

Sun in Lakeland, Florida

Family gathering in Lakeland FL. Jean Brown of Cortland shares the *Alfred Sun* with her cousin Don Zirkelbach (94), his daughters Joan Zirkelbach, and Barbara Zirkelbach Chiariello, (of Rochester) and Don's sister, Maily Zirkelbach Habern.



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Ambulance Conversion

2005 Alfred ambulance sold, to be converted into RV

By SHERRY VOLK
Alfred Sun Reporter

ALFRED—A.E. Crandall Hook and Ladder Company received cheering information in an email dated Feb. 24, 2021, from Crandall Hooks President Rebecca Weaver Hamm. "If all goes well, our 2005 ambulance will leave us tomorrow in the hands of its new owner, who is coming from the Chicago area to buy it and convert it to a camper. It should be gone from the truck bay by mid-afternoon."

(Alfred's fire department recently purchased a state-of-the-art ambulance, so this model was in excess.)

Weaver Hamm continued, "Tim Cox (Treasurer) and I will sign the purchase paperwork with the buyer in the lobby of Community Bank and hand over the cashier's check for deposit at that time. Doug Clarke (Chief) has offered to take the buyer on a test drive and take him to Belmont to the DMV for vehicle registration."

"Lots of people worked to make this sale happen: Fred Beaudry, Kevin Gagne, Doug Clarke, Jane Cochran, and John Hosford are the ones I know about. I'm sure there are more, and please accept my thanks and apologies for leaving you off the list."

Weaver Hamm continued, "For those wondering about a buyer coming from Chicago, Kevin Gagne listed the ambulance on some Facebook groups devoted to RV conversions. We carefully vetted Tyrell Heaton; he came to Alfred and



Tyrell Heaton, second from left, new owner of Alfred's 2005 ambulance, from which all identifying decals have been removed, pauses for a photo with Clarke, Weaver Hamm, and Gagne, who facilitated the transfer. (Photo by Jane Cochran)

signed paperwork at Community Bank, and was on his way. I really love the idea of this ambulance having a second career, rather than a retirement."

Chief Clarke received the following from Heaton after he arrived home: "I can't thank all of you enough for making this purchase so seamless and easy. I decided to bomb it all the way back to

Chicago in one shot; 9.5 hours of drive time- I kept at the speed limit the entire time to test gas mileage; I filled up just past 500 miles on the tank and it wasn't quite at a quarter tank; I could have tried to push it the entire 634 miles but wanted a break. It drives so much better than I thought it would, not as loud as I thought it would be, and the music I played

through my phone to the speakers worked really well.

"Also thank you for the chocolates. (Honey Pot Chocolates which Kevin Gagne gave him just before he left.) I waited until I got home to open it and my wife and I each had one.

"I'll stay in touch with the conversion. Best, Tyrell"

A FIRST FOR STATE OF WASHINGTON

AU alum unseats incumbent treasurer in Washington

ALFRED—Alfred University alumnus Michael Pellicciotti '00 took office as treasurer for the state of Washington on Jan. 14. Pellicciotti, a Democrat, defeated Republican incumbent Duane Davidson in the November election and in doing so became the first challenger in state history to defeat an incumbent treasurer.

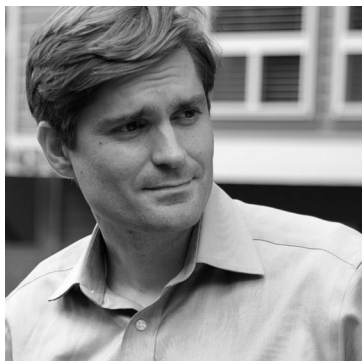
Pellicciotti, who earned a bachelor's degree in business administration (minor in economics) from Alfred University in 2000, was a two-term Washington State House member, representing the state's 30th legislative district, before winning the election for treasurer. He was elected to the State House in 2016 and was re-elected in 2018.

"I've stepped into the state

treasurer position during very challenging economic times, but we have a great team in our office, and I look forward to making sure our policies best serve the working families and retirees of our state," said Pellicciotti.

Of his goals as state treasurer, he said, "I want to help transition us through current COVID economic challenges and see government provide greater financial transparency, so the good work of our office can be more relevant to the everyday lives of the people of our state."

During his service as state representative, Pellicciotti served on House fiscal committees, including the Capital Budget Committee. Prior to his election to the legislature, he served as an assistant attorney general at the Office of the



MICHAEL PELLICCIOTTI

Washington State Attorney General, managing a state unit that combatted economic fraud in Washington.

At Alfred University, Pellicciotti was honored as an Outstanding Senior Award recipient. Following his graduation from Alfred, he received a U.S. Ful-

bright Scholarship to Canada, where he earned a master's degree in economic development from Brandon University in Brandon, Manitoba, in 2003. He returned to the United States on a full-tuition scholarship to the Gonzaga School of Law, where he received his law degree in 2004.

After clerking for the Associate Chief Justice of the Washington Supreme Court, Pellicciotti became a state prosecutor. A resident of Federal Way, WA, he was a 2011 recipient of the Alfred University Alumni Award for Distinguished Achievement. He recently participated virtually in one of Alfred University's LEAD 300 leadership classes, in which he gave a presentation discussing how the University could better capitalize on its pro-

gressive tradition to build distinction.

"Alfred provided me not only a great academic foundation in my business and economics studies, but also gave great leadership training," Pellicciotti said of his time at Alfred University and the role it played in his career success. He has a collection of Alfred University memorabilia, which includes a century-old print of the campus hanging in his office in Olympia, WA. "I feel lucky to have spent such formative years there."

Pellicciotti is a second generation Alfred University alumnus. His father, Joseph Pellicciotti, earned a B.A. in political science in 1972, and his sister, Anne Pellicciotti, received a B.A. in English (minor in marketing) in 2012.

OBITUARIES

Egbert Ward ‘E.W.’ Phillips, 89, A-A ’48, Korean Conflict vet, jack of all trades



EGBERT WARD PHILLIPS
A-A ’48, jack of all trades
BELMONT—Egbert Ward “E.W.” Phillips, 89, of 2836 State Route 244, Belmont, died unexpectedly Saturday evening,

Feb. 20, 2021 at his home.
Born in the Town of Ward on August 17, 1931, he was the son of Egbert and Lillian (Austin) Phillips.
E.W. grew up in the Phillips Creek and Alfred area and was a graduate of Alfred-Almond Central School (class of 1948). He later attended Alfred State College.
In 1950, E.W. enlisted in the United States Army, and served his country during the Korean Conflict. He served 19 months in Korea and was stationed in Japan for about a year. He was honorably discharged in 1953.
Following his honorable discharge, E.W. worked as a “Jack of All Trades,” including truck driver, cabinet maker, plumber

and general farming. For over 30 years, he was employed at the Erie Railroad, Erie-Lackawanna Railroad, Delaware & Hudson (D&H) Railroad, NYS&W Railroad and Canadian Pacific Railroad, retiring in 1993 as an engineer.
E.W. enjoyed coin collecting and stamp collecting and had been a member of the Dansville Moose Lodge and the Canisteo American Legion.
He was married in 1954 to the former Viola Simons who died in 2007. He was also preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters, Gene Adelle Phillips and Eloise Mae Draggett.
Surviving are his children, Wanda (Tom) Perry of Phoenix, AZ, Cindy (Paul) Coleman of

Almond, Dale (Robin Davis) Phillips of the Town of Ward, Troy (Andrea) Phillips of the Town of Ward and Donna (Bill Huber) Phillips of Dansville; 12 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.
At E.W.’s request there were no calling hours. Private services will be held at the convenience of the family.

Funeral arrangements are in care of the Dagon Funeral Home, 38 Church St., Hornell, NY.
E.W.’s family request that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name be made to either the Almond Rescue Squad or to the Belmont Rescue Squad.
To leave an online condolence or share a memory of E.W., visit www.dagonfuneralhome.com

Rosemary Jane Dombert, 96, Hartsville resident



ROSEMARY JANE DOMBERT
Moved to Hartsville in 1983
HARTSVILLE—Rosemary Jane Dombert, 96, of Mullen Road, Hartsville, passed away peacefully at her own home last week. She was very gratefully

blessed with the ability to have stayed home until this age and live on her own terms.
She was born on Jan. 27, 1925 in Brookline, MA, the daughter of Henry Scully and Marie Scully Plunkett. Rosemary graduated from Newton Center in Massachusetts, and married the late Charles Edward Dombert in 1955. She and her husband retired to Hartsville in 1983, moving from Pound Ridge, where she had worked as a secretary.
Rosemary enjoyed playing Bridge, the Buffalo Bills, vacationing with her family in Maine, gardening, and tending to her flowers.
She was predeceased by her husband Ed in 1999, her brother Henry “Bud” Scully, and her three sisters Dorothy Scully, Florence Scully and Eleanor Scully, and a grandson Scott Dombert.
She is survived by her sons Chuck Dombert of Howard,

Steven (Jane Rainsford) Dombert of Corning, and Jim (Jessica Wade) Dombert of Hartsville, her grandchildren Casey, Owen, Zack, Katie, Christian, Ed and Logan.
Friends called from 5-7 p.m. Monday, March 1, 2021 at the Bender-Brown & Powers Funeral Home 354 Canisteo St. in Hornell where a funeral service was held at 7 p.m. following calling hours, with Pastor Frank Williams officiating. Burial will be at St Marys’ Cemetery, in the Town of Fremont.
To send a remembrance please visit www.brownpowersfuneralhomes.com or on Facebook @brownpowersfh, the family is being assisted by director Chester A. Gosper IV.
Memorial contributions can be made to the Ronald McDonald House 333 Westmoreland Drive Rochester NY 14620 or by www.rmhcrochester.org

Beverly J. Brown, 82, waitressed at Texas Hot



BEVERLY J. BROWN
Had waitressed at Texas Hot
SCIO—Beverly J. Brown, 82, of 3921 County Road 10, Scio, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021 at Jones Memorial Hospital, with her family at her side.
She was born April 27, 1938, in Wellsville, the daughter of the late Ernest and Agnes Ost Jackson.
Beverly was raised in Scio and attended Allentown Union School. She found her career in waitressing and was formerly employed at the Texas Hot, Modern Diner and Castaways, retiring in 2008.
Outside of working, she very

much enjoyed bowling, bingo and scratch-off tickets.
She is survived by two children, Vicky (Brad) Shields of Scio and Timothy Brown of Wellsville; four grandchildren, Cody (Lacey) Shields, Kaylynn Brown, Jacob Brown and Renee Brown; three great-grandchildren, Ryker, Jax and Tripp Shields; four siblings, Esther Moultrup of Scio, Sandra (Will) Duell of Shinglehouse, Pennsylvania, Linda Rix of Scio and Ronald (Sue) Jackson of Delevan; as well as several nieces and nephews.
In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by four sisters, Ernestine Haynes, Cora Kinnicut, Audrey Jackson and Betty

Jackson; two brothers, Ernest Jackson Jr. and Robert Jackson; two grandchildren, Curtis Shields and Angel Brown; and one great-granddaughter, Ragoon Shields.
Calling hours were held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021 at the J.W. Embser Sons Funeral Home Inc, 34 W. State St., in Wellsville. A funeral followed calling hours at 4 p.m. with Minister in Charge, Glen Layfield, presiding.
Please consider memorial donations to the Scio Volunteer Fire Department or the Wellsville Volunteer Ambulance Corps.
To leave condolences visit www.embserfuneralhome.com.

Puzzles on Page 10

CryptoQuote
answer
You should eat a waffle!
You can’t be sad if you eat a waffle!
— Lauren Myracle

SCRAMBLERS
solution
1. Adept 2. Groan;
3. Casket; 4. Bounce
Today’s Word
DOCTOR

— **King Crossword** —
Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Eric Winkelman, 48, A-A alum, animal lover, worked at Lowe’s



ERIC F. WINKELMAN
Alfred-Almond C.S. graduate
COHOCTON—Eric F. Winkelman, 48, of Lent Hill Road, Cohocton, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021.

son of Cohocton and Kristopher (Amanda) Johnson of Nevada; his grandmother, Carol Ritter of Hornell; half-sister, Rachel (Matthew) Dailey of Wellsville; half-brothers, Lucas Flaitz of Alabama, Blake Winkelman of Florida, Josh Flaitz of Almond, Robby Winkelman and Justin Winkelman; and four step-grandchildren.
There will be no calling hours or services at this time. A Celebration of life will be held for his family later in the summer.
To send condolences to the family, friends may visit www.brownpowersfuneralhomes.com or visit the funeral home’s Facebook page. The family is being assisted by Gerald R. Brown, Director at Bender-Brown & Powers Funeral Home of Hornell.

Born in Hornell, July 17, 1972, the son of Lon and Kathleen Morse Winkelman, he was a graduate of Alfred Almond Central School and had resided in Cohocton the past six years.
Eric had a great love of animals and plants and truly enjoyed being employed in the Lawn and Garden Shop at Lowe’s, and most recently in the Henrietta Store. He enjoyed caring for his many animals on his farm.
He is survived by his wife, Wendy Johnson Winkelman to whom he was married on August 27, 2011 at the Cummings Nature Center; his mother, Kathleen (Thomas) Davies of Florida, and father, Lon Winkelman of Florida; his sister, Heidi (Dennis) Fuller of Alabama; step-daughter, Jenny Johnson of Hornell; step-sons, Bruce John-

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ELECTIONS

Area residents throw hats in the ring

Burdick running for school board

I write this letter to the Alfred-Almond community to announce my candidacy for the Alfred-Almond Central School Board. I have four children, two who have graduated from AACS, and two that are still in AACS high school. I believe that our school board could use some fresh perspective from a businessman familiar with the Alfred-Almond community.

AACS has gone through a lot of changes over the last several years, and I find myself speaking with many parents who are very concerned with the direction our school has been heading. Many have also expressed to me their concerns with school taxes going up faster than inflation, while the enrollment has fallen below 600.

As a contractor, I have learned how to work with a team of employees to accomplish tasks and work through many problems that often present themselves in the construction industry. I believe that I have created a culture in my business that empowers people to become the best that they can be in our profession. It is my hope to help create the same culture of honor at AACS.

I welcome the input of community members, especially those with school age children, whether enrolled at AACS or not. I am currently collecting signatures for my petition. If you would like to sign my petition for school board, one is available at the Terra Cotta Coffee Shop. If you would like to speak with me or send me a text, I can be reached at 607-382-8402. Evenings are better for contacting me, as I am running the construction business during normal business hours.

Please don't forget to vote on May 18th, and thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Jason Burdick
Alfred Station

Dibble seeks District III reelection

Letter to the Editor:

This is to inform you that I, William "Bill" Dibble, am running for re-election as an Allegany

County Legislator. I have several ongoing projects that I wish to complete. In addition, there are a lot of other positive things to do for the people of Allegany County.

I would greatly appreciate the vote of those living in District III: Town of Alma, Bolivar, Genesee, Independence, Scio, Willing, and Wirt.

Thank you,
Bill Dibble
Little Genesee

Hegarty runs for Almond Supervisor

Letter to the Editor:

My name is Dan Hegarty and I am announcing that I will be on the Ballot for the November 2021 election as a candidate for Town of Almond Supervisor.

Dawn Wildrick-Cole has served the town since 2011 as a board member for 6 years as Supervisor, doing a great job for the residents of Almond. She has chosen not to run again this year and I am seeking to follow in her footsteps to represent the taxpayers of Almond.

I have served on the Town Board for more than five years and as Deputy Town Supervisor for two years. I will continue to move the Town forward through a difficult time and hopefully open doors for more opportunities. I vow to keep the best interest of the residents of Almond in all of our day-to-day decisions. I would appreciate your vote in November.

Thank You,
Dan Hegarty
Almond

Village officials seek re-election

In the Village of Alfred, Democratic Mayor Becky Prophet is seeking re-election. The Republicans did not name a mayoral candidate in their caucus.

Incumbent Alfred Village Trustees Peter McClain and Jim Ninos were both cross-endorsed in seeking re-election to the Village Board.

Village Justice Wende Bush, a Republican, was also cross-endorsed in seeking re-election.

Scene About Alfred

A weekly photo feature
By SHERRY VOLK
Alfred Sun Columnist



Elsewhere in this issue, you will find a reference to a well-traveled box of "only from Alfred" delights, Honey Pot Chocolates. Here, in a recent photo, is another well-traveled box, displayed by Lisa Lowe, postmaster (smiling behind her mask as well as on it) at Zip 79852, Terlingua, TX.

Lowe is the local goodwill ambassador for the west Texas village outside Big Bend National Park. The best thanks we could think to give her was this treat.

Ed Foundation contributes to ASC student success

ALFRED-The Educational Foundation of Alfred, Inc. contributes to student success at Alfred State College through many different forms of support, including providing much-needed scholarship assistance.

For the spring 2021 semester, the Educational Foundation provided \$59,500 to support students financially through scholarship awards. This assistance has positively impacted 114 Alfred State students, who are receiving one of the following scholarships: Academic Distinction, Phi Theta Kappa

External Transfer, Transfer, or Vocational Excellence.

The Educational Foundation of Alfred, Inc. is a private foundation representing faculty, staff, and friends of Alfred State dedicated to improving the college community through the support of educational programs. The activities pursued by the Educational Foundation of Alfred, Inc. are governed by a board of directors made up of representatives from each of the following groups: alumni, College Council, faculty and staff, and friends of the college.

Since 1966, the Foundation has invested more than \$9.5 million in improvements on the campus.

All-Star results

By MARY HARRIS

Special to the Alfred Sun

The Steuben County Academic All Stars had some exciting and close matches Monday evening, March 1. Results are: LARGE SCHOOL DIVISION Corning Black 50, Bath/Haverling 27
Hornell 46, Corning Gold 43
MEDIUM LARGE SCHOOL DIVISION Naples 28, Canisteo-Greenwood 23
Addison winning, Campbell-Savona forfeit
MEDIUM SMALL SCHOOL DIVISION Alfred Almond 46, Arkport 22
Avoca - BYE
SMALL SCHOOL DIVISION no matches this evening

Next week's matches will start at 6:15. Public Streaming links are all posted on the website <https://elearning.gstboces.org/allstars>. Hope to see you there!

ALFRED Weather for the Week

Feb. 23-March 1					
Feb.	Hi	Lo	Precip.	Snow	
23	32	21	0.04"	0.4"	
24	36	25	0	0	
25	53	18	0	0	
26	38	20	0	0	
27	39	16	Trace	0	
28	46	28	0	0	
March 1	43	30	0.05"	0	

February 2021 Summary:
Avg high: 31.4 (normal is 35.1)
Avg low: 12.4 (normal is 13.9)
Highest: 53 (2/25)
Lowest: 1 (2/17)
Total precipitation: 1.64" (normal is 1.76")
Total snowfall: 15.6" (normal is 16.7")
Precipitation fell on 19 out of 28 days in February 2021.

By FION MacCREA
Alfred Weather Recorder

SUNNY
SIDE UP

By ELLEN SHULTZ
Alfred Sun Columnist

Squash soup from Souper Sunday

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

The Union University Church recently held a Souper Sunday where participants were able to taste 21 different soups made by the members. My favorite of them all was a butternut squash soup by Larry Casey. He has graciously furnished me with the recipe. He found it in the "Happiness Across America" magazine that comes with the Friday edition of the Hornell Tribune. He modified it somewhat and this is the final delicious version.

Savory Butternut Squash Soup

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 med. onion, chopped | 1/2 c. Half and Half |
| 1/2 stick butter | 1/2 tsp. dried marjoram |
| 7 c. butternut squash, peeled, cubed | 1/4 tsp. black pepper |
| 3 (14.5 oz.) cans chicken broth | 7/8 tsp. cayenne pepper |
| 1/4 c. dry white wine | 1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese |

Sauté onion in butter until tender. Add broth, wine, squash and seasonings. Bring to a boil, simmer until squash is tender, 20-30 minutes. Puree squash and liquid with cream cheese in blender or food processor in small batches. Return to saucepan and add Half and Half. Heat through. Do not allow to boil.

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Kelly's
Forecast

By KELLY SNYDER

The Alfred Sun
Weather Forecaster

"Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn."

-Lewis Grizzard

Thursday, March 4

AM CLOUDS / PM SUN

(HIGH 24- LOW 12)

Chance of precipitation....24%

Friday, March 5

MOSTLY SUNNY

(HIGH 27-LOW 17)

Chance of precipitation.....8%

Saturday, March 6

MOSTLY CLOUDY

(HIGH 28- LOW 15)

Chance of precipitation....9%

Sunday, March 7

PARTLY CLOUDY

(HIGH 36 - LOW 20)

Chance of precipitation....6%

Monday, March 8

PARTLY CLOUDY

(HIGH 49 - LOW 32)

Chance of precipitation....3%

Tuesday, March 9

PARTLY CLOUDY

(HIGH 51 - LOW 37)

Chance of precipitation...10%

Wednesday, March 10

PM SHOWERS

(HIGH 53- LOW 41)

Chance of precipitation...32%

For more up to date weather information add your Alfred Sun Weatherman Kelly Snyder on Facebook where he conducts occasional Facebook Live Reports. As always, if you don't like the weather in Alfred just wait five minutes!

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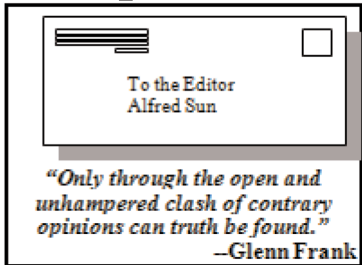
Alfred Almond Chiropractic announces closing

Letter to the Editor:

For over a decade, I have had the honor and privilege of living and working in Alfred. It was always a dream for me to be part of a small close knit community. A community where you don't have to lock your doors and where people are sincere when they ask, "how ya doin'?"

I raised two amazing daughters, built a practice and made lifelong friends. To me Alfred is truly a special place! It's now time for me to begin a new phase of my career.

I have accepted a position in Northport, Alabama and will be



practicing with one of my oldest friends. Therefore, it is with mixed emotions that I am announcing the closing of Alfred Almond Chiropractic effective April 1, 2021.

It has been a great pleasure to serve all of you and it will not be

easy to give it up. My daughters Savannah and Luci will remain in Rochester to finish their education. I am leaving you all in the capable hands of Drs. John Weyand and Bettany Seely at Weyand Chiropractic Associates in Hornell. I have tremendous trust and confidence in Dr. Weyand's office. I am confident that he and his staff will continue to provide the same high quality chiropractic care you deserve. Don't wait! Call his office right now and schedule your next adjustment (607) 324-7246.

Friends, thank you for letting my family be a part of your lives. I have sincerely enjoyed serving you, but it's time for me to embark on a new adventure. I will remember you all fondly and in the words of Robert Baden-Powell, "Leave the world a little better than you found it."

I pray that in some small way, I'm leaving Alfred a little better than I found it. Until we meet again, may peace be with all of you.

Daniel Lee, DC
Alfred-Almond Chiropractic

Sun Spots



White With (Lack Of) Envy
Or,

I'd Say The Grass Is Greener On Our Side Of The Fence,
But That Ain't Grass

March in Minnesota isn't for the faint of heart;
The cold of winter lingers there in almost every part:

The weather's uncouth
Up in Duluth;
There's streets still unplowed
Down in St. Cloud;
I know they're still shivery
Up in Thief River;
And it may be less fridji
Down in Bemidji—
But only a smidji.

So...visit Minnesota in the month of March? Thanks, NO.
Cuz here I don't feel cold—too busy cleaning up lake snow.
—nO. Minnesotymous

From the mayor

By BECKY B. PROPHET
Alfred Village Mayor

Ah, here we are at the very beginning of March. We seasoned (or seasonal) Alfredians realize that March does not necessarily bring an end to winter, but we are certainly moving in that direction. As we wait for spring, we do have many other important things to look forward to.

Since late January and for about four weeks straight our nation and our region experienced an encouraging decrease in the number of new cases, hospitalizations, and deaths due to corona virus. Sadly, that trend seems to be levelling off. Yet as spring and vaccines arrive there is hope of fewer and fewer new cases of Covid-19 and therefore fewer hospitalizations and deaths. We all know the drill: Masking works to slow and stop the spread, and double masking will make a difference. Social distancing helps keep everyone safe. Frequent handwashing remains important. Staying home if you feel sick is essential. Do remember, if you have had the vaccine, please continue to mask in the presence of others—we can still carry and spread the bug.

It is clear that the greatest hope to slow this sneaky, deadly virus is the arrival of vaccines and their availability throughout New York State. Particularly, here in Alfred they are available by appointment at the Alfred Pharmacy, which does have a waiting list.

We owe Tony Graziano and the Alfred Pharmacy employees a great debt of gratitude. Tony had the foresight and the patience to apply to be a vaccination center. I'm aware that he began this process in October. By mid-January, I believe, he was able to create his earliest appointments. Thank goodness and Tony, for the sake of our community, as long as Alfred Pharmacy receives vaccines, they are being given based on eligibility, appointments, and the waiting list. Please, everyone shout your gratitude to Tony and company!

Apparently Allegany County is only at a 7% vaccination rate. Like many rural areas, we are underserved, despite our three colleges and aging population. Let us hope that we can turn those numbers around for the entire population of Allegany County.

More and more friends are checking in that they are getting their second vaccine. I'm also hearing reports of side effects. Please, everyone, when you get that second shot, take the advice that I got at Jones Memorial Hospital with my second: drink a lot of water in the following 24 hours and about 5 or 6 hours after the injection take an anti-inflammatory. Further, if you do have tough side effects, please find the VAERS website to report the side effects. This is truly needed for continuing research into this and future viruses of this ilk. Sadly, we can't be sure that as a society we won't be meeting others, even as we now have at least seven mutations of this one.

Keep in mind, other events in Alfred: On March 2 at 7:00 p.m. on zoom we will have an information session on the new parking system. On March 9 we will have a regular monthly village board meeting, where the parking standards will be voted on. Find the link to register for these sessions on the Village website. See you all then and there

Wishing everyone good health and quick access to vaccines little or no side effects!



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CONVIVIAL CONTRARIAN

By SEAN HYLAND
Alfred Sun Columnist

One of the aspects I've noted most since the advent of Covid in the U.S. is how much fear so many have. This fear has real consequences, as the stress of living in constant terror takes an awful toll on health, both mental and physical, and we begin to regard each other not as brethren but as potential dangers, plague rats to be avoided at all costs. However, as the uncertainty of the earliest appearance of Covid has been replaced by some hard data, it's been much easier to dispassionately assess how frightened we really need to be.

In regards to this question, the facts are clear using the CDC's breakdown of Covid related fatalities. The first thing that becomes apparent is that about 81% of total Covid related deaths are in people over the age of 65, with about 40% of total deaths being in nursing homes. Added to this is the fact that 94% of Covid attributed deaths had additional co-morbidities listed, with the average having an additional 3.8 co-morbidities. This just means that Covid was one among a variety of factors that led to death. It's often impossible to distill down to one cause of death since it is often a variety of causes working together. An otherwise healthy theoretical person will probably recover just fine from Covid, yet if that same person has COPD and hypertension they may die. Did Covid cause that theoretical death? Certainly, but not in isolation as a singular cause. Only 6% of Covid related deaths listed Covid as the only cause of death, so it's not as though Covid typically strikes down otherwise healthy people.

The clear takeaway from the data is that the at-risk demographic from Covid are those who are both elderly and ill. Understanding this, it is not particularly surprising that Covid has inflicted such a heavy toll in this country. The United States has both a relatively old and unwell population, particularly concentrated in nursing homes, which creates a large pool of people vulnerable to something fairly mild yet highly transmissible like Covid. Our medical system excels at keeping people with acute conditions going, yet is not so good at fostering general health which would prevent those acute conditions which create these vulnerable demographics. This may be the single biggest contributor to the Covid mortality rate in this country.

It's also worth noting that even in the most at-risk age groups, Covid is not exactly a death sentence. The IFR (infection fatality rate) for ages 64-69 is about 1%. This increases for those 70-74 to 1.7% and 3.2% for the 75-79 bracket until it reaches a quite substantial 8% in those aged 80+.

The converse conclusion from the data is that otherwise healthy and younger people are posed little to no real risk from Covid. However, in opposition to the facts, often times it seems as though younger adults are sometimes the most fearful of Covid and many parents also inculcate their children with an unfounded terror. This is tragic, as the stress and mental scarring that this constant drum-

beat of fear inflicts will haunt many for years to come.

Lets put the risk posed to children and younger adults into perspective. To cite the CDC data again, the total recorded Covid deaths in the 0-17 year old age bracket stand at 204. To put that into perspective, the total Influenza deaths in the same period stand at 178. Keep in mind, this is a year with virtually no flu going around and total infections from Covid are exponentially larger. Proportionally, in terms of deaths per cases, the flu is actually several orders of magnitude more dangerous to children than Covid is. Yet parents don't live in a constant state of fear every flu season and don't expect their children to be terrified of the flu. There is absolutely no rational reason for any child to live in a state of fear from Covid as the risks are so small as to be statistically insignificant compared to any number of causes of childhood death such as car crashes (4,074 in 2016) or poisoning (761 in 2016).

Car crashes are also an apt comparison to the relative risk posed by Covid to adults aged 25-44. In the U.S. in 2019 12,204 adults in this age bracket died in car accidents. According to the CDC data, total Covid related deaths in the same age group stand at 11,039. You read that right, you are more at risk dying in a car accident in this age bracket than of Covid, and yet are we paralyzed by fear every time we get into our cars?

Life is fraught with risks large and small, and as far as I can tell is an ultimately terminal condition. Nobody makes it out of life alive, after all! And so life is a constant calculation of reasonable risk vs. unreasonable risk. When one looks at the science, it becomes clear that many of the calculations that underpin the Covid response are based more in emotion and hype than clear-eyed risk analysis. Instead, we remain a society trapped by our fears into a variety of nonsensical solutions and performative hygiene theater, all of which are leading to many anti-social effects, the results of which we will feel for years to come.

Not surprisingly, a clear-eyed risk assessment is eschewed by a media dedicated to the doom-hype of a 24 hour news cycle. This has led to Covid taking on a surreally distorted aspect of terror for many, which the facts do not support. Only armed with the actual facts of the matter can we liberate ourselves from fear while making decisions which will protect those actually at risk.

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ART FORCE FIVE

College students honor 32 in Women's Empowerment Draft

ALFRED—Thirty-two New York State college students in March will pay tribute to 32 women's empowerment icons through a colorful football-inspired draft ceremony, called the Women's Empowerment Draft, founded by Alfred University's Art Force 5.

The effort will be shared throughout the month, with the ceremony being released on social media on International Women's Day beginning March 8.

The program asks, "What if we celebrated women's history with the same enthusiasm as we root for professional athletics?" Dozens of SUNY colleges will collaborate on the statewide effort, which will feature trading cards, mosaic paintings, and a draft ceremony with the students wearing football jerseys adorned with icons' faces and names.

The students will gather safely online on Feb. 28 to film these tributes, and an edited version will be released March 8. Alfred University's Art Force 5, a student club and class, previously partnered with the NFL Network, NAACP, and various police departments in presenting Women's Empowerment Draft last year. Art Force 5's mission is to use "creativity over conflict."

In 2020, the NFL Network's NFL360 broadcast the first annual Women's Empowerment Draft, which was hosted by NFL anchor Lindsay Rhodes and spotlighted college students from each NFL city honoring icons from those cities. The 2021 draft still honors many

historic trailblazers but has shifted some of the focus to include "Living Legends" and regional connections to New York State.

Icons being honored include Buffalo Bills owner Kim Pegula, University at Buffalo alumna and A+E Network

Chair Abbe Raven, SUNY Oswego alumna and ESPN anchor Linda Cohn, NYS Attorney General Letitia James, and other icons chosen by various colleges. The program still features historic trailblazers such as Sojourner Truth (honored by SUNY New Paltz), Elizabeth

Cady Stanton (Fulton-Montgomery Community College) and Lucille Ball (Jamestown Community College). The program has a few special tributes to recent lives lost as well as a moment to recognize frontline workers. The college students are attempting to reach out to many living legends to send them their jerseys and trading cards for autographs.

The Women's Empowerment Draft is an educational class project and no direct permissions for use of names or images have been granted. The artistic interpretations - in the forms of jerseys and trading cards - can only be given to students for educational curriculum use. The demand for such jerseys has been high nonetheless with icons and/or their estates being gifted some of the memorabilia. Limited trading cards are available for primary and secondary educators free of charge by sending requests to artforce5@alfred.edu. Art Force 5 only ask beneficiaries share their own tributes on social media throughout Women's History Month and tag #WEdraft. Questions about the program can also be directed to artforce5@alfred.edu

THIS MARCH, 32 COLLEGE STUDENTS HONOR 32 ICONS...



Meditation In Time of Plague

MEDITATION IN TIME OF PLAGUE

For people suffering from hypertension, panic attacks, insomnia, and other anxiety-related afflictions, many doctors now prescribe meditation. As a longtime practitioner, who has experienced the benefits of meditation over and over again, I heartily endorse that prescription. But "meditation" is a large category. And even if you narrow it to Buddhist meditation, what you are speaking of is a loose aggregate of teachings, forms, and practices, some of them more useful than others.

Here in the midst of a pandemic, when most of us are experiencing fear, anxiety, and uncertainty on a daily basis, any meditative practice that purports to be helpful needs to address that emotional landscape. At the same time, that same practice will be most beneficial if it also enables the practitioner to remain engaged and realistic. Absent that realism and engagement, meditation can become yet another form of escape, and its overall benefit will be limited at best.

Of the many Buddhist practices available and accessible to newcomers, I would recommend two in particular. The first is drawn from the Theravadan school of Buddhism, as practiced in Southeast Asia. The second is rooted in the Chan and Zen schools of medieval China and Japan. Worthwhile as these practices are in separation, they are even more so when skillfully combined. At once contrasting and complementary, they address the need for stability and concentration, on the one hand, and on the other, the need to remain open and fully aware of a rapidly changing social reality.

Mindfulness of the Body

Popular notions of meditation sometimes depict the practice as essentially cerebral. By various means, it's assumed, the practitioner induces a kind of trance, leaving the cares of the world and the woes of the body behind.

Classical Buddhist meditation is quite the opposite. It grounds the practitioner in present realities, among them one's breathing, posture, mental state, and physical condition. And, rather than prompt us to think, in general terms, about our bodies, the practice cultivates real-time awareness (a.k.a., "mindfulness") of the positions, movements, and parts of our bodies, just as they are. The aim is not to objectify those physical realities but to bring a kind, contemplative attention to each of them, one by one. By so doing, we relieve existing tensions, and we also gain insight into the causal connections be-



One Time, One Meeting

By BEN HOWARD

tween our physical habits—our shallow breathing, for example—and the unwholesome states of mind those habits can engender.

To practice mindfulness of the body, we assume a comfortable, upright posture on a cushion or chair. Beginning with the top of the head, we bring mindfulness first to our eyes, then to our shoulders, spines, lungs, and so on, as if they were stops on a journey. To facilitate this process, Thich Nhat Hanh recommends a sequence of meditative verses, each employing the formula, "Breathing in, I'm aware of my (eyes, shoulders, etc.) / Breathing out, I bring kind attention to my ____." Silently reciting these verses, the practitioner cultivates mindfulness of breathing simultaneously with bodily awareness.

Shikantaza

Approached with commitment, the practice described above can be transformative. In the space of twenty minutes, it can take us from a state of anxiety to one of stability and calm. Unfortunately, this outcome may be short-lived. Of more lasting benefit, in my experience, is the Zen practice known as *shikantaza*. Usually translated as "just sitting," this practice is at once simple and difficult, straightforward and easily misunderstood.

Practicing *shikantaza*, we set aside all methods and resolve merely to remain aware of whatever is occurring, within and without. Whatever thoughts, feelings, and states of mind may come along, we acknowledge them, witness their presence, and allow them to disappear. Keeping our senses open, we also note whatever is happening in our immediate surroundings. Throughout our sitting, we cultivate awareness of the impermanence of all conditioned phenomena and the vast, interdependent network of which we are a part.

To undertake this practice requires two things of the practitioner. The first is a state of continuous mindfulness, clarity, and equanimity. If we have yet to develop those qualities, we are all too likely to be practicing "just sitting around," or, as the late Eido Shimano Roshi once



The author practicing *shikantaza*.

dubbed it, "shikan-waste-of-time."

The second prerequisite is an attitude of wholeheartedness. Ideally, when practicing *shikantaza*, our minds are concentrated and relaxed. And undergirding that relaxed concentration is the intention to be fully present and to include everything in our conscious awareness. By adopting this attitude, as best we can, we develop the capacity to recognize and accept whatever may be unfolding, and to let things go as they go.

In Conclusion

What I have outlined here is an unorthodox hybrid, but I can attest to its efficacy. If you are inclined to experiment, other pairings suggest themselves, such as Tai Chi and meditative reflection, or yoga and contemplative prayer. May your practice, whatever it may be, sustain you in this difficult time.

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

Cultural Arts Calendar



Music

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Theater & Dance

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

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

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

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

Art/Galleries

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Corning Museum of Glass presents the most comprehensive glass collection in the world in "35 Centuries of Glassmaking." For info, call 607-937-5371.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART

AU's role in contemporary ceramic art exhibited in NYC

NEW YORK—The Metropolitan Museum of Art last week opened the ceramic art exhibit *Shapes from Out of Nowhere* together with an accompanying volume of photographs that features the work of trailblazing 20th and 21st century ceramic artists, including numerous artists who have studied and taught at Alfred University.

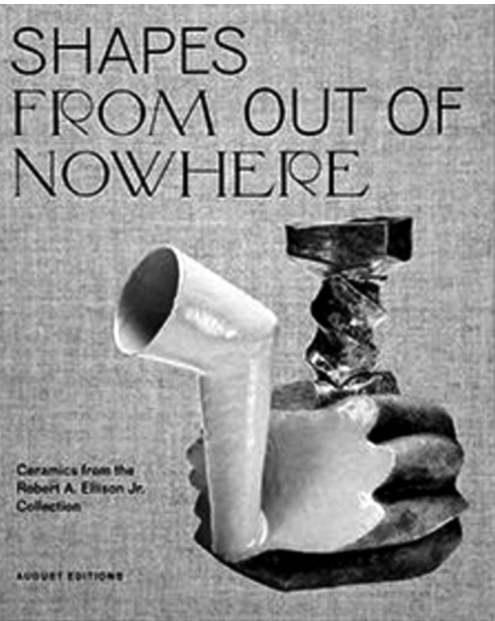
The works comprising the exhibition and ceramic art collection of Robert Ellison Jr. bring into focus the early years of the modernist revolution in ceramic art and highlight concepts of abstraction that extend through the post WWII era to the present.

The exhibition and catalogue also confirm the vital role Alfred University teachers and students

have played in the history of contemporary ceramic art.

Ellison is a painter who moved from Fort Worth, Texas, to New York City in the early 1960's. He has donated his 125-piece collection to the Metropolitan in honor of its 150th anniversary.

His collection includes the work of two current Alfred University ceramic artists and teachers, John Gill and Wayne Higby, and the catalogue features on its cover a ceramic ewer by Gill, whose art Ellison discovered at the Borgenicht Gallery, in New York City, which was known for showing paintings.



"I fell for his highly inventive shapes, his fantastical ewer forms," Ellison writes. "It is a pleasure to view the results of his profound shape making."

The Ellison collection also includes work by the late William Parry and Robert Turner, both emeriti professors at Alfred University, as well as numerous ceramic artists who studied at the School of Art and Design and received MFAs from Alfred University. The MFA group includes Kim Dickey, Gary Erickson, Chris Gustin, Ken Price, Stanley Rosen, Chris Staley, Arnold Zimmerman, and Ken Ferguson.

Seven other artists represented in Ellison's collection also have connections to Alfred University: Peter Voulkos, who was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University in 1998; also Robert Arneson, Howard Kottler, Jim Melchert and Paul Soldner, former visiting artists at the University. The artists Ruth Duckworth and Betty Woodman both taught one semester in the Ceramic Art Division of the School of Art and Design, and Woodman studied at the School of American Craftsmen, located at Alfred University before it was relocated to the Rochester Institute of Technology. Twenty-eight artists in the Ellison collection are also represented by one or more pieces in the collection of the Alfred Ceramic Art Museum.

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"The inclusion of so many Alfred artists in the Ellison exhibition and catalogue is a testament to the enduring legacy and resonance of ceramic art at Alfred University," says Higby, who also serves also as Director of ACAM. "The dynamic education so many artists experienced in our studios and class rooms lives on here today and reaches beyond our borders, inspiring the making of significant ceramic art around the globe."

John Gill describes the Ellison collection as "a language of ceramic art, and the formation of this language is something Alfred University teachers and students have contributed to since the formation of the College of Ceramics in the early 20th century."

Gill notes that he received his own MFA at Alfred University and adds: "I was lucky to have great teachers at Alfred, fabulous students, and the fabulous Scholes Library. I was lucky to have associations with fabulous engineering students and teachers in the College of Ceramics. When you look at Alfred University – and you can see part of the University in microcosm in the Ellison collection – you see how this school has been a great place to explore what ceramics can do."

The exhibition *Shapes from out of Nowhere* is located in Gallery 913 of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, located at 1000 Fifth Ave, NYC. It will be on display through Aug. 29, 2021.



Nutrition in a Nutshell

By MARIA BOYUK
Nutritional Therapy Practitioner
and Alfred Sun Columnist

Thriving Dish: Sardines on Toast

Sardines are a stretch for some but nutritious for all! So, for this reason, if you have never tried this fishy superfood, I highly recommend it.

Pavel and I have been enjoying sardines a lot lately as I try to have it once every week to benefit from its nutrient profile. I love to serve it on my homemade Sprouted Spelt Bread with a spread of fresh homemade mayonnaise. For a gluten-free option, I use Pavel's Coconut Flour Bread recipe. Both recipes are available at my blog, theivnhealthnny.com/blog

Here are some great health benefits of sardines—great reasons to include them in your diet. Read more in the link below.

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

Allegany County Bird Club. Meetings held at the Grace United Church, 289 N. Main Street, Wellsville, unless otherwise stated, at 7 p.m. on the first Friday of each month; speakers begin at 7:15 p.m. The club will NOT meet during the months of January and February 2021.

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

Bergren Forum. Alfred University's Bergren Forum, now entering its 51st year, is presented via Zoom and will continue on a bi-weekly schedule every Thursday for the spring semester. Forums will take place at the usual time on Thursdays, beginning at 12:10 pm and lasting for approximately 50 minutes. The lectures/ talks/discussions will also be recorded and made available on the Bergren Forum Youtube channel. A Zoom invitation to each forum may be obtained during the week of that forum by emailing Marilyn Saxton at saxtonmj@alfred.edu. The schedule: Feb. 4-Cecilia Beach, "A

Yogini in Rwanda." Feb. 18-Alex Sich, "Chernobyl Unknown Unknowns: What Neither the Soviets nor the IAEA Wanted Anyone to Know." March 4-Jean Ellefson, "In Quest of Inclusive Course Engagement." March 18-Levi Bridges, "La Vida Es Un Carnaval: Travels with America's New Low-Wage Workforce." April 1-John D'Angelo, "Ethical Science." April 15-Phi Beta Kappa Wit and Wisdom winner. April 29-Niki Tulk, "How Improvisation Can Save the World."

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



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

Fun-n-Games

STAR GAZING John Stull Observatory open to the public free of charge, clear Friday nights from 9-11 p.m. Sept.-Oct.-Nov. and Feb.-March, April. Open clear Thursday nights from 10 p.m.-12 midnight during May,

June and July. For info, call the Observatory phone at Alfred University, 871-2270.

BEEKEEPING

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

BOWLING

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

BRIDGE

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

Str8 Eight Tournament at the Terra Cotta Coffeehouse, Main St., Alfred. Tournaments held quarterly in February, May, August (the big one!) and November on the 8th day of each month at the Terra Cotta Coffeehouse starting at 8 p.m. (unless otherwise noted). You get the idea. To learn more about the card game invented in Alfred, NY, visit: www.str8-eight.com



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Special Events

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

Allegany Artisans

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

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

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

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

Support

Groups

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Etcetera

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

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

Deadline

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

Allegany Office for the Aging joins 'March for Meals' Month

BELMONT—Allegany County Office for the Aging announced Friday, Feb. 26 that it will participate in the 19th annual March for Meals—a month-long, nationwide celebration of Meal on Wheels and senior neighbors who rely on this essential service, now even more so amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Office for the Aging's celebration will include the "March for Meals: Dollars for Seniors Donation" campaign hosted by the Allegany Senior Foundation and the Shop & Save of Bolivar and Fillmore where they are inviting all members of the Allegany County Community to participate by supporting their month-long campaign.

Each donation of \$1.00 at checkout will go directly to the Allegany County Senior Foundation to support the Meals on Wheels Program in the County. In doing so, you can connect with vulnerable seniors in our community and help the Allegany County Office for the Aging provide assistance to our most vulnerable citizens.

The Office for the Aging is hosting a countywide recipe contest for the month of March. We are looking for recipes in the categories of soup/salad, main dishes, quick breads, and desserts. Recipe submissions will be accepted until March 31, 2021, at the Office for the Aging, 6085 State Route 19 N, Belmont, NY 14813.

A recipe winner will be chosen by the members of the Senior Advisory Council in each of the categories, and the winner will be announced in the next Office for the Aging's Silver Lining Newsletter. A non-monetary prize will be presented to each winner of the recipe contest, and the winning recipes will be placed on the Office for the Aging's Meals on Wheels monthly menu.

All recipes submitted for this contest will be compiled to create an Allegany County Office for the Aging cookbook that will be available by the end of the year.

"In the last year, we have experienced a 30 percent increase in the demand for our services in Allegany County," said Anita Mattison, Director of the Office for the Aging. "We have been in awe of the outpouring of support, and there's still much we can do to ensure everyone in need of our vital lifeline can benefit from being well-nourished and more connected to our community through this challenging time and beyond."

The number of meals has been exacerbated during COVID 19 and has thrust nutrition programs for seniors to the forefront. In 2019, the Allegany County Office for the Aging delivered 85,995 meals across the County to older adults, but in 2020, the number increased to 112,196 meals delivered.

For more information on how you can volunteer, contribute, or speak out for the seniors in Allegany County this March, contact our office at 585-268-9390 or toll free at 1-866-268-9390.

WHAT'S COOKIN'?

Allegany County Office for the Aging Meals on Wheels Menu

Monday, March 8

Applesauce Gelatin Salad
Sweet & Sour Pork
Brown Rice
Stir Fry Vegetables
Pumpkin Bars

Tuesday, March 9

Carrot Raisin Salad
Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
French Style
Green Beans
Pears

Wednesday, March 10

Tropical Fruit
Sloppy Joe on Whole Grain Bun
Broccoli Cheese Soup
Tomatoes & Zucchini
Chocolate Chip Cookie

Thursday, March 11

Tossed Salad w/Italian Dressing
Chicken & Broccoli Over Whole Grain Penne
Succotash
Whole Grain Garlic Bread
Clementine

Friday, March 12

Coleslaw
Fish Sandwich w/Cheese On Whole Grain Bun
Tartar Sauce
Tater Tots
Peas & Onions
Lemon Mousse

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



Locally Made

The DIY Farmer's Wife Approach

By KRISTINA SNYDER
Alfred Sun Columnist

Do It Yourself Stuffed Meatloaf

I'm still sticking with comfort food for my family even though there's been murmurings of spring. My garden is still covered in snow so I will wait patiently with a thick slice of meatloaf topped with winter sweet spinach! Grab everything you need for this recipe at the Sunny Cove Farm Store Open: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday. We also still deliver to your doorstep just give us a call 716-510-5764 or order online.

STUFFED MEATLOAF

1 lb. grassfed ground beef	1 c. sourdough bread crumbs
1 t. dried basil	1 t. dried oregano
1 t. dried parsley	1 t. salt
1/2 t. black pepper	1/2 c. milk
2 T. organic Worcestershire sauce	8 oz. fresh mozzarella (sliced)

Glaze:
1 c. ketchup
1 T. organic Worcestershire sauce
2 cloves garlic (crushed)
1 pinch cayenne pepper
1/4 c. maple sugar (tightly packed)
1 T. red wine vinegar
1/8 t. salt

Preheat oven to 350° F. Lightly grease glass baking pan (9x13) with nonstick cooking spray. In large mixing bowl combine ground beef, bread crumbs, basil, oregano, parsley, salt, pepper, milk, and Worcestershire sauce. Knead until combined.

Divide meat in half. Shape one half of meat into the bottom half of the loaf and place in prepared pan. Place mozzarella slices down the center, leaving 1/2" around the ends and sides. Shape remaining half of meat as the top half of the loaf, sealing the edges. This is a free-form loaf so it doesn't need to be perfect.

In small mixing bowl whisk together ketchup, maple sugar, Worcestershire sauce, red wine vinegar, garlic, salt, and cayenne pepper. Pour half of this mixture over the meatloaf, reserving the remaining half for later.

Bake in the preheated oven for 45 minutes. After 45 minutes, remove from oven and pour the remaining sauce over the loaf. Increase temperature to 400°F. and bake for an additional 15 minutes. Let rest 5 to 10 minutes before serving.

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

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TIMES FOR WEEKEND OF March 5-6-7

March 5-6-7

Tom & Jerry (PG)
Fri.. 1:15, 4:15, 7:15
Sat. 4:45, 7:30
Sun. 3:30, 6:30

March 5-6-7

Chaos Walking (PG-13)
Fri. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30
Sat. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30
Sun. 4:45, 7:30

March 5-6-7

Raya and the Last Dragon (PG)
Fri.-Sat. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
Sun. 12:30, 4:00, 7:00

ALLEGANY COUNTY NEWS

Swain Resort to host Spring Carnival Saturday, March 6

SWAIN—Swain will host its annual Spring Carnival on Saturday, March 6, with COVID precautions in place. Many activities have been adjusted for safety concerns and masks must be worn at all times unless actively skiing or seated and eat-

ing. However, the traditional favorites will continue as usual. Swain is excited to announce the introduction of The Six Foot Apart Band to the resort. This newly created group features members of local favorites, the Skycoasters, Nik and The Nice

Guys, and BrassTaxi. Along with live music throughout the day, there will be a rail jam, races, food, kid’s activities, and more. And of course, everyone’s favorite, the dummy downhill race will still be the highlight of the day. Register in the morning

with your homemade dummy and get ready to watch them crash down Old Main!

There’s something for everyone to enjoy. Here’s a list of events:

- FREE NASTAR – 10am – 2pm (Wheels Run)
- 60 Second Race & Full Cup Race—10am-2 pm (Wheels Run)
- Live Outdoor DJ 10am – 2pm
- Outdoor Grill – 11am – 2pm
- Kids Activities – 12 pm (Ski Patrol) – including scavenger hunt, frozen t-shirt contest and snow painting

- Rail Jam – 12pm (Old Main)
- Live Band – Six Foot Apart Band – 2–5 pm
- Dummy Downhill Race – 3pm (Old Main)

- Live Band – Anton Flint – 6–9 pm (Shawmut Grille)

For more information and to see updated events as they are added to the list, visit www.swain.com/spring-carni-val.

About Swain Resort

Founded in 1948 by Dave and Bina Robinson, Swain has always been known for its customer service, friendly people, and family-oriented atmosphere. Swain has a 650-foot vertical drop with 120 acres of skiing terrain on 35 trails. They have 4 chair lifts and 1 magic carpet with a lift capacity of 8,400 people per hour. Amenities include the Shawmut Grille with full service bar, Mercer’s Café for quick on the go snacks and lodging options. The Mountainside Inn at Swain features 12 units in all between Condos and bed and breakfast style suites and bunks. Swain also hosts year-round events, including a fall mud run and a Beerfest in October, as well as an escape room open year round for small groups, birthday and corporate parties, and events.

OFA keeping Covid vaccine waiting lists

BELMONT—New York State opened Covid-19 vaccine eligibility to individuals age 65 or older in February 2021. In response to the overwhelming need, the Allegany County Office of the Aging (OFA) created a waiting list of older adults interested in the Covid-19 vaccine.

The Office for the Aging and the Allegany Department of Health have collaborated to make sure the older adults of Allegany County have access to the vaccine as it becomes available in the county. To register for the Office for the Aging waiting list for the COVID-19 vaccine, one may register on the www.alleganyco.com website. This waiting list is for those age 65 or over at this time.

Those without access to internet may contact the Allegany County Office for the Aging at 585-268-

9390 for assistance.

The Office for the Aging and the Allegany Department of Health use this centralized waiting list to help register individuals for vaccine at locally owned pharmacies, hospitals, and clinics.

As older adults become vaccinated, it is imperative that those names be removed from the waiting list. The Office for the Aging and the Department of Health ask that anyone who has received the COVID-19 vaccine from other locations, call the Office for that Aging at 585-268-9390 or the Department of Health at 585-268-9250 Option #4 to remove name from list.

Working together as a community is a key element in getting everyone served as the vaccine becomes more readily available in our community.

Solid Waste Facility Residential Hangtags must be purchased online

BELMONT—To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, in-person sales of 2021 Residential Hangtags at the County Office Building and Landfill Scale Office have been discontinued. Residential Hangtags may only be purchased online or through traditional mail.

Please do not visit the County Office Building or the Landfill Scale Office to purchase Residential Hangtags. To purchase a Residential Hangtag online, please visit www.alleganyco.com and

scroll down to find the “County Information” links, and select 2021 Solid Waste Facility Tag Online Payment. Select Residential Tag from the drop-down menu for payment type. Click next and complete all data fields to make your purchase. Your Residential Hangtag will be mailed to you.

To purchase a Residential Hangtag by mail, please visit www.alleganyco.com and scroll down to the “County Information” links, and select 2021 Solid Waste

Facility Tag Application. Print the form and complete data in all fields. Mail the application with payment to the address on page 2. Checks must be made payable to Allegany County. Your Residential Hangtag will be mailed to you.

To purchase Disposal Tickets (pay-per-bag) by mail, please visit www.alleganyco.com and scroll down to the “County Information” links, and select 2021 Solid Waste Facility Tag Application. Print the form and complete all data

fields. Mail the application with payment to the address on page 2. Checks must be made payable to Allegany County. Your Disposal Tickets will be mailed to you.

To purchase Disposal Tickets (pay-per-bag) in person, please visit www.alleganyco.com and scroll down to the “County Information” links, and select 2021 Purchasing Disposal Tickets to find locations throughout Allegany County where you can purchase Disposal Tickets in person. Checks must be made payable

Updated county COVID stats

Allegany County COVID Stats as of Tuesday, March 2:

- Confirmed Cases: 2,957 (1 new)
- Recovered Cases: 2,846
- COVID-19 Related Deaths by place of facility: 55
- COVID-19 Related Deaths by residence by county: 81
- Total Quarantined/Isolated to Date: 10,687
- Released from Quarantine/Isolation: 10,455
- Currently Quarantined/Isolated: 232

If your life or someone else is in imminent danger, call 911. If you are in crisis and need immediate help, please contact the following resources:

- COVID-19 Emotional Support Hotline: 844-863-9314
- Allegany County Crisis Hotline: 888-448-3367
- Allegany County Community Services: 585-593-1991 (Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 800-273-TALK (8255)
- NYS Text Line: Text “GOT5” to 741741
- Veterans’ Crisis Lifeline: 822-273-8255 (Press 1)

For additional COVID-19 questions and information: Call: 585-268-9250 (Health Department) Email: healthinfo@alleganyco.com; Website: www.alleganyco.com Facebook: Allegany County, NY, Government & Allegany County Department of Health



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- Laundry detergent and dish soap
- Blankets, towels, and wash clothes
- Paper towels, garbage bags, and hand sanitizer
- Dry kitten food
- Canned dog, cat, and kitten food
- Dog and cat toys, treats, and catnip
- Collars and leashes
- Wood pellets (in lieu of litter).

Please note that during April we will celebrate Prevention of Cruelty To Animals Month.



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Maple-Sugaring Time

When winter is ending and snow is disappearing; when spring is coming, before buds are appearing; When the temperatures rise to warm the day; when later they fall to freeze the night; When the sap starts to flow from the maple trees; when farmers tap the trees to collect it in buckets; When the sap is poured into tanks on sleds; when a horse team pulls it to the sugarhouse; When the sugarhouse is opened and roaring fires are built; when the sap is boiled, skimmed filtered and canned; When the first syrup is poured sweet and warm over pancakes...

It's maple-sugaring time!

Oh, look at the sap dripping into the bucket.

Large farms today may use plastic tubing to deliver the sap from the trees directly to the sugarhouse.

Now! (Farmers - traditional)

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with how a farm may do its maple sugaring.

1. _____ are built in groves for storing equipment and boiling sap
2. teams of _____ are harnessed to pull sleds to gather the sap
3. holes drilled in trees, spouts placed, tin _____ catch sap
4. sap gathered into a _____ on horse-drawn sled, pulled to camp
5. sap boiled in shallow, rectangular stainless _____ pans
6. a roaring _____ fire is kept going in firebox under pans
7. sap filtered, temperature checked, amount of sugar in sap measured, _____ carrying dirt skimmed off the top
8. sap flows through pans as it thickens, temperature checked, filtered, _____ "A" or "B" and canned
9. _____ used on pancakes, in beans, on meats
10. family uses, sells on farms, trucks deliver around the _____

Words in puzzle: sugarhouses, horses, buckets, foam, wood, graded, steel, country, tank, syrup, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15.

First People To Develop the Process For Maple-Sugaring

We are the "keys" to the future of the maple trees. We ripen in late summer. We twirl through the air on a soft breeze!

Who are they?

They are winged seeds. They will land and grow into new maple trees.

Spring Math

cider + doughnuts + maple syrup on clean snow = Sugar-On-Snow Party!

Native Americans were the first to discover and process the sweet gift of the trees. They used small birch bark parts to catch the maple tree sap. To learn more about what they did to make this wonderful syrup, read the clues and fill in the puzzle:

1. the people _____ in maple groves
2. held ceremonies and _____ to celebrate the sap harvest and coming of spring
3. peeled loose birch _____ to make pans; sliced trees and placed pans to catch sap
4. gathered sap in containers, _____ it to sugar camp
5. boiled it in hollowed-out _____
6. dropped hot _____ into sap to boil it
7. skimmed scum and _____ from the top
8. kept boiling until almost _____ or grainy so it would keep a long time
9. ate dried yellow _____ + corn meal + beans
10. used to sweeten, satisfy _____; sometimes sold to local markets or to fur-trapping companies

Back Then!

1 (Native Americans) 2 dances hunger 3 Maple syrup, Dude? dirt 4 logs 5 stones 6 Not yet! dry 7 carried 8 sugar 9 camped 10 bark

Can you find and circle at least 8 words that end with the suffix "-ing"? Notice that some are action words showing "action that was happening and is still happening" and that others describe things: "roaring fire".

Sweet Maple Treats!

There are only two countries in the world that produce maple syrup. Canada produces the most maple syrup in the world...about 80%! States in the northeastern part of the United States are famous for their delicious maple syrup. Unscramble the letters to name four delicious maple sugar products.

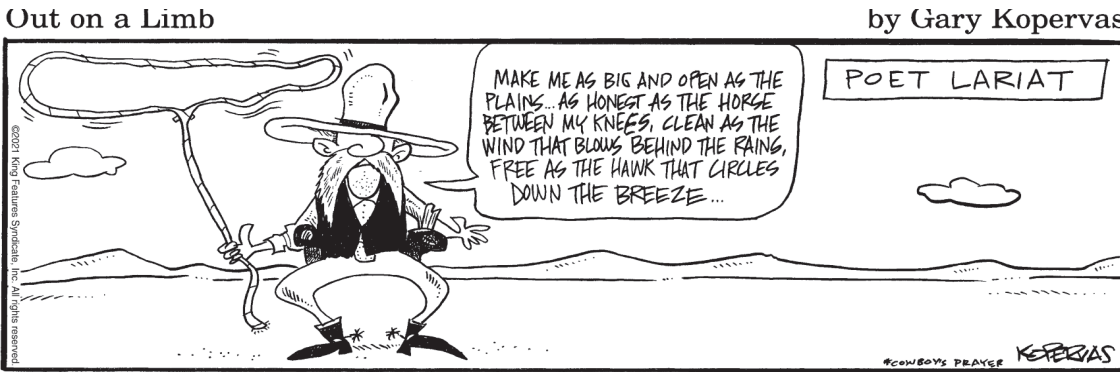
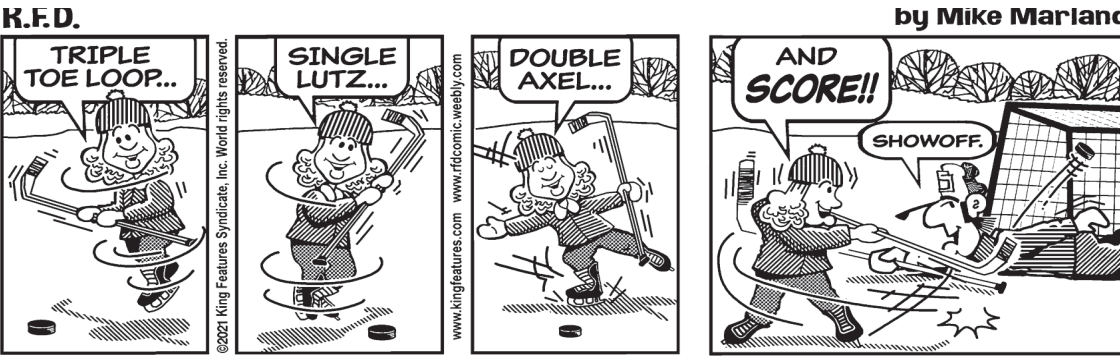
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25 Mentalist Geller
26 Candied veggie
28 Knight wear
32 Stagger
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36 Flintstones' pet
37 Seoul setting
39 Fawn's mom
41 Dol. fractions
42 Bearded beast
44 Salsa scoopers
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50 4, on a phone
51 Pre-diploma hurdle
52 Ruffian
56 Church area
57 Rochester's

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1 Witty one
2 A Gershwin brother
3 More like a string bean
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6 Grit
7 Egypt's neighbor
8 Hot dog condiment
9 With skill
10 Gusto
11 Work units
16 "Gosh!"
20 "Homeland" org.
21 Ankara resident
22 Crunchy cookie
23 Klutz
27 Wet dirt
29 State made of two peninsulas
30 Aware of

31 Colonial seamstress
33 Lentils, for example
35 Dijon denial
38 Reply (Abbr.)
40 Aerie newborn
43 Leading man?
45 Greek X
46 Transaction
47 Big fair, for short
48 Striped fish
49 Vacillate
53 Spanish gold
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Alfred State awarded \$50,000 National Fuel Gas grant

ALFRED—Alfred State College (ASC) is pleased to announce that it has received a \$50,000 grant from the National Fuel Gas Company Foundation. This grant will benefit ASC's heavy equipment operations program, as well as the college's Doc Bruce Fundraising Campaign that aims to bolster the construction management pro-

gram.

The grant is divided into two years, with \$25,000 being used in the first year to acquire through lease new models of an excavator and a backhoe that will provide heavy equipment operations students with tools they'll use on the job.

In the second year, the other half of the grant amount will be



used to upgrade the Civil Materials Lab for the construction management program. The \$25,000 that will be used toward improving this lab represents a platinum-level gift to the \$500,000 lab renovation campaign that seeks to improve this facility and rename it in honor of the late Professor Emeritus William "Doc" Bruce, a beloved construction professor and mentor.

The grant, along with a wonderful relationship between Alfred State and the National Fuel Gas Company Foundation, have pushed the college's Major Gifts Campaign to just over \$4 million. Alfred State launched its Major Gifts Campaign in September to raise \$8 million for athletics, new programs, scholarships, technology, and the greatest needs of the college. ASC is thankful for the generosity of its donors such as the National Fuel Gas Company Foundation, who are responding to the call for support.

Alfred State Provost Dr. Kristin Poppo said, "Over the years, National Fuel Gas has

benefitted by hiring Alfred State graduates. We are so thankful that their Foundation has chosen to give back and support our laboratories to further strengthen our hands-on curricula."

Jeffrey Stevens, dean of the School of Applied Technology, stated, "We are truly appreciative of the support that the National Fuel Gas Company Foundation has provided our heavy equipment operations program. The ability to maintain

a strong connection to our supporting partners is a critical component to providing the best of training for our students and the needs of the industry."

Dr. John Williams, dean of the School of Architecture, Management and Engineering Technology said, "We are proud to work with organizations such as National Fuel to support regional needs and prepare the workforce of tomorrow. This investment will support Alfred State's commitment to producing job-ready graduates and create world-class facilities and training opportunities for students. I am truly grateful and look forward to supporting this partnership!"



Finally in the last half, winter, good old fashioned winter, has finally arrived! We aren't used to lots of the white stuff anymore so tend to grumble, especially when the wind refills our shoveled paths. We tend to forget the upside of Mother Nature's free gifts of white snow is one -- especially if you garden.

Snow, the nice light fluffy kind full of trapped air, is one of the world's best insulators. For the first time this year, we dipped below 0° F. The 16-inch deep blanket kept the low growers protected at a mere 27° F. I bet your polyester blankets aren't nearly as good.

Snowflakes also trap N2 from the air and deposit on top of your garden where those busy, invisible creatures convert it into a useable form. The deeper the snow, the more free N2. For you beginners, N2 is one of the three most needed nutrients in fertilizers. So instead of grumbling, think \$ and bring it on.

Next month will bring the frogs to life and by May the toads. Frogs will stay near the pond but toads, after procreating, will move into your garden to eat up many of those undesirables, like slugs. Build a few toad houses (look up "how to").

Right on their heels (frogs) come the robins, song sparrows and tree swallows. Don't spray your lawn (if you have one) and put up some birdhouses! You will be amazed at the reduction of the "bug" population.

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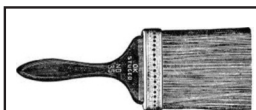
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To register for the board meeting, please send an email to info@alfredny.org with the subject line "board meeting registration". To allow the maximum window for registration, the deadline for registering is Monday, March 8, 2021 at 10 p.m. You will receive a return email with a link to join just after 10 p.m. on Monday evening.
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The Alfred Sun 75, 55, 35, 25, and 10 Years Ago

Compiled By DAVID L. SNYDER

Alfred Sun Editor and Publisher

75 Years Ago, March 7, 1946

Theodore Hibbard, a new student in the School of Theology as soon as his service in the Army is terminated, was in the Village over the weekend as guests of Pastor and Mrs. Harris. His wife and children are en-route from Hawaii to join him in Alfred... Theodore received the Purple Heart for wounds received in Germany. He is planning to prepare himself to serve in the Seventh Day Baptist ministry. Plans for the present are for the family to live in the William Iris summer cottage.

Thursday evening a few friends of Mr. and Mrs. N.F. Tucker surprised them in honor of their wedding anniversary. Incidentally, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Robinson were celebrating their anniversary so both couples shared a large wedding cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Palmer of Erie, PA were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Woodruff and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Woodruff.

J. Reynolds of Almond was a dinner guest of Calvin Cook Friday night.

Douglas Davis has the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Davis were callers on Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ellis and family of Wellsville.

The Rev. Grover Bucher, pastor of East Avenue Methodist Church in Hornell was host to the ministers from Hornell and vicinity on Monday. Those attending from Alfred were: Dr. J. Nelson Norwood, Dr. E.D. Van Horn and Pastor Everett T. Harris.

Richard West received his honorable discharge at Sampson on Feb. 7 and is on his return to Alfred to be with Mrs. West and their little daughter. "Dick" was in the service 19 months and one of his overseas trips included Japan.

55 Years Ago, February 24, 1966

Richard Harder, former assistant to the president of Alfred University, has been named to the new position as associate director of development, President M. Ellis Drake has announced. Harder will work with the director of Development David Williams on the University's ten-year program to raise \$15,505,000 for new buildings...

Recently two members of Alfred University's faculty received Doctor of Philosophy degrees. Dr. Garrett Droppers, assistant professor of history and political science and Dr. Donald McKenzie, assistant professor of English were awarded doctorates by the University of Wisconsin and University of Pennsylvania, respectively.

An interfaith center for students of Alfred University and Ag Tech has been established in the Priscilla Alden Guest House at 50 North Main Street. Rev. Russell J. Clair, director of cooperative board for Christian Campus Ministry...

Mrs. Victor Cornelius suffered a fractured pelvis as a result of a fall Friday afternoon. She is presently a patient at Bethesda Hospital, Hornell. Her father, Jesse Shaw, suffered a slight stroke Thursday and now is being cared for in the Harris Nursing Home in Hornell.

Among those attending the Volk-Butts wedding on Feb. 12 were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Truscott, Miss Frances Scott, Miss Marjorie Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bock, Ciindy and Gary all of Buffalo, Miss Ann Burgess of Silver Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hosier and Floyd Butts of Ashville, Mrs. H.F. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Wellman and son of North Tonawanda, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Crandall of Arkport and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Andrews of Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rogers and two children left for their home in Brockport Tuesday after spending the long weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. Truman Parish.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Snyder and family were recent weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hitchcock and two children of Bath spent Tuesday with Mrs. Raymond Hitchcock.

35 Years Ago, March 13, 1986

About 40 area residents honored the former Alfred Highway Superintendent, John "Bud" Walter at a retirement dinner at the Coachlight Steakhouse. Al Rawady, toastmaster and Alfred Town Supervisor Paul Gignac congratulated "Bud" with a plaque that said, "Presented to John 'Bud' Walter from the Town of Alfred for 28 years of dedicated and loyal service."

A comprehensive history of Alfred has been released for sale to the public. The 176-page book is endorsed by the Sesquicentennial Committee...edited by Alan Littell... The book documents events from the days when butter and wood chopping would serve as tuition.

The Baker's Bridge Historical Association invite the public to a "Sugaring Off Party" featuring new warm maple syrup and homemade biscuits, was on snow, syrup to make into sugar cakes, beverage and pickles. Cost \$2.

This summer if all goes according to plan, area residents will have a special place in which to congregate, relax and cook out. Dubbed the "Firemen-Lions Community Pavilion," the construction project will be a joint venture between the Alfred Station Firemen and the Alfred Lions Club...

Dawn Burdick, junior at Cortland State, has been named to the Dean's List. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Burdick.

Juanita Pulos, 60, of Alfred, died Tuesday, March 4, 1986 at Jones Memorial Hospital, Wellsville, following a long illness. Survivors include her husband of 37 years, Dr. William Pulos; two sons, William Pulos and Robert Pulos, both of Alfred; her mother, Ethel Whitaker; and a sister, Roberta Nuchelas, both of Bluefield, W.V.

25 Years Ago, March 7, 1996

(Photo) A-A Productions—Ellen Shultz and Linda Staiger have collaborated for the past 18 years, bringing quality musicals to the Alfred-Almond Central School stage. This weekend they present their A-A students in "The Pirates of Penzance" in Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall, at Alfred University.

(Photo) Magic of Ceramic Science—Dr. Walter Schulze shares the magic of ceramic science with Mrs. Lloyd's third graders during his daughter Gretchen's VIP Week at Alfred-Almond Central School.

Art work by fourteen 1st through 12th grade Alfred-Almond students has been selected to represent AACCS in the annual Hornell Area Arts Council Youth Art Month exhibit...Elementary school artists selected for the show are: Jake Donius (paper collage); Katie Gill (printed "snowflake"); Gretchen Schulze (petroglyph); Kristianette Austin (jungle painting); Ryan Collson (mixed media cartouche); Andrea Dibrell (ceramic gargoyle); and Casey Maracek (white charcoal drawing). High school artists included are: Ehret Van Horn (cast pewter); Danielle Massara (pastel); Dan Maeso (cast pewter); Jessie Fredrickson (pastel); Morgan Bossie (pastel); Licia Pennisi (pastel); Aubrie Jones (embossed paper); Brian Bowers (tinted etching)...

(Photo) Eagle Scout Recognized: Joanne Burdick with her son Tim Burdick, receiving his Eagle Scout Award from Devin Palmer at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Allegany.

Notes from Palmiter Hill (By Rev. Albert N. Rogers) The snow banks were almost gone and then came another blast of winter, but the snow shovel has given way to the broom as we clean our paths...A recent book entitled Ann Frank Remembered is based on the diary of a German girl kept in the frightful days of Nazi rule in Germany. If it comes to us as a film, I want to see it...My IRS return is getting me down. I've partly finished it and plan to get help. Attorney Reg Sootheran used to help me before he died...The box of oranges and grapefruit my brother sent us from Florida is nearly empty. We'll remember the sweet taste and his kindness... "The March winds will blow, and we shall have snow" is an old rhyme from childhood days. The poet was chiding us a bit for our impatience. It will be awhile before the lawn needs mowing...Our son has tapped the sugar bush and the maples along the road. We are still enjoying syrup from last year's gathering, but the new run is always delicious. And it's nice to have someone with young legs to carry the heavy pails of sap to the boiling pans...

Ruth E. Kenyon Brow, 62, of 57 1/2 Cornelia St., Dresden, died Monday, Feb. 26, 1996 at home after a long illness...Mrs. Brow was born May 15, 1933 in Niagara Falls, N.Y., the daughter of Sherman Spicer and Catherine Langworthy Kenyon. She was graduated from Niagara Falls, and received a bachelor of science degree from Cortland College. She was a retired teacher from the Dundee School System. She was a member of the

First Baptist Church in Penn Yan, where she was active in the Women's Church Group and Bible Study, the Right to Life Program and was one of the founders of the Crisis Pregnancy Center. She was also active in the Child Evangelism Fellowship in Naples. She is survived by her husband, Richard T.;...and two brothers, David Kenyon of Niagara Falls, and Robert Kenyon of Rochester...

10 Years Ago, March 3, 2011

BELMONT—The horn room in Amity Town Hall in Belmont filled with about 40 citizens, several staff members and local Republican officials Saturday afternoon, Feb. 26, when U.S. Rep. Tom Reed R-Corning held an open meeting to present his support for cuts to domestic programs. Reed said that his first term as a member of congress was an intense experience comparing it to "drinking from a fire hose." He complimented his staff. Reed recognized that the budget proposal passed under Speaker Boehner could lead to a government shutdown. He said he hoped there would be no crises since, "Nobody wins in a government shutdown." Reed presented a chart illustrating the national debt showing it would amount to \$14 trillion in the next 5 years. The chart, not adjusted for inflation, was striking for that reason...

Dr. Norman Eugene Payne, 74, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011 at his home in Leesburg, FL, under hospice care. Born in Wellsville, on Aug. 19, 1936, he was the son of Gordon and Loretta (Metzler) Payne. After graduating from Alfred-Almond Central School in 1954, and obtaining an associate's degree from SUNY at Alfred in poultry science, he married his high school sweetheart Gladys E. Pierce on June 16, 1956. He was employed by Alfred State College until 1967...

Alfred State College students once again stepped up to the plate, volunteering the past four Saturdays (with more to come) to help others. More than 45 freshmen and seniors enrolled in the electrical construction and maintenance electrician program at the School of Applied Technology have donated their Saturdays to rough wire the Comfort House of Allegany (Hart House) which is planned as a home to provide care and assistance to terminally ill residents and their families. The home needs some renovation in order to accommodate two terminally ill patients at any one time...

(Photo) A-A's Section V Wrestling Champs are Kieth Vosburg, Travis Harvey and Connor Calkins.

The Dugout (By Doug Lorow) Hits And Misses: Starting out this week with the saddest news I have had to report in quite awhile in this space as Lyle "Gervin" Cook passed away on Sunday, Feb. 27 after a battle with cancer. My deepest and sincere thoughts go out to his wife, Diane and their children, Emily and Ben. Lyle's father... Walt, his brother... Dan and the rest of the Cook family. A great guy, an A-A Hall of Famer and a friend. Lyle had many friends, perhaps none better than Mark S. Gaisser who was at his side right up to the final day. Gerv... rest in peace.



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Thursday, March 4

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CHURCH NEWS

‘Smile, I said Smile’ Sabbath sermon title

ALFRED STATION—Hebrews 10:24-25 makes a declaration that, “Not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together.” The Covenant Document of the Alfred Station Seventh-day Baptist Church” Baptist with a Difference,” shares the thought “Cheerfully

to attend the appointments.”

This Sabbath (Saturday) March 6 Pastor Ken will be preaching on the subject “Smile, I said Smile” asking the question, “As a believer when was the last time you attended church?”

As Seventh-day Baptists celebrate their 350th year since the founding of their first congregation in Newport, Rhode Island the church’s focus will be on a portion of our inheritance from our English Baptist ancestors “The Covenant Document.”

The doors of the church-meetinghouse open at 10:30 a.m. While sitting in the sanctuary worship through Contemporary Music. At 11 a.m. the Sabbath Worship Experience begins with the ringing of the Church meetinghouse Bell.

When you come to ‘Face to Face” Worship please wear a face mask, be ready to answer three questions about you and

the virus, experience social distancing in the sanctuary and be dismissed at the close of the Worship Experience row by row.

At 10:55 a.m. we welcome the “Cloud Congregation” through live participatory Streaming at: Streaming.org- www.alfredstationsdb.org

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Hope you will join us on Sabbath March 6, in “Face to Face” or “Cloud Congregation” Worship. Whether participating in the Worship Experience through the “Cloud Congregation” or “Face to Face,” please bring your Bible either hard copy or digital.

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OBITUARIES

Bob Margeson, police officer, coach, dies

(Continued from back page)
Returning to the Southern Tier where his family grew up, Margeson began his career in law enforcement in the mid-80s, working in the Alfred Police Department for six years. In 1990, he transferred to the Hornell Police Department, beginning a 25-year career serving the city in which he lived. After retiring in 2015, Margeson continued his police work at the Canisteo Police Department. Margeson became interested in writing, so he wrote police fiction novels in his spare time. He wrote many books, beginning with his first published novel, "Tribulation's Fate".
1990 was an important year for Margeson for one other reason – it was the year he was tabbed by former head coach and athletic director Jim Moretti to be an assistant coach for the AU Saxon Football team. From 1990-1997, Margeson worked primarily with the tight ends, before briefly serving as the tight end's coach at Alfred State College for the '98 and '99 seasons. He returned to AU in 2002 and

was a longtime Special Teams Coordinator for the Saxons.
He guided some of the best place kickers in school history, including Trevor Monk '18 and Eric Rockwood '11, both of whom hold AU and Empire 8 Conference records. Monk was named Empire 8 Special Teams Player of the Year in 2016. He was also a part of three Empire 8 Coaching Staff of the Year awards in 2005, 2009, 2010, and 2016.
His presence was felt by members of the Saxon community.
"Marge was so fun to have around and be around," said AU football alumnus and Saxon Athletics Hall of Famer Paul Keeley '08, '13. "He would greet you with a loud 'KEELEY' and a smile. We always knew he came to practices prepared with more than just the practice plan as we always asked him for his bubble gum which he gladly shared. He loved Alfred University, the football program, and the entire Alfred community. He will be missed greatly."
Tributes poured in from social media:

"Coach Marge was an amazing person with unlimited amount of energy for the goons out their on the scout team... you will be missed until we meet in the circle again!" –Holden Whitehead
"R.I.P. Marge! You brought a smile on the face of everyone you encountered and were a great man! Happy to have known you and will grab some bubblicious today in your memory. Fly high "Bull"!" –Justin Hanft
"He was gruff and rugged on outside, but you could not know a kinder, more caring guy. Rest easy, Bull!" –James Freeland
"RIP, coach. Thank you for the years of sneaking us candy during practice. You'll be missed." –Isiah Young
"Always had your back, always had candy, always made sure the scout players felt loved. RIP to the Bull, a true AU legend." #Goon Squad –Coach Dan Gallagher
"A great person and a good friend. My thoughts and prayers are with Marge's Family." –Coach Dave Murray

Harold L. 'Toot' Rifenburg, 83, served with Marines, machinist

HAROLD L. "TOOT" RIFENBURG
Served with Marines in Japan

ANDOVER–Harold L. "Toot" Rifenburg, 83, passed away on Monday, Feb. 22, 2021 at Jones Memorial Hospital following a brief illness.



Mr. Rifenburg was born on Aug. 29, 1937 in Wellsville to Harold Glenn "Pete" and Lois (Black) Rifenburg. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1955-59 which included a tour in Japan. Harold worked as a machinist for Dresser-Rand Corporation from the early 1970's until his retirement in October 1999. For many years, he raised beef cattle on the family farm.

Harold is survived by two sons, Lloyd M. Rifenburg of Albion and Harold Glenn (Dionne) Rifenburg, II of Wellsville; four daughters, Tammy (Ronald) Latham of Belmont, Loraine Kitchen and Amy (Daniel) Cook, both of Wellsville and Tammy (Raymond) Hile of Indiana, Pa.; his long-time companion, Claudia Ackley of Andover; one sister, Jeanne (Jack) Gore of Canisteo; and a sister-in-law, Kay Rifenburg of Andover.

Additionally, he is survived by 23 grandchildren, Trina (James) Torrence, Lloydena (Tim) Charnisky, Lloyd Rifenburg, Summer Rifenburg, Yvonne Lovelace, Shannon Latham, Crystal Craft, Jessica (Josh) Gotshall, Glenn (Stacy) Rifenburg, Mykaela, Ashley Jennings, Austin Jennings, Michelle (Timulus) Dixon, William Conway, Paul Kitchen, Jackie (Warren) Bowser, James (Angie) Cain Sabrina (Donald) Kemp, RJ Mosher, Devin Mosher, Hayley (Cody) Cook, Calla Cook, and Madison Cook; 22 great grandchildren; one great granddaughter; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Harold was predeceased by a sister, Lucille Burch; a brother, Richard "Dick" Rifenburg; and a grandson, Char Bug Cain.
It's been said of Harold that he was born with a bow and arrow in one hand and a gun in the other. A "rebel rouser" that love the great outdoors. He was obsessed with NASCAR especially when Kyle Busch or Denny Hamlin crosses the finish line first. Harold was an avid euchre and seat player.

There was no visitation. Full military honors will be rendered prior to a Celebration of Life in the spring at a date and time to be announced. Arrangements are under the direction of Baker-Swan Funeral Home in Andover. Online condolences may be offered at www.baker-swan.com.



MATTERS of Finance


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Financial Advisor

Managing Finances Following the Death of a Spouse

In the midst of deep grief and sorrow, it can feel overwhelming for a newly bereaved spouse to face the many responsibilities and decisions they have to make. If you've recently lost a spouse, there are likely financial matters that must be considered to ensure your financial house is in order and you avoid late fees and penalties. Here's a short list of financial considerations for widows and widowers.
Get organized. As the surviving spouse, you'll need several documents in order to finalize your partner's financial affairs. When you receive your spouse's death certificate, be sure to make several copies as you will need to provide it as proof of death when closing or changing ownership of accounts. You will also need your spouse's Social Security number, your marriage certificate, life insurance policies, bank accounts, creditors and a copy of your spouse's will or estate plan. Gather these documents and any associated paperwork and set up folders so you can more easily keep track of everything.
Settle the estate. If your spouse has a will, it'll determine the distribution of property. When there is no will, then probate court will decide who gets what. The laws regarding community and separate property (typically property owned by the spouse prior to marriage and/or inheritance) vary by state. The larger the estate, usually the more complicated the settlement. Consult an attorney who specializes in estate laws for complex cases.
Transfer ownership or close accounts. You'll need to notify banks, loan companies and other creditors of your spouse's death by producing a death certificate and providing other identification. If your spouse owned an IRA, you'll need to de-

termine whether it makes sense to roll over the assets into your own IRA or keep them where they are. If you are named a beneficiary on a life insurance policy or an annuity, you may have choices as to how you receive those assets. Consult a financial advisor to learn more about your options.
Pay the bills. It can be difficult to face a task as mundane as paying bills when you're experiencing a personal tragedy. If you are unable to pay some of your bills immediately, contact your creditors and explain your situation. Ignoring bills will lead to late fees and may damage your credit rating.
File taxes. As a surviving spouse, you are responsible for filing taxes for your deceased husband or wife. You need to file in order to receive a refund if taxes were overpaid during the year or to pay up if taxes are owed. Failure to file may result in penalties or even a lien on the estate. The IRS provides instructions on how to file on behalf of a decedent. When in doubt, consult a tax professional.
Sort out finances. If you're newly widowed, know that you don't face your financial decisions alone. A trusted professional can help you look at your overall financial picture and determine next steps during this difficult time.

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Pandemic Escapes



Viet Nam Today

By GAIL HOSKING
Special to The Alfred Sun

When I tried to buy a bootleg CD labeled “Elvis Fresley” at a market outside Hanoi, the clerk refused my American dollar bills. He pointed to his missing arm and shook his head. I knew immediately what he meant. My sisters and I calculated the local currency, dong, instead, and I pocketed my unacceptable greenbacks.

It’s difficult not to think about the war when touring Viet Nam. Tourists can still see the Cu Chi tunnels, the lake where the late Senator John McCain fell from the sky, or the infamous Hanoi Hilton prison.

But Viet Nam is now a different place. Though controlled by the Communist Party in a socialist republic, it’s a vibrant and energetic country. White herons fly across rice fields. Active Buddhist temples live alongside modern airports and ocean resorts. It’s a happy place, full of uniformed children on their bikes going to school. Whole families on mopeds tailpipe to tailpipe push through crowded city streets. It’s hardly the place of the past.

But it’s also a country of contradictions, with orchids planted near fetid garbage, shantytown poverty next to brand new businesses and rotted helicopters near a population born long after the war. Colonial architecture will be seen near modern high-rise buildings; old women wear cone-shaped straw hats while teenage boys dress in blue jeans; abandoned French prisons lie next to manicured gardens on Con Dao Island.

You can’t help but notice the hustle of twenty-first century cities in a place once bombed to destruction.

I was in Viet Nam with a group called Sons and Daughters in Touch, a grass roots organization of men and women who had lost a father in the Viet Nam War, or as the Vietnamese call it, The American War. With the help of retired military personnel and young Vietnamese tour guides, we systematically combed the country for the geographic coordinates of our fathers’ deaths. A veil of privacy was being lifted as we shared this once in a lifetime experiences together.

Viet Nam on a map, we found, had the appearance of two rice baskets hanging from opposite ends of a farmer’s pole, with the Red River Delta in the North and the Mekong Delta in the South. Hills rise in tones of pale brown and sun-bleached yellow to a green as lush as upstate New York. In Quon Loi, once home to a large American Air Force base, we looked out to the cabbage green hills of Cambodia



Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) in top photo, Ba Na Hills below.

and pictured our fathers here. While we rubbed our feet in the red soil of Viet Nam, called terre rouge by the French, the original colonizers, we imagined the sound of choppers long now disappeared. We lit incense, read poetry and brought flowers for our daily ceremonies.

In Saigon, today called Ho Chi Minh City, we stayed at the famous Rex Hotel. It was once called Pentagon East, in the days when American journalists and officers lodged here. Caged birds sang in the hallway now and a beautiful waterfall poured from the third floor. Tea was served in a room as old as the one in Graham Greene’s novel *The Quiet American*. On the roof terrace with its giant palms and colorful orchids, white-gloved waiters brought us French wine as we stared into the distance.

On another evening we took a sunset cruise on an old boat in the Saigon River, where I tasted my first Tiger Beer. Here I met a young Vietnamese woman from Los Angeles who had first come to the States as an immigrant, but now was back. “Life is easier here and cheaper,” she said as she described her new salon business.

In between finding places our fathers once knew well, we took a boat trip through the Mekong Delta, visited a candy factory, temple ruins, a puppet theatre, and even an air-conditioned ice cream parlor. In our three-week tour of this part of the country, we saw straw-roofed houses on stilts and women along the shore drying rice paper for spring rolls. We ate things like barbecued octopus and unknown exotic dishes.

In the Reunification Palace in Saigon, we saw 13th-century paintings of Mongolian invaders as well as the Map Room, which once had a direct phone line to the White House in Washington. We shopped along Tu Do Street and saw elders doing Tai Chi. Near the Ben Hai River on our way to Hanoi, we stopped to see the Demilitarized Zone sign, a reminder of that once arbitrary

perimeter between the north and the south.

We passed places called Happy Valley and GI Plateau on our way to Da Nang. In Hue we had traditional ao dai dresses tailored for our American bodies and bought things like linens, jade jewelry, and silk scarves. We passed the Dao Tieng Reservoir, built by the Russians, and statues of soldiers raising a waving flag. In Hanoi we visited the Opera House and the Bach Ma temple in the chaotic Old Quarter.

In the midst of the beauty of Viet Nam, we talked about our fathers. Though we shared stories of grief and isolation, we left with a different vision of this country and its contemporary sights far beyond the war.

If I am lucky enough to return again to Viet Nam, I’d like to visit Ha Long Bay because I never got to see it. I’m told this landscape near the Chinese border has the unique beauty of a World Heritage Site. The photographs show emerald waters, eroded limestone landforms called karsts, biodiversity, and floating villages.

I’d love to take a boat ride to the grottos and caves that reveal stalagmites over two million years old. I’d love to kayak through this surrealistic landscape on my way to the Cat Ba Archipelago with its rare species of long-tailed monkeys called langurs. I’d love to experience the unusual marine fauna and flora. And afterward, I’d love to take a bike tour through the surrounding countryside or lounge on one of the many beaches along the coastline. I’d love to hike in Bach Ma National Park, which, I’ve read, has untouched

jungles and natural pools shaped by waterfalls.

Viet Nam is indeed a country worth seeing. Its physical beauty, delicious food and friendly people alone are worth the trip. I’m told military vets from that time so long ago are able to let their suffering go after a visit. They see that Viet Nam is thriving, a retired Special Forces colonel told me. America could not destroy it. The Vietnamese people have succeeded with a good life in a beautiful country.

Gail Hosking is an essayist and poet living in Rochester. Her memoir of her father, Snake’s Daughter, was published in 1997 by University of Iowa Press. Charles E. Hosking, Jr., a professional soldier serving in Viet Nam, was awarded posthumously the nation’s highest tribute to valor in combat, the Congressional Medal of Honor. Her most recent collection of poems, Retrieval, was published this spring by Main Street Rag Press, Charlotte, North Carolina. Gail Hosking is an Alfred University alumna, class of 1972.

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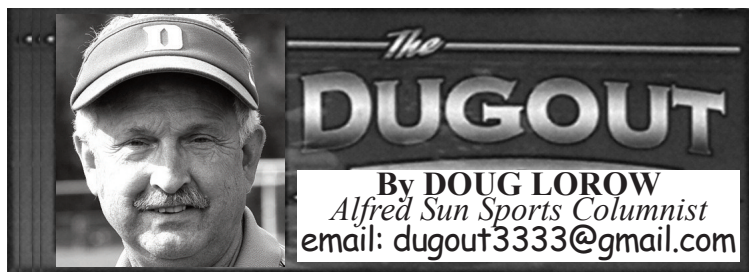


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**HITS AND MISSES:**

The St. Bonaventure men's basketball team has clinched the regular season A10 conference championship and will get two "byes" in the upcoming league tournament. The Bonnies were 11-3 in the conference, 13-3 overall and they had a game Monday evening versus the Dayton Flyers at the Reilly Center. Even if Bona dropped that game they would hold a 1/2-game edge over VCU in a season of uneven games played due to the Covid pandemic. The Rams fell to Davidson, 65-57 over the weekend to halt any hope of grabbing the A10 title. The Bonnies beat Davidson last week, 56-53 and then crushed George Washington, 88-41. Bona was 8-0 at home this year heading into the game versus the Flyers on Monday. They will play the winner of the 8/9 seed at 11:00am on Friday at the Robins Center in Richmond. Bona fan, Robert H. Torrey has them winning the conference tourney as well and heading to the NCAA's. The A10 championship game will be the following weekend in Dayton, March 14th, at the UD Arena. That is also "Selection Sunday" for the NCAA tourney.

And will Duke, Syracuse, Michigan State and Kentucky make it into the NCAA's? Not all four, that is for sure! And, maybe none of them. The Blue Devils lost a great opportunity to almost clinch this past Saturday before they fell in overtime to Louisville. Just a stagnant offense that goes nowhere. I'd guess the Orange are about 50-50 right now, State is in the rugged Big 10/14 and needs some key wins while UK would need to win the SEC tourney. Could be a tough NIT outing this year with all games in Texas. Then, do teams even accept that bid?

Assuming things "stay the course" ... can anyone even beat Gonzaga this year in men's college b-ball? Guessing maybe the Michigan Wolverines? Could be the championship game right there.

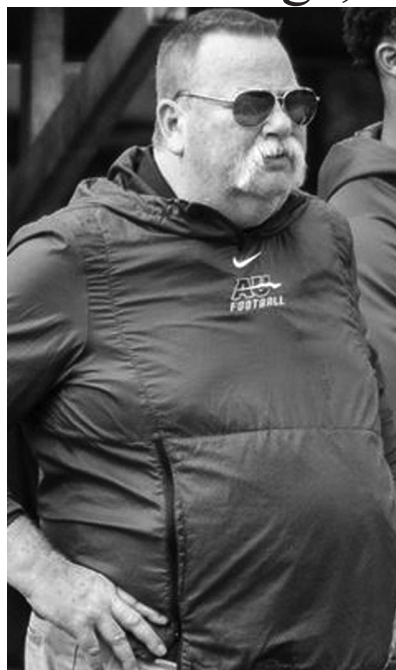
The #1-ranked UConn women (20-1) continue to roll along and with a very young squad this year. They drilled Butler over the weekend, 97-68 as Paige Bueckers had 20-points, seven boards a new school record, 14-assists! The frosh hotshot, who will probably be the Player of the Year in the Big East and maybe collect some overall PY honors like the Wade, Naismith or AP. Bueckers topped the assist total shared by three players and none of them were named Sue Bird. Thought that would've been a given. The young UConn squad will get an additional boost next season as they have the #1-5-15 recruits coming in on the top 100 ESPN list. #1 Azzi Fudd and Bueckers are good friends already. #15 Amari DeBerry is from Williamsville South in the Buffalo area. UConn had a game left with Marquette before the Big East tourney and they are currently the overall, projected #1 seed for the NCAA tourney. Guessing on line one with South Carolina, maybe Stanford, maybe Louisville.

Speaking of South Carolina, they have the #2-3-4 players incoming next year from the ESPN list and another top one down the list ways. Looks like UConn and South Carolina will be battling it out for the next few years on the hardcourts. The two most recent Team USA coaches for the Olympics in Geno Auremma and Dawn Staley. Hopefully there will be an Olympics this year to see the USA women of Diana Taurassi, Bird, Breanna Stewart and others. Would Bueckers get an invite to tryout for this?

When listing women hoop players a few weeks back and "most decorated" of them, should've included Cheryl Miller as well. Two NCAA championships at USC, a three-time Naismith Player of the Year, a two-time Honda Sports Award winner, a Wade Trophy winner, the WBCA Player of the Year twice, is in the FIBA Hall of Fame, was in the inaugural class for the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame and is in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. An Olympian and gold medal winner. Knee injuries thwarted her pro career but she did coach the Phoenix Mercury in the WNBA to the league finals in 1998 before losing to Houston.

Was emailing Ithaca College lax coach, Jeff Long last week and checking to see if the Bombers are indeed having a season this spring? Which they are! Liberty League action against the likes of RIT, Union, RPI and others. Like many Division III leagues, guessing conference play only this season.

The Alfred University lacrosse team has a rather unique slate of games set for this spring as well. The saxons will play nine games, six of those at Merrill Field and all against E8 opponents ... but apparently the first three against Elmira, The Sage Colleges and Utica will not count in the league standings. They will play all those programs again this year and have six conference outings. Others against Nazareth, SJ Fisher and Keuka College. The conference tourney will be in Rochester, assuming at 'Naz or Fisher and that will be in early May. Not sure if the NCAA's will have a Division III tourney?

OBITUARY**Coach Marge, The Gentle Bull, will be missed**

ALFRED—Simply put, Bob "The Bull" Margeson left an indelible mark at Alfred University and this region.

He did it all. He coached football, served in law enforcement, and even authored a book — all while enriching and enlightening the minds and hearts of those around him.

Friends, colleagues, and the Alfred University family remembers Margeson, who passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021. Services and more information will be announced at a later date.

"People that knew Bob Margeson would tell you that he was a good man with a huge heart, and he loved Alfred University Football," said head coach Bob Rankl, who coached

with Margeson for over 20 years. "The Bull" nickname was one that Coach Margeson embraced. He is loved by a generation of Saxon Football players that spanned over the last 25 years. He will definitely be missed."

Born to the late Bob Margeson, Sr. and Patricia Burns Margeson, the younger Bob was and raised in the Rochester, area; he graduated from Mendon High School in 1975. Margeson attended the University of South Florida, earning a bachelor's degree in sociology in 1981. He eventually earned a master's degree in justice studies from Southern New Hampshire University in 2017.

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DUGOUT CONTINUED...

And the James Madison Dukes are rolling on the football field in FCS play as they demolished "Bobby" Morris over the weekend past, 36-16. JMU now has a very unique (for football) home and home schedule left this year as they will play, in order: Elon, William & Mary, Richmond, W&M, the Richmond Spiders and then Elon. After that, the team will be in the playoffs ... according to the "Cage Man" and maybe play in Texas, May 14 or 15. Will North Dakota State and/or South Dakota State be in the way? The Dukes are currently ranked #1, Weber State is second and Northern Iowa third. Actually think the two Dakota schools both lost last weekend. Albany is ranked 13th but they haven't even played a game yet and not sure they are going to?

Apparently free agent JJ Watt won't be signing with the "home state" GB Packers or with Pittsburgh where his brothers are and not with the Buffalo Bills or Tampa Bay Bucs, but with the Arizona Cardinals. Watt, who has missed numerous game the past 3-4 years with injuries, will be getting a two-year deal for \$31 million and \$23 million of that is guaranteed. Egads, no wonder he signed with the Cardinals. Salary cap restrictions most likely stopped any brothers reunion with the Steelers and their beat-up, \$41 million dollar QB. Guessing the Bucs would've liked him but they have key free agents of their own to deal with.

Nelly Korda won the Gainbridge LPGA tourney last weekend in Florida that saw Hall of Famer, Annika Sorenstam tee it up in her backyard, at age 50. Korda held off Lexi Thompson and Lydia Ko to grab the trophy. Sister Jessica Korda won the season opening Diamond Resorts tourney as Nelly was third in that event. Sorenstam is looking to play in the LPGA Senior Women's Open later this summer and played in this tourney because it's literally in her backyard.

Watched some of the PGA Tour this past week, which was actually a WGC event and Collin Morikawa emerged victorious in a loaded field. 47 of the top 50 ranked players in the world were there. Ranked #50 was Tiger Woods, so 47-49 available were in Bradenton, FL. The Arnold Palmer Invitational is this week and although they have a "good" field, it is by no means great and the current stretch of tournaments hurts that aspect. The players go from the loaded Genesis tourney in LA to the WGC and after Arnie's tourney is The Players. Four solid events in a row and not everyone does that anymore. Then, after The Players, it's the Honda Classic in Florida and another WGC event. Doubt the field at the Honda will be all that great. Back to the AP Invitational ... no Jon Rahm, Dustin Johnson or Justin Thomas, for example. And, Morikawa won't be there either. Have been to this event twice a few years back on the now-defunct Sumo Tour South and at one of those, Jim Simboli and I followed Tiger around for nine holes. Beautiful course.

The Champions Tour event in Arizona was loaded as well with the likes of Phil Mickelson, Jim Furyk, Fred Couples, Ernie Els, Bernhard Langer and Steve Stricker all competing. Kevin Sutherland won it and Stricker came in third. Mickelson was never a factor as he was shooting for three straight, opening event wins on this golf tour. Ryder Cup captain Stricker is off to the Arnold Palmer Invitational next.

When I first heard the news last Tuesday about Tiger Woods and his accident, my very first

thoughts were that he fell asleep or it was a "pain medication" deal as he just had (more) back surgery. From the sounds of that right leg, don't expect to see Woods out on any golf course ... maybe ever!

MLB spring training games are underway and my "Buffalo source," Mike Novak of Geneseo soccer parents fame informs me that it looks like the Toronto Blue Jays will be playing in "AAA" Buffalo again this season after they begin play at their spring training site in Dunedin, FL. Not sure if that means they'll share the stadium with their minor league affiliate, the Bisons? Maybe Buffalo will play some games in Rochester? Maybe Buffalo will play some games in Erie, the next state down? Who knows right now? Efforts to get info from brother Scott O. Lorow with the Norfolk Tides were futile.

Former Almond resident, Dave "PD" Smith and his wife Tammy ventured down to Steinbrenner Field in Tampa last week to see the Yankees workout. Smith staying not too far from Ocala for a few months.

Received word last week that the annual Allegany County picnic down here in Florida has been cancelled this year due to the pandemic. Not a huge surprise! Just added to my list of things not able to attend that I have in the past in Florida.

Decent day on the links last Saturday at Sherman Hills in Brooksville, Jake Taft emerging victorious, 89-95. We were joined by a guy named Brian (not Fischer or Granger) as Mr. Timmer was somewhere on the ski slopes up north. No Ted Baxter sighting either. Not to be confused with Ted "Blue" Moses. A week ago we were at the Plantation Palms course in Land 'O Lakes as Simbo carded a nifty, 84. Taft and I are headed to the Saddlebrook Resort, Palmer Course this Saturday in Wesley Chapel. Timmer still in "Jean-Claude Killy" mode. Our Man Frank not in attendance.

Backing up to the passing of Scott "Chud" Delventhal in this space last week as he wasn't at A-A all that long but he was definitely an "A-A guy!" He was on one of our ABay trips on the Sumo Tour and at least one of our NCAA tourney trips, I believe to Syracuse. Good trips, solid times. Just an all-around great guy ... Vincent Waselewski.

Had lunch last week at Gator's Dockside in Apopka with brother Steve and his wife, Dee. Birthday greetings to each this week! Dinner that nite at the Gary Derwick (Albion) residence in Molokai Park.

And birthday greetings also this week to former Geneseo soccer player, Rian Jock and her teammate, my "favorite daughter" ... Lauren !!

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