

Liz Malling reads the Sun
Liz Malling of Almond and her granddaughter, Lia Pazdernik of Almond celebrate Liz' 89th birthday by reading last Thursday's *Alfred Sun*! Liz was joined on Thursday, Nov. 19 by family members Mike and Susie Snyder, Laurie Pazdernik and Chris and Joe Ingalls.



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Gobble, gobble, gobble

AU Trustees donate Thanksgiving's main course to employees

ALFRED—Like many institutions of higher education and small businesses, Alfred University and Ridgecrest Turkey Farm in Brockport, have experienced their share of challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Two annual events popular with Alfred University staff and faculty—the Opening Breakfast and Holiday Luncheon—have been canceled this year due to the University's efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. At Ridgecrest Turkey Farm, sales have dipped significantly this year due to the pandemic. As a result, owner Travis Mattison found himself with close to 200 unsold birds, less than two weeks before Thanksgiving.

As luck would have it, with the holiday season fast approaching, Alfred University and Mattison found a way to help each other. Alfred University's Board of Trustees has agreed to underwrite the cost of purchasing most of Mattison's turkeys, which were given to University employees this week, before Thanksgiving Day. Mattison has agreed to sell the turkeys to the University at a discounted rate.

So how did this mutually beneficial arrangement come about? By chance and good fortune, ac-



In lieu of cancelled faculty and staff events, Alfred University Trustees are donating turkeys to University personnel for Thanksgiving.

tually.

Giovina Lloyd, Alfred's vice president of Business and Finance suggested last Sunday that in lieu of the Holiday Luncheon, Alfred University could purchase turkeys and hams for its employees. Coincidentally, on his drive from Rochester to Alfred Sunday, Alfred University President Mark Zupan took in a podcast aired by WXXI, Rochester's National Public Radio affiliate, in which Mattison talked about how COVID-19 had hurt his business. Zupan presented Lloyd's suggestion to members of the Board of Trustees, noting Mattison's predicament, and trustees agreed to purchase the turkeys.

Because there will not be enough birds for all Alfred University's 550-plus employees, Trustees have also agreed to purchase additional turkeys, along with hams and vegan dishes, for those who do not get a fresh turkey.

Zupan said the Board is par-

ticularly appreciative of the efforts of faculty and staff to keep the campus open for in-person classes throughout the Fall semester. The gift, he said, "is a token of the Board's gratitude for all that employees have done this fall for our University and our students."

It is common for businesses in the area to purchase turkeys for their employees, Mattison said, "but it's usually 20 or 30 turkeys...never this much." He noted that sales have picked back up in the last few days and—thanks in large part to Alfred University's purchase—he is nearly sold out.

Mattison was quick to point out that money was never his primary concern.

"I was more worried about food waste," Mattison said, explaining that unsold birds would likely have made their way to a rendering facility and processed into pet food. "That won't happen, fortunately."

To show his appreciation to Mattison, Zupan said he plans to present him with a gift certificate to Wegmans grocery store, so the Mattison family can enjoy a prime rib dinner on Thanksgiving. Mattison noted on the NPR program that turkey is not his preferred holiday meal.

Alfred State thankful for successful semester

ALFRED—Thanksgiving is a perfect time for people – and even colleges – to pause and reflect on the many things they have to be thankful for, even in the midst of a pandemic.

Reflecting on what has been a successful fall 2020 semester to date, Alfred State College (ASC) is thankful to have welcomed students and faculty back to campus this past August and to have just recently completed in-person instruction last Friday, among many other achievements. The lessons learned from this fall's successful semester have helped to shape ASC's plan for offering in-person instruction again for the spring semester.

"We are thankful for the best semester we could offer given the challenges we needed to overcome," said Alfred State President Dr. Skip Sullivan.

Alfred State began this fall semester with guarded optimism, like many other colleges and universities. Due to the unique hands-on programs at Alfred State, however, Alfred State had among the very highest number of in-person classes offered across the entire SUNY system, with 87 percent of ASC's sections delivered in person, compared to 16 percent for SUNY overall and 31 percent for colleges of technology. This helps students

who benefit from and purposefully chose applied programs. In addition, Alfred State's residential population was at 93 percent occupancy (within a 3-4 percent range of typical occupancy).

The summer planning to build a comprehensive re-opening plan went into implementation with the college's faculty and staff working hard to provide the best possible student experience. In addition to taking classes in person, Student Life was diligently working to keep students engaged.

While Athletics was not able to compete against other colleges, the teams were able to practice their sport, and the department's coaches assisted with recreational opportunities, offering 238 recreational programs including Wednesday walks and Monday stretches. Student Engagement offered 530 programs, within a 5 percent range of the previous year's 557. To avoid having crowds at events on campus, the college used innovative approaches and video platforms to share its marquis events such as Alfred's Got Talent.

In order to make the semester even possible, the college needed to test heavily for COVID-19. Its Health and Wellness Services team and many staff volunteers completed nearly 10,000 pool, antigen/rapid, and PCR

tests to make sure ASC could nimbly mitigate any infections on campus.

"Intense contact tracing efforts allowed the college to learn much about how a virus could spread on campus," said Dr. Gregory Sammons, vice president for Student Affairs. "Our classrooms (lectures) proved to be a safe environment as no transmissions of the virus were attributed to attendance in lectures. The limited spread we have faced occurred in apartments, suites, and among tight social circles."

In addition to all of these achievements, the college is also thankful for the support of students, faculty, staff, and community members.

"We are thankful for you," Sullivan told the college community. "Without you, we would not have been successful in offering the best possible semester. We consistently operated well below the statewide or county's positivity rates. When we needed to adapt the end of the in-person instruction due to a county surge, we put safety first and changed our final week's methods. With the highest percentage of in-person classes and occupancy, we did this thanks to you. This Thanksgiving, we are truly thankful."

OBITUARIES

John ‘Jack’ F. Palmer, 89, A-A alum, Tinkertown native, Palmer Airmotive founder



JOHN (JACK) FREDERICK PALMER

Owned Palmer Airmotive
RALEIGH, NC—John (Jack) Frederick Palmer peacefully passed away on Thursday, November 12, 2020 at Brighton Gardens of Raleigh. He was born in Hornell on May 11, 1931 to Frederick Milo and Doris (Potter) Palmer. On March 31, 1956, he married the love of his life, Marilyn Margaret Vossler, who predeceased him on October 29, 2016.

Jack was raised in Alfred Station, affectionately known as “Tinkertown.” He graduated from Alfred-Almond High School and served in the U.S. Air Force for four years. Upon completion of his military service, he moved to Wellsville, where he embarked on a new ad-

venture with his best friend, Daniel Greene. Together, in 1955, they started D & J Body Shop. In March 1956 he married Marilyn and began building a home in Wellsville where they raised their two children.

Jack had a real love for flying. After getting his pilot’s license, he decided to start a new business of painting airplanes and refurbishing the interiors with new upholstery. So in 1962 he started Palmer Airmotive, Ltd. located at the Wellsville Municipal Airport. The airport was later relocated to the Niles Hill area and at this point the business was growing. The name later became Palmer Airmotive, Inc. Jack continued growing the business and eventually incorporated motorhomes into the business, refurbishing them both inside and out. Jack finally retired and closed the business in 1996.

Jack and Marilyn had a real love of traveling and did so in a motorhome. They belonged to several motorhome groups that traveled across the states, enjoying fun rallies along with wonderful friendships and taking in the sights.

In 1996, Jack and Marilyn moved to Highlands Ridge,

Florida, to what they lovingly called, “Paradise.” Here they enjoyed their retirement making lots of new friends, playing golf, having parties and enjoying the beautiful surroundings.

They also volunteered at Habitat for Humanity, Jack helping to build homes and Marilyn working at the Restore in Sebring. Jack also volunteered at the Good Shepherd Hospice House in Sebring after Marilyn passed away.

In December 2019, Jack moved to Brighton Gardens of Raleigh to be near his children. Jack is survived by his two children, his daughter Carol (Frank) Linnecke of Nashville, NC and his son, Gary (Jill) Palmer of Mount Airy, NC, his three granddaughters, Jaci (Derrell) Wiggins of Fuquay Varina, NC, Jesse (Dan) Liszka of Gilberts, IL and Sarah (Shawn) Armstrong of Knightdale, NC, three great grandchildren, Olivia Wiggins, Harper and Harrison Liszka and baby Armstrong due in April, his brothers, Edward (Suzanne) Palmer and James (Faith) Palmer all of Highlands Ridge, a brother-in-law, Frank Snyder and a sister-in-law, Margery Vossler, along with sev-

eral neices and nephews. In addition to his parents and wife, he was predeceased by his sister Jean Snyder.

Memorials may be made to

Good Shepherd Hospice, 1110 Hammock Rd., Sebring, FL, Habitat for Humanity, Highlands County Florida or the David A. Howe Library in Wellsville, NY.

Marilyn V. Palmer, died in 2016



MARILYN V. PALMER

School nurse in Wellsville
SEBRING, FL—Marilyn V. Palmer peacefully passed away on Saturday evening, October 29, 2016 at the Good Shepherd Hospice in Sebring, Florida. She was born in Wellsville on December 31, 1932 to Karl B. and Bertha (Brandes) Vossler. On March 31, 1956, she married the love of her life, John (Jack) Frederick Palmer.

Marilyn was raised in Wellsville on the family dairy farm. She graduated from Wellsville High School and went on to Buffalo for Nursing school where she interned at Millard Fillmore Hospital. Upon completion of her nurse’s training she returned to Wellsville where she became a school nurse in the Wellsville School system. In March of 1956 she married Jack and they began building a home in Wellsville where they raised their two children.

After the birth of their children, Marilyn decided to stay at home to raise them until they were school age. At this time, she went back to work in the Wellsville School system, covering two elementary schools while also attending Geneseo to acquire her bachelor’s degree as a School Nurse Teacher. In 1982 she retired.

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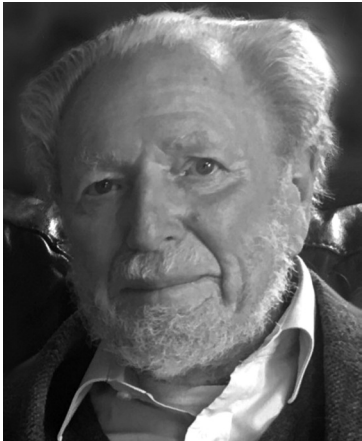
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Besides her husband, Jack, she is survived by her two children, her daughter Carol (Frank) Linnecke of Nashville, NC and her son, Gary (Jill) Palmer of Mount Airy, NC, her three granddaughters, Jaci (Derrell) Wiggins of Fuquay Varina, NC, Jesse (Dan) Liszka of Gilberts, IL and Sarah (Shawn) Armstrong of Knightdale, NC, three great grandchildren, Olivia Wiggins, Harper and Harrison Liszka and baby Armstrong due in April 2021. She is also survived by brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Edward (Suzanne) Palmer and James (Faith) Palmer all of Highlands Ridge, a brother-in-law, Frank Snyder and a sister-in-law, Margery Vossler, along with several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brothers Walter Vossler and his wife Florence, Donald Vossler and his wife Janice and Lawrence Vossler.

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Donald Willis Burns, 85, draftsman, music-lover



DONALD WILLIS BURNS

Deep love for the Lord

ANDOVER—Donald Willis Burns, 85, was ushered into the presence of his Lord and Savior on Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020 at his daughter’s home in Wellsville.

Mr. Burns was born on Nov. 23, 1934 in Monticello to Willis Arthur and Mildred (Bowers) Burns. He was a 1952 graduate of Arlington High School in La-Grangeville. On June 11, 1955, he married Irene Louise Johnston at the Trinity United Methodist Church in La-Grangeville.

Don briefly worked as a draftsman for IBM in Poughkeepsie. Unsatisfied with the city life, he attended Alfred Agricultural and Technical College, where he earned his A.S. Degree in Building Construction. He was a self-employed contractor for two years before he took a position for Dresser-Rand Corporation in Wellsville in 1963 as a draftsman and later tool designer, retiring in 1996. In retirement, he reemployed his contracting skills building homes for several of his children.

In addition to his wife of 65 years, Don is survived by nine children, Don (Sue) Burns, Jr. of Concord, N.C., Laura (Mike)

Pielow of Wellsville, David (Billie) Burns of Andover, Daniel Burns of Salisbury, N.C., Linda (Shawn) Derrick of Wellsville, Douglas (Laura) Burns of New London, N.C., Dale (Amy) Burns of Wellsville, Dane (Neva) Burns of New London, N.C. and Darin (Michele) Burns of Mt. Pleasant, N.C.; and one brother, William Burns of Villa Rica, Ga.

Additionally he is survived by 32 grandchildren, Angela (Nathan) Preston, Nicholas (Janel) Burns, Gillian Pielow, Alicia (Steve) Krol, Sarah (Brian) Castano, Jason (Laurah) Burns, Matt (Maci Lloyd) Burns, Rebecca Burns, Rachael Burns, Renae Burns, Ryan Burns, Danielle (Matt) Marrow, Dustin (Mandy) Burns, Amanda (Thomas) Haygood, Alexa (Jason) Michalenko, Ben Burns, Olivia Burns, Natalie Burns, Megan Burns, Lauren Burns, Zachery Burns, Jennifer Burns, Clay Burns, Emily Burns, Joshua Burns, Elizabeth Burns, Jack Burns, Eliza Burns, Zoe Burns, Avery Burns, Ari Burns and Jude Burns; 13 great grandchildren, Eloise Preston, Madeleine Burns, Fiona Burns, Max Krol, Alex Krol, Leo Castano, Hattie Marrow, Hewitt Marrow, Sawyer Burns, Leighton Burns, Finley Burns, Hopelynn Haygood, Ezra Haygood and one on the way; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Don was predeceased by a sister-in-law, Joan Burns and a great granddaughter Hope Preston.

Don had a deep love for his Lord and his family. He is described by those that knew him best as gentle, honest, fun loving, Godly, compassionate, thoughtful, coffee spilling, spontaneous and musical. His home

was always open to everyone and he was a father and dad to many.

Music played a large role in Don’s life. In high school, as first chair saxophonist in the Arlington High School band, he was honored as “band conductor” for several performances. He briefly played professionally before setting his music talents aside to raise his family. In 1994 he pulled his saxophone out of retirement and along with Brother Dietz, formed the Dixie Land Band, recording an album along the way. He passed his love for music on to many of his children and grandchildren.

A time of visitation was held from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22 at Baker-Swan Funeral Home in Wellsville. The funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 23 at Wellsville Bible Church with Rev. Phil Barner of the Andover Alliance Church officiating. Burial followed in Hillside Cemetery in Andover. Online condolences may be offered at www.baker-swan.com.

Memorial contributions in Don’s name may be made to The Gideons International, PO Box 97251, Washington, DC 20090-7251.

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— Henry Kissinger

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3. Unclear; 4. Snipe
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Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

'Breakfast with Santa' during Covid

By **REBECCA WEAVER HAMM**
A.E. Crandall Hooks President
 ALFRED—Each year, the cooks and bottle-washers of A. E. Crandall Hook & Ladder welcome the community to Alfred's fire hall for Breakfast with Santa on the first Saturday of December, with proceeds of the breakfast and brown bag auction benefiting our ambulance service.

As a volunteer fire company, we don't charge patients for their care and transport and are supported by the generosity of Al-

fred University, Alfred State College, the Alfred-Alfred Station Community Chest, the Village of Alfred, and the Towns of Alfred, Hartsville, and Ward (in addition to donations from the community).

This year, an indoor breakfast buffet is simply not advisable. Instead, we invite you to meet with Santa as he tours Alfred on Saturday, Dec. 5. Santa and his driver will be stationed in the parking lot next to the fire hall and in front of Alfred Montessori School in Alfred 1, our 1992 KME engine for families to have

their pictures taken on the fire truck and chat with the jolly old elf. Dani Gagne will accompany them to take photos to email to families.

All this is free of charge to participating families. Donations are most welcome and will be used to help purchase two new defibrillator monitor units in early 2021. Our current units were purchased in 2009 and have come to the end of their allowable lifespan. New units cost around \$30,000 each; we plan to purchase two refurbished units at around \$25,000 each.

We hope to see you on Dec. 5. Santa and his helpers will be present from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. If you drive, you will be directed where to park. If you walk, we will have waiting areas marked out for you.

Everyone over age 2 must be masked when within 6 feet of anyone not in your household. In the event of adverse weather, we will post updates on our Facebook page (you do not need to have Facebook to view the page).



Alfred's annual "Breakfast with Santa" this year will be held without breakfast. Santa's on a diet? (Photo by Sherry Volk)

SUNNY SIDE UP

By **ELLEN SHULTZ**
Alfred Sun Columnist

Great soup with leftover turkey carcass

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

Linda Greenlaw is an author who lives on our favorite corner of Maine. She grew up on Isle au Haut and started out captaining a lobster boat. She has also been a swordfish boat captain and for a time was a captain of a crab boat in the northwest. She was written about in the book *The Perfect Storm* and was in the subsequent film. She and her mother wrote the book *Recipes From A Very Small Island*. This is one of the recipes which Linda makes once a year after Thanksgiving.

Linda's Turkey Soup

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| 10-12 lb. turkey carcass | 2 T. finely chopped rosemary |
| 10-12 c. chicken or turkey stock | 2 T. finely chopped thyme |
| 1½ lbs. turnips, peeled, cubed | pinch of mace |
| 6 med. carrots, peeled, sliced | pinch of cumin |
| 4 lg. celery ribs, chopped | salt, freshly ground pepper |
| 2 med. onions, chopped | 2 c. sugar snap peas, |
| 1/2 c. lentils bite size pieces | 2-3 c. cooked & cubed turkey |

Put the turkey carcass in a large soup pot and add enough cold water to cover. Bring to a boil over high heat and immediately reduce the heat. Cover and simmer for about 2 hours. Strain the stock and discard the bones. Return stock to the pot. Add the canned stock to the pot so you have about 12 c. of liquid. Add the turnips and bring to a simmer over medium heat, and cook for about 15 minutes, or until the turnips begin to soften. Add the carrots, celery, onions, and lentils and simmer 20 minutes longer, or until the lentils are partially cooked. Stir in the rosemary, thyme, mace, and cumin. Taste and season with salt and pepper. Simmer gently over medium-low heat for about 30 minutes longer, or until the vegetables are tender and the lentils cooked through. Add the sugar snap peas and the cooked turkey meat about 5 minutes before serving so the peas can cook and the meat heat up. Serve hot. Serves 8.

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17	39	29	0.02"	0.7"
18	36	19	Trace	Trace
19	38	22	0	0
20	58	32	0	0
21	62	39	0	0
22	45	25	0	0
23	46	28	0.06"	0

By **FION MacCREA**
Alfred Weather Recorder

Kelly's Forecast

By **KELLY SNYDER**
The Alfred Sun Weather Forecaster

"I like anywhere with a beach. A beach and warm weather is all I really need."

—Rob Gronkowski

Thursday, Nov. 26
 AM SHOWERS
 (HIGH 54— LOW 43)
 Chance of precipitation....40%

Friday, Nov. 27
 CLOUDY
 (HIGH 49—LOW 38)
 Chance of precipitation....20%

Saturday, Nov. 28
 AM SHOWERS
 (HIGH 42— LOW 28)
 Chance of precipitation....30%

Sunday, Nov. 29
 MOSTLY SUNNY
 (HIGH 46 — LOW 34)
 Chance of precipitation....20%

Monday, Nov. 30
 RAIN / SNOW SHOWERS
 (HIGH 39 - LOW 25)
 Chance of precipitation....50%

Tuesday, Dec. 1
 AM SNOW SHOWERS
 (HIGH 31 - LOW 23)
 Chance of precipitation...30%

Wednesday, Dec. 2
 MOSTLY CLOUDY
 (HIGH 36- LOW 26)
 Chance of precipitation...20%

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From the mayor

By **BECKY B. PROPHET**
Alfred Village Mayor

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone! In these strange and uncertain times, it is more important than ever for us to recognize how much we have to give thanks for. If families and circles of friends are healthy and safe that is cause for great thanksgiving! If we are surrounded by people who practice the protocols to reduce or stop the spread of covid we should be doubly grateful! While it is painful to imagine a Thanksgiving without people getting together, let us be thankful that we KNOW that staying apart is best—then imagine how amazing it will be when it is safe to gather together again.

With three promising vaccines for Covid 19 on the horizon, it is possible that we could have relief—but still need to wear masks—by early summer. Since we think the community of Alfred has avoided (so far) community spread, let us continue vigilance and protection of one another. Surrounded by good, responsible people is also something to be very thankful for! We need to depend on one another to continue taking care of one another.

As we see the majority of students depart this valley, we should thank the many, many of them who practiced the protocols and helped keep all students here for a condensed but full semester! Let us be mindful of two other major things in this season: First, our local businesses will need our support through the coming weeks! Second, we must all be mindful of taking care of ourselves and one another. The reports of rapidly increasing numbers of corona virus infections are rife in the southern tier and, perhaps, even greater in places we wish we could travel. It is essential that every one of us make choices that keep us healthy in all ways—mentally and physically. Hospitals are now strained and medical staff are already frayed as we see continuing increases through this holiday season. Stay healthy to avoid adding to the strain and to protect you and the ones you love. Think ahead, stay safe, and give abundant thanks for the privilege of knowing how to help others and ourselves through this!

ALFRED TOWN TALK

By **DAN ACTON**
Alfred Town Supervisor

Highlights of the November 12, 2020 Town Board Meeting

2021 Budget, Rejected Bid, Solar Application

The first item of business at the monthly Town of Alfred Board meeting was a hearing on the proposed 2021 budget. Despite anticipated cuts of 20% in state aid and state highway funding, and the 2% tax cap the board was able to propose a budget that stays under the tax cap. During the limited public discussion that ensued it was noted that town residents will see reduced highway work in the summer of 2021 due to the anticipated reduction in CHIPS funding. Hearing no opposition, the board adopted the 2021 budget unanimously.

Most of the business that came before the board was routine. Apart from that as previously noted in this column, the board resolved to put out to bid the approximately 30-acre parcel on Hamilton Hill Road which is unused by the town. The objective was to use the proceeds in the construction of a cold storage building so that all town equipment could be housed. One bid in the amount of \$15,222 was received. Whereas the town assessor indicated that town land was selling between \$1,000 and \$2,000 per acre, this bid was rejected. After some discussion the board indicated this property will be put out to bid later.

An application was received from Alfred Community Solar for a solar installation at the intersection of Lake and Randolph Roads. The application was complete and will require a public hearing in order to receive a special use permit for the project.

Board member Wendy Dailey represents the town on a Town/Village wide committee dealing with equity and safety. She indicated that the committee developed a survey and encourages all residents to complete it. A copy can be found at the town website townofalfred.com.

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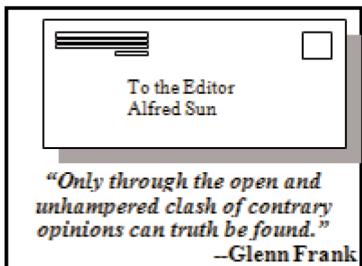


Yellow journalism in Alfred

Letter to the Editor:

Yellow journalism is alive and well in Alfred. Who needs William Randolph Hearst and the New York Journal or Rupert Murdoch’s Fox Noise, when we have our very own Dave Snyder and The Alfred Sun! Consider the screaming headline in all capital letters two weeks ago: “IT AIN’T OVER YET,” or Nick Waddy’s fantasy-life concoction about the “stolen election” in last week’s Sun.

With respect to Waddy, I will simply say this: If I were still a faculty member at Alfred State, I would strongly urge my advisees (and all other students) to stay away from taking any of his courses. Who knows what non-



sense he teaches as “history” to unsuspecting students.

Steven R. Jakobi
Alfred Station

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Sun Spots



Thousands Of Turkeys Spared By Coronavirus Or,

Remember When We Thought A Thanksgiving Super Spreader Event Was

Uncle Joe “Accidentally” Dumping The Full Gravy Boat Over His Whole Plate?

Thanksgiving 2020 will be challenging indeed

For those who each November a familial army feed,
Whose recipes all yield amounts that mock the concept “plenty”:
They explicitly do not allow for feeding less than twenty.
No need for turkey pardons from the President this year,
Cuz no turkey in the state should think there’s any cause to fear,
For Gov’nor Cuomo’s taken up protecting them, it seems,
By New York’s “Thanksgiving Proclamation 666”, which deems
Illegal any dining table seating more than ten.
So set your turkey free!—and go and catch that Cornish hen.

—2020. Turkeymous

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CONVIVIAL CONTRARIAN

By SEAN HYLAND
Alfred Sun Columnist

Conspiracy Redux!

And to think that bi-partisanship was supposed to be in its grave! I’m glad to report that news of its demise was greatly overstated. It turns out that both Democrats and Republicans are susceptible to unhinged paranoid thinking to assuage the sting of electoral defeat.

First we had years of bizarre conspiracy theories from Democrats about how Donald Trump was the love child between Vladimir Putin and a cryogenically frozen Hitler. Or maybe was it how the dark PutinNazi forces magically changed millions of perfectly good Hilary voters into raging Trumpists by unleashing thousands of KGB trained mind control iguanas. You know, all that hype about how the Russians “meddled” in the election to put their ultra-smooth super-spy Donald “Urine Kompromot” Trump in the White House so he could light the Putin-signal and call the OmniPutinent One to barechestedly ride across the Arctic circle on his Bengal tiger steed to seize control of Washington forever.

Ok. So I’m exaggerating. A little bit. However, I think that this pretty much captures the fever pitch of unhinged, whackdoodle absurdity that the American left uncritically bought after Donald Trump was elected. Of course, 95% of it fizzled, was grossly exaggerated, later retracted at the bottom of page 26, or was pure unadulterated fantasy. However, it served its intended purpose: as ClintonCope. Democrats every-where had their world view so shaken by the upset victory of Donald Trump that they needed some explanation involving dark devious forces to restore order to their universe. And the bad Ruskie trope fit that to a tee. No longer did the Democratic leadership have to come to grips with the fact that they blew the election by running the most establishment candidate imaginable in the most anti-establishment election year in memory. Neither did they have to face the anger of Democrats who were quite aware that Bernie Sanders was undermined in favor of Hillary “The Anointed One” Clinton. Nothing to see here folks, those Ruskies did it!

Of course, the proof is in the pudding, and clearly all the anti-Putin hysteria turned out to be just that. If Donald Trump is some Russian plant, then Putin must be playing some inscrutably 6th dimensional chess. U.S. /Russia relations are at an all time nadir, NATO continues to expand into Russia’s backyard, Trump has nullified missile control treaties which Russia values, and sanctions on Russia intensify. And once the Putin/Nazi hysteria ceased to serve its purpose, it curiously fell out of view. We probably won’t be hearing much about “Russian interference” now that Biden is headed to the White House.

And now it seems that Republicans, in an effort to be even-handed and demonstrate that they can be as irrational as Democrats, are launching their own reality-affirming conspiracy whackdoodle. Goodbye Clinton Cope, hello MAGA Cope. Unfortunately, it seems that a great many Trump supporters can’t accept that Trump blew his re-election campaign by being undisciplined, narcissistic, and generally acting like he was high on bath salts. Trump supplies the answer: #StopTheSteal, election fraud, a coup!

I was certainly willing to give the allegations of “election fraud” a fair shake, but in all my scouring of the internet fringes I have seen absolutely nothing that rises above the level of isolated incidences, circumstantial evidence, hearsay, and statistical curiosities. I have certainly seen nothing that would substantially change any state outcomes, much less in the multiple states that Trump would need to flip to win. I’m not really interested in going deep into the weeds in this space. With dozens of suits and allegations it would have to be an encyclopedic whack-a-mole. However, the fact remains that even the most substantiated allegations fall far short of providing a rationale for Trump’s overall position.

This is where conspiracy theory kicks in. You start with a demonstrable fact, that fraud and abuses did occur in places, as is inevitable in any

election, and depart from there by spinning the tapestry with threads of what “could have happened” extrapolations. Sure, it’s technically possible that shape shifting lizard aliens teleported ballots into swing states, or that High Voodoo Priest Joe Biden raised legions of undead zombie Blue voters shambling to the polls. It’s also possible that Donald Trump simply... failed to provide a convincing enough case to enough Americans to secure re-election.

However, the nature of conspiracy theories dictates that evidence disproving the conspiracy is actually evidence of the deviousness of the conspirators. Therefore, the fact that Russian trolls only spent around 100k on Facebook ads during the 2016 election becomes, not data demonstrating the insignificance of “Russian meddling,” but rather evidence that Russians are so 4D chess that 100k in ads can effortlessly control our minds far more than the 81 million dollars the Clinton and Trump campaigns spent on Facebook. Or in the Republican corollary, the disparate and incoherent nature of the “election fraud” is not evidence of its isolated nature, but rather of its far reaching universality and many tentacled central direction. That’s why those devious Dems lost so many down ballot races, see, to cover their tracks! Okey Dokey, and sure nuf!

It’s somewhat unfortunate that the Trump “election theft” narrative is so full of pointless noise and fury. There are substantial security concerns surrounding the increasing move to digital technology in voting. It certainly does create an increased risk of election fraud and hacking as the results may not be able to be audited as definitively as a paper ballot. Concerns over potentially loosely regulated mail-in balloting are also not unwarranted.

However, if Trump had wanted to substantively address these issues it’s not as if he didn’t have four years to do so. Griping on Twitter about how Dems were going to steal the election doesn’t really count, and only amounts to deflection and butt-covering. But wait! The Trump administration did convene a voter fraud commission to investigate the 2016 election which was alleged by Trump to have millions of illegal votes. The commission was disbanded by Trump in 2018, without any blockbuster findings.

Instead of presenting any cogent case in 2020, it seems evident that Trump is throwing every legal challenge possible at the wall, regardless of merit, hoping a few will stick, without any substantial successes to date. If there is supposed to be any “there” there, Trump sure is keeping the cards close to the chest!

Meanwhile, scads of Trump voters are becoming more convinced that the election was stolen. This is emotionally satisfying, as it scapegoats a painful electoral loss; however, just as the Russian obsession distracted Democrats to their disadvantage, a wrongful loss mentality is guaranteed to devour the oxygen within the Republican party while appealing to none but a core base of Trump diehards. As the Russiagate fiasco was, it will be a pointless, destructive, divisive descent into the paranoid id of America’s hyper-partisan electorate.

What explains America’s unhinged bi-partisan threat hallucinations? Perhaps our political divide is becoming so elemental that we are losing the ability to see “the other side” as less than an existential threat. Maybe it all momentarily elevates us from the daily small joys and disappointments of our lives to imagine that we are in fact heroic front line freedom fighters in an all-encompassing war for truth and goodness.

Apocalyptic fantasies are not new and the current political manifestation is unlikely to be their last. However, a careful reality check is necessary before going down the rabbit hole. Are we really front line freedom fighters against Trump/Nazis or a BlueCoup or are we just unwitting pawns being played in someone else’s game?

Americanisms



“Be thankful for what you have; you’ll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don’t have, you will never, ever have enough.”
— Oprah Winfrey

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"Exponential Growth"

Deutsch, Souther collaborate on work featured in art journal

ALFRED—*Exponential Growth*, a collaborative work by Expanded Media Professors Andrew Deutsch and Eric Souther, Alfred University's School of Art and Design, has been featured in the on-line art journal Digital America, founded in 2012 at the University of Richmond.

Together with *Exponential Growth*, the journal also has published an interview with Souther and introductions to both Souther and Deutsch's work.

Digital America describes Digital Growth with the following introduction:

"In *Exponential Growth* (2020), Eric Souther creates an anxious series of video glitches by "throttling the networks bitrate and creating a feedback loop by taking the in back to the out" with an accompanying soundscape by Andrew Deutsch. The viewer is left with a rare view of "downsampling," which occurs when internet service providers downgrade images based on connection speed. Futile attempts to interpret the images is almost frustrating and reveals empty promises of digital growth—we're left ask: To what ends is digital growth beneficial? For whom?"

To explore *Exponential Growth* and additional relevant materials, visit:

<https://www.digitalamerica.org/exponential-growth-2020-eric-souther-and-andrew-deutsch/>

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AU music prof presents at conference

ALFRED—Raul Barcenés, assistant professor of music at Alfred University, gave a presentation during a session of the Nebraska Music Educators Association (NMEA) Professional Development Conference.

The session—titled "Leading in a Culture that Can't Change: How to Successfully Navigate Your New Position Confidently Amongst Obstacles"—was presented virtually at the NMEA conference Nov. 7.

The session, selected from among several submissions, discussed "the challenges teachers face



in environments of which are seemingly impossible to navigate and how to re-frame your expectations to achieve success," Barcenés said.

Barcenés had previously delivered the same presentation during the Maine Music Educators Association (MMEA) Conference this past spring and will present at the Kentucky Music Educators Association (KMEA) Professional Development Conference next February.

The session was selected for all three conferences by peer review and acceptance.



Brothers of Lambda Tau Phi volunteered on Halloween to assist the Almond Community church with raking leaves, power washing, and other tasks. From left to right are Kamren Bu'Fearon, Russell Zagrobelny, Augustus Batcho, Derek Rice-Porter, Isaiah Martin, Markel Edwards, Carson Gage, Frank Vinueza, Zacchaeus Robinson, Jacob Gehr, and Drew Serwinowski.

Lambda Tau Phi brothers 'all treats'

ALMOND—The brothers of Lambda Tau Phi at Alfred State College were all treats and no tricks this past Halloween as they volunteered to assist the Almond Community Church.

On the morning of Saturday, Oct. 31, the brothers were able to accomplish many tasks for the church, assisting with raking leaves/leaf blowing, power washing, and carrying items that were no longer needed out to the garage. The church provided the brothers with snacks and drinks for the volunteer work that they

performed.

Markel Edwards, a sport management student from Buffalo and president of Lambda Tau Phi, said, "It was a long event, but the people of the Almond Community Church made things very easy by being nice and helpful if we didn't understand

something. They really appreciated us coming in so early to contribute with the projects they needed help with, too. The brothers of Lambda Tau Phi would like to thank the Almond Community Church for letting us volunteer and help their church."

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Alfred University's School of Art and Design is hosting its annual Fall exhibition of work by students receiving their BFAs at the conclusion of the fall 2020 semester. Exhibitions are currently in Harder Hall and will be on display through Nov. 24. Visitors to Harder Hall will be asked to follow COVID-19 safety protocols. Five Alfred University SOAD seniors are showing their work in Harder Hall's third-floor lobby: Gillian D'Ambrosia; Brigitte Denome; Ryan Isabelle; Annie Ita; and Mikela Ryan. In addition, senior student Paige Citrella is exhibiting via remote/distance. In addition, an online link to the show will be available at a later date.

Four University art students exhibiting work in China

Alfred University art students Michael Flora, Autumn Maggi, Rosalie Brennan and Emily Fedorchak were recently selected to exhibit their work in the International Art Education Achievement Exhibition of Teacher and Student at the School of Design at Nanjing University of the Arts in Nanjing, Jiangsu, China. They are studying in the Expanded Media and Electronic Integrated Arts program in the School of Art and Design and their work will be shown along with that of Alfred University Professor Joseph Scheer, co-director of the Institute for Electronic Arts. The International Art Education Achievement Exhibition of Teacher and Student is curated by Wang Zhijun & Xu Li. The exhibition includes 16 other art schools around the globe.

Cultural Arts Calendar



Music

BANDS/DJs/RECITALS
Alfred University Symphony Orchestra featuring Ken Luk performing Vivaldi's Concerto in D for Lute & Strings, Pianist Lucy Mauro performing J.C. Bach's Concerto in G, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 19 in Miller Theater, AU campus. Free admission.

Alfred University Recital featuring Tenor JR Fralick, Soprano Luanne Crosby and pianist Kurt Galvan at 3 pm Sunday, April 5 in Susan Howell Hall.

Alfred University Concert Band Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 1 in Miller Theater, AU campus. Free admission.

Alfred University Jazz Band Concert, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 24, Miller Theater. Free admission.

Alfred University Choral Concert. AU Choirs joined by Rochester Oratorio Society in presenting Ernest Bloch's "Sacred Service," 7 p.m. Sunday, April 26, Miller Theater.

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

MostArts Festival: Plan to enjoy Summer Music & Art July 12-18, 2020 featuring the 2020 Piano Competition ages 13-18, workshops, pop-up restaurant, music under the stars, Art Walk. visit: www.MostArts.alfred.edu for more information.

Off the Wagon show schedule is as follows: Saturday, March 14

at Hornell AMVETS as part of St. Pat's, 12 noon-4 pm; Saturday, April 18 at Hornell Moose, 9 pm-1 am; Saturday, May 2 at Hornell AMVETS 8-midnight; Saturday, June 6 at Off Duty Club in Belmont, 9 pm-1 am; Friday, June 12 at Palmer Opera House in Cuba, 7 pm. Follow the band at: www.facebook.com/pg/OfftheWagonAcoustic

Wellsville Creative Arts Center offers live music some evenings with performances beginning at 8 p.m., doors opening at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28-Honeysuckle; Friday, March 13-Joe Robinson. For tickets, visit: www.Wellsville-CreativeArtsCenter.com or call 585-593-3000.

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

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

Maple City (Barbershoppers) Chorus Meetings 7:00 p.m. Mondays at United Methodist Church of Hornell, 7528 North Main St Ext., near Webbs Crossing Road, Hornell. New members welcome. Call 607-698-4690 for info.

Sanctuary Choir. Rehearsals 1st & 3rd Sabbath of Month - 12:30pm; Instrumentalists 4th Sabbath of Month- 9:00am. The Seventh Day Baptist Church - Alfred Station. New musicians welcome. Call 607-587-9176.

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

CONCERTS/RECITALS
Davis Memorial Carillon Recitals. AU campus. There is currently no weekly recital.

Wingate Memorial Carillon Recital Series at Davis Memorial Carillon, AU campus. Free concerts on Tuesdays during the month of July. The Wingate Memorial Carillon Recital Series honors Dr. Ray Winthrop Wingate, a professor of music at Alfred University for 56 years.



Theater & Dance

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

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

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

PERFORMANCES
Alfred University Spring Production, "Annie Jump and the Library of Heaven" by Reina Hardy, directed by Eliza Beckwith, CD Smith III Theater, 7:30 p.m. Wed.-Thurs.-Fri.-Sat. April 15-18.

Art/Galleries

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

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

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Angelica Sweet Shop 44 W. Main in Angelica's Park Circle National Historic District. Open daily 8 am-5 pm For more info: 585-466-7070 or www.angelicasweetshop.com.

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

Wellsville Art Association. For informationcall Karen Dickerson, 585-593-3579.

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

Southern Tier Fiberarts Guild, founded in 1983, meets at Trinity Lutheran Church, 470 N. Main St., Wellsville, on the first Saturday of the month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. except months of July and Sept. The group welcomes spinners (and wannabes), quilters, knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, weavers, dyers, basket makers, hookers (rug hookers,

that is) and everyone with a creative mind and an interest in fibers. For more information, call Debbie MacCrea at 607-587-9270, or T.C. Gary at 585-593-4799.

MUSEUMS/EXHIBITS
The Andover House, exhibiting Alfred connected Ceramic Art and 2 dimensional art. Historical and contemporary. Open 11am to 4pm on Saturdays. At 21 North Main Street, Andover. For visits by appointment call 585 593 3947 or 607 478 5014. E-mail: Johnfdolan@yahoo.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Alfred Ceramic Art Museum. Located on Northeast corner of Main and Pine Streets, AU campus, Alfred. Hours: Tues. thru Friday 10-5, Thurs. 10-7, Sat. and Sun. 10-4. \$7 Adults, \$5 Seniors, \$3 Local Residents. Free for Museum members, 17 and under, AU and A State faculty staff and students. For information call 607-871-2421; or visit the museum website: ceramicsmuseum.alfred.edu

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

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

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

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

World War II Museum, 201 Main Street, Eldred, Pennsylvania. For more information, visit: <http://eldredpawwiumuseum.com/>

Alfred State Major Gift Donor Spotlight: Doug Barber

ALFRED-Dean Emeritus Douglas Barber is a firm believer that Alfred State College changes the lives of graduates by providing a solid educational foundation.

As a result, Barber continues to be a strong supporter of the college and has decided to donate to ASC's Major Gifts Campaign. This initiative launched in September to raise \$8 million for

athletics, new programs, scholarships, technology, and the greatest needs of the college.

"My wife and I are investing in Alfred State College scholarships for today's hard-working



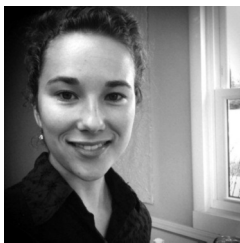
and cultivated relationships with area and regional businesses and various alumni, resulting in donations to the engineering technology programs. Additionally, Barber served as an evaluation team member for the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology and was active in the Rochester Construction Specifications Institute. He retired from Alfred State in 2005 and was awarded the college's President's Medallion in 2019.

Outside of the classroom, Barber established a construction company that helped build the village of Alfred. He also served as a member of the Educational Foundation of Alfred, Inc., the Crandall Hook and Ladder Volunteer Fire Department, and the Alfred 21st Century Group Board of Directors.

Barber has not slowed down since his retirement. He is a member of SCORE (Senior Corps of Retired Executives), a group that works to support and mentor small business owners.

Additionally, he manages five rental properties and is developing building lots in Sittee, Belize. He also continues to enjoy his 26-year hobby of scuba diving and taking underwater pictures.

For more information on Alfred State's Major Gifts Campaign, contact Major Gifts Officer Jay Wilder at 607-587-4010 or wilderjj@alfredstate.edu, or reach out to Director of Development Jason Sciotti at 607-587-3936 or sciottjm@alfredstate.edu.



Nutrition in a Nutshell

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Thankfulness that Transcends

Thanksgiving is the holiday that launches time with family, community activities and the feasts of the holiday season. It births the festivities we love and memories we cherish. However, this year holds SO many changes and interruptions to our tradition. You may be disappointed to not have family with you for the holiday or to have the opportunity to travel to see them. Or perhaps you are walking through the devastation of losing a loved one. How can you continue to celebrate without them? My hope for us all is to still remember the heart of this season: thankfulness that transcends or goes beyond the limits of challenges.

In 1621, the first Thanksgiving was held at harvest time with the English Pilgrims and American Indians. The pilgrims had suffered so many hardships, which included the loss of spouses and children. They did not know the dangers and devastations which lay ahead, yet they gave thanks. More than two hundred years later, in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed, "I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens." [1] This holiday was cemented into our nation's culture during the civil war. In a time of division, conflict, and death, our nation gave thanks.

Thanksgiving transcends challenges. What challenges are you facing today? There are so many stresses bombarding our lives--emotional, relational, moral, financial. Our nation is experiencing division and conflict that seems to build daily. Perhaps we can empathize in some way with the bold individuals in 1621 and 1863 who chose to give thanks despite difficult challenges. [2]

The act of giving thanks encourages us. This encouragement is not simply a spark of joy but emboldens us with courage to press on and overcome: Encourage- to give courage to; to give or in-

crease confidence of success; to inspire with courage, spirit, or strength of mind; to embolden; to animate; to incite; to inspirit. [3]

I believe that the pilgrims and Abraham Lincoln were able to exercise this thanksgiving which produced courage. Their hope was not in what they could see with their natural eye or even control with their own strength. Their hope was in God, the One who is faithful and able to bring breakthrough in all circumstances. David experienced this as well as he faced years of multiple internal and personal difficulties as the King of Israel. His repeated conclusions were:

"Praise the Lord!
Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
For His mercy endures forever.
Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord?
Who can declare all His praise?" [4]

David did not simply give thanks for things in his life, but rather for God Himself whose amazing attributes never fail. David also recognized God as his source of strength. I have personally found that Jesus Christ is the one who is both worthy of our praise and the source of courage and strength in all circumstances. He comes to my rescue and I can agree with David that the acts of the Lord are mighty.

My hope is that you have the courage to give thanks no matter what obstacles you are facing during this season. May this holiday find your heart filled with thanksgiving and praise to Him!

- [1]<http://www.abrahamlincolnonline.org/lincoln/speeches/thanks.htm>
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Lectures/Readings

AU Environmental Studies Speakers Series. Talks are 12:20 to 1:10 Fridays during the fall semester. Oct 30 20 Years of Drought in the Colorado River Basin: Perspectives from Lake Mead, Nevada, Todd Tietjen, Regional Water Quality Manager, Southern Nevada Water Authority; Nov 6-Small Scale and Diversified Seed Production in Nova Scotia: A Tale of Preserving a Rare Heirloom Variety from the Brink of Being Lost, Chris Sanford, Owner, Yonder Hill Farms

Allegany County Bird Club. Meetings held at the Grace United Church, 289 N. Main Street, Wellsville, unless otherwise stated, at 7 p.m. on the first Friday of each month; speakers begin at 7:15 p.m. The club will NOT meet during the months of January and February 2020.

Baker's Bridge Historical Association. Meets 7:30 pm, third Monday of each month, Sept.-April in the Meeting House, 5971 Hamilton Hill Road, Alfred Station. Remaining meetings canceled due to COVID-19. All programs free, open to the public. Website: www.bakersbridge.org. For more information, contact President Jim Ninos, 607-587-9018, jninos@gmail.com. For a tour of the building contact Collections Manager, Alexandra Hoffman, (607-382-9404, ahoffman4@gmail.com).

Bergren Forum. Alfred University's Bergren Forum, now entering its 51st year, is presented via Zoom and will continue on a bi-weekly schedule every Thursday for the remainder of the fall semester. Forums will take place at the usual time on Thursdays, beginning at

12:10 pm and lasting for approximately 50 minutes. The lectures/talks/discussions will also be recorded and made available on the Bergren Forum Youtube channel. A Zoom invitation to each forum may be obtained during the week of that forum by emailing Marilyn Saxton at saxtonmj@alfred.edu. The schedule: Oct. 15- The Future of Engineering Work, Gabby Gastaud, Dean of the Inamori School of Engineering; Oct. 29- Election 2020: A Republic if We Can Keep It, Gary Ostrower, Professor of History at AU; Nov 12- Material Investigations in the Anthropocene, Alexa Horochowski, Professor of Fine Arts at Saint Cloud State University.

Nunda Historical Society. Questions: see www.nundahistory.org or call 585-476-2354 or 585-465-0971.



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

Fun-n-Games

STAR GAZING

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

BEEKEEPING

Belvidere Beekeeping Club A group is forming a group that will share information about beekeeping in our area. We will provide guest speakers and information about getting started beekeeping. We will share information, tips and frustrations, have suggested readings and hand outs along with yard walks. Our mission is to attract and encourage beekeepers to pass on their knowledge to others. The club will meet at Angelica Ink Letterpress, 20 Allegany Avenue, Angelica, during cold months and at Belvidere Cornerstone, 5781 County Road 20, Belmont, summer months on the following 2020 Saturdays from 1-3 pm: July 18, August 29, September 26, October 24, November 21. Contact The-BelvidereCornerstone@gmail.com with questions. Meetings are subject to cancellation due to the coronavirus pandemic. Watch for further information.

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

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

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



8th day of each month at the Terra Cotta Coffeehouse starting at 8 p.m. (unless otherwise noted). You get the idea. To learn more about the card game invented in Alfred, NY, visit: www.str8-eight.com

Special Events

Alfred-Almond Central School Alumni Association Annual Reunion Weekend July 24, 2021. "Double the Fun" Celebration honoring alumni graduating in the years ending in 0, 1, 5 and 6. For updates, check out the AAAA website at: www.aacsalumni.org

Allegany Artisans OPEN STUDIO TOUR October 16-17-18, 2020. Visit artists' studios where their creative ideas come to life. For a map, check out our Web site. www.alleganyartisans.com

Bareknuckle Boxing Hall of Fame Induction Weekend July 2021. For tickets info, visit: <https://www.bareknuckleboxinghalloffame.com/induction>

Allegany County Fair July 20-25 at the County Fairgrounds, Angelica, has been cancelled for 2020. Watch for details for the bigger and better County Fair in July 2021.

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

Support Groups

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

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

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

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

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

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

Celebrate Recovery/Celebrate Victory Christian 12-Steps support for all types of hurts, hangups, habits and struggles of life, including common addictions. 7PM Saturdays at Knights Creek Evangelical Methodist Church, 2987 Knights Creek Road (Co. Road 9), Scio. www.facebook.com/KnightsCreekChurch, or Casey Jones at bps461@msn.com or (484) 435-0503 for information.

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

LaLeche League. Mother-to-Mother Breastfeeding Support. Hornell group meets third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, corner of Main

and Center Streets, Hornell. For more info, call 324-6266.

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

Etcetera

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

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

Deadline

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

Op Shop closed through Feb. 2

ALFRED-The Op Shop consignment store, located in the Alfred S.D.B. Church Parish House on West University Street, will be closed until Feb. 2, 2021. The thrift store is NOT accepting donations until further notice.

WHAT'S COOKIN'?

Meals on Wheels Menu

Monday, Nov. 30

Peaches
Stuffed Shells
Italian Green Beans
Whole Grain Garlic Bread
Blueberry Crisp

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

ALFRED SUN DEADLINE for NEXT ISSUE:

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Locally Made

The DIY Farmer's Wife Approach

By KRISTINA SNYDER
Alfred Sun Columnist

DIY Stuffed Winter Squash

We love winter squash on the farm and our store is full of so many different organic and heirloom varieties! I have a new favorite every week...this week it's our Carnival Squash.

Similar to an acorn with more color and more flavor!! What's my favorite way to eat it? STUFFED!

STUFFED CARNIVAL SQUASH

- *4 squash (cut in half and seeds scooped)
- *1 large onion
- *2 Organic Apples
- *1 head garlic
- *2 eggs
- *1 lb. mild Italian sausage
- *your favorite cheese

Preheat Oven to 375. Chop apples, onions, garlic. Sauté the Italian sausage until crumbly and set aside in mixing bowl. Sauté chopped apples, onions and garlic in sausage drippings. Incorporate into sausage along with eggs and a handful of cheese. Stuff squash with mixture and place them on a baking sheet with a small amount of water on it. Bake 30 minutes, sprinkle cheese on top and bake 5 more minutes. Enjoy!

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



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For those that have not heard, The State has mandated closure of movie theaters (as well as gyms, restaurants, bars, etc) effective Monday, March 16. Thus, we will be closed until further notice.

We will provide updates as we know them as to when we will be allowed to reopen, as well as what we will be showing at that time.

ALLEGANY COUNTY NEWS

Official Presidential Election Results for all Allegany County Districts

Allegany County General Election November 3, 2020 OFFICIAL Results										
	Presidential Electors for President and vice President (Vote ONCE)									
	DEM	REP	CON	WOR	GRE	LBT	IND		Biden/Harris	6048
	Biden	Trump	Trump	Biden	Hawkins	Jorgensen	Pierce	Write	Trump/Pence	14135
	Harris	Pence	Pence	Harris	Walker	Cohel	Ballard	In	Write-Ins	
Alfred 1	413	80	4	32	8	14	1	6	Valid presidential write-ins - 15	
Alfred 2	291	258	36	16	7	17	4	1	Brian Carroll -10; Jade Simmons -1;	
Allen	38	150	10	3	1	4	0	0	Kayne West - 1; Don Blankenship -1;	
Alma	65	295	15	1	0	9	4	1	Mark Charles - 2	
Almond	232	487	64	16	5	14	0	2	Scatters - 66	
Amity 1	174	427	28	3	0	8	0	1	Owen Warren Broughton -1; {-1;	
Amity 2	122	275	25	5	3	6	0	3	Katherine A Patterson -1; Jesus -1;	
Andover 1	122	339	26	2	2	17	2	0	Amar Patel -1; Ben Carson -4;	
Andover 2	73	287	17	7	2	2	2	1	Andrew Cuomo/Kamala Harris -1;	
Angelica 1	109	252	16	5	1	5	2	4	Andrew Makasziw-1; Andrew Yang-2;	
Angelica 2	75	217	15	5	1	4	1	0	Bernie Sanders -8;Colin Powell -2;	
Belfast	189	495	44	10	2	8	5	1	Condolezza Rice -1; Dan Crenshaw -1;	
Birdsall	25	81	10	2	0	1	0	0	David A Drury -1; Derrick Kenyon -1	
Bolivar	253	614	50	7	3	6	6	1	Ellen DeGeneres -1; Gary Johnson -1;	
Burns	93	385	32	5	1	8	2	0	Gen Norman Mattis -1; Jason James -1;	
Caneadea 1	95	260	26	4	1	7	1	0	James N Mattis -1; Jeb Bush -1;	
Caneadea 2	163	187	32	14	2	18	1	19	Jermaine Cole -1; Joe Liberto -1;	
Centerville	57	228	16	3	1	2	0	2	John Blankenship -1; John Doe -1;	
Clarksville	132	307	27	6	4	2	1	0	John Kasich -5; John Strumbo -1;	
Cuba 1	286	347	26	19	3	9	6	3	Kay Coles James -2; Mac J Toure -1;	
Cuba 2	259	512	33	21	2	12	5	2	Mickey Mouse -1; Mike Hucabee -1;	
Friendship	146	551	46	5	2	9	1	2	Mitt Romney -2; Nikki Haley -3;	
Genesee	144	580	40	8	2	18	2	3	None -1; None of the above -1;	
Granger	35	208	18	2	1	4	1	1	Pete Buttigieg -3; Raegan Ryan -1;	
Grove	82	179	27	2	1	3	1	1	Ron Paul-1; Sen Elizabeth Warren-1;	
Hume	214	559	41	15	4	15	6	2	Steve Rinella/Janus Putelas -1;	
Independence	89	374	16	2	0	4	3	1	Tammy Fanton -1; Tim Scott -1;	
New Hudson	70	221	16	4	0	4	2	1	Willie Nelson -2	
Rushford	130	412	42	7	3	24	5	1		
Scio	196	555	41	9	3	8	1	1		
Ward	58	127	13	5	3	4	2	2		
Wellsville1	214	383	19	10	1	11	4	1		
Wellsville 2	258	368	16	10	3	15	3	2		
Wellsville 3	265	404	31	12	5	23	5	6		
Wellsville 4	154	363	19	6	3	2	2	4		
Wellsville 5	167	435	24	3	4	3	4	1		
West Almond	35	106	7	0	0	2	0	0		
Willing	167	420	15	6	3	8	3	3		
Wirt	64	395	29	2	1	8	4	2		
Total	5754	13123	1012	294	88	338	92	81		

COVID-19 case count at 909, county death toll rises to 32

BELMONT–In the United States, the COVID-19 virus has infected approximately 12.2 million people, and there have been over 254,000 deaths. According to the New York State Department of Health COVID-19 tracker, there have been 596,214 confirmed COVID-19 cases, and there have been 26,357 deaths statewide. As of 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 22, Allegany County’s statistics are as follows:

Confirmed Cases: 909 (15 new)
Recovered Cases: 684
COVID-19 Related Deaths: 32 (Depending on reporting times and agencies, this figure may vary between different reports.)
Total Quarantined/Isolated to Date: 4,480
Released from Quarantine/Isolation: 3,504
Currently Quarantined/Isolated: 976
Precautionary Travel Quarantines to Date: 1,289
Total COVID-19 Antibody Tests Given: 858
Total COVID-19 Antibody Positives: 48

If your life or someone else is in imminent danger, call 911. If you are in crisis and need immediate help, please contact the following resources:
COVID-19 Emotional Support Hotline: 844-863-9314
Allegany County Crisis Hotline: 888-448-3367
Allegany County Community Services: 585-593-1991 (Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 800-273-TALK (8255)
NYS Text Line: Text “GOT5” to 741741
Veterans’ Crisis Lifeline: 822-273-8255 (Press 1)
For additional COVID-19 questions and information:
Call: 585-268-9250 (Health Department)
Email: healthinfo@alleganyco.com; Website: www.alleganyco.com
Facebook: Allegany County, NY, Government & Allegany County Department of Health
For re-opening questions and information:
New York Forward Website: https://forward.ny.gov/
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Pandemic Escapes

A MOOD OF GRATITUDE

A Visit to an Irish Poet's Village

By BEN HOWARD

Alfred Sun Contributing Writer

In the spring of 1985 I visited the Republic of Ireland for the first time. My mother had died the previous year at the age of 82. Having lost my second parent, I was feeling vulnerable, perhaps more so than I realized. And Ireland itself was none too stable, being in the midst of a fierce sectarian conflict. Known to the Irish as the Troubles, that conflict was centered mostly in the North, in the cities of Belfast and Derry, but its presence could be felt in Monaghan, the rural border county where I had come to live and write.

I had applied and been accepted for a residency at the Tyrone Guthrie Center (aka Annaghmakerrig), a workplace for artists and writers near the village of Newbliss. By way of preparation, I had read multiple histories of Ireland and immersed myself in Irish literature, particularly modern Irish poetry. Among the poets I became familiar with, none engaged my sympathies more than the “ploughman poet” Patrick Kavanagh (1904-1967), who grew up on a farm near the village of Inniskeen (pronounced IN-NISH-keen), which is also in Co. Monaghan. Even before I had laid eyes on the low green drumlins and the furze-bordered tillage fields of the Monaghan landscape, I had experienced those features through Kavanagh’s prose and verse. As the bus from Dublin rolled through the countryside on its way into Monaghan town, what I saw through the window largely confirmed what I’d already imagined.

“My black hills have never seen the sun rising,” wrote Kavanagh, whose vision of his native ground is unfailingly vivid but deeply ambivalent. His early poems project a countryman’s intimacy with the “flocks of green potato stalks,” the “lime and copper smell / Of the spraying barrels,” and other physical objects in a subsistence farmer’s world. But they also project a loathing of the “stony grey soil of Monaghan,” which, he came to believe, had “clogged the feet of [his] boyhood” and “burgled the bank of [his] youth.”

That enduring inner conflict, which permeates his poems from first to last, undergirds his early sonnet “Inniskeen Road: July Evening,” where he observes the bicycles going by “in twos and threes,” their riders headed for a dance in “Billy Brennan’s barn.” He notes the “half-talk code of mysteries” and the “wink-and-elbow language of delight,” but he also notes the unsettling quietude of Inniskeen Road and the absence of even “a footfall tapping secrecies of stone.”

The mood of loneliness conjured by



County Monaghan, Ireland

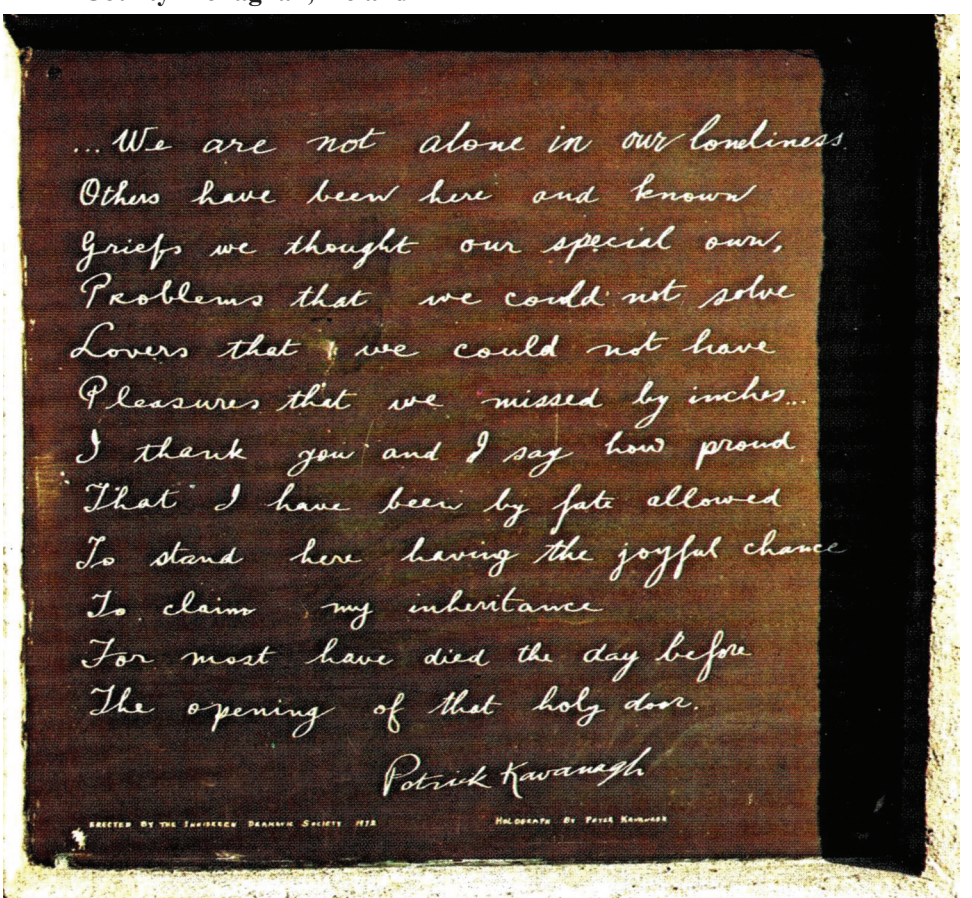
those observations reaches its peak in the sonnet’s closing stanza:

*I have what every poet hates in spite
Of all the solemn talk of contemplation.
Oh, Alexander Selkirk knew the plight
Of being king and government and nation.*

*A road, a mile of kingdom. I am king
Of banks and stones and every blooming thing.*

Likening himself to the marooned Scottish sailor whose plight inspired *Robinson Crusoe*, Kavanagh expresses both his sense of mastery over his surroundings and his acute sense of alienation. Both are suggested by the phrase “every blooming thing,” which conveys both its literal meaning and overtones of dismissal and disdain.

The place name Inniskeen means “peaceful island.” Having felt the power of Kavanagh’s sonnet, I was eager to visit that tiny village (population 370), where the poet and his wife are buried. So one afternoon, an artist friend and I drove over to the village and found our way to the local cemetery. There we came upon Patrick Kavanagh’s final resting place: a gravesite covered with rough slate stepping stones, at the head of which stood a plain wooden cross. A plaque bearing



four of Kavanagh’s lines was fastened to the cross:

*And pray for him
Who walked apart
On the hills
Loving life’s miracles.*

Affecting as this memorial was, its impact was superseded by what we discovered, moments later, on a nearby wall. Twelve lines from one of Kavanagh’s poems, in the poet’s own handwriting, had been reproduced in a holograph and mounted on the wall:

*We are not alone in our loneliness,
Others have been here and known
Griefs we thought our special own,
Problems that we could not solve
Lovers that we could not have
Pleasures that we missed by inches . . .
I thank you and I say how proud
That I have been by fate allowed
To stand here having the joyful chance
To claim my inheritance
For most have died before
The opening of that holy door.*

These lines are excerpted from Kavanagh’s poem “Thank You, Thank You,” which was published in the spring of 1963, four years before the poet’s death.

By all accounts, Patrick Kavanagh was

not a good farmer. As one of his neighbors told me, he “paid no heed to his fields,” being too busy reading books. At the age of thirty-five Kavanagh left Monaghan for the literary lights of Dublin, where he became both a famous, influential poet and a notorious controversialist. In his last decade, however, having barely survived a life-threatening bout with lung cancer, he experienced a spiritual rebirth, adopting an attitude he called “not-caring.” That profound change of heart infuses his late poems with a tone of humility and, as the Kavanagh scholar Sr. Una Agnew has pointed out, with a pervasive mood of gratitude.

“Curious this,” wrote the poet in his *Self-Portrait*, “how I started off with the right simplicity . . . and then ploughed my way through complexities and anger, hatred and ill-will towards the faults of man and came back to where I started.” Coming back to that “right simplicity,” he also found his way back to one of the simplest but most powerful phrases in the English language. Little wonder that his lines, encountered on a sunny afternoon some thirty-five years ago, have found a home in my memory and indeed in my daily awareness.



Patrick Kavanagh

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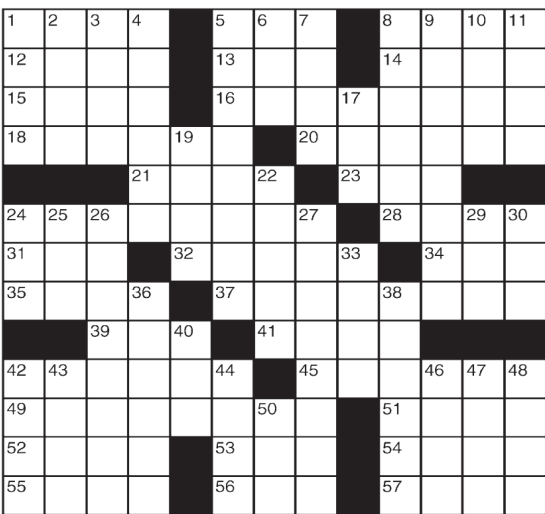
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ALMOND PLAYGROUND REMINISCENCE

Mr. Robert Torrey was Almond Playground Director

We continue Almond native Steve Metzger's reminiscences of the role that the Almond Playground, now Greg Norton Memorial Park, played in his personal development. The author, now residing in Bellingham, Washington, wrote the recollections back in February 2018 when he learned of the plans to renovate the park and playground. The Alfred Sun will continue to publish his treatise as a series of articles as space permits.

By STEVE METZGER

Consequently, during the mid-to-late 1950's, Almond village officials decided to make the playground more of a structured play experience while fostering a greater degree of diversity and inclusivity. Playground improvements and upgrades were undertaken to broaden its appeal.

With cooperation from the Grange organization, interior Grange Hall access was made available for storing board games, handicraft supplies, group sports supplies and equipment. Other enhancements involved upgrading existing swings and teeter totters, while installing a small slide, a small sandbox, and a kid-powered merry go round. Crude badminton and tennis courts were squeezed onto the ball diamond. Horseshoe pitching pits were also installed.

These attractions were intended to attract a younger demographic, especially one appealing to young girls. Sadly, it was generally a time when girls' organized sports were disappointingly limited within public school systems. Up to the time of this first major Almond Playground transformation, playground usage was mainly aligned with Almond's teenage boy population. While my time at the Almond Playground was now growing short, as my life goals were about to take me in other directions, I was able to observe a couple years of how this new dynamic improved opportunities for a wider spectrum of Almond youth.

This makeover proved to be very successful in drawing the user-base playground planners were targeting. One of the precepts of a successful playground



Lowe's donated the pavilion, apt home to picnic tables constructed and donated by Todd Goho. The Almond Town Highway Department has prepared the site for spring paving of sports courts.

terizing school teachers as esteemed figures of authority commanding the utmost respect from their charges and from fellow community members. Their students, who lived among them in the community viewed these purveyors of knowledge and rule-making with a sense of fear and awe.

Along with the investment in additional Almond Playground resources and programming came the need for a community adult to manage and lead Almond youth in this new direction. Subsequently, Mr. Robert Torrey, an AACCS history teacher, was hired as the first Almond Playground Director. Upon his arrival, still further improvements were made during its evolution into an adult-supervised, summertime play experience.

Soon, a school bus was appropriated to transport Almond kids to the Hornell public swimming pool during its own summer recreational program session. More specifically, the revamped playground program was dedicated to the summer vacation period between school years. For the balance of the year, the playground facility continued as it had prior to establishing this directorship, only with additional and improved equipment now available. Unsupervised, informal play returned as before, but with no inside access to the Grange Hall and all the playground goodies stored inside.

An interesting coming-of-age dynamic rattled playground users at the beginning of Mr. Torrey's tenure at the playground. During the 1950's, there was a cultural sentiment charac-

terizing school teachers as esteemed figures of authority commanding the utmost respect from their charges and from fellow community members. Their students, who lived among them in the community viewed these purveyors of knowledge and rule-making with a sense of fear and awe.

For most of us kids who had no familial tie to a teacher, they were not to be informally befriended. A polite social distance was to be maintained. Among

school kids, it was customary to avoid contact with them outside the public school setting. Consequently, it was quite unsettling when Mr. Robert Torrey laid down the rules for the Almond Playground. First and foremost, he directed us to refer to him as, "Bob." He explained a playground setting outside official school grounds should reflect a casual, less formal mood, so as not to intimidate kids from attending. It was to be a friendly atmosphere without stuffiness

where kids would happily spend their leisure time.

Shockingly, his preference for the "Bob" reference was as if the sternest of one's parents announced to their children they wished to be referred to by their familiar first name, and no longer by their parental title! This was especially a game changer for those of us who were well acquainted with Mr. Torrey's reputation for no nonsense in his classroom!

If a kid were to "get into trouble" at school, prudence would dictate that Mr. Torrey was probably the last teacher one would be foolish enough to "test." As a great compliment, never in my school years have I encountered a stricter, yet more effective disciplinarian in a school setting than Bob Torrey.

However, he was also extremely smart, charming, personable and fair. He didn't need to rant. Just his piercingly, stern look of disapproval instantaneously found its way to any misbehaving kid's central nervous system. So, with that as background, there's more to tell regarding his "first name rule." He continued. And we will continue with Mr. Torrey next week!

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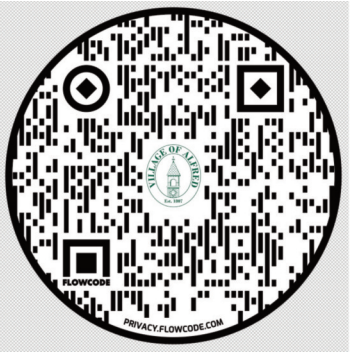
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We invite every member of the Alfred Community to share their perspectives of life in Alfred. We encourage students, residents, employees, business owners, landlords, tenants and regular visitors to Alfred to join the conversation.

Responses will be used in conjunction with the Village's completion of the New York State Police Reform and Re-invention Collaborative Executive Order and to improve safety and policing practices, and quality of life in Alfred. Responses can be made anonymously. Thank you for sharing your experience with us.

Please complete the survey by December 20, 2020 via QR code, link on the Village website, or if you prefer to submit a paper copy, contact info@alfredny.org to pick up and submit at the Village Hall.

ACES is a collection of individuals comprised from the various constituencies that make up the Town and Village of Alfred including representatives from: the faculty, staff and student bodies at Alfred State College and Alfred University; Alfred Police Department, Alfred State College University Police, Alfred University Public Safety, Alfred Village Board, Town of Alfred, A.E. Crandall Hook and Ladder Company, business owners and community members. The purpose of this group is to serve the entire community.

We work together to review policy, make recommendations to propose new or enhanced policy based upon available information, facilitate and develop meaningful collaborations and dialogues within the community, and present actionable opportunities to our community. We have and will continue to work within our shared and unique spheres of influence to gather relevant information to inform our work. Our goal is collaborative in scope and is focused on the development of transformative opportunities and actionable change with social justice, equity, accountability, and community development and improvement at its core for the benefit of our entire community. We feel it is important to work as one body to address the concerns of students and community members alike.



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75 Years Ago, December 13, 1945

Leland Howard Jacox, JM/3/C U.S.N.R., husband of Mrs. Iva Norwood Jacox of Alfred is on his way home...Jacox is one of the 484 high point Navy veterans that the "Magic Carpet" is bringing back to the states aboard the U.S.S. Block Island...

The Alfred Grange No. 1097 has a class of 15 members ready for the county-wide initiation of the 3rd and 4th degrees to take place in early January.

With approximately fifty inquiries a day for enrollment, at the present time Alfred's serious housing shortage is becoming acute...

Mrs. Nettie Brague, Mrs. Nellie Spencer and Mrs. Mae Whitford called on friends in the Bethesda Hospital Saturday afternoon.

Lyle Sutton, son of Rev. and Mrs. Harley Sutton, underwent an operation for appendicitis Monday evening at Bethesda Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Austin of Whitesville were Saturday guests of Mr. Austin's brother, W.A. Austin and family.

Miss Susan Langworthy left Tuesday for New York City where she will spend some time as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Hines at Madison Square Boys' Club.

Mrs. Irving M. Jones left today for her home in Glen Mills, PA after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Place.

Announcement has been received of the birth of a daughter, Marcia Diane, to Mr. and Mrs. Rex Zwiebel of Coudersport.

55 Years Ago, December 2, 1965

An Alfred-Almond Central School senior boy has been selected to play trombone in the N.Y.S. School Music Association All State Conference Orchestra at Kiamasha Lake Dec. 5-8. He is Charles Hardy, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Hardy of Almond...He has been studying for the past three years with George Osborne at Eastman School of Music...

The Red Cross in Allegany County is sponsoring a "Voice from Home" program which enables families to send a recorded message to their military personnel...

Mr. and Mrs. Maxon Davis of Youngstown and Miss Jerry Davis of Rochester were weekend guests of their mother, Mrs. Everett Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Pierce of Rochester were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ogden for Thanksgiving weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dudley, Martin and Linda of Ontario, spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Place and sons.

Miss Catherine Clarke visited Miss Cynthia Sanford at her home in Little Genesee over the weekend. Stephen Sanford visited Douglas Clarke of Alfred at the same time. The Clarke family were Sabbath dinner guests of the Gordon Sanford family following the church service at which Mr. Clarke preached.

Mrs. Arvilla Stuke Olson of Wellsville Nursing Home, formerly of Alfred, died Saturday, Nov. 27, 1965 in Railroad Valley during a week's visit with her daughter Mrs. Carroll Burdick. She was 75 years old. A native of Watson, in early years she moved with her family to Alfred. She was baptized in the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1902. Recently she became an associate member of the Independence Seventh Day Baptist Church... She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Carroll Burdick; two sons, Kenneth and Norman Olson of Panama City, Florida.

25 Years Ago, November 30, 1995

(Photo) Area high school students who placed in the scholarship competition conducted as part of Alfred University's 22nd annual Engineering and Materials Science Day include Adam Weeks of Alfred-Almond Central School, first place for the College of Engineering and Professional Studies, with science teacher Scott Bluet

"Christmas Music" will be the theme of the decorations by Mar Ellen Westlake in the Hagadorn House Museum in Almond on Sunday, Dec. 3. This Annual Christmas Open House is the highlight of the Almond Historical Society's year and will be co-hosted by the Twentieth Century Club Library of Almond. Due to the increasing popularity and attendance at this event, the special music of the season will be performed at the Al-

mond Union Church at 2 p.m. by the Kanakadea Choeur in period costume. Guests may come next door to the Hagadorn House to enjoy the unique decorations throughout the house and the wassail bowl and cookies being served before the performance...

Notes from Palmiter Hill (By Rev. Albert N. Rogers) It's time to send out the Christmas cards to our friends and relatives. The list of my friends to be remembered had grown so long that it seemed best to cut back the number sent. But each name in our address book brought back pleasant memories of years gone by...One of our friends in Colorado is having a time in the hospital and we've sent special greetings to them including the one who has to stay home and look for daily reports while the other is recovering from surgery... Our bird feeders have been monopolized by a family of squirrels who drive the birds away. I devised another feeder and hung it some distance from the one the squirrels like; so we'll see if the birds can learn a new place to fill up where the squirrels can't reach them because of the snow...Ralph Vaughn Williams, the eminent musician, was asked what he would like to be in the next world. "Music," he said, but in the next world I shan't be doing music with all the stiring and disappointments; I shall be being it"...Lights across the hills shine out brightly on the dark nights we are having. Holiday season is a good time to get to know one's neighbors better, both those next door and those miles away.

Michael R. Lewis of Alfred Station, is one of more than 350 freshmen studying at Boston University's College of Engineering. Members of the class of 1999 come from 49 states and 69 foreign countries. Lewis, a graduate of Alfred-Almond Central School, plans to major in genetic engineering. He is the son of Robert and Deborah Lewis of Route 21...

(Photo) Dollars for Piano: Barb Timbrook of the A-A Elementary Community School Organization, gives a check for \$300 to A-A Fine Arts Booster President Norman Titus as choral instructor Linda Staiger looks on...The Fine Arts Boosters organization at Alfred-Almond Central School has been working with the vocal music department for one year to raise funds for a piano needed by the Elementary Chorus and Music Theory Classes. After the request was made by Mrs. Mason, Mr. Bialecki's and Mrs. Staiger's students began collecting "Pennies for the Piano."

Sunbeams: Recent visitors at the Oneida Lake cottage of Tony and Ginny Schon include Lynn Elston of Marblehead, MA, Laurie, Vince and Miranda Leo, and Lisa Becker of Fairport and Leigh Ann Schon of Alfred... Jeanette and Douglas Clarke traveled with his parents, Frances and David to Florence, SC for the long Thanksgiving holiday with Jeanette's parents and two sisters and their families. In southern Pennsylvania, they spoke briefly with Sam Scholes of Alfred while refueling at a gas station...John Joyce this fall retired after 31 years of teaching at Alfred State College...Craig and Diane Mix and children have taken up residence in their new home in Almond, the former Milton and Eloise Baker home. They moved in Nov. 18...Don and Lydia Mix and children of Harrisonburg, VA and Mark and Diana Mix and girls of Anandale, VA were Thanksgiving guests of Kay Chapman in Alfred Station.

Sports Adrift (By Doug Lorow) While many of you were relaxing over the long Thanksgiving weekend past, I was still "on the job" securing an exclusive interview with Alfred State head football coach Mark Shardlow. SA: You were offered the position of head football coach at ASC after the abrupt departure of Lou Saban. What was your very first thought? MS: I looked at it as an opportunity for me to take over a program from scratch,, to develop it, to build upon it and to have a place to "hang my hat" if you will. We negotiated for five days and although I wasn't hesitant to take the position, there were, of course, many questions...SA: Having just completed an initial 2-7 campaign, was it "worse" than what you expected or basically what you thought it would be? MS: It was about what I expected as far as the games themselves but I did not anticipate the disciplinary problems that we had. We started the year with 75 players on the roster and heading into the final game we had 45 left, 39 of which were healthy enough to play. The rest were asked to leave during the season. I laid out the ground rules to all the players at

the beginning of the season stating that academics will be the #1 priority with football at #2. We expected them to be on the straight and narrow when it came to attending classes and practice. We are setting out to do something here, to do it right, and you just can't vary from it. The kids tested me during the year...

10 Years Ago, November 25, 2010

A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17 at the ServU Credit Union building at 180 N. Main Street, Alfred. The 3,600 square foot building features a drive thru teller lane, a night depository and 24-hour ATM. The office, located at 180 N. Main Street, is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday. The local office currently has four employees with room for future expansion. A credit union differs from a bank in that a credit union is a member owned, not-for-profit financial institution, overseen by an elected volunteer board of directors.

Alfred-Almond Central School Student Government Reps and several 7th graders worked hard gathering canned goods and non-perishable items from the 2010 Student Government Food Drive. Students in grades PK-6 and 7-12 participated...Pictured are Cameron Perry, Gary Clark, Levi Bayus, Jarid Barron, Mathew Mayes, Elizabeth Allen and Brayanna Ormsby.

A daughter, Fiona Dorothy was born to Fergus and Jenny (Goodridge) Cullen on Friday, Nov. 19, 2010. The infant weighed 8 lb. 3 oz. at birth. She will join two brothers, Jake and Myles, at their home in Dover, NH. Maternal grandparents are former Alfredians Lyn and Dorothy Goodridge of Dover, NH.

"Ch r i s t m a s Songs and Carols" is the theme for the Almond Historical Society annual Christmas Open House set for Sunday, Dec. 5. The 1830s Hagadorn House, located at 7 Main Street, Almond, will be open to the public....with the children's choir musical program set for 2 p.m. next door at the Almond Union Church. Extensive decorations will be placed throughout Hagadorn House, created by Mary Ellen Westlake, who has been decorating the house for Christmas formore than twenty years...

Rebecca H. Weaver and Zachary D. Hamm were married Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010, in a garden ceremony at the Big Tree Inn in Geneseo. The Rev. Robert Hamm, father of the groom, officiated. A reception followed at the Big Tree Inn. The bride is the daughter of Marion O. Weaver and the late Dr. J. Scott Weaver of Alfred. The groom is the son of Sandra and Rev. Robert Hamm of Keene, NH...

The Alfred University football team shut out visiting Maritime College, 60-0, Saturday afternoon at Merrill Field in a first-round NCAA Division III championship playoff game. With the win, Alfred's first in three NCAA appearances, the Saxons (9-2) advance to the East Region semifinals, Saturday, Nov. 27, at second-seeded Cortland, a 49-35 winner over Endicott...



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CHURCH NEWS

'Call of the Wild' 1st Advent Sabbath sermon

ALFRED STATION-- This Sabbath (Saturday) Nov. 28 is the 1st Sabbath in Advent. Advent is the Season in the Church Year which is meant to prepare the hearts of God's People for the Celebration of Christmas with the understanding that "God was in Christ reconciling

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Join these friends who hope you will come be a part of the 11 a.m. Worship Hour. Pastor Ken's Sermon, "The Call of the Wild" introduces John the Baptizing one as a fulfillment of the words of the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 40: 3).

Your friends and neighbors at the Alfred Station Seventh-day Baptist Church, "Baptist with a Difference" invite you to be a part of the 11 a.m. Worship Experience this Sabbath (Saturday), Nov. 21 to consider this portrait of grace.

The doors of the church-meetinghouse open at 10:30 am. While sitting in the Sanctuary Worship through Contemporary Hymns of Praise, Classical Hymns, and at 10:55 a.m. Modern Choruses. At 11 a.m. the Sabbath Worship Experience begins with the ringing of the Church meetinghouse Bell.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

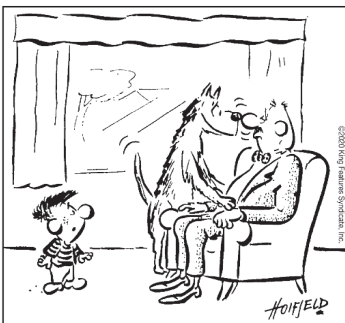
1. Is the book of Obadiah in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Matthew 9, after Jesus healed a paralyzed man, what did the man pick up and carry home? *Brother, Bed, Mother, Cart*
3. What is the largest number phrase specifically mentioned (described) in the Bible? *Scores upon scores, One hundred thousand, Thousand thousand, Thousands of millions*
4. Which book begins, "And the Lord spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai"? *Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy*
5. From Psalms 5:9, on referring to enemies, their throat is an open ...? *Wound, Door, Sepulchre, Cave*
6. In Exodus 7 what river was turned into blood? *Red, Galilee, Marah, Nile*

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Bed; 3) Thousands of millions (Genesis 24:60); 4) Numbers; 5) Sepulchre; 6) Nile

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With thanks to Wes, campaign kicks off with \$30,000 goal

Thanksgiving in the USA is a time set aside to thank God for His many blessings. The Alfred-Alfred Station Community Chest Board opened its 2021 campaign this month with profound gratitude for Wes Bentz who recently retired from the board after almost four decades of service.

Wes was Mr. Community Chest here in the Alfred-Alfred Station area, doing any task that needed to be done, from contacting organizations, to stuffing envelopes, to hand delivering receipts to donors, to mailing out checks (he served as treasurer for many years).

Each August he gave an appeal at the Alfred University opening breakfast as a member of the AU Charities Board that raised money for the Alfred-Alfred Station Community Chest as well as the Allegany County United Way and the United Way of the Southern Tier.

His kind and generous manner showed itself in deliberations concerning organizations that forgot to mail in their request forms on time, but still needed and wanted funding. His expertise with the running of the organization will be sorely missed, but his retirement is well deserved. Thank you, Wes, for all you did for the community through your commitment to the Community Chest.

The Board has set a goal of \$30,000 for the 2021 campaign. Fund raising will commence immediately and continue into the New Year. Members of the community will receive a mailing by US Post this week and are encouraged to mail in donations to AAS Community Chest, Post Office Box 603, Alfred, NY 14802.

The Board is made up of the following volunteers: Andy Eklund, Cam Duke, Catherine Chambers, Kert Decker, Trish Debertolis (treasurer), Linell Soule (secretary), Peter McClain (vice-president), and Laurel Buckwalter (president). Feel free to contact one of them if you have questions.

All charities funded give services in Alfred and Alfred Station. The top three charities funded are: A. E. Crandall Hook and Ladder Company's ambulance service at \$10,000, the Office for the Aging's Personal Emergency Response System at \$4,500 and the Alfred Station Fire Company at \$4,000. The other 12 charities are the Allegany County Mental Health Association (\$2,000), Allegany County SPCA (\$2,000), Hart Comfort House (\$1,200), Association for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (\$1,000), Literacy West (\$1,000), Cub Scout Pack 1026 (\$750), Boy Scout Troop 19 (\$750), Alfred Area Food Pantry (\$750), ARC Special Olympics

(\$500), Baker's Bridge Historical Society (\$400), Allegany-Cattaraugus-Chautauqua Fund for Women (\$300), and Alfred Senior Nutrition Site (\$200).

The Board thanks the community for its past support and for the support that will be given in the coming months!



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MATTERS of Finance

By MATHEW S. HILL, CFP®
Financial Advisor

Righting the Ship After a Financial Setback

2020 has proven to be a challenging year in many ways, not the least of which has been the challenging financial environment. Events ranging from the significant bear market in stocks earlier in the year to dramatic increases in job layoffs have put many Americans in a difficult financial position. If you find yourself in these circumstances, you may be wondering what it will take to get back on track.

A recent study by Ameriprise Financial shows that with or without a pandemic, financial setbacks are more common than you might think. More than three-quarters of those surveyed experienced at least one major financial setback in their lives and this does not include events since COVID-19 emerged.¹

According to the study, more than half of respondents faced setbacks costing them at least \$50,000, and for one-third of respondents the losses exceeded \$100,000. The impact was experienced across a wide range of households regardless of age or income level. But persistence paid off – a full 90 percent of respondents who experienced a serious setback say they have recovered from it.

What can we learn from their experiences? Here are three key takeaways:

#1 – Be ready for anything

Financial setbacks can occur for a variety of reasons. Based on survey results, those range from investment market declines to earnings that did not meet expectations, to a job loss. Other events that created negative financial consequences include making a bad financial decision, having to provide support to family members, and divorce or illness. In short, there are any number of obstacles that could put a wrench in your financial plans. Having a contingency plan in place to respond to these types of emergencies can help you weather the immediate financial stress.

#2 – Patience and persistence are required

While most people who suffered a significant loss managed to overcome it, don't expect your comeback to happen overnight. A consistent finding among those who participated in the survey is that it takes time to rebound. For about two-thirds of the group, the recovery period lasted from one-to-five years. For others, it took longer, even more

than 10 years in some cases.

Their experiences show that overcoming a financial setback typically requires a deliberate approach. For half of survey respondents, that included finding ways to cut back on spending. Tied to that, some (37%) say they changed their practices around saving money. A quarter of respondents decided that adding work hours or delaying retirement was a necessary step. Others found that having emergency reserve funds in place helped deal with their sudden financial shortfall.

#3 – You may be better prepared as a result

Despite the stress of suddenly facing a financial struggle, there may be a bright side. More than half of survey respondents said they ultimately felt stronger as a result of the experience. And almost all (97%) say they have focused on improving their ability to withstand a repeat event. They decided to boost their emergency savings, many accumulating more than \$50,000 in cash reserves, or enough to fill a six-month income gap should they face another setback in the future.

Getting back on track

Whether the economic fallout from COVID-19 or some other factor has resulted in a financial setback for you this year, remember that you are not alone. Take the matter seriously but keep a level head. You'll want to closely examine your financial situation to determine the most appropriate steps to take to get your recovery underway. Talking with a financial advisor may be a good place to start.

¹ Financial Comebacks study conducted online on behalf of Ameriprise Financial by Artemis Strategy Group among 3,042 Americans ages 30-70 with \$100,000 or more in investable assets. Study conducted Jan. 2-20, 2020.

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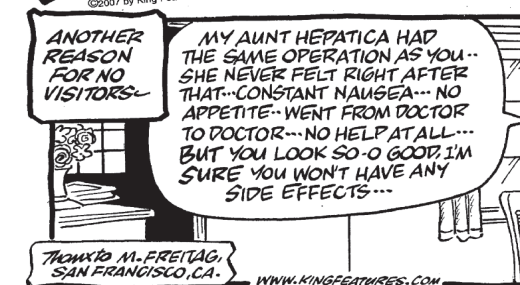
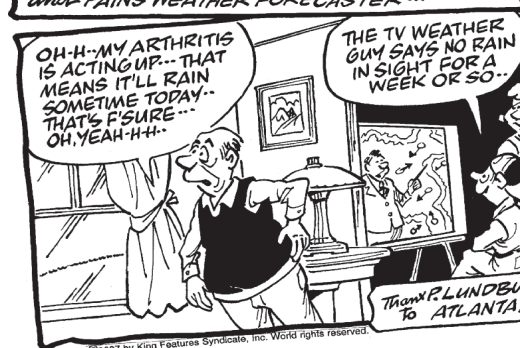
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Alex Kowtun wins Week 11 of Pigskin Picks Contest

Alex Kowtun of Hornell, with only two misses, captured Pigskin Picks honors for Week 11.

Finishing with three misses were Alfred University student Dawson Sanderson of Cuba, Judy Marlatt of Almond and Marc Mullen of Rexville.

Chris Yarnal of Almond and Barb Welch of Alfred Station each had four misses while Jason Rawady of Charlotte, NC (who drives to Alfred every Friday to drop off his entry at the Sun office), Nelson Snyder of Alfred Station, and Bob Baker of Alfred had five misses.

Randy Gillette of Tonawanda and Gary Moore of Geneseo each had six misses, while Doug Lorow of Webster had seven misses.

Take a minute and make your picks and get your entry in the mail. You could be next week's winner!

Here's how it works:

It's easy to participate! Enter your guesses of winners of the 10 football games (found in the ads on these pages) and predict the score of the Monday Night Football game as the tiebreaker in the form below. Enter today!

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Doug's NFL Picks

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THURSDAY, NOV. 26			
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SUNDAY, NOV. 29			
BILLS.....24	LA Chargers.....20		
Tennessee.....30	COLTS.....27		
VIKINGS.....27	Carolina.....24		
Cleveland.....20	JAGS.....13		
NJ Giants.....20	BENGALS.....17		
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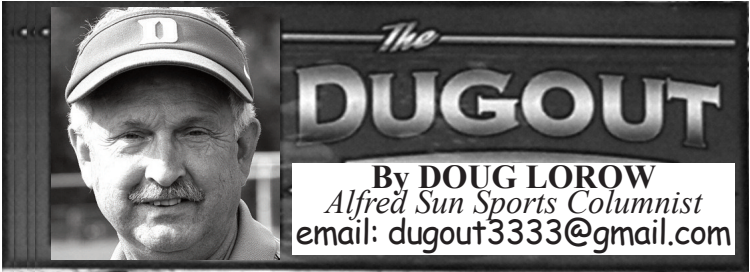
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After a delayed start to the season and less games than would normally be played in this pandemic year of 2020, Section Five was able to crown soccer champions in all their classes last week with some interesting results, as always when it comes to soccer!

In "D1" for the boys, #2 Keshequa romped thru their first two contests as they pounded CJ Finney from Penfield, 8-2 and kept it up against Alfred-Almond, 7-1. Finney needed the scoring of Stephen Baker, who began his Section V Hall of Fame career with them! The Eagles were undefeated at that point and on a string of shutting out their opponents. Keshequa then topped #1 seeded and defending champion Fillmore, 2-0 in the title game. Those Eagles had blanked Genesee Valley and Arkport/Canaseraga, 3-0 in each game to get to the championship outing. Fillmore beat Avoca to win the trophy last year, Finney was the champ in 2018 over Jasper-Troupsburg. It was also a 2017 title game loss for J-T as they fell to Mount Morris. Alfred-Almond concluded their season with a (10-1-1) slate.

In the "D2" bracket it was #2 Jasper-Troupsburg claiming a sectional championship this time as they defeated #1 Belfast in the title game, 1-0. It was the fourth straight finale for Belfast and now their third straight loss in that game. Scio beat them in 2019 and Avoca in 2018. Belfast was the champion in 2017 so if you were a freshman on the varsity that season, you went to the sectional championship game every year of your high school soccer career! Prior to that season, Finney won the title in 2016 over Andover after the Panthers beat them the year prior.

In "C2" action, the Naples boys won another championship as the #1 seed as they beat Genesee in the finals by a 1-0 tally. The Green Wave have won a "few" soccer titles over the years. For many years it was Naples and Red Creek winning those titles on a consistent basis. Genesee beat Naples in the 2018 championship game after they lost the previous year to Bishop Kearney.

Switching over to girls action in the "D1" bracket, Arkport/Canaseraga went on a run and beat Alfred-Almond, Genesee Valley and undefeated, #1 seeded Fillmore, to win this championship. The Eagles were (14-0-0) heading into the title game. Arkport had won numerous Class D sectional soccer trophies over the years when Coach Harwood was there and it now continues with this combined team.

In "D2" girls soccer play it was Jasper-Troupsburg making it to the finals after they knocked off #1 Belfast, before losing to Batavia Notre Dame. The combined Andover/Whitesville squad fell in the semi-finals to Batavia Notre Dame. Tough post season for Belfast as the boys and girls were each the #1 seed and neither won a title.

And the Hornell Red Raiders are the "B1" champions as they beat Greece Odyssey, Newark and finally, Greece Olympia to claim the sectional trophy. Olympia was the #8 seed and they beat #1 seeded and undefeated Pal-Mac (12-0-0) in their quarter-final contest...via "COVID!" Over in class "C2" Genesee completed an undefeated (15-0-0) campaign by beating the Bees of Byron-Bergen in the championship contest. Unfortunately for all the sectional winners, due to COVID-19, there will be no NYS championship this year. Usually the Section V teams will drill the Section 6 entrants then many are off to the states down in Middletown.

HITS AND MISSES:

The Buffalo Bills (7-3) had their "bye week" this past weekend and still had a solid Sunday as the relatively weak Denver Broncos topped the Miami Dolphins, 20-13. The Dolphins benched starting QB and their #1 draft pick, Tua Tagovailoa in the fourth quarter in hopes of some "FitzMagic," but that didn't help matters. The Dolphins fall a game behind the Bills now at (6-4) and the divisional threat might be over for Buffalo.

In Sunday action past, there were three excellent games on the

Scene About Alfred

A weekly photo feature
By SHERRY VOLK
Alfred Sun Columnist



Couldn't resist letting this shiny tomato do its thing on the kitchen window sill. At first, it was kinda' gross; wormy little things under the skin. Then I realized what they were; sprout on the right.

DUGOUT CONTINUED...

tube to watch as Tennessee beat Baltimore in OT, Green Bay squandered a lead and fell at Indianapolis in overtime and finally (sadly), Patrick Mahomes rallied the KC Chiefs over the Las Vegas Raiders in the nightcap with a late touchdown drive. How on earth the Raiders left TE Travis Kelce ... only the best TE in the game, wide open in the endzone, is just nuts! Mahomes has so many weapons on offense, it's scary. They will be at Tampa Bay this Sunday in a potential Super Bowl preview at the stadium where the Super Bowl will be held. Mahomes and Brady, the "best in the game" against the one who has been the best and is still going strong.

Have never understood the NFL scheduling when it comes to divisional contests late in the year. New Orleans and Atlanta had not played each other all season and now they will go head-to-head, two out of three weeks? The Saints prevailed on Sunday without injured QB, Drew Brees and the two will play again a week from Sunday.

Just a classic move by the sad-sad-sad NJ Jets as they signed CB Pierre Desir this past summer to a \$3.75 million free agent deal, with \$3.25 of it guaranteed and they cut him last week! Here's \$3.25 million for 3-4 months ... enjoy! Why they are probably the worst run franchise in the NFL.

In college football with fractured schedules all over the place, here are the AP top eight teams as of Monday. Alabama (7-0), Notre Dame (8-0), Ohio State (4-0), Clemson(7-1), Texas A&M (5-1), Florida (6-1), Cincinnati (8-0) and BYU (9-0). In this crazy of craziest years, why not have an eight-team playoff? The Gators are only the sixth-ranked team but like their chances against many with QB Kyle Trask calling signals and firing TD passes all over the place! Don't see that happening though as the first four are most likely all but in the "Final Four." Go with 1 versus 8, 2-7, 3-6 and 4-5 in early, normally lesser bowl games and make it a true championship run. USC and Oregon from the Pac-12, both at (3-0) are probably out of luck.

Also in college football, what is up with Penn State at (0-5) on the year? And the dismal Syracuse Orange are now at a nifty (1-7) after falling to a mediocre Louisville team, 30-0 on Saturday. The Cardinals aren't exactly a defensive powerhouse. The lone win of the season for SU is over a very weak Georgia Tech team that is a wreck. Tony Schon ... hope you didn't buy that "Orange Package" this year!

The Rochester Red Wings have a new affiliation for their "AAA" franchise as they will now be partnered with the Washington Nationals after stints with the Cardinals, Orioles and most recently, the Twins. The Nationals had their top minor league team in Fresno last year in the PCL, not exactly a great set-up. Geographically this will be much better and the Red Wings will benefit from a solid organization. Hopefully their will be fans at Frontier Field next summer. Maybe a later than normal season start?

Back to Frontier Field for a moment as their biggest crowds in history have been: 1997 when the Orioles played their last exhibition game there and Cal Ripken, Jr. was on the team. Second was in 2012 when Andy Pettite was pitching for the visitors on a rehab/comeback assignment and the third was when Hideki Irabu was pitching for the visitors in 1997. That must of been with the Columbus Clippers. Think Pettite with Scranton WB. Went to the Orioles and Irabu games with Big D. "Thanks" to Jeff Dodge for tix. Another big game was when Stephen Strasburg pitched there in 2010. He was on his way up to the big leagues with Washington, pitching for the Syracuse Chiefs then and he was awesome. Went to that contest with Leo Nealon. Other games of note in the Twins Era to see Josh Rabe play and hooking up with the Atwell's. Hopefully there will be a "AAA" campaign next year and my brother, Scott O. Lorow can continue working for the Norfolk Tides!

In the category of "How Dumb Can You Be?" ... Robinson Cano of the Mets wins that award, with ease. Cano was suspended in 2018 for an illegal substance use by MLB for 80-games. Now, he is out for all of 2021 for the same reason! Not sure if the same illegal usage but the same dumbness. Oh yes, he forfeits a "mere" \$24 million dollar payday for 2021.

The "way too early" odds for MLB are out to reach the World Series and the top two are the Dodgers and Yankees. Obviously can see LA being there but why the Yanks? They going to start putting the ball in play more all the sudden? Is catcher Gary "K" Sanchz still on the team next year? Who is going to start games after Gerrit Cole? Who plays when Giancarlo Stanton and Aaron Judge (plus Aaron Hicks) are hurt? Hardly a solid #2 in the odds category. T3 were the Braves, ChiSox and Padres while the Tampa Bay Rays were in at #6. Unless pitcher Blake Snell is traded to the Yanks, like the Rays chances better than NY.

Mark Mix emailed me about seeing Jeremy Roach play basketball in high school as the Duke frosh played ball at Paul VI where Abigail and Josh Mix graduated from plus Samantha and Madeline are currently attending. In the Duke program, Roach lists Leesburg as his hometown with the high school in Fairfax. Not sure how tht came about? Coach K in attendance at a game but not sure if Mixer at that particular contest? Also "not sure" if Fairfax resident and Hot Dog Day co-Organizer, Mark O'Meara took in any of those games?

News galore from the NBA world as the college draft and free agency hit last week. The first pick in the Van Gundy-Beyer Era in New Orleans was Kira Lewis, the speedy guard out of Alabama. The Celtics grabbed shooter, Aaron Nesmith right after that at #14 and Rochester's Isaiah Stewart went #16 to Portland and then was traded to Detroit. Stewart began his high school career at McQuaid in Rochester and was the Naismith HS Player of the Year in 2018-19 while with the La Lumiere School in Indiana. Elijah Hughes of Syracuse was drafted by New Orleans and then traded to the Jazz. Plenty of second-round draft trades that didn't make much sense to me but sure cap related. Sadly, Klay Thompson tore his achilles and is out for the year at Golden State. Last year it was an ACL for the sharp-shooter. Gordon Hayward gets a 4-year, \$120 million dollar deal with the Hornets. And De'Aaron Fox of the Kings gets a max deal at \$163 million? Yikes! And it looks like OKC is hoarding draft picks.

In college hoops, the AP preseason poll is out with: Gonzaga, Baylor, 'Nova, Virginia, Iowa, Kansas, Wisconsin, Illinois, Duke and Kentucky as the top 10. Kansas and Kentucky square off next week in the Champions Classic in Indy while Duke hosts #13 Michigan State. Last year those four programs were ranked 1-2-3-4. With Jay Wright at Villanova and Tony Bennett at Virginia, wouldn't surprise me to see those two in the "Final Four" ... if the season gets that far. Think they are the two best college coaches in the land today.

Alfred State could be playing some Division III basketball starting in mid-January with a modified schedule in the AMCC. Subject to change, obviously. Nothing "official" on Alfred University and the E8 as of yet but have to believe (at best) a conference only slate with an overall reduced schedule.

Off to Leesburg in Virginia for Thanksgiving and to Warren-ton for dinner at the Larson's, bringing along an awesome carrot cake from Cheesy Eddie's in Rochester! STAY SAFE everyone and ENJOY the holiday wherever you may be !!

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