

Good reading in California...

From left, Linda Belle, Matt Littell, Caroline Littell and Virginia Rasmussen, catch up on Alfred news at the Altadena, California, home of Matt Littell. Linda, Caroline and Virginia are Alfred residents. Matt, a former Alfred resident and an Alfred-Almond Central School alum, is in the real estate business in Southern California.

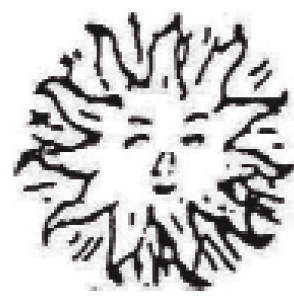


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Alfred Sun reviews a few 'Big Stories of 2013'

By DAVID L. SNYDER

Editor, Publisher & Janitor

ALFRED--It's time for this newspaper to prepare its entries in the New York Press Association Better Newspaper Contest for 2013. It's also a great time to

review the year's "big stories."

Some years the "big stories" in a one-traffic-light town like Alfred are either related to a big donation to one of its institutions of higher learning...or the opening of a new retailer or eatery in

town.

For likely the first time in its 130-year history, the *Alfred Sun's* "big story" this year was about a botched bank robbery in downtown Alfred.

It started with a frightening

Friday, Jan. 4 bank robbery at Alfred's office of Community Bank, while, at the same time, police officials were responding to a bomb threat called in at Alfred-Almond Central School.

A month later, on Friday, Feb. 1, 2013, another bank robbery at Community Bank in Alfred was foiled by citizenry led by longtime Alfred resident George Harris and some nifty advance collaborative preparations made by the Alfred Police Department. As a result, Scott Wade, 51, of West State Street, Wellsville, was arraigned in Wellsville Village Court and has since been found guilty.

Tough Mudders

Another big story was Kent Farms hosting some 15,000 participants in a "Tough Mudder" on the weekend of July 27-28, 2013.

Jack Failla, a special report to the Alfred Sun, told the story of his association with Tom and Kathy Kent, owners of Kent Farms, and how they landed the contract to host Tough Mudders.

"Tough Mudder" events are hardcore 10-12 mile obstacle courses designed by British Special Forces to test one's all-around strength, stamina, mental grit, and camaraderie.

With the most innovative courses, half a million inspiring participants, and more than \$3 million raised for the Wounded Warrior Project, Tough Mudder is the premier adventure challenge series in the world--the "toughest one-day event on the planet."

Alfred State's new president

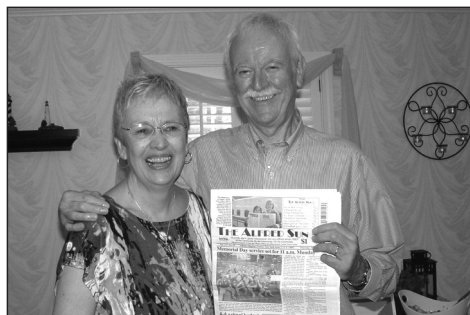
Dr. Irby (Skip) Sullivan, president of West Georgia Technical College, was named president of Alfred State College. He will be joining Alfred State as president effective Jan. 2, 2014, at an annual salary of \$190,000.

School merger being studied

In a recent development, the school boards of Alfred-Almond Central School, Arkport Central School and Canaseraga Central School have agreed to enter a merger study.

A 50th Anniversary

On May 27, 2012, Brian and Carol Rogers took time out of celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in Mystic, Connecticut, to chuckle over the marriage announcement that appeared in the 50 years ago column of the May 24, 1962, issue of The Alfred Sun. The announcement detailing their wedding had originally appeared in the May 24, 1962, issue of The Sun. Now Bruce and Linda Cornell of Almond are at 50 years. (See Page 10)



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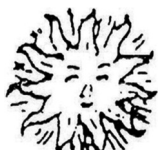


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Citizens' pursuit helps foil bank robbery

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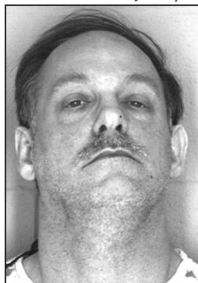
ALFRED--A 51-year-old Scott Wade of Wellsville is in Allegany County Jail in Belmont in lieu of \$100,000 bail after his Friday afternoon robbery of \$12,595.10 from Community Bank in Alfred was foiled, thanks to George Harris.

The investigation into the previous bank robbery at Community Bank on Jan. 4, 2013 is continuing and additional charges against Wade are pending.

Alfred Police Chief Tim O'Grady reported that while Wade was leaving the bank at about 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, a patron, George Harris of Alfred, followed him out of the bank, pointing and yelling "Bank robber!"

Other pedestrians on the street, O'Grady said, joined in a

short foot pursuit which led to a parking lot off Main Street on the Alfred University campus.



SCOTT WADE, 51, of West State Street, Wellsville, was arraigned in Wellsville Village Court Friday evening, Feb. 1.

There, Wade got into his vehicle and drove away, nearly colliding with Chief O'Grady, who was responding to the call.

Grady said at that time he did not know that the bank robber was in that vehicle. He added, "But Wade didn't know that I didn't know."

Having nearly collided with the Alfred police car, Wade fled, traveling at a high rate of speed westbound on Church Street, striking a parked car near the intersection of Church and Elm Streets, continuing westbound onto West University Street.

O'Grady said that Alfred State College's University Police observed Wade traveling at a high rate of speed near the village line and pursued him west onto Watervells Road. After about a mile, Wade lost control of his vehicle, crashed into a ditch and was taken into custody.

Wade was initially transported by Alfred Ambulance to Jones Memorial Hospital in Wellsville where he was treated for minor injuries sustained in the crash.

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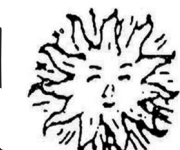
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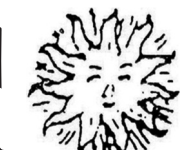
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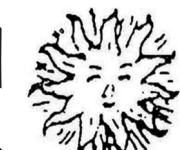
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OBITUARIES

**MARY ANN NORTON***Loving mother; grandmother*

ALMOND—Mary Ann Norton, 80, formerly of Angelica Street, Almond, passed away Wednesday (Dec. 18, 2013) at McAuley Manor in Hornell following a long illness.

Mary Ann was born April 20, 1933 in Troupsburg to Charles L. and Gertrude (Birmingham) McCormick. She was predeceased by a son, Gregory Norton in 1988; and two brothers, Donald and Jack McCormick.

Mary Ann had worked 13 years in the custodial department at Alfred State College and for a short period of time was a sales clerk at the former Smith's Furniture Manor in Canisteo. Up

until her illness, she was an active member of the Almond Senior Citizens. She will be remembered as a loving mother and grandmother who adored her grandchildren and the time spent with family and friends.

Mary Ann is survived by two sons, James Norton and Douglas Norton, both of Almond; three daughters, Carol Kull of Almond, Linda (Joel) Ordway of Canisteo and Debra (Erik) Jacoby of Farmington; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a brother, James "Bill" McCormick of Canisteo; and a sister-in-law, Beverly McCormick of Canisteo; as well as several nieces and nephews.

The family received friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23 at the H.P. Smith & Son, Inc. Funeral Home, 29 East Main St. in Canisteo. Funeral and committal services immediately followed calling hours at 1 p.m., at the funeral home. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery in Canisteo.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alfred-Almond Alumni Association, the Gregory Norton Scholarship Fund, c/o Kathy Snyder, P.O. Box 1134, Alfred, N.Y. 14802.

Online condolences and memories may be made through hpsmithandsonfuneralhome.com.

**GLADYS E. WOODRUFF***Kind heart, beautiful smile*

ALFRED STATION - Gladys E. Woodruff, 89, formerly of Hartsville Hill Road, Alfred Station, "a beautiful lady with a kind heart and a beautiful smile," passed away Friday (Dec. 20, 2013) at McAuley Manor in Hornell.

Born in Scales, N.C., Aug. 12, 1924, the daughter of John and Mary McConnell Burnette, she had resided in North Carolina until moving to Alfred Station in 1946.

Gladys was a member of the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church, and a member and past matron of the Kanakadea McArthur Chapter #242, Order of the Eastern Star. She loved walking, gardening, and animals; especially her dogs and cats.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, William F. Woodruff in 1991 and one sister, Louise Miller.

She is survived by three sons, John (Deborah) Woodruff of Louisiana, James (Patty) Woodruff of Pennsylvania and Richard Woodruff of Alfred Station; three sisters, Virginia (Joe) Petree of North Carolina, Joyce (Ralph) Wetmore of Florida, and Jan (Harce) Cornelius of North Carolina; two grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; several nieces and nephews.

To send a remembrance to the family or to light a candle in Gladys' memory, please visit www.brownpowersfuneralhomes.com. The family was assisted by Adam E. DuBois, director.

The family will be present to receive friends on Monday (Dec. 23, 2013) from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m., at the Bender - Brown & Powers Funeral Home, 354 Canisteo St, Hornell. Funeral services will follow calling at 3 p.m. at the funeral home, Pastor Ken Chroniger officiating. Burial will be in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

Friends wishing may make memorial contributions to Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church, 585 State Rt. 244, Alfred Station NY 14803.

SUN OBITUARY POLICY

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

Allegany County residents awarded ASC scholarships

ALFRED—Six Allegany County residents have each been awarded scholarships to attend Alfred State.

Ksa Curry of Angelica was awarded approximately \$16,900 per year for the "Excellence in Education Scholarship". Curry is slated to graduate in 2014 from Genesee Valley Central School and intends to enroll in the liberal arts & sciences: social science program.

Kylie Hint of Cuba was awarded approximately \$16,900 per year for the "Excellence in Education Scholarship". Hint is slated to graduate in 2014 from Fillmore Central School and intends to enroll in the undeclared major program.

Chelsea Whitesell of Andover was awarded approximately \$16,900 per year for the "Excellence in Education Scholarship". Whitesell is slated to graduate in 2014 from Andover Central School and intends to enroll in the veterinary technology program.

Hannah Fox of Cuba was awarded approximately \$4,100 per year for the "All-American Scholarship". Fox is slated to graduate in 2014 from Cuba-Rushford Central School and intends to enroll in the nursing program.

Robert Leete of Houghton was awarded a \$1,000 per year "Educational Foundation Academic Distinction Scholarship". Leete is slated to graduate in 2014 from Houghton Academy and intends to enroll in the heavy equipment operations program.

Samantha Mawn of Angelica was awarded a \$1,000 per year "Educational Foundation Academic Distinction Scholarship." Mawn is slated to graduate in 2014 from Fillmore Central School and intends to enroll in the nursing program.

The "Excellence in Education Scholarship" (free tuition {equivalent to NYS tuition rate}, room {standard room, double occupancy}, and board {14-meal plan}) is awarded to students who possess a 93 or better cumulative high school average through their junior year and who have achieved at least a 1200 combined SAT score or a composite ACT score of 26; students must apply for financial

aid. Recipients must maintain a required grade point average to continue to receive funding in subsequent semesters.

The "All-American Scholarship" (free board {14-meal}) is awarded to students who possess an 88 or better cumulative high school average through their junior year and who have achieved at least an 1100 combined SAT score or a composite ACT score of 24. Recipients must maintain a required grade point average to continue to receive free board in subsequent semesters.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Mark your calendar, Alfred village residents. That is, of course, if you have a 2014 calendar. The Alfred Village Board will hold a Public Forum from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14 to discuss any and all matters of interest and concern to residents. The forum will be followed by the regular monthly meeting of the Village Board.

E-mail news of local interest for the Sunbeams column to: alfredsun.news@gmail.com with "Sunbeams" in the subject.

Average retail gasoline prices in Rochester have risen 1.5 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.65/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 319 gas outlets in Rochester. This compares with the national average that has increased 2.2 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.23/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com. GasBuddy operates RochesterGasPrices.com and over 250 similar websites that track gasoline prices at over 140,000 gasoline stations in the United States and Canada.

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Christmas Gift Boxes

Seventeen families and agencies in the Alfred-Almond area received food, turkeys, and gifts from this year's Christmas Box project sponsored by the Union University Church. Members of the church "adopted" a box and filled it with canned goods, staples, and treats, and purchased Christmas gifts for family members who would receive the box. Other members of the church baked cookies to add to the boxes and still others donated money so that each family could receive a turkey provided by Stearns Poultry. Although the Union University Church sponsored and organized the Christmas Box project, it was a real community effort as several offices from Alfred University, SUNY Alfred, and Empire State also adopted boxes, and colleagues worked together to provide food and gifts. In addition, Boy Scout Troop 19 donated canned goods to the effort from their annual canned good drive. Pictured here are (from left) Chuck Shultz and Vernon Burdick loading up a gift box and turkey. (Photo provided)

Red Cross assists families in Waterloo due to Sunday's flooding

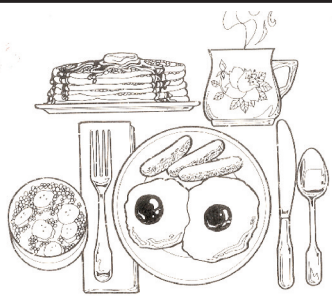
The American Red Cross, Western New York/Finger Lakes Regions has been and remains in constant contact with emergency

managers from across the 17 Counties in the Region, and has volunteers and shelter locations on standby if requested follow-

ing the flooding, ice and power outages many areas experienced on Sunday. The Red Cross did assist 12 people from three families due to flooding in the village of Waterloo.

SUNNY SIDE UP

By ELLEN SHULTZ
Alfred Sun Columnist



Another cranberry recipe...from Maine

If you are looking for cranberry recipes, a good place to start is a cook book from Maine. I happen to have several, since Maine is one of our favorite places in the world.

This recipe is from *All-Maine Cooking-Treasured Recipes* published in 1987 by Down East Books of Camden, Maine. A naval orange, chopped up, could also be added to this recipe.

Cranberry Pie

1 qt. cranberries, chopped 1 tsp. cornstarch, rounded
½ c. molasses 1 T. butter
1 1/3 c. sugar pinch of salt

Mix sugar, salt and cornstarch and add to chopped cranberries and molasses. Pour into pastry lined pan. Dot with butter and cover with top crust. Bake at 425 degrees for about 35 minutes.

(This is an old, old recipe that has been passed down for several generations.)

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Scene About Alfred

A weekly photo feature
By **SHERRY VOLK**
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For many local folks, Christmas wouldn't be complete without a visit to Kent Farms to hunt and capture the perfect Christmas tree. While we were waiting for the rest of the family, we enjoyed the warmth and busy-ness of the barn reception area. Enjoying at least the warmth, here are two labs, Barkley, 8 years, and Sam, 4 years, relaxing on a handy couch. We did indeed find, not one, but two, perfect Christmas trees.

ALLEGANY COUNTY NEWS BRIEFS

Master Gardener training offered

BELMONT—The Cornell University Cooperative Extension Association of Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties will offer Master Gardener Training from January 28 through March 25.

Training will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Tuesday at the Ellicottville Town Center/Cooperative Extension Center, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, NY 14731.

Master Gardeners present classes at Gardening Day and Wednesdays in the Arboretum, write articles for newsletters and our website, answer questions on the Master Gardener "hotline", mentor new gardeners at area food pantries, serve as gardening resources for local garden clubs and public libraries, and many other activities that further the mission of Cornell University Cooperative Extension.

Those interested in learning more about becoming a Master Gardener should contact Mark Holt at the Cattaraugus County office of Cornell University Cooperative Extension by telephone (716-699-2377 x115) or e-mail: mwh95@cornell.edu by Jan. 10.

Allegany County Concerned Citizens to meet

ANGELICA—The Concerned Citizens of Allegany County will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7 at the Angelica Library, Main Street, Angelica.

Allegany County Arc Snow Tubing Party set

SWAIN--A Snow Tubing Party at Gunny's Gorge (750' Tubing Park at Swain) will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26. Tickets cost \$15 each (\$18 day of event) and include four hours of tubing, hot dog and drink.

There will also be a Bake Sale, Door Prizes and 50/50 Raffle. Proceeds benefit the Friends of Allegany Arc Foundation. For further information, contact Allegany Arc at 585-593-5700.

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A powerful Christmas lesson

By DR. MARK HENDRICKSON

Editor's note: This article first appeared at Forbes.com.

The entire country pauses on Dec. 25, as Christians commemorate the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, known to Christians as God's Christ and Savior, and known to many as The Prince of Peace.

The impact of this one special life has reverberated through the centuries. Kingdoms and governments rise and fall; the celebrities of one generation are largely forgotten by the next; powerful institutions and organizations—from central banks to giant business enterprises to mighty armies—come and go, but the influence of Jesus of Nazareth endures.

From the very beginning, Jesus' mission was misunderstood. Many of his own people had expected God to send them a mighty man of war, not a healer and teacher.

Today also, Christians often misunderstand their Savior, as when they invoke the New Testament as justification for government to forcibly redistribute wealth in the name of charity. The social gospel, social justice, and liberation theology strains of Christianity have overlooked one fundamental principle of Jesus' life—one that should be especially obvious at this time of year when we think of Jesus as a tiny infant: He never used force to compel others to do good.

In Matthew 19, Jesus offered a rich young man a contract—his wealth to be given to the poor (demonstrating that he would not make an idol of his money and be willing to follow Christ fully) in exchange for eternal life—and he accepted the man's decision to decline the offer. In Luke 12, he refused to get involved in a "redistribute the wealth dispute," tacitly accepting the sanctity of property rights. In the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10), Jesus illustrated genuine Christian charity. The Samaritan freely gave his own money and time to help the person in need. He most assuredly did not seize money from others to pay for the wounded man. Jesus shunned the use of force. He rejected the liberal temptation of using other people's money to accomplish ostensibly charitable goals (what William Graham Sumner referred to as A and B deciding what C should do for D).

Adam Smith, the great moral philosopher, understood the difference between law and gospel better than many contemporary Christians do. In "The Theory of Moral Sentiments," Smith cited prudence, justice, and beneficence as the three

great social virtues. Christian charity—beneficence—was "the ornament which embellishes, not the foundation which supports [society]." Justice, by contrast, is "the main pillar that upholds the whole edifice" of society. Therefore, no person may compel another to give charity, for that would violate justice, the basis of society and law. While Jesus encouraged charity and beneficence in the clearest terms to his disciples, he did not view the gospel as abrogating the law protecting private property; hence his statement in the Sermon on the Mount, "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law." (Matt. 5:18)

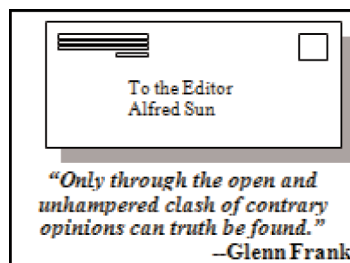
Just as the physician's first principle is "do no harm," so Jesus did harm to nobody. He did not believe in a zero-sum economy in which one person would benefit at the expense of another, but believed in freedom, voluntary contract, and mutual benefits. His life was the highest example of the non-aggression principle in practice. He never taught that it was legitimate to help one person by trespassing on the rights of another. He never taught that the key to heaven lay in compelling other people do good things. Instead, he healed, comforted, taught, and saved human beings, rescuing them from their sins, errors, diseases, and fallibility with a love so far above the normal human sense of love that we still are far from grasping its full import.

What we can grasp is the innocence and gentleness of the baby Jesus. Think of how blessed the world would be if that spirit governed mankind.

At Christmastime 2013, it's worth pondering what Jesus would ask of us today. I imagine it would be profoundly simple and sublimely wise—something along the lines of: Whatever you do, don't hurt anybody and, if you can find it in your heart, be willing to help somebody.

Merry Christmas everyone, and "on earth peace, good will toward man." (Luke 2:14)

—Dr. Mark W. Hendrickson is an adjunct faculty member, economist, and fellow for economic and social policy with The Center for Vision & Values at Grove City College.



'Atheist Christmas'?

To the Editor:

A title to an article read "Have a Very Atheist Christmas." That sounds like a person trying to sell you Jewish pork.

How do you make Christmas atheist? You make Christmas what you want it to be, but pause for a moment and ask: if you can make Christmas into whatever you want, then what can Christmas not be? It's that way now with marriage. You can make it into anything you want, just as long as it gets the nod from the "politically correct" thought-police.

A book advertised as Common Core aligned for grades 3-5 has in its title: Son of Promise, Child of Hope. I immediately think of Christ and the hope He brought at His birth and the promises of Scripture He fulfilled, but how can a government-run school have a book for children about the hope and promise in Jesus? It can, if the title of the book is "Barack Obama: Son of Promise, Child of Hope."

We're seeing a cultural shift not witnessed before in this nation. People in the media, pop culture and the public eye have foolishly ascribed messianic titles to this president. Take Chris Foxx, for example, who called Barack Obama, "Our Lord and Savior." Blasphemous as it is, not up until Mr. Obama has the president been touted as a messianic figure in the deceived eyes of so many.

Christmas is an absolute. God came to a real place (Bethlehem) in real time (during the reign of Caesar Augustus) as a real person (Jesus Christ) with a mission to real people (including us).

To take Christ out from Christmas tears away the history, objectivity and meaning of the season. It's like dropping sports from ESPN but still claiming it's a sports channel.

Stand by the truth! There really is such a thing. It's ultimately in the person of Jesus Christ. With that said, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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The Non-Desolation of Smaug

The second part of Hobbit left me less than satisfied. It was action-packed, suspenseful—these things cannot be denied—But it lacked the thing I waited for with great anticipation. Hmm...what could that have been... Ya think perhaps, Smaug's Desolation?!

—P. J. Mouse

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FROM THE DESK OF DAVID PULLEN

By DAVID PULLEN
Allegany County Legislator

WHY RESIDENCY MATTERS

The December 9th session was the penultimate session of the Allegany County Legislature. Airman First Class Julia Smith, who enlisted in the Air Force in May 2013, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. All Legislators, except Donald Cady, were present. Culinary arts students from the Belmont BOCES Center provided cookies and cider refreshments for everyone present. Joe Fusco does an outstanding job with these students.

Privilege of the Floor was granted to several groups. Chairman Crandall presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Airman Julia Smith. He also recognized several 30 year county employees. STOP-DWI Coordinator Linda Edwards reminded us that December is Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. Denis Dahlgren, Director of the Allegany County Area Foundation, accepted a \$500 (non-tax funds) contribution from the Board of Legislators. Finally, Belinda Knight from ACCORD reported on the Community Action Angels Program.

Chairman Curt Crandall appointed Matthew Mayes as a Youth Representative on the County Youth Board, and appointed Dr. William Coch to the Citizens Advisory Council to the Office of the Aging. Chairman Crandall proclaimed December as Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. Legislator Ted Hopkins introduced Local Law No. 2-2013 that will amend the fees charged for reproduction of County Tax Maps.

The Board then considered 12 different resolutions. Resolution 195-13 set a public hearing on Introductory Local Law No. 2 for December 23, 2013. Resolution 196-13 set the compensation for numerous county officers for 2014, with two legislators voting in opposition. Resolution 197-13 unanimously appointed Jack W. Wood to the County Industrial Development Agency Board and Industrial and Commercial Incentive Board. Resolution 198-13 approved the transfer of funds with the Office of Development accounts. Resolution 199-13 approved the transfer of funds within Legislative Board accounts. Resolution 200-13 amended the Salary Grade Schedule for non-unit employees, with two legislators voting in opposition. Resolution 201-13 approved the transfer of

funds within Social Services accounts. Resolution 202-13 accepted and appropriated \$2,800 received from the Governor's Traffic Safety Program Steps in Safety Grant. Resolution 203-13 approved the County entering into agreements with Towns, Villages and Fire Districts to share the cost of purchasing and servicing radios for public safety purposes. This represents the culmination of a major effort to provide state-of-the art compatible equipment to our "First Responders." Resolution 204-13 accepted the proposal of First Transit and approved a three-year agreement with that organization to provide public transportation services within Allegany County. Resolution 205-13 established and funded a capital fund account for the radios approved in Resolution 203-13.

Resolution 206-13 was a resolution "Requesting the State of New York to Establish More Stringent Residency Requirements In Order To Receive Welfare Benefits." It had been approved earlier that day by the Ways and Means Committee, which meant that it had not been "pre-filed." Board Rules require that "new" resolutions must receive a "two-thirds" approval before they can be considered by the full Board. The Board voted unanimously to allow this resolution to be considered. The problem addressed by this Resolution is the State's practice of allowing individuals to move into New York and qualify for Welfare Benefits, including Medicaid, after just one day. As a result of this practice, individuals are moving into New York from states with less generous benefits. New York is also the only state that requires local governments to contribute towards the cost of those Welfare Benefits. Numerous counties are petitioning Albany to change this practice.

We have been told that it would be "unconstitutional" to establish a residency requirement for Welfare Benefits. That is preposterous. Every state has a residency requirement for voting. You are a NYS resident for tax purposes if you reside here for 183 days out of the year. To qualify for "in-state" college tuition you must be a resident for 12 months. Why are there special rules for Welfare Benefits? The Board voted unanimously to support this resolution. Hopefully Albany will listen.

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Tom and his wife, Kathy, own Martin Studio of Photography in Allegany, NY. Tom is a graduate of RIT and has been awarded the

Master of Photography degree by the Professional Photographers of America. He is a two-time winner of the Fuji Masterpiece Award.

Below are a couple of their photos. Visit their website at www.tommartinstudio.com to

view more of their work.

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Mueller Mullings

By MATT MUELLER
Alfred Sun Columnist

MAGNETIC DISTRACTION

I have learned that some readers of "The Alfred Sun" have missed my mullings lately. The reason why I stopped putting them into print was because I hoped to break a bad habit. Ever since I was old enough to do so, I have made "accumulations."

If their contents were organized, some of them would look less like piles of trash and more like collections made with intentions. Think of postage stamps when placed in a stamp album. I have one album, established years ago, in which to my astonishment I lately found just what I was looking for. By now I probably have saved an equal number of stamps which are in no order whatsoever.

So I decided to free up the time I was spending on writing for "The Alfred Sun." My aim was to use my "thought-full" hours both inventing and using ways to make order out of my visible, increasing chaos instead. I had frequently meditated, mused, and mulled over what I should do with this or that heap of stuff. I had come up with excellent ideas. Now I would have time to carry them out.

I blame some of my problems on modern inventions. For instance, when I was quite young a magnet was a toy shaped like a small horseshoe. I could quietly play with it at a table by the hour, fascinated to see how it attracted various tiny metal objects. Afterwards it was stashed with other playthings.

Today I am visibly overwhelmed by that modern invention, the refrigerator magnet. Most frequently they serve as advertisements for a business. Recently one with a different mission appeared on the front of a new telephone book left on my porch. It advertises the "Olean General Hospital" and its "Chest Pain Center." It also tries to save the lives of its recipients. One should "Call 911" if you experience any of the "Early Heart Attack Symptoms" listed on it in very small print.

These symptoms are "Nausea, Pain that travels down one or both arms, Jaw pain, Fatigue, Anxiety, Chest pressure, squeezing or discomfort, Back pain, Shortness of breath, Feeling of fullness." Personally, if I were to place the magnet at the wrong height on my refrigerator and then try to read the fine print it would probably cause several of those sensations.

The arrival of this new magnet led me to wonder what the actual messages were on the many other magnets attracted to my refrigerator's anatomy over the years. I speculated that this was a small potential "collection" which could be rearranged into some logical order within an hour.

First, I would count them. However, there was much overlapping in the space as some of them held up paper notes to myself, or lists, or schedules, or business cards. Some of the latter were easily mistaken for a magnetic card. I soon lost track, having reached the unanticipated number of sixty or seventy. So I abandoned the census, and took a second step of concentrating on the messages and illustrations on the magnets.

I noted two pairs from two different local establishments I occasionally visit, which listed their open hours. Unfortunately, within each pair the hours varied. I did not know if any of the magnets were acquired recently enough to list current hours. I resolutely resisted interrupting my task just in order to find out by other means immediately.

Another magnet, issued by the New York State Health Department, is headed "Bat Rabies Alert." The third point in its instruction list is "If you find a bat in your home, DO NOT release it." Alas, I acquired this magnet after I had found a bat in my Alfred house on two occasions. Both times I captured the bat and released it in the way I had been taught to do in the 1960's when I lived in Australia.

Another pair of magnets raised another Australian memory. On a return trip there a friend arranged for me to visit her daughter and granddaughter in New Zealand during my multi-stop flight home to Alfred. Noticing that the little girl had a Tweety toy, I asked her what she liked about the Warner Brothers' Looney Tunes canary. "It's cheeky," she replied. I agreed and admitted to having a Tweety addiction myself.

Among other manifestations of this are two face to face refrigerator magnets. Tweety is saying, "I Tawt I Taw a Puddy Tat!" Sylvester, the cat, is winking one eye. Tweety is also holding up toward Sylvester a motto which I clipped from a box of tea bags. "The first rule is to keep an untroubled spirit. The second is to look things in the face and know them for what they are." Marcus Aurelius

Yes. Magnets.



Cultural Arts Calendar



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Maple City (Barbershoppers) Chorus Meetings 7:30 p.m. Mondays at United Methodist Church of Hornell, 7528 North Main St. Ext., Hornell. New members welcome. Call 276-6835 for info.

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Theater & Dance

COMEDY
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DANCE

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DRAMA GROUPS

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Alfred Community Theatre (ACT). Organized to revive summer theater in Alfred and to help in the restoration of the 1890 Firemen's Hall Theater. For more info, call Dave Snyder at 587-8110.

PERFORMANCES

Art/Galleries

INSTRUCTION/GROUPS

Allegany Artisans. The Allegany Artisans, local artists and craftspeople working together to host an annual studio tour in October, invite artists to apply. Work is judged. Studio must be in Allegany County. 585-593-6345 or www.alleganyartisans.com.

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Wellsville Art Association meets 7 pm on the last Friday of each month at Wellsville Community Center. For information on meetings or classes, call 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, Carol Wood at 607-587-9519 or T.C.

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

Call Homestead Museum, Hartsville, celebrating 19th and early 20th century life in rural western NY, is open from noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays from May to October, in Hartsville. The museum is located 2 miles south of Hartsville on the corner of Purdy Creek Road (County Rt. 28) and Post Road. Weekdays by appointment. For further information, call 607-698-4789.

Hinkle Memorial Library Gallery. Alfred State College Campus. Open during library hours, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and 3-9 p.m. Sundays.

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Fine Ceramics. The newly constructed museum focuses on fine ceramics used in technical and bio-medical applications. Open 10-4 Wed.-Fri. Free admission.

The Schein-Joseph International Museum of Ceramic Art at Alfred. Located on the top floor of Binns-Merrill Hall, AU campus, Alfred. Open 10-4 Wed. thru Fri. Free Admission. For information call the Museum at 607-871-2421; or visit the museum website: www.ceramicsmuseum.alfred.edu.

Mather Homestead Museum. 343 Main St., Wellsville. Open 2-5 pm Wed. & Sat. or by appt. (Free) Call 716-593-1636.

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

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

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

Lectures/Readings

Alfred Lions Club Monthly Programs. 8 to 8:45 p.m. 2nd and 4th Thursdays at Terra Cotta Coffeehouse. No reservations needed. Public invited to attend, free of charge.

AU Environmental Studies Speakers Series. Held at 12:10 p.m. Fridays in Roon Lecture Hall of Science Center, AU campus, during fall semester when classes are in session.

AU Women's Studies Roundtable. Held on a Friday monthly during academic year from 12:20-1:10 p.m. at Women's Leadership Center, Commons, Ford Street, AU campus.



The turn into winter has finally come. As we gardeners retreat indoors to our books and plans for next year's perfect garden, the garden itself is abandoned to the whims of Mother Nature and the time of winter kill. Unless you live in the tropics, plants have always faced this possibility. A tree, shrub, or perennial, vigorous in autumn, lies dead at your feet come spring, the victim of winter kill. You would think with climate change this occurrence would fade but just the opposite is more likely to happen. Why? There are several reasons.

One is less snow cover. In the "old days," snow would arrive election week and last 'til late March. This blanket of snow and air was a great insulator and protected our ground from the deep freeze of Zone 4. As any possessor of a snow shovel knows, we have had very little of the white stuff in the last decade. No shoveling and no blanket.

Snow acts to even out the erratic swings of temperature which are becoming ever more common. Remember 80 degrees in March two years ago? The freeze thaw cycle which is generated when the thermometer acts like a yo-yo can kill perennials, especially newcomers, as the ground heaves, ripping out the roots to die of exposure.

Anyone living on a hill knows the wind storms are stronger and more frequent. This can kill off your evergreens as their leaves and needles are dried out and their roots can not absorb water from the frozen ground. It's a drought of another sort.

Higher winter temperatures (we have moved from Zone 4B to 5A, a +5 degree F. average) mean less snow and more ice storms. We all know what that can do to our trees. The big one in 1991 took down half of my 30-year-old beech and took out the electricity for 5 1/2 days! It's one thing to replace a \$10 perennial, quite another one quarter of a 10-acre forest!

You may love the long lingering fall but this means late growth on trees and shrubs and next year's buds will not properly harden off. When the arctic air finally arrives they are prone to winter kill and will die back.

On the other end, the arrival in early spring of unusually warm weather, causes buds to swell and open too early (forsythia in early March!) only to be taken by the inevitable frosts of May. Remember no apples in 2012?

Since we as a society have ignored the warnings for close to 30 years and have procrastinated too long to prevent global warming, what are we gardeners to do? Seems I have rambled on too long for this article so you will have to wait for the answers 'til next time. Meanwhile, shovel and be glad. Remember to feed the birds!

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Wellsville--9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10 at Wellsville Bible Church Community Room, 2896 Rt. 417, Wellsville.

Fillmore--12 noon-4:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13 at Fillmore Central School, Elementary Gym/Auditorium, 104 W. Main St., Fillmore.

Cuba--1-6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16 at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 17 South St., Cuba.

Scio--8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16 at Scio Central School Elementary Gym, 3968 Washington Ave., Scio.

Alfred--12 noon-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30 at Alfred University Ade Dining Hall, Alfred.

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Allegany County Bird Club. Meetings held at the First Congregational 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.

Baker's Bridge Historical Association. Meets 7:30 p.m. third Monday of each month, Sept.-April in the Meeting House, 5971 Hamilton Hill Road, Alfred Station. Programs are as follows: Oct. 21--Susan Wake, "Year with No Summer (1816)"; Nov. 18--John Babbitt, "One Room School-houses"; Dec. 9--Ward Votava, "Barbershop History"; Jan. 20--Laurie McFadden/Thelma Palmiter, "Early Alfred Station in Photos"; Feb. 17--Brendan Heaney, "Visit With Moses VanCampen"; March 17--Craig Braack, "War of 1812"; April 21--Bob & Sherry Volk, "Tinkertown Hardware History." For more information, call President Laurie McFadden, 587-9493. To tour building and/or view exhibits, call Historian Susan Greene at 587-9488. Visit: www.bakersbridge.org

Bergren Forum. 12:10 p.m. Thursdays, Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center, AU campus. Oct. 31--Athena Elafros, "Crowd Commander or Crowd Pleaser: The DJ and their Audience"; Nov. 7--Brian

Arnold, "Modernism and Photography in Bali and Java"; Nov. 14--Wayne Higby, "Light Falling on Grass"; Nov. 21--Paul Dingman, "The Troubling Side of Trees"; Nov. 28--Thanksgiving. No forum. Dec. 5--L.Nathan Lamar-Vincent, "DNA: The power and promise of DNA sequencing in the genomic age." Bring a brown bag lunch; coffee & tea available.

Hornell Fortnightly Club. 7:30 pm second Thursday of each month during academic year, Hornell High School Library. Membership dues \$12/single, \$18/family. Mail to: Donald Doster, 191 Hornell St., Hornell, NY 14843.

Maple City Garden Club. Monthly potluck lunch second Wednesday at Sawyer St. Court, Hornell (unless otherwise noted) at 12 noon. Program follows: Oct. 9--Field trip TBA. Nov. 13--"Seed Savers' Exchange" with Chris Romancheck. Dec. 11--"Lighthouse Keepers at Rose Island" with John and Sue Babbitt. Jan. 8--"Blues in your Garden" with Mary Lu Wells.

Feb. 12--"Plant Offerings and Colours for 2014" with Valerie Holler of Bennett's Greenhouse. March 12--TBA with Craig Braack. April 9--"Master Gardener Program" with Sara Dygert. May 14--Field Trip to Quest Farm to hear Tom McDowell's "Honey Extraction" after a noon lunch at Mulheissen's. June 11--Plant auction and program planning for 2014-2015. For info, call Zoë Coombs at 587-8031.

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Support Groups

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Alcoholics Anonymous. 7 pm & 8:30 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 more info.

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

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

Diabetes Support Group. Meets fourth Thursday of the month from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Memorial Conference Room, ground floor just off the cafeteria at St. James Mercy Hospital. For more info, contact Bonnie at 607-324-8900.

JMH Diabetes Support Group meets monthly on the third Wednesday Sept.-May. 7 p.m. in Walchli Room, (unless otherwise noted), Jones Memorial Hospital, Wellsville. For more information, call the JMH Diabetes Nurse Educator Brenda Torrey 585-596-4035.

The Fibromyalgia Support Group meets on the second Thursday of each month 6-7 p.m. at JMH. For

more information, please contact the group facilitators Iris Bahamonde (585-593-1910).

Gastric Bypass Support Group. Third Monday of each month 7-8:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at St. James Mercy Hospital. For more info, call Faith Mills at 607-661-6265.

Afternoon Grief Support Group. Meets second Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. in the McAuley Manor Chapel on the 2nd floor. For info, Chaplain Astuti Bijlefeld or Deacon Bob McCormick at St. James Mercy Hospital Spiritual Care Office at 607-324-8153.

Evening Grief Support Group. "Good Grief Group" meets second and fourth Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in the hospital Chapel, on the ground floor. For more info, contact Deacon Bob McCormick at bmcormick@sjmh.org or call the Spiritual Care Office at 607-324-8153.

Homeschool Support Group—Allegany-Steuben County LEAH (Loving Education at Home) meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the Steere home in Almond. 276-6380.

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Multiple Sclerosis Support Group. Meets first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. at Friendly's. For more info, contact Roberta Staub at 607-545-6404 or Donna Boag at 607-295-9852.

OLD SALTS BREAKFAST CLUB, a gathering of veterans, meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 8 a.m. at JC's Cafe at the corner of Canisteo and Crosby Streets, Hornell. All Navy vets and Marines are invited, plus any others who can tell stories about their services, from World War II until the present time. We have vets from all over the area. For more info, call "Old Navy" Bob Tripp at 607-295-7753.

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Anatomy of a Flight*

By ALAN LITTELL
Special to The Alfred Sun

December 1975

Five hours to takeoff. In a basement office at New York's Kennedy International Airport, two British Airways operations officers, Maurice Willson and Jim Babb, pour over revised high-altitude weather charts transmitted by wirephoto from the National Weather Service in Washington.

A few doors down the hall, catering supervisor Edward Rouse receives an updated passenger count for the evening's non-stop flight to London—still far below seating capacity of 352 in the Boeing 747's economy cabin, 28 forward in first class.

This is one of a series of occasional articles by Alan Littell, Alfred resident and longtime newspaper and magazine travel journalist, on those encounters with places and people that have been the most memorable of his writing career.

One floor up, on the main level of the airline's terrazzo-and-glass passenger terminal, a load-control officer named Jack West sits before a computer display screen working up the preliminary weights of passengers, baggage and cargo. Fifteen miles away at the Hotel Berkshire, in New York, pilot John Cross, a stocky man in his early 40's whose hair is beginning to gray at the temples, rests while waiting for the call from operations officer Willson that will give him a detailed picture of his responsibilities over the North Atlantic later this winter night.

As Babb and Willson continue to monitor wind and temperature readings between North America and Europe, West calculates passenger weights (with hand baggage) at 173 and 151 pounds for men and women, 92 and 24 pounds for children and infants. He reckons also on 22,000 pounds of cargo stowed in metal containers, but thinks the figure will fall by flight time.

"The aircraft is restricted on takeoff to a maximum weight of 731,000 pounds—the plane itself, fuel, passengers, crew, baggage, cargo," West says. "If at any time we should exceed this figure, the computer will reject the data, will not permit us to close the flight until we offload the excess."

He idly runs a forefinger down the list of names in front of him; passengers are converging on the plane—styled tonight as British Airways Flight 510—from New York, Dallas, Chicago, Baltimore, Denver, New Orleans. A single V.I.P. is ticketed for the first-class compartment, the ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev. West's interest is peripheral, but catering supervisor Rouse studies a similar printout intently.

So far, there are requests by two passengers for kosher meals and by five others for vegetarian fare. The food Rouse

will load for the flight is prepared by a provisioner elsewhere at the sprawling airport, the kosher meals under rabbinical supervision.

"I can get anything from Hindu to diabetic meals within half an hour," he says, "and we keep a food bank handy here at the terminal for last-minute needs. We'll load only as many meals as there are passengers to eat them."

As Rouse adjusts the number of meals to a still-fluctuating passenger count, West reduces his cargo estimate from 22,000 pounds to half that weight. It is 6 p.m., four hours to flight time. West's passenger tally, now reduced to 187—nine of whom are in first class—still could rise or fall with late arrivals or cancellations. But he foresees little change. He begins the trim and stability calculations that will determine the distribution of cargo in Flight 510's freight hold, located below the passenger cabin.

Willson, meanwhile, surrounded by his weather maps, teleprinters and computer display screens, has been seeking whatever economies in time and fuel he can glean from the vagaries of wind and weather. He looks up at the clock. Just on 7. He picks up the phone and dials Cross's number at the Hotel Berkshire. The pilot answers on the first ring. Without preamble, Willson recites the flight plan: in a quiet, toneless voice he ticks off altitude (33,000 feet), overwater portion of the route (Gander, Newfoundland, to Shannon, Ireland), takeoff fuel weight (184,000 pounds—enough for 4,000 miles) and fuel to be consumed in flight (136,000 pounds). Estimated flying time is six hours. Distance to destination: 3,025 miles.

"Weather at Kennedy is temp 37, ceiling 2,900 feet overcast with 10 miles visibility. Wind is three-one-zero [northwest] at eight knots." The arrival forecast for London's Heathrow Airport is ceiling broken at 1,300 feet, with the wind south of west at 10 knots.

In all of his computations, Willson employs the 6,080-foot nautical mile as the measure of distance; a knot, a measure of speed, is a nautical mile per hour.

"What else can I tell you?" Willson goes on. "Do you want to stay at 33,000? Yes...I think you're better off. You've got a plus 65 component all the way," Willson notes, alluding to the mean velocity, in knots, of a high-altitude tail wind, or jet stream. "See you later, then."

Aside from a clutch of early arrivals, few passengers have checked in to the terminal. At 7:30, their number increases. In the red-carpeted main-level lounge, they read or chat, or simply doze in their seats.

At 8:40, a chartered bus draws up to a door one level below the passenger lounge. Captain Cross, four gold stripes at his sleeve; David Jevons, 40, his copilot, or first officer; and 29-year-old Andrew Share, the flight engineer, alight

first, followed by the cabin staff. The pilots and the engineer stand stiff and straight in their dark blue uniforms, with visored caps pulled low over their eyes. They enter a dimly lit corridor and walk to the operations office, where Willson is waiting. There is a subtle tension in their stance; they seem, in a way, unapproachable. They read a copy of their standing orders and study the abstract symbols of wind, fuel weight and engine power before moving off into the night to board the aircraft.

By contrast, the mood of the cabin staff is relaxed, even jocular. The four stewards and nine stewardesses banter with one another in a crew lounge until called to order by their chief, 47-year-old Lawrence Evans, the cabin service officer. A small, wiry man with sharp features and a pleasant smile, Evans looks down at a sheet of paper and begins his briefing: a senior stewardess will have charge of a steward and junior stewardess in first class; the rest of the staff will serve in economy. Evans himself, a 23-year veteran of the line, will roam the entire aircraft.

"The movie is 'The Wind and the Lion,' and it runs for 112 minutes," Evans says. "Standard meal service tonight except for five vegetarian and two kosher. We have 164 passengers in economy, including eight infants and 16 children; 10 in first class.

The payload is 46 percent of capacity, and the cabin staff will have an easy run home. "Right, then," says Evans. "Have a happy trip."

Evans and his staff trek across the tarmac beneath the long, wide underbelly of the plane. Close by, under the watchful eyes of flight-engineer Share, the ground crew pumps jet fuel for the flight—aviation-grade kerosene—from underground hydrants into wing tanks.

Now 9:15. Passengers file up the terminal's north ramp. They clear the security checkpoint, walk down a jetway and board the aircraft through one of 10 double-width doors. Economy class is a sea of seats, nine abreast, separated by a pair of aisles into rows of three, four and two. The enormous space of Flight 510's interior is reduced to a semblance of scale by partitioned galleys and toilet bays that effectively divide the economy cabin into four compartments.

First class passengers occupy the fifth and narrowest compartment, set in the aircraft's nose below the flight deck, as the cockpit is called. One of the attendants uncorks bottles of champagne. The senior stewardess helps Nureyev out of his long brown fur coat, and the dancer walks to the door to watch his fellow passengers board. Near where he stands is a spiral staircase, which leads to the flight deck and to the first-class cocktail lounge.

On the flight deck, pilots Cross and Jevons, soon to be joined by Share, hang their caps on snap hooks and place their

uniform jackets on hangers in a space to the left of the door. The cockpit is about 12 feet long by seven across, with scarcely more than five feet of head room at the pilots' seats. The curved inch-thick windshield is 29 feet above the tarmac. In shirtsleeves, Cross squeezes sideways into the left-hand seat; co-pilot Jevons into the right. Share sits just behind them facing an instrument board crowded with dials and switches that report on and control the plane's vital systems: electrical, hydraulic, oxygen and cabin pressurization. Captain and co-pilot have before and between them control columns and power levers, and the vast array of instruments required to guide and navigate Flight 510. The instrument panel, control column and rudder pedals in front of the co-pilot are the twin of the pilot's. Both men have small radar screens at their feet to warn of storms along the track. Emergency oxygen masks are tucked into recesses above their heads.

Share reads aloud from a checklist of control systems and engine start procedures. Cross and Jevons respond, flipping switches—some with test lights—to confirm that their instruments are operating normally. The pilots now perform a critical task: they punch the latitudes and longitudes of Kennedy Airport and checkpoints along the flight paths into the push-button top of the aircraft's inertial navigation system. Housed in the box-like pedestal separating their two seats, the device gauges velocity and directional changes of the aircraft in flight. Through an on-board computer, it displays these changes in the form of a running digital readout of location and speed.

Cross and Jevons actively fly the plane only on takeoff and landing. With Share, they will spend the rest of their time recording information provided by the array dials. They will keep a visual and radar watch for other aircraft. They will radio periodic position reports to ground control stations and receive and analyze weather data. And they will stay alert for the flashing light or tell-tale flicker of an instrument needle that warns of a malfunction. The hour-by-hour job of maintaining course and altitude, however, will be left to the autopilot, whose gyroscopes—linked to the inertial navigator—correct drift from a set heading by adjusting the plane's controls.

The pilots and the flight engineer strap on their shoulder harnesses. Cross reaches for the start levers, on the center pedestal below the throttles. One at a time, he brings the engines to life. The four Pratt & Whitney catch with a resonant whine. The turbine-powered compressors pump air into the combustion chambers, mixing it with vaporized fuel.

The boarding door thuds shut. One of the ground crew kicks the chocks clear of the wheels and a tow truck drags the aircraft backward. The truck unhooks, and

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*(everything you ever wanted to know about your flight but were afraid to ask)

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now the Boeing moves forward under its own power. The plane sways and jostles along the taxiway.

The cabin attendants take up stations in the aisles to demonstrate the use of oxygen masks and life jackets, and they point to where the life rafts are stowed. They do this mechanically, as if engaging in a faintly distasteful task. The aircraft bumps over tar seams. The taxiway is lined with cobalt-blue lights.

An extraordinary calm pervades the cockpit. The pilots' faces are expressionless in the soft light from the instrument panel. Clustered before each of the two men are radio and barometric altimeters, compasses, a course deviation indicator, an airspeed indicator, an artificial horizon, and a clock set to London time (five hours ahead). Centered on the console are four columns of glowing dials that monitor the engines' exhaust pressure (thrust) and temperature, air-compressor revolutions, and fuel flow. The autopilot engage-switch and inertial navigator display-screens are on the cowlings at the top of the panel.

Cross and Jevons check their instruments. The pilots' earphones emit a filtered, crackling sound: "Five-one-oh cleared for takeoff on 31 left. Wind is three-two-zero...15 knots." The time: 10:20.

With a steady motion, Cross pushes the four throttles forward to full thrust. The aircraft accelerates. Jevons's eyes are fixed on the airspeed indicator. In 25 seconds, as runway lights flash by, the indicator needle touches 130 knots and Jevons calls "V-1," the speed that relates aircraft weight and momentum to runway length: If an engine fails before V-1, Cross still has plenty of runway left in which to brake to a halt; beyond V-1, he must, and can, commit the plane to flight despite an engine loss.

But Flight 510's engines are running smoothly, and at 140 knots, when Jevons calls "Rotate," Cross eases back on his elevator-aileron control column, "rotating," or lifting, the aircraft's nose upward. The 300-ton, 231-foot-long plane speeds along the runway in this attitude, nose up, the rush of air across and below the curved airfoil of the wings imparting upward suction, or lift; and at 150 knots, Cross pulls back firmly on the column. The plane rises into the night sky. Cross soon shifts control to the autopilot and Flight 510 settles on a northeast heading in a slow, steady climb in the direction of Boston.

Evans, the cabin service officer, switches on the intercom. "We are expecting some turbulence. Would passengers please keep their seat belts buckled in this sector of the flight."

As the plane passes from calm air to the eastward-flowing jet stream, invisible currents bump it lightly, then more violently. Crockery crashes to the floor in one of the galleys. Soon the shocks subside. Thirty-seven minutes into the flight, the aircraft reaches its cruising altitude of 33,000 feet, over Boston, and Boston air-

traffic controllers clear the plane for the next leg of the journey, on a northeast course to Moncton, New Brunswick.

The motion of the aircraft has lulled the infants to sleep. Their bassinets are clipped to the partition bulkheads. The first dinner trays emerge from the electric warming ovens. The single menu in economy class consists of pot roast, vegetables and a side dish of smoked salmon. Plastic dishes and cups. Pepper and salt in corrugated paper containers.

In first class, the fold-back seat trays have been set with starched linen and gleaming crystal. The attendants serve each course separately on Royal Doulton bone china. The starter is chilled Iranian caviar followed by a choice of pheasant in wine and brandy sauce or pan-fried brook trout with capers and shrimp. Wines of excellent vintage accompany the meals. The dishes are cleared away, and a new service is laid: ripe Stilton in a jar. And Cockburn's Special Reserve Port.

Two hours into the flight, the lights in economy and first class dim, as in a theater, and ceiling projectors switch on at four stations. Camels galloping across the desert. The aircraft races through the night.

Flight 510 is surrounded by inviolate air space. No other aircraft may intrude on the section of sky that encases it like a cocoon. But Flight 510 is also a prisoner of this circumscribed world of compass heading and altitude. The plane may not deviate from its pre-filed flight plan without first getting the approval of ground control points along its route. Moncton has by now cleared Flight 510 for Gander, and the aircraft's course begins to flatten out to the east. Two hours and 20 minutes into the flight, past Gander, the tail wind drops. Flight 510 has been testing the lower boundary of the stratosphere in a region called the tropopause, where the jet stream lives. But now the tropopause is rising, and the tail wind rises with it. Cross radios Gander Oceanic Control, which has jurisdiction to the 30th meridian of longitude—halfway across the North Atlantic—requesting permission to climb from 33,000 to 37,000 feet. Gander acknowledges. The aircraft rises to find the wind. At 37,000 feet the wind blows fair and Flight 510 makes good a ground speed of 590 knots: 680 miles per hour.

Cross has flown for the line 18 years: in jumbo jets since they entered service, in 1970; before that in Boeing 707's and Comet 4's. He is slow of speech, but possessed of unquestioned authority. Jevons, with the line 17 years, is soon to be made captain; and Share, the youngest of the three, has been flying for five years.

Now, hunched over their instruments, the pilots and the engineer record evidence of progress toward an invisible horizon adduced from dials and gauges. In the darkened cockpit, without visual reference points, there is no sense of motion; there is only the sound of air rushing across the windshield and aluminum

skin—it hisses like live steam.

Far over the open ocean, in the gulf of night, the aircraft appears frozen in time and space. Flight seems to be a conjurer's trick, an entrancing illusion, and the cockpit no more than a dreamy domestic scene. Briefcases and loose leaf binders are scattered about. There are cups of tea or coffee. Jevons momentarily rests his forehead against one hand. Share, like a schoolboy doing his sums, enters rows of figures in one of his logs. Cross props an elbow on the back of his seat; his left hand grasps a small metal grip above the windshield. A steward enters, hands Cross yet another cup of tea, which the pilot transfers carefully to the shelf at his side. The men say little to one another.

Suddenly Jevons points ahead and to his right. "Look." A thin silver horn rises in the southeastern sky. Cross stares at the moon and says, without affectation, "That's one of the glories of flying."

On the instrument console, a digital readout reels off changes in the aircraft's latitude and longitude. Amber electronic counters in front of both pilots now register a ground speed of 547 knots—air speed and tail wind combined—and distance to the next course change. Three hours into the flight, the plane banks, steadies on a new heading. The moon climbs higher.

The movie ends three hours and 30 minutes into the flight. Passengers drift off to sleep beneath a jumble of blankets. A man paces to and fro, hugging and shushing a restless child. The arms of children hang to the floor and sway gently as the aircraft strikes turbulence. In the lighted galleys, the cabin attendants stand easy, smoking, conversing softly.

The cockpit crew is silent, lost in a reverie of instruments. Four hours and 20 minutes into the flight, there is, in the east, a faint abating of the dark. Soon light breaks upon the horizon in waves of burnt orange, saffron, emerald. A blanket of stratocumulus shields the ocean from view. Share moves his seat forward to converse with Cross. The pilot, in what has become a characteristic attitude, grips the handhold at his left. His eyes stay fixed on the instrument panel. As Flight 510 consumes fuel and becomes lighter, the airspeed creeps up to the giant Boeing's design limits; and the throttles—not linked to the autopilot—must be retarded manually. Cross jiggles each of the knuckled levers in turn with a thumb and forefinger until the instruments display readings that satisfy him. Four hours and 40 minutes into the flight, one of the digital panels shows that the aircraft is 172 nautical miles west of Shannon, where the next course change will take place.

One, two...four vapor trails appear like red scars on the eastern horizon. Airliners converging on the Shannon check point. Cross fiddles with his radar, and Ireland's scalloped coast is projected onto the screen. Although the sun has not yet risen, the roseate hue in the east gives way to a band of white light. Jevons polishes his sunglasses. The clouds below

are deeply contoured hills and valleys.

Light suffuses the passenger compartments. As on a ship, the work of landfall begins. The attendants clatter about in the galleys preparing a breakfast of juice, pastry and coffee. Children sit up and rub their eyes. Queues form at the aircraft's 11 toilets.

Five hours into the flight, the sun breaks through the cloud cover. Cross, Jevons and Share adjust their shoulder harnesses. Share makes notations on a pad and passes a bit of paper to Cross. The pilot, still gripping his window handhold, not wearing sunglasses, squints to left and right and then left again. He quickly scans his instruments, and twisting in his seat, the instruments on Share's console, too. Share begins calling off items in a pre-descent check list. Like priests muttering a litany, Cross and Jevons respond. The instrument needles are boldly white against black backgrounds. The sun is strong. Long glancing rays poke into recesses of the cockpit. Radar sweeps the horizon.

At five hours and 30 minutes into the flight, the nose of the aircraft suddenly dips. The altimeter needle unwinds like a child's toy. Flight 510 is dropping at the rate of 5,000 feet a minute. Guided by the autopilot—neither Cross nor Jevons touches the controls—the rate of the descent slows; the plane pulls level at 10,800 feet, then begins to sink again, but more gradually. Unseen below the clouds, Ireland drifts by. Flight 510 heads out over St. George's Channel and cuts the Welsh coast at Strumble Head. The altimeter reads 7,000 feet. Beads of water seep from the emergency roof hatch, at the rear of the cockpit. They collect in a rivulet and splatter on Cross's arm. The pilot's concentration is absolute; he seems not to notice. Flight 510 descends eastward on a line to Reading and London. England, like Ireland and Wales, lies hidden beneath a mantle of gray.

Five hours and 45 minutes into the flight, the main landing gear—16 wheels on four massive supports—and the dual-wheel nose gear rumble down into position. South of Heathrow Airport, Cross disengages the autopilot. With gentle pressure on control column and rudder pedals, he brings the giant plane round in a wide left turn. He will land to the west. But now in cloud, Cross's visibility is nil. He aligns a gun-sight type of instrument on signals transmitted by a runway radio beacon. At 2,000 feet, Flight 510 emerges in the clear. Below, green fields and blocks of flats. Runway 28 rushes up to meet the plane. Airspeed is 136 knots.

Six hours into the flight, the tires squeal on asphalt. Throttle levers back. Hinged plates called spoilers—air brakes—pop up from the wings. The aircraft slows. Flight 510 rolls along a taxiway to its terminal bay. Cross shuts down the engines. It is a dull, drizzly morning in London. The passengers disembark. Cross and his crew leave the aircraft, file their reports, then disperse to their homes.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO, DECEMBER 26, 1963

The Alfred-Alfred Station Red Cross Community Chest campaign, conducted for a three week period in November, has fallen \$2000 short of its 1963-64 goal of \$5700 according to a report made to the Alfred SUN this week by drive chairman, Borden H. Mills. Mr. Mills said that Chest treasurer George Place had reported a total of \$3500 in cash contributions and \$200 in pledges had been received as of December 22... The 1962-63 campaign had a contribution total of \$5125.00 and nearly \$4800.00 was realized a year ago...

Miss Mildred Arlene Pierce of Alfred Station became the bride of Joseph A. Amato of Almond, Saturday, Dec. 21 at 12 noon at St. Jude's Chapel at Alfred. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pierce of Alfred Station and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfonse Amato of Barrington, R.I. The Rev. Robert J. Schihl of Buffalo, assisted by the Rev. Louis Hendricks of Almond and the Rev. William Tuyn of Alfred, performed the double ring ceremony before an altar decorated with red poinsettias. Mrs. William Clark of Alfred ang "Because" and "Ave Maria." She was accompanied by Mrs. Lee A. Ryan of Almond, organist. Miss Audrey Pierce of Rochester, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Another sister, Mrs. Norman Payne of Alfred, was matron of honor. Miss Beverly Allen of Long Beach, L.I. was bridesmaid. Raymond Suriani of Barrington, nephew of the groom was ring bearer and Miss Deborah Payne of Alfred, niece of the bride, was flower girl. Alex J. Jacobs of Irvington, was best man. Ushers were Anthony J. Schon of Alfred, and Anthony V. Arico, Jr., of Barrington, R.I... Following the ceremony, a reception for 200 persons was held at the State Tech Lodge... For a wedding trip to New England and Florida, the bride chose a winter white ensemble with black fur hat and muff. Upon their return, they will reside in Almond. Mr. Amato is assistant professor of electrical technology at Alfred State Tech...

Editor: 'Twas I who killed cock robin, not Ed Crandall. As public relations officer for the Agricultural and Technical Institute, I often look, not only for news about major Alfred Tech campus events, but also for sidelights which may or may not be of interest to editors and readers. The only way I can determine interest is to offer the information. It was in the latter connection that I inquired at Crandall's regarding the sale of "Black Like Me" (a paperback) after the author spoke here. The information was not volunteered. I sought it. It was my avowed purpose, unimportant as it may appear, to write a small story indicating the effect the appearance locally had on the sale of his book locally. Happy New Year. Bill Carr, Alfred.

Alfredians—Mr. and Mrs. Frans Popelier of Teaneck, N.J., the Misses Harriet and Virginia Saunders and Miss Edith Burdick are Christmas holiday guests of Dr. and Mrs. Paul C. Saunders... Carl Snyder is a medical patient at Bethesda Hospital... Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Snyder and family of Niagara Falls, now visiting in Pennsylvania, are expected today to spend the rest of the week with Mr. Snyder's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Snyder... The Misses Dorothy and Delia Dickens of Elmira Heights are Christmas guests of their brother Donald and Mrs. Dickens... Twenty three members of the Jacox family spent Christmas at the John W. Jacox home... Miss Doris Simpson is spending Christmas with her brother William and family at Kingsport, Tenn... Mr. and Mrs. Lauren Soule and family are visiting relatives at Reynoldsville for the holidays... Included among the young people home from college and spending the holidays with parents and families here are James Burdick from Yale, Robert McIntosh from Harvard, Susan Scholes from Wells College, Sharon Bouck from Randolph Macon Women's College, William Nevins of Hastings College, U. of California, Charles Smith of Oberlin College and Jennifer Smith of Hiram College... Dr. and Mrs. James B. Scholes and Sandra of Geneseo are holiday guests of Dr. and Mrs. S.R. Scholes and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bassett... Dr. and Mrs. Winfield Randolph and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Haswell at Syracuse...

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gignac of East Valley are parents of a son, born Thursday, Dec. 19, 1963 at St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell. The baby has been named John Paul.

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TECH SHORTS—Assistant Professor Anthony C. Cappadonia, director of choral music at the State Tech here, is the author of an article called "Suggestions for Choral Recording" in the November-December issue of

"The Choral Journal"... William C. Sylvester, Assistant Professor of Construction Technology at State Tech, has been certified by the U.S. Office of Civil Defense as a nuclear radiation buildings design analyst...

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, DEC. 22, 1988

The Cost of Christmas (by Gates Miller of Hartsville) Today, we have Christmas, the tv proclaims, And to make oneself happy buy only brand names. We see pictures of santa with red suit and specs, Make his suggestions for the opposite sex. Buy all on credit, no payment till spring, Perhaps a new car would make Christmas bells ring. You can charge it by way that good credit card, And never a word that money comes hard. But weeks before Christmas when I was a boy, Grandma told the good news while I held the yarn, The Babe in the manger and sheep in the barn. On the day before Christmas we went for a tree, A pine on the hillside, just grandpa and me. We trimmed it with popcorn, and apples and nuts, I made a star for the top, no ifs ands or buts. As for presents, my mittens, a double knit pair, And a handsled that grandpa had saved out with care. But I've well learned that my life, the woolen and board, Were purchased and paid by the day of our Lord.

(Photo) Montessori School children were treated to a snack of milk and cookies after decorating the tree at Alumni Hall on the Alfred University campus. (Bruce Taylor Photo).

The Board of Advisors for the Outstanding Young Men of America awards program announced today that Mark A. Mix, a 1980 Alfred-Almond Central School graduate, has been selected for inclusion in the 1988 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America." Mark is the son of Mrs. Kay Chapman of Alfred Station and currently resides in Albuquerque, NM. He is a lobbyist for the Right to Work organization...

A number of Alfred University students will visit their high school alma maters during the first two weeks of January as part of a program called Students In Rendez-Vous (SIRV). The volunteers will provide first-hand information on Alfred University, including its scholarship and financial aid programs, to interested students and guidance counselors. David C. Shultz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Shultz of 13 Whitney Valley, Almond, will be at Alfred-Almond Central School... Sheila Brewer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Brewer of Woodhull, will visit Addison Central School...

Debi Ellis, a graduate of Alfred-Almond Central School, was a member of the 1988 Alfred University women's volleyball team. Ellis, a setter/hitter, had 73 kills and 302 serves for a .954 percentage. She also recorded 43 saves. Debi is a liberal arts and sciences freshman major. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ellis of Pleasant Valley Road, Alfred Station.

Anne Holmok, a graduate of Alfred-Almond Central School, was a member of the 1988 Alfred University women's soccer team. A forward, Anne finished the season with six goals and three assists for a total of 15 points. Two of her goals were game winners against Buffalo State and Allegheny College. The AU team finished the season at 14-6-1 for the best record in the team's history, which saw the Lady Saxons win the consolation game of the NYS Division III tournament 1-0 over Albany State. It also marked the first appearance for Alfred in the NCAA tournament. Anne is a junior business administration and health planning management major at Alfred. She is married to Keith Holmok and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art Gaisser of Sayles Street, Alfred.

Alfredians—(By Ruth Greene) On Dec. 11, Dr. Thomas G. Evans conducted the University Chamber Orchestra, the University Symphony Orchestra and the A.U. Concert Band at Harder Hall. Julie Evans was the director of the University Chamber Orchestra... Mr. and Mrs. Alan Dirlam of Eustis, FL have completed a six-week trip through Australia and New Zealand. In Wellington, they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Hanna, and visited with David Oalding in Long Beach, CA before returning to their home for the holidays... Cynthia Luger spent a few days in Rochester Christmas shopping and visiting friends... Remembering some people who were once prominent in Alfred affairs: Raymond Cottrell (banker), W.W. Coon (dentist), Bill Brown (dry cleaner), William Bassett (telephone), Ray Wingate (musician), Howard Martin (electrician), Elie Fenner (hardware), Sherman Burdick (insurance), Fred Ellis (druggist), Clarence Ray (laborer), Cortez Clawson (librarian), Frank Sisson (police), Clyde Ehret (minister) and David Randolph (grocer)... Keith Palmiter has tendered his resignation as Alfred's town assessor. He has

held that position since 1971...

TEN YEARS AGO, DECEMBER 25, 2003

An Alfred State College staff member involved in historic preservation is playing a major role in the unique and culturally invaluable project of replicating a centuries-old, wooden synagogue in Poland. Leon Buckwalter, director of the Historica Restoration and Renovation Institute at ASC, was part of a group of 10 Americans which traveled throughout Poland this fall with interested parties from Belarus, Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, Great Britain, Israel, Lithuania, and Poland. This international group is planning replication of a structure representative of the many wooden synagogues destroyed by the Nazis during World War II—the Zabludow Synagogue. The project is expected to cost \$885,000 and be ongoing for five to six years. Prior to World War II, Poland was home to 185 wooden, "gingerbread" synagogues, some dating from the 17th century. One of the oldest and fanciest was built between 1635 and 1650 in Zabludow, near Bialystok, in the Podlaskie region of northeast Poland...

(Photo) The Sun Shines In The Desert—Jon LeGro reads the hometown paper, The Alfred Sun, at a campfire in the desert near Tucson, Arizona in February 2003.

(Photo) Retiring with 23 years service—Rich Nicol, superintendent at Alfred-Almond Central School, congratulates Chuck Fox, transportation supervisor with 23 years of dedicated service on his retirement effective Wednesday, Dec. 31. Mr. Nicol presented an Alfred-Almond jacket embroidered with his name and a bus to Chuck along with his congratulations and gratitude for his many years of service.

Leaving Alfred for (perhaps) the last time—(By Sebastian White) The day I left Alfred for the last time, I wasn't really sad. But admittedly, I wasn't exactly happy about my departure, either. As Main Street swung out of view and the AU campus slowly disappeared in my rear view mirror, what struck me most was how completely devoid of emotion I felt about leaving Alfred, the tiny slice of western New York that had unexpectedly become home. The tenor of my relationship with the place had shifted so much over the years—from disdain to acceptance and eventually to utter love—that the passivity of my emotion the day I rolled out of town was off-putting, to say the least. After three years in Alfred—I spent my sophomore year studying "abroad" in Boston because I couldn't stand the place—I had come full circle... Graduation came and went. I decided to stay on in Alfred for a few weeks before heading home to New England. It was a glorious time to be in the Village, a time that sadly, students completely miss. I spent each lazy, sun-drenched day reading on my apartment balcony, catching up on all the great books I'd amassed during college but that a heavy load of economics and sociology courses forced me to neglect for too long... May slipped by and before I knew it, Alfred was gunning towards mid-June. Professors had long dismissed their classes and the Alfred University campus was deserted. Friends had left, off on wild summer adventures—one last hurrah before the inevitability of employment set in. Eventually, the school buses stopped roaring by in the afternoons as the Village came alive in summer's spectacular kaleidoscope of greens and blues. Main Street was quiet save for a few local kids laughing outside the new coffeehouse. Students were gone and life was returning to normal. It was time for me to leave. Sebastian White is a freelance writer in Boston. He can be reached at: seb@sebastianwhite.com.

(Photo) Alfred Junior Strings members perform at a Wellsville nursing home to the delight of its residents. Leah Crosby says some of the tunes "make me happy and I don't want to stop playing."

Donald L. Ormsby, 58, of 799 Sibley Rd., Alfred Station, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003 at his home, following an extended illness. He was born Feb. 18, 1945, in Hornell, the son of Harold and Viola Northrup Ormsby. He was married Sept. 27, 1968 in Almond to Emily L. Lamb, who survives. Besides his parents, Don was predeceased by a brother, George; and a granddaughter, Jayme Ormsby. A graduate of Alfred-Almond Central School, he served with the Army from 1965 to 1967, including a tour in Vietnam. He was employed by Suburban Propane in Belmont over 30 years as a delivery man and station manager. He was a member and Deacon of the Almond Union of Churches, life member of the Almond Volunteer Fire Department, Past Master of the Almond Grange #1102, and a member for over 35 years and Past Master of Pomona Grange of Allegany County. He served as co-superintendent of the Grange building at the NYS Fair for the past four years. He enjoyed the outdoors and being a family man. ..

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The Gift of Christmas: Revelation

By LINDA STAIGER

This week we look at The Gift of Revelation. By revelation, means that God reveals Himself to us. He has to reveal Himself to us because we can't know God on our own.

"He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him."

There are three valid reasons why they didn't receive Him. First--Sin. We are born with a sinful nature that can only be overcome through Christ. Because of this God is hidden from our view. Most people today are happy living in their sin, they're separated from God, but they don't know any better.

Which brings us to the second reason. We don't receive God because of our ignorance of God and of Spiritual things. Consider Peter's visit to Athens. He saw that they wanted to be righteous; they wanted to cover all the bases, so much so they even had an idol to an unknown God just

in case they missed something. They just didn't know Him, they were ignorant of God. When Moses appeared to Pharaoh to get the Israelites released, Pharaoh kept saying, "Who is this Lord, that I should obey His voice. I do not know the Lord."

Now, on to the third reason: we can't know Him without Him. We need His help to break through our sin and our ignorance. In Matthew 11:25-27, Jesus was praying, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes Father, for this was your good pleasure. All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him."

You see, it doesn't matter how much you know, you won't know enough to go to God until He reveals Himself to you.

So, if you know God, if you are righteous, if you are a be-

liever, it's because God has revealed Himself to you in a way that you could see Him.

He reveals Himself through: His Word, By the Holy Spirit, In the Creation, Through the Prophets, In Visions and Dreams, Face to Face and In Special Signs. The most common way, the **CLEAREST WAY YET**, is through His Son Jesus, the baby who was born in the stable, placed in the manger--the baby we celebrate at **CHRISTMAS**. God is revealed best in His Son Jesus.

This is the Gift of Christmas...God revealed Himself. God loves you. He wants you to be right with Him. That means He wants you to be righteous, to be holy and to be constantly growing closer to Him. Jesus is the open door for us to know Him.

That's one of the gifts we 'un-wrap' and celebrate at Christmas. Emmanuel--God with us, revealing Himself to us, that we may know Him and be forgiven by Him and be made righteous through Him.

Busy at Alfred Station SDB Church

ALFRED STATION--It's a busy season at the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church.

What's on Tap?

Thursday, Dec. 26, 5:30-7 pm Alfred Area Food Pantry Open, (Christian Education Building)

Friday, Dec. 27, 6 pm Welcome the Sabbath where you are; enter the Sabbath as Sabbath Rest enters you.

Sabbath, Dec. 28, 9 am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.

Sabbath, Dec. 28, 9:30 am Chime Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary.

Sabbath, Dec. 28, 9:45 am Sabbath School. There is a Class for You. Three Adult Classes, 1 Youth Class, 3 Primary Classes.

Sabbath, Dec. 28, 11 am Sabbath Worship Hour. "Forsake not

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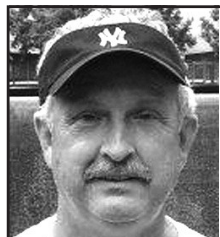
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HITS AND MISSES:

"Congrats" are in order for Alfred-Almond's Meghan DioGuardi as the accolades roll in for the senior tennis star. DioGuardi was once again named to the All Great Rochester (AGR) first-team for the just completed fall tennis season. She is a six-time Steuben County champion. A six-time Section Five champion. A six-time AGR selection. During her career at A-A, the Eagles won four team sectional titles, lost only four matches and DioGuardi is the all-time record holder for wins with 155. That is in Section Five! She was the AGR Player of the Year in 2011 and still don't understand why she wasn't in 2012? Move over John Tuttle, Meghan DioGuardi is ready to enter the A-A Hall of Fame with gaudy stats galore! This after a stellar college career ... somewhere.

Coach Gary "Doc" Moore at Alfred State College is pumped over his incoming cross-country class for 2014 as the perennial Coach of the Year has landed Keith Johnson of Webster Thomas and Jacob Hanss of East Rochester for next fall. Their teams won cross country championships in the sectionals in their respective classes this past fall. Received an email from Moore last week on this as he was wondering about my recent Florida trip, filling me in on his recovering wife, Mary and making tentative plans to attend the Plattsburgh-Geneseo men's hoop game this season.

The Alfred Saxons men's basketball squad is on a high-scoring rampage as Coach Wellman's troops are (6-1) at the semester break with an upcoming game against Allegheny College. Will catch AU in action at SJ Fisher and Nazareth plus head to a game in Alfred with Nealon sometime this season.

The Alfred Saxons women's b-ball program is at (3-3) on the year as the semester break hits and Coach Murphy's team will be at Brockport on January 3rd. Might head over there for that game. Women at SJ Fisher and the 'Naz for E8 play as well. Get a chance to chat with Lyndsay Murphy in her finale year as a GA on the staff.

Coach Tom Curle's Plattsburgh Cardinals men's hoop team is (4-2) on the young season which includes a recent win over "Spanny" and his Cortland team, 64-61 in SUNYAC action. The Alfred State Hall of Famer brings his team to Geneseo on February 8th. And, the ex-ASC mentor says ... "the Cardinal is named after the Stanford tree."

Coach Tom Spanbauer at SUNY Cortland has his men's basketball program at (4-2) as well and geared for a solid SUNYAC run. The Red Dragons are at Geneseo on the 17th of January in conference play. The former AU coach is looking to get back to the NCAA's again this season.

At SJ Fisher, the Cardinals are (3-4) for Coach Kornaker's (AU) program as they compete in a tournament they host this weekend, the Woodcliff Classic. They will play Southern Maine and Thomas College. Alfred University will be at SJ Fisher on January 25th.

The Pittsburgh State Gorillas are located in Kansas! Who knew? Spotted a license play holder, while traveling near Erie (Pa.) over Thanksgiving and it had the PSU Gorillas on it. Thanks to Atwell and McDonnell for update.

Former Siena College head men's basketball coach, Mike Deane did indeed play his frosh ball at Hobart and against Alfred, coached by Bob Baker. Deane, now an assistant at JMU in Virginia, played with the Statesmen one year before transferring to Potsdam State where he was a D3 All-American. "Met" Coach Deane thru Bob W. Beyer when he was his assistant with the Saints near Albany. Deane has also been with Marquette, Lamar and Wagner prior to landing at JMU. Hobart connection confirmed by ex-Union men's basketball coach, Bob Montana.

Tuned into the UConn-Duke women's basketball game on Tuesday past, ESPN. The #1 and defending champ UConn squad headed to #2 Duke. Not even close as UConn blasted them. Wanted to see Breanna Stewart play for UConn as she is from North Syracuse HS where she was the 2012 Gatorade National Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Amongst a host of other honors.

Tuned into the UCLA-Duke men's basketball game on Thursday past, ESPN as the two traditional powers played at MSG in NYC. Would obviously watch game anyhow, old favorite versus current favorite, but 3L was at game in person! Good game and Coach Alford has Bruins headed in right direction.

Meanwhile, Syracuse was playing High Point. High Point?

Meanwhile, Kentucky was playing Belmont. Belmont? Although they did beat North Carolina this year!

Was asked to go to a couple of basketball games this past week but with post-Florida/pre-holiday schedule it didn't work out. Fairport, with Scott Fitch at the helm, was at Webster Schroeder in boys basketball on Wednesday. Good game as WS won by five. Fitch a former All-American and D3 Player of the Year at SUNY Geneseo. On Saturday, Bona was at Niagara in college hoops, won by the visitors, 74-72. Oh well, can't do all. The Bonnies now at (8-4) on year.

Tuned into the NCAA Division III Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl Championship football game on Friday nite past as Mount Union and Wisconsin-Whitewater were going to collide ... again. Wow, the Warhawks dominated the second-half and thumped the Purple Raiders from Ohio ... again. Was 21-14 at the half and ended up at

Greaney, Allen capture wins against C-S

ALMOND--The Alfred Almond Eagles on Thursday, Dec. 19 hosted the Campbell-Savona Panthers in their home pool in front of a full house of supportive spectators.

Alyssa Greaney was a double winner bringing home first place finishes in the 200 free with a time of 2:18.13 and a 1:19.71 split in the 100 breaststroke. Elizabeth Allen chipped in with two

triumphs of her own; the first in the 100 butterfly (1:22.53) and second in the 100 backstroke (1:19.84).

Kalista Calkins and Greg Boardman captured second place finishes in the 100 breaststroke and 100 backstroke respectively.

Jessica Flaitz and Courtney Peters added some points for their team with third place spots

in the 500 freestyle and 200 IM races respectively.

Alyssa, Elizabeth, Jessica and Rein Mason teamed up to collect the lone relay win when they brought a victory home in the 400 free relay (4:36.84) at the end of the competition.

The swimming Eagles will face their next opponent when Canisteo-Greenwood visits them on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014.



COACH GERRY FLAITZ (right) offers words of encouragement to Alyssa Greaney, who took two firsts in the A-A swim team meet against Campbell-Savona. (Photo provided)

The Dugout continued...

52-14. Yikes. Four title wins in a row for W-W over MU. Crazy. Big Nev (A-A) at the game?

The Buffalo Bulls were clobbered in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl on the blue turf as San Diego State rolled, 49-24. Oops ... somehow missed that.

As the NFL regular season comes to a close this Sunday, some interesting playoff seedings could come thru. The Kansas City Chiefs, for example, could be (13-3) and seeded #5. Behind three-teams with worse records! The NFL should consider changing their seeding format. A division winner is seeded higher just because they win their weak division? Division winners get in automatically ... yes, but after that seed by records. KC shouldn't have to be on the road with a (13-3) mark in a tougher division than, Indy, for example.

Jerry Jones of Dallas ... great owner. Jerry Jones of Dallas ... terrible GM. The Cowboys are in the same boat the Raiders were when Al Davis was running the franchise late in his life. Spinning their wheels!

The Messiah College women's soccer team didn't win the NCAA Division III soccer title this year, William Smith of Geneva did, but the Mes-

siah College men won the championship in soccer! Amazing.

"Nice" 2-year/\$48-million dollar deal the LA Lakers bestowed on Kobe prior to the season. The injured, former superstar takes up too much cap space now to make LA good again. Long road back for this team.

Carmelo Anthony of the NY Knicks a top vote getter, to date, for the upcoming NBA All-Star game? What?

Some leftover "tidbits" from recent weekend in the St. Pete's-Tampa area for golf/NFL game. Great hooking up with Jake Taft-Our Man-The Scum for round of golf in Largo. Been together a lot but not recently. Scummer now in Florida with other two. Many thanks to Lisa for awesome tailgate prep prior to San Fran-Tampa Bay game. Just a great tailgate area across street from stadium. A "little" more laid back than going to a Bills game in Orchard Park. Great time and much appreciated. Decent evening in-between at place called, the Yard of Ale. Not to be confused with one in Piffard, NY.

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