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Former Alfred Sun Publisher Gary Horowitz (right), shares his copy of the *Alfred Sun* with Courtney Wilcox's work of art at Profile 2011 in NYC on June 16, 2011 during the Alfred University alumni reception at the art exhibit of 2011 BFA grads. Horowitz resides in Frostburg, MD.



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Residents drill Town Board for hydrofracking ban

By DAVID L. SNYDER
Editor, Publisher & Janitor
ALFRED STATION—Nearly 20 area residents attended the Alfred Town Board's monthly meeting Thursday, May 10 at the Town Highway Building, several expressing concern that the clock is ticking on the Town of Alfred's one-year hydrofracking moratorium and there has been little communication about the Board's progress.
"The question in my mind,"

said Graham Marks, "Is that if a ban on hydrofracking is the goal, and the moratorium is half over, what is the plan of the (Town) Board going forward?"
Deputy Supervisor Jerry Snyder explained, "We're trying to do it right. We're trying to do it legal. We're getting educated. We're here to work. I ask for continued patience."
"We are working on something," said Supervisor Tom Mansfield, adding that the Town

Board has received plenty of input from town residents.
"The planning board is also working on it, but many people came to the planning board meeting and they entertained the guests so there were unable to do any work," he added.
"This is a public meeting," said Alfred Village Trustee Virginia Rasmussen, "There should be time for public comment and views and ideas presented from the public."

"We've had how many meetings and we have public comment at every meeting," Mansfield said.
"The community doesn't know what the Town Board is doing," Rasmussen replied.
"We have heard the public well and we are working at it," Mansfield said.
Councilperson Mary Stearns said there have been discussions with the Association of Towns about adopting a road preservation law. She said the Planning Board is reviewing four road preservation laws in order to recommend adoption of such a law for the Town of Alfred.

asked if there were anything the residents could do to help.
"We need time to collect information," Councilman Donn Lang said, "There are many avenues on ways to go."
Citing the fact that he sees gas meters on houses, he said "We use natural gas. If it's going to be part of our everyday life, we need to take into consideration how we can help bring it in, in a safe manner."
Lang continued, "There are a lot of dangers with the processes of hydrofracking, but there are also private gas wells we must consider."



ALFRED UNIVERSITY graduates applaud as AU Trustee David Miller makes a point during the university's 176th annual commencement Saturday, May 12 at McLane Center. See story on next page. (AU Photo)

Town Clerk Jan Burdick was called to jury duty for two weeks and, coincidentally, could not consult the lawyer about the road preservation law because the lawyer was assigned to the same court case.
After further public interaction, Snyder said, "This is really our nuts and bolts working time right here. If we don't have time to sit and work this out, we won't have anything to offer to you."
"I think maybe some of us would think that not coming to the meeting would signal a lack of interest," said Elsie Cushing, "We're here to give support, not to be intrusive."
Megan Staffel added, "We have no sense of what you're doing," suggesting that the Town Board report "a few sentences" of its progress in the *Alfred Sun* and

"...Any occupation we enter into, there are dangers. But we can't ban everything that is dangerous. Take wind energy. We didn't ban wind energy. We want people to be able to use clean wind energy. We must take a good avenue."
Lang said, "We don't want to write a law that bans gas totally. A road use agreement is being looked at because towns around us aren't even putting a moratorium on it, so we need to protect our roads because if it's in the towns around us, our roads will be used."
Lang continued, "We're looking for answers. We're not at the point where we can make a public statement. We do appreciate hearing from the public on this but I think it's becoming a repetitive thing, it's not accomplishing

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Thirty discuss congregate housing in B-2 district

By DAVID L. SNYDER
Editor, Publisher and Janitor
ALFRED—They had little to say about sewer and water service hookups during a public hearing, but more than 30 Alfred Village residents attending the Tuesday, May 8 meeting of the Alfred Village Board, held in Village Hall Theater, had plenty to say about a proposed zoning change to permit congregate housing within the village's B-2 district.
When Village Mayor Craig Clark closed the discussion 90 minutes later, the Village Board, on a motion by Trustee Joe Dosch, voted to table action on the proposed zoning changes. Intent of tabling a vote is to include Alfred University and Alfred State College officials and landlords in further discussion.
Trustee Virginia Rasmussen opened the session by explaining that in 2006, the Village Board adopted a law prohibiting fratern-

ity and sorority houses from all zones except the Educational Zone. Greek organizations were banned by Alfred University in 2002, so it affected only Alfred State College Greek organizations.
"After that law was adopted," Rasmussen explained, "We found that a group of students living in a house was, in fact, a fraternity."
She explained that the Village Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) in January 2011 heard the fraternity's case and "felt that the argument was a good one that the students were making." The ZBA looked at the Village Zoning Code and said a variance could not be granted, but asked the Village Planning Board to reconsider that legislation.
Rasmussen said the Planning Board looked into it, studied other villages' zoning laws and learned from previous experience

that they needed to deal with all houses of a similar nature (rooming houses, boarding houses, fraternities, etc.) so they believed "congregate housing" would fit in the B-2 district.
Maps of the B-2 district were provided, which showed that it includes all of Church Street, the north side of West University Street and part of Reynolds Street opposite Mill Street up to "The Castle," and the west side of North Main Street from the traffic light to 53 North Main Street.
"Why is the church and the parish house in the B-2 district?" Patty Curran asked.
Sharon Bouck Smith pointed out that fraternities and sororities were all over the village before there was zoning, adding, "The Zoning Code came into effect in 1972."
Reynolds Street resident Tom McDowell said there hadn't been a weekend that he hadn't been

awakened by students at 2 a.m. this past year.
"Now we go from Wednesday night to Saturday night," he said, adding that houses along West University and Church Streets are ideal for fraternities and sororities.
"I think fraternities and sororities belong on the campuses where the college can have control over them," he said, "I don't think they have control with them in the village."
Alan Littell said that Alfred University has no fraternities or sororities. He reported that he learned, after making several calls, that Alfred State has five fraternities and five sororities. There are five Greek houses in the Village; the other five are on campus but want to get a house in the village.
"I, too, believe the control lies with the college," Littell said, but noted that right before Hot Dog

Day, members of a fraternity who reside on Sayles Street, gave neighbors contact information and said if the residents had any trouble after Hot Dog Day, "they would take care of it."
A sister of Alpha Sigma, one of the sororities hoping to get a house in the Village, said that during the past four years, the control of the Greeks at Alfred State College has "changed dramatically." She said they have high standards pertaining to grades and library hours and strict rules governing any parties.
"Some offices at the college may not know that much about us," she said, "but Neil Benedict works with us regularly." She said each Greek organization must adopt a "Risk Management Policy" that outlines alcohol intervention programs, safety and hazard programs that are strictly enforced.
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OBITUARIES

DEAN ALLEN NAYLOR
Former Alfred police officer
COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA—Dean A. Naylor, age 74, one-time Alfred police officer, passed away on April 14, 2012, at home in Council Bluffs, IA. He was born Sept. 10, 1937, in Callaway, NE to Elmer and Lela Naylor.



Following military service Dean settled in New York State where he will be best remembered as a police officer with the Alfred Police Department. He married a woman from Whitesville (Clara) and they adopted two children: Dean and Daniel. While in Alfred, Dean also built several homes, became a 33rd Degree Mason and received a degree from Alfred State College.

Moving then to Seward, NE, Dean began service as a Lieutenant with the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. He was promoted to the rank of Major and finally to Deputy Warden at the Lincoln Correctional Center. His final career posting was as Associate Warden at the Omaha Work Release Center prior to his retirement.

A colleague said, "I truly enjoyed my time knowing and getting to work with Dean; he made me laugh."

A former Alfred resident, remembering his work with the Alfred Police Department, said, "He was a well known and well liked Alfredian, serving as a police officer for a number of years."

He is survived by his wife, Kellie (Britton) Naylor; sons, Corbin Naylor and Dean Lewis Naylor (Kris), all of Council Bluffs, IA; sisters, Janette Jones (Wayne) of Council Bluffs, IA and Janice Peden of Pasadena, FL; four grandchildren; nieces and nephews. He was predeceased in death by his parents, step-father, Art Walden; and son, Daniel Naylor. His former wife, Clara Naylor, also survives.

A memorial service was held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 17 at First Christian Church, 20794 Highway 92. Memorial to the family.

MICHAEL J. "MIKE" BEECHER
U.S. Army veteran
ARKPORT—Michael J. "Mike" Beecher, 42, of 8008 State Route 36, Arkport, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, May 8 at his home. Born in Hornell on Feb. 18, 1970, he was the son of Harold and Marilyn "Virginia" (Borden) Beecher.

Mike grew up in Canaseraga, and was a graduate of Canaseraga Central School (class of 1988). He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving his country from 1988–1990.

For the past 12 years, Mike was employed at Gunlocke Corporation in Wayland in various capacities, most recently as an

upholsterer.

He was an avid Denver Broncos fan and especially enjoyed rooting for his favorite player, John Elway. He also enjoyed NASCAR with his favorite driver being Kyle Buisch. Mike also liked hunting, bowling and working on cars. His true love was for his family, especially his children.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Virginia Beecher; his brother, Mark Beecher; and his nephew, A.J.

He was married on Jan. 11, 1992 to the former Heidi Larson who survives. Also surviving are his children, Joshua Beecher and Shelby Jane Beecher; three brothers, Bill Beecher of Hornell, Paul (Linda) Beecher of Indiana, and Greg Beecher of Canaseraga; two sisters, Janette (Bob) Smith of Painted Post, and Carol (Philip) Prigmore of Alfred; several nieces and nephews.

The family of Michael J. "Mike" Beecher received friends from 4-7 p.m. Friday, May 11 at the Dagon Funeral Home, 38 Church St., Hornell, where funeral and committal services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 12 with Pastor Mike Gallant officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Canaseraga.

Mike's family request that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the Shelby Beecher Trust Fund, c/o Joyce Larson, P.O. Box 33, Arkport, N.Y. 14807. Memorial forms were available at the Dagon Funeral Home.

In honor of Mike's service to his country by serving in the U.S. Army, the American Flag at the Dagon Funeral Home will be flown at half-staff. To leave an online condolence or share a memory, visit www.dagonfuneralhome.com

ROBERT J. "BOB" ARGENTIERI
Buffalo Bills, NY Yankees fan
HORNELL—Robert J. "Bob" Argentieri, 86, of 1130 Airport Road, Hornell, died Thursday morning (May 10, 2012) at Hornell Gardens, following a long illness.

A native and life resident of Hornell, he was born Nov. 11, 1925, and was the son of Silvino and Dorothy (Feeney) Argentieri. Bob was a graduate of St. Ann's School and later graduated from Hornell High School (Class of 1944).

From 1944 -1961, he was employed as an accountant at the Erie Accounting Bureau. In 1961, he began working as a mail carrier for the US Postal Service, a position he held until 1984. From 1984–1992 he worked at Off Track Betting in Hornell.

Bob was a member of Our Lady of the Valley Parish and a communicant of St. Ann's Church, where he served as an usher for many years. He had also been a member of the St. Ann's Parish Council and served on the finance committee. He was a member of the Hornell Knights of Columbus an also the

Hornell Elks Lodge and had served on the Arkport School Board. Bob was also an avid Buffalo Bills and New York Yankee fan.

He was married on Sept. 1, 1947, to the former Virginia "Ginny" Leith, who survives. Also surviving are two sons, Robert (Anne) Argentieri of Holmes, and Jeff (Liz) Argentieri of Groveland; three brothers, William "Chop" (Dorothy) Argentieri of Alfred, Francis "Babi" (Marianne) Argentieri of Hornell, and James (Phyllis) Argentieri of Hornell; one sister, Mary Agnes (Donald) Crosby of Hornell; six grandchildren, Sam, Pete, Nellie, Danielle, Nicholas and Morgan; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family of Robert J. "Bob" Argentieri received friends from 2–4 and 7–9 p.m. Sunday, May 13 at the Dagon Funeral Home, 38 Church St., Hornell. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Ann's Church, with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Bob's family requests the memorial contributions in his name be made to St. Ann's Church, 27 Erie Ave., Hornell, NY 14843 or to the Hornell YMCA, 18 Center St., Hornell, NY 14843. Memorial forms were available at the Dagon Funeral Home.

The Argentieri family thanks the staff at Hornell Gardens for the wonderful care given to Bob over the past few years. They certainly made a difficult time much easier. Thank You! To leave an online condolence or share a memory, visit www.dagonfuneralhome.com.

EMERSON R. BLACK
Six weeks old
MANCHESTER—Emerson R. Black passed away on Tuesday (May 8, 2012) at six-weeks of age. He is survived by his parents, Jason and Rebecca Black; sisters, Olivia and Sydney Black; brother, Landon Black; grandparents, Robert and Joanne Black of Andover, Allan and Ellen Mason of Hornell; uncles, Andy Black, Richard Mason and John Mason.

A funeral service was held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 12 at First Presbyterian Church of Victor, 70 East Main St., Victor. Interment was at St. Mary's Cemetery, Hornell.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Golisano Children's Hospital at Strong, 601 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14642 in his memory. Arrangements are with the Jarmusz Cotton Funeral Home, Victor.

ALFRED
Weather for the Week
May 8-May 14

May	Hi	Lo	Precip.	Snow
8	59	48	0.41"	
9	65	45	0.21"	
10	66	44	Trace	
11	56	38	0.01"	
12	61	37	0	
13	76	43	0	
14	69	43	0.14"	

By **JOHN BUCKWALTER**
Alfred Area Weather Recorder



David Miller, center, a 1966 alumnus and trustee of Alfred University, received an honorary Doctor of Music degree from the University during commencement ceremonies Saturday. Hooding Miller were William Hall, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, and Peter Cuneo, right, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

AU prepares grads to take risks in pursuing passions

ALFRED--It was true 50 years ago, and it's true today. Alfred University prepares its graduates to take risks in pursuing their passions, David J. Miller, AU class of '66, told those assembled in McLane Center for the University's 2012 Commencement exercises Saturday (May 12).

Miller, a member of the AU Board of Trustees, said he owes his success as a noted lawyer and jazz musician, "in no small part to the experiences I had at Alfred University. It's the same for you," he said, noting it was on campus he learned "the importance of listening, reflecting, and respecting other's points of view."

"The good fortune that has come my way can be traced directly to AU," emphasized Miller. Faculty ingrained purpose and self-confidence, the ability to take risks, to improvise. And there was an "opportunity to find stimulation in the visual and performing arts." Miller said he had opportunities "to take to the stage" in a "life-long fulfillment" of pursuing his musical passion.

"I was innocent and naïve, not yet grasping how my life would change" in September of his freshman year. But "I was made to feel welcome" in the place that allowed him, an English major - with a music minor - to also pursue his passion for music. "You might say I hit a high note ... melding passion with risk" by performing in public on campus.

"You need to take risks to perform on the stage of life," Miller told the Class of 2012. Then "you too can reap a life of fulfillment."

Prior to Miller's remarks, the University bestowed on him a Doctor of Music degree, honoris causa. Fellow Trustee Jeffrey S. Maurer '69 presented him for the degree.

University President Dr. Charles M. Edmondson presided over the ceremonies marking the conclusion of AU's 176th year.

Leading the processional of

13 doctoral, 104 masters, and 423 bachelor's degree candidates and faculty members into the McLane gymnasium was Theodore L. Morgan, professor of art, serving as grand marshal. The group processed and recessed to music provided by the Alfred University Symphonic Band under the direction of Christopher Foster, assistant professor of music and director of bands.

Four graduating undergraduates were recognized during the Commencement exercises for achieving top honors in their respective schools; they were part of the official stage party and seated on the Commencement platform.

The highest honors go to Samantha Lee Dannick of Coral Springs, FL, in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, and Courtney Lawson Brown of Williamsville in the College of Business, each achieving a 4.0.

Dannick, earning a bachelor of arts degree, is a double major in philosophy and an individually structured major in "Violence and Conflict Studies." She is the daughter of Jeffrey Dannick and Marcia Mofson and a graduate of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

Brown has earned a bachelor of science degree in accounting. She is the daughter of Scott and Debra Brown and a graduate of Williamsville High School-South.

Representing the School of Art & Design with a 3.94 GPA is Matthew David Phillips-Shaw of Harleysville, PA, receiving a bachelor of fine arts degree in art & design. He is the son of Keith Shaw and a graduate of Christopher Dock Mennonite High School.

Julie Anna Georgiev of Washington, D.C., has earned a 3.93 GPA on her way to earning a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering in the Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering. She is the daughter of George and Carol Georgiev and a graduate of Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School.

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Members of the building committee and archives/office workers participate in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Almond Historical Society's new office building: (front from left) Lillian Hanks, Kitty Baker, Helen Spencer, Doris Montgomery, Sheryl House, and far right, Lee A Ryan; and (back from left) Mike Baker, Brad Hager, and Barbara Bernstein.

AHS office/archives opens in Almond

ALMOND--The Almond Historical Society hosted a very successful ribbon cutting ceremony and open house for their new office/archives building Sunday afternoon, May 6.

Area residents and descendants from early pioneer families toured the new facility, hosted by AHS board members and Archivist Doris Montgomery, and her Friday afternoon helpers Sheryl House, Lillian Hanks, Kitty Baker, Barbara Bernstein, and Donna Ryan.

The ribbon cutting ceremony was conducted by President Lee A. Ryan, who recognized the various contractors involved in the project: Dave Gillette and Jeremy Roberts, general contractors; Hager Engineering, drawings and plans; Snyder Electric, heating; Mullen's Carpet, flooring; Don Jeffers and Larry Perry, excavating; Charles Stevens, roofing; HEP Sales-North Main Lumber, building supplies and equipment. The building, made possible by donations from members, friends, and a gift from the Estate of Frances Burke Nash, was planned and implemented by a committee chaired by Kim Costello, and assisted by Helen Spencer, Lee A. Ryan, Mike Baker, Doris Montgomery, Brad Hager, and Teresa Johnson.

Exhibits of memorabilia, photographs, ephemera, and vintage items of local importance were on display, encouraging conversation and sharing of memories by visitors. Don and Lorna Brink were surprised to see a century-old photograph of Almond's Civil War vets, in which Don's grandfather was found. A large photograph of the airplane, the "Black Cat", ca. 1930, built by Ron Coleman and "Bud" Gillette's fathers, Paul Coleman

and Clinton Gillette, was on display, along with the November 2000 issue of the AHS newsletter, outlining the fascinating project they undertook during the height of the Great Depression. AACS alumni were delighted to see a large gold framed picture of the late Clint Hamlin as a baby, who was an AACS custodian for decades, gracing the wall of the utility room. Alan Coombs of Prattsburg, a descendant of the Karrs who settled here in 1797, found a handsome oval framed portrait of his ancestor, Della Karr, 1859-1910, on one of the walls.

At 3 p.m., Dr. Andrew Phelan, Emeritus Director of the School of Art at the University of Oklahoma, presented a program to a standing-room-only audience on the early years of his parents, Linn Lovejoy and Helene Coogan Phelan, who were among the group of founders of the Almond Historical Society in the mid 1960s. Andy is currently writing an illustrated book about his father, *Becoming the Village Potter*, expected to be released in the fall of 2012. He explained: "When they came to Almond in 1946, Linn was then 40 years old and Helene was 33. Both had careers before marriage. Linn had taught pottery, made pottery and participated in several innovative ventures and Helene had worked for the YWCA. Linn had gone to college in Rochester (NY) and Columbus (OH) and Helene had gone to school in Philadelphia (PA), Chapel Hill (NC) and Bryn Mawr (PA). Then, separately or together they had lived in Rochester, Cincinnati (OH) Maine, Bryn Mawr and Hanover, (NH) before they settled in Almond."

Linn was the founding potter at the School for American Craftsmen in 1944 that was organized at Dartmouth College, and the couple settled in Almond when the SAC moved (albeit briefly) to Alfred. When SAC moved on to Rochester, they had become rooted in the commu-

nity, and decided to stay in Almond where Linn took the (art) position at AACS.

Had the Phelans followed the SAC move to Rochester, the Almond Historical Society would have not benefitted from their leadership, and would be telling a different story today: Linn's abilities and talents enabled him to become the archivist, and Helene's writing and organizational skills were invaluable in helping the early core group establish a solid foundation for the Almond Historical Society in the community.

Visitors to the Hagadorn House were treated to an extensive exhibit of Phelan's signature folk art pottery, including personalized commemorative plates, bowls and cups, as well as animals, buttons and other unique items. The gallery walls were adorned with a variety of his handmade block print Christmas cards received by various individuals throughout the years and an interesting assortment of newspaper clippings and stories about the Phelans. Mary Ellen Westlake, AHS exhibit chairman, created this display in the gallery named after Phelan.

Cookies and punch were served throughout the afternoon in the Hagadorn House Museum's fireplace room by Helen Spencer and Diane Davis.

Winner of the 50/50 raffle, conducted the past few weeks as a benefit for the Almond Historical Society, was drawn at the end of the program, with John Flint of Almond announced as lucky recipient of the prize.

The AHS' next big event will be the Annual Strawberry Festival, set for Monday evening, June 25, with Hazel Bracken as chairman. Serving will begin at 5 p.m. in the AHS pavilion, and will continue until the berries are gone. It is expected that more than 50 volunteers will assist in this major fundraiser, and members were asked to donate clean Kool Whip containers to be used for take-outs.

Scene About Alfred

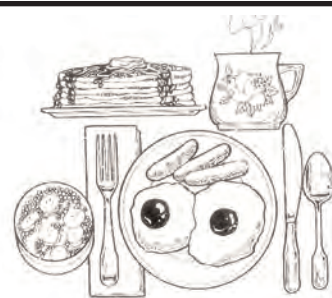
A weekly photo feature
By **SHERRY VOLK**
Alfred Sun Columnist



On a lovely walk recently, I spotted a friend and neighbor doing some genuine Spring housecleaning...Charlie Phillipson.

SUNNY SIDE UP

By **ELLEN SHULTZ**
Alfred Sun Columnist



Pea Salad a delicious taste of Spring

I'm not exactly sure where I got this recipe. I've had it for a while and neglected to write down where I found it. Anyway, it's easy to make and gives you a delicious taste of Spring. Frozen peas can be used also, though they're not quite as good.

Spring Pea Salad

1/2 c. fresh mint leaves, torn	1/8 tsp. salt
1 T. capers, roughly chopped	1/4 tsp. salt
1 sm. shallot, thinly sliced	1 lb. green peas, blanched (or thawed)
1 tsp. grated lemon zest	1/2 c. (4oz.) crumbled goat cheese
1/4 c. olive oil	
1/4 c. olive oil	

Combine the first seven ingredients. Add peas and cheese and toss gently. Serve at room temperature. Serves 4.

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I Don't Know If I Just Saw The Optimist or the Pessimist Or,

I'm Gonna Get an Optimist Joke In Yet

The Pessimist pictures the worst,
And feeds on your doubt and your fright;
The Optimist sees the good first,
And paints all things cheery and bright.

He projected the chart on the wall,
And said, "Read me as far's you can get."
But each line looked so blurry and small...
And I'd forgotten the whole alphabet.

So he said, "Is 1 clearer, or 2?
Now, is 3 or is 4? ...5 or 6?"
We're so blind to the odd things we do
When we're played by his Jed-eye mind tricks.

He put drops in my eyes...made me cry...
And said, "Wait till your pupils get wide."
"If my students get fat, that's 'good'....why?!"
(So who's crazy now? You decide...)

In the waiting room, where I was sent to,
A lady was having some trouble;
Her glasses, though they were not meant to,
Were causing her eyes to see double.

It struck me a little bit humorous,
But I also know humor can hurt;
Lest her eyes (unbeknownst me) be tumorous,
I quashed my desire to blurt:

"I've heard of double vision.
I've heard of double vision.
But double hearing? Never!
But double hearing? Never!"

Now, whether she'd loved or she'd hated it,
She'd not had the chance to know yet;
Cuz I'd not more than just contemplated it,
When they retrieved me, removing the threat.

So...he examined the back of my retina
With a light quite as bright as the sun;
By the time it was off I was gettin' a
Great big migraine, that's known as "The One".

He said I had bad hyperopia;
I said, "Yeah - had it since I was born;
They only learned later, to cope ya
Shoulda gave me a pill every morn."

He seemed not surprised that I had
Acute presbyopia, too;
Me neither - cuz I, as a lad...
Cut my teeth on the very front pew.

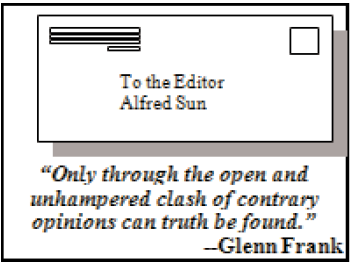
Then he said I had a-stigmatism;
I said, "Yeah...I'm aware of that, too;
But I learned that it's not nice to dis'em
Cuz a stigma's already strike two."

Then he claimed that I've got map dot dystrophy,
And marked it right down on his lists.
But in all the web's long, storied hystrophy
No map.dys-trophy exists!

The good doctor's final analysis
Was to offer some numbers on paper
Which, after initial paralysis,
Sent me off on another new caper...

The Pessimist's noxious prescription
Is full of abuse and derision;
But the Optimist lives the description
As truly a person of vision.

—No Optymous



Should ban fracking

Open letter to Alfred Town Board:

I would encourage the Alfred Town Board to pass a law banning hydraulically fractured gas wells. I did not come to this decision easily. Like all of us, I was hopeful for the promise of an economic boom. I imagined that a technologically enhanced process could feasibly generate more gas. I didn't realize the environmental, political and social compromises that were necessary for this gas to be extracted. It goes far beyond a short-term windfall. The following points have made me extremely opposed to fracking.

As a landowner, a person may be unable to stop gas companies from extracting gas under their property. The process defined

under energy regulatory law known as compulsory integration allows gas companies to mine the gas under your property even if you do not consent to it. If 60% of a 640-acre area leases to gas companies, the other 40% of the land will be gas mined and market prices paid for the gas. At first this seems like an eminent domain issue. But is this for the common good, as would be a road, airport, or school? Or is it for the good of the other property owners and particularly good for gas companies? I can't think of another case where a private citizen is legally forced to sell private property to a for-profit company.

As I understand it, the materials injected under your land in the fracking process, and all materials used in the production of gas, are exempt from the Federal Toxic Material Labeling laws. All other companies, farmers, schools, truckers, and employers of all other fields are mandated to follow these laws for the protection of their employees and the environment. It is known as "the Right to Know Law," and for good reason. All other indus-

tries are required to make the Material Data Safety Sheets available to purchasers, users and employees. If you want a copy of the MSDS for something you buy at a hardware store you can ask at the counter, or go online to the manufacturers or suppliers website. They must provide it. Why are the fracking materials secret? Why are the gas companies exempt? You can believe the party line that it is a proprietary formula. Or you may suspect that this stuff is so awfully toxic they don't want you to know. What other industry is allowed to inject toxic materials under your land without your permission and pay you the rate they determine is appropriate?

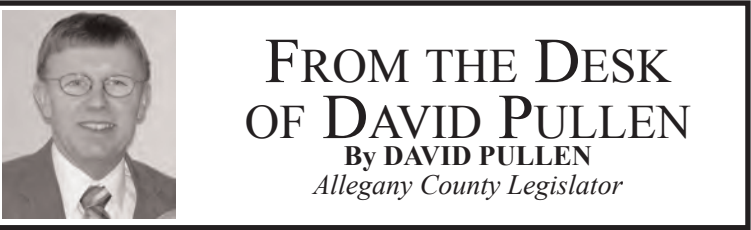
Many residents are hopeful there will be long term jobs associated with gas production. The evidence of the boom to bust cycle that accompanies oil, gas and mineral exploration / recovery is well documented, both historically and recently in the Pennsylvania gas fracked fields. The anecdotal evidence is that there is a temporary spike in population along with the growth problems: increased heavy truck traffic, school population surge, temporary residents in motels and "man camps," noise, visual clutter, substance and alcohol abuse, increased ambulance calls, and prostitution. At a seminar in Owego the joke was that the local jobs created in Pennsylvania were tour guides of pollution sites, ambulance EMTs and prostitutes.

Some people are willing to believe that regulations and protocols can eliminate the chance of accidents. The opinion of these folks will most likely never be changed. They wouldn't have believed that a tragedy such as the gulf spill was possible. There may always be the oops factor, the unknown unknown, that stuff happens.

One point that is fact and not opinion is that gas from the Marcellus shale contains radioactivity. This is present in the gas itself and also is present in the frack backwash fluid that flows out of the well when the pressure is released. The radioactivity cannot be treated away in a wastewater treatment facility. When burned in what you thought was a safely installed unvented heater the natural gas will release radioactivity as a product of combustion into heated living spaces.

The experiences of Pennsylvanians should be studied. Many opponents of Hydraulic fracturing claim that there is great confusion in leasing agreements. I have heard the following anecdotal stories: That many property owners that sign leases receive far less income than expected. That some found that decades ago their mineral rights had been sold rather than leased. That in some cases the original leaseholding gas or oil extractor was granted the right of first refusal on any future leasing options. That as property owners they may not own the mineral rights even when they are receiving no income. People tell of their parents and grandparents being harassed daily by solicitors until they are worn down and reluctantly sign. That by signing the lease you may have agreed to become a limited partner, and consequently you are unable to initiate any additional or future claim against the gas company for pollution or accidents. That by mining gas on your mortgaged property it devalued the property. This was a

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FROM THE DESK OF DAVID PULLEN

By DAVID PULLEN
Allegany County Legislator

NECESSITY IS THE MOTHER OF INVENTION - WHY I OPPOSE OUR CURRENT WELFARE SYSTEM

Just about everyone is familiar with the adage that "Necessity is the mother of invention." When things are going well we tend to keep doing things the same old way we always have. We won't take risks. When things are going badly (which means the old ways of doing things aren't working well) we are forced to find new and better ways of doing things. Even then, most people resist change, accepting only as much as they have to, and only for as long as they are forced to do so by circumstances. This pattern is one of the major reasons that I oppose our welfare system and the culture that it has created.

In times past individuals and families frequently suffered greatly because of poverty. In extreme cases people starved to death, froze to death, suffered from sickness, disease and other problems. Those circumstances were horrible, and no one wants to return to them. However, those who suffered through those horrible experiences usually became highly motivated to never go through it again. The pain became the "necessity" that motivated them to "invent" an alternative so that they wouldn't have to experience the suffering again.

Our welfare system provides many of the basic needs for those who are on the lower rungs of the economic ladder. Unfortunately, it provides enough that many recipients lose the motivation to "invent" their own solutions. It is easier and safer to let the government provide those necessities for them. The tragedy is that many recipients never break the cycle of government dependency. I have heard individuals on Welfare and various government programs complain that they can't "live" on what they get paid. They have been deeply offended when I responded that they weren't "supposed" to be able to live on those government programs. Those programs were only intended as stopgaps, temporary assistance to help people get through a tough time. Something is very wrong when individuals spend their entire lives on these programs, and never become self-supporting and independent.

What was designed to serve as a temporary crutch, has evolved into a permanent trap for its recipients. Unfortunately, the more generous that assistance becomes the more people get caught in the trap. It becomes harder and harder for recipients to turn down the increasingly generous assistance provided by the Welfare system. However, there is an unintended but tragic consequence to these policies. As necessity diminishes, the need to find an alternative also diminishes, and is ultimately eliminated. That explains why we now have entire families that have been on Welfare for two, three, or even four generations.

It may seem counter-intuitive, but the best way to help people to get off of public assistance, or Welfare, is to decrease the level of assistance and benefits. If the programs fail to meet basic needs, most recipients will figure out that they need to do something different. This probably sounds harsh, and perhaps it is. However, it represents a level of wisdom and commonsense that seems to be increasingly uncommon in our society. If the goal is to teach people how to become self-sufficient we must begin by breaking the dependency cycle.

I grew up in an inner-city ghetto and experienced poverty. My family was eligible for government programs, but my parents never applied for or received them. Part of it was undoubtedly pride, but a bigger part of it was their determination that their children become capable, independent, and self-supporting. Three of their four children earned graduate degrees, and we all managed to escape from the ghetto. Scripture teaches us that "discipline is never pleasant for the moment" and "whom the Lord loves He disciplines." Scripture also teaches us to show mercy. Those at the lowest economic levels deserve better than they currently have. They deserve to be independent and self-sufficient. That's why I believe welfare benefits should be reduced, not increased.

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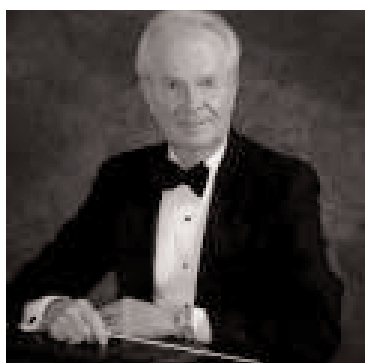
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Hornell Area Wind Ensemble offers May 26 concert

HORNELL—The Hornell Area Wind Ensemble's conductor Edward Belin and associate conductor Chris Lynn will soon hand over their batons to guest conductor Commander Allen E. Beck, United States Navy, Retired. Commander Beck will lead the ensemble's spectacular Memorial Day concert "An American Salute" at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 26 at the Hornell High School.

Commander Beck's credentials are outstanding. He became leader of the Naval Academy Band in 1979, and in 1983 was the first Navy Bandmaster to earn promotion to the rank of Commander. From 1984 to 1989 he was the seventh leader of the United States Navy Band in Washington D.C. He marched in the inaugural parades of presidents Kennedy, Nixon, Carter, Reagan and Bush and performed for the inaugural balls of presidents Reagan and Bush.

The Saturday-evening concert, honoring all veterans, also features guest trombone soloist MSG Harry Watters. Sergeant Watters serves with the United States Army Band in Washing-



Commander Allen E. Beck, United States Navy, Retired ton D.C. He also teaches jazz trombone at George Mason University in Virginia. He has played with Doc Severinson, Al Hirt, Pete Fountain, and many others. Sergeant Watters has also appeared as a featured soloist with groups as varied as The Boston Brass, the Baton Rouge Symphony, and the Syracuse Symphony.

He's also in demand as a Clinician, and will be presenting his masterclass in "Power Practicing" to local school instrumental students who have been invited to participate.

The audience will be treated to a variety of patriotic songs, a

Dixieland medley, and Broadway tunes along with other musical selections. "American Salute" composed by Morton Gould in 1943, is based on the tune "When Johnnie Comes Marching Home Again"—originally written during the Civil War. "American Pageant" was composed by Thomas Knox. Knox was the chief composer and arranger of the Marine Band until his retirement in 1985, and he wrote this piece for the inauguration of President Richard Nixon in 1973. This moving work has been performed at each subsequent inaugural.

You'll also be treated to many recognizable songs from the masterpiece of musical comedy "My Fair Lady."

The virtuosity of Sergeant Watters will be evident as he joins the wind ensemble for three pieces. He'll play the lush sweet sounds of George Gershwin's "Embraceable You." In stark contrast, you'll be blown away by "Flight of the Bumble-Bee" by Rimsky-Korsakov. His trombone almost takes flight with the energetic movements and sound of the bee!

He's spent a few nights playing on the streets of New Orleans, so he'll present "A Musical Journey Through New Orleans" as a tribute to the Big Easy. In Dixieland style, it incorporates "Basin Street Blues" and "Tiger Rag," along with other familiar blues tunes.

The Hornell Area Wind Ensemble is honored to have Com-

mander Allen E. Beck and MSG Harry Watters as Guest Conductor and Guest Trombone Soloist.

This concert is free and open to the public. It is sponsored in part by public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program and is administered locally by the ARTS' Council of the Southern Tier.



MSG Harry Watters will be Guest Trombone Soloist at the Hornell Area Wind Ensemble's May 26 concert.

Canal Warehouse, Bare Knuckle Boxing Museum

Baker's Bridge group to visit Belfast

ALFRED STATION—Baker's Bridge Association members and guests will travel to Belfast on Friday, May 18 to visit the Canal Warehouse and the Bare Knuckle Boxing Museum.

Our meeting spot at 10 a.m. will be at the Genesee Valley Rail and Canal Warehouse, a historic building which is the oldest surviving warehouse along the route of the Genesee Valley Canal. Built about 1853

in the Greek Revival style, over the years it has been used as a warehouse, hotel, brothel, barn and storehouse.

Our next stop will be at the nearby Bare Knuckle Boxing Hall of Fame. Visitors are welcomed by a life-sized statue of John L. Sullivan.

The museum houses a comprehensive collection of artifacts from this sport including gloves, medicine balls, plaques, rings, weights and other paraphernalia that define the world of boxing. Some of the pieces were used by Sullivan as he trained for six weeks in 1889, before he scored a 75th round technical knockout over Jake Kilrain in what many consider one of the most important fights in the annals of boxing.

We invite anyone who is interested to join us for this trip. If more information is needed, please refer to our April newsletter which you will find at www.bakersbridge.org



Bare Knuckle Boxing Museum in Belfast.

Andover Historical Society to meet

ANDOVER—Andover Historical Society will meet again at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 23 in the Community Center on East Greenwood Street, Andover. During the short business meeting, there will be an update on the Second Annual House & Building Tour to be held on Sunday, July 1 and discussion of a possible Summer Field Trip.

Following the business meeting there will be a presentation by Pam Eastman on her plan for

a summer project, titled Project Paradise. This will be a garden project for students, age 7 to 15, and will teach them to grow and then market their products. Pam hopes to involve the community by asking for sponsors for each student. She will explain this and also provide refreshments from her Paradise Café.

All members and those interested in this history in the making project are invited to attend the meeting.

Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Café to host Murphy, Kane



DAVE MURPHY

ANGELICA—Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Café (22 W. Main St., Angelica) welcomes award-winning songwriter Dave Murphy of Rutherford, NJ for an evening of story-songs accompanied by acoustic guitar and mando-guitar on Friday, May 18. On Saturday, May 19, we present Irish fiddler Pat Kane (the Balladeer of the Southern Tier) for an evening of traditional and contemporary Irish and American folk songs. Both shows start at 7:30 p.m. There is no cover charge; guests are asked to donate to the musician's tip jar.

Friday, May 18, 7:30 p.m.—There's a certain zone that a singer moves into after performing for many years. Call it gravitas, a weight that is immediately arresting upon the first line of the song. It's a display of rich life experience through a tone and phrasing that is

manifestly ripe and personal. Dave Murphy has it. At his very core, Dave Murphy is a storyteller.

It's hard not to tap your feet and sing along with Pat Kane, also known as the "Balladeer of the Southern Tier". Kane, who will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19, is a hardworking full time soloist who may entertain for hours without a break or repeat. On fiddle, guitar, and bodhran, he plays jigs, reels, square dances, and hundreds of ballads from Ireland and America.

Coming Up:

Friday, May 25—The Corrigan--Folk, Country / Blues, Americana. Nathan, Matthew and Tim of Short Tract play the kind of music they like to hear performed. Their sound is appealing; it's fresh and natural with wonderful vocal harmonies. 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 26—Acoustic Americana with Chris Cernak. Chris is a passionate and introspective singer/songwriter from upstate NY who channels Johnny Cash, Bob Dylan, Neil Young and others. 7:30- 9:30 p.m.

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

One Time, One Meeting

The Practice of Zen Meditation

By BEN HOWARD



FIXED IDEAS

In a recent talk in Dublin, the Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh spoke of the happiness available to us in our everyday lives. We have only to “release our idea of happiness,” he advised, and return to the present moment, where the conditions for happiness are already to be found.

Thich Nhat Hanh is not alone in offering this advice, nor is he unique in viewing ideas of happiness as obstacles to the experience itself. In his book *Beyond Happiness*, the Zen teacher Ezra Bayda deconstructs what he calls the “myth of happiness,” which holds that “we deserve to be happy, as if it were our birthright; that we will be happy if we get what we want; that we can’t be happy if we’re in discomfort.” For Bayda, as for Thich Nhat Hanh, our common human error lies in chasing an image of future happiness. Once we have shed that illusion, we can return “again and again to staying present with what we are experiencing right now.” Rather than try to manipulate our own or others’ lives, we can “surrender to life as it is.”

As can be inferred from the congruity of Thich Nhat Hanh’s and Ezra Bayda’s views, Zen teachings often remind us that happiness is to be found in the present moment, and that our notions of happiness, especially notions based on external conditions, only stand in our way. Yet in speaking of “releasing” our ideas of happiness, Thich Nhat Hanh has given this familiar teaching a fresh and energizing turn.

Derived from the Latin *relaxare* (“to relax”), the word release connotes freedom from confinement. Alternatively, it suggests the relinquishing of a right or claim. To speak of releasing our ideas of happiness is to suggest that we have been holding those ideas captive. We can let them go free. The word release also implies a claim to what Bayda would call a “birthright” or “sense of entitlement,” which is to say, a right to be happy on our own terms. To release that claim is to liberate ourselves from the suffering that ensues when the claim proves illusory, the sense of entitlement a hindering fiction. By releasing our ideas of happiness, we open a path to genuine happiness, whose roots lie in a wholehearted, open-minded embracing of our lives as they are.

And just as our ideas of happiness can be released, so can our other ideas, especially those that may be causing harm. The Buddha famously said that the aim of all his teaching was the end of suffering. Elsewhere he declared that nothing whatsoever is to be clung to as “I” or “mine.” The latter statement is sometimes understood to refer to material possessions, but it can also refer to our ideas, especially our fixed ideas, to which some of us cling at all costs, regardless of their tenuous connection to reality or their potential to inflict human suffering. To take but one example, there is the fixed idea of austerity, to which European governments have, until very recently, been clinging with all their might, against the best advice of Paul Krugman and other world-renowned economists. Whether that idea has been more toxic than beneficial is open to debate, but the tenacity of those who have embraced it has been self-evident.

To speak of clinging to ideas, economic or other, is not to denigrate thought or imply that thinking is inevitably linked to suffering. Without its ideas, the human mind would be a barren estate and the world a poorer place. What Zen teachings caution against is not intelligence itself but its abuse, which is to say, our tendency to cherish and protect our ideas, as if they were private fortunes, and to identify with those ideas, as if *they* were *us*, and vice versa.

In reality, as the modern Zen master Kosho Uchiyama has put it, most of the ideas that cross our minds are as accidental as they are transient. To the extent that we are unaware of their comings and goings, we may view them as real and substantial—and fasten on them accordingly. By contrast, to the extent that we can live in awareness, we can see that our ideas, along with our memories, fantasies, and other mental phenomena, are no more solid than the chirp of a robin or the rumble of a passing truck. In a classic analogy from Zen teachings, our thoughts are likened to clouds in the sky—the sky-like nature of awareness. With diligent practice we can learn to see them as such, while also observing our habitual clinging. In this way, we can, in Uchiyama’s words, “open the hand of thought,” releasing our pet ideas as if they were captive birds.

If you would like to test this proposition, may I suggest that you sit still in a comfortable, upright position and bring your awareness to your lower abdomen. Observe its rise as you breathe in, its fall as you breathe out. After a few minutes, shift your attention from your body to your mental life, and allow your awareness to illuminate your thoughts. Observe their arrival, duration, and departure. Note any tendency to pursue or cling to particular thoughts. At the same time, sense your capacity to release your thoughts, even those you most value. Practice this ten-minute exercise daily for a week or more, and see what becomes of your fixed ideas.

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‘Music Man’ auditions for all ages

ALFRED--Come one! Come all! It’s time for auditions for Alfred Community Theatre’s 2012 summer musical offering, a concert style presentation of “Music Man.”

Auditions will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 20 at the Union University Church Center in downtown Alfred. The musical will be directed by Brooke Harris.

There are parts for all ages.

“If you like to sing, we don’t care how young or old you are!” said ACT co-founder Ellen Shultz of Almond, who is assisting Director Brooke Harris of Alfred.

The Music Man is a musical with book, music, and lyrics by Meredith Willson, based on a story by Willson and Franklin Lacey. The plot concerns con man Harold Hill, who poses as a boys’ band organizer and leader and sells band instruments and uniforms to naive townsfolk before skipping town with the cash. In River City, Iowa, prim librarian and piano teacher Marian Paroo sees through him, but when Hill helps her younger brother overcome his fear of social interactions due to his lisp, Marian begins to fall in love with Harold. Harold, in turn falling for Marian, risks being caught to win her.

In 1957, the show became a hit on Broadway, winning five Tony Awards, including Best Musical, and running for 1,375 performances. The cast album won the first Grammy Award for “Best Original Cast Album”. The show’s success led to revivals and a popular 1962 film adaptation and a 2003 television remake. It frequently is produced by both professional and

amateur theater companies.

Alfred Community Theatre was founded in February 2000 for the purpose of getting summer theater going again in Alfred and helping to restore the 1890 Firemen’s Hall Theatre in Alfred Village Hall.

Area residents are welcome to join ACT, which will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 5 at the Christian Education Building of the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church, Main Street, Alfred Station.



Almond 20th Century Club Library

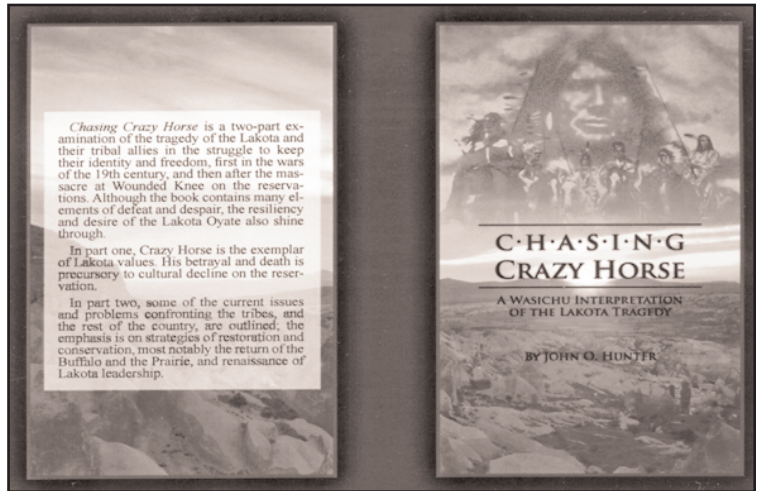
By TAMMY M. KOKOT

Almond Library Director

ALMOND—Almond Library will host Dr. John O. Hunter, author of *Chasing Crazy Horse: A Wasichu Interpretation of the Lakota Tragedy* from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 24.

Dr. Hunter examines the tragedy of the Lakota and their tribal allies in the struggle to keep their identity and freedom, first in the wars of the 19th century, and then after the massacre at Wounded Knee on the reservations. Although the book contains many elements of defeat and despair, the resiliency and desire of the Lakota Oyate also shine through.

Dr. Hunter, former Alfred State College President resides in Hornell and is a frequent visitor of the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.



ePLACE offers May, June instruction

By RIMA O’CONNOR

Of the Box of Books Library

ALFRED—May and June Technology Instruction at the Alfred Box of Books ePLACE includes:

The Internet and Your Pet

Tuesday May 29, 6–8 p.m.—Would you like to learn about the Internet in a fun, interesting way? Are you an animal lover? If you answered “yes” to these questions, then this class is for you! Licensed Veterinary Technician Rima O’Connor will teach you how to go online and find basic, accurate information on dogs and cats, especially for training, behavioral, and health issues. Please pre-register for this class, and let us know if you are interested in web sites for cat owners, dog owners, or both!

Making a Cookbook Online
Tuesday, June 5, 4-6 p.m.—In this class you’ll learn how to make a cookbook using www.blurb.com’s bookmaking tools. You’ll add your own im-

ages, art, and text to make a personal cookbook of your favorite recipes! Great gift idea! Please pre-register for this class.

Tuesday Tablet Clinic

Tuesday, June 12, 4-6 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. Two sessions. Bring your iPad, Nook Tablet, Kindle Fire, or any other tablet device, along with your questions about them, for a hands-on session that will enable you to get the most out of it! Format is casual and attendees are encouraged to share information with each other. No pre-registration required!

Very basic computer skills (keyboarding and mouse manipulation) are necessary for the classes. If you need to brush up on these skills just contact the ePLACE and we’ll set up a time to help you. Contact information: Alfred Box of Books Library, 1 West University Street

in Alfred; 607-587-9290; burnsa@stls.org; or www.alfred-boxofbookslibrary.org and click on ePLACE.

Concert in Wellsville

WELLSVILLE—Genesee Valley Chorus, a community chorus based in Wellsville, will present a concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 20 at the Immaculate Conception Church, Maple Avenue, Wellsville.

“Music - Mirror of the Soul,” featuring music which expresses all different types of emotions: Happiness, Sadness, Spirituality, Prayer, Love, Hope...the whole gamut.

The concert is free to the public, but donations are greatly accepted for the non-profit arts organization. The Director is Norma Bartlett, and the accompanist is Amanda Robbins.

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Wait A Minute

A comprehensive look at hydrofracking

By GRAHAM MARKS

Special to the Alfred Sun

Recently, I attended a presentation about gas leasing and the many implications for the homeowner. There were three speakers, two lawyers whose area of specialization is gas leasing and a bank official specializing in mortgages. In today's column I will quote points made by attorney, Elizabeth Radow.

Ms. Radow has 25 years experience handling real estate development and is a special council to the law firm of Cuddy and Feder. She chairs the Hydraulic Fracturing Committee for the League of Women Voters of New York State. She is the author of an article called "Homeowners and Gas Drilling Leases: Boon or Bust?" in the Nov/Dec 2011 issue of the *New York State Bar Association Journal*. I urge anyone interested in these concerns to read it. Type into your search engine: "Elizabeth Radow Homeowners and Gas drilling" and you should find the link directly to the article. There will also be a link to her article on my blog : www.waitaminuteny.blogspot.com

This is an excerpt from her article, and serves as a good introduction to her remarks that evening:

"Residential fracking carries heavy industrial risks, and the ripple effects could be tremendous. Homeowners can be confronted with uninsurable property damage for activities that they cannot control. And now a growing number of banks won't give new mortgage loans on homes with gas leases because they don't meet secondary mortgage market guidelines....Also, New York's compulsory integration law can force neighbors who do not want to lease their land into a drilling pool, which can affect their liability and mortgages as well."

Like Greg May of Tompkins Trust, (see leasing part #1) who spoke before her, Ms. Radow emphasized that her remarks were relevant to all property owners, whether pro or con drilling:

"Think of homeownership as a bundle of rights that encompass the air above, the ground below, and the surface itself. This bundle of rights comes with expectations. When you buy your house you have the expectation that for the period of ownership you have the opportunity to build on the land, perhaps an outbuilding, perhaps a mother-in-law-apartment. You also want the opportunity to pledge that house as collateral on a mortgage loan. You might want to lease all or a portion of the property, or sell the property. You also have expectations of the basics – a roof over your head, and clean running water. Less tangi-

ble expectations are the things that make a house a home, peace and quiet, fresh air, a safe and secure place to raise your children."

When a homeowner leases their land for unconventional drilling, they are, "giving away a very large percentage of these bundle of rights. The pre-printed leases that thousands, maybe tens of thousands of New Yorkers signed, without negotiations, or being told the true nature of the process, such as the surface operations, the on-site presence of hazardous substances, the drilling activity, the compressor stations, the surface right-of-ways, underground pipelines, and perhaps the underground storage of gas.

"In these pre-printed leases the gas companies are given the right to establish easements for roads and utilities and surface operations which are not specifically designated when one signs a lease. This is an important thing to think about. If you have not attached to that lease anything designating where they might put that easement, in effect you are giving the gas company an extensive right to put those easements wherever they want. And because they have reserved this unqualified right it may leave the homeowner vulnerable and limit where the homeowner can build on the property in the future, and jeopardize a home mortgage. Think about the fact that there are no provisions in these leases for maintaining these easements or for funding them. This means by default the homeowner will be responsible for upkeep or remediation for anything that might happen with respect to the easement that was granted.

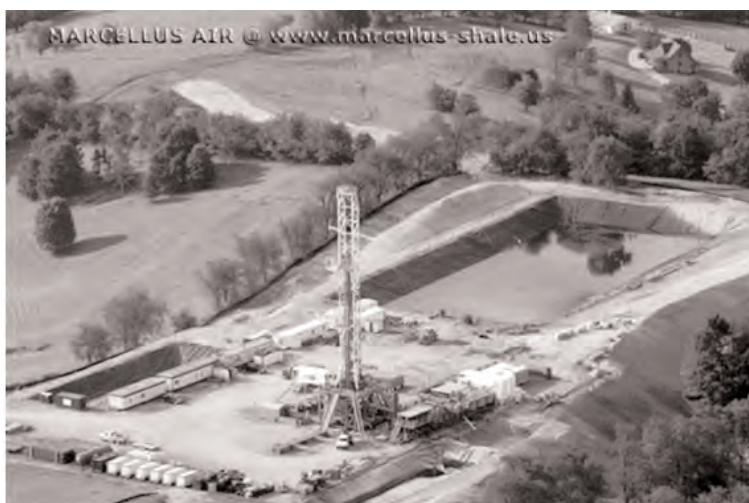
"Greg May mentioned that if a person signs a gas lease after a mortgage has been entered into – you will be in technical default of your mortgage because mortgages prohibit the activities gas leases permit. But as long as you are paying your mortgage it is unlikely that the bank will call a default – because they will be unaware that you have signed a lease – because you didn't tell them. There is one circumstance in which it is not a technical default – it's an absolute default and that is if you are unable to maintain homeowners insurance on your property. When banks sell their mortgages on the secondary mortgage market it is the expectation that the homes are going to be insured for the full life of the loan. All residential mortgage lenders require homeowner's insurance from their borrowers. But even the most comprehensive homeowner's coverage excludes the types of property damage associated with the drilling lifecycle, such as air pol-

lution, well-water contamination, earth movement and other risky commercial activity performed on residential property.

"There are thousands of people who have signed leases that do not have insurance in them – meaning in effect you as an owner have not delegated that right to the Gas Co. – which means that you have retained the obligation for an activity that you do not control and this is obviously something that is of concern. People who thought that signing a lease document would bring in royalties with no other worries have given away to the gas companies, for the price of an upfront signing bonus, an extraordinary percentage of the bundle of rights that I spoke of earlier, while potentially remaining legally responsible for the uninsured actions of their gas company tenant.

"Also the gas leases are and can be pledged as collateral for a loan, if they are not sold outright, increasingly to foreign investors. So in effect homes with mortgages and a gas lease have two sets of investors riding on the property – those in the secondary mortgage market and the gas investors. Secondary market investors – like pensions- want the value of the property in which their pensions are invested to maintain its value for the thirty year life of the loan. They don't want hazardous activity, no explosive materials, they don't want the risk that is introduced by industrial activity on residential property. On the other hand, gas

Leasing (Part 2)



Fracking site in PA. Notice proximity of operations to residence. of drilling or oppose it."

Second Thoughts About a Gas Lease? What You Can Do. – a presentation on Wed. May 23 at 7 pm – Candor Fire Hall – 74 Owego Rd. Rt. 96B (North of Owego) presentation by Ellen Harrison–founder of Fleased.org and Joe Heath, attorney, discussing lease termination and how to clear your title.

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Music

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

Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Cafe 22 West Main St., Angelica. Open every day for lunch; dinner and live acoustic music on weekends; now serving breakfast—call for details. **Acoustic Open Mic Night** 1st Thursday of month 7-10 pm. Café opens early for dinner, espresso, wine & beer, Scrabble & chess. **Music Schedule:** Friday, May 18—Dave Murphy; Saturday, May 19—Pat Kane; Friday, May 25—The Corrigans; Saturday, May 26—Acoustic Americana with Chris Cernak. Café open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. for meals, espresso, beer, wine, desserts. **Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Café**, 22 W. Main St., Angelica. Call 585-466-3399 or visit black-eyed-susan.com

Hornell Area Wind Ensemble Rehearsals Tuesday evenings at Hornell Intermediate School. New members are always welcomed. 2011-2012 **Concert Schedule:** All concerts at 7:30 pm at Hornell High School unless noted. Sat. May 26—Memorial Day with Guest Conductor Commander Allen E. Beck, United States Navy, Retired and guest trombone soloist MSG Harry Watters; 7 p.m. Fri. June 8 Broadway Mall Hornell. All concerts FREE. For further information, call Nancy Luger at 587-9449 or call 545-8603.

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

Wellsville Creative Arts Center offers live music most Saturday evenings with performances beginning at 8 p.m., doors opening at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19—Bob Martin. Friday, June 1—Lionel Young Band; Saturday, June 16—Bill Kirchen; Friday, June 29—Yvette Landry; Saturday, Sept. 15—Greg Trooper; Friday, Oct. 5—Drew Nelson; Saturday, Oct. 13—Professor Louie & The Crowmatix; Saturday, Nov. 17—Andrew & Noah Band. For tickets, visit: www.WellsvilleCreativeArtsCenter.com or call 585-593-3000.

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

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

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

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

COFFEEHOUSES
Coffeehouse live entertainment periodically at Terra Cotta Coffeehouse, 34 N. Main St., Alfred. Saturday, Open Mic Night Wednesdays when colleges are in session.

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

CONCERTS/RECITALS
Davis Memorial Carillon

Recitals, AU campus. Saturdays at 4 p.m. except August. Laurel Buckwalter, AU Carillonneur.

Wingate Memorial Carillon Recital Series at Davis Memorial Carillon, AU campus. Free concerts on the lawn 7-8 p.m. Tuesday evenings in July. July 10—Trevor Workman from England; July 17—Janet Tebbel from Philadelphia; July 24—The Groningen Duo (Auke de Boer and Adolph Rots) from the Netherlands; July 31—Koen Cosaert from Belgium.



Theater & Dance

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

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

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

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

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

DRAMA GROUPS
Wee Playhouse meets monthly.

Call Vice-President Martha Lash at 587-8675 for more info.

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

PERFORMANCES
“**The Music Man**” by Meredith Willson, based on a story by Willson and Franklin Lacey, will be presented by Alfred Community Theatre in concert format at 7:30 pm Thursday-Saturday, July 19-20-21 in the 1890 Firemen's Hall Theater in Alfred Village Hall. Tickets will be available at the door.

“**The Music Man**” auditions will be held by Alfred Community Theatre at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 20 at the Union University Church Center in Alfred. If you like to sing, no matter what your age, you are welcome to audition. This is a musical for all ages!



Art/ Galleries

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fountain Arts Center, 42 Schuyler Street, Belmont. Exhibit hours are Mon., Tues., Fri. from 10 a.m.-12 noon and 2-4 p.m. or by appointment. For info or group arrangements, call 585-268-5951 or visit our website at: www.the-fountainartscenter.org

The Corning Museum of Glass presents the most comprehensive glass collection in the world in “35 Centuries of Glassmaking.” Including five new Art and History Galleries. For info, call 607-937-5371. Open daily 9-5.

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

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

(607) 569-2160.

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

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

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

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

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

Mather Homestead Museum, 343 Main St., Wellsville. Open 2-5 pm Wed. & Sat. or by appt. (Free) Call 716-593-1636.

National Warplane Museum. Off I-86 in Big Flats. Call 607-739-8200 or stop by the museum for more information.

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 byappointment, call 587-

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DARIEN CENTER—After a mild winter and a relatively balmy spring, fun-seekers are hungry for some action. The wait has finally come to an end now that Darien Lake is officially open for the summer season. The park opened its doors Saturday to its first visitors of the season. With the addition of more than \$5 million in new attractions and significant park upgrades, this season is bound to be one for the record books.

“The team has put in a lot of hard work into the park and we’re excited to see how the guests will receive all of the im-

provements,” said Bob Montgomery, general manager at Darien Lake. “We look forward to welcoming guests and hope everyone enjoys all the thrills and great entertainment we have planned for this summer!”

Guests Will Enjoy \$5 Million Dollars in Improvements

Guests have more to see and do than ever before, with three new family rides, internationally acclaimed live entertainment, new cabins, and upgrades to RV sites and the lodge.

New family rides. The new “Rowdy’s Ridge” family area is now open and features three, brand-new, fun-for-the-whole-family rides. Moose on the Loose is a fun backwoods adventure on a “runaway moose” with funny encounters along the way. On Heave Ho!, riders pull themselves up to the top of a three-story tower by rope and then are gently descend. Riders on the Hornet’s Nest can do exciting flying on a tall swing, controlling flight angle and height.

New and expanded lodging offerings. Guests can take advantage of improvements to the park’s on-site lodging options, with 15 new cabins with free Wi-Fi and flat screen TVs; seven new pull-through RV campsites for vehicles with more power requirements; larger game room, new fitness room and expanded café menu at the Lodge on the Lake Hotel. Lodging includes admission to rides, in-park shows and water park.

Live Entertainment to Please Wide Range of Audiences

Live, in-park entertainment at Darien Lake will be better than ever this season, with several new live shows making their New York state debuts, including live comedy acts, performing dogs, a renowned magician, a mesmerizing hypnotist, and a modern rhythm and stomp group – all of which guests can enjoy for free with the price of park admission. Live shows will rotate during the season, bringing a constant stream of all-ages

comedy and amazing thrills to the park. The nightly Laser Blast show returns as well, Friday, Saturday and Sunday beginning May 18 – June 22, and then every night from June 23–Sept. 3, with popular music, laser effects and fireworks. More details on shows are available at www.darienlake.com/2012-in-park-shows/.

Season Passes: Entire Summer Less than Cost of Two Visits

Season Passes offer unlimited admission to rides, the water park and live shows throughout the entire 2012 season. Season-Pass buyers now can save \$40 by purchasing four or more passes for only \$59.99 each (a single Season Pass is \$69.99 each), a roll-back of 2011 prices.

In addition to unlimited admissions during the park’s 100 operating days, Season Passholders who visit the park before Memorial Day receive a free “bring a friend” ticket for any day during the season. They also receive a free ticket for a friend for Father’s Day, savings on purchases at in-park restaurants and retail locations, and lower rates and special booking privileges on accommodations.

About Darien Lake

Darien Lake’s wide variety of entertainment has made it “destination fun” since 1964. Located 45 minutes from Niagara Falls between Buffalo and Rochester, today the park boasts more than 45 rides, including six world-class roller coasters; dozens of family rides; several world-class entertainment shows right in the park; the region’s largest water park complete with wave pool; and a 20,000-seat performing arts center, operated by Live Nation, that hosts some of the hottest music artists. The park is open May to October, and welcomes overnight guests with a full-service hotel and modern cabins to rental RVs, and RV and tent campsites. For more information or to order Season Passes, visit www.DarienLake.com.



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Lectures/Readings

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

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

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

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

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

Bergren Forum. 12:10 p.m. Thursdays, Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center, AU campus. Bring a brown bag lunch; coffee & tea available. Spring Semester 2012 Schedule: April 12--Alexander Howard, "We the People: How So-

cial Networking is Democratizing the Media;" April 19--Hope Childers, "The Art of Opium in 19th-Century India;" April 26--Chris Yartym, "Concussions in NY State High School Athletes: Who Is Treating Your Children?"

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

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

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



Films

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

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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.

BRIDGE

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

Saddle up for the 168th Annual **ALLEGANY COUNTY FAIR** County Fairgrounds, Angelica July 16-21

Sunday, July 15--Vesper Service & Fair Dedication, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, July 16--WNY Pro Farm Pullers, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 17--WNY Championship Light Weight Horse Pull 1 p.m.; Free-for-All 6 pm

Wednesday, July 18--Tonny Petersen's Hell Drivers, 8 p.m.

Thursday, July 19--Kids' Rodeo 6:30 p.m., "Boys & Bulls" Rodeo 7:30 p.m.

Friday, July 20--Country Music Concert featuring Craig Campbell & Casey James, 7:15 p.m. Tickets \$32.50 + \$3 handling fee per order (Reserved seating). Checks payable to Allegany County Fair. Mail to: Kelly Roberts, PO Box 125, Scio, NY 14880 or call 585-593-7453.

Saturday, July 21--Demolition Derby, 4 p.m. All NEW RIDES provided by Midway Rides of Utica. Pay ONE Price \$8.00 for all exhibits, rides & grandstand events except Friday night.

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Alfred-Almond Girls Softball Monday, May 14--at Bradford, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 15--at Genesee Valley, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 16--AVOCA, 5:45 p.m.
Thursday, May 17--at Prattsburgh, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 19--at Campbell-Savona, 11 a.m.

Alfred-Almond Boys Varsity Baseball

Wednesday, May 16--AVOCA, 5:45 p.m.

Thursday, May 17--BOLIVAR-RICHBURG, 5:45 p.m.

Saturday, May 19--at Campbell-Savona, 11 a.m.

Almond Historical Society's **STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL** Monday, June 25 from 5 p.m. til ? Hagadorn House Pavilion Main Street, Almond

Support Groups

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

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

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

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

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

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

JMH Diabetes Support Group

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pulmonary Support Group of Jones Memorial Hospital meets from 1 to 3 p.m. 2nd Monday each

month at the Walchli Education Room at the hospital. For more information, call Group Facilitator Mona Carbone at (585) 596-4114.

Etcetera

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

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

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

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

Allegany County Department of Health Information. Visit health-info@alleganyco.com

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.

WHAT'S COOKIN'?

Allegany County Office for the Aging Meals on Wheels & Luncheon Center Menu Monday, May 21

Three Bean Salad, Sloppy Joe on Bun, Broccoli Cheese Soup, Spinach, Cheesecake, Diabetic-Pudding.

Tuesday, May 22
Spinach Mandarin Orange Salad, Meatloaf/Gravy, Mashed Potato, Carrots, Wheat Bread, Gingerbread w/Lemon Sauce, Diabetic-Pineapple.

Wednesday, May 23
Cucumber Salad, Chicken Ala King Over Biscuit, Brussel Sprouts, Peaches, Diabetic - Peaches.

Thursday, May 24
Applesauce, Baked Ham, Whipped Sweet Potatoes, Petite Peas, Rye Bread, Blueberry Crisp, Diabetic - Pears.

Friday, May 25
Tossed Salad w/Italian Dressing, Chicken Breast Fillet, Parslied Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes, Rolls, Fresh Fruit.

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

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Union University Church Center, 12 noon
Call Cindy Berry at 607-281-8794.

Monday--Exercises at 10:30 a.m., Lunch at noon.

Wednesday--Exercises at 10:30 a.m., lunch at noon.

Thursday--Lunch at noon.

BELMONT NUTRITION SITE

American Legion Hall, 11:30 a.m.
Call Lila Johnson at 585-268-5380.

Tuesday--Exercises at 10 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m. "Armed Forces Day." "Brothers!"

Thursday--Exercises at 10 a.m., Lunch at 11:30 a.m. May Party! Entertainment by Country Western Band w/Milt Newcomb.

BOLIVAR NUTRITION SITE

Fire Hall 12 noon
Call Carolyn Hackett at 585-928-2672

Monday--Exercises at 11 a.m., lunch at 12 noon.

Wednesday--Exercises at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon. Blood Pressure Clinic.

Thursday--Lunch at noon.

CANASERAGA NUTRITION SITE

Canaseraga Fire Hall, 12 noon
Call Barb Welch at 607-295-7301.

Tuesday--Exercises at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon. "Gone Fishing." Exercises/ Cards at 1 p.m.

Thursday--Exercises at 10:30 a.m., Lunch at noon. "Bingo." Exercises at 1

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CUBA NUTRITION SITE

AA Arnold Community Center, 12 noon
Call Linda Nelson at 585-968-2397

Monday--Exercises at 10:30 a.m., Euchre, Cards, Dominoes, Puzzles at 11 a.m., lunch at 12 noon, "Do You Have a Green Thumb?" "Call in reservations for Evening Meal!"

Tuesday--Euchre, Cards, Dominoes, Puzzles at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon. "Fish Finder" Puzzle.

Wednesday--Euchre, Cards, Dominoes, Puzzles at 10:30 a.m., Lunch at noon. "Current Topics."

Thursday--Exercises at 10:30 a.m. Lunch at noon. "Evening Meal." May Party! Entertainment by Fast Eddy.

FILLMORE NUTRITION SITE

Fillmore Fire Hall., 12 noon
Call Maggie Brown at 585-737-5609

Monday--Exercises 10:30 a.m., Lunch 12 noon. Cards, Jigsaw Puzzles, Euchre.

Thursday--Exercises at 10:30 a.m. Cards, Jigsaw Puzzles, Euchre. Lunch at noon.

FRIENDSHIP NUTRITION SITE

Community Center, 12 noon
Call Office for the Aging 585-268-9390

Tuesday--Exercises at 10:45 a.m., Lunch at 12 noon. Cards at 1 p.m. Cheryl Czworka Nutrition Education & Monitoring Visit.

Thursday--Exercises at 10:45 a.m., Lunch at noon. Crafts at 1 p.m.

WELLSVILLE NUTRITION SITE

Community Center, 12 noon
Call Donna Fiegl at 585-593-7665.

Monday--Stretch 9 a.m., Walking 9:30 a.m., Bingo 10:30 a.m., Lunch 12 noon, Euchre 1 p.m., Exercise 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday--Walking at 9:30 a.m., Games 10 a.m., Lunch at noon, Euchre 1 p.m. Exercise at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday--Stretch at 9 a.m., Bingo at 10:30 a.m., Lunch at noon, Bridge at 1 p.m., Exercise at 1:30 p.m.

Friday--Walking at 9:30 a.m., Bingo at 10:30 a.m., Lunch at 12 noon, Pinochle at 12:30 p.m., Exercise at 1:30 p.m.

WHITESVILLE NUTRITION SITE

Whitesville Fire Hall, 12 noon
Call Becky Mattison at 607-356-3571.

Monday--Exercises at 10:45 a.m., Lunch at 12 noon, Jigsaw Puzzle, "Do You Have a Green Thumb?"

Tuesday--Lunch at noon. Coffee Hour, Jigsaw Puzzle. "A Happy Day."

Wednesday--Exercises at 10:45 a.m., Lunch at 12 noon. Jigsaw Puzzle. "Indianapolis 500" Trivia.

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Julie Phillipson, guide dog Viggo visit Alfred Lions

By SHEILA FOREMAN
Of the Alfred Lions Club
ALFRED—One of the initiatives of Lions Clubs, worldwide, is work for the blind and visually impaired. At the Thursday, May 10 dinner meeting of the Alfred Lions Club, Julie Phillipson spoke about Guiding Eyes for the Blind and her service dog, Viggo.

Viggo was wearing his harness rather than a leash, so he was in “professional” mode and either sat at Julie’s side or laid on the floor beside her as she talked about his life and occupation. Julie explained that the dog should not be approached, greeted, or touched when he is working.

Viggo is three years old and the fourth service dog Julie has owned in the last 30 years. Viggo was born to be a service dog and raised in Virginia until he was 18-months old. During that time he learned basic obedience and was exposed to various situations such as crowds, traffic, elevators, etc. From there Viggo was sent to The Guiding Eyes Training Center in Yorktown Heights, NY where he underwent six months of training.

Julie also traveled to Yorktown Heights to be matched and

trained with her new companion. She said that there were about twelve visually-impaired individuals present in her group awaiting a service dog. The trainers match each dog to each individual and that process takes about two days.

After Julie was introduced to Viggo, she and Viggo underwent two weeks of training together at the facility and one week at home with the trainer present. Training is usually much longer, but Julie’s training was accelerated because she is an experienced guide dog user. Julie said that “home alone with the dog is when the real training begins,” and eight months of practice still yields mistakes.

Julie then demonstrated some of the commands and services Viggo provides. It was apparent that Viggo is much attuned to verbal commands and responds immediately.

Guide dogs from Guiding Eyes for the Blind are recognized worldwide as among the best in the field. The dogs, training, travel costs, room and board, and lifetime support—including annual home visits and annual veterinary stipends are provided entirely free. This cost averages \$50,000 per dog. Guiding eyes



Alfred Lion Charles “Phil” Phillipson pictured with daughter Julie Phillipson, her guide dog Viggo and wife Rita Phillipson. receives no government funding. The service is made possible because of individuals, corporations, foundations, and organizations (such as Lion Clubs) that believe in the mission. What Julie did not talk about was herself. Only during an in-

terview did she answer questions about her own personal tragedies and triumphs. Julie lost her eyesight because of a brain tumor which caused irreversible damage before it was successfully removed. She was about twelve years old. She now holds a Bachelor’s degree in Sociology, with a minor in Women’s Studies from SUNY Geneseo, and a Master’s degree in Counseling from the University of Buffalo.

She has been the Chapter Secretary for the National Federation of the Blind for twenty years and the State Affiliate Secretary for twelve years. She is a member of the NYS Commission for the Blind Executive Board and a member of the NYS First Responders Awareness Training Council where she is an advisor for blindness-related awareness and how service animals and a blind person should be treated in an emergency situation.

Julie travels extensively to advocate for the rights of blind people nationwide. She has turned her personal loss into immeasurable gains for others.

Julie is the daughter of Rita and Charles “Phil” Phillipson of Alfred. Phil is a charter member of the Alfred Lions Club. When he joined in 1967 he learned that a focus of Lions Clubs was service to the blind and visually impaired. He had no idea at the time that the focus would affect him and his family personally and that Julie’s plight would become an impetus in his service to others as well.

30 discuss zoning issue at Village Board meeting

(Continued from front page)
Alfred Police Chief Tim O’Grady said he probably deals with fraternity and sorority houses far less than regular rental houses or sports houses.

“They do a good job of policing themselves,” O’Grady said.

It was pointed out that if the zoning changes were not adopted, those large houses will continue to be rented by groups of students that are not under anyone’s control.

O’Grady added, “I find that the problems are the houses where seven guys rent and they throw a party with 100 people.”

Mayor Clark pointed out that the Village Board recently adopted a “Social Host Law” that may help, as the host of the party can be ticketed if underage drinking occurs, with a \$250 fine (or 15 days in jail) for first offense.

O’Grady said since the law was adopted, Alfred Police have made one such arrest.

“The noise is definitely an issue,” another Reynolds Street resident said, adding that his backyard is shared with an “underground fraternity.” He said after one party held on a rainy night, fornication evidence was found under his back porch.

“I’d like to address the con-

cerns of the Reynolds Street residents,” said John Ninos, “The problems you’re experiencing are with students in boarding houses. Landlords are filling them with sports teams or groups that want to party.”

Ninos continued, “The issue is going to actually improve by having Greeks in those houses, rather than sports teams... Alfred State is doing a great job controlling the Greeks.”

“The noise and problems are not the Greek organizations,” Code Enforcement Officer Chuck Cagle agreed, “It is the rental houses.”

Ninos added, “The Greek community is the best tenants I have. As a landlord, I have no control over sports teams.”

“The Greek group at the top of Terrace Street,” said Littell, “I agree, are pretty good.”

Terrace Street resident David Rossington concurred, “It is much, much better.”

“Greeks have standards that they must abide by,” said a girl who identified herself as Pi Nu Epsilon President said, “If there was a problem, we would never get away with that, we’d lose our house.”

John Hosford, a Reynolds Street resident, agreed that the

Greeks are great for the town, offering help to the Box of Books Library and with the fire department.

“They add to the town,” Hosford said, “Why can’t the Greeks be allowed in any zone?”

“I’m hearing several themes,” said Sharon Smith, “You’re talking about all membership houses, not just Greeks. Why, if the Greeks are so virtuous, can’t they be anywhere? They could live in the townhouses. We need more single families living in the center of the village. I’m worried about the church as the center of the village turns into student housing.”

Planning Board Member Sherman Clarke said that the planning board believed that shifting congregate housing to B-2 seemed to be a straight forward response.

“It’s not the Greek organizations that we’re having the problems with,” Clark added, “I think they should have a place in the village.”

Cagle explained, “We have congregate houses all over the village.”

Littell added, “Why can’t we get Alfred University to get control of their students.”

“They are a bunch of Eddy

Haskells,” Ninos said, “They come in and they’re all polite and you don’t even know that you’ve rented to a sports team.”

“These houses (in the B-2) district are already rental properties. That’s the most appropriate spot to put the Greeks,” Ninos added, “There are no single family residences (anymore.)”

Reynolds Street resident Ellen Bahr said, “I think the challenge is finding a balance... My feeling is that if you’re going to err, you should err on the side of the permanent residents.”

Littell asked, “If this discussion continues, wouldn’t it be helpful to have Alfred University officials and Alfred State College officials involved as well?”

Sharon Smith thanked the Village Board for listening and added, “We are asking you to find the best way to find the balance of civic, church and residential with all these congregate houses.”

Mayor Clark closed the discussion at 9:15 p.m. to direct the Village Board to its regular meeting agenda.

After voting to table the vote on the proposed zoning change, the Village Board...

...HEARD that bike racks and pedestrian signage will be installed downtown as part of the Village’s participation in “Complete Streets.”

...DISCUSSED Hot Dog Day with Trustee Becky Prophet expressing concern over 20 ambulance calls in 48 hours. Chief O’Grady said that the “Community Coalition” already discusses Hot Dog Day and is a good place to start to address concerns. O’Grady said most of arrests over Hot Dog Day Weekend were not AU or ASC students.

...HIRED Alex Minnick, Derrick Clark and Lucas Wales as temporary summer employees at \$8.50/hour with the Streets and Sewer Departments.

Alfred Town Board...

(Continued from front page)

anything. We are here to preserve and protect our land...and our people.”

Rasmussen argued, “I appreciate that Donn, it’s true there are hazards associated with everything but fossil fuel contraction for our energy is enormously disruptive.”

Following a few additional exchanges between Lang and Rasmussen, Supervisor Mansfield announced that he was closing public comment so that the board could continue its meeting.

During its meeting, the Town Board...

...VOTED to direct the Planning Board to propose a road preservation law for the Town of Alfred before the Town Board’s July meeting.

...APPROVED replacement of ballasts and bulbs in all lights in the Town Highway Building at a cost of \$434.16 as part of the a plan to save energy through NYSEG.

...APPROVED general abstracts and highway abstracts.

...HEARD that there were 10 voters in District 1 and 52 voters in District 2 in the Republican Primary in the Town of Alfred.

...DISCUSSED existing gas wells throughout the Town of Alfred. Lang said the wells would need to be capped or be monitored if there were any gas drilling in the area. He said the DEC estimates there are between 40,000 and 54,000 abandoned wells that are not mapped in Western New York counties.

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Compiled By DAVID L. SNYDER

Alfred Sun Editor and Publisher

FIFTY YEARS AGO, MAY 17, 1962

An Alfred girl has been elected to office in her sorority at the Agricultural and Technical Institute here. Miss Audrey Pierce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pierce, was recently chosen house manager for Alpha Beta Chi sorority at Alfred Tech. A 1961 graduate of Alfred-Almond Central School, Miss Pierce is a freshman majoring in secretarial science...

Two seniors at the Alfred-Almond Central School have been awarded honors in the 1962 National Scholastic Art Awards, it has been learned by Kenneth Clicquennoi, principal of the Central School. Sheryl Butts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Butts of Alfred and Robert Zimmerman, son of Mrs. Roy Zimmerman of Alfred, received honorable mention for their textile designs...

Over 400 high school seniors and their parents will get an advance look at college life here this Saturday, May 19. The high school seniors are students who have been accepted for fall admission at the State University Agricultural and Technical Institute here...

Memorial Day will be observed by Alfred Post No. 370 of the American Legion, May 30, beginning at 11 a.m. in Almond, where the parade, moving at 11:15 a.m. will originate at the park. The speaker will be the Rev. Jesse Howat, pastor of the Almond Union of Churches. At 2 p.m., the parade in Alfred will form in front of Firemen's Hall, and will then proceed to the Alfred Rural Cemetery at 2:15 where the program will start at 2:45 p.m. Lt. Col. Phillip Judson of the Alfred University ROTC will give the Memorial Day address. In case of rain, the Almond service will be held in the Almond Union of Churches and in Alfred, at 2:45 in the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church...

The Alfred-Almond Central School Senior Band will present its Annual Spring Concert Tuesday evening, May 22 at 8 p.m., in the school auditorium, director Glenn Sprague announced today. The program will feature Sharon Bouck, Lorna Rhodes and Christine Lobdell in a flute trio; Jane Clicquennoi as cornet soloist; Lynn Bouck as narrator in a novelty number; Allan Simpson as student conductor; and Jane Clicquennoi, John Crandall and Gregory Smith in a cornet trio... The members of the Senior Band are Hollis Rawe, piccolo; Sharon Bouck, Erica Brown, Arthur Burdick, Sara Butler, Christine Lobdell, Carolyn Nevins, and Lorna Rhodes, flute; Karen Clicquennoi, Sally Johansson, Sharon Kelly, Janice Mullikin, Ruth Mullikin, Nancy Palmer, Retta Richmond, Donna Rossman, Janice Stearns, Andrew Stevens, and Peta Gray, clarinet. Audrey Hunt, alto clarinet; Lidna Brownell, Susan Platt, bass clarinet; Carolyn Richmond, Rita Brownell, oboe; Dennis Brutsman, Janice Burdett, John Kenyon, saxophone; Lynn Bouck, Audrey Hardy, French horn; Jane Clicquennoi, John Crandall, Philip Lockwood, David North, and Gregory Smith, cornet. Fred Gertz, Thomas Rawe, baritone; Chris Frechette, William Martin, Peter Randolph, and Allan Simpson, trombone; John Leathersich, tuba; Carl Cornell, John Ogden, Marc Rawady and Joseph Decker, percussion.

Alfredians—Mr. and Mrs. Everett T. Harris Jr. of Plainfield, N.J., and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Warren and family of Rochester were recent weekend guests of the Rev. and Mrs. Hurley S. Warren... Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Phillips and Miss Gene Phillips were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Shaw and family at Fredonia... Mr. and Mrs. John Gorton and children were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dudley at Ontario... Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith and Carol and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Doty and daughter Marshelle of Almond, were afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Kenyon, Sunday...

Alfred Station—Mrs. Leon Davis, Mrs. Madge Sutton, Luan Sutton and Ronald Ellis of Pine Valley celebrated Mother's Day with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ellis at Wellsville... Mr. and Mrs. Harry Austin spent the weekend at Medina with Mr. and Mrs. Burr Woodruff and family... Mr. and Mrs. John Fanton were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Silsby of Andrew Settlement, Pa., in honor of Mr. Silsby's birthday... Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Willard were Saturday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Burdick of Alfred... Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pierce spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Sutton and family at Cohoes...

Almond—Mr. and Mrs. Randall Atken and children of Tonawanda were weekend guests of Mrs. Atken's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Plank of the Pennsylvania Hill Road... Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dorr Cotton were their children and families. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cotton and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cotton

of Hornell; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bracken and Miss Sandra Whitford of Almond; and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cotton of Horseheads... Mr. and Mrs. Howard Crossett were Mother's Day guests at the home of their son, James, and family, on the Loon Lake Road... Attending the Homemakers' Tour in Olean last week from Almond were Mrs. Martha Delavergne, Mrs. Dorothy Cotton, Mrs. Hallie Grantier, Mrs. Rada Gillette, Mrs. Jenny Snyder, Mrs. Wanda Dungan, Mrs. Grace Perry, Mrs. Ruth Sisson, Mrs. Ruth Kellogg, Mrs. Blanche Fenner, Mrs. Dorothy Whitford, Mrs. Gertrude Watson, Mrs. Joanne Rossman, Mrs. Mary Rossman, Mrs. Carol Rossman and Mrs. Sally Lawrence.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, MAY 21, 1987

The Alfred-Almond Central School Board of Education approved a proposed budget of \$3,834,463 at its May 13 meeting. This necessitates an increase of 6.9% in school taxes. Copies of the proposed budget will be available beginning May 26 at the school. Residents will vote on the purchase of two school buses. The public will vote on the budget June 3 between the hours of 1 and 9 p.m. The following candidates will be running for a 5-year Board seat being vacated by Frank Beaton: Alan Burdick of Alfred, Jim Drake of Thachervill, Joanne Droppers of Alfred and George Porter of Crosby Creek Road...

The hundreds of area residents, parents and students who turned out April 25 for Alfred University's 16th Annual Hot Dog Day helped the student committee to gross approximately \$9,000. After the bills are paid, the Hot Dog Day Committee will have approximately \$1,500-\$2,000 to distribute to some 13 charitable groups throughout the area...

(Photo) NYS Lt. Gov. Stan Lundine receives the hood representing the honorary Doctorate of Jurisprudence degree which was awarded during Commencement ceremonies Saturday morning at Alfred University's McLane Center. Bestowing the honor on Lundine are Marlin Miller, president of the Board of Trustees, and S. Gene Odle, academic provost.

The Alfred Village Band will soon begin its 36th series of summer concerts. The first concert is slated for Wednesday, July 1, 7 p.m. at the Alfred University Park Bandstand and will commemorate the 150th Birthday of the A.E. Crandall Fire Department with music, cake and ice cream...

Alfredians—Dr. Steven Peterson, professor of political science at A.U. has been elected president of the New York State Political Science Association for 1987-8... Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burdick of Punta Gorda, FL have returned to their summer home at Snyder's Trailer Park, Alfred Station... Mr. and Mrs. Don Pierce of Alfred Station spent a vacation in Palm Bay, FL with the Tracy More family and in Bridgeport, WV with the Lee Powell family... Fire damaged St. Jude's Chapel on May 9. The fire apparently started in the library of the church, located in the basement under the altar area... Mr. and Mrs. Michael Luger of Clifton Park were weekend guests of his parents, Carl and Nancy Luger... Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Deverell have returned to their Alfred home at 90 West University St... Kevin Connolly graduated on May 10 from Syracuse University with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication. He has a job with Continental Airlines as Operations Agent. He is the son of Bruce and Ann Marie Connolly... Middle Age: That difficult period between adolescence and retirement when you have to take care of yourself...

Miss Christina Marie Dgien, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Dgien, Williamsport, PA, became the bride of Ray Elliot Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne H. Carter, Almond, at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 9...

Five members of the Cortland State softball squad, which won the State University of New York Athletic Conference Eastern Division title and finished the 1987 season with a 20-15 record, were voted NCAA Div. III Northeast Region softball honors by the area coaches. Among the five was an Alfred-Almond graduate, the lone Cortland player named to the first team. Cortland senior Dawn Burdick, of Alfred Station, was named to the first team outfield. Burdick, who started in all 35 games this spring, batted .278 in the second spot in the line-up. She paced Cortland with 26 runs and had one-third of the squad's sacrifice hits with 16. Her team-high 16 walks added to a .344 on-base percentage, where she successfully stole bases 9-of-10 tries.

(Photo) Bands to Perform—Alfred-Almond's Junior and Senior High Bands will perform in a concert at 7:30 p.m. tonight, Thursday, May 21 at the school auditorium. Ready to play are Miles Archer, Kenny Porter and Adam Jefferds.

(Photo) Choirs to Perform—Preparing for the

May 27 Alfred-Almond Junior-Senior High Choral Concert are Helen Ann Smith, Tonia Davis and Kim Gruen, Laura Condrate, Ian Henderson and Gabrielle Stone.

Sunny Side-Up (By Sharon Hoover) When we used to go home for a summer visit, my mother-in-law would often make blueberry muffins. That meant breakfast would consist of cold juice, warm muffins, hot coffee and "visiting." The recipe below makes good "visting" muffins—not too rich and full of juicy blueberries. Ingredients: 2 t. baking powder, ¼ t. salt, ¼ t. nutmeg, ½ c. milk, 2 c. blueberries—fresh or frozen, ½ c. margarine—soft, ½ c. sugar, 2 eggs 1 t. vanilla, 2 cups white flour (or 1 cup white, 1 cup whole wheat flour). Mix margarine and sugar until smooth. Add eggs and vanilla. Beat well. Add flour, baking powder, salt nutmeg, milk and blueberries. Mix just until all ingredients are wet. Bake at 375 F. for 25 minutes. Makes 18 medium-sized muffins.

TEN YEARS AGO, MAY 23, 2002

(Photo) Paul and Betty Giles' grandchildren even found time to read the Alfred Sun on the Walt Disney Island of Castaway Cay while the entire Giles family took the Disney cruise and enjoyed the warm weather in January, including Felicity and Belinda Swayne, Brady Giles, Nathanael Swayne, Holly Giles and Ashleigh Swayne.

Alfred-Almond Central School announces that the Class of 2002 Valedictorian is Kazumasa Takeuchi and the Salutatorian is Andrea Lichtman...

The Alfred University Board of Trustees has voted to eliminate fraternities and sororities, ending their nearly 100-year presence on the campus. The vote came after a special Trustee Task Force on Greek Life delivered a report sharply critical of the University's Greek system, and recommended its elimination. The trustees directed President Charles M. Edmondson and his staff to draft a plan to implement their decision and authorized the Executive Committee of the Board to review and approve the administration's plan on behalf of the full board. While the board's action was taken at its meeting late on Friday, the announcement was delayed until Monday to permit Gerald Brody, vice president of Student Affairs, to notify presidents of fraternities and sororities of the board's decision. "We wanted to extend that courtesy to our students," said President Edmondson.

You wouldn't blame Nadine Shardlow if she asked for a recount. But she didn't. Alfred-Almond Central School District Clerk Helen Spencer's announcement was received as the final word: Clayton Stutzman 357, Nadine Shardlow 355. There were no hanging chads or dimpled ballots to pore over. There was no question of the legitimacy of absentee ballots. The votes had been counted. The results were in. The election was over. The two-term incumbent and the challenger sat side-by-side in the high school auditorium where the polls had minutes earlier closed. Upon hearing the results, the two exchanged a hug, both conciliatory and congratulatory. Two votes difference. Last year, Nadine's bid for a seat on the school board fell 11 votes short as Licio Pennisi was elected to a second term. The nearly 800 Alfred-Almond Central School District who voted in Tuesday's election approved a \$8,357,985 budget for 2002-2003 by nearly 100 votes. Final tally was 433 yes, 351 no...

(Photo) Lion of the Year—During the Alfred Lions Club's installation of new officers at a dinner held May 9 at Central Dining Hall, Lion Wally Higgins, immediate past club president, was named Lion of the Year. The Lion of the Year Award is given by the club in recognition of the ideals of Lionism through the work of the selected Lion. The person selected is one that fellow Lions are encouraged to try to emulate. This year, Wally Higgins, in addition to being selected as Lion of the Year, received a pin for 35 years of perfect attendance at club meetings. Wally is shown receiving his plaque from DG (district governor) Jon K. LeGro.

An atlas written by two Alfred University biology professors is designed to help health professionals find their way around the human body. Dr. Bradley S. Bowden, professor of biology, and Joan M. Bowden, adjunct assistant professor of biology, are co-authors of An Illustrated Atlas of the Skeletal Muscles, published by Morton Publishing Co. of Englewood, CO. The just-released reference and study guide is aimed at students and allied health professionals, such as physicians assistants, physical therapists, chiropractors and massage therapists, explained Dr. Bowden...

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Ormsby were in Johnson City last weekend to attend the graduation of their grandson, Clinton Phillip Ormsby Jr. from Practical Bible College.

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Lord.

Here is the Sabbath schedule: 9:00 am is the Sanctuary Choir rehearsal. Has Heavenly Father given you a gift of singing, do you have a heart of sharing that gift with the people of God then be a part of the rehearsal?

9:45 am is Sabbath school

where classes are held to study scripture. The Adult Department has three classes to from which to choose. The Youth department has 1 class for those in 7th to 12th grade. The Primary department has 5 classes from nursery through 6th grade.

11:00 am is The Sabbath Worship Hour where as a gathered community of faith we Worship God -The Father through God the Son, In God- the Holy Spirit. Together we will sing Hymns of the Faith, read the word of God, prayers will be made and fellowship will happen with each other. Pastor Ken's sermon is titled "Thou Fool" from Luke 12:13-21" It will explore what happens when we make something more important where it takes the place of Heavenly Father.

Come and join us in celebrating on the gift God has given His Sabbath day.

The Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church Meeting-house is located at 587 Route 244 in Alfred Station. The Meeting house is located up from Robert Lawrence Trucking, Canacadea Country Store, and Baker's Bridge Antiques; across from Hillbottom Pottery, down from the Alfred Knitting Studio, Way to Gro, Hi-Tech Ceramics, and the Bicycle Man. For further information you may call the church office at 607-587-9176.

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SERVICE NOTES

Air Force Airman Jacob R. Bissett graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Bissett earned distinction as an honor graduate. He is the son of Mary Bissett of County Road 19, Whitesville. The airman is a 2010 graduate of Whitesville Central School.

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

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

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

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

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP--Randolph Road, Alfred. Pastor Roger Gardner. Worship 10 am Sundays. Sunday Prayer 6 pm. Omega Course 7 pm Tuesdays at Powell CC, AU; Bible Study 7 pm Wednesdays at Alfred State College. 607-587-9257.

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

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

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

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

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Sunbeams



You know it's a small town when...Directions are given using "the" traffic light as a reference.

Joanne Droppers is moving again, this time from South Portland, ME to Lynn, MA. There's an Alfred in Maine that serves as county seat of York County. Joanne reports, "One of the residents here when hearing me inquire if my *Alfred Sun* had arrived, said she didn't know I had a son in Alfred."

Snowbird Art Gaisser has returned to Alfred after wintering in Bradenton, FL

The 2012 issue of the AACS Alumni Association's newsletter, the Blue and Gold, has been mailed out. Here's a link to the newsletter on the AACS website: <http://www.aacs.wnyric.org/alumni/AA%20Alumni%20News%202012.pdf> Reunion weekend (July 28, 2012) and banquet news included -- as well as a dues/donation/reservation form to use. AAAA asks that alumni support the AAAA by paying \$5 annual dues to help offset the cost of the newsletter. If you have questions, contact Lee and Donna Ryan, lee_donna@gmail.com or on facebook.

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive from 2-7 p.m. Monday, May 21 in the social rooms at the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church meetinghouse. You can call for an appointment at 1-800-Red Cross. Walk-ins are welcome. Double Red Cell donations are also available at this drive. If you donated before March 26 you are eligible to donate at this drive. Remember to bring appropriate identification. For further information, call the church office at 607-587-9176. Please give to save a life. One pint helps up to three people.

Elizabeth Gulacsy has returned to her Alfred home after wintering in Orlando, FL.

The 2nd Annual "Art Exposé" at the Elks Lodge on Broadway in Hornell is issuing a "call for artists" for the Saturday, June 9 event. All fine art welcome: paintings, drawings, sculpture, wood-working, etc. The "Exposé" is for those who would like to work on your pieces at the exhibition for visitors to observe. There will be live music, complimentary hors d'oeuvres, and cash bar. Fee for space (sizes vary depending on need) is \$25. For application or more information, email haac2008@gmail.com.

The Angelica Booster Citizens will sponsor the 33rd annual Community Lawn Sales on Saturday & Sunday, May 19 & 20. Close to 75 participants are expected. Maps of sale locations will be available in local stores. On both days, in addition to the yard, porch, and garage sales all over town, the Whistle Stop Shoppe will host a fundraiser for STAR animal rescue. On Saturday only: Lions Club blood screening station at the fire hall in the morning; Red Cross blood drive at the United Methodist Church, 9 am-2 pm; Birdsall Grange refreshment & bake sale at 65 E. Main; and noontime chicken barbecue at the American Legion, serving until the chicken's all gone.

Alfred Community Theatre will have tryouts for its 2012 summer production of "Music Man" at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 20 at the Union University Church Center in Alfred. The musical, in a concert style format, calls for singers of all ages, so all are invited to audition. Performances are tentatively scheduled for July 19-20-21 in the Alfred Village Hall Theater.

E-mail your Sunbeams to: alfredsun.news@gmail.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Continued from Page 4)
violation of the mortgage agreement and the bank can then call in the loan. That the water system was installed by the gas company to provide potable water to their home, but the \$2000 monthly cost to operate it is the responsibility of the homeowner. That the sale of surface rights un-knowingly allowed a multi acre backwash pond to be constructed in what was the pasture? How many of these anecdotal claims are true? I can't say. But the state of New York should extend the state fracking moratorium while consumer protection regulations regarding gas leases are put into law. Even if none of the above anecdotes is true, I believe it is the responsibility of government to protect citizens.

When the issue of fracking came up, I wondered what was the big rush. I understood that if we didn't hurry up and get the gas out of the ground, it would still be there. Gas prices are depressed, the lowest in a decade. If my fears are proven false, we can always revisit fracking in the future. I came to feel there was a reason for the rush. Time gave people a chance to study the issue, the process, and the repercussions. The fracking proponents knew that in time people would become, as did I, extremely opposed to Hydraulic Fracturing. The history of technology is that processes gets safer with experience and time. Let's watch other areas and learn from their mistakes. Let us not foul our gift of a clean environment. Please ban Deep Well Hydraulic Fractured Gas Mining in the Town of Alfred.

Sincerely
David Fredrickson,
Resident, Town of Alfred, NY

Thanks, Village Board

To the Editor:
On behalf of the large number and broad representation of community residents present at the May meeting of the Alfred Village Board, I would like to thank the Board for having tabled a vote on the "congregate housing in B-2" proposal from the April to the May meeting, thereby enabling a vigorous discussion of many aspects and possible unforeseen consequences of the proposal—also to be continued at their next meeting, which will take place on June 12.

Trustee Joe Dosch added to his motion [to table the proposal once again] the request that landlords and representatives of both Alfred University and Alfred State College be involved in further discussion of the proposal at the June meeting. Let's hope they come!

The Planning Board's proposal to allow "congregate housing" — which could include "sports houses" and other membership or boarding houses shar-

ing a kitchen and other living space, as well as ASC fraternities and sororities — has, in effect, prompted a long-overdue public discussion of the need for balance in our small village between year-around residents and the increased number of students living off campus, in particular — because of zoning or "grandfathering" — in the center of the Village.

Contributing to the one-and-a-half hour lively discussion were residents of North and South Main Streets, Terrace St., Sayles St., West University St., and, most poignantly, several families who reside on Reynolds St. (I hope I haven't left anyone out!), along with members of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church and the Union University Church concerned about the impact of the proposal on Church and West Univ. Streets between Main and Mills-Elm Street.

All of these members of the Alfred community asked important questions about, and raised valid challenges to, the wisdom and fairness (or lack thereof) of the proposal to allow congregate housing in the B-2 zone, which includes Church St. (including the ASDB Church, used since 1922 by the UUC congregation), part of Reynolds St., the north side of West University St. (including the Parish House, used by the Society of Friends and many community organizations), Mill-Elm St., and a small portion of N. Main St. between the former Gallery and the Post Office (with, incidentally, just one rental house available to become a "congregate house").

Deep concern was expressed over the proposal's dedication, in effect, of one "strip" of the Village for congregate housing — on Church St. and part of West University—and the effect that such a change in zoning would have on community properties in the immediate area as well as the quality of life on Reynolds Street.

The discussion of the zoning change proposal evolved into numerous comments and questions about the quality of life elsewhere in the Village center, for example, on South Main St. between West Univ. and Terrace Streets., the two colleges' control—or lack of—over the behavior of students living off campus, the appearance of rental properties throughout the Village, the steadily dwindling number of single families or individuals living in the historic center, and even about the logic of the original zoning of B-2, given the fact that there are still so few actual businesses in the zone, 40 years after its creation.

This important discussion definitely needs to be continued at the June 10 meeting of the Village Board, which, hopefully, will be attended by all members of the Alfred community who care about and have an interest in the character and quality of life in the Village center, including not only residents who live

there, but those living farther away from the Village center, e.g., on Pine Hill Drive, Hill, High, Green, and Hillcrest Streets, as well as "outer" North and South Main Streets. Please come and participate—and mark your calendars: June 10, 7:30 p.m.!

Sharon Bouck Smith

Redefining marriage

To the Editor:

Now we know what our president's view on marriage has evolved into and his view as a "Christian" pompously trumps God's.

President Obama said that he and his wife "are both practicing Christians and [that our view may] put us at odds with the views of others but ... when we think about our faith, the thing at root that we think about is, not only Christ sacrificing himself on our behalf, but it's also the Golden Rule ... treat others the way you would want to be treated. And I think that's what we try to impart to our kids and that's what motivates me as president..."

Exploiting the Golden Rule to redefine marriage is a sham. The Golden Rule has nothing to do with providing grounds for changing the God-given definition of marriage. Did Jesus institute the Golden Rule for Barack Obama to redefine marriage? According to President Obama, "YES!"

If that wasn't enough, the president snuck in the sacrifice of Christ. To insinuate that Jesus sacrificed himself to legalize and legitimize a distorted relationship of marriage is nothing short of ludicrous. While Jesus sanctified marriage in Matthew 19:4-6 as a union of man and one woman, President Obama absurdly suggests that Jesus died on the cross to open up the definition of marriage to be more palatable for the politically correct. Jesus did not come to die to justify sinners' distorted and warped views of marriage, but to justify us who have been warped and distorted by sin.

The president said that his position may put him "at odds with the views of others." Notice who he left out. It's not so much that the president has put himself at odds with other human beings, but that he puts himself at odds with God. President Obama can slop on all the PC whitewash he wants and spruce it up with Bible verses taken out of their context, but it's still a velvet glove on a clenched fist shaking at God. Speaking from both sides of his mouth, he champions what God calls unholy but says he's a "Christian."

There is as much convolution as there is evolution in the president's tortured explanation from Scripture. If he wants to misuse the Bible to teach his children this convoluted way, that's his business, but when he wants to lead us this way as president, he makes it our business.

Mel McGinnis
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AU softball team earns E8 honors

ALFRED--Five members of the Alfred University softball team have been named Empire 8 Conference all-stars.

The Empire 8 announced its all-conference teams last week and Alfred had four players named to the First Team, tied with St. John Fisher for the most from any conference school. All-conference awards were based on a vote by coaches using statistics from Empire 8 games only.

Senior outfielder Angela Netta (Rahway, NJ/Mother Seton Regional), junior second baseman Maressa Mistretta (Shirley/Longwood), junior utility player Hana Gross (Union, NJ) and sophomore outfielder Breeal Delgado (Rancho Cucamonga, CA/Los Osos) were named to the First Team. Sophomore designated player Stephanie Arguello (Placentia, CA/Vista del Lago) was given honorable mention.

Netta earned all-Empire 8 recognition for a third time and Mistretta for a second time. Gross, Delgado and Arguello became conference all-stars for the first times in their careers.

Netta batted .500 in conference action (20-for-40) with eight extra-base hits (four home-runs, four doubles), 10 runs scored and 11 RBIs. In all games, Netta tied for the team lead in hitting (.463, 56-for-121) and led the team in hits (56) and slugging (.702) and tied for the team lead in homers (five) while adding 10 doubles, a triple and four steals.

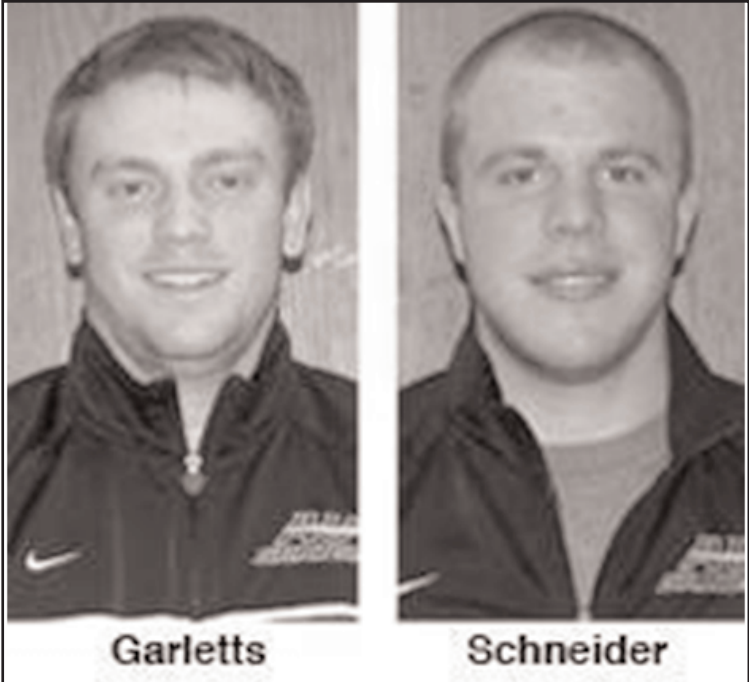
Mistretta received First Team honors in 2012 after batting .375 (12-for-32) in E8 action, scoring six runs. She turned in a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage in 12 conference contests. Overall, she batted .419 (31-for-74) with two doubles and one homerun, scored 21 runs and drove in 14. She tied for the team lead in assists (57) and posted a .951 fielding percentage.

Gross batted .324 in conference games (11-for-34, one double), seeing time at catcher and third base. She scored one run, drove in five and posted a .949 fielding percentage. Overall, Gross batted .289 (28-for-97) with eight runs and 22 RBIs. She had three doubles and four homeruns and turned in a .965 fielding percentage.

Delgado batted .410 (16-for-39) in conference action. She scored seven runs and drove in 11, with four doubles and one homerun. In E8 games playing centerfield for the Saxons, she had a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage. In all games, she hit .417 (48-for-115) with a team-leading 20 extra-base hits (school-record 16 doubles to go with one triple and three homers) and a team-best 44 RBIs. She scored 32 runs and in the field posted a .939 fielding percentage.

Arguello saw action in 11 Em-

Two Saxons earn E8 tennis honors



pire 8 games, playing primarily as a designated player but seeing some time as an infielder. She batted .400 (12-for-30) in E8 contests with two doubles and a triple, while scoring four times and driving in seven runs. She had a 1.000 fielding percentage at second base and shortstop. Overall, she tied for the team lead in hitting (.463) with 50 hits (second on the team) in 108 at-bats. She led the team in triples (three), scored 32 runs and drove in 16 with three steals.

Each season, the Empire 8 honors students-athletes from each conference school, who play on conference-sponsored teams, with Sportsperson of the Year awards. Sophomore outfielder Danielle Mastropiero (Randolph, NJ/Randolph) is Alfred's honoree from the softball team.

Alfred finished its season with a 27-14 record. The Saxons' 27 wins are tied with the 2009 team for the second-most in a season in team history, behind only the 37 the team won in 2010, when AU played in the NCAA tournament.

Two Saxons named to E8 All-Tourney Team

Two members of the Alfred University softball team have been named to the Empire 8 Conference championship all-tournament team.

AU senior outfielder Angela Netta (Rahway, NJ/Mother Seton Regional) and freshman outfielder Alyson Hampton (Oxnard, CA/Oxnard) were named to the all-tournament team. The Saxons won one game and lost two in the double-elimination tournament, won by top seed and host Ithaca College.

Netta batted .444 (4-for-9) with two doubles, a run scored and an RBI in the three games. Hampton batted .500 (4-for-8) with a run scored and two stolen bases. The Saxons opened with a loss to Ithaca on Friday, then beat third-seeded Stevens later that afternoon before falling to

second-seeded St. John Fisher in an elimination game Saturday morning.

Ithaca split two games with Fisher Sunday, dropping the first game, 2-1, before beating the Cardinals, 2-0, in a winner-take-all championship tilt and earning the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III championship tournament, which begins next weekend.

Tennis players earn E8 honor

Two members of the Alfred University men's tennis team have earned Empire 8 all-conference recognition.

The Empire 8 announced its all-star teams today and AU senior Nate Garletts (Havertown, PA/Haverford) was named to the Second Team as a singles player, while classmate Nick Schneider (Liverpool) was given honorable mention, also for singles play.

This marks the first time Garletts has earned all-conference honors. The four-year starter turned in a solid senior season, going 11-5 overall at second singles, including 4-3 in seven Empire 8 matches. Garletts was 13-3 in doubles play, including 11-3 in third doubles (4-3 in Empire 8 action).

Schneider earned All-E8 honors for a second time in his career, having been awarded Second Team recognition in 2010. This year, he went 7-11 at first singles (2-5 Empire 8 matches). In doubles play, he was on teams that went 13-4, including 11-4 in first doubles (4-3 Empire 8).

Each season, the Empire 8 honors students-athletes from each conference school, who play on conference-sponsored teams, with Sportsperson of the Year awards. Honorees, chosen by their coaches, exhibited outstanding sportsmanship in keeping with the conference's mission of "competing with honor and integrity." Schneider is AU's honoree from the men's tennis team.

Alfred finished its season with an 11-7 record (.304 in Empire 8 matches).

ASC Sports Roundup

Academic and Leadership Awards Announced

Volleyball player Amanda Bush (Altoona, PA) was awarded both the Alfred State Athletic Department female academic and leadership awards while Thomas Anderson (Sodus) was named the male academic award winner and Rory Spain (Tully) was the recipient of the male leadership award.

Bush was a two-year starter on the Lady Pioneer volleyball team. She was one of the better libero's in Region III as a freshman but moved positions this season to setter and became one of the top setter's in Region III this year. She recorded 903 assists, 253 digs, and 99 kills this year on her way to 2nd team All-Region and 1st team All-WNYAC honors. She is credited by her coaching staff as a player that always plays hard and as a player that leads by example. Off the court, Bush holds a 3.85 GPA in Veterinary Technology, holds an executive board office in the Vet Tech program, and spent part of last summer in Haiti on a relief trip. Earlier in the semester, Bush was honored with the prestigious SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence.

Anderson was a two-year member of the cross country team. He has earned a 3.89 GPA in the mechanical engineering program. Spain was a starting linebacker the last two years for the Pioneer football team. This year he recorded 56 tackles, two sacks, and an interception and has a total of 108 tackles, three sacks, and two interceptions in his career. He is credited by the football coaching staff for his leadership skills on and off the field and for proving to be a dynamic leader who was almost like having another coach on the field. He stepped up this year and helped team get better and continues to do so by helping his teammates prepare for next year at spring practices.

Witchella and Phelan Named Fr. Athletes of the Year

Haley Witchella (Oxford Academy) of the Alfred State women's basketball team and Keegan Phelan (East Aurora) who played on both the football and lacrosse teams were honored as the athletic department's Freshman Athletes of the Year.

Witchella was named 2nd team NJCAA Division II All-American, the Region III Division II player of the year, 1st team All-Region, and 1st team All-WNYAC following a freshman campaign that saw her average 16.8 points and 11.4 rebounds per game. She scored more than 10 points in 18 of her 20 games and scored 20 or more points in five games. She also registered 71 blocks, 35 steals and 20 assists.

Phelan was a starter on both the lacrosse and football teams. He recorded 35 tackles and three pass break-ups on the football field and the registered five goals and seven goals from his defensive mid-field position in lacrosse. He was named the Unsung Hero Award for the lacrosse team and was counted on to defend the opponent's top offensive midfielder. He was also credited with doing the dirty work and creating offense out of defense.

Dorsey and Simmons Named Senior Athletes of the Year

Alfred State track & field athlete Briana Dorsey (Rochester/School of the Arts) and football player Devin Simmons (Elmira Free) have been named the athletic department senior athletes of the year.

Dorsey was a two year member of both the indoor and outdoor track & field teams. She was a two-time NJCAA All-American in outdoor track & field as a freshman and this past weekend repeated as an All-American in one event. She is the school record holder in the outdoor 200 m dash and is 2nd in the 100 m dash outdoors and 2nd in the 60 m dash indoors. During her two-year career at Alfred, Dorsey earned All-Region in ten events and was named the Region III track athlete of the meet in 2012.

Simmons had a solid two year career as the top target of the Pioneer passing attack. He caught a school record 49 passes for 743 yards this season and scored 10 touchdowns. He caught eight passes for 99 yards and a score in the Pioneers' Region III title game win over Erie CC. He finished with a school record 67 career catches for 978 yards and 11 scores. Simmons has not decided on where he will continue his collegiate career.

Freligh, Chambers, and Johnson win Sportsmanship Awards

Alfred State softball player Shelby Freligh (Auburn/Union Springs), women's basketball player Carriola Chambers (Manhattan/Facing History), and football player Colter Johnson (Warren, PA) were named the recipients of the Daniel J. Neverett Sportsmanship at the athletic department's annual award ceremony.

Freligh was a two-year starter at catcher for the softball team. She hit .284 this season with seven doubles and 11 RBI. Freligh is also a member of the Intercollegiate Athletic Board.

Chambers started at point guard the past two seasons for the Lady Pioneers. She averaged 4.6 points and 4 assists per game this year en route to being named the team's most improved player.

Johnson was the Region III special teams player of the year after capping a stellar career for the Pioneers. He averaged 38.9 yards per punt with a long of 66 yards this year and also connected on 6 of 12 field goal attempts including four field goals in the football team's Region III Championship victory. He was named All-Region this year and was a NJCAA All-American last year. Johnson has signed with UMASS to continue his athletic and academic career.

End of the year athletic awards were presented in the newly renovated Cappadonia Auditorium.

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The Dugout

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HITS AND MISSES:

Starting off this week with some NCAA Division III men's lacrosse action as the tournament is well underway. There are eight teams still alive including RIT and Union from the Liberty League and Cortland (19-0) from the SUNYAC's. As well as undefeated Salisbury (20-0) ... obviously. The Dutchmen from Union and the Red Dragons from Cortland will square off this week. RIT takes on Tufts. Cortland stopped E8 champ, Stevens, 10-9 in the previous round. The title game is set for May 27th in Maryland, Salisbury versus Cortland. If that does come thru, two undefeated programs well acquainted with each other.

In the NCAA Division III women's lax tournament it is down to the "Final Four" with Salisbury (21-0) and Cortland (20-1) in that grouping. Salisbury plays Middlebury from Vermont and Cortland takes on Trinity (CT). Could be a Salisbury-Cortland championship collision here as well. The four Salisbury-Cortland teams, men and women, are a combined 80-1. Yikes!

In NJCAA women's lacrosse championship play it was Onondaga CC topping Monroe CC of Rochester, 6-5 to take home the trophy as the victors scored with 0:03 left on the scoreboard. Wow. Onondaga won this championship in 2009 as well while MCC was the two-time defending champ.

Switching to the pro lax circuit, the indoor variety, the Rochester Knighthawks are in the NLL title game after they surprised the Toronto Rock (Korn) in Toronto, 17-13. The K-Hawks are a .500 club at 9-9 in the title game and they will host it at the BCA versus Edmonton who blasted Minnesota, 15-3 to get to this contest. Rochester hasn't won at Toronto in ages and to grab a berth in the championship tilt against them, on the road, is most impressive. BCA GM, Jeff "Eyes" Calkins (A-A) will have an additional date on his busy calendar now.

Had a chance to chat with Drury AD, Pat Atwell (Andover) last week as the Drury baseball team was in Evansville, IN for their conference playoffs. Father Carl Atwell ... not really "father," but Pat's dad ... along enjoying the games as well. Carl Atwell a baseball & softball umpire/official in Allegany and Steuben County for a number of years. Pat Atwell, formerly at Quincy in Illinois, now at Drury in Missouri, same conference. Will make it out there sometime!

Jordan Gaisser (Brockport) was a member of the Monroe CC softball team this spring as they just lost in the Region III finals to Tompkins-Cortland. Gaisser is the daughter of Mark (A-A) and D'Arcy and she had a .442 batting average (19-43) with 13 rbi and 3 dingers. Sounds like she should've got some more PT than she did! The MCC squad finished up at (29-18). Dad, Mark ... probably off to Ohio or someplace playing slow pitch softball.

Daughter Lauren and her mom, Alfred State College Hall of Famer Barb (Nelson) Lorow took in the Seattle-NY Yanks game at Yankee Stadium on Sunday past ... Mother's Day! It was the return of Andy Pettitte to the Yanks and the hill. Unfortunately in a losing effort. One Sunday prior Pettitte was in Rochester pitching for the "AAA" Empire State Yanks in his final minor league stint before re-joining the big leagues. A huge crowd on hand at Fronter Field, ranking right up there with the likes of: Hideki Irabu pitching for NY, Stephen Strasburg for Syracuse and an Orioles exhibition game with Cal Ripken in Rochester one last time. Took in all three of those contests! 3L and Barb "catching some rays" in LF bleachers at Yankee Stadium, 80-degrees.

Backing up to Pittsburgh trip week prior, was actually going to go to Reds-Pirates game if it was a 1:00pm start and attempt to hook-up with Dan "Dog" Canfield as well. Unfortunately NL contest was set for 7:00pm at PNC Park and just couldn't swing it. Beautiful stadium!

Is there a more smug ... arrogant ... (jerk) in MLB than pitcher Josh Beckett of the Boston Red Sox?

Watched some of the Angels-Rangers ESPN Sunday nite game on the tube. Albert Pujols ... wow. Tough to watch the once-great slugger play now.

Also watched some of The Players Championship in golf on Sunday afternoon. Talk about "tough to watch" ... Kevin Na. He is worse than Sergio Garcia was in his "waggle mode." Tiger Woods in another disappointing appearance.

Some vanity plates spotted here and there: DABROWN2 ... Webster Schroeder soccer coach, ROCDERBY ... move over!, PAR-ROTS and MARINO from NYS. My "cuz" in Wisconsin spotted this one there ... CUTTER, plus Brian Cannon of Wellsville sends along a NC plate of CANNON'S and some Ontario plates seen over weekend were PGA SMDY ... sure and 4 AILEEN ... 3L's friend from Geneseo.

This weekend is the anniversary of the epic battle at Cedar Lake in the Logblasters competition. Stub versus the Thunderbolt and on the undercard, Mike Jackson (maybe of Andover) taking on the Screwblaster. Our Man Frank said he was victorious!

Danny White is the new athletic director at the University of Buffalo (UB). Guessing not the ex-Cowboys QB who once spoke at an Alfred University Hall of Fame banquet.

A-A softball battling for Sectional top seed

WELLSVILLE—A-A's Megan Murray pitched a one-hitter Friday, May 11 as the Eagles got a big 10-0 win over Class B2 Wellsville.

But there's little time to celebrate. The Eagles are scheduled to play five games in six days this week as they try to get games played before Section V Tournament play.

A-A, now 9-1 on the season, at press time, was the top seed in Section V Class D1, just ahead of Romulus (11-3) and Fillmore (12-4). The Eagles were at Brad-

ford (4-3) Monday, at Genesee Valley (3-9) Tuesday, hosts Avoca (7-5) Wednesday, at Prattsburgh (5-5) Thursday, and at Campbell-Savona (3-8) on Saturday.

Section V Tournament seeding will be held on Sunday, May 20.

Against Wellsville, A-A pitching ace Megan Murray gave up only a double to Brenna Gustin and walked two, while the Eagles scored five runs in the fourth to pull away from the Lions.

A-A Coach Kate Carretto had nothing but good to say about Murray, who she said is a "smart pitcher."

Carretto said Murray and A-A catcher Allee VonStackelberg are a solid battery.

Shannon Schwarberg had five RBIs and von Stackelberg had three RBIs to lead A-A. Schwarberg, Kalie Muhleisen and Cassie Ingalls had two hits each in the win.

The Eagles' lone loss this season was to powerful Bolivar-Richburg (16-1).

AU track & field tunes for ECAC at Allegheny's Gator Invitational

MEADVILLE, PA--Several members of the Alfred University men's and women's outdoor track and field teams competed Friday at the Allegheny College Gator Invitational, in a final tune-up for this week's ECAC outdoor championships.

Senior Rich Scott (Eden) led the Saxon men's contingent, taking fourth in the 400-meter dash (48.93 seconds) and sixth in the 200-meter dash (22.14 seconds). His time in the 400 broke his own school record.

Five other AU men turned in top-20 finishes. Junior Jeremy Weaver (Lancaster, PA/Lancaster Catholic) was 17th in the 200 meters (22.99 seconds); senior Randy Brito (NYC/Cardinal Hayes) and freshman Nolan Rummel were 17th (51.31 seconds) and 20th (52.24 seconds), respectively, in the 400 meters; junior Shane Stadtmueller (Red Creek) was 11th in the 110-meter hurdles (18.92 seconds); and sophomore Isaiah Cassin (Candor) was eighth in the high jump (1.87 meters).

Sophomore Chelsea Hall (Grand Island) took seventh in the 100-meter hurdles (15.96 seconds) to lead the Alfred women. Sophomore Rebecca Gaudons (Mayfield) was 12th in the pole vault (3.25 meters).

The ECAC outdoor championships will be held Thursday and Friday, May 17 and 18, in Troy.



Daredevil to walk over Niagara Falls
Nik Wallenda "King of the tight Rope," practices in the parking lot at the Seneca Casino in Buffalo. Wallenda, a seventh-generation member of the great Flying Wallenda Family, will be on ABC prime time Friday, June 15, attempting a tight rope walk across Niagara Falls, a feat that hasn't been attempted in a hundred years. In a practice session in Baltimore, Nik slipped and nearly fell earlier this month. Crossing the Niagara River on a tightrope has been banned since 1890. (Photo by LAN)

The Dugout continued...

Bill Byrne retired as AD at Texas A&M. Not the former AU Saxons basketball great.

The never-ending NBA playoffs are now in round two. The injury-plagued Chicago Bulls are out and the semi-ancient Boston Celtics are still alive in the East. A Celts-Heat conference finale? The West could be interesting with an LA Lakers-Clippers conference championship but going with Spurs-Thunder instead. Picked Oklahoma City over Miami at start of season and am sticking with that. San Antonio very impressive though.

The dysfunctional NY Knicks and Carmelo Anthony did not make it out of the first-round ... again.

It was off to Buffalo this past Saturday with noted area photographer, Leo Nealon to watch Nik Wallenda practice for his upcoming "walk" over Niagara Falls. Wallenda is a seventh-generation member of the great Flying Wallenda's family and he will be on ABC prime-time attempting that walk next month. The practice was at the Seneca Casino, in the parking lot and Nealon wanted to get some photos of the practice routine. Rode along to listen to him talk and be his assistant on the shoot. Fun time actually.

"Mild" week for me (perhaps) as golf tournament on tap for Saturday in Geneseo. Looking forward to that. Good time last year at Livingston CC and with Coach Wiley of the women's soccer team. Maybe a dinner prior with soccer player Jess Herbst (Webster Schroeder/UVM) ... but never know with her!
Go Yanks !!!



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