Alfred Sun in Haiti...
SOMEONE who visited Haiti on a missions trip back in Spring 2011 snapped this picture in a Haitian latrine. A group from Lighthouse Christian Fellowship went to rebuild a church that was destroyed in an earthquake. Another team is there now, installing a roof.

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Sam Hoyt presents Gov. Cuomo's budget plan

By ELAINE HARDMAN
Alfred Sun Reporter

WELLSVILLE--Andrew Cuomo sees New York's government as a crazy, intersecting system of poorly planned, overlapping agencies. He wants to reorganize it to weed out redundant agencies and missions. Knowing that this is akin to stepping on toes, if not outright lopping off whole appendages, Cuomo has asked Sam Hoyt of Empire State Development to present the 2012 Executive Budget and Reform plan to groups around the state in search of feedback.

Hoyt's Wellsville audience included Allegany County retail business, not-for-profit agencies, Libraries, schools, the arts, newspaper, medicine and "rank and file citizens" – all with questions, concerns and opinions.

Hoyt said that Cuomo inherited a $10 Billion deficit and the "most dysfunctional state government in the country". The plan presented has the dwindling middle class paying the lowest tax rate in 58 years and reduces spending but still is marred by a $2 Billion deficit.

Hoyt touted the "Energy Highway" as an investment in the electrical transmission system totally funded by the private sector but benefitting everyone. This improvement in the energy system is expected to promote business development and provide revenue.

Another source of revenue is the hoped-for legalization of Casino gambling. Cuomo feels that there are already Tribal-owned casinos within New York and all surrounding states offer gambling so New York might as well roll the dice with them. Legalizing gambling requires both legislative bodies to approve in 2 consecutive sessions and then citizens also have to vote in favor of it.

The reorganization of state government is complicated. One example given is that there are 91 different job training programs in New York. Merging, blending and cutting should simplify the bureaucratic structure and the administrative costs while still providing services. This job is the mission of the SAGE (Spending and Government Efficiency) Commission. Also on their agenda is an examination of the pay packages for government program administrators and the values of outsourcing and insourcing work.

Sam Hoyt of Empire State Development, speaks at Howe Library in Wellsville recently.

A big point of concern is the public employee pension plan. Changes proposed are having a pension based on the salary, excluding overtime payments. This would end the practice of racking up overtime in the last 3 years to inflate pensions. The new tier also increases employee contributions but the contentious part is that it has a defined contribution plan and not a defined benefit plan. (A defined contribution plan has each person invest money, paying fees to Wall Street and depending on the market. A defined benefit plan grants workers some percentage of their pay each year of retirement regardless of market fluctuations.)

Andy Glanzman of Northern Lights Candles asked if the state plans to provide needed infrastructure to keep businesses in New York. He sites that his insurance costs are 5 times what they would be if there was a water line servicing Route 417 East of Wellsville where any number of businesses might be encouraged by having such a water line.

Someone in the audience criticized the Allegany County Legislators for pursing a "water line to nowhere" at the Crossroads in Belvidere rather than a water line to existing businesses such as Northern Lights which employs over 100 people.

"Every week I get letters from other areas offering me water, a building and tax relief if I'd move my business. I support Wellsville but these offers are looking good," said Glanzman. "It's easier to keep an industry than to find a new one. New York should be working to keep these jobs here."

Glanzman said he's been writing letters and making calls for nearly 15 years now trying to get water to this area.

Another business facing dire circumstances without infrastructure development is Jones Memorial Hospital. While the Stimulus Plan paid for the installation of a 96 strand broadband fiber point of presence in center of the county, getting that fiber to the hospital and its clinics so that they can meet the requirements in changing Medicaid reporting cost money.

Tracy Gates said that about 50% of Jones' patients are insured by Medicaid so these tiny changes in payment and big changes in reporting add up to a dismal situation.

Another person noted that New York State is putting broadband service into the Adirondacks and called it "Broadband for the Bears". Allegany County has more people and greater need.

Hoyt said, as he did several times, that an area's greatest lobbyists are the Assembly and Senate members. He said that the Adirondacks have a "loyal representative" who "beats the drum long and loud" for her district. Support goes to those constant lobbying efforts.

Bob Sobeck from Alfred Housing said that the proposed budget would cut money to Alfred Housing and noted that the $50,000 invested in Alfred Housing last year resulted in a $448,000 return to the state. It hardly seems a sane cut to make.

Since 1977 New York has funded Neighborhood Preservation Programs adding Rural Preservation Programs, such as Alfred Housing, in 1980. These programs consistently build communities and return to New York State enormous amounts of money – in the case of Alfred Housing $37 for every $1 invested.

Hoyt suggested that the budget will change and that the demands made to the governor between now and April 1 make the difference. Citizens and their elected officials have to make their voices heard over the rising din.

Kim Mueller, Superintendent of Wellsville Schools, read a prepared statement trying to explain the difficulties that small districts face in getting adequate funding. She said that small districts are kept away from many funding programs.

Hoyt felt that Allegany County has too many schools for the population. He applauded the fact that Wellsville had explored a merger but said that more has to happen to consolidate and conserve.

Dar Fanton talked about consolidations made years ago. Now there is grant money to consolidate but 10 years ago, Wellsville just did it because it was reasonable. Hoyt said that there are ways to reward past good behavior and said he would follow up with that.

A citizen said that people are moving toward the internet and that it's not a secure method of communication. Hoyt gave him his card with a physical address to write to.

Brian Hildreth said that many people need and use the internet and that in hard times the Library is a source of that service. People come to the Library with their laptops daily to conduct business and that this supports the economy in a real way since high speed internet simply isn't available in most of Allegany County but the state has cut funding to public Libraries so that their funding now is at the same level it was in 1994.

Hildreth noted that $1 invested in assisting the Library to bridge the digital divide for citizens returns $77 to the economy yet New York has chosen not to invest in Libraries.

Hoyt said that every member of the Assembly and Senate wants their photo taken with a librarian but that doesn't translate into financial support. The Library, like all of Allegany County, needs a cheerleader, or a chorus of citizens, getting Albany's attention before final drafts on April 1.

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OBITUARIES

ARLENE F. O'DELL
Had operated 'Tastee Freeze'

HORNELL—Arlene F. O'Dell, 88, of County Route 70-A, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday (March 6, 2012) at her home.

Born in Hornell, Oct. 10, 1923, the daughter of Frank D. and Nina Rogers O'Dell, she had resided in Hornell all her life. She was a graduate of Hornell High School and the Bryant & Stratton Business College. She was employed as a bookkeeper for the Hornell Board of Education, and owned and operated the former "Tastee Freeze" from 1954 to 1966, and had been employed for several years for H&R Block in Hornell. She was a member of the Hillside Baptist Church.

She was predeceased by her parents; her sister, Corrine Backer in 2007; as well as her brothers, Gerald O'Dell in 1959 and Russell O'Dell in 2007.

She is survived by her sister, Phyllis O'Dell of Howard, and several nieces and nephews.

To send a remembrance to the family, please visit www.brownandpowersfuneralhomes.com. The family is being assisted by Gerald R. Brown, director.

The family received friends from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, March 10 at the Bender-Brown & Powers Funeral Home, 354 Canisteo St., Hornell, where funeral services were held following calling hours at 3 p.m. Rev. Craig Brittingham officiated. Burial was in Arkport Cemetery.

Friends may make memorial contributions to The Hillside Baptist Church, 805 County Route 66, Hornell, N.Y. 14843 or to the Fremont 911 Responders, c/o Fremont Fire Dept.

KATHRYN JONES CHURCH
Focus always on family

ANDOVER—Kathryn Jones Church (Mrs. Conrad F. Church), 94, died on Wednesday (March 7, 2012).

Born in Rose Hill, AL on Nov. 7, 1917, to Alma Wright and Mattie (Coleman) Jones, she graduated from Straughn High School in Straughn, AL and in 1939 from the University of Alabama. She met her future husband, "Connie" Church of Andover, while attending college, and they were married in Alabama in 1940. They enjoyed 61 years of devoted marriage until his death in 2002.

Her life was devoted to her home and to her family. She joined her husband in various works of community betterment and public service, including scholarships at the secondary and university level; for their church (the First United Methodist Church of Andover), libraries and hospitals; and in public landscaping. But her focus was always her family.

Mrs. Church is survived by her three children, Anne M. Church of Albany, Hugh J. Church of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada, and Susan Church-Jamesson (Michael Jamesson) of Scottsville; by three grandchildren, Matthew Jamesson of Rochester, Nicholas Jamesson of Scottsville, and Philip Jamesson of New York City; by her brother and sisters-in-law, Kent (Lucy) Davis and Ivey Jones; and by various nieces and nephews. She also is survived by an "adopted" daughter, Magda Montalvo de Mesec of Quito, Ecuador, and by an "adopted" grandson, Homayoon Amini of Duncan, British Columbia.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her brothers, Wyman, McNeil and John Frank (Anne) Jones; and by sisters-in-law, Doris Church and Roberta (Lee) Meyn.

A memorial service is planned from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, April 1, at Mrs. Church's residence, 48 Chestnut St., Andover. The family requests no flowers. Memorials may be made to the Conrad and Kathryn Church Landscaping Fund of the Allegany County Foundation, P.O. Box 58, Belmont, N.Y. 14813, the Conrad and Kathryn Church Scholarship at The University of Alabama, c/o National Alumni Association, P.O. Box 861928, Tuscaloosa, Ala. 35486, or the charity of one's choice.

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

Scammers operating on internet

By LAUREN BUTLER
Special to the Alfred Sun

They are out there, the scammers, the con artists, the grifters. They are even more sophisticated than they have ever been.

I have some nice furniture listed on Craigslist. I am doing a favor for someone else, so you can imagine my excitement when three items sold immediately for full price. I was ecstatic, until..the questions started to shape in my mind. This was too easy.

Then an e-mail arrived asking me to be kind enough to deposit the check that was on its way. After depositing the check, which it turns out her secretary accidentally wrote for $1000 over the price of the furniture, if I would then get a moneygram and give the moneygram for $1000 to the mover.

This sent up such red flags that I was then more suspicious of the other people. One of the people who contacted me showed up on Google for sending bogus Money Orders. Another person is deceased. The checks did arrive from two people written for way more than I am asking. They all want me to deposit them and give money to a mover, a lot of money. It was very interesting to me that both checks were printed on the same paper. Different banks, different companies, yes companies, not a person's name.

I was so skeptical that I called the banks that the checks were written on, I found the banks online, and was told that the account number on the check was not an account number. All in all on both checks there were three different addresses and no name anywhere of the person I was dealing with. The signature on the checks is illegible and obviously machine printed.

Thank goodness for my years at Steuben Trust as a teller duing my time at AU. The routing number, which tells all banks where the bank the check is written on is located is written on the check in the right hand corner two sets of numbers one over another with a line between, like a fraction. Then on the left . The routing number is also written on the left bottom of each check. These were legitimate, the account number wasn't.

Be skeptical, listen to that little voice that says something doesn't feel right. Not all people that I deal with are dishonest. I have been doing this for years and this is the first. The scammers are using the internet and our desire to sell and to please to take advantage of us.

If you get a notice on something that you are selling online and they want you to do anything other than pay for the item, be dilligent. If someone contacts you from PayPal, do your due dilligence and contact PayPal regarding this e-mail. Yes, one of them was using PayPal, but it didn't fit. I have dealt with PayPal for years and this wasn't familiar.

If someone calls you and tells you that someone you know is in jail and needs bail money, call the Jail, and or the local police department. They will know who is being processed into the jail and who is there. They may not be able to tell you all that you want to know, privacy issues, but they can tell you if someone you know is in jail or being sent to jail.

My final word here is be cautious, be dilligent. We have a wonderful tool in the internet, it can be a good resource for who is honest and who is scamming you. A quick phone call can save you a lot of time and money.

ALFRED
Weather for the Week
March 5-March 11

March	Hi	Lo	Precip.	Snow
5	24	11	Trace	Trace
6	42	15	0	0
7	64	41	0	0
8	57	23	.50"	.1"
9	36	10	.03"	.3"
10	37	15	0	0
11	64	26	0	0

By JOHN BUCKWALTER
Alfred Area Weather Recorder

Community Coalition seeks nominations for annual awards

ALFRED—The Alfred Community Coalition (ACC) will hold its biannual awards ceremony from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 12 in the Alfred Village Hall. The coalition is composed of campus student affairs, health and security personnel, the Alfred Village Police Chief, student participants, and village and town representatives.

The awards are given to organizations, families, individuals or businesses that have acted in keeping with the coalition's mission. That mission promotes the reduction of high-risk behaviors among college students and works to inform students of their rights and responsibilities as good neighbors and citizens in the village and town of Alfred.

Members of the community are encouraged to submit nominations for two of the awards this year, the "Community Service" recognition for providing an outstanding service to the campus and community and the "Spirit of Alfred" award to a recipient who best embodies the spirit of the coalition's goals.

Please send your nominations, with a paragraph explaining why you are proposing this person, business or organization, to the Alfred Community Coalition, c/o Kathy Woughter, VP for Student Affairs at Alfred University (woughter@alfred.edu), Carnegie Hall. Deadline for receipt is March 28.

The public is warmly invited to attend this ceremony in celebration of those who helped to address these cares and challenges.

DAR to honor good citizens at annual awards ceremony

HOUGHTON--Catherine Schuyler Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution is pleased to extend this invitation to join us in honoring twelve Allegany County and Cattaraugus County high school seniors who have been selected as our 2011-2012 DAR Good Citizens, based upon the DAR Good Citizen Qualities:

Dependability - Service - Leadership - Patriotism

The 2012 Good Citizens competed to represent our Chapter by submitting personal information, transcripts, references, and by writing an essay about freedoms and responsibilities of a good citizen.

Independent judges selected one Good Citizen from those as Chapter Winner. This year's Chapter representative, whose submission has been sent to the New York State DAR Regional Director for regional competition is Jarrett Vosburg, a senior at Fillmore Central School.

The chapter will honor Jarrett and his peers from the other area schools at the Annual DAR Good Citizen Award Ceremony and Reception to be held at 2 p.m. Saturday March 24, in the Lennox Room at Houghton College Campus Center.

Each student will receive a certificate, pin, and small gift. Elected officials are being invited to attend and share their congratulations with these exceptional students and their families. Refreshments will follow the awards ceremony, and press coverage is expected.

There will be a $3.00 charge for DAR Members.

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THE CALL SHEET

Village Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Service

CALL COUNT: February 2012
Fire 52 calls Ambulance 41 calls

Dial 911 in an emergency.

Sounds like good advice, and it is. But here in Alfred, the response is by volunteers. The A. E. Crandall Hook and Ladder Company is staffed totally by a group of about sixty volunteers.

And in 2011, these volunteers responded to 818 incidents, which average out to about 2.25 responses a day, every day, all year. Of the 818 incidents in 2011, seven of these involved fire; 382 were Emergency Medical Situations, and 38 were motor vehicle accidents. Gas leaks and spills, water problems, steam leaks and standby for athletic events were also on the list, along with false alarms, malicious alarms and alarm system malfunctions.

The company is in constant urgent need of new people to help provide this community service. Training is offered free of charge for firefighters and emergency medical technicians. Practices for fire and ambulance are Sunday evenings.

Although fire and ambulance are the areas of greatest need, people can also contribute by writing grants and doing record keeping and other office tasks for the company. After the initial training, members can contribute as little as a few hours a month but many find satisfaction in contributing more.

Our small town cannot afford a paid fire and ambulance service. We need volunteers to make sure that does not become necessary. Please consider joining the company. For more information, talk to a current fire company member or call one of the officers: President Marion Weaver (587-9342), Fire Chief Wendell Peters (587-9180) or Emergency Medical Service Captain Bob Pipal (587-8587).

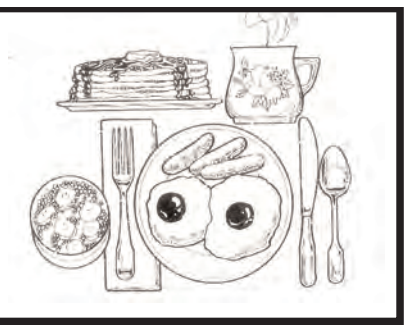
Library Club will meet March 20

ALMOND--Almond Twentieth Century Library Club will be meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 20 at the library.

The Almond Book Club will be joining us to share books that we have been enjoying. If you would like to share a great book, you are welcome to do so. Visitors and new members are welcome.

SUNNY SIDE UP

By ELLEN SHULTZ
Alfred Sun Columnist



Great "winter" salad from Patty Curran

[Editor's Note: While Ellen is away, Patty Harvey Curran has agreed to share some recipes with our readers from her vast collection. Anyone who has visited her home can attest to her hobby of collecting cookbooks.]

By PATTY HARVEY CURRAN
Guest Columnist

I have several recipes for Spinach Salad--but none I like better than this one from the Ag Tech Scholarship Cook Book. This is another good "winter" salad.

Barb Friend's Spinach Salad

Salad:

1# fresh spinach	1/2# bacon, fried and crumbled
1 head lettuce	1 1/2 c. crumbled feta cheese
Optional--Add any of these:	
Hard-boiled eggs, sliced	Fresh mushrooms
Chopped tomatoes	Cauliflower
Green peppers	Broccoli and/or carrots

Dressing:

1 T. poppy seeds	1 T. onion juice
1/4 c. sugar	1/3 c. vinegar
1 t. salt	1 c. canola oil
1 t. dry mustard	

Thoroughly wash and dry vegetables and cut into bite size pieces. Mix with bacon and cheese and any optional ingredients. Add dressing just before serving.

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Montessori School will host 1st annual multicultural event

ALFRED--Alfred Montessori School will hold its first Annual Multicultural Event from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 24 at the school located on South Main Street, Alfred.

In conjunction with local families and multicultural clubs from Alfred State and Alfred University, the Alfred Montessori School will be holding its first Multicultural Open House.

We will gladly accept donations, but this event is free to attend and open to the general public.Countries from all around the world will be represented at the event: Alfred University's Confucius Institute will join us to present traditional music from China, Alfred State's International Club will be sharing foods from Russia and Japan, and a family from the local community will be teaching us a simple Irish dance.

Come join us on Saturday, March 24 from 3-6pm at the Alfred Montessori School to see what other great activities we have planned!

Craig Braack on tap at Baker's Bridge Historical meeting

ALFRED STATION--The March program of Baker's Bridge Historical Association will begin at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 19. All those interested in the history of the area are invited to join us at the Meeting House at 5971 Hamilton Hill Rd., Alfred Station, for a presentation by Allegany County historian, Craig Braack.

Mr. Braack's topic will be "Architectural Styles of Area Homes" and will focus on house styles in the Alfred and Alfred Station area from the late 1790's to about 1910. Specific styles and local/regional examples of each style will include Georgian, Federal, Greek Revival, Gothic Revival, Cobblestone, Octagon, Italian Villa, Mansard and Queen Anne. Mentioned briefly will be the ranch style homes of the 20th century.

For more information about Baker's Bridge Association, visit www.bakersbridge.org

Memorial Day meeting set Monday, March 26

ALFRED--"Conversation for Alfred Rural Cemetery Memorial Day Service" will take place at 7 p.m. Monday, March 26 in the Christian Education Building of the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church. All are welcomed to come and share in this conversation. For further information please call 607-587-9545.

The church is located at 587 Route 244 in Alfred Station. The Christian Education Building is the red brick building adjacent to the church.

Scene About Alfred

By SHERRY VOLK

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

CAT ON A HOT METAL ROOF--I considered and considered which photo I ought to send to the *Sun* this week from this SUNny spot in Texas. The funny one won, but so did the beautiful one. We've seen warnings, everywhere in Big Bend National Park, about the cougars, mountain lions, panthers, painters. Imagine my suprise and excitement when I spotted one, sitting on a neighbor's truck roof, right here in Rio Grande Village, where we are camped!

These pink limestone cliffs are one of my favorite sights in the park. They loom over this southernmost area in west Texas and have moods, depending on the weather. We've seen them gloomy and gray, or pouring fog, or glowing in the sunset. This was a beautiful view, late one evening.

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FROM THE DESK OF DAVID PULLEN

By DAVID PULLEN
Allegany County Legislator

EDUCATION CHALLENGES

In this article I want to address a "non-County" issue that has the potential to significantly impact all of us. Our public schools are facing a financial crisis created by the proposed State Budget. On February 13th the Business Officials from Belfast Central School and Fillmore Central School made a presentation to the Board of Legislators regarding proposed changes to the State Aid formula. Bob Lingenfelter of Belfast Central and Thomas Ricketts of Fillmore Central provided handouts showing how cuts in State Aid to education will have a disproportionate (negative) impact upon Upstate school districts. The bottom line is that the proposed cuts will impact every resident of our county.

During the presentation we learned what has happened to Upstate school districts in recent years. Their financial circumstances have changed dramatically. Several years ago the State required school districts to use accumulated fund balances in excess of 4% of their budgets to offset State Aid. As a result school districts now have much smaller fund balances than in the past. Last year the State passed the real property tax cap that requires a mandatory referendum for any proposed school district tax increase greater than 2%. Finally, the proposed 2012 State Budget calls for significant reductions in State Aid to Schools. Without large fund balances and without the ability to raise taxes school districts are facing drastic cuts in their programs.

The "across the board" State Aid cuts are not fair. The impact of these cuts upon Upstate schools is much greater than it is upon Downstate schools. Most Downstate school districts are much wealthier than Upstate schools, with far more taxable real estate. They raise more of their budgets from property taxes than Upstate districts, and get less of their budgets from State Aid. That has several significant consequences. A cut of 7% of their State Aid represents a far smaller share of their total budget. In addition, their allowable increase under the "tax cap" is much larger.

Most Downstate school districts can cover their proposed loss of State Aid while staying under their "tax cap" limit. By contrast, most Upstate school districts are facing large cuts that far exceed their "tax cap" limit. Most of the school districts in Allegany County would have to raise their taxes by 20% or more in order to cover the proposed loss of State Aid. That simply isn't feasible given the current economic climate and circumstances.

Boards of Education and voters in each School District will need to decide how to resolve the specific challenges facing their District. None of the options are attractive or easy. All of the choices are difficult and painful. Programs will need to be cut, faculty and staff laid off, and class sizes will likely need to be increased. Unless something changes dramatically in the next year, school districts will face even greater challenges for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Some Districts, such as Cuba-Rushford, are considering closing smaller satellite facilities in order to cut expenses. Other districts are considering eliminating extra-curricular programs, such as athletics, drama, and music. Is this what you thought the "tax cap" would mean?

These are exceedingly complex issues that defy easy resolution. Our Boards of Education need our support and ideas. Hopefully we can put aside our personal prejudices and preferences and make prudent choices that will benefit our children and our communities for years to come. It is clear that we cannot continue with a "business as usual" attitude. It is time to look for "outside the box" solutions.

Voters, taxpayers, and parents all need to get involved. The decision making process will work better if there are more people involved in it. I encourage you to attend the budget meetings that are taking place in most districts during March and April. Get involved and get informed. May God grant us the wisdom to make good choices during this difficult time.

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To the Editor
Alfred Sun

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

Craigslist scammers

To the Editor:

For months I have read the articles and letters to the editor regarding the marcellus shale. It appears to me that only one side of this issue is being told. While I agree that there are environmental and safety concerns to be addressed there is also the economic impact to our area to be considered.

I've had the opportunity to visit and see first hand, well drilling sites in the Mansfield PA area. I was able to see wells in the process of being drilled and completed projects. There is disruption during drilling but when finished the companies return your property to the way it was leaving a few pipes in the ground where the new wells are.

My impression in talking with landowners in the area is that the drilling companies are very landowner friendly and eager to do everything possible to make them happy. Without the landowners they can't make their money. Area people were pleased to have the drillers there, it has created a boom for business in the area.

Articles I have read suggest that it is only short term monetary gain to be had. That is not true. First you are looking at acreage lease money, and as wells go into operation the landowners receive royalties that last for the life of the well ,10, 15, up to20 years. That is money the landowners will be spending in our local communities and generating economic growth for the next 20 years. I wouldn't call that short term!

Some articles I've read have suggested that few jobs are created by the drillers. That also isn't true. Yes these companies bring many of their own experienced people with them, but 70% of their work force is hired locally. These companies also hire people to work on road crews making improvements to area roads to allow access for their equipment and leaving roads in better shape when they are done. Unemployment in PA is down, I was told if you wanted to work there were jobs, good paying jobs! That also trickles down to area business' that are busier and have added more employee's to their payrolls.

I've also read that the gas companies are taking advantage of the landowners natural resources to get rich quick. The reality is that it isn't a valuable natural resource unless we as landowners sell it. We certainly do not have money or means to drill for the gas ourselves.

Are the gas companies making money? Of course they are, that's business. They are paying very well for the drilling rights, they wouldn't do this unless they stand to make a profit.

I am a fourth generation landowner and taxpayer in this county. I feel that the landowners should have every opportunity to capitalize on their natural resources. To me, it means the chance to pay off my debts, upgrade my farm into a turn key operation, pay for my son's education, build my wife the house she deserves, repay my parents for all they have done for me, and recoup some of the hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxes that my family has paid for last seventy plus years. That's what the development of the marcellus shale means to every land owner in this state and they should able to decide if it's right for them.

Joseph A. Decker
Clay Bottom Quarter Horses
Belmont, NY

Sun Spots

The Next Concert:
Fussy French Fiddler vs. Pedal-Pounding Pianist

Fussy French fiddler fingers fiddling with his pegs,
Fretting frantically about what we might hear.
Finicky foolish Frenchman, walking 'bout as if on eggs:
If the tuning's slightly off, just use your ear!

(Afterwards I found out HIS own fiddle's being fixed,
And that THIS one he had never even played;
No wonder by those tuning pegs he seemed to be transfixed:
No tuning deal with them had yet been made.)

There's nothing like a Frenchman playing Debussy in G
(Specifically, the G Minor sonata),
With a pedal-pounding pianist from L.I., N.Y.C…
Who really only plays it cuz he's gotta.

Then, Beethoven: "This sonata he began in Eighteen-two…"
…And didn't die till '27?! Must be long.
You could almost sense the moment that he lost his hearing, too –
Or was that when I dozed off? (*Is that so wrong?!*)

Merciful applause (before the lights of intermission)
Drowned my startled cry down to a simmer –
Just like (later) loud conversing hushed quick, of its own volition:
Ah, the power of our 5'-5" house-lights-dimmer!

A Prokofiev was next: "Five" (hypnotizing) "Melodies".
Originally written for soprano,
But it didn't take too long until the people asked him, "Ple-e-e-ease –
Transcribe for violinist and piano!"

Then…"a mini-opera written for two instruments," we're told
("*The piano has more strings – I bet it wins!*")
From when Strauss was an enthusiastic 23-year-old –
No time for snores or other mortal sinzzz….

Cuz it sounds like young Herr Strauss had too much spare time on his hands,
Also *much* experimenting yet to do,
And he seemed to have it in for Stradivariuses and grands…
What they ever did to him, I've not a clue.

Must I really make a joke of every concert I take in?!
Well…I'm just reporting back the notes I make;
I have to let ya know that you weren't missin' anythin' –
And besides, it's how I keep myself awake!

—Anotes A. Mouse

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An apology requested

To the Editor:

David Snyder, proprietor and editor of *The Alfred Sun*, demeans himself and insults his readers by publishing a Sun Spot item (March 8) that subjects a Georgetown University law school student, Sandra Fluke, to public ridicule for her Congressional testimony supporting insurance coverage for contraception.

The piece—it carried the headline "Is This the Norm or Just a Fluke"—was asinine and shameful. For readers unfamiliar with the story, Ms. Fluke broke into the news late last month when radio talk-show host Rush Limbaugh mocked her testimony and called her a "slut" and a "prostitute." He later apologized. *The Alfred Sun* might well do the same.

Alan Littell
Alfred, N.Y.

Agrees with Hoover

Dear Editor,

In light of this past Sunday's massacre in Afghanistan, I have to agree with Mrs. Hoover that with regard to acts that could be characterized as "barbarous," none of us seem to have come very far in the past several millennia. I regret my insinuation that "we" have, but "they" have not.

Anon A. Mouse

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AU MFA ceramic art program best in the nation

ALFRED—The 2013 edition of *U.S. News and World Report*'s "America's Best Graduate Schools" ranks the master of fine arts (MFA) ceramics program at Alfred University tops in the nation.

All of Alfred University's MFA programs combined are ranked 11th in the nation, making them the highest-ranked art programs among all schools in New York State.

"We are grateful that our Ceramics Art programs have again been recognized as the best in American higher education. Alfred's elite status in this area is sometimes assumed to be a kind of inherited legacy; but legacies do not survive without the continuing hard work and creativity of our faculty, staff, and students. We should all take a moment to salute their sustained commitment to excellence and to appreciate its important contribution to the University's overall quality and character," said AU President Charles M. Edmondson.

"It is very gratifying to have the strength of our MFA programs recognized by the U.S. News and World Report rankings," said Leslie Bellavance, dean of the School of Art ad Design.

CHARLEY EDMONDSON
Alfred University President

LESLIE BELLAVANCE
School of Art and Design Dean

"The ranking of the Ceramic Art MFA as number one affirms and acknowledges the accomplishments of both our faculty and students in the program. We are very pleased to have this indication that our peers value the distinct and ambitious program that has been developed at Alfred University," she added.

U.S. News reports the specialty fine arts rankings are based solely on ratings by educators at 230 peer schools. Art school deans and other top art school academics, two per school, were asked to nominate up to 10 programs noted for their excellence. Respondents were asked to rate the academic quality of the program. Those receiving the most nominations were listed.

The School of Art and Design, College of Ceramics at Alfred University, offers undergraduate concentrations in painting, drawing, photography, printmaking, graphic design, video and sonic arts, ceramics, glass and sculpture as well as art history. MFA programs include electronic arts, ceramic art and sculpture, which encompasses glass.

CAROLANN SOLEBELLO and PAT WICTOR will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 17 at Wellsville Creative Arts Center.

Red Molly's Solebello to perform with Wictor

WELLSVILLE-Carolann Solebello and Pat Wictor will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 17 at the Wellsville Creative Arts Center. Advanced tickets are $12, $14 at door. Members save an additional $2. Tickets may be purchased online at www.WellsvilleCreativeArtsCenter.com or at the Art Center Coffee House. For more information visit the website or call (585) 593-3000.

Most familiar to folk audiences as a founding member of the female harmony trio Red Molly, New York City native Carolann Solebello first fell in love with mountain music – and the bluegrass and country that grew out of that tradition – while working as an actor in East Tennessee and Kansas.

Carolann has three solo CDs to her credit, Just Across the Water (2000), Glass of Desire (2009) and is currently touring in support of her 2011 release, Threshold.

Pat Wictor, an innovative slide guitarist known for fresh and memorable versions of traditional and contemporary songs, is equally well-regarded as a singer and songwriter, writing material grounded in the rural country, gospel and blues traditions of our nation. In the past year he's been touring nationally as one third of Brother Sun, the powerful harmonizing trio with Joe Jencks and Greg Greenway.

So. Tier Symphony concerts

OLEAN--The Southern Tier Symphony, in its ninth season, has announced a concert of light fare called "American Stage."

The first program will be on Friday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Olean High School auditorium. The repertoire will be repeated on Sunday, March 18 at 3 p.m. at the Bromeley Theater on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford. Tickets, at $20 will be available at the door with students admitted without charge.

Music Director John Whitney has selected a variety of popular movie and stage musical material. Spotlighting Gershwin favorites, Cole Porter and George M. Cohan tunes, John Williams, Cole Porter, music from "007 films" and "Lord of the Rings" will also be included.

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, an appropriate Irish melody will close the concert.

For further information, please telephone the orchestra at (716) 372-1110 and leave a message or check the web site at www:southerntiersymphony.org

Guitarist-songwriters to perform at Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Cafe

ANGELICA—This week, Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Café hosts two accomplished guitarist-songwriters, both from Pennsylvania. Scranton's Mike Mizwinski, who was just named Acoustic Rock Artist of the Year by Tri State Indie Music Awards,(Yes, he's that good.) will perform at Friday, March 16. He plays a fusion of folk, rock, bluegrass and blues on guitar and vocals.

On Saturday March 17 we present Christopher Mark Jones of Pittsburgh, who has played folk clubs and festivals in England, Holland and Denmark, as well as showcase clubs and coffeehouses around Pittsburgh. Both shows start at 7:30 p.m. There is no cover charge, but guests are expected to contribute to the musician's tip jar.

Mike Mizwinski is on his way to the big time. In the past year, he and his band "MiZ" have opened for Derek Trucks, Blues Traveler, Leon Russell, Shawn Colvin, Railroad Earth, Jackie Greene, Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes, and Bob Dylan. He'll play solo acoustic at Black-Eyed Susan on Friday, March 16th.

Mike comes from a musical family; his parents were studying music in college when they met. They instilled in their young son an admiration and appreciation for the arts. Mike states, "I knew at a very early age I wanted to play the guitar but it was when my Dad took me to my first Grateful Dead show (at the age of nine) that I knew what I wanted to do for the rest of my life".

Bill Payne, who spent forty years behind the keyboards of "Little Feat", says, "He has a fine voice, the arrangements are tight, varied, and take unexpected turns every now and then." We say, don't miss this chance to hear Mike in the intimate setting at Black-Eyed Susan. You won't forget his music. Learn more at mikemizmusic.com

Mike Mizwinski has opened for Shawn Colvin, Blues Traveler, Derek Trucks and Bob Dylan. Catch him up-close on Friday, March 16th at Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Café.

Christopher Mark Jones' gentle yet gravelly voice pours forth with evocative lyrics and melodies that pay homage to seminal folk songwriters of the 60s (Dylan, Simon, Taylor). He'll perform mostly original music on Saturday, March 17th at Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Café.

His musical career includes busking in Paris, the English folk club circuit, tours of Denmark and Holland, the Bristol and Rotterdam festivals, BBC and Capitol radio appearances in London, electiric clubs in Boston and showcase clubs, house concerts and coffeehouses in Pittsburgh. His 1978 album for Transatlantic No More Range to Roam was released in five countries and distributed in the U.S. by Rounder. After forays into rock, jazz and swing, and time off to raise two sons, 2010's Heartland Variations marked a return to the soulful country and blues-inflected Americana narratives of the first recording. His newest recording is Suburban 2-Step.

Jones teaches French studies at Carnegie Mellon, including writing about popular music in French from Quebec and France. Learn more at christopherjonesmusic.com.

Coming Up:

Friday, March 23rd, 2012
Black-Eyed Susan presents…
Pat Kane: The Balladeer of the Southern Tier. Join Mr. Kane for an evening of traditional and modern Irish and American folk music on fiddle, guitar, bodhran and vocals. 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. No cover charge.

Saturday, March 24th, 2012
Black-Eyed Susan presents…
Heather Styka--Contemporary Folk . Styka's poetic songwriting has been likened to that of Leonard Cohen, Josh Ritter, and Damien Rice. Her Midwestern background, urban identity, and rural roots remain at the forefront of her songs. 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m No cover charge.

Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Café serves lunch seven days a week, dinner with live music every Friday and Saturday evening, and breakfast Wednesday through Sunday mornings. Located at 22 West Main Street in Angelica's Park Circle National Historic District, the café seats 65 and is handicap-accessible, making it a perfect place for luncheons, showers, private dinners and other events. Food and beverage menus, wine lists and music schedules are posted on-line. For more information call 585-466-3399 or visit www.black-eyed-susan.com.

Mueller Mullings

By MATT MUELLER
Alfred Sun Columnist

A SPIN ON LIFE

This March I celebrate my forty-third anniversary of moving to Alfred. Immediately upon my arrival I learned that its inhabitants were full of good advice. Although it had a small population, or perhaps because of that, its residents had expertise in a wide variety of fields.

This, of course, had to do with its constant turnover of old-timers and newcomers, and their engagement in either or both academic and nonacademic pursuits. It seemed that anyone I asked could tell me where to go, in the most polite sense of the expression.

I came here from Michigan. One of my first acts was to ask the man at the College Mobil gas station who filled my car's tank about getting a New York State vehicle inspection. Nelson Snyder immediately sent me another couple of miles down the road to Mr. Stevens' business. Quite awhile later I learned that he had referred me to his father-in-law.

By now, as a retired librarian who delights in dishing out information, I fit right in. I frequently offer recommendations to friends and strangers alike. Here is one, concerning a 2011 book titled The Sound of My Own Wheels! by Adam Gayhart.

Whether you think you like poetry or not, free verse or not, this small volume by a South Main Street resident of Alfred may surprise you. It will take but a short time to read. However, it may cause you to spend considerably more time meditating upon your own life in thought or handwriting.

In fact, the author anticipates this. Opposite his poems, and strewn throughout the book one encounters a "Journal Page." Blank, but for that heading, and lines to write on, these encourage a reader to note his or her own contemplations. As the old saying goes, "You may be a poet, and not know it." And, you can dispense with rhyme if you please.

Gayhart's poems appear in four sections named for the seasons, Winter, Spring, Summer, Autumn. In order, their respective subtitles are Broken, Healing, Dreaming, Living Again.

These represent the mental states the author describes going through. Gayhart has been a victim of Muscular Dystrophy for all of his twenty-nine years of life. Instead of walking through the world, to "travel" short distances he must do so in a wheelchair. For longer ones, a family member will take him in their wheelchair accessible van.

There are line drawings by the author throughout the book. The one repetitive motif refers to the "Wheels" in the book's title. The cover design features an outdoor scene and includes a wheelchair. Each chapter is preceded by a picture of a wheelchair.

Other illustrations refer to the subjects of specific poems. For instance, the last poem in the Winter chapter is titled, "Guilt." It begins:

"Guilt eats away at my heart of shame.
Others forced to do it all,
while I sit and watch."

The accompanying drawing is of a broken heart, inscribed, "I'm sorry."

He strikes a positive note in the Spring chapter's poem called "Purpose."

"We are all part of God's plan.
Though we may seem an odd choice,
we become the perfect candidate."

I have a feeling that some politicians aspiring for the U.S. Presidency might want to borrow that line, disrobed of its poetic context.

It will come as no surprise that my favorite poem in the book is "The Library," which appears in the Autumn chapter. Remarkably, Gayhart has evoked the spirit of such a lofty institution in eight verses. These are the first and the last ones.

"Halls of recorded thought,
words of wisdom
spread across the printed page."

"Lost in the library,
searching through stacks of works,
both important and pointless,
I'm home."

On the back cover of the book is a photograph of the author in his wheelchair, taken by his sister, Lindsay Gayhart. She is a graduate of the State University of New York at Oneonta. Brief biographical information mentions that Adam Gayhart is a graduate of Empire State College with a B.A. degree in Communications. In my opinion, he has mastered that subject.

This book and his 2010 collection, Poetic License, may be purchased at Hair Care at 15 North Main Street, and at Alfred Pharmacy at 36 North Main Street in Alfred. Tinkertown Hardware on State Route 244 in Alfred Station also stocks them. Anyone heading to the Maple Festival in Andover, NY, on the weekend of March 31-April 1 can buy them there.

ALFRED--SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor John Buckwalter of Alfred State's Physical and Health Sciences Department took Honors Program members on a tour of the city of Astrakhan, in southern Russia, on March 8, without ever leaving Alfred. With support from the Fulbright Scholar Program, Buckwalter taught graduate-level biology courses last fall at Astrakhan State Technical University in Astrakhan, a city on the Volga River and the Caspian Sea. His presentation included slides and videos taken at the University, the apartment he and his wife Laurel lived in, and many historic sites, including Astrakhan's own Kremlin, built as a fortress in the 1700s, and several restored Russian Orthodox churches. Pictured from left to right: Iara Mantenuto, Louden, TN, liberal arts and sciences: humanities; Dr. Terry Tucker, dean, School of Arts and Sciences; Buckwalter; and Joseph Moll, Williamson, technology management.

ASC instructor gets interviewed

ALFRED—Melissa Blake, an instructor in Alfred State's court and realtime reporting program, was recently interviewed, along with two colleagues, about the future of online education in the field.

In an article published in January 2012, The National Court Reporters Association looks at how technology is used in schools and investigates various online programs for stenographic training. The methodology included a survey on online education and the responses from three educators' (respondents) were included in an article in the JCR (Journal of Court Reporting).

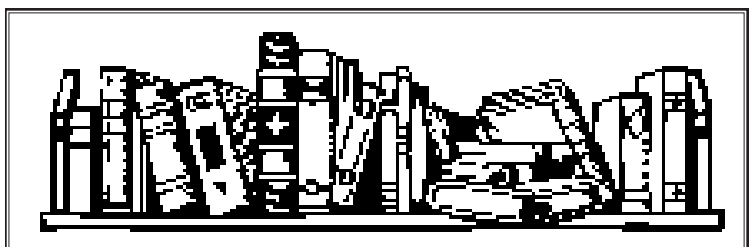
Because online education is becoming more popular with those who can't, for whatever reason, attend traditional classes in an on-campus setting, the National Court Reporters' Association wanted to find out what its member schools have learned about offering their programs online, says Blake.

Find the article at www.ncra.org.

Blake, of Cuba, teaches senior court reporting students in addition to online courses in the court reporting program. Prior to joining the ASC faculty, Blake served as secretary to the Cuba First Baptist church, as a head cashier and cashier trainer at the Cuba Giant Food Mart, and as a data entry operator and computer operator at Acme Electric in Cuba.

Blake holds an associate in applied science degree in court and realtime reporting and a bachelor's degree in technology management, both from Alfred State College.

The Cuba Central School graduate is the daughter of Richard and Alice Stolberg, Cuba, and mother of Emily, Amanda, and Olivia.



NOTES from the BOX OF BOOKS

Coming up on March 29; the Annual Chicken Barbeque to support the Box of Books. Orders will be taken at the Box of Books, pre-order and payment is required. $5.00 for a half and $7.50 for a dinner which includes: one chicken half, potato salad, coleslaw, roll and butter. Pick up is at the ALFRED STATION Fire Hall on the 29th. Order forms are available at the Box of Books, Hair Care, Alfred Hair and Tanning, Alfred Pharmacy or here in the Sun. All orders and money are due to the Box of Books by March 22. Thank you for your support.

I am currently taking suggestions for new book orders. An order will be placed very soon so get your suggestions in. You can send them via email to ordwaye@stls.org or make them at the library.

Upcoming events at the Box of Books
(the most up to date program information can be found on our website at www.alfredboxofbookslibrary.org)

Thursday, March 15 from 7–9 pm; Scrapbooking Night, Adult program, please bring your latest scrapbooking project and your materials. This is a great way to share ideas, and find some motivation for your projects.

Friday, March 16 Mother Goose on the Loose at 11 am.

Wednesday, March 21 from 4-6 pm ePLACE training; introduction to Pintrest, are you interested in finding out what pintrest is and how it works. Kristen is going to be giving and introductory level training on the new way to explore and share things that interest you.

Thursday, March 22 at 4 pm Education Fieldwork Class presents; Jackson Pollock Drip Paintings. Please where old clothes and REGSTRATION is required to allow for enough supplies.

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Wait A Minute

A comprehensive look at hydrofracking

By GRAHAM MARKS

Special to the Alfred Sun

Hydrofracking Chemicals and Water Part 1:a column in two parts

Hydrofracking is a relatively new method of retrieving natural gas that involves drilling thousands of feet vertically, passing through the water table, and then horizontally thousands of feet through shale where gas is trapped in tiny pockets. Millions of gallons of water are mixed with chemicals and are pumped underground at high pressure to fracture the shale, releasing the gas.

The Federal Energy Policy Act of 2005 exempted gas companies from theoversightof the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Clean Air Act and despite their claims that the chemicals used in the fracking process are safe, companies have consistently refused to make public comprehensive lists of the chemicals used.

In 2011 the United States House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce asked 14 Oil and Gas companies to provide information on the names and volumes of products used over a five year period (2005-2009). For each fracturing product reported, the companies were also asked to provide the MSDS (material safety and data sheet) that OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) requires.

Under OSHA rules, chemical manufacturers can withhold the identity of chemical components that they deem to be "trade secrets." This proprietary information belongs to the manufacturers, not the users of the chemicals, thus gas companies have only limited information about the products they purchase from vendors, mix with other products, and pump underground.

A report entitled, "Chemicals Used in Hydraulic Fracturing" is a result of this federal study. It is the first comprehensive national inventory of the chemical products used by gas companies during the fracking process in over thirteen states. To read the original committee report enter into your search engine,"Cornell Cooperative Extension Gas Drilling Library," click on the link, and on their home page look down the topics in the middle of the page. When you come to "Hydrofracking and Water" click on "chemicals used in fracking"and you will be taken to the original document. It is an eye opener!

Below is a summary of the findings of the Committee:

"In the five year period studied, the 14 leading oil and gas service companies used more than 780 million gallons of hydraulic fracturing products, <u>not including water</u> (my emphasis) added at the well site. Overall, the companies used more than 2,500 hydraulic fracturing products containing 750 different chemicals and other components. More than 650 of these products contained chemicals that are known or possible human carcinogens, regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act, or listed as hazardous air pollutants"

"The components used in the hydraulic fracturing products ranged from generally harmless to extremely toxic substances, such as benzene and lead."

"29 of the chemicals are known or possible human carcinogens, regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) for their risks to human health, or listed as hazardous air pollutants under the Clean Air Act."

"The BTEX compounds – Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, and Xylene, – are SDWA contaminants and hazardous air pollutants. Benzene also is a known human carcinogen. Chronic exposure to toluene, ethylbenzene, or xylenes can damage the central nervous system, liver, and kidneys.BTEX compounds appeared in 60 hydraulic fracturing products used between 2005 and 2009 and were used in 11.4 million gallons of products of fracturing fluids."

"Fracturing Companies injected more than 30 million gallons of diesel fuel or hydraulic fracturing fluids containing diesel fuel in wells in 19 states. In a 2004 report, EPA stated that the 'use of diesel fuel in fracturing fluids poses the greatest threat to underground sources of drinking water.'

"Methanol, [type into your search engine "Methanol MSDS" and read for yourself the health effects of this poison] which was used in 342 hydraulic fracturing products, was the most widely used chemical. The substance is hazardous and is on the candidate list for potential regulation under SDWA. Isopropyl alcohol, 2-butoxyethanol, and ethylene glycol [commonly used in anti-freeze, de-icing solutions, and brake fluid] were the other most widely used chemicals."

Many of the hydraulic fracturing fluids purchased by the gas companies contain chemical components that are listed as "proprietary" or "trade secret." The companies used 94 million gallons of 279 products that contained at least one chemical or component that the manufacturers deemed proprietary or a trade secret.<u>In these cases, it appears that the companies are injecting fluids containing unknown chemicals about which they may have limited understanding of the potential risks posed to human health and the environment</u>. (My emphasis)

Upon release of the report, Chairman of the Committee, Henry Waxman said, "This report shows that these companies are injecting millions of gallons of products that contain potentially hazardous chemicals, including known carcinogens."

Diana Degette, a member of the committee from Colorado stated, "It is deeply disturbing to discover the content and quantity of toxic chemicals, like benzene and lead, being injected into the ground without the knowledge of the communities whose health could be affected."

Ian Urbina reporting in *The New York Times* on the release of the report stated..."The use of these chemicals has been a source of concern to regulators and environmentalists who worry that some of them could find their way out of a well bore —because of above-ground spills, underground failures of well casing or migration through layers of rock—and into nearby sources of drinking water."

End of Part 1 … to be continued next week.

<u>Bans and Moratoria update</u>: The number of towns that have invoked home rule by passing moratoriums, bans, or have legislation pending stands at 134. When the towns within the New York City and Syracuse watersheds that are protected by the DEC watershed protection provisions are added the total to date is 206! This last week Niagara Falls passed a citywide ban on fracking and accepting fracking wastewater in their water treatment facility, thus protecting a huge amount of the planets fresh water by stopping residual fracking wastewater from being discharged into the Niagara River and Lake Ontario! They also passed a resolution to Governor Cuomo stating fracking should be banned in all of New York State.

With Nicholson's recent donation, she now totals 21 gallons of blood

WELLSVILLE--The First Congregational Church in Wellsville had its regular community blood drive on Thursday, March 8. Several community members rolled up their sleeves to help their neighbors.

The American Red Cross of Southwestern New York Allegany County would like to thank Jane Nicholson for donating 21 gallons of blood. With her generous donations throughout the years, she has the chance to help over 160 people.

Local Blood Drives scheduled in the coming weeks in Allegany County include:

Thursday, March 15 at First Baptist Church- Cuba 1-6pm
Monday, March 19 at Belfast Central School 1-6pm
Tuesday, March 27 at Bolivar Fire Department 12 noon-5pm
Thursday, April 12 at Houghton College 10 am-4pm
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Cultural Arts Calendar

Music

BANDS/DJs

Alle-Catt Brass Quintet. 8 pm Friday, March 16. Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Alfred Village Band offers concerts at 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays during July at the Alfred Village Bandstand. For any questions or concerns, please e-mail Nancy Luger at: lugerna@yahoo.com or call her at 607-587-9449.

AU Jazz Band will provide a high energy evening of great jazz at 8 pm Friday, April 13 at Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall, AU campus.

AU Symphonic Band will present From Musical Masterpieces including Mars from Holst's The Planets, Variations on a Shaker Melody from Copland's Appalachian Spring, and The Great Gate of Kiev from Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition. Friday, April 27 at 8 pm, Miller Theater, AU campus.

AU Student Recital will feature a variety of talented instrumentalists at 3 pm Sunday, April 29 in Miller Theater, AU campus.

Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Cafe 22 West Main St., Angelica. Open every day for lunch; dinner and live acoustic music on weekends; now serving breakfast – call for details. Acoustic Open Mic Night 1st Thursday of month 7-10 pm. Café opens early for dinner, espresso, wine & beer, Scrabble & chess. Music Schedule: Friday, March 16--Mike Mizwinski; Saturday, March 17--Christopher Mark Jones. Friday, March 23--Pat Kane; Saturday, March 24--Heather Styka. Café open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. for meals, espresso, beer, wine, desserts. Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Café, 22 W. Main St., Angelica. Call 585-466-3399 or visit black-eyed-susan.com

Hornell Area Wind Ensemble Rehearsals Tuesday evenings at Hornell Intermediate School. New members are always welcomed. 2011-2012 Concert Schedule: All concerts at 7:30 pm at Hornell High School unless noted. Sat. April 21--Young Artist; 8 p.m. Sat. May 26--Memorial Day; 7 p.m.Fri. June 8 Broadway Mall Hornell. All concerts FREE. For further information, call Nancy Luger at 587-9449 or call 545-8603.

Maple City Bowl, 7580 Seneca Road, Hornell. DJ/Karaoke every Friday Night 9 pm-1 a.m.; Saturday night bands from 9 pm-1 a.m. For updates, check www.maplecitybowl.net Or call 607-324-1011.

Wellsville Creative Arts Center offers live music most Saturday evenings with performances beginning at 8 p.m., doors opening at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 17--Carolann Solebello & Pat Wictor. Friday, March 23--Ana Egge Band. Saturday, April 7--Sim Redmond Band. Friday, April 20--Sierra Hull. Saturday, May 5--North Sea Gas. Saturday, May 12--Hickory Project. Saturday, May 19--Bob Martin. For tickets, visit: www.WellsvilleCreativeArtsCenter.com or call 585-593-3000.

CHORAL GROUPS

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

Genesee Valley Chorus. Weekly rehearsals 7 pm Tuesdays at Shepherd of the Valley Church on Fassett Lane, Wellsville. New members welcome. For further information, call 716-593-3173.

Maple City (Barbershopers) Chorus Meetings 7:30 p.m. Mondays at St. Ann's School, 27 Erie Ave., Hornell. New members welcome. Call 276-6835 for info.

Sanctuary Choir. Rehearsals Thursdays at 7 pm, The Seventh Day Baptist Church-Alfred Station. New members welcome. Instrumentalists practice 9 a.m. fourth Saturdays. Call 587-9545.

COFFEEHOUSES

Coffeehouse live entertainment periodically at Terra Cotta Coffeehouse, 34 N. Main St., Alfred. Saturday, Feb. 4--Ade Adu. Open Mic Night Wednesdays.

Wellsville Creative Arts Center offers Coffee Houses nightly Monday-Thursday 7:30-10:30 p.m. with Movies on Mondays, Acoustic Campfire on Tuesdays, Open Mic Night every Wednesday 7 to 9:30 p.m. For more info, visit: www.WellsvilleCreativeArtsCenter.com or call 585-593-3000.

CONCERTS/RECITALS

Davis Memorial Carillon Recitals, AU campus. Saturdays at 4 p.m. except August. Laurel Buckwalter, AU Carilonneur.

April Phools Concert. AU Chamber Singers and members of the faculty will present a not-to-be-missed evening of foolery in music at 7 pm Sunday, April 1. Donations will be accepted for the Chamber Singers Tour Fund. Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall, AU campus.

Pipedreams. The AU Chamber Singers and Chorus with Laurel Buckwalter on the magnificent Möller pipe organ will explore dreams, visions and fantasies. Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church, 3 pm Sunday, April 15.

AU Student Recital. 3 pm Sunday, April 22, Howell Hall. Singers will present a wide variety of musical styles.

Wingate Memorial Carillon Recital Series at Davis Memorial Carillon, AU campus. Free concerts on the lawn 7-8 p.m. Tuesday evenings in July.

Theater & Dance

COMEDY

Friday Night Live. AU student comedy troupe. Call 871-2175 for further info.

Pirate Theater. AU student comedy troupe. Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall. Call 871-2175 for further info.

DANCE

Alfred Dance Academy, N. Main St., Alfred. Katherine Lang, artistic director. For further information, phone 607-661-0952.

Alfred Swing Dance Network holds dances periodically in the 1890 Firemen's Hall Theater located in Alfred Village Hall. For more information, contact Graham Marks/Megan Staffel at evalley@frontiernet.net or call 607-478-8178.

Alleluia School of Dance offers classes in Houghton and Wellsville. Classical ballet and liturgical dance. All ages and ability levels. For more information or to register for classes, contact Director Rebecca Moore at 585-567-2079.

DRAMA GROUPS

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

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

PERFORMANCES

The Way of the World by William Congreve will be staged by AU students at 8 pm Thursday-Saturday, April 19-20-21 in Miller Theater, AU campus. In this wildly witty late Restoration comedy, two clever lovers attempt to thwart the conniving fools who stand in the way of their happy marriage. *Tickets required.

Art/ Galleries

INSTRUCTION/GROUPS

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

Allegany Arts Association Summer Arts Festival. Free to youth in Allegany County. To register for any of the following, call 585-808-0385.

Angelica Sweet Shop 44 W. Main in Angelica's Park Circle National Historic District. Open daily 8 am–5 pm Now through April 15: Sarah G. Phillips: Paintings and Drawings. For more info: 585-466-7070 or www.angelicasweetshop.com.

Artist Knot. 36 Main Street, Andover. Current Exhibit: "Wonderling." Free Admission. Gallery Hours: Tues., Wed. & Fri. 10 am -5 pm, Thurs. 10am - 7 pm & Sat. 10 am -3 pm Closed Sun.,Mon. and Holidays. (607) 478-5100.

Wellsville Art Association meets 7 pm on the last Friday of each month at Wellsville Community Center. For information on meetings or classes, call 585-593-3579.

Southern Tier Fiberarts Guild, founded in 1983, meets at Trinity Lutheran Church, 470 N. Main St., Wellsville, on the first Saturday of the month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. except months of July and Sept. The group welcomes spinners (and wannabes), quilters, knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, weavers, dyers, basket makers, hookers (rug hookers, that is) and everyone with a creative mind and an interest in fibers. For more information, call Debbie MacCrea at 607-587-9270, Carol Wood at 607-587-9519 or T.C. Gary at 585-593-4799.

MUSEUMS/EXHIBITS

Americana Manse. Tours at the Americana Manse, Whitney-Halsey Mansion, Inc. in Belmont. Call 585-268-5130. Special Group Tour rates. $4.00 adults.

Fountain Arts Center, 42 Schuyler Street, Belmont. Exhibit hours are Mon., Tues., Fri. from 10 a.m.-12 noon and 2-4 p.m. or by appointment. 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 comprehensive glass collection in the world in "35 Centuries of Glassmaking." Including five new Art and History Galleries. For info, call 607-937-5371. Open daily 9-5.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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ASC Drama Club will stage 'Mousetrap'

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This British murder mystery, written by Agatha Christie, is the longest-running show in modern history, celebrating its 60th anniversary of continual showings since it first opened in London's West End in 1952.

The play's characters include Mollie and Giles Ralston, husband-and-wife proprietors of Monkswell Manor; Christopher Wren, a hyperactive young man who acts peculiarly. Mrs. Boyle, a critical older woman who is pleased by nothing; Major Metcalf, retired from the army, though little else is known about him; Miss Casewell, a strange, aloof, masculine woman who speaks offhandedly about the horrific experiences of her childhood; Mr. Paravicini, a man of unknown provenance, who turns up claiming his car has overturned in a snowdrift; and Detective Sergeant Trotter, a policeman who arrives on skis due to the snow storm, saying he has come to protect the guests from a murderer.

The play begins late one afternoon. The Ralstons' first four guests arrive: Christopher Wren, Mrs. Boyle, Major Metcalf, and Miss Casewell. An unexpected guest, Mr. Paravicini, immediately makes his hosts uneasy. The group, snowed in together, read in the paper that a woman has been murdered in London.

The next day, the police call on the phone, causing great alarm among the guests. Detective Sergeant Trotter arrives to inform the group that he believes a murderer is at large and on the way to the Manor, following the murder in London. When one of the guests is killed, the group realizes that the murderer is already present among them.

By tradition, at the end of each performance, audiences are asked not to reveal the identity of the killer to anyone outside the theatre, to ensure that the end of the play is not spoiled for future audiences. Want to know whodunit? Attend this spring performance!

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Lectures/ Readings

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

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

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

Allegany County Bird Club. Meetings held at the Allegany County Office Building in Belmont unless otherwise stated, at 7 p.m. on the first Friday of each month; speakers begin at 7:15 p.m.

Baker's Bridge Historical Association. Meets 7:30 p.m. third Monday of each month, Sept.-April in the Meeting House, 5971 Hamilton Hill Road, Alfred Station. 2011-12 Programs: March 19-Allegany County History, Craig Braack; April 16--History of Chicken Hatcheries, Ron Putnam; May--TBA Field Trip to Belmont Hotel. For more information, call President Laurie McFadden, 587-9493. To tour building and/or view exhibits, call Historian Susan Greene at 587-9488. Visit: www.bakersbridge.org

Bergren Forum. 12:10 p.m. Thursdays, Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center, AU campus. Bring a brown bag lunch; coffee & tea available. Spring Semester 2012 Schedule: March 15--Leslie Bellavance, "Words and Images: Imagination and Making Sense;" March 22--Annie Pellicciotti, "At the Spadas' Table: Celebrating Food and the Richness of Life with a Florentine Family;" March 29--Dan Duggan, "The Hammer Dulcimer;" April 5--Jeff Sluyter-Beltrao, Cheryld Emmons & Heather Zimbler-Delorenzo, "Wakey, Wakey, Tea nad Cakey: On Safari in Botswana;" April 12--Alexander Howard, "We the People: How Social Networking is Democratizing the Media;" April 19--Hope Childers, "The Art of Opium in 19th-Century India;" April 26--Chris Yartym, "Concussions in NY State High School Athletes: Who Is Treating Your Children?"

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

Maple City Garden Club. Monthly potluck lunch second Wednesday at Sawyer St. Court, Hornell (unless otherwise noted) at 12 noon. Program follows: March 14--TBA. April 14--TBA. May 9--Field Trip to Mossey Bank Park with lunch at Chat-A-Wyle in Bath. June 13--Plant Auction and planning the 2012-2013 program. For info, call Zoë Coombs at 587-8031.

Poets Theatre. 7:30 pm second Thurs. each month, 20 Broadway, Hornell. Open reading of original works. Interested persons invited. For info, 716-466-8524.

Films

Alfred Programming Board Movies held 5:30 & 8 p.m at Pioneer Lounge, ASC campus.
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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.

Helen Bailey Bridge Club. Games at 2 p.m. Wednesdays and at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the Hornell United Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Hornell. For further information, contact Pat LaCourse at 587-8570.

Alfred University Athletics
Women's Softball Home Games
(Played at Hornell High School)
March 20--Pitt-Bradford, 3&5 pm
March 31--Nazareth, 1&3 pm
April 3--Keuka, 3&5 pm
April 7--St. John Fisher, 1&3 pm
April 9--Medaille, 3&5 pm
April 11--Houghton, 5&7 pm
April 12--Cazenovia, 3&5 pm
April 14--Stevens, 1&3 pm
April 15--Elmira, 5&7 pm
April 19--D'Youville, 3&5 pm
April 24--Fredonia State, 3:30&5:30 pm

AU Women's Lacrosse Home Games
March 14--Roberts Wesleyan, 5 pm
March 21--Wells, 4 pm
March 24--Cazenovia, 1 pm
March 31--Nazareth, 12 noon
April 21--Utica, 11 am
April 22--Ithaca, 1 pm

AU Men's Lacrosse Home Games
March 24--Hilbert, 1 pm
April 4--Ithaca, 4 pm
April 7--Utica, 1 pm
April 21--St. John Fisher, 1:45 pm
April 28--Hartwick, 1 pm

AU Men's Tennis Home Matches
April 14--Hartwick, 1 pm
April 15--Utica, 1 pm
April 18--Nazareth, 4 pm

Alfred State College Athletics
Men's Baseball Home Games:
April 1--Broome CC, 1 pm DH
April 3--Tompkins-Cortland CC, 2 pm DH
April 7--Niagara CCC, 1 pm DH
April 10--Onondaga CC, 2 pm DH
April 17--Corning CC, 2 pm DH
April 21--Jamestown CC, 1 pm DH
April 26--Erie CC, 2 pm DH
April 28--Finger Lakes CC, 1 pm DH

Men's Lacrosse Home Games:
March 15--Niagara CCC, 4 pm
March 28--Mercyhurst NE, 4 pm
March 31--SUNY Delhi, 1 pm
April 2--Elmira JV, 4 pm
April 11--Finger Lakes CC, 4 pm
April 14--Mohawk Valley CC, 1 pm
April 25--Broome CC, 4 pm
April 28--Hudson Valley CC, 1 pm

Women's Softball Home Games:
March 29--Elmira JV, 3pm DH
April 5--Penn Tech, 3 pm DH
April 10--Onondaga CC, 3 pm DH
April 19--Jamestown-Olean, 3pm DH
April 20--Mercyhurst NE, 3 pm DH
April 22--Niagara CCC, 1 pm DH
April 26--Corning CC, 3 pm DH

Track and Field Home Meets:
March 30--vs. Alfred University, Finger Lakes CC, 2 pm
May 3-5--NJCAA Division III National Championships, 10 am

Support Groups

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

Alcoholics Anonymous. 7 pm & 8:30 pm Fridays at Union University Church Center in Alfred. Call 607-276-8588 for help or information.

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

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

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

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

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

The Fibromyalgia Support Group meets on the second Thursday of each month 6-7 p.m. at JMH. For more information, please contact the group facilitators Iris Bahamonde (585-593-1910).

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

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

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

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

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.

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

Pulmonary Support Group of Jones Memorial Hospital meets from 1 to 3 p.m. 2nd Monday each month at the Walchli Education Room at the hospital. For more information, call Group Facilitator Mona Carbone at (585) 596-4114.

Etcetera

Creative Writers of the Southern Tier. Meets 1:30-4 p.m. second Saturday of each month March through November at site to be determined. For further information, call 585-593-0820 or 585-593-2324.

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

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

Clinics--Blood Pressure Screening. No appointments needed. All ages welcome. Offered 11 a.m.-12 noon occasional Thursdays at Office for the Aging Nutrition Luncheon, Union University Church Center, Alfred.

WHAT'S COOKIN'?

Allegany County Office for the Aging
Meals on Wheels & Luncheon Center Menu

Monday, March 19
Juice, Goulash, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Ice Cream, Diabetic-Ice Cream.

Tuesday, March 20
Applesauce, Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Tomato Zucchini, Rye Bread, Rice Pudding, Diabetic-Fruit Cocktail.

Wednesday, March 21
Strawberry Yogurt Salad, Roast Beef, Mashed Potato w/gravy, Beets, Wheat Bread, Sugar Cookie, Diabetic-Peaches.

Thursday, March 22
Coleslaw, Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Blueberry Crisp, Diabetic-Pears.

Friday, March 23
Peachy Cottage Cheese, Cheesy Corn Chowder, Carrots, Corn Bread, Butterscotch Pudding, Diabetic-Pudding.

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

ALFRED NUTRITION SITE
Union University Church Center, 12 noon
Call Cindy Berry at 607-281-8794.
Monday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., Lunch at noon.
Wednesday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., lunch at noon.
Thursday—Lunch at noon. Kim Toot, Office for the Aging.

BELMONT NUTRITION SITE
American Legion Hall, 11:30 a.m.
Call Lila Johnson at 585-268-5380.
Tuesday—Exercises at 10 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m. "Spring Begins." "Umbrellas." Kim Toot, Office for the Aging.
Thursday—Exercises at 10 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m. "Problem Solving." "Sharing."

BOLIVAR NUTRITION SITE
Fire Hall 12 noon
Call Carolyn Hackett at 585-928-2672
Monday—Exercises at 11 a.m., lunch at 12 noon.
Wednesday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon.
Thursday—Lunch at 12 noon.

CANASERAGA NUTRITION SITE
Canaseraga Fire Hall, 12 noon
Call Barb Welch at 607-295-7301.
Tuesday—Exercises 10:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon. "Red Cross Day." Exercises, cards at 1 p.m.
Thursday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., Lunch at noon. "March Birthdays." Exercises at 1 p.m.

CUBA NUTRITION SITE
AA Arnold Community Center, 12 noon
Call Linda Nelson at 585-968-2397
Monday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., Euchre, Cards, Dominoes, Puzzles at 11 a.m., lunch at 12 noon, "Red Cross Month" puzzle.
Tuesday—Euchre, Cards, Dominoes, Puzzles at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon. "First Day of Spring!"
Wednesday--Euchre, Cards, Dominoes, Puzzles at 10:30 a.m., Lunch at noon. "Current Topics." Blood Pressure Clinic. Erica Blake, Issues and Answers.
Thursday--Exercises at 10:30 a.m., Euchre, Cards, Dominoes, Puzzles at 11 a.m., Lunch at 12 noon. "Reflecting in the Mirror." Cheryl Czworka, "Boost Your Immune System One Bite At A Time."

FILLMORE NUTRITION SITE
Fillmore Fire Hall,, 12 noon
Call Maggie Brown at 585-737-5609
Monday—Exercises 10:30 a.m., Lunch 12 noon. Cards, Jigsaw Puzzles, Euchre.
Thursday—Exercises at 10:30 a..m., Lunch at 12 noon. Cards, Jigsaw Puzzles, Euchre.

FRIENDSHIP NUTRITION SITE
Community Center, 12 noon
Call Office for the Aging 585-268-9390
Tuesday—Exercises at 10:45 a.m., Lunch at 12 noon. Cards at 1 p.m.
Thursday—Exercises at 10:45 a.m., Lunch at 12 noon, Crafts at 1 p.m. Blood Pressure Clinic. Erica Blake, Issues and Answers.

WELLSVILLE NUTRITION SITE
Community Center, 12 noon
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Thursday—Stretch at 9 a.m., Bingo at 10:30 a.m., Lunch at 12 noon. Bridge at 1 p.m., Exercise at 1:30 p.m.
Friday--Walking at 9:30 a.m., Bingo at 10:30 a.m., Lunch at 12 noon, Pinochle at 12:30 p.m., Exercise at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday—Exercises at 10:45 a.m., Lunch at 12 noon. Jigsaw Puzzle. "Who Shares Your March Birthday?"

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Peavey presents on 'student connections' at NODA conference

ALFRED--On March 3, Spencer Peavey, director of Student Activities and Orientation at Alfred State, presented "Making IT Happen, Encouraging Student Connections and Civic Engagement" to the attendees of the National Orientation Directors Association in Burlington, VT.

Peavey highlighted the steps that Alfred State has taken to incorporate leadership through Civic Engagement in its Orientation and transition programs.

The National Orientation Directors Association was chartered in 1976 and continues the tradition of orientation, retention, and transition professionals who have met annually for over 40 years. The NODA conference in Burlington, VT, included institutions from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Maine, Vermont, Connecticut, and New York (including eight other SUNY schools).

As director of Student Activities and Orientation, Peavey is responsible for directing, implementing, and assessing student extra-curricular activities as well as new student orientation programs at the College. Peavey has been a member of NODA since 2003 and has held several leadership positions within the professional organization.

Also attending the conference with 10 of his students, orientation coordinators Shelby Gadsden, sports management, Olean, and Zac Carlson, business administration, Tonawanda, helped facilitate the presentation with Peavey, adding insight on leadership initiatives within Greek life and student organization development.

Peavey holds a master's degree in counseling from St. Bonaventure and a bachelor of liberal arts degree from the University of Massachusetts, Lowell.

ALFRED—Six students enrolled in Alfred State's sport management program, accompanied by faculty members Dr. Cliff McPeak and Dr. Rhema Fuller, recently traveled to the Quicken Loans Arena and Progressive Field in downtown Cleveland for a one-day workshop on ticket sales. (Ticketing is typically an entry point for graduates who seek careers in sport management with professional sport franchises.) Three 75-minute sessions occurred covering various topics involved in ticket sales. In total, 95 students from 16 colleges and universities in six states attended the conference. Additionally, there were approximately two dozen professional franchises in attendance to conduct 15-minute interviews with the students for full-time positions or internships in the future. Although students were responsible for the cost of the trip, funds from the Sport Management Club were used to mitigate some of their expenses. Pictured here, l-r: Dr. Rhema Fuller; Hayato Sasakawa, Hiratsuka, Japan; Nick Hermann, Staten Island; Ryann Langdon, Lima; Lateef Dickenson, Rochester (14621); and Anthony Espe, Endicott. Not pictured are Dr. Cliff McPeak and Joe Wallace, Avoca.

ASC enters articulation pacts

ALFRED—Alfred State (AS) has entered into articulation agreements with a variety of institutions, including high schools, community colleges, and master-degree-granting universities, in order to promote the easy transfer of qualified students between those institutions and Alfred State.

"We are excited about these opportunities to strengthen ties with our colleagues in higher education," notes Charles V. Neal, associate vice president for Academic Affairs. "By working together, we can offer our students the finest education and the most efficient delivery."

Among the most recent are an agreement between AS and Pioneer High School, Arcade, allowing interested Pioneer High School students who successfully complete six hours of veterinary technology elective credits and meet all academic standards required for admission into Alfred State to transfer those credits into the College's veterinary technology program.

Additionally, Broome-Tioga BOCES, Binghamton, has entered into an agreement with Alfred State whereby BOCES students who successfully complete its two-year animal science program and meet all academic standards required for admission into Alfred State, will receive six hours of veterinary technology elective credits.

Additionally, several community colleges have entered into agreement with AS, establishing articulation into Alfred State's baccalaureate nursing program. Among those colleges are Finger Lakes Community College, Monroe Community College, Jamestown Community College, Erie Community College, Mohawk Valley Community College, and Genesee Community College.

Through the terms of these agreements, Alfred State agrees to accept, as third- year students, those individuals who have successfully completed the associate degree level nursing program at their community colleges.

Other agreements with community colleges include one whereby students graduating from any associate in applied science (AAS), associate in science (AS), or associate in arts (AA) program fulfilling a minimum of five SUNY (State University of New York) general education categories at Erie Community College may enter into Alfred State's technology management baccalaureate program (BBA) and meet all academic standards required for admission into Alfred State will be accepted by AS with full junior status.

Jamestown Community College (JCC) and Alfred State have forged an agreement allowing graduates from the AAS human services or AS human services degree programs at JCC who meet all academic standards required for admission into Alfred State are guaranteed admission into Alfred State's BS in human services management program with no more than four additional semesters of normal course work at AS.

The Utica School of Commerce has also entered into an agreement with Alfred State, allowing its students who successfully complete one of its business programs (AOS in business administration with a concentration in accounting, management, entrepreneurship, or general; or AOS in administrative specialist with concentration in coding and billing, executive, legal, medical transcription, medical, computer applications, or general; AAS in health service management; or AAS in non-profit agency management; or AAS in information systems specialist) may enter Alfred State's BBA degree in technology management with four semesters of additional course work.

Conversely, Alfred State and RIT have forged an agreement that allows AS students to enter RIT's baccalaureate program in computer science as third-year students.

Alfred State and Monroe Community College have joined together to offer a 2+2 dual admission degree program agreement which allows students who successfully complete a prescribed set of courses leading to an associate's degree from MCC to continue their studies at Alfred State with the understanding they may complete all requirements in the baccalaureate degree program within four semesters of full-time study.

Alfred State has also entered into agreement with three MBA-granting universities: Alfred University, Niagara University, and St. Bonaventure University.

For more detailed information, please visit www.alfredstate.edu or contact the Alfred State Admissions Office at 1-800-4-ALFRED or (607) 587-4215.

Prof cited for testing new technology for Liftech Equipment company

WELLSVILLE—Mark Payne, assistant professor in the Building Trades Department at Alfred State, was recently cited on the Liftech Equipment Web site (http://www.liftechequipmentjcb.com/) as he and his students tested a new technology and design in skid steer equipment.

A piece of heavy equipment, known as a tracked skid steer, was loaned to Alfred State for training purposes following an in-class lecture by Payne.

"Thirty-eight students were able to experience the new generation of skid steer/track loader technology," said Payne. He also noted that because it is not always easy or practical to have equipment with the latest technology available, the demonstration was doubly beneficial to his students.

In addition to the lecture, the equipment was used to carry material for a residential housing project by the senior class. According to Payne, the material was carried over "one of the wettest jobsites in the subdivision."

Payne noted that the single-arm design and door system led to much better visibility than many other similar machines.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC
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Alfred Sun Editor and Publisher

FIFTY YEARS AGO, MARCH 15, 1962

Fire, apparently caused by defective electrical writing, completely destroyed a cow barn and a horse barn owned by Charles Lawrence on the Karr Valley Road, three and a half miles west of Almond early Monday morning. Fire Chief Ernest Bird said the company received the call at 4:50 a.m., responded immediately, but the barns were completely leveled by 6:30 a.m. Contents of the 100' by 50' cow barn and the 40' by 60' horse barn which were lost included three tractors, approximately 20 head of young cattle, 3,000 bales of hay, some straw, and other small equipment…

St. Patrick will be feted as the Patron Saint of Ceramic Engineers at Alfred University on March 16 and 17 during a gala festival of entertainment for students and for area residents who are invited to demonstrations, exhibits and displays featuring the ceramic industry…A colorful parade of floats, bands and marching units will launch the festival. The first arrival will be St. Pat himself, a student chosen to reign during the weekend, whose identity will remain secret until his appearance…

Alfredians—Miss Doris Simpson and Miss Daisy Clark called on Miss Mary Lee Stillman and Miss Loula Ellis at the Brown Home, Saturday afternoon. They visited Mrs. Dess Place at the Harris Nursing Home in Hornell, and Mrs. Laura Chamberlain at the home of Miss Martha Easterbrooks at Almond…Dr. and mrs. Kenneth Burdick, Amy and Tim, Dr. and Mrs. Florian Miraldi, all of Cleveland, Ohio, were Saturday overnight guests of Dr. and Mrs. H.O. Burdick…Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kenyon and John leave tomorrow to spend the weekend with the Rev. and Mrs. James Kenyon at Adams Center…Mr. and Mrs. A. Prentice Stillman and Mr. and Mrs. DeForest W. Truman were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Saunders at East Rochester…Dean John F. McMahon addressed a group at a St. Patrick's Day banquet at Flint, Mich., Tuesday night, March 13, speaking on "Ireland and Its Folklore."…

Alfred Station—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sutton of Salem, W.Va. were Sunday dinner guests of the Rev. and Mrs. Albert N. Rogers…Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pierce of Bishopville were Saturday callers of Mrs. Arling Perry and family…Mr. and Mrs. James Pickering and Laurie of Rochester were Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Emerson…Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stimson of Andover and Mrs. Mae Whitford were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Raish…Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis and children were dinner guests a week ago Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knox at Little Geneesee. ..

Clifford H. DuBreuil, Alfred University physical education instructor, taught standard Red Cross first aid courses in June and December. Forty certificates were earned.

Almond News—Sunday dinner guests of Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Brownell and family were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brownell and family of Kenmore and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Tyson of Hornell…Mrs. David Bordeaux and son David spent the weekend with their daughter and sister, Judy Bordeaux, in Cleveland. David attended the Western Reserve basketball game Saturday night… Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ryan Sr. were Miss Betty Orr and Larry Ryan of Buffalo…Little Amy Hurd of West Almond spent the weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mensinger…Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacIntosh were their children, Miss Donna MacIntosh and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kober and children of Rochester…

Central School News—All of the art students at Alfred-Almond Central School who entered art work in the 20th Annual Scholastic Art Exhibition at Rochester have been awarded prizes, it has been learned by Linn Phelan, art teacher…Earlier it was announced that Gold Key Awards were presented to blue ribbon finalists Sheryl Butts and Robert Zimmerman…Receiving honorable mention were Cynthia Rogers, daughter of Dean and mrs. Albert N. Rogers of Alfred, a tenth grader who entered art work in the mixed media class; Phyllis Miller, a senior and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Miller of Alfred, for her fabric block print; and Robert Turner, ninth grader and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turner of Alfred Station, for a mixed media. Certificates of merit were awarded for a linoleum block print to Jane Bordeaux, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Bordeaux of Almond; Peter Randolph, son of Dr. and Mrs. Winfield Randolph of Alfred for a transparent water color; Dan Bennett, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Bennett of Alfred, for a mixed media; Sue Montgomery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Montgomery of Almond, for creative stitchery; and Audrey Hunt, granddaughter of Mrs. Clarence Jacox of Alfred Station, for a mixed media….

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, MARCH 19, 1987

Alfred State College and Computervision Corp. of Bedford, MA have announced a major computer upgrade for the college's School of Engineering Technologies Computer Center. The center, which supports computer instruction in engineering and engineering technology, recently received the Designer 5 hardware upgrade for its Computervision Computer Aided Design & Drafting Systems (CADDS). Douglas Barber, acting chairman of the Engineering Graphics and Computing Department, said the software upgrade is expected "very soon." The upgrade means that Alfred students and representatives of area industries will now have access to CADDS hardware and software which experts believe will be standard in the industry well into the next decade, Professor Barber indicated…

Brett J. Grossman, 26, of 6360 Skyline Ave., Houston, formerly of Andover, died Saturday, March 7 in Houston, Texas. He was born in Wellsville Nov. 12, 1960, the son of Jesse and Carol Nye Grossman. In Houstin, in 1986, he married Amanda Meyers who survives him. He was a 1978 graduate of Andover Central School and a former member of the Andover First Baptist Church. He moved to Houston in 1980 and was employed as a bartender with Lefenders Bar in Houston. Surviving besides his wife are his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Grossman of Andover; four brothers: Jesse Jr. of Lyndonville, Chad Grossman of Lima, Martin Grossman of Robbin Air Force Base, George, and Leonard Grossman of Andover; one sister, Mrs. Edward (Tracy) Taylor of Houghton, paternal step-grandfather George O'dell of Andover, several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins…

Alfredians—Douglas Finlay (AU '86) is now living in Worcester, Mass. Where he is employed by Walden Books…Mrs. Lillian E. Dickinson of the Elm Valley Road, died March 2, 1987 at her home, following a long illness. She and her family had lived in Alfred until five years ago. Survivors are her husband, Harold Dickinson, 3 daughters, a son, a sister, Mrs. Ernestine Wakefield of Almond, two brothers, eight grandchildren and several nieces and nephews…Following seven weeks in Daytona Beach, FL, Claire and Winfield Randolph have returned. On the trip north, they stopped off in North Myrtle Beach, NC and Culpeper, VA to visit friends…Karen Ninos presented a group of her young dancers in concert before the members of the Forcythe-Wilson Club on March 9, 1987. The youngsters were Erin Foreman, Jesse Fredrickson, Beth Harris, Licia Pennisi, Heidi Schulze and Hee Young…Dr. and Mrs. Peter Finlay spent a recent weekend at Piseco Lake in the Adirondacks. They attended a board of directors meeting of the Irondequoit Club. Mr. Finlay is on the Board, as is a former Alfred graduate William Greenfield (AU '53) of Thornwood. Mr. Greenfield sent greetings to his Alfred friends…

Two Alfred Station brothers will be participating in the New York State Junior Bowling Finals in Batavia March 28. Jamie Mansfield, 11, and Jacob Mansfield, 10, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mansfield of Alfred Station, will join eight other Hornell area bowlers in the tournament. Both boys have bowled for two years in the Hornell Area Junior Bowling Prep Boys League. Jamie, who participated in the State Finals last year, is captain of his team. His average is 107. This will be Jacob's first year at the tournament. His average is 92.

Alfred-Almond's Dawn Burdick will have a big part in the Cortland State women's softball season this year. The team has participated in the past three NCAA Division III tournaments and looks to improved pitching, speed and defense to return in 1987. Dawn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Burdick of Alfred Station, started in right field late in the 1986 season. She had an average of .267 and was errorless in the field. ...

The first 4-H Public Presentations Day in Allegany County for 1987 was held at Scio Central School March 7, with 48 4-Hers between the ages of 8 and 19 presenting demonstrations before an evaluator, fellow 4-Hers, leaders, parents and friends…Modern Maidens of Scio: Excellent, Michelle Patello, Misit Grant, Michelle Morris, Gena Simon, Patricia MacDonald, Ruth Brown; Good, Charlotte Brown. Saddle Pals of Alfred-Almond: Excellent, Nicole Fertitta, Jessica Stearns; Good, Kelly Fertitta, Karen Evans. Triple A Winners of Scio: Excellent, Robert Morris, Ben Ford; Good, Tom Meacham. The Udder Half of Alfred Station: Excellent, Marcy Gross, Marcie Emerson, Marcus Emerson, Matthew Emerson; Good, Mike Gross…

First Lt. James K. Coughlin, son of Charles L. Coughlin of RD 1, Alfred Station, has been decorated with the second award of the Army Achievement Medal at Fort Stewart, GA. The Achievement Medal is awarded to soldiers for meritorious service, acts of courage, or other accomplishments. Coughlin is a battery executive officer with the 52nd Air Defense Artillery. He is a 1984 graduate of the University of Washington, Seattle, and a 1975 graduate of Alfred-Almond Central School…**Marine Cpl. Bonnie A. McMahon** daughter of Daniel E. and Arlene R. McMahon of Route 1, Almond, has been promoted to her present rank while serving at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, NC. A 1985 graduate of Alfred-Almond Central High School, she joined the Marine Corps in January 1986.

TEN YEARS AGO, MARCH 21, 2002

Ask Bob Myers what it's like to have a column published in a nationwide newspaper like USA Today and more than likely he'll tell you it's fun. Myers, a cultural anthropologist and professor of anthropology and public health at Alfred University, wrote a piece about the impact of 9/11 on "fun" in American culture. He says fun is back. Myers wrote, "During the past several weeks, the word 'fun' and its first cousin 'funny' resurfaced. Their prominence had waned even before Sept. 11, but after the terrorist attacks, they disappeared nearly completely…

Ceramophile, the periodical publication of The Schein-Joseph International Museum of Ceramic Art, reports that the design process for the new museum building is continuing and a formal ground-breaking is scheduled to be held in early September. Bruce Wood, Kallmann McKinnell & Wood Architects (Boston), is working closely with campus representatives on both the museum project as well as the deisgn and construction of a new health/counseling center. To provide additional space for the museum facility and to improve campus health and counseling services for students, a new campus health/counseling center will be constructed just north of Tefft residence hall, above and behind Bartlett. The new health and counseling center is currently in design development stage. Preliminary geotechnical studies have indicated that extensive foundation work, such as that encountered with construction of Miller Performing Arts Center, will not be necessary. Meanwhile, the museum site at the south end of campus will be rimmed by Park, Terrace and Sayles Streets. The new building will be easily accessible on foot by students and visitors to campus and is close to the University's Saxon Inn Hotel…

Edward J. Mensinger, 91, of Karr Valley Road, Almond, died Wednesday, March 13, 2002 at McAuley Manor in Hornell. Born Aug. 29, 1910 in Dunkirk, he was the son of Stephen and Joanna Waca Mensinger. He was predeceased by his wife, Winifred A. Doan Mensinger in 1991. He was a resident of Almond since 1949, moving to Panacea, Fla., in the '80s. He was a salesman for the former Empire Gas and Iroquois Gas Companies and retired from National Fuel Gas Corp. in 1962. Ed enjoyed gardening and fishing. Survivors include a daughter, Patricia J. Hurd, Almond; a son, Karel E. Mensinger, Brown Mills, NJ; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a niece…

Dr. Margaret Carney, who is currently on leave from her position as founding director and chief curator of the Schein-Joseph International Museum of Ceramic Art at the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University, is the recipient of three recent honors. She has been notified that she will be made a Fellow of the American Ceramic Society at their annual meeting and awards banquet to be held in St. Louis on April 30th… Additionally, Dr. Carney has received a 2002-2003 Doty Research grant from the Tile Heritage Foundation to research Flint Faience & Tile Company and the unique pictorial tiles created for Merrill Hall on the campus of Alfred University…Dr. Carney has been selected to curate a major sculpture exhibition highlighting the fourteen years of grant recipients of the Virginia A. Groot Foundation…

The Alfred University men's lacrosse team last week stunned fourth-ranked and perennial power Ohio Wesleyan, 14-13 in a game played at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County stadium...

Yihong Zhu and John Christopher Mauro, together with their parents, are pleased to announce their engagement. They will exchange wedding vows on August 17, 2002 at St. Ignatius Loyola Church in Hornell…

Alfred-Almond hosted their winter sports awards banquet last Wednesday, March 6. For the boys varsity basketball team receiving the award for Most Valuable Player was Jordan Snyder, who averaged 17.3 points and 11.5 rebounds per game this season...

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Vertical Talking with God: Praying like Jesus

By LINDA STAIGER

ALMOND--"Vertical Talking with God: How to Pray Like Jesus," Matthew 6:5-15.

Last week: WHY pray? This week: HOW to pray. Jesus gave us a format to guide us in our praying called "The Lord's Prayer."

How to pray--it's really more simple than one might think. Let's take the prayer apart and study it. "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Thy name..." is a good start. "Hallowed" means revered--it's a form of worship or praise. So, start your time of prayer by praising God. Lift Him up. It also has a sense of intimacy. "Our Father," Our Dad. Like a family relationship. We have a closeness through faith in Jesus. We are reconnected with God no matter what we have done. So far, we have a closenss, but we also have respect for God.

"Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." This is a 'surrender'--it is His will not ours. Here's what may be a tough part--we give God control of our lives. We like control---I get it, but have you ever noticed that the things we worry about most are the things that are outside of our control? This is where we need to learn how to "let go and let God". He's the "Dude" who can help us if we let Him.

"Give us this day our daily bread." He wants us to come to Him because we want to, NOT because we feel we HAVE to. Remember Exodus? Moses and Aaron trying to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, but the Israelites lost faith after so many years in the desert. Once they had regained faith, God provided what they needed for each day, one day at a time. I'm not sure I could have made it through 40 years like that. We need to trust God completely for everything we need, every day.

"Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." Or one could read it as 'forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us.' God will forgive us time and time again, but we have to forgive others time and time again, too. Hard, isn't it?

"Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." We need God to strengthen us, so we don't give in to sin when we get frustrated. He empowers us.

Look at it like this: 1.) WORSHIP: spend time worshipping, praising God. 2.) SURRENDER your life that day, talk about putting God in control. 3.) TRUST: Ask God to provide everything you need for that day. 4.) CONFESSION: Think about where you have fallen short and ask forgiveness. Think about those who have wronged you and forgive them. 5.) Ask for STRENGTH to not fall into temptation.

As you begin your prayer time you will see how it begins to work in your lives. Trust.

'Ballet Magnificat!' to be staged March 16-17 at Family Life

BATH—With world-class dance and powerful dramatizations, Ballet Magnificat!, will give two performances of its longest touring ballet—"Deliver Us!"—on Friday, March 16 and Saturday, March 17. Presented by Family Life, performances will be given in dinner theater format, which includes a three-course meal served before the ballet.

After dinner, dancers of Ballet Magnificat! will treat audiences to a vivid story of hope and truth, one first told in the Old Testament Bible—the deliverance of Israel from Egyptian captivity. Set to the music of Dreamworks' The Prince of Egypt, the ballet portrays the enslaved Jewish people under the oppression of Egyptian rule. Under the blazing sun, and within the shadow of the pyramids, the captive Jews cry out for deliverance. Pharaoh's oppressive regime of bondage is challenged as one man, Moses, attempts to free the people.

From the Kennedy Center in Washington DC, to Singapore's historic Victoria Theatre, thousands throughout the world have experienced the professional companies of Ballet Magnificat! Headquartered in Jackson, Mississippi, the company was founded in 1986 by IBC Silver Medalist Kathy Thibodeaux and her husband, Keith, former child star known for his portrayal of "Little Ricky" in the much-loved TV series, "I Love Lucy".

In 1989, Ballet Magnificat! opened a School of the Arts which offers dance classes to area students ages 3 and up. The school's student companies – Magnificat! Youth Ballet and MiniMag! – are frequent guests at local nursing homes, schools, and churches. That same year, the Summer Dance Intensive and Teachers Workshop were started, and now bring hundreds of students annually from around the world to Jackson, MS, for a unique technical and spiritual experience.

Tickets are $30 in advance and $32 the week of the performances. Price includes a buffet style dinner and concert. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. and dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. To order, call 800-927-9083 or visit www.fln.org/tickets.

This Sabbath also St. Patrick's Day

ALFRED STATION--This coming Sabbath is March 17. That means it is "St. Patrick's Day."

Your friends and neighbors at the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church, "A 3 church: Connect- Care- Community" invite you to be Irish for a day. As you join them for the 11 a.m. Sabbath Worship Hour, wear the green, wear orange or a combination. The Sabbath Sermon is titled "Amazing Grace" and is drawn from Ephesians 1:1-14. Of course some of the illustrations during the sermon will be drawn from the life of Patrick.

Sabbath School precedes the Sabbath Worship Hour at 9:45 a.m. There are three adult classes. The Food for Thought is studying the Feasts of Israel. The Bible for Blockheads is studying the book of Ezra. The Bible from the Backside class is studying Elwood Kalas' book "Easter from the Backside".

This is Youth Fellowship weekend for those youth in grades 7 -12. Youth fellowship starts at 1 p.m. at Camp Harley and is a time of Fun, Fellowship, and of course the study of Scripture as it applies to life today.

We look forward to seeing you this Sabbath. The Alfred Station Church Meetinghouse is located down from Robert Lawrence Trucking, Canacadea Country Store, and Baker's Bridge Antiques, up from The Bicycle Man, HiTech Ceramics, Way to Gro and Alfred Knitting Studio; across from Hillbottom Pottery.

If you would like further information about Salvation, the Sabbath, or Seventh Day Baptists we invite you to call the church office at 607-587-9176.

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ALFRED-ALMOND AREA

HORNELL ALFRED UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY--Not currently meeting. Meetings resume in March. For more information, call 478-8676 or 698-4508.

ALFRED-ALMOND BIBLE CHURCH--Rt. 21, Almond. Pastor John Prince. Sunday School 9:30 am, Sunday Worship 10:30 am. Sunday Evening 6 pm. Midweek Home Groups 7:30 pm. Phone 607-276-6700. www.aabible.org.

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

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

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

ALFRED STATION SEVENTH -DAY BAPTIST CHURCH "A 3 C church: Connect- Care- Community" Affiliated with the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference USA and Canada INC. Sabbath (Sat.) 9:45 am Sabbath School (8 classes from Nursery-Adult) 11:00 am Sabbath Worship Hour **Youth Program**: Jr. Youth Fellowship (Grades 3-6) 2nd Sabbath of month 2 - 4 pm; Youth Fellowship (Grades 7-12) 3rd Sabbath of month 1pm Sat. – 10 am Sunday overnight at Camp Harley Sutton. **Music Program**: Sanctuary Choir (Grades 9 and up) 1st Sabbath (Sat.) 12:30 pm, 3rd Sabbath (Sat.) 9:00 am: Jr. Choir (Grades 1-8), Instrumentalist 4th Sabbath (Sat.) 9:00 am **Fellowship**: Monthly Dish to Pass Fellowship Meal 2nd Sabbath 12:30 pm; Men's Prayer Meeting 1st Tuesday of the month (Rm 15); Wellsville Bible Study 10 am Tuesday. **Hosting**: Alfred Area Food Pantry 5:30 pm Tuesday and Thursday; Woman, Infant, Children Clinic 1st Thursday of month, Red Cross Blood Drive Monday before Memorial Day, Monday before Labor Day Pastor: Rev. Dr. Kenneth Chroniger **Contact**: pastorken@alfredstationsdb.org , P.O. Box 7777Alfred Station NY 14803, 607-587-9176 Campus: 587 Route 244 Alfred Station, Remember the Live streaming of the 11:00am Worship Hour www.alfredstationsdb.org

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

ALMOND UNION OF CHURCHES--11 Main St., Almond. Rev. G. Stephen Dygert, Pastor. A joyful, welcoming and compassionate multi-denominational church seeking God's truths for today's world. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group Wednesday 9 am at 39 Main St., Almond. Call 276-6151 for more information.

HARTSVILLE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH--Purdy Creek Road, Hornell. 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, 18 S. Main St., when AU is in session. Add'l services & programs throughout the year. For more info, contact Larry Greil (871-2215 work or 587-8694 home) or Barbara Greil (587-4313 work).

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

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP--Randolph Road, Alfred. Pastor Roger Gardner. Worship 10 am Sundays. Sunday Prayer 6 pm. Fire on the Altar 7 pm Sundays at Nevins Campus Center, PCC, AU campus when college is in session. 607-587-9257.

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

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

ANDOVER AREA

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

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

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

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. Church phone 478-5277.

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

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

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

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Work on Polish synagogue forum topic at Alfred State

ALFRED--Alfred State's March 20 New Horizons Forum will feature Leon Buckwalter, assistant professor, Building Trades, presenting an account of his work on an international team to re-create sections of the 17th century Gwozdziec Synagogue in Poland during the summer of 2011. The presentation will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 20 in room 215 of the Engineering Technology (SET) building on the Alfred campus. All are welcome to a reception immediately preceding the presentation.

Leon was selected for a 22-member international team to build a replica of the Gwoździec Synagogue timber frame roof structure and the vaulted ceiling for permanent exhibition at the Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw, Poland as the first major element of its core exhibition.

Leon initially went to Poland in 2003, again as part of an international team, to investigate the feasibility of the project, and, since the Nazis burned all the wooden synagogues in Poland, to look at churches of other faiths of the same time frame to get clues to tools and techniques used by builders of the time.

Team members created an 85% scale replica of the timber roof structure from the now lost 17th century wooden Gwoździec Synagogue. The project includes the very ornate duplication of the painting of the interior of the roof dome, which will take 18 months to complete. All of the nearly two-hundred 17th and 18th century wooden synagogues built throughout the Polish Lithuanian Commonwealth were destroyed by the end of World War II, yet the vernacular wooden architectural styles - both aesthetically and structurally – are still apparent in many other existing wooden structures in Poland.

Scheduled to open in 2012, the Museum of the History of Polish Jews will present the 1,000-year history of Polish Jews and the civilization that they created. Understandably, the Shoah and the void that it has left have overshadowed this story. By presenting the civilization that Jews created in the very place where they created it, the Museum will convey the enormity of what was lost. Standing on the site of the former Warsaw Ghetto, the Museum of the History of Polish Jews will honor those who died by remembering how they lived.

The Museum, the first public-private partnership of its type in Poland and joint effort of the Association of the Jewish Historical Institute of Poland, the Government of Poland, and the City of Warsaw, will fulfill its educational mission not only through its Core Exhibition, but also through it Educational Centre, public programs, and facilities, including a resource center, mediateque, large auditorium, two cinematheques, rooms for conferences and workshops, and galleries for temporary and traveling exhibitions. Total space is about 12.000 m2, including 4.000 m2 for the Core Exhibition. In the Museum's multimedia narrative exhibition, which is more a "theatre of history" than a conventional exhibition of objects, visitors will discover the vibrancy of what was once the largest Jewish community in the world and center of the Jewish Diaspora. The single most spectacular element in the Core Exhibition will be the Gwozdiec wooden synagogue ceiling and roof.

Handshouse Studio, through which this program is offered, is a not-for-profit, innovative, educational organization that creates adventurous hands-on projects through community-service, building projects with non-profit partners around the world and is a Cooperating Institute with the Massachusetts College of Art and Design Professional and Continuing Education Program. Handshouse creates projects outside of the traditional classroom that energize history through the reconstruction of large historical objects.

Leon's career has centered around building things; his experiences led to an interest in timber framing and an offshoot of his contracting business, called Ischua Valley Timber Frames. Along with this came membership in an approximately 2,000-member world-wide organization called the Timber Framers Guild, then a seat on its Board of Directors, and eventually vice presidency of the Guild.

Leon pursued historic log and/or timber frame projects, which generally had connections to people, places, and events of long ago. An interest in and collection of antique wood-working tools led to investigation of how those tools were used by yesterday's master craftsmen. Gaining proficiency with those tools has opened doors to projects where the end product, or structure built, is sometimes no more important than demonstrating and passing along the skills, knowledge, and techniques of our forefathers.

In 1993, Leon participated in a Timber Framers' Guild-sponsored trip to St. Petersburg, Russia, where he assisted in building a timber-framed addition to a wooden-boat-building school.

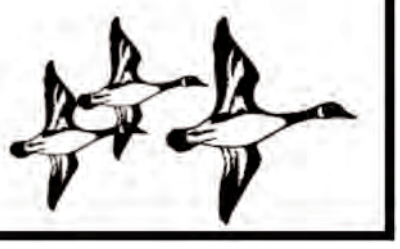
Additionally, Leon has participated in USDA Forest Service-funded research, resulting in "The Effects of Time on the Longevity of the Linn Run Bridges" paper. He has also published and presented throughout the Northeast.

In addition to his affiliation with the Timber Framers' Guild, Leon is also a member of the boards of the NYS Barn Coalition and the Preservation Trades Network.

In 2001, Leon was hired at Alfred State to develop and teach courses in historic preservation and timber framing. He remains active in the Timber Framers Guild and the Traditional Timber Frame Research and Advisory Group. He holds a degree in construction engineering technology from Alfred State.

For the Birds...

By BETSY BROOKS
Alfred Sun Columnist



We left Bay City on February 20 and decided to spend a week stopping at some of our favorite places along the coast and then make a dash for Mandeville, Louisiana. Sherry Head, the owner of the RV park, gave us a 'going away' present of a half-bushel of luscious grapefruit from her tree.

We had one very nice day and overnight at Matagorda, where we watched a handsome male Northern Harrier fly back and forth for hours, hunting mice just below an overlook where we spent the night.

We spent the next night at Surfside, where we shared the beach with a man who had brought his horse with him. He told Dick he was just learning to ride the beast and thought it would be softer to be thrown and land on the sand than anywhere else!

The next day we crossed over to Galveston Island and had lunch on the famous sea wall which protects Galveston in hurricanes now. On the third day of this part of our trip, it turned extremely foggy and the mosquitoes became overwhelming. We were pretty much held hostage in our RV that day. And it continued the next day at Crystal Beach, Rollover Pass and High Island on the Bolivar Peninsula, which is slowly recovering from Hurricane Ike.

We thought that if we headed inland, we'd get some relief. The fog finally lifted but the mosquitoes got worse. We headed toward Sam Houston Jones State Park at Lake Charles and, on the way, stopped at the beautiful Louisiana Welcome Center for our tea break. I got out of the RV to photograph a sign I thought was interesting. I was so intent on watching for alligators that I missed the 2000 mosquitoes that covered every inch of my exposed skin!

When we arrived at the state park, there was a large sign on the check-in desk warning everyone that because of the especially warm winter and the rains that brought relief from the draught, there was an outbreak of Marsh Mosquitoes and because of the wind, they had not been able to do any aerial spraying. The reader was reassured (?) that the mosquitoes were NOT the kind that carried West Nile Virus.

There is one negative aspect of living in Alfred. You don't really get much experience dealing with mosquitoes. I've had to learn how to hold binoculars steady while getting bitten by mosquitoes. But I did get my first Brown-headed Nuthatch of the trip at Lake Charles.

We arrived back in Mandeville at Fontainebleau State Park on February 26. We thought it would be for about a week, while we got checked for skin cancers by our 'winter' dermatologist and had some pre-cancers frozen off. But this was the week that turned into 18 days! And I knew I was missing the first American Woodcock and Red-winged Blackbirds and probably Tree Swallows too in Alfred. But Fontainebleau had some surprises for us – so stay tuned for the last leg of our trip.

BETSY BROOKS paid dearly for grabbing this photo, as some 2000 mosquitoes covered every inch of her exposed skin.

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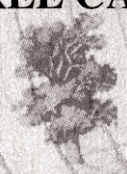

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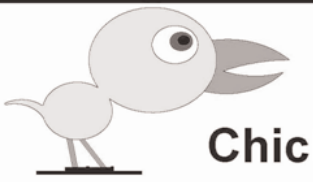

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AU softball team goes 5-7 in Spring Break action in AZ

Softball team goes 5-7 on Spring Break trip to Arizona

The softball team went 5-7 on its Spring Break trip to Arizona last week.

The Saxons opened the trip with a 5-4 loss to Loras and a 4-1 loss to ninth-ranked Coe College. The Saxons split their next two games, losing 5-0 to Coe before bouncing back to knock off Pitt-Bradford, 6-1. Alfred won its next two convincingly, routing Medaille, 22-3, then beating Pitt-Bradford, 14-8. Alfred won 6-5 against Purdue North Central, then fell, 4-0, to Northwestern College.

On the last two days of the trip, AU went 1-3, falling to Siena Heights, 13-11, and seventh-ranked Central, 9-1, before splitting the final day's two games (4-1 win over Patton; 4-1 loss to Central).

In the game against Loras, senior shortstop Nicole Hedrick (Albany/Catholic Central) paced the Saxons, going 2-for-4 with a homerun, two RBIs and a run scored. Freshman rightfielder Alyson Hampton (Oxnard, CA) had two hits, two stolen bases and a run scored; sophomore centerfielder Breeal Delgado (Rancho Cucamonga, CA/Los Osos) had an RBI triple and scored once. Freshman pitcher Alison Wickwire (Towanda, PA) started for AU, going 4 1/3 innings and allowing five runs (three earned) on six hits while striking out five and walking four. Freshman Betsy Clark (Webster/Bishop Kearney) relieved and tossed two-hit ball over 1 1/3 scoreless innings.

In the first game with Coe, Hampton went 3-for-3 with a stolen base; Hedrick went 2-for-4; and Delgado went 1-for-3 with an RBI. Sophomore pinch runner Danielle Mastropierro (Randolph, NJ) scored the Saxons' lone run. Freshman pitcher Jessica O'Sullivan (Groton, MA/Groton Dunstable Regional) took the complete-game loss for AU, allowing four runs (three earned) on six hits over six innings, striking out five and walking four.

Delgado went 3-for-4 with a double, three RBIs and a run scored and junior second baseman Maressa Mistretta (Shirley/Longwood) had two hits, including an RBI double, and scored twice against Pitt-Bradford. Hampton had two hits, a run scored, an RBI and a stolen base O'Sullivan earned the pitching win, tossing four innings of five-hit shutout ball while striking out three with no walks. Wickwire earned the saved for the Saxons, allowing one earned run on four hits over three innings.

Senior shortstop Nicole Hedrick (Albany/Catholic Central) and Warner each had a base hit as the Saxons lost to nationally-ranked Coe for the second time in two days. Hampton had a walk and stole a base. Sophomore pitcher Victoria Kramp (Yardley, PA/Pennsbury) took the loss, allowing five runs (three unearned) on four hits over six innings while striking out five and walking five.

Hedrick hit a pair of three-run homeruns and tied a school record for hits in a game in the win over Medaille. Her five hits tied the mark set by Jessica Snyder against Hilbert in 1999. She also scored four runs and drove in seven in a game that was stopped after five innings. Hampton went 3-for-5 with two runs scored, two RBIs and a stolen base; Mastropierro had two hits, including a double, and scored a run; senior leftfielder Angela Netta (Rahway, NJ/Mother Seton Regional) went 2-for-2 with a triple, two RBIs and two runs; and Mistretta and sophomore outfielder Rachel Guszick (Sparrowbush /Port Jervis) each had three hits and scored three times, with Mistretta also driving in three and stealing two bases. Freshman pitcher Ashley Sabourin (Brewerton, NY/Paul V. Moore) got the win for AU, allowing three earned runs on seven hits over five innings, striking out three.

Men's lax team goes 0-2 on spring break trip

The men's lacrosse team (1-3, 0-0 Empire 8) dropped a pair of games on its Spring Break trip to Colorado Springs, CO. AU suffered a 10-5 setback to host Colorado College before dropping an 11-10 decision to Adams State College.

Against Colorado College, the Tigers outscored the Saxons 9-1 over the course the of the game's final 34-plus minutes. AU started out strong, building a 2-0 lead heading into the second quarter behind a pair of goals from junior midfielder Matt Zon (Buffal/Sweet Home) (five-of-12 on face-offs, five groundballs). Colorado College scored the first goal in the second quarter finding the back of the net with 13:40 left in the second quarter. AU tallied a pair of goals in a two-minute span to claim a 4-1 lead with 5:48 left in the first half. The Tigers scored three unanswered goals to make it a 4-4 game at intermission.

Colorado College's momentum carried over into the second half, with three (six total) unanswered goals to claim a 7-4 lead with 2:08 left in the third quarter. Sophomore attackman Brett Carroll (Buffalo/Bishop Timon-St. Jude) scored and the Saxons went into the fourth quarter trailing 7-5, but AU was shut out, 3-0, in the final period. Zon and Carroll each finished with two goals; sophomore midfielder Derek Green (Pittsburgh, PA/The Kiski School) had a goal and an assist; and junior defenseman Eric Jelen (Nanuet/Clarkstown South) picked up five groundballs. Freshman Cody O'Connor (Whitney Point) went the distance in goal for AU making a career-high 18 saves.

AU outscored Adams State, 5-2, in the fourth, and held a 16-5 advantage in shots, yet was unable to notch the equalizer.. For the game, the Saxons held advantages in shots (45-24), groundballs (43-42), and face-offs (15-of-24). Senior attackman Stefan Dabkowski (Latham/Shaker (SUNY Delhi)) had two goals and three assists to pace AU. Senior midfielder Justin Shultis (Kingston (SUNY Delhi)) netted three goals; and senior midfielder Dave Malave (Shoreham-Wading River) dished out three assists. Green scored two goals; sophomore attack Caleb McCaig (Corning East (Mercyhurst)) had a goal and an assist; and Zon was 14-of-23 on face-offs while picking up a game-high nine groundballs. O'Connor went the distance in goal and made five saves.

Women's lacrosse teams wins big in season opener

The women's lacrosse team (1-0, 0-0 Empire 8) breezed past host SUNY Canton 25-6, Saturday afternoon, to open the 2012 season.

The Saxons held a commanding 14-4 advantage heading into intermission as they outshot the hosts 24-9. In the second half AU continued their first half momentum outscoring the Roos' 11-2, and holding a 19-5 advantage in shots, while committing zero turnovers.

For the game, AU held a 43-14 advantage in shots, picked up 16 groundballs to Canton's six, and forced 14 turnovers while committing just five miscues.

Junior midfielder Ali Garcia (Salt Lake City, UT/Judge Memorial) recorded a game-high and career-high nine points on six goals and three assists to pace the Saxons. Junior midfielder Devin Fitzgerald (Rochester/Greece Olympia) and sophomore midfielder Ashley White (Islip) netted five and four goals respectively, while dishing out one assist and freshman attack Kaitlyn Button (Canastota/Cazenovia) had three goals and three assists.

Freshman attack Maria Bentley (Seneca Falls/Mynderse) and sophomore defender Janelle Gallipeau (Rochester/Greece Olympia) each netted two goals and helped on another and junior midfielder Tracie McGinnity (Rochester/Gates-Chili) two goals. Senior attack Emily Crosby (Fairport) scored a goal and assist. Freshman goalie Taylor Tarajos (Rochester/Greece Olympia) had four saves.

Men's tennis wraps up solid spring break trip

The men's tennis team (7-3, 0-0 Empire 8) concluded its five-match Spring Break trip to Florida with a 3-2 record. The Saxons recorded wins over Cornerstone (5-4), Kings (8-1), and Marywood (5-4), while falling to Berry (5-4), and Coe (7-2).

In the Marywood match, AU got singles wins from senior Nathan Garletts (Havertown, PA/Haverford), 7-6 (7-4), 4-6, 6-0 in second singles; junior Stefan Nonnenmann (New Providence, NJ/New Providence), 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 in fourth singles; and sophomore Peter Benoit (Gasport/Barker), 6-2, 6-2 in fifth singles. Nonnenmann and senior Nick Schneider (Liverpool) won first doubles, 8-2, while Benoit and Garletts claimed their third doubles match, 8-3.

Against Kings, Alfred earned wins in five of six singles matches. Schneider won first singles, 4-6, 6-3, 1-0 (10-6); Garletts won second singles, 6-0, 6-2; Nonnenmann won fourth singles, 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), 1-0 (10-8); Benoit won fifth singles, 6-2, 6-4; and freshman Michael Graham (Elmira/Southside), won sixth singles, 6-2, 6-2. AU swept doubles play against Kings. Schneider and Nonnenman won first doubles, 8-6; senior Nate Kucko (Binghamton/Chenango Forks) and Graham won second doubles, 8-4; and Garletts and Benoit won third doubles, 8-1.

In the win over Cornerstone, AU got singles wins from Schneider, 7-5, 6-1 in first singles; Garletts, 6-0, 6-2 in second singles; and junior Stefan, 6-1, 6-0 in fourth singles. Schneider and Nonnenmann won first doubles, 8-4, while Garletts and Benoit took third doubles, 8-0.

Earning singles wins for the Saxons in the loss to Berry were Kucko, 6-1, 6-4 in third singles and Benoit, 7-5, 5-7, 6-1 in fifth singles. Schneider and Nonnenmann won first doubles, 8-6, and Garletts teamed with Benoit to take third doubles, 8-3.

Alfred did not win any of the six singles matches against Coe, but took two of the three doubles contests. Schneider and Nonnenmann won first doubles, 8-3, while Garletts and Benoit took third doubles, 9-8 (7-3).

Garletts, Hedrick, named Saxons' Athletes of the Week

Nathan Garletts: The senior from Havertown, PA, went 3-2 at second singles as the men's tennis team won three of five matches on its Spring Break trip to Orlando, FL. Garletts also teamed with sophomore Peter Benoit to go 5-0 in third doubles.

Nicole Hedrick: The senior shortstop from Albany, NY, batted .537 (22-for-41) as the softball team went 5-7 on its Spring Break trip to Arizona. She hit three homeruns, four doubles and two triples, scored 13 runs and drove in 13 more. In a win over Medaille, she had five hits to tie a school record and hit two three-run homeruns and drove in seven.

ASC Sports Roundup

Baseball: 0-2

The baseball team heads to Tennessee this week and will play six games during the college's spring break.

Lacrosse: 1-0

Mike Hart (Ajax, ONT) scored with 17 seconds remaining in the game to lift the Alfred State lacrosse team to a 12-11 victory over Herkimer CCC in their 2012 season opener.

Alfred led the close contest most of the way. They led 3-1 after the 1st, 7-5 at halftime, and 9-8 after three. The Pioneers held an 11-9 lead only to see the Generals score twice to tie it up before Hart's game-winner.

Hart and Kyle Davis (Cortland/Homer) each scored three goals on the day to pace the offense while Chance Lowry (Waterloo) had two goals and an assist. Lance Elithorpe (Shaftsbury, VT) scored twice, Frank Martin (Whitney Point) had a goal and an assist, and Brad Zacher (Medina) found the back of the net once.

Brad Stowell (Marcellus) was solid in net recording 18 saves to record the victory.

Swimming: Men - 12th at Nationals

The men's swimming team wrapped up the 2012 NJCAA National Championships in 12th place. The Pioneers scored 230 points in the four-day national event held at Indian River State College in Ft. Pierce, FL. All five of the Pioneers relay teams finished in the top 12.

• The 200 free relay team of Jake Giglio (Hornell), Tyler Sherwood (Elmira Southside), Josh Stellrecht (Oakfield Alabama), and Josh McDowell (Wayland Cohocton) earned 9th with a swim of 1:34.29.

• Sherwood, Mark Pendleton (Beacon), McDowell, and Stellrecht combined to swim a 3:59.02 in the 400 Medley Relay to earn 10th.

• The 200 medley relay team of Sherwood, Pendleton, Giglio, and McDowell finished 11th in 1:45.76.

• The 400 free relay team of Giglio, McDowell, Pendleton, and Stellrecht finished 12th (3:30.7)

• Giglio combined with Stellrecht, Sherwood, and Pendleton to swim a 7:59.74 in the 800 free relay to earn 12th.

Giglio was 14th in the 100 fly (54.85). Pendleton was 14th in the 1650 free (18:30.57), 22nd in the 400 IM (4:49.23), and 24th in the 200 IM (2:12.80). Sherwood was 16th in the 200 back (2:17.10) and 19th in the 100 back (1:01.52). Stellrecht was 18th in the 200 back (2:17.97, 20th in the 1650 free (19:23.27), and 21st in the 100 back (1:04.05). McDowell was 24th in the 100 fly (1:00.65).

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Let the "madness" begin! Yes, it is time once more for the NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament. Kentucky, Syracuse, North Carolina and Michigan State are the four, #1-seeds this year with the UK Wildcats the favorite to win it all ... if there is such a thing in the crazy world of college hoops. As an added bonus for "local" hoop fans, the Bonnies are in the tournament after an A10 tourney championship as they topped Xavier in the finale. That is the good news for Bona. Bad news, game one out of the gate is versus Florida State. The Seminoles eased by Duke and North Carolina, back-to-back, to grab the title in the rugged ACC.

If the Kentucky Wildcats don't win the NCAA tournament it will be one of the biggest upsets in the history of college hoops. This, according to my brother-in-law, Brian Fischer. He who thinks there is only one team in all of college b-ball to begin with. The Wildcats have a few hurdles to overcome in their South Region bracket as UConn ... defending champs, Wichita State, Baylor and Duke ... yes, the Blue Devils!, all loom. One bonus for UK, they practically have a "home" game in rounds one-two as they are at Louisville. At Louisville, where they play every-other-year in a rare road game, against the Cardinals. Love to see a UK-Duke regional finale in Atlanta but the Blue Devils just don't have the inside game to compete with the likes of a UK.

The Michigan State Spartans are the #1-seed in the West Region as Coach Izzo's squad is either (seemingly) a top-seed every year or in the Final Four! Great coach. State will have to get by programs like Louisville or (Curly) Davidson or potentially Marquette or maybe Missouri to advance. Could be an exciting opener in this region as Memphis and St. Louis collide. Maybe Murray State ... the Racers and Marquette in the second round plus Missouri-Florida. Michigan State is obviously favored to win this region but not going to be surprised to see Marquette emerge. Nick Obuhanich says ... Murray State! That would be something, Murray State wins and beats UK in the battle for Kentucky.

In the East Region the Syracuse Orange are at the top to start despite not winning the Big East tournament. Actually, only Michigan State won their own conference post season outing, of #1-seeds. The Orange will quite possibly have their hands full with Vanderbilt. Vandy who upended UK in the SEC championship contest. With Fischer-Fischer in attendance, Brian and Robin. The Bonnies are in this region but can't see them getting by FSU. Ohio State also looms as the second-seed. Too many top programs for SU to overcome? Great comeback for the St. Bonaventure program after years of mediocrity.

The Midwest is North Carolina (if healthy) ... period. How about a Kansas-North Carolina regional finale? Coach Williams old program versus Coach Williams current program. "Obviously" the selection committee didn't do this on purpose. The Vermont Catamounts are here but if they survive a play-in game against Lamar, with Coach Knight at the helm, they run into North Carolina next. UVM soccer player, Jess Herbst told me "Vermont is really good." Doubt she even went to a game! A tough St. Mary's squad could stop the KU-NC reunion. Lots of equal teams in this bracket.

Elite Eight: UK (but UConn might surprise), Duke (with my heart), Michigan State, Missouri, Vandy, Florida State, North Carolina, Kansas.

Final Four: Kentucky, Missouri, Florida State, North Carolina.

Championship: the Tar Heels of NC over the Wildcats of UK.

HITS AND MISSES:

The often overlooked NCAA Division I women's b-ball tourney will also start within the week. Originally took UConn in this but don't see them beating Baylor. Taking Baylor over UConn in the title game.

The Bona women lost in the A10 tournament championship game to Dayton and now will need an at-large bid to play in the NCAA's. Bona (29-3) should receive that berth after winning the regular season A10 and being ranked.

Tom Parrotta was canned as the men's basketball coach at Canisius College after a dismal (64-121) stint at the helm of the Golden Griffins. "Obviously" former coach, Mike McDonald needed to be let go to bring in Parrotta. McDonald who is doing a great job at Medialle College, also in Buffalo.

Former Bona player and Bona head men's basketball coach, Jim Baron was fired from his position as head coach of the men's hoop program at Rhode Island. Was quite surprised to see that although I have no idea what the Rams slate was this year.

Raegan Ryan and her Cedarville University women's basketball teammates are off to the NCCAA Championships after beating Grace in the Midwest Region. Cedarville will play Roberts Wesleyan (Spencerport) in game one. Ryan had 16-points in the win over Grace and hauled in 6-boards!

Skip Sherman's (A-A) baseball team at Genesee CC is in Florida this week after dropping their opener against Potomac, 16-6.

Joe Q. French's (ASC) softball squad at UMBC is now 7-10 on the year after the UMBC Dawg Pound Invitational.

Tim Mead's (Andover) baseball team at Walsh in Ohio is (6-9) after their Florida jaunt and has a couple fo games this weekend at Findlay.

Bruce Weber ... a "Jay Murphy look-alike" was canned at Illinois as the head men's b-ball coach.

Yes, Brian and Robin (Lorow) Fischer were at the SEC tournament in New Orleans this past weekend. "Sadly" UK lost in finals.

Vernon VanSkiver was in Las Vegas playing baseball last weekend in the MSBL Senior tournament. A former softball teammate.

Jake Taft and "Chicago Tab" were warming up on the links Sunday past at Lansbrook in St. Pete's.

Holly Seidewand (Webster/AU) has landed a sales position with the NBA Phoenix Suns.

Brockport will be joining the E8 in football starting in 2014. Good move for them and the conference!

It'll be the Empire State Yankees in "AAA" baseball this summer as the S/W-B club plays all games on the road.

The Washington Redskins ... wow. They better hope Baylor QB Robert Griffin III is the real deal after that trade.

Peyton Manning ... the Arizona Cardinals make the most sense.

Former NY Giant great Alex Webster passed away recently. Had pleasure of meeting him once at his Sports Bar/Restaurant in Florida.

Former NY Yanks #1 draft choice, pitcher Brien Taylor ... still as clever as ever after arrest on drug charges.

Great cookout last Wednesday at the Beale residence in Penfield. Randy's birthday with ex-SUNY Geneseo soccer player/daughter Melissa on hand as well.

Tiger Woods withdraws from final round of WGC at Doral ... yikes.

Finally this week it is off to Florida on Sunday for a (richly deserved) vacation with the Sumo Tour South golf outing on tap for week one. Will be a "slimmed down" tour this year ... McDrip and Scummer can't make it, but am hooking up with the likes of Obie, Waffle, probably Syracuse Dave plus our co-hosts, Our Man Frank and Jake Taft. Hopefully will get to see Jamie Bennett as well. This event started out as the Alex Bay Open on the Sumo Tour and has moved south now for a number of years. A cast of characters made their way to A-Bay: Halfhead, Jim Norton, Smitty ... "I ain't no slave to fashion," plus Savo ... Smitty's golf partner, Waffle, Obie, Kingman, Vincent Waslewski, Drip, Bakes, Gerv, Hilly, Leek, Phillie, Wop, Simbo, Scum, Fee, Ivan, Jake, Tina! and of course, Stubb and yours truly. Cutter never made it ... mowing the lawn. Hopefully I didn't forget anyone. Besides playing golf, watching NCAA's, looking to take in Bay Hill Classic next week and a Yanks-Phillies spring training game in Clearwater. Week two ... off to Leesburg. Some golf in league Big Dale used to run or one day with guys from league, trip to Orlando to see "Milko," another to see Big D-Janis at The Villages and various other things with my mom and Don.

Go Bonnies!

Go Duke (need lots of help this year)!!

ALFRED-ALMOND'S NIK von Stackelberg, Coach Jerry Flaitz and Patrick Greaney at the NYSPHSAA Championships in Buffalo. (Rosetta Greaney Photo)

Seniors set records in nine of eleven events

Swim careers come to a close

ALMOND--The Alfred-Almond winter sports awards, held Thursday evening, marked the close of the outstanding high school swimming careers of several A-A seniors. In a brief ceremony prior to the awards, members of the varsity swim team gathered to update the school's record board.

While seniors Nik von Stackelberg, Taylor Godshalk, Patrick Greaney, and Kevin Cook will no longer swim competitively in the A-A pool, their names are on the record board for those who follow to aspire to. Between them–along with junior Maddie McConnell–they set records in nine of a possible eleven events.

Just six days before the sports awards, von Stackelberg led a group of four area swimmers at the New York State swimming and diving championships in Buffalo. He was the only local swimmer to advance to the championship final round, placing 13th overall among New York state public high school athletes (NYSPHSAA) in the 500 yard freestyle event with a time of 4:48.14.

Von Stackelberg was also awarded the Section V Sportsmanship award. He was selected for the award by coaches and officials from across Section V.

In addition, von Stackelberg qualified to swim the 100 yard backstroke, but didn't make the cut to compete in the finals. It was his second trip to state-wide competition. In 2011 he finished 16th among NYSPHAA swimmers in the 500 yard freestyle.

Greaney was A-A's second swimmer at states. He qualified to compete in the 100 yard breaststroke, placing 44th with a time of 1:04.76 in the preliminary heats.

Dansville senior Isaiah Hale also qualified in the 100 yard breaststroke, finishing 29th with a time of 1:01.18. Cuba-Rushford/Genesee Valley junior Brian Edmister qualified in the 100 yard freestyle, finishing 36th in the preliminary round with a time of 50.46.

At the A-A sports awards, von Stackelberg–a team captain for the past two years–and Greaney shared the MVP award, while Godshalk was presented with the sportsmanship award.

The MVP award capped a season in which von Stackelberg was named 2012 Swimmer of the Meet at the Section V Class D championships, Steuben County Athletic Association championships, and Avon Invitational Meet. He was also named 2012 Swimmer of the Year for Steuben County.

During the 2011-2012, season von Stackelberg set the Section V Class D record in the 500 yard freestyle, breaking his own record from sectionals the year before. He was also a member of the A-A relay team that set the Section V Class D record in the 200 yard medley relay in sectional competition in both 2011 and 2012.

Over the past three seasons, he set 12 individual and six relay records at schools throughout Section V.

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