

On stage at A-A...

Starring in "Suppressed Desires" as part of "A Couple of Comedies" at Alfred-Almond Central School at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6 and 7 in the high school auditorium are (from left) Katlyn Guild, Taylor Fox, and Hudson Laprade (reading *The Alfred Sun*, in still another cameo appearance in a theatrical production).



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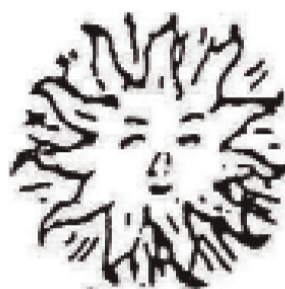
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Thursday, December 5, 2013

The Alfred Sun celebrating 130th birthday

By DAVID L. SNYDER
Editor, Publisher and Janitor

There's no truth to the rumor that *The Alfred Sun* is going out of business.

Some folks have spotted a "For Sale By Owner" sign in front of Sun Publishing Company, 13 S. Main Street, Alfred, and assumed that is the office of this newspaper. It isn't.

It hasn't been the newspaper office since June 1973, when Gary Horowitz purchased the "flag" of the *The Alfred Sun* from Gene and Aurabeth Van Horn, late owners of Sun Publishing Company.

The VanHorns had published this weekly from 1951 until ceasing publication in June 1970 when the commercial printing business became Sun Publishing Company's primary focus.

Fact is, tomorrow marks the 130th anniversary of the founding of this newspaper. It's still shining after all these years.

It all started on Dec. 6, 1883. And, much like its namesake, readers can depend on the *Sun* shining in Alfred, (well, at least once a week), so long as the editor and publisher is around...and likely beyond.

Frank A. Crumb was one of its original founders along with John M. and John P. Mosher back in 1883 and it was Crumb who sold the paper to the Van Horns in 1951, some 68 years later.

After that initial edition, area newspapers wrote of the *SUN*:

"The first number of the *Alfred Sun*, a new paper published at Alfred Centre by John M. and John P. Mosher, made its appearance at our table yesterday. It is

a six column sheet of four pages, and is well edited and newsy. Its advertising patronage is good, and it looks as if it might prosper. The *Sun* is welcome."

--Hornell Times, Dec. 7th

"The initial number of Alfred's new paper, the *Sun*, was issued on Thursday. It is crisp and chatty, clean and clever, and every way welcome to the field of journalistic trials and triumphs."

--Wellsville Reporter

"The *Alfred Sun* is the name of a new six-column paper which made its appearance in Alfred last Thursday. It is to be managed and edited by Messrs. John M. and John P. Mosher. It is well printed, and the indications are that it will hold its own with the other papers of Allegany county. Success to you, boys."

--Hornellsville Herald

The current editor came on board in June 1976 and has missed many deadlines over the years but, after more than 37 years, this little newspaper is still very much alive and kicking. And the editor has its advertisers, readers and contributors to thank for that.

The *Alfred Sun* is a community newspaper in the true sense of the word "community." A weekly reading of this newspaper is proof, with articles submitted by a large number of contributors.

We are grateful to those many contributors...Elaine Hardman, Betsy Brooks, Doug Lorow, Sherry Volk, Ellen Shultz, John Buckwalter, Matt Mueller, Alan Littell, Mary-Lu Wells, Ben Howard, Lidna Staiger, Eliza Ordway, Brad Bowden, Leo Nealon, David Pullen, Anonymouse, Shirley Galle, Donna Ryan, Paul Welker at Alfred State College, Mark Whitehouse at Alfred University, the public relations offices of both AU and

ASC, Alfred-Almond Central School, not to mention all of our readers who have taken the *Sun* along on their trips around the world!

Were there any truth to that rumor of the *Alfred Sun* going out of business, given the current economy, perhaps folks would not be surprised. And, while that is NOT the case, continually rising postal costs are presenting a challenge.

Those increases in postal rates are necessitating an increase in the annual subscription price, which will go into effect Jan. 1, 2014.

Meantime, to allow subscribers to "beat the rate hike," and in celebration of the *Sun*'s 130th birthday, subscription extensions/renewals and new subscriptions are being offered at the current price of \$30/year.

So, while this publication is celebrating a birthday, probably the greatest gift one could give it is a renewed subscription or the gift of a new subscription!

Open house Sunday in Almond

ALMOND--Rehearsals are being held and decorations created for the Almond Historical Society's annual Christmas open house and musical program set for Sunday afternoon, Dec. 8 in Almond.

"The public is invited to tour our 1830s Hagadorn House from 1 to 4:30 and view the decorations fashioned by Mary Ellen Westlake, Susan Steere, Cindy Banker, and Helen Spencer," President Lee A. Ryan said. "Mary Jane Reid's classic Christmas cookies and Kitty Baker's hot wassail will be served to all by Mrs. Spencer and Anna Morford."

The homeschooled children, under the direction of Mrs. Steere, are making ornaments for the parlor Christmas tree, furnished by Kim and Kathy Costello.

The public is also invited to attend the children's choir musical program which will be presented next door at Almond Union Church at 2 p.m. Directed by Randi Corkey and accompanied by Donna Ryan, this children's concert has been a favorite of the public for many years. Area children, ranging in age from 5 to 16, will sing many Christmas favorites, along with congregational singing of Christmas carols.

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The daughter, Cornelia Wetherby, married Dr. William Hagadorn in 1869. They resided here with her parents. In 1872, the Wetherbys moved to their farm and the house became the Hagadorn home. The second Hagadorn generation in residence was William H. and Alice Simmons Hagadorn, who owned the hardware store across Kardale Avenue from the home. (later razed for Rt 86 entrance)

The third generation living here was Kenneth W. and Marie Dodds Hagadorn. Marie was a nurse and Kenneth was the postmaster in Almond. They had no children. One of the unique features of the Hagadorn House is the cooking fireplace, discovered boarded up in the dining room wall by Mrs. Ken Hagadorn in the early 1940s.

It is believed that the original 1830s house consisted of the fireplace room with the attic/bedroom above. Cornelia's diary of 1868 mentions the addition of the kitchen area. The two front rooms, gallery and hall with corresponding rooms above were built later -- probably during the doctor's time because the present gallery was the doctor's office.

In 1971, the house was bequeathed to the Almond Historical Society by Kenneth Wetherby Hagadorn, the grandson of Cornelia Wetherby and Dr. William Hagadorn. It then became the repository of treasured items from Almond's past.



Hagadorn House in Almond was erected by an Angel in 1830.



"ALFRED" in Philippines

JUST RECENTLY, Fred Lindauer, AU class of 1963, emailed the Alfred University Communications Office this photo, which has a familiar look. He noted that while reading an article about Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines on the NPR (National Public Radio) website, he came across an image which included a familiar name, all those miles away. It seems the umbrella held by this survivor carries good "wishes" from Alfred. To see more images, go to: www.npr.org

OBITUARIES

**PAUL STARR***A natural teacher*

BELMONT--Paul Starr, 74, of 4901 Hood Road, Belmont, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013 at Shands Cancer Hospital in Gainesville, FL with his wife at his side. He was born Sept. 17, 1939 in New Britain, CT, the son of the late Stephen and Mary (Eastwood) Starr. On July 19, 1961 in Hornell he married Brenda Knickerbocker who survives.

Paul was raised on a farm in Hartsville and attended Canisteo Central School. Paul enlisted in the US Marine Corps in 1959 and was stationed in Okinawa, Japan. Upon completing his service to his country in 1964, he settled in Belmont. He later graduated from DeVry College with a degree in Electronics. He was employed as an electrician at Dresser-Rand Corporation in Wellsville for 38 years; retiring in 2003.

Paul was a natural teacher. He and his wife spent many hours and weekends teaching hunter safety courses, boy scouts, and swimming lessons. Those who received training from Paul knew him as a tough but thorough, and memorable teacher. He enjoyed skeet shooting with his family and friends as well as wood carving.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two sons, Paul (Tammy) Starr of Baldwinsville and Michael (Kimmysue) Starr of Scottsville, three daughters, Christine (Thomas) Zajicek of Big Flats, Valerie (William) Burton of Belmont, and Colleen (Steven) Cavagna of Andover, 12 grandchildren, one brother, Peter Starr of Altoona, PA as well as several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a son, Timothy, a grandson, Cory, three brothers, Joseph, Stephen and

John and one sister, Lucille. He was a loving husband and father, who will be deeply missed.

Friends called from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm Sunday, Nov. 24 at the J. W. Embser Sons Funeral Home Inc., 17 Schuyler Street in Belmont. A funeral was held at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 25 in the funeral home with Deacon Frank Pasquale presiding. Interment with military honors was in Woodlawn Cemetery in Wellsville. The family suggests memorial donations be made to Angelica Conservation Club/Youth Programs % Bob Jones, 249 East Main Street, Angelica, NY 14709. To leave online condolences, please visit www.embserfuneralhome.com.

DORRIS VIRGINIA ATWELL*Loving homemaker*

ANDOVER--Dorris Virginia Atwell, 79, of Andover, who overcame her affliction of polio to become a loving homemaker known to have baked "the best pies in the world," passed away peacefully Wednesday (Nov. 27, 2013) at home.

Mrs. Atwell was born on June 2, 1934, in Troupsburg, to Alfred and Edith (Rude) Burdick. She was a 1952 graduate of Troupsburg Central School. On Aug. 1, 1952, in Andover, she married John Clifford Atwell, who predeceased her on Jan. 7, 2013.

Though Dorris contracted polio in 1952, she was very proud of her ability to tend to the needs of her husband and three children. She was a wonderful, loving, lifelong homemaker.

Dorris is survived by two daughters, Victoria L. Atwell of Lakewood, CO, and Ruth A. "Cookie" Edwards of Andover; one son, John Henry Atwell of Andover; two brothers, Clayton Burdick and Donald Burdick; three sisters, Cathleen Thompson, Ida Storms and Sharon Cornish; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her husband of 60 years, she was predeceased by three brothers, Alfred Burdick Jr., Milton Burdick and Elwin Burdick; and one sister, Arlene Abbott.

Dorris was fond of craft-making. She made the best pies in the world. She enjoyed her time with her family and cherished the mo-

ments spent with them.

There was no prior visitation. A private memorial service was held at the convenience of the family.

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

DOROTHA E. HARRIS*One of the Foster sisters*

WHITESVILLE - Dorothea E. Harris, 95, of 839 Harris Road, Whitesville, passed away on Friday (Nov. 29, 2013) at the Hart Comfort House in Wellsville following a brief illness.

She was born July 9, 1918, in the town of Willing, the daughter of Archie R. and Fannie (Clark) Foster. On July 4, 1935, in Wellsville, she married Lester W. Harris, who predeceased her on June 22, 2005.

Dorothea attended the Whitesville United Methodist Church and was a member of the Whitesville Senior Citizens and the Whitesville Cheery Circle Club. She had been an active member of the Yorks Grange, the Independence Historical Society and was a former 4-H leader and county officer.

She and her husband will be remembered as maple syrup producers. She enjoyed making quilts for family and friends and was well-known for her smile and laughter.

She is survived by two sons, Cecil (Maxine) Harris of Casper, Wyo., and Elton (Kristine) Harris of Painted Post; five grandchildren, Tony, Brian, Craig, Dan and Chad Harris; several great-grandchildren; one sister, Virginia Bassett of Alfred; as well as several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by three brothers, William, Archie Edward and Eugene Foster; and three sisters, Francelia McGraw, Fannie McGill and Loie Odell.

Friends are invited to call on Thursday (Dec. 5, 2013) from noon to 2 p.m. at the Whitesville United Methodist Church. The funeral will follow visitation at 2 p.m. in the church. Burial will be in Whitesville Rural Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial donations in lieu of flowers to the Hart Comfort House, the Independence Historical Society or any charity of the donor's choice.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.embserfuneralhome.com.

Summer camp scholarship honors Emily Timbrook

RUSHFORD--The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has joined with the National Heritage Trust (NHT) to develop a summer camp scholarship in memory of Emily Timbrook, a former Camp Rushford attendee and volunteer.

Emily's parents set up the scholarship in her memory after she tragically died in a car accident. The Timbrooks hope that this scholarship will encourage other young people to get outdoors and appreciate nature the same way Emily did.

Scholarships will use funds collected via NHT to send returning campers to DEC's summer camps for free. If you would like to donate to the NHT fund for camper scholarships, send a check made out to NHT-Camps Scholarship, c/o Director of Management and Budget Serv-

ices, NYSDEC, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-5010. Visit www.nysparks.state.ny.us for a description of NHT. More information about DEC summer camps.

**Scholarship honors the memory of EMILY TIMBROOK.**

Alfred Area Food Pantry needs help with dinners

ALFRED--It is Christmas time--the season of giving. Especially in the economic times of today, it is important to be able to help those in need.

The Alfred Area Food Pantry will again be providing Christmas Dinner for more than 60 families in the area. We hope those who have some extra this year will be able to help us out.

This may be done by:

(1) Donating a turkey or a

canned ham

(2) buying a dinner for a family for \$25 (Checks may be sent to: Alfred Station SDB Church, PO Box 7777, Alfred Station 14803);

(3) bring some non-perishable food to the Christian Education Building of the Alfred Station Church on Tuesday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or, Tuesday or Thursday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.;

(4) bring some homemade cookies to the Alfred Station SDB Church on Sunday, Dec. 22 after 1 p.m.

The Alfred Area Food Pantry extends a warm, heartfelt "Thank You" to all who have been contributing to the Food Pantry. We would be unable to continue serving over 60 families a month without your help.

For further information concerning the Food Pantry you may contact Luan Ellis at 587-8411.

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20	37	14	0	
21	45	14	0	
22	45	14	0	
23	46	26	0.16"	
24	34	9	0.03"	0.7"
25	21	7	Trace	Trace
26	32	14	0.01"	0.2"
27	33	27	1.03"	2.5"
28	32	13	0.02"	0.6"
29	26	11	0.04"	1.4"
30	26	1	0.01"	0.1"
Dec. 1	30	5	0	
2	39	23	0.02"	0.2"

November summary:

Avg high: 43
Avg low: 24
Highest: 65 (11/7)
Lowest: 1 (11/30)
Total precip: 3.85"
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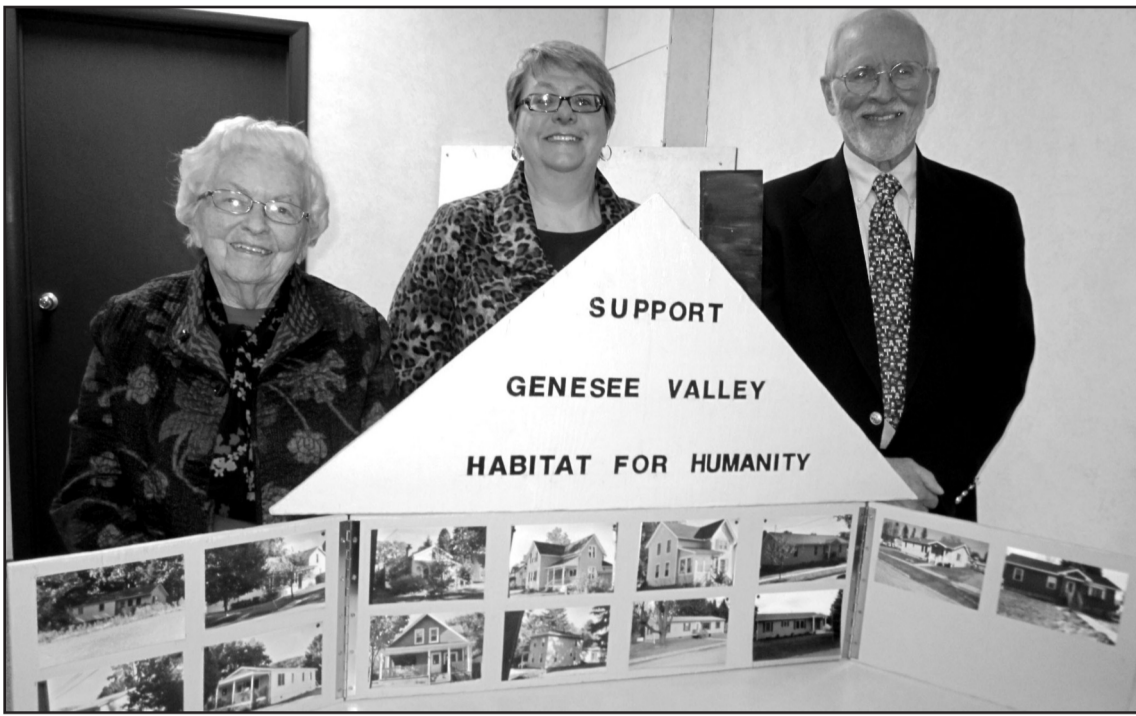
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From left, Mary Huntington, an AAUW member and Habitat volunteer and Patty Soper-Oakes of AAUW welcome Bryan Caldwell of Habitat for Humanity. (Photo provided)

AAUW hears of local Habitat work

WELLSVILLE—The November meeting of the Alfred-Hornell branch of the Association of American Women (AAUW) was held at the Culinary Arts Fine Dining Room in Wellsville. After a welcome by President Mary Jane Lloyd, branch members Kim Gayhart and Patty Soper-Oakes spoke about highlights from the AAUW District Conference, "Violence Against Women On College Campuses," which they had recently attended at Hobart and William Smith Colleges

in Geneva.

The AAUW chapter's 2013-14 monthly meeting dates and programs were then outlined by Lloyd and Vice-President for Programs, Soper-Oakes. Members were encouraged to read Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb's book *I Am Malala* in preparation for our March book discussion.

Members enjoyed an outstanding dinner by Alfred State's Culinary Arts students under the direction of Chef Brent Kelley.

Then Bryan Caldwell, President of the Board of Directors of Genesee Valley Habitat for Humanity, spoke to the group. Mr. Caldwell detailed the formation of the international organization which has provided decent, affordable housing to more than 1.5 million people since its inception in 1976. Some of the homes were new constructions on donated land others were major renovations of donated houses. Serving the area between Olean and Hornell, the Genesee Valley affiliate of Habitat for Humanity completed its first house in 1993, a new construct near Caneadea. Their most recent project was a newly built home in Wellsville which was completed two years ago. Currently they are working on their 15th home, also in Wellsville.

The homes are mainly built using donated materials and volunteer workers. The family to become the recipient of the home, the partner family, is required to complete 200 hours of work per adult on the home or in another capacity for Habitat for Humanity. The home is sold to the family at a no-profit, no-interest basis with the cost of the home repaid by the family over a fixed time period. These payments are used in the building of more homes.

There are specific guidelines used to select partner families. An application can be downloaded at www.geneseevalleyhabitat.com.

This nonprofit always needs and appreciates contributions of time, money, materials and real estate. Call their office at (585) 268-7192 or email Mr. Caldwell at bmcjag@aol.com for information about their Adopt-A-Home program, to obtain a speaker for your organization, or to learn about other ways to help.

The AAUW chapter applauds AAUW member Mary Huntington for her work on the Genesee Valley Habitat for Humanity's selection committee and for her work with their spring bake sale in Alfred. Many thanks to Mr. Caldwell for his informative presentation, and for all the work he continues to do with Habitat.

Scene About Alfred

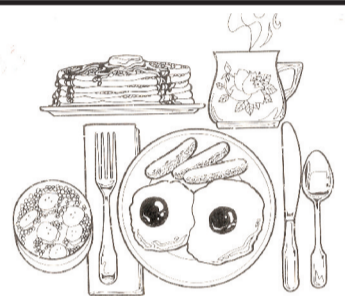
A weekly photo feature
By **SHERRY VOLK**
Alfred Sun Columnist



Perhaps *Alfred Sun* readers would appreciate an unbiased review of one of Ellen Shultz's recipes; wonderful, fabulous, delicious, easy! Please check the photo for the two delightful loaves made from the recipe in last week's paper, which re-appears below the cooling rack in this photo; Pumpkin Cranberry Nut Bread. YUM!

SUNNY SIDE UP

By **ELLEN SHULTZ**
Alfred Sun Columnist



One last pumpkin recipe from Ellen

Cranberries should be enjoyed the year round because they are one of the super-foods. Only blueberries top cranberries in disease-fighting antioxidants. They are high in fiber and vitamin C and contain just 25 calories per half cup. They are low in sodium and are a source of vitamins A and B, calcium, phosphorus and iron.

This recipe is from *Cooking Down East* by Marjorie Standish published in 1969.

Cranberry Crunch

1 c. quick-cooking oatmeal	1 stick margarine
½ c. all-purpose flour	1 (1 lb.) can whole
1 c. brown sugar, firmly packed	cranberry sauce

Mix oatmeal, flour, and brown sugar together. Cut in the stick of margarine until mixture is crumbly. Pack ½ of this mixture into greased 8x8 inch baking pan. Cover with cranberry sauce. Top with remaining crumb mixture. Bake at 375 degrees for 45 min. and serve warm, topped with vanilla ice cream.

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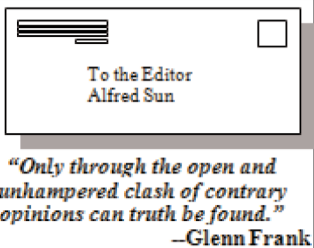
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Many kinds of truth

Dear Editor,

This letter is a response to David Pullen's article, entitled "The Truth About Obamacare." There are, of course, many kinds of truths.

TRUTH: millions of Americans are without healthcare of any kind because they can't afford it and their employers don't provide it. Millions more have to make choices between food or medicine every month. Is this the best that the supposedly richest and most powerful nation in the world can do for its citizens?

TRUTH: go to any large city in the USA and see whose name is plastered on the tallest, grandest buildings. It's an insurance company's. Who buys naming rights for stadiums, entertainment complexes, etc? Whose CEOs make obscene amounts of salaries and benefits? Insurance companies. At the same time, these outfits can refuse to cover "pre-existing conditions," routine procedures, and preventive services?

TRUTH: The Republic Party complains about costs to the middle class. Where were these sterling fellows when we squandered a trillion dollars on an unnecessary foreign adventure in Iraq? I didn't hear John Boehner, or even little guys like David Pullen complain then.

TRUTH: I do not like government mandates any more than the next person. I resent having to wear seat belts, pay exorbitant taxes for the Alfred-Almond School Palace, or being forced to register my car and carry insurance on it. But I do understand that some of these are necessary for a society to function. For all that I hear about patriotic slogans, many of our folks sure don't put their money where their mouth is. Stop bellyaching. Work together. Put some steel in your spine. Make healthcare work, instead of trying to derail it just because the Koch Brothers, Rupert Murdoch, and their cronies don't want people to have it. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Steven Jakobi
Alfred Station, NY

Pullen's column

To the Editor:

David Pullen is to be commended for writing a column for the Alfred SUN from his position as Allegany County Legislator. I appreciate hearing his positions both when I agree and when I disagree. I do wish, however, that he wouldn't make categorical statements about debatable things, such as the effects of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) (SUN 11/28/13).

I object to words such as "glib" and "obvious to everyone." Pullen says, "the Administration didn't realize"—fair enough—or "ignored the fact." The latter implies that the "administration" deliberately misled the people. I prefer to think that Pullen is a busy man and needed to rush his writing rather than to

say that he is a deliberately careless writer.

My story differs from Mr. Pullen's, I'm sure. After WWII, came years of strikes in major industries. My father was out of work for several years. We survived on his odd jobs, along with a family cow, a couple of pigs, my grandma's chickens, a big garden and lots of canning, sewing and knitting.

I remember clearly the evening he came home and announced that the strike was over. The workers did not get any more salary but the corporation had offered family health insurance.

Relief flooded our home. With seven active young children, specters of childhood diseases and broken bones were always in the air. We could scrimp on food, shoes and holidays, but we feared serious illness. I imagine many families did.

That's probably why many U.S. Presidents, Democratic and Republican, over many years have proposed ways to help Americans with health care. Maybe, too, they have been influenced by seeing that since WWII, other countries with national health care have spent less and pulled ahead of the United States in several important health measures, especially in areas of children's and mothers' health.

As I watched the propositions for the PPACA unfold, numerous things in the bill pleased me.

- That 49% of Americans now without insurance would receive recommend screening and preventive care. That would mean fewer serious illnesses to treat down the road.

- That 49 million who had not had health care would be getting it.

- That payment to medical providers would shift from vol-

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Community Chest goal \$38,275

Campaign stalled at 86%

To the Community:

The Alfred-Alfred Station Community Chest drive has now STALLED at 86.8% of our 2013 goal of \$38,275. Although, the past week has been a very slow (Thanksgiving) we thus far have received pledges for \$33,237 of this year's goal. Would you please consider us one of your worthy 'gifts' for this holiday season?

The Allegany Rehabilitation Associates (ARA) is one of the recipients of Alfred-Alfred Station Community Chest funds. This group was formed to provide psychiatric treatment, client management, housing, and educational and social-vocational rehabilitation to the mentally and physically handicapped. In addition, they assist the disadvantaged and the elderly, and help in the study and research of the disadvantaged and handicapped. They offer mental health services to Allegany County citizens under contracts with the Allegany County Department of Mental Health and are certified by the New York State Office of Mental Health. In 1998 they were awarded the contract to operate The Counseling Center, a psychiatric clinic, making them the largest provider of outpatient mental health services in Allegany County. The number of clients served here has remained essentially constant during the last few years with a number of residents being from the immediate Alfred-Alfred Station area.

Remember a portion of the funds you contribute will help to support The Counseling Center (and ARA programs) and this in turn will help some citizens of Alfred and Alfred Station. So please consider giving to the Community Chest and its commitment to our community oriented charities. As you make a contribution to support our campaign, remember how the community is dependent on its citizens, and your good fortune to be giving to the community's many worthy organizations through your pledge.

Many thanks to those of you who have already made a contribution to the campaign. We ask those of you who have not yet made a donation or pledge to join your friends and neighbors in making our drive a success. If, for some reason, you did not receive a pledge card, donations may be left at the Alfred Pharmacy in Alfred, the Canacadea Country Store in Alfred Station, or may be mailed to Alfred-Alfred Station Community Chest, Box 603, Alfred, NY, 14802. We look forward to your continuing support.

Sincerely,
Your Alfred-Alfred Station Community Chest Board
Peter Finlay, Laurel Buckwalter, Anthony Graziano,
Linell Soule, Andy Call, Wes Bentz, William Carlson,
Tricia Debertolis, Andy Eklund

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Ya Snooze Ya Lose

A certain paper once I had, and I concede it
Was important – and I knew someday I'd need it,
And that then I'd be obliged to hark and heed it;
But I didn't have the time right then to read it.

So I put it in a place I wouldn't lose it;
Then when I needed, I could get it and peruse it.
Unfortunately, while I took a snooze it
Promptly hid, so by default I must disuse it.

So now I think it's safe to say I lost it,
And I'll be lucky if I ever come acrossed it.
It can only be replaced at such high cost it
Leaves me feeling poor, to think I might have tossed it.

Hold on – I think just now I might have found it!
So much other stuff was piled all around it
Didn't see it there – but now I will impound it...
No wait, that's something else I lost – confound it!

—A. Lost Mouse

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FROM THE DESK OF DAVID PULLEN

By DAVID PULLEN
Allegany County Legislator

THINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR

The regular meeting of the County Board of Legislators on November 25th started with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by County Veterans Service Officer Mike Hennessy. After the invocation Mike Hennessy noted that many of our veterans suffer from physical and psychological wounds received while serving our nation. He urged us to think of our veterans and to pray and reach out to them in all possible ways. That was a timely reminder that we should be thankful for our veterans, and their loyal service.

The first resolution considered was #182-13 to reappoint three members to the Citizens Advisory Council of the Office For the Aging. One of the three members was Beverly Grantier, of Wellsville. Unfortunately, Beverly lost her life in an out-of-state car accident on November 23rd that also resulted in injuries to her husband and son. I served on the Citizens Advisory Council with Bev Grantier for almost 15 years. She was a wonderful person who will be sorely missed. Our prayers are with her husband, Gordon Grantier, and her son during their recovery. I am thankful for the privilege of knowing Bev, and thankful that Gordon and Ken survived the accident.

The next 7 resolutions related to County financial and Budget matters. Those resolutions were:

- #183-13 amended the 2014 County Tentative Budget to reflect increases and decreases agreed upon during recent Budget meetings;

- #184-13 adopted the 2014 County Final Budget. This Budget will result in a real property tax rate decrease of about \$0.20 per thousand;

- #185-13 appropriated funds for the conduct of County government for 2014, consistent with the newly adopted 2014 Budget;

- #186-13 levied the County taxes authorized by the Budget;

- #187-13 levied the various towns' share of the Allegany County Mutual Self-Insurance Plan. This Plan provides Workers Compensation coverage for County and Town employees, as well as coverage for volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency responders;

- #188-13 authorized the chargeback to Towns of various tax supplies purchased or supplied by

the County.

I am thankful that County real property tax rates have been reduced for the past 4 years.

The remaining resolutions mostly involved routine "housekeeping" matters for the county and its agencies. Resolution #189-13 accepted an insurance payment of \$4,277.25 from NYMIR for repairs to a County-owned vehicle. Resolution #190-13 authorized acceptance of an Emergency Management Planning Grant and authorized the Chairman to execute the Grant Contract. Resolution #191-13 authorized the transfer of funds within Office For the Aging accounts to cover the cost of meals in the Wellness in Nutrition Account. Resolution #192-13 authorized the transfer of funds within Public Health Accounts. Resolution #193-13 approved an agreement with Regional Waste Solutions, LLC, for auto shredder fluff for the County Landfill operation. Resolution #194-13 approved a three-year agreement with Simonsen Enterprises for deer carcass removal services on County roads.

During the recent election campaign a number of inaccurate or misleading claims and proposals were advanced. Over the next several weeks I hope to address those issues, as time permits. One claim was that decision-making should be done in public, not in caucus. In fact, that is already happening. All legislative decisions are made in open sessions. No decisions are made in caucus. If you want to hear debate and argument, come to the committee meetings, not to Board meetings. Legislators are free to attend and participate in every committee meeting and Board session. Legislators can also free to address the full Board regarding every resolution. As everyone who attends committee and Board meetings knows, there is plenty of discussion and debate before anything gets approved.

In addition, every Legislator has the right to introduce and sponsor his/her own resolutions before the full Board. Any Legislator who claims that the Board won't consider his/her proposals, isn't doing their homework. In my opinion, our Legislature is working far more effectively than either the State Legislature or Congress.

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One Time, One Meeting

The Practice of Zen Meditation

By BEN HOWARD



A LAUGHING MATTER

Last month my infant granddaughter Allegra uttered her first belly laugh. At the time, she was sitting upright in her father's lap, firmly supported by his two strong hands. Meanwhile my wife, Robin, was exuberantly entertaining Allegra, smiling broadly, blowing raspberries on her belly, and singing "I'm going to get you" as she tickled her toes. Without warning, up when Allegra's arms, as though she were conducting an orchestra, and from her whole little being came gleeful, protracted laughter.

Luckily I had my camera handy, and I was able to capture the moment. When I later sent the photo to a few friends, one described Allegra as a laughing Buddha. Another expressed the wish that Allegra might keep laughing all her life.



Those comments called to mind the itinerant monk Hotei (pronounced HOH-TAY), who did indeed keep laughing, at least in Buddhist legend. Popularly known as the Laughing Buddha, Hotei was a tenth-century Chan (Zen) monk, who roamed the Chinese countryside carrying a bulging linen bag over his shoulder. Children loved Hotei, and no wonder: along with his personal belongings, his bag contained candies, fruit, and other goodies, which he freely gave away. Over time, the historical Hotei, whose name in Japanese means "cloth bag," became a Buddhist deity, a god of contentment and a guardian of children. He also became a popular figure in Zen brush-paintings, where he is portrayed as bald, fat, disheveled, and jolly. Justly dubbed the Asian Santa Claus, he wears an open robe, which exposes his chest and his ample belly.

Stories featuring Hotei abound, but the one most often cited in Zen literature concerns a random dialogue between Hotei and an old Zen master whom he meets on the road. "What is the essence of Zen?" asks Hotei's interlocutor. Rather than reply in words, Hotei puts his bag down. "And what is the realization of Zen?" the master further inquires. Again without a word, Hotei picks up his bag and continues his life's journey, begging for pennies and distributing his gifts to the children of the world.

Over the centuries, interpretations of this encounter have varied in tone and emphasis, but most commentators have viewed the story as a parable of Zen practice. Although Hotei might be described--or dismissed--as a happy hobo with a generous heart, he is in fact an enlightened Buddhist monk--a Zen master himself--whose silent responses to the master's questions exemplify two fundamental aspects of Zen practice.

In response to the first question, Hotei puts his bag down. By so doing, he performs a kind of charade, enacting in external terms the inner shift that occurs in Zen meditation: a shift from ego-centered thinking to selfless awareness. Eihei Dogen Zenji, founder of the Soto Zen tradition, called this shift the "backward step." In Dogen's famous formulation, "body and mind fall away," as do views, opinions, and attachments, returning the practitioner to a state of open awareness. By putting his bag down, Hotei demonstrates an understanding of this process.

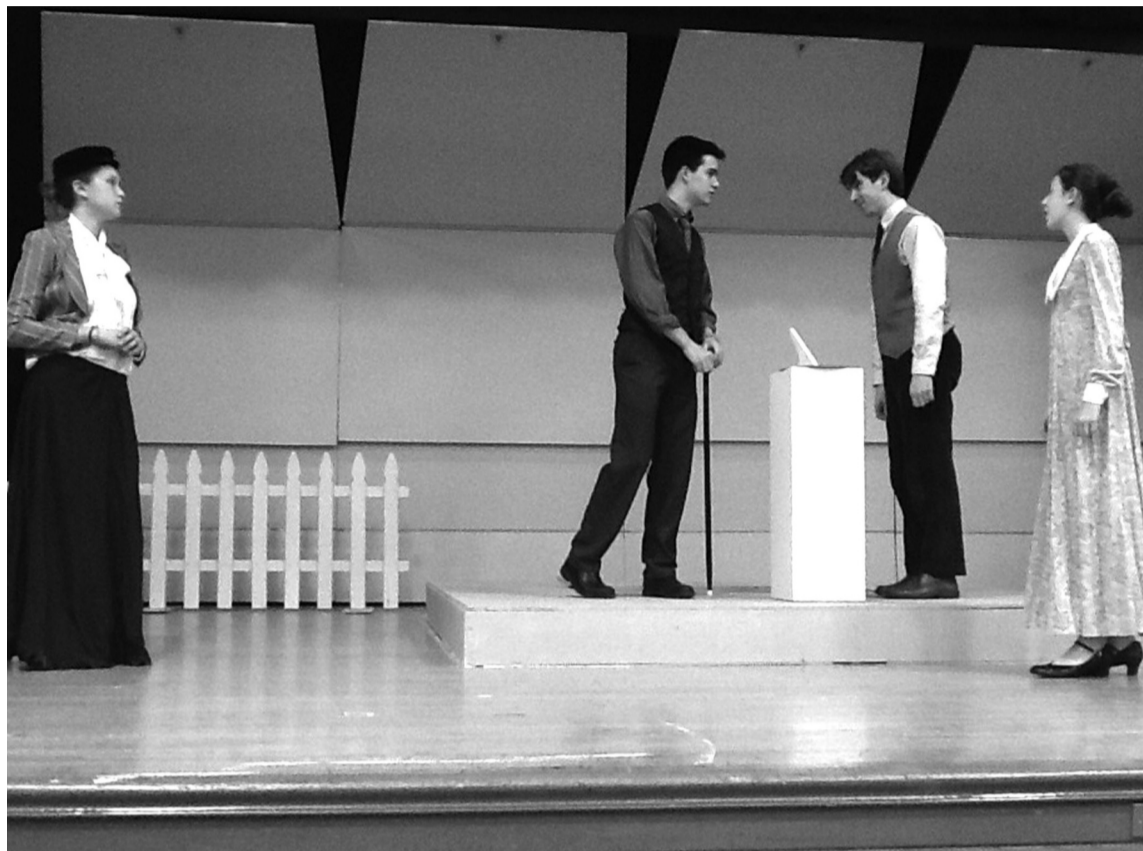
By picking his bag up again, however, Hotei enacts a complementary aspect of the practice, namely the reentry of the enlightened practitioner into ordinary life. Hotei is a wandering penniless monk, who has fully accepted the realities of impermanence and radical uncertainty. By once again shouldering his bag, he resumes his role in life and his life's work, which consists of helping people in general and children in particular be a little happier. In the language of Mahayana Buddhism, Hotei is a *bodhisattva*, who brings the mind of wisdom and compassion into the messy, uncertain, ordinary world. By picking up his bag, he becomes who he is, and he gets on with his work.

But why is he laughing? What's so funny? In his article "The Laughing Buddha and Human Pomposity," Dr. Philip Woollcott suggests that the celebration of Hotei and the "boisterous Zen humor" he represents came about as a healthy reaction to pious dogma and a calcified religious bureaucracy. "Enlightenment," Dr. Woollcott notes, "is the burning up of ego, the release from self-deception, and a new beginning; hence its connection with the child." All too often, however, the experience of enlightenment leads to self-importance and grandiosity. The presence of the Laughing Buddha subverts "hierarchy and pomp." It "collapses hierarchies and separateness among people." In contrast to scornful or supercilious laughter, a good belly laugh is "sign of sanity." It rejoins us with the human family.

Perhaps that's why Allegra's spontaneous, volcanic laughter was such a delight and wonder to behold. A moment of Zen, one might be tempted to call it, had Jon Stewart not patented the phrase.

Ben Howard leads the Falling Leaf Sangha (www.fallingleaf-sangha.blogspot.com), a Zen practice group in Alfred.

A-A staging 'A couple of comedies'



THE ALFRED-ALMOND Central School Performing Arts Department will present, "A Couple of Comedies" on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6 and 7 with both performances beginning at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Two One-Act plays, "Suppressed Desires", and "Tickless Time" by Susan Glaspell will comprise the show. Pictured are performers of "Tickless Time" starring (from left) Emelia Enke, Nick Graves, Jesse Crosby, and Abby Kelly. (Not pictured: Erin Smith and Hanna Tormey). Starring in "Suppressed Desires" are Katlyn Guild, Taylor Fox, and Hudson Laprade. General admission is \$5.00' with student admission at \$2.00. (Photo provided by Craig Mix)

Symphonic Orchestra concert 'an evening of eclectic music'

ALFRED-- Audience members will hear an evening of eclectic music as the Alfred University (AU) Symphony Orchestra, directed by Dr. Lisa Lantz, presents its 2013 holiday concert on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Miller Theater, Miller Performing Arts Center. The program is open to the public free of charge.

The concert will open with student cellist Seong Weon Lee performing Franz Josef Haydn's "Cello Concerto in C Major." The first half of the evening's program will conclude with Mozart's "Symphony #9 in A Major."

Up next, the full orchestra will kick off the holiday season with favorites by American composer

LeRoy Anderson. Among the works will be the famous "Bugler's Holiday," featuring student soloists Sean Locker, Jay Horwath, and Brandon Rolling.

Lee is a junior art and design major concentrating in ceramics. She began playing the cello at age 4 and has won numerous competitions including the Suzuki Competition and Summer Festival, Lila Music Competition, the Strad Competition, and the MSM Festival.

She attended the Royal Conservatory Preparatory School in Canada and the Levin School of Music in Washington, D.C., where she has participated in the Youth Orchestra since 2008. Lee won the First Annual Concerto Competition in 2010, where she played the "Haydn Concerto."

In spring 2013, Lee played the Vivaldi "Concerto for Two Cellos in G Minor" in Alfred with Alfred State College student Julia Colasurdo.

Locker, a junior majoring in materials science and engineering, is a 2011 graduate of Painted-Post West High School, Corning. He also plays in the AU Symphonic Band and competes on the AU Track and Field Team.

Horwath, a freshman glass engineering major, is a 2013 graduate from Central Bucks High School West, Doylestown, PA. He is a member of AU's Symphonic and Jazz bands as well as the AU Pep Band.

Rolling is a senior mathematics major minor-ing in music. He is a 2010 graduate of Attica High School, Attica. He is also a member of the University's Symphonic and Jazz bands.

Lantz is associate professor of music/strings at Alfred University. She earned a doctor of music arts degree from The Ohio State University, a master of music degree from Michigan University, and a bachelor of music degree from the University of Toledo. As a violinist, she has performed extensively in Rome, Italy, Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna, Prague, and around the United States. She also is an experienced orchestral and chamber musician, having performed with many regional orchestras including the Southern Tier Symphony and The Orchestra of the Finger Lakes.



SEONG WEON LEE

Cultural Arts Calendar



Music

BANDS/DJs/RECITALS
AU Symphonic Band will offer a concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6 in the Miller Theater on the Alfred University campus. Admission is free.

AU Symphonic Orchestra will offer a concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 in the Miller Theater on the Alfred University campus. Admission is free.

Alfred Village Band offers summer concerts of popular music and marches at the Alfred Village Bandstand. Concerts are scheduled at 7:15 p.m. each Wednesday in July. For more information, call Nancy Luger at 607-587-9449 or email: lugerna@yahoo.com.

Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Cafe 22 West Main St., Angelica. Open every day for lunch; dinner and live acoustic music on week-ends; 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:** Nov. 1–Rob Falgiano; Nov. 2–Laura Joy; Nov. 8–Dan Holt; Nov. 9–Porcelain Train (Tamala Fonda and Ralph Fonda); Nov. 15–John Sonntag; Nov. 16–Tristan Omand; Nov. 22–Michael Lorow; Nov. 23–Derek Teichert; Nov. 29–Miché Fambro; Nov. 30–Ellen Oakes Kerr. Music begins at 7:30 p.m. 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. 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, Nov. 2–Carolyn Kelly Blues Band; Friday, Nov. 8–Guy Davis; Friday, Nov. 15–The Djangoners. Saturday, Nov. 23–Zoar; Saturday, Nov. 30–Garcia Grass; Friday, Dec. 6–Miss Tess & The Talkbacks; Saturday, Dec. 14–Izzy and the Catastrophics. 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 Congregational Church, 289 N. Main St., Wellsville. New members welcome. For further information, call 716-593-3173.

Maple City (Barbershoppers) Chorus Meetings 7:30 p.m. Mondays at United Methodist Church of Hornell, 7528 North Main St Ext., 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. 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 Carillonist.

Wingate Memorial Carillon Recital Series at Davis Memorial Carillon, AU campus. Free concerts on the lawn 7-8 p.m. Tuesday evenings in July. 2013



Theater & Dance

COMEDY
ALFRED LAFDER Sketch Comedy Showcase. AU Sketch Comedy, monthly at 8 pm Saturdays, Nevins Theater, PCC, AU campus. Dec. 7 followed at 10 pm by Adam Mamawala.

DANCE

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.

Let's Dance Club offers occasional dances. For more information, contact presidents George and Carole Onoda at (607) 276-5475, vice-presidents John and Dee Cwynar at (607) 324-0373, secretaries Duffy and Barb Eisenheimer at (607) 295-7194, treasurers Charlie and Kathy Bill at (607) 295-7130, or band coordinators Doug and Melody Carrier at (607) 324-5821.

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
Alfred University Informal Dance Showing. 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5 and Friday Dec. 6 in the Miller Performing Arts Center CD Smith Theater. Different performances and performers will be offered each evening. Free.

The event is open to the public free of charge.

A Couple of Comedies will be staged by the Alfred-Almond Central School Drama Department at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6-7 in the A-A High School Auditorium. "Suppressed Desires" by Susan Glaspell and "Tickless Time" by George Cram Cook will be performed. Tickets are \$5 general admission or \$2 for students with student ID.



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.

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Artist Knot. 36 Main Street, Andover. Current Exhibit: "Karen Lang: Autumn Fireworks". Admission is always free. Gallery

Hours: Wed. 12-4, Fri. 12-5 pm, & Sat. 12-4 or anytime by appointment. (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.

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

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

cial 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. Mondays-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and 3-9 p.m. Sundays.

Inamori Kiyocera 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.

Alfred State Top Hat Club plans Holiday Buffet

ALFRED—The Alfred State Top Hat Club, the culinary program's honor society, invites the public to join them for their annual Holiday Buffet on Thursday, Dec. 5, from 5 to 7 p.m.

This buffet dinner includes appetizers, soups, salad, carved turkey, ham with all the trimmings, and desserts. Dinner is \$17 for adults and \$7 for children 10 and under. No reservations accepted.

Proceeds go toward Top Hat scholarships, which include \$1,200 awarded to an incoming student with high academic standing enrolling in the culinary arts or culinary arts: baking, production, and management program. Call 607-587-3170 for more information.

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NOTES from the BOX OF BOOKS

By ELIZA ORDWAY

Box of Books Library Director

WINTER HOURS: Monday 10-6, Tuesday 12-6, Wednesday 10-6, Thursday 12-6, Friday 10-5, Saturday Closed, and Sunday Closed.

December 6th: 6x6 Painting Party at 6pm! Liz VanHouter will be teaching painting techniques using various gel mediums. Registration is required, this program is open to all ages, participants under the age of 8 will require adult supervision. Please contact Liz or Eliza with questions or to register for this event. This program is brought to us by the Cattaraugus County Arts Council and funded by the New York State Council on the Arts.

December 10th: Hour of Code at 6pm. This program is designed by Code.org to expose people of all ages to the world of computer programming. Participants will utilize pre designed programs to explore computer programming. Participants are encouraged to bring their laptops or tablet devices but it is not required (we have some for use here). Registration is REQUIRED to ensure space and machines for all.

The Box of Books Library will be hosting a Snowball Silent Auction on Friday, December 13 from 6-8 pm at The Cohen Center for The Arts. This is a small community gathering to celebrate the Box of Books, light refreshments will be served. We will continue to collect 6x6 pieces or any other pieces from community members until December 6th. There are still 6x6 canvases available at the library with a suggested \$1.00 donation for the canvas even though we are not limiting items to the 6x6 size. Please contact Eliza at the library if you have any questions or would like to donate an item.



Lectures/Readings

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 First Congregational Church, 289 N. Main Street, Wellsville, unless otherwise stated, at 7 p.m. on the first Friday of each month; speakers begin at 7:15 p.m.

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. Programs are as follows: Oct. 21--Susan Wake, "Year with No Summer (1816)"; Nov. 18--John Babbitt, "One Room Schoolhouses"; Dec. 9--Ward Votava, "Barbershop History"; Jan. 20--Laurie McFadden/Thelma Palmiter, "Early Alfred Station in Photos"; Feb. 17--Brendan Heaney, "Visit With Moses VanCampen"; March 17--Craig Braack, "War of 1812"; April 21--Bob & Sherry Volk, "Tinkertown Hardware History." 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. Oct. 31--Athena Elafros, "Crowd Commander or Crowd Pleaser: The DJ and their Audience"; Nov. 7--Brian Arnold, "Modernism and Photography in Bali and Java"; Nov. 14--

Wayne Higby, "Light Falling on Grass"; Nov. 21--Paul Dingman, "The Troubling Side of Trees"; Nov. 28--Thanksgiving. No forum. Dec. 5--L Nathan Lamarre-Vincent, "DNA: The power and promise of DNA sequencing in the genomic age." Bring a brown bag lunch; coffee & tea available.

Hornell Fortnightly Club. 7:30 p.m. 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: Oct. 9--Field trip TBA. Nov. 13--"Seed Savers' Exchange" with Chris Romancheck. Dec. 11--"Lighthouse Keepers at Rose Island" with John and Sue Babbitt. Jan. 8--"Blues in your Garden" with Mary Lu Wells. Feb. 12--"Plant Offerings and Colors for 2014" with Valerie Holler of Bennett's Greenhouse. March 12--TBA with Craig Braack. April 9--"Master Gardener Program" with Sara Dygert. May 14--Field Trip to Quest Farm to hear Tom McDowell's "Honey Extraction" after a noon lunch at Mulheissen's. June 11--Plant auction and program planning for 2014-2015. For info, call Zoë Coombs at 587-8031.

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



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Fun-n-Games

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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.

Special Events

AIDS Charity Basketball Game 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, McLane Center, Alfred University. Harlem Wizards vs. "Alfred StUn," a team of Alfred State and Alfred University students. Sponsored by AAU's Umoja and Alfred State's Ujima to benefit Trillium Health, which offers integrated, personalized primary and specialty care for diverse communities with locations in Rochester, Geneva, and Bath. Trillium Health offers many services, clinics, and outreach for the care and prevention of HIV and AIDS. Tickets for the event are \$5 may be purchased online at <http://cultural-unity.org/aidscharity>; children under

age 4 will be admitted free of charge.

Support Groups

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gastric Bypass Support Group. Third Monday of each month 7-8:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at St.

James Mercy Hospital. For more info, call Faith Mills at 607-661-6265.

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

Evening Grief Support Group. "Good Grief Group" meets second and fourth Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in the hospital Chapel, on the ground floor. For more info, contact Deacon Bob McCormick at bmcormick@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 Roberta 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.

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, Dec. 9

Sunshine Salad, Macaroni & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Green Beans, Wheat Bread, Oatmeal Cookies, Diabetic - Applesauce.

Tuesday, Dec. 10
Mandarin Orange Salad, Chicken Breast Supreme, Brown Rice, Zucchini & Tomatoes, Rye Bread, Lemon Mousse, Diabetic - Lemon Mousse.

Wednesday, Dec. 11
Orange Juice, Ham & Broccoli Frittata, Creamed Peas, Corn Bread, Ice Cream, Diabetic - Ice Cream.

Thursday, Dec. 12
Three Bean Salad, Sliced Roast Beef w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, California Blend, Whole Wheat Bread, Apple Crisp, Diabetic - Peas.

Friday, Dec. 13
Pineapple Tidbits, BBQ Pork on a Bun, Sour Cream & Chive Potatoes, Succotash, Orange Sheet Pie, Diabetic - Peaches.

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

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

Monday—Exercises w/Mary Lou Maxon 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., lunch 12 noon.

Wednesday—Exercises w/Mary Lou Maxon 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., lunch 12 noon. Blood Pressure Clinic. Cheryl Czworka, "Food Fears--Which Ones Should You Worry About?"

Thursday—Lunch at 12 noon.

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

Tuesday—Exercises at 9:30 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m. "Blankets." Blood Pressure Clinic.

Thursday—Exercises at 9:30 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m. "Milt & Band." Cheryl Czworka, "Food Fears--Which Ones Should You Worry About?"

BOLIVAR NUTRITION SITE
Fire Hall 12 noon

Call Rita Morris at 585-928-2278

Monday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m.,

Lunch at 12 noon.

Wednesday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., lunch at noon. Lynn Oyer, Issues & Answers.

Thursday—Lunch at 12 noon.

CANASERAGA NUTRITION SITE

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

Tuesday—Exercises at 10:15 a.m., Lunch at 12 noon. "December Birthdays." Exercises/ Cards at 1 p.m.

Thursday—Exercises at 10 a.m., Craig Braack at 11 a.m. on "Glenn Curtiss Program." Lunch at 12 noon. Exercises at 1 p.m.

CUBA NUTRITION SITE

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

Monday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., Cards, Dominoes, Puzzles, Euchre, Lunch noon. "How Blankets Benefit Us."

Cheryl Czworka, "Food Fears--Which Ones Should You Worry About?"

Tuesday—Euchre, Cards, Dominoes, Puzzles at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon. "Color Codes."

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

Thursday—Exercises at 9:30 a.m. Cards, Dominoes, Puzzles, Euchre. Lunch at 12 noon. "Bob Barker's Bio."

FILLMORE NUTRITION SITE

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

Monday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., Cards, Jigsaw Puzzles. Lunch 12 noon.

Thursday—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., Cards, Jigsaw Puzzles, Euchre, Lunch at 12 noon. Blood Pressure Clinic. Lynn Oyer, Issues & Answers.

FRIENDSHIP NUTRITION SITE

Community Center, 12 noon
Call Vivian Howell 585-973-2650

Tuesday—Exercises at 10:45 a.m., Lunch at 12 noon. Cards at 1 p.m. Madeleine Gasdik, Issues & Answers.

Thursday—Exercises at 10:45 a.m., Lunch at 12 noon. Crafts at 1 p.m.

WELLSVILLE NUTRITION SITE

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

Monday—Stretch 9 am, Walking 9:30 am, Bingo 10:30 am, Lunch 12 noon, Euchre 1 pm, Exercise 1:30 pm.

Wednesday—Walk 9:30 a.m., Games 10 a.m., Bingo 10:30 a.m., Lunch noon, Euchre 1 p.m., Exercise 1:30 p.m.

Thursday—Stretch 9 a.m., Bingo 10:30 a.m., Lunch 12 noon, Bridge 1 p.m., Exercise 1:30 p.m.

Friday—Walking 9:30 a.m., Bingo 10:30 a.m., Lunch 12 noon, Pinochle 12:30 p.m., Exercises 1:30 p.m.

WHITESVILLE NUTRITION SITE

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

Monday—Exercises, Jigsaw Puzzle. 10:45 a.m. Lunch at 12 noon. "Blanket Statements." Donations for Christmas Cheer Boxes.

Tuesday—Lunch at 12 noon. Jigsaw Puzzle. Craig Braack speaking at 11:15 a.m. on "Christmas in Washington, DC."

Wednesday—Exercises at 10:45 a.m., Jigsaw Puzzle. Lunch at noon. "Color Codes." Donations for Christmas Cheer Boxes.



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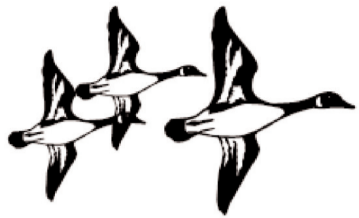
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For the Birds...

By **BETSY BROOKS**
Alfred Sun Columnist



Speaking of birds, this has been one of the most interesting fall seasons in years! There have been an amazing number of birds spotted in the Buffalo/Rochester/ Syracuse area, out of their normal territories. The Genesee Birds list-serve has been busy with reports on very unusual sightings. Willie D'anna (newly retired) and Betsy Potter of Buffalo have picked a good year for doing a "big year".

A Brown Booby whose normal range is the Dry Tortugas or off the Florida coast was seen for many days in the vicinity of Fort Erie and birders came from all over to add it to their life lists or year lists. As colder weather set in, the bird moved a little southwest and was seen on the north shore of Lake Erie near Long Point. A warbler usually not seen along the lakeshore, the Yellow-throated Warbler, made an appearance on the West Spit of Braddock Bay in mid-November! A Rose-breasted Grosbeak has been showing up at a feeder in Gowanda, NY for several weeks ... and was seen as late as Dec. 1.

Just before Thanksgiving an Elegant Tern (a strictly west coast bird) was seen repeatedly by many people at the north end of Squaw Island. Meanwhile, a Rufous Hummingbird, whose usual territory is along the northern Pacific coastline in Washington State, frequented a feeder in Seneca Falls for several days.

Are there that many more out-of-territory birds this fall or are there more birders out there with

access to instant communication to spread the word? Is a personal 'big year' becoming more popular, bringing more knowledgeable birders on the scene? In just the past two days, the word is out that there are a good number of Snowy Owls already being seen in the Rochester area. Snow Buntings are back in large num-



CAROLINA WREN

bers along with Lapland Longspurs, a Red Phalarope, Purple Sandpipers, and Short-eared Owls.

My feeder has been quite active this past week with a cardinal, about seven Tree Sparrows, a White-breasted Nuthatch, four Blue Jays, a couple of goldfinches, a White-throated Sparrow, two juncos and several chickadees. One of the last birds I banded this fall was a Carolina Wren! I heard another one scolding me as I held the first one in my hands to band it. I hope they make it through the winter and are back next spring.

I saw a handsome dark-phase Rough-legged Hawk (our wintering hawk) hovering over a

field along the Wireworms Road about 10 days ago. The biggest visual excitement came when an estimated 300 starlings in one amazing swirl descended in the neighborhood a few days before the first snow. The formation was not a tight swirl ... when you see blackbirds in a tight ball it's because they've seen a hawk and they know that being in a tight formation will make it harder for the hawk to snatch one of them in mid-air!

The starlings are opportunists when it comes to food. Like many others, we had an enormous crop of apples this fall. I canned and froze the best pink applesauce I've ever made and

most immediate, a flock of 100 starlings descended from nowhere to feed on the apples that the deer had uncovered.

I have a love/hate relationship with starlings. At Braddock Bay Bird Observatory sometimes a flock of 1000 starlings will descend on the banding station property and we can get 100 caught in just one net. But more often than not, they will just bounce their way out of the net by themselves. We did capture one in fall 2012 that was later found dead in Ohio, so we learned something about starling migration. Years ago, someone phoned me to try to have me identify a "really beautiful" bird

they had at their feeder in Almond. It took me a long time to figure out that it was just a starling!

Dick is beginning to get the RV ready for our winter trip. We'll be watching the weather forecasts closely so we can get a clear day to get us through Erie and the Cleveland suburbs without trouble. Once I get to the Kentucky border I feel safe from snow squalls! As usual, I'll keep you posted on our adventures and misadventures this winter. We'll miss Gatsby but we'll be introducing Smiley to our favorite places and taking him on the beach at Port Aransas to run where Gatsby seemed happiest.

Alfred State Voices, Jazz Band offer winter concert Friday, Dec. 6

ALFRED—A winter concert is scheduled to be performed by the Alfred State Voices and Jazz Band at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, in the Cappadonia auditorium in the Orvis Activities Center. This annual winter concert, "Winter Songs", will feature both ensembles as well as soloists and is open to public, free of charge.

The groups will be sponsoring 'Operation Shoebox/Christmas Child' and will have collection boxes available at the concert. Donated item suggestions are small toys, facecloths, soaps, toothbrushes, toothpaste, pencils, tablets, crayons, etc. The shoeboxes will be filled and sent to children all over the world.

Str8 Eight tourney Sunday, Dec. 8

ALFRED--The Terra Cotta Coffeehouse will host a Str8 Eight tournament and holiday party on Sunday, Dec. 8 beginning at 8 pm. There will be fun, refreshments, holiday music, and the chance to mingle with community members within a festive environment. The winner of the tournament will receive a gift card to the coffeehouse. Come a few minutes early or visit <http://str8-eight.com> for information on how to play.

Baker's Bridge annual dinner Dec. 9

ALFRED STATION--The December meeting of the Bakers Bridge Association, set for 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, will be held at the Seventh Day Baptist Church at 587 State Rte. 244 in Alfred Station. We will meet at 6:30 for a dish-to-pass dinner. Those attending are asked to bring a main course dish and table service. Those interested in area history are invited to join us for the dinner program.

Following the dinner, at about 7:30, we will introduce our guest speaker, Ward Votava, who will talk about the history of the Barber-shop Harmony Society.

On Thursday, Dec. 12, the Association will hold a Cookie Walk from noon until 1:30 in the community room of the Alfred Station Fire Hall, located at 623 Rte. 244. Customers select cookies from tables filled with home-made cookies. For more information on BBA, visit www.bakersbridge.org.

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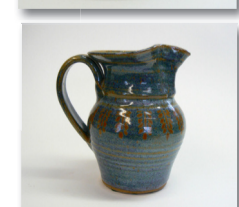
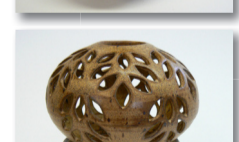
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AU grad's 'Nasty Piece of Work' gets rave review

ALFRED—Two brothers, both graduates of Alfred University, Alan Littell in 1953 and Robert Littell in 1956, now have both been published by the same New York publishing house, St. Martin's Press/Thomas Dunne Books.

Alan, the elder brother and a longtime resident of Alfred, had his *Courage: Novel of the Sea* published by the New York firm in 2008. Now his brother Bob is getting an over-the-top rave review by Alan Cheuse on National Public Radio for *A Nasty Piece of Work*, also published by St. Martin's Press/Thomas Dunne Books.

With viewers still reeling after the much-chronicled *Breaking Bad* finale, the *New York Times* bestselling author Robert Littell plunges readers back into the crime-ridden New Mexico desert through the crafty eyes of Lemuel Gunn, a former federal agent turned PI, in his new detective novel, *A Nasty Piece of Work* (St. Martin's Press/Thomas Dunne Books; Nov. 19, 2013; \$24.99).

It's not the first time Bob, an internationally renowned spy novelist, has received rave reviews for his work. So what's Alan Cheuse saying about this *Nasty Piece of Work* on National

Public Radio?

Cheuse, who teaches writing at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA, said of Littell's most recent work:

"Lemuel Gunn - sounds like the weapon but spelled with two N's - a former New Jersey homicide detective turned CIA field operative, has put the murderous Afghanistan war behind him, pushed out of the agency actually because of refusing to go along with a battlefield cover up. He settled into a tricked-up mobile home outside of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and he's seeking work as a private investigator.

"As Gunn tells us the story in the diction and spirit of an old-fashioned PI, he's got a part-time female accountant he's sleeping with part-time but little cash for her to count. So when an unusual young woman appears at his trailer to ask for help, he can't help but say yes. Her name is Ornella Neppi. She's a puppeteer by profession who's working in her ailing uncle's bail bond business, or so she explains. She wants Gunn to find Emilio Gava, a bail bond client of hers, a man arrested on a drug charge who skipped town, leaving Ornella owing the government \$125,000 bond fee.

"Gunn needs his fee, so he

takes on the case, and thus begins a journey from Eden - actually the east of Eden Garden's gated condo community in nearby Las Cruces where the missing Gava lived- to Chicago, to the desert outside Las Vegas, with a few flashbacks in Gunn's snappy, sharply detailed and classically intoned detective yarn that takes us back to the troubles on the Afghan battlefield that led to his dismissal from the company.

"I better shut up now because I want to rave about the plot, but I don't want to spoil any of it for you. But then, Littell is so gifted a creator of intelligent entertainment that I could give away almost everything and still not spoil your pleasure in reading this neat, new genre novel by one of our best."

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

ROBERT LITTELL is the author of seventeen previous novels, most recently *Young Philby*, and the nonfiction book *For the Future of Israel*, written with Shimon Peres, president of Israel. He has been awarded both the English Gold Dagger and the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for his fiction. His novel *The Company* was a New York Times bestseller and was adapted into a television miniseries. He lives in France.

Alfred-Almond C.S. announces Honor Roll

ALMOND—The Counselor's Office at Alfred-Almond Central School has announced the names of students who achieved the Honor Roll for the first quarter marking period. Named to the Honor Roll were:

TWELFTH GRADE

First Honors: Maya Booman-Amico, Connor Calkins, Olivia Call, Jake Chamberlain, Aidan Curtin, Madeleine Dewey, Catherine Dietrich, Katherine Ding, Meghan DioGuardi, Sarah Elliott, Kevin Fraser, Anup Jonchhe, Leo Karr, Trevor Kokot, Hailey Lawrence, Sawyer McFadden, John Mormino, Alexandra Morsman, Megan Murray, MeiLing Norfolk, Amy Patel, Jacob Shilling, Keri Surita, Nicole Thompson, Sarah Torkaman and Daniel Woughter.

Second Honors: Tiara Brown, Racheal Clayton, Robert Erskine, David Lapierre, Zachary Tyrell, Sadie VanDyke, Kelly Walsh, Jennifer Woodworth and Dylan Yates.

ELEVENTH GRADE

First Honors: Catherine Bialecki, Anna Burdick, Hunter Chamberlain, Elianna Chroniger, Curtis Decker, Nicholas Graves, Maria House, Natasha Jackson, Matthew Johnson, Kyra Kress, Chana Lao-haratanun, Jaesuk Lee, Sydney McDonough, Rachel McMahon, Victoria Robshaw, Samantha St. George, Emma Tyrell, Abby Williams and Samantha Woughter.

Second Honors: Parker Bryant-Carty, Ian Clarke, Lucas Cornell, Wade Olin, Miguel Quintana, Tonia Tinker and Brielle Wood.

TENTH GRADE

First Honors: Levi Bayus, Kelsey Cline, Caitlin Cook, Lily Cook, Jesse Crosby, Leah DePra, Tayler Fox, Alec Gray, Noah Holmok, Brooke Jefferds, Levi Lawrence, Mathew Mayes, Priya Rao and Laura Sweezy.

Second Honors: Elizabeth Allen, Bailey Comer, Emily Kokot, Marilyn Prigmore, Paige Schmidt, Alyssa White and Casey Young.

NINTH GRADE

First Honors: Alexander DeGraff, Abigail Fancher, Mariah Hann, Aeowyn Kendall, Madison McCormick, Janu Patel, Christian Powell and Abbey Swackhamer.

Second Honors: Wyatt Ames, Jesse Berry, Kalista Calkins, Jack Castle, Madge Chroniger, Jessica Flaitz, Jake Johnston, Dustin Kinnaird, Aidan Looney, Cory Olix, Tyler Ormsby, Mason Robbers, Harry Robshaw, Kerstyn Sage and Brendan Walsh.

EIGHTH GRADE

First Honors: Joshua Carstens, Kaitlyn Cook, Attilo Cushing, Emelia Enke, Ondrej Fanta, Vivian Graves, Alyssa Greaney, Katlyn Guild, Abigail Hendee, Brady Holmok, Hudson Laprade, Jessica Matteson, Ellen McInnes, Chloe Muhleisen, Sophia Napolitano, Julia Price, Wen Qiu, Maya Racho and Maeghan Rodd.

Second Honors: Duncan Bryant-Carty, Linda Gay, Matthew Ingalls, Hannah Kinnaird, Vianna Koegel, Kyler Kress, Veronica Morsman, Emily Noone, Mackenzie Ormsby, Jasmine Schumacher, Tahquiy Smith, Samuel Warren and Bethany Wilcox.

SEVENTH GRADE

First Honors: Lindsey Allen, Noah Briglin, Caroline Ding, Catherine Elliott, Alison Fancher, Conner Griffin, Nathaniel Grove, Ethan Hann, Sarah Johnson, Abby Kelly, Nora Looney, Olivia Ormsby and Hanna Tormey.

Second Honors: Alexander Comer, Anna Curtin, Dylan Guthrie, Donata Koegel and Mikaela Wisniewski.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR continued

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ume to quality. For instance, hospitals would be rewarded for decreasing infections and readmissions.

•That the program would focus on testing new payment and service models.

•That U.S. bankruptcies for medical reasons might slip from its position as the number one cause for bankruptcy today.

•That children through college age and just beyond would be covered. (My husband and I bought coverage for our children during those years when it was still available which it has not been for several years now.)

•That people's insurance could no longer be dropped when they became ill!

•That insurance companies must spend 80% of premiums on medical services rather than on advertising and administrative salaries. (I always did object to managers with four years of college earning more than doctors with 10 years of training!)

•That we would work toward having coordinated records, so medications and procedures, etc., would not be duplicated on overlooked between medical providers.

•That maternity and new-born care would be covered. Children's development is our future!

•That mental and behavioral health would be treated. Mental health provisions in the United States are sadly lacking, hurting us all.

•That chronic conditions would have consistent care—no one chooses to have a chronic illness!

•That the FDA would be given more leeway to approve generic drugs, bringing down the cost of drugs.

•That a non-profit, non-governmental group would study different kinds of treatments.

•That discrimination based on disability or previous domestic abuse would be stopped.

•That Congress and congressional staff would have the same medical insurance as other citizens.

I never assumed that the rollout would be without problems. Under President Bush, the rollout of the bill covering medications was horrendous but we made it through.

Like President Obama, I did not assume that so many insurers would use the bill as excuse/reason to increase cost on insurance to drop insurance. We should have figured that the insurance industry (which lobbied hard against the bill) would make less in the long run; therefore, that it might do a great deal to undermine the law.

As an American used to cooperating with my country, I never anticipated that the "opposition" would do everything in its power to take away the health care bill from us and expend almost no energy at

making the bill—which passed Congress—work for the American people. I thought after we lost an election, we all still worked together!

Also, as an American, I assume that there are many things that my tax dollars support that I may not use or not use as fully as others do. I pay taxes for roads I do not use, a fire department that has not come to my apartment, schools, although my children are in middle age, bridges I will never cross, and so on. I have supported school board members I opposed in an election, a Representative to Congress I opposed.

I want a strong, vibrant, healthy United States. I am willing to work for it. I hope David Pullen is, too. I hope that he will cooperate with the agenda even when he may not have been on the winning side. It is not that "the government has passed a law." The Congress, made up of the people's representatives, passed the PPACA bill. Let's see what we can do to make it work for us! No massive new program ever is fully operational and successful all at once.

And let's be honest about its advantages as well as its rollout problems.

Sharon Hoover
Lewes, DE

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When the Music Died...

ALFRED—Visitors to Hinkle Memorial Library at Alfred State during the month of November traveled back in time and revisited some of the best-loved classic rock albums of all time.

Eat a Peach, Mad Dogs & Englishmen, Nashville Skyline, Workingman's Dead, Surrealistic Pillow, Thick as a Brick, Sticky Fingers, Bridge Over Troubled Water, Who's Next, and Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band—these seminal works have influenced countless artists and continue to inspire fans around the world.

Album covers as well as related memorabilia were on display in the exhibit titled "A Blast from the Past," a thought-provoking collection with contributions from Alfred State Professors Mark Amman and Brian Quinn, as well as librarians Barbara Greil and David Haggstrom.

Hinkle Library has extensive holdings and some of these famous performers made an appearance at Alfred over the years (15 in all). The exhibit featured 90 pieces from 75 artists, covering the period 1965-1979, along with a special display of Beatles memorabilia.



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Alfred State office wins three awards for design

ALFRED—For the third consecutive year, the Office of Marketing and Communications at Alfred State entered several of its best designs into the annual MarCom Awards competition and took home two Gold Awards and one Honorable Mention.

"We are humbled and honored to be recognized by this incredible organization for the third time," said Debra Root, senior director of marketing and communications. "Like the college itself, we are always looking to improve—striving to find new and better ways to promote Alfred State's mission."

The MarCom Awards is an international creative competition that recognizes exceptional achievements by marketing and communications professionals around the world. It welcomes submissions from any individual or company involved in the concept, writing, and design of print, visual, audio, and web materials and programs.

From PR firms to small design shops to Fortune 500 companies, the competition attracts the best and brightest in the industry. The Office of Marketing Communications at Alfred State submitted designs for a parent calendar and a promotional campaign, both of which won Gold Awards, and the Alfred State website, which received an Honorable Mention.

Administered by the Association of Marketing and Communications Professionals, judges are industry professionals who look for companies whose talents exceed a high standard of excellence and whose work serves as a benchmark for the industry. There were more than 6,500 entries in the 2013 competition; only 22 percent of entries earned the coveted Gold Award.

AU planning Spring Job Fair

ALFRED—Is your business looking for interns, co-ops, volunteers, seasonal and/or full-time employees?

Come and meet excited college students eager to bring their skills and talents to a professional environment at Alfred University's Spring Job Fair Friday, Feb. 21, 2014 from noon until 2 p.m. at the Knight Club in the Powell Campus Center.

Prior to meeting the students, you'll receive a complimentary lunch. You'll also have the opportunity to conduct interviews with students that afternoon.

If a business representative can't attend the event, the University offers a virtual resume collection service and advertises open positions, gathers candidate resumes and forwards them to you for review. University staff will also help arrange in-person, phone, or Skype interviews.

Companies can register for this event online by going to our website at www.alfred.edu/cdc. The event is free for nonprofit organizations and alumni. For others, the event is \$50 for two representatives and \$25 for each additional representative.

For more information, please contact Jill Crandall, assistant director, Alfred University's Career Development Center, at 607.871.2164 or via email at crandallj@alfred.edu.

Dance concert Dec. 5-6 at AU

ALFRED—The Alfred University (AU) Performing Arts Division will host the annual fall "Informal Dance Showing" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5 and Friday Dec. 6 in the Miller Performing Arts Center CD Smith Theater. Different performances and performers will be offered each evening.

The event is open to the public free of charge. Audience members are encouraged to arrive early because of limited seating.

The two shows will include performances by Composition One students, independent choreographers not attached to AU dance classes, and AU and Alfred State College dance clubs such as Dance Team, Middle Eastern Dance, and the Japanese Dance Team. There will also be choreography by AU graduate Sunny Cho '13, the University Dance Extension Resident Artist.

The dance classes included in the performances are taught by Chase Angier, director/choreographer and associate professor of dance at AU. Angier has been director of AU's dance program since 2002. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in dance from the University of California-Los Angeles and a master of fine arts degree in choreography from The Ohio State University.

Angier is the co-founder, along with Jennifer Salk, of the Green Mountain Dance Teachers Retreat in Woodstock, VT.

Concerned Citizens will meet Dec. 9

CUBA--The next meeting of the Concerned Citizens of Allegany County will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9 at Moonwinks Restaurant, Cuba.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO, DECEMBER 5, 1963

The impact of automation is having its effect on the classroom. The Board of Trustees of the State University of New York recently authorized the establishment of a course of instruction in data processing at the Agricultural and Technical Institute here, according to President Walter C. Hinkle...

For a second season, Gian-Carlo Menotti's moving Christmas opera, "Amahl and the Night Visitors" will be presented by the Alfred University Department of Music and the University Theatre's Footlight Club. Two performances will be given Thursday, Dec. 12 in Alumni Hall, at 11 a.m. for a student assembly program and at 8:15 for the public. The opera tells the story of the three kings on their way to Bethlehem, who stop one night to seek shelter and rest at the hut of a poor widow and her crippled shepherd-boy son, Amahl. Amahl will be portrayed by Dorothy Bingahi, a mathematics major from Nyack. The role of the mother will be played by Betty Riggensbach Giles, special instructor of voice at the University. The three kings will be sung by Paul D. Giles, assistant professor of music, Herbert M. Berry of Dansville, and Roger Feldman...

Almond—Saturday evening supper guests of Mrs. Ruth Sisson to celebrate the Thanksgiving season were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sisson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Sisson of Andover; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sisson and family of Elmira; Mrs. Luella Ells and Gary of Hartsville; and Samuel Karr and David Sammy of Philadelphia, Pa. Mrs. Elizabeth Greene was a Wednesday overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Greene and family at Tip Top... Thursday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald S. Burdett were Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Burdett and daughter Carol of Buffalo... Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stuart were in Elmira Saturday night to attend a surprise birthday celebration in honor of Dean Hay, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bednarchek. Their daughter Kathy returned home with them after spending the long holiday with her relatives...

Alfredians—Mr. and Mrs. S.R. Scholes spent Thanksgiving with their sister, Mrs. J.J. Brennan at Stamford, Conn. Friday, Nov. 29, Mrs. Scholes conducted a workshop of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers at Riverside Church in New York City. That group, of which Mrs. Scholes is Area Chairman, plans a three-day festival in Alfred during the coming summer... Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Borden Mills for the Thanksgiving holiday were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Borden Mills of Albany and Mr. and Mrs. Donald King and son Stewart of Falls Church, Va. Dr. and Mrs. Richard Palmiter and family of Rochester, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith and Carol, and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Doty and family of Almond were guests Thanksgiving Day of Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Kenyon... Dean and Mrs. John F. McMahon and brother, Michael McMahon, returned Dec. 1 after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. William McMahon and Cheryl at Kensington, Md. Miss Becky Jacox returned to Seneca Falls Sunday after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jacox... Dr. and Mrs. Donald Polan and children of Seneca Falls, and Mr. and Mrs. Karl Scheffer and family of Clearfield, Pa., spent the Thanksgiving weekend with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Ray Polan... Mr. and Mrs. Robert Love and family spent the holiday in Ithaca with the Rev. and Mrs. Sheldon Stephenson and family... Mr. and Mrs. Eugene T. Van Horn called on Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Norton and family at Albany last Saturday while they were guests of the Don Van Horn family for the holidays...

4-H Club News—Alfred Night Owls—At 1:00 Mrs. McGraw, Betsy Rulon, Molly Rulon, Linda McGraw and Doris Burzycki went to the officers' training school at Angelica. After reaching their destination, they separated into the various office groups. There they learned how to carry out their office...

An article on the raising of Brussels sprouts written by a local woman appears in the December issue of "Organic Gardening." Mrs. Donald Lindeman is the author of the article, "Brussel Sprouts—A Crop for Cool Weather," which is published in the current issue of the national magazine.

The Allen Civic-Amandine Club will meet today at 2 p.m. in the Community House. Mrs. Frances Ordway of Hornell will present the program on Christmas arrangements.

The Forceythe Willson Club will meet at the Community House Dec. 9 at 3 p.m. Margaret Butler will tell about Christmas in Chile. Bring usual Christmas gift for the foster children of the county.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, DEC. 1, 1988

(Photo) It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like...

Downtown Alfred has its holiday dress on, complete with a dusting of snow. There will be "A Song in the Air" this weekend in Alfred as the Business Association sponsors its annual "Homespun Holidays."

Recent authorization was granted to the Alfred Post Office to reopen its customer service window full-time during the day. Effective Monday, Nov. 28, the 1 to 3 p.m. daily closings at the post office are history, according to Alfred Postmaster Rhonda Hendley...

The National Science Foundation has awarded a \$90,000 tie grant for developing computerized methods for industrial glassmaking nationwide to the Industry-University Center for Glass Research (IUCGR) at Alfred University, announced Center Director L. David Pye...

Alfredians—(By Ruth Greene) Ward Votava, technical specialist in the scanning electron microscope area in the New York State College of Ceramics, spoke to the Western N.Y. Section of the American Foundrymen's Society recently in Buffalo... Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cartledge along with Ellen and Steve Cartledge and Don Boldt enjoyed Thanksgiving at the Rochester home of Mary-Lou's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Straight... Mario and Peg Prisco are happy to announce the marriage of their son, Richard, to Cheryl Varholak, of Fairfield, CT on Dec. 3, 1988 at St. Pius X Church in Fairfield. Both the bride and groom are graduates of the University of Bridgeport and are employed as industrial designers in Connecticut... Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Clarke of Alfred spent the Thanksgiving holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert McElveen in Florence, SC... Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Wheeler of West Virginia are visiting their son and his family, the Rev. and Mrs. Leon Wheeler. Rev. Edgar Wheeler is assisting in the construction of the new log home of the Alfred pastor on the Hanneman Road... William Emrick, manager of special events at A.U., recently toured the campus of Kings College, London, and the Universities of Bath, Bristol, Nottingham, Sheffield and Warwick. He was sponsored by the Association of Conference and Events Directors International, of which he is a director... Mr. and Mrs. W. Lynn Bouck and their children, Elizabeth May and David Lowe, have returned to their home in West Tisbury, MA, after having spent the Thanksgiving holiday with Dr. and Mrs. Warren L. Bouck...

Andover-the-hill—(By Clara York) The Andover Chamber of Commerce met for its monthly dinner meeting at the Andover Presbyterian Church dining room on Nov. 16. The meeting was led by President Sally Lynch and it was voted to participate in the gifts for needy children program again this year... Scott Shaw reported on the 1st Annual Allegany Artists Open Studio weekend. Nine studios participated and 11 artisans. A total of 1008 people attended the various artists' workplaces. Mr. Shaw has had numerous calls from artists to be involved for next year... The Alfred State College Choir under the direction of Anthony Cappadonia will hold their Christmas concert at the Andover Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4. The public is cordially invited to attend... Warren Hann of Gowanda visited Mr. and Mrs. Douglas York and Mrs. Irene Hann on the weekend...

Time running out on clock raffle—Time is quickly running out in the raffle of an 8-day Alfred Village Hall replica clock, for which the drawing will be conducted Saturday, Dec. 10. The clock was designed and built at Crandall's Jewelers in Alfred and is being raffled in order to raise funds for the renovation of the Village Hall tower clock, estimated to cost about \$2,000...

As the weather turns colder and snow begins to fly, dining by a cozy, warm fire presents an appealing way to spend an evening. Such an atmosphere is what patrons will discover at Muhleisen's Restaurant on Main Street in Almond. This family-owned and operated business is named for its owners—Jack and Carol Muhleisen. Jack Sr., a plant accountant for 23 years at Airway Displays in Hornell, and Carol, an employee of the same firm, were faced with a major decision when their company moved out-of-state. They could move with the company or pursue another vocation. Desiring to raise their family here, they chose to remain, and subsequently purchased Harvey's from Jack and Patty Harvey in 1977...

The Alfred University Rugby Club, in its 7th season of play, compiled a 10-7 record for the fall. AU has a combined record of 60-29-2 after seven seasons, with the A-side 28-15-2 the B-side 28-14 and the C-side 4-0. The combined A-B-C Saxons have never had a losing season campaign since the inception of rugby at AU under Coach William W. Pulos, Esq., one of AU's two practicing attorneys on the faculty...

Alfred University's annual football banquet will be held Friday, Dec. 9 in Ade Hall... Clip Smith, sportscaster for WKBW-TV in Buffalo will be the master of ceremonies...

TEN YEARS AGO, DECEMBER 4, 2003

The Almond Historical Society's Christmas Open House is set for Sunday afternoon, Dec. 7 and will feature tours of the beautifully decorated Hagadorn House and a program of Christmas music. The annual Open House will be held at 7 Main Street, Almond, from 1 to 5 p.m. featuring the theme, "A Woodland Christmas." Mary Ellen Westlake, AHS decorator, notes that Christmas arrangements using woodland animals, bears, deer and birds, along with lots of evergreens and plants, will be found throughout the house. A special item located in the Linn Phelan gallery will be a child's wooden sled hand painted by Linn, decorated with Linn's unique artistry, and personalized for his daughter: "Betsy 1947"...

Lisa D. Calkins, 47, of Gibson Street, Canandaigua, died Saturday, Nov. 29, 2003 due to injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Lisa was born in Hornell. She graduated from Alfred-Almond Central School in 1974 and Erie Community College in 1976. Lisa received her bachelor's degree from Boston University in 1978. She received her master's degree in deaf education from SUNY Geneseo. Lisa was employed at Monroe #1 BOCES as a teacher for the deaf and hearing impaired. She was a member of St. Mary's Church and served on the church parish council. Lisa enjoyed traveling and spending time with her family and friends. She is survived by her daughter, Erin P. Calkins; her mother, Patricia A. Calkins of Hornell; her father, Ernest Calkins of Perry; one sister, Rebecca (Thomas) Kelleher of Castile; two brothers, Timothy (Susan) Calkins of Honeoye and Jeffrey (Elizabeth) Calkins of Pittsford; five nieces, six nephews; and many dear friends...

Mary Frances Coleman, 93, died early Tuesday morning, Nov. 25, 2003 at her home at 281 Grand St., Hornell, after a long illness. Born in Friendship on Nov. 10, 1910, she was a daughter of the late Thomas and Catherine Harkenrider Neary. On Feb. 6, 1937, she was married in Friendship to Donald Howard Coleman, who predeceased her on March 1, 1999, after 62 years of marriage. A graduate of Friendship High School, Frances was also a graduate of the former Belfast Training School and a 1937 graduate of Geneseo Normal School. She had resided in Hornell for most of her life and was employed as a third-grade teacher at Alfred-Almond Central School for many years, before retiring in 1972...

Some 185 coats collected in the Alfred area were delivered to the Cameron Community Ministries in Rochester on Nov. 18. Stuart Smith organized the collection and was very pleased at the response of the Alfred community which donated not only coats but also many other miscellaneous winter clothing items such as sweaters, blankets, gloves, snow suits, and boots...

There will be something for everyone as local authors greet the public at a book signing to be hosted by the Novel Café in Hornell on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 1-4 p.m. Essayist Linda Underhill; poet and narrative writer Beatrice O'Brien; Young adult writer Mary Beth Miller; poet Ben Howard; poet, journal writer and essayist Carol Burdick; and children's writer and illustrator Susan Beckhorn will be on hand to sign and discuss their works. Books by novelist, Megan Staffel, will also be available...

Holly Amber Kerr and William Brooke Meserole Harris were married on August 2, 2003 at Groce United Methodist Church in Asheville, NC. The Rev. William R. MacCrea of Alfred officiated, and the Rev. Carl Johnson assisted. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Kevin Kerr of Asheville and granddaughter of Mary Ross Kerr and the late Millard H. Kerr of Tompkinsville, KY and the late Mr. and Mrs. John K. McEwen of Clarksville, IN. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Harris III of Alfred and grandson of Mrs. Betty Taylor of Hilton Head, SC and the late Mr. George B. Harris Jr. and Mrs. Patricia Cournoyer of Naples, FL and the late Mr. Edward Cournoyer...

Kristi Lynn Giglio and Brian Joseph Marlatt of Almond were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony on June 14, 2003 at St. Jude's Chapel, Alfred, with Father Eugene Ulrich of Almond officiating. The soloist for the ceremony was Paul Ormsby of Almond, brother-in-law of the groom. Nancy Hann of Hornell was organist. The pianist was Karen Mullen of Rexville, cousin of the bride. The bride is the daughter of Cindy and John Flint of Almond and James and Terry Giglio of Hornell. The groom is the son of George and Judy Marlatt...

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Church celebrates Advent season

ALFRED STATION—It's the season of Advent at the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Last Sabbath, Nov. 30, the First Sabbath in Advent was celebrated as "Christ Brings us Hope," Romans 5:1-5.

This coming Sabbath, Dec. 7, the Second Sabbath in Advent = "Christ brings us Peace," based on Romans 16:19-20.

Next Sabbath, Dec. 14, the Third Sabbath in Advent, celebrates "Christ is our Joy" based on Romans 14:13-20.

The Fourth Sabbath of Advent, on Sabbath, Dec. 21, focuses on "Christ is our Love," based on Romans 8:35-39.

The annual Christmas Program will be held at 4 p.m. Sabbath, Dec. 21, followed by the Annual Christmas Dinner in the

church social rooms.

The Alfred Community Christmas Eve Service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24 in the sanctuary of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred.

A Celebration of the Incarnation will be held at 3 p.m. Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25 in the church sanctuary.

A Canopy Youth Retreat will be held at Camp Harley Sutton for youth in grades 7-12 from 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30 until 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1.

For further information about any of the Advent activities of the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church, please call the church office at 607-587-9176.

UUC decks the hall for annual bazaar

ALFRED--On Sunday, Dec. 1, members of the Union University Church gathered in the Church Center to decorate for Christmas and the upcoming Annual Bazaar. Festive red banners of Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace were hung around the social hall, along with greenery and poinsettias, to set the mood for the luncheon and craft/baked goods sale to be held on Friday, Dec. 6.

"We look forward to hosting this community event every year," said a spokesman for the church, "The bazaar is where friends and colleagues have the opportunity to socialize over a meal of delicious soup, sandwiches, and pie."

Those attending the luncheon are invited, before or after eating, to browse through a fine selection of ornaments and other crafts, or buy some baked goods, candy, or deli items.

"We also have beautiful poinsettias ready and waiting to adorn your desk, office, or home," the spokesman said.

Doors open for lunch at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 6.

THE GLORY OF AMERICA

Thursday, December 5

Lyman Beecher, writing in his newspaper *The Spirit of the Pilgrims*, stated in 1831:

"The government of God is the only government which will hold society, against depravity within the temptation without; and this it must do by the force of its own law written upon the heart. This is that unity of the Spirit and that bond of peace which can alone perpetuate national purity and tranquility--that law of universal and impartial love by which alone nations can be kept back from ruin. There is no safety for republics but in self-government, under the influence of a holy heart, swayed by the government of God."

MILLER, LIFE, 36.

Alfred Area Church Directory

ALFRED-ALMOND AREA

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

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

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

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

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

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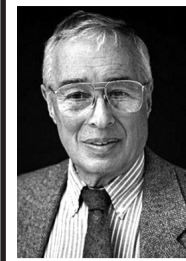


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MY TURN

By ALAN LITTELL
Alfred Sun Contributor

Remembering Johnny Nelson

Dec. 30, 2013 marks the 20th anniversary of the death, at 85, of Johnny Nelson, a loquacious, self-styled ham whose epitaph—"I never made any money, just had a lot of laughs"—masked the sensibilities of a gifted writer and superb journalist.

For nearly two decades, Johnny was my friend and colleague at Alfred University, where he served as sports information director. In that role, he earned a particular reputation for his work in publicizing the great Alfred football teams of the '50s, '60s and '70s, coached by the legendary Alex Yunevich.

But above all, Johnny was a newspaperman. That was his trade. He was a former sports editor of *The Hornell Evening Tribune* and a past managing editor of *The Bradford (Pa.) Era*. Until shortly before his death, he continued as a columnist for both papers.

Tall, stooped and cadaverous; owlish behind horn-rimmed glasses and fastidiously turned out in jacket and tie, Johnny had the roguish grin and mobile features of a born actor, and he loved the spotlight.

As a storyteller and master-of-ceremonies, he had few peers. But I will always remember him as a writer. For it was as a writer—as a sometimes sly

chronicler of the human condition—that he expressed himself best. And when he was good, he was very good indeed.

Writing for Johnny was a craft, not an art. He distrusted the orotund, the Mandarin in prose—a style that subverts emotion and meaning. For him, metaphor, simile, the purple passage and dependent clause were all a foreign country.

He wrote hard, bright, uncluttered copy. He wrote from a sense of immediacy. He wrote about the people and places he knew best: tap dancers, singers, actors, ball players, politicians, small-town America:

---"Early horse-opera stars included William S. Hart and Art Accord. And a young man who was a stable hand in DuBois, Pennsylvania, who climbed on a horse in Hollywood and became Tom Mix."

---"I can quote the infield fly rule. I know the words to 'Moonlight and Roses'... [but] I never get within yards of any article marked 'some assembly required.'"

---"David Warner, All-American football player at Alfred University ... had his eyes on the sky over Cape Canaveral and witnessed the fiery deaths of all seven of his friends when the 'Challenger' blew up. There is a



Classic Johnny—Johnny Nelson, then sports information director at Alfred University, mugs for crowd at campus event in 1985. (Alfred University Archives)

footnote to the story. Dave was one of 10 finalists out of some 10,000 original candidates for the honor of being the first school teacher in space."

---"Famous line by W.C. Fields: 'Any man who hates kids and dogs can't be all bad.'"

---"Ralph Waldo Emerson ... and a host of others used three names. Then along came a skinny kid out of Jersey City and 'Frankie' packed 'em in at the Paramount."

---"The worst thing about history is that every time it repeats

itself the price goes up."

---"After about 17 billion words, give or take ... let's put the Super Bowl to bed by stating that Green Bay defeated Kansas City 35-10 in the first one in 1967. I remember it because my good friend Norm Schachter from Alfred University was the referee."

Though associated for much of his professional life with a college campus, Johnny had little formal education. His parents, John and Eva, were vaudeville performers, and the stage of 90 years ago was Johnny's nursery. In time, the newspaper city-room became his university. And it was in the newspaper trade that he learned to think, to express his thoughts in ordered prose, to pick apart words and syntax, to explore the subtleties of meaning.

But despite the reams of copy that flowed from his typewriter, writing was never easy for Johnny. I recall watching him rock back and forth at his desk in the university's Greene Hall, struggling like so many other writers over a blank sheet of paper, absorbed in the peculiar chemistry of creation, waiting for his muse.

Finally, he would hammer out (with two fingers on an ancient Royal) the felicitous lead sentence that formed the only possible foundation for every line that followed. Johnny, more than most, understood in his gut the truth of Ernest Hemingway's dictum that good writing was architecture, not interior decoration.

Johnny's literary heroes extended beyond Hemingway to a pair of sports writers, Red Smith and Grantland Rice—both graduates of that celebrated school of American journalism, *The New York Herald Tribune*. Once, in

my presence, when a student asked Johnny how he managed to compose copy that read so effortlessly, the response was a quote straight from Smith: "I open a vein and let it dribble out, drop by drop."

Another favorite of Johnny's was the story of Rice's memorable 1924 "Four Horseman" lead—how the erudite sports writer linked the title of Blasco Ibanez's novel "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" to Knute Rockne's powerful Notre Dame backfield, Harry Stuhldreher, Don Miller, Jim Crowley and Elmer Layden.

As Johnny tells the tale, Rice's inspiration came from watching the four backs drive 80 yards in 7 plays to spark Notre Dame's 13-7 win over Army, in New York's Polo Grounds.

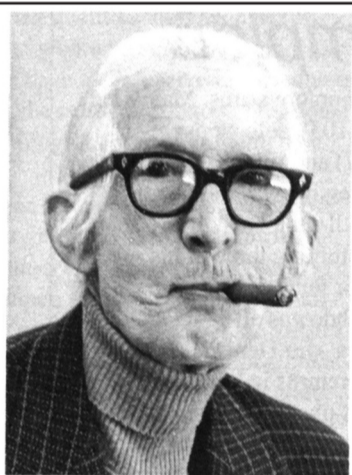
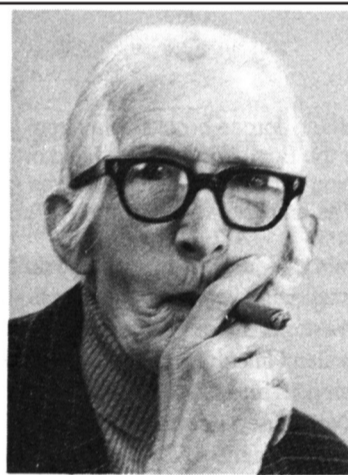
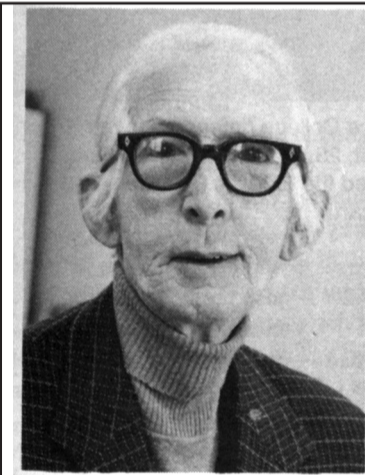
Here Johnny would fix you with his eyes and intone from memory the noble lines:

"Outlined against a blue-gray October sky the Four Horsemen rode again. In dramatic lore they are known as famine, pestilence, destruction and death. These are only aliases. Their real names are Stuhldreher, Miller, Crowley and Layden."

Johnny would sigh and shake his head admiringly. "The 'Four Horseman' label stuck," he would say. "Rice was a genius. Nobody writes football like that anymore."

And not many people write like Johnny Nelson anymore. He belonged to some other age. He was an acute observer, an unimpeachable witness. He was also an entertaining friend. For that alone—but there was, of course, much more—his was a sad loss.

From 1968 to 1984, Alan Littell was director of the Alfred University News Bureau, now called the Office of Public Information.



Johnny Nelson could often be seen puffing on a cigar. (Alfred University Archives)

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Thirteen Saxons receive E8 football recognition

(Continued from back page) while catching 11 passes for 107 yards and a score. The school's single-season record holder for rushing yards (1,437, set in 2010), Dwyer finished his career with 3,304 yards (fourth all-time at AU) and 30 rushing touchdowns.

Young, the team's backup tight end, saw action in all 11 games this year and was third on the team in receptions (23) and receiving yards (279). Harrington, a two-year starter at center, was given all-conference recognition for a second straight year after earning honorable mention in 2011. Wallace, in his first year as a starter, led the team in tackles with 115 (43 solo, 6 ½ for loss, one sack), with four interceptions, four pass breakups and one forced fumble.

Senior wide receiver Josh Phillips (Syracuse/West Genesee), freshman nose guard Zack Bacon (Hornell), sophomore defensive tackle Zach Brinkley (Brockway, PA) and freshman kicker Thomas Gioia (West Seneca/Bishop Timon-St. Jude) were given honorable mention.

Phillips, a four-year starting wideout, led the Saxons in receptions (54), receiving yards (815) and touchdown catches (seven). A first-time conference all-star, Phillips finished his AU career with 169 catches for 2,377 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Bacon, a starter as a freshman, had 31 tackles (4 ½ for loss, two sacks) to go with two interceptions and a fumble recovery. He returned one interception 38 yards for a touchdown and a fumble 25 yards for a score. Brinkley, in his first season as a starter, had 59 tackles (fourth on the team), including 1 ½ for loss, and a pass breakup. Gioia made 32 of 40 extra points and seven of nine field goals and was second on team in scoring with 53 points.

Each season, the Empire 8 honors students-athletes from each conference school, who play on teams sponsored by the

conference, 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." Senior tight end Alec Ladonis (Nescopeck, PA/Berwick) is AU's honoree from the football team.

AU finished the season with an 8-3 record and placed second in the final Empire 8 Conference standings with a 5-2 league mark. The Saxons wrapped up the season with a 21-14 victory over visiting Cortland in the ECAC North Central Bowl Championship, played Saturday, Nov. 23, at Yunevich Stadium.

Hilbert hands Saxon men first loss of the season

The Alfred University men's basketball team squared off against Hilbert College Saturday afternoon. AU dropped a 96-87 decision on the road in a non-conference matchup to Hilbert.

Alfred held a 44-43 lead at halftime, but Hilbert outscored the Saxons 53-43 in the second half, giving them the edge. For the game, Alfred capitalized from Hilbert's turnovers, scoring 30 points. AU was also cold behind the arc, only shooting 5-for-30 (17 percent), compared to Hilbert's 37 percent.

Senior center Steve Lothridge (East Syracuse-Minoa (OCC)) paced the Saxons with a double-double, scoring a team-best 18 points and pulling down a team-high 18 rebounds. Junior guard Thomas Tsatsis (Neponsit/Townsend Harris) scored 11 points, grabbed three rebounds, had two assists, and stole the ball twice.

AU (3-1, 0-0 Empire 8) returned to action on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. at Fredonia State. The Saxons will host Penn College of Technology in a rescheduled game at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8 at McLane Center.

Saxon women host Hamilton, Penn College of Technology

The Alfred University women's basketball team (2-2,



AU sophomore cornerback #2 Calvin Bain (Rochester/East) earned First Team honors for defense and Second Team honors as an all-purpose runner and special teams return man. (Photo-sbyLAN.com)

0-0 Empire 8), riding a two-game win streak, will host Hamilton College at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6 at McLane Center. The Saxons will also host Penn College of Technology at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8 at McLane Center.

Molloy earns E8 honors

Dylan Molloy (Clifton Park/Shenendehowa), a freshman guard on the Alfred University men's basketball team, last week was named Empire 8 Conference Rookie of the Week.

Molloy was honored for his play in two non-conference

games last week – wins over visiting Wells College Nov. 19 and at SUNY Canton Nov. 23 – in which he averaged 14 points, five assists and three steals. In the win over Canton, he had 25 points – shooting seven-of-13 from the field (three-of-six on three-point shots) and eight-for-eight from the foul line – to go with five assists and five steals.

Stephens misses 4 to win Week 12 in Pigskin Picks

Week 12 Winner in the Alfred Sun's Pigskin Picks Contest was Roland Stephens II of Hornell, who had only four misses of the 20 games he picked. Stephens edged Nelson Snyder of Alfred Station, who had 6 misses, including Auburn's miraculous last second win over Alabama when the Tigers returned a long missed field goal attempt 109 yards for a touchdown with no time on the clock, breaking the 28-28 tie.

Bob Grogan of Canisteo had 7 misses, while Mark Jackson of Alfred, Judy Marlatt of Almond, Floyd Farley of Hornell and Bob Baker of Alfred each had 8 misses. Christopher Yarnal of Almond and Bill Pulos of Alfred Station each had 9 misses.

The Alfred Sun would like to thank all of the contest sponsors for their support throughout the football season!

ASC Sports Roundup

County's D III fledglings meet

ALFRED--Alfred State College's arrival on the NCAA Division III scene has been challenging, particularly for the men's basketball team in its inaugural season in NCAA competition.

The Pioneers are still seeking their first win this season, as is another "new kid" on the NCAA Division III block, the Houghton College's men's basketball team.

The Pioneers (0-5) had the week off after their scheduled game vs. Nazareth last Tuesday was cancelled due to the inclement weather. They were scheduled to host their first home game of the NCAA era on Tuesday when cross county opponent Houghton (0-5) visited the Orvis Activities Center.

Houghton, in its inaugural NCAA season in 2012-13, went

1-25 with the Highlanders' lone win an 89-85 overtime victory over the third Allegany County NCAA Division III institution, Alfred University.

The 2013-14 Highlanders, like the Pioneers, have played five games to date without having a win in the books. But that all changed Tuesday night in the Orvis Activities Center at Alfred State, where one of the NCAA D3 fledglings got their first win.

To date, Houghton has lost to Geneva, 72-59; Grove City, 75-56; Hilbert, 73-56; Roberts Wesleyan, 93-74 and Pitt-Bradford, 89-71.

The Pioneers, meanwhile, have losses to Hilbert, 93-39; St. Lawrence, 84-48; Keuka, 92-62; RIT, 87-66; and Keuka, 101-72.

Houghton College has been accepted into the Empire 8 Con-

ference where the Highlanders compete but because of its NCAA provisional status, cannot compete for a conference championship. Neither do the Highlanders' results against their E8 foes count in the E8 standings.

Women's Basketball: 1-1

The Lady Pioneers return to action after a week and a half off this week with their first home contest of the season. Alfred State takes on Houghton. A scheduled game vs. Nazareth was cancelled last week due to the poor weather.

Swimming: 7th at North Country Invite

The swimming team dives back into action on Friday when they travel to Monroe CC for their three-day invitational. The action starts at 6 p.m. on Friday and continues all the way until Sunday.

Wrestling: 0-3, 17th at NYS Championships

The blue & gold compete for the final time in 2013 this coming weekend when they travel to RIT to compete in the Tigers' annual tournament.



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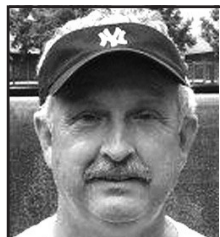
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HITS AND MISSES:

It was quite an impressive football Saturday (11-22) for the Empire Eight Conference, present-future-past, as various programs emerged victorious. The Alfred Saxons grabbed another ECAC Championship when they topped Cortland, 21-14 in the North Central Bowl which was held at snowy Yunevich Stadium in Alfred. Brockport (E8 member in 2014) beat Waynesburg to claim the ECAC Northwest Bowl and Springfield nipped Norwich in a battle of two former E8 members, 28-27 to take home the trophy in the North Atlantic Bowl. In addition, Ithaca topped Framingham State in NCAA playoff action, 20-17 while SJ Fisher stunned John Carroll in Ohio, 25-16 in opening round NCAA play. John Carroll was just coming off a tough loss to Mount Union after a (9-0) run in the season.

The Cardinals of SJ Fisher remained alive in the NCAA's this past Saturday with an impressive, 27-6 win over Liberty League champ and previously undefeated Hobart. The Statesmen just don't play the competition that Fisher does in the E8. The Liberty League doesn't have the likes of Alfred-Salisbury-Ithaca, as well as SJ Fisher to go up against. Hobart beat a weak Gallaudet team, 34-7 in the first round. Ithaca fell to national power Wesley, 23-15 in the NCAA's one week after nipping Framingham State. The Cardinals will continue their "road trip" with a major jaunt to Texas where Mary Hardin-Baylor awaits. Ouch. MH-B drilled Rowan, 59-8 over the weekend. In other NCAA D3 games it'll be Wesley and Mount Union, North Central and Bethel plus Wisconsin-Whitewater and Linfield. Look for a "Final Four" of Mount Union, Bethel, White-water and MH-Baylor.

Alfred University graduate and former Saxons football WR, Bill Schuster (Livonia) was busy in the NFL over the extended Thanksgiving weekend past. "Shuey" #129 did the Green Bay Packers at Detroit Lions contest on Thanksgiving and then the Miami Dolphins at NJ Jets game on Sunday past. Neither game too thrilling. QB Rodgers is out for the 'Pack and the Jets don't have a QB on their roster!

The Buffalo Bills continue to find ways to lose NFL games as they "came from ahead" to drop a contest versus Atlanta in Toronto, 34-31 in overtime when it looked like they would prevail by that same score in regulation. The Bills did ink DE Ikponmwsa Igbinosun to their practice squad. They are looking at perhaps a nifty (6-10) mark on the season and no playoffs ... again and again and again.

In NYS high school football action it was Queensbury (13-0) claiming the "A" football championship in Syracuse, 36-7 over Williamsville from the Buffalo area. Happened to golf this past fall in Lake George with an assistant coach on the Queensbury squad named Matt, who played at Hobart, as McDrip and I joined up with him and a buddy at the Top of the World course.

Auburn stuns Alabama on a miraculous return of a missed FG by 'Bama, Ohio State barely edges Michigan, Florida State drills Florida and Missouri quietly rolls along. So who will be in the BCS Championship game in big-time college football? Right now it looks like FSU-OSU but upsets could prevail in the conference championships on Saturday. Don't see Florida State losing to Duke in the ACC so they are in. Michigan State could very well top Ohio State in the Big Ten. Missouri then knocks off Auburn in the SEC title game. Who plays Florida State then? Watch Alabama sneak back in if those games come out that way. With an incredibly weak Big Ten slate, one of the SEC teams should be playing Florida State. Sorry, Chud.

"Congrats" to Raegan Ryan of the Cedarville Yellow Jackets in women's college basketball as she was named the Great Midwest Athletic Conference Player of the Week, the week before last, as her team topped Mt. Vernon Nazarene and Tiffin. Cedarville in Ohio is (3-2) on the season as Ryan is averaging 13.6 points per outing as of Sunday past, was #1 on the team in assists with 21 and third on the squad in rebounds with 19. The Canisteo-Greenwood graduate is a junior in the Cedarville program and the daughter of Jeff (A-A) and Lisa Ryan. Proud grandparents, Lee and Donna Ryan in Almond!

Spotted vanity plates galore of late: LEAKY 7 ... Jeff Ryan!, NOSAINTS ... rolling to the Super Bowl?, IARTISAN, SMOOCHES, ZPD2DA ... not Frank, DEFLPD ... Stu back in the day, 007 BOND, VAN4DAD ... Ohio plates, FISH KY ... brother-in-law, HERBEEMA ... she wisha! and spotted by Scott O. Lorow in Virginia ... GAME INYY.

William Smith from Geneva is in the NCAA Division III women's soccer "Final Four" this weekend in San Antonio, TX. The Herons will play Capital of Ohio in one semi-final while Trinity of Texas and Middlebury from Vermont tangle in the other. William Smith topped Ithaca to advance after the Bombers knocked off perennial champ, Messiah College in the game prior.

Stephen Baker's college soccer career at UPenn came to a halt in the NCAA's as the Quakers fell to Providence, in PK's in the opening round. This was after UPenn grabbed the Ivy League title from Harvard in their last regular season contest. Providence then



Alfred University freshman quarterback Tyler Johnson was named E8 Rookie of the Year. (PhotosbyLAN.com)

E8 Honors:

13 Saxons earn conference recognition

ALFRED—Alfred University freshman quarterback Tyler Johnson (East Syracuse-Minoa) has been named Empire 8 Rookie of the Year and is among 13 Saxons to earn all-conference recognition.

The Empire 8 announced its all-league teams recently. Four members of the AU team earned First Team recognition; five were named to the Second Team; and five were given honorable mention. AU sophomore cornerback Calvin Bain (Rochester/East) earned First Team honors for defense and Second Team honors as an all-purpose runner and special teams return man.

Other Saxons named to the First Team were senior left tackle Ryan DiFlavio (West Seneca West), senior defensive end Justin Collen (Averill Park), and junior free safety Michael Perkins (Rochester/East).

Johnson, who was given honorable mention at quarterback, was inserted into the starting lineup after leading the Saxons on a second-half comeback over

Brockport in Week 3. In that game, he ran for 134 yards and a touchdown and passed for 157 yards and a score, rallying the Saxons from a 28-0 halftime deficit to a 34-28 overtime victory. He finished the season with 1,722 yards on 140-of-237 passing with 12 touchdowns. He also ran for 418 yards (second-most on the team) and five TDs.

Bain, in his first season after transferring to AU from St. Francis (PA) University, had 55 tackles (34 solo), three interceptions (86 return yards, one touchdown) and a team-leading 12 pass breakups. He also rushed 14 times for 79 yards and five touchdowns, four coming in a Week Nine win over Utica, and averaged 21.1 yards on kick returns.

DiFlavio, a four-year starter on the Saxon offensive line, earned all-conference recognition for a third straight year. He was also a First Team pick in 2012 and a Second team selection in 2011. He anchored a line that helped the Saxons to 373 yards of offense per game (217

passing, 156 rushing) and allowed only 15 sacks in 11 games.

Collen had 42 tackles (21 solo), including 7 ½ for loss (47 yards), a team-leading six sacks (37 yards) and two forced fumbles. Perkins had 41 tackles (28 solo, one for loss), a team-best five interceptions (58 yards) and five pass breakups. Both Collen and Perkins are first-time league all-starters.

Senior tailback Austin Dwyer (Hornell), sophomore tight end Isiah Young (Groton), senior center Zach Harrington (Rochester/Greece Olympia) and sophomore middle line-backer Corry Wallace (Mastic Beach/Longwood) were named the Second Team.

Dwyer earned all-conference honors for the third time in his four years as the Saxons' starting tailback. He was a First Team selection and the league's Rookie of the Year in 2010 and was a First Team pick in 2011. He led the team in rushing (612 yards) and rushing TDs (11) this year

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The Dugout continued...

fell to Maryland, 3-1 in the next round. Injuries hampered the former AGR Player of the Year in high school this past season but a nice run overall for the McQuaid graduate.

And talk about "nice runs" ... Adam Scott just completed a banner four-week stretch of golf in his native Australia as he won the Australian Masters and PGA, back-to-back weeks and then took third in the World Cup of Golf but was first in the team competition as he teamed with Jason Day. Then, this past weekend he finished second in the Australian Open by one stroke as he fell to Rory McIlroy after leading most of the tourney. So, 1-1-3-2 on an individual basis and a team title with the third-place finish as well. Yikes!

Watched some PBA on Sunday as I came across the World Series of Bowling, match #2 on the day, featuring Pete Weber against Wes Malott. They were both zipping along like they would record 300-games, Malott almost did, as he tallied a nice 288 to Webser's 242. Malott then beat Parker Bohn III in the finals.

Was a very busy and fun week last week as it was off to Kentucky for Thanksgiving at Brian and Robin Fischer's house, south of Cincinnati. Travel day on Monday after a hectic weekend of work and trip-prep just to blast off early in the morning. No issues, stopped in Erie (Pa.) for breakfast. Tuesday it was off to Lexington, KY to see Scott and Therese Delventhal. Made same journey in 2011 and was looking forward to seeing the two of them again. Great visit! Wednesday ... too cold for golf so off to the movies in Florence. Saw Homefront. Not bad. Duke hoops on tube that nite in NIT's and 3L flying in late with delayed flight from NYC. Thursday ... up early and off to the Cincy 10K Turkey Trot. Brrrr. Lauren hooks up

with Bill Hardy (A-A) as they run race together. A great meal in the afternoon and some football on tube. Friday ... snow on ground so no golf again. Yuk. Two years ago we got out Wednesday-Friday. Dinner at the famed Green Lantern in Covington. Saturday ... time for everyone to depart. Perrin and Justin to Kansas, Steve & Dee plus Mom to Florida, Lauren and I to Webster. Solid week with family. 3L and I stop in Smithville, Ohio to have lunch and catch-up on things with Glen Sayre. Really good seeing him again. Wife, Denise at Christmas Parade in Akron. Next up was (unplanned) visit to see Joe & Amy Van Riper, new son Heath plus Ron & Bonnie Caskey (Amy's parents) in from Port Allegany. Quick visit but enjoyable. Off on road again and 3L "must" stop at a Wegmans in Buffalo area for dinner. Accomplished that, home in Webster around 9 pm. Not a bad drive back. Sunday ... 3L and I watch some more Criminal Minds, breakfast in town and she is off to meet college roommates, "Pam" and The Shifty One in Batavia. Then to airport and back to NYC. All too soon.

Lauren finished 1236 in the chilly Cincy Race out of 14,245 finishers. Over 15,000 signed up but the cold probably halted some of those plans. 3L was the 234th female out of 7782, 54th in her age group of 1095 and completed the run in 49:06 as Hardy and her crossed the line together. Race started by Paul Brown Stadium and the mid-point was at the Ice Arena which is next door to the Great American Ballpark ... where the Reds play.

Birthday Greetings this week to the legendary Larry Bird ... and to Obie!

Whew ... no traveling this weekend, but upcoming ... a quick outing in Florida.

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