

Sun in Rhode Island...

Anna Burdick, daughter of Jason and Heidi Burdick of Alfred Station, fought off homesickness during her first semester at Johnson & Wales University in Providence, RI by taking along the *Alfred Sun*, her hometown paper. She's studying culinary arts. Last week's two ghouls reading the *Alfred Sun* in Kilkenny, Ireland were longtime subscribers Therese & Jon LeGro of Alfred Station.



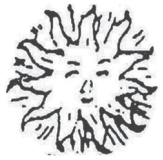
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ALFRED UNIVERSITY

Robyn Goodman receives Abigail Allen Award

ALFRED—Dr. Robyn Goodman, professor of communication studies at Alfred University (AU), is the institution's most recent recipient of the Abigail Allen Award, given in memory

of Abigail Allen, a founding mother of the University who dedicated her life's work to advancing the cause of coeducation and encouraging women to pursue higher education.

Allen, married to Jonathan Allen, AU's second president, contributed immeasurably to improving the quality of women's lives on campus and in the wider community. The award in her name is presented each year to a faculty or staff member who has contributed to the Alfred campus and community by improving the quality of women's lives.

A member of the AU faculty since 1995, Goodman has been a dedicated member of the Women's and Gender Studies (WMST/WGST program) Executive Committee since 2002 and an active member of the WMST faculty long before that, said Dr. Cecilia Beach, professor of French and Goodman's colleague.

"Robyn teaches a variety of courses in journalism and media studies. Her course 'Gender, Race, Class and Media,' which explores how the media frames women and the GLBTQIA [Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, Intersexed, and Ally] community, as well as how to fight back against negative portrayals, is a mainstay of the program and has inspired many students to declare a WMST/WGST minor," said Beach.

"Students [also] very much



DR. ROBYN GOODMAN

appreciate Robyn's advising and mentoring," Beach said. "As one WGST minor told me, 'Robyn always sees the individual strengths in students and challenges them to build on those strengths.' She has also helped students secure coveted internships and careers in journalism and media."

Beach noted that Goodman's service extends beyond Alfred thanks to her active scholarship and her participation in organizations such as the National Lesbian and Gay Journalism Association, the World Journalism Education Congress (WJEC), and the Association for Education in Journalism and

Mass Communication.

Goodman is a founding officer of the WJEC, an organization bringing together journalism professors and practitioners from around the world to improve journalism education worldwide. A leader at its conferences, she helps oversee its Syndicate Research Program, in which top experts research/discuss the state of journalism education and make recommendations for positive change.

Her research focuses on U.S. and global journalism education, U.S.-China news coverage, and the social construction of knowledge. She also advocates for improved media coverage of women, minorities, and the LGBTQIA community.

Goodman earned a bachelor of arts degree in international relations/anthropology from California State University-Chico, a master of arts degree in journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia, and a Ph.D. in mass media/journalism from Michigan State University-East Lansing. Her primary focus in teaching revolves around news writing, feature writing, media coverage of women and minorities, international communications, and media and society.

JOINS ALFRED LIONS CLUB



The Alfred Lions Club inducted new member Phil Prigmore, right, into the club at its December meeting. Placing the Lions Club International pin on Phil is his sponsor, Lion Earl Johnson. (Photo by Tammy Kokot)

PILLAR IN ANDOVER COMMUNITY

Andover mourns death of highway superintendent

ANDOVER—The Andover Community is mourning the loss of its beloved longtime Town Highway Superintendent David L. Wallace, who also had served the community as a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician as a member of the Andover Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad since 1978.

He was in his final weeks as town highway superintendent, a position he had held for 27 years, having begun in 1988.

Allegany County Legislator Karl Graves spoke of his association with Wallace, "David, myself and Cheryl Jackson all started on the same day for the Town of Andover: January 1, 1988. David as Town Highway Superintendent, myself as Town Supervisor and Cheryl as Town Clerk.

"It was a pleasure and honor to serve with Dave. Working together with the Town Board, we paved more roads, replaced more bridges and upgraded more highway equipment than at any other time in the Town's history. Amazingly, by today's standards, we did all of that while reducing the Town's tax rate. It would not

have been possible had David Wallace not been the Town Highway Superintendent.

"Andover has suffered a terrible loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the Wallace family. May God bless them and keep them safe as they travel through this most difficult time," Graves said.

Wallace's obituary follows:

DAVID L. WALLACE

David L. Wallace, 58, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015 while at work.

Mr. Wallace was born on May 27, 1957 in Hornell to Leo and Vivian (Andrus) Wallace. He was a 1975 graduate of Greenwood Central School. On August 4, 1979, in Wellsville, he married Sharon Anderson, who survives.

David worked for Hetzel Buick and Pontiac Garage from 1976 to 1980. From 1980 to 1987 he was employed by the Village of Andover and from 1984 through the present he has been a substitute school bus driver for Andover Central School. Additionally, he worked part time as the caretaker of the Country Estates in Andover; starting in 2001. How-



DAVID L. "DAVEY" WALLACE

ever, the bulk of his working career was spent as the Andover Highway Superintendent, where he served in that capacity from 1988 through the present. He was scheduled to retire at the end of this year.

In addition to his wife of 36 years, Davey is survived by his son Andrew Wallace of Tonawanda; his Aunt Irene Chaffee of Greenwood and Aunt Dolores Andrus of Hornell; and several nieces and nephews, including a particularly special niece Jennifer Wallace and her two children, Richard and Samantha.

He was predeceased by his parents and four siblings, Larry Wallace, Leo James Wallace, Richard Wallace, and Susan Wallace James.

Davey was a dedicated member of the Andover Volunteer Fire Department and Andover Rescue Squad since 1978 where he served in many capacities including Fire Chief, Treasurer, and Emergency Medical Technician. He was awarded the honor of Fireman of the Year in 1986 and 1999.

He was also a member of the Allegany County Town Highway Superintendents Association since 1988 and served as President from 1999-2000. He holds a long standing membership in the NYS Highway Superintendents Association also

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OBITUARIES

Mark Culley, 42, played baseball at A-A, St. Bonas



MARK T. CULLEY
A-A grad, avid athlete
CHEEKTOWAGA/ALFRED—Mark T. Culley, 42, of Autumn Wood Drive, Cheektowaga, passed away after a bat-

tle with illness, on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015 in Hornell.
Born in Niagara Falls, June 15, 1973, the son of Paul and Cynthia Haskin Culley, he had resided in Cheektowaga for many years. Mark was a graduate of the Alfred-Almond Central School (Class of 1991) as well as St. Bonaventure University and University of Phoenix. He earned his Master's Degree in History and was employed at Falk School in Buffalo.
Mark was an avid athlete having played baseball at both Alfred-Almond Central School as well as at St. Bonaventure.

Mark was predeceased by his mother, Cynthia Culley in 2000 and his sister, Stephanie Kulyeshie in 2011.

He is survived by his father, Paul Culley of Alfred; one

daughter Mya Culley and mother Tanya Croce Culley of Cheektowaga; one brother, Matthew Culley of Albany; two sisters, Patricia (Jeff) Rausch of Georgia and Maria (Andy) Smith of Hornell, several nieces and nephews.

To send a remembrance to the family please visit www.brownandpowersfuneralhomes.com. The family is being assisted by Adam E. DuBois, Director.

A memorial service was held at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, 2015 at the Bender-Brown & Powers Funeral Home, 354 Canisteo St. Hornell.

Friends may make memorial contributions for a college fund for his daughter Mya Culley in care of Tanya Croce Culley at 26 Fath Drive, Cheektowaga 14225.

Charles Robinson, 89, graduated from AACS in 1944

CHARLES B. ROBINSON
World War II Navy veteran

GULF BREEZE, FL- Charles B. Robinson, 89, of Gulf Breeze, FL, passed away Sunday, Nov. 22, 2015.

A Hornell area native, he was a 1944 graduate of Alfred-Almond Central School. He was predeceased by his wife, the former Onalee Rigby of Almond.

Charlie was a mail carrier and a fork-lift operator on NAS for many years. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy and was a World War II veteran.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd and Gladys Robinson; daughter, Sharon Robinson;

and his wife, Onalee.

He is survived by his daughters, Judy (David) Masciangelo and Nancy (John) Gray; his loving and devoted caretaker, Martha "Martie" Clair Mickle (A-A Class of 1961); five grandchildren, Lance Roeske, Daniel Deming, Tamie Deming, Teresa Osgood, and Dustin McCray; as well as six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015 at Rose Lawn Funeral Home in Gulf Breeze.

Arrangements were entrusted to Rose Lawn Funeral Home. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.roselawn-fh.com

Dolores Carey, 78, long-time home health aide



DOLORES M. CAREY
Long-time home health aide
ANDOVER – Dolores M. Carey, 78, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015 at Jones Memorial Hospital following a brief illness.

Mrs. Carey was born on Aug. 8, 1937 in Rochester to John and Mary Jane (Maloney) Coules. She was a 1955 graduate of James Monroe High School in Rochester.

Dolores worked as a home health aide for Visiting Nurses Services in Rochester for many years until her retirement in 1983.

Dolores is survived by two daughters, Valerie Jean O'Dell of Rochester and Carla (James) Monda of Conneaut, OH; one son, William (Deborah) O'Dell of Rochester; a son-in-law, Frank Folwell of Andover; 20 grandchildren, Shannon Kelsey, Chanel O'Dell, Mathew O'Dell, Scott O'Dell, Shanna O'Dell, Brittney O'Dell, Brandy O'Dell, Nicholas Webber, Tina Webber, Sandra Webber, Karl Bishoff, Erika Bishoff, Bradley Bishoff, Leroy O'Dell, Kattianne Fol-

well, William Folwell, Sean Thurber, Heather Thurber, Andrew Thurber and Alisa Root; 30 great grandchildren with number 31 coming soon; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by two daughters, Charlene Folwell and Mary Jane DePrez and three grandchildren, Adam O'Dell, Roy O'Dell and Christina O'Dell.

Dolores devoted much of her time to the needs of her large family. In later years, she liked to crochet, play Bingo, work puzzles, read books and play cards. She was an avid TV

viewer and loved her favorite soap operas.

Visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11 and from 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 at Baker-Swan Funeral Home in Andover. The funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 at the funeral home immediately following the visitation. Online condolences may be offered at www.baker-swan.com.

Memorial contributions in Dolores' name may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or www.stjude.org.

Bill Darling, 63, Hornell native

WILLIAM "BILL" ROY DARLING

Worked at Duke Energy 33 years
SENECA, SC-William "Bill" Roy Darling, 63, husband of Janet Leslie Reeves Darling, of 9056 Crystal Lane, Seneca, SC died Monday, Dec. 7, 2015, after his fight with multiple myeloma.

A native of Hornell, Mr. Darling was the son of Neva Marie Jacox Darling and the late Leroy Nathaniel Darling. He received a BS from the University of South Carolina in Mechanical Engineering. Mr. Darling was employed with Duke Energy for 33 years. He was a foster parent to eight children. Mr. Darling was a member at St. Mark United Methodist Church, where he also served as a leader for St. Mark Wings for the Lord Youth Choir.

In addition to his wife and mother, Mr. Darling is survived by his sons: David Brannon of

Black Mountain, NC, and Kyle Darling of Anderson, SC; sisters: Peggy (David) Truscott of Spindale, NC, Faith (Stan) Caniglia of Hudson, OH, and Aven (Bill) Short of Waxhaw, NC; brother-in-law, Lewis (Gail) Reeves of Greer, SC; sister-in-law: Carolyn Perry of Pawleys Island, SC; and many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great-grand nieces and nephews.

Mr. Darling was preceded in death by a brother-in-law: Jack Reeves.

A memorial service was conducted at 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10 at St. Mark United Methodist Church in Seneca. The family received friends immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Mark UMC, Wings for the Lord Youth Choir, 616 Quincy Rd, Seneca, SC 29678.

Marcia Good, 68, had worked at AU



MARCIA G. GOOD
AU admissions receptionist 2000-2006

WELLSVILLE - Marcia G. Good, 68, of Wellsville, formerly of Shinglehouse, PA, passed away with her loving family by her side on Friday, Dec. 11, 2015 at Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, after a brief illness.

Born on April 25, 1947, in Olean, she was a daughter of Howard "Pat" Prince and Juanita Fuller Prince Bump. Marcia graduated in 1965 from Oswayo Valley High School, Shinglehouse. On Dec. 31, 1989, in Wellsville, she married Ronald N. Good, who survives.

She had worked in various jobs in the area but her last position was at Alfred University as a receptionist and student guide organizer in the admissions office. There, while enjoying her job, she became close friends with many people who remain "good and loyal" friends today.

Her greatest vocation was being wife, mom, and grandma and she excelled in all fields. Marcia enjoyed taking pictures of nature and birds and generally anything that caught her eye. Several photos that she had taken have been published in na-

tional magazines and were always enjoyed by her friends. She wouldn't admit it, but she was very proud of her hobby.

In addition to her husband, Marcia is survived by "her greatest accomplishments," four children, John S. (Bridget) Mertsock of Castile, Alan L. (Bonny) Mertsock of Shinglehouse, Sharlene M. (Woody) Mertsock Klein of Ellicottville, and Michael J. (Valerie) Mertsock of Rush; and a stepdaughter, Debra S. (Bill Riedmiller) Hadden of Shinglehouse. She is also survived by her mother, Juanita Bump of Wellsville; a brother, Roger (Dee) Prince of Shinglehouse; a half-brother, Patrick (Shelly) Prince; and a half-sister, Diane (Scott) West, both of Shinglehouse; as well as 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, who were the loves of her life; several nieces and nephews; her former husband, John Mertsock of Wellsville; and many special friends.

She was predeceased by her father; a sister, Bonnie Prince Shall; and two brothers, Ronnie Prince and Chad Prince.

At Marcia's request, there was no public visitation. Friends are invited to attend a celebration of Marcia's life from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015 at L'Italia Restaurant, 105 N. Main St., Wellsville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the SPCA Serving Allegany County, 1374 State Route 19 South, Wellsville, NY 14895; to Wild Wings bird sanctuary in Mendon at wildwingsinc.com; or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Marcia's family has entrusted her care to the Virgil L. Howard Funeral Home, Shinglehouse. To express condolences or share a fond memory of Marcia, visit www.virgilhowardfuneral-home.com.

David L. Wallace, 58, Andover pillar

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dating from 1988.

His membership with the Allegany County Volunteer Fireman's Association dates to 1978 and he served as President from 1990 to 1991. Additionally, he was President of the Allegany County Fire Chief's Association from 1992 to 1995 with membership in the organization since 1987. In 2004 David became the Allegany County District Fire Coordinator for District IV and served in that capacity until the present.

David had a special place in his heart for Lamoka Lake and served as a board member on the Lamoka Waneta Lakes' Association since 2010. He spent all his free time there enjoying boating, jet skiing and hanging out with his family, friends and two dogs, Shea and Nelli. He loved soaking in the refreshment offered by its relaxing atmosphere. Davey also had an appreciated for vehicles other than the local snow plow and school bus, particularly his black Trans Am and red Stingray.

David was a dedicated public servant to Andover and Allegany County and felt honored to serve the people in our area. For those in his hometown, he was the first one out and about on snowy mornings mindful of the safety of all. As a result of his many hours of public service, he made a large number of great friends whose lives have been enriched by knowing him.

Visitation was held from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10 and from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11 at Baker-Swan Funeral Home in Andover. A funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 at the Andover Fire Station with Rev. Terry Kelly officiating. Burial followed in Valley Brook Cemetery in Andover. Online condolences may be offered at www.baker-swan.com.

Andover Volunteer Fire Department hopes to place a digital LED sign on their property. Memorial contributions in Davey's name may be made to Andover Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 714, Andover, NY 14806, designated ""Sign.""

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Dr. Andrew Call, left, and Physician Assistant Gary Mann share an interest in medicine and in music. Both see patients at Family Health of Alfred and are both members of a local band, RON.

Fellow band member joins med staff at Dr. Call's Family Health of Alfred

ALFRED—Dr. Andrew Call is pleased to announce that Family Health of Alfred has expanded to include Gary Mann, Physician Assistant.

New patients of all ages are welcome to make an appointment with Dr. Call or Gary Mann at the office, located at 28 Church Street in Alfred. Please call the office at (607) 587-8143.

The office is open Monday–Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The office is closed for lunch from 12-12:30 p.m.

Family Health of Alfred offers a variety of services, including routine primary care, immunizations, and physicals as well as women's health care and home hospice care. The office has in-

house phlebotomy services. Gary Mann offers trigger point injections for pain management.

For more information or to make an appointment, please call the office during regular business hours.

ALFRED Weather for the Week

Dec. 8-Dec. 14				
Dec.	Hi	Lo	Precip.	Snow
8	47	22	0	
9	44	29	0	
10	51	31	0.01"	
11	52	33	0	
12	59	32	0	
13	59	39	Trace	
14	*64	48	0	

*Record high for this date

By JOHN BUCKWALTER
Alfred Area Weather Recorder

SUNNY SIDE UP

By ELLEN SHULTZ
Alfred Sun Columnist

Kathryn Reid was hostess at Howell Hall

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

Kathryn Reid died this year (2002) at the age of 100. She was hostess at Howell Hall on the Alfred University campus for seventeen years and was active in the Red Cross, the church guild at Union University Church and in the Amandine Club of Alfred. She lived in her own home until she was 95. Her family consists of two sons, six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

Kathryn's sweet smile, twinkling eyes, and ready wit made her an excellent hostess for the University. She was known far and wide for her love of laughter.

This Ham Loaf recipe was a traditional favorite of her family for Christmas dinner.

Christmas Ham Loaf

2 lbs. ground ham	2 eggs
1 1/2 lbs. ground pork	1 c. milk
1 c. bread crumbs	

Mix all together and form into two loaves. Then mix glaze:

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Kelly's Forecast

By KELLY SNYDER
Alfred Sun Weather Forecaster

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—Alan Miller

Thursday Dec. 17
SHOWERS
(HIGH 49– LOW 32)
Chance of precipitation.....60%

Friday Dec. 18
PM SNOW SHOWERS
(HIGH 37 – LOW 25)
Chance of precipitation.....40%

Saturday Dec. 19
SNOW SHOWERS < 1 in.
(HIGH 31 – LOW 26)
Chance of precipitation.....50%

Sunday Dec. 20
MOSTLY CLOUDY
(HIGH 39 - LOW 30)
Chance of precipitation.....20%

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Scene About Alfred

A weekly photo feature
By SHERRY VOLK
Alfred Sun Columnist



On a pleasant Tuesday, Silas Tutak of Sayles Street Extension in the Village of Alfred was helping his dad get the trash out. He struggled to the road with this trash can considerably larger than himself and smiled patiently for the camera. Only then did he get adult help with the trash can, which rolled away from him every time he tried to set it up, because he isn't tall enough to stop the wheels.

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Dear Editor:

The 2015 Community Chest campaign is endeavoring to complete our pledge season but we are now in a serious situation where it appears we will fall short of the campaign goal. Currently, we have donations and pledges totaling \$35,061.33, or 85.6% of our goal. We still need over \$5000 to reach our 2015 goal. Please consider sending your pledge today! Let us review a few of the many charities that your pledge reaches ...

The Alfred Station Fire Company Association respond, with the Alfred Fire Company, to all fires in the township of Alfred. Only with the equipment and manpower of both companies can proper fire protection be provided to our township, village and colleges. The Alfred Station Firemen also provide fire protection to parts of the towns of Ward and Hartsville.

The Allegany County Chapter of the American Red Cross will receive much needed support from this year's campaign. As we are all aware, natural disasters do not stop. The Red Cross provides help to more people than ever before. In addition they provided counseling for families and assistance while coping with the disasters and are at the scene of the fires and emergencies providing assistance and counseling. The Red Cross also provides a wide range of programs and services to members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

The Allegany County ARC continues to be an important member of our campaign. They are concerned with the welfare of citizens who often have severe disabilities. The Community Residences in Alfred, Belmont and Wellsville are all important as well as their special training programs.

The Alfred Ambulance operates state-certified ambulances that provide 24-hour-a-day service to all parts of the Town and Village of Alfred and also to parts of the towns of Ward and Hartsville. Ambulances are equipped with many types of life-saving equipment. In some periods of the year the ambulance crews average multiple calls per day. We are so very fortunate to have a crew of local residents and students who have become critical care technicians.

Lets not forget our animals and the Allegany County SPCA. They investigate all reports of cruelty and neglect in the county and take appropriate action. The time given by volunteers who help care for the animals is so important. Unfortunately, at the end of each semester the SPCA is also called upon to rescue abandoned animals.

The Senior Nutrition Site is an important organization that receives support from your Community Chest. Each week, lunch is served for our senior citizens at the Union University Church Center. Not only does this luncheon provide a nutritious meal for the seniors, it is also an opportunity for them to enjoy the companionship that this gathering provides.

Alfred "Box-of-Books" Library is the "Alfred Public Library," Community Chest funds make up a portion of its operating budget. While there are college libraries in town, the Box-of-Books exists for townspeople needing current titles, as well as, for the use of the town's children during their summer reading program.

Scouting is an important beneficiary of our campaign ... the scouts have targeted drug abuse and child abuse with their educational campaigns ... distributing booklets on abuse in order to recognize signs of abuse ... and finally "Scouting for Food" with their annual food drive.

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

William Carlson

For the Community Chest Board

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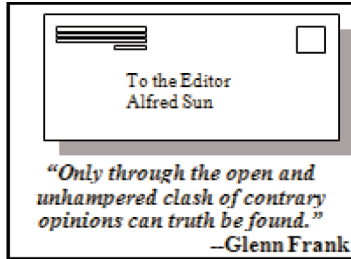
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Caring about 'Every Student Succeeds Act'

To the Editor:

As parents we need to pay attention to the new legislation known as the Every Student Succeeds Act. As a parent of three school aged children this legislation is going to change how our children receive their education. The new act will give control back to the local districts and provide more flexibility to the states to set up accountability systems that look at multiple measures of success rather than placing so much emphasis on one or more test scores!

With the advances in technology worldwide, the education of America's young people is an obvious priority facing our government at the local, state, and federal levels. Since President Johnson first signed the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) into law in 1965, school districts and governments have been struggling to meet the goal of making sure all children were given the opportunity to succeed by providing the necessary resources.

This is especially a big struggle for school districts serving low income students. The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation was a long overdue reauthorization of ESEA. This was signed into law with bipartisan support by President George W. Bush in 2002. The Every Child Achieves Act (ECAA) passed the

Senate on July 16, 2015. Most recently, the bill passed in the House on Dec. 2, 2015 and will be sent to the President to be signed into law.

Education and academic suc-

cess remain a top priority today and is something every parent wants for their child. Funds are needed for textbooks, library books, special education centers, (Continued on Page 15)

Sun Spots**Roadrageous!**

We drove across country, for some crazy reason, And not to partake in an early Yule season, Nor swashbuckler-wanderlust-yearning appeasin'— But it anyway ended a tad bit displeasin'.

Our no-beltway-driving experience showed: "The traffic was fine, now it seems to be slowed By a 65-mile-an-hour stone-in-the-road— An out-of-state driver who needs to be towed!"

When just past Chicago (where those words were spoken) I thought our speedometer plum must be broken: In a 55-zone, where cars flew past, wheels smokin', It read 70. WHAT?! You have gotta be jokin'!

Finally, "Road Work"—slow down from the 80's! But here's Maria Andretti, in a big, black Mercedes: She weaves in and out, like a bat out of Hades— Can you 'splain to me this kind of drivin', you ladies?!

A truck from the left, and a car from the right, Each flirtatiously winked with its turn-blinker light— Then sidled on over, thus squeezing us tight. A toot on the horn jerked that car back in fright.

The truck, on the other hand, owed to the size-o'-him, And the fact we'd no sight of the whites of the eyes-o'-him, We braked and backed off so we wouldn't get hugs-o'-him— Which woulda killed all romance of it, due to the lugs-o'-him.

When we finally returned from our cross-country haul And got back here to home, where's no beltways at all, We returned to what's normal: a relative crawl— Cuz ya never can tell when we'll have us a squall.

Yes, we got back to good ol' Route I-86, As close to a freeway's we've got in the sticks— A raceway for all of us West New York hicks, Who'd rather drive here 'round our OWN lunatics.

—Alun Atic Mouse

**FROM THE DESK OF DAVID PULLEN**

By DAVID PULLEN

Allegany County Legislator

POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS – WHAT IS NEW YORK STATE'S PROBLEM?

New York State has a serious problem. Political corruption is alive and well, and appears to be growing and becoming more prevalent. Unfortunately, this isn't a new development. However, it appears to be getting worse with each passing year.

The most recent examples involve former Speaker of the State Assembly, Sheldon Silver, and former Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos. Both were indicted earlier in 2015 on charges of taking bribes, embezzlement, and corruption. Sheldon Silver was recently convicted on most of the charges against him. The jury in the Skelos trial is still deliberating, but the testimony against Skelos appears overwhelming. In addition, the federal prosecutor in Manhattan is reportedly investigating Governor Andrew Cuomo on similar charges, with predictions that indictments will be filed in January or February 2016.

When the indictments against Sheldon Silver were first filed, he adamantly denied any wrongdoing. He vowed that he would be fully vindicated, and that he could prove he had done nothing wrong. The reality turned out to be very different. The jury found that Silver directed a medical research grant to a physician in NYC. That physician then referred cancer patients to Silver's law firm. That law firm tried cases before judges who were subject to approval by Silver. When Silver's law partners obtained favorable verdicts he received "referral fees" even though he had never met those patients, had never performed any services, and didn't practice that type of law. Silver also failed to report those referral fees to the Court System as required by law. His conduct involved multiple "conflicts of interest." When his case finally went to trial his defense attorney's strongest argument was that his client was only doing what everyone else did. Tragically, the claim that "this is just how business gets done in Albany," appears to be completely accurate. It might be illegal, unethical and immoral, but in Albany it is commonplace.

The situation with Dean Skelos is equally troublesome. Court testimony proved that he received political contributions from businesses in exchange for sponsoring and/or supporting favorable legislation. Amazingly, those contributions were

technically legal. Apparently those "contributions" weren't enough. The testimony indicates that Skelos then demanded that those contributors pay a consulting fee to Skelos's son, Adam Skelos, if they wanted to continue to receive favorable treatment. That was over the top, even by Albany's abysmally low standards.

Corruption is found in other states besides New York. However, it appears to be a bigger problem here than in most other states. Part of it may be attributable to the disproportionate influence that New York City has over state politics. In NYS much (most) political power is concentrated in a small area, among a few individuals. This situation is facilitated by rules that further concentrate power among the top three state politicians; the Governor, Speaker of the Assembly, and Senate Majority Leader. For many years most decisions in Albany have been made by "three men in a room." Until/unless that situation changes corruption will probably continue to be the norm in Albany.

This past week billions of dollars of taxpayer dollars were given away as "economic development grants." These were announced by the Governor's office. "Regional Economic Development Councils" ("RED-Cs") from around the state made recommendations that account for 20% of the final vote. This supposedly shows how Albany is making this a "local" process. However, the Governor's office has the remaining 80% vote, and almost ultimate control. Anyone who can control the award of billions of dollars in grants can sell influence. Is it surprising the Governor can generate millions of dollars in political contributions for himself and his cronies?

By contrast Allegany County has almost no influence. We are part of the Western NY RED-C, otherwise known as "The Buffalo Billion" group. The President of Alfred University is the only RED-C voting member from Allegany County. (County Chairman Curt Crandall is an active, but non-voting member.) Even Senator Cathy Young and Assemblyman Joe Giglio were given no votes. Several years ago, as a political reform they lost their "Member Item" grants. Now the Governor controls all such grants. What kind of reform was that? This needs to be fixed.

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Week of Dec. 17-Dec. 23, 2015 ALFRED SUN, PO Box 811, 764 Route 244, Alfred, NY 14802 607-587-8110



Junior Strings concert tonight

ALFRED—The Alfred University Junior String Program will perform its annual "Winter Concert" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17 in the Miller Theater on the AU campus.

Featuring nearly 40 children from four different string groups, ages 5-15, the program was founded in 1998, under its director, Dr. Lisa Lantz.

These young musicians will be assisted by Eugenia Meltzer and pianist, Janice Phelps, as well as a few graduated violinists from the program. A reception will follow the concert. Everyone is invited to this delightful presentation.

No time to waste! Isabel Metz practicing for her upcoming solo.

Music on tap at Black-Eyed Susan

ANGELICA—Music is an integral part of every Friday and Saturday evening at Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Cafe. The atmosphere is unlike a traditional concert or club... it's more like a house concert where musicians and guests share an intimate, casual space to make music, laughter and conversation. On any given night you might hear Irish fiddle music, Delta blues, a capella harmony, piano-bar show tunes, slide guitar, rock-a-billy, straight-up country, World music, Appalachian folk, fingerstyle guitar or Cajun swing. Our musicians will put an exclamation point on your evening!

Friday, Dec. 18—Ron Matthews, Country, Songwriter, 6:30 p.m.

With his 6- and 12- string acoustic guitars, light tenor vocals and friendly, casual style, Ron Matthews weaves a pleasant and satisfying musical experience for every listener each time he performs. His never-fail-to-please playlist of folk ballads, love songs, story songs and snappy, foot-tapping numbers insure that audiences always have a great time, leave with a smile -- and plan to come back for more!

Whether it's a program of his own original folk-flavored country songs or a mix of Garth Brooks, Waylon Jennings, Eagles and John Denver tunes, young and old alike find plenty to sing along with, smile and clap with, or just sit back, reminisce a little and enjoy. Learn more at ronmatthews.net
Saturday, Dec. 19—Bob & Gena Decker, "The Music of Christmas," 6:30 p.m.

For the sixth year running, Bob & Gena Decker

will host an evening of music and merriment to benefit Community Action Angels, an innovative volunteer coordination program at ACCORD Corporation.

As a duo, they have developed an eclectic style that includes blues, bluegrass, folk, rock and roots music but their annual evening of Christmas music is really something special, and included a fun sing-along and a Chinese Auction.

Community Action Angels is administered almost entirely by volunteers devoted to providing hope to people experiencing difficult circumstances. The volunteers hold to a philosophy they call "The Circle of Giving." According to Community Action Angels literature, "anyone who truly needs our assistance will be helped to the best of our ability. Anyone who has received our assistance will be encouraged to help others to the best of their ability." Learn more about this program at www.accord.org.

The money raised through Thursday's event will provide Christmas gifts to underprivileged children in the local community. Attendees can donate by depositing funds in the "tip jars" that are normally used to pay performers, or they can take part in the silent auction. Donation of items or theme baskets for the auction would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Deckers at 585-268-7035 or email geboaz@verizon.net.

Dinner, including gluten-free, vegetarian and vegan options, begins at 4:30 p.m. with music at 6:30 p.m. Please visit black-eyed-susan.com or call 585-466-3399 for info or reservations.



One Time, One Meeting

By BEN HOWARD

THE GIFT OF NON-FEAR

Last week two Army helicopters flew over the village of Alfred. Their thunder, my wife confided, unnerved her as never before.

In the wake of the mass shootings in Paris, Colorado Springs, and San Bernadino, fear has become a focus of national attention. In his address to the nation on December 6, President Obama sought to reassure us. "Freedom," he asserted, "is more powerful than fear." Perhaps it is in the long run, but for the time being, how can we best address the growing presence of fear in our daily lives? And how can the practice of meditation help us in that effort?

Generally speaking, Zen teachings admonish us to sit erect, practice conscious breathing, and cultivate awareness of whatever is occurring, within and around us. Can we "turn to [our] fears," asks the Zen teacher Zenkei Blanche Hartman, "and be with them with kindness and gentleness?" If we can, that shift of attitude alone can do much to calm the fearful mind. But if we are in need of a more systematic approach, we can also explore a method known as R.A.I.N., developed by the mindfulness teacher Michele McDonald. The acronym R.A.I.N. stands for Recognition, Acceptance, Investigation, and Non-Identification. This proven method may be brought to bear upon any state of mind, in this instance fear.

Recognition

The first step in this practice is the simple acknowledgement that fear is present. When many of us experience fear, especially unfamiliar fear, we may deny it, or turn away from it, or busy ourselves with other matters. Fear is sometimes viewed as a weakness; it can be difficult to admit, even to ourselves, that we are afraid. For some people, the act of naming ("fear is present"; "fear is happening") can be useful. So can the recitation of *gathas*, or meditative verses: "Breathing in, I know that fear is in me; / Breathing out, I recognize that fear is in me." Whatever our method, the essential practice is to recognize that fear is present.

Acceptance

Having acknowledged the presence of fear, can we then accept it? Can we allow it space and even welcome it into our lives?

Truly to "be with" our fears, we have first to acknowledge and be with our conditioned resistance. This resistance may take the form of repression, self-judgment ("What's wrong with me?"), or other, more subtle forms of defense and rejection. And we may also need to remind ourselves that acceptance is not mere passivity or craven resignation. Acceptance is an active process, in which we have agency. By actively saying "yes" to our fears, we not capitulating or giving in to our weaker side. Rather, we are treating our fears with kindness and respect, allowing their energies to arise, abide, and disperse of their own accord.

Investigation

"What is this?" asks a classic Zen koan. By asking that question repeatedly, followed by "I don't know," we come to realize the impermanent nature of phenomena and the true nature of mind.

That same question can be asked of our fears. Fear induces contraction. How does that contraction feel in our bodies? In our hearts and minds? What are its roots in our conditioning? In our felt experience?

In conducting this inquiry, we are not engaging in amateur psychoanalysis. Nor are we imposing concepts or theoretical constructs on our immediate experience. Quite the opposite: we are contemplating an aspect of our experience with the aid of intuition and the intention of gaining insight into the nature and origin of our fears. With insight comes relief from suffering--and eventual liberation.

Non-identification

Just as we can come to understand the roots of our fears in our conditioning, we can also explore and understand those aspects of our fears that only appear to be personal. Fears may arise from causes and conditions that have little or nothing to do with us as individuals. They pass through us like currents in a river or clouds in the sky. By identifying with our fears ("I'm a fearful person"; "I'm such a wimp"), we mistake impersonal realities for personal qualities. Conversely, by relinquishing the habit of identification and by understanding our fears as selfless, impermanent phenomena, we release ourselves from self-confinement and self-inflicted suffering. Resting in open awareness, which isn't afraid when we're afraid, we observe our transient fears arise and subside, but we are no longer in their thrall.

A gift

The practice of R.A.I.N. is no quick fix. It requires us to be present for our forgetfulness, our resistance, our indifference to our own emotions, and especially our penchant for taking things personally. It also demands patience and persistence. But if we elect to pursue this practice, it can alleviate our fears and gradually transform them. In this holiday season, the practice can be a gift to others and ourselves.

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

Cultural Arts Calendar



Music

BANDS/DJs/RECITALS

Alfred Village Band offers summer concerts of popular music and marches at the Alfred Village Bandstand. Concerts are scheduled at 7:15 p.m. each Wednesday in July. The band is directed by Dr. Christopher Foster. Come and bring a friend and enjoy an evening of music on the Alfred Village Green.

Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Cafe 22 West Main St., Angelica. Open every day for lunch; dinner and live acoustic music on week-ends; now serving breakfast – call for details. **Acoustic Open Mic Night** 1st Thursday of month 7-10 pm. **Music Schedule:** Friday, Dec. 11--Pat Kane "Music of Christmas," songwriter, Irish and American, traditional and modern. Dec. 12-Miché Fambro, Music of Christmas. Dec. 18-Ron Matthews. Dec. 19--Bob & Gena Decker. Dec. 31-Dennis Winge. Call 585-466-3399 or visit black-eyed-susan.com

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

Maple City Bowl, 7580 Seneca Road, Hornell. Following the show: Live Rock-n-Bowl with Frank and Rich's Timeline. DJ/Karaoke every Friday night 9 pm to 1 a.m. Come sing the night away with Our DJ! They are here every Friday bringing your favorite tunes!! For updates, check www.maplecitybowl.net Or call 607-324-1011.

Wellsville Creative Arts Center offers live music most Saturday evenings with performances beginning at 8 p.m., doors opening

at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12-Black Lillies. Future performances TBA. For tickets, visit: www.WellsvilleCreativeArtsCenter.com or call 585-593-3000.



The Black Lillies will perform at the Wellsville Creative Arts Center at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12.

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

Genesee Valley Chorus. Weekly rehearsals 7 pm Tuesdays at Congregational Church, 289 N. Main St., Wellsville. New members welcome. For further information, call 716-593-3173.

Maple City (Barbershoppers) Chorus Meetings 7:00 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
Coffeehouse live entertainment periodically at Terra Cotta Coffeehouse, 34 N. Main St., Alfred.

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

Wingate Memorial Carillon Recital Series at Davis Memorial Carillon, AU campus. Free concerts on 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

COMEDY
Comedian Ben Rosenfeld will perform at 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Knight Club, Powell Campus Center, AU campus.

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

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

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

PERFORMANCES
"Spoken Word" Poetry Night --

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m., a lively and entertaining evening of poetry performance, hosted by Christopher Clow at Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Café, 22 W. Main St., Angelica. Call 585-466-3399 or visit black-eyed-susan.com

Death Do Us Part (Xi-Jiao) by the Jinglu Theater Company from Beijing, China, scheduled for Friday, Nov. 6, has been postponed due to a visa issue. Watch for an update.

Informal Dance Showing, 7 p.m. Thurs.-Fri., Dec. 3-4, CD Smith III Theater, Miller Performing Arts Center, AU campus. Free admission.



INSTRUCTION/GROUPS
Allegany Artisans. The Allegany Artisans, local artists and craftspeople working together to host an annual studio tour set for Oct. 17-18) in October, invite artists to apply. New for 2015! Friday Night Reception 5-8 pm. Friday, Oct. 16. Work is juried. Studio must be in Allegany County. 585-593-6345 or www.alleganyartisans.com.

Angelica Ink Letterpress Located at 20 Allegany Avenue, Angelica, NY. 585.466.7040

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

Artist Knot. 36 Main Street, Andover. Gallery Hours by appointment. (607) 478-5100.

Cohen Center for the Arts. 55 N. Main Street, Alfred. Gallery open 11-5 Thurs.-Fridays. "Pattern Recognition: New Work by The White Page Collective" Alanah Luger-Guillaume, Kathryn Sheldon, Alexis Stiteler and Re-

becca Spangenthal. Sept. 5–Oct. 2, 2015.

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

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

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

MUSEUMS/EXHIBITS
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 available 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.

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



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

National Warplane Museum. nationalwarplanemuseum.org, 3489 Big Tree Ln, Geneseo, NY 14454, (585) 243-2100.

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. Contact Wayne Higby for further information.

Congressman Reed town hall meetings Sat.

Congressman Tom Reed will hold three town hall meetings on Saturday, Dec. 19 throughout the Southern Tier.

"We're looking forward to

spending the weekend with our friends and neighbors from around the Southern Tier so we can listen to their thoughts and take their suggestions to Wash-

ington," Reed said. "From the 180 town halls we've held so far, it's clear the real solutions come from moms and dads, small business employees and our entrepreneurs, not bureaucrats in Washington. The voices of taxpayers on the ground are the voices we need to be listening to so that we can better care for the places we call home."

Town halls will be held Saturday, December, 19 as follows:

9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Town of Richford Town Hall, 7 Bowery Lane, Richford

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Town of Erin Town Hall, 1138 Breesport Road, Erin

2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Town of Wayne Town Hall, 9772 Silsbee Road, Wayne

4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Town of Troupsburg Town Hall, 873 Main St., Troupsburg

Those unable to attend are encouraged to share their thoughts with Reed through his website (www.Reed.house.gov) or Facebook ([www.Facebook.com/RepTomReed](https://www.facebook.com/RepTomReed)). Individuals can also sign up for regular updates through Reed's website (www.Reed.house.gov/contact-me/newsletter).

Reed has held over 180 town halls in all eleven counties of New York's 23rd district.



NOTES from the BOX OF BOOKS

Box of Books offers 'passive programming'

By **MELANIE MILLER**
Alfred Box of Books Director

Every October, the Box of Books collects statistics. We count patrons entering, questions asked, technology used and phone calls answered. It's a great way to see how our community is engaging with the library and what we can do to make our services better.

This October, an average of 25 patrons entered the library on any given day. That may not seem like a lot, but it certainly keeps us busy. While patrons are using the library daily, only a small portion of those participate in programming the library offers.

People are busier than ever! There are so many things competing for your time and attention. It continually makes libraries like us think of creative ways to engage our patrons. One of these ways is through passive programming. Passive programming (or do it yourself programming) allows patrons to participate in library activities when it's convenient for them.

There is no scheduled time you have to meet at the library to participate. When you're here checking out your books for the week, you can quickly engage in an activity that takes only a few minutes of your time. Passive programming is perfect for young children, teens and adults.

Passive programming includes things like: guessing contests, interactive displays, scavenger hunts, voting contests, and so much more!

Passive programming benefits you, the library user:

- It's convenient! No more dates and times to remember.
- It's easy! You're already here. Take a moment to participate in a community project.
- It's fun! In just a moment or two, you can do a fun activity with your whole family.

Passive programming benefits the library:

- By allowing us to continue to engage with our patrons! We love your feedback!
- Highlighting the collection. Displays and activities that connect to the collection allow us to show off what we have to offer.
- It helps with our statistics! We track our programming attendance, so this is a great way to increase participation.

Beginning in January, the Box of Books will begin offering passive programming activities. Be sure you stop by and check them out! Have no fear! We will continue to offer family programming as we have always done in the past, we're just adding a new way to engage with our users!

Box of Books Library Hours: Sun. 12-4, Mon 10-6, Tues 12-6, Wed 10-6, Thurs 12-6, Fri. 10-5, Saturday Closed.

For more info, visit: www.alfredboxofbookslibrary.org

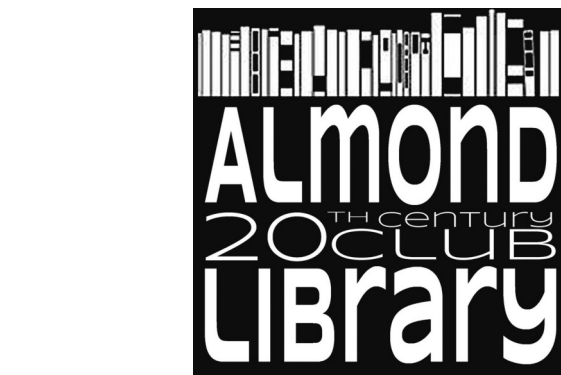
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What's Happening at Almond Library

By **ELIZABETH CALL**
Almond Library Director

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Elizabeth Call, and I am your new Library Director. I am looking forward to getting to know all of our patrons, and if you've never stopped in, I would highly recommend it! If you have any ideas or suggestions on how to make your library experience better, I would love to hear them.

We are rapidly approaching the holidays! Our annual Christmas party will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22. Come for games, treats, crafts, and other holiday fun! This will be a great chance to introduce myself to you, and for Cecily to say a fond farewell to all her friends. The Almond Book

Club had their year-end review at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15 and the Board of Trustees was to meet at 6:30 p.m.

As always, join us for Mother Goose on the Loose, a fun-filled early literacy program for kids 0-3 and their caregivers, every Friday at 10:30 a.m. Yoga will return after the holidays on Thursday evenings with Kristin Bucholz.

Feel free to contact the library with any questions you might have about our upcoming programs or anything else, and don't forget to check our website for the most up-to-date information: www.almondlibrary.org.

Coming up at the Almond 20th Century Club Library:

Mother Goose on the Loose - Fridays @ 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Party! Dec. 22, 4:30-6:30pm

CLOSED Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

CLOSED New Year's Day

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Lectures/Readings

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

Allegany County Bird Club. Meetings held at the First Congregational Church, 289 N. Main Street, Wellsville, unless otherwise stated, at 7 p.m. on the first Friday of each month; speakers begin at 7:15 p.m. The club will NOT meet during the months of January and February 2015.

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. All programs free and open to the public. Website: www.bakersbridge.org. 2015-16 Program: Sept. 21-Early milking history (Martha Roberts); Oct. 19-Gov. Higgins, early years in Rushford (Ronnie Beverly); Nov. 16-Stories from Nature (Steve Jakobi); Dec. 14-Overview on the Amish (Craig Braack); Jan. 18-Local Geological History (MaryLu Wells); Feb. 15-Steinheim Museum at Alfred University (Laurie McFadden); March 21-Women's Suffrage: NYS & Allegany County (Rusty Tobin); April 18-The Life of Frederick Douglass (Bill Heaney); May-TBD: Field Trip to the Rushford Museums. For more information, contact President Laurie McFadden (607-382-7276, mcfadden@alfred.edu).

Bergren Forum. 12:10 p.m. Thursdays, Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center, AU campus when classes are in session. Oct. 15-Gary Ostrower, "Hearts of Darkness: The Congo, Hiroshima, Auschwitz"; Oct. 22-John Cusack, PhD, "What Do We Mean By Sustainability?"; Oct. 29-Vicki Eaklor, "Women and Jazz"; Nov. 5-Barry Gan, "The Limitations of Civil Resistance: A Critique of Nonviolence as a Political Tool"; Nov. 12-D. Chase Angier, "Deepening Connections: People, Place, and Planet"; Nov. 19-Emrys Westacott, "The Beatles: Here, There, and Everywhere"; Nov. 26-Thanksgiving; Dec. 3-Karen Donnellan, "The Circle Extends to the Tips of the Fingers." Bring a brown bag lunch; coffee & tea available.

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

Maple City Garden Club. Monthly potluck lunch second Wednesday at Sawyer St. Court, Hornell (unless otherwise noted) at 12 noon. Program TBA. For info, call Zoë Coombs at 587-8031.

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



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John Stull Observatory open to the public free of charge, clear Friday nights from 9-11 p.m. Sept.-Oct.-Nov. and Feb.-March, April. Open clear Thursday nights from 10 p.m.-12 midnight during May, June and July. For info, call the Observatory phone at Alfred University, 871-2720.

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

Str8 Eight Card Game Tournament at 8 pm on the 8s at the Terra Cotta Coffeehouse, Main St., Alfred. The next tournaments will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8...you get the idea. To learn more about the card game invented in Alfred, NY, visit: www.str8-eight.com



Special Events

Cuba First Baptist Church Harvest Dinner Thursday, Nov. 12. Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, and all the trimmings... including pie! Take outs available 4-5pm - \$8.50 adults, \$4.50 children. Eat-in 5:30-6:30pm - \$8.00 adults, \$4.00 children. Call 585-968-1173 for reservations. Proceeds benefit American Baptist Women's Ministries (ABWM) at Cuba First Baptist.

Bake Sale! Wed., Nov. 11 (Veterans Day), 8:30-4:30 at Alfred State Student Activities Center on the School of Applied Technology campus in Wellsville. By seniors in culinary arts: baking, production and management program. To benefit: LEEK Hunting and Mountain Preserve for disabled veterans. For more information: Debra Burch, associate professor in the Culinary Arts Department, at 607-587-3119.

Support Groups

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group. Meets first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. at Friendly's. For more info, contact Roberta Staub at 607-661-6640 or Kevin Johnson at 607-661-3397.

OLD SALTS BREAKFAST CLUB, a gathering of veterans, meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 8 a.m. at JC's Cafe at the corner of Canisteo and Crosby Streets, Hornell. All Navy vets and Marines are invited, plus any others who can tell stories about their services, from World War II until the present time. We have vets from all over the area. For more info, call "Old Navy" Bob Tripp at 607-295-7753.

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

Etcetera

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

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

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

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

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.

WHAT'S COOKIN'?

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

Pineapple Tidbits, Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Chocolate Chip Cookie. Diabetic-Applesauce.

Tuesday, Dec. 22
Spinach Mandarin Salad w/Dressing, Tuna Casserole, California Blend, Bran Quick Bread, Lemon Mousse. Diabetic-Lemon Mousse. *Birthday Cake @ Centers.

Wednesday, Dec. 23
Cranberry Marshmallow Salad, Chicken ala King w/Biscuit, Squash, Frosted Pumpkin Bars. Diabetic-Fruit Cocktail.

Thursday, Dec. 24
Pickled Beets, Swedish Meatballs w/Gravy Over Noodles, Succotash, Banana Bread, Peaches. Diabetic-Peaches. Birthday Cake @ Centers.

Friday, Dec. 25
No Luncheon Centers or Meals-on-Wheels. Merry Christmas!

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

ALFRED NUTRITION SITE
Union University Church Center, 12 noon
Call Debbie Pierson at 607-793-0118.
Monday—Exercises w/Mary Lou Maxon 10:30-11:30 a.m., lunch 12 noon. "Crossword Puzzle Day."
Wednesday—Exercises w/Mary Lou Maxon 10:30-11:30 a.m. Lunch 12 noon. "Rudolph Treats."
Thursday—Lunch at 12 noon. "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

BELMONT NUTRITION SITE
American Legion Hall, 11:30 a.m.
Call Eileen Kane at 585-808-1472.
Tuesday—Exercises at 9:30 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m. "Arts & Crafts"
Thursday—Exercises at 9:30 a.m., Lunch at 11:30 a.m. "Reminisce." "Christmas."

BOLIVAR NUTRITION SITE
Fire Hall 12 noon
Call Cheryl Johnson at 585-808-5640
Monday—Growing Stronger Exercises at 10:30 a.m. Lunch at 12 noon.
Wednesday—Growing Stronger Exercises at 10:30 a.m. Lunch at 12 noon.
Thursday—Lunch at 12 noon.

CANASERAGA NUTRITION SITE
Canaseraga Fire Hall, 12 noon

Call Barb Welch at 607-295-7301.
Tuesday—Exercises at 10:15 a.m., "Holiday Movies." Lunch at 12 noon.
Cards/Games at 1 p.m.
Thursday—Exercises at 10:15 a.m., Lunch at 12 noon. "Christmas Words." Cards/Games at 1 p.m.

CUBA NUTRITION SITE
AA Arnold Community Center, 12 noon
Call Paul Young at 585 610-2220
Monday—10:30 Growing Stronger Exercises, Euchre, Cards, Dominoes, Puzzles. "C to Y."
Tuesday—10:30 Euchre, Cards, Dominoes, Puzzles. Lunch at 12 noon. "Tiger Woods Bio."
Wednesday—10:30 Euchre, Cards, Dominoes, Puzzles. Lunch at 12 noon. "Current Topics."
Thursday—10:30 Growing Stronger Exercises. Lunch at 12 noon. Euchre, Cards, Dominoes, Puzzles. "Reminisce."

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

FRIENDSHIP NUTRITION SITE
Community Center, 12 noon
Call Vivian Howell 585-973-2650
Tuesday—10:45 a.m. Growing Stronger Exercises. Lunch at 12 noon. Cards at 1 p.m.
Thursday—10:45 a.m. Growing Stronger Exercises. Lunch at 12 noon. Crafts at 1 p.m.

WELLSVILLE NUTRITION SITE
YMCA, Riverwalk Plaza, 12 noon
Call Donna Fiegl at 585-593-7665.
Monday—Stretch at 9 a.m. Bingo at 10:30 a.m. Lunch at 12 noon. Euchre at 1 p.m.
Wednesday—Games at 10 a.m., Lunch at 12 noon. Euchre at 1 p.m.
Thursday—Stretch at 9 a.m., Bingo at 10:30 a.m. Lunch at 12 noon. Canasta at 1 p.m.

FRIDAY—No Luncheon Center or Meals-on-Wheels. Merry Christmas!

WHITESVILLE NUTRITION SITE
Whitesville Fire Hall, 12 noon
Call Linda Haggerty at 585-296-3800.
Monday—10:45 Growing Stronger Exercises. Jigsaw Puzzle. Lunch at 12

noon. "Match the Movie."
Tuesday—Lunch at 12 noon. Coffee Hour. "Keep it Short." Blood Pressure Clinic. Karen Chamberlain, Issues & Answers.
Wednesday-10:45 Growing Stronger Exercises. Jigsaw Puzzle. Lunch at 12 noon. "Christmas Word Find."



At the Movies

(Effective Thurs., Dec. 18-Thurs., Dec. 24)
GRAND THEATER, Main St., Wellsville... 585-593-6899
Alvin & The Chipmunks: The Road Chips (PG)
Star Wars: The Force Awakens (PG-13)
SPOTLIGHT THEATER, 191 Main St, Hornell 607-661-4685
Star Wars: The Force Awakens (PG-13)
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Road Chips (PG)
Polar Express (G) Dec. 23 only
Daddy's Home (PG) starts Dec. 24

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Friday, Dec. 18 through Thursday, Dec. 24:

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Locally Made

The DIY Farmer's Wife Approach

By KRISTINA SNYDER
Alfred Sun Columnist

Make DIY Salt Dough Ornaments

This year is baby's first Christmas so a lot of our homemade gifts revolve around Kedric. Some easy gift ideas are cute baby pictures in a nice frame, or recently I even found a photo snowglobe that I sent to my Uncle in Florida. Another fun thing to do with young children is creating Salt Dough Ornaments. This year we are making lots of cute footprints and handprints in salt dough for fun personalized gifts.

Here's What You'll Need:

2 cups all-purpose flour 1 cup salt
1 cup cold water

Mix table salt and flour together. Gradually add 1/2 cup of water and mix to desired consistency. Knead the dough on a flat surface, adding a few more drops of water as needed. Divide the dough into small portions to roll into 1/8" thick pieces with a rolling pin. Use cookie cutters to cut out a variety of shapes, and place the shapes on wax paper or other surface to bake. If you want to make hanging ornaments, pierce the dough through with a toothpick while it's wet. Bake in the oven at 200 degrees F. until hard. Baking times varies depending on oven and dough thickness. Make sure the dough is completely baked. You can cover the dough with aluminum foil if it starts to darken before it is completely baked through.

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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Tuesday Bargain Day: Movies all day and evening \$6.00 plus FREE small popcorn with fountain drink purchase.

ALFRED BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Rogue Carrot offers food, bowls, tables, mugs

By ELAINE HARDMAN
Alfred Sun Reporter

ALFRED—Food to eat. Food to cook. Food to make the table pretty. That's all at The Rogue Carrot in Alfred but there is more. A bowl to serve it in, a table to put it on, a mug to sip it from and soaps to help you clean up and all those extra things were crafted by hand one moment at a time.

Kinfolk closed and The Rogue Carrot came to be in October 2013. The time since then has flown for Dawn Bennett though she has pulled and tugged at it to hasten the changes she wants in Alfred's natural grocery store. From the beginning she wanted food related art though sometimes she bends that rule.

The first pieces of art in store were large sculpture pieces by Kelly Donahue (MFA, Ceramic Sculpture, AU). Donahue's biggest pieces, of intricately decorated people, are priced at \$2600. While the goal was food related art, the pieces feel like the fit the space and so they await a collector because Don-

ahue offered the work and Bennett accepted.

Pat O'Brien (Ayurvedic and Chinese Natural Medicine) has a painting of pears near the tea selection. The purple background and the strong greens and browns give those pears a sense of purpose.

Linda Handville made some ornaments by pressing leaves into clay (\$10) and also has some small brooches and pins in the store. More ceramic work is by Jess Detweiler (AU graduate). Her plates and mugs are nice but there is an olive oil ewer this deserves to be called perfect.

Crochet work breaks the rules twice. It's not local and not related to food. Katie Derr makes the things and she gets a pass because Bennett is her sister in law. They started with crochet dishcloths but when those went well, Derr sent a parcel of face scrubbers, wacky children's hats and scarves. Rules have to bend for family so if you need a green hat with huge, froggy eyes, hurry over.

On Monday there were only two full, lush, fresh wreaths left



Handcrafted items such as tables and bowls are in the Rogue Carrot. (Elaine Hardman Photo)



At the Rogue Carrot in Alfred, customers will find art mixed in with the foods. (Elaine Hardman Photo)

Living Healthy course starts in Jan.

WELLSVILLE—Ardent Solutions in conjunction with the Wellsville YMCA, invites community members to participate in the upcoming Living Healthy: Chronic Disease Self-Management Program. Living Healthy is an evidence-based program developed by Stanford Patient Education Research Center. Individuals living with heart disease, arthritis, diabetes, depression, asthma, emphysema and other physical and mental health conditions will benefit from the course and may result in an improved quality of life.

The upcoming Living Healthy course will be held from 1 to 3:30 p.m. every Tuesday beginning Jan. 12 to Feb. 16 at the Wellsville YMCA in Wellsville. There is a ten dollar registration fee to enroll in the program. To register for this program, please

call Ashley Gee, Administrative Assistant with Ardent Solutions at 585-593-5223, ext. 17, prior to Jan. 7.

in the store while several others are on doors throughout the area. In time for Christmas you can find green and red earrings and a stoneware utensil holder with a trumpeting angel on one side.

They aren't there yet but Bennett's college friend, an AU grad and current professor at the University of Utah, is sending some intricate porcelain strawberry pendants on chains. They are made by Lauren Gallospy and pictures will be posted at Facebook.com/theroguecarrot. That's a good way to keep informed on what is in the store.

My personal favorite painting is a watercolor of a basket of apples by Lindsey Heavner. Other watercolors are of chives and of blueberries. Framed and

ready to gift or keep, the prices range from \$75 to \$300.

Dean Hoover made the tables. He was a professor of mathematics at AU so likely many of the readers of *The Sun* know him. Other wood items are beautifully crafted cutting boards by Luke Voytas. He graduated from AU and is now the wood shop technician.

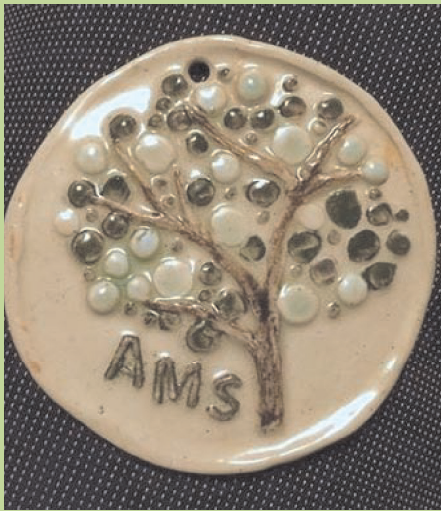
There are two locally made soaps. One, by Small Change Farms in Alfred, is sold in familiar bars for \$4.29. The other soap was made by Heather Joy who used a scan of her folded body to make a mold which she cast in soap. Nicely gift boxed, it sits on one of Hoover's tables.

Last, and in full disclosure, is my pottery and jewelry. My pot-

tery was first sold at the Wooden Shuttle by Mary Lou so it's kind of nice to round out my later years in the craft at the same location. Changed in color and one hopes quality, are mugs and bowls that clearly hold to both the food and the local rule. Bennett bent her rule a bit and took some stoneware cell phone amplifiers. When I started making pottery, we were all using rotary dial phones.

The Rogue Carrot is open weekdays from 10-6 and weekends 12-5. On Dec 24 there will be a sale on produce because the store will close for several days, likely until January 11. Again, the Facebook page has information or you may call 607-587-8840.

ALFRED MONTESSORI SCHOOL CERAMIC ORNAMENT SALE



The Alfred Montessori School has asked local artisan and friend of Montessori, Marcia Lichtman, to create an edition of 50 handmade ceramic ornaments to represent our school. These ornaments, measuring approximately 3 inches in diameter, are each handcrafted from clay and are light enough to be supported by a real tree. These ornaments will be made available to AMS families and friends for \$10 each, and will be ready in time for the holidays and gift giving.

ORNAMENTS ARE \$10 EACH. Checks can be made out to the Alfred Montessori School. This is an AMS fundraiser, to help keep our community school afloat! *Thanks for your support.*

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ALFRED STATE COLLEGE

Alfred hosts Cyber fun with 'Capture the Flag'

ALFRED—Students from four colleges put their cyber security skills to the test Dec. 6 at Alfred State during the ASIST Cyber Security Capture the Flag Competition.

Held in the Engineering Technology building on the Alfred campus, the event featured two teams from the State University of New York at Buffalo, one from Syracuse University, two from the Rochester Institute of Technology, and two from Alfred State. Each squad had five members.

During the competition, teams earned points for penetrating a network using cyber security penetrating applications. All of the networks were running on Alfred State's own virtual data center.

One of the goals was to set off a building fire alarm by hacking into a simulated IBM mainframe computer. Each network featured a real fire alarm that was rigged to ring if students were successful in penetrating the mainframe. Markus Hall, an applications software development major from Hornell, designed and built the fire alarms, which ran on a Raspberry Pi - a low-cost, credit-card-sized computer.

The competition, which was organized by Alfred State Information Security Team (ASIST) members, allowed participants to understand the technology and thought process of hackers, while also sharpening their security skills and learning new techniques. In the end, two teams from RIT took first and second place, with an Alfred State group coming in third, followed by Syracuse University in fourth.

Jim Boardman, assistant professor and chair of the Alfred State Computer and Information Technology Department, said the students "loved" the competition.

"Thanks to the hard work of our ASIST club, it was a giant success," he said.

Robert Symonds, a network administration major from Woodhull, agreed.

"The competition was really successful," he said. "It went very smoothly. I thought it was very challenging and I learned quite a bit about Linux computer systems and how to better safeguard networks in the future."

Conor Mitchell, ASIST president and a network administration major from Binghamton, said ASIST members had a great time organizing the event and received a lot of positive feedback afterward.

"I personally believe that a security professional in today's IT field cannot truly understand the defending of a network without first understanding how a network is attacked," he said. "Competitions like this really allow students to put themselves in the shoes of an attacker in a fun and educational way. Cyber security is not limited to just one IT discipline; it's all-encompassing. And I think that by allowing our students this opportunity and exposure, they become vastly more valuable in today's workforce."



Three Alfred State students, from left to right, Mitchell Skinner, network administration, Tonawanda; Riley Robbers, computer information systems, Almond; and Chris McCormick, cyber security, Henderson, NV, take part in the Dec. 6 ASIST Cyber Security Capture the Flag Competition.



Pictured from left are Adelaide Matteson; WINS Club President Stacy Duink, of Hamburg, a senior Bachelor of Architecture major; Shanley Keenan MacCrea; Elizabeth Parker, of Campbell, a senior Bachelor of Architecture major and WINS Club treasurer; and Heather Rogers Landis.

'Women in the Field' dinner held

ALFRED—The Alfred State Women In Non-traditional Studies (WINS) Club hosted its 23rd annual Women in the Field Dinner Nov. 12 in room 347 of the Engineering Technology Building on the Alfred campus.

WINS Adviser Professor Joy Carlson invited three female Alfred State graduates to campus to discuss their careers, give advice, and provide contact information to 24 current students. Speakers included Adelaide Matteson, who received a BS in construction management engineering technology from Alfred State in 2012, and is now project manager at Crane-Hogan Structural Systems in Spencerport; Shanley Keenan MacCrea, who earned an AS in engineering science from Alfred

State in 2006, a BS in aeronautical engineering from Clarkson University in 2008, an MS in mechanical engineering from Columbia University in 2012, and is now a product engineer at Dresser-Rand in Wellsville; and Heather Rogers Landis, who received a BS in architecture from Alfred State in 2008, an MArch from Syracuse University in 2011, and is currently employed at CJS Architects in Rochester.

The two main goals of WINS are to further the knowledge of women in male-dominated fields and to sponsor civic engagement/ fundraising projects, both locally and globally. WINS is open to all members of the Alfred State community, regardless of gender.

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A.E.Crandall Hook & Ladder Fire Company
Service and Activities



Fire Company hosts Senator Schumer, Santa Claus

By BECKY B. PROPHET
Of Crandall Hooks

November was an incredibly busy month for A. E. Crandall Hook and Ladder Company, your volunteer fire and ambulance company in Alfred! Given the number of calls we heartily encourage all of you to practice every good health and safety tip you know.

Ambulance calls for November, 2015—51: all but one of these was before Thanksgiving, making our average for more than three weeks of November, 2.2 patients per day.

Fire calls for November, 2015--25, broken down into 1

standby, 3 fires, and 21 automatic alarms.

On Nov. 26, the company gathered to meet Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY) to thank him for his efforts to fund Assistance to Firefighters Grants. During his time in our truck bays, Schumer called for an increase to this funding which supplies needed equipment to rural and volunteer fire companies.

Just a week-and-a-half later the community was invited to have breakfast with Santa! This annual event is A.E. Crandall's only fund raiser. Between the breakfast and the brown bag auction, the company raised

\$2,896.

The success of Breakfast with Santa comes from the hard work of the fire company members and also the hard work and kind donations of so many businesses and artists in the community we serve.

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ALFRED POLICE REPORT

Seventeen arrests made in Nov.

ALFRED—Alfred Police Chief Paul Griffith has released a list of arrests made during the month of November 2015 by the Alfred Police Department. They include:

--Luke H. Hinton, Blake C. Schuster, Luke J. Oshea and Sean-Isaac J. Robinson were arrested at 2:15 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 22 on West University Street, each charged with disorderly conduct.

--Chad C. Pledger was arrested at 12:50 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 22 in a parking lot on the Alfred University campus. He faces charges of open container violation, littering, 2nd degree obstruction of governmental administration, and resisting arrest.

--Laurissa S. Simon was arrested at 4:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19 at Alfred Village Hall, charged with endangering the welfare of a child.

--Mario Carlos Mir was arrested at 2:29 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19 on West University Street, charged with two counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell, and two counts of criminal sale of a controlled substance.

--Kyle J. Cheasman, as a result of an incident reported at 1:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, was arrested at the Alfred Police Station at 4:49 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16 and charged with 2nd degree assault with intent to cause serious injury and 2nd degree burglary.

--Nicholas S. Roberts was arrested at 12:50 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14 and charged with open container violation, resisting arrest and 2nd degree obstruction of governmental administration.

--Sean-Isaac V. Robinson was arrested at 12:36 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14 and charged with driving while intoxicated (1st offense) and operating a motor vehicle with blood alcohol content greater than .08%.

--Becky A. Johnson was arrested at 12:10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14 on South Main Street, charged with open container violation.

--Lucas John Rougeux and Paul D. Neri were arrested at 5:47 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12 at the Alfred Police Station, each charged with 5th degree criminal possession of stolen property, stemming from an incident that had occurred earlier that day at 4:38 p.m.

--Kristen A. Kinsella was arrested at 2:20 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 8 on South Main Street. She faces charges of operating a motor vehicle with blood alcohol content greater than .08%, driving while intoxicated (first offense), aggravated driving while intoxicated with blood alcohol content greater than .18%, driving wrong way on a one-way street, aggravated unlicensed operation and criminal possession of a controlled substance.

--Kevin M. Hollands was arrested at 11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 on Sayles Street, charged with open container violation.

--Lawrence P. Hentchel was arrested at 2:45 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 on North Main Street, charged with open container violation.

--Savannah A. Markajani was arrested at 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5 at the Alfred Police Station, charged with third degree possession of a forged instrument in connection with an incident first reported at 3:16 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 25.

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In The Alfred Sun 50, 25 and 10 Years Ago

Compiled By DAVID L. SNYDER

Alfred Sun Editor and Publisher

50 Years Ago, December 16, 1965

Alfred-Almond Central School will receive more than \$54,000 in federal aid under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, according to Supervising Principal Kenneth Clicquenoï. The administrator noted that the aid will be available under three titles of the act, designed to provide better schooling for educationally deprived children...

Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller announced today the construction will begin this week on a \$1.9 million Student Activities Building at the State University Agricultural and Technical College here. The Governor said that the contract has been awarded by the State University Construction Fund to L.A. Wenger Contracting Co., Inc., West Babylon, New York, for construction of the facility which is to be completed by the spring of 1967. Designed by John S. Burrows, Jr., White Plains, the Student Activities Building will contain a 14,000 square foot gymnasium, an indoor swimming pool with a separate spectator area, a performing arts and lecture theater, student government meeting rooms, and recreation areas. The Governor reported that a 50,000 volume capacity library and an administration building, which together cost \$1.3 million, were completed on the Alfred campus where a \$25-million expansion program is under way...

Three seniors and ten juniors were inducted into the Alfred-Almond chapter of the National Honor Society at an assembly held Thursday afternoon in the school gymnasium. The ceremonies were conducted by senior members of the society and their advisor, Miss Helen Thomas. Guest speaker was Dr. Lewis Butler, dean of the graduate school at Alfred University. Seniors chosen by a faculty committee for membership in the society were Jean Scholes, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. S.R. Scholes Jr., of Alfred; Patricia Mueller, daughter of Dean and Mrs. Edward E. Mueller of Alfred; Robert Randolph, son of Dr. and Mrs. Winfield F. Randolph of Alfred. Juniors selected were Lydia Poulin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Poulin of Alfred Station; Deborah Morgenfeld, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Morgenfeld of Almond; Catherine Clarke, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. David Clarke of Alfred; Lewis Butler, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Butler of Alfred; Aaron Rhodes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rhodes of Alfred Station. Also, Elizabeth Rulon, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Rulon of Alfred; Louise Clare, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Clare of Alfred Station; Brian Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Perry of Almond; Samuel Klingensmith, son of Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Klingensmith of Alfred; and Terry Palmiter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Palmiter of Alfred Station...

The appointment of Wilbur W. Rounds as Chief of Safety and Security at the Agricultural and Technical College here ends a 10-year career with the village for the veteran law enforcement officer. Chief Rounds was appointed Chief of the Alfred Police force in 1955 after serving two years as Chief of the Andover Police Department. He built the Alfred department from a one-man force to its present strength of five full-time officers in uniform and has had as many as seven officers in uniform for special occasions such as athletic events and fall registrations at the two local colleges. Chief Rounds established a formal police record keeping system for the village and also installed the department's own fingerprinting operation...

Alfredians—Dr. and Mrs. Burton Crandall called on their daughter, Mrs. Herbert Saunders at the Olean General Hospital Tuesday afternoon. And to greet their first grand child, Brian Eugene Saunders...Miss Marilyn Campbell of Boston, Mass. And Mrs. Robert Campbell and infant daughter, Heather Anne, of North Kingstown, R.I., are expected this weekend to spend the Christmas holidays with Dr. and Mrs. Robert M. Campbell...Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Saunders were Wednesday overnight guests of the Dr. Stephen Saunders family in Springville...Sherman Clarke is expected home tomorrow from New Paltz State University College for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ide were elected Matron and Patron of Kanakadea Chapter, No. 626, Order of Eastern Star, at a meeting held Wednesday in the lodge rooms. Other officers elected to assist them were Mrs. Walter Friend, associate matron; Walter Friend, associate patron; Mrs. Adell Jefferds, secretary; Mrs. Wayne Carter, treasurer; Mrs. William Hoskyns, conductress; Mrs. Al Tucker, associate conductress; Keith Palmiter, trustee for three years; and Robert Love, trustee for two years...

The Gothic Chapel was the scene of a candlelit ceremony on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m., when Miss Paula Marie Brown of Olean became the bride of Gerald W. Van Dyke Jr., of Belmont...She was given in marriage by her brother, Steven C. Brown of Belmont. Attending the couple were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Coon of Rochester... Jack C. Brown, brother of the bride, served as usher. Officiating was the Rev. Richard V. Bergren Jr., pastor of the Union University Church of Alfred...

Almond—Mr. and Mrs. Robin Murray and family have as their guest, Mrs. Murray's mother, Mrs. McAlpine, of Newfoundland...

25 Years Ago, December 20, 1990

The Alfred-Almond Central School District could lose as little as \$36,000 or as much as \$215,000 in state aid as a result of Governor Cuomo's Deficit Reduction Plan, Superintendent Diana Luellen told the school board at its Dec. 12 meeting. Mrs. Luellen reported that state and federal grant funds anticipated by the school district totaling \$95,173 had been frozen since October...

(Photo) Winning Posters—Kenny Craft, Seth Gregory and Kyle Lupo point out their winning posters for Alfred-Almond SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) President Mike Baker. The A-A chapter sponsored a week of activities aimed at increasing awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

Sunbeams—Among the Wellsville Art Association member show winners was Jill Darr Palmer, who placed 2nd and 3rd in pen and ink, and 2nd in pastel. She is married to Gary Palmer, son of Jack and Marilyn Palmer of Wellsville...Bruce Greene, high school art teacher at Alfred-Almond Central School, has been selected as a regional committee member of the 1991 New York Scholastic Art Awards program for junior and senior high school art students...Mr. and Mrs. Milo VanHall were luncheon guests Nov. 24 of H. Alan Dirlam and Esther at their home on Blue Lake, Mount Dora, FL. Mr. VanHall, retired dean at Alfred State College, was honored this past summer by the naming of the Alfred Tech Alumni House as the Milo Van Hall Alumni Center. The VanHalls live in Zephyrhills, FL...Chris Mattison, son of Reid and Phyllis Mattison of Wellsville, has begun his pastoral ministry at the Bell Seventh Day Baptist Church in Salemville, PA. He and his wife Becky and daughter Becky have settled into their new home in Woodbury, PA...Pamela S. Link has been named Alfred University photographer, succeeding Bruce A. Taylor, a five-year employee of the University, who is relocated to New Hampshire...

Irving (Moon) Mullen, 90, of 97 South Main Street, Almond, died Monday, Dec. 17, 1990 at his home. Born July 18, 1900, in Whites Corners, Potter County, PA to Frank and Alma Horning Mullen, he was married June 29, 1923 in Coudersport, PA to the former Bess Empson, who survives. A former resident of the Town of Alfred, had had resided in Almond for the past 42 years. In earlier years he was an auto mechanic and had been employed by the former Rogers Machine Shop. He was a blacktop foreman for A.L. Blades and Sons of Hornell for 24 years, retiring in 1970. A member of the Hornell Lodge B.P.O.E., he also was a member of the Hornell Association, and the Hornell Erie F.O.E. An avid gardener, he had raised peacocks for several years. Survivors in addition to his wife are three daughters, Onalee Robinson of Gulf Breeze, FL, Wilma Root and Marie Changose, both of Almond; five sons, Harlan, Robert, Alvah and Roger, all of Almond, and James of Scio; 28 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; one great-great granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews...

Students at the Lighthouse Christian Training Center will present the Christmas musical "The Case of the Missing Christmas" at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21 at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship Church on Randolph Road, Alfred. The public is invited to attend free of charge and to view an art exhibit of the students' work. Refreshments will be served following the program. The play, directed by Craig Mix, administrator at LCTC, focuses on some students' discovery that the porcelain Christ Child is missing from their manger scene. In their search, they learn that it's not how one celebrates but Who one celebrates that makes Christmas meaningful. Jason Burdick of Alfred will play the part of detective "Joe Thursday" (almost Joe Friday) while Jeremiah Patton of Alfred Station will be his sidekick, Frank. Playing the parts of the students are Jenny Schwenn, Michael and David Knight, all of Andover, Krista Burdick of Alfred, Jessica Sands of Belmont and Courtney Hinds of Greenwood. Ron Mason, Bethany and Rachel Gardner,

all of Alfred, will be angels; Jordan Snyder of Alfred Station, Brendan Kraft of Hornell and Michael McMullen of Canisteo will be shepherds; and Heather Snyder of Alfred Station, Matthew Snyder of Alfred, and Matthew Thompson of Arkport will be the wise men. Matthew and Zechariah Mitchell, Sean McManus, all of Hornell, Daniel and Matthew Schwenn of Andover, Tim Meacham and Nat Gardner of Alfred and Chelsea Snyder of Alfred Station will be joggers. Frank Knight of Andover and Mary Beth Hoyer of Wellsville are sound technicians.

10 Years Ago, December 15, 2005

(Photo) Burdick Retiring—The Alfred Town Board, following its Dec. 8 meeting, honored Town Highway Superintendent Doug Burdick, who will retire effective Dec. 31 after having served as highway superintendent since January 1986. Pictured are Deputy Supervisor Tom Mansfield, Councilman Tim Koegel, Supervisor Alan Burdick, Doug Burdick, and Councilman Walt Czworka.

Philips Lighting of Bath has provided new lamps for the lamp posts along Main Street in Alfred. These lamps are one of the latest developments produced at the Bath lighting plant. Previous lamps were of the standard high-pressure sodium type, which are subject to a problem known in the industry as "cycling." Over time, some of the sodium vapor, which produces the golden color, is lost into the ceramic arc tube, causing the lamp voltage to increase, which shuts the lamp off. Shortly after cooling, the lamp would re-ignite until the lamp voltage then shuts the lamp off again. Individual lamps with this problem come on, then go off, then come on again all night long. The new lamps by Philips eliminate the "cycling" problem as well as promising a longer rated lamp life...The non-cycling high-pressure sodium lamps are ideal for street and roadway lighting, parking lots and garages, warehouses, and manufacturing facilities where lower maintenance costs are desired. Commercial lamps will be available after the first of the year in 2006. Why Alfred? "Alfred is known for its ceramics so it should be one that benefits from this ceramic technology," says Tom Steere of Almond, one of the developers of the lamp. "Besides, living close to Alfred gives me a chance to eke an eye on how they perform in the field."

Alfred University's Crandall Health Center has gained accreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care. What that means for Alfred University is that the center "has passed a series of rigorous and nationally recognized standards for the provision of health care, set by the Accreditation Association," explained Rosetta Brown-Greaney, director of Crandall Health Center since 1998...

Alfred University has announced the appointment of Jason Lockner as the University's new men's lacrosse coach. He replaces Preston Chapman, who resigned this fall after seven seasons at AU to take the head men's lacrosse coaching job at Elmira College. Lockner comes to Alfred University from Alfred State College, where he had been the men's lacrosse coach since 1997...

(Photo) Former Alfred resident Doug Hitchcock, who now lives in the Florida Keys, was pictured in a Florida newspaper rescuing his cat in the aftermath of Hurricane Wilma. The son of Robert O. Hitchcock, now of Haines City, FL, Doug is a concrete inspector for the State of Florida and also is a part-time radio announcer.

The Alfred-Alfred Station Community Chest Drive has received pledges for just over 83% of our 2005 goal of \$34,650...We are about \$6,000 short of this year's goal...

(Photo) Four members of the Allegany Artisans—Russ Allen, Elaine Hardman, Laurie Johnson and Betsey Orlando—stepped outside of their studios to share another form of art when they performed in A Joyous Noel: A Christmas Concert at the Congregational Church in Wellsville on Sunday, Dec. 11. Three Allegany Artisans are members of the Genesee Valley Chorus, directed by Jack Darr...

Area residents are invited to join together for the annual "Carols in the Park" this Saturday evening, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Almond Village Park. Carol singing around a bonfire with cocoa and cookies will highlight the occasion. This is the third year that the Almond Community Committee has hosted this event, according to Randy Gillette, Almond Town Clerk. Others assisting with the event are: Almond Highway Superintendent Paul Drum, who will prepare the containers to house the bonfires. Area ladies will furnish cocoa and cookies, and Randy Gillette is in charge of setting up the sound system. Song sheets and guitar accompaniment will be provided by Alfred-Almond Bible Church. Lee A. Ryan will lead the singing...

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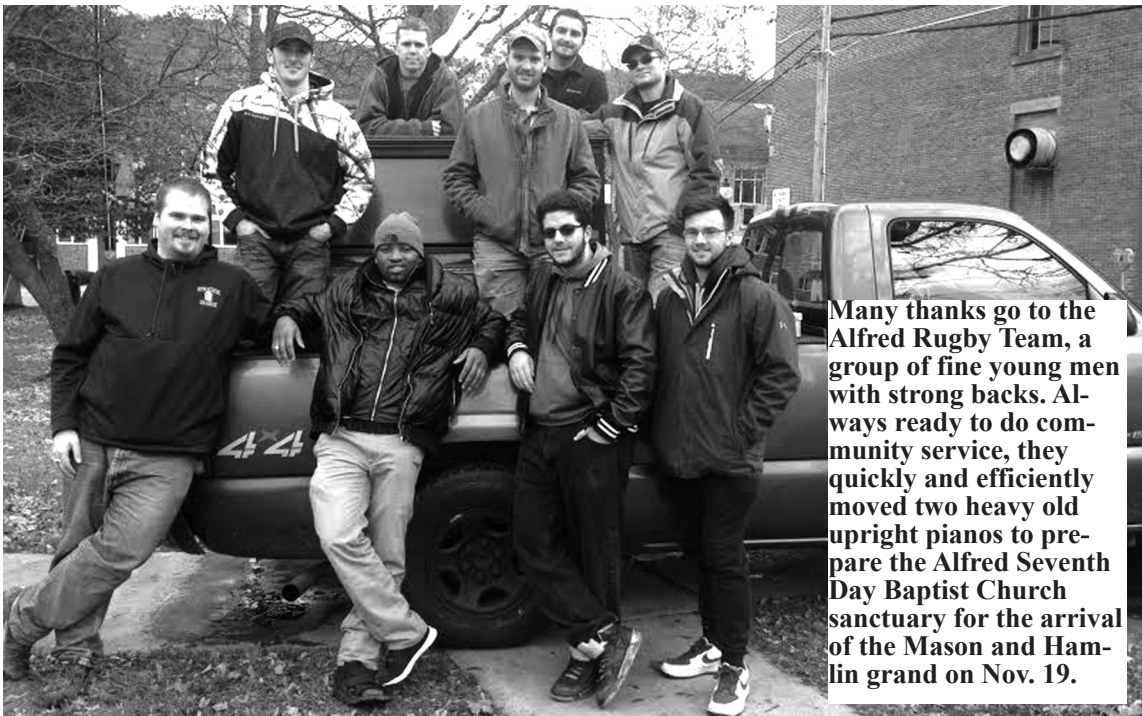
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More generous people to thank...

By LAUREL BUCKWALTER
Special to the Alfred Sun

ALFRED—The Piano Project now has far exceeded expectations. It is truly amazing what great people live in Alfred, or used to live in Alfred!

Here are some more people to thank since my report a month ago: Joanne Droppers, formerly of Alfred, and now in Lynn, MA; Mary Ann Whittemore of Littleton, NC, friends of Vern and Sharon Burdick and an AU alum, and Lawrence and Camille Harris from Mars Hill, NC, who gave in memory of Rev. Everett and Clara Harris

and Burdet Crofoot and Leah Crofoot Saunders.

A quick Google search shows strong ties to Alfred. Lawrence and Leah Camille, both AU '58, were wed in the Alfred SDB Church with Rev. Harris, AU '31, father of the groom and pastor of the Alfred Church, officiating at the ceremony.

Burdet and Leah also were both members of the Alfred S.D.B. Church. I want to note that I recently found out that the contribution given from the Ribers was to be from Julia, David and Dennis Ribers, in memory of Sue Bergren, a re-

markable woman who influenced many in Alfred.

I am more than thrilled to report that all expenses have been paid: piano, moving, dolly, humidistat, cover and tuning, with a little left in a fund for any future repairs, tuning and upkeep. If you are feeling bad because you intended to give and missed your chance, please don't. Save that money for an organ fundraiser that will be coming in fall 2016!

We may be a very small town, but we can have great music from quality musical instruments! Thanks to all of you!

Church invites all to Advent events

ALFRED STATION—Your friends and neighbors at the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church, "A 3 C church: Connect-Care-Community" are entering the Season of Advent. Advent is that season of the year which in the tradition of the 'Christian Liturgical Calendar leading to the celebration of the birth of the Jesus Christ on December 25. The following events will occur during the Advent Season and you and your family are meant to be a part.

Advent Season

•Sabbath (Sat.) Dec. 19 4th Sabbath in Advent Sabbath of Love Sermon: "The Attitude of Salvation" Isaiah 52:6-8 "Here I Am."

--4 p.m. Community Christmas Musical "It all happened in the Country" followed by Dish to

Pass Christmas Dinner.

• Friday, Dec. 25 3 p.m. "Christmas Day Service" Remembering the birth of Jesus.

The Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church Meetinghouse is located at 587 Route 244 Alfred Station. The campus is located down from Alfred Station Post Office, Alfred Station Fire Hall, Robert Lawrence Trucking, Canacadea Country Store, Baker's Bridge Antiques, Alfred Counseling Center and Acupuncture and Herb Clinic. You can find the Meetinghouse located up from The Bicycle Man, Alfred Town Offices, Hi-Tech Ceramics, Way to Gro, and Alfred Knitting Studios. Your friends and neighbors hope you will join them this Advent Season. For more information call the church office at 607-587-9176.

Four churches offer Christmas Eve service at Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church

ALFRED—For many, Christmas Eve is the beginning of family coming together for Christmas. It is also a time for you and your family to focus on the reason for the Christmas Celebration.

On Christmas Eve at 7:30 p.m. four churches from the Alfred community offer you and your family a chance to focus on the birth of Jesus and with that birth "God with us," Emmanuel, became a reality.

The Christmas Eve Service will be held at the meetinghouse of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred on Church Street. The theme of this year's Christmas Eve Service is "Christmas Peace." Of course the time together concludes with the sharing of the light through a congregational lighting of candles while we touch heaven in the singing of "Silent Night."

Please come and bring your family as a must beginning of Christmas Day. For further information please call 607-587-9176.

Community Christmas Eve Choir will hold rehearsal Sunday, Dec. 20

ALFRED—Do you have the gift of Choral music? Do you love to sing? Do you want to help a congregation gathered on Christmas Eve focus on the birth of Jesus as the reason for the Christmas Celebration? Are you 7th grade through adult? Then you are exactly the person who we need on Dec. 24 at the annual Alfred Area Christmas Eve Service.

You are invited to sing in the Community Christmas Eve Choir.

The Choir rehearsal is scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec 20 in the sanctuary of the meetinghouse of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred.

The Choir will rehearse the Christmas Eve Anthem "Let There Be Peace On Earth." The Choir will also sing with the Hand Chime Choir in a presentation of "May The Peace of the

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For the Birds...

By BETSY BROOKS
Alfred Sun Columnist



The Allegany County Bird Club's Dec. 4 celebration of our 50th anniversary was an evening to remember!

We started with a wonderful "dish-to-pass" supper, with creative dishes from some of Allegany County's best cooks, supplemented with delicious "beef on 'week," specially requested by our speaker for the evening, Dr. Kim Bostwick, who grew up in Alfred.

Kim's program combined wonderful images of her doctoral research on Club-winged Manakins which was featured in *National Geographic* in May 2012 and her concern about global warming and the need for individual and international action.

She currently is Senior Scientist for Public Engagement with BirdNote, where she is using her scientific literacy and biological perspective to translate climate science and its implications for bird-loving audiences.

For me, the anniversary was bitter sweet and brought memories of so many people active in the bird club for so many years, but are no longer with us.

They include Lou and Doris Burton, Margaret and Clarence Klingensmith, Katherine Palmer, Norm Ives, Erma Larsen, Sean Phelan, and so many others who were such a strong influence on my life.

There were wonderful hikes along the WAG trail, and the 1980 New York State Atlas project, and trips to Cape May Bird

Observatory, Long Point Bird Observatory, Hawk Mountain, Montezuma Wildlife Refuge and so many of the most interesting bird-centered places to visit.

May the bird club continue for another fifty years!

Meanwhile, Dick was packing the car for the trip to Bay City, Texas, where our RV is waiting for us at Bert's RV Park. We left Alfred on Sunday morning, Dec. 6 with Smiley snug in his space between boxes and suitcases on the back seat. He's always been a good traveler but finding dog-friendly motels along the way could be a challenge.

And I am getting a real thrill tomorrow...I've been invited to participate with some of my Bay City friends in the famous Matagorda Audubon Christmas bird count...the count that often wins the prize for the most species found in any of the hundreds of Christmas counts done.

Stay tuned for our adventures and mis-adventures on the road this winter and keep your feeders full!

INDOOR PLANTS

Is it a Thanksgiving Cactus or is it a Christmas Cactus?

By TERESA HAAS

Master Gardener,

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Now that the outdoor growing season has wound down, my gardening efforts have turned to caring for all the house plants that have spent the summer outdoors in sun and shade. Some of the oldest indoor plants I have had are also my favorites, the holiday cactuses.

It may surprise you that the plant variety sold as a Christmas cactus at this time of year is actually the Thanksgiving cactus. Although both are species of the *Schlumbergera* (S.) genus of cacti, the Thanksgiving cultivar is *S. truncata*, while the Christmas one is *S. buckleyi*. Both types are epiphytic plants, those that grow on trees in high humidity and shade, such as in a tropical forest.

They have distinct characteristics that will help you identify which one you may have bought or inherited from a friend. The Thanksgiving cacti "leaves" are actually flattened stem segments (phylloclades) that have points along their length, giving them a crab-claw appearance.

The flowers are zygomorphic (asymmetrical) and bent upward



Photo from the morgue of a Thanksgiving or Christmas Cactus?

at the ovary, so that they grow out in horizontal fashion from the usually erect branches. The Christmas cactus stem segments do not have points but rather scalloped edges, the flowers are actinomorphic (symmetrical) and do not bend between the tube and ovary, thus having a pendant appearance.

The Thanksgiving cactus usually blooms about a month before the Christmas cactus. Both species will produce flowers throughout the late winter and early spring months.

To keep your cactus blooming throughout the season, provide them with bright, indirect light; slightly cool temperatures during the day of 65-70 degrees and, at night, 60-65 degrees. The soil should be watered well when the first inch feels dry to the touch and then drained of excess standing water.

With a minimum amount of care, you can enjoy one of the best gifts to brighten your winter day - the beautiful blooms of a Thanksgiving or Christmas cactus.

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Another thought: you know it's a small town when the clerk in the country store knows what kind of candy your children bought there ten years ago.

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POWER OF GOODNESS

There's some news about Power of Goodness. At Power-of-Goodness.info, interested persons can see the global story pool and children's art. The English-language book is in review for publication on March 31, 2016. Those who make a donation of \$25 or more to Power of Goodness right now, a Limited Edition, Advance Copy of The Power of Goodness: Art and Stories for a Culture of Peace will be sent to you. It's a great

book for your home, school, college, clinic or library or for a gift to others. You can also like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter! Area residents are invited to either donate on the website or send a check to Power of Goodness, 90 W. University St., Alfred, NY 14802.

AT OPERA CENTER

Houghton College senior Tim McGowan '16, a vocal performance major, performed with the Opera Breve Vocal Intensive at the National Opera Center in New York City this past Nov. 15.

GAS PRICES DROP

Average retail gasoline prices in Rochester have fallen 2.6 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.20/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 319 gas outlets in Rochester. This compares with the national average that has fallen 1.7 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.01/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

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THE LITTLE GALLERY, ARTS AND ANTIQUES

Sales at Wellsville business to benefit Comfort House

By ELAINE HARDMAN
Alfred Sun Reporter

WELLSVILLE: Changes are happening at 21 E State Street in Wellsville as Cal and Barb Graves launch a project to support the Hart Comfort House.

Years ago this building was Wellsville Electric but Barb Graves changed a cold warehouse into an oasis of pretty creating a salon with makeup and massage rooms.

Tammi's Floral Expressions occupied the rear of the building but, in November, the flower shop moved so Barb Graves decided to open the newly-free space to local artists and collectors with the stipulation that a portion of all sales would go to Hart Comfort House.

Enter at the front of LaGra Salon and walk to the back on

the left side of the salon. French doors open into a showroom where I noticed the sound of bubbling water in a small fountain on the left. The fountain is surrounded by things arranged there by Jayni Marie Day, Massage Therapist at LaGra. Day is also a painter and offers salt and pepper shakers painted with flowers for \$7.55 and hand painted wine glasses for \$12.50.

Day was one of the first to set up an area in the store that is now three times the size it was that first day. Cal Graves says that the store "fills the space" but he might say it fills his days since he is the chief painter, maintenance worker and lighting department. On Sunday, he'll hang a new sign outside.

The store has been named The Little Gallery, Arts and Antiques



21 East State Street in Wellsville

and is open only during salon hours. Payment can be made by check or cash at the Salon reception desk.

Barb Graves saw the space as an opportunity to invite people to market handmade work in Wellsville. She wanted to give craftspeople and artisans a place to sell their goods and not feel they were intruding on the artisan by going to their homes though many area artisans are happy to offer hours by appointment.

As things took shape she changed her plan adding antiques as well as mass produced items that some people had from other sales experiences. She choose the participants and asked them to support Hart Comfort House.

Walking more through the store, I found purses by Ellen Scott of Cuba. With myriad sizes, styles and with no shortage of colors, the purses are proving popular.

Zach and Heather of Dark Hollow Woodworks brought in some of their huge wooden flowers. I'm sure you've seen

them on barns and houses in the county but did you know they also make tables, often using treadle sewing machine legs as the base? Don't miss the tables because they are holding some of Betsy Orlando's dolls and mittens. It's easy to be distracted by what is on the table and not notice that the tables themselves are for sale.

Just for December, there are CDs by Richard Wintergarden for sale. They were donated by Bob Knudson with the entire \$10 price going to Hart Comfort House.

Antiques are sprinkled throughout: glassware, a nifty ice cream scoop, a gorgeous old Singer sewing machine made into a lamp by a local cabinet-maker, cozily rusty metal ware and more.

Karen Dickerson has some original art framed and for sale. Original acrylics or water colors are works made by having the artist apply the color to the very paper at hand one brush stroke at a time. Dickerson, Tracy Hetzel and David Dean offer prints. Prints are copies of original

work that are often signed and numbered but can have lower prices since they hadn't spent tens of hours under the artist's hands.

I was taken by the weaving of Zachary Riggs. He works with cotton, alpaca and acrylic to make dish towels, scarves, rugs, and table runners. While I was there someone purchased a cotton scarf and I bought hand woven dish towels.

Jacob Riggs put some of his wooden swords for Renaissance Fairs in the store where you can also find handmade greeting cards.

Jim Horn's pins are in the back. Horn is retiring from pin making so if you need goofy teeth, striped snowmen, kicky cowboy boots or sassy alligators, hurry over.

On the way out grab some honey from Dry Brook Road in Scio and consider something from Sue Johnson. She made necklaces from old ties, quilted wall hangings and has a parliament of decorative owls.

Chez Shaye has cut some old books into letter shapes and made some into clocks. She also made baby bibs and kid sized aprons. Another Wellsvillian assembled beads and such into earrings, bracelets and necklaces.

Wellsville is home to several potters and the store has mugs, bowls and a cookie jar. Food safe and happy in the microwave or dishwasher, this wheel-thrown pottery can serve a family well for decades.

Shop locally. Support the Hart Comfort House. Make people super happy with one of a kind gifts and support Hart Comfort House. (The Little Gallery: Arts and Antiques on Facebook, closed Sunday)

Letter to the editor continued

(Continued from Page 4)

and computer software and hardware. The ECAA requires that school districts consult parents, teachers, and all those involved in our children's education to be active participants in the planning process. We need to be included in the planning and implementation process for programs that will shape the future of our children and help ensure their success. The bill looks to improve not only their academic success but their health and well-being too. The bill will provide funds to improve early childhood education and ensure homeless youth also have access to services.

In a report released in November by the state School Boards Association and the state Association of School Psychologists six in 10 school psychologists said the Common Core learning standards, which includes state exams for students in third through eighth grades each April, has increased students' anxiety.

"This report should make all education stakeholders—from state policymakers to local teachers to parents—aware of the profound impact that they can have, both positive and negative, on student test anxiety," Timothy Kremer, executive director of the School Boards Association, said in a statement. With the opportunity for states to have more control over the implementation of Common Core standards, we need to remain vigilant participants in the mandates our state sets for our schools.

Local funds often account for the largest share of financial aid, particularly in more affluent districts. In poorer districts, the state typically picks up most of the tab. According to a 2013 report from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, New York spends more money per pupil on education than any other state, but only three quarters of students graduate high school, and less than half of them are prepared for college or a career.

It is vital that we continue to work with legislators and our school districts to keep the funding stream open while continually improving the services offered to our students. We need to provide the necessary resources to teachers to help them increase the number of students achieving success and becoming contributing members in society.

Educational decisions are best made at the state and local level. This bill continues to mandate testing. Despite the federal government's lack of success in K-12 education, this bill even extends Washington's reach into pre-K programs. We need to encourage Congress to work with the next president to develop a bill that truly restores authority over education to states, school districts, and parents.

As a graduate student in Social Work, I have researched this topic and firmly believe we need to continue to encourage our legislators to continue their support for ECAA, but with more control over testing, teacher evaluations, and program implementation at the state and local levels.

Kelly Bracken
Almond



Wolf Cub Scouts build and grow at Lowes

On Saturday, Dec. 12, the Wolf scouts from Pack 1026 visited Lowe's of Hornell for a Build and Grow session where they built wooden trains. Pictured from left to right are Ryan Washburn, Micah McClain, Lucas Stearns, Landis Stearns, Ally Goho, and Will Deninger (missing due to tonsillectomy, Matt Goho).

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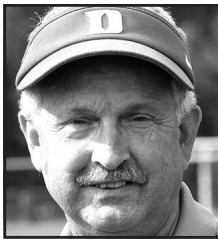
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The Dugout

By DOUG LOROW
Alfred Sun Sports Columnist
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It is time for the annual glut of college football bowl games, this year complete with teams "rewarded" with a slot, with a nifty (5-7) slate! Too many bowl games? Over Thanksgiving weekend my crack research team of daughter, Lauren and Jess Herbst figured I'm at 68.3% correct on these over the years. Thought for sure above 70! So, in order, my "expert" selections:

Celebration - Alcorn State over NC A&T. What?

New Mexico in Albuquerque, home of "The Bookworm" from A-A, Arizona tops the home team.

Las Vegas - Utah over BYU, 50-48. What are these two schools doing here?

Camellia - Ohio, not Ohio State, nips App State.

Cure - Georgia State over San Jose State. Mo Lester still at Georgia State?

New Orleans - Louisiana Tech at home.

Miami Beach - Western Kentucky stuns home team!

Idaho Potato - Utah State. Akron?

Boca Raton - the (Hoot Owls) from Temple.

Poinsettia - Boise State rolls.

GoDaddy - Chud says to take Bowling Green.

Bahamas - Western Michigan.

Hawaii - San Diego State.

St. Pete's - Marshall as Jake and Scum in attendance but not Our Man Frank.

(Alfred) Sun - Washington State over the "U."

Dallas - Washington state rules!

Pinstripe - the Blue Devils from Duke.

Indy - the Hokies for Coach Beamer.

Foster Farms - the UCLA Bruins!

Military - have to go with Navy over Pitt.

Quick Lane - Central Michigan in Detroit.

Armed Forces - the Air Force, of course.

Russell - North Carolina as Baylor out of QB's.

Arizona - Nevada, who cares?

Texas - LSU stops home team.

Birmingham - Memphis over disappointing Auburn.

Belk - Mississippi State cruises.

Music City - the Cards of Louisville.

Holiday - USC Trojans in virtual home game.

Peach - Florida State as "Seeki" heads to game.

Outback - Northwestern but A-A trio sleeping in.

Citrus - Michigan over "no offense" Florida.

Fiesta - Notre Dame and Ohio State. Great matchup! Stu & Waffle said Irish, Sayre & crew in Clinton say Buckeyes. Go with Ohio State.

Rose - Stanford as they were playoff worthy.

Sugar - Oklahoma State.

TaxSlayer - what? Georgia.

Liberty - Arkansas.

Alamo - the Ducks from Oregon are hot!

Cactus - Arizona State.

And in the playoffs, Oklahoma over Clemson, Alabama beats Michigan State and ... roll Tide roll.

HITS AND MISSES:

A-A grad "Hilly" Moses was at the Golden State-Boston Celtics NBA double OT game on Friday nite. Sitting behind Julian Edelman of the NE Patriots, of course.

My sister Robin and her daughter, Kristina were at the Pittsburgh Steelers-Cincinnati Bengals NFL game on Sunday. A loss by the Bengals who also lost their QB to injury.

Mark Stuckey and Barb ... my ex-wife, were at the Green Bay game with Dallas in town. The Packers rolled.

A great Florida weekend in the books! Got to Tampa on Friday nite, headed to downtown St.Pete's after that. Golf on Saturday at Rocky Point. Yours truly - 99, Taft - 100, Frank - 103, Scummer - still counting! Sunday it was off to the TB Bucs game for Frank, Taft, myself and a surprise Steelers fan. New Orleans prevails. Monday was golf at Clearwater CC for Taft - 96 and me - 98. Great weather, awesome weekend !!

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AU SPORTS ROUNDUP

AU drops 83-75 game at Buff State

BUFFALO—Alfred University sophomore Dalton Cousin (Vernon-Verona-Sherrill) scored a career-high 22 points in the Saxon men's basketball team's 83-75 loss at Buffalo State on the road on Saturday afternoon.

In addition to setting a career mark in scoring, Cousin also eclipsed his mark in rebounds with eight. Prior to the game on Saturday, he had collected five rebounds in two games this season. Sophomore Nick Schmidt (Olean) and junior Tyler Seelman (Lorton, VA/Hayfield Secondary) also helped pace the Saxon offense with 18 and 17 points, respectively. Seelman added a team-high three assists in the matchup.

In the first half the Bengals jumped out to an early lead in the 18th minute and refused to let go the remainder of the game. By half time Buff State held a 10-point lead on the Saxons behind 40.5% shooting from the field.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

A-A, Andover boys meet on court

ALMOND-The Alfred-Almond boys basketball team (2-4) hosted the Andover Panthers (3-1) Tuesday night in a rare meeting of the one-time Allegany County foes. The two teams will meet again in Andover on Jan. 14.

Back in the 1970s, when A-A competed in the Allegany County League, the Eagles and Panthers met on the hardwood regularly. Since A-A went to competing in the Steuben League decades ago, a basketball matchup of the neighboring schools has been infrequent at best.

The Eagles opened their 2015 season with a 55-30 win over host Bradford in the Bradford Tournament Nov. 27 with Levi Bayus leading the way, scoring 15 points.

A-A fell to Avoca in the championship game the next night, 44-38. Noah Holmok and Dustin Kinnaird each had 10 points for the Eagles.

Facing Steuben League rival Jasper-Troupsburg on Dec. 1 at A-A, the Eagles fell, 54-35, despite Kinnaird scoring 12 points.

A-A hosted traditional Steuben League power Prattsburgh Dec. 4 and suffered a 59-48 setback to fall to 1-3 on the season. Holmok hit for 16 points, while Alec Gray scored 13 points in a losing effort.

The Eagles got their second win of the season by



NICK SCHMIDT

The Saxons (4-3, E8 0-0) now head Reading, PA for the Albright College Tournament Dec. 29. Coach Phillips and his squad will take on Albright College in the opening round at 4 p.m.

outplaying Arkport-Canaseraga on Dec. 8, 41-30. Holmok hit for 11 points while Kinnaird scored 9 points in the win. Hearing that Arkport likely didn't have enough players for a team this season, Canaseraga invited the Bluejays to join forces. Canaseraga, after many years competing in the Steuben County League, switched back to the Allegany County League a few years ago so the joint squad competes in the Allegany County League.

Andover off to 3-1 start

Allegany County is where Andover has always competed and the Panthers are off to a 3-1 start for Coach John Dougherty. Andover defeated Belfast 62-40 in its opener on Dec. 4, suffered a 51-48 loss to an unbeaten Whitesville team on Dec. 7, defeated Hinsdale 60-46 on Dec. 11 and rolled over Bradford, 77-33 on Dec. 14.

Against Belfast, Dakota Whitesell netted 20 points with Dakota Gavin and Patrick Austin each adding 12 points.

Hunter Green led all scorers with 19 points in the Panthers' win over Hinsdale. Austin added 16 and Whitesell 12.

Against Bradford, Whitsell scored 27 points while Ryan Sampson added 10 and Austin 8.

ALFRED STATE SPORTS ROUNDUP

Pioneer men split last two games

Men's Basketball: 3-9

The Pioneers split their final two games of the 2015 portion of their season. They lost a hard fought 84-83 contest vs. Houghton and defeated SUNY ESF 88-69.

Quadrille Roberts (Rochester/Franklin) led the way with 40 points this week. He was 11 for 21 from beyond the three-point arc. D'ondre Davis (Brooklyn/William Grady) added 27 points and 16 boards, Tyrone Davis (Brooklyn/Benjamin Banneker) passed out 13 assists, grabbed nine boards, and had eight steals, and Tyler Elliott (Perry) chipped in 15 points and 11 boards.

The Pioneers shot 47.6% from the field this week and connected on 14 three-pointers. They also held a 84-79 advantage on the boards.

The Pioneers return to action on January 6th when they travel to Keuka.

Women's Basketball: 1-9

The Lady Pioneers fell in their final three contests of the 2015 portion of their season, 80-59 vs. Buffalo State, 52-36 vs. Houghton, and 92-35 at Fredonia.

Joselyn Johnson (Geneva) led the team with 22 points on the week. She also grabbed 21 rebounds. Breana Gleaton (Waldorf, MD) chipped in 19 points and 16 rebounds this week while Kelly Kane (Wellsville) had 18

points and 23 boards.

The blue & gold are back in action on January 6th when they travel to Keuka.

Swimming: Men 2-1, Women 1-2

The swimming team had the week off and returns to action on January 23rd when they host Pitt-Bradford.

Indoor Track & Field:

The indoor track & field team had the week off and returns to action on January 16th when they travel to RIT.

Wrestling: 1-2

Ryan Thierman (Portville), Brad Haggerty (Wellsville), and John Lauretti (Seaford) earned victories as Alfred State opened

up the home portion of their season vs. Niagara CCC on Tuesday. The Thunderwolves earned the 33-15 victory in a match featuring the two long-time rivals.

Thierman got the Pioneers on the board with a pin of Josh Griswood in 1:24 at 125 lbs. At 184, Haggerty used a late rally to force overtime and then earned the 11-9 victory with a quick move in the opening seconds of extra time. Lauretti followed up Haggerty's performance with a pin of Anthony Liberatore in 1:18 in the 197 lb. match.

The Pioneers are back in action on January 9th at the Brock-

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