



*Sun at Curacao*

*Alfred Sun* reader Teresa Gaisser-Bent relaxes with the *Sun* on a dive trip with the Auburn Skin Divers Oct. 26 through Nov. 2. The weather was beautiful - mid 80's and sunshine every day. This iguana at right wanted a chance to read *The Sun* while sunbathing. Teresa's husband is a member of the Auburn Skin Divers.



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## Santa makes early visit

*Alfred Sun reporter Sherry Volk lands rare Santa interview*

By SHERRY B. VOLK  
*Alfred Sun Reporter*

ALFRED—Serendipitously, your local newspaper, *The Alfred Sun* (TAS), managed to catch Santa on an early stop, right here in Alfred.

*Sun* reporter, Sherry Volk, was granted a few minutes with the old saint to pose some questions.

**TAS: How do you know when "we" are sleeping?**

Santa: Well, you are nestled in bed with sugarplums dancing in your heads. Spirits can see into dreamland.

**TAS: What if there's no chimney?**

Santa: We look for the heating system air intake and can slip in there. Of course, there's always the door.

**TAS: Does anyone ever admit to being naughty?**

Santa: Oh, yes. Besides you can see it in their eyes. ...but they CAN do better.

**TAS: What do you feed your reindeer?**

Santa: They have a special "lite" diet. These critters have to get airborne, you know, so it's very nutritious and lite. Rudolph and his kids have to have a "light" diet, of course. You realize we have to plan for the future, so the reindeer have families.

**TAS: How many elves does it take to make a computer?**



Santa, with his elf, Claire Volk.



Santa's sleigh, loaded with our future.



Kitchen art; three dozen eggs about to become French toast for Breakfast with Santa.



The remarkable and inimitable Liz Pages who organized the whole event, checks with Bob Pipal just before the doors open.



Unseen, upstairs in the firehall, a contingent of cooks kept the hot foods moving to the servers below. Gwen Gagne, with Rona and Angus Powers, cracked and scrambled (with a blender) hundreds of eggs.



Children enjoyed seasonal crafts, overseen by Eryn Cochran (second from right, partially hidden).

Santa: About 35. You know they are working all over the world, but we assemble them at the North Pole.

**TAS: Is Santa Rich?**

Santa: In many ways. I love to be helpful and kind, and I have these wonderful duties.

**TAS: Why do you choose A.E. Crandall Hook and Ladder Company for this early appearance each year?**

Santa: It's the "A" in the name. It's right at the top of the alphabet, so it has to be first.


**TAS: Will you (PLEASE) bring us a new ambulance this year?**

Santa: I think one's on its way. I thought I saw a couple brought in for the department to look at. You know, they do a really good job with finances, and it's time for a new one.

**TAS: Do you have anything to say to your fans in the Alfred area?**

Santa: Thank you for being a kind and thoughtful community. Alfred is magical.

Abruptly, Santa looked up and noticed the crowd of children waiting to be photographed with him in his sleigh. He hurried toward them, saying, "I gotta' go to work."



Your editor cracked up when egged on by a scrambled department member, Bob "Broken Yolk" Volk.



OBITUARIES

Mary A. Davis, 83, Andover Class of 1954, champion ping pong player



**MARY A. DAVIS**  
*Grew up on “the hill”*  
ANDOVER—Mary A. Davis, 83, of Andover, passed away peacefully with her children at her side on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019 at Highland Park Nursing Center.

Mrs. Davis was born on March 11, 1936 in Willing, in her grandmother’s house, to Vincent J. and Alice (Graves) Joyce. She was a lifelong resident of Andover, growing up on “the hill.” She graduated from Andover Central School in 1954. She was salutatorian of her class and a champion ping-pong player.

On April 7, 1956 at the Catholic Rectory in Andover, she married Everett D. “Abe” Davis who predeceased her on August 2, 2012. Mary said she knew he was “The One” when she saw him in uniform at a town hall dance. Abe and Mary raised five children; she was a fierce protector and a kind-hearted mother.

Mary was devoted to her family and many friends. She was devoted to her duties at Joyce Western Corp. for 30 years. Here, she was instrumental in bringing women into the workforce and was a

good mentor and role model for them.

Mary is survived by her children, Allison Raykovitz, Marcella (Steven) Heckman, Cynthia (Daniel) Flurschutz, L. Thomas Davis and Don Bowie of Arlington, Virginia, Mary E. (Jay) Straight; a sister-in-law, Lorraine Joyce; six grandchildren, Francina Raykovitz, Alyssa Raykovitz, Justin Heckman, Greg Flurschutz, Kyle Flurschutz, and Ian Flurschutz; three great grandchildren, Jaylee Heckman, Josie Heckman, and Landon Flurschutz; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Along with her husband and parents, Mary is preceded in death by her brothers James V. Joyce, Charles H. Joyce, and W. Donald Joyce; and her sisters Joan Dibble and Sandra Howland.

Mary enjoyed reading, especially magazine articles of celebrities. She enjoyed drawing and, more recently, detailed pencil coloring. She had great fun riding her bicycle and she loved animals. She had a strong sense of fashion, had a good eye for detail and was a careful planner.

Mary was such a wonderful mother who always had time for her children. A favorite memory of Tom and Mary would be crawling into bed with their mother after she returned from dropping off the older children from school. It was not unusual to find her taking the trips to school in her pajamas, making that extra snuggle with them easier. She was witty and fostered laughter, delighting in a good joke. She was also a comfort to her family, very

soothing when they needed an extra measure of tenderness. She was there to listen to their troubles and was gifted at offering words of compassion and kindness.

Alternatively, she was a woman of determination and was not afraid to tell you her opinion on a matter. When times were difficult, she marched on in the Joyce tradition of grit and perseverance. She spoke often of growing up on the farm. Her most common themes were being of family gatherings, Sunday dinners and coffee at the kitchen table.

Mary was a member of Blessed Sacrament Church, the Altar and Rosary Society, and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Mary had a special way that warmed the hearts of everyone who knew her. She will be remembered as being a loving and caring individual with a tender heart, whose life was devoted to her family and her many friends.

The family would like to thank her son-in-law Jay for his selfless devotion to enable Mary to enjoy her remaining years.

Visitation will be held at the James V. Joyce Home, 839 State Route 417 in Andover on Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church with Rev. Jim Hartwell officiating. Burial will follow in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Mary’s name may be made to the Andover Rescue Squad, PO Box 726 Andover, NY 14806, the An-

dover Fire Department, 60 S. Main St., Andover, NY 14806 or to the Andover Free Library, 40 S. Main St., Andover, NY 14806.

Joan E. Watson, 88, had worked at Gunlocke, Office for Aging



**JOAN E. WATSON**  
*Kind to everyone she met*  
BELMONT—Joan E. Watson, 88, went to be with the Lord, at the home of her son, Dean on Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2019, of congestive heart failure. She was born Sept. 8, 1931 in Erie, PA the daughter of the late Richard J. and Marian A. (Knipper) Heuer. She was raised in Wellsville and was a 1948 graduate from Wellsville High School.

On Feb. 24, 1951 in Belmont she married Raymond K. Watson who predeceased her on June 7, 2003. Joan worked at many businesses, including Gunlocke Upholstery in Almond and retired from the Allegany County Office for the Aging.

Joan attended the Belmont First Baptist Church, and she

loved music and dancing. She was a member of Sunshine Club in Scio, and the Belmont Growing Stronger. She enjoyed sewing, making crafts, and baking. She was a feisty and beautiful woman with a sweet disposition, and was kind to everyone she met.

She is survived by four daughters, Laura (Spencer) Conklin of Bath, Kathy (Russ VanNostrand) Hooker of Arkport, Sharon (Martin) Woodard of Canisteo, Diane Burdick of Hornell, two sons, Dean (Carrie) Watson of Belmont, and Dale (Tiersa) Watson of Wellsville, a brother, Russell Heuer of Haslet, Texas, 24 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased in addition to parents and husband by a son, Donald, a sister Marian Hankins; and several sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, and a special friend, Max Knapp.

Calling hours were held from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at the J. W. Embser Sons Funeral Home, 17 Schuyler Street in Belmont. The funeral followed visitation at 3 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial was in Forest Hills Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Home Care & Hospice or the Belmont First Baptist Church. To leave online condolences, please visit [embserfuneralhome.com](http://embserfuneralhome.com).

Nolan L. Hurd, 59, overcame alcohol addiction



**NOLAN L. HURD**  
*Andover business owner*  
ANDOVER—Nolan L. Hurd, 59, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019 at Jones Memorial Hospital following a brief illness.

Mr. Hurd was born on March 7, 1960 in Cuba to Adin G. and Betty (Ramsell) Hurd. He was a 1978 graduate of Friendship Central School. On June 17, 1983, he married his sweetheart Janet L. Ryan, who survives. He owned and operated Good Ole Boys Disposal Service in Andover for the past 20 years.

Along with his wife of 36

years, Nolan is survived by his daughters, Kathy (Paul) Larimer of Fla., and Jennifer (Charles) Wedge of Bolivar; a brother, John Hurd of Friendship; a sister Mickie (Burt) Tidlund of Friendship; grandchildren, Connor Wedge, Hunter Wedge, Madison Wedge, Brian Larimer, Dakota Larimer, and Dianna “Red” Larimer; several great grandchildren; dear friends, Ron and Sharee McGonigale of Wellsville, Mack and Linda Campbell of Hornell, and Alton and Cindy Youngs of Andover; several great grandchildren; his four special fur babies; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Steve Hurd and Noel Hurd; his granddaughter, Cheyanne Wedge; and his dear friend Dick Harrison.

Nolan was a Jack of All Trades, doing a bit of this and that, enjoying variety in his occupation and activity. He was known as a collector of sundry items.

He loved to fish and hunt, taking along with him his daughter, Jennifer. He en-

joyed riding motorcycle and watching TV with his daughter. It was common for them to each have a bowl of maple walnut ice cream together and Nolan particularly delighted that all of her walnuts ended up in his bowl.

Nolan had a very generous nature; his family honors him as a man with a “big heart” who would give anyone the shirt off his back. His proudest accomplishment was overcoming his personal addiction to alcohol. He was a 25 year alumni of Alcoholics Anonymous and proudly kept every one of his 25 coins. He inspired many of his fellow strugglers along the way.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 at Baker-Swan Funeral Home in Andover, followed by a memorial service officiated by Burt Tidland. A Celebration of Life gathering will be held in the Spring. Online condolences can be left at [www.baker.swan.com](http://www.baker.swan.com).

Memorial contributions in Nolan’s name may be made to Andover Rescue Squad, P. O. Box 726, Andover, NY 14806.

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— **King Crossword** —

*Answers*

**Solution time: 27 mins.**

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**CryptoQuote**  
answer

If you find someone you love in your life, then hang on to that love.  
— Princess Diana

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*solution*

1. Search; 2. Invest;  
3. Tangle; 4. Chore

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## ALFRED POLICE REPORT

ALFRED—Alfred Police Chief Paul Griffith has announced the following arrests were made by his department during the month of November. Arrested were:

•John A. DePalma, 23, of Staten Island, charged Sunday, Nov. 24 with driving while intoxicated, operating a motor vehicle with obstructed vision, operating a motor vehicle with blood alcohol content greater than .08%, unsafe turn and failure to signal, and refusal to take a breath test.

•Shawn I. Key, 19, of Berkshire, charged Saturday, Nov. 23 with driving while intoxicated, operating motor vehicle without stop lamps and operating a motor vehicle with blood alcohol content greater than .08%.

•Marcus S. Wardour, 19, of Williamsville, charged Friday, Nov. 22 with unlawful possession of marijuana.

•Tessa G. Beaulieu, 19, of Brockport, charged Friday, Nov. 22 with unlawful possession of marijuana.

•Victor M. Kane, 18, of Rush, charged Tuesday, Nov. 19 with unlawful possession of marijuana.

•Eric C. Dennis, 18, of Wyandanch, charged Tuesday, Nov. 19 with operating a motor vehicle without a license, failure to keep right on a two-lane road, leaving the scene of a property damage accident, and falsely reporting a catastrophe/emergency.

•Michael C. Strathearn, 27, of Canisteo, charged Sunday, Nov. 17 with driving while intoxicated, operating motor vehicle with blood alcohol content greater than .08%, operation of a motor vehicle without a license, and moving from lane unsafely.

•Zachary W. Landrigan, 22, of Canandaigua, charged Sunday, Nov. 17 with trespassing, 2nd degree harassment with physical contact, resisting arrest and 2nd degree obstruction of governmental administration.

•Aidan R. White, 18, of Rochester, charged Sunday, Nov. 17 with driving while intoxicated, operating motor vehicle with blood alcohol content greater than .08%, operating a motor vehicle with obstructed vision, operating a motor vehicle without inspection certificate and license plate display violation.

•Sara E. Huey, 25, of Fillmore, charged Saturday, Nov. 16 with open container violation.

•Nathaniel H. Sekoll, 18, of Addison, charged Saturday, Nov. 16 with open container violation.

•Darinelis Duran, 22, of Alfred, charged Saturday, Nov. 16 with noise violation.

•Brandon D. May 36, of Caneadea, charged Saturday, Nov. 16 with speeding and 3rd degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

•Ahmed M. Altamar, 24, of Hornell, charged Saturday, Nov. 16

with driving while intoxicated, operating a motor vehicle with blood alcohol content greater than .08%, and failure to yield right of way when entering roadway.

•Nicholas K. Gray, 25, of Rochester, charged Saturday, Nov. 16 with criminal possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell, resisting arrest, trespassing, and obstruction of governmental administration.

•Saif S. Alseyofi, 24, of Hornell, charged Wednesday, Nov. 13 with 2nd degree assault with intent to cause physical injury.

•Abdullah N. Alanazi, 22, of Hornell, was charged Tuesday, Nov. 12 with 2nd degree aggravated unlicensed operation, operating a motor vehicle without inspection certificate, operating motor vehicle with obstructed vision, equipment violation for inadequate windshield wipers, operating a motor vehicle without a window defroster and failure to notify change of home address.

•Ayad S. Alafnan, 24, of Hornell, charged Saturday, Nov. 9 with illegal signal from a parked position, driving while intoxicated, and operating a motor vehicle with blood alcohol content greater than .08%.

•Tanner L. Decrescenzo, 25, of Hornell, charged Saturday, Nov. 9 with improper left turn on a two-way road, moving from lane unsafely, operating a motor vehicle with obstructed vision, unsafe turn with failure to signal, speed not reasonable and prudent, driving while intoxicated, refusal to take breath test and failure to notify change of home address.

•Jason D. Cullen, 18, of Pittsford, charged Saturday, Nov. 9 with 7th degree criminal possession of a controlled substance.

•Nizavier B. Evans, 20, of Syracuse, charged Tuesday, Nov. 5 with 3rd degree aggravated unlicensed operation of motor vehicle.

•Cameron P. Dopman, 27, of Corning, charged Sunday, Nov. 3 with failure to obey traffic device and 3rd degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

•Emilee M. DeGraff, 17, of Angola, charged Sunday, Nov. 3 with driving while intoxicated, operating a motor vehicle with blood alcohol content greater than .08%, driving wrong direction on one-way street, and unlawful possession of marijuana.

•Thomas A. Graser, 18, of Hamburg, charged Sunday, Nov. 3 with open container violation.

•Spencer R. Drake, 17, of Angelica, charged Saturday, Nov. 2 with open container violation.

•Eathan R. Teitelbaum, 18, of West Islip, charged Saturday, Nov. 2 with open container violation.

•Parker R. Canarvis, 18, of Livonia, charged Saturday, Nov. 2 with open container violation.

**In the event of an emergency, to reach the Alfred Police, dial 911.**

## ALFRED

### Weather for the Week

Dec. 3-Dec. 9

Dec.	Hi	Lo	Precip.	Snow
3	33	15	0.02"	0.4"
4	31	17	Trace	0.7"
5	33	25	0.09"	0.8"
6	31	24	Trace	Trace
7	36	21	0	0
8	31	17	0	0
9	37	19	0	0

By **FION MacCREA**  
*Alfred Weather Recorder*

## Scene About Alfred

A weekly photo feature

By **SHERRY VOLK**

*Alfred Sun Columnist*



Last week's snow persists, beautifully highlighting scenes about Alfred. On Lake Road, the thin wires that comprise a fence balance seemingly impossibly tall rectangles of snow.

## Concerned Citizens to meet Dec. 15

ANGELICA—Concerned Citizens of Allegany County will hold its regular monthly meeting at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 15 at 22 W. Main St., Angelica. All members and interested parties are invited to attend. Please RSVP at [contactusccac@gmail.com](mailto:contactusccac@gmail.com) or phone 585-466-4474 so seating may be arranged.

After reports from officers and standing committees, the

group will discuss developments related to the proposed AlleCatt wind project, the environmental and human health effects of 5G technology, and the proposed Hakes landfill expansion in Steuben County. The group will receive an update on the proposed Northern Access pipeline and continue "Bump the Dump" 30th anniversary and reunion events.

Volunteers planning the 30th anniversary events will meet at 12 noon, also on Sunday, Dec. 15, at the same location. As always, members and interested parties are invited to attend. Please RSVP at [contactusccac@gmail.com](mailto:contactusccac@gmail.com)

or phone 585-466-4474 so seating may be arranged.

CCAC is a 501c3 environmental advocacy group that fights against pollution, focusing primarily on ending the expansion of infrastructure related to fracking, and halting the disposal of hazardous and radioactive gas field wastes in Allegany and Steuben county landfills. We meet monthly in Angelica and welcome interested parties to join the effort to raise awareness and protect our clean water, soil, and air. Learn more at [www.ccallegany.org](http://www.ccallegany.org) or follow us on FB. Email [contactusccac@gmail.com](mailto:contactusccac@gmail.com) or call/text 585-466-4474.



### Kelly's Forecast

By **KELLY SNYDER**

*The Alfred Sun Weather Forecaster*

"It is December, and nobody asked if I was ready."

—Sarah Kay

Thursday, December 12

PARTLY CLOUDY  
(HIGH 30— LOW 23)

Chance of precipitation.....0%

Friday, December 13

PM RAIN / SNOW SHOWERS  
(HIGH 37— LOW 35)

Chance of precipitation....40%

Saturday, December 14

SHOWERS  
(HIGH 41— LOW 33)

Chance of precipitation....60%

Sunday, December 15

AM SNOW SHOWERS  
(HIGH 35 — LOW 23)

Chance of precipitation...40%

Monday, December 16

MOSTLY CLOUDY  
(HIGH 30 - LOW 25)

Chance of precipitation....20%

Tuesday, December 17

SNOW SHOWERS  
(HIGH 32 - LOW 23)

Chance of precipitation....40%

Wednesday, December 18

PARTLY CLOUDY  
(HIGH 29- LOW 22)

Chance of precipitation....20%

For more up to date weather information add your *Alfred Sun* Weatherman Kelly Snyder on Facebook and as always if you don't like the weather in Alfred just wait five minutes!



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## SUNNY SIDE UP

By **ELLEN SHULTZ**

*Alfred Sun Columnist*



## Thinking of serving ham for Christmas?

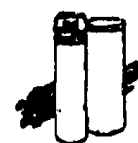
[Editor's Note: Like most of the recipes she shared with our readers over the past couple of decades, Ellen Shultz's Sunny Side Up columns are worth repeating.]

Thinking of serving ham for Christmas dinner? Here are a few helpful hints courtesy of the *Taste of Home* magazine for December.

How much ham do you need? A bone-in ham provides 2 to 3 servings per pound; a boneless ham, 3 to 4 servings per pound; a semi-boneless ham, 3 to 4 servings per pound.

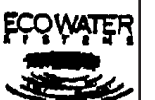
Fully cooked bone-in ham should be heated about 15 to 18 minutes per pound in a 325 degree oven to an internal temperature of 140 degrees. For fully cooked boneless ham, heat 18 to 20 minutes per pound.

To add flavor and give the ham a pleasing overall appearance, use a sharp knife to make diagonal cuts in a diamond pattern about 1/2 inch deep in the surface of the ham. Then, push a whole clove into the points of each diamond. Lightly brush with oil or a glaze to keep it moist during cooking. Marmalade makes an easy and delicious glaze.



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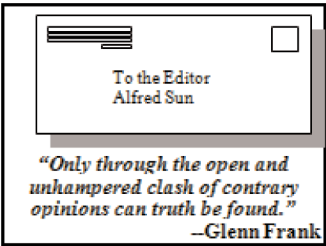


High Crimes



Underage gambling a growing concern

To the Editor,  
Underage gambling is a growing concern in New York state.  
The explosion of internet gambling and gaming opportunities — combined with the inescapable advertising and marketing of gaming and



gambling everywhere from television to the corner store — relentlessly expose our children to enticing messages of winning, risk-taking and excitement from a very early age.  
Alarming statistics reveal that almost 40 percent of youth ages 12-17 have gambled this past year with in-game items or real money, and 30 percent of these youth state that they began gambling at age 10 or younger.  
Youth who gamble are more likely to get lower grades, use tobacco and illegal drugs, get into fights, have mental health issues and become involved in crime. And studies show the earlier a child starts gambling, the more likely they are to have problems due to gambling later in life.  
Parents of children as young as six years old can reduce the risk of their kids ending up with a gambling problem by talking with them about gambling. Start by asking questions—and listening. And, help them figure out sensible alternatives to gambling.  
To learn helpful tips and view brief educational videos showing real-life scenarios of parents speaking with their children about the possible serious consequences of their gaming and gambling activities, please visit Talk2Kids.org.

Sun Spots



Life Ingests Art

You’ve heard ’bout the banana on the wall by now I’m sure, Attached there by a strip of duct tape, holding it secure. But someone, ripping off the tape, purloined it from the wall; He said, “It tastes delicious,” and commenced to eat it all. A hundred-twenty-thousand-dollar artwork for a meal! I bet the artist never thought ’twould have so much...appeal.  
—Banan A. Mouse

THE ALFRED SUN HOLIDAY DEADLINES:

We’ve got deadlines and we’re stickin’ to ’em!  
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**THE FIRST AMENDMENT**  
Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Americanisms



“Nothing says hypocrite faster than Christians expecting non-Christians to behave like Christians when half the Christians don’t act like it half the time.”  
— Andy Stanley

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Sun Spots



I’m Gettin’ Impeachment For Christmas  
(to the tune of...oh, you can figure it out!)

I’m gettin’ impeachment for Christmas  
Nancy and Adam are mad.  
I’m gettin’ impeachment for Christmas  
Cuz I ain’t been nuttin’ but bad.

I palled around with Vladimir  
Whistleblower snitched on me  
He messed with our election here  
Whistleblower snitched on me  
Such fake news I am disputin’  
Made a little joke with Putin  
Did that get their goat? Dern tootin’!  
Whistleblower snitched on me

Oh, I’m gettin’ impeachment for Christmas  
Nancy and Adam are mad.  
I’m gettin’ impeachment for Christmas  
Cuz I ain’t been nuttin’ but bad.

I asked Ukraine for quid pro quo  
Whistleblower snitched on me  
To dig up dirt on Crazy Joe  
Whistleblower snitched on me  
Now it’s, “High crimes and misdemeanors!  
We’re gonna take him to the cleaners!  
His crime’s obscener’n Anthony Weiner’s!”  
Whistleblower snitched on me

Oh, I’m gettin’ impeachment for Christmas  
Nancy and Adam are mad.  
I’m gettin’ impeachment for Christmas  
Cuz I ain’t been nuttin’ but bad.

I’ve made some real offensive tweets  
Whistleblower snitched on me  
My tax returns I won’t release  
Whistleblower snitched on me  
Next year (Russia on my side?)  
This abuse of power I’ll ride  
To a great big land-sl-ide  
Whistleblower snitched on me

So Nancy and Adam, n’matter what you do,  
Y’may impeach, but I’m telling you—  
You’ll get no conviction for Christmas!

—O. Nuttinmous

Alfred-Alfred Station Community Chest  
Drive still \$22,680 short

Dear Editor:  
The Alfred-Alfred Station Community Chest kicked off its 2019 drive the second week of October. To date we have received donations and pledges of \$14,285. This is about \$22,680 short of our goal of \$36965. We still need much more financial help to reach that goal.

This week we spotlight two agencies that have been part of our campaign for many years, the Alfred Box of Books Library and the Alfred Ambulance Service.  
The Alfred Box of Books Library provides Library services to the residents of our community and students at both colleges. It is particularly popular with the younger kids who live in or near our village. Of course they have library materials that can be borrowed, but they also have after school activities on a regular basis. Stop by and get more information about these activities.

The Alfred Ambulance Company provides emergency ambulance service to the village and town of Alfred, to both colleges, and parts of the towns of Hartsville and Ward. A telephone call to the county 911 dispatch center in Belmont causes radio dispatch of an ambulance. One of Alfred’s two ambulances will respond, usually within 5 to 8 minutes. It will be staffed with EMTs trained to deal with the emergency you have described, so give as much information as possible. You will not be billed for service by an Alfred ambulance. Your donation to the Community Chest makes this possible.

We hope that those who have been so generous in the past will continue to help the agencies that provide support for our young people, for our older citizens, and to the less fortunate of our community. We also encourage new members of the community, and those who have not donated recently, to step up and replace the gifts of those who have left the area recently.

Donations may be left at the Alfred Pharmacy in Alfred, the Canacadea Country Store in Alfred Station, Wes Bentz in Myers Hall at AU, or be mailed to:

Alfred-Alfred Station Community Chest  
P.O. Box 603  
Alfred, NY 14802-0603

With the generous support of the entire community, our member organizations will be able to continue to serve us in the splendid way we have come to expect.

Sincerely,  
The Community Chest Board:  
Anthony Graziano, Andy Call, Scott Misture, Wes Bentz,  
Tricia Debertolis, Laurel Buckwalter, Linell Soule,  
Andy Eklund, Catherine Chambers



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## HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

### ‘Nutcracker’ to be staged Dec. 13-15 in Wellsville

WELLSVILLE—The Nutcracker will be performed by The Genesee Dance Theatre at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13 and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 and Sunday, Dec. 15 in the Nancy Howe Auditorium at the David A. Howe Library, 155 N. Main St. Wellsville.

The Genesee Dance Theatre returns to the David A. Howe Public Library with its 5th annual production of The Nutcracker.

This beloved holiday ballet, based on the story by E.T. A. Hoffmann and set to Tchaikovsky’s famous score, is brought to life by a cast of 10 professional dancers from Rochester’s Mossa Dance Company, Los Angeles, and New York City, including Beau Hutchings returning for his 3rd year in the title role, and 10 local dance students in the supporting roles.

Choreographed specifically for the Howe stage by artistic director Sarah Keeler Badger, The Nutcracker will feature extended scenes new to this year’s performance, such as

the full length Sugar Plum Fairy Grand Pas De Deux performed for the first time by Jonathan Meilaender and Charlotte Meilanender. This is a holiday tradition that will delight and enchant the whole family.

Tickets for the performances are not required and doors open 30 minutes prior to the performance with open seating.

Also, join the Friends of the Library before the Saturday, Dec. 14 performance at 12:30 p.m. in the Exhibition Room of the library for cookies and hot cocoa with Santa and the cast of The Nutcracker. Children will be able to make an ornament to trim the library Christmas tree.

This production is sponsored in part by the Friends of the Library as well as Walker Business Services and the Allegany Arts Association. It is free and open to the public.

For more information, call the library at (585) 593-3410 or visit the library website at: [Davidahowelibrary.org](http://Davidahowelibrary.org)



Scene from “The Nutcracker” that will be performed Dec. 13-15 at Howe Library.

### Holiday concerts at A-A

ALMOND—The Alfred-Almond Central School Music Departments will present its students in concert at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16 and Tuesday, Dec. 17 in the high school auditorium.

The A-A Junior High and Senior High Bands and Choruses will offer a Holiday Concert at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16.

The A-A Elementary Band and Choruses will offer their Holiday Concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17.

## The Solvent of Understanding

### THE SOLVENT OF UNDERSTANDING

Recall, if you will, the last time you felt deeply angry. Someone had hurt and offended you, and the more you dwelt on the indignity you’d suffered, the angrier you became. You felt your anger rising in your stomach, your chest, your body generally. You wanted to retaliate, and you imagined what you might say or do. At the very least you wanted to break the nearest plate or throw your cell phone against a wall.

Now imagine a future indignity, but this time with a very different response. Rather than fuel your anger with destructive scenarios, you choose simply to feel and acknowledge it. “Anger has arisen in me,” you might say to yourself, while practicing conscious breathing. And rather than reflexively



DALE S. WRIGHT



### One Time, One Meeting

By BEN HOWARD

condemn the words or actions that have occasioned your outrage, you elect to look into their causes. What personal or social conditions prompted that person to speak or act as he or she did? What specific event triggered that insulting remark? Might that trigger have had little or nothing to do with you?

As you pursue this line of inquiry, you notice internal changes taking place. Your anger is beginning to abate. You’ve begun to calm down. Your vision has begun to clear, and, rather than seeing red, or through a cloud of righteous indignation, you can now assess the situation more objectively—its gray, ambiguous areas as well as its black-and-white moral outlines. And, slowly but perceptibly, the quality of compassionate understanding is beginning to emerge.

In his book *The Six Perfections* (Oxford, 2009), Dale S. Wright, Emeritus Professor of Religious Studies at Occidental College, closely examines this transformative process. After considering several ways of managing anger, including the use of diversionary tactics and the scrutiny of underlying beliefs, he arrives at this conclusion:

*Why would this person have acted so cruelly? Upon what would such an act depend? Following this line of thought, we can often see how it depends on many prior conditions—the way this person was treated, either recently or over time, by everyone—his parents, family, friends, at work, and on the street. If we can see that others, including ourselves, operating under similar circumstances, would have probably reacted similarly, then the weight of blame we attribute to that person is diminished. Understanding is always the solvent that cools our anger and directs us to more constructive relations.*

Central to this perspective is the word *depends*.

“Upon what would such an act depend?” Undergirding this question and its pivotal verb is a foundational principle of Zen teachings. Known as “dependent origination,” that principle can be stated in a few words:

*This is, because that is.*

*This is not, because that is not.*

*This comes to be, because that comes to be.*

*This ceases to be, because that ceases to be.*

As this formulation implies, material things do not arise without cause. Nothing comes from nothing. Likewise, our words and actions depend on multiple causes and conditions. When certain conditions are present, corresponding words and actions manifest. They in turn cause other words and actions to come into being. And this chain of causation, operative in everyday interactions as well as in the physical universe, gives rise to endless suffering, our own and others. Anger, in short, begets anger.

To be sure, not everyone will agree with this analysis. According to one widely held belief, harmful actions stem not from external circumstances but from the malice inherent in the human heart. Adverse conditions may aggravate our destructive tendencies, and particular conflicts may cause them to erupt in harmful speech and actions, but their root lies in human nature itself. And the appropriate response may not be compassionate understanding but reciprocal aggression and forceful containment.

That issue has been debated for centuries and is unlikely to be resolved anytime soon. For the most part, however, Zen practice is less concerned with our philosophical views than with the ways in which we conduct our everyday lives—ways that either increase or decrease the quotient of human suffering. Toward that end, the solvent of understanding can play a crucial part. “Meditation,” Wright observes, “is the womb in which understanding is nurtured.” And should we wish to cultivate that capacity in ourselves, the faithful, daily practice of meditation is a good place to start.

Ben Howard leads the Falling Leaf Sangha, a Zen practice group in Alfred. His most recent book is *Immovable Awareness: The Intimate Practice of Zen*.



Cultural Arts Calendar



Music

**BANDS/DJs/RECITALS**  
**Alfred University Orchestra**  
**Halloween Concert**, 8:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31 at Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall, AU campus.

**Alfred University Symphony Orchestra** Evening of Holiday Classics, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6 in Miller Theater, AU campus. Free admission.

**Alfred University Concert Band** Winter Concert, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 in Miller Theater, AU campus. Free admission.

**Local musician Alex Cole** will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23 at David A. Howe Library, N. Main Street, Wellsville.

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

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

**Wellsville Creative Arts Center** offers live music some evenings with performances beginning at 8 p.m., doors opening at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6-Slocan Ramblers; Friday, March 6-Joe Robinson. For tickets, visit: [www.WellsvilleCreativeArtsCenter.com](http://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.

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

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

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

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



Theater & Dance

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

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

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

**PERFORMANCES**  
**Genesee Dance Theatre** will perform its annual production of the classic "The Nutcracker" at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13; 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14-15 at the Nancy Howe Auditorium at David A. Howe Library, N. Main Street, Wellsville.

**The Magic Mangels** will perform a Magic Show (by Bob and Peter Mangels) at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 22 at the David A. Howe Library, N. Main Street, Wellsville.

**Charles Dickens presents A Christmas Carol** solo performance by Mike Randall from 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 at the Beats Dance Studio, 99 Maple Ave., Wellsville. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Pre-sale tickets \$20 per person

**Informal Dance Showing.** AU Dance Program, 6 p.m. Thurs-

day-Friday, Dec. 5-6 at CD Smith III Theatre, AU campus.



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 judged. Studio must be in Allegany County. 585-593-6345 or visit the website: [www.alleganyartisans.com](http://www.alleganyartisans.com).

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

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

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

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

**Wellsville Art Association.** For information .....call Karen Dickerson, 585-593-3579.

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

**Southern Tier Fiberarts Guild,** founded in 1983, meets at Trinity Lutheran Church, 470 N. Main St., Wellsville, on the first Saturday of the month

from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. except months of July and Sept. The group welcomes spinners (and wannabes), quilters, knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, weavers, dyers, basket makers, hookers (rug hookers, that is) and everyone with a creative mind and an interest in fibers. For more information, call Debbie MacCrea at 607-587-9270, or T.C. Gary at 585-593-4799.

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

**Fountain Arts Center.** 42 Schuyler Street, Belmont. For info or group arrangements, call 585-268-5951 or visit our website at: [www.thefountainartscenter.org](http://www.thefountainartscenter.org)

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

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

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

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

**Hinkle Memorial Library Gallery,** Alfred State College Campus. Open during library hours, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Fridays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and 3-9 p.m. Sundays. For more information, call the library at 607-587-4313.

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

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



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

**Alfred Art Walk.** A collaborative monthly opening by galleries in the Village of Alfred and on the campuses of Alfred University and Alfred State College. For a complete and up to date listing of venues, please visit [alfredartwalk.org](http://alfredartwalk.org). To add your event to Alfred Art Walk email: [submit.alfredartwalk@gmail.com](mailto:submit.alfredartwalk@gmail.com)

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

December Art Walk a Holiday Walk!

ALFRED–The December Alfred Art Walk will double as an Alfred Holiday Walk!

All are invited to come celebrate our vibrant community from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19.

Alfred Village Businesses will be open late, running holiday specials, selling gift certificates, stocking stuffers and more!

Take in the holiday decor, find some great holiday deals, and enjoy our quiet winter village. Special guest carolers will add to the festive atmosphere. Shop Local and celebrate local art!

Many regular art walk venues will also be open.

ALFRED CERAMIC ART MUSEUM enjoys the last few days of Materiality: Masterworks from The Miller Ceramic Art Collection on view through Dec. 29.

COHEN CENTER GALLERY presents two opportunities for holiday shopping with the Turner - Cohen Holiday Sale and Across the Street: Alfred University/ Alfred State Pop-Up Shop, both on view through Dec. 22.

GALLERY 2 Gifts of Distinction has work and gifts made by over 50 Local Artists.

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TERRA COTTA COFFEEHOUSE will offer holiday drinks

THE ROSEBUSH will have some holiday goodies for our community in thanks for your continued support

THE ROGUE CARROT has great handmade gifts for the whole family!

And just down the street, YARN OVER offers yarn, notions, knitted items and a welcoming atmosphere, featuring Red Label: a new, hyper local line of yarn, and Every Thursday is Knit Night!



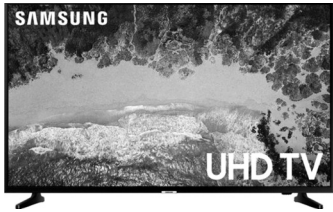
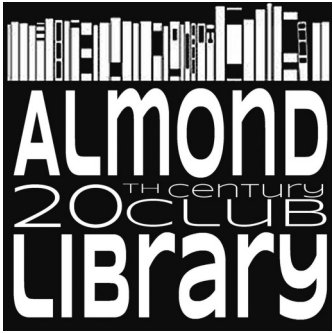
A Gift Basket full of Holiday Cheer will be raffled.

Raffles to support library

Happy Holidays from the Almond 20th Century Club Library. Every Saturday this month at 11 a.m. the Library will be creating a Christmas craft. The craft is free and open to the public. The Library will also host a Holiday Party at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21.

Currently the Library is selling raffle tickets to raise funds to restore the structural integrity of the Library. The Library is in desperate need of structural repairs, as it is over 100 years old. The Library is raffling off a Samsung - 50" Class - LED - NU6900 Series - 2160p - Smart - 4K UHD TV with HDR. Tickets are \$5 a piece or 5 Tickets for \$20. The Library is also raffling off a basket full of holiday cheer; including Corning Ware, a Wax Warmer, Wilson beef sticks, a smore maker, family board games, movies, and much more. Tickets for the basket are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5.

Tickets will be drawn and the winners announced at the Holiday Party at 4 p.m. Dec. 21. All proceeds of the raffles go to the Library's building fund. The Library wishes everyone a safe and joyous holiday season.



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Nutrition in a Nutshell

By MARIA ADAM

Nutritional Therapy Practitioner  
and Alfred Sun Columnist

Thriving Health: Spaghetti Squash Casserole

Spaghetti squash is a mild squash that is low carb and high in nutrients (including fiber, vitamin C, vitamin B6, vitamin A, and folate. [1]) It can, however, be a tricky vegetable to know how to prepare. Trust me, there are SO many creative ways to incorporate it into your diet besides replacing pasta. So, whether you have an abundance in storage from your garden or want to pick one up from your local grocery store, here is a delightful recipe for you to try!

Spaghetti Squash Casserole

- ½ Spaghetti Squash
- 2 cups Raw Swiss Chard
- 1 large diced Onion
- 3 cloves of minced Garlic
- 1-2 Tbs. Coconut oil
- 1 Tbs. dried Cilantro
- ½ tsp dried Rosemary
- 1 tsp Pepper
- 2 tsps Himalayan salt
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup Mozzarella or Nutritional Yeast Flakes

Preheat the oven to 350°F.

Slice the spaghetti squash in half lengthwise and scoop out the seeds and ribbing. Spread the inside of the squash with coconut oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place on a cookie sheet or baking dish. (You can bake both. Use the second half if you double this

recipe or stick the cooked squash in the fridge or freezer for later.)

Roast for 30 to 40 minutes or until lightly browned on the outside, fork tender, but still a little bit firm. The time will vary depending on the size of your squash.

While the squash is in the oven, sauté the swiss chard, onion, and garlic in coconut oil.

Remove squash from the oven and flip it so that its cut side up. Cut squares into the squash and remove in chunks. Grease an 11 by 7" baking dish. Add the squash and sautéed vegetables. Season with cilantro, rosemary, pepper and salt. Add 2 eggs. Mix together. (I found that mixing right in the baking dish works great. Less dishes! However, if preferred, you can add all the contents to a bowl, mix, and then put in your baking dish.)

Top with mozzarella cheese or nutritional yeast flakes.

Bake for 20-30 minutes, until egg is cooked and casserole is lightly brown.

Enjoy!

[1] <https://foodfacts.mercola.com/spaghetti-squash.html>

If you have questions or comments for Nutritional Therapy Practitioner, Maria Adam, contact her at [thrivinghealthNY.com](mailto:thrivinghealthNY.com).





## Lectures/Readings

**AU Environmental Studies Speakers Series.** Talks are 12:20 to 1:10 Fridays in Science Center Room 247 during the fall semester. All are welcome; refreshments will be served.

**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 2018.

**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. Oct. 21-Chris Roman-chock, "Frederick Douglass"; Nov. 18-Craig Braack, "Women of the Civil War."; Dec. 9-Following Dish-to-Pass Dinner, Susan Greene, "Stories/Histories of Local Weavers."; Jan. 20-Abby Griffith, "Six-Horse Charley."; Feb. 17-Jim Ninos, "Helen Cottrell." March 16-Laurie Lounsberry Meehan, "Alfred Women's Suffrage Movement." All programs free, open to the public. Website: [www.bakersbridge.org](http://www.bakersbridge.org). For more information, contact President Jim Ninos, 607-587-9018, [jninos@gmail.com](mailto:jninos@gmail.com). For a tour of the building contact our Collections Manager, Alexandra Hoffman, (607-382-9404, [ahoffman4@gmail.com](mailto:ahoffman4@gmail.com)).

**Bergren Forum.** 12:10 p.m. Thursdays, Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center, AU campus when classes are in

session. Sept. 19-Meghen Jones, "From Montelupo Fiorentino to Meissen: Notes on Local/Global Ceramics Cultural Heritage and State Patronage in Europe Today"; Sept. 26-Mallory Szymanski, "Nervous Men and their Confidants in the Gilded Age"; Oct. 3-Roger Loucks, "The Multiverse: Science or Science Fiction?"; Oct. 10-Elizabeth Matson, "Extreme-Equitable Block-Colorings of Various Graphs"; Oct. 17-Tim Keenan, "Biomaterials through the Ages"; Oct. 24-Matt Oakes, "The Olympic Paradox: a Successful Struggle"; Oct. 31-Sarah Blood, TBA; Nov. 7-Daniel Katz, "Powerful Art: Building a Radical Labor Movement Through Ethnic-Racial Cultures"; Nov. 14-Brian Saltsman, "The Color of Caring"; Nov. 21-Angus Powers, "GLASS ART ENGINE"; Nov. 28-Thanksgiving Break; Dec. 5-Gary Ostrower, TBA. Bring a brown bag lunch; coffee & tea available.

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



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**Str8 Eight Tournament** at the Terra Cotta Coffeehouse, Main St., Alfred. Next Tournament: 8 pm Saturday, Feb. 8. (Two month hiatus while students are away.) Monthly Str8 Eight tournaments on the 8th day of each month at the Terra Cotta Coffeehouse starting at 8 p.m. (unless otherwise noted). You get the idea. To learn more about the card game invented in Alfred, NY, visit: [www.str8-eight.com](http://www.str8-eight.com)



## Special Events

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**11th Annual Holly Trail.** Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 9-10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Brochures with maps available at Hallsport General Store or East Dyke Depot, 332 Rt. 417 Wellsville (call 585-593-0005) or email: [thehollytrail@yahoo.com](mailto:thehollytrail@yahoo.com) for more information.

**Journey to Transformation:** Friday night community prayer for host, community and Allegany County churches, and beyond, are being held from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.:

Biweekly Sunday night praise and worship and prayer time, with live music, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to pray for prime county-wide concerns.

Ongoing area prayer gatherings during the week available from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. weekdays mornings at Knights Creek Evangelical Methodist Church, 2987 County Road 9, Scio; 8 to 9 a.m. Wednesdays at the Belfast Free Methodist Church; and from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturdays at the Powerhouse Youth Center, 23 West Main

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

## Support Groups

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

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

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

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

**Cardiac Support Group.** Meets second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the St. James Mercy Hospital Cardiac Rehab (2nd floor). For info, call the Cardiac Rehab Unit at 324-8735.

**Caregivers Support Group.** For info, call the Allegany Office for the Aging, 716-268-9390 or toll-free 1-866-268-9390.

**Celebrate Recovery/Celebrate Victory Christian 12-Steps** support for all types of hurts, hangups, habits and struggles of life, including common addictions. 7PM Saturdays at Knights Creek Evangelical Methodist Church, 2987 Knights Creek Road (Co. Road 9), Scio. [www.facebook.com/KnightsCreekChurch](http://www.facebook.com/KnightsCreekChurch), or Casey Jones at [bps461@msn.com](mailto:bps461@msn.com) or (484) 435-0503 for information.

**Diabetes Support Group.** Meets fourth Thursday of the month from 6:30-8 p.m. in the

Memorial Conference Room, ground floor just off the cafeteria at St. James Mercy Hospital. For more info, contact Bonnie at 607-324-8900.

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

### PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP

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

## Etcetera

**Guiding Eyes for the Blind.** Puppy raisers needed. Classes 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, Bldg 18 BOCES Wildwood in Hornell. 585-335-2628 for info. [www.guidingeyes.org](http://www.guidingeyes.org).

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

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

## Deadline

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

## WHAT'S COOKIN'?

**Allegany County Office for the Aging Meals on Wheels & Luncheon Center Menu Monday, Dec. 16**

Pickled Beets  
Chicken & Gravy Over Biscuit  
Petit Peas  
Mandarin Oranges  
Peanut Butter Cookie

**Tuesday, Dec. 17**

Tropical Fruit Salad  
Shepard's Pie  
Winter Squash  
Whole Grain Rye Bread  
Blueberry Crisp

**Wednesday, Dec. 18**  
Tossed Salad w/Italian Dressing  
Lasagna  
Green Beans  
Garlic Bread  
Apple

**Thursday, Dec. 19**

Spinach Mandarin Salad  
Meatloaf w/Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Corn  
Whole Grain Roll  
Chocolate Pudding

**Friday, Dec. 20**

Pineapple Orange Salad  
Sweet & Sour Pork  
Brown Rice  
Brussel Sprouts  
Butter Beans  
Brownie

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

### ALFRED NUTRITION SITE

Union University Church Center, 11:45 a.m.

Call Debbie Pierson at 607-793-0118. Monday—Exercises with Mary Lou Maxson 10:30-11:30 a.m. Lunch at 11:45 a.m. "Meet a US President."

Tuesday—Lunch at 11:45 a.m. "Sock It to Me!" Crystal Malota, Nutrition Education.

Wednesday—Exercises with Mary Lou Maxson 10:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday—Lunch at 11:45 a.m. "World Soil Day."

### BELMONT NUTRITION SITE

American Legion Hall, 11:30 a.m.

Call Linda Trask at 716-208-9755 Tuesday—Growing Stronger Exercises at 9:30 a.m., Lunch at 11:30 a.m. "Christmas Party w/Dave Wagner Elvis DJ."

Thursday—Growing Stronger Exercises at 9:30 a.m., Lunch at 11:30 a.m. "NATIONAL BINGO Month—Let's Play BINGO!"

### BOLIVAR NUTRITION SITE

Fire Hall 12 noon

Call Carrie Simon at 585-808-5640 Monday—Growing Stronger Exercises at 10:30 a.m. Lunch at 12 noon. Cards. Crystal Malota, Nutrition Education.

Wednesday—Growing Stronger Exercises at 10:30 a.m. Lunch at 12 noon. Cards. "National Dice Day—Yahtzee."

Thursday—Lunch at 12 noon. "Craft Day."

### CANASERAGA NUTRITION SITE

Canaseraga Fire Hall, 12 noon

Call Barb Welch at 607-270-4070. Tuesday—Exercises at 9:45 a.m. Lunch at 12 noon. "Word Fun."

Thursday—Exercises at 9:45 a.m. Lunch at 12 noon. 1:00 Cards/Games. "Food Fun."

### CUBA NUTRITION SITE

AAArnold Community Center, 12 noon

Call Judy Enders at 585 808-5201 Monday-10:30 Growing Stronger Exercises. Cards, Dominoes, Puzzles, Euchre. Lunch at 12 noon.

"Words with 'EM' in them."

Tuesday—10:30 Euchre, Cards, Dominoes, Puzzles. Lunch at 12 noon. "National Lard Day."

Wednesday—10:30 Cards, Dominoes, Puzzles, Euchre. Lunch at 12 noon. "Current Events."

Thursday—10:30 Growing Stronger Exercises. Lunch at 12 noon.

"Reminisce: Childhood Bathtime."

### FILLMORE NUTRITION SITE

Fillmore Fire Hall, 12 noon

Call Maggie Smith at 585-737-5609 Monday-Growing Stronger Exercises at 10:30 a.m., Cards, Jigsaw Puzzles, Euchre. Lunch at 12 noon.

Thursday-Growing Stronger Exercises at 10:30 a.m., Lunch at 12 noon. Cards, Jigsaw Puzzles, Euchre.

### FRIENDSHIP NUTRITION SITE

Community Center, 12 noon

Call Gail Bartas 585-973-2311 Tuesday-10:45 Growing Stronger Exercises. Lunch at 12 noon. Cards at 1 p.m. Crystal Malota, Nutrition Education.

Thursday-10:45 Growing Stronger Exercises. Lunch at 12 noon.

### WELLSVILLE NUTRITION SITE

Grace United Church, N. Main 12 noon

Call Donna Fiegl at 585-593-7665. Monday—Dominoes at 10 a.m., Lunch at 12 noon.

Wednesday—Dominoes at 10 a.m. Lunch at 12 noon.

Thursday—Dominoes at 10 a.m. Lunch at 12 noon.

Friday-Dominoes at 10 a.m., Lunch

at 12 noon. Crystal Malota, Nutrition Education.

### WHITESVILLE NUTRITION SITE

Whitesville Fire Hall, 12 noon

Call Barb Billings at 607-356-3390. Monday—Senior Center Library, Jigsaw Puzzle Games. Lunch at 12 noon. "Kings in the Corner."

Tuesday—Senior Center Library, Jigsaw Puzzle. Lunch at 12 noon. "I Spy Bottle."

Wednesday—Senior Center Library, Jigsaw Puzzle. Lunch at 12 noon. "Games."



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ALLEGANY COUNTY NEWS

# Quicklees service station construction to begin soon

By DAVID L. SNYDER  
of the Alfred Sun

BELMONT—There was some activity at the “Cross-roads Project” adjacent to I-86 Exit 30 in Belvidere Sunday as the existing structure was destroyed in a controlled burn.

At the Nov. 20 meeting of the Economic and Development Committee of the Allegany County Board of Legislators, Allegany County

Economic Developer and Industrial Development Agency Executive Director Craig Clark of Alfred said that demolition of the old truck stop building would be completed in the coming weeks.

Following demolition, Clark said, work should begin on the new structure fairly quickly. Quicklees will construct a service station on the site.

Quicklees, a firm started in

1995 by Peter Bruckel of Avon south of Rochester, now has 20 locations. It recently built a new state-of-the-art travel center off I-390 Exit 9 that is open 24 hours. In addition to a fully stocked convenience store, it offers a car wash, Dunkin’ Donuts and Calabresella New York Style Deli, along with a truck stop equipped with a diesel mechanic shop, overnight parking, showers and laundry.



The old truck stop just off I-86 Exit 30 near Belmont was burned on Sunday as the site is prepared for construction of a new Quicklees convenience store/gas station.

One source at the Avon travel center said the Belmont store won’t be a travel center like the Avon facility but will be a convenience store/gas station. The firm will construct a full-service travel center further east on I-86 near Corning.

According to minutes of the Nov. 20 Economic and Development Committee meeting, “Legislator Healy asked if in addition to a fueling station there is going to be a food vendor. Dr. Clark stated that there will be both a national brand as well as a local brand of food vendor. Legislator Dibble asked if a hotel is still being planned. Dr. Clark indicated that they are working with a developer for a hotel.

“Legislator Barnes asked if the developer has done projects in Western New York and

how long the company has been in business. Dr. Clark stated that this company is well-known, has done many projects in Western New York and has been in business for a long time. Legislator Barnes asked if the developer is looking for additional funding. Dr. Clark stated that funding is not an issue.

“Legislator Barnes asked how likely it is that we will have a hotel in place by 2021. Dr. Clark stated that he is 90 percent confident there will be a hotel in place by 2021, and he is very comfortable with this developer. He feels having a flagship hotel will make a large impact on developing that area.”

Clark reported to the Committee that the waterline installation contract continues to proceed and is now completed up to the old truck stop.



The Pioneer Oil Museum’s new oil industry timeline display. (Photo provided)

## Foundation’s \$1000 grant supports Pioneer Oil Museum timeline display

BOLIVAR—The Allegany County Area Foundation recently presented a \$1000 grant to the Pioneer Oil Museum. This support came from ACAF’s Allegany Fund, which supports a variety of Allegany County non-profit organizations.

The Foundation funds were used to help pay for the museum’s timeline display ‘Oil! Gushers and Dusters’ that chronicles the history of oil exploration in the state. The display can be found in the museum’s Main Street building, which features a variety of artifacts and photos and has been re-painted and re-organized for an improved visitor experience.

In addition to the Main Street center, the Pioneer Oil

Museum owns the nearby former Hahn & Schaffner Complex and the former Pittsburg, Shawmut and Northern Railroad depot. The Museum has renovated its Shaner and Joyce Exhibition Buildings, which between them house a collection of historic oil field equipment, a section of an old powerhouse, and a collection of soon-to-be-working equipment from the Bolivar and Bradford oil fields.

“The history of Allegany County and the oil industry are on display at the Pioneer Oil Museum,” notes ACAF executive director Bruce Campbell. “The Foundation is really pleased to support this project.”

With 10 million dollars in assets, ACAF manages a variety

of funds and welcomes gifts, which are tax-deductible, including memorials for friends and loved ones. Interested in contributing to this fund, or in establishing a scholarship or community grant fund? If so, contact Bruce Campbell at 585-296-5616 or director@acafny.org

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## EDITORIAL PAGE OP-ED

*Let's rescue Truth from being trampled in the streets*

By JUDY BURDICK

I am addressing this article to anyone who is interested in hearing Truth. Whether you are a Democrat, Republican, Independent, Liberal, or Conservative, I invite you to hear and consider facts. In Isaiah, chapter 59, verses 3-8, God describes the condition of the nation of Israel: *Speaking hurtful words among each other, Failure to correct wrongs and injustices in society, Hatred and bitterness among each other, Dishonesty and deception, Reprobate thinking, conceiving evil ways.* Verse 8 records the terrible result: “Therefore there is no peace.” “...And justice is turned away backward, .. righteousness stands afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and uprightness cannot enter. Yes, truth is lacking...”

Sadly, I feel those same statements describe the condition of our nation today. Truth is fallen in the streets because so many people lack the courage to speak the truth, out of fear from the fallout. Freedom of speech carries with it the possibility that some people will use that freedom to lie and deceive. So when truth is presented to counter falsehoods, it is often the speaker of truth who is attacked, not the facts being presented. So I want to present the facts, as I understand them, behind the current fiasco regarding the Bidens, Trump and Ukraine. You may then choose what you want to believe. I invite you to continue reading – if you really do want to hear the TRUTH.

One way TRUTH is being trampled in the streets is by redefinition. So many words and phrases are being defined today by political correctness or the culture, often with no resemblance to their real meanings. One such term being shouted from the media is “**quid pro quo**.” I find it interesting that in the last several months this term has been used so often, it has become common everyday language. In all those months, I have yet to hear even one newscaster make any attempt to define the term. If you ask the common person on the street for a meaning, you will probably hear everything from “I have no idea” to “bribery”. So what **does** it mean?

According to Wikipedia, this Latin term means “something for something;” in common law, the contractual concept of consideration -- that an item or a service has been traded in return for something of value. A contract must involve consideration to be valid: that is, the exchange of something of value for something else of value. For example, you buy an item of clothing or a gallon of milk and you pay for the item with a predetermined amount of money. Therefore, you have received something, but have also offered something of equal value in return. It's **quid pro quo**.

According to the same source, **Bribery** is defined by *Black's Law Dictionary* as the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of any item of value to **influence** the actions of an official, or other person, in charge of a public or **legal** duty. With regard to governmental operations, essentially, bribery is “**Corrupt** solicitation, acceptance, or transfer of value in exchange for official action.” A bribe is an **illegal or unethical** gift bestowed to **influence** the recipient's conduct. The operative words here are “illegal” or “unethical.” Therein lies the issue: Who determines when the line has been crossed? Sometimes it's the written law that defines the action as bribery, other times it's someone's opinion. For instance, corporate and personal campaign contributions and lobbying are legal in the USA and governed by campaign finance laws, which are formulated to prevent bribery. However, in many European countries, accepting such contributions can be a criminal offense and is considered bribery.

Since its inception as a nation, the USA has negotiated contracts, treaties, and agreements with other nations. Every agreement will involve **quid pro quo**, because no nation will negotiate without receiving something favorable to its own interests. Is this bribery? No, it is the normal conduct of negotiations between parties on opposite sides of a question- trade agreements, arms agreements, military assistance agreements, loans, monetary assistance, etc. We often use the term “compromise” to indicate that each side gave up a little bit of their demands in order to reach an agreeable result. Every time you sign a loan agreement, pen a contract, or make a purchase you participate in “**quid pro quo**.” The common man's question, “What's in it for me?” is the mindset in nearly every business transaction. So the term “**quid pro quo**” is not evil or even illegal in its common usage. The media keeps pounding the term so that listeners will assume that it is a great evil. What started as accusations of a “**quid pro quo**” phone call with Ukraine has now degenerated into accusations of bribery. Why? Because “quid pro quo” is not a crime, but bribery can be considered criminal as determined by law. So we change the terminology to accommodate our political leanings and add weight to our accusations. We want people to agree with our interpretation of the situation, whether or not the facts support it.

So what is the Biden/Ukraine connection? Once

again, the major media fails to tell the American people the back story and we are left to question why Hunter and Joe Biden had any involvement in Ukraine or Burisma Energy in the first place. So, let's examine the situation in Ukraine, look at the players involved, and attempt to ascertain the truth. First up -- Burisma Energy. There are many online sources and numerous details if you want to further investigate this company, but I will provide just a simple summary here.

According to Wikipedia, **Burisma Holdings Limited** is a holding company for a group of energy exploration and production companies. It is based in Kiev, Ukraine, but registered in Limassol, Cyprus. Burisma Holdings has operated in the Ukrainian natural gas market since 2002. It is one of the largest private natural gas producers in Ukraine. It is owned by Ukrainian oligarch Mykola Zlochevsky through his company Brociti Investments Limited. Burisma's primary operations are in Ukraine, supplemented by activities in Germany, Mexico, Italy, and Kazakhstan. It holds 35 gas production licenses in Ukraine in the Dnieper-Donets, Carpathian, and Azov-Kuban Basins. The Office of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine and the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine (NABU) have conducted a total of 15 investigations on Burisma's owner Zlochevsky. In 2016, former Prosecutor General Yuriy Lutsenko accused Burisma subsidiaries of conspiracy and tax evasion of about one billion hryvnias (US \$70 million) in 2014–2015.

Mykola Zlochevsky, who was closely aligned to the now-exiled former Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich, served as the minister of ecology and natural resources from July 2010 until April 2012 and then as deputy secretary for economic and social security until February 2014, when the notoriously pro-Russian Yanukovich was forced to flee to Moscow. Soon after, Zlochevsky himself absconded when Ukraine's prosecutor general put him on the country's watch list and opened numerous probes into his practices and multitude of businesses, flanked by allegations of money laundering and tax evasion. In November of 2019, Ukrainian officials stated they are currently unable to locate Zlochevsky, who is suspected of embezzling the equivalent of \$33 million in state funds while serving as the country's ecology and natural resources minister from 2010 to 2012. So we have the owner of Burisma Holdings being charged by his own country with tax evasion (\$70 million) and embezzlement (\$33 million).

Hunter Biden, son of then vice president Joe Biden, was invited to join the board of Burisma in April 2014, (following his discharge from the Navy Reserve in February 2014, for cocaine use) during a time when Burisma was engulfed in corruption investigation woes, and at the same time when his father, Joe Biden, as vice president, was leading the Obama administration's effort to curb Ukraine's endemic corruption. Hunter stepped down from the Burisma board in April of 2019, when his father announced his 2020 presidential aspirations. Why was Hunter Biden asked to serve on Burisma's board, when he had no previous expertise or experience with energy companies?

As *The New York Times* shared in May, Hunter's appointment to the board of Burisma, in the very least, was advantageous for suggesting to the world that the Ukrainian energy sector was beginning to address its own rampant corruption. “Their [Hunter Biden and others'] support allowed Burisma to create the perception that it was backed by powerful Americans at a time when Ukraine was especially dependent on aid and strategic backing from the United States and its allies, according to people who worked in Ukraine at the time,” the *Times* reported.

Well, I've been told many times to “follow the money.” To this day, Burisma's connection to Hunter Biden has made it very difficult for Ukrainian authorities to continue investigations of the company for corruption, both current and former officials in Ukraine have told TIME. In that sense, Burisma is still getting its money's worth for the reported \$50,000 per month it paid the younger Biden to sit on its board from April 2014 until earlier this year. Over the 5 year board appointment term, Hunter's firm was paid over \$3.4 million. In the period between April 2014 and November 2015, Biden and his business partner Archer each received monthly payments of \$83,333 for so-called “consulting services.” So Hunter is on the board of a company in Ukraine that is being investigated for corruption. At the same time his father Joe is handling US foreign policy with Ukraine, encouraging the rooting out of corruption. Does “conflict of interest” occur to anyone besides me? This brings up a lot of concerning questions as to the motives of the Bidens.

Vice president Joe Biden served as Obama's point man to carry out the administration's Ukraine policies. In that position Joe Biden visited Ukraine 6 times over a period of 8 years and made at least 70 phone calls to Ukrainian officials. On **June 6, 2014**,

Biden led a U.S. delegation to the inauguration of Ukraine's new president Petro Poroshenko and promised \$48 million in U.S. aid to help with economic and constitutional reforms. On **Dec. 7-8, 2015**, Biden was apparently planning to unveil an extra \$1 billion in loan guarantees to help Ukraine rebuild its economy, but changed his mind en route to Kiev. As Biden prepared his speech to Ukraine's parliament, his advisers crafted two different versions. One would announce the \$1 billion loan guarantee as long as Chief prosecutor Victor Shokin was removed from his position, and the other would take on corruption. With Poroshenko still resisting, Biden and his aides gathered in a room, opened a laptop and reworked his speech just before he was scheduled to give it. They increased the extent of the demands Biden made regarding corruption crackdowns, and also increased the pressure on Poroshenko to remove Shokin. Later, reports emerged, stating that in private, Biden told Poroshenko that the \$1 billion in guaranteed loans was linked to those reform efforts, including removal of Viktor Shokin as prosecutor general. Shokin at the time was involved in investigating Burisma (and some say that included Hunter)—but the investigation had been dormant for a time. With the removal of Shokin, any resumption in the investigation of Burisma would come to a screeching halt. Hunter Biden still held his lucrative position as a board member.

Joe Biden later retold the story at a gathering in the USA. Recounting his trip to Kiev in late 2015, Biden described how he told the then-president of Ukraine, Petro Poroshenko, that unless he fired the prosecutor general, the US would not release \$1 billion in loan guarantees. “I looked at them and said, ‘I'm leaving in six hours,’” Biden told the crowd, taking a long look at his watch for effect. “‘If the prosecutor is not fired, you're not getting the money.’ Well, son of a bitch!” (Here the audience laughed) “He got fired.” Biden actually bragged about his actions!

Can you say “**quid pro quo**” or was it **bribery**? Either way, nothing detrimental was charged concerning Biden's diplomatic activities—no media outcry, calls of “foul,” **quid pro quo**, or **bribery**. So Shokin was fired, Ukraine got its billion in loan guarantees, investigation into Burisma was officially terminated, and any misdirected monies to Hunter Biden would never be disclosed. There is no proof, only allegations, but follow the money and look at who had the most to gain from the sequence of actions. We could surmise that Biden used his office and the billion dollars in loan guarantees to stop an investigation which may have implicated his son in the illegal activities and corruption of Burisma Holdings. But that is just supposition as we have no facts to substantiate it—just suspicions.

The USA has had a long time relationship with Ukraine and has attempted to encourage that country to root out corruption in high places. It is therefore understandable that Trump would continue the same course as previous administrations, and encourage the resumption of investigations into allegations of corruption that were not sufficiently settled during the Obama administration. To declare that Trump encouraged Ukraine to interfere in our upcoming presidential race with no proof of such allegations is no different than accusing Biden of using a billion dollar loan guarantee to force the firing of a prosecutor, resulting in the termination of an investigation that might have ended in implicating his son in illegal activities. Again—no proof. But as I said earlier, follow the money and the players and see where things lead.

None of us can read minds or know with certainty the heart motives of another person. Only God and the individual know the “why” of any person's actions. That is why prosecutors in a criminal trial attempt to determine motive for the crime by pointing to available evidence. Asking a witness why he *thinks* the accused may have done “*such and such*” is not admissible evidence, as any answer to that question is mere supposition, not factual. Unless the accused implicates himself by a confession, conviction of a crime requires factual evidence, not supposition or hearsay.

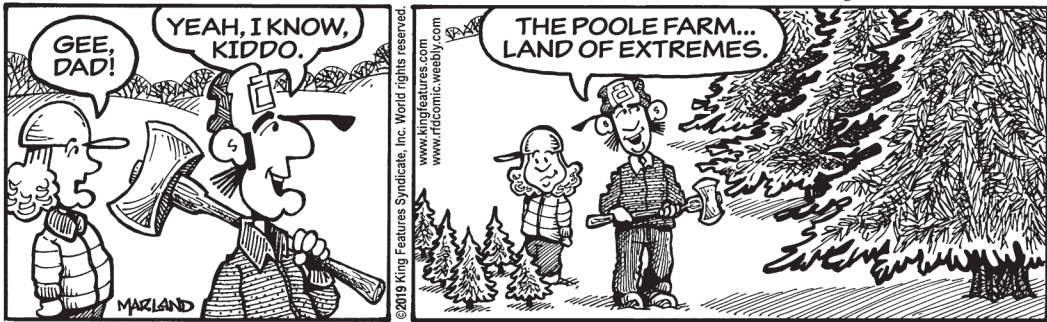
So I encourage all of us to dispense with accusations based upon suppositions, political correctness, our political motivations or dislike of an individual, and seek to find and know the Truth about a matter. Let's rescue Truth from being trampled in the streets of our nation. Let's revisit the Scripture we stated at the beginning of this treatise (Isa. 59:3-8) and determine that each of us will stop speaking hurtful words (unsubstantiated accusations), correct wrongs and injustices where possible, do away with hatred, bitterness, dishonesty, deception, reprobate (depraved, unprincipled) thinking, and evil actions. Let's determine to seek Truth and uprightness and bring about peace and unity in our nation. After all, it is the Season of Peace on Earth and Good Will toward men! The nation could use a big dose of Good Will right now!



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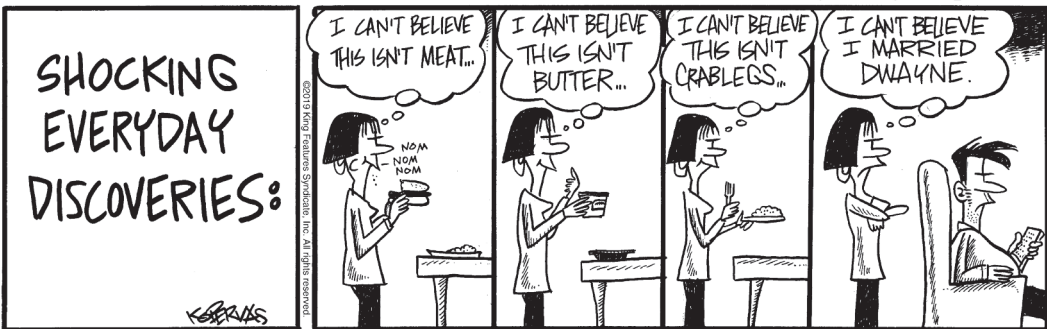
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**ACROSS**

1 Chum  
4 With 29-Across, Conrad novel  
8 Faction  
12 Whatever amount  
13 Dermatology subject  
14 Horn sound  
15 Related to summer theater  
17 "That hurts!"  
18 Decorate a T-shirt, '60s-style  
19 Old Olds  
21 "— the fields we go"  
22 Trite  
26 McCartney cohort  
29 See 4-Across  
30 Praise in verse  
31 Doves' place  
32 Eviscerate  
33 Actress Cannon  
34 Commotion  
35 Trot  
36 Part of a Santa costume  
37 1935 Astaire/Rogers movie  
39 Oppositionist  
40 Swelled head  
41 Pester  
45 Oodles

**DOWN**

1 History  
2 Oppositionist  
3 Orpheus' instrument  
4 Attorney  
5 Earth tone  
6 Genetic stuff  
7 Midwestern city  
8 Remained upright  
9 Debtor's letters  
10 Elmer, to Bugs  
11 Biblical verb ending  
16 Worship  
20 Shade source  
23 Georgetown athlete  
24 Hebrew month  
25 See to  
26 "Shoo!"  
27 — list  
28 On

48 Western hero's trademark  
50 Suitor  
51 Draftable  
52 List-ending abbr.  
53 Complain  
54 Peruse  
55 "Quiet!"

29 Moonshine container  
32 Commence hostilities  
33 Thick  
35 Binge  
36 Went by water  
38 Excited  
39 Porcelain  
42 "I'll have what — having"  
43 Wooden strip  
44 Leave an impression  
45 "The Chew" network  
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47 Rowing need  
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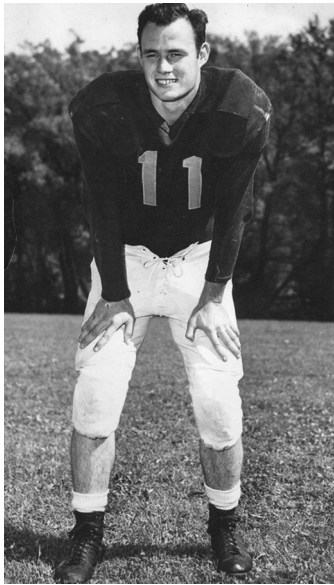
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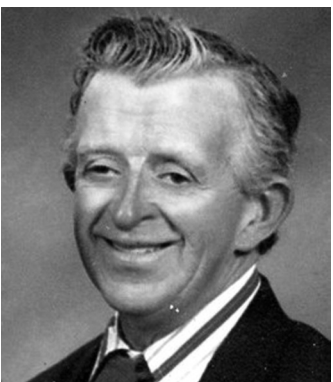
Lester B. Goble, 87, Saxon James M. Wilcox, 82, lifelong farmer



**LESTER B. GOBLE**  
*Saxon played in the NFL*  
WAVERLY—Lester B. Goble, 87, of Waverly, passed away at Elderwood, Waverly, on Monday, Dec. 2, 2019 after declining health. Lester was born on July 23, 1932 in Waverly, the son of the late Wilbert and Ruth Maslin Goble.

Lester graduated from Waverly High School in 1950. He then attended Alfred University, where he played football and ran track. After graduation, he was drafted by the NFL Chicago Cardinals playing in 1954-1955. During his rookie year he was the only player in the league to score two touchdowns from kickoff returns, ranking first for the Cardinals and second for the league. He then moved back to the valley where he owned and operated several gas stations and later Thompson's Tavern. Later, he was a private electrical and plumbing contractor until retirement in his late 70s. During his retirement, he loved playing golf as well as spending time

with his family. Lester is survived by his seven children, Holly (Charles) Kline, Sayre, PA, Valerie (Robert) Crocker, Sayre, PA, Wendy (David) Dilts, Cary, NC, Thompson Goble, Naples, FL, Heidi (Gerald) Ede, Salisbury, MD, Jessica (Justin) Thomas, Aberdeen, NC, Barbara Goble, (Chris Van Allen) Waverly; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Stanley (Judy) Goble, Bradenton, FL, Elizabeth Carpenter, Pascagoula, MS, Lois (Lynn) Douglass, Wheeling, VA, Shirley Tyrrell, Waverly, Paul (Paula) Goble, Waverly, sister-in-law, Jacqueline Goble, Frostproof, FL; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his parents, Lester was predeceased by his brother, Robert Goble and brother-in-law, Raymond Tyrrell. Lester was a member of Encounter Church, Athens, PA. A Celebration of Life for Lester (Les) Goble, of Waverly, will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 5, 2020 at the Loom, 439 Waverly St., Waverly, 14892. Memorial contributions in Les's name can be made to The Waverly Historical Society, 435 Chemung St. Waverly, NY 14892 or to The Encounter Church, 111 S. Elmer Ave. 2nd.fl., Sayre, Pa. 18840. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of The Thomas Cremation and Funeral Service, 1297 Elmira, St. Sayre, PA Those wishing to leave a sympathy message for Lester's family may do so at thomascremationfuneralservice.com



**JAMES M. WILCOX**  
*Dairy farmer most his life*  
ALMOND—James M. Wilcox, 82, of Karr Valley Road, Almond, passed away unexpectedly Friday, Dec. 6, 2019 at his home. Born in Hornell April 23, 1937, the son of Glenn and Florence Woodruff Wilcox, he had resided all his life in Almond. He was a graduate of the Alfred-Almond Central School in 1956 and had been involved in the operation of his family's dairy farm in Almond nearly all his life. Jim was a member of the Farm Bureau, the Almond Grange, The Bud's-N-

Blossoms Square Dance Club, the Almond Volunteer Fire Department, and attended the Almond Community Church. He also served as a director of the Allegany County Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Alfred-Almond Central School Alumni Association. Jim will be remembered for his dedication to the Allegany County Fair, where he worked for many years. He especially enjoyed watching ships on the St. Lawrence River, and spent hours listening to games and news on Hornell's local radio WLEA 1480-AM. He also enjoyed square dancing, and could be found almost daily at the Country Kitchen in Hornell. He was predeceased by his parents, his sister; Genevieve Wilcox and his brother Frederick Wilcox. He is survived by his daughter; Kelly (Nate) Frost of Redwood, his son, Rod Wilcox of Almond; his brother; Carroll (Florence) Wilcox of Pittsford; and one grandson; Nathan Frost. To send a remembrance, visit www.brownpowers-funeralhomes.com or send condolences on Facebook@brownpowersfh. The family is being assisted by Gerald R. Brown, Director. The family will be present to receive friends at the Bender-Brown & Powers Funeral Home, 354 Canisteo Street in Hornell from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 2019. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019 at the funeral home with Pastor Charles Emerson officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Almond. The Almond Grange will conduct a memorial service at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13 at the funeral home. Friends wishing may make memorial contributions to the Almond Grange, c/o Emily Ormsby, 799 Sibley Road, Alfred Station, NY 14803, or to the Allegany County Fair, PO Box 96, Angelica, NY 14709 or may be dropped off at the Community Bank in Angelica.

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

Compiled By DAVID L. SNYDER  
*Alfred Sun Editor and Publisher*  
**50 Years Ago, December 11, 1969**

**This Week in Pictures:** Alfred Tech Vice President Roger F. Rawe and Donald Middleton, assistant facilities planning coordinator, examine the section of cable which shorted Dec. 1, causing the power failure which cancelled classes for four days at the college... Alfred University President, Dr. Leland Miles, tries out the controls on a bulldozer as construction crew begins clearing ground for the University's new James A. McLane Physical Education Center. The \$3.6 million athletic complex is expected to be complete by spring of 1971... Professor Wesley Parish, who retired early this month after 23 years at State University Agricultural and Technical College at Alfred, collects an assignment from a student on his final day of teaching. He started at Alfred State College in 1946 as an agronomy instructor...

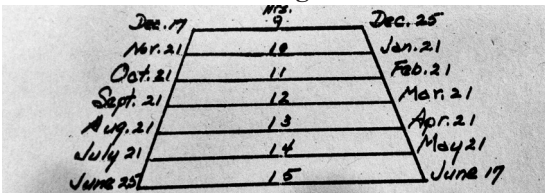
**W. Carl Snyder**, son of William and Katherine Will Snyder, was born in the Town of Andover April 27, 1895 and died at Bethesda Hospital, North Hornell, December 7, 1969. He attended grammar school in the Town of Ward, N.Y. On June 16, 1920 he married Miss Addie Harding of Alfred. To them were born a son, Arthur V. of Niagara Falls; and a daughter, Anna Marie (Mrs. Lyle) Trowbridge of Glens Falls. Mrs. Snyder died on May 6, 1969. There also survive two brothers, Leonard Snyder of Wellsville, and Herman Snyder of Alfred; a sister Anna (Mrs. Virgil) Dickinson of Wellsville; four grandchildren and a number of nephews, nieces, and cousins. Mr. Snyder was a farmer most of his life. When he lived on the Sherman Burdick Farm in Elm Valley, he hauled the milk for surrounding farmers, first with horses and wagon or sleigh, and later with a Model T Ford. He had lived at his late home on Jericho Hill Road for forty-one years. During World War II, as his contribution to the war effort, he worked for the Erie Railroad, along with his farm operation. After he discontinued farming, he was employed by the Southern Tier Concrete Co., from which he retired several years ago...

**The Alfred University** basketball team opened its season this week... The Saxons defeated Hobart last Thursday 90-86, and were beaten by a strong Buffalo State squad on Saturday, 101-68...

**The Alfred-Almond Church** Basketball League opened the season Dec. 3 with Alfred Union defeating St. Brendan's 42-27, and Alfred Station edging Almond Union 22-21. Gary Reid led all scorers for the night with 20 points, while Tim Giedlin scored 18, the last two points with seven seconds left in the game to pull out the win...

**Alfredians**—Mrs. Elmina DeWitt is convalescing at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Luke Washburn of Almond... Miss Elsie Binns recently returned from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Linville at Berea, Ohio. She leaves this week to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Adams at Mt. Morris... Dr. and Mrs. Burton Crandall and Stephen have returned from a recent visit with the Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Saunders at Plainfield, N.J....

## SUN SPOTS (By Samuel Scholes Sr.) Hours of Sunlight Calendar



This simple diagram shows the number of hours (within a few minutes) between sunrise and sunset; at our latitude, for corresponding dates. It seems of interest to observe that we have as much sunlight in February as in October, and that May days are as long as the mid-summer days of July. Also, there is, properly speaking, no one shortest day or one longest day in the year. At the solstice, the days are, for one week, within one minutes of equal length.

## 25 Years Ago, December 15, 1994

**(Photo) Mid-Year Commencement** at AU—Alfred University honored Hornell resident Henry Guenther and humanitarian Abbey Meyers during Mid-Year Commencement Sunday in the McLane Center. Pictured are Dr. Edward G. Coll Jr., president of AU; Abbey Meyers; Henry Guenther; and Dr. Richard Sands, Commencement grant marshal.

**Notes from Palmiter Hill** (By Rev. Albert N. Rogers) Our thanks to Doug Burdick and his highway crews for spreading sand on Palmiter Hill Road early these snowy mornings... My favorite charity at Christmas time is Habitat for Humanity. A recent report on their work tells of a widow, mother of two children, whose husband died after a long illness and whose 65-year-old house was renovated by Habitat for Humanity. Most of us cannot conceive such poverty as that widow had... Pity the poor people of Bosnia—now their friends are deserting them. Religious differences seem to be a major source of their trouble when religious tolerance as we know it in America is hard to find there... The Daytona Beach, Fla. church has become one of the most active churches in our denomination. An Alfred woman, Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph, was instrumental in its early years when spending the winter in Florida was beginning to be popular. Now more and more people are choosing to make their year round home there... "My will is to live worthily as long as I live, and after my life to leave to them that should come after my memory in good works." — Alfred the Great.

**Lisa G. Goodridge** of Boston, MA and Thomas A. Blake Jr. of N. Attleboro, MA were united in marriage Saturday, April 30, 1994 at the Durham Community Church, Durham, NH. The Dr. Rev. Lynes officiated at the double ring ceremony for the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Lyndon Goodridge of Lee, NH and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Blake Sr. of N. Attleboro, MA... Mrs. Robert Keesey of Durham was organist. Vocalists included Amanda Snyder, aunt of the bride, and David and Beverly Snyder, cousins of the bride, all of Alfred Station...

**Funeral services** for Ruth E. Shaw, 66, of Alvin, TX. were held Nov. 29, 1994 in the chapel of the James Crowder Funeral Home in Dickinson, TX., the Rev. Joe McArthur and J.A. Sherrick officiating. Burial followed at the South Park Cemetery in Pearland. Born in North Hornell, New York, Mrs. Shaw died Nov. 26 in Galveston, TX. A homemaker and member of Eastern Star and Rebekah Lodge in Alfred, N.Y., Mrs. Shaw was also a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mrs. Shaw is survived by her husband, Lynn B. Shaw of Alvin, TX.; two daughters, Judy Hamelmann and Dustin Hamelmann of Pearland, TX and Jonathan Shaw of League City, TX...

**Sunbeams**—Alfred University and Brentwood Stables in Angelica will host four-time Olympian and two-time equestrian gold medalist Bruce Davidson Dec. 16-17 for a two-day clinic... Arolana Meissner, Alfred University librarian and director of Herrick Memorial Library, has been elected president of the South Central Regional Library Council's Board of Trustees... Charlotte M. Brown of Waterwells Road, Alfred Station, has completed her baccalaureate studies at SUNY Oswego... Dr. Norman Pollard, director of counseling and health education services at Alfred University, has been selected to chair the ethics committee of the New York Counseling Association... A book co-edited by Dr. Marc A. Olshan of Alfred University and Dr. Donald B. Kraybill of Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania, has been released by University Press of New England. "The Amish Struggle with Modernity" explores the changes taking place in an expanding Amish society that finds use for gas generators to produce electricity, operates small businesses to sell goods, allows members to work in factories to supplement farm incomes, and acknowledges the need for medical care beyond what the community can provide....

**Alfred-Almond graduate** Julie Smith was named "Swimmer of the Meet" at the Empire Athletic Association (EAA) Championships held Dec. 3-4 at St. Lawrence University in Canton. Julie placed first in each of three individual events and first in each of two relay events to lead Ithaca College to first overall...

## 10 Years Ago, December 11, 2009

**(Photo) Boys' State** winners Joseph Torkaman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Masoud Torkaman of Alfred; Sam Huang, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Huang of Alfred; and Bill Ernest, son of William Ernest Sr. of Almond, are presented their Boys' State certificates by Karl Grantier, commander of Alfred Lions Post #370.

**The Alfred University** Equestrian teams work diligently to ride precisely. They aim for technical perfection as a rule but once a year they get a little wacky and ride in costume, to music, without judges, just for fun. That happened last Sunday at the Bromeley-Daggett Equestrian Center. There were top hats, feathers, glitter, donkey ears and a horse's tail fighting for relief from a green Shrek costume. First up was Kristen Kovatch in her equestrian version of Britney Spears...

**Mueller Mullings** (By Matt Mueller) Most people who know me, whether casually or well, soon figure out that I have two weaknesses which stand out among many others. One is collecting things, and the other is wavering between being serious and humorous. Strangers on the streets of Alfred see me picking up cans and bottles, apparently desperate for deposit refunds. What some do not realize is how long ago I developed this habit, and that I owe the cultivation of it to Joan Schulze of Alfred Station. About 20 years ago she encouraged our citizenry to put their deposit receipts in a box as the then extant "supermarket" across the road from her house. The money collected was duly donated to the Box of Books Alfred Public Library. Today I still wash and return these beverage containers which people so generously discard in muddy Alfred yards and yucky trash receptacles. Some even place them on my porch already dirt free! And, I still give the deposit refunds to the Box of Books...

**The December meeting** of Baker's Bridge Historical Association will be held on Dec. 14 and will include a dish-to-pass dinner... The speaker for the program at 7:30 p.m. will be John E. Ninos, the father, and he will relate the story of the Collegiate Restaurant, affectionately known as "The Jet"...

**Around the Corner** (By Anne Acton) Work continues on the Burdick-Saunders house. Last week Mark Cushing and two of his workers were here for the better part of the week. Several things were completed and others are "works in progress" as he will be returning in a week for another work session... now a period appropriate front door in the original opening...



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SPIRIT OF '76, 17.

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 School 9:30 am, Sunday Worship 10:30 am. EPIC (for teens) and EPIC Kids Club (K - 6th grade) 5:30 pm Sundays (Sept. - May), and Adult Bible Study 6 pm Sundays. Midweek Home Groups 7:30 pm. Vintage Alfred meeting Wed. nights at ASC at 7:30 pm. Phone 607-276-6700. www.aabile.org.

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**SS. BRENDAN AND JUDE PARISH**-- Father James W. Hartwell, Pastor. St. Brendan Church, 11 S. Main St., Almond. Weekend Mass: Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Week-day Masses Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.; St. Jude Chapel, Lower College Dr., Alfred (on the Alfred State College campus). Weekday Mass Thursdays 7:00 p.m. Weekend Masses Sunday 11 a.m. & 5 p.m. Office phone: 607-587-9411, Rectory phone: 607-276-5304.

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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.

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**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. Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:45 p.m. Pastors Mary and David Nevol. Phone 716 498 0119.

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

CHURCH NEWS

‘Come Home for Christmas’ invitations

ALFRED STATION--“Come Home for Christmas!” Your friends and neighbors at the Alfred Stations Seventh Day Baptist Church, “Baptist with a Difference” have two invitations for you and your family.

First, all are invited to join their friends on Sabbath, (Saturday), Dec. 21, The Fourth Sabbath in Advent / Christmas Sabbath.

At 9:45 a.m. there will be a joint Intergenerational Sabbath School. It will be a time of fellowship, conversation, and snacking.

At 11 a.m. the Sabbath Worship Hour will begin. The 4th Sabbath in Advent, “Love,” will feature a sermon, “A Promise,” focused on John 3:16.

12:30 p.m. Dish to Pass Christmas Fellowship Meal followed by the Annual Christmas Program.

The second Invitation is to remember the reason for the season on Christmas Day for a service of Worship at 3 p.m. Come with your Family. Come with your friends and share in

the Spiritual Celebration.

The campus of the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church is located at 585 Route 244 Alfred Station. If you need further Information call the church office at 607-587-9176.

Alfred Station SDB Church to lead Christmas Eve service

ALFRED--Have you heard? Yes, there is an Alfred Community Christmas Eve Service!

It will be held at the meeting house of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, located at #5 Church Street, Alfred in the sanctuary of the Union University Church.

Of course you will want to make note that the service will begin at 7 p.m.

Of course because it is a Christmas Eve Service it is on Tuesday, Dec. 24, the evening before Christmas Day.

This year’s service is being led by the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Service grant set in honor of VanDines

WELLSVILLE--The Ken and Judi Van Dine Christian Service Grant has been established by the Grace United Church family and friends of the Van Dines to honor their strong Christian commitment, 50+ years of service to their church and community, and their mission work in Haiti.

A long-time, Wellsville ophthalmologist, Dr. Van Dine and Judi, a registered nurse, first went to Haiti on a medical mission in 1985 at the invitation of a medical colleague, serving in the Central Highlands village of Pignon. Ken and Judi returned to Haiti many times over the next 20 years, developing significant know-how in addressing poverty, with a focus on education and development initiatives. Their greatest desire with this grant is to support and encourage young people interested in missions to adopt a similar focus.

The Van Dines’ son Neil has been a full-time missionary in Haiti for 30 years and is a highly qualified mentor to individuals serving in developing nations.

The grant will provide support for persons preparing for a short-term missionary experience that focuses



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3. With two different biblical answers, who was the father of Joseph? Jacob/Heli, Gideon/Ishmael, Solomon/Nahum, Samuel/Pilate
4. Which Old Testament prophet predicted Jesus would be born in Bethlehem? Amos, Obadiah, Micah, Nahum
5. For the journey to Bethlehem how did Mary and Joseph travel? Bible not specific, Cart, Rode donkey, Small raft
6. Which of these wasn’t a gift from the wise men (Magi)? Silver, Myrrh, Gold, Frankincense

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Nazareth; 3) Jacob/Heli; 4) Micah; 5) Bible not specific; 6) Silver

Christmas gift? “Test Your Bible Knowledge: 1,206 Questions to Sharpen Your Understanding of Scripture,” by Wilson Casey, is available in bookstores and online.

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## ALFRED-ALMOND SPORTS ROUNDUP

## A-A Eagle boys split first two basketball games

By **BARB WELCH***Alfred Sun Sports Reporter***Boys Varsity Basketball Team Splits First Two Games**

Coach Brian Marlatt's Eagles lost a heart breaker at Andover on Wednesday, Dec. 4 in the first game of the season 48-49. Forward Isaac Little led the Eagles with 16 points and Guard Kevin Dunning tallied 12 pts. in the loss. Guard Ty Kenney contributed 9 pts., Blake McMichael had 7 and Jonas Kays scored 4 points. The Eagles went to Arkport Friday, Dec. 6 to battle Arkport-Canaseraga and came away with a 41-30 win. Senior Isaac Little led the scoring with 17 points. Juniors Blake McMichael and Jonas Kays each had 7 points and Kevin Dunning scored 8 points. Sophomore Ty Kenney contributed 2 points in the victory.

The Eagles traveled to Whitesville on Tuesday, Dec. 10 and host Jasper-Troupsburg at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13. Come out to support the Eagles Friday.

**Boys Modified Basketball**

Coach Michael Martuscello's Modified team traveled to Addison Saturday, Dec. 7 only to lose to the Knights. The leading scorers were Jackson Jusaniec with 9 points, Liam Ruthven, 4 points and Lakin Ludden scored 1 point. The boys hosted Canisteo-Greenwood on Wednesday, Dec. 11.

**Girls Varsity Basketball 2-1 to Start Season**

Tom Weller's Girls Basketball team won in convincing fashion last week on Dec. 4 hosting the Scio Tigers. After a slow start, the Eagles ended up taking a 28-2 lead into the half. The Lady Eagles played amazing defense, seeking every rebound and diving after loose balls. The girls fought hard in the second half and walked away with a 44-10 victory. Everyone helped

seal this victory. Zoe Balinsky led the team with 12 points. Maggie Griffin added 10, Logan Brown chipped in 8 points and Luci Lee scored 6. Mirra Robbers, Avery Libordi, Lauren Kelly and Kayla Snyder rounded out the scoring with 2 apiece.

The Eagles hosted Arkport/Canaseraga Friday, Dec. 6 in their first league matchup. After a rough 1st quarter, the girls buckled down on defense and only gave up 21 points over the last 3 quarters. Unfortunately, they struggled putting the ball in the hoop and lost, 33-17. Zoe Balinsky led the team with 8 points. Maggie Griffin added 6 and Logan Brown chipped in with 3 points.

A quick turnaround took the team to Houghton on Saturday, Dec. 7 for a tough non-league game. Down by 1 after the 1st quarter, they warmed up a bit in the 2nd quarter to take a 4-point lead into halftime. The Eagles defense was so phenomenal Houghton had a hard time getting off shots. The Lady Eagles won 33-27. Playing with 100% intensity after their loss on Friday, they never let up. Maggie Griffin led the team with 11 points. Lauren Kelly scored 8 huge points off the bench. Zoe Balinsky chipped in 7 and Logan Brown had 5 points. Avery Libordi rounded out the scoring with 2 points in a great win! Coach Weller's team traveled to Fillmore Wednesday, Dec. 11 for another tough non-league game.

**Girls JV Defeat Genesee Valley**

The JV Girls started their season off with a win by defeating Genesee Valley 44-26. Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Isabel Badeau 10 points; Chloe Hann 10 points; Ryann Donlon 8 points. Angela Smith, Jessica McMahon, Andel Kenyon and Chloe Bracken each had 4 points. The Girls JV lost to Arkport/Canaseraga 24-29

on Friday, Dec. 6 making their record 1-1. Coach Diane Chamberlain reports Jessica McMahon led the scoring with 10 points. Isabel Badeau had 8, Chloe Hann scored 4 and Angela Smith had 2 points. They played a good game in a close loss. The Lady Eagles traveled to Fillmore on Wednesday, Dec. 11.

**Girls Modified Basketball**

Coach Molly Soppe's Modified Basketball team opened the season Saturday, Dec. 7 by traveling to Addison. They lost their first game after playing hard and never giving up. The team hosted Canisteo-Greenwood on Wednesday, Dec. 11

**Varsity Wrestling Dominates Fillmore in Opening Match**

The Varsity Wrestling team opened up the 2019-2020 season with a convincing 57-17 win over the visiting Fillmore Eagles. The meet started out in exciting fashion with Caleb Dailey hanging on to win a 7-6 decision. The Eagles then won by forfeit at 160 with Colton Cook getting the win. Laeretes Cushing came out on top 9-0 to win by major decision at 170 lbs. He was followed by a series of forfeit victories for the Eagles with Morgan Davidson, Dan Scheesley, Nick Turner, and Trevor Grove getting wins. Fillmore made a run in the lower weights picking up victories at 99, 106 and 120. However, the Eagles would finish out the contest with a forfeit win at 132 by Shane Davidson and pinfall wins by Ben Lloyd and Zack Ledbetter to end the match.

Coach Gregory Cook's team competed last Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Avoca duals. Ben Lloyd wrestled a perfect 5-0 in Avoca. Colton Cook, Shane Davidson, Zack Ledbetter and Blake Ledbetter all finished with 4-1 records. The team record is now 4-2. The wrestlers traveled to Arkport

Tuesday, Dec. 10 for a divisional matchup.

**Varsity Swimmers Sink the Rebels of Cuba Rushford**

The Varsity Swimmers opened their season with a convincing 94-54 win over Cuba Rushford on Wednesday, Dec. 4 in Cuba. For this early in the season, they swam very well, winning every event except the Diving competition. While the first place finishes were reserved for the veterans, the rookies helped lead to many second and third place finishes. Quadruple winners were Gavin Dwyer and Julian Petrillo. Triple winners were Lucas Quintana, Liam Harris, Noah Dusingberre and Paul Drake.

The Eagles travelled to Bath to face the Knights of Addison last Thursday, Dec. 5. They continued to swim very solidly as a team. After posting dozens of personal bests by swimmers old and new, the Eagles swam away with a 186-120 victory! A-A was able to win every event except Diving and took 1st and 2nd in 7 of the 12 events. Leading the way for the Eagles were quadruple winners Noah Dusingberre, Julian Petrillo and Gavin Dwyer. Triple winners were Liam Harris and Paul Drake. Coaches Flaitz and Dwyer hosted Canisteo-Greenwood on Tues., Dec. 10.

**Mod Squad has first match**

After a few weeks of sparing with one another, the modified wrestling team traveled to Addison for their first match of the season. Picking up wins for the mod squad were Aidan Patterson by major decision, Cole Briggs by decision, and Garrett Freeland by pin. Congratulations to Cole and Garrett for securing their first modified victories! Overall win or lose, the team wrestled tough and looks forward to another Monday night match in Fillmore next week.

## St. Ann's Academy students honors veterans with display, gifts

HORNELL—St. Ann's Academy of Hornell on Thursday, Dec 6 culminated a month of honoring our nation's veterans by shopping for gifts for the honorees.

Hundreds of people drive by the beautiful weeklong display that is the St. Ann's Academy Field of Honor each year around Veterans Day. Families and community members gather on Veterans

Day for a ceremony in honor of local veterans sponsored by the Pk-6th grade Elementary students. But for the SAA students, it doesn't end there.

This past week, with proceeds from the Field of Honor event that took place earlier last month, 4th and 5th graders went on a shopping trip. They purchased kitchen items for the Bath Veterans Administration as well as two

gifts for each of the 30 Veterans at the VA. St. Ann's Academy will also provide the organization with a \$300 check for the Veterans to use at their discretion.

Liberty Stevens, 5th Grader, said, "It was great! We found so many good deals and discounts that we were able to have money left over! Next week we are going to visit them in Bath and deliver our presents."

St. Ann's Academy was established in 2012 to preserve the availability of a Catholic education for children in the Hornell area. St. Ann's Academy proudly continues the 149-year tradition of St. Ann's School and will strive to build upon its success for future generations.

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ALFRED UNIVERSITY SPORTS

Edmister named E8 Men’s Swimmer of the Week

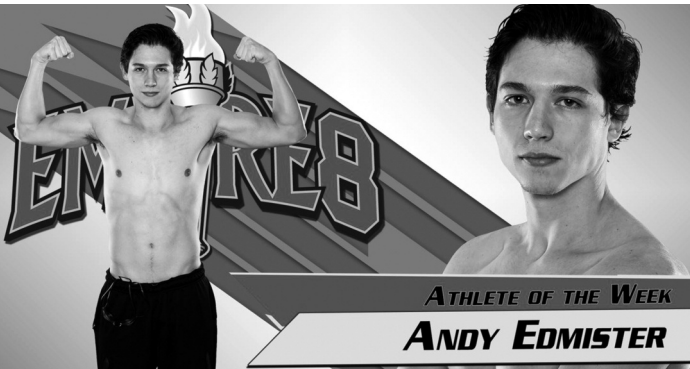
ALFRED—Alfred University's Andy Edmister (Belmont/Genesee Valley Central) was named Empire 8 Men's Swimming & Diving Athlete of the Week on Monday.

Senior Edmister totaled 47 points in individual events as he led the Saxons in the Ithaca College Bomber Invitational over the weekend. He was

also part of all five point-scoring relays during the three-day event to total 222 points with four eighth place finishes for 44 points each and a seventh-place finish for 46 points. As an individual, Edmister had a top finish in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 52.86 to finish sixth for 24 points. He then fin-

ished seventh in the 200 backstroke with a time of 1:56.25 for 23 points.

He and Lauren Serotta (Niskayuna) swept the Empire 8 Weekly Awards for swimming & diving on Monday as Edmister was also named one of the Saxons of the Week along with Bri Hicks (Burlington, VT



ANDY EDMISTER

/Ithaca) of the Alfred University women's basketball team.

Edmister and the Saxons will next head south for their annual Florida Training Trip. After that, they will head to Division II, Le Moyne College on Tuesday, January 14.

Greer All-American

AU junior safety Raeqwon Greer (Buffalo/Canisius) capped a solid season with his first American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) All-America honor, as the organization announced its 2019 AFCA Division III Coaches' All-America Teams on Wednesday, Dec. 4.

Greer, named to the second team, earns the Saxons' third AFCA All-America honor in the last four years, joining A.J. LiCata's two-time first team selections in 2016 and 2017. He is also the 12th AU student-athlete to earn All-America honors this decade.

The junior, earning Empire 8 Defensive Player of the Year honors on Nov. 21, led the league with 60 solo tackles, adding one sack and a forced fumble. Nationally, Greer finished the season 12th with 6.4 solo tackles per game and 64th with 9.3 tackles per game. He has earned D3football.com Team of the Week honors on two occasions (10-8 and 11-12). Greer, a 2019 D3football.com First Team Preseason All-America selection, will enter his senior season with 208 total tackles, six interceptions, and two forced fumbles.

The AFCA has selected an All-America team in every season since 1945.

The Saxons, earning votes in the D3football.com Top-25 polls for five weeks in 2019, finished the season with a 5-5 record, earning its 16th consecutive non-losing season.

Men top Sarah Lawrence

The AU men's basketball team was at Sarah Lawrence College on Saturday for an out of conference matchup against the Gryphons. The Saxons (4-3) were in control the entire way in the 80-60 victory.

Sam Dagon (Hornell), Cole Eells (Ithaca) and Justin

Phillips (Cleveland, OH/Shaker Heights) all hit three pointers in the early portion of the first half to send AU out to a 21-8 lead with just under 10 minutes to play in the opening half.

Brewster Marshall (Horseheads) and Mike Schmidt (Olean) made some plays down the stretch in the first half to extend the Alfred lead to 35-14 at the break.

"We came out right away with a ton of energy and intensity and were able to execute on both ends," Assistant Coach Mike Romano said. It was great to see progress after a little layoff. We got better and will continue to do so."

Dagon led the offensive charge for AU with 18 points on the afternoon. Elliot Bowen (Salamanca/Elliottville) scored 12 points and blocked two shots. Schmidt and Eells each ended with 11 on the day while Marshall had 10 points and a team high nine rebounds.

AU will travel to Daytona, Florida on Dec. 28 to play in the Land of Magic Classic.

Women top SUNY-Delhi

The women's basketball team defeated SUNY-Delhi, 75-59 on Saturday afternoon at Terry S. Galanis Family Arena.

Alfred began a 21-0 run at the end of the first quarter that carried into the second quarter and gave them a 37-20 lead with 5:42 left to play in the half.

Lyndsey McCoy (Middleburgh) posted her best game of the season with 17 points. Ana Ion (Bucharest, Romania /Episcopal of Jacksonville) finished with 14 points and two steals. Jamie Wilcox (Forestville/Pine Valley) scored just four points but grabbed a team high 10 rebounds and forced four steals. Gillian Flint (Caledonia-Mumford) scored eight points and dished out four assists while Bri Hicks (Burlington, VT /Ithaca) had seven points, four steals, eight boards and a blocked shot.

AU will play in the Hat City Tournament in Danbury, Connecticut Dec. 29.

ALFRED STATE SPORTS

Men’s basketball team wins, 85-76

The Alfred State men's basketball team won their second straight as they connected on twelve 3-pointers in a 85-76 victory at Pitt Bradford on Wednesday evening. The Pioneers are now 3-3 overall on the year and 2-1 in AMCC play.

Ryan Gentile (Spencerport)

connected on three 3-pointers in the 1st half and led the Pioneers with 12 points as Alfred State led 42-36 at the half. The Pioneers led by as many as 15 just under nine minutes into the game. Josh Reding (Spencerport) hit two 3-pointers and added 11 points in the opening 20 min-

utes.

Reding hit three more 3-pointers and was 9 for 9 from the foul line in the 2nd half as the Pioneers held off all Panther rallies the rest of way. Gentile hit two more from beyond the arc and added eight more points.

Ladies top Altoona

Rayanna Anderson (Wellsville) led Alfred State with 16 points as the Pioneers battled Penn State Altoona on the road on Saturday. The Lions used a big 2nd quarter en route to the 87-49 victory.

The 1st quarter was back and forth and the Lions led 19-15 after 10 minutes. Altoona outscored the Pioneers 24-7 in the 2nd and never looked back.

Anderson connected on four 3-pointers and was the lone Pioneer in double figures with 16. Kelsey Shaulis (Ovid/South Seneca) finished with eight points while Emily Kelley (Andover) added seven points and six boards.

Finnley Christine led Altoona with 20 points as the Lions had five players finish in double figures. Alexis Cannistraci had 15 points and 18 rebounds, Sarah Hutson had 13, Sydney Snyder added 11, and Kaley Strittmatter chipped in 10.



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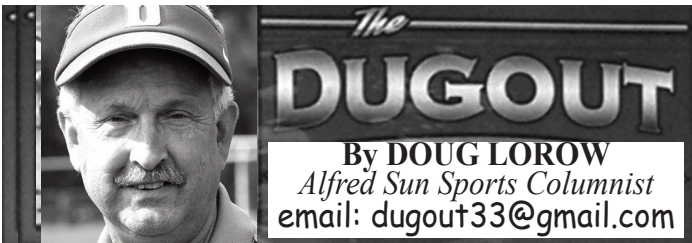
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One week after Mount Union was knocked out of the NCAA Division III football playoffs, defending champion Mary Hardin-Baylor is now on the sidelines as well. The Crusaders were upended, at home, by the UW-Wisconsin Warhawks by a whopping 26-7 tally. MH-Baylor was riding a 27-game winning streak prior to that contest and had been in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl three years running.

UW-Whitewater is no stranger to the national spotlight at the D3 level of late. They are second only to the Purple Raiders of Mount Union in football titles at this level with six to the 13 by the Ohio school. In the past 20-years (roughly) the Warhawks have taken turns with Mount Union and Mary Hardin-Baylor in winning the Stagg Bowl.

Whitewater will now tangle with St. John's out of Minnesota. Seem to recall a documentary on ESPN a few years back about this program. Either the legendary coach had the most D3 wins or the school did at that level. Anyhow, they nipped an undefeated Wheaton team that missed two, PAT's, by a 34-33 score. Ouch. The Johnnies only have one loss on their resume this year and that is to somebody named Concordia, 19-18 in overtime.

On the other side of the bracket, unbeaten Muhlenburg stopped Salisbury's unblemished season with a resounding 24-8 win. Muhlenburg was coming off a huge win over E8 champ, Brockport and Salisbury had racked up 62-points in their previous game over Liberty League champion, Union.

Muhlenburg will now play North Central in their semi-final contest as they dispatched Delaware Valley, 31-14. This comes one week after they stunned Mount Union. The Cardinals lone loss this year has been to powerful Wheaton by a 35-21 score.

So, my updated "expert" prediction will be for UW-Whitewater and Muhlenburg to meet in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl on December 20th (ESPN) in Texas.

**HITS AND MISSES:**

**The William Smith** Herons fell in the finals of the Division III women's soccer championship to national power Messiah by a score of 1-0 in Greensboro, NC. The Geneva school beat Pomona-Pitzer, 2-0 in the semi-finals to advance. Messiah topped Carnegie Mellon on PK's and then nipped WS to claim another title. Tufts beat Amherst, 2-0 in an all-NESCAC finale to grab the men's D3 trophy.

**In the FCS football** playoffs, James Madison, with the "Cage Man" on the chain gang, drilled Monmouth in their play-off opener by a 66-21 tally. Yikes! Next up for the Dukes is a quarter-final game versus Northern Iowa in Virginia. North Dakota State is the #1 seed while JMU is in at #2.

**As the NFL playoffs** approach, the following teams should have a better record than Dallas or Philly: Seattle, San Fran, the LA Rams, Minnesota and Green Bay in the NFC. Two will win a division, two will get a wild card slot and one will be on the outside looking in. One of those wild cards will have to travel to Dallas/Philly for an opener with (perhaps) a 12-4 record to take on the NFC East "champ" at 8-8. How crazy is that? You win your division, you're in the playoffs, no problem. But to host a game with four less wins against a team from a stronger division is just whacked. Time to seed the playoffs, in the NFL, as they do in the NHL playoffs.

**The New England Patriots** were on the "short end" of 3-4 very questionable calls in their Sunday game versus the KC Chiefs as they fell in Foxboro, 23-16. Now, many would say ... "about time!" for them to get the shaft, but the fact is the referees did a terrible job overall in this contest. The one play on the sideline, with a ref standing right there and he calls the Pats player out-of-bounds, when replay showed he clearly had a TD, was just nuts. Another had a player from KC wrapping his arms around a NE receiver ... no call. The Chiefs TE, Travis Kelce fumbles, the Pats could've ran it back for a TD and the refs blow the play dead? Not a good game for the stripes.

**How about this AFC** re-alignment? The Buffalo Bills and Baltimore Ravens change divisions? Baltimore is further east than Orchard Park in the East Division and the Bills would then be paired with the Steelers, Browns and Bengals in the AFC North. Relatively easy driving distance for all the fans between those four cities.

**Michael Vick** will be a captain for one of the NFL conferences or teams in the Pro Bowl? NFL ... are you kidding on this? He tortured and killed dogs! And he is to be "honored" as a captain? Who thought this was a great idea?

**Former Alfred** University WR, Bill Schuster (#129) was on the officiating crew at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa on Sunday past as the Colts fell to the TB Bucs.

**Will it be a veteran**, quarterback carousel in the NFL off season? Cam Newton from the Panthers to Chicago? Phillip Rivers from the Chargers to Carolina? Andrew Luck un-retires

**SAXON NATION**

**AU mourns loss of Saxon great Les Goble**

ALFRED—The Alfred University Athletics family is saddened to announce the passing of one of its greatest legends, Lester "Les" B. Goble on Dec. 2, 2019. He was 87 years old.

Goble was an AU Hall of Famer, competing in both football and track and field, and was the first Saxon to ever earn a draft selection to the National Football League.

Goble was born on July 23, 1932 in Waverly, arrived at Alfred in the fall of 1950 after graduating from Waverly High School, competing on the AU freshman football team under the direction of AU Hall of Fame Coach Alex Yunevich. He set a program record on the gridiron with the longest rush from scrimmage, a 92-yard touchdown scamper against the University at Buffalo in 1952. That record still stands some 67 seasons later.

He also starred on the track and field team under Hall of Fame Coach James McLane for all four years, setting records in the 100-meter (9.80 seconds) and the 400-meter (49.0 seconds) events. As a senior in 1954, Goble was named Eastern Intercollegiate Low Hurdle Champion.

Harold Snyder AU'55, teammate of Goble on those track and field teams and a longtime friend, recalled those college years.

"He was a humble man in spite of his great talent," said Snyder, who joined Goble in the Hall of Fame in the 1974 class. "I remember playing a pick-up game of touch football with him before we got to college... this guy could catch anyone! We had a ball together, competing and faring well against Cornell and Colgate in those days. One time we were up in Hamilton, Ontario for an event, and when it came time to get ready for the meet, McLane found Les sleeping in his room! He quickly got up, got down to the track and won both the 100-meter and 220 hurdle events."

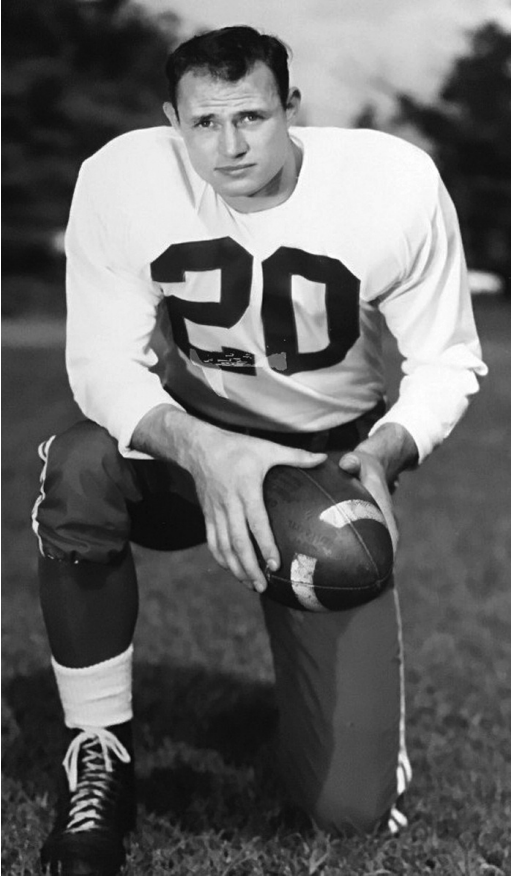
Goble became AU's first student-athlete to get drafted to the National Football League when he was selected with the 146th pick of the 1954 draft to the Chicago Cardinals. He entered the NFL with a bang, returning a kickoff 105 yards for a touchdown in his NFL debut. He finished his rookie year of 1954 averaging 27.7 yards on 27 kickoff returns with two touchdowns and had 42 yards rushing with one TD. Goble would play in 21 career contests, serving at running back, defensive back, and kick return, all with Chicago in the 1954 and '55 seasons. He tallied 909 yards as a kick returner, tallied three total touchdowns, and recorded an interception.

After his NFL career, Goble briefly went into coaching, serving as the head coach of the

Syracuse Stormers of the now-defunct United Football League. He was then selected as the charter member of the AU Athletics Hall of Fame in 1973, joining his track and field coach. He then returned to the Susquehanna Valley, owning and operating several gas stations and later Thompson's Tavern in Waverly. In later years he was a private electrical and plumbing contractor until retirement in his late 70's. During his retirement, he loved playing golf as well as spending time with his family. In February of 2011, Goble was honored as one of the Top-25 Male Athletes in the valley area's history by the *Morning Times*.

He is survived by his seven children, his six brothers and sisters, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, including AU alumni Sam Goble and Kevin Kline.

"Les Goble is a legendary Alfred University football player," added Alfred University Football Head Coach Bob Rankl. "Not only was he one of the greatest Saxons of all time, but he was also a member of the National Football League. Les will be greatly missed by the Alfred University football family."



**LES GOBLE** while at Waverly H.S.

**THE DUGOUT CONTINUED...**

and takes over the helm of the LV Raiders! And Tom Brady goes from New England to the LA Chargers? What do the Tampa Bay Bucs do with Jameis Winston? Could be a crazy, moving QB scenario.

**The Alfred Saxons** (4-3) men's hoop squad is off to Daytona Beach later this month after taking care of Sarah Lawrence College, 80-60 last week. The Saxons will play Mount Union and Kenyon the weekend after Christmas in Florida. They start January action against Brockport ... with famous Alfred State ties of Gary "Doc" Moore, Joe Q. French and Bill "Dish" Bowe.

**Todd Montana** and his Lasell Lasers women's basketball program is at (5-3) after a close loss to Mitchell, 77-75 and then a blasting of Lesley, 71-31. Next up are games versus (Charlie) Emerson and Northern Vermont-Lyndon.

**Coach Spanbauer** (ex-AU) and his Cortland men's b-ball team is at (2-2) with a recent win over Geneseo but a loss to Brockport in SUN-YAC play. The Red Dragons are in Miami this weekend to play Eastern University and Gwynedd Mercy.

**Dale Wellman** (ex-AU) and his Nebraska Wesleyan men's basketball squad is zipping along at (9-1) as the Prairier Wolves begin Ameri-

can Rivers Conference play.

**In baseball news**, the champion Washington Nats have retained pitcher Stephen Strasburg with a whopping, 7-year/\$245 million dollar deal. That'll soon be surpassed by Gerrit Cole as he inks a deal with the LA Dodgers or LA /Anaheim Angels or the NY Yankees.

**There won't** be a Tampa Bay-Montreal combo deal for the MLB team ... which made no sense to begin with anyhow! The Rays will stay in St. Pete's for now and look to get funding(?) for a new location in Tampa or Pinellas Park.

**Minnesota Twins** have re-signed pitcher Michael Pineda to a 2-year, \$20 million dollar contract. Not bad for a guy suspended last year for PED's! Guess that paid off for him. "Nice" move, Minny!

**"Congrats"** to D'Arcy Gaisser as she was honored in Ireland with a fellowship from the Royal College of Surgical. Off to a place with hometown ties afterwards to celebrate, The Old Mill. Bob Lawrence was not around.



**With the Pigskin Picks** finale in the paper last week, other than being stunned by my lack of victories, was surprised the \$50 award didn't go

to Nelson Snyder or Frank Snyder or Jerry Snyder or Barb Welch or someone from the A-A Class of '74! Good to see Dave Kingman emerge "victorious" with that award.

**Sometimes** the best laid plans just don't pan out. Off to Florida last weekend and did get some golf in with Our Man Frank, Mr. Timmer, Brownie, Brownie's old boss Richard and Jake Taft plus an NHL game at the Amalie Arena. Good times! Not feeling good to take in the Colts - Bucs game though, which was big plan of going to the Tampa area in the first place. Yuk. The hockey arena is an awesome place where the Lightning play. Hadn't been to a hockey game in many years and now two in 2019. Previously with the legendary Kaz at a Hurricanes game in March. Golfed at Rocky Point (9) and Mangrove Bay (18) ... which was good. "Thanks" to Scummer for parking 6-10 blocks away from the NHL arena. Much appreciated. Richard's son, Darius Hopkins plays basketball for the Utica Pioneers in E8 action. Anyhow, hopefully next visit to Florida goes better and hooking up with the ones that'll still be left in the area! Brownie off to Nashville. Our Man already over to Port Saint Lucy and Mr. Timmer spends his time 50/50 in Gaithersburg, MD.

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