Reading the Sun Reunion

Teresa Gaisser Bent enjoying breakfast at the Terra Cotta Coffee House in Alfred with her dad (Arthur Gaisser) during a recent vacation week back home. It was the first time seeing each other in 18 months due to COVIID with him in Bradenton,FL and Teresa in Auburn. It was a wonderful vacation being back home.



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Remembering Caroline... Alfred University alumnus Alan Littell pens third book

Special to the Alfred Sun ALFRED–A new book of nonfiction by Alan Littell,

Alfred University alumnus and longtime contributor to *The Alfred Sun*, has been listed by Amazon in this country and in Europe following its Aug. 1 release by Jericho Hill Publishing, based in Alfred, where the author makes his home.

The book, titled <u>Caroline</u>, is a memoir of Littell's late wife. It is available locally at the university's campus branch of Barnes & Noble retail stores.

The author's new work touches principally on the early years of the girl he one day would marry, from her birth as a British colonial in Egypt in 1939 to their life together in the Europe, England and America of the 1960s.

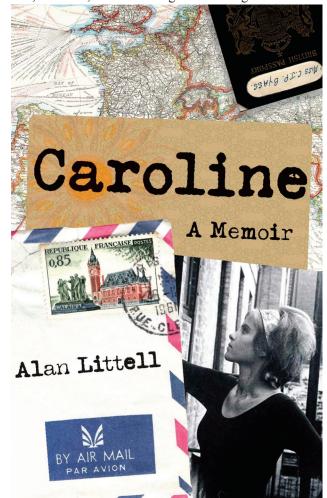
The book is episodic. It shifts back and forth in no particular order between the late 1930s and 1962 in settings that include Cairo, Paris, Suez, Copenhagen, London, Lisbon and New York.

In addition to the author himself and a coterie of his wife's lifelong Paris and London friends, the cast of characters includes Caroline's father—professional soldier, regimental commander—a shadowy figure occasionally emerging from his Second World War tour of desert combat; and her mother, Constance Mary, an extravagantly beautiful woman yet equally vague presence in the child's young life.

There were, also, an older sister, who would die of heart disease in a Cairo hospital, and two brothers, both at school in a suburb of the city. A succession of nannies, or surrogate mothers, briefly appear.

One of the book's more striking episodes tells of the two-year-old Caroline's evacuation from Egypt, with her brothers, in a wartime passenger liner. With lifeboats swung out in readiness for instant lowering, the ship would outrun the threat of German U-boats in a dash across the south Atlantic to Trinidad before doubling recently bombed and in flames.

The brothers' chief memory of their seagoing adventure, however, was not of flight from danger but of sta-



tioning themselves on opposite sides of the deck and of careening their baby sister between them in her pram. They would catch the toddler on the ship's downward roll, then send her back on the upward swing. Caroline, they recalled, loved every minute of it. A pair of accompanying nannies reportedly were not amused.

As the book opens, Caroline and the author meet by chance on the street in front of the small hotel in Paris where they both had taken lodging. The year was 1960. "She was twenty," Littell writes. "I was thirty. She was a pretty girl of middle-height, with pale features cropped short, unruly. Her voice was low-pitched, her accent unmistakably English but modulated, restrained, an echo of class, though not of the working class.

"For whatever reason, or for no particular reason at all unless escape from unpleasantness and tedium was a reason, we had drifted into this ancient city. Paris then was magic. Paris was that almost mythical idyll of youth and freedom, and Paris had seduced and bewitched us."

The eldest member of a modern American literary family, Alan Littell is the brother and uncle, respectively, of novelists Robert and Jonathan Littell. He is the author most recently of <u>Winter Passage: Essays, Memoirs, Journeys</u> (Six Mile Creek Press, Ithaca, 2018). His novel of the sea, <u>Courage</u>, was published in 2007 by St. Martin's Press, New York.

Caroline Littell in later life became a noted photojournalist. Over several decades her work illustrated articles on travel published by *The Alfred Sun* and by dozens of other newspapers and magazines in the United States and Europe. In 2016 the Eastman Museum, Rochester, the world's largest repository of photographic images, acquired for its permanent collection a portfolio of her gelatin silver prints.

In the late 1970s and early 1980s she directed Alfred University's overseas study program, eventually resigning to devote more time to travel and photography.

back by zig-zag to safety in a northern English seaport,

She died, at 75, in Pasadena, Calif., in 2015.

ALFRED STATE COLLEGE Admissions director receives highest SUNY award

ALFRED–Alfred State College announces that Kandi Geibel, director of Admissions and Enrollment at ASC, has been selected to receive the 2021 College Admissions Profession Award.

This honor is the highest award offered by the SUNY College Admissions Professionals Association and recognizes the extraordinary professional achievement of an individual in the field of college admissions.

Nominees must have at least five years of SUNY professional service. They must also demonstrate a long-term commitment to the concept of public higher education and should show continued and outstanding service to the various constituents that avail themselves of public higher education.

Through her exemplary service to students and public higher education, Geibel



KANDI GEIBEL

was selected for this most prestigious award among a large field of worthy nominees. In her nomination letter, Alfred State Vice President for Enrollment Management Betsy Penrose noted that Geibel possesses two crucial attributes that make her an outstanding role model for admissions and public education in New York State: counselor and mentor.

"At her core, Ms. Geibel is a counselor with enormous insight into students," Penrose said. "Kandi is a positive, polished, welcoming ambassador for the college and makes students feel valued and heard. Alfred State has received hundreds of positive follow-ups from students and parents on the professionalism and excellent student service provided by Kandi."

Penrose also praised Geibel for guiding thousands of students – especially at-risk, under-represented, and low-income stu-

dents at Alfred State –along their educational journey, as well as for her ability to serve as a mentor to students and colleagues alike.

"In the time that we have worked together, I have witnessed the strong bond and connection that she has to students and staff, not only in admissions, but across campus," Penrose said. "Former students and employees use the following words to describe her: 'mentor,' 'provided guidance,' 'helped me,' 'cared about me after I left Alfred State,' 'patient and kind,' and 'dedicated and committed.' Kandi's investment of her time and talent into the development of others exemplifies her selfless dedication and service, not only to individuals, but also to the admissions profession. She is the highest example of excellence in admissions."

OBITUARIES

Etta M. Robinson, 87, gifted teacher and evangelist; ran 'Good News Club'



ETTA M. ROBINSON Loved and evangelized children ALMOND-Etta M. Robinson went home to be with the Lord on Friday, July 23, 2021.

Mrs. Robinson was born Nov. 18, 1933 in Laurel, Maryland to Russell and Herman (Monzeller) Wooden.

At the age of 13, Etta accepted

Jesus Christ as her savior, and from that moment on serving Him consumed her life until she passed away at 87 years of age.

She loved children, and as a gifted teacher and evangelist began leading Child Evangelism crusades before she even graduated from high school. In 1953 a young soldier named James Robinson, just back from the Korean War front, began attending her church in Laurel, Md. On June 5, 1954 they married and later moved to his hometown of Hornell. There she faithfully served at the Assembly of God Church on Seneca Road for many years, teaching children and holding Vacation Bible Schools.

In the 1960's she and her husband bought a home on Chapel Street in Almond where Etta invited the neighborhood children to her "Good News Club,"

touching their tender hearts and ives for Jesus. Later they began "Chapel Fellowship," where many Alfred University students gathered at least once a week for Bible study and home-cooked meals. For fourteen years (and beyond), her home was open day and night to any of those "precious young people," as she became Mom, mentor, encourager, counselor and intercessor to each one who hungered for God, especially during the Jesus Movement.

Etta continued ministering to others in word and deed until the day she left this world. Her children and grandchildren, friends, and even hospital staff were lavished with her sweetness and kindness. Her sunny ways and mischievous laughter brightened up their world. She passes on a rich legacy of love, and of pas-sion for the Lord.

Etta is survived by three sons, James (Sandra) Robinson of Almond, Mark (Rena) Robinson and Roland (Jennifer) Robinson, both of Hartsville; five grandchildren, Andrew Robinson, Zachary Robinson and Daniel (Elizabeth) Robinson, all of Manassas, Virginia and Brendan Robinson of Almond and Rebekah (Zachary) Krebs of Ontario; one great granddaughter, Vanessa Hope Robinson; and many innumerable friends. Mom, you are our "Sunshine."

She was predeceased by her husband of 58 years, James G. Robinson on May 6, 2012 and one beloved son, Richard A. Robinson on April 15, 2015.

There will be no prior visitation. A private burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery in Almond at the convenience of the family. A Celebration of Life was held at the Almond Community Center at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 31 to which all were welcome to attend.

Arrangements are under the direction of Baker-Swan Funeral Home in Wellsville/Scio. Online condolences may be offered at www.baker-swan.com.

Alfred Cable TV System, main-

tenance for an area motel, and

As a young person, he could

be seen driving his sports car with the ragtop down and the

radio loud. He loved working on

cars or being in the outdoors.

Whenever possible, he would be

fishing, hunting, or camping with family. At home, you would find him in the pool or

barbecuing dinner on the porch

year round. Friends were drawn

to his hospitality and sense of

brother, two sisters, and his fa-

ther. He is survived by his

mother, Ida Ordway of Andover,

his sister Linda Sootheran of An-

dover, his son James Ordway of

Alma and Wellsville, four grand-

children, and several nieces and

hours or funeral service. His cre-

mains will be scattered in the

woods where he was the happi-

est. Memorials may be sent to

St. Jude Children's Research

Hospital. To leave online condo-

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There will be no visitation

Bob was predeceased by a

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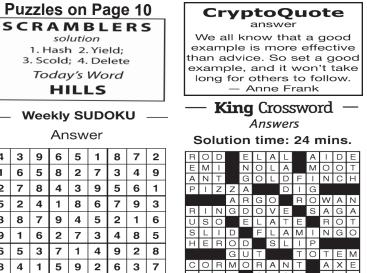
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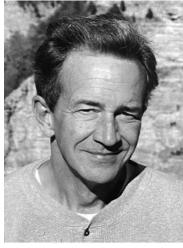
Robert 'Ozzy' Ordway, 59, of Andover, held many area jobs



ANDOVER-Robert "Ozzy" Ordway, 59, of Andover, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, July 21, 2021. He was born in Wellsville's Jones Memorial Hospital on Nov. 21, 1961 the son of Franklin and Ida Ordway.



David C. Meissner, 77, Alfred Station, retired prof



DAVID C. MEISSNER Taught psychology at AU ALFRED STATION-David C. Meissner, 77, of Alfred Station, passed away at home on Thursday, July 22

Born August 11, 1943 on Long Island, David grew up in West Hempstead and graduated from the Waldorf School in Garden City in 1961. He went on to attend Ripon College, graduating in 1965 with a degree in psychology and then the University of Maine, Orono graduating in 1969 with a PhD in experimental psychology.

He married Arolana (Lana) Johnson in 1966 and they resided in Orono until David entered the Army as a second lieutenant at Ft. Fayetteville, NC. Bragg in David was one of a number of newly minted PhDs who taught psychological operations (PsyOps) to Vietnamese officers. He was honorably discharged as a Captain in 1971 at which time he joined the psychology department faculty at Alfred University

David was a devoted and loving father, an avid gardener, photographer and collector of antique toys, rocks and minerals. He was infinitely curious about nearly everything he explored, was a gentle soul who loved the outdoors, and was a light to so many. Above all else, David enjoyed spending summers at his family home on Lake Winnepesaukee, where he was most at peace in his surroundings. David was predeceased by his

parents, William Meissner and Ruth Courter Meissner, and his two brothers, John Meissner and Christopher Meissner. He is survived by his daughter, Kristen Vargason (Dale) from Wayland, his former wife and friend, Arolana (Lana) Meissner from Belmont, sister-in-law, Holly Meissner from New Milford, CT, and nephews, John Hopkin Meissner (Melissa) from Glastonbury, CT, and Thomas Meissner from New Milford, CT.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 at the Union University Church in Alfred with the Rev. Laurie DeMott officiating.Memorial donations may be made to the A.E. Crandall Hook & Ladder Co. 5 Main St., Alfred, NY 14802.

To send a remembrance, visit www.brownandpowersfuneralhomes.com or on Facebook @brownpowersfh, The family is being assisted by director Gerald R. Brown.

Glenn E. Burdick, 54, worked for International Paper

Afterward, he moved to Virginia where he owned and operated Maintenance Resources. Most recently, he was self-employed in New York as the owner of Morningside Services

Glenn leaves behind two children; two grandchildren; three brothers, Thomas (Peg) Burdick of Andover, Royce (Kathy) Burdick of Hartsville and Brad (Jan) Burdick of Alfred Station; and several other family members.

He was skilled mechanically,

He was successful on pieces that others would have given up. Glenn's brothers and friends will always remember his early creations, his bicycle antics and especially his epic crashes.

There will be no prior visitation. A graveside service for Glenn will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, August 15 at the Maplewood Cemetery in Alfred Station. Arrangements are under the direction of Baker-Swan Funeral Home in Andover. Online condolences may be offered at

ROBERT 'OZZY' ORDWAY Loved the outdoors

He was a life-long Wellsville area resident (including Alma and Andover). He held many jobs in the area, the two longest were at Bells grocery store and Hornell TV Cable. Other short-

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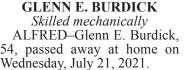
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Mr. Burdick was born Nov. 23, 1966 in North Hornell to Charles E. and Jacqueline L. (Sick) Burdick. He was a 1984 graduate of Alfred-Almond Central School.

Glenn was formerly a resident of both New Hampshire and Indiana, where he worked for International Paper Company.





Eastern Star chapter to hold fund-raiser in Cuba Aug. 14

CUBA-A 31 Home décor, bags and storage container party will be held at the McKee-Tri Star Chapter dining room at 1 p.m. Saturday, August 14. Come on upstairs at 3 East Main Street in downtown Cuba and enjoy the fellowship and fun with 31's Independent Director, Kristen Ives.

Games will be played and prizes won while seeing all that she has to offer of these wellmade, colorful and convenient products. You will be sure to find something you like and will use. Refreshments will be served by ladies of the McKee-Tri Star Chapter.

If you cannot attend the Party in person, you may participate by placing an order on line at:

SERVICE NOTE

LATHAM-Major General Ray Shields, the Adjutant General for the State of New York, announces that Devontae Mc**call** from Alfred, assigned to the Company A, 427th Brigade Support Battalion, received a promotion to the rank of private 1st class on June 3, 2021. Army National Guard promotions are based on overall performance, attitude, leadership ability, and development potential.For more information about the New York Army National Guard, visit www.dmna.ny.gov or www.1800goguard.com

www.mythirtyone.com/kives Choose to shop under the "OES Fundraiser" party. 35% of all sales will go directly to benefit the Allegany District Order of the Eastern Star.

Our District has been fortunate enough to have one of our members, Marcia Pratt, of Wellsville, elected to hold the highest office, Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of New York, in 2025. Our fund raisers for this endeavor will help fund her special charity project, yet to be selected, and the expenses of her year in office, through a fund established and named 'Team 2025

This is a prestigious office, and she will be the very first Grand Matron from Allegany District. The District now consists of only two Chapters, Star of the East Chapter #101 in Bolivar, of which Marcia is a member, and McKee-Tri Star Chapter #242 of Cuba.

The former Kanakadea-MacArthur Chapter #242 of Almond and Andover members is now a part of McKee-Tri Star Chapter #242; the Belfast and Friendship Chapters also consolidated with McKee, hence the new name of McKee-Tri Star.

The Order of the Eastern Star is a social and fraternal organization made up of relatives and members of the Free and Accepted Masons (F. & A.M.) of the State of New York. We are biblically based, do good work for charity and the good of our community members, and have been active for over 150 years.

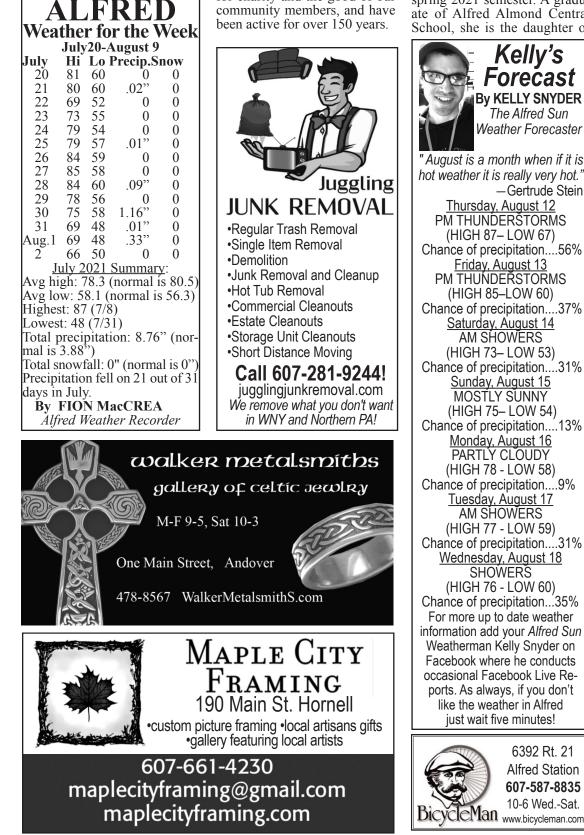




Went out specifically to take a photo to make a granddaughter's birthday card. There is hardly anything more striking along the roadsides right now than black-eyed susans...unless it's blackeyed susans with skipper butterflies on them. Skipper on third blossom from left and one at the far right. Summer's delights.

CAMPUS NOTES

Drew and Mary McInnes of Alfred. All students earning a position on the dean's list-a recognition of academic excellence-must have a grade-point average of 3.7 or above on a 4.0 GPA scale for the semester.



Ellen McInnes, a rising senior Latin American, Latinx & Caribbean studies and Spanish major at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2021 semester. A graduate of Alfred Almond Central School, she is the daughter of

<u>Kelly's</u> Forečast **By KELLY SNYDER** The Alfred Sun Weather Forecaster ' August is a month when if it is hot weather it is really very hot.' -Gertrude Stein Thursday, August 12 PM THUNDERSTORMS (HIGH 87– LOW 67) Chance of precipitation....56% Friday, August 13 PM THUNDERSTORMS (HIGH 85-LOW 60) Chance of precipitation....37% Saturday, August 14

AM SHOWERS

(HIGH 73-LOW 53)

Sunday, August 15 MOSTLY SUNNY

(HIGH 75-LOW 54)



Recipe for oversized zucchini

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.]

When we were raising our summer vegetable gardens I would try to keep ahead of the fast growing zucchini. Inevitably some would get away from me, hiding under those big leaves, and outgrow my usual uses for them. When that happened I would leave them on the bookstand by The Box of Books Library or stuff them with whatever I had on hand. Here is a variation on stuffed zucchini which I found on line from Taste of Home Recipes.

Beef-Stuffed Zucchini							
4 med. zucchini	¹ / ₄ c. seasoned bread crumbs						
1 lb. ground beef	$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt						
$\frac{1}{2}$ c. chopped onion	¹ / ₄ tsp. pepper						
1 egg	1 c. shredded Monterey Jack						
$\frac{3}{4}$ c marinara or snaghetti sauce	cheese divided						

³/₄ c. marinara or spaghetti sauce cheese, divided Cut zucchini in half lengthwise; cut a thin slice from the bottom of each to allow zucchini to sit flat. Scoop out pulp, leaving 1/4 in. shells. Place shells in an ungreased 3 qt. microwave-safe dish. Cover and microwave on high for 3 minutes or until crisp-tender; drain and set aside. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, cook beef and onion over med. heat until meat is no longer pink; drain. Remove from heat; stir in the egg, marinara sauce, bread crumbs, salt, pepper and a $\frac{1}{2}$ c. cheese. Spoon about 1/4 c. into each shell. Microwave, uncovered, on high for 4 minutes. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Microwave 3-4 minutes longer or until zucchini are tender. Serve with additional sauce. (4 servings) It's nice also to run the shells under the broiler for a few minutes to brown the cheese.

<u>Monday, August 16</u> PARTLY CLOUDY (HIGH 78 - LOW 58) Chance of precipitation 9% Tuesday, August 17 AM SHOWERS (HIGH 77 - LOW 59) Chance of precipitation....31% Wednesday, August 18 SHOWERS (HIGH 76 - LOW 60) Chance of precipitation...35% 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! 6392 Rt. 21 Alfred Station





EDITORIAL PAGE Publisher gushing over inane idea of secession

Letter to the Editor:

"Greater Western New York State?'

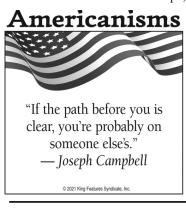
The publisher of this paper could barely contain his excitement in the front-page article in last week's Sun as he gushed over the prospect of an "independent Western New York." In a few minutes I will tell you why some people want this to come to fruition but, first, let's consider this hare-brained idea.

Can you just imagine what a podunk state this would be without the New York City region? New York City, the premier and possibly most important city in the world? Why, we in "Western New York State" would be no better off than if we lived in one of those states called Dakota.

I wrote years ago (2014, in fact) in response to one of our misguided Allegany County legislators who proposed breaking away from NYC, that the City returns more revenue to the state than it takes. And although it is "Empire State" in name only anymore, New York is still one of the most important and influential states in the country.

So, why would anyone even propose such an inane idea? I will tell you, why. Because these Upstate Republic folks cannot stand that we have a governor and state legislature controlled by Democrats. If we had a governor like Abbott (Texas), De-Santis (Florida), or Noem (from one of them Dakotas), you wouldn't hear a peep from them. And politicians, who lack the imagination and intellectual wherewithal to solve actual problems, score cheap points by stirring the pot. George Borrello is one of those politicians (I don't know the other one named Hawley).

Of course, as the editor of the Sun points out, there are two problematic areas: non-whites in Buffalo and Rochester. Perhaps,





"Only through the open and unhampered clash of contrary opinions can truth be found." --Glenn Franl

that problem could be solved by imposing something like the three-fifths compromise pro-posed during the original 1787 Constitutional Convention, where non-whites could be counted only as three-fifths of a person (in case Nick Waddy didn't teach you that in his "history' class, you can look it up in Wikipedia). That might go a long way toward solving your "dictatorship of the majority," whatever that means.

But, if you are so hell-bent on creating new states, I have two candidates for you: Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico. Those people are grossly under-represented and need a voice in our government (of course, they also "don't look like us," and may even speak Spanish, for crying out loud, so, never mind)

None of you, who are so excited about the Balkanization of the United States, has the right to sing the national anthem, in my opinion. You want to fracture and destroy this country, much as like what occurred in the fragmentation of countries like Yugoslavia or the old Soviet Union, which simply created tiny fiefdoms and dictatorships and endless wars. Be careful what you ask for. Think before you put your foot in your mouth.

As far as those surveys and about people of all political spectrums supporting "secession," talk is cheap but the consequences have to be thought through. Do you really STILL want a "United States" of America???

Steven R. Jakobi Alfred Station

Benefits of diversity To the Editor,

The article on "Greater Western New York State?" in the Sun for July 22nd was very interesting. I believe wholeheartedly that we New Yorkers are fortunate to have our diversity.

It was interesting to me that the continuation of the article on page 4 was facing an article on



page 5 about a Shakespeare event that was supported by the New York State Council on the Arts. NYSCA is the sort of state organization that supports many programs throughout the state.

We benefit from the mix of New York City's dense cultural organizations and the rest of the state.

> Sherman Clarke Village of Alfred

The Alfred Sun welcomes letters to the editor. Send your "brief and amazing" letter to the Alfred Sun editor to: alfredsun.news@gmail.com

THE FIRST AMENDMENT Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Sun Spots



The Zambroomi Machine Or, If Cleanliness Is Next To Godliness, What Kind Of Devilry Is This

The street sweeper passes in front of my home As it goes around town cleaning up all the loam That daily accumulates next to the curb On the quaint little streets of our quaint little burb.

With round, swirling brushes the rig is begirt, For scrubbing the street and conveying the dirt To a bin that's within it, just like it's supposed to, Which, when finished, is dumped in the place it's disposed to.

Yes, the street sweeper passes in front of my house— So early, and loudly, wakes me and my spouse; Then a second time, too (it must give him such pleasure), And finally a third time—just for good measure.

And its round, swirling brushes keep filling its bin... Till it runs out of room to sweep any more in. So the street sweeper passes in front of my dwelling, But whether it cleans or leaves more, there's no telling

-Full Binymous

Capture the Flags

"Flags, flags, everywhere a flag Blockin' out the scenery, breakin' my mind Believe this, don't believe that, can't you see the flag?"

Five Man Electrical Band- 1971 (shamelessly altered)

We've seemingly become a nation of flags in America. Not in the sense that we all can agree on a flag and fly it in common, but as a cacophony of competing exclamations. Flags today appear to serve a similar function as battle flags of yore: a method of distinguishing friend from foe, of rallying the troops and boosting morale in the face of opponents. Flags today seem not a way to signal broad based unity but as a way to signal virtue and solidarity with a preferred identity group and as a statement against those perceived opponents. When a Trump flag or Pride flag is flown, it is simultaneously a rallying cry to the like minded and a stick in the eye of perceived enemies, be they "communists" or "bigots"

As with most trends, I suppose the proliferation of flags has been growing for some time below my notice, but I think the first time it clearly stood out was when I started seeing strange looking American flags with a blue stripe. I couldn't for the life of me figure out what it could mean, but after much puzzlement, I eventually made the connection that it was referring to the "thin blue line" of police and was flown in support of police in response to growing criticisms. Soon additional flags started cropping up: with a red stripe to represent firefighters, with a white stripe for paramedics or, for the truly first responder inclusive, one with all (seven!) stripes.

I find all of them rather irritating, to be honest. While I have somewhat ambivalent personal feelings about police in general, it wasn't the support shown that necessarily rankled, but the mode chosen to display it. As I understand it, the point of the American flag is to present a symbol to unite a disparate and geographically far-flung people; a point of shared respect, theoretically uniting everyone from California gold panners to Nantucket whalers to Pennsylvania tobacco farmers. What it seems emphatically not is a customizable slate to demonstrate support for whatever favored group one prefers. It takes a supposedly overarching symbol and appropriates it into a personalized political statement. More incomprehensible still is that this bastardization of the national flag is executed by the right wing demographic which professes to revere it the most. In a way, as a statement it is actually analogous to flag burning, but in perhaps an inverse sense. Flag burning appropriates the flag in the service of an explicitly political statement while the "blue stripe" family of flags politicize the symbol no less, by appropriating and investing the American flag with their own meanings. It would seem to me that the most respectful course would be to leave the national symbol entirely unmolested and above the frav. As was inevitable and as I long ago predicted, I have also seen the "Pride" American flag with the rainbow instead of the 13 stripes. The sometimes seemingly myopic emphasis on one's sexuality as a source of identity has always seemed strange to me. Though it, nor the myopic identifications by political affiliation, are really surprising as the other touchstones of identity such as religion, community, family, or cultural heritage are con-



stantly eroded by a corrosive and encompassing, vet titillating and vacuous, materialism which ultimately reduces us all to the subhuman level of 'consumer". In such an environment, most of us are flailing in one way or another for a precious life preserver of identity to give our status as economic units a veneer of meaning. However, as with the rest of the "identity" flags, it comes off to me as yet another trite misappropriation of our national symbol

Drifting yet further into the boundless seas of inanity, I have even seen an American flag overlaid with, I kid you not, the Buffalo Bills logo. At that point, why not just sell flags overlaid with the face of one's favorite pop star, automobile make, or energy drink? Well, shoot me and my internet connection, for in real time my hopes for the American polity have plummeted yet further, since it turns out that all these supposedly theoretical absurdities already exist. It's clear enough where our priorities lie, at any rate. Not all of us see our appointed role as walking, talking, product placement commodities as a fate to escape!

As I mentioned earlier, one of the principle purposes of the great welter of competing flags is to virtue signal to one's political tribe. However, as the saying goes, talk is cheap. Signs are even cheaper and often enough they seem to be a stand in for anything more concrete. It sometimes amuses me to go through high rent places like Pittsford with its flurry of BLM flags last year (although, now it seems that the rainbow flag has somewhat replaced it as the flag du jour). It almost seemes to verge on desperation level virtue signalling, a plea to the hoi polloi of the poorer parts of the city of Rochester and perhaps themselves, as well, crying Don't look at us, we le extremely right thinking privileged liberals here!" Perhaps there was a subconscious hope that the signs would act as a talisman to ward away any actual poor black people. Now that I think about it, why does it seem like my identity is the only one not represented by its own flag? Where are the flags for the perennially skeptical, contrarian timber framers of Irish/German ancestry with large families? After all, how can this nation's more perfect union be rendered even more perfect unless the meaning of my precious and unique identity can be distilled into bite sized symbolic snippets and set forth in ostentatious public display? It seems that this apparent fixation with loudly displaying our identities, political or otherwise, has perhaps more than a touch of the pathetic and insecure, the mark of a people ill at ease with themselves and each other. We can try to drown the cognitive dissonance that our modern life so often demands in the comforts of retreating into simplistic sloganeering, and browbeat our neighbors with the same, but this serves only to exacerbate and reinforce our animosities. More often than not though, our neighbors will still be there as human beings behind the flags. If only we had a flag for that!

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FASSETT GREEN SPACE



Art for Rural America has transformed a Wellsville vacant lot into a public garden, ensemble of musical instruments centered around a Bill Underhill fountain. Ribbon-cutting for Shade Pavilion set Aug. 28

WELLSVILLE-Mark your calendars! Please save the date for the Fassett GreenSpace Shade Pavilion ribbon cutting event to be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, August 28

Over the last four years, local nonprofit Art for Rural America has transformed a vacant lot on 55 North Main Street in Wellsville into a space where families can get free, high quality produce while interacting with their neighbors. The Fassett lot is now a public garden in the village, with 2,000 square feet of growing space in circular raised beds, an ensemble of sculptural musical instruments, a one-ofa-kind Bill Underhill fountain, a Little Free Library, and mosaic artwork.

The newest addition to the Fassett GreenSpace is a shade pavilion with two rows of bleacher-like built-in bench seating. This construction adds an additional area to grow more native plants and host community events. Most importantly, the pavilion provides shade and protection from the elements for visitors. One of the shade sails is currently installed, and two more sails will be installed prior to August 28.

The roughly hour and a half ribbon cutting event will consist of a recognition of donors and supporters and overview of the history of the project, followed by a live dance performance within the labyrinth.

Local dance instructor, Kate Martelle, choreographed a piece that exhibits dancers as they move between the garden's walls, interacting with flowers, herbs, and vegetables. The performance debuted earlier in August and will be performed once again to showcase the creative spirit the Fassett GreenSpace Project brings to the Wellsville community. Following the dance and ribbon cutting, volunteers will give tours of the public garden.

Local musicians will join for an inaugural music performance using the new shade sail pavilion.

The Fassett GreenSpace Shade Pavilion has support from: the Village of

Wellsville, Alfred State College, LC Whitford, Wellsville Development Corporation, Clark Patterson Lee, Glenn Zweygardt, the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation through the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, The Giant, The East Hill Foundation, the Western New York Foundation, Art Services Inc., and many more volunteers.

Please contact Board President, Cassandra Bull, at 518-937-3234 or Artfor-RuralAmerica@gmail.com for more details or to be involved. To learn more about the project, visit www.artforruralamerica.org or follow the Fassett GreenSpace Project on Facebook.

AU alum up for an Emmy

ALFRED-As an Alfred University undergraduate, Joshua First '03 was in charge of makeup for the 2001 production of The Crucible. He also began an internship that year at The Julliard School in which he branched out into hair styling. Now, at the age of 40, he has been nominated for an Emmy Award for his work on The Politician, the Netflix political satire that debuted in 2019.

'The Crucible was the turning point for me," he says. He is waiting for the awarding of creative arts Emmys Sept. 11-12. The awards ceremony will be aired on FXX Sept. 18, the day before the prime time airing of Emmys

on Sept. 19. Joshua shares his own nomination with four other people working on hair styling for The Politician: Liliana Maggio, Timothy Harvey, Matthew Wilson, and

OUTDOOR SUMMER THEATRE Town Theatre of Short Tract will stage Molière's Imaginary Invalid Aug. 13-15

life miserable with his melo-

dramatic suffering and end-

less, unnecessary curative

ALLEGANY COUNTY-The Town Theatre of Short Tract will perform the classic play, The Imaginary Invalid, August 13-15 at three loca-tions across Allegany County. All performances will take

place outdoors, weather permitting, and begin at 6:00 p.m.

treatments. His doctor and apothecary are bleeding him dry-literally and figuratively.

The Town Theatre produc-

tion, directed by Rebekah Brennan, features nine cast members from Warsaw, Nunda, Fillmore, Houghton, and Wellsville.

"At a time where being together and laughing is incredibly medicinal and

Lisa Thomas. The group was nominated for their work



on the episode "What's in the Box?" in which lead characters competing in an election to the New York Senate scramble over the contents of ballot boxes. Sound familiar?

Joshua was in charge of the hair styles of approximately 500 extras, whose appearances had to be consistent with the opposing styles of each candidate. "I was in charge of making sure none of those extras stood out, but also reflected the identity of their campaign," he says. "I'd take a look at 500 people, and if somebody stood out, I'd assign them a make-up person and a chair.

Now 40 years old, Joshua lives in Long Island City, Queens, NY. He has lived in New York City for the past 18 years, beginning with his internship at Julliard. His spouse of three years, Scott Partridge, works for American Express, which Joshua describes as "a nice nine-to-five job." The working hours for a television series such as The Politican can be grueling, he says.

His sister, Anjali Fahy, graduated from Alfred University in 2017. His brother, the late Justin Fahy, also attended AU.

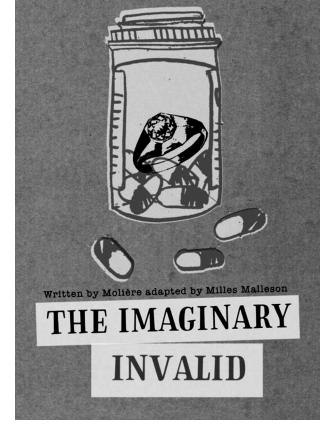
Joshua says he got his first job in theater on Broadway, in December of 2003, only seven months after graduating from Alfred University with a bachelor's degree in theatre. "I like working." Looking back at his undergraduate years, he points to three individuals at Alfred University who mentored him: retired Professor of Theater Steve Crosby, who directed The Crucible; Professor of Theater Becky Prophet; and former Alfred University Technical Theater Professor Michael Dempsey

He currently is working on a new project for Apple TV, following work he did on Apple's Little Voice production. "I can't talk much about it," he says. "But it's going to be an exciting show that comes out next year."

Opening night is scheduled for Friday, August 13 on the front lawn at the David A. Howe Public Library in Wellsville. Additional performances will be held on Saturday, August 14 on the Quad at Houghton College, and Sunday, August 15 at the Village Park Circle in Angelica.

All performances will begin at 6:00 p.m. and are free of charge. Attendees are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner, blankets, and lawn chairs. In the event of rain, the Wellsville performance will move inside to the library auditorium and the Houghton performance will utilize the college's Center for the Arts recital hall.

The Imaginary Invalid, by French playwright Molière, tells the story of Argan—the eponymous hypochondriacwho makes everyone in his





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

Main St Ext., near Webbs Cross-ing Road, Hornell. New mem-bers 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 many information 10 p.m. For more info, visit 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 present-ing the "Year in Review" concert.

Off the Wagon is back! Our up-coming shows start with the Cuba Dairy Days Street Dance Friday, June 18 from 6-9 pm on Main Street Cuba; July 4 - An-dance part 6 9 pm uly 17 dover park 6-8pm; July 17 -Cuba School 7-9pm; July 31 -Canisteo Smoke in the Valley BBQ fest – 3:30 pm; August 7 – Andover Block Party 2-4 pm; Halloween Saturday, Oct. 30 at Muhleisens in Almond 9 p.m.-1 Multielsens in Aimond 9, D.m.-1 a.m. Grab your hat, dancing shoes and come enjoy the sounds of Off the Wagon. For more information on Off the Wagon check out: www.face-book.com/OfftheWagonAcoustic

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

Wingate Memorial Carillon Recital Series at Davis Memo-rial 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 per-formed by Principal Harp, Rosanna Moore, as part of the transition back to the store. The transition back to the stage. The concert will be held on Thursday,

August 5 at 7:30 PM at The Rockwell Museum in Corning.

This concert is sponsored in part by Denis Kingsley. \$30 Adults | \$10 Children Tickets: osfl.org | 607-936-2873



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 wel-come, 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.

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

PERFORMANCES



INSTRUCTION/GROUPS

Allegany Artisans. The Alle-gany Artisans, local artists and craftspeople working together to host an annual studio tour, held annually in October, invite artists to apply. Work is juried. Studio must be in Allegany County. 585-593-6345 or visit the website: www.alleganyartisans.com.

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

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

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 weetshop.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 .call Karen Dickerinformation son, 585-593-3579.

Steuben Trust Gallery, Steuben Square, Hornell. On-going ex-hibits 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 Satur-day 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, embroi derers, weavers, dyers, basket makers, hookers (rug hookers, that is) and everyone with a cre-ative mind and an interest in fibers. For more information, call Debbie MacCrea at 607-587-9270, or T.C. Gary at 585-593-4700

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@vahoo.com

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

The Corning Museum of Glass presents the most comprehen-sive glass collection in the world in "35 Centuries of Glassmak ing." 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 Mon-days-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 So-ciety. 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 infor-mation, 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 con-structed museum focuses on fine ceramics used in technical and bio-medical applications. Lo cated on the top floor of Binns-Merrill Hall, AU campus, Alfred Open 10-4 Wed.-Fri. Free admission.



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

Alfred Art Walk, A collaborative Allred 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 alfredart-walk.org. To add your event to Alfred Art Walk email: submit.al-fredart.uk/@amail.com fredartwalk@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'Associ-ation. Museum will open follow-ing Memorial Day Weekend. For updates, visit: www.pioneeroilmuseum.com

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

Terra Cotta Museum, Main St., Alfred. Open on special occa-sions or by appointment.

World War II Museum, 201 Main Street, Eldred, Pennsylva-nia. For more information, visit: http://eldredpawwiimuseum.com/ or call: 814-225-2220.

NOTES from the

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.

Community Chest Board hopes to repeat last year's successful campaign format ALFRED-The Alfred-Alfred the same format as last year's or providing services at the local

Station Community Chest's 2021 campaign successfully reached 100% of its \$30,000 goal, which was very gratifying considering we were in the midst of the global pandemic with all the financial hardship that brought.

We hope for a successful 2022 campaign. As the Delta variant is causing a resurgence of cases, the board has decided to follow

campaign and will not hold a public meeting.

Any organization that wants to request funds should send materials to: AlfredCommunity-Chest@gmail.com. If that option is not possible for your organization, please mail one copy of each document to: Box 603, Alfred, NY 14802.

Priority will be given to organizations directly involved in Alfred/Alfred Station level. Due to the success of the last campaign, funds were dispersed in June 2021, rather than January 2022 as planned. Applications by mail should be postmarked on or before August 25. The Board will meet in September.

If you have any questions, please call Laurel Buckwalter at 607-968-0669 or email Laurel.Buckwalter@gmail.com.



Gleaning from the Food of Yesterday: The Era of WWII duced.

n a time of crisis, when livelihoods are threatened, the routines which maintain our health are often compromised. This is typically unavoidable and necessary. However, after the crisis is dispelled, it is vital that we re-establish healthy lifestyles rather than settling into a lower standard. Unfortunately, this is exactly what we did not do after the major changes which occurred in our food system during the era of the Second

The second shift in our food industry was a decrease in the quality of our food production. Supply chains were weak, so it was necessary to manufacture foods that would last a long time. Companies like Hormel bought food from farmers and packaged it into new products, such as Spam. Artificial flavors and preservatives increased. This made food cheaper and unnaturally addictive-resulting in higher profits for big industries. And then, once the chemicals were introduced into agriculture, seeds had to be genetically modified in order to survive the pesticides. As a result, the basic means of life, the seed, has become "sterile"; new seeds have to be purchased yearly. The crops are now destructive to our bodies rather than nourishing. The lesson from this age is that quantity often impacts quality produced. It was necessary to mass produce and preserve food for the war, but after that the poor quality continued because big industries were more concerned about self-preservation and profit than sustainability and health. Food is more than calories in and out of our body. It is mankind's source of vital nutrition which builds healthy cells, organs, systems, and bodies. When nutrition is compromised, as detailed during this era, there are consequences of unprecedented chronic illnesses. We will take a closer look at this in my next article discussing the medical industries' response to this influx of disease.



Another Safe Kid takes home a well-fitted bike helmet after

World War.

The year was 1940. The United States had yet to enter WWII, but began to support the Allies' fight against the Nazis through the Lend-Lease Act. Starving soldiers don't win wars, so this act provided the food supplies, as well as military supplies, which these countries desperately lacked.

There were two major shifts that occurred in our food industry during this time. The first was agricultural. The farmers were required to produce more and more food with less employees. While this meant a major increase of income for the farmers, it also required them to greatly rely on the government for resources. Before this time, the government had offered a degree of support programs, but it now developed institutionalized regulations. This was just the beginning of a major expansion of the agricultural industry and a new dependency on government funding to succeed. Also, the war introduced to agriculture a new array of chemicals used to produce bombs and poisonous gases. The companies that manufactured these chemicals didn't want to go out of business at the war's end and so they saw expanding farm business as the perfect target. By 1952, the FDA approved the use of the about 10,000 new pesticides. With less pests, and eventually less weeds through the use of herbicides, crops could be mass pro-

If you have questions or comments for Nutritional Therapy Practitioner, Maria Boyuk, contact her at thrivinghealth17@gmail.com or visit her website at: thrivinghealthNY.com

an outdoor Yoga event at Alfred's Box of Books Library on Thursday, August 5, 2021. (Photo by Sherry Volk)

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AU Environmental Studies Speakers Series. Talks are 12:20 to 1:10 Fridays during the fall se-

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

Baker's Bridge Historical Asso-ciation. Meets 7:30 pm, third Mon-day of each month, Sept.-April in the Meeting House, 5971 Hamilton Hill Road, Alfred Station. Remaining meetings canceled due to COVID-19. All programs free,open to the public. Website: www.bakersbridge.org. For more informa-tion, contact President Jim Ninos, 607-587-9018, jninos@gmail.com, For a tour of the building contact Collections Manager, Alexandra Hoffman, (607-382-9404, ahoff-man4@mail.com) man4@gmail.com).

Bergren Forum. Alfred University's Bergren Forum. Altred University Bergren Forum, now entering its 51st year, is presented via Zoom and will continue on a a bi-weekly schedule every Thursday for the spring semester. Forums will take place at the usual time on Thurs-days, beginning at 12:10 pm and lasting for approximately 50 min-utes. The lectures/ talks/discus-sions will also be recorded and sions will also be recorded and made available on the Bergren Forum Youtube channel. A Zoom invitation to each forum may be obtained during the week of that forum by emailing Marilyn Saxton at saxtonmj@alfred.edu."

Nunda Historical Society. Sun-day June 6, 1-4 pm. Nunda Histori-cal Society, 24 Portage Rd, Nunda. Special 1st Sunday Event at the Nunda Museum - Explore Nunda's Native History through activities, demonstrations and more. Throw the accient attatt with more. Throw the ancient atlatl with Douglas Bassett, watch the making of stone tools by flint knapper Ken Wallace and learn to identify Indian artifacts with John Gordinier. Spe-cial museum exhibits and presentation during the afternoon. The event is free, open to the public and handicapped accessible. This program is supported by the De-centralization Program, a regrant program of the NYS Council on the Arts and is administered by the Genesee Valley Council on the Arts. Questions: see www.nundahistory.org or call 585-476-2354 or 585-465-0971.



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SPOTLIGHT THEATER. 191 Main Street, Hornell. www.thespot-lighttheaters.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 Tues day 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 informa-

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 a group 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 will meet at Angelica Ink Letter-press, 20 Allegany Avenue, Angelica, during cold months and at Belvidere Cornerstone, 5781 County Road 20, Belmont, summer works on the following 2020 Sat-urdays from 1-3 pm: July 18, Au-gust 29, September 26, October 24, November 21. Contact The-BelvidereCornerstone@gmail.com with questions. Meetings are sub-iert to cancellation due to the cornoiect to cancellation due to the coronavirus pandemic. Watch for further information

BOWLING

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

BRIDGE

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

Str8 Eight Tournament at the Terra Cotta Coffeehouse, Main St., Alfred. Tournaments held quarterly in February, May, August (the big one!) and November on the 8th

day of each month at the Terra Cotta Coffeehouse start ing at 8 p.m. (unles \sim otherwise noted). You get the idea. To learn more about the card game in-vented in Alfred, NY Str8 Eig visit: www.str8eight.com

Special Events

Alfred-Almond Central School Alumni Association Annual Reunion Banquet, originally sched-uled for July 24, 2021, has been cancelled. Individual classes, however, are encouraged to organize events that weekend. For more in-formation or to For updates, check out the AAAA website at: www.aacsalumni.org Also, visit the website to make donations toward scholarships, pay dues (and thus become eligible to receive the an-nual newsletter).

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! Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 16 & 17, 2021, 10 am to 5 pm Preview in select studios, Friday, Oct. 45 0021 & ft a gam / int orti Oct. 15, 2021, 5 to 8 pm Visit arti-sans' studios where their creative ideas come to life. For a map, check out our our Web site. www.alleganyartisans.com

Bareknuckle Boxing Hall of Fame Induction Weekend Memo-rial Day Weekend 2021. For tickets info, visit: https://www.bareknuckle-boxinghalloffame.com/induction

Allegany County Fair July 19-24 at the County Fairgrounds, Angel-ica, will celebrate its 176th year in 2021! Tentative Grandstand Schedule for 2021: Mondow oversite: Tarak and and

Monday evening: Truck pull and Local Truck Pull Tuesday: Draft Horse pulls Wednesday: *NEW* Garden Tractor Pulls Including V8 Mini

Mods

Mods Thursday: Broken B Rodeo Friday: *NEW* The Outlaw Pulling series Saturday: Demolition Derby For more details, visit: www.alleganycountyfair.org/

Bolivar Pioneer Oil Days June 20-27, 2021. The Bolivar Lions

Club has decided against holding the annual Pioneer Oil Days celebration and car show again this year. After considered and deliber ate discussions the safety and well being of our community members and visitors outweighed all other arguments. We'll be back in 2022!!

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

Support Groups Adult Survivors of Sexual

Abuse. Meets at various times Call 716-593-6300 for info.

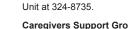
Al-Anon. 7pm Thursdays and Sundays at the United Presbyterian Church, 150 Main Street, Hor-nell. Use the side entrance

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

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

Cardiac Support Group. Meets second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the St. James Mercy Hospital Cardiac Rehab (2nd floor).

For info, call the Cardiac Rehab



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

Celebrate Recovery/Celebrate Victory Christian 12-Steps sup-port for all types of hurts, hangups, habits and struggles of life, includ-ing common addictions. 7PM Sat-urdays at Knights Creek Evangelical Methodist Church, 2887 Knights Creek Road (Co 2987 Knights Creek Road (Co. Road 9), Scio. www.facebook.com/KnightsCreekC hurch, or Casey Jones at bps461@msn.com or (484) 435-0503 for information.

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

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

PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP

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

Etcetera

Allegany County SPCA. Volun-teers 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

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The DIY Farmer's Wife Approach

By KRISTINA SNYDER

Alfred Sun Columnist

To include your event in this calen-dar, send information to: Calendar, ALFRED SUN, PO Box 811, Alfred NY 14802 or e-mail alfredsun.news@gmail.com no later than 5 p.m. Friday

Andover Wetlands Project to hold Kids Fishing Contest

ANDOVER-The Town of Andover Wetlands Project will be the scene for the annual Kids Fishing Contest to be held on Saturday, August 21 at the Andover Ponds (Route 21) from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. Trophies will be awarded at 2:45 p.m. There is no entry fee. In attendance will be Senator George Borrello and members of the Allegany County Board of Legislators, members of the Village and Town boards.

Age groups include: 5 and under, 6-8, 9-11, and 12-15. Trophies will be awarded to the top three fish in each age group. There will also be trophies for the smallest, largest and most fish of the day. Other categories with trophies awarded are for largest bass and largest carp. There is also a special award in memory of Senators Jess Present and Pat McGee who were supporters of the Wetlands Project since its inception. The award is given to a participant who displays the qualities of Perseverance, Dedication, and Persistence which were the characteristics of the Senators.

Refreshments will be available free of charge. Pepsi Cola of Elmira has donated the soda. Giant Food Mart of Wellsville has donated hot dogs, Stroehmann's Bakery of Olean provided the rolls, and chips are donated by Frito Lay of Olean.

There will also be drawings and raffles for many door prizes provided thus far by area businesses and national fishing companies.

Trophies are courtesy of the Town of Andover and provided by Sports Fanatic of Hornell.

Volunteers are needed to help with the contest; for more information, call 585-593-1624 or 585-610-2241. For information about the event, visit the website: and overwetlandskidsfishing contest.com.

Friends of Allegany Arc plans 17th Annual Summer Scramble

WELLSVILLE-The Friends of Allegany Arc Foundation will be holding their 17th Annual Summer Scramble at the Wellsville Country Club on Friday, August 27, 2021. The tournament will be a fourperson scramble format (men's, women's and mixed teams) with a 1:30 pm shotgun start. "The Friends Summer Scramble is a very fun and beneficial fundraiser," said Event Coordinator Myriah Perry. "Event proceeds go directly toward opportunities for people with special needs.' There will be four hole-in-one prize holes; Hole 11 (\$500 cash), Hole 14 (\$500 cash), Hole 18 (\$500 cash) and Hole 3 (\$10,000 cash), as well as closest to the pin and longest drive. The cost of the tournament is \$75.00/per person (\$300 per team) and includes a cart, 18 holes of golf, beverages, and dinner. Register online today at: https://thearcas.org/friends-foundation/. For more information, please contact Myriah Perry, Event Chairperson at (607) 622-1893 or myriah.perry@thearcas.org

WHAT'S **COOKIN'?**

Allegany County Office for the Aging Meals on Wheels Menu

Monday, August 16 Peaches

Cranberry Chicken w/Stuffing Italian Green Beans Whole Grain Roll **Blueberry Crisp**

Tuesday, August 17

Pineapple Shepherd's Pie

Winter Squash Whole Grain Bread

Lemon Mousse Wednesday, August 18 Potato Salad Broccoli Salad Ham Salad On Whole Grain Rye Watermelon

Sugar Cookie Thursday, August 19 Tomato & Cucumber Salad

Spaghetti & Meatballs Roasted Cauliflower Whole Grain Garlic Roll Peach Crisp



DIY Swiss Chard Stem ideas WHAT DO YOU DO WITH SWISS CHARD STEMS?

This is possibly one of my favorite culinary questions I receive at the Farm. You see I'm a bit passionate about rainbow chard and understandably so! Chard is one of the first veggies to appear and produces all summer long, versatile in the kitchen and packed with vitamins and minerals. So here's the long answer short:

Ferment- next time you'rr chopping chard leaves, leave the stems whole and stick them in a wide mouth mason jar. Add 2T of sea salt, 1T peppercorn, dill and a clove of garlic then fill with water and put a lid on. Leave on the counter "burping" daily for 3-6 days then refrigerate for up to 6 months to enjoy pickled chard stems through the winter!

Grill Them!- Next time you throw some grassfed burgers on the grill, toss your chard stems in olive oil, salt and pepper and then grill for 5-10 mins. You can even coat them in your fave BBQ sauce for a vegan "BBQ RIB."

Sauté- because Swiss chard is so naturally tender you don't even have to remove the stems when frying up the greens. Just chop them in small pieces and stir fry all together for a delicious one pot meal!

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

Friday, August 20 Four Bean Salad Chicken Ala King Over Whole Grain Biscuit Steamed Broccoli Spiced Apples Peanut Butter Cookie

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





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ALLEGANY COUNTY NEWS Genesee Valley C.S. raises \$20,000 for Remote Area Medical clinic

BELMONT-Genesee Valley Central School (GVCS) has raised over \$20,000 from area businesses and organizations to provide a Remote Area Medical (RAM) pop-up clinic in the fall. The RAM clinic will deliver free quality services to underserved and uninsured individuals who do not have access to or cannot afford a doctor

The Health Foundation for Western & Central NY provided the lead donation of \$10,000 toward the clinic. Other major gifts supporting the clinic include \$5,000 from Jones Memorial Hospital, \$2,500 from Mobile Primary Care, and \$1,500 from the Allegany County Area Foundation. Other organizations providing support include Alfred State College, Allegany Insurance Group, Angelica Lions Club, Angelica Spring Company, L.C. Whitford, Medical Transport Service, Otis Eastern, and the Hornell Wegmans.

Anne Campbell, GVCS Wellness Director and site coordinator for the clinic, took the lead on securing donations.

"This past year has been exceedingly difficult for many of our local businesses, which weighed on our minds when we asked for their financial support," Campbell shared. "The community has graciously embraced the need for this clinic by sponsoring and giving what they can. In addition to monetary donations, community members are giving of their time by signing up as volunteers. We could not host this clinic without our community's support.

The funds raised will be used to feed 225 daily volunteers, provide housing for RAM staff, fund clinic security, lab processing, table and chair rentals, provider malpractice insurance, biohazard waste removal, and more.

At the RAM clinic, patients can receive dental cleanings, fillings, extractions, and X-rays. Patients can also receive vision services such as eye exams, glaucoma testing, and eyeglass prescriptions; they can also pick out frames to have their eveglasses made on-site in a mobile vision lab. Patients will have access to a variety of medical services, including women's health and mental health counseling.

The clinic will be first-come firstserved and is projected to deliver care to 400-500 patients over the course of the weekend on Saturday, October 9 and Sunday, October 10. No insurance or financial information is required. Licensed medical professionals will be providing care and services for area residents who attend the clinic. Volunteers are still needed, especially dentists, dental hygienists, ophthalmologists, optometrists, and general volunteers. Those interested in volunteering can visit http://volunteer.ramusa.org to register.

Local organizations are needed to help provide food for staff and patients. All inquiries about the clinic can be directed to **ĜVCS** Wellness Director Anne Campbell at 585-268-7933 or acampbell@genvalley.org.

Baseball was back at the Almond Lions Community Park for the 2021 season after a year off in 2020. Seven teams competed in the AAYBL. (Photo provided.) More than 75 participate in Alfred-Almond Youth Baseball League season

By KEN SHUTT

AAYBL Commissioner ALMOND-After taking a year off in 2020, the Alfred-Almond Youth Baseball League was eager and ready to compete in a full season this year. More than 75 kids from 5-12 years old signed up to play ball this year.

All in all, there were seven teams formed this year including two t-ball teams, two minor league division teams, and three major league division teams.

After having a clinic in practices March. started throughout the month of April as everyone prepared for opening day on May 1.

In mid-April the Alfred-Al-Community Sports mond League held a clean up day for Almond Lions Park in which there were many volunteers from the community and from Alfred State College that worked together to make the park, in-



cluding the baseball field, a place for kids to play.

The AAYBL season began on May 1 with a total of six games played amongst our own teams. Throughout the rest of the season games were played every night of the week, weather permitting. This year our majors division teams also played games against Andover and Genesee Valley.

Over the course of the season, it was a joy to watch the kids in the baseball program not only grow as baseball players, but also as people. The competition was high, and so was sportsmanship. The regular season ended on June 12 after a full schedule for all the teams.

From June 12 to July 24, the league had two all-star teams compete against other teams throughout the area as well as in a few tournaments. One team was for 11-12 year olds and the other was for players 8-10 years old. There were high points and low points for each team, but in the end it was great to have the kids playing baseball longer!

The AAYBL would like to thank everyone who played a part in making the 2021 season a huge success. First of all, a thanks to all the parents that were faithful to provide support to the league and the kids playing this year. We can't have a season without the support of our AAYBL families!

We'd also like to thank those

who contributed to either of our fundraisers this year, either the "Home Run Walk" or the Niagara candy bar sales. These were both very good sources of income that were much needed and appreciated this year!

As the commissioner of the league, I also sincerely appreciate the time and effort that was given by all of our coaches this year. The dedication that was shown to both the game of baseball and to the kids is vital to the health and success of the AAYBL.

Finally, a big thank you goes out to all of our 2021 sponsors! Without the sponsorship of community businesses and organizations it would be impossible to have a baseball program in town. Thank you all so much for your support!

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a great AAYBL 2021 season and are looking forward to getting back on the diamond next spring!

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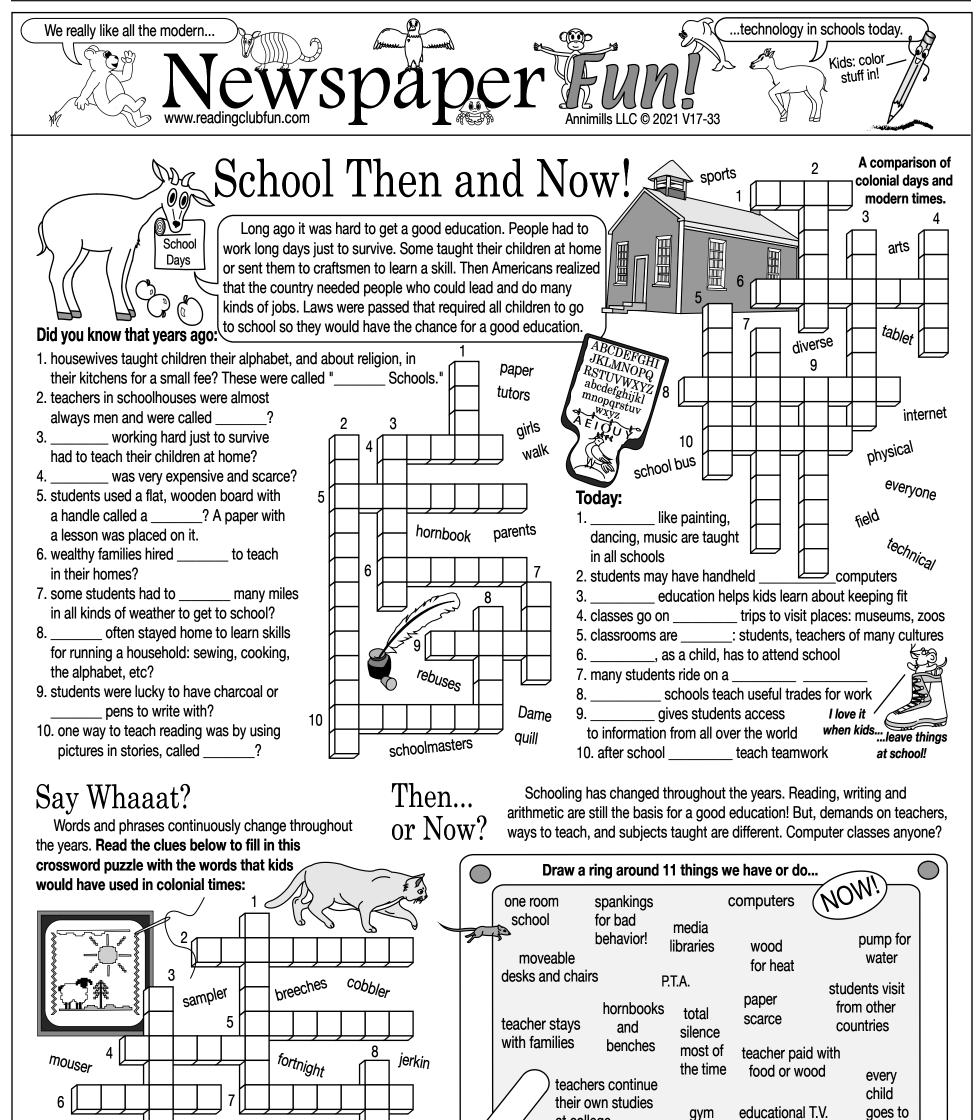
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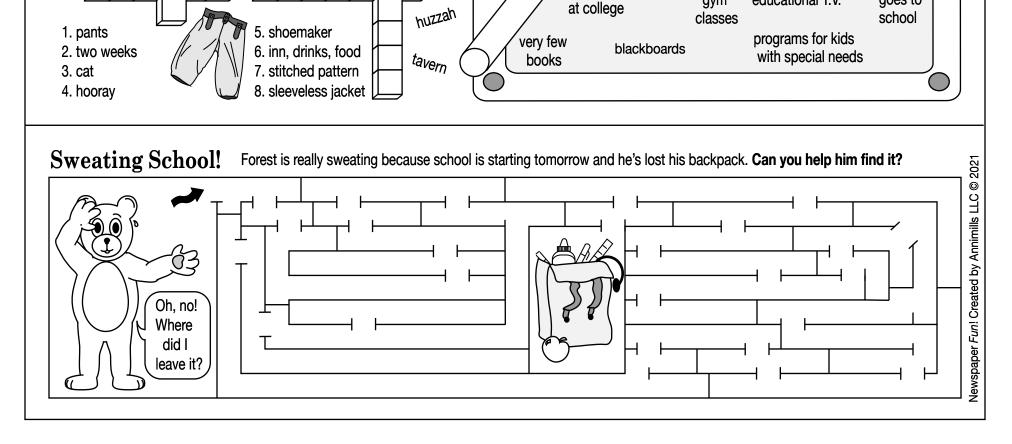
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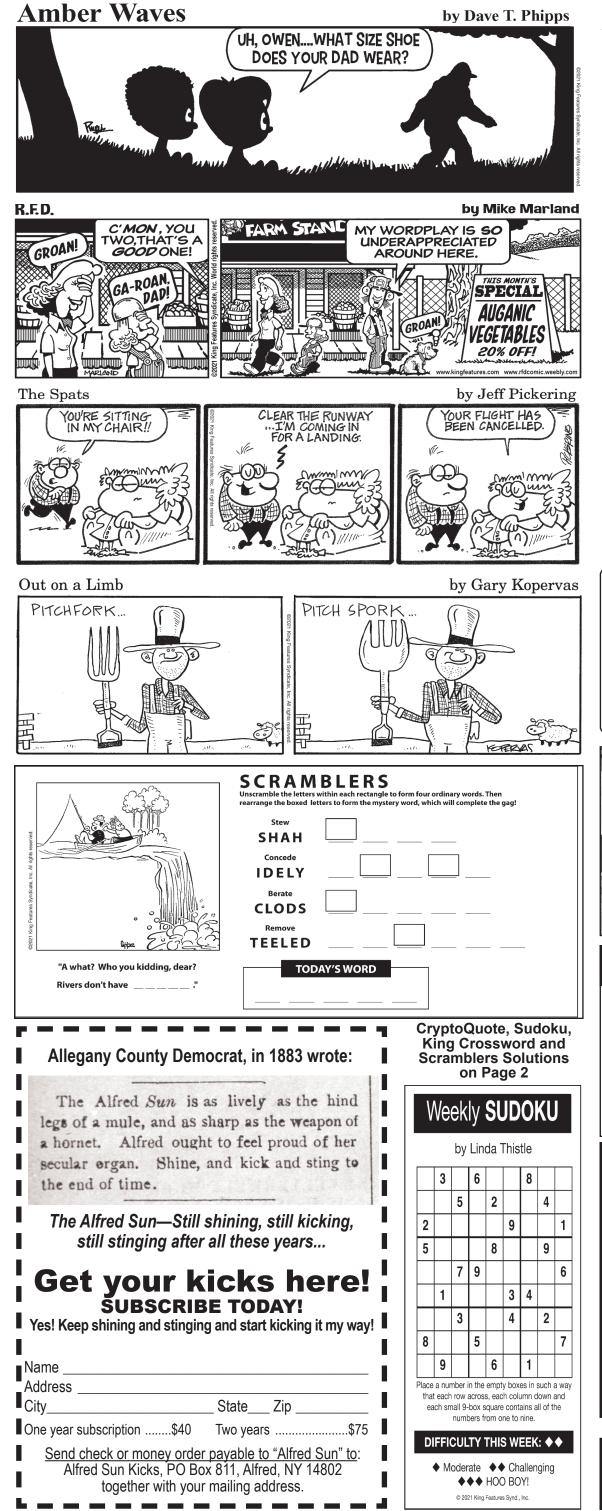
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The Magic of the Monarch

ast week, I went down to weed the box of flowers at Tinkertown Hardware and there sipping the nectar on a stalk of aster was a newly minted Monarch butterfly. I staved for twenty minutes as she(?) had lunch.

Now as you all know, Monarchs are amazing. This one is probably fourth generation, her great, great grandparent having spent last winter in the evergreen highlands of Mexico a good 2,500 air miles away. As spring moves North so do succeeding generations. Each lifespan lasts but a month at most (two months from egg to adult). Except the next generation. Her eggs laid in mid-August will be the September generation that will not mate but go flap, flap, flapping all the way back to Mexico!

Imagine that, such a small, frail creature. At 40 miles per day, they arre as good as an army on a forced march. But an army can't do that for 60 days!

So the next time you see the orange and black flyer, be amazed! And plant some milkweed.



water is sufficient. For anything over 40 minutes, you will need sugar and salt in your fluid, as is found in sports drinks. – Brenda Weaver Source: webmd.com

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Red Cross Blood Drive set Aug. 30 in Alfred Station

ALFRED STATION-There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive from 2 to 7 p.m. Monday, August 30 in the Social Rooms of the Alfred Station Seventh-Day Baptist Church Meeting house ,585 Route 244, Alfred Station.

If you have not yet signed up for an appointment there is a way. (1) Download the Blood Donor App/Red Cross Blood.org or (2) Call 1-800-REDCROSS .

Walk-Ins are welcome while appointments will receive priority. So make the appointment today. For further information please call the church office at 607-587-9176.

Also the Following E-mail was received from the American Red Cross.

As the nation actively responds and navigates this evolving pandemic, we are all having to make difficult decisions to ensure our health and safety. In response to the CDC updated guidance, the American Red Cross has updated its pandemic safety protocols. Here's what you need to know:

All individuals at blood drives must wear a face mask regardless of vaccination status, effective Aug 9.

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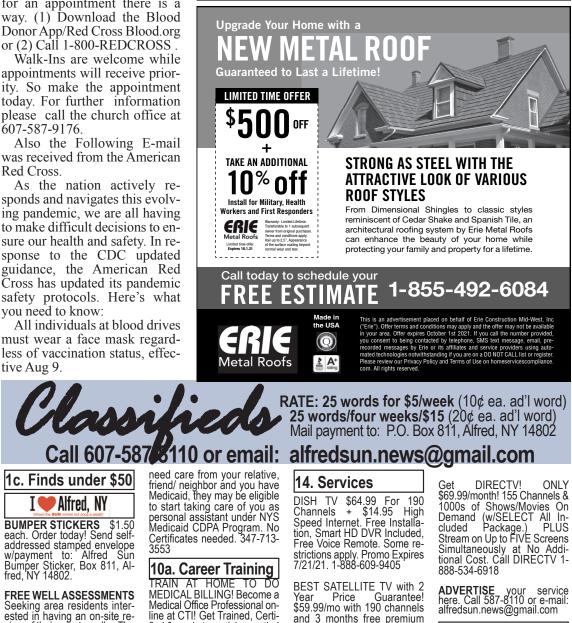
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Application: Appeal #3-2021 for a Spe-cial Use Permit to Section 202.03 Special use Permits in Appeal #4-2021 for a Spe-cial Use Permits in Application of the section of the section of the Application of the section of the section of the Application of the section of the section of the section of the Application of the section of the section of the section of the Application of the section of the sec an Agricultural District of the Town of Alfred Zoning Laws, for James Beiler for property located at 4952 County Rt. 12 in the Town of Alfred, NY seeking approval to operate a Retail Bakery business.

The above application is open for inspection at the Town Clerk's office. Persons wishing to appear at such hearing may do so in person or by attorney

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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, August 8, 1946

Milk products and number of cows and heifers in the state continue to decline ...

Assemblyman William MacKenzie of Belmont confirmed the report that he would recommend transfer of about 8,000 acres of Allegany State Park to the Allegany Indian Reservation ...

Due to major construction progress called for in order to house the heavy enrollment of students, Alfred University's fall term opening date has been postponed to Sept. 30. Barracks housing upwards of 80 married students and dormitories for around 300 single students are on site provided by the state on the state farm ... An unofficial number of the prospective student body rang from 1,200 to 1,500.

Forty-two years is a long time to work for one company but that is the record held by Bert Hann, retired from the Empire Gas Co. Ltd. on Aug. 1st. Traveling between these points (Andover, Alfred, Alfred Station, Elm Valley, Greenwood and Whitesville) was not an easy job in the early days. There were no cars to cover the miles and he had to rely on the old horse and buggy, and highly air conditioned sleigh in the winter...

Apple crops in at least three major areas are threatened by the worst infestation of European Red Mite in the history of N.Y.S.

On Oct. 31 the Market Basket store in Alfred will close shop after seventeen years of fine service to the people.

Henry M. Holmes of Rochester was weekend guest of his mother, Mrs. T.D. Holmes and his sister, Mrs. Perry Jacob

Dr. and Mrs. Willard Sutton, Willard and Marion Sutton and Sara Jacobs spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Leland Williams at their cottage at Keuka Lake.

Rev. H. Eugene Davis and his daughter, Mrs. Burton B. Crandall and three sons were in Olean to visit Miss Marcia Davis who is training at Olean General Hospital.

Mrs. Boothe C. Davis of Plainfield, N.J. has returned to her home after being a guest of Miss Fanny Whitford of Nile and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sanford of Little Genesee.

The employees of Glidden Pottery had a picnic Saturday afternoon at Stony Brook State Park. A good attendance and excellent time was reported by those present. Francis Palmer, the plant manager, planned the affair.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Norwood of Ottawa, Canada, arrived in Alfred Thursday, the guests here Thursday night and Friday of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. Nelson Norwood...Mr. Norwood was on his way to Niagara Falls, Ontario to continue his work with the National Film Board of Canada, which is working on the production of a moving picture concerning itself with Niagara Falls.

Lola Sutton received first rating on dress making and has been chosen with seven others of the County to go to Bliss Thursday.

Misses Jean and Virginia Loofboro of Westerly, R.I. are visiting their sister, Mrs. Albert Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burdick and children returned home Sunday after spending the week at Lake Demmon. 55 Years Ago, July 28, 1966

Dean Hoover, a member of the mathematics faculty at Montana State University, has been appointed assistant professor of math..

Mr. John H. Hurst, former head of the Math Department at the University of Montana has recently been appointed Visitor Professor of Math...Last year he taught at Fredonia State College.

In the wake of a storm yesterday, lightning struck a three-story barn belonging to Nate Tucker of 122 North Main Street here in the village. The building was burned to the ground Tucker's home and gas station very close to the barn, but firemen contained the blaze to the structure though unable to save it. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bostwick were in Corning Thursday to attend the funeral of Charles Bostwick, a brother of D.J. Bostwick, a former Alfred resident. The son of Robert Wood was awakened about 1 a.m. Wednesday morning, July 10 by the smell of smoke

and he quickly called hi sparents. The fire apparently started from an overheated floor furnace... 35 Years Ago, August 14, 1986

Karen D. Spencer Wilkins of Canisteo has been appointed director of dining services at Alfred State College.

Dr. Jon Jay DeTemple, executive vice president of Alfred State College, has resigned to accept a position as chief operations officer for Preferred Care, a health maintenance organization (HMO) based in Rochester. Dr. DeTemple...held several administrative positions in his 17 years at Alfred State, including a six-month tenure as acting president.

The recognition of the late Prof. James Tinklepaugh's contribution to the field of advanced ceramics and lifelong devotion to the ceramic engineering program, the NYS College of Ceramics at Alfred University is establishing a laboratory in his honor...The new lab, located in the south wing on the third floor of the McMahon Building, will be used this year by both graduate and undergraduate students researching hot pressing of advanced ceramics... For more than 20 years, Prof. Tinklepaugh had directed Air Force Lab at Alfred which became internationally known for its developmental work on rocket nozzle materials.

Dr. John O. Hunter, the (State College) 8th president, will officially assume duties in September...Dr. Hunter, who comes to Alfred after eight years as president of Lake County College, Grayslake, IL, succeeds Dr. David H. Huntington, who will retired Sept. 1, after 22 years as president.

Doris Scholes (Mrs. Sam Scholes Jr.) is being cared for at Highland Nursing Home, Wellsville.

Mrs. Virginia (Saunders) Steele of Oregon City, OR is spending a few weeks with her sister, Harriet Saunders

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burdick of Punta Gorda, FL are spending the summer in their newly purchased trailer on Shaw Road in Alfred Station.

Photo) The Angelica Post Office, early 20th century. The building has been used as a post office since 1908

The unemployment rate in Allegany County in June 1986 dropped to 7.7%, down from 9.1% in May 1986, and 8.4% in June 1985.

Mary A. Martin, 62, of Angelica Street, Almond, died Wednesday, August 6, 1986 at St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell after a long illness...for the past 20 years she had made her home with Gilbert Norton (Almond)

25 Years Ago, August 15, 1996

Last year's re-enactment of a September 1895 century bicycle ride was so successful that organizers are refusing to wait another 100 years to do it again. The second annual re-enactment will take place starting in Alfred on Sunday, Sept. 22, 1996. It was 101 years ago this September that ten members of the Alfred Cycling Club completed a one-day "century" bicycle ride. Antique and



modern bikes are invited to participate in the 100-mile run from Alfred to Olean and back...

(Photo) Remember these housing units between Glen Street and State Route 244? Constructed in 1946, they served the childhood needs of the "baby boomer" generation after World War II. With the return to civilian life, many servicemen furthered their education. With the demand for housing, the federal government moved these units from other locations to meet the needs. A subsequent "baby boom" in the housing development resulte din the area being nicknamed "Diaper Hill."

Keith Elmer Cornelius, 56, of Rt. 2 Churchville, VA, died Tuesday morning, August 6, 1996 at his residence. Born Sept. 19, 1939 in the Town of Alfred, he was a son of Elmer and Cecil (Bennaway) Cornelius. He was a graduate of Alfred-Almond Central School, Class of 1958. He was employed at Alfred Ag and Tech College in maintenance and also was a truck driver before moving to Virginia. For the past 15 years, he was employed as a refrigeration technician by the Augusta County School Sytem in Virginia. He was predeceased by his wife, Sharon Ann (Sweet) Cornelius on Oct. 16, 1983; and by two sisters, Gladys Cornelius Vanderhoef and Grace Cornelius Marvin..

A son was born Friday, August 9, 1996 to Mr. and Mrs. David DeGraff (Michelle Maynard) of Alfred Station in Jones Memorial Hospital in Wellsville.

Notes from Palmiter Hill (By Rev. Albert N. Rogers) A farmer cut and baled the hay of our east meadow last week, and hauled it away on two big wagons. Modern machinery for having is a great improvement over the back breaking days of my boyhood ... Peas, string beans and squash in abundance are welcome fruit in the family and tomoatoes will be ready in a few more days...Family and friends are coming from Connecticut and Massachusetts in a few days to enjoy the green hills of Alfred...Thanks are due the Town Highway crew for their oil coating on Palmiter Hill Road this past week. It will help keep the dust from flying in the increased traffic...Donations of food were appreciated in our house while the cook was recovering from a fall. We have a

friendly neighborhood as well as church. 10 Years Ago, August 11, 2011

Barbara and Larry Greil of Alfred, while visiting daughter Maddie, who is a student at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, took in an Orioles game on Saturday, July 16 at Camden Yards. The Orioles played Cleveland, and won 6 to 5! Quite appropriately, it was Alfredo Simon who got the win on the mound for the Orioles, who are currently in last place in the highlycompetitive American League East Division with a 44-68 record

In May, NFL.com posted an article featuring an Associated Press photograph of Dan Napolitano and his daughter, Sophie, dressed in pajama costumes at a Buffalo Bills game last season. In the photo, Sophie holds a LOWLY BUT LOYAL sign, demonstrating the mentality of the Daydream BILLievers, an Alfred University Buffalo Bills fan group and comic strip Napolitano created. "The strip really isn't about football, it is really all about what that sign said - laughing at being lowly, (in any aspect of life) but remaining loyal," says Napolitano, AU director of Student Activities. The idea for the Daydream Billievers came to Napolitano during a conversation on a previous trip to a Bills game. Knowing about other fan groups and Bills fans sometimes using the term "Billiever," Napolitano purchased pajama costumes to convey fans dreaming of winning and dubbed the group "the Daydream Billievers." "I just have these crazy ideas," says Napolitano. "It's fun to watch something develop into a legitimate program." ...

R.s. Lang's new exhibition, "Inside Out," at the Artist Knot Gallery in Andover was officially opened with a reception on Friday, August 5. The catered event featured live music by cellist Jennifer Berg. For nearly 40 years, R.s. Lang has been at the forefront of the studio pottery scene. During his long career, he has made some

"HA-HA-HA-HA! ... Man, I hate to shred this!"

of the most iconic pottery of recent decades...

Leah Stephanie Seiboth, daughter of Robert and Susan Seiboth of Hamilton Square, NJ and Timothy David Meacham, son of Susan Meacham of Alfred, and David and Karen Meacham of Marlton, NJ, were joined in marriage on Saturday, April 30, 2011 in a lovely outdoor ceremony at Sayen Gardens in Hamilton, NJ ...



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THE GLORY OF AMERICA

Thursday, April 12

Lee had surrendered barely five weeks after Lincoln had begun his second term. Now, talking with State Senator James Scovel of New Jersey, he reflected on what the future might hold:

"Young man, if God gives me four years more to rule this country, I believe it will become what it ought to be--what its Divine Author intended it to be--no longer one vast plantation for breeding human begings for the purposes of lust and bondage. But it will become a new Valley of Jehoshaphat, where all the nations of the earth will assemble together under one flag, worshipping a common God, and they will celebrate the resurrection of human freedom."

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Alfred Area Church Directory ALFRED-ALMOND AREA

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

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

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

ALFRED SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH-5 Church St., Alfred. Adult Sabbath (Saturday) School, 10 a.m. in the SDB Parish House; Sabbath Worship Service at 11 a.m. Church Office: 607-587-9430. Pastor Christian R. Mattison.

ALFRED STATION SEVENTH -DAY BAPTIST CHURCH "Baptist with a Difference" Sabbath (Sat.) Worship Experience: Sabbath (Sat.) "Face to Face" (You will need a mask, and be willing to practice Social Distancing.) 10:30 am Church Meetinghouse Opens; 10:30 am Contemporary Christian Music in the Sanctuary. Children's Church (Grades 2 and under) after Special Music during Worship. "Cloud Congregation" (Streaming Live) Ser-mon.net – www.alfredstationsdb.org; Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church Facebook Page; Alfred Station Seventh -day Baptist Church You-Tube Channel. Wednesday "Helping Hand" Bible Study in Sanctuary. Pastor's Phone 607-222-6023 Pastor's E-Mail pastor.chroniger@gmail.com Campus at 585 Rt. 244 Alfred Station. Pastor: Rev. Dr. Kenneth Chroniger (Pastor Ken)

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

ALFRED UNITED METHODIST CHURCH-1389 Moland Road, Alfred. Sunday services at 9 a.m. Nursery care available. Join us for Small Group one Saturday a month at 7:00 pm. Pastor: Rev. Stephen Crowell. Pastor's Number: 716-982-6469. Church Office Number: 607-587-8355. Service day and time: Sunday at 9:00 a.m. ALMOND COMMUNITY CHURCH--11 Main St., Almond. Join us Sunday Mornings:

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

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

HILLEL AT ALFRED --- Friday night services 6:30 pm at Melvin Bernstein Hillel House, HILLEL AT ALFRED-Friday hight services 0.50 pm at werdin beinstein Finder House, 18 S. Main St., when AU is in session. Add'I services & programs throughout year. For info, call Larry Greil (871-2215 work, 587-8694 home) or Barbara Greil (587-4313 work). INSTITUTE OF DIVINE METAPHYSICAL RESEARCH--Sundays 12 noon at Almond Operational Almond 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. Worship 10:30 am Sundays. Services on Facebook, Youtube. Find us on Facebook at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship: Alfred. Biweekly Life Group Gatherings. 607-382-4217

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

UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH--Alfred, 10:30 a.m. Sunday at 5 Church Street. A multidenominational 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--5 Rochambeau Ave. andoveralliance.com Rev. Philip Barner, Sunday School 9:00 AM, Worship Service 10:00 AM – Worship Team Coffee Fellowship time before and after Worship Service. Wednesday - Bible Study / Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH—26 Elm St., Andover. Father James W Hartwell, Pastor. Weekend Mass Sunday 9:00 a.m. Office phone: 607-478-8885; Rectory phone 607-276-5304.

CHENUNDA CREEK FELLOWSHIP-Mennonite congregation of believers in the Town of Independence, five miles south of Andover. Sunday School 9:30, Worship 10:45 a.m. Pastor Stephen Richard 585-610-0166. Phone 478-5277.

CHURCH NEWS "Swing Low Sweet Chariot' sermon title ALFRED STATION-Perhaps why we worship on Saturday. This Wednesday, August

one of the most vivid pictures is the focus of the last sermon in the sermon Series "The Call."

Your friends at the Alfred Sta-Seventh-day Baptist tion Church, "Baptist with a Difference" invite you to hear the sermon, "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" from 2 Kings 2:1-14 during the 11 a.m. Worship Hour this Sabbath (Saturday) August 14. This Sabbath we will concern ourself with how we pass the Baton from one generation to another, "Elijah to Elisha."

So, you want to know where to come? The Church Campus is located at 585 Route 244, Alfred Station. Perhaps you have a question about the passage or



mbering her age and forgetting "I keep reme her birthdav



1. Is the book of Sadducee in the Old Testament, New Testament or neither? 2. In Matthew 12:9-14, what does Jesus tell the Pharisees it is lawful to do

on the Sabbath? Tend to sick, Pray out loud, Feast together, Do good (well) 3. What did Saul use a couple of times in attempts to kill David? Poi-

son, Spear, Mallet, Sling 4. From Judges 8, which city refused to give food to Gideon's army? Succoth, Thessalonica, Tarsus, Gaza

5. Why did David meet Goliath without armor? Faith in God, Not used to wearing, Too poor to buy, Size not handv

6. Who was the mother of Gad and Asher? Jezebel, Anna, Rachel, Zilpah

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Do good (well); 3) Spear; 4) Succoth; 5) Not used to; 6) Zilpah

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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You are invited to call the church office at 607-587-9176.

In the middle of the week perhaps you need an encounter with the "Word of God," the Bible.

why we worship on Saturday. This Wednesday, August 18, from 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., join your friends in the church meetinghouse social rooms. Our consideration is "A Conquering Faith" drawn from 1 John 4-5.

Giving Back Through your thoughtful donations of clothing we are Giving Back to the community free clothing inside the Giving Back shed in the Almond Community Church parking lot. Please feel free to take what is needed any time as more clothing will continue to be added to the rack.

We will be focusing on back to school clothing over the next few weeks. Your generous donations help us help others.

The Little Chapel We would like to thank the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church for hosting The Little Chapel, and to the surrounding community for their generous donations of bibles and Christian literature. Nearly 1400lbs of materials were shipped this past week to Love Packages which will be sent into the mission field. We thank each of you for partnering with us as we labor together for the Lord. If your church would like to host The Little Chapel, contact us at photosforsouls@yahoo.com or call 585-386-9269. We would be happy to schedule a time. Visit us at photosforsouls.com.

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COLLEGE NEWS AU professor awarded \$600,000 grant from Office of Naval Research

ALFRED-Yiquan Wu, professor of materials science and engineering at Alfred University, has been awarded a federal grant to research and develop a new material that could help to create a multimode guidance system of high-speed vehicle applications.

The grant, for nearly \$600,000, was awarded by the U.S. Department of the Defense, Office of Naval Research (ONR). It will support a three-year project to fundamentally study and develop a new class of high-performance optical ceramic materials for allowing different electromagnetic spectra to transmit through the materials for multimode guidance system applications.

With renewed interest in space flight applications, which has been spurred by activity in the private sector, public interest in space exploration has increased significantly. Correspondingly, demand for the development of new-generation highspeed spacecraft has increased substantially. The new generation of spacecraft is required to fly for long periods of time at high speeds and under extreme maneuvering conditions, Wu explained. Research and development of materials technology for multimode guidance of high-speed vehicles is a key to achieving effective communication and navigation capabilities in these spacecraft.

Wu, a fellow of the American Ceramic Society (ACerS), is a recipient of numerous national awards, as well as the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities and the Faculty Scholar Award from Alfred University.

This marks the second significant grant award Wu has received from the ONR this year. In June, he received nearly \$600,000 in federal funding to support his research on the digital processing of laser and optical materials. That research project-supported and managed by U.S. Department of Defense Joint Technology Office through the ONR—is aimed at developing structures that can control the laser beam when it is amplified and passed through optical materials.

Alfred State adds computed tomography and MRI certificate programs

lege is excited to announce the addition of two new certificate programs in computed tomography (CT) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), both of which are designed to help working imaging professionals advance their careers and skills sets

The new MRI program is set to launch in the spring of 2022, while the CT program is slated to launch in fall 2022.

Kathy Young, chair of the Al-

ALFRED-Alfred State Col- fred State Allied Health Department, said, "The MRI and CT certificate programs allow working clinicians to expand their professional capabilities online while continuing to work.'

Jenna Zetwick, assistant professor in the Allied Health Department and coordinator of both programs, said, "The education requirements of the ARRT are changing rapidly for the imaging sciences modalities. A certificate in either computed tomography or MRI is the credential technologists need to specialize in the imaging field and also advance their career as a radiologic technologist.'

Both the CT and MRI certificate programs are upper-level, online programs that will produce graduates who are proficient in the application of CT and MRI imaging equipment and techniques to gather critical radiologic data to enable the diagnosis of a variety of conditions and diseases.

The CT curriculum will in-

MATTers of Finance By MATHEW S. HILL, CFP® Financial Advisor **Giving Money to Your Grandchildren**

f you're in a position to provide financial help to your grandchildren, your generosity Lis likely to be greatly appreciated. Here are some things to consider before acting on your desire to give younger family members a financial boost

Ways to provide financial assistance. There's more than one way to contribute to your grandchildren's financial well-being. Select the method that works best for your circumstances and will make the greatest impact.

• Open and contribute to a 529 plan. If college is in your grandchild's future, a 529 college savings plan can be very helpful. If you go this path, vour contributions would be tied to the stock market, offering the potential for growth over time. Future distributions will not be taxed, as long as the beneficiary uses the funds for qualified expenses.

• Co-sign on a loan. Credit guidelines have tightened in recent years, making it harder for young people to qualify for loans. Consider cosigning a loan for a grandchild to help pay for school, a reliable car or a first home, as long as you would not be harming your own financial security to do so. Be sure to have a clear understanding of who is responsible for loan payments to avoid loan default.

• Pay an expense directly. You can pay college tuition as well as medical and dental bills on another person's behalf without incurring federal gift tax. Make payments directly to the school or provider to avoid using other gift tax exclusions.

• Buy stock. Stocks and other investments can be purchased by you and gifted to another. You can also transfer ownership from existing stock holdings. Keep in mind if an investment has grown, the recipient will be responsible for paying taxes on

share with your grandchildren. By establishing a trust, you decide at what age your beneficiaries can draw from the trust (while you're still living or after you pass) and the rate at which funds are distributed

• Give cash. There's always the option to give the gift of cash.

Know the tax rules. Generally, the IRS requires disclosure of gifts of cash or assets (such as stocks or property) in excess of \$15,000 per recipient using IRS Form 709. Giving rules are per person, so both you and your spouse can each give up to \$15,000 per recipient without reporting it. While the giver is responsible for paying gift tax, the lifetime exclusion means you can currently give upwards of \$11 million in gifts without gift tax obligation.

Ask before you give. Financial assistance can be a sensitive topic. Consider if your grandchildren's parents may want to know about financial gifts intended for their children. This is especially true if the children have access to money without any requirements for its use or if there's a history of money mismanagement.

Consult your financial advisor. To safeguard your own financial position, review your finances before making financial gifts. When giving is a priority, your financial advisor can help you draw down your assets while managing the tax implications.

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clude instruction in obtaining, reviewing, and integrating patient histories and data; patient instruction and care; anatomic, physiologic and pathologic data recording; radiologic data processing; computed tomography equipment operation; and professional standards and ethics. Students in the program complete both didactic classes online and a clinical rotation at designated hospitals and clinics.

The computed tomography program is a two-semester (15 credits in total) program. Upon successful completion of the program requirements, students will be eligible to sit for national certification examinations for computed tomography.

The MRI program targets the acquisition of specialized MRI certification by place-bound college graduates currently employed in the medical field as licensed radiological technologists.

This program will consist of 15 credits total, delivered online,

over a minimum of two academic semesters. The curriculum will include: instruction in obtaining, reviewing, and integrating patient histories and data; patient instruction and care; anatomic, physiologic and pathologic data recording; magnetic resonance imaging data processing; magnetic resonance imaging equipment operation; and professional standards and ethics.

Students in the MRI program will complete didactic courses online, as well as clinical rotations at designated hospitals and imaging centers. Additionally, both programs correlate nicely with the existing Alfred State AAS program in radiologic technology and will provide additional post-graduate certification opportunities for students matriculated therein.

For more information on either program, contact Jenna Zetwick at 607-587-3682 or zetwicjk@alfredstate.edu.

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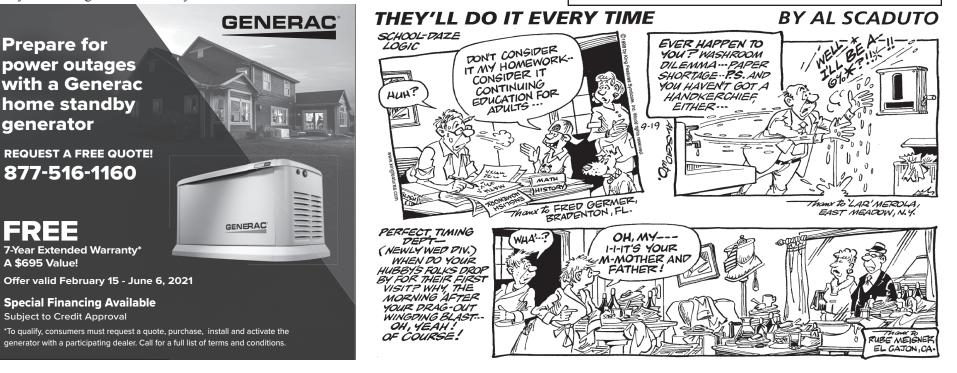
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Pandemic Escapes Over at Longfellow School

By BEN HOWARD Alfred Sun Contributing Writer

"All composite things," declares the *Diamond Sutra*, a foundational Buddhist text, "are as a star at dawn, a bubble in a stream, a dewdrop, a flash of lightning." I am often reminded of those verses when I summon memories from my childhood. From my present vantage point, the images, names, and places that constitute those memories sometimes resemble fragments from a dream or dispatches from a foreign land.

Such is my memory of Longfellow Elementary School in Clinton, Iowa (pop. 27,000), my scenic hometown on the banks of the Mississippi River. I attended Longfellow School from the ages of seven to eleven. Situated on Iowa Avenue, a quiet residential street, and facing the First Church of God, this twostorey brown-brick building bespoke a reliable solidity and an austere sobriety. Erected in 1927, the building housed some thirty classrooms. Together with its spacious playground and baseball diamond, it occupied a city block. To the vulnerable schoolchildren who approached this imposing edifice, it presented a formidable if not forbidding aspect.

Not so for me, however. To this day I remember the school fondly and intimately, not only because it was there that I learned to read, write, and do arithmetic—and to hold my own with the playground bullies but also because my father, Marion C. Howard (1905-1971), was the school's principal. Far from being an alien, oppressive institution, Longfellow School felt like a second home.

Marion Curtis Howard grew up on a farm in Ankeny, Iowa, the eldest of six children born to Rose and Benjamin Franklin Howard, after whom I was named. They were progressive farmers in their day, and their farm was one of the earliest in the state to enjoy the benefits of rural electrification. Marion, however, was not cut out to be a farmer. Instead, he put himself through college by doing odd jobs and went on to earn a master's degree in education. After stints as a teacher and superintendent of schools, he took the job at Longfellow School in 1949 and remained there until his retirement in 1970.

My father occupied a modest but well-lit office near the en-



Marion Howard and his son, Ben

door of his office, he had posted a framed copy of the Ten Commandments, its ornate gold letters set against a pitch-black background. I suspect that those stern admonitions sent shivers down the spine of many a miscreant ordered to report there. But to me, my father's office was a warm, welcoming space, to which I often accompanied him. Sitting by his desk, I pestered him with questions about his work. For the longest time, I couldn't figure out what, exactly, he did.

Next to my father's office was the dimly lit supply room, which I would often explore when my father was busy. Its long shelves were stocked with such paraphernalia as ruled tablets, boxes of Crayolas, # 2 pencils, construction paper, Elmer's Glue, and little rubber-tipped bottles of Mucilage. I loved the feel and the smells of those supplies. And in the late summer, every year, I helped my father allocate and distribute them to the classrooms. Not only did this task bestow a sense of privilege and importance. It also afforded an opportunity to explore the empty classrooms, particularly the one assigned to Miss Faust, the pretty first-grade teacher on whom I'd had a schoolboy crush.

Back in the foyer outside my father's office, two objects held my sustained attention. One was a black button at the center of a circular bronze fixture. By pressing that button, preferably when my father was too preoccupied to notice, I could ring the loud outdoor bell that summoned the children back from recess. How powerful I felt, sounding that distant bell.

The other object of interest was the framed sheet music of a song. Accorded a place of honor in the foyer, the song was titled "Over at Longfellow School" and was composed by Frank Swanson, the school's "singing janitor," a portly, grandfatherly figure whose red suspenders matched the sweeping compound he used on the floors. "Here's a ditty I'll sing," the opening bars began, "Just before the bell rings / Over at Longfellow School." The ditty went on to describe the children arriving with their "pitter and patter," their "chitter and chatter / bidding the time of the day."

Soon after came the swelling chorus:

Over at Longfellow School

Over at Longfellow School That's where I work from morn till night

That's where the kids fill my heart with delight

And last, the quiet concluding stanza:

When my day's work is over My life is in clover,

Thinking of Longfellow School

In the ensuing decades, living far away from Iowa and the scenes of my childhood, I too thought of Longfellow School. And when, in the mid-1990s, I brought my then-fiancée Robin out to Iowa to meet my sister and her family, I took Robin on a tour of the neighborhood where I'd grown up. After I'd shown her the little white frame

house on Barker Street where our family had lived. we drove up Iowa Avenue toward Longfellow School. I was especially eager to see and touch an I'd item viewed only in a photograph: a bronze plaque in the front hallway honoring my father's twenty-one years of service.

Coming down a hill that I'd remembered as steeper, we arrived at our destination. There, looking as stolid as ever, was the First Church of God. But across the street, where Longfellow School had stood, there was now a green, well-tended sward. Every trace of the school, including the plaque, the bell button, and the song, had disappeared. Inquiring as to what had happened, I learned that the building had been demolished in 1999, asbestos having been discovered in its walls.

Longfellow School was indeed a composite thing, a bubble in a stream. But how fortunate I am to have that bubble among my stream of memories—and to have, in living memory, the examples of two men of humble origins, one of them my father, who loved their work and their place of work and were grateful for their lives.



Marion with his Model T Ford



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A fter a solid weekend in Kentucky, with a surprise birthday party and some golf in the mix, it was off to Virginia for the better part of a week in mid-to-late July. Heading due east from Taylor Mill, on a different route than a previous jaunt, it was time to visit in Leesburg to see Lauren-Jason-Quinny-Rowan. Not a bad trip, thru parts of Ohio, West Virginia, think briefly in Maryland and then to Northern Virginia. Hot and muggy there in the "lovely" July-August of summer.

Backing up to my Kentucky, extended weekend stay, as we were able to get out and golf all three days ... partially. First stop was the Lassing Pointe GC in the town of Union. Had never been to this course and it was pretty sharp. Well, "pretty sharp" until we were caught in an absolute downpour after seven holes of play. The hardest I've ever been out in the rain, while playing golf, period. By the time we got back to the clubhouse, I was drenched. They were great in the pro shop and gave us full rain checks. Hopefully mine will still be available when I go back out in September! Twin Oaks in nearby Covington was on the slate next and a pretty decent round for me, 47-48. Sunday, after a surprise party for "Fish," at AJ Jolly in Campbell County was a lesson in futility for the most part. Pretty course, something like a 51-51 round and beat-up from the weekend.

A surprise birthday celebration for brother-in-law, Brian on Saturday evening and it was pulled off! Good time, knew about 10-12 people there, other than family and "Fish" was indeed surprised. Sunday dinner after golf with the best corn-on-the-cobb on a consistent basis. Had a chance to see Robin & Brian, Lefty, Jooooooosh and Kristina plus Kevin. Plus, Sampson the dog! Been awhile since I was last out there.

Chilled in Virginia for the most part with the tough weather conditions. Always look forward to seeing how much Quinny and Rowy have changed. Swimming one day with them, a visit to their community garden, Jason's parents over one day and attempting to get a SafeLite schedule settled. Lauren and Jason busy working during the day. We did get a chance to go over to their new, future lot, recently cleared!

On Wednesday of that week, hooked up with former Alfred State/Geneseo women's basketball coach and local softball player back in those days, Joe Q. French. He staying at a campsite in Colonial Beach. We met roughly halfway in Stafford at the famed Bella Cafe for lunch and to catch-up. Been a number of years since we've seen each other. Stay in touch all the time, via texts, but really could-n't remember the last time I saw the "Babe Ruth of Waterloo." Great catching up, talking old softball exploits, the Yanks, his coaching career, etc. Passed by the National Museum of the Marine Corps on the way there. Didn't get a chance to explore and see if fellow A-A classmates, Don Z. Higgins and Brent Reynolds had any mention inside those walls? Also didn't run into A-A grad, Big Nev in Stafford. Probably on the radio at that time.

After an enjoyable week in Leesburg, it was time to stop in Gettysburg on the way home to do some exploring. Hadn't been there in roughly 16-17 years (guessing) and 3L signed me up for the Gettysburg Battlefield Tours, on the double decker bus, top level. Had been on tours in the past with Mom & Dad, Lauren. One time with guide in your car and another time with a trolley-type vehicle. Third trip there as well, prior and gosh that was probably 40-years ago. Egads. Off to see Aunt Mary and Uncle Ed in Virginia on that journey ... a favorite time! Anyhow, guide was very informative, witty, funny and the two-hour tour is well worth it.

Was in no rush to get home so stayed overnite at the less-thanglamorous, President Inn & Suites on York Street. Ouch. Found a nice brew pub Saturday afternoon, the Battlefield Brew Works & Spirits. Took in the new, updated Visitors Center on Sunday morning at the Gettysburg National Military Park. Bought a ticket for a film there, "A New Birth of Freedon," which was narrated by Morgan Freeman, my favorite actor! After that on the upper level, a cyclorama painting, complete with lights and sounds effects of the Gettysburg battle. Breathtaking. Time to head to Webster after that. Solid weekend in the books.

HITS AND MISSES: (during two-week break)

The Hornell Dodgers made it to the championship series of the NYCBL and then lost to the Cortland Crush, 2-0 in games. An overall solid season for the collegiate players as they topped the Rochester Ridgemen and Mansfield Destroyers in the playoffs prior to the Cortland games. Alfred State players on the roster included: Brody and Collin Burdett, Matteo Avallone, Tim Holler and Lewis Pettit. Also: John Haines and Garrett Stuckey from Arkport, Noah Fasso from Livonia and Ryan Hill from Webster Thomas HS/Mercyhurst. Alfred State SID, Paul Welker is the GM of this team. Looking at some of the history of the NYCBL, founded in 1978. the Dodgers franchise has been in operation for 23-years now and that is only surpassed by the Amsterdam/Schenectady ballclub. The Allegany County/Wellsville Nitros were T4 on that list and they played in Dansville this year. Hornell has six titles to their credit: 1995, 2000-02-05-14 and 2017. The Broome Rangers had quite the early run as they were champs in 1980-81-83-84-85 and again in 1991. The Cohocton Red Wings won it right after that mid-80's run as they took home the banner in 1986-87. Jim Burke coaching that team? Little Falls won in 1990-92-93, the Ithaca Lakers in 1994-96-97 and the Amsterdam Mohawks in 2003-04-09 and 2010. Some good "runs" there. Alfred State College Hall of Famer Tom Kenney is sixth on the all-time list for coaching wins with Hornell/Cohocton. Section Five Hall of Famer, Burke is ninth. All together, there were 47-teams listed over the years that have played in the NYCBL. Now, some had same town/different nicknames, so not sure if a totally different organization?

DUGOUT CONTINUED

with the unique. division only schedule this summer and perhaps not adding on any travel with Covid-restrictions? Brother Scott O. Lorow at Harbor Park Stadium in Virginia "relishes" the extra five games on the schedule with potentially more profits in his coffers! The Norfolk Tides (Orioles) wouldn't have made the playoffs under the old format anyhow.

Xander Schauffele of the United States won the gold medal in the Tokyo Olympics for men's golf. Recent Open champion, Collin Morikawa lost out in a seven-player, playoff for the bronze medal. As did Rory McIlroy, Hideki Matsuyama and Paul Casey.

Annika Sorenstam crushed the field to win the women's U.S. Senior Open of golf in her first year of eligibility at Brookline CC in Chestnut Hill, MA. Not sure if "Hilly" Moses was in attendance any given day? Did see that Cindy Rarick was in the field, my all-time favorite golfer from LPGA days in Rochester, but she missed the cut.

So Terry and Kim Pegula apparently ... allegedly, want public funding for a new stadium for the Buffalo Bills and upgrades to the KeyBank Center where the sad Sabres play their NHL games. Lets see, according to the annual Forbes list of billionaires, the Pegula's were worth roughly \$5.4 billion ... with a B, in 2020. Build your own damn stadium!

And speaking of the NHL and former Sabres player, Evander Kane, he must be a real "treat." His wife is alleging his gambling on hockey games and he apparently filed for bankruptcy last year. Oh yes, he's in the midst of a \$49 million dollar contract with the San Jose Sharks. Perhaps not the sharpest tool in the shed?

Boeheim's Army from Syracuse won The Basketball Tournament (TBT) and its \$1Million dollar prize as they beat Team 23, 69-67 in Dayton, Ohio. Tyrese Rice of the winners was named MVP.

Will Paige Bueckers of the women's UConn basketball squad be the first collegiate player to gather in One Million Bucks under the new NIL rule now in effect? Not necessarily with her, but will be interesting to see how this plays out in some locker rooms with the "haves" and "have nots" on the same team, going thru the same workouts, the same practices, etc. Between that and the transfer rule, the NCAA football and basketball landscapes could be quite crazy this coming season. Oh yes, plus Oklahoma and Texas

say ... "are you kidding me with this place?" After enjoying the free popcorn and a great burger, that tune changed! Am sure The Bucket building no longer there; it likely fell down on its own.

An excellent afternoon on (8/2) at the K2 Brothers Brewing on Empire Blvd. with Josh and Meg (Verdino) Newman on a perfect summer day. Partook of some Corn Hole on one of their four sets of boards set-up. The former Geneseo women's soccer player "might" want to work on that form a little! Enjoyable time and many thanks to them for some prior help in Webster.

Off to Old Forge and Inlet this week (8/9-13) for some golf with A-A classmates ... "The Captain," Smitty and John Mills, our Class President all those years ago. Stu Smith, posing as Tommy Lasorda, will round out our foursome at the Inlet GC first and then at Thendara in Old Forge. Efforts to get Higgins to join our golf outing proved futile! We'll be headquartered at Country Club Motel as Smith, Smith and I were in 2019. Potential dining stops: the Screamin Eagle and Tamarack's in Inlet, Walt's Diner and Tony Harper's in Old Forge plus a couple in the Eagle Bay area...the out-in-the boonies Red Dog Tavern and another favorite of Stu's.

While it didn't come as easily as past USA teams have waltzed thru the Olympic competition, the men's basketball squad came away from the Tokyo Games with the gold medal, as they nipped France in the championship game, 87-82. They don't have an MVP award for the games but if there were, Kevin Durant would be the clear-cut choice for Team USA.

The USA women's b-ball squad also took home the gold medal as they trounced Japan in the title game, 90-75. All-time UConn greats, Diana Taurasi and Sue Bird have now each won an amazing five gold medals with the national team at the Olympics. Added on to their haul in the FIBA World Cup Games plus combining to win championships overseas. Each is a multiple champ in the WNBA as well, after taking home the NCAA crown in their collegiate days. The awesome frontline of Breanna Stewart, Brittany Griner and A'ja Wilson were the backbone of this squad and should be again in three years.

It was also a "double victory" in golf for USA as world #1 Nelly Korda is a gold medal winner in women's golf after Xander Schauffele previously accomplished that for the men. Former world #1, Lydia Ko of New Zealand took home the bronze medal after grabbing the silver five-years ago in Rio. She lost out in a silver-bronze playoff to Mone Inami of Japan. Korda recently won the Women's PGA Championship and will be a lock for the American team in the upcoming Solheim Cup. All of that and she is 23 years old. Just a nice mess surrounding the Syracuse women's basketball program with ex-coach, Quentin Hillsman likely responsible for most of it. The program has had something like 11-transfers from last years team moving on and recently their top two recruits, teammates in Canada, have decommitted. They went (15-9) last season and are now in for a massive overhaul.

In MLB as of Saturday nite past, the NY Yanks were heading upward in the standings and the NY Mets were in "sliding away" mode. Now, for the Yanks, this might not continue for too much longer as they are (again) ravaged by Covid protocols and missing key players like Gerrit Cole, Jordan Montgomery, Gary Sanchez and now Anthony Rizzo. What is up with that situation with the Yanks? Also, starter Domingo German and Gio Urshela have been on the IL, joined by erratic closer, Aroldis Chapman. Really don't see how they can continue this latest, solid stretch, with all those players out of action. Oh wait, the "wild-swinging" Luke Voit is back to the rescue! A strikeout machine and mediocre slot as a first-sacker. The Mets? They are just falling apart and the Phillies look to be the stronger team in that division now. Cy Young Award favorite, Jacob deGrom has been on the IL way too much, which hasn't helped matters. Even McDrip in Wallkill has given up on his team

The 2022 MLB schedule has been released and wondering who the "genius" is that thought opening March 31 in Boston, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Baltimore, Chicago (Sox) and New York (Mets) was a great idea? Teams leave from Florida and Arizona, then potentially play in the snow of the north? The Tampa Bay Rays, for example, play the Red Sox first. Why not in St. Pete's instead? They only play each other 19-times! The Blue Jays are at Camden Yards. Play in Toronto, they have a dome! Could be real sweet in Milwaukee and Chicago in late March. The Brewers and Diamondbacks play each other first, in Milwaukee. They both train in Arizona. Some solid scheduling here

Rather "nice" contract the Buffalo Bills and QB Josh Allen have signed. It's a six-year deal, for \$258 million, with something like \$150 guaranteed. Yikes! Season tickets for Stu and Waffle will be on the rise soon.

Alfred State College grad, Glen Sayre from Ohio took in the Pro Football Hall of Fame festivities last Friday evening, the Gold Jacket Ceremony, in Canton.

An excellent "surprise birthday" party last week for Colleen Baker over at their house in Penfield. Wasn't her actual birthday, but a very pleasant evening and catching up with some Bakers I hadn't seen in awhile! A-A's Jim Stuart in Watkins Glen this past weekend to take in the XFINITY Series race. Guessing he's hooking up with the likes of the previously mentioned Waffle, Shards, Halfhead, Rookie Firster and others. Maybe Tom Stuart?

There will not be a Governors Cup champ in "AAA" International League baseball this season as the top affiliate of MLB has added on 10-games at the end of this current schedule and then that is it. Not exactly sure the reasoning on that but guessing it has to do joining the SEC. Egads.

Some vanity plates spotted after trip thru Ohio and to Kentucky, with Virginia plates: P1TSBGH...with Steelers plate holder, WNATS1...with Nationals logo and a crazy "one" of, III1111. Also with NYS plates: SBRNUT...with Sabres stickers on car galore and EVHALEN.

Received a text from "The Janitor" of this paper as he was on his recent vacation with a stop in Lakewood. Memories there at Brookwood Farms with classmates Higgins and the illustrious Smitty. Also, Jan Higgins ... at the time, working over at the famed The Bucket restaurant & bar. If you dared to enter the creeky, ancient building, the biggest and juiciest cheeseburgers awaited. Remember the first time I took Big Dale to lunch over there, diagonally across the street from the Pete/Diana Holt Empire, he was cautiously entering and looking around as if to

