

Reading Sun in Florida
Jim (from left) and Faith Palmer entertained Donna Ryan, sister Jan and brother-in-law Carl Leathersich at the PalmerHouse South in Avon Park, FL with dessert after the Friday evening March 25 Heartland Harmonizers Annual Barbershoppers Show and breakfast before the Saturday afternoon show. Good to catch up on local color in Allegany County.



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Habitat for Humanity helpers

Seven Alfred State students build Myrtle Beach house

ALFRED—Seven Alfred State College (ASC) students and two staff members spent spring break working with Habitat for Humanity in Myrtle Beach, SC.

The week started with the ground breaking of the house they were working on in Horry County. The house was framed, pallets of sod were added, and landscaping was started by the end of the week. The team helped set a new record setting trusses on a house, less than an hour.

Nejesea Brown, assistant director of first year engagement, and Brooke Scianna, coordinator of campus recreation, led the team on the trip. Students on the trip included: Patrick Fisher (Syracuse), Justin Kachurak (Mountain Top, PA), Sean McCarthy (Monroe), Demere Brave (New York City), Olivia Gadjo (Skaneateles), Kathleen Norton (Medford), and Hildaleez Pizzini (Bronx).

Kathleen Norton was able to apply skills learned at Alfred State on the trip, "Working with Habitat for Humanity and being able to create something tangible with strangers who later became a little family has been such a positive experience that I would love to explore again. I think volunteering and supporting a community in need is an experience any student at Alfred could benefit from."

Brooke Scianna echoed the student's sentiments. "It was a memorable experience that I am so grateful to have shared with amazing students and staff. We were able to learn about the process, the requirements to qualify for a Habitat home, and the ways the Habitat Community assists one another even after their house is finished and they can move in. I also highly enjoyed getting to know the family we were building the house for as well as standing by the parents as they helped build their own house too."

This trip marked the ninth time in the last ten years that an Alfred State group has worked with Habitat for



Alfred State Habitat for Humanity team on their work site in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Humanity during spring break.

Olivia Gadjo said, "I learned new skills, helped out someone in the community, and made new friends. I highly recommend this trip to anyone and would do it again in a heartbeat."

Justin Kachurak added, "Volunteering with Habitat for Humanity was a great experience to help the community,

as well as learn new things. I would absolutely volunteer with Habitat again in the future."

Nejesea Brown said, "It was a pleasure with additional volunteers on the work site, it is very rare that we are able to network and give back to our community at the same time."

63 prospective employers attend AU Career Fair

ALFRED—Sixty-three prospective employers, ranging from engineering firms like LaBella to cultural centers like the Chautauqua Institution, visited Alfred University Thursday, March 24 for the 2022 Spring Career Fair. More than 200 students stopped by the Joyce-Walton Center, where the employers had set up booths, to test the waters of future employment.

The meet-and-greets provided some students with their first conversation with a potential employer. Other students arrived with resumes ready for distribution, old hands with professionally formal parleys.

"The more you talk to people, the more comfortable you get," said Valerie Daciw, Assistant director, Employer Relations and events, at Alfred University's Career Development Center. "The more students come to these events, the better they get."

Amanda Cates, Director of Personnel at Ironwood Heavy Highway, an engineering firm in Henrietta, said some old rules still apply to the process of finding a job. Students looking for their first job, she said, should familiarize themselves with the de-

tails of the company before applying for a job. Don't apply from the job post on Indeed.com, she said; use the posting on Indeed.com to navigate to the company's website and apply from there.

"It shows you were willing to put in a little extra time," Cates said.

Last week's Career Fair was the second in the 2021-22 academic year. Alfred University hosts a Career Fair for engineering students in the fall. The spring Fair, while attended by numerous engineering firms, included employment possibilities beyond engineering fields.

Along with the Chautauqua Institution—which had opportunities for Communications, Music and Music Education majors—other non-engineering employers included The Children's Home of Wyoming Conference, Enterprise Holdings, MacKenzie-Childs, and Walgreens.

Sponsors for last week's Career Fair included: Corning Inc, PCC Airfoils LLC, Washington Mills, The Collegiate, O-I Glass, Saint-Gobain, and NSG Group.

At right, student visits with recruiters.



OBITUARIES

Mary E. Bossard, 86, Fremont, JC Penney sales associate, proud homemaker



MARY E. BOSSARD
Lifelong homemaker
HORNELL—Mary E. Bossard, 86, of 7685 Reservoir Road, Hornell, (Town of Fremont) died peacefully Saturday morning, March 26, 2022 at her home

after a brief illness.
Born in Hornell Dec. 17, 1935, she was the daughter of Joseph and Pauline (Renwand) Dixon, and step-daughter of Nealon White.
Mary grew up in Hornell and attended Hornell High School. She had been employed for a time as a sales associate at JC Penney of Hornell and also as an aid in the Physical Therapy Department of St. James Mercy Hospital. However, Mary was most proud of her lifelong job as a homemaker, raising and caring for her family.
In her younger years (along with her husband, Glen) Mary enjoyed snowmobiling, 3-wheeling, gardening, and other outdoor pursuits. Together, they made frequent trips to favorite vacation stops in Niagara Falls,

the Adirondacks, and to Amish Country in Pennsylvania and Ohio. They also loved rooting for the Buffalo Bills and New York Yankees. Mary enjoyed playing poker and euchre with her friends and was a member of a local card club. She thoroughly enjoyed spending time in the kitchen, cooking and baking—especially delicious pies, zucchini and banana bread, and a variety of cookies.
Mary was married on January 25, 1953 to Glen A. Bossard who died January 7, 2016. She was also preceded in death by her son, Steven "Boz" Bossard (died 2002); her daughter, Catherine "Cathy" Bossard (died 2006); her daughter-in-law, Julie Bossard; her step-sister, Linda Warczok; 2 brothers-in-law, Dick Curran and Stanley Shep-

ard; and her niece, Chrissy (Curran) McDaniel.
Surviving are her daughter, Barbara "Barb" (Ron) Hilsdorf of Fremont; two sons, Richard "Dick" (Nancy) Bossard of Almond and Brett (Kerry) Bossard of Ithaca; two sisters, Joanne Curran of Hornell and Jean Shepard of Hornell; a step-brother, Bill White; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.
The family of Mary E. Bossard will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, April 1

at the Dagon Funeral Home, 38 Church St., Hornell. A private ceremony will occur at the family's convenience. Burial will be in Rural Cemetery, Hornell.
Mary's family request that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name be made to the Cathy Bossard Scholarship Fund, c/o HHS Alumni Association, PO Box 135, Hornell, NY 14843. Memorial forms will be available at the Dagon Funeral Home.
To leave an online condolence or share a memory, visit www.dagonfuneralhome.com

John P. Coleman, 65, Hornell, Dresser-Rand machinist 30 years



JOHN P. COLEMAN
Was talented machinist at D-R
HORNELL—John P. Coleman, 65, of Hornell, passed away Sunday evening, March 20, 2022, in the presence of his loving family, at his home on Oak Street, after a long hard battle with cancer.
Born in Hornell on July 21, 1956 he was a son of the late Paul and Lila (Hamilton) Coleman.
A graduate of Hornell High School, class of 1974, John resided in Almond for about 15 years before returning to Hornell.

Buffalo Bills fan, loved animals, especially dogs and at one time liked to hunt. John was an extremely talented machinist, who enjoyed working and had a strong work ethic so that he could provide for his family. He will be remembered most of all for being "one of a kind."
His loving surviving family includes his devoted wife of 40 years, Belinda LoCoco Coleman, who he married at St. Ann's Church in Hornell Sept. 5, 1981; one son, John (Elizabeth) Coleman of Hornell; one brother, Paul (Cindy) Coleman of Almond; three sisters, Ruth Curtis, Joan Bailey and Carol Nieto all of Rochester; as well as many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews and cousins.
To honor his wishes there will be no calling hours or funeral service. A "Celebration of Life" will be held at a later date.
In lieu of flowers, those wishing may contribute in his memory to the Hornell Area Humane Society, 7649 Industrial Park Road, Hornell, NY 14843.
The Bishop-Johnson & DeSanto Funeral Home, 285 Main St., Hornell is honored to assist John's family with the arrangements.

Walter G. 'Ike' Arnold, 74, worked at Joyce Pipeline



WALTER GERALD "IKE" ARNOLD
Vietnam veteran
WELLSVILLE—Walter Gerald "Ike" Arnold, 74, of Wellsville, died Monday, March 21, 2022 in the Bath VA Medical Center.
Born March 19, 1948, in

Wellsville, he was the son of Oliver L. and Virginia I. Daley Arnold. On March 6, 2020, in Andover, he married Sandra L. Hotchkiss, who survives.
A 1966 graduate of Wellsville High School, he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1968, serving in the Vietnam War and honorably discharged in 1970. He was employed in construction by Joyce Pipeline and CTC, both of Andover.
Ike was a die-hard New York Yankees fan and loved his cat, Cody. He enjoyed golfing and playing baseball when he was younger. He was a member of Morrison Hayes American Legion Post #702, Loyal Order of the Moose, Lodge 601, and Frank B. Church VFW Post #2530.
Surviving besides his wife, Sandra, are: a daughter, Brandy (Joel) Foster of Concord, NC; a

grandson, Ayddan White; two step-daughters, Carol Sherwood and Carla Miller, both of Wellsville; a sister, Janice D. "Jake" Weatherby of Leesburg, FL; a brother, Robert O. (Cheryl Phillips) Arnold of Bradenton, FL; nieces and nephews.
In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a sister, Vaudine R. King; and a brother, Richard "Dick" Oliver Arnold.
Calling hours were held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 26 at Olney-Foust Funeral Homes & Cremation, Crowell Chapel, 296 North Main Street, Wellsville, with a memorial service following at 4 p.m. Military Rites were accorded by members of Morrison Hayes American Legion Post #702. Memorials may be made to the SPCA Serving Allegany County. Online condolences may be expressed at www.olney-foust.com.

Sandra L. VanCise, 79, Canisteo, college custodian



SANDRA L. VAN CISE
Alfred State custodian 25 years
CANISTEO—Sandra L. VanCise, 79 of Maple Street Canisteo, passed away Sunday, March 20, 2022 at St James Hospital.
Born in Hornell, March 16, 1943, she was the daughter of James C. and Bernice Griffin Cook. She attended Hornell High School and was later employed by the former Corbin Wood Products in Hornell. She then joined the custodial staff at SUNY Alfred where she retired after 25 years of service.
She loved baking, crafts, Elvis Presley and singing but especially enjoyed being outside and spending time with her family.
She was predeceased by her parents; her sister, Sheila

Brown; and her son James Jackson in 2010.
Surviving are her husband, James VanCise of Canisteo; her daughter, Lori Priestley of Hornell; her sons, John (Frances) Jackson Jr. of Prattsburg and Kevin (Jennifer) VanCise of Painted Post; her sisters, Brenda (Warren) Cline of Addison and Darlene (Randie) Brewer of Hornell; her brother, Duane (Donna) Cook of North Carolina; 13 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.
To send a remembrance, please visit www.brownandpowersfuneralhomes.com or the funeral home Facebook page. The

family is being assisted by Gerald R. Brown, Director.
Calling hours were held from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 24 at the Bender-Brown & Powers Funeral Home, 354 Canisteo Street in Hornell, followed by funeral services at 2 p.m. with Rev. Lenny Fuller officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery in Canisteo.
Friends wishing to remember Sandy are asked to consider a contribution to the Alzheimer's Association, 435 East Henrietta Road, Rochester, NY 14620.
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Puzzles on Page 10

CryptoQuote
answer
Giving up doesn't always mean you're weak. Sometimes you're just strong enough to let go.
— Taylor Swift

SCRAMBLERS
solution
1. Cheap 2. Caster
3. Wrangle; 4. Treats
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— **King Crossword** —
Answers
Solution time: 21 mins.

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4	5	2	1	8	3	9	7	6
8	7	6	4	9	5	1	2	3
3	1	9	6	2	7	4	5	8

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Hammondsport, Corning Gold capture titles

By **MARY C. HARRIS**
Special to the Alfred Sun
STEUBEN COUNTY—In the
final matches of Academic All

Stars for 2022, tough questions
and speedy buzzers were in
abundance.
In the Small School Champi-

onships, undefeated Hammond-
sport under coach John Kloiber
took on Avoca, coached by Hil-
larie Sutherland. Hammondsport
continued their string with a 73-
35 win, taking the Angelina R.
Karr trophy back to the Lakers' trophy case.

Competing for the Large
School Championship and the
Janet W. Richardson trophy,
were Corning Gold with coach
Bonnie Grinnell and undefeated
Naples led by coach Jon Betrus
- a repeat of last year's final
championships! Corning Gold
proved to be a formidable oppo-
nent as it tallied a huge score of
94 points against Naples' 52 and
once again are the Large School
champions.

William P. Lentz Scholarship
recipients are Annabella Putnam
of Prattsburgh, Anya Brown of
Hammondsport, Jenny Zheng of
Addison, Nicholas Oyer of Hor-
nell High School, Jessica
McMahon of Alfred-Almond
and Emma Koch of Addison.



Corning Gold, Large School Champions.



Hammondsport, Small School Champions.

SUNNY
SIDE UP

By **ELLEN SHULTZ**
Alfred Sun Columnist



A couple of favorite dip recipes

[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.]

[Editor's Note: While Ellen is away, Patty Harvey Curran has agreed to share some recipes with our readers from her vast collection. Anyone who has visited her home can attest to her hobby of collecting cookbooks.]

By **PATTY HARVEY CURRAN**
Guest Columnist

A lot of my recipes come off cans or bottles--these are two of them. I belong to a group of women called "The Crows." Every summer we hold a picnic and I take the fruit and dips. These are a couple of my favorite dips to serve with assorted fresh fruits.

Chocolate Plunge

2/3 c. Karo syrup 1/2 c. whipping cream
8 oz. semi-sweet chocolate

Mix first two in medium saucepan. Bring to boil over medium heat. Remove from heat. Add chocolate and stir until completely melted. Serve warm as a dip.

Fluff Dip

1 jar marshmallow fluff 8 oz. cream cheese at room temperature
Mix well and serve.

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Weather for the Week
March 22-March 28

March	Hi	Lo	Precip.	Snow
22	54	27	0	0
23	47	30	0	0
24	44	31	0.03"	0
25	62	34	0.05"	0
26	43	32	0.14"	0
27	44	23	Trace	Trace
28	28	10	0.03"	Trace

By **FION MacCREA**
Alfred Weather Recorder

Kelly's
Forecast

By **KELLY SNYDER**
The Alfred Sun
Weather Forecaster

"Here cometh April again, and
as far as I can see the world hath
more fools in it than ever."

-Charles Lamb

Thursday, March 31

SCATTERED T'STORMS
(HIGH 65- LOW 31)

Chance of precipitation....42%

Friday, April 1

AM SNOW SHOWERS
(HIGH 36-LOW 23)

Chance of precipitation....37%

Saturday, April 2

PARTLY CLOUDY
(HIGH 48- LOW 30)

Chance of precipitation.....5%

Sunday, April 3

CLOUDY
(HIGH 46- LOW 29)

Chance of precipitation....24%

Monday, April 4

MOSTLY CLOUDY
(HIGH 44 - LOW 29)

Chance of precipitation....17%

Tuesday, April 5

PARTLY CLOUDY
(HIGH 51 - LOW 38)

Chance of precipitation....21%

Wednesday, April 6

SHOWERS
(HIGH 50 - LOW 38)

Chance of precipitation...46%

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information add your Alfred Sun
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Facebook where he conducts
occasional Facebook Live Re-
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Revenge of the Patriarchy?

Sometimes it seems that we are so far down the rabbit hole that it's hard to take the news seriously in all its absurdity anymore. It's something like watching a Monty Python sketch of an *I Love Lucy* episode dubbed in German. It's hard to make sense of. And since the conventional narrative makes not a lick of sense, one may as well go all out and let the imagination roam unfettered.

Take the case of Lia (previously Will) Thomas, the transgender UPenn swimmer who has recently been all over the news for dominating competitions. Thomas was a middling swimmer competing as a man, ranking #462 as a male, but has rocketed to #1 competing as a female. Anyone with eyes can see that Thomas is built and muscled like a man, even if testosterone suppressants have caused some relative loss of muscle tone. Thomas still clearly possesses all the male bits and pieces, and is reportedly still sexually attracted to women. Nonetheless, Thomas gets to use the girls' locker room with all the ladies. Several teammates have professed to be a bit dissatisfied with the arrangement and have protested. However, in this enlightened age we know that the only un-bigoted course is to invite peeping toms into the girls' locker permanently.

One is tempted to get the teeniest little bit suspicious that Thomas's newfound womanhood might be ever so slightly motivated by the copious winning, winning, and more winning as well as getting to hang out in the girls' locker room. It's not as though other hyper-competitive athletes have not gone to equally self-destructive and devious lengths in the



CONVIVIAL CONTRARIAN

By SEAN HYLAND
Alfred Sun Columnist

pursuit of winning at any cost. It would seem that some judicious skepticism would be in order. To be fair, I can't dismiss the possibility that Thomas may indeed be a confused soul acting in earnest, but that is still no reason whatsoever to subject everyone else to what is clearly a fundamentally unfair situation.

The entire tableau is rather farcical. Women are really supposed to stand up and cheer for an ex-bro crammed into a women's swimsuit while he dominates the competition? How liberating. However, since the conventional narrative is so strange it's hard but to let one's mind wander to other outlandish theories.

Perhaps the whole affair is *actually* a carefully orchestrated counter-offensive by the patriarchy, whose omnipotent machinations are, as we know, everywhere. The secret International Congress of Heavily Bearded Patriarchs, having grown tired of women getting uppity from having their own sports competitions and Title IX, could have planned a bold and desperate move to destroy women's sports *from the inside and with the support of women!* High in the mountain fastness of their Himalayan fortress, the Ancient Bearded Ones formulated the double pronged strategy with which the Patriarchal counter-offensive could be de-

ployed with devastating effect: promotion of the idea that physical sex differences have no empirical meaning, while covertly training an elite team of supermen "identifying" as females. Within 10 years, winning women's stats will be so inflated that no biological women will bother competing and will retreat to a life of making their husbands sandwiches and bringing them beers. Stats in women's sports will eventually reach parity with men's stats, representing the ultimate victory for gender equality... or so people will believe. All the while, the only competitors in both men's and women's categories will be biological males, making even women's sports in reality men's sports. A more devious and subtle plan could scarcely be devised!

Any future women who dare protest can be easily silenced by accusations of trans-phobia, along with a gentle admonition that if a woman's true gender identity includes growing a huge beard, having a male body and taking steroids to get jacked then who are we to judge? Remember, jacked women with beards are just as authentic as any other woman and we accept that today, unlike the dark bigoted days of the 2020's when trans-women were shamefully forced to take testosterone suppressants. Just repeat the

sacred incantation, "Trans-women are women", until all wrong-think and heretical inclination dissipates.

Perhaps I've gotten a bit carried away with my wild conjecture. However, I'm not sure that my flight of fancy is fundamentally any more absurd than the current zeitgeist. I'm quite sure that if one had told the rank and file of the Left ten years ago that the cause celebre of today would be defending the rights of male bodied trans-women to physically dominate biological women the reaction would have been one of shocked incomprehension. Yet, that is the absurd state of identity politics today.

An absurd state yes, but one motivated for many by a misdirected sense of compassion. We should always have compassion for lost or confused souls, but this hardly means that we should reorganize society or jettison basic biology to accommodate the delusions of a few and their dogmatic enablers. When faced with situations so profoundly farcical, it's hard to even take it seriously anymore. One feels that we are all the butt of some society wide joke, but not everyone gets the humor.

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Sun Spots



Man Vs. (Lake-Effect) Machine
Or,

"It's Always Snowing In West Almond And On Chautauqua Lake"

I was shoveling Lake Erie off the deck at Lake Chautauqua;
I'd never seen such grass-to-drifted lake-effected aqua.
But then brushing, scraping half Lake Erie off the car, I thoughtqua,
It's March, so it won't take too long for all this snow to thawqua
here at Lake Chautauqua.

Then I cleared the depths of Erie off the walk at Lake Chautauqua,
So that later we could maybe take a windy wint'ry walkqua
By the blowy, blust'ry bell tow'r's belfry, caught in Erie's clawqua,
And the Athenaeum and Amphitheater, like, 'neath winter's pawqua
there at Lake Chautauqua.

By then they'd plowed Lake Erie off the streets at Lake Chautauqua;
We headed toward West Almond, east through County Cattaraugqua:
♣Salamanca♣...♣Allegany♣...♣Olean♣...♣et ceteraquaa♣...
With that flaky plume assailing us till past Angelicaqua—
all the way from Lake Chautauqua!

—O. Chautauquymous



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Americanisms



"You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself any
direction you choose."

— Dr. Seuss

MARCH IS COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

A reminder from Du Nguyen, MD

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If you have put off your routine colonoscopy, it is time to come back. Talk to your provider about your colorectal cancer screening options.



Three things you should know about colorectal cancer:

1 Colorectal Cancer is the second deadliest cancer in men and women combined.

2 When detected early, colorectal cancer is highly treatable.

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ALFRED CERAMIC ART MUSEUM

Exhibit to feature Underhill

ALFRED—The Alfred Ceramic Art Museum will open an exhibition of sculptor William Underhill's extraordinary work on Thursday, April 21. In large measure it focuses on vessel forms made from early 1960 to early 2000.

Underhill is quite clear: I make metal bowls, bronze vessels cast by the lost wax process. The vessel is a primary form, irreducible and complete. To this he adds: Our subconscious speaks in poetry, in metaphors endlessly rich and varied. We are always making equivalents through all the senses, all media—movement, sound, light and



color. Making metaphors, analogies—these are all poetry.

With roots deep in the cultural soil of California of the 1950's, Underhill came East eventually to teach at Alfred University from 1969 to his retirement in 1997. Underhill studied with the legendary ceramic artist Peter Voulkos and developed a close, inspiring friendship with the renowned ceramic artist Stephen De Staebler. He worked with the celebrated architect Buckminster Fuller at the University of California at Berkeley, School of Architecture where he also studied with designer Charles Eames.

Underhill has written that if Voulkos was my guru for the pot as sculptural expression, Buck Fuller was my guru for the pot as engineering marvel. Underhill was much inspired by Fuller's geodesic dome and led a student design team to construct a geodesic dome as a bird sanctuary for the Oakland California Park Department. The dome was the first of its kind to be built on the West Coast. Underhill was on site studying and working with Voulkos when he made his first cast, bronze sculpture. At that time, Underhill began to turn clay work into bronze vessels eventually establishing a unique path for himself as an artist.

William Underhill's work is held in numerous permanent collections including the Carnegie Institute Pittsburgh, PA; the Oakland Art Museum, CA; the Museum of Arts and Design, NY; the Racine Art Museum, Racine WI; the Cooper-Hewitt Museum, NYC and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, CA; Underhill's King Alfred, bronze figure, is sited at the central campus of Alfred University here in Alfred.

At left, William Underhill (Brian Oglesbee)



Stand-up artist DeAnne Smith (AU '98) to perform here.

Stand-up comic/alum to perform

ALFRED—Stand-up artist DeAnne Smith '98 will have you in stitches when she performs at her alma mater at 9pm Friday, April 1 in Nevins Theater.

A Canadian Comedy Award winner, Smith has performed in numerous comedy venues, including Just for Laughs, JFL42, the Winnipeg Comedy Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, the New Zealand International Comedy Festival, Edinburgh Fringe Festival, and the Iceland Comedy Festival.

She also has performed on televised programs including Last Comic Standing and The Late Show in the U.S., as well as in Canada, Australia and the UK. Her video "Straight Men, Step Your Game Up" has over 46 million views.

Melbourne's The Music calls Smith latest show, Post Joke Era, "a virtuoso display of smart, slick, silly brilliance—a metaphorical (and literal) mic-drop of a show," giving it five stars, while the UK's Chortle calls Smith "always relevant, but never reverent." The UK Telegraph says she's "Smart. Very funny. Effortless charm lets her get away with murder." She's never actually murdered anyone.

Smith also delivered the 2011 Riley Lecture at Alfred University.

Anyone who wants to warm up on Smith's brand of humor can watch her current half-hour special, Gentleman Elf, on Netflix. Her appearance at Alfred University is hosted by the University's Student Activities Board.

Ulterior Motives

ULTERIOR MOTIVES

If you buy your eggs from Stearns Poultry Farm, you may have noticed a poster above the egg cooler. This well-worn poster depicts a rooster standing on a country road. Above his head, a thought-balloon reads, "I dream of a world where chickens can cross the road without having their motives questioned."

That riff on a well-known conundrum seldom fails to make me smile. And on certain days, it reminds me of a slogan from the *lojong* system of Tibetan Buddhist meditation. Based on a 12th-century text (*The Root Text of the Seven Points of Training the Mind*), this system consists of fifty-nine numbered "slogans," i.e., themes for daily living, all of them designed to generate resilience and compassion. With the guidance of a teacher, practitioners memorize a particular slogan, reflect on its meaning, and allow it to percolate into their conscious awareness during the course of the day. In this way, they train their minds and modify their conduct accordingly.



One Time, One Meeting

By BEN HOWARD

The slogan evoked by the poster is number 26:

Don't figure others out.

In his book *Training in Compassion: Zen Teachings on the Practice of Lojong* (Shambhala, 2012), Zen priest Zoketsu Norman Fischer Roshi discusses this slogan in the context of interpersonal relationships. In Fischer's view, human relationships are inherently prone to conflict. And the human impulse, however well-intentioned, to figure others out is often a source of discord. By becoming aware of that impulse, and by observing its often harmful effects, we can learn to refrain from engaging in the reflexive pondering of others' motives. Or, failing that, we can learn to approach that self-appointed task with greater discernment and humility.

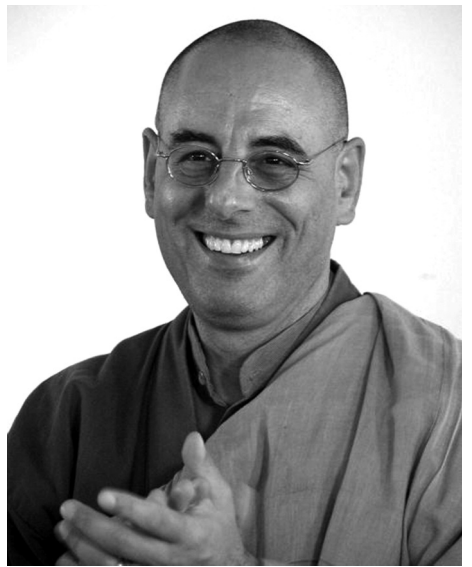
As Fischer observes, "[E]ven a cursory

investigation . . . shows us that we barely understand ourselves. . . . If it's hard to fathom ourselves, how could we seriously believe we can figure out someone else?" All of our motives, it might be argued, are ulterior, insofar as they are hidden even from ourselves. Yet on we go, attributing feelings, thoughts, and motives to our spouses, friends, and even public figures, as if we could read their minds. As Fischer notes, "We assume the intentions of others based on our understanding of their outward acts. And we are usually wrong."

Depending on the situation, the human costs of attributing—or misattributing—motives can be slight or great, trivial or momentous. It's fair to say that no one relishes being told, even by a well-meaning friend or relative, what he or she is feeling, wanting, thinking, or intending. "I'm really sorry," I once said to a person whose feelings I had hurt. "No, you're not," she shot back. "You're just feeling guilty." That rebuke only widened our emotional divide. "I can imagine what you're feeling," sympathetic friends sometimes say to the recently bereaved, inadvertently deepening their sense of separateness and isolation. As one grieving husband, still reeling from the sudden loss of his wife, lamented, "How could they know what I'm feeling, when I don't even know myself?"

As Fischer acknowledges, "There are times when it may be a good idea to try to imagine what someone else is feeling, thinking, needing or wanting." "Don't figure others out" is a motto, not an absolute. Rather than treat the slogan as a rigid rule, to be followed in every situation, it might better be understood as a cautionary mantra: a reminder, in Fischer's words, that "we don't really know what is in another's heart and whatever we imagine is probably incorrect." "What heart can know itself?" asks the poet Anthony Hecht, in his poem "Upon the Death of George Santayana." To that rhetorical question we might add: "What heart can know another's?"

Yet, if we are not to "figure others out," what, in times of conflict or crisis, are we

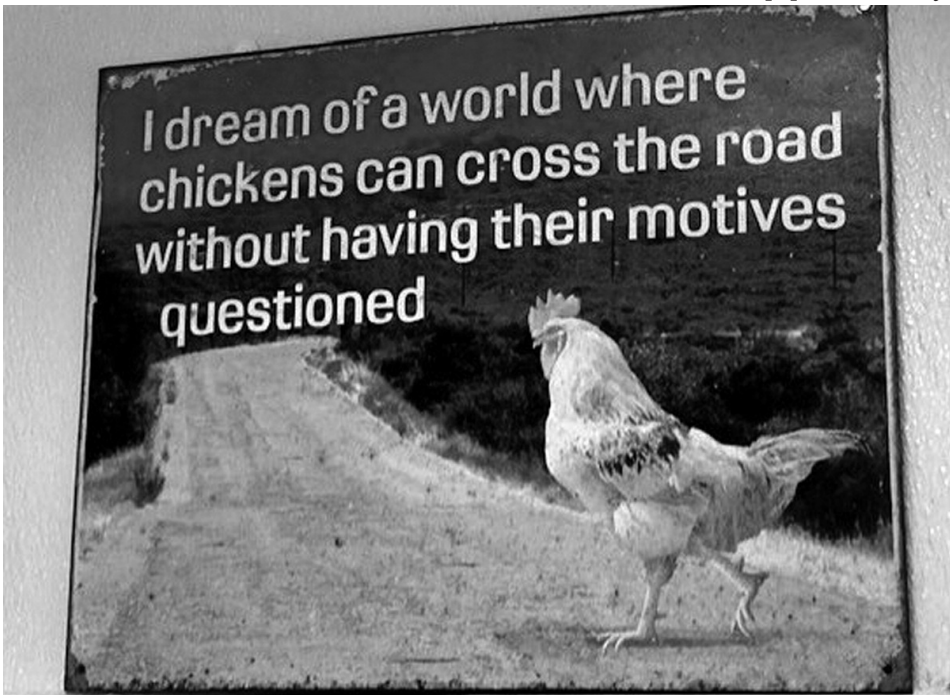


Zoketsu Norman Fischer
b. 1946

to do? "In the end," Fischer suggests, "probably the best thing we could do . . . for anyone . . . is to let them alone, profoundly alone, in the recognition that they are so much more than we could ever understand." By doing so, he adds, we are "recognizing their full human dignity."

Perhaps so. But leaving others alone when they are fearful or distraught can be tantamount to abandonment—or be felt as such. To Fischer's advice, and to the *lojong* slogan generally, I would add these complementary words by Zen master Thich Nhat Hanh, which I keep not far from my meditation cushion: "The most precious gift we can offer others is our presence. When mindfulness embraces those we love, they will bloom like flowers." Allowing others their full human dignity by refraining from trying to figure them out, we can also be fully present for them in their time of need. The two principles are not incompatible. Held in balance, the one supporting the other, they can constitute an appropriate and compassionate response.

Ben Howard's most recent book is *Immovable Awareness: The Intimate Practice of Zen* (2016).



Cultural Arts Calendar



Music

BANDS/DJs/RECITALS
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.

Off the Wagon is back! For more information on Off the Wagon check out: www.facebook.com/OfftheWagonAcoustic

Wellsville Creative Arts Center offers live music some evenings with performances beginning at 8 p.m., doors opening at 6 p.m. For an update on the status of live performances, visit the website at: www.WellsvilleCreativeArtsCenter.com or call 585-593-3000.

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

Genesee Valley Chorus. 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.

COFFEEHOUSES
Wellsville Creative Arts Center

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

CONCERTS/RECITALS
Sunday, April 3, 2:30 pm: The Nunda Historical Society is sponsoring internationally known musician **Dennis James in ‘Glass-ical Musick,’** his ninth performance in Nunda. James will present an entertaining exploration of the history of glass music. The illustrated musical lecture-demonstration will feature the glass armonica, a recreation of the 18th century musical instrument invented by Benjamin Franklin. Rotating on a mechanized spindle and rubbed with water-moistened fingers, the glass armonica bowls produce notes and chords of remarkable sonority. Franklin’s armonica is thought to be the first truly American musical instrument. This program is funded by a Restart NY Mini-Grant through the NYS Council on the Arts and administered by the GV Council on the Arts. This event, hosted by the Trinity Church of Nunda, 30 East Street, is handicapped accessible, free, and open to the public. However, donations are gratefully accepted. Please plan to join us for this “not-to-be-missed” program.

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

Wingate Memorial Carillon Recital Series at Davis Memorial Carillon, AU campus. 2021 recital series canceled. 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! Watch for updates on the status of the group. Miller Performing Arts Center, AU campus.

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

PERFORMANCES
“MOSTLY MOZART” Concert featuring two Alfred University students performing as soloists, will be held Friday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. in Miller Theater. AU students Monica Nowik and Luke Piazza will perform with the Alfred University Orchestra. The concert, which is presented by the Music Department and directed by Lisa Lantz, professor of music, is free and open to the public.



Art/Galleries

INSTRUCTION/GROUPS
Allegany Artisans. The Allegany Artisans, local artists and craftspeople working together to host an annual studio tour, held annually in October, invite artists



to apply. Work is juried. Studio must be in Allegany County. 585-593-6345 or visit the website: www.alleganyartisans.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

fibers. For more information, call Debbie MacCrea at 607-587-9270, or T.C. Gary at 585-593-4799.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hinkle Memorial Library Gallery, Alfred State College Campus. Open during library hours, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and 3-9 p.m. Sundays. For more information, call the library at 607-587-4313.

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

Inamori Kyocera Museum of

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



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

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

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

Rockwell Museum, 111 Cedar St., Corning. Largest American Western Art collection on view in the eastern United States, with paintings, sculpture, Native American artifacts, and firearms. 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://eldredpawwiiuseum.com/> or call: 814-225-2220.

‘Grow Your Own’ at Box of Books

By M.L. WELLS
Master Gardener

The Box of Books Library will soon sponsor a new Zoom program beginning Friday, April 8, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. “Grow Your Own” will focus on the backyard veggie garden and will meet every other Friday for 15 times.

This Zoom talk will follow the growing season with information which will be helpful to garden-

ers of all experience levels: from first-timers to those who have been at it for more than a half-century!

The format will combine lectures, discussions, questions and assignments! Each session will cover two topics.

On April 8, we will initially discuss how you choose your garden site or modify the one you already have in place: consider the aspect (slope and direction); sun, wind and drainage; how close in proximity is the site to your house. The second topic (Part II) will explain how important it is to get an early start – think mid-April.

During Session II on April 22, we will delve into your soil and how you can improve it. Then, I will encourage you to START

SMALL : 10 Feet Square (two double beds).If you do it right you can grow \$600 worth of food in that space – really.... To sign up for this free Zoom talk, please go to the Alfred Box of Books webpage (alfredboxof-bookslibrary.org) or call the library at 607-587-9290 for help.

The leader, Mary Lu Wells, has had 60 years of experience out in the real world and is an Allegany County Master Gardener as well as an author of the *Alfred Sun* column “The Upland Gardener” off and on for the last 50 years.

So, if you love to eat tasty, healthy food from your own hard work and effort towards independence, come join us on Friday, April 8, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. for “Grow Your Own.”

Be a Label Detective: Natural and Artificial Flavors

To continue my topic of food labels, I want to spend some time on the various ingredients that sneak into some of our foods. Natural and artificial flavors are at the top of my list!

You might be surprised at how many foods in your kitchen have these in their ingredients list. Take a minute and check your shelves. Items such as vegetable broth, spice mixes, or your favorite “health” beverages, such as almond milk and kombucha, often contain one or both of these additives.

Here are the FDA definitions of artificial and natural flavors:

“The term artificial flavor or artificial flavoring means any substance, the function of which is to impart flavor, which is not derived from a spice, fruit or fruit juice, vegetable or vegetable juice, edible yeast, herb, bark, bud, root, leaf or similar plant material, meat, fish, poultry, eggs, dairy products, or fermentation products thereof.”

“The term natural flavor or natural flavoring means the essential oil, oleoresin, essence or extractive, protein hydrolysate, distillate, or any product of roasting, heating or enzymolysis, which contains the flavoring constituents derived from a spice, fruit or fruit juice, vegetable or vegetable juice, edible yeast, herb, bark, bud, root, leaf or similar plant material, meat, seafood, poultry, eggs, dairy products, or fermentation products thereof, whose significant function in food is flavoring rather than nutritional.”[1]

So what does this mean? Basically, both ingredients are created as flavor enhancers in processed foods. Like its name, artificial flavors are synthetically produced chemicals. It must be “comprised of one of the nearly 700 FDA-allowed flavoring chemicals or food additives categorized as “gen-

erally recognized as safe,” or any of 2000 other chemicals not directly regulated by FDA but sanctioned for use by an industry group, the Flavor and Extract Manufacturers Association of the United States.”[2]

However, natural flavors turn out to be pretty similar as they are also produced in a lab by chemical extraction. Their only difference from artificial flavoring is that their origin is from a natural ingredient. Natural flavors can actually contain up to 100 other ingredients including chemical additives, solvents, preservatives, and other substances. Be assured, this process of extraction is NOT natural and can easily contain genetically modified ingredients. [3]

The term, “Natural,” is a great marketing ploy because the general public assumes the product must be healthier. However, as discussed, the FDA allows a lot of unnatural processing and additives within this ingredient. Interestingly, artificial flavors may often have LESS chemicals than natural flavors.

If you strive to invest in foods that build your body instead of those that add stress through synthetic and chemically altered ingredients, natural and artificial flavors are two additives you want to avoid!

[1] www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfcfr/cfrsearch.cfm?fr=501.22

[2] <https://www.healthline.com/nutrition/natural-flavors#section2>

[3]<https://www.ewg.org/foodscores/content/natural-vs-artificial-flavors>

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AU Environmental Studies Speakers Series. Talks are 12:20 to 1:10 Fridays during the fall semester. Lectures in person at Roon Lecture Hall, Science Center, AU campus, or if you have zoom installed on your computer, you can use the following meeting ID: 950 0185 0295 and passcode: 097490. The same zoom address will be used for every talk.

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. All programs free, open to the public. March 21-"Agnes," the WSKG documentary on the 1972 Flood; April 18-Personal Reminiscences with Agnes; May Field Trip-date TBA, Almond Dam and dish-to-share picnic after. Website: www.bakers-bridge.org. For more information, contact President Jim Ninos, 607-587-9018, jninos@gmail.com. For a tour of the building contact Collections Manager, Alexandra Hoffman, (607-382-9404, ahoffman4@gmail.com).

Bergren Forum. Forums will be held at 12:10 pm Thursdays and lasting for approximately 50 minutes. March 17-Otto Muller, "Some Interesting Points About the Size,

Shape and Rotation of the Earth"; March 24-Tim Ferdinands, Topic TBA; March 31-Eliza Beckwith: "The Show Must (try to) Go On; Theatre in the Time of Covid"; April 7-Mojca Kuplen, "The Aesthetics of Disgust"; April 14-Phi Beta Kappa Wit and Wisdom Competition Winner; April 21-Amanda and Sasha Khodorkovskaya, Topic TBA; April 28-David Marsh, "The Chemistry of Baking." 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.

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



Films

SPOTLIGHT THEATER. 191 Main Street, Hornell. 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 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 meets at Angelica Ink Letterpress, 20 Allegany Avenue, Angelica, during cold months and at Belvidere Cornerstone, 5781 County Road 20, Belmont, summer months. Contact TheBelvidereCornerstone@gmail.com with questions.

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

BRIDGE

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

Str8 Eight Tournament at the Terra Cotta Coffeehouse, Main St., Alfred. Tournaments held quarterly in February, May, August (the big one!) and November on the 8th day of each month at the Terra Cotta Coffeehouse starting at 8 p.m. (unless otherwise noted). You get the idea. To learn more about the card game invented in Alfred, NY, visit: www.str8-eight.com



Alfred University Chess Club: Are you interested in playing or learning more about chess? If so, consider joining the AU Chess Club! Weekly meetings from 5-6:30 p.m. Mondays in Olin Room 309.

Open to all, regardless of experience. For more information, email: laf2@alfred.edu

Special Events

Allegany Artisans OPEN STUDIO TOUR The Allegany Artisans Studio Tour is an annual cooperative event that includes artisans of diverse styles, tastes and traditions working with clay, wood, metal, fiber, jewelry, paint, glass, paper & more! Visit artisans' studios where their creative ideas come to life. For a map, check out our Web site. www.alleganyartisans.com

Allegany County Fair at the County Fairgrounds, Angelica, will celebrate its 177th year in 2022! For more details, visit: www.alleganycountyfair.org/

Journey to Transformation: Friday night community prayer for host, community and Allegany County churches, and beyond, are being held 7-8 p.m. Biweekly Sunday night praise and worship and prayer time, with live music, 6-8 p.m. to pray for prime county-wide concerns. Ongoing area prayer gatherings during the week available from 6:30-7:30 a.m. week day mornings at Knights Creek Evangelical Methodist Church, 2987 County Road 9, Scio; 8-9 a.m. Wednesdays at Belfast Free Methodist Church; and 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays at Powerhouse Youth Center, 23 West Main Street, Fillmore. Further info: Pastor Dan Kenyon, Wellsville Bible Church, at wbc@ne.twcbc.com or (585) 593-6471, or most area pastors.

Support Groups

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

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

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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.

Andover Celebrate Recovery, a Christian 12 Step Program meets weekly, Tuesdays at Andover Alliance Church, 5 Rochambeau Avenue, Andover, NY at 7:00 P.M. Our higher power is Jesus Christ. ANYONE haunted by a hurt, desiring to break a bad habit, or with a troublesome hang-up is welcome. God loves you as you are. However, He wants to help you change the things He knows are keeping you from the abundant life He designed for you. Alliance Church phone: 607 478 8843; email: andoveralliance@hotmail.com Website: andoveralliance.com

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 "The Path Way to Victory" Christian 12-Steps support for all types of hurts, hang-ups, habits and struggles of life, including common addictions. 7PM Saturdays at Knights Creek Evangelical Methodist Church, 2987 Knights Creek Road (Co. Road 9), Scio. www.facebook.com/KnightsCreekChurch, or Stephanie Burnell (585) 610-5384 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.

Journey to Transformation: 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.

LaLeche League. Mother-to-Mother Breastfeeding Support. Hornell group meets third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, corner of Main and Center Streets, Hornell. For more info, call 324-6266.

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

Etcetera

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

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

Deadline

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

Alfred Nutrition Site needs manager

ALFRED—The Alfred Nutrition Site needs a site manager in order to reopen. The site is open three days a week Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If anyone is interested in the position, they can call Crystal Malota, Nutrition site Coordinator: at the Office for the Aging at 585-268-9390 with any questions they might have or they can go online at the Allegany Co. website under Human Resources and print the civil service application, fill it out and return it to the Office for the Aging.



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WHAT'S COOKIN'?

Allegany County Office for the Aging Meals on Wheels Menu

- Monday, April 4**
- Peaches
 - Macaroni & Cheese
 - California Blend
 - Spinach
 - WG Roll
 - Sugar Cookie
- Tuesday, April 5**
- Mixed Fruit
 - Beef Stroganoff over Egg Noodles
 - Mashed Potatoes w/gravy
 - Corn
 - Carrot Raisin Bread w/Cream Cheese Frosting
- Wednesday, April 6**
- Coleslaw
 - BBQ Pulled Pork w/ WG Bun
 - Spiced Apples
 - Mixed Vegetables
 - Blueberry Crisp
- Thursday, April 7**
- Tropical Fruit
 - Fajita Chicken over Brown Rice
 - Grilled Peppers & Onions
 - Black Beans
 - Tortilla
 - Carmel Apple Cake
- Friday, April 8**
- Peachy Cottage Cheese Salad
 - Tuna Noodle Casserole
 - Diced Carrots
 - Peas
 - WG Bread
 - Pears

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 Squash & Sausage Soup

As I'm typing this article the snow is falling heavily over my garden. My house is brimming with started plants that have to wait another day (or month) to be planted outside as winter gradually yields to spring. This waiting period always feels like a good break. It is a chance for us farmers to slow down and enjoy the little things.

The flavors of this season include the last remaining roots and squash stored to sustain us through winter combined with fresh sprouts, hardy greens and a few brave perennial herbs that have begun to wake up and burst through their snowy beds.

Last night as we were milking, Meghan, John and I created this soup recipe and it is currently simmering on my stove with a few loaves of sourdough bread baking in the oven. I hope this recipe and this email inspires you to embrace the flavors of this transitional season and find peace in the rest!

DIY SQUASH AND SAUSAGE SOUP

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| 1 lb. Grassfed Italian sausage | 2 T Olive Oil |
| salt and pepper | 1 red onion, chopped |
| 2 cloves of garlic, chopped | 1 cooked butternut squash |
| 1 can chipotle and adobo sauce | 2 cups bone broth |
| ¼ cup raw milk | chopped fresh sage to garnish |
| 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese, plus a bit more to garnish | |

DIRECTIONS:

In a large pot over medium-high heat, brown your sausage in a big drizzle of Olive Oil until browned and crumbly.

Add salt and pepper followed by your chopped onion. Allow your onion to sauté until tender (about 5 minutes) then stir in your chopped garlic and squash. Let your squash sauté and heat up about 5 minutes and then if you're using a chipotle pepper, chop up one along with a tablespoon of adobo sauce and stir that in.

After your squash has sautéed, whisk in your broth. Bring the pot up to a boil and then reduce heat to simmer another 5 minutes or so. Once your squash feels fork tender, lower the heat and whisk in both your raw milk and Parmesan cheese.

Serve with cheese or herbs for garnish.

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

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Sat. 12:15, 3:45, 7:30
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Thurs. 12:00, 3:30

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April 7
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Thurs. 7:00

THE PATH OF THE PURSE



A smiling Alye Wright takes an order at her popular restaurant, Long Draw Pizza.



Terlingua, TX Postmaster Lisa Lowe



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Chile Pepper Restaurant



Otra Vez Thrift Store. Note the large tank on the right, which is a common sight in the desert. Most residents obtain their water supply by catchment, having designed their roofs to channel each precious drop that falls into such storage.



Sharon Surprenant in her natural environment, Otra Vez Thrift Store, happily displaying her purse on her left arm. (Photos by Sherry Volk)

The Peripatetic Purse; a Terlingua, Texas Tale

By SHERRY VOLK
Alfred Sun Reporter

On a recent Saturday, Bob (husband) and I left our RV site to walk the one-third mile to the local thrift store, Otra Vez, a ministry of the Big Bend Episcopal Mission. We had a few things to donate, and I love to thrift shop, anyway.

Bob carried a glass pint-and-a-half jar because we planned to stop on our way back to purchase a batch of salsa from nearby Chile Pepper Cafe’ to take home with us. While at Otra Vez, I delightedly found and purchased (being a biology geek) an empty ostrich eggshell, which, when it’s “full,” houses the largest single cell known to humankind.

We chatted with the women who work at the thrift and open it, twice a week, on Wednesday from 9 to noon and on Saturday, 9 to noon, then left. We walked the hundred yards or so back to the cafe’ and, upon entering, were greeted from a table by Lisa Lowe, Terlingua postmaster, who introduced us to the couple she was breakfasting with.

As Bob turned to chat with the couple, I showed Lisa the treasure I’d found at Otra Vez. “Is Sharon (Suprenant) working there this morning?” she asked.

She was.

When Lisa heard this, she reached down next to her chair and picked up a purse. “This is Sharon’s purse,” said she.

“Would you like me to take it to her?”

“Yes, please.”

Knowing that Bob could chat with strangers for quite some time, I set off on the mission and delivered the goods. Interestingly, Sharon, when I handed her the bag, basically said, “Thank you,” while looking confused.

Returning to Chile Pepper, I retrieved Bob and our delicious salsa, thinking it was a bit odd that I’d received such a “non” response.

The following Monday, I stopped at the post office to buy some postcard stamps and heard “the rest of the story” from Lisa. Sharon had dined at a local favorite spot, Long Draw Pizza, Friday evening. Stepping out onto the patio for a bit of a break, she didn’t note her black purse on the bench when she went back inside, as it had gotten quite dark.

When Alye Wright, the purveyor of the most delicious pizza we know, was tidying up at closing, she found Sharon’s bag. She called the person who would best know how to find its owner; the postmaster, of course.

Lisa, knowing where Alye lives, suggested that she drop the bag into the large mail slot in the post office lobby on her way home that evening. She knew

that Sharon would be working at Otra Vez the next morning, and would get it to her.

Lisa explained that that was probably why Sharon had

looked confused. How might a woman from western New York have come to deliver her bag to her the morning after she’d left it at a local pizza place?

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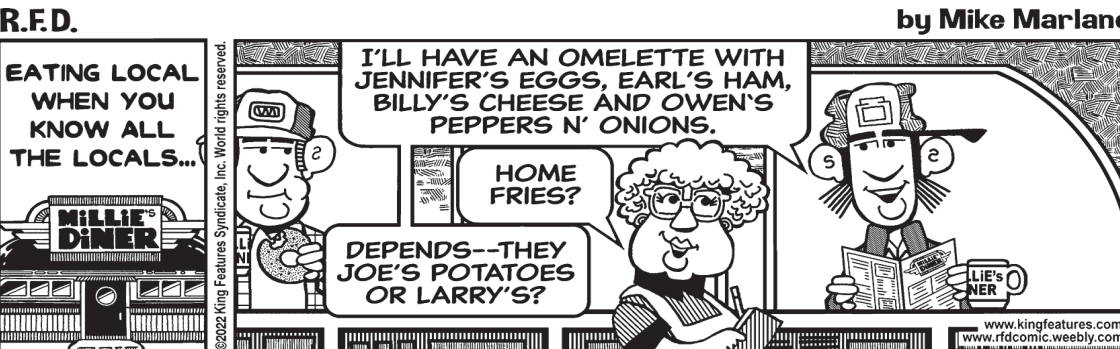
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by Linda Thistle

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ACROSS

1 Bar legally

6 Decorator's theme

11 Floodgate

12 Apple music service

14 Maidens of myth

15 Nap

16 Doctrine

17 Varieties

19 Up to

20 Casual tops

22 — Paulo

23 Optimum

24 Passover repast

26 Heller and Conrad

28 Chips go-with

30 Small barrel

31 High-ranking angels

35 Nintendo princess

39 Neural transmitter

40 Snitch

42 Eye drop

43 Spasm

44 Croc's kin

46 GI's address

47 Runs off to wed

49 Transforms (into)

51 Safe and sound

DOWN

1 Parisian palace

2 Tallied

3 Bit of advice

4 Folksinger

5 Mexican money

6 Identified incorrectly

7 Elevator name

8 Calendar abbr.

9 Foot part

10 Fixation

11 Tizzies

13 Mariners

18 British rule of India

21 Auto style

23 Sire

25 Shred

27 "— who?"

29 Sentence parts

31 Fills up

32 Driven out

33 Highly ornate

34 Perched

36 Figure skater, at times

37 Author du Maurier

38 Got up

41 Actress Marisa

44 Richard of "Chicago"

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48 Young dog

50 HDTV brand

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75 Years Ago, April 3, 1947

R.E. Ellis' car was damaged Sunday night when it was rammed as it was parked in front of his home by a car driven by a young man from out of town...

The annual meeting of the A.E. Crandall Hook and Ladder Co. was held Tuesday evening with Coit L. Wheaton presiding...annual election was held with the following results: president, R.S. Thomas; vice-president, C.W. Merritt; secretary, C.C. Post; treasurer, Robert C. Place; chief, Robert M. Glover; 1st assistant chief, William Evans; 2nd assistant chief, Charles R. Dudley; trustee for three years, E. Fritzof Hildebrand; delegates to County Convention, David Hildebrand and LeRoy Darling; alternates, John Rice and Earl Baker; delegate to Southwestern Convention, R.S. Thomas; executive committeeman to Allegany County Firemen's Assn., N.F. Tucker.

Twenty students accompanied by two instructors from the N.Y.S. Ag and Tech College made a field trip to the Edward Kemp farm in Andover last week where they inspected the modern five hundred acres with its contour plowing, division ditches and newly built modern potato storage plant in which 19,000 bushels of potatoes can be stored with practically no change in temperature. The Kent Farm is devoted to raising certified seed potatoes.

An Easter play, "The Testimony of the Twelve" by Esther Willard Bates will be presented at the Alfred Second S.D.B. Church in Alfred Station on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock by the church young adult group. Principals in the cast include W. Burr Woodruff playing the part of Pontius Pilate and Donald Pierce, who is cast as the apostle, Peter. William Evans plays the role of apostle John and Randall Palmiter that that of doubting Thomas. Miss Jean Palmer is cast as the angel at the tomb and other feminine roles are played by Minona Pierce as Potcula the wife of Pilate and Mrs. Margaret Stearns, Mrs. Louella Lewis and Mrs. Lewis Palmiter as women at the tomb. A feature of the production is one scene played entirely by children. These include Barbara Weaver, Richard Brown, Betty Pierce, Shirley Emerson, Phyllis Emerson, Larry Davis and Brian Rogers...

Miss Hannah Arlotta Saunders, daughter of Dr. Paul and Mrs. Canfield Saunders was married Wednesday afternoon, April 2, in the First Alfred S.D.B. Church to Malcolm Lowell Crump, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Crump.

55 Years Ago, March 30, 1967

(Picture) Methodists broke ground Saturday for the religious center of the Wesley Foundation of the Methodist Church. Participating in the service were students from Alfred University and Alfred State College and members of the local Methodist Church. Ground was broken by a plow as the congregation pulled the plow which was guided by the president of trustees of the Wesley Foundation, Robert Love.

The resignation of Mrs. Elizabeth Carmody as fifth grade teacher was accepted by the Alfred-Almond Central School Board of Education at their meeting Thursday. Mrs. Carmody who has been at Alfred-Almond for eight years, has accepted a position in her hometown of Andover...

Mrs. Victor Brown of Randolph, Mrs. Charles Bloomquists' mother, died Tuesday morning, March 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfield F. Randolph spent Easter weekend with Mr. and Mrs. George Potter and family of Mystic, Connecticut.

Ronald Snyder of Valley Forge Military Academy returns to school today after spending a ten-day leave at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Van Horn of Albany and their son, Alan, of Ithaca College, were Easter guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene T. VBan Horn and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Button of Belmont and Miss Jean Button were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Coit Wheaton on Easter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Place and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Dana Peck spent Easter Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dudley of Ontario.

35 Years Ago, April 1, 1987

Four-lane highway to connect Alfred, Rt. 17—(By Sally Scoop, FUN Reporter) It took the Village of Alfred

some 175 years to get its first traffic signal. Now some ten or so years later, Alfred will get its first four-lane highway. The New York State Department of Transportation has approved a plan to construct a four-lane highway connecting downtown Alfred directly with the Southern Tier Expressway (Rt. 17). Funding for the project, which is estimated to cost in the neighborhood of \$3 billion, has been included in the state's 1987-88 budget. The highway, which was earmarked as a key to economic development in the Southern Tier, will create what has been termed "The Concrete Corridor." The Concrete Corridor evolved from Alfred's blossoming concrete industrial development. Part of the plan includes development of spin-off heavy concrete industries in connection with research conducted at the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University's Concrete Science Division. "This will be a big boost to the Southern Tier economy," said Roger B. Dott, dean of the College of Ceramics. "Along that five-mile stretch of four-lane highway will be concrete industries with chain restaurants interspersed," he said. "I'm excited about the progress for the area..." NYSDOT officials said that when funding is approved, its overall plan is to construct a 20-mile four-lane segment of highway to connect the "Concrete Corridor" with Interstate 390 in Dansville, which would offer Rochester residents a direct link with the Village of Alfred...

Day care center to open—Ag-Tech, formerly known as Alfred State College, has agreed to offer its commuters and faculty and staff a day care center for children. The day care center will begin operation in September 1987 and will be located at the Saxon Heights Senior Housing Development. Children ages 1 month to 5 years will be accommodated at Diaper Hill Day Care Center, according to Connie Sockemship, director of continuing education at Ag-Tech. "This is a novel approach to solving the problem of latch-key babies," Sockemship said, "We're planning to train the residents of Saxon Heights to change diapers, prepare bottles and rock whining babies as part of their continuing education program." Ag-Tech has offered to provide free educational offerings to the residents of Saxon Heights as a community service project. To initiate training of the residents, the college is offering a course titled, "What Goes In Must Come Out or Mastering Motherhood," scheduled weeknights from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. at Saxon Heights. The course offering is a continuation of the college's tradition of making the work place the "classroom."

25 Years Ago, March 27, 1997

In vogue with the retro '70s trend, BASIC Campus Ministries is bringing a 1979 musical back to the stage with the Agape City Players' production of "The Witness," by Jimmy and Carol Owens. The 60-member cast and crew of the Agape City Players invites the area public to make this timely musical drama a part of their Easter celebration. It will be staged Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 27, 28 and 29 in the Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall, on the Alfred University campus. Curtain time is 8 p.m. each night. In "The Witness," we hear from Peter (played by Will Jacox of Alfred), the freshman who made so many mistakes and yet became an apostle; from his wife (played by Gretchen McManus of Hornell), who suddenly discovers she's married to a traveling man; Mary (played by Alfred-Almond Central School senior Marie Dunn), the mother of Jesus, who shares the secret of finding favor with God; James (played by Dave Snyder of Alfred Station) and John (played by Ed Waasdorp of Wellsville), who begin to understand what the kingdom of God is really all about; their mother (played by Diane Pitts of Andover), who watches out for the welfare of her boys, and from the tormented Judas (played by Phil Kopsaftis of Alfred) as he realizes that he has sold his own soul...

Robin R.B. Murray, 73, of 17 South Main Street, Almond, died Tuesday, March 18, 1997 at his home following a long illness. Born Aug. 27, 1921 in Shediac Cape, New Brunswick, Canada, he was the son of Alexander A. and Gwendolyn Rovers Murray. He was married in Pennsylvania to Eldred M. MacAlpine, who survives. He was predeceased by a daughter, Sharlan Murray, in 1994. He had been a resident of the Alfred-Almond area since 1959. He was director of Scholes Library, NYS College of Ceramics at Alfred University

from 1959 to 1983...

10 Years Ago, March 29, 2012

The warm weather has graced us early this year and with it the buds of spring. Flowers have burst forth from the ground and on the trees. The smell of dirt is in the air as plows have already broken ground. Driving through town, one sees gardeners on their hands and knees vigilantly making way for the bounty of the growing season. Speaking of a bountiful harvest, what better way to celebrate local foods and the people that so lovingly bring it to us than a farmers market? How about a farmers market located right in the center of Alfred, enlivening a Sunday afternoon with music, food, crafts, and a true community experience? The Alfred Farmers Market Advisory Board has been working hard to bring such a market into reality. Located at the village bandstand, the farmers market will operate Sundays 11 am-3 pm starting July 27 and ending Nov. 18, with indoor accommodations at the Alfred University Campus Center starting Oct. 14. The Alfred Farmers Market (AFM) will be a grower's only market, meaning 100% of agricultural, artisan and food products offered for sale must be grown or produced by the vendor, making it one of a kind for Allegany County...

An early spring and mild winter may have disrupted how the maple syrup season relates to the calendar, but the Andover Lions Club is preparing for the 40th Maple Festival, none the less. Since 1972 the Andover Lions have tapped village sugar maple trees and boiled sap as part of the local event. This year the buckets hung on the trees are symbolic, since the useful sap run actually occurred in February. Over 100 vendors will gather at Andover Central School Saturday March 31 and Sunday April 1....

Sunbeams: Katherine Lang, owner and artistic director, has announced that she is closing Alfred Dance Academy. "It is a decision that has come with great difficulty, but was made due to the lack of sufficient numbers of students," she said. She announced that there would be no classes held the last week of March 2012 or in the future....Average retail gasoline prices in Rochester have risen 1.4 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.97/g yesterday. This compares with the national average that has increased 4.5 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.86/g, according to gasoline price website Rochester-GasPrices.com....Short's Oil & Propane has demolished its former convenience store on Rt. 244 in Alfred. A late addition was spared demolition and the site continues to offer diesel fuel for sale. No immediate plans were announced for the site....

Candle arrangements with ferns, baby's breath and white ribbons decorated the St. Jude's Chapel for the 6 p.m. candlelight wedding ceremony of D'Arcy Jo Stenshorn and Mark Richard Gaisser on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, in Alfred...The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Stenshorn of Gainesville. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Gaisser of Sayles Street, Alfred...



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DeMAR, GOD & GOVERNMENT, I, 129.

Alfred Area Church Directory

ALFRED-ALMOND AREA

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

ALFRED-ALMOND BIBLE CHURCH--Rt. 21, Almond. Pastor Ken Shutt. Pastor Justin Langley. Sunday Worship Service 10 am followed by Adult Bible Fellowship and Sunday School. Sunday Evening Services 6 pm. (EPIC Teens and EPIC Kids discontinued through the summer.) Phone 607-276-6700. www.aabible.org.

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

ALFRED SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH--4 West University Street. Sabbath (Saturday) Worship Service, 11 a.m. in the Parish House (Meeting House). Pastor Christian R. Mattison. Contact millerd.1944@yahoo.com (Clerk)

ALFRED STATION SEVENTH-DAY BAPTIST CHURCH "Baptist with a Difference" Sabbath (Sat.) Worship Experience: Sabbath (Sat.) "Face to Face" (Please wear mask if not fully vaccinated). 10:30 am Church Meetinghouse Opens; 10:30 am Contemporary Christian Music in the Sanctuary. Children's Church (Grades 2 and under) after Special Music during Worship. "Cloud Congregation" (Streaming Live) Sermon.net -- www.alfredstationsdb.org; Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church Facebook Page; Alfred Station Seventh-day Baptist Church You-Tube Channel. Wednesday "Helping Hand" Bible Study in Sanctuary. Pastor's Phone 607-222-6023 Pastor's E-Mail pastor.chroniger@gmail.com Campus at 585 Rt. 244 Alfred Station. Pastor: Rev. Dr. Kenneth Chroniger (Pastor Ken)

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

ALMOND COMMUNITY CHURCH--11 Main St., Almond. Join us Sunday Mornings: Bible Hour 9:30 am, Worship Service & Kids' Club 10:30 am. Women's Bible Study Monday evenings at 7 pm. Food Pantry open Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9 am to Noon. For more information, call (607) 276-6151 or email almondcommunitychurch@gmail.com or by mail at PO Box E, Almond, NY 14804. We're your Community Church, please join us! Pastor Scott Dumond.

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

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

INSTITUTE OF DIVINE METAPHYSICAL RESEARCH--Sundays 12 noon at Almond Grange, Almond. Choir starts 11:40 am. Meetings Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30 to 9:30 pm at Almond Grange Hall.

KONXIONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Alfred Campus--1389 Moland Road, Alfred. Sunday services at 9:45 am. Pastor: Rev. Dr. Stephen Crowell. Pastor's Number 716-982-6469. Church Office Number: 585-981-9500. On the web at konxions.com, as well as Facebook and YouTube.

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP--Randolph Road, Alfred. Pastor Roger Gardner. Worship 10:30 am Sundays. Services on Facebook, Youtube. Find us on Facebook at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship: Alfred. Biweekly Life Group Gatherings. 607-382-4217.

SS. BRENDAN AND JUDE PARISH--Father James W. Hartwell, Pastor. St. Brendan Church, 11 S. Main St., Almond. Weekend Mass: Saturday, 4:00 p.m. Weekday Masses Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.; St. Jude Chapel, Lower College Dr., Alfred (on the Alfred State College campus). Weekend Masses Sunday 11 a.m. Office phone: 585-593-4834.

UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH--Alfred, 10:30 a.m. Sunday at 5 Church Street. A multi-denominational community church welcoming all faiths. K-6 classes on hold due to Covid, Youth programs in progress. Church services in person and on Zoom, posted to You Tube and Face Book later in week. www.unionuniversitychurch.org Church Center at corner of Main and Church Streets, office hours Wednesday & Thursday - 1:00 - 4:00. Rev. Louise Barger. 587-9288.

ANDOVER AREA

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE--5 Rochambeau Ave. andoveralliance.com Rev. Philip Barner, Sunday School 9:00 AM, Worship Service 10:00 AM -- Worship Team Coffee Fellowship time before and after Worship Service. Wednesday -- Bible Study / Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM.

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.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH--14 Elm Street. Pastor Calvin Densmore. Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning Worship 11 am. Wed. night Bible Study 6 p.m. AWANA 6-7:30 p.m. Food Pantry available at Church. Clothing Closet Mon. 10-1 and 4-7 pm, Fri. 10-1.

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

ZION'S HILL MINISTRIES--23 Barney St., Andover. Services: Sunday 10:30 am. Wed. Night Bible Study 6:45 p.m. Pastors Mary and David Nevol. Phone 716 498 0119. Call 587-8110 or e-mail changes to: alfredsun.news@gmail.com. Thank you!

CHURCH NEWS

Church continues journey to Easter celebration

ALFRED STATION--This Sabbath, (Saturday) April 2 your friends and neighbors at the Alfred Station Seventh-day Baptist Church, "Baptist with a Difference" during the 11 a.m. Worship Hour continue their Journey to the celebration of Easter. You, your family and friends are invited to travel with us.

Pastor Ken's sermon, based on 1 Corinthians 15:50-55 will be titled "Read a Good Mystery?"

On Palm Sabbath, April 9, the scripture will be 1 Corinthians 15:56-58 for the sermon titled "Christus Victorious." We will celebrate the Lord's Supper.

On Easter Sabbath, April 16,

the sermon will be titled "The Evidence," based on Acts 1:1-4.

If you, your family or friends will be attending Face to Face the church campus is located at 585 Route 244 Alfred Station. If you are attending through the Cloud starting at 10:55 am join the Worship Hour at Sermon.net

- www.alfredstationsdb.org Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church Face Book Page, or the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church You Tube Channel.

Join your friends and learn how God is changing the world one person at a time.

Alfred Area Food Pantry open Tues., Thurs.

ALFRED STATION--The Alfred Area Food Pantry is open for business, as it has been throughout the pandemic. Hours are now 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday of the month. Due to the generosity of the community, the Food Pantry will be able to be more generous in amounts for those who come for assistance.

Patrons are able to come once a month to receive an assortment of canned goods including fruits, vegetables, peanut butter, tuna, tomato sauce, rice and pasta, cereals, eggs, milk, bread, and chicken. Shampoo, conditioner, toilet paper and miscellaneous items are also often available.

Masks will be required when in the food pantry building.

The Food Pantry is located in the brick building next to the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church. Call Linda Butts at 607-587-8315 or Laurel Buckwalter at 607-968-0669 with questions.

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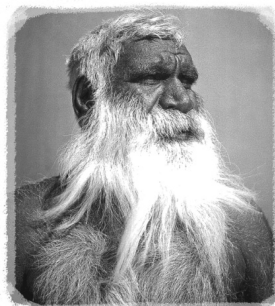


"I'd appreciate it, Peters, if you didn't return my woodworking tools during office hours!"

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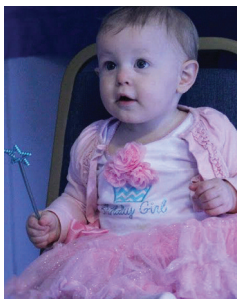
"Adnyamathanha Man"
by Charles Mount (1937)

...He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us...

Acts 17: 26, 27

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Everyone loves a parade!

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Dear Mom, Dad, Grandpa and Grandma:

Here's a chance for you to show off the pride and joy of your family. *The Alfred Sun* will publish its annual ever-popular "Easter

Parade of Little People" on Thursday, April 14, 2022.

All-age youngsters are eligible. Bring in or send or e-mail pictures to the ALFRED SUN by Saturday, April 9. No matter where you live, a picture of your Little Person will be accepted. The charges listed below will help cover costs of processing your photo(s) and printing.

Wallet size pictures are preferable to large portrait size pictures. Both color and black and white photos are acceptable. It is best if there is only one child per photo. However, all photos will be accepted.

Digital Photos may also be e-mailed to: alfredsun.news@gmail.com with "Parade" in the Subject Line.

Fill out the coupon below to insure that your youngster is included in the Parade of Little People in the April 18 issue. Print the child's name on an edge on the back of the picture. For multiple submissions, the form below can be duplicated.

Photos will be held for pick-up after publication or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope for prompt return of photos.

COSTS: \$5/photo. Photos with two children, \$10. Photos with three or more children, \$15. Coupon at left must accompany photos with each child properly identified.

Easter Parade of Little People

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ALFRED STATE COLLEGE NEWS



Matteo Avallone homered in wins over RIT and St. John Fisher.

Avallone ‘Athlete of the Week’

ALFRED—Matteo Avallone (Mahopac/ Bridgton Academy) has been named the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) Athlete of the Week for the second time this spring baseball season.

Avallone was a vital part in all three wins for the Pioneers last week. He recorded a .636 batting average, 1.182 slugging percentage and hit his seventh home run of the season. He leads the AMCC in home runs and RBIs with 23 and is tied for second in batting average with .457.

In their 12-2 win over Houghton, Avallone was walked four times, had one run and one RBI. In their 6-2 win over RIT, he went 3-for-5 including a two-run homer. The very next day he went 4-for-5 with another two-run homer as the Pioneers defeated St. John Fisher, 4-3.



MATters of Finance

By MATHEW S. HILL, CFP®
Financial Advisor

Protect Your Finances Online

During periods of crisis, cyber criminals often increase their attacks, taking advantage of chaos to pry information from unsuspecting victims. Here are some steps you can take during these turbulent times to protect your identity and finances online:

1. Create strong passwords. A password is considered strong when it consists of 10 or more characters, a combination of upper and lower letters with at least one number and one symbol. Cyber security experts recommend changing your passwords as often as every three months, as long as your replacement passwords are sufficiently strong. Consider using a password manager, which makes it easier to generate and recall strong passwords.

2. Update your antivirus software. Hackers are constantly looking for ways into personal computer systems. The best antivirus software providers stay one step ahead of the scammers, but you need to enable updates for maximum benefit. Keep your antivirus program current to reduce your vulnerability to these attacks.

3. Use only secure Wi-Fi. Avoid logging in to financial accounts when you’re away from a trusted Wi-Fi connection. Public Wi-Fi may not be secure, which means any personal or financial information you enter during a public Wi-Fi connection may be easily compromised. At home, double check that your router is properly encrypted to prevent unauthorized access.

4. Monitor your accounts. Keep a close eye on your checking, saving and investment account activity. If you notice anything strange, contact your bank or credit card issuer. Give your financial institution permission to notify you of suspicious activity by activating alerts.

5. Turn on two-step authentication. Many financial institutions offer the option of two-step authentication to discourage fraud. When you opt into this added layer of security, you will have to go through an extra step to verify it’s you when accessing accounts. It may take another minute of your time, but it’s worth the security of knowing you’re making it much harder for hackers to breach your accounts.

6. Stop before you click. Be wary of spoof emails and online ads that seek access to your passwords and other sensitive information. Many spammers use fake return addresses that are easy to spot, but others have adopted more sophisticated schemes to get you to engage.

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Forensic science gets full accreditation

ALFRED—The Forensic Science Education Accreditation Commission (FEPAC) has granted the Alfred State College (ASC) forensic science technology program a second 5-year full accreditation.

FEPAC accredited programs have been rigorously reviewed and found to meet the standards for quality forensic science education. Choosing an accredited program is added assurance that your education will assist you in establishing a career in forensic sciences by meeting the requirements of employers in the laboratory.

Alfred State completed the application process, completed a detailed self-study, hosted two FEPAC site team members for a site visit, and a final report was submitted. At the annual meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences in Seattle, WA the entire board of commissioners met to review the final report and awarded continued full accreditation status to ASC.

Director of the Forensic Science Technology program Wayne Bensley credits the tireless work by the faculty and staff of the program since its inception. “By earning another 5-year full accreditation award from FEPAC, Alfred State can say that our forensic science tech-

nology program is among the best in the country. As there are fewer than 30 full accredited undergraduate forensic science programs in the United States, the forensic science technology program at Alfred State has earned the same distinction as many larger universities.”

The mission of the Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC) is to maintain and to enhance the quality of forensic science education through a formal evaluation and recognition of college-level academic programs. The primary function of

the Commission is to develop and to maintain standards and to administer an accreditation program that recognizes and distinguishes high quality undergraduate and graduate forensic science programs.

“I am especially proud of the current students, who participated in the site visit, as well as the alumni of the program, many of whom are employed by crime labs across the country.”

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PEACEFUL EVENING... OH, YEAH! RI-I-I-I-GHT!

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ALLEGANY COUNTY NEWS DIGEST

Two accidents on Alfred's Foster Lake Road within a week

Compiled by DAVE SNYDER
Editor and Publisher

ALLEGANY COUNTY—WellsvilleSun.com reporter John Anderson reported on a fiery car crash that occurred Friday morning, March 25 on Foster Lake Road in the Town of Alfred.

Amity-based State Police said a vehicle driven by Niki J. Arendt, 20, of Middleport went off Foster Lake Road in Alfred, struck a tree, overturned and caught on fire. Arendt was able to escape the vehicle prior to first responders arriving on the scene, police said, and was not seriously injured.

Alfred and Alfred Station firefighters were able to extinguish the fire before it spread to the pine trees nearby.

There was no information regarding charges and no details of injuries were reported.

A second Foster Lake Road crash occurred Monday, March 28. A police report was not available at press time, but word was that a vehicle overturned near the Alfred University Equestrian Center. No one was hurt in the mishap that occurred on the road with a dusting of snowfall.

University "in the black"

According to a story last week in the *Buffalo News*, Alfred University was one of just two private institutions of high education in Western New York that did not lose money during the five years immediately preceding the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In its story published Sunday, March 20—titled "Most Buffalo area private colleges operated in the red even before Covid-19 hit"—the *Buffalo News* examined 11 colleges and universities in Western New York.

The story revealed that nine schools experienced operating deficits for at least two of the five years between 2015-16 and 2019-20; only Alfred University and St. Bonaventure did not sustain operating losses during the five-year period.

Kassas joins Jones team

Jones Memorial Hospital is pleased to announce that Pediatricians Dr. Zahi Kassas and Monica Acomb, PNP, will transition to a Jones Memorial Medical Practice, effective May 1, 2022. Dr. Kassas, who joined the Jones Memorial Medical Staff in 1999, has been in private practice at 313 North Main Street in Wellsville for 22 years. Patients will see very little changes from this transition. The current staff will remain and Dr. Kassas and Nurse Practitioner Monica Acomb will continue to provide



Alfred Station firefighters extinguish this car fire March 25 in this screen shot of video by Alfred Police Chief Paul Griffith.



A vehicle overturned on Foster Lake Road in the Town of Alfred Monday, March 28. (Alfred Police Chief Paul Griffith Photo).

medical care. Office hours and the phone numbers will also not change. Jones Memorial will manage the billing and take custody of patient records. After May 1st patients will be able to access their medical records by registering at mychart.urmc.rochester.edu.



Prof designs Ukraine graphic

Judy Livingston, associate professor of graphic design at Alfred University, has designed a graphic that can be used to easily donate to relief efforts benefiting refugees from Ukraine.

Livingston created the graphic, which is designed based on the blue and gold Ukrainian flag, after Alfred University student Liz Schumacher started a fundraiser to assist Ukrainians affected by the Russian invasion. Schumacher, a junior global studies major, identified two fundraising efforts—organized by the Red Cross in Ukraine and UN Refugee Agency—to which people can donate.

The graphic designed by Livingston (shown above) includes a QR code, which is linked directly to the "donate now" page on the UN Refugee Agency website.

AU alum visits classes

Alfred University's College of Business last week hosted alumnus Patrick Sgroi '90, President of Sgroi Financial, the financial planning company based in West Seneca.

Sgroi visited classes, met a select group of students and Alfred University President Mark Zupan for dinner, and delivered an evening talk to students in the Business College.

Sgroi Financial was started in the 1970's by Patrick Sgroi's fa-

ther, Joe Sgroi. Patrick Sgroi joined the company in 1991, following his graduation from Alfred University.

Students of Color Leadership

The office of diversity, equity, and inclusion hosted a Students of Color Leadership conference earlier this semester. The conference featured a panel of diverse leaders that shared their experiences on student involvement and community engagement.

The conference featured four guest speakers. Dr. Mark Montgomery, chief diversity officer at SUNY Poly, Antonio Williams, director of graduate diversity initiatives at the University of Rochester, Natasja Rudge, director of student support services at SUNY Geneseo, and Jared Cooper, lead account manager at Kajeet Educational Technologies.

Alfred State student Ashley Clemente (New York) was impressed with the experience, "The Students of Color Leadership conference was a very com-

forting and positive experience. Listening to the speakers at the event was very empowering because we were able to listen to stories of people in minorities from different backgrounds conquering the educational system to be in very successful positions. Seeing and speaking to individuals who are in their position gives hope and connections for other students who are

the minority to also persevere and navigate higher education."

Organized by Desmond Davis, assistant director of diversity, equity, and inclusion, the event featured various conversations to discuss success and leadership during and after college. The event also featured networking opportunities and concluded with a banquet.



Guest speakers at the Students of Color Leadership conference included (from left) Natasja Rudge, Jared Cooper, Antonio Williams and Dr. Mark Montgomery.

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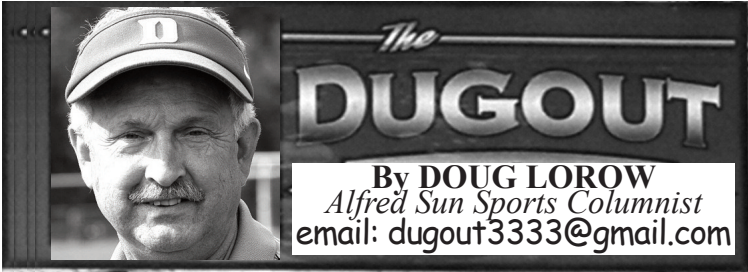
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It is indeed "March Madness" time in the NCAA men's basketball tournament with wild games galore along the way to the last grouping in New Orleans, but am starting out this week with an equally wild ride by the St. Bonaventure men's hoop program in the NIT's. After losing to St. Louis in the Atlantic 10 quarterfinals, by a single point, the Bonnies have been on a cross-country journey. A tough loss for Bona as they beat the Billikens twice in the regular season.

Selection Sunday for the NCAA tournament was held on March 13th as the 68-team field was filled out. With an early conference outster, the Bonnies had no chance of making that tourney. Shortly after the NCAA field was complete, the NIT brackets were announced. The Bonnies were in and the travel was set to start. From Olean (Buffalo?) to Colorado and back home. From WNY to Oklahoma and then from there to Virginia. After beating the Sooners, a #1 bracket seed, on Sunday the 20th, the Bonnies took the court two-days later in Charlottesville against the Cavs and their tough defense. Lots of air miles, lots of "miles" on the starting five, on the court!

The Bonnies beat Colorado, 76-68 and then Oklahoma, 70-68. It was off to Virginia for the NIT quarters with a trip to NYC and Madison Square Garden on the line. Bona nips the home team, 52-51 and their next game will feel almost like a "home contest" at MSG. St. Bonaventure (23-9) took on the Xavier Musketeers (21-13) on Tuesday evening past and if victorious, likely a meeting with Texas A&M tonite (3/31). No foolin!

St. Bonaventure won this tourney back in 1977 as they beat Houston in the title game and Greg Sanders was named the tourney MVP. Jim Satalin was the head coach back then ... still looking for that autograph, and Mark Schmidt is looking to grab that trophy this year. For whatever reason, this is the last NIT that will be held in MSG for (at least) two years as the NCAA is putting the tourney "up for bid." Classic NCAA maneuver! Have no idea who is coaching Xavier as they fired Travis Steele earlier this month. One day after they beat Cleveland State in their NIT opener. Not too odd. Anyhow, Sean Miller is somehow set to return as the Musketeer head coach despite FBI allegations at his last coaching spot of Arizona.

I'm sure there is a huge Bona alumni base in NYC and they will be joined by the "Traveling Sports Fan" from Almond as well. The ex-cager at A-A and local foul shooting whiz staying in The Big Apple for three nites if the Bonnies win over Xavier? Will await updates from Robert H. Torrey ... once he figures out his new iPhone.

When you think of the blue bloods in the men's college basketball ranks, my first thoughts are to include the likes of Kentucky, North Carolina, Kansas and Duke. UCLA and Indiana from days gone by. Well, the "Final Four" is stacked with those blue bloods this year...except the Wildcats from UK, of course. Kentucky didn't get out of the first round as a #2 seed. The Wildcats from Villanova, no slouch themselves of late, will fill that slot instead. So, it'll be 'Nova-Kansas and the heated Duke-NC contest in The Big Easy this weekend.

DUGOUT CONTINUED...

Obviously all four of those teams are playing their best basketball of the year, right now! Kansas and North Carolina pounded their respective foes in the regional finals. Villanova and Duke got by two, tough, defensive-minded programs to advance in Houston and Arkansas, respectively. Who is playing the best right now? Great question!

My first inclination would be to say Kansas and North Carolina and if they were to meet on Monday for the championship, not a huge surprise. A "dejecting" nite, but not a stunning one for me. The Blue Devils of Duke are playing their best ball of late, as well and the Duke-NC match-up should be a doozy. One of those I'll love if Duke prevails and will absolutely hate if they lose to the Tar Heels. Losses to Kentucky (rare) and North Carolina are the worst.

Villanova was dealt a crushing blow as they will be without Justin Moore in the "Final Four." He suffered a leg injury late in their win over the weekend. I think Jay Wright is one of the best coaches in all of college hoops but not sure they'll have enough to overcome the Jayhawks. Kansas advances.

Anyhow, Duke and North Carolina, part III. Never before a game in the NCAA's against each other. That is pretty amazing. Armando Bacot is a rebounding machine for NC, Brady Manek a long range bomber and guards Caleb Love and RJ Davis cause quickness problems. Ouch! The young Duke team is maturing and improving but (sadly) I think the run stops against North Carolina. Then the top 6-7 players are off to the pro's, Coach K is off to retirement and a new roster is in place next season. Yuk. North Carolina by three.

North Carolina cuts down the nets on Monday...and sincerely hope I'm wrong here !!

HITS AND MISSES:

In the NCAA women's hoop tourney, top-seeded South Carolina and defending champ Stanford are in the "Final Four" after wins on Sunday. The rest of the bracket will be filled out Monday nite. Looking at Louisville and UConn to join them. If that is the case, three #1 seeds and second-seeded UConn. Sticking with South Carolina to win it all but think UConn can knock off Stanford to reach the finale.

In the NCAA Division III men's basketball tournament, Randolph-Macon drilled Elmhurst, 75-45 to win the championship and the two semi-final games were blowouts as well. R-M smashed Marietta, 81-63 and Elmhurst thumped

Wabash, 90-68.

Hope won the NCAA Division III women's basketball title as they topped UW-Whitewater in the finals, 71-58. Hope (32-1) beat conference foe Trine in the semi-finals and they also won the MIAA title over them. Their lone loss on the season, ironically, was to Trine back on January 26th, in a game at Hope! Whitewater nipped Amherst from the rugged NESCAC in the semi-finals.

It didn't take long for head coach Shaheen Holloway to move on from St. Peter's and their cinderella run as he is now the head coach at Seton Hall. In fairness, Holloway played at SH and was an assistant there for many years under Kevin Willard, who's now at Maryland.

And head coach Penny Hardaway and his Memphis Tigers basketball program in a little hot water with the NCAA. "Huge surprise" there!

SUNY Geneseo lost in the championship game of the NCAA "Frozen Four" at the Herb Brooks Arena in Lake Placid as the Knights advanced to the Olympic Village site by beating New England College in the semi-finals. Adrian (31-1) won the title and they have a 31-game winning streak! Yes, they lost their season opener, to Utica in Utica and then rattled off all victories from that point. The Knights wrapped up a (24-4-1) campaign that included a SUNYAC championship title win over Oswego, their fourth straight.

The Alfred Saxons (5-6) softball team split "double dippers" in Pennsylvania last week against Lycoming and Wilkes College. AU has a busy schedule this week with twinbills against Geneseo, Russell Sage, Utica and Fredonia.

Skip Sherman (A-A) and his Genesee CC baseball program (6-4) will be busy this week with games galore, weather permitting, as they take on Monroe CC, Jamestown CC, JCC again and Finger Lakes CC. All doubleheaders. Genesee will play Jamestown at Diethrick Park which is host to the summer, college team called the Tarpskunks (honestly!). The Jamestown entry in the old NY-P League also played there and it was the home of A-A's Brian S. Granger as he was working his way up the thru the minor league and MLB ranks. No, not as a player!

Coach Tim Mead and his Walsh Cavs baseball team (7-8) out in Ohio took two games from (Sam) Malone by identical 8-3 scores at Thurman Munson Stadium in Canton on Friday. The two were scheduled to meet again in league play the next day ... but were snowed out! The Cavs are in the Great Midwest Athletic Conference. Dale Howard recently retired as the athletic director there and in 1979 he was a residence hall director at Alfred State. So, "guessing" he was at Walsh after Bob Huggins departed for Akron and then Cincy? "Think" Howard was from Canisteo?

The Alfred Saxons lax team (6-1) has games upcoming

against Brockport and Oswego from the SUNYAC ranks before their E8 slate begins on 4/9. AU was bombed by Geneseo, 16-2 in their lone loss.

Coach Long's Bombers (8-1) at Ithaca had two tight games last week as they nipped Nazareth, 15-14 and Clarkson, 11-10. The tough Liberty League had five teams in the USILA top twenty lax poll last week with RIT in at #2, Union was 10th, St. Lawrence 17th, Ithaca right behind them and RPI nestled in at #20. The Tigers of RIT (8-0) are the defending national champs and they just eased by #5 SJ Fisher last week, 16-15. The Cardinals have beat Ithaca, Cortland, St. Lawrence and Amherst already this season. E8 favorites?

Joan Joyce passed away on Sunday at the age of 81. First remember hearing about her as a pitcher for fast-pitch Raybestos Brakettes out of Connecticut, back in the day. She later played on the LPGA Tour and has been the softball coach at Florida Atlantic. Quite the athlete!

There was another huge trade in the NFL last week as the KC Chiefs sent speedy WR, Tyreek Hill to the Miami Dolphins for a boat load of draft picks. Now, can QB Tua Tagovailoa get the ball to him? Can Tua stay healthy? Lots of weapons on this team but Tagovailoa isn't exactly Justin Herbert when it comes to arm strength. The Dolphins took Tua at #5, the Chargers grabbed Herbert with the next pick. Herbert on the Dolphins now would be awesome.

Our Man Frank (ex-Mets, ex-Yanks fan) and McDrip (Mets) took in the St. Louis Cardinals at NY Mets spring training game on Sunday past and they got to see Jacob deGrom and Max Scherzer pitch for the Mets in Port St. Lucie. Pretty sharp! Those two combined for all nine innings on the mound. They were searching for Cards fan, Pat Atwell, but didn't spot him. A "romp" in the pool afterwards at the Rusinko residence for the former Alfred State College roommates.

It was a round of golf at Hernando Oaks on Saturday past on a stunningly perfect day in Brooksville as it was Taft - 91, yours truly - 99 and Mr. Timmer - 100 after Scummer tripped over his putter on #18. A fade down-the-stretch (last hole) enabled me to nip Timmer although not as dramatic as one by Stubb a number of years ago in Kissimmee when we were in Orlando for the an NCAA tourney. Our Man up by six shots with two or three holes left at the Kissimmee GC and he left the last hole, losing by one shot...and muttering. It might be a mini Sumo Tour South out-ing this week at Sherman Hills and potentially joined by Richard Hopkins...replacing Brownie, plus Gabby Goodwin and Mike Payton.

With three basketball championships to be decided this week, would love to see the trifecta of Bona ... NIT, UConn and Paige Bueckers for the women in the NCAA's and obviously DUKE !!



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