

Otto and Joyce Berliner of Alfred read The Alfred Sun, their community newspaper, in Layton, Utah with a view of the mountains behind. Joyce attended a conference at the Advanced Brain Technology to learn about The Listening Program while Otto worked on his second novel.



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Desperate, determined Citizens' group in despair

By **ELAINE HARDMAN**
Alfred Sun Reporter

WELLSVILLE—Desperation, determination and despair were all suitable words to apply to the meeting of the Allegany County Citizens for Responsible Government on Monday, January 11 at the auditorium of the David A. Howe Public Library in Wellsville.

Lanny Sweet called the group of 30 to order with the pledge of allegiance at 7 p.m. Cindy Gowiski reported that Norm Ungerman was at a funeral and Karl Kruger was snowplowing but they were still supporters of the group. Gowiski read the minutes and treasurer's report.

The group, ACCFRG, is trying to change the courthouse construction project in Belmont. Their case went before Judge Patrick NeMoyer at the NY State Courthouse in Buffalo in December and ACCFRG met to assess the ruling and determine their next move.

ACCFRG declared that the county hasn't followed State Environmental Quality Review process. Barb Hetzel stated that it seemed that NeMoyer's sympathies were with the group but that he would have to rule against them because of timing even if he felt the complaints were valid. NeMoyer said that the filing had to be within 4 months of the negative SEQR declaration even though that declaration wasn't made public.

ACCFRG contended that the purchase of two houses was made in order to build a new parking area to replace parking spots lost by the construction of the addition and therefore was part of the project. ACCFRG

holds a letter that states that the purchases would be made for parking but at the hearing Mr. Minor and Mr. Spitzer, attorneys for project, convinced NeMoyer that the purchase of the houses was unrelated. If the houses were part of the project, the timeline would have extended so that ACCFRG was within the limit.

ACCFRG holds the position that the problems with the courthouse construction are ongoing and now include that the bids submitted were not in compliance with statutes requiring a complete list of sub contractors. The correspondence regarding the bids took place prior to the bids being accepted by legislators but only Legislator Pullen and Attorneys Minor and Spitzer were aware of the information. It was not given to the other legislators.

Ross Scott, attorney for ACCFRG, summarized NeMoyer's 17 page ruling. He said that the judge found that ACCFRG has standing in the case - the group has a right to contest the actions of the county government.

ACCFRG contended that Judge Anne Pfau did not have the right to act on her own without calling the Court Facilities Review Board to consider the project with her. NeMoyer said that she had the right to act on her own. Scott noted that while the CFRB always looks at capital plans that all the judges who might review her actions "owe their jobs to her (Pfau)."

A second point was that the project is a waste or misuse of funds because the project is a much larger facility than is needed. Again the NeMoyer



At Monday night's meeting, far left is the group's attorney Ross Scott, standing is Lanny Sweet, and seated (from left) are Cindy Gowiski and Barb Hetzel. (Elaine Hardman Photo)

found that the group had standing to contest this but NeMoyer ruled that there is no proof of illegal or unlawful behavior.

The third matter was that the Office of Court Administrations should be subject to the State Environmental Quality Review Act. There were 15 points named by ACCFRG to support this but NeMoyer said that he could not consider any of them.

He could only look at the time line.

The fourth matter was that of the time line issue, referred to as the segmentation issue. Ross outlined the documents signed by Mr. Pullen as chair of the Court Facilities Board and discussing the purchase of the Tronetti and Presutti property. In the ruling there are errors in the dates and this is an opening for

appeal.

While written statements hold that the houses were purchased for the purpose of parking areas the county now says that they need them to build storage areas. NeMoyer's ruling seems to hold that he accepts this alternate use of the property and the county cannot develop that property for parking.

Gowiski said that the 16,000 square feet of the old jail already exists so she'd like to know how much storage area Allegany County needs. Others said that they were very upset that the jail space wasn't being renovated to accommodate the need for more court space.

There was discussion of the payment of the \$13 million for this construction. The county does not plan to issue a bond until after construction. This is seen by some as a way of hiding the actual cost plus interest that will later pound the taxpayers.

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WELLSVILLE—The SkillUSA Club members of Alfred State College's School of Applied Technology conducted a food and gift drive for the soldiers fighting overseas. Members placed collection boxes on campus and collected and mailed nine boxes of foodstuffs and other items. Pictured shown packing Christmas boxes are (from left) Richard Germain, Tonawanda, and Nicole Wagner, Canisteo, Bob Assad, East Aurora, and Andrew Litzinger, Cherry Point, NC, (former Marine); Michael Thomas II, Queens Village, and Ronny Freeland, Canisteo, and Shareya Emery, Binghamton.



Group desperate, determined...

(Continued from front page)

There was discussion of the historical status of the old courthouse. Richard Nixon signed an executive order while he was in office that gives the building a determination of eligibility as a historic structure. It has to be nominated to complete the process and that has never been done.

It was stated by a member that nobody should file a frivolous lawsuit or appeal but that appealing this was necessary to slow the process in the hope for a more reasonable plan. Another member stated that even when people have agreements in writing that the county government does not honor commitments. It was stated that though the legislative board meetings begin with a prayer that shouldn't be thought to indicate that principle or law would stand in the way of

STORK REPORT

It's a boy! Jamison William Snyder was born Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009 to Justin and Allison Snyder of Alfred. The infant, who weighed 7 lb. 11 oz. at birth, is grandson of Bonnie Ross of Arkport and the late Ken Snyder.

the county government getting what it wants.

ACCFRG is desperate to stop what they consider to be a frivolous and unnecessary project. They are determined to explore all the options open to them and the despair of hearing the truth from their legislators in Belmont.

Weather for the Week

December 21-January 10				
Dec. Hi	Lo	Precip.	Snow	
21 30	21	.01"	1.0"	
22 24	15	Trace	.5"	
23 21	9	--	--	
24 26	20	Trace	.25"	
25 38	34	.35"	--	
26 42	21	.40"	--	
27 36	20	.04"	3.0"	
28 21	5	.04"	1.5"	
29 15	9	--	--	
30 28	18	--	--	
31 34	27	.02"	1.5"	
Jan. 1 32	9	.01	1.25"	
2 13	6	.02"	1.5"	
3 15	11	.01"	1.0"	
4 18	11	Trace	1.0"	
5 22	16	Trace	1.0"	
6 23	20	Trace	Trace	
7 21	18	.02"	3.0"	
8 21	9	.01"	1.5"	
9 20	-9	--	--	
10 25	12	--	--	

By DENNIS SMITH

Alfred Area Weather Recorder

POLICE REPORT

The Independence Town Police at 2:27 a.m. Friday, Jan. 1, charged Richard A. Vanetten, 55, of Ulysses, PA with operating without headlights, failure to keep right, driving while intoxicated, driving with blood alcohol content greater than .08% and aggravated driving while intoxicated following an incident on Commercial Avenue in the Town of Independence. Vanetten allegedly operated a vehicle without headlights and operated a motor vehicle on the wrong side of the road. Vanetten failed a field sobriety test and was subsequently arrested for DWI. Vanetten was issued tickets to appear in Town of Independence Court and released to a third party.

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For police, fire and ambulance EMERGENCIES, dial 911.

Baker's Bridge to meet Jan. 18

ALFRED STATION—The next meeting of Baker's Bridge Historical Association will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18. Our speaker will be Bill Greene of Andover. He will talk about the Native Americans in our area and the origins of Indian Creek Road and how it got its name.

The meeting will be held in our building, "The Meeting House", 5971 Hamilton Hill Road, Alfred Station. Laurie McFadden will preside over a short business meeting before the program and refreshments and fellowship time will follow. The program is free and open to all. There is plenty of parking on the grounds and along the road.

For more information or directions, please call or email Mary-Lou Cartledge, 587-8071 or cartledge@frontiernet.net.



The golden light of autumn has slipped away. Winter light has ebbed into its place. Nothing better heralds the change of seasons than the shift in light. In truth it is this annual waxing and waning of light which causes the seasons.

I first take notice of the diminished intensity in late October, a good month past the equinox. The glow of autumn leaves has belied the shrinking light by capturing it, reflecting it all around, making us forget the coming of winter. But once they are fading upon the ground, the true nature of the autumn light is apparent.

The sun is moving South along the eastern and western horizons, shortening its arc and height at noon each day. Its rays fall upon our faces with warmth, not heat. The air is cooling.

As its path lowers, the rays seize different windows to enter. The south west room is the place to be in late afternoon. Midday shadows reach further from our feet.

We are in the time of winter solstice. Our spin through space has once again brought us to that point where time pauses and then reverses. The darkest night has come and gone. Tomorrow the light will again begin to grow.

In the meantime, mankind everywhere and always light up the dark in compensation: fire – candles – a hope and a promise that the winter light in its turn would grow into the new life of spring.

It always has. We should give thanks.

Sun Spots



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Scene About Alfred

By SHERRY VOLK

An occasional column inviting readers to identify the scene and appear at Tinkertown Hardware with the correct answer, the first of whom will receive a monster cookie. The identity of the event or scene will appear in the next edition of the ALFRED SUN.



Visiting Presque Isle State Park, a peninsula extending from Erie, PA into the great lake of the same name, has become a treasured "before the semester starts" break for us. This past weekend, we enjoyed a deep freeze, deep snow, and wonderful runs and walks in this lovely place. While there, we met two monsters; a ghoulish grill (it appears that someone may have added the leaf "eyes") and an Arctic arachnid.



SUNNY SIDE UP

By ELLEN SHULTZ
Alfred Sun Columnist



Since I have once again been back to Texas you will have to put up with more of my fascination for their recipes that grew out of cooking on the cattle range. The chuckwagon traces to 1866. This is roughly when the cattle drives began and in the Panhandle, Charles Goodnight and Oliver Loving were preparing to drive a herd of Longhorn cattle more than 450 miles to Colorado. I was Goodnight who envisioned the mobile kitchen and rolling supply house for the men who drove his herds. Its cast iron skillet and Dutch ovens provided simple fare that could be prepared over open fires.

This is a recipe from a book called Texas Chuckwagon Cuisine-Real Cowboy Cooking published by the Great Texas Line Press.

Cornmeal Pancakes

4 c. cornmeal	2 T. granulated sugar
1/2 c. oil	1 1/2 T. salt
1 c. flour	2 tsp. black pepper
1 1/2 c. finely chopped onion	1 (16 oz) can creamed corn
1-2 finely chopped jalapeno peppers	

Boil a kettle of water. Mix cornmeal and oil well in a large bowl. Add just enough of the water to form a dough that can be made into a ball. Add remaining ingredients except for the corn. Mix, then add corn. Coat bottom of cast-iron skillet with oil (about 1/4 inch). Heat over medium heat. Add one cup of cornbread mixture at a time. Flatten out the cornbread and cook as you would a pancake. Can be served with syrup or salsa.

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Snyde remarks

By DAVID L. SNYDER
Editor and Publisher, The Alfred Sun

"I feel like I'm really a part of the Alfred Community," a new subscriber told me recently, "It's really a nice publication."

Those affirming words served only to remind me of this newspaper's heretofore unspoken mission.

During a consultation with Alfred University Family Business class member Josh Rafté (AU '09) last spring, I was asked to state the newspaper's mission and vision. I could state neither. Initially I told him that the mission is getting the next issue out on time! But with Josh sitting at the keyboard, I went to task trying to articulate the newspaper's mission. After babbling for a few minutes without much grey matter support, I looked up at the screen to see what Josh had typed during my monotonous monologue. It read, "Blah, blah, blah."

It seems that he was getting as much out of my rambling as the grey matter I was putting into it. But after more than 30 years at the same task—that of publishing a weekly newspaper—it is easy for one to lose focus of the "mission."

After some further thought and discussion, we concluded that the mission of *The Alfred Sun* is "to build community in the Alfred area." So, when the comment coming from a new subscriber was about "being part of the Alfred Community," it came as a confirmation of this newspaper's mission.

As a reminder of that mission, I have adopted another slogan for this newspaper: "Of the Community. By the Community. For the Community."

The Alfred Sun is a pretty darn good newspaper because of the contributions of talented writers within our community. For their contributions, this publisher, and no doubt our loyal readers, are grateful. Their contributions help to fulfill that mission of "building community."

When needs arise, a "community" responds. We see evidence of "community" often in the Alfred area. A perfect example is elsewhere in this newspaper, where you will find a "thanks" to those who contributed to the Alfred Fire Victims Employee Relief Fund after our disastrous Main Street Fire, together with a list of the contributors. To those who took lead roles in this effort, we applaud you and thank you for helping to "build community" here in Alfred.

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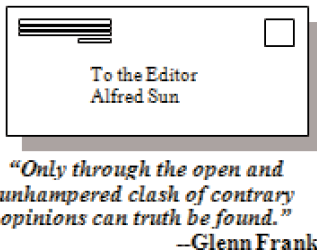
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Liberal/progressive fears

To the Editor:

The last few weeks yielded a couple of letters that are typical of recent views expressed by the Liberal / Progressives across the country. Although I do not agree with everything that Glenn Beck discusses on his program, he is quite thorough in researching his points before he breaks them on his show.

In January 7, 2010 To the Editor section of the Sun, Elaine Hardman cites Media Matters as awarding Mr. Beck the Misinformant of the Year for 2009. (Attack, Attack, Smear, Smear, but more on this later.)

By stating this, you may as well be assured that EVERYTHING Mr. Beck says is the Gospel truth. (A small stretch). They are quick to say Mr. Beck misinforms or lies, but never do they cite specifics to back up their point.

The real truth here is that they do not want to acknowledge what the real truth is! Why you ask? It does not fit their agenda. Credit should be given where it is due. Mr. Beck has awakened the American people. He has given the average person a platform to express their views and actually be heard by the Government.

I know that ideas like this strike fear in the hearts of Progressives and Liberals. They see that true Conservative ideals are gaining support nationwide. (Not necessarily Republican). Most of America does not want a nanny state. Most of the country wants the Government to get out of their lives. They want the freedoms granted by The Constitution. (More Libertarian).

Liberals and Progressives are good at one thing though. They are good at attacking and smearing any idea or anyone who does not support their cause. This is where Media Matters comes into play again. Mr. Beck now is employed by Fox News. Fox News does not bow down to Media Matters like all of the other networks. Sooo.... Attack, Attack, Smear, Smear.

James Campbell
Alfred Station

Parking meters

To the Editor:

As a result of our icy driveway conditions, my husband and I took pity on the postal service and decided to pick up our mail at the post office since mid-December. What a lovely surprise on my daily mail walk downtown to find the parking meters covered with holiday scenes col-

ored by some of my little Alfred-Almond friends whose signatures brought back many happy memories!

After inquiring about the source of the covers, I learned that it was a collaborative project initiated by our favorite community sparkplug, Becky Prophet, who knew just who to call to get some authentic kid color into the downtown business district.

Thanks, too, to A-A second grade teachers who seized a golden opportunity to allow their students to exhibit some community citizenship and pride (November's character education theme of the month). Since my initial discovery, I witnessed several students on Main Street with their parents, proudly pointing out their personal contribution to the cause.

It is not always easy to find real world opportunities to enable students to understand these abstract concepts in meaningful ways. Hats off to these community-school collaborators for brightening our downtown, and an additional thanks to the village board for allowing us all to park and shop without parking anxiety during the holiday season!

Sincerely,
Marcia Lichtman

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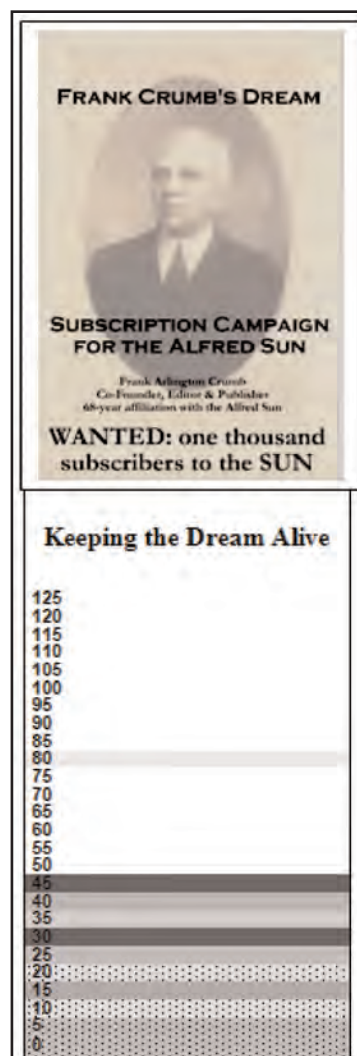
Several letters appeared in the Alfred Sun recently opining the merits of some nationally known commentators and radio personalities. I was surprised to read the condemnation of these personalities and the extolment of their inability to inform, according to the letter writers.

I have listened to and watched many of these same personalities and one common factor among them is that they are politically right of center and some appear to be moderate so it is understandable that those that fall on the left of center of the political scale would consider these personalities as not "informative".

It is also understandable that when one's reality is influenced by "information" by select sources, other sources may seem like misinformation, especially when one's sources avoid certain "information" so as not to upset their political reality. It seems then that disagreeing politically with some information classifies it as misinformation to some.

If I checked my "information" with Media Matters, I would probably come to the same conclusion. However, I choose to look into a variety of "information" sources, then after comparing them, decide which information I agree with. I may not agree with the information provided by some of the sources, but that does not make those sources "uninformative".

Licio Pennisi
Alfred Station



Frank Crumb's Dream

Subscription Campaign Update 47 down, 78 to go

Back in 1884, a simple item appeared in the Sun that said, "Wanted, one thousand subscribers to the Alfred Sun." It's been 125 years since legendary Sun Editor Frank A. Crumb, who was with the Sun from 1883 to 1951, set the millenary goal. Not knowing of Frank Crumb's Dream, I, too, had set a goal of 1000 subscribers when I joined the paper in 1976. That goal was finally reached in January 1999. But we want to keep the dream alive.

The late Eugene T. Van Horn, who owned the newspaper from 1951 until 1973, told us one time that circulation peaked in the 1960s at 700. It's now over 900. We've added 47 new subscribers since Jan. 1, 2009.

We encourage our readers to give a subscription to the Alfred Sun as a gift--it keeps giving week after week, all through the year. During Frank Crumb's Dream Campaign, we offer 13 months for the price of \$27 (\$30 outside of Allegany County). That's \$25 off the news stand price. And you'll read exclusive hometown news and interesting stories!

We think the Alfred Sun is like a weekly letter from home. If you would like to contribute to Frank Crumb's Dream, send your name and address or that of a loved one together with your check payable to "Alfred Sun" to: Frank Crumb's Dream, c/o Alfred Sun, P.O. Box 811, Alfred, NY 14802. Happy read-

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Burns Supper 'For Auld Lang Syne' Quick community response for fire victim employees

ANDOVER--On Saturday evening, Jan. 30, Allegany County will join a fine tradition with the first annual 'Burns Supper' in the village of Andover.

The Burns Supper will be held at the Andover Presbyterian Church on East Greenwood Street beginning at 6:30 p.m. and going on to 9 p.m. Tickets for the supper are available at Walker Metalsmiths and the Main Street Emporium and are \$15 per person which includes Celtic Music, Pipers, a Fish N Chips Dinner, dancing and much much more.

Robert Burns was born on January 25, 1759 in the small village of Alloway, Ayrshire, Scotland. Since the early 1800s he has been celebrated the world over for the magnificent body of poems, songs (over 300) and letters he left in his short, turbulent life. He died at the age of 37. In the year 2000, the people of Scotland voted him the greatest Scotsman who ever lived.

In 2009, the 250th anniversary of his birth, there were over 3600 'Burns Suppers' worldwide. These are always blessed with Burns' "Selkirk Grace" and begin with the "Ode to the Haggis" and end with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" (Scots dialect for "old long ago") --- now the world's anthem. Who has not

sung it on New Year's Eve?

Some of Burns' poetic lines are used by folks in everyday conversation without knowledge of their origin:

"man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn"

"the best laid plans of mice and men, gang aft agley"

"o would some power the giftie gie us, to see ourselves as others see us"

"I will come again my love, tho' it were ten thousand mile"

"Scots wha hae wi' Wallace bled... let us do or die!"

Burns loved the lassies, but for all his "rantin' and rovin", a sense of integrity and his own dignity gave Burns ability and wisdom which shone in his poems.

Among the most remarkable, often quoted at a Burns supper, is "A Man's a Man for a' That"--one of the most powerful declarations ever made of the fundamental worth of the human person. In his time when the ideal of individual freedom was still birthing, it was uniquely ennobling, verile and joyful --- but also revolutionary. Perhaps this is one of the reasons why it is still favored at a Burns Supper - always a special time of celebrating tradition and the life of a poet filled with love and grace

the world so badly needs.

The essence of a Burns Supper is the ability of the guests to enjoy the camaraderie and "guid" neighborliness which Rabbie Burns carried with him wherever he went. We hope to see you in Andover on January 30th to have some fun and the beginning of a great Scottish cultural tradition.

Buddhahood to return Jan. 16

WELLSVILLE--The Buddhahood will be returning to the Wellsville Creative Arts Center on Saturday, January 16th, for a World Drumming Workshop (1:00-4:00pm) as well as a show at night starting at 8:00 pm. Come early for dinner (served 5:00pm-9:00pm). Cost of the workshop is \$28 for non-members, \$25 for members.

Tickets for the show are \$12 advance purchase/\$14 at door. Member tickets are \$10 advance purchase/\$12 at door. Tickets may be purchased online, in advance, at www.WellsvilleCreativeArtsCenter.com or at the Art Center Coffee House. For more information visit the website or call 585-593-3000.

All are welcome to enter the wonderful world of drumming! In the Buddhahood World Drumming Workshop, you will practice drumming for cultural enrichment, community building and self expression. Beginners will get a primer on proper technique, while advancing musicians and beginners alike will learn some tradition-specific rhythms and pieces.

We will demonstrate how these "passport rhythms," as they are called, can be used in the recreational context of a drum circle. We will also explore the connection between Africa and the New World, tracing the origins of Samba -- the music, culture and instruments - back to its African roots, and of course playing this music on our drums. Some Brazilian and west-African percussion instruments will be provided for workshop participants, but if you own your own drum, please bring it and forge a deeper connection with it at the Buddhahood World Drumming Workshop.

ALFRED--Thank you....

On the 29th of October, the Village of Alfred suffered a blaze that destroyed a section of Main Street. Several businesses were lost, many people displaced from their homes and dozens of employees found themselves without a job.

The immediate concern of the business owners was for their employees who were left without an income.

Within a week a non-profit account named "The Alfred Victims Employees Relief Fund" was opened at the Alfred branch of Community Bank. The response was immediate and overwhelming.

Before Christmas, \$14,775.91 was distributed to 31 employees. The amounts distributed were calculated on a minimum wage basis according to the number of hours these people were employed for a period of four weeks. The fund was depleted and the account closed on December 17. The goal was met!

The administrative costs (advertising, website, checks, envelopes, postage, printing and labor) were also donated. All of your donations were gifted to those in need.

Loss is always hard to deal with, but is especially poignant during the holiday season and this time of economic stress. On behalf of the employers and employees that have suffered this loss, and the community of Alfred, we offer heartfelt gratitude to all who opened their hearts and wallets for others in need.

Thank you to each of the following donors as well as to the many anonymous donors who rallied to make this possible.

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Alfred Community Theatre's British pantomime staging postponed until February

ALFRED--Erase Jan. 8 and Jan. 9 from your new 2010 calendar. Alexis Clare is writing British pantomime again—or is she? "Oh no she isn't!" "Oh yes, she IS!" "Oh no she isn't!" "Oh yes, she IS!"

"Oh yes, she IS!" but some key actors usually at the disposal of Alfred Community Theatre's resident British panto writer were indisposed. Thus, Alfred Community Theatre, as has become customary, is working to get its ACT together, thereby postponing the Jan. 8-9 production to February dates to be announced.

Local amateur thespians such as Steve Crandall, Bob Volk, Peter O'Connor, Joe Flynn, Laurel Buckwalter, Pat and Bill LaCourse, Anna McHale, Sandy Greiff, Therese LeGro, Kate Crandall Palmer and others will likely appear in Alfred Community Theatre's annual pantomime.

This year, the native Brit has selected "Mother Goose" as the popular fairy tale that the script will loosely follow. But Alfred's audacious pantomimical audience needs to wait until next month to see the traditional show.

"Oh no it doesn't!" "Oh yes it does!" Watch the Alfred Sun for an update of scheduling of the show.



Mueller Mullings

By MATT MUELLER
Alfred Sun Columnist

THE INFLUENTIAL SPIKE JONES

National Public Radio ran an interview on its program "All Things Considered" on December 29, 2009, titled "Remembering Spike Jones and His City Slickers." I joined in with my own mullings on how the group influenced my musical tastes: classical, light-hearted, or both.

NPR's host, Robert Siegel interviewed bandleader Jones' widow, singer Helen Grayco, and their son, Spike Jones Jr. Its timing was related to the latter's release of a DVD of 1950's television shows, called "The Best of Spike Jones."

I had little access to a television set in the 1950's - mostly the sole one in a college dorm - and have no recollection of seeing any Spike Jones TV shows. My memories go back further, to the late 1940's.

Those were the days of 78 RPM records. They were also the days when my piano teacher, fortunately for her, became so ill that she gave up all but her most promising one or two students. The rest of us were discarded, undoubtedly to her great relief. I probably merited the title of "most embarrassing pupil" at each of her student recitals.

Thereupon, my parents did not give up on making an instrumentalist out of me. I was taught the clarinet, by a tolerant young man only a few years older than myself. The choice of instrument has long seemed unfortunate to me.

I was in the midst of orthodontia, which lasted a seemingly interminable seven years. I have theorized that the mouthpiece of the clarinet worked against the pressure that the braces on my teeth were supposed to be exerting on my overbite.

In any case, neither exercise won. While my jaw now works sufficiently well for me to talk more than the average person, it limits the speed of my chewing. Anyone dining with me had best plan on spending an extra half hour beyond their normal expectations.

It was impossible for any of the students in grades seven through nine to embarrass Mr. Phillips, the music teacher at North Junior High School in Joplin, MO. He very patiently rehearsed those of us in band and orchestra. This led to well practiced, but very likely inadequate, performances of such pieces as "In A Persian Market" by Albert Ketelbey.

When not in practice, he would provide his instrumentalists with a clever introduction to the classics. He had a 78 RPM record player in his classroom. A long selection did not fit on one side or even both sides of one record, and so he chose shorter examples. He also wisely picked ones which would bring pictures to a youthful listener's mind.

My imagination would conjure up scenery, probably after seeing a sketch, while listening to Felix Mendelssohn's "Hebrides Overture Opus 26," also known as "Fingal's Cave Overture." The composer had been inspired by a cave in the Inner Hebrides of Scotland which is made up entirely of hexagonally-jointed basalt columns.

I was pleased to actually view part of the same lava flow, known as the Giant's Causeway, while traveling on my Lambretta motor scooter through Northern Ireland some years later. The familiar music in my head duly resounded in conjunction with the noise of the actual sea waves.

Of course, percussionist Spike Jones' group with its conventional instruments, plus cowbells, guns, automobile horns and others, also made classics memorable. Mr. Phillips probably introduced

Mueller Mullings continued


us first to their rendition of the "William Tell Overture" by Gioachino Rossini. No student could resist chorusing along with the record, "...and Beethoven."

Luckily, my junior high school years coincided with my parents' making a recreation room in the basement of our house especially for my use. It was a cool refuge from hot Missouri summers and still rampant poliomyelitis.


My prize possession was a record player my father gave to me for use there. Along with it he provided an album of Andre Kostelanetz orchestral recordings.

I soon added two Jimmy Durante records and some of Spike Jones spoofing the classics. After hearing the NPR feature, I dug them out and found more than I had expected. One also called to mind an occurrence which I had not foreseen in those years.

While absorbing the City Slickers version of the William Tell Overture, I never expected to attend a performance of the opera. However, as a college student on vacation in 1953 taking my first trip to Europe, I did. Furthermore, the outdoor background state setting was unforgettable: the ruins of the Baths of Caracalla in Rome, Italy.



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Wednesday, January 20

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Friday, Jan. 22

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Thursday—Lunch at noon.

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21.Public Notices

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ganization filed with NY Secretary of State (NYSS) on 11/23/09. Office location: Allegany Co. Street address of principal business location: 62 S. Main St., Alfred, NY 14802. NYSS designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. NYSS shall mail copy of process against LLC to Alan L. Griffin, 62 S. Main St., Alfred, NY 14802. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 2-6b

FORMATION OF A NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PURSUANT TO NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION 203

The name of the limited liability company is Dick and Cheryl's Big Dipper, LLC. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Department of State was November 20, 2009. The county in New York in which the office of the company is located is Allegany. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the company upon whom process may be served, and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the company served upon him or her to: Box 2, Almond, NY 14804. The business purpose of the company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL. 1-6b

LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF ALLEGANY - BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, Plaintiff, AGAINST LAVERNE E. PATTON, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered herein and dated October 2, 2009, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Allegany County Courthouse Lobby, at 7 Court Street, Belmont, on February 8, 2010 at 11:00 AM, premises known as 6592 State Route 21, ALFRED STATION, NY 14803. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of ALMOND, County of Allegany and State of New York, Section, Block and Lot: Section: 139 Block: 1 Lot: 45. Approximate amount of lien \$192,722.58 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index Number 36172. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Michael B. Finn, Referee, **FEIN, SUCH & CRANE, LLP**, Councellors at Law 747 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 200, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977
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In The Alfred Sun 50, 25 and 10 Years Ago

FIFTY YEARS AGO, JANUARY 14, 1960

Alfredians—Mrs. Milton Tuttle was called to Rochester last week by the death of her mother... Miss Linda Stearns was hostess Saturday afternoon at an ice skating party and supper for members of her Camp Fire group... Mrs. Everett Rhodes was installed Tuesday night as vice president of the Camp Fire Guardians Association of the Hornell Council. Mrs. Rhodes has been working with Camp Fire locally, for the past three years... Mrs. Charles Pierce and infant daughter, Mary Patricia, came home from Bethesda Hospital, at North Hornell, where the baby was born... Karl Mensinger and his German bride recently called on Miss Virginia Buchanan at Rothenburg, Germany. Karl is stationed at Behmberg... Kenneth Davis is a surgical patient at the Veterans Hospital at Bath... Mrs. Kenneth Davis and infant daughter Janice Marie, returned home Saturday from Bethesda Hospital... Mrs. Ray W. Wingate and Mrs. Dan Rase spoke before the Clover Leaf Garden Club of Rochester Tuesday, on "Travels in Southern Mexico and Mexican Flowers." Previous to the meeting, Dr. and Mrs. Wingate and Mrs. Rase were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Albiston.

Arthur F. Garner, Physical Director, of the Hornell YMCA, has been appointed director of the new Campus Center at Alfred University, President M. Ellis Drake announced today. The appointment will be effective February 1, shortly before the scheduled opening of the \$550,000 building which includes dining halls, recreation rooms, offices, and meeting rooms for students...

University Lodge No. 944, F&AM held its regular meeting Monday evening, at which time the new officers were installed by Berwyn Reid, assisted by Arthur Burdick. Officers installed were as follows: Worshipful Master, Charles Bloomquist; Senior Warden, Lyle Palmiter; Junior Warden, Bert Richmond Jr.; treasurer, Erle Myers; secretary, Harold Reid; Senior Deacon, Gordon Lewis; Junior Deacon, Robert Sheppard; Senior Master of Ceremony, Ernest Woodworth; Junior Master of Ceremony, Gary Fraser; Chaplain, Victor Cornelius; Marshal, Robert Glover; and Tiler, Dighton Burdick.

Alfred Station—Mrs. Harley Sutton and Mrs. Leon Davis visited Mr. and Mrs. Hal Drake at Shinglehouse, Pa., Saturday... Mrs. Wayland Cornelius and son Lyle spent Thursday with her father, Lynn Langworthy and Mrs. Langworthy at Alfred... Mr. and Mrs. Arling Perry spent Sunday with Mrs. Perry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pierce at Arkport... Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Burdick and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Burdick visited Mrs. Mabel Collins and son Champ at Belfast, Saturday... Mr. and Mrs. William Howden and family were dinner guests Tuesday night of Mrs. Glenn Shaw. The occasion was Mrs. Howden's birthday... Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Davis and family were Saturday dinner guests of Mrs. Elizabeth Wagner at Almond, celebrating Beverly Champlin's birthday...

Almond News—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall and daughter Carol and Frank Rauber, all of South Dansville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Rauber, Sunday... Miss Arta Place was in Alfred Saturday to attend church and was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Place... Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Grantier and son Karl were guests Friday evening of Mrs. Doris Clark at Independence... The Almond Busy Belles will meet in the Almond Library on Wednesday evening, Jan. 13 at 8 p.m. for a lesson on furniture refinishing. Mrs. Martin Gillette will be the instructor... Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Chandler and family of Dansville were callers of his parents, Sunday.

Browsing Around (By Gretta Potter) According to the dog census just completed there are 249 dogs in the Alfred Township. This included puppies under six months who do not require a license to be purchased by their owners this month, as do all canine critters over a year of age. Sometimes it seems as though four-fifths of that dog census lives right in our own village, with half of those running loose, but probably it only seems that way... Alfred has had its dogs for years—big ones, little ones, carefully and carelessly bred ones with varying results. Many have been definite personalities and charac-

ters of our village. The late Will Bassett had a beagle who lived in the yard of what is now the Church Center. This dog became so used to its quarters he wouldn't even venture out when someone left the gate open. Then there was "Hi", also a beagle, owned by Mayor Jacox. He was typical of the happy, go-lucky beagles who loved people, his fellow dogs and delighted in nothing better than going hunting... The tiny fox terrier that is owned by Bill and Kate Ellis is just one of a long line of Micks or Mitzies owned by the Ellises, all being of the same breed... Most anyone who lived in the south end of town about 20-25 years ago remembers Pat with affection. Pat was a small collie belonging to the S.R. Scholes family, but she knew how to wheedle tid-bits or even a whole meal out of numerous friends and neighbors. For a brief time Irving Titsworth had a Great Dane that couldn't be ignored. He and a student's car med up on the street one day, with almost as much resulting damage to the car as to the Dane... Alfred could be defined as "a town small enough so you even know the names of the dogs around the street."

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, JAN. 10, 1985

A book-length study assailing American liberalism as "superficial" and a drain on effective government has just been published by a conservative political scientist at Alfred University. The book, by Dr. Robert A. Heineman, chairman of Alfred's Division of Social Sciences, is titled *Authority and the Liberal Tradition*. In it, the author argues that liberal ideology has "become too diffuse and superficial" to be a useful guide to action. The book was published last month by Carolina Academic Press of Durham, NC. Its subtitle is "A Re-Examination of the Cultural Assumptions of American Liberalism."

Dr. David H. Huntington, president of Alfred State College, has been granted a study leave for the spring semester by the State University Board of Trustees. At the same time trustees granted the leave (Jan. 1, 1985 to May 31, 1985), they appointed Dr. Jon J. DeTemple as acting president...

Fire extensively damaged a greenhouse owned by James Comes on Routet 21 near Alfred-Almond Central School Monday night. Almond volunteer firefighters doused the blaze, believed to have been caused by a woodstove.

(Photo) Alfred-Almond fifth graders Kim Gruen, Chipp Stewart, Eric Minns, Cale Snyder and Marcus Emerson display some of their renditions of the Statue of Liberty. The students are raising funds for its renovation by collecting cereal box tops.

Alfredians—(Ruth Greene) Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Metzger and daughters Naneette and Shelley from Idaho Falls, ID, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Slack and family from Wilmington, DE were all Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jacox... Cecil Briggs of Alfred Station has been appointed meat manager at Food Barn in Hornell... Dr. and Mrs. Peter Finlay and their son Tim Finlay from Ithaca, were in Washington, D.C., visiting friends for a few days recently... Recent guests of their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Milton Tuttle, have been John Tuttle, Douglasville, GA; Bruce Tuttle, Albuquerque, NM; and Amy Tuttle, from Gainesville, FL... Laura Brooks watched her brother, Warren, compete in the Rolex Tennis Tournament and then joined her family in Rochester for the holidays. Laura, a journalist for The Tico Times in Costa Rica, spent two weeks in the U.S. and three days in Honduras before returning to her job. The family celebrations were joined by David, on vacation from SUNY at Stony Brook, and Steve, a second year law student at the University of Buffalo.

Nuts About Almond—Lee and Donna Ryan have had a number of visitors recently including Heidi Ryan, a student at Cedarville College, a Christian college in Cedarville, OH and Jenny Ryan, a manager of Ground Round in Rochester. Also, Shere Pierce and Donna Jean Westover, students at Practical Bible School in Binghamton... Linda Stout, an Oklahoma University student, and Lisa Stout, a Geneseo State University student, were overnight guests of Bernice Burdett... Cathy

Schwartz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schwartz of Chapel Street, was home for the holidays and has now returned to Cedarville College in Ohio... Phyllis DuBreuil recently returned from Indiana, where she had been due to the death of her mother. Our sympathy to her and her family.

Andover-the-hill—The results of the Lions Club contest for Christmas lighting are as follows: Duane Cook, first place; Francis Horan, second place; Grace Burger and Glenn Lounsberry, third place tie. Runners-up were: Wayne Grant, John Bridge, Bob Black, Max Graves, Don Thorp and Bruce Lehman. Judging this year was difficult, since the displays were especially colorful and plentiful. Our town was very beautiful with the decorations during the holiday season... James Kessler suffered a stroke in his home on Christmas Day.

Warren Brooks was one of only two Americans in his age division to reach the round of 16 in the Rolex International Junior Championships held Dec. 23-30 at the Port Washington Tennis Academy.

TEN YEARS AGO, JANUARY 13, 2000

The Alfred Village Planning Board heard a variety of proposals at its monthly meeting held Thursday, Jan. 6 in Village Hall. Two were approved, and three were tabled until more information is made available to the Planning Board. The Site Plan for Alfred University's proposed renovation of Kanakadea Hall was approved. The structure formerly had a bell tower, which was destroyed by fire. The proposal includes the tower's replacement if funds permit and a building code variance is obtained. The Site Plan for renovation of Alfred University's Telethon House at 10 Park Street was also approved. The Board tabled until its next meeting resident Carl Luger's proposal to replace clapboard with vinyl siding at 117 North Main Street. Luger has been asked to provide cost estimates for clapboard vs. vinyl siding. The Planning Board will discuss the pros and cons of vinyl siding on a historic house... West Side Wine & Spirits, a new business operated by the Curran family, will be opening on January 12 at 2 West University Street.

(Photo) Girl Scouts Gretchen Schulze, Elizabeth Fugate, Nicole Caleb, Casey Wlasniewski, Lindsay Gayhart, instructor Carolyn Fugate and Heidi Schulze take time out from their cookie decorating fun for a photograph.

Sunbeams—During the Christmas holidays, Leigh Ann Schon of Honeoye Falls; Laurie, Vince, Miranda and Michael Leo of Fairport; and Lisa, Shawn and Jordan Becker of San Diego, CA visited Tony and Ginny Schon. The Beckers also visited Shawn's parents, Sam and Mary Ann Becker at Ballston Spa... Kay Chapman has returned home after spending the holidays with Mark and Diana Mix in Fairfax, VA. She was there for the blessed event, the birth of grandson Joshua Alan Mix, born Dec. 27. "After three girls, they finally got a boy," she says... The Craig Mix family spent a few days visiting Diane's relatives on Long Island between Christmas and New Year's.

Campus Notes—Named to the Dean's List for the fall 1999 semester at Alfred University were Megan N. Stuart, Bradley F. Bowden, Benjamin R. Link, Luke E. Schulze, John C. Mauro, Licia A. Pennisi, Rachel E. Lash, Hannah M. Lash, Sheila A. Foreman, Jefery D. Barnard, George D. Clarke, Andrea M. Hall, Kimberly E. Greene, Anjali Srinivasan, Shauna M. Merriman, Monica S. Putter and Nyan Tin.

What do the insidious Y2K bug and the rampant flu bug have in common? Neither appeared to have had the slightest effect on the members of the Alfred Village Board, as they conducted their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 4 in Village Hall. Mayor Gary Ostrower ushered in the first meeting of the year 2000 by quoting a Philadelphia lawyer...

Guest preacher asks 'For What Will You Stand?' Daniel 3:15--

By LINDA STAIGER

ALMOND--Pastor Ken Chroniger was the Guest Pastor at Almond Union of Churches Sunday and, as usual, he had a very energetic, inspiring message. Nothing like a pastor with a good sense of humor and Pastors Steve and Ken both are blessed with such.

Starting, well, forever-ago, there has been persecution in the hearts of men. You know that if you paid attention at all in history classes, right? Well, during the 1st century the Roman Empire in North Africa persecuted Christians if they did not turn over their scriptures to be burned. Many did, persecution stopped. Cool. Next thing you know, they wanted back into the church.

Then there are the Huguenots in France with a similar issue. Christians in Korea during WW II were pushed into worshipping the Shinto emperor. Then there are the churches burned in Malaysia. I suppose the list is endless.

There was a king named Nebuchadnezzar in Babylon who had a golden statue of himself built--using the cubit unit of measurement (Bill Cosby as Noah come to mind?) After it was finished, he told all that when the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer and all kinds of music played, all must fall down and worship the

golden image that the king set up. Those who didn't bow would be thrown in a fiery furnace--as hot as it could get.

Well, when the king looked around he saw three guys still standing: Shadrack, Meshack and Abed-nego. I personally figure he was t-ed off! Loosely paraphrased, he said, "Dude--bring those boys here". He gave them a second chance but still they would not bow. The pressure was on--one might say it was time to "put up or shut up".

There was no need to pray--they already knew that God would deliver them from the fire...but even if He didn't, they still would stand. 'The enraged king ordered the Jews thrown into the furnace. But a strange thing happened. The soldiers who threw them into it were themselves burned to death! The three Jews didn't even get their hair singed.

The crowd gasped, the king was shocked, because in the midst of the fire there were FOUR men, not three walking around unharmed.' So, can you imagine? The king is counting.. and counting...and counting..and still comes up with four. What's up with that? (The term "theophany" comes into play here--the angel of the Lord took on properties of a deity and joined them--God was with them.)

'The three knew that God does not always make things comfort-

able for His followers. God may not save us from going into the fiery furnace or heal us or make us prosperous, but the presence of Jesus Christ provides safety in the middle of blazing tribulation. He walks through fire with us.' The point was, they stood for what was right--God provides. The thing is, He doesn't always provide in the way you might expect. Don't let that throw you.

So, what would you be willing to live through if you were being persecuted? What, in your faith, would you be willing to stand for or die for? Remember the Magi? They followed that star--but how does one follow a star? God led them through just as He does for all of us. If we listen. God works those circumstances together for those who love Him--for us. Stand. Be counted. He provides.

Church to focus on Seventh Day 'Baptist' Heritage

By PASTOR KEN CHRONIGER

ALFRED STATION--"Good Sabbath" is how your friends and neighbors at the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church often greet one another as they meet on Saturday morning when the congregation gathers to worship our Heavenly Father. You see we believe in the Bible Sabbath, "God rested, blessed and declared the seventh-day of the week to be Holy.

But did you see the last part of our name. It is the name Baptist. That's right it says "Baptist". For people who don't know us the rejoinder that we hear our name is "Don't you mean Adventist?" This is spoken as if I really didn't know who I am--a Baptist. Therefore as kindly as possible my reply is "Alfred Station Seventh Day 'Baptist'"

This Sabbath Jan. 16 at the 11 a.m. Worship Hour as a congregation we celebrate Baptist Heritage Sabbath. This is an annual focus that helps remind us who and why we are as a particular and peculiar people. Pastor Ken will preach on "Proud to be a Baptist" from Proverbs 22:28. Do not move the ancient boundary which your fathers have set. Together we will explore what it means to be a Baptist bridging the present to the past.

Your friends and neighbors invite you and your family to join them this Sabbath and learn who we are at the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church and as you visit perhaps to learn you really are a Baptist. The Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist church meeting house is located at 587 Route 244 Alfred Station. For more information, call 587-9176.

Alfred Area Church Directory

ALFRED-ALMOND AREA

HORNELL ALFRED UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY--Meets twice monthly on Sunday mornings. For more information, call 478-8676 or 698-4508.

ALFRED-ALMOND BIBLE CHURCH--Rt. 21, Almond. Pastor John Prince, Pastor Charlie Emerson. Sunday School 9:30 am, Sunday Worship 10:30 am. Sunday Evening 6 pm. Mid-week Home Groups 7:30 pm. Phone 607-533-2500. www.aabile.org.

ALFRED ASSEMBLY OF CHRISTIANS--Remembrance of the Lord in the Breaking of Bread, Sundays at 9:30 a.m., Family Bible Hour at 11; Gothic Chapel, corner of Ford & Sayles, Alfred. Bible Study 8 p.m. Fridays in Almond. Call 276-6380 or e-mail lookup@frontiernet.net for more information.

ALFRED RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)--6 W. University St., Alfred, (a sign will be present in front of the building during meetings). Worship 10:30 a.m. Classes for children during worship. Child-care available. For more information, phone 607-587-9454, visit our website: www.alfredfriends.org or write: info@AlfredFriends.com

ALFRED SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH--5 Church St., Alfred. A Christ-centered community of faith, focused on caring and compassion, and on the exploration of God's presence and truths being revealed in and for today's world. Friday Evening Prayer & Meditation Service, 5:15-6 p.m.; Sabbath (Sat.) School for children and adults, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. Pastor Patricia A. Bancroft. Office hours: Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and by appointment. Phone: 607-587-9430.

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ABUNDANT LIFE MINISTRIES--Rt. 21, Almond. Pastor Everett Hasper. Sunday 10 am & 6:30 pm. 324-4850.

ALFRED UNITED METHODIST CHURCH--1389 Moland Road, Alfred. A Christ-centered community where people find acceptance and fulfillment, care about others, and seek to live according to God's plan. Sunday Worship 9:00 am Fellowship 10:00 am Church School 10:30 am., nursery care available both hours. Website www.gbpm-umc.org/alfredumc. 587-8168. Pastor: Rev. Timothy M. Middleton Sr.

ALMOND UNION OF CHURCHES--11 Main St., Almond. Rev. G. Stephen Dyger, Pastor. A joyful, welcoming and compassionate multi-denominational church seeking God's truths for today's world. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship 11a.m. Prayer Group Wednesday 9 am at 39 Main St., Almond. Call 276-6151 for more information.

HARTSVILLE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH--Purdy Creek Road, Hornell. Rev. Robert Tuttle. Sun. School 9:30 am, Worship 10:30 am, Thurs. Bible Study 1:30 pm

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

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

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP--Randolph Road, Alfred. Pastor Roger Gardner. Sunday Prayer 9 am, Worship 10 am Sundays. Intercessory Prayer 6 pm Sundays. Home care groups weeknights, Alfred area, 587-9257.

SS. BRENDAN AND JUDE PARISH--Father Sean DiMaria, Pastor. St. Brendan Church, 11 S. Main St., Almond. Weekend Mass: Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Weekday Masses Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.; St. Jude Chapel, Lower College Dr., Alfred (on the Alfred State College campus). Weekend Masses Sunday 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. (6:30 p.m. when colleges in session) Office phone: 607-587-9411, Rectory phone: 607-276-5304.

UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH--Alfred, 10:30 a.m. Sunday at 5 Church Street. A multi-denominational community church welcoming all faiths. Infants nursery, K-6 classes during service, youth programs. Church Center at corner of Main and Church Streets, Rev. Laurie DeMott. 587-9288.

ANDOVER AREA

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE--Rochambeau Ave. Rev. Philip Barner, Sunday Morning Worship 9 a.m.; Sunday School for adults/teens 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School 10:30 am. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

ANDOVER UNITED METHODIST--33 E. Greenwood St. Pastor Peggy Knopf. Worship service 11 am, Sunday School 9:45 am.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH--1 Church St., Andover. Father Sean DiMaria, Pastor. Weekend Mass Sunday 9:00 a.m. Weekday Mass Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. Office phone: 607-478-8885; Rectory phone 607-276-5304.

CHRISTIAN TEMPLE--99 Maple Ave., Wellsville, Rev. Anna Shirey, Pastor. Worship 10:45 a.m., Sunday School Pre K-Adult 9:30 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH--Corner of Elm & Church Streets. Pastor Frank Troutman. Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning Worship 11 am.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN--E. Greenwood St., Andover. Worship Service 10 am. Rev. Dean R. Bembower, Pastor.

INDEPENDENCE GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP--Mennonite congregation in Independence, NY, five miles s. of Andover. Sun. School 9:30 am, Worship service 10:30 am. Leader-ship team: Robert Volk, 587-9381, Robert Mitchell 585-593-0749, Bill Dickerson 585-593-1676.

Churches are asked to please call 587-8110 with additions and updates of information or e-mail same to: alfredsun.news@gmail.com. Thank you!

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FROM THE DESK OF DAVID PULLEN

By DAVID PULLEN
Allegany County Legislator

COURTHOUSE COURT DECISION

On Monday morning, Jan. 4, Justice Patrick H. Nemoyer rendered his Decision and Judgment on the suit brought by the Allegany County Citizens for Responsible Government ("ACCFRG") against Allegany County. This suit sought a permanent injunction barring the County from building the new addition to the courthouse and renovating the existing courthouse building. The County and State had asked the Court to dismiss the suit. The Court agreed with the County and has dismissed the ACCFRG suit in its entirety.

The suit consisted of four separate "causes of action" or arguments against the County and State. The first argument claimed that the Chief Administrative Judge Ann Pfau acted unlawfully in approving the County's Court Facilities Plan. That approval would normally have come from the Court Facilities Capital Review Board. That Board has not functioned recently due to unfilled vacancies on that Board. The Court concluded that any petition should have been brought within four months of the approval, which was not done. Although that disposed of the claim, the Court went on to decide that Chief Judge Pfau had not only the authority, but an obligation, to issue or withhold approval of the County Plan in the absence of Board approval.

ACCFRG's second argument was that the County's courthouse project constitutes an improper waste of public funds. This claim was directed against both the County and State. The Court ruled that the second Cause of Action failed to state a cause of action and must be dismissed. The Court noted that ACCFRG had failed to post a bond as required by law. In addition, the Court found that a claim of "waste" must allege that the expenditure was for entirely illegal purposes. The Court ruled that the Board of Legislators had "a long-standing legal responsibility to furnish suitable facilities for the conduct of business by State and municipal courts." It further noted that the Board "in good faith and in their collective wisdom concluded that the proposed renovation/expansion of the existing County Courthouse is the best means, and perhaps even the minimum acceptable means, of meeting that obligation." The Court ruled that the County is merely satisfying its legal duty to furnish adequate court facilities.

The third and fourth "Causes of Action" both relate to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"). The third cause of action claimed that Judge Ann Pfau violated SEQRA by failing to conduct an environmental review. The Court found that the proper Statute of Limitation for this claim was four months, and that it should be measured from Judge Pfau's approval which was issued in February 2009. In addition, the Court ruled that the Petition failed to state a viable claim. The Court determined that it was the County's adoption of the Plan, not Judge Pfau's approval, that triggered the Statute of Limitations. The Court found that the County was the proper lead agency for SEQRA purposes, not OCA. The Court also found the County's SEQRA review was sufficient to satisfy the law.

The fourth and final cause of action alleged that the County violated SEQRA by "segmenting" the project. ACCFRG claimed that the County's July 2009 decision to purchase two other parcels on Court Street were an integral part of the Courthouse Project. The County disputed that. The Court concluded that the purchase of the two lots was not connected to the Courthouse Project. The purchases were part of a separate and discrete project undertaken by the County. Since ACCFRG was challenging the February 2009 approval of the Capital Facilities Plan, their Petition should have been filed within four months of that approval.

The Court Judgment dismissed the petition in its entirety. The County is proceeding ahead based upon the extremely favorable low bids received in November 2009. Hopefully we can all put our differences behind us, unite and move forward.

Sunbeams

You know it's a small town when you know the names not only of the people you meet on the street, but also their dogs.

Certification classes for NYS licensed Day Care providers are available at the American Red Cross. If you haven't taken CPR or First Aid or if you need to recertify, courses are available. Training slots are open for classes beginning in February. There is no cost for licensed providers, so long as slots are available. For more information, call Melissa Mattison at 585-593-1531 or e-mail accred-crosshealth@verizon.net

Kalee Reynolds, daughter of

Brent and Bonita Reynolds of Tinkertown and a graduate of Alfred-Almond Central School, was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at St. Bonaventure University, achieving a perfect 4.0 gpa. Kalee is a sophomore majoring in elementary education and early childhood development.

Thanks to all who contribute to the can drive at the Almond Municipal Building for American Legion Post #370 of Alfred. Commander Karl Grantier reports that from Sept. 1 to Jan. 8, about \$600 was raised, amounting to some 12,000 cans! Funds are used to send local boys to American Legion Boys' State and also to award scholarships to Boys' State participants when

they graduate from high school.

There will be a Household Tag Sale Saturday, Jan. 16 at the home of Mary Edwards, 35 Hillcrest Drive, Alfred, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Numbers will be issued at 7 a.m. for the initial rush. Sale conducted by Suzanne Monaghan (607-324-2010).

The Allegany County Red Cross assisted a family of four in Scio who suffered a Christmas Eve house fire. Assistance is made possible by voluntary donations. Donations can be sent to Allegany County Red Cross, 112 N. Main St., Wellsville, NY 14895 or call 585-593-1531.

Winter Soup Lunch planned for Jan. 31

ALFRED STATION--Your friends and neighbors at the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church, A 3 C church: Connect-Care- Community invite you to mark a date on your calendar. Sunday, Jan. 31 from 11:30 am - 2:30 p.m. will be a Winter Soup Lunch. The Lunch will include at least 12 varieties of Soup, all you can eat or until gone.

The question is how much will it cost? It will cost you your time. It will cost whatever it takes to run your car from where you are to the church social rooms. It will cost your appetite. (Perhaps not just yours but your family's and friends') But really what does it really cost? The cost is an opportunity for you to make a financial donation to the Church Benevolence Fund which is used to meet the needs of hurting people.

Come and warm up your body and lift up your spirit. Take a break from Winter, with hot soup and conversation with friends. The Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church meeting house is located at 587 Route 244 Alfred Station. For more information, call 607-587-9176.

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By DAVID PALMER

Special to the Alfred Sun

ALFRED STATION--At the start of August, we adopted three chickens.

After some deliberation they were lovingly named Cleo, Stella, and Lottie. Most of the fall was spent on construction of a superinsulated (R30) clerestory coop. On cold, cloudy days the windows are covered with R15 shutters.

Months passed and nary an egg had we seen. We began to wonder whether our chickens had already reached retirement.

Then, near the end of October they all started laying at once. The neatest thing was that Lottie layed brown eggs, Cleo layed tan and Stella layed blue (my wife Aurora calls them green). With color-coded eggs, you can tell which hen is doing her job.

We have heard that chickens normally stop laying during cold weather. However, ours are still each laying an egg a day. Their coop is kept at 40 degrees F. with a 24-hour, 200-watt bulb. Every morning they get a fruit plate with seedless grapes (cut in half) and a sixth of a canteloupe in addition to the normal fresh water and poultry pellets. We attribute our hens' superior laying to their excellent home and diet.



The Palmers couldn't fit all their eggs in one carton--Stella's Big Green Monster stood out like the "Ugly Duckling."

About three weeks ago, Stella, layer of blue (green) eggs, stopped laying. This apparently upset her and she took to spending all her time in the nest boxes,

thereby impeding the laying efforts of the other two hens. We promptly moved her into solitary in a cage in our basement.

After a week of solitary con-

finement, she was returned to the coop and she's been laying like a champ ever since. In fact, Stella has layed one of the largest eggs one has probably

ever seen. That's right--it's one of Stella's blue (green) eggs.

Things are eggsactly right again on East Valley Road in Alfred Station.



The Palmers constructed a superinsulated (R30) clerestory coop for their chickens. The coop is kept at 40 degrees F with a 24-hour 200 watt bulb. Photos provided by David Palmer.



Perhaps this "green" egg (some call it blue) is what Dr. Seuss had in mind to serve to Sam-I-Am with ham. Now that's one incredible edible egg!



Cleo (from left), Stella and Lottie are hens adopted by David and Aurora Palmer.

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The Dugout

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HITS AND MISSES:

Starting off this week with some high school football awards as the New York State Sportswriters Association announced their MVP's and 1-2-3 team all-star squads in each class for the past season. QB Chris Secky of Maple Grove was named Player of the Year in (D) for the second straight year! The 6'2" senior led his team to the sectional finals where they fell to Randolph. Yes, the brother of Alfred University QB and first-team all-E8 signal caller, Tom Secky. "Guessing" brother Chris won't be coming to AU for football to sit and watch his brother play for two years before getting his chance. The younger Secky is supposedly a better basketball player than football standout ... find that hard to believe, but if the case, maybe landing in Saxons togs won't be so far-fetched! Two years running as Player of the Year is quite impressive.

Austin Dwyer of "B" state champion Hornell was named Player of the Year in his class. A loaded trophy case for the star RB just in the last month or so. Dwyer was named MVP of the "B" tournament as the Red Raiders won the title in Syracuse, he was then selected as the AGR Player of the Year and now this. Teammate Isaac Spike was named first-team all-state. Dwyer and Spike are both considering Alfred University to continue their education and play football for Coach Dave Murray.

Buffalo State will be joining the Empire Eight conference as a football member only beginning in the 2012 season. A once-strong Bengals program is quite sad these days. Buffalo State will continue to play other sports in the SUNYAC's. Alfred will soon be playing Frostburg State and Salisbury State, both from Maryland, in E8 play as they are also coming in as football associates/members only. Believe that is for the 2011 season. Some traveling involved now! Hopefully the basketball situation gets resolved soon where the teams can have a "travel partner" and play Friday-Saturday games on the road in one area or host a couple of teams those evening/days! Not the case at the moment. For example, the Saxons will make three separate trips to Rochester this b-ball season to play RIT, SJ Fisher and Nazareth. In the past it used to be an RIT-Naz weekend and Fisher on a Tuesday as the Cardinals are travel partners with AU ... or used to be!

A crazy weekend past in Division I men's college basketball as ranked teams galore fell by the wayside. A depleted Tennessee program stunned #1 Kansas, Purdue fell to Wisconsin (always tough at home), Duke was shocked by Georgia Tech, Notre dame handled West Virginia, Kansas State fell to Missouri, Mississippi State toppled Mississippi and New Mexico lost to UNLV. Kentucky survived to get past Georgia and Texas continued to roll.

Was zipping along the dial on Monday past and came across an Oklahoma State game with (#33) Marshall Moses at the line shooting two. Apparently no relation to Roger Marshall Moses ... "Hilly" in Holliston (MA).

The "Traveling Sports Fan" from Almond has been busy of late and the local foul-shooting whiz has a busy agenda planned in the upcoming weeks. Robert H. Torrey took in the Bona-Syracuse basketball game at the Carrier Dome along with Mary and Gary "Doc" Moore on 12/19. The next day it was off to Orchard Park for a Bills game where he hooked up with Stu-Waffle-"Rookie" Firster-Greg Waufile-Danny Schwartz and "2 Curran's." Guessing it was Z and Bobby. Not sure! Over New Years it was time to head to DC and watch the Spurs-Wizards in NBA action as he took in the game with Mixer. While there, "Hair" saw his son RJ, watched a George Washington and Howard (Moses) hoop game, saw FedEx Field and grabbed some memorabilia here and there. A few days later he was over in Olean watching the Bonnies play again, chatting with A-A grad Wayne Johnston and Andover grad, Mike Jackson. Up next is a journey to Florida to watch the NFL Pro Bowl and then the Super Bowl. Both in Miami. Along the way, tentative scheduled stops are set for Virginia (Mixy), North Carolina (Kaz), Georgia (Tuttle) and Florida (Our Man Frank). Whew. Any A-A hoop games in there?

Gilbert Arenas (Wizards) ... good-bye!

Jayson Williams (ex-Nets) ... good-bye!

Spotted a few NYS vanity plates of late: CANOEGAL ... Canoe Place Inn (Port A), EAGLBA ... in ADK's, ERIE 1 ... Coach O'-Driscoll at Penn State-Behrend soccer and PASTA ... prelude to more for Scum & Drip.

Andre "The Hawk" Dawson has has been elected to the Base-

AU cagers struggle in Empire 8 play

ALFRED—The Lady Saxons basketball team (5-6, 0-3 Empire 8) suffered a 64-54 loss to Fisher, Tuesday evening and lost at Hartwick Friday evening, dropping a 57-54 decision.

Against Fisher, the Cardinals held a slim 31-30 lead at the half before outscoring the Saxons 33-24 after intermission. The visitors outshot AU, 40 percent to 27 percent. Junior point guard Lyndsay Murphy (Almond/Hornell) had 13 points and five rebounds and junior forward Autumn McLain (Oneida) had 10 points and 10 boards to pace Alfred. Sophomore guard Christina Jordan (Cornwall-on-the-Hudson) netted 12 points on four three-point shots.

On Friday, the Hartwick Hawks defeated AU 57-54. For the game, AU shot 30 percent from the floor and Hartwick shot 40 percent. Murphy led AU with a game-high 24 points and added four rebounds and a pair of assists. McLain scored 12 points and pulled down a game-best 17 rebounds and senior forward Danielle Cooper (Reading, PA) had seven points and four rebounds.

Men fall to Fisher, Hartwick

The AU men's basketball team (6-5, 0-3 Empire 8) was defeated by St. John Fisher, 73-40, Tuesday evening and fell short at Hartwick, 78-61, Friday evening.

In the Fisher game, the Cardinals scored the first two points and maintained the lead for the entire game. For the game, Fisher shot 58 percent and AU shot 26 percent.

Junior guard Mike Stopera (Scotia-Glenville) and senior guard Bobby Barry (Duanesburg) each scored a team-high 10 points for the Saxons. Senior forward Ron Smith (Lyons) pulled down a team-high five rebounds.

In the Hartwick game, Alfred shot 42 percent of its shots (41 percent on three pointers). The Hawks, however, connected on 61 percent of their shots.

Junior point guard Gary Kwiecien (Perry) and freshman guard Sean Curran (Honesdale, PA) each scored 15 points to lead Alfred. Curran's career high came on five three-point shots in seven attempts. Kwiecien also had three rebounds, four assists and three steals. Freshman forward Phil Mormon (Fairport) scored 11 points and pulled down seven rebounds, and Smith had 10 points and seven boards.

AU swimming teams will return to action this week

The AU men's swimming and diving team (4-0, 2-0 Empire 8) and the women's team (1-4, 0-2 E8) return to the pool this weekend with a pair of dual meets.

The Saxons host Utica at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15 and host LeMoyne at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16.

Indoor track and field teams ready for season opener

The men's and women's indoor track and field are set to kick off their season this Saturday at RIT.

Curran, Murphy Saxons' Athletes of the Week

Sean Curran: The freshman guard from Honesdale, PA,

scored a career-high 15 points, sinking five-of-seven three-point shots, in the men's basketball team's loss at Hartwick last week.

Lyndsay Murphy: The junior point guard from Almond averaged 18.5 points and 4.5 rebounds in the women's basketball team's two games last week. She had 24 points, four rebounds and two assists in a loss at Hartwick.

THE DUGOUT continued

ball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. Dawson received roughly 77% of the vote (75% needed) while Bert Blyleven (74%) and Roberto Alomar (73%) fell just short. Ouch. Five voters turned in blank ballots. Others voted for the likes of Eric Karros, Kevin Appier, Pat Hentgen and David Segui. Huh? Those who did should be banned from the process!

The NFL has released their list of potential Hall of Fame members for this year and it includes: Tim Brown, Cris Carter, Don Coryell, Roger Craig, Dermonti Dawson, Richard Dent, Russ Grimm, Jerry Rice, Emmitt Smith, Charles Haley, Rickey Jackson, Cortez Kennedy, John Randle, Andre Reed (Bills) and Shannon Sharpe. Also, senior nominations for Dick LeBeau and Floyd Little (Syracuse). From this final grouping I would go with Rice and E. Smith as automatics. Then, Tim Brown (Raiders), Cris Carter (Vikes) and Russ Grimm (Redskins).

Peyton Manning of the Indianapolis was named NFL MVP for the fourth time.

Pete Carroll is departing USC and heading back to the NFL with the Seattle Seahawks. Interesting. The Trojans are one of the top five college programs in the land ... Alabama-Florida-Texas-Ohio State ... thanks to Carroll, but he is ready to give the NFL another shot. Carroll previously coached the NE Pats and the NJ Jets (33-31).

Is Tom "Savo" Cable still the head coach of the once-proud Oakland Raiders? Hard to figure with Al Davis at the helm. Davis who bestows multi-million dollar deals on marginal top draft picks and has lost it as an NFL "guru."

Who will be the next coach of the Buffalo/Toronto Bills? Guessing it'll be somebody that won't cost owner Ralph Wilson a big contract! Forget Bill Cowher coming to WNY. Why would he want to do that?

Had hoped to take in the Geneseo at Brockport Division III women's basketball game last week but a "lovely" accident at the 390/590 split thwarted that. Was going to go over with Beas, Cass Beasley and Chels Lindahl to see Whitney Smith and Kristen Abbott (ASC) play for B-Port. Beasley, Lindahl, Abbott and 3L played a host of Gus Macker tournaments together when they were younger.

"Congrats" to the Alfred-Almond boys swim team as they took first place in the HAC Invitational meet in Rochester last week!

Mark McGwire apologizes ... many years too late.

Things will soon be better as Jack Bauer (24) returns!

Was looking over the Washington Wizards coaching staff in the NBA, from program "Hair" sent me and was surprised to see I recognized some of the assistants. A staff "almost" as big as Coach Kornaker's at SJ Fisher! In Washington: Randy Wittman ... think he used to be head coach of Hawks, Sam Casell ... former NBA player, Wes Unseld, Jr. ... of Division III Johns Hopkins and son of rather famous player for this franchise!, Ryan Saunders ... son of head coach, Mike Wells ... from Mount Vernon Nazarene which is same conference Tim Mead/Walsh are in, Gene Banks ... remember watching him play at Duke and Don Zierden of Mount Senario ... never heard of him or school.

Closing on a sad note here with the recent passing of Jim Griffin, "Griff" from Hornell/Texas. First met Griff while playing against him in the A-A slow pitch league and we later became teammates on our Bandits traveling squad. We had a nucleus on our Bandits team and over the years we added pieces like the Van Skiver's, Dugan, Atwell on occasion and a few others not originally from A-A. Strong, fast, great arm, could hit with power, or hit ropes. Probably best athlete on that team along with Chris Curran. Later he would marry my cousin, Mindy Taft and they would have three kids together. Barely saw him after that as they were in Texas but fondly remember "Griff" as a key part of a strong team we had and a good person to be a round! My thoughts go out to Mindy and the entire family!