved a modest expansion of benefits by up to \$300 per week. This added benefit is scheduled to run until mid-March 2021. Provisions also extend the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program that offers benefits to those in non-traditional employment such as gig workers and the self-employed.

#### #3 – Rental assistance

The legislation addresses what has been touted as a potential avalanche of evictions of renters. It extends until Jan. 31, 2021 a moratorium on evictions that was slated to expire at the end of 2020. It is possible that the federal government will ex-

tend the deadline beyond that date. Included in the bill is \$25 billion in emergency assistance to renters to help cover their rental costs. These funds can be used to pay past due and future rent payments as well as utility bills. It is not clear exactly how that money will be distributed.

#### #4 – Childcare assistance

Additional funding is provided to give states the flexibility to provide childcare assistance to families. The bill also includes funding (managed by each state) for direct financial support to childcare providers to help cover their operating expenses.

#### #5 – More financial backing for business owners

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), which provides forgivable loans to eligible businesses, is included in this package. \$284 billion of funding is earmarked for first and second PPP loans. While small businesses are a primary target, the funds are also available to non-profit organizations, churches and faith-based organizations. An additional \$15 billion was set aside to support live performance venues, independent movie theaters and cultural institutions.

Also included under the business-related provisions is a clarification on tax treatment of expenses covered by PPP loans. Businesses that received loans and had them forgiven are still allowed to deduct the costs covered by those loans on their federal tax returns. An additional provision in the measure reinstates a full tax deduction for corporate meal expenses. This had been limited to a 50 percent deduction under previous law.

This is a time when you want to be sure to balance decisions that address your short-term financial obstacles with your long-term financial plan. Touch base with your financial advisor to discuss your situation and best strategies to cope with this challenging time.

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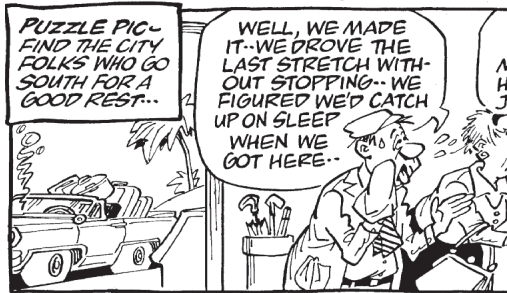
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# Pandemic Escapes



Pulitzer-prize winning novelist Alison Lurie

## My travels with a literary icon

By **TERRY MORGAN**  
*Special to the Alfred Sun*

**L**earning of Pulitzer-prize winning novelist Alison Lurie's death in early December brought to mind the first time I met her, spring of 1973.

The English Department where I taught at then-Auburn Community College (now Cayuga Community College) had invited Lurie (pronounced 'Laurie') to speak, but she would need a ride from Ithaca, where she taught at Cornell, to Auburn.

No other faculty member seemed eager to spend an afternoon driving to Ithaca, a city I visited frequently and knew fairly well. I confess I was unfamiliar with her small but growing list of novels, but the opportunity to spend an afternoon in that lovely university town made me willing to volunteer.

Ms. Lurie had told me, "I'll be in front of The Straight about noon. I'll be wearing a brown outfit." Cornell's student union, Willard Straight Hall, was a familiar location and I found her easily despite throngs of students.

She asked if we had time for lunch before the drive to Auburn and suggested the newly-opened restaurant Moosewood. At the Dewitt Mall we discovered Moosewood was closed for the day. No problem. She mentioned an Italian restaurant that I knew up in College Town.

It was at this point that the drive became memorable. My aging Chevy's fuel pump was failing in the creative way engine parts can fail: the car was fine on level and downhill roads but would sputter and die on any uphill stretches. Driving downhill from the Cornell campus to the DeWitt Mall? Effortless. Driving back up to College Town? Not so easy.

I have to give my passenger credit for taking it in good part. We zig-zagged our way back up the hill to Cornell by taking streets with only a slight incline. She lived near the campus, so her knowledge of "almost level" streets was invaluable. It took a while with the car

stalling a few times, but we made it up the hill to College Town and had a fine Italian lunch. And then we headed to Auburn.

Leaving Ithaca meant the steepest of hills were behind us. As I said, I had scant knowledge of Ms. Lurie's already impressive list of works, so we discussed teaching literature. I was 26 and fairly new at the game; I had a lot to learn. She was about 20 years my senior and had had five novels published. I listened more than I talked. The conversation was relaxed and enjoyable.

We arrived in Auburn with ample time before her lecture, so she asked if we could drive by the famous William Seward House and also what she called "the prison," Auburn Correctional Facility. Seward served as secretary of state under Presidents Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson and negotiated the purchase of Alaska from the Russians. The Seward House, located near the center of Auburn, owes some of its earliest construction to Brigham Young, in his late teens an apprentice carpenter in Auburn and later a well-known religious leader. The fading light presented the mansion beautifully.

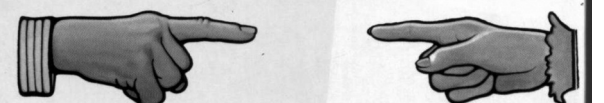
Much less appealing is the Auburn Correctional Facility or ACF. In the early 1970s I taught several nights each week in the New York State maximum-security prison, in addition to my college position. Answering questions about the inmate-students I had worked with and the prison in general had become routine for me.

A drive past block after block of high concrete walls and observation towers is bleak but impressive. Among Ms. Lurie's questions I recall her wondering if downtown Auburn might not be affected negatively with some 1,600 men imprisoned in the city's center. And who knows? She may have had a point.

That evening, Ms. Lurie delivered her lecture at the college. Before that, however, she was kind enough to make time to meet with my literature class. She read us a chapter of a work in progress, her next novel. It eventually would be titled "The War Between the Tates."

Evening classes often attract a few non-traditional stu-

## The War Between the Tates



*a new novel by*

**ALISON LURIE**

Cover of perhaps Alison Lurie's best-known work.

dents perhaps a good deal older than the age group of 18- to 22-year-olds in day classes. I had one such student, Richard, who exuded the "if you youngsters knew as much as I do..." attitude so annoying to everyone.

And almost on cue, as Ms. Lurie finished reading, Richard, a registered Emergency Medical Technician, informed her that the main character in the chapter, a middle-aged male, would be physically unable to descend to the ground on a rope from the second floor in the manner she'd described.

For a moment I was uncomfortable but Ms. Lurie showed appreciation for his comment and promised to rework that part of the chapter. The following year "The War Between the Tates" became a best seller, probably her best-known work.

Our visiting author returned to Ithaca and her faculty position at Cornell in someone else's more reliable car. Several years later I met her at a Cornell Folk Song Club gathering and she remembered that entire day with some humor and in great detail.

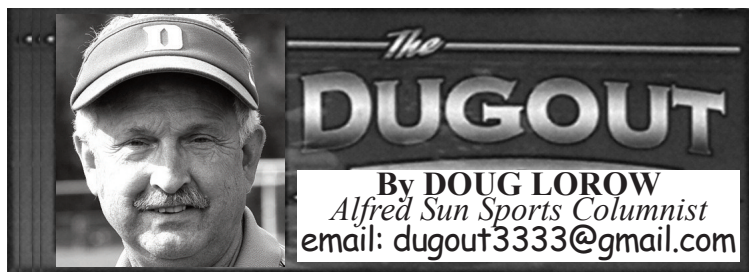
Her long list of published works, fiction and non-fiction, is most impressive, but when I heard that she had died at 94 in Ithaca a very different set of memories came to mind.

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William Seward House, part of Alison Lurie's tour of Auburn





The WNBA announced two huge signings last week, good for the league itself and for Team USA in the upcoming Tokyo Olympics. Former UConn teammates, Diana Taurasi and Sue Bird, have extended their contracts with the Phoenix Mercury and Seattle Storm, respectively. They are two of the most decorated women's basketball players of all-time. Guessing in the top six along with two other ex-UConn players in Maya Moore and Breanna Stewart, plus Chamique Holdsclaw and Candace Parker.

Taurasi won three NCAA championships in college and was the AP, Naismith and Wade Player of the year while there. Grabbing the Naismith award twice. She was the WNBA Rookie of the Year, the MVP of the league in 2009, has been the Finals MVP twice and is the all-time scoring leader in the WNBA. In addition, she has won four Olympic gold medals, three FIBA gold medals, seven championships in Russia and was the Russian league Player of the Year three times. Many of the star WNBA players would also play overseas to supplement their income in the off season.

Bird is out of Christ the King high school in Queens, as is Holdsclaw, the Tennessee great. Bird was the National high school Player of the Year, a two-time NCAA champ at UConn, she's a four-time WNBA champion, has won four Olympic gold medals and four FIBA World Cup gold medals. In addition, she is the all-time assists leader in the WNBA and a 12-time league all-star. She most recently teamed with Stewart to win the title for the Storm and looks to make a go of it again this busy hoop season.

Storm teammate Stewart "might" be the most decorated women's basketball player in the history of United States women's basketball. "Stewy" was the Naismith Girl's HS Player of the Year winner out of Cicero-North Syracuse and the Gatorade national Player of the Year. At UConn she won four NCAA titles and was the Most Outstanding Player in the tourney all four years! Add in, American Athletic Conference Player of the Year awards plus three Naismith trophies, the Wade trophy and AP Women's Player of the Year ... three times. Add in the FIBA Under-19 MVP, the WNBA Finals MVP twice, the WNBA MVP in 2018 plus the Rookie of the Year to start her pro career. She was also the EuroLeague regular season MVP once. There are actually a host more awards/trophies besides.

(IF) the Tokyo Olympics are even held this summer, Team USA could start an all-UConn team, almost. Taurasi and Bird in the backcourt with Stewart, Maya Moore and Elena Delle Donne up front. Won't happen but would be interesting. Not sure that Moore is even playing ball again? Delle Donne was a highly recruited player originally set to go to UConn but backed out and played college ball at Delaware instead. A former WNBA MVP as well and what a UConn team that would've been as she's 6'5" tall. Teaming with Tina Charles and Moore, yikes!

#### HITS AND MISSES:

And all the Tom Brady haters are moaning this week as he has now won his SEVENTH Super Bowl title as the Tampa Bay Bucs wrecked havoc on the defending champion Kansas City Chiefs, 31-9 ... at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa! It was a combination of a strong Bucs defense, a weakened KC offensive line and the experience of Brady as they won their second SB trophy. Two of Brady's three TD passes went to his old NE Pats buddy, "Gronk" out of his TE position. When Leonard Fournette scored his touchdown on the ground, the key block was by #74 Ali Marpet out of Hobart College. Pretty sweet. Brady had more weapons this season than (most likely) any one season with the Patriots and going forward, will that be the same? Not sure of the salary cap situation with the Bucs. Guessing the Chiefs will be favored to get back to the SB again next season, maybe over the

## DUGOUT CONTINUED...

Bills? In the NFC would probably go with a top three of: Green Bay, Tampa Bay and perhaps the LA Rams. Super Bowl 56 is set for SoFi Stadium, home of the Rams and Chargers, so maybe the Rams will host next year?

Anyhow, "hats off" to Brady and Tampa Bay ... home of winners in the Lightning (NHL), Rays (AL) and now the Bucs.

**The NFL announced** their newest Hall of Fame class for Canton over the weekend as well as it was paced by the likes of Peyton Manning, WR Calvin Johnson and Charles Woodson. Glad to see John Lynch, who played part of his career with Tampa Bay, get in as well as head coach Tom Flores of the Oakland/LA Raiders. Manning the only five-time league MVP and SB wins with Indy and Denver. Johnson a great receiver with the sad-sack Detroit Lions. Woodson a DB with the Raiders and SB winner with the Packers. Others named were Alan Faneca, Drew Pearson of "Hail Mary" fame and Bill Nunn.

**Aaron Rodgers of Green Bay** was indeed named the MVP of the NFL as Josh Allen of the Bills and Patrick Mahomes of the Chiefs finished way back in the voting, 2-3. And how was Sean McDermott of the Bills (13-3) NOT named the NFL Coach of the Year? Cleveland Browns HC, Kevin Stefanski won it. The Brownies were better this year than last (but) not better than the Buffalo Bills! The Browns were third in their own division, ahead of only Cincy, which lost its starting QB to injury. Heck, Brian Flores of the Dolphins might even of deserved it over Stefanski. While playoffs aren't factored into these awards, the Bills did make it to the AFC championship game! Who predicted that at the outset? Well, other than the "Bills Mafia" and Robert H. Torrey?

**It was a tough week** for the Bonnies in men's basketball as their game with St. Joe's was Covid-postponed and then they fell at St. Louis, 70-59 to a team who hadn't played basically in a month. Bona is (9-2) overall now and they "might" have games upcoming versus LaSalle, at UMass and at George Washington. Not sure where the St. Joe's game will fit in now?

**#1 South Carolina (15-1)** and **#2 UConn (13-1)** squared off this past Monday nite in women's college hoops as Louisville, NC State and Stanford are ranked 3-4-5 now.

**Watched the North Carolina** at Duke men's basketball game on Saturday nite (ESPN) as the older, bigger, stronger Tar Heels prevailed, 91-87. North Carolina shot 3's like crazy, Duke had turnovers galore and the Blue Devils were no match for NC inside. Duke has all these prize, "one and done's," who aren't ready and need to stay another year, but won't. Why the likes of Virginia and Tony Bennett have a much better ACC program now than Duke does. Bennett and Nova's Jay Wright the top two college coaches in the game today, in my opinion.

**And then there is Kentucky (5-12)** as they continue to slip further and further in the SEC ranks. How on earth can the Wildcats be (5-12)? They can recruit and land (almost) anyone they want, yet they seem to be missing a point guard. No NCAA's this year for UK, probably Duke too and most likely Syracuse as well. And what is going on with Kansas as they lose all the time now? Would be an awesome NIT field if there were to be an NIT this year!

**Brittany Bowe won** two World Cup speed skating titles over the weekend past in Heerenveen ... wherever that is. The Team USA Olympian won the 1000m and 1500m races as the World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships are up next. She is the niece of former Alfred State College men's basketball player, Bill "Dish" Bowe, who played his college ball for the once-legendary Kaz and assistant Bob W. Beyer. Teammates with Tim "Fred" Burkhart out of Hornell and Toby Brown of Waterloo. Not to forget, Howard "Double Pump" Daggs and Flummer as well.

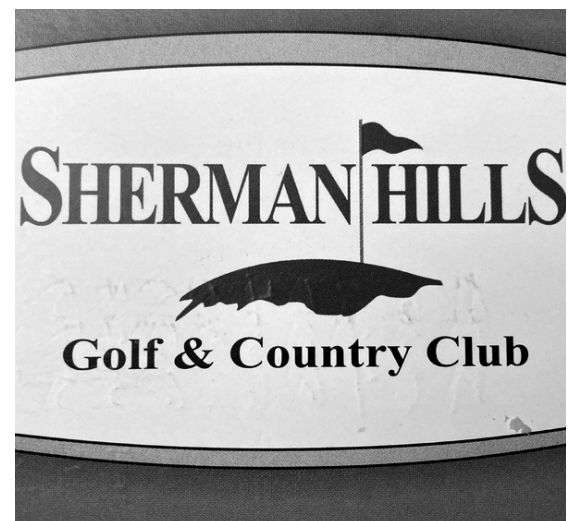
**And the defending MLB champion** Los Angeles Dodgers have inked 2020 Cy Young Award winner, Trevor Bauer to just a crazy contract. Bauer is set to earn something like \$40 million this season and \$45 in 2022, with "opt outs" after each. Who would opt out of that in their right mind? The Dodgers will now have a starting staff with three Cy Young winners as Bauer joins Clayton Kershaw and perhaps David Price on the hill. "Nice" payroll out there! Maybe this will help the Yankees land shortstop Corey Seager next off season.

**Josh Rabe will be** the next athletic director at Quincy University in Illinois as the current baseball coach will take over the AD duties in June. Rabe

played his college ball for the Hawks, was the Player of the Year in the league and his coach was Pat Atwell from Andover. Rabe played pro ball with the Rochester Red Wings (AAA) and Minnesota Twins before returning to QU. Rabe was a two-time All-American with the Hawks in GLVC play. Rabe has won GLVC Coach of the Year honors, guided his team to NCAA berths and his 2015 squad was (40-17). He zipped by Atwell on the all-time wins list in 2019. His 2018 team won 41-games and Rabe has won the Midwest Region Coach of the Year honor as well in his time at Quincy. The athletic department gain will be a loss on the baseball diamond for the Hawks.

**Watched the WM golf tourney** on the PGA Tour this past weekend and was hoping to see Jordan Spieth emerge victorious but it wasn't to be. Spieth and Xander Schauffele were co-leaders heading into the final round but they both had erratic rounds as Brooks Koepka came from way back to win. Schauffele finished T2, Spieth T4, as did Ryder Cup captain, Steve Stricker. Hopefully Spieth is getting close to that winning form he used to have.

**Dustin Johnson won** the Saudi International golf tourney with a solid leaderboard as the #1 player in the world held off Tony Finau and Justin Rose. Victor Hovland was T6, Bryson DeChambeau T18 and Savo's buddy ... Joost Luiten was in at T41. Phil Mickelson and Patrick Reed were way back. Time for Phil to be on the Champions Tour? Johnson has now finished 1-2-1 the last three years in this event. Someone named R. McEvoy missed the cut at (+8) ... no relation to Sleepy Floyd.



**It was a much better outing** at Sherman Hills in Brooksville this past Saturday as Jake Taft nipped me, 91-92 and Mr. Timmer limped in with a "generous" 110. Timmer did have a rare birdie from the fairway on #9 with the ball miraculously bouncing into the hole for his only "bird" ever at this course. Our Man Frank not around to complete our foursome and "Ted Baxter" hooked up with a group three in front of us instead. Going to try a different course this Saturday, Plantation Palms GC in Land O' Lakes. Then, on Monday hooking up with Cutter in Mount Dora, Tuesday Cutter-Taft-me in Lakeland, Saturday (2/20) it's Taft-Simbo-Timmer-me at Plantation or Sherman Hills. Whew.

**As the Florida weather map** was being shown over the weekend for the "rolling storm path," I spotted a real dinky town on the map ... Codys Corner, out in the middle of nowhere.

**The NHL, including** the Buffalo Sabres, have had numerous Covid-postponements of late. Buffalo is tied for last place in the East Division with the Islanders and Rangers as the powerful Boston Bruins lead the way. The defending Stanley Cup champion TB Lightning are ahead in the Central Division. The Hurricanes in Raleigh, NC are second.

**The famed Daytona 500** is set for this Sunday and being the big-time NASCAR fan that I am, going with Kyle Larson to win the race. No relation to Jason! Denny Hamlin and Chase Elliott, 2-3. Attempts to reach Gids, Stu or Waffle were futile as they were all "too upset" that Tom Brady won another SB championship.

**Happy Valentines Day** to Quinny and Rowan in Leesburg, Va !!



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