

### Reindeer reads Sun

One reindeer missed the flight back to the North Pole and eventually ended up in Dave and Trudi Schwert's Medina backyard. Fortunately he found a SUN to read while waiting for pickup and was not intimidated by the 18.5 inches of snow fallen from the recent storm.



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## Unmasking of New York?

### Masking mandate struck down by NY Supreme Court

By DAVID L. SNYDER  
Editor and Publisher

ALMOND—At press time, the *Alfred Sun* learned that A New York State Supreme Court judge on Monday, Jan. 24 struck down Gov. Kathy Hochul's mask mandate for schools and public locations.

According to a court document, Judge Thomas Rademaker said that neither the governor nor the state health commissioner had the authority to enact the mandate without the state Legislature, since the governor no longer has emergency powers.

The document says in part, "There can be no question that every person in this State wishes, wants and prays that this era of COVID ends soon and they will surely do their part to see that is accomplished.

However, enacting any laws to this end is entrusted solely to the State Legislature.

"While the intentions of Commissioner Bassett and Governor Hochul appear to be well aimed squarely at doing what they believe is right to protect the citizens of New York State, they must take their case to the State Legislature."

Earlier this month, the U.S. Supreme Court blocked President Joe Biden's vaccination-or-testing mandate for large businesses. A judge in Texas last week ruled that Biden could not require federal employees to be vaccinated.

Governor Kathy Hochul vowed to fight back, saying in a statement, "We strongly disagree with this ruling, and we are pursuing every option to reverse this immediately."

"My responsibility as Governor is to protect New Yorkers throughout this public health crisis, and these measures help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and save lives," Hochul said.

State Senator George M. Borrello (R-57th), representing Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, and portions of Livingston County, Tuesday morning issued the following statement:

"From the very beginning of the COVID crisis, I have been among the leading voices in opposition to the unconstitutional mandates emanating from the Executive Branch. This pandemic has been used by those in leadership to suspend the separation of powers, which is a dangerous precedent and one that has been appropriately challenged in the

courts.

"Accordingly, the ruling by a Long Island Supreme Court Justice that the state's latest mask mandate was 'promulgated and enacted unlawfully by an Executive branch state agency' is welcome confirmation of my position and should send a loud and clear message to the Governor that lawmaking by edict must stop.

"Not surprisingly, the administration has indicated that it will appeal the ruling and the Education Department has announced that, in the interim, the mask mandate will remain in place in New York State schools. However, the foundation of these mandates is clearly unsupportable and I am confident that finding will remain intact as this case goes forward."

## AU purchases 7200 masks with China University gift

ALFRED—A gift from the China University of Geosciences will help Alfred University provide more than 7,000 KN95 masks to students, staff, and faculty.

China University of Geosciences, a partner in the Confucius Institute Alfred University (CIAU), donated \$5,000 to Alfred University. Daisy Wu, director of the CIAU and visiting professor of music at Alfred University, said the gift will be used to purchase approximately 7,200 KN95 masks and distribute them to the campus community.

KN95 masks are proven to be more effective at mitigating the spread of COVID than cloth or paper masks. Alfred University recently updated its COVID guidelines to require that all students, staff, and fac-

ulty wear KN95 masks in indoor congregant settings, including classrooms. The only exceptions are when they are their residence hall room or office, or when they are eating in one of the University's dining facilities.

"On behalf of Alfred University, I thank China University of Geosciences for their generosity," said Mark Zupan, president of Alfred University. He expressed appreciation to Wu and Beth Ann Dobie, Alfred University provost, for their recommendation the gift be used to purchase the masks.

"Steering the support toward KN95 masks for our campus will represent a terrific way to promote safety on Alfred University's campus," Zupan said.

In a Jan. 18 letter to Zupan, Yanxin Wang, president of

China University of Geosciences, thanked his counterpart for the support the Alfred University has shown for the CIAU and expressed his desire to assist the University during these challenging times.

"Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have met with a lot of challenges in the higher education section in the past two years," Wang wrote. "To support Alfred University's COVID prevention effort for the Spring semester, we have asked (Daisy Wu) to assist us with providing necessary help to AU. I believe under your leadership and with the concerted efforts from the Alfred University community, the university will come out of the pandemic strong."

Yes, the masks were "Made in China."



A KN95 mask must now be worn in Alfred University buildings.

## Two bus drivers rehired in special school board meeting

ALMOND—The Alfred-Almond Central School administration issued the following statement on Friday, Jan. 21 in regard to transportation issues:

"We have made progress in addressing transportation issues in our district. Two bus drivers who had left their positions at Alfred-Almond were re-appointed to those roles at today's Board of Education meeting. In addition, three potential new bus drivers are in the process of completing their training.

"As a result of our staff additions, we are close to returning to our original transportation schedule.

"The following changes to our current schedule will begin on Monday, Jan. 24:

- All regular routes will return to their

original pick-up and drop-off times, including:

- Bus 102. Bus 103, Bus 104, Bus 105, Bus

107 and Bus 108.

Bus 109, with students from Bus 100 continuing to ride Bus 109.

• Parent drop-off time will return to the normal time of 8:00 a.m. The school will no longer be open at 7:30 a.m.

"Thank you to our district families for your partnership as we've worked through this challenge. We appreciate the support of the Alfred-Almond community as we have all come together focused on a common goal — doing what is best for our students."

Mike Snyder and Suzanne Brown were rehired.





OBITUARIES

Donald R. Griswold, 78, Alfred, U.S. Army vet, danced at AU basketball games



**DONALD R. GRISWOLD**  
*Foremost a fan of the Saxons*  
ALFRED—Donald R. Griswold, 78, of Glen Street, Alfred, passed away Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 19, 2022 at Olean General Hospital.  
Born in Hornell on Jan. 30, 1943, he was a son of the late Harold and Florence

(Dougherty) Griswold. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by four brothers, infant Patrick Griswold, James (Ruth) Griswold, Robert (Genevieve) Griswold, and Paul Griswold; also two sisters, Elizabeth (Mike) Cipolla and Rosemary Argenterii.  
A native and lifelong resident of the Hornell/Alfred area, Donny was a graduate of Hornell High School and attended Alfred State College. He proudly served his country with the U.S. Army from 1962 to his honorable discharge in 1964.  
He was employed with the former Erie-Lackawanna Railroad before he began his employment with the former SKF Industries and eventually with Morrison-Knudsen (M-K) in Hornell. Donny was also employed part time at St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell.  
Throughout the years he was a communicant of St. Ann's

Church in Hornell and SS. Brendan and Jude in Almond and Alfred. He was also a former member of the Hornell Council No. 243, Knights of Columbus and the Hornell Moose Lodge No. 210 where he enjoyed attending dances.  
Donny was a long time, die-hard fan of the NY Giants and NY Mets as well as Alfred University athletics. He will long be remembered for his dancing to the music on the sidelines during timeouts at Alfred University basketball games at McLane Center. He was the No. 1 fan of his great niece and nephew, Abbey and Austin at their sporting events at Alfred-Almond Central School. At one time he was an avid golfer and was extremely proud of his hole-in-one at Twin Hickory Golf Club in Hornell. He participated in area fantasy football teams and was known occasionally to place a "bet or two" on the horses!

His loving surviving family includes one sister, Margaret "Peg" Griswold of Hornell; as well as many special nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews; also a special friend, Autumn McClain and his beloved cat, Ash.  
There will be no public calling hours. Relatives and friends were invited to join his family at St. Ann's Church, 31 Erie Ave., Hornell where a Mass of Christian Burial was to be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022. Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Town of Fremont.  
The family would appreciate

the courtesy of no flowers and suggest that masses be offered for the repose of his soul or contribute in his memory to St. Ann's Church of Our Lady of the Valley Parish, 27 Erie Ave., Hornell, NY 14843. Envelopes for memorial contributions will be available at the church.  
The Bishop-Johnson & DeSanto Funeral Home, 285 Main St., Hornell is honored to assist Donny's family with the arrangements.  
Online condolences or remembrances of Donny are welcome on the Facebook page of Bishop-Johnson & DeSanto Funeral Home or at [www.bishopandjohnsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.bishopandjohnsonfuneralhome.com).

Daniel A. Farchione, Jr., 61, Fairport, AU dad



**DANIEL A. FARCHIONE JR.**  
*"Danny Boy" or "Fuzz"*  
FAIRPORT—Daniel A Farchione, Jr. passed away on January 15, 2022 after a valiant and courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. He will be deeply missed.  
Dan was born Jan. 3, 1961 in Canandaigua, the only son of Daniel and Amelia (Palumbo) Farchione. He was the youngest of six children, and the only brother for five adoring sisters. He was a loving, exemplary son,

brother, husband, father. Dan was loyal, reliable, and always "at the ready" to help his parents, sisters, and friends.  
Growing up as the youngest of six children, and the only boy, he was surrounded by loving parents and doting sisters. He was also known as "Danny Boy" as a youngster, "Fuzz" in grade school, high school, and as an adult (we don't know how this nickname originated) and lovingly "The Prince" in the family.  
As a kid, he enjoyed lots of creative play with his friends on Brentwood Lane and loved building everything from tables and chairs to skateboards and go-carts.  
Dan graduated from Fairport High School and SUNY Cortland with a BS in Economics. Following graduation, he co-founded and operated Turin Swim & Tennis Club in Fairport with his parents. After selling Turin in 1995, Dan launched a successful financial management business.  
Also in 1995, Dan married his beautiful wife Marybeth. Their wedding reception at the Genesee Valley Club was legendary. In 2000, Daniel III arrived and in 2002, his Christmas presents arrived in the form of triplet girls, Julea, Mairin and Natalie. Three of his four children are currently enrolled at Alfred University. For his growing family, he built a fabulous home in 2002 at the top of a hill, surrounded by nature. His adoring children grew up in "Danny World" – a playland complete with hiking trails, an oversized treehouse and dollhouse, go-karts, gators, mini-bikes and a trampoline.  
Dan treasured caring for his beautiful family. He beamed with pride when sharing news of their many academic and athletic achievements. He was their anchor, always offering sage advice, including "never pay full price for anything." Dan was the King of Internet shopping, always finding the highest quality at the best price. His expertise was fondly nicknamed "Danny's Deals."  
His favorite pastime was cooking and grilling for parties with family and friends. His exquisite Italian pizza oven (a true work of art, delivered to his home directly from Milan) created his most recent cooking pleasures. He eagerly indulged family and friends with fabulous fire-roasted pizzas, sumptuous entrees and even desserts (think over-the-top fire-roasted fresh

peach cobbler).  
Carrying on Italian family traditions was front and center for Dan, especially making dozens of pizzelles for Christmas to share with family and friends. He proudly taught his children the fine art of pizzelle-making using his maternal grandfather's cast iron pizzelle maker, complete with an engraved "P" in the center for Palumbo. The cast iron is heavy and making one pizzelle at a time over a gas flame, using his mother's handwritten pizzelle recipe, was truly a labor of love. Given the sentimental value of his treasured pizzelle iron, he asked his children to carry on this Christmas tradition and "please, don't ever let the pizzelle iron leave the house."  
Dan cherished his dear friends, near and far. His grade-school, high school and college buddies have many fond memories of his expert leadership and organizational abilities that led to extraordinarily fun times, including jet skiing, pig roasts, huge parties with live music, and great barbeque and seafood feasts.  
His precious and trusted family friends, Mark and Colleen Crane, Jill and Don Gress, and Steve and Holly Terzo were true sources of strength for Dan and his family during these most difficult past months.  
Dan was predeceased by his parents, and is survived by his wife, Marybeth (Mitrano) Farchione; children, Daniel III, Julea, Natalie and Mairin; five sisters, Mary Jean (Gerald) Gears, Joanne (Richard) Davis, Linda (Richard) Farchione Hawks, Donna (Bryan) Farchione Williams and Sharon (Michael) Farchione-Ross; nine nieces and nephews, and many great nieces and great nephews. He was also cherished by his dear father-in-law, Vincent Mitrano. He will be sorely missed by his entire extended family and many friends, including his loving two doggies, Lyla and Ruby.  
Calling hours were held from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan 23 at Keenan Funeral Home, 7501 Pittsford Palmyra Rd., Fairport. A Funeral mass was held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan 24, at St. John of Rochester Church, 8 Wickford Way, Fairport.  
Those who wish to remember Dan in a special way may make gifts in his memory to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network ([panCAN.org](http://panCAN.org)).



**DORR L. CRANE**  
*Long military career*  
ALMOND—Dorr L. Crane, 80, of Almond, passed away peacefully Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 18, 2022 at his home surrounded by the love and care of his family after a courageous battle with cancer.  
Dorr was born May 10, 1941 in Hornell to the late Harry and Carrie (Dorr) Crane. On August 7, 1965 in Troupsburg, he married the former Jan Eldridge, who survives and resides in Almond.  
Dorr was a West Cameron native who attended Addison Central School. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1959 and had a 21-year career in field artillery retiring as Chief of Firing Battery out of Ft. McArthur, CA. He had two tours of duty in Vietnam from 1966-67 and 1970-71.  
Dorr enjoyed hunting, fishing,

camping and anything to do with the natural world around him. He also enjoyed gunsmithing, reading old western novels, anything military, history and mysteries.  
In addition to his wife Jan, Dorr is survived by two sons: Glen (Lisa) Crane of Cameron, Shawn (Kathy) Crane of Odessa, five grandchildren: Samantha Sutton, Josh Stuart, Joseph, Caitlyn (Jake Kick) Crane and Evan Crane, eight great grandchildren: Lucas, Sandra Beth, Cassius, Gianni, Carson, Blake, Saphra and Mason. He is also survived by a brother John Crane of Woodhull, two sisters: Linda Dubois of Bath and Kathy (James) Hamblin of Cameron Mills.  
In addition to his parents, Dorr was predeceased by a brother Franklin Crane  
Per Dorr's request, there will be no public visitation or services. A memorial service with military honors will be at the convenience of the family. Final interment will be in Bath National Cemetery.  
Memorial contributions in Dorr's name may be made to the National Rifle Association (NRA).  
Arrangements are with the H.P. Smith & Son, Inc. Funeral Home in Canistota.  
A full obituary can be read online along with shared condolences and memories at [hpsmithandsonfuneralhome.com](http://hpsmithandsonfuneralhome.com).

Americanisms



"Whoever came up with ice fishing must have had the worst marriage on the planet."  
— Jeff Cesario

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**top ten**  
**COLLEGE FOOTBALL STADIUMS BY TEAM**  
1. Michigan Wolverines  
2. Penn State Nittany Lions  
3. Ohio State Buckeyes  
4. Texas A&M Aggies  
5. Tennessee Volunteers  
6. LSU Tigers  
7. Texas Longhorns  
8. Alabama Crimson Tide  
9. Georgia Bulldogs  
10. UCLA Bruins  
Source: Wikipedia

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**Puzzles on Page 10**  
**CryptoQuote**  
answer  
Even if people don't understand the language that you're singing in, they still know good music when they hear it.  
— Lou Rawls  
**Weekly SUDOKU**

Answer

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

**SCRAMBLERS**  
solution  
1. Trade 2. Spartan;  
3. Latent; 4. Radio  
*Today's Word*  
**SPOILED**

**King Crossword**  
Answers  
Solution time: 24 mins.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Chest nears its \$35,220 goal

ALFRED—So close. Yet it seems to be taking a long time. The 2022 Alfred-Alfred Station Community Chest campaign continues to inch toward its \$35,220 2022 goal with \$31,674, or about 90% of the goal raised to date. It was a slow week and we're still about 10% shy of our goal! Who will put the campaign over the top?

Area residents may send in donations to AAS Community Chest, Post Office Box 603, Alfred, NY 14802.

This week we take a look at a couple of recipients of Community Chest funding:

The American Red Cross has been providing critical programs and services in the Alfred and

Alfred-Station community for over 140 years. While some services have changed over those 140 years, responding to local disasters, serving the needs of military personnel and their families, and collecting life-saving blood continue to be the core programs of the organization. Our volunteers are always ready to assist and provide that shining glimmer of hope that the public relies upon the Red Cross to provide each and every day!

The Allegany County Mental Health Association is a non-governmental private nonprofit dedicated to the promotion of mental health, the prevention of mental illness, and improvement of mental health services in Al-

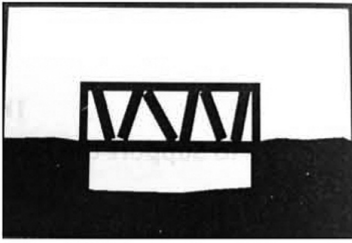
legany County. The Adult Compeer Program and Youth Compeer Program are volunteer programs under the auspices of the Allegany Mental Health Association. The Compeer programs recruit, screen and train adult volunteers and match them with adults and children who suffer from mental illness. The Compeer volunteer serves as a role model who extends the hand of friendship and acceptance. The Compeer volunteer helps their friend integrate into society. Each program holds outings to promote socialization and teach appropriate social skills.

The Alfred-Alfred Station Community Chest Board is made up of the following volunteers: Andy Eklund (vice-president), Cam Duke, Catherine Chambers, Kert Decker, Linell Soule (secretary), Peter McClain (treasurer), and Laurel Buckwalter (president). Feel free to contact one of them if you have questions or did not receive a campaign flyer.

Baker's Bridge Historical Assn. program can be viewed via Zoom Bergren Forum

ALFRED STATION—The Baker's Bridge Historical Association January meeting was cancelled because of the snowstorm. Nevertheless, members may enjoy Laurie Meehan's presentation on "Alfred's Terra Cotta Industries" at the 12:10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3 Bergren Forum.

Laurie's Bergren Forum will be carried over the Zoom platform.



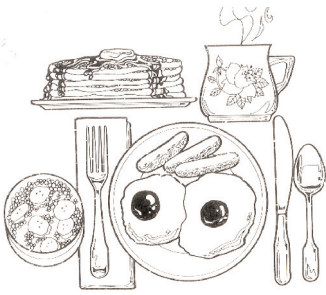
In order to join in, the Zoom link for Bergren forums may be obtained by e-mailing Marilyn Saxton at saxtonmj@alfred.edu.

CAMPUS NOTES

SUNY Morrisville recently announced that **Chelsea George** of Almond, was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2021 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve a 3.0 to 3.99 grade-point average for the semester and complete 12 credit hours. SUNY Morrisville's curricula are enriched with applied learning and pave the way for opportunity at both the Morrisville and Norwich campuses. An action-oriented, interactive learning lab, the college is a national leader in technology and has been lauded for its exemplary, innovative and effective community service programs. SUNY Morrisville is also the alma mater of the *Alfred Sun* janitor.

SUNNY SIDE UP

By ELLEN SHULTZ  
*Alfred Sun Columnist*



Meaty chunks of beef key to this stew

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

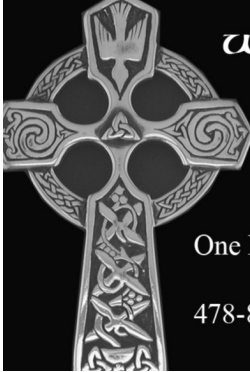
The Penzey's spice people send out a catalog of their wares periodically. It also contains short bio pieces of the people who work for them and other cooks who have shared their experiences. These bios usually contain a favorite recipe or two.

This recipe was in the recent edition. It makes a hearty stew that will help you get through the winter. The creator of the recipe says the most important ingredient is meaty chunks of beef. The rest of the ingredients can vary from kitchen to kitchen.

Beef Stew a la Chili Colorado

- |                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 2 T. oil                        | 1 (28oz.) can red chile sauce              |
| 1½ lbs. beef chuck roast, cubed | 1 (4.5oz.) can chopped green chiles        |
| 1 tsp. freshly ground pepper    | 2 c. peeled, diced potatoes                |
| ¼ c. flour                      | 2 (14.5oz.) cans diced tomatoes, undrained |
| 1 c. chopped onion              | 1 c. sour cream or yogurt                  |
| 2 garlic cloves, minced         |  |
| 1 c. shredded cheddar cheese    |  |

Heat the oil in a stock pot over medium heat. Sprinkle beef with pepper; add beef to pot and cook until nicely browned. Add the flour and stir to coat. Add onions and garlic and cook for about 3 minutes. Add the chile sauce, green chiles, potatoes and tomatoes and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to low and simmer, uncovered, for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Serve with sour cream and shredded cheddar on the side. Serves 8-10.



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ALFRED Weather for the Week

Jan. 18-Jan. 24					
Jan.	Hi	Lo	Precip.	Snow	
18	27	15	0.15"	2.5"	
19	30	21	Trace	Trace	
20	39	13	Trace	0.2"	
21	19	-3	Trace	Trace	
22	18	-3	0	0	
23	23	-1	0	0	
24	25	-1	0.07"	1.5"	

By FION MacCREA  
*Alfred Weather Recorder*



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

"Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face."  
—Victor Hugo

Thursday, Jan. 27  
MOSTLY CLOUDY  
(HIGH 24— LOW 17)  
Chance of precipitation.....6%  
Friday, Jan. 28  
PM SNOW SHOWERS  
(HIGH 24— LOW 6)  
Chance of precipitation....37%  
Saturday, Jan. 29  
AM CLOUDS / PM SUN  
(HIGH 11— LOW 0)  
Chance of precipitation....21%  
Sunday, Jan. 30  
PARTLY CLOUDY  
(HIGH 19— LOW 7)  
Chance of precipitation.....8%  
Monday, Jan. 31  
PARTLY CLOUDY  
(HIGH 28 - LOW 12)  
Chance of precipitation.....6%  
Tuesday, Feb. 1  
PARTLY CLOUDY  
(HIGH 34 - LOW 19)  
Chance of precipitation.....6%  
Wednesday, Feb. 2  
MOSTLY CLOUDY  
(HIGH 37 - LOW 30)  
Chance of precipitation...24%

For more up to date weather information add your *Alfred Sun* Weatherman Kelly Snyder on Facebook where he conducts occasional Facebook Live Reports. As always, if you don't like the weather in Alfred just wait five minutes!



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Scene About Alfred

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



Smokestack in Atlanta, Georgia.

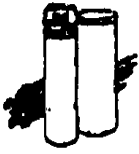


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EDITORIAL PAGE

# ‘No one had a bigger impact on the rest of my life than Alex Yunevich’

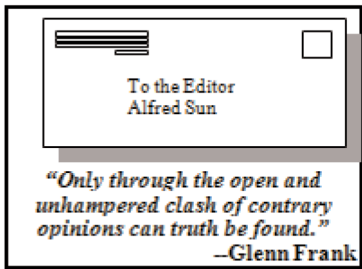
To the Editor:

A while back I was out one evening having a beer and listening to a gentleman sing along with his guitar. He played music a 61-year-old would remember and he did it rather well. At his break he came over to the table and introduced himself. Paul Hurlbert. He had noticed my extremely stylish Alfred State Women’s Soccer t-shirt. It led to good conversation.

Turns out Paul was an Alfred U grad, 1973. I told him my family lived on what was then Sayles Street Extension, which meant nothing to him. He mentioned his dorm. Nope I never heard of it. Paul mentioned some of his instructors, one being Dick Lanshe, but the others didn’t ring. Eventually the subject came to football, which naturally led to the name Coach Alex Yunevich. That is when the conversation picked up.

Paul had come from downstate and was enrolled with a major in Marine Biology. “It seemed like the right thing to do.” One day Alex (I am taking liberties using the man’s first name, it is easier to spell) saw Paul walking on campus and barked at him from a distance, “Hurlbert, you need a minor and you are going to sign up for music.” Just that simple. Which Paul promptly did because, “You just didn’t argue with Alex.”

I asked how it worked for



him?

“Well, I have retired from Kennett High after 36 years as a music teacher. I am still singing and playing guitar, which I enjoy doing. I guess it worked out pretty well.”

I mentioned that I knew someone who was writing a biography of Alex but I didn’t know if it had ever been finished or published. Paul seemed a bit surprised someone was making such an effort but, “Well, I am sure it will be a good read. Alex was an interesting fella.” (Including this paragraph improves the chances of this letter being published).

I know there are many former AU football players that held Alex in similar esteem. Why I found Paul’s comments noteworthy is that he wasn’t a football player. Just a young man trying to get an education. Yet the football coach, who at that point had great renown, noticed that student and saw what may have been untapped potential. Alex took enough interest to interject himself into Paul’s life.

That effort must have made a difference because Paul’s last words to me on the subject were, “You know, during my time at Alfred, no one had a bigger impact on the rest of my life than Alex.” That is pretty high praise.

Obviously, Alex Yunevich was more than just a football coach. Some reading this don’t realize how very important Alfred football was to the community back in the day but it was and Alex was Alfred football. While I would struggle to remember three Bills players from my pre-teen years, that evening with Paul I readily came up with AU’s Bzdak, Moretti, and Hockenberry.

I didn’t know Alex but I would recognize him around town. The man had presence. To hear a stranger speak glowingly of a man generally referred to as a “legendary football coach” in a way so far removed from the football field seemed pretty cool.

I told Paul he had a fine story, did he mind if I shared it? He readily agreed and now I have done that.

Jim Gaisser  
Sandwich NH

[Editor’s Note: Your letter arrives most serendipitously. I am rewriting the nomination of Alex Yunevich for induction in the College Football Hall of Fame. He’s been on the ballot for 17 years but in my research

for a book, I have learned there’s more to his story as you have so nicely demonstrated. Any readers who may have similar anecdotes are invited to email them to [alfredsun.news@gmail.com](mailto:alfredsun.news@gmail.com).]



Coach Alex Yunevich, dressed to kill, with derby and cigar, with his boys before a game. (Photo provided by Bob Codispoti)

## Letter filled with misinformation

Editor:

I tend never to write letters to editors of newspapers as they and the comments of readers are a snapshot in time of peoples’ attitudes and complaints which fade over time. But when I read something that is so out of bounds and just misinformation and lacking any facts, I feel it my duty to respond. I specifically point to the letter recently published by Mr. Walter Mason in your Volume 137 No. 3 Edition. (And my letter is not an attempt to personally attack Mr. Mason.)

I read with astonishment at Mr. Mason’s untrue statements and lack of knowledge about the topics he includes in his letter.

First he claims that “Evidence shows the election was not stolen.” While I am no conspiracy theorist, I do want to point out that in many states the rules for voting was changed by Executive Order due to the pandemic. That may seem prudent, however, as a country that follows laws, any changes to voting laws MUST be done by a vote of the majority of state legislators. There is no shortcut for these procedures and as such unauthorized changes are illegal and thus invalidates the vote. The fact that the procedure was not followed as per the State Constitutions is *prima facie* proof that the election had issues. And any recounts of those same votes fails to correct the illegal votes done through illegal voting means.

Second, Mr. Mason proclaims “For The People Act” would “help” stop voter fraud. It is clear that he does not know what the bill includes and is a poor student of history. The bill, put forth by only Democrats, would Federalize All States Elections.

Since when did taking away States Rights and handing it to Washington ever result in more freedom and less fraud and waste?

The bill does the following: (While I know that you could not use all of the text or even bullet points, it is clear the bill is a recipe for fraud and abuse) Having readers send you their opinions when they are so misinformed is a recipe for disaster in our divided society. I would hope that all citizens in the best country in the world would bet-

ter inform themselves before making such blatantly partisan statements and try to couch it in terms of facts.

Thank you for your ear. As an *Alfred Sun* subscriber I do think your newspaper does a good job.

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### What H.R. 1 Would Do

- **Seize the authority of states** to regulate voter registration and the voting process by forcing states to implement **early voting, automatic voter registration, same-day registration, online voter registration, and no-fault absentee balloting.**

- **Make it easier to commit fraud** and promote chaos at the polls through **same-day registration**, as election officials would have no time to verify the accuracy of voter registration information and the eligibility of an individual to vote and could not anticipate the number of ballots and precinct workers that would be needed at specific polling locations.

- **Hurt voter turnout through 15 days of mandated early voting** by diffusing the intensity of get-out-the-vote efforts; it would raise the cost of campaigns. Voters who vote early don’t have the same information as those who vote on Election Day, missing late-breaking developments that could affect their choices.

- **Degrade the accuracy of registration lists by requiring states to automatically register** all individuals (as opposed to “citizens”) from state and federal databases, such as state Departments of Motor Vehicles, corrections and welfare offices, and federal agencies such as the Social Security Administration, the Department of Labor, the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the Department of Health and Human Services. This would **register large numbers of ineligible voters**, including aliens, and cause multiple or duplicate registrations of the same individuals and put federal agencies in charge of determining a person’s domicile for voting purposes (as well as that individual’s taxing state).

- **Constitute a recipe for massive voter registration fraud by hackers and cyber criminals through online voter registration** that is not tied to an existing state record, such as a driver’s license. It would make it a criminal offense for a state official to reject a voter registration application even when it is rejected “under color of law” because the official believes the individual is ineligible to vote. It would also require states to allow 16-year-olds and

17-year-olds to register; when combined with a ban on voter ID and restrictions on the ability to challenge the eligibility of a voter, this would effectively ensure that underage individuals could vote with impunity.

- **Require states to count ballots cast by voters outside of their assigned precincts**, overriding the precinct system used by almost all states that allows election officials to monitor votes, staff polling places, provide enough ballots, and prevent election fraud.

- **Mandate no-fault absentee ballots, which are the tool of choice for vote thieves. It would ban witness signature or notarization requirements** for absentee ballots; **force states to accept absentee ballots received up to 10 days after Election Day** as long as they are postmarked by Election Day; and **require states to allow vote trafficking (vote harvesting)** so that any third parties—including campaign staffers and political consultants—can pick up and deliver absentee ballots.

- **Prevent election officials from checking the eligibility and qualifications of voters and removing ineligible voters.** This includes restrictions on using the U.S. Postal Service’s national change-of-address system to verify the address of registered voters; participating in state programs that compare voter registration lists to detect individuals registered in multiple states; or ever removing registrants due to a failure to vote no matter how much time has elapsed. It also would substantially limit the public release of voter registration information, **making it almost impossible** for nonpartisan organizations to **verify the accuracy of registration rolls**, and prohibit states from using undeliverable election mail as a basis for challenging a registrant’s eligibility.

- **Ban state voter ID laws** by forcing states to allow individuals to vote without an ID and merely signing a statement in which they claim they are who they say they are.

- **Violate the First Amendment with respect to a vast range of legal activity.** Voter intimidation or coercion that prevents someone from registering or voting is already a federal crime under the Voting Rights Act and the National Voter Registration Act. But H.R. 1 would add a provision criminalizing “**hindering, interfering, or preventing**” anyone from registering or voting, which is **so vague and so broad** that it could prevent providing any information to election officials about the ineligibility of an individual, such as an applicant not being a U.S. citizen.

## Sun Spots



### Omicron... Oh, Micron... Oh-My-Cron

That Oh-My-Cron, that Oh-My-Cron!  
I do not have that Oh-My-Cron!

You do not have COVID-19?  
Not even just a teeny-ween?

I do not have it, O-My-Cron,  
Not even just a mild one.

You did not have it at your house?  
You did not catch it from a mouse?

I did not have it at my house.  
I did not catch it from A. Mouse.

Do you have a temperature?  
Have you measured? Are you sure?

No, I have no temperature.  
I just checked the thermometer.

Have you lost your sense of taste?  
An inch or more from off your waist?

I still have my great sense of taste:  
The latest fashion’s ’round my waist.

Have you lost your sense of smell?  
That is one way you can tell.

No, Oh-My-Cron, I smell, smell,  
smell.  
As you can tell, I smell quite well.

Did you have an achy head?  
Did you have to stay in bed?

I did not have an achy head.  
I did not have to stay in bed.  
I do not have that Oh-My-Cron—  
Well, if I had it, it’s all gone.  
So Oh-My-Cron, sir, if I had it  
It must have been asymptomatic.

—Omicronymous



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# Moonlighter



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## Confucius Institute offers free Chinese Lunar New Year meal

ALFRED—The Confucius Institute at Alfred University invites the University community to join in a celebration of the Lunar New Year with a free traditional Chinese meal.

The Lunar New Year (also called Spring Festival) is the most important traditional holiday in many Asian countries.

To celebrate the beginning of the Year of the Tiger, the CIAU is offering free take-out meals on Tuesday, Feb. 1. Meals, prepared by AU Fresh, are available in two options—entrée, one side dish, dessert, and a beverage—and will be available for pick-up from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Knight Club, Powell Campus Center.

Pre-ordering meals is required. To place a reserved order, visit <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5pVSTC->

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Orders must be submitted by 12 noon Monday, Jan. 31. There is a limit of 250 meals, which will be provided on a first-come, first served basis. Those ordering meals will be required to comply with Alfred University's COVID protective regulations by wearing a mask into the building when picking up dinner.

## 'MayFair Lady' to hit Wellsville stage

WELLSVILLE—Starlight Theatre Company will perform "Mayfair Lady," by Gary Peterson, a non-musical adaptation of "My Fair Lady."

It will be held at the Grace United Mission Center (former Christian Temple) at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, and Saturday, Jan. 29.

The address is 99 Maple Avenue, Wellsville. Admission for this play is \$5.00 at the door and includes desserts! Please bring a face mask; social distancing will also be in place.

Heidi Lawton directs this play in which a pompous professor places a bet that he can transform a Cockney flower girl into a proper lady of high society.

For more information, email Starlight Theatre Company at [starlighttheatreco14895@gmail.com](mailto:starlighttheatreco14895@gmail.com) or visit their Facebook page at [facebook.com/starlighttheatrecompany](https://facebook.com/starlighttheatrecompany).



Glass artist N'Kosi Barber of Chicago

## Black Glass Artist Series planned

ALFRED—Glass artist N'Kosi Barber of Chicago will join Alfred University's School of Art and Design in the first week of February to kick off the University's Black Glass Artist Series, as well as the University's celebration of 2022 as the International Year of Glass.

Barber is associated with Firebird Community Arts, of Chicago, and serves on its Board of Trustees. The organization was founded in part through the

efforts of Alfred University alumna Pearl Dick '98, who helped start Project Fire, a program that teaches wounded victims of gunfire the skills of the hot glass shop.

Barber will lead a public demonstration of glass art craft from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 3 in the University's Hot Glass Shop, followed by a public talk from 5 to 6 pm in Binns Merrill Room b106. His student team includes Chiontae Thomas and

Lynquell Biggs.

Additional visiting faculty for the Black Glass Artist Series are artists SaraBeth Post and Cedric Mitchell.

Alfred University's Black Glass Artist Series has received the support of the University's School of Art and Design and its Sculpture Dimensional Studio Division; the Alfred University Student Senate; and Olympic Color, of Seattle, WA.



KIRSTIN VanRENSELAAR

## AU student wins award

ALFRED—Alfred University fourth-year student Kirstin VanRenselaar recently captured acting honors at the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival's Region 2 competition. VanRenselaar was honored for her work in classical acting.

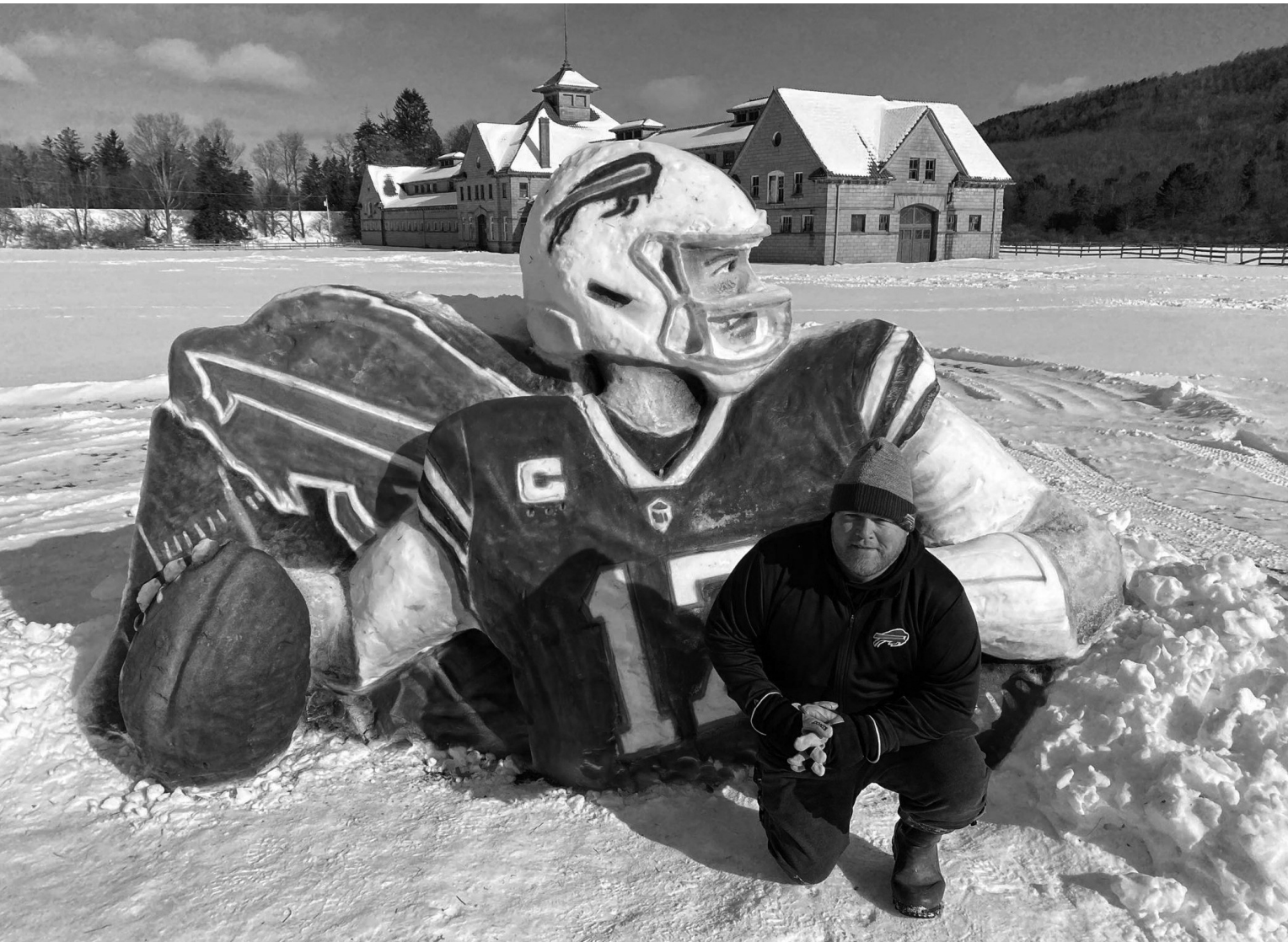
VanRenselaar won the KCACTF Region 2 award based on three video submissions:

She performed and videotaped a monologue by the Bishop of Carlisle in Shakespeare's Richard II; she performed on the Zoom platform a monologue of Polonius from Shakespeare's Hamlet; and she performed as Falstaff, also on the Zoom platform, in a scene from Henry IV Part 1. The latter scene was performed with her acting partner, Kylee Tuckfield, a student at the University of Utah.

This is the second consecutive year VanRenselaar's acting has been honored by KCACTF.

She currently is working on her senior project for Alfred University, in which she will serve as assistant director for a spring theater production by the Division of Performing Arts, School of Art and Design. She expects to graduate at the end of the Fall 2022 semester, majoring in Theater and History with a minor in education.

Following graduation, she hopes to teach history at the high school level and incorporate theater and acting into her history classes.



**BILLS FEVER:** He did it again! Amazingly talented artist and Alfred University alum Eric Jones has created a snow-packed Josh Allen masterpiece in Cuba in western Allegany County out of all the snow that fell here at the start of the week. The snow sculpture is 8 feet by 12 feet! Jones, who lives in nearby West Clarksville, was quoted a few weeks ago that he was concerned

due to the lack of snow so far this winter—all of that changed with Sunday night's snowstorm Jan. 16. This wintry work of art can be viewed in person at the Block Barn on South Street in Cuba. Eric molded the sculpture Tuesday, Jan. 18, carved it Wednesday, Jan. 19 and talented artist Vincent Alejandro painted the sculpture on Thursday morning, Jan. 20.



Cultural Arts Calendar



Music

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

**MostArts Festival:** Watch for future announcements about the MostArts Festival. visit: [www.MostArts.alfred.edu](http://www.MostArts.alfred.edu) for more information.

**Off the Wagon** show schedule will be announced as things open up. Follow the band at: [www.facebook.com/pg/OfftheWagonAcoustic](https://www.facebook.com/pg/OfftheWagonAcoustic)

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

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

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

**Maple City (Barbershoppers) Chorus** Meetings 7:00 p.m. Mondays at United Methodist Church of Hornell, 7528 North

Main St Ext., near Webbs Crossing Road, Hornell. New members welcome. Call 607-698-4690 for info.

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

**CONCERTS/RECITALS**  
**Alfred-Almond Central School Elementary Spring Concert** 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 16 in the high school auditorium. Performing will be Grades 5/6 Band and the Grades 4-6 Chorus presenting the "Year in Review" concert.

**Off the Wagon** is back! For more information on Off the Wagon check out: [www.facebook.com/OfftheWagonAcoustic](https://www.facebook.com/OfftheWagonAcoustic)

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

**Wingate Memorial Carillon Recital Series** at Davis Memorial Carillon, AU campus.2021 recital series canceled. The Wingate Memorial Carillon Recital Series honors Dr. Ray Winthrop Wingate, a professor of music at Alfred University for 56 years.

**The Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes (OSFL)** announces a summer concert performed by Principal Harp, Rosanna Moore, as part of the transition back to the stage.



Theater & Dance

**DANCE**  
**International Folk Dancing**

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

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

**PERFORMANCES**  
**Alfred-Almond Central School** will present its Spring Musical, "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" at 7 p.m. Friday, March 11, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 12 and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 13 in the high school auditorium. More details, with ticket sale information, will be posted on the school website.



Art/Galleries

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

**Southern Tier Fiberarts Guild,** founded in 1983, meets at Trinity Lutheran Church, 470 N. Main St., Wellsville, on the first Saturday of the month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. except months of July and Sept. The group welcomes spinners (and wannabes), quilters, knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, weavers, dyers, basket makers, hookers (rug hookers, that is) and everyone with a creative mind and an interest in fibers. For more information, call Debbie MacCrea at 607-587-9270, or T.C. Gary at 585-593-4799.

**MUSEUMS/EXHIBITS**  
**The Andover House,** exhibiting Alfred connected Ceramic Art and 2 dimensional art. Historical and contemporary. Open 11am

to 4pm on Saturdays. At 21 North Main Street, Andover. For visits by appointment call 585 593 3947 or 607 478 5014. E-mail: [Johnfdolan@yahoo.com](mailto:Johnfdolan@yahoo.com).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Alfred Ceramic Art Museum.** Located on Northeast corner of

Main and Pine Streets, AU campus, Alfred. Hours: Tues. thru Friday 10-5, Thurs. 10-7, Sat. and Sun. 10-4. \$7 Adults, \$5 Seniors, \$3 Local Residents. Free for Museum members, 17 and under, AU and A State fac-



ulty staff and students. For information call 607-871-2421; or visit the museum website: [ceramicsmuseum.alfred.edu](http://ceramicsmuseum.alfred.edu)

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

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

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

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

**World War II Museum,** 201 Main Street, Eldred, Pennsylvania. For more information, visit: <http://eldredpawwiumuseum.com/> or call: 814-225-2220.

BERGREN FORUM

Doris Möncke to open Bergren Forum

ALFRED—Doris Möncke, Alfred University Associate Professor of Glass Science and Engineering, will deliver the Jan. 27 Bergren Forum, "The History of Glass and Technology." The weekly lecture series is held at 12:10 pm Thursdays and is currently carried on the Zoom platform.

2022 has been designated by the United Nations as The International Year of Glass, Möncke notes. "I want to look at the very beginnings of glass making and the technological advances that

allowed glasses to become the beautiful and affordable commodity they are today."

She adds: "The fundamentals of today's Glass Age reach back to ancient Mesopotamia. Glass

technology blossomed in the Golden Ages of the Egyptian and Roman Empires. Glass Science evolved much later and only a brief overview can be given of how medieval forest glass workshops turned into the glass manufactories of the modern era and finally gave rise to new glass types and applications."

The Zoom link for Bergren forums may be obtained by emailing Marilyn Saxton at [saxtonmj@alfred.edu](mailto:saxtonmj@alfred.edu).



DORIS MÖNCKE

Blanford joins medical staff

ALFRED—Rochester Regional Health has announced that Shannon Blanford PA-C has joined the staff of Family Medicine of Alfred and Family Medicine of Hornell. She will begin seeing patients at both offices beginning Feb. 14, 2022.

Shannon recently re-located to the area from Utica where she worked as an Emergency Medicine Physician's Assistant at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and St. Luke's Hospital.

Before serving as an emergency medicine provider, Shannon attended SUNY Upstate Medical School in Syracuse.

"Shannon is a highly competent and compassionate provider and will be a great addition to our team," said a spokesman for the local medical practice.

It was also noted that, while the Alfred office is for sale, the practice is not moving.. The property owner is selling the building but the medical practice will maintain its lease and continue to provide medical care at the Church Street location.

For further information, call the offices at 607-587-8143.



Nutrition in a Nutshell

By MARIA BOYUK  
Nutritional Therapy Practitioner  
and Alfred Sun Columnist

Thriving Recipe: Chicken and Rice Soup

The postpartum season is all about healing. And the foods that I eat are a huge part of that process. This is a soup that I made the day before I went into labor and was able to take to the hospital and enjoy after Zhana was born. It is packed with nutrient dense fat, vegetables, protein, pre-soaked rice (see link below for instructions), and perhaps most importantly homemade bone broth!

All of these are key ingredients that will boost our immune systems, lower inflammation, and for the "4th trimester" provide building blocks for healing.

Check out the link below for the original recipe, which provides a lower carb version with cauliflower rice and instructions for making the soup in an Insta pot.\*

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp ghee or preferred cooking fat
- 1 med onion diced
- 4 cloves garlic minced
- 8 oz mushrooms sliced
- 1 cup carrots cut into bite size pieces (not too thin or they'll soften too much)
- Himalayan salt and pepper for veggies and chicken
- 1 lb boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 2 tsp poultry seasoning dried
- 4 cups chicken bone broth
- 1/2 cup coconut cream or full fat coconut milk
- \*optional
- 2 tsp arrowroot starch \*optional
- 1/2 tsp mustard

- Sea salt and pepper to taste
- 1 1/2 cups cooked rice
- Chopped parsley or chives for garnish

Instructions

Have all ingredients prepped and ready to go. Add the ghee to a large pot or dutch oven over medium heat, then add onions and cook for 30 seconds until translucent. Add the mushrooms, carrots and garlic, sprinkle with a bit of salt and pepper, stir and cook for another minute until fragrant.

Season chicken breasts all over with salt and pepper and add to pot, along with the broth and poultry seasoning.

Once cooked, remove chicken to a plate and shred with two forks, set aside. Sauté veggies and add the arrowroot starch and coconut cream if using\*, and the mustard, stir to combine and cook a minute to thicken.

Add chicken back to the pot along with the rice and continue to cook for another minute. Taste the soup and season with salt and pepper as desired. Serve hot garnished with chopped parsley or chives if desired. Makes 6 servings. Enjoy!

\*<https://www.thrivinghealthny.com/post/2019/05/01/thriving-tips-maximizing-nutrients>  
\*\*<https://www.paleorunningmomma.com/instant-pot-chicken-rice-soup-paleo-whole30/>

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

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## Lectures/Readings

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

**Allegany County Bird Club.** Meetings held at the Grace United Church, 289 N. Main Street, Wellsville, unless otherwise stated, at 7 p.m. on the first Friday of each month; speakers begin at 7:15 p.m. The club will NOT meet during the months of January and February 2021.

**Baker's Bridge Historical Association.** Meets 7:30 pm, third Monday of each month, Sept.-April in the Meeting House, 5971 Hamilton Hill Road, Alfred Station. All programs free, open to the public. Dec. 13-Chris Romanchock, "How Governor Roosevelt's Land-Use Policy Shaped New York State"; Jan. 17-Laurie Meehan, "The Terra Cotta Industry," Feb. 21-TBA; March 21-"Agnes," the WSKG documentary on the 1972 Flood; April 18-Personal Reminiscences with Agnes; May Field Trip-date TBA, Almond Dam and dish-to-share picnic affter. Website: [www.bakers-bridge.org](http://www.bakers-bridge.org). For more information, contact President Jim Ninos, 607-587-9018, [jninos@gmail.com](mailto:jninos@gmail.com). For a tour of the building contact Collections Manager, Alexandra Hoffman, (607-382-9404, [ahoffman4@gmail.com](mailto:ahoffman4@gmail.com)).

**Bergen Forum.** Forums will be held at 12:10 pm Thursdays and lasting for approximately 50 minutes. Nov. 25-Thanksgiving Break; Dec. 2-Amanda Taylor Lipnicki, "Soft Calculus." The lectures/talks/discussions will also be recorded and made available on the Bergen Forum Youtube channel. A Zoom invitation to each forum may be obtained during the week of that forum by emailing Marilyn Saxton at [saxtonmj@alfred.edu](mailto:saxtonmj@alfred.edu).

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



## Films

**SPOTLIGHT THEATER.** 191 Main Street, Hornell. [www.thespotlighttheaters.com](http://www.thespotlighttheaters.com) (607) 661-4685

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

## Fun-n-Games

**STAR GAZING John Stull Observatory** open to the public free of charge, clear Friday nights from 9-11 p.m. Sept.-Oct.-Nov. and Feb.-March, April. Open clear Thursday nights from 10 p.m.-12 midnight during May, June and July. For info, call the Observatory phone at Alfred University, 871-2270.

### BEEKEEPING

**Belvidere Beekeeping Club** A group is forming that will share information about beekeeping in our area. We will provide guest speakers and information about getting started beekeeping. We will share information, tips and frustrations, have suggested readings and hand outs along with yard walks. Our mission is to attract and encourage beekeepers to pass on their knowledge to others. The club meets at Angelica Ink Letterpress, 20 Allegany Avenue, Angelica, during cold months and at Belvidere Cornerstone, 5781 County Road 20, Belmont, summer months. Contact TheBelvidereCornerstone@gmail.com with questions. **BOWLING Maple City Bowl,** 7580 Seneca Road, Hornell. Check out our new Arcade Section. Visit [www.maplecitybowl.net](http://www.maplecitybowl.net) Or call 607-324-1011.

### BRIDGE

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

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



## Special Events

**Allegany Artisans OPEN STUDIO TOUR** The Allegany Artisans Studio Tour is an annual cooperative event that includes artisans of diverse styles, tastes and traditions working with clay, wood, metal, fiber, jewelry,

paint, glass, paper & more! Visit artisans' studios where their creative ideas come to life. For a map, check out our our Web site. [www.alleganyartisans.com](http://www.alleganyartisans.com)

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

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

## Support Groups

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

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

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

**Alzheimer's Support Group.** Meets third Thursday of the month at noon in United Church, Belmont. Call Allegany

County Office for the Aging at 716-268-9390 for info.

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

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

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

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

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

**Journey to Transformation:** Ongoing area prayer gatherings during the week available from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. Weekday mornings at Knights Creek Evangelical Methodist Church, 2987 County Road 9, Scio.

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

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

## Etcetera

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

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

## Deadline

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

## A-A will stage 'Charlie Brown'

ALMOND—Alfred-Almond Central School students have begun rehearsals for a production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," the Broadway musical that will be staged in March.

The musical will be staged at 7 p.m. Friday, March 11, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 12 and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 13 in the high school auditorium. More details and ticket sale information will be posted on the school website.

## WHAT'S COOKIN'?

### Allegany County Office for the Aging Meals on Wheels Menu

Monday, Jan. 31

Tomato & Cucumber Salad  
Chicken Alfredo  
Broccoli  
Whole Grain Garlic Roll  
Applesauce

Tuesday, Feb. 1

Pears  
Spanish Rice  
Seasoned Black Beans  
Whole Grain Roll  
Chocolate Chip Cookie

Wednesday, Feb. 2

Tropical Fruit  
Scalloped Potatoes & Ham  
Spinach  
Whole Grain Roll  
Banana Bread w/Frosting

Thursday, Feb. 3

Mandarin Oranges  
Turkey Ala King  
Over Whole Grain Biscuit  
Cauliflower  
Winter Squash  
Cherry Crisp

Friday, Feb. 4

Peachy Cottage Cheese Salad  
Tuna Noodle Casserole  
Diced Carrots  
Peas  
Whole Grain Bread  
Fruit Cocktail

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



## Locally Made

The DIY Farmer's Wife Approach

By KRISTINA SNYDER  
*Alfred Sun Columnist*

## DIY Organizing the Playroom

We are getting ready to move into our new house! I'm very excited for the extra space and ability to organize an actual playroom for my children. I thought I'd go through this process in my article this week to provide you with tips and tricks for keeping a tidy playroom.

This strategy is definitely not fool proof but as my kids age it's getting easier to keep their toys organized. Life is a process and we are helping our children and our sanity when we teach them how to organize and clean starting at a young age. I would encourage you to invite your children in and organize together.

The first thing you need to do is go through all of your child's toys and learning materials. Decide what you want to keep and what you would like to part with. Recycle any toys, games or materials with broken or missing pieces.

After you've taken inventory and decided what to keep, think about other items you would to add. Focus on QUALITY of materials in the playroom over quantity. Remember Less Is More! When a playroom is overstocked, it can easily become overwhelming for the child thus leading to unfocused and chaotic behavior. If you have lots of materials and toys, consider rotating items in and out every month instead of keeping them all in the playroom at one time. If possible keep electronic toys to an absolute minimum.

Focus instead on educational materials that enable your child to read, write, create, build and pretend. (Electronic/talking toys with lots of bells and whistles provide very little in terms of brain development and more often than not lead to confusion, non engagement and over stimulation.)

The key to an organized playroom or play space is that everything has to have a home-possibly with a clear label.

It's absolutely vital that every item and toy has a clearly designated spot. This will enable your child to know where everything is, which in turn will promote purposeful play. It also allows children to clean up independently and take pride and ownership of their environment. An organized play space will allow children to engage in play in a meaningful, in-depth, constructive way.

To get organized, the first thing you want to do is sort all your materials and toys into categories. Next, find containers, baskets and bins to store each category that you have created. Each category should have its own container. Look around the house-you might be surprised how many containers and bins you have laying around the house that would work.

The key to success here is clear labeling and empowering your child to take ownership of their things.

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

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Thurs. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

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LOCAL NEWS

Alfred State graduate helping to punt away childhood cancer

ALFRED—Madison Szpaicher, a 2017 Alfred State College (ASC) sport management graduate, has been able to find a career that combines her love of sports and her desire to help others.

Szpaicher, an USCAA All-American volleyball player and a member of three consecutive teams that played in the USCAA Championships, works for the P.U.N.T. Pediatric Cancer Collaborative as their assistant director. Hired as the program and event coordinator in July of 2019, Szpaicher moved to her current position in July of 2021.

“If you would’ve told me five years ago after graduation that I would end up in non-profit I would have laughed. But now, I could not imagine being anywhere else.”

P.U.N.T. Pediatric Cancer Collaborative financially and emotionally assist Western New York families facing a pediatric cancer diagnosis. They work hand and glove with the psycho/social teams at Oishei Children’s Hospital, Roswell Park, and Essential Care. They run and fund six programs (read more about each of the programs run by P.U.N.T.).

“Our two biggest goals are to assure Western New York families that we will be there financially when they have nowhere else to turn and being there for our families when the unthinkable happens.”

The organization roots stem from former Buffalo Bills pro bowl punter Brian Moorman and his wife, Amber. Those roots continue today as current Buffalo Bills players Dawson Knox, Tommy Sweeney, Reid Ferguson, Tyler Bass, and Matt Haack work with the organization.

A sixty-second spot aired during the Bills Thanksgiving night game vs. New Orleans that highlighted Knox’s involvement with the organization. Knox also featured the organization on his cleats during the NFL My Cause My Cleats campaign.

“After the Thanksgiving game, we had donations coming in from all over the nation – even Alaska. It is so refreshing to work alongside these guys be-

cause they do it for all the right reasons. They get down on the floor with the kids who are hooked up to their chemotherapy and light up a patient’s smile with a simple FaceTime.”

Szpaicher looks back fondly at her time at Alfred State. “My four years provided me with a foundation to launch my career into the sport business world. It taught me that this business realm is ever changing, to think creatively and problem solve, and that networking is key.”

Szpaicher is excited about the work ahead and rooting on the Bills as they make their playoff run, which, unfortunately, ended in an epic overtime 42-36 loss at Kansas City Sunday night.



MADISON SZPAICHER



Alfred State graduate Madison Szpaicher (fourth from the left) poses with Dawson Knox at an event in Nashville. From L to R: Louie Wisener, Gwen Mysiak, Dawson Knox, Madison Szpaicher, and John Giroux. Wisener and Giroux are the founders of the Nashville Bills Backers and Mysiak is the executive director of P.U.N.T. Pediatric Cancer Collaborative.



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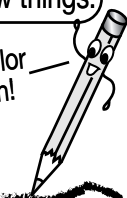
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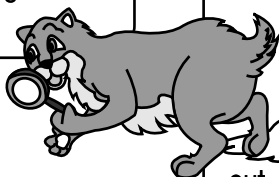


Hmm... is that my shadow?



Hey! What are you doing down there?

I'm searching for my shadow - I think it is escaping the cold weather!



On February 2nd, all eyes will be on Punxsutawney Phil, the famous groundhog who predicts whether spring and warmer weather will come soon, or if winter and the cold weather will stay longer.

How does he do this? Well, legend holds that when a groundhog pokes out of his hole, if the sun is shining, he will see his shadow, be frightened and dive back into his burrow to wait out six more weeks of winter. But, if he sees clouds when he comes out of his hole, he will not be afraid, will venture out - and we will know that spring is near!

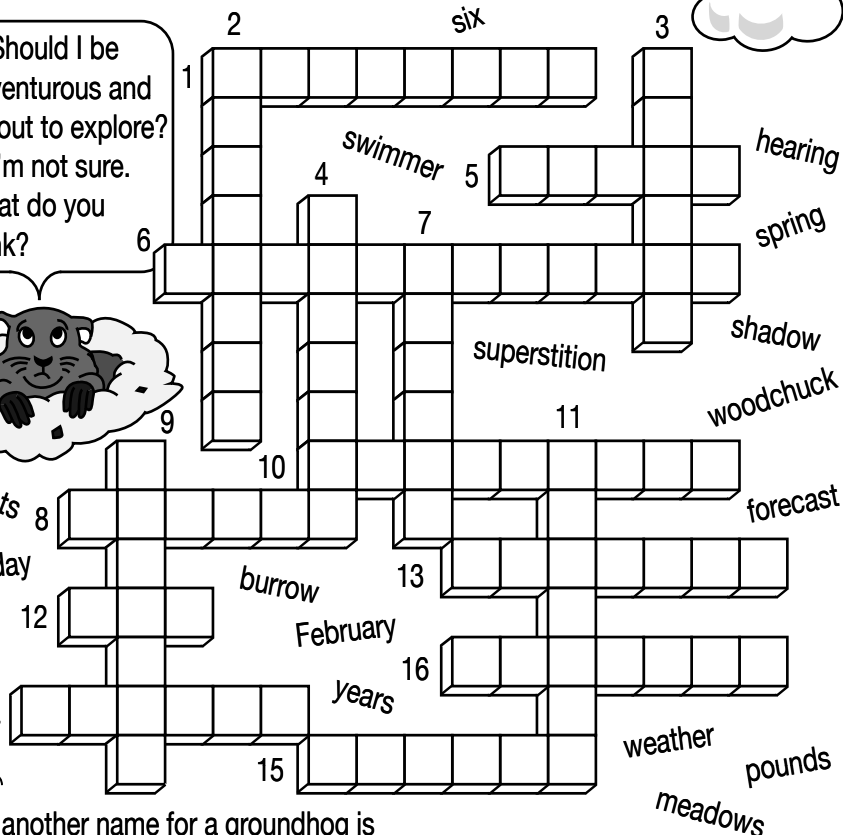
## Groundhog Adventures

### Forecasts & Football

Should I be adventurous and go out to explore? I'm not sure. What do you think?



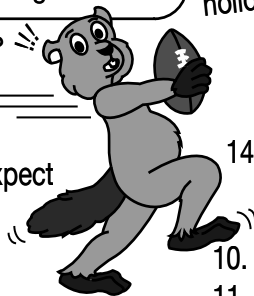
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Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

1. On February 2nd, Phil, the famous groundhog (and other groundhogs in other places) will be watched for his weather \_\_\_\_\_ - a "prediction" about what kind of weather to expect
2. the second month of the year
3. a tunnel dug underground
4. groundhogs can be found in the woods, fields and \_\_\_\_\_
5. a groundhog usually lives to be 6 to 8 \_\_\_\_\_ old
6. belief in magic, luck and chance
7. the dark area formed when light is blocked
8. a groundhog usually weighs about 12 \_\_\_\_\_
9. the groundhog is the only animal with its own national \_\_\_\_\_

Yikes!!



Have super Super Bowl fun!

10. another name for a groundhog is \_\_\_\_\_
11. a groundhog can see very well, and has excellent \_\_\_\_\_
12. number of weeks winter will continue if Phil is "frightened" by his shadow
13. hot, cold, rain, wind, etc. What it looks and feels like outside!
14. a groundhog is an herbivore, which means it only eats \_\_\_\_\_
15. season of warmer weather following winter
16. a groundhog is an excellent \_\_\_\_\_

## Adventures and Excitement!

Have you had any exciting adventures lately? Many people are adventurous. They like new and unusual experiences. A few people even like to do things that are very bold or full of risks. These people like danger and thrills.

I love new adventures but I think that we should leave the dangerous, bold acts to the characters in movies and books!

Did you know that some of the ideas for adventure stories are based on real people's lives?

Find and circle these words in the sand below!

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happening footprint  
adventure  
exciting experiences  
cannibals marooned

rescue sea sailor shipwrecked island Robinson Crusoe raft storm new tide waves captain dog

The author, Daniel Defoe got the idea for his famous book, **Robinson Crusoe**, from the adventures of a real sailor. The sailor, named Alexander Selkirk, was marooned on an island in the Pacific Ocean in 1704 after an argument with his captain. He lived there alone for more than four years until he was rescued in 1709.

The adventures of Robinson Crusoe are filled with sea voyages, storms, shipwrecks and pirates! One day, after being marooned on the island (with only a dog for a friend), Crusoe saw a large footprint in the sand. Later, he saw about 30 cannibals around a fire ready to kill two men. What do you think he did? Was he ever rescued? **You'll have to read the book to find out!**

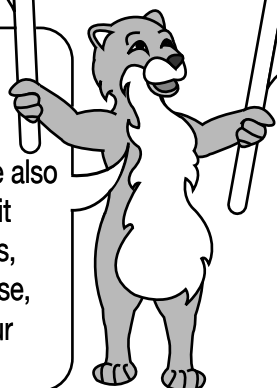
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Home Team!

We're pumped for Super Bowl!

Guest Team!

This year we're making chicken and cheese empanadas. We're also stocking up on fruit juices, veggie trays, chips and, of course, dips! What are your favorite snacks?

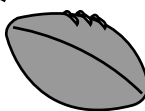


## Super Bowl Excitement!

Read each statement about the Super Bowl championship football game. **Circle the letter "T" if you think it is true. If you think it is false, circle the letter "F."**

1. The Super Bowl is the first football game played to kick off the football season. T F
2. The host city for the Super Bowl is different each year. T F
3. The Super Bowl game is always played on a Tuesday. T F
4. People like to gather together with their families and friends to watch the game. T F
5. Some favorite Super Bowl foods are buffalo chicken wings, chili, mini meatballs, pizza, brownies, chips and dips. T F
6. During the halftime show famous people play instruments and sing. T F

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I DON'T KNOW WHY...

...BUT I DO KNOW THE OTHER 25 LETTERS OF THE ALPHABET.

Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas

SO GUS, DID YOU ALWAYS WANT TO GROW UP TO THRASH STICKS, GRUNT AND THROW ROCKS AT PEOPLE?

OOOG...

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Shade  
4 Frontiersman Crockett  
8 Pocket bread  
12 100 percent  
13 Dutch cheese  
14 Pedestal occupant  
15 Cowboy's sweetie  
16 Do math  
18 Slowpoke  
20 Hydrocarbon suffix  
21 Cushions  
24 Persian Gulf emirate  
28 Nutritional label info  
32 Flamingo's color

DOWN

1 Crones  
2 — Bator  
3 First lady of scat  
4 Proclaim  
5 Nabokov novel  
6 Batman portrayer Kilmer  
7 Village People hit

57 Cowboy's neckwear  
58 Luau bowlful  
59 Quick swims  
60 Winter blanket  
61 Novelist Rand

8 Accumulate  
9 Hollywood's Lupino  
10 Nanny's charge  
11 Hearty quaff  
17 German conjunction  
19 Wall St. debut  
22 Platter  
23 Attack  
25 Coffin stand  
26 Con brand  
28 2006 Pixar film  
29 Help a hood  
30 Tax

31 Actress Ward  
35 "Calm down!"  
38 Drinks noisily  
40 Spell-off  
42 Brit. record label  
45 LAPD alerts  
47 Wine valley  
48 Helen's home  
49 Related  
50 Scoundrel  
51 "— was saying ..."  
52 Napkin's place  
53 "— -Tiki"  
54 "Evil Woman" band

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

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KIOK WLR'TN QSXMSXM SX,  
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DR. NICHOLAS L. WADDY COMMENTARY

# A Narrow Escape from Anti-Democracy Democrats

By DR. NICHOLAS L. WADDY

Alfred Sun Contributor

This article appeared first at World Net Daily: WND.com

Conservatives are celebrating the defeat of the Democrats' "voting rights" bills on Capitol Hill. They ought to, since these bills were a brazen attempt to federalize election administration, in clear violation of the Constitution, which gives power over elections to the states, and they would have watered down election integrity safeguards to a level that most genuine democracies would find laughable – or alarming. We can thank our lucky stars that Democratic Senators Kyrsten Sinema and Joe Manchin stood up to a storm of abuse from members of their own party and did what they felt was right for our nation. As a result, the filibuster, and our electoral norms, live on, even if both grow more shopworn by the day.

Our celebration of this victory, however, should be tempered by a realization of how close we came to a mammoth defeat. Sinema and Manchin's votes were only determinative of the outcome because the Democrats failed to win an outright majority in the Senate in 2020. Instead, Democrats and Republicans both have 50 votes in the chamber.

Imagine instead that Democrats had "won" in 2020 by the sort of margins that they and pollsters expected. Imagine that the Democratic majority in the House had grown instead of shrinking to next to nothing. Imagine that the Democrats could command 53, or 54, or 55 votes in the Senate. These are not unreasonable suppositions, after all. As recently as 2009, the Democrats had 60 votes in the Senate!

Had the Democrats won more robust majorities in both houses, it's a foregone conclusion that their election takeover bills would have passed – and, in fact, Democrats probably would have been emboldened to make them more ambitious, which is to say more imperious and dismissive of state authority. Only the Supreme Court would have stood between one political party and its complete domina-

tion of the rules of the game of American politics. We know that the Democrats would have rewritten those rules to make the detection and deterrence/punishment of election fraud and election law infractions virtually impossible – since, from their perspective, it's a racist myth that violations of election laws occur in the first place. Democrats would have ensured that everyone was registered to vote, and that every voter received a ballot in the mail regardless of whether they wanted one or not. And, undoubtedly, most of that veritable mountain of ballots would have found its way back to counting rooms in boards of election across the country, regardless of who filled them out, making it difficult, if not exactly impossible, for Democrats ever to lose an election again.

Had the Democrats possessed the safe majorities in the House and Senate that we talked about above, though, the transformative changes to our government would only have begun with election law reforms. Democrats want to add additional states to the Union – all of them, needless to say, reliably blue – giving them permanent, guaranteed control of the Senate. Democrats want to ramp up federal gun control laws, imperiling our Second Amendment rights. Democrats want to expand government intervention in health care to the point where the distinction between a public and private system – between socialized medicine and free market medical care – becomes largely academic. Democrats want to use the FCC, woke social media companies, and speech codes on college campuses to censor and silence conservatives. Democrats want to unseat members of the opposition party in the House and Senate and exclude them from running ever again in federal elections. Worst of all, Democrats in increasing numbers favor packing the Supreme Court to ensure that a majority of Justices will blindly support whatever further authoritarian measures progressives deem expedient. That would eliminate any check on the ability of Democrats and liberals to impose their will on the American people.

All of these horrors, which, in sum, really would amount to the extinguishing of American democracy, could easily have come to pass – if only Democrats had been a little more successful in the 2020 elections than they were. In other words, in 2020, we survived the effective end of competitive, multi-party, pluralistic democracy by the slimmest of margins...but not for the reason that the partisan January 6th Committee claims.

Conservatives should celebrate our historic victory over Democratic schemes to manipulate our elections, therefore. But we should also be thoroughly chastened and downright horrified by the fact that the opposing party has warmly embraced two very dangerous ideas: one, that the GOP has lost all legitimacy and is a racist, sexist, fascist cabal, "a dagger at the throat of America"; and, two, that the overturning of virtually any past democratic norm and/or constitutional principle is justified in order to prevent Republicans from retaking power.

It doesn't take a genius to in-

tuit where such views can lead: to tyranny and oppression. And they will lead us there, and in record time, unless the Democratic Party is defeated in 2022 and 2024. With any luck, those defeats would force Democrats to rethink their extremism and their betrayal of American and Western political traditions, and to return to some version of democratic normalcy.

Think of it this way: just a few years ago, Republicans controlled the House, the Senate, the presidency, and the courts, including the Supreme Court. Despite possessing that kind of sweeping power, they never seriously considered radically transforming the ground rules of our democracy. They supported the filibuster, even though it inconvenienced them, and they bowed respectfully to the edicts of the Supreme Court. They accepted, in short, that even a seeming monopoly over the levers of federal power does not convey unlimited authority or permanent dominion.

Now, a few years later, the Democrats show no such re-

straint. They are a party bent on entrenching itself in power and eliminating the opposing party as an effective political force.

That is why they must be beaten at all costs.

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Justin D. Henry  
Superintendent  
Allegany County  
Department of Public Works  
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# The Alfred Sun 75, 55, 35, 25, and 10 Years Ago

Compiled By DAVID L. SNYDER

*Alfred Sun Editor and Publisher*

## 75 Years Ago, January 30, 1947

The famous “Rogers Bible” which since 1866 has been in safe keeping at the Alfred University Library was this week sent to the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society in Plainfield, N.J. This copy of the New Testament translated by Crammer, Archbishop of Canterbury, was published in 1549 at Smithfield, England ten years following the first edition. It is believed to be the copy belonging to John Rogers, the martyr, who was burned at the stake in 1555 at Smithfield, England. It was caarefully kept as a family heirloom by his descendants and was brought to this country by a great-grandson, James Rogers. It ultimately became the property of Miss Mary Saunders of Hopkinton, R.I. and in 1866 was presented to the S.D.B. Conference at which time it was placed in the Alfred Library, since the newly organized S.D.B. Historical Society had no building of its own...

**Town of Alfred** has 193 dogs enumerated.

**Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pierce** left Monday morning on a trip to California with Mr. Pierce’s brother, Wayland Pierce of Royce, Calif., who has been visiting relatives in this vicinity and is driving back. Monday night they were guests of their aunt, Mrs. Mildred Berry in Pittsburgh. While in California, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce will visit Mrs. Pierce’s uncle, George Jacox of Los Angeles. They will return to Alfred by train.

**Gladys and Mildred Pierce** are guests of their aunt, Mrs. Ernest Snyder, while their parents are away and Audrey is staying with her aunt, L.N. Darling. Kenneth Snyder is helping at the Pierce farm while Mr. Pierce is gone.

**Lola Sutton, Paula Button** and Jerry Lewis attended a Youth Rally and banquet at the First Alfred Church in Alfred Sunday.

The **golden wedding** anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Babbitt was attended by about 75 friends and relatives...Miss Adaline Hall and John D. Babbitt were married at the home of the bride Jan. 20, 1897...They have a daughter in San Francisco, Calif.

## 55 Years Ago, January 26, 1967

The year 1966 was the best year yet for the American economy, but not for the economy of the Alfred University Research Area, according to men who operate businesses in the territory, which includes parts of Steuben, Allegany and Livingston Counties. The contest was shown in a report by Savo D. Jevremovic, assistant professor of economics and business administration, given to participants in the 10th annual Businessmen’s Seminar on Wednesday night...

The **Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church** observed 136 years of worship and service on Jan. 21. The service also honored fifty-year members...Those honored guests present for the service were: Mrs. Gertrude Stillman, Cuba, a member for 73 years; Mrs. Edson Pierce, Alfred, a member for 62 years; Harry Austin and Mrs. Oscar Stuart, both of Alfred Station, members for

61 years; Mrs. Leon Lewis, Alfred Station, a member for 58 years; members for 56 years were Mrs. Fred J. Pierce, Alfred Station; Miss Rubie Clarke, Alfred; Mrs. Elba Odell, Andover; members for 52 years: Merl Clarke, Alfred; and Mr. and Mrs. Delfrey Ormsby, Alfred Station; Mrs. Harry Austin, Alfred Station, a member for 52 years; and 50 year members Robert Ormsby and Rowland K. Ormsby...

**Almond—Mr. and Mrs.** Carl F. Leathersich of Spencerport spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Lee A. Ryan and family...Callers this week of Mrs. Flora Page were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Austin of Alfred Station and Mrs. Gertie Stillman and son Asa of Cuba...

The **Alfred Saxons** barely missed a major upstate college basketball upset when they lost to Roberts Wesleyan 58-52 last Saturday night. The Saxons put on a “deep freeze” that cooled off the 110-points-a-game Wesleyan cagers and had Men’s Gym in an uproar. Coming into the game at 11-1, Wesleyan was favored to run away from the Saxons. Bob Baker surprised them with his control ball. The Saxons played it for 40 minutes—from start to finish...Mike Doviak scored 14 for Alfred while Tom Reardon and Mike Johnston had 11 apiece.

## 35 Years Ago, January 29, 1987

**Alfred University Director** of Public Relations Margaret Byrd Adams has been appointed writer and editor for the proposed Center for Advanced Technology (CAT) at the NYS College of Ceramics. President Edward G. Coll Jr. and CAT Director W. Richard Ott announced the appointment effective March 2. Assistant Director of Public Relations Deborah Clark of Wellsville has been appointed interim director of public relations...

The **United States House** of Representatives has designated the Southern Tier Expressway as a project worthy of specific federal funding, U.S. Representative Amo Houghton announced recently. As a result, the Transportation Bill approved by the House includes \$9 million in federal funding for the construction of an interchange between Routes 15 and 17 in Steuben County...

**Glenn Zweygardt**, professor of sculpture and chairman of the three-dimensional division, NYS College of Ceramics at Alfred University, sold to a private collector the sculpture he exhibited in a recent invitational show at 14 Sculptors Gallery, New York City. “Post Slate Column,” a column fabricated from steel, cast bronze and gray slate, was a part of “Columns by Artists,” which featured columnar interpretations by 40 selected artists from across the United States...

**Linda Castrovillo**, manager of Adieu Travel in Alfred, will provide the program for the 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 5 meeting of the Alfred Business Association.

**Beth E. Granger**, a former Almond resident, was admitted to the New York State Bar in a ceremony held in Buffalo on Jan. 15. The ceremony marked the 100th anniversary of both the Erie County Bar Association and the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School...

**Alfredians**—Stacy Pierce, Twin Valley Terrace, Almond, who had a barbership in Alfred for over twenty years, retired as of Dec. 12, 1986. He is now doing upholstery work in his home workshop...Mr. and Mrs. F. Elwood Cornelius of Alfred Station returned Jan. 21 from a trip to Deerfield, VA where they visited their sons, Bradley and Daryl Cornelius...Mr. and Mrs. Mark Klingensmith and son, Alistair of Fairbanks, Alaska have been visiting Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Klingensmith... The trouble with being punctual is that no one is there to notice it...

## 25 Years Ago, January 16, 1997

(Photo) **More than 600** Alfred-Almond Central School District residents packed the school’s new gymnasium to celebrate its dedication Friday night, Jan. 10. Here, they respond to a cheer led by Alfred-Almond’s cheerleaders during the Eagles’ win over Bradford.

**Notes from Palmiter Hill** (By Rev. Albert N. Rogers) Winter birds are fewer in number, it seems, but we are grateful for the Juncos and Sparrows. Perhaps March will bring us a few other species...We are proud to announce the birth of a great grandson in a New York hospital. His big sister will no doubt learn to “mother” him and help her mother...The picture of the improvements recently completed at Alfred-Almond Central School as shooin last week’s Alfred Sun shows the completed

addition to the building. We can all be proud of the facility which will serve our boys and girls...Alfred’s police report shows that the officers serve our area as well as tyhe village of Alfred. I have found them gentlemen as well as officials...Sandra Broughton, Alfred’s town assessor, is offering tax return forms and assistance to senior citizens at her office on Shaw Road in Alfred Station...My ffamily recently enjoyed a family dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jason Rogers near Rochester.

**It is always a case of David versus Goliath** when A-A and Canaseraga compete in the strong Southern Tier Ski League, as the Class D schools take on six Class B teams. On Saturday, the stone hit the giant right in the forehead, as the A-A girls and Canaseraga boys knocked off the big schools and took first places in the giant slalom race. In the girls’ competition, Coach Dennis O’Brien’s veterans came through with Karen Lichtman’s 7th, Teri Baschmann’s 8th and Flora Gill’s 9th. That trio all finished between 1:35.46 and 1:35.74. Beth Harris (12), Sarah Bitting (15), Sarah Ostrower (16) and Erin Foreman (20) gave the Eagles an amazing seven top twenty races...In the boys race...A-A’s Jeremy Stearns and Kevin Barber were 36th and 42nd...

## 10 Years Ago, January 26, 2012

**Dr. Arun Varshneya** of Alfred, president of Saxon Glass Technologies, Inc. and professor of glass science and engineering, *emeritus*, Alfred University was invited to deliver the platinum jubilee lecture at the 75th session of the Indian Ceramic Society meeting held Dec. 20-22, 2011 at Agra (India). His lecture was entitled, “Strengthened Glasses for the 21st Century”. It was an emotional “homecoming” for Arun since Agra, the city of the world-famous Taj Mahal, is also his birth place. He left Agra nearly 50 years ago to study glass technology at the University of Sheffield, moving to Case Western Reserve University (then Case Institute of Technology) in Cleveland OH for graduate studies in glass...

**Craig R. Clark**, PE, dean, School of Applied Technology, Alfred State College, was recently named a 2011 Appalachian Teaching Fellow during ceremonies at the 11th annual Appalachian Teaching Project (ATP) conference in Washington, DC...

**Elizabeth B. Kent**, 89, of Andover, passed away Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012 at home. Mrs. Kent was born on Feb. 3, 1922, in Baltimore, MD, to Karl and Harriet (Blythe) Kibler. She was a 1941 graduate of Forest Park High School in Baltimore. On Aug. 26, 1942 in Woodlawn, MD, she married Donald E. Kent, who predeceased her on March 11, 1999. Elsie worked alongside her husband as secretary of Kent Farms and was his hands-on assistant from 1946 until retiring in 1986...

The **February meeting** of the Amandine Club will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2 at the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Parish House. This year’s programs are highlighting the history and practice of current area small businesses. This month’s program will be given by Karen Tufty sharing about the Alfred Bakeware produced by Tufty Ceramics Inc. Thought for the Day will be given by Sandra McGraw, and the hostesses for the afternoon will be Laurie McFadden and Kay Chapman...

**Allegany County** folks, it’s time to plan to come to the annual picnic on Friday, March 2. The 56th annual picnic will be held at Polo Park East recreation hall located on Route 27, west of Orlando...

A **son, Beckett Carmine**, was born at 3:33 a.m. Friday, Jan. 20, 2012 (23 minutes after arriving at the hospital) to Jonathan and Mary Ellen (Hoffman) Dono of Oneonta. He weighed 7# 10oz. at birth and was 19" long. Maternal grandparents are Rich and Mary Hoffman of Alfred Station. Beckett joins a big sister, Jamie, at home.

As the *Alfred Sun* was going to press on Tuesday, fans of an upstart local band were waiting Tuesday to hear whether the band will win a national contest at a chance to play GRAMMY Live in L.A. during music’s biggest week! The Tuesday Tuesdays, a trio of 2011 Alfred-Almond Central School graduates whose largest gig to date was for hundreds at their combined high school graduation party at Foster’s Lake last summer, were in the running. Jonathan Mix, son of Craig and Diane Mix of Almond, Zachary Wilcox, son of Tim and Traci Wilcox of Hornell, and Leah Crosby, daughter of Steve and Luanne Crosby of Alfred, comprise The Tuesday Tuesdays...



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Our guests will be Mark and Lera Hamilton and their family. Mark and Lera direct the ministry of Young Life in Belarus. (Mark is from Australia, and Lera calls Rochester, NY home.) During the Sabbath Worship Hour Mark will be sharing about the work of the Lord through their ministry with Young Life.

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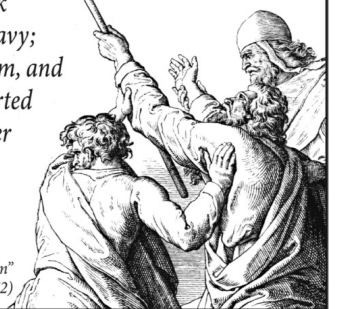


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EXODUS 17: 11,12

"Aaron Holding Moses' Arm"  
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## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Job in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. The book of Hebrews tells us to entertain strangers as they may be ...? *Demons, Angels, Prophets, Reincarnated*
3. From Genesis 17:15, what was the name of Abraham's wife? *Ruth, Anna, Abigail, Sarah*
4. Which book of the New Testament is divided into three parts? *Corinthians, Timothy, Peter, John*
5. In Mark 5:30, who said, "Who touched my clothes"? *Jesus, John the Baptist, David, Solomon*
6. What was the name of Seth's son, thus Adam's grandson? *Eliam, Ead-bhard, Enosh, Eadmer*

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Angels; 3) Sarah; 4) John; 5) Jesus; 6) Enosh

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LOCAL NEWS

# AU student's history paper had personal connection

ALFRED—Alfred University senior student R. J. Hillman was a student in History Professor Gary Ostrower's class on the Second World War when, as the 2021 Fall semester approached its conclusion, the time came for Hillman to write his principal essay for the course.

He chose a subject with which he had a personal connection.

His grandfather, Robert Hillman, had served in the U.S. Navy during the war. Hillman's ship, the U.S.S. Bismarck Sea, sank off the coast of Iwo Jima in February 1945 during the battle for the island. Hillman leaped from the sinking ship and spent hours in the frigid waters helping an injured sailor stay afloat

before they eventually were rescued.

Growing up in Hornell, R.J. Hillman had heard family stories of the sinking of the Bismarck Sea, although not from his grandfather.

"Talking about the war just wasn't something he was comfortable doing. He wasn't comfortable bringing up all those bad memories," R.J. said. But the elder Hillman did share some of his war stories with his wife Eleanor, R.J.'s grandmother. She in turn shared some of those stories with her grandchildren.

Hillman decided to turn the story of the Bismarck Sea's sinking into his research paper for Ostrower's course, and Os-

trower helped point him in the right direction for references. Hillman consulted U.S. naval history archives and communicated with a Navy archivist who sent him a copy of the Bismarck Sea captain's official debriefing. The Navy had its own log on the Bismarck Sea's history.

The result was a 10-page research paper that included specifications for the Bismarck Sea, a 30-plane, Casablanca-class escort carrier that carried 41 pilots. Thirty-nine of those pilots received the Distinguished Flying Cross medal after the war. Of the ship's total crew, 318 lost their lives when the Bismarck Sea sank.

Hillman's research and final

draft impressed Ostrower so much, he encouraged Hillman to condense the essay to newspaper length. On Nov. 15, the Olean Times-Herald published Hillman's article under the headline: "In Harm's Way: the Bismarck Sea's final Hours in WWII."

"It was an awesome experience writing about it," Hillman says now. "I had never really researched anything about family history or anything related to my family."

Hillman's grandfather died in 2018, but R.J. got to share the essay with his grandmother. "She was over the moon about it. She says she learned a lot from it that she hadn't known."

And Hillman is particularly grateful he was encouraged to write about the Bismarck Sea's final battle. Ostrower had provided numerous suggestions for research paper topics, but Hillman was drawn to researching his grandfather's personal history of World War II.

"Professors at Alfred are willing to work with you on your research projects," R.J. says.



**R.J. HILLMAN**  
*AU senior from Hornell*

"They'll work with you, so you can work on something you're excited about."

As a history major, Hillman hopes to attend Colorado State University as a graduate student, working in the area of public history. He hopes eventually to become an environmental historian working in connection with national parks.

To read Hillman's Olean Times-Herald article, visit: [https://www.oleantimesherald.com/opinion/in-harm-s-way-the-bismarck-seas-final-hours-in-wwii/article\\_e20cc55b-29e2-5a0f-a5f3-9aa4750bcc43.html](https://www.oleantimesherald.com/opinion/in-harm-s-way-the-bismarck-seas-final-hours-in-wwii/article_e20cc55b-29e2-5a0f-a5f3-9aa4750bcc43.html)



## MATTERS of Finance

By **MATHEW S. HILL, CFP®**  
*Financial Advisor*

### Five Mistakes to Avoid When Naming Beneficiaries

If you've ever spent time working through your estate plan, you know how important it is to select and update your beneficiaries. Failing to do so can result in costly mistakes – for you and your loved ones. Here are five common mistakes that can easily be avoided with a bit of proactive planning:

#### Mistake #1 – Not naming a beneficiary on all accounts.

Ensure you have beneficiary designations on all of your retirement, investment and banking accounts, as well as your insurance policies. If you don't name a beneficiary on one or more accounts, your estate becomes the beneficiary of that account and your loved ones will need to go through the probate process (a legal process most families want to avoid for financial and emotional reasons). If this happens, your relative can lose their ability to use "stretch" payouts based on their life expectancy because the tax-advantaged status for retirement assets is lost.

#### Mistake #2 – Forgetting to name a contingent beneficiary on all accounts.

Many people list the same loved one – usually a partner or parent – as the primary beneficiary on most or all accounts. If this is how you've handled your assets, it is important for you to also name a contingent beneficiary. This is because if your primary beneficiary passes away first and no contingent beneficiaries are listed, it's comparable to having no beneficiary designation. If you both die at the same time, funds go into probate.

Naming contingent beneficiaries also gives the primary beneficiary the option to execute a qualified disclaimer so some assets can pass to next-in-line loved ones. For example, a primary beneficiary may not wish to claim the assets because of tax implications or because they don't need the assets and prefer instead to pass your gift onto another beneficiary.

#### Mistake #3 – Not using specific names.

One mistake many people make is listing a generic term – such as children, parents or aunts – instead of specific names in their beneficiary selections. This can be problematic, especially if you are part of a blended family. Many states won't include or recognize stepchildren when the word "children" is listed. Another risk of vagueness is that a family member you've lost contact with may

enter the picture and try to claim a piece of your remaining assets. With this in mind, make sure you use full names of each person when naming beneficiaries.

#### Mistake #4 – Failing to review your beneficiary selections regularly.

Beneficiary designations override your will, so it's crucial to keep them up to date. You may need to update your choices every few years due to life changes, such as if beneficiaries have died or your relationship with them has changed. This is particularly applicable if you've gone through a divorce or remarried. If your ex-spouse inadvertently remains the designated beneficiary of an account, he or she may have the upper hand if the case winds up in court.

#### Mistake #5 – Not communicating your preferences with your partner and family.

Communicating your legacy wishes is an important step to helping your loved ones know what to expect upon your death. While it can be tough to initiate the conversation, doing so can help reassure loved ones that you have a plan. Keep in mind that you don't need to share the exact amount of money you plan to pass down to respective family members, unless doing so is your preference. Instead, share high-level details that give your family insight into how you intend to share your hard-earned wealth.

Estate planning isn't the most enjoyable part of planning for your financial future, but it is crucial to helping ensure that your assets are handled the way you desire after you no longer have control. Beneficiary designations can be complex, and depending on your situation, it may be hard to decide who to list as the recipient of assets. If you want a second opinion or help assessing the implications of your options, consult an estate planner and financial advisor in your area.

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Pandemic Escapes

Henna Day

By SHANMUGAVELAYUTHAM  
KAMAKSHI SUNDARAM  
*Special to The Alfred Sun*

**H**enna -- a plant-based decorative dye. It is an integral part of festivals, engagement ceremony, and wedding parties in Indian culture. Designs vary from simple bands, circles and dots on the hands of girls in small villages and towns to elaborate patterns on brides' hands in rich neighborhoods. They usually fade away over weeks, slowly, with memories lingering. In our home, in Neyveli, a coal-mining town in southern India, we had our own version of a Henna Day tradition.

Growing up with four sisters in the 1970s in India was, for a boy, like living five different childhoods rolled into one. Three of my sisters were older than I. *Periya akka* (big sister), the smartest one, was the strict enforcer of house rules. *Nadu akka* (middle sister), the kinder one, made the best *chappathi* (flat bread) for our Wednesday dinners. *Chinna akka* (young sister), the bolder one, was trusted with prescriptions and any health records. My younger sister, *kutti thangai* (little sister), the gentler one, apologized to our *Amma* (mother) for any wrongdoing before going to bed every day.

In my native language, Tamil, henna is called *marudhani* and our yearly henna day always fell on the first Sunday of summer holidays. It was all-out girls' day in our home. I was included as a designated helper with specific assigned tasks. That gave me a window into their world full of mysteries unfamiliar to me like their sudden unexpected bursts of laughter and, the strange and unspoken, three-day regiment of monthly isolation.

Fresh henna leaves would be collected



Marudahni - simple designs.

from friends or bought from neighborhood vendors known to cultivate henna trees that produced the best colors. Some, for example, would develop the deepest reds. Others would yield the brightest colors when applied on the night of a full moon. Mothers expecting baby girls, on the other hand, would decorate themselves with the lightest of reds.

Henna day began with an undercurrent of excitement. Elaborate preparations would start right after lunch. The henna leaves were usually ground to a paste using a granite grinding stone. The stone would be then rolled back and forth over the leaves to make a dark greenish-black substance.

The tricky part was to avoid touching the paste with your fingers or any other part of the body during preparation. Such an accident could lead to colors staining clothing or skin where you certainly did not want it to be. We used a long spoon to move the leaves around during the grinding to avoid direct contact with our

hands. Once the process was completed, the paste was set aside for several hours.

After early dinner, my sisters would start applying the paste carefully and swiftly on to their palms and fingers in simple basic geometric patterns, like a circle at the center of the palm surrounded by small dots and bands along the fingers. My big sister would help her other sisters with their decorations and then would start on her own. She would trace a pattern on to her right hand first, and clean her left hand with soapy water. That was when I would be summoned to help her with creating a henna design on her left hand.

Once done, the paste needed to dry on skin overnight, leaving a residue of bright color. Thus, my sisters had to sleep on their backs throughout the night so that the developing color and patterns would not be disturbed. Generally, they would chat among themselves until they fell asleep. I would be present to make sure they moved as little as possible.

On one of those henna days, I recall, I applied a touch of the paste to my right thumb. Young boys like me were allowed to try henna only on a thumb. Anything beyond that would lead to ridicule by friends about one's sexuality. As that particular day ended, and mildly curious as to how my thumb would turn out, I simply dozed off.

Next morning, I woke up to a burst of cheers from my sisters. They for their part all had bright red coloration on their hands. They eagerly began comparing various shades of red and orange. Middle sister had the brightest red of them all.

I meanwhile dashed out to the kitchen to wash off the dried crumbly paste from my thumb, revealing a bright stroke of red with a touch of orange around the edges. I was excited to show that off to my sisters. They examined it and declared I was warm-bodied -- this was a part of henna folklore -- as my thumb had produced the orange color around the edges.

Later that day, while bathing, I discovered, to my horror, a streak of the red and orange on my right thigh. I must have scratched my skin in sleep smearing some of the paste from my thumb. It would now take weeks for that scandalous mark to naturally fade away.

The shorts I normally wore would fail to conceal the revelatory dye. In that case, I wondered, how I would ever be able to fend off the bullies who gathered on the playground that summer.

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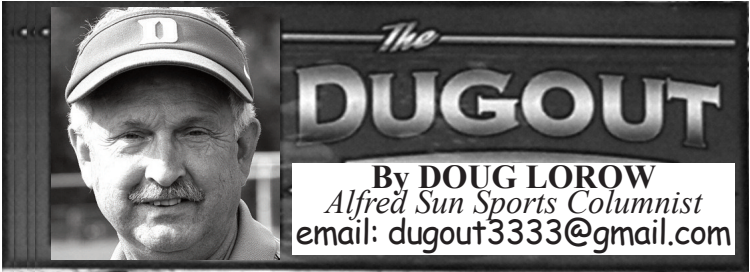
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Not sure where to begin this week after a wild-crazy-awesome weekend past of NFL Division round playoff contests as the two Saturday games were low scoring, but good and the two Sunday contests were about as exciting as possible. The Cincinnati Bengals and San Francisco 'Niners were on the road as they knocked off the respective #1 seeds. The LA Rams continued the visitor winning trend on Sunday as they hung on to top the defending Super Bowl champs from Tampa Bay. And then the Instant Classic, the game that should've been a conference championship contest, at worst, as the KC Chiefs survived the Buffalo Bills in overtime to advance to another AFC title game. Whew!

QB Joe Burrow of the Bengals was sacked and harassed all day in Tennessee and he still was 28/37 for 348 yards. The Titans were at home, off a first-round bye week as the top seed and their QB looked like the Ryan Tannehill of his Miami Dolphins tenure as he had three passes picked off with 220-passing yards. Burrow and his former LSU teammate, WR Ja'Marr Chase are a nightmare for opposing defenses. Cincinnati got a game-ending FG to advance as this would be a theme in all four playoff contests. If Burrow and Chase stay healthy, the Bengals shore up that offensive line, they will be right in there with the Chiefs and Bills for the AFC bragging rights for years to come. Burrow is that good! Cincy advances, 19-16.

In the potential Swan Song for the back-to-back MVP of Aaron Rodgers, in the blustery cold and snow at Lambeau Field, the GB Packers were upset by the visiting 'Niners. Now, San Francisco played in the toughest division in the NFL with three teams in the playoffs but this is the Packers ... Lambeau ... Rodgers and they lost. Another tight game decided late and the big questions, of course, will be is Rodgers return to the Packers? Will Rodgers retire? Will Rodgers be traded? Guessing only Jake from State Farm knows! For a team projected to go to the Super Bowl this year, with a top-seed and a hungry Rodgers at the helm, this is a crushing loss. McDrip in Newburgh is still stunned. Basically SF won despite their QB, Jimmy Garoppolo, who is average, at best. This could be the last run for him in a 'Niners uniform. San Fran, 13-10 as Rodgers doesn't throw a TD pass.

As good as the Saturday games were, the Sunday games were just "nuts" at times! The LA Rams headed to Raymond James Stadium in Tampa to take on the defending Super Bowl champs and Tom Brady. The Bucs with injuries all over the place and especially with a banged-up offensive line. Not good for Brady and it showed early and often. The Rams were up 27-3 midway thru the third quarter. Yes, 27-3! With some Brady magic, runs by Leonard Fournette, the receiving of Mike Evans and miscues by the Rams, Tampa Bay tied the game up at 27-27 with only 0:42 left in regulation. Another Brady miracle? Not when the defense allows Cooper Kupp, only the best WR in the game this year, to get behind the secondary for a long (huge) gain shortly after that. How does that even happen? Drop players deep to prevent that. The Rams kick a FG as time expires and the Bucs are out. Was that the last game of the legendary career of Tom Brady?

And the game at nite was even better than the LA-TB contest. The Buffalo Bills are at Arrowhead Stadium as they try, once again, to advance past the Chiefs in the AFC. This game had a little bit of everything including outstanding performances by the two signal-callers in Josh Allen and Patrick Mahomes. Back and forth, especially in the fourth quarter with each team coming back after spectacular players by the opponent. How many times did Allen have this game "won" for the Bills? He was doing everything on the field. Unfortunately for the Bills of WNY, Mahomes is so elusive and great, they are never out of games. WR Gabriel Davis of the Bills set a playoff record with four TD's and he totaled 201-yards. Allen had 329-passing yards and numerous clutch runs. The only thing he did wrong all day was lose the coin flip for overtime. Mahomes had 378-passing yards in the win and half that in the fourth quarter/overtime. Perhaps the two best teams in the NFL, right now and they put on a show. Time to change to overtime rules? When the Bills don't even get a chance to have the ball in OT, something is wrong there. The Chiefs advance to their fourth straight AFC title game, 42-36 in overtime. Doubt the Super Bowl will be as exciting as this game was.

Quarterbacks run their respective teams and if you don't have a good one in the NFL, forget it. The AFC with Burrow, Allen, Mahomes and perhaps Justin Herbert of the LA Chargers at the helm. Could be an interesting next few years if they all stay healthy. Allen couldn't have done much more than he did on Sunday ... some of those passes were awesome, but they still came up short. A win at

DUGOUT CONTINUED...

KC and the Bills would be hosting the AFC title game this weekend. Orchard Park wouldn't have been too crazy! Heck, the "Traveling Sports Fan" from Almond might have even made it in from Missouri, St. Louis, Indy and Cleveland in time for the game.

My preseason NFL pick for the Super Bowl of the LA Rams and the KC Chiefs is still intact and would be a little surprised if it wasn't that. The Rams beat the 'Niners and they will play the SB in their home stadium. Back-to-back years for that to happen and it has never happened before. Not too crazy a weekend.

HITS AND MISSES:

**The Alfred Saxons** (9-6) men's hoop squad has struggled of late with losses to SJ Fisher at home, 82-74 and on the road against Utica, 64-51. The have upcoming games versus Houghton, at Nazareth and at Houghton. Why are they scheduled to play Houghton the 25th and 29th? A tad screwy E8 scheduling. Then it is Keuka College on back-to-back nites next week, although one is a makeup from a Covid-issue. Nice stretch to take 4/5 though!

**For the AU women's** (6-9) basketball program it is a bigger struggle as they have now dropped 7/8 after a promising start with losses to SJ Fisher and Utica of late.

**Across the street** at Alfred State College, the men's hoop team is at (6-10) and the women at (7-6) amidst some cancellations/postponements. Both just fell to PS-Behrend in AMCC league play.

**The St. Bonaventure** men's (11-4) basketball team is coming off a hard-fought win at Duquesne in A10 action as getting thumped out in Dayton, 68-50. Bona held off the Dukes for the win, 64-56 and were at George Mason on Wednesday (1/26). Guessing Mixer will be taking in that game. Bona hosts St. Joe's on Saturday and Davidson next week. Two key league games. Will Robert H. Torrey be able to make games at the Reilly Center after a lengthy trip of late to (perhaps) see the Bills play in KC?

**Coach Tom Spanbauer** (ex-AU) and his Cortland men's basketball team dropped two league games last week as they fell to Brockport and Oswego. The Lakers of Oswego are (15-1) and most recently ranked #25 in the nation in D3. They are obviously in first-place in the SUNYAC's. Cortland is seventh behind Geneseo and Brockport for the last conference post season berth. Plattsburgh is a sad (2-14/1-8) after years of excellence under Coach Tom Curle.

**Randolph-Macon** is ranked #1 in the men's most recent Division III basketball rankings with Wesleyan in at #15, the team AU played in a holiday tourney. RPI was #23 and Oswego in at #25. Hope leads the way for the women as SJ Fisher was #25.

**Free agent Breanna** Stewart to leave the Seattle Storm in the WNBA and perhaps sign with the New York Liberty? Stewart, with accolades and awards galore, is from the Syracuse area but has played her entire WNBA career in Seattle. Maybe sign a one-year deal with Seattle as Sue Bird coming back for one more shot? Two of the all-time UConn greats.

**Came across** a couple of staggering stats from the career of Wilt Chamberlain. In one game he had a "quintuple double!" of 53-points, 32-rebounds, 14-assists, 24-blocked shots, 12-steals. Just mind boggling. He is also the only player in NBA history with two 40+ totals in the same game, rebounds and points. In a 1961 contest he had 78-points and 43-boards. Egads.

He did the 40+-40+ "double" eight times. Playing with the Philadelphia Warriors, San Francisco Warriors, Philly Sixers and LA Lakers. Almost played with the San Diego franchise in the ABA late in his career as a player-coach. Think legalities blocked that. Oh yes, the Conquistadors!

**The aging and** struggling LA Lakers (real shame) were at 23-24 as of Sunday past and barely hanging onto a potential playoff berth. Coach LeBron James playing huge minutes with Anthony Davis always hurt and the Russell Westbrook trade not exactly working out that great. A very gifted athlete who can't shoot. And who is the "genius" that gave him a contract for \$42 million this year and \$47 next year?

**A-A Hall of Famer**, John Baker and his daughter, Carly just back from a recent trip to Tenerife in Spain on a break from the rigors at Cheesy Ed-dies. Assume Carly had some time off from her three jobs in the Philly area!

**A-A Hall of Famer**, Don Z. Higgins was recently honored by the Memorial Bike Riders as the USMC Veteran of the Year. Richly deserved. This coming on the heels of finding out he has a dog named after him up in Old Forge ... Mr. Higgins!

**Following up** on the recent passing of A-A graduate, Mike Neville ... Big Nev, as various people sent me texts or emails about him and all said basically the same thing. "He always had a smile, loved calling the games even playing as a youth in Almond and would talk sports with you, on end, when you crossed paths." Great guy!

**No word from the** former owner of the Torrey Painting Striders as to whether he actually made it to KC to see the Bills game? Last I knew he made it to St. Louis! This after adventures in Cleveland and Indianapolis, I believe. Waiting to hear from him ... eventually.

**"Get a kick" out of the** various promos that say the Pro Bowl is in February ... "with the 88 best players in the NFL." First of all, that never happens. Players opt out, some are injured who were voted in and obviously players from the two SB teams won't play. The Pro Bowl will be on ESPN from Las Vegas, the Home of the Raiders.

**Time for Phil** Mickelson to play almost strictly on the PGA Champions Tour. He was in the PGA event this past weekend and finished almost dead last, missing the cut, obviously. Sure he'll play the regular PGA Tour's majors and some other selected events but time to grab more trophies on the Champions Tour?

**It was off to the** Brooksville CC this past Saturday on a windy and "tad chilly" day here in Florida. Jake Taft taking honors with a 94, Craig Goodwin from Maine and I in at 103, Mr. Timmer struggled at 110. "I'm not sure if I could've even beat Frank today," noted a disconsolate Scummer ... with birthday greetings this week. Back to Sherman Hills this Saturday.

**Upcoming an** article on the revitalized USFL. **This Sunday:** Rams over San Fran, 27-20 and Chiefs nip the Bengals, 27-24.



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