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During a summer trip to Austin, Texas, pausing to read their favorite hometown paper, the Alfred Sun, are (from left) Carol Onoda, Sandy Greiff, Judy Samber, Barb Greil, and former Alfred resident Carol Reed. They had just enjoyed a wonderful lunch at Ruby's B-B-Q in Austin featuring authentic and organic beef brisket, served with slices of good old Wonderbread!



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# Marcellus Shale: ecological aspects of hydrofracing

By **ELAINE HARDMAN**  
*Alfred Sun Reporter*  
ADDISON--On Tuesday, Dec. 7 Brent Chedzey spoke about gas land leases at Addiston School. At the same meeting, Jim Grace, Cornell Cooperative Extension agent in Steuben County, gave a presentation touching on financial, geological and ecological aspects of the complicated agenda of horizontal hydrofracing. Steuben and Allegany County are located over the northern edge of the Marcellus Shale. The

edge of the formation is not as deep as the center so there is less gas present. The gas in the rock is not in pockets or pools but in bubbles throughout. The rock has to be drilled into and then blown to gravel to release the deposits. Grace said that there is a lot of confusion over the types of wells. A conventional gas well, drilled into a single, contiguous pocket of gas, takes 2-4 weeks to drill and costs a few million. Hydrofracing (or gasfracking) a horizontal well requires 4-6

weeks and about 3 times the money. Horizontal wells are drilled down about a mile and then the drill is turned to drill horizontally away from the well site on the ground. It can go another mile or more in the horizontal phase. After drilling a conventional well, the gas is pumped out. After drilling a horizontal well, 3 to 5 million gallons of chemical fortified water is trucked to the site and pumped down the well. The water pressure cracks shale to release gas. Between

10% and 60% of that water is recovered and then stored in plastic lined vats or sent by truck to be "reclaimed". Among the chemicals in the water are acids to dissolve rock, biocides to kill bacteria, corrosion inhibitors to keep pipes open, iron control agents to keep rust from building up, a cross linker to change viscosity of the water, a gel agent to make the water flow and a few other agents and chemicals not indigenous to well water. All of these toxins are in the reclaimed water and many people have said that an area where hydrofracking is done should have a special water treatment facility that is capable of removing and dealing with these industrial chemicals. (Of course, someone would have to pay for that.) Right now most water treatment facilities remove particulate material and kill microscopic organisms. Heavy metals and acids flow through. When reverse osmosis has been tried to clean the water, the additives destroy the filters so that's not the answer. Ohio is dealing with the water by pumping it into underground wells and reservoirs. New York does not have the geological equivalent of these structures. The water also contains NORM, a friendly sounding word that means Normally Occurring Radio Active Material. While it may occur normally in the rock a mile down, the process brings the NORM to the surface with recovered water. Some towns have not allowed their water to be used like this so a new process was developed – gasfracking. LNG is treated with the same chemical cocktail and sand and pumped into the ground. When the stuff returns to its gaseous state it creates pressure to crack the rock. In gasfracking, 98% of the gas pumped in is reclaimed when the gas in the rocks is collected. Gasfracking does not involve the transport and use of oceans of water but it does still turn a shale formation into small bits thus allowing for the contamination of aquifers. When people lease their land to the gas companies, workers move in and build drilling pads. These occupy about 5 acres and are the center of the noise, air and light pollution for the project. One pad might have 10 wells on it. Grace suggested that if a hydrofracing project moves into an area, each homeowner should have a water test done. A trained, third party, technician should collect and transport the water to the testing facility to establish a baseline of the chemical composition of that water. It should cost between \$500 and \$700 per test – a process that should be done every 3 months or so. The cost of this test can be assigned to the gas company if it is written into a lease deal. Most people are interested in the development of the Marcellus Shale because of the money it brings to an area. Hydrofracing is going on across northern Pennsylvania so that set up offers a glimpse of what might happen here. In PA there are many "man camps" to house all the temporary workers who drill the wells. Rental properties have become more valuable so low income families have been priced out of their homes. Local governments have suffered from increased fire, ambulance and EMT calls to the point that some first responders have had to choose between keeping their jobs and being available to answer calls. The drilling jobs have mostly gone to out of state, temporary workers who do spend money in an area during their temporary work. There aren't many long terms jobs – only .17 full-time, long-term jobs per well so a well pad with 10 wells would need almost 2 workers for the 10-15 years it would produce gas. Steuben County has created a natural gas committee to study the many questions. Other counties have found that they need county wide zoning rules for tree cutting, signage, noise ordinances, light pollution levels and to control the transportation of liquids. Critical impact areas need to be defined and road use weight limits need to be defined and enforced. Grace gave <http://naturalgas.cce.cornell.edu> as a reference site.



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## Fluid Disposal Impacts

- Shale adds material to the water used in drilling & fracking process
  - Brine (salt), Dissolved Solids (total dissolved solids, TDS)
- Drilling & fracking chemicals are present in fluid waste
- Human effects of low concentrations of chemicals over time is currently debated
- TDS is major obstacle to treatment plants and river basins:
  - Many treatment plants are already in non-compliance
  - TDS can cause ecological damage to river systems and oceans if not treated properly.
- NORMs (Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials) are also contained in shales and may create additional wastewater concerns.

IMPACTS of fluid disposal shown in slide at meeting. (Elaine Hardman Photo)

## Four county residents awarded scholarships

ALFRED—Four Allegany County residents have each been awarded scholarships to attend Alfred State College. Cody Lippincott of Almond was awarded approximately \$5,600 per year for the "Presidential Scholarship." Lippincott is slated to graduate in 2011 from Alfred-Almond Central School and intends to enroll in the forensic science technology program. Kody Beil of Friendship was awarded a \$1,000 per year "Educational Foundation Academic Distinction Scholarship." Beil is slated to graduate in 2011 from

Cuba-Rushford Central School and intends to enroll in the electrical construction and maintenance technician program. Alexis Holmok of Alfred Station was awarded a \$1,000 per year "Educational Foundation Academic Distinction Scholarship." Holmok is slated to graduate in 2011 from Alfred-Almond Central School and intends to enroll in the digital media and animation program. Katherine Pratt of Belmont was awarded a \$1,000 per year "Educational Foundation Academic Distinction Scholarship."

Pratt is slated to graduate in 2011 from Genesee Valley Central School and intends to enroll in the nursing program. The "Presidential Scholarship" (free room, double occupancy) is awarded to students who possess a 90 or better high school average through their junior year and who have achieved a minimum SAT score of 1150 or a composite ACT score of 25. The "Educational Foundation Academic Distinction" award, based on scholastic achievement, is from the Educational Foundation of Alfred, Inc.

OBITUARIES



HILDA C. VARS

Andover resident died Oct. 9  
ANDOVER—Visiting hours for Hilda C. Vars, 91, who passed away on Oct. 9, 2010, will be from 1-2 p.m. on Thursday (Dec. 23) at Baker-Swan Funeral Home in Andover, where the memorial service will be held immediately following the visitation with Rev. Dean Bembow of Andover Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial in Hillside Cemetery will be at the convenience of the family.  
In lieu of flowers, donations in Hilda’s memory may be made to Andover Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 726, Andover, N.Y. 14806 or Doug Vars Scholarship, C/O Andover Central School Alumni Association, P.O. Box 434, Andover, N.Y. 14806. Condolences may be expressed online at [www.baker-swan.com](http://www.baker-swan.com).

JANET M. WITTER

Angelica native, bank teller  
WELLSVILLE —Janet M. Witter, 84, passed away Wednesday (Dec. 15, 2010) at home surrounded by family.  
Mrs. Witter was born on July 15, 1926, in Angelica, to Charles R. and Frances E. (Phippen) Eldredge. She was a 1946 graduate of Wilsonian High School in Angelica. On April 25, 1948, she married Kenneth R. Williams, who predeceased her on Sept. 8, 1968. On July 6, 1969, she married Ray L. Witter, who survives.  
Janet worked as a teller for Key Bank (Citizens Bank) for 14 years. Previously, she worked for Worthington in Wellsville, H. H. Williams Store in Andover and Newberry’s in Wellsville.  
In addition to her husband, Ray Witter, she is survived by a son, Dana John (Starla) Williams of Greenwood; two grandchildren, Amanda (Chris) Fronczyk of Tonawanda, and Jonathan Williams of Buffalo; a great-grandson, Cole R. Fronczyk; a brother, Gerald C. Eldredge of Alfred Station; a brother-in-law, Charlie (Rose) Witter of Portville; two sisters-in-law, Geraldine Witter of Allegany, and Naomi MacNeal of Olean; four stepchildren, Mike Mullins, Robert Witter, Gary (Lisa) Witter and Lisa (John) Heinemen; and several stepgrandchildren and a stepgreat-grandchild.  
Janet attended the Andover

Presbyterian Church. She was an avid Buffalo Bills and Sabres fan. She enjoyed reading and keeping up on the latest local news with her police and fire scanners. Additionally, she was a longtime member of Andover Firemen’s Auxiliary and Andover American Legion Auxiliary.  
Per her request, there was no prior visitation. A private memorial service will be held at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are under the direction of Baker-Swan Funeral Home in Andover. Online condolences may be offered at [www.baker-swan.com](http://www.baker-swan.com).  
Janet has suggested that a tree be planted in her memory or a contribution in her name be made to SPCA Serving Allegany County, PO Box 381, Wellsville, NY 14895.

MICHAEL L. PATRICK

Andover Central School grad  
WELLSVILLE —Michael L. Patrick passed away on Wednesday (Dec. 8, 2010) at the Wellsville Manor Care Center. He was born on Feb. 1, 1967, in Wellsville, to James and Jean Hanchett Patrick.  
Michael, former resident of Andover, graduated from Andover Central High School and had worked for his father at the former Patrick’s Collision in Wellsville. Michael, along with his mom, attended many activities at the Manor, including bingo and church. It was because of his mother’s love and devotion, along with the caring staff, that he was able to make Wellsville Manor his home for over 20 years.  
Survivors include a brother, Robert Patrick of Dade City, Fla.; longtime friend and companion to his mother, Clint Bundy of Andover; and several cousins, including Sue Thomas of Wellsville, John (Jan) Fleischman of Wellsville, and Sharon (Jerry) Falleta of Groton. He was predeceased by his parents.

A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. Saturday (Dec. 18, 2010) in the activities room at the Wellsville Manor Care Center. Ruth Meacham presided. Memorials may be made to the Wellsville Manor Activities Center. Arrangements are under the direction of the J.W. Embser Sons Funeral Home, Inc. To leave online condolences, please visit [www.embserfuneralhome.com](http://www.embserfuneralhome.com).

JOHN C. DUDAR

Self-employed lumberman  
SCIO—John C. Dudar, 86, of Scio, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Saturday (Dec. 4, 2010). He was a self-employed lumberman since his discharge from the U.S. Army Air Forces in 1945. He was also an oil producer for 25 years.  
John is survived by his wife, Claire; three daughters, Debbie Hill of Conway, N.H., Monique Bachelor of Keene, N.H., and Helen Dudar of Trenton, N.J.; as well as a niece, Penelope Wendelkin of Texas, and a nephew,

James Glass of New Jersey.  
There was no visitation and a memorial service will be at the convenience of the family. To leave online condolences, please visit [www.embserfuneralhome.com](http://www.embserfuneralhome.com).

DONALD DEAN WEBSTER

Served in US Navy 1952-56  
SCIO—Donald Dean Webster, 78, of 5691 Snowball Hollow Road, Scio, died Sunday (Dec. 5, 2010) in Jones Memorial Hospital, Wellsville, surrounded by his family.  
He was born Aug. 27, 1932, in the town of Ward, the son of Dean and Rose Quant Webster.  
On Oct. 15, 1966, in Belmont, he was married to Anna Mae Coyle, who predeceased him on Oct. 22, 2008.

He was a graduate of Scio Central School and served in the U.S. Navy from November 1952 to May 1956. Until his retirement, he had been employed by the Olean Wholesale Co-Op.  
He was a loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather.  
He especially enjoyed playing bingo and going fishing and hunting.  
Surviving are his mother, Rose Brown of Friendship; brother, Charles Webster of Friendship; half-sisters, Glenda (William) McKelvey of Belfast, and Bonnie Stark of Olean; daughters, Linda Jones, Dawn (Frank) White, Debbie Dees, Robin Smith, Wendy (Scott) Harris and Raina (Tony) Windus; sons, Danny (Donna) Webster, George (Becky) Webster and Bobby (Becky) Webster; 37 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; a special grandson, Sam Wood; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends called at the Mulholland-Crowell Funeral Home in Wellsville from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8 at which time a service was held with the Rev. Carl Kemp officiating, followed by military services rendered by the Wellsville Legion Post No. 702. Burial was in Knights Creek Cemetery in Scio.  
Memorials may be made to the SPCA Serving Allegany County.

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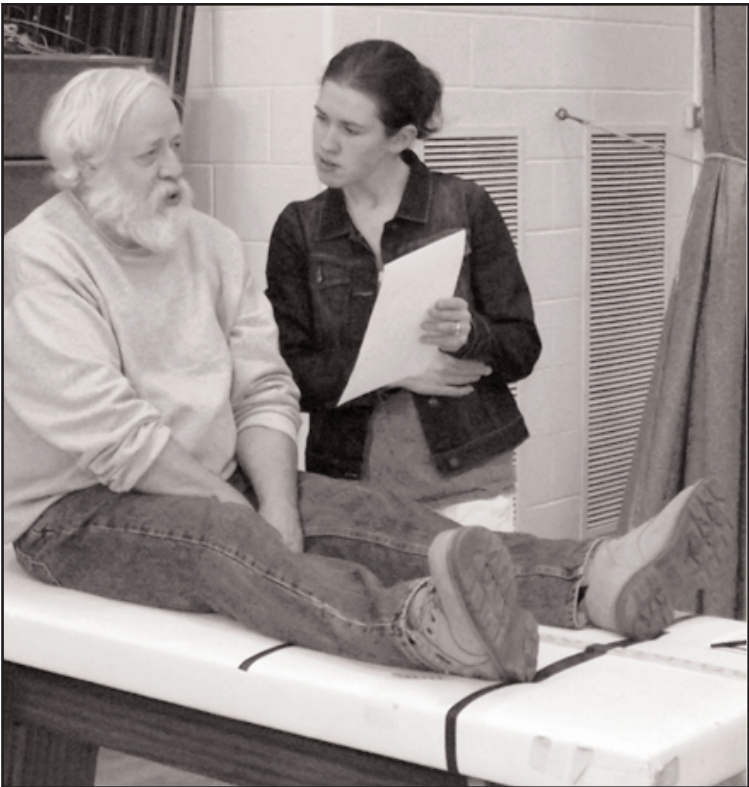
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Members of Alfred University’s Art Force Five teach Mrs. Powers 3rd-grade art class about famous dreamers throughout history.

AU art exhibit will feature youth sharing their dreams

ALFRED—In celebration of Martin Luther King’s famous dream, the Alfred and Almond community are invited to an art show featuring the dreams of area youth.  
The gallery opening will occur at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19 in the Powell Campus Center’s Knight Club and feature the art of Alfred-Almond Elementary School third graders and Alfred Montessori pre-school children.  
In addition to the art on display, cartooning lessons will be given by college students. A food-craft station called “The Dream Bar” will allow attendees to dream up their own custom-made candy bar snack.  
The program is sponsored by Alfred University and Alfred State College as part of a “Dream Week” series of events celebrating the impact of Reverend King’s dream. Questions can be directed to Dan Napolitano, Director of Student Activities at [Napolitano@alfred.edu](mailto:Napolitano@alfred.edu) or 607-871-2925.



WELLNESS FAIR A SUCCESS--Jones Memorial Hospital recently hosted its first Community Wellness Fair. Over 80 people stopped by the Wellsville Elementary School to take advantage of the free health screenings and lab work that were offered and pick up information on various health and wellness topics. Joining JMH were several community organizations, including the Allegany-Western Steuben Rural Health Network, the Southern Tier Health Care System, Partners in Prevention, Allegany County Emergency Preparedness, Allegany County Cancer Services, Allegany County Office of Aging and many other agencies. “We were very pleased with the attendance at our first Wellness Fair,” said Brenda Szabo, DPT, Vice President of Diagnostics and Rehab at Jones Memorial. “We learned a few things that will make it even better next year. Here, Physical Therapist Meghan Davis, DPT, discusses the results of his flexibility test with one of the Wellness Fair participants.

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# Oil spill expert with Alfred ties retires

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Cheryl Anderson, the world's leading authority on offshore oil spill occurrence rates and causes, has retired from the US Department of the Interior after an exceptional career. Cheryl developed and maintained comprehensive oil spill databases, and authored numerous reports on spill risks and occurrence rates.

Cheryl is the daughter of William McMahon of Williamsport, MD and the late Isabelle Ellis McMahon. Her maternal grandparents were Kate and Bill Ellis, who operated a pharmacy in Alfred from 1937-1957; her paternal grandparents were Mae and John McMahon of Alfred, who was dean of the NYS College of Ceramics at Alfred University.

Because of her meticulous attention to detail and unbiased analyses, both supporters and opponents of offshore oil and gas operations trusted Cheryl's data. Her reports have been widely referenced in energy policy documents, environmental reviews, and professional papers published in the United States and around the world. Lease sale areas were revised and operating regulations were updated as a result of Cheryl's statistics and analyses.

In recent years, Cheryl's leadership in improving the accuracy and credibility of hurricane spill statistics was particularly noteworthy. She developed a process for gathering information on the amount of stored oil that could have been lost when platforms were toppled and pipeline segments were damaged. Previously, only spills that appeared on the water surface were included, which meant that total hurricane spillage volumes were significantly understated.

Cheryl worked for the Minerals Management Service since its inception in 1982. Given the sensitivity of oil spill statistics, there was a tendency on the part of some officials to want to "spin" Cheryl's statistics. Cheryl had the highest professional standards, and firmly resisted such attempts. Her only concern

was the accuracy of the data and the credibility of the reports. For this she was greatly respected by all of her MMS colleagues. She received numerous honors, most notably the Distinguished Service Award, the Department of the Interior's highest honor award.

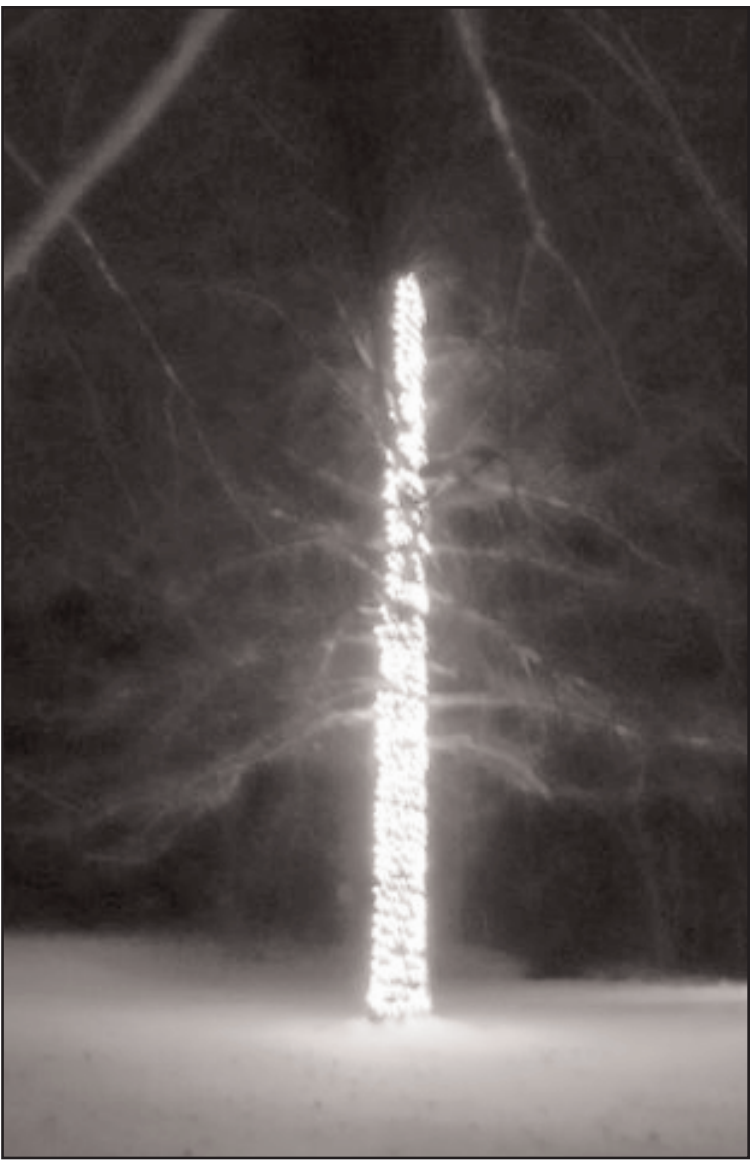
Cheryl is universally admired by her MMS colleagues and is a great friend to all. She warmed hearts with the charming trinkets that she distributed on holidays and helped everyone stay healthy with the wonderful apples that she brought to the office (in great quantities) from the orchards west of the metropolitan Washington, DC area.

Cheryl's proud father, Bill McMahon, noted that Cheryl has had MS for more than 30 years and has lived and worked out of a wheel chair for 30 years.

Born in Hornell in 19854, she was graduated from Johns Hopkins University in 1976. Her husband, Richard Anderson, also worked for the U.S. Government. They reside in Vienna, VA.

## Scene About Alfred

By SHERRY VOLK  
An occasional column inviting readers to identify the scene and appear at Tinkertown Hardware with the correct answer, the first of whom will receive a monster cookie. The identity of the event or scene will appear in the next edition of the ALFRED SUN.



I was hoping that people enjoyed last week's photo of glowing Christmas trees in front of the library in Wellsville enough so that I hoped you might like another de-LIGHT-ful one. Does anyone know where this lovely oak tree garbed in glitter is?

### SUNNY SIDE UP

By ELLEN SHULTZ  
*Alfred Sun Columnist*

## Corn pudding a great dish to pass

Last Sunday I was talking with Therese Legro about going to the church family dinner and needing to come up with a "dish to pass." She suggested corn pudding saying it was always a hit with everyone. She gave me her recipe and then I remembered that years ago my son-in-law had given me his grandmother's recipe.

The two recipes are basically the same with Grandma's suggesting the addition of finely chopped red and green peppers for a festive touch or a small can of mild or hot chopped Mexican peppers for a little lift.

Corn Pudding	
2 eggs	1 c. sour cream
1 can creamed corn	1 c. butter, melted
1 can whole kernel corn, drained	1 box Jiffy corn bread mix

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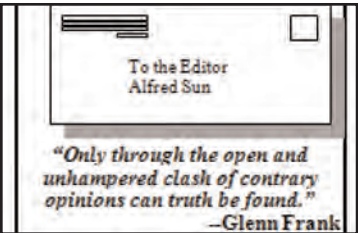
But there's just too many of you! To all my cherished relatives and friends, I wish you a very merry Christmas!

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Reason for the season

Dear Editor,

The other day I saw a commercial on TV that said something about more gifts increasing joy. The idea of gifts, stuff, and greed being the major source of joy this season really bothers me. It bothers me that people have lost the true meaning of Christmas and that many never knew what it was to begin with.

Popular culture seems to provide two meanings for Christmas, one being greed and the other being family. While family is certainly a more noble reason to celebrate than getting more stuff than your neighbor, it is still not enough.

When people are actually willing to trample a person to death on Christmas Eve just to get the best deal on a tickle-me-Elmo, it is obvious that our priorities are a little off.

I feel it is time for people to get a little history lesson about Christmas, one that goes back a little further than the creation of Santa Claus. The holiday began in a stable in Bethlehem, not in a mall or online. It is not a way to sell more cards created by Hallmark or a ploy by the Christmas Tree Growers Association to push more trees. Despite

what the myriad animated holiday specials on every channel want you to believe, Christmas is not cancelled when there are no gifts. It will not go away just because people think “Happy Holidays” is more politically correct.

“Jesus is the reason for the season.” The true meaning of the season is and will always be Jesus Christ. The season celebrates His birth. We need to remember that He is why this holiday is important. Politicians talk about, “Traditional values,” all the time, but trying to hide Christmas or even make it into something it is not, a nameless federal holiday that is neither religious nor Christian, is wrong. The way to keep our, “Traditional values,” is to keep our freedom to celebrate or not celebrate all of our holidays and beliefs or lack of beliefs without fear of persecution or prosecution as the case may be.

We may try to hide or trample Jesus in our frequent greed stampedes, but Jesus gave us the Christmas season and he would not be happy about what has happened to his birthday. So before you buy another gift that you or your kids will get bored with or throw out because the box was more fun, think about this. True joy is a gift from above. Think of it as the ultimate party favor from the birthday boy and remember to thank him for it.

Merry Christmas and JOY to the world.

Adam Gayhart

Sun Spots



Shepherds Why This Jubilee?

The Babe appeared that Silent Night.  
Stout shepherds feared, at angels bright;  
But as they neared, in glory whorled,  
A peace-filled “Hoy!” dispelled their fright:  
“Good news of joy to all the world!  
You’ll find a boy, in cloth strips furled.”

Then roused they them and swiftly made  
For Bethlehem, as angels bade,  
And found this gem, of gifts the best,  
Grand artifice, in manger laid.  
What Child Is This who’s laid to rest  
With heav’nly bliss, in meekness dressed?

When Mary saw this coterie,  
She watched in awe, and pondered she:  
Her child in straw, strange metaphor,  
Fulfillment rathe of prophecy.  
O Come, Ye Faithful, come adore,  
But flee ye wraiths, forevermore.

—Anon A. Mouse

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**102 down, 23 to go**

Back in 1884, a simple item appeared in the Sun that said, “Wanted, one thousand subscribers to the *Alfred Sun*.” It’s been 125 years since legendary *Sun* Editor Frank A. Crumb, with the *Sun* from 1883 to 1951, set the millenary goal.

Not knowing of Frank Crumb’s Dream, I, too, had set a goal of 1000 subscribers when I joined the paper in 1976. That goal was finally reached in January 1999. But we want to keep Frank’s dream alive.

The late Eugene T. Van Horn, who owned the newspaper from 1951 until 1973, told us one time that circulation peaked in the 1960s at 700. It’s now over 900. We’ve added **102 new subscribers** since Jan. 1, 2009.

Get connected to this community. If you would like to contribute to Frank Crumb’s Dream, send your name and address or that of a loved one together with your check payable to “Alfred Sun” to: Frank Crumb’s Dream, c/o Alfred Sun, P.O. Box 811, Alfred, NY 14802. Thank you!

—David L. Snyder  
Editor, Publisher & Janitor



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**Keeping the Dream Alive**



FROM THE DESK OF DAVID PULLEN  
By DAVID PULLEN  
Allegany County Legislator

GOD BLESS AMERICA

For most of those present the highlight of the December 13th Board meeting was provided by Former Army 1st Sergeant Joseph Mead, Sr. In addition to leading the Pledge of Allegiance, he led those present in singing “God Bless America.” This will be one of the highlight memories of my time serving on the Board. Many thanks to Joseph Mead for sharing his gifts and reminding us where our blessing come from.

Chairman Curt Crandall granted “Privilege of the Floor” to Linda Edwards of the STOP DWI Program. She reminded us that December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. She urged us to avoid dangerous situations that jeopardize ourselves and others. Representatives from the “Tobacco Free Program of Chautauqua, Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties” gave a presentation on the importance of limiting tobacco advertising and sales that are targeted at children. Studies show that tobacco companies are successfully targeting children with their advertising. This has tragic results for children, their families and society. I support these efforts to protect our children.

The Board considered and passed 20 different resolutions. Most of these resolutions were “routine” in nature, with many relating to personnel matters. Over 30 County employees are retiring to take advantage of the State Retirement Incentive Program. The County is reviewing every position to see which positions can be abolished or consolidated. In addition, most replacements will be hired at reduced wages. We anticipate savings of several hundred thousand dollars through these efforts. The Board unanimously approved a new salary grade schedule for non-unit employees. Resolution No. 241-10 established the salary and wage scales for most County employees, including certain those in the four Union units, and various “titled” positions. It was approved by a vote of 11 to 1, with Legislator Ungermann voting against it (without explanation). I believe we have eliminated 5 positions, with more reductions possible. This represents slow but steady progress.

Other resolutions transferred money between accounts, made appointments to fill vacancies on various Boards, levied both county and town taxes and approved agreements for various purposes. One resolution involved a contract with BMA Consulting Services, Inc. The County receives various insurance consulting services from Brian Baty for \$9,000 per year. In recent years, with guidance from him, our insurance coverage has increased, while expenses have decreased. This contract was approved by a vote of 11 to 1.

In my opinion the most significant resolution approved by the Board was No. 256-10. That resolution involved a contract between the County and Blue Cross-Blue Shield of WNY to administer the County Self-Insurance Medical Plan. This “self-insurance plan” is significantly cheaper than standard health insurance coverage. By hiring Blue Cross-Blue Shield as our “Third-Party Administrator” we anticipate saving several hundred thousand dollars (or more) per year. The County has also initiated other changes in coverage and benefits that should generate additional savings. While most of the State and nation have experienced double-digit increases in medical insurance costs, we have actually reduced our costs for several years. This resolution was unanimously adopted.

Most of the Legislature’s work isn’t very glamorous or glitzy. It’s actually pretty boring and mundane. Much of the work is done in the “standing committees” of the Board. That is the reason that most resolutions are approved when they get to the full Board. The time to raise arguments and debate objections is when an issue is before the committee of jurisdiction. Many changes and improvements are made at that stage. Most committee meetings get little or no media coverage, so the public is largely unaware of their importance. This is unfortunate since this is where most of the real legislative work gets done.

It has been an interesting year. I wish you and your families a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year. God Bless.

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## MIRACLE ON EAST VALLEY ROAD: *Many pitch in for an old-fashioned barn-raising*

By **MARY BETH McDONOUGH**  
*Special to the Alfred Sun*

ALFRED STATION--It started with a dream that can be traced to my childhood, and those of you who read my invitation to the barn raising know my story. It was only a dream and 30 years of waiting dulled the hope to near non-existence. Until one day someone listened to my heart and gave back, unsolicited, convincing me it could be done.

He knew of my calling as a therapist, a healer of souls, with a genuine open heart. He believed that it was his calling to give back...to do something good for someone before his time was up on this earth, and I was the chosen one. He retreated to the forest, scaling trees, skidding them to the mill, sawing, stacking, drying, counting... giving back, as he felt his world was crumbling around him.

Together we began a journey, and we were joined by more than a hundred open hearts along the way, to build the physical structure of what will be the site of much healing to come... Phoenix Rising... A Therapeutic Horse Ranch.

One man stated in ignorance when he heard of my plight, "You just want your neighbors to build your barn for free!" He just doesn't get it... that when you give of yourself... your heart, your mind, your hands... with no expectation of reciprocation... the rewards are beyond compare.

And on May 22nd and 23rd, 2010, I witnessed a miracle as nearly 100 incredible human beings gathered in good will to take part in building a dream. It was an experience like no other, as people, some whom I had never met, came and gave of their time, bearing food and drink, tools and elbow grease, smiles and musical talents, even some cheering from afar... open minds, open spirits and open hearts... Good and true souls... their gifts are beyond measure and their rewards will be plentiful... A humble, yet heartfelt... hats off to you!

Tears well in my eyes as well as I recall standing inside the nearly finished structure. As we looked around in awe at what had become of an elusive dream, Jerry broke the silence with these unanticipated words, "You're father would be so proud."

It hadn't even crossed my mind, yet it spoke so deeply to my heart and to the very roots of my passion. His words were heartfelt and so true. My father always will be alive within me. And to you, Jerry, in my delayed yet sincere reply, your Grandma would be proud too, for as you shared, it was she who instilled the value in you that... it's not the money accumulated or the rank achieved, but rather the deeds you have done for others that will one day be reckoned. You are a good and true man worthy of admiration for a deed beyond compare. There are no words that could express my gratitude for how you have changed my life.

A few weeks ago I traveled to our meeting point in Naples to spend some time with my dearest lifetime friend Michele. I cherish her existence, as no matter how lost I become in the craziness of life, she has never allowed our friendship to stray.

She reels me back in and has been a constant source of strength for my weary soul. As we were catching up on things, I shared of my recent doubt in a concept I've always trusted, that "Things happen for a reason, just believe." Without hesitation she replied, "I have become a completely different person. The quality of my life is so much better. I wouldn't change a thing!"

You see, Michele was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in March, and despite the treatment and fatigue, she traveled to Alfred for the barn raising, carrying food to and from the house and the work site, resting on my bed as needed, with never a single complaint. Michele, you are my hero and will always be the wind beneath my wings!

So at the risk of neglecting to give credit to a well deserving



**DURANGO, a five-year old Paint, peeks out from the miracle barn that love built. See more photos on Page 10. (Photos provided by Mary Beth McDonough)**

soul, I want to publicly express my gratitude to the following people, all who believed and gave of themselves to contribute to the miracle on East Valley Rd. I am fully aware that those I name are not in need of recognition, for they gave of themselves with an open heart. Even so, I want to let the world know, through their example, that hope does exist, that miracles do occur, and that random acts of kindness make this world a better place.

Thanks to you **Jerry Olin**, an angel in disguise... without you it would still be a fading dream. Things happen for a reason, just believe. To **Gerald Olin, Sr.**, who believed in his son and labored for days without question, in final preparation. To my brother **Jonathan Mueller**, who suffered our childhood losses most closely with me, and who fed my spirit, agreeing that together we can and traveling from Texas to serve with Jerry as the underpaid foremen in a deed beyond compare. You are an inspiration. To **Michele Adragna**, the wind beneath my wings! To my

children, **Brendan, Trevor and Sydney**, who shared in the work and have tolerated my absence and skeletal budget, to close up the barn before the snow fell. To **Gretchen Cleveland**, my kindred spirit, who never stopped giving her time during the months to follow, it's amazing, all of our digits are still attached!

To **Gina Boyd, Emily, Mason and Braxton**, who nurtured my spirit for my love of horses and kept the dream alive. To my cousins, my kin, **Albert, Suzanne and Bruce Wagner**, who traveled from Syracuse, spent the weekend, and brought power, light and photo memories to the event (go to Brendan's facebook to view Suzanne's DVD). To **Lisa Willson**, a true friend who was the first to believe and who helped me find hope once again. Please know what a difference you made in my life. And **Pam Saha**, who contributed to the renewal of my spirit and the building of this dream more than you'll ever know. To **Diane Mix**, not too proud to rumble through my closet and emerge in Trevor's high top Nikes, you made my day! To **Liz Rozzington**, it truly was a ride to remember! To **Steve, Cheryl, Kyra and Kyler Kress**, my new found friends who just kept giving and giving and giving. They live what it's all about! To **Justin Jaycox**, another new face, who graciously offered his time and skills to draw up the blueprints and assist on site. To **Chris Coyne**, who gave up golf for a greater purpose, a miracle in itself, a good man. To **Laverne Garner, Sr.**, you have given back tenfold. And to so many more... **Dave Merriam, Dave Kelley, Willie Osterman, Cory Badeau, Lloyd Collins, Gary Porter, Joe Fasano, David DuBois & Allen, John & Laurel Buck-**

**walter, Tammy, Hoss and Travis Harvey, Craig & Ethan Mix, Jenny & Curtis Decker, Nick McMichael, Travis Bellows, Kenneth Bellows, Robert Comer, Aurora & David Palmer, Sampath & Manjula Neerukonda, Corrie (Burdick), Ellen Schultz, Chris Curran, Gary Bedford, Terry Murphy (BFF), Christopher Doll, Sue Cappadonia, Anton Flint, Bill & Carla Coch, Steve Jakobi, Ken & Levi Bauch, the Byrnes family, the "happy" guys from the hood!, and Russ Hamilton.** Thanks also to the musical talents of DMF with **John Cormack, Meg Williams, Rohan Virdee, & Jon Mix** and Lake Effect with **Matthew Clancy, Ryan Kasperski, Michael LaScala & David Melonson.** And to **Bill McCourt**, who iced the cake with Durango, my 5 year old paint who carries a spirit that mirrors my own, and is the first of the horses with a mission to heal. And finally to **Bill Dailey**, who graciously carried my Durango home.

During this season of giving, so many are burdened with the stress of obligation, the pain of loss and loneliness, and reminders of what they don't have. Consider this... "When you change the way you look at things the things you look at change."

Try something different. Look around and count your blessings. Venture to give from your heart, whether it's through the gentleness of a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, or the touch of your hand on a weary shoulder. Simply your presence, without a rush to accomplish another item on your list, has greater value than anything you can buy, and remember, that giving of the heart doesn't cost a thing, yet it is the greatest gift of all!



**DMX members Meg Williams (from left), Rohan Virdee, Jon Mix and John Cormack entertain.**

Post office closes noon Dec. 24

All Post Offices will be open Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 but will shorten retail lobby hours and close at noon. Regular mail delivery for Dec. 24 will be unaffected by the change.

Revised hours will be posted at each Post Office and commercial customers are asked to check with their Bulk Mail Acceptance Unit for Dec. 24 hours of operation. In addition, mail should be deposited into blue collection mailboxes by noon for early pick-up on Dec. 24.

Customers can access many postal services and products at [usps.com](http://usps.com). Post Offices will be closed Dec. 25.

# One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village,  
The child of a peasant woman.  
He grew up in still another village,  
Where he worked in a carpenter shop  
Until he was thirty.

Then for three years  
He was an itinerant preacher.  
He never wrote a book.  
He never held an office.  
He never had a family or owned a house.  
He didn't go to college.  
He never visited a big city.  
He never traveled two hundred miles  
From the place where he was born.  
He did none of the things  
One usually associates with greatness.  
He had no credentials but himself.

He was only thirty-three  
When the tide of public opinion turned against him.  
His friends ran away.  
He was turned over to his enemies.  
And went through the mockery of a trial.

He was nailed to a cross  
Between two thieves.  
While he was dying,  
His executioners gambled for his clothing.  
The only property he had on Earth.  
When he was dead,  
He was laid in a borrowed grave  
Through the pity of a friend.

Twenty centuries have come and gone,  
And today he is the central figure  
Of the human race,  
And the leader of mankind's progress.

All the armies that ever marched,  
All the navies that ever sailed,  
All the parliament that ever sat,  
All the kings that ever reigned,  
Put together have not affected  
The life of man on Earth  
As much as that  
One Solitary Life

~~Dr James Allen Francis



By **ELIZA ORDWAY**  
*Director, Box of Books Library*  
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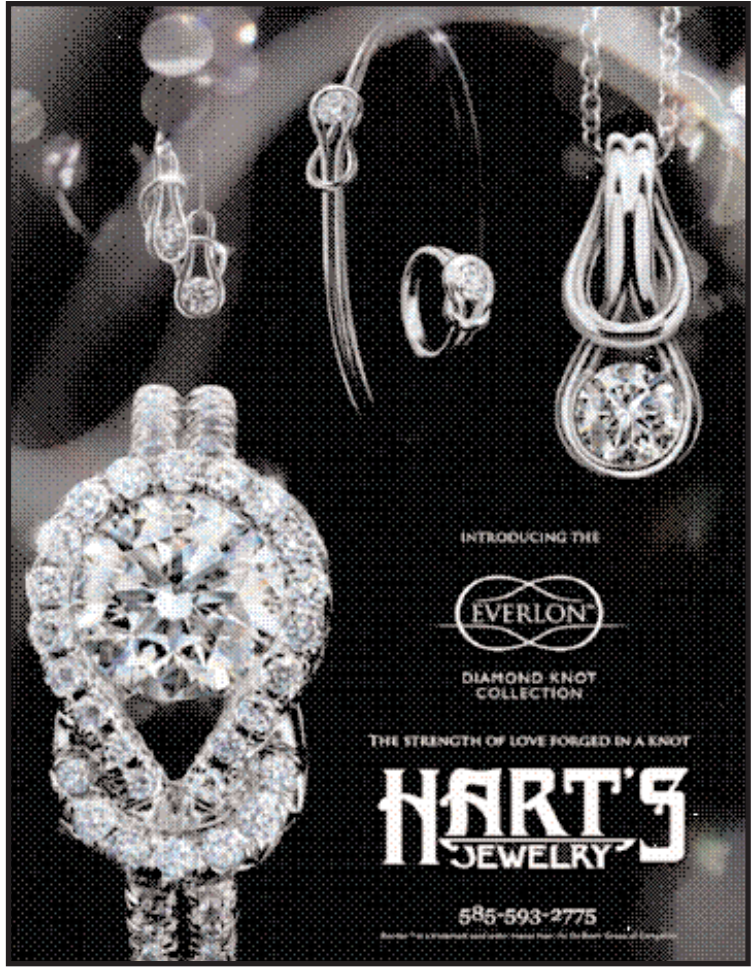
The 2010-2011 program runs until June 1, 2011.

There have been many changes over the past month or so to the Box of Books. We are grateful to the Friends of the Box of Books who have funded many of these changes; new arm chairs in our reading area, roman blinds for the windows to help keep our heating costs down, a pamphlet/brochure holder that is in our main entry way, deer netting for our bushes out front, and a variety of new books and DVD's to the collections.

The Friends are also sponsoring the Jewelry Classes that will be offered this month.

**COMING EVENTS AT THE BOX OF BOOKS:**  
Jewelry Class: Thursday, Dec. 23 at 5 p.m. AGES 12 and UP (Registration is REQUIRED)  
Bird Feeder Activity: Tuesday, Dec. 28 at 4 p.m. (Registration is REQUIRED)  
Jewelry Class: Thursday, Dec. 30 2 p.m. AGES 8 and up.

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## Snyde remarks

By **DAVID L. SNYDER**  
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I had a request recently from former Alfredian L. David Pye to contact a newspaper in Little Falls to grant them permission to reprint a piece that had been published in this newspaper back in December 1988. Since many of our readers were not around in 1988, I thought it might be nice to reprint the article. It follows this introduction:

During the school year 1954-55, former resident of Alfred, L. David Pye, was the Editor-in-Chief of a school newspaper "The CentralChit Chatterer" published by the Press Club of the Dolgeville Central School, Dolgeville, New York. Just before Christmas in 1954 he asked Mr. Edwin Hopson, Superintendent of the Dolgeville Central School District, if he would write a guest editorial and suggested the topic of Christmas in his childhood. He readily agreed and on Dec. 22, 1954, the attached article "Mr. Hopson Reminisces about Christmas" was published in the above. At the suggestion of Pye, it was reprinted in its entirety by the *Alfred Sun* on December 22, 1988. Upon re-reading this article it seems as relevant today as when first published suggesting that some things about Christmas never seem to change. In this sense especially, it is reprinted here once again. As a final point of interest, Pye is presently Editor-in-Chief of "The International Journal of Applied Glass Science" published by the American Ceramic Society. He now resides at Spruce Lake in the Adirondacks.

**MR. HOPSON REMINISCES ABOUT CHRISTMAS**

Christmas! What a pageant of memories it conjures! Boy anticipation; wistful store trips with hoarded dimes, nickels and pennies; stealthy journeys up the cheesehouse stairs with mysterious packages; company manners; family celebration at Aunt Lizzie's; farm chores done in jig time; buckwheat pancakes poured from the big batter jar; scrub and change to Sunday best; light harness on Tom and Dick hitched to the long green sleigh; hot soap stones, buffalo robes, shawls and blankets; Mother and Grandma on the back seat (the only one with a back); shuffling of packages; men and boys seated back to back; "Get up, Dick! Tom!" Goodness the wind is sharp!"

Jingling bells; sleigh runners squealing over the bare knolls; pitch holes where the road is drifted; pelting snowballs from the horses' flying feet; tired backs; cold noses and fingers; at length, end of the tedious eight-mile ride; chorus of "Merry Christmas"; hugs and handclasps; piles of caps, coats, hoods and mittens on the beds; horses unharnessed and contentedly munching oats at the manger; warmth, cheer, love, friendliness within; savory odors; mounting appetites; summons to the huge table filling the dining room; seating of aunts, uncles, cousins, and in-laws, with children conveniently spaced; a hugh with thanks to God for continued care; Uncle Jim's deft carving of the giant turkey; heaped dinner plates with a succession of appetizers, relishes, jams, pickles and desserts sufficient to confuse a Pennsylvania Dutch grandmother; dishwashing by female mass attack; smokes for the men around the living room stoves; quiet games for the children; lusty singing later by everybody around the old square piano; hopeful glances at the closed parlor doors presently thrown open; incense of balsam; soft glow of a hundred candle flames; popcorn and cranberry strings around the symmetrical tree; heaps of gifts on the floor; shouts from the youngsters; "Oh's" and "Ah's" from the oldsters; jokes, banterings, tearful thanks, laughter, apologies commingled, a confusion of strings, boxes, and wrapping paper; another sojourn to the dining room; oyster stew, cold turkey; exotic queen of old-time Christmas, the orange; cakes, nuts, popcorn balls; stems of raisins; candy galore; quiet contentment; bundling up while Uncle Roscoe gets out the horses; last "Good Nights"; kindly faces, loved faces long absent but in memory eternal.

Three scores of swiftly circling years: war to end war; wheat and sugar scarcity; flu epidemics; armistices without peace; booms; depressions, crackpot ideologies; fiendish war on land, sea, and air; rationing, conscription; sacrifice merged with generous sharing and service; hope, self-respect, free enterprise versus purges; fear, servitude and despair; undreamed of progress in electrification, mechanization, medical science, transportation and home comfort; the split atom; atomic peace or annihilation.

Christmas 1954: crowds of bewildered shoppers; magnificent displays of junk wrapped in cellophane; crowded mails; broadcast; Christmas cards; timidly whispered wishes to weary Santas; blared radio exaggerations; Holiday bonuses; Salvation Army kettles; C.A.R.E.; C.R.O.P.; high-powered luxury on thruways; regular air trips across the Pole; overorganization; mad waste of energy; doubt, curity; generosity; impulsive giving; devotion to causes; a slow but sure resurgence of spiritual values.

Christmas 1894-1954, the same ancient mystical backdrop: watching shepherds; a brilliant star; Heavenly anthems; a radiant Babe in a lowly manger; wise men bent in adoration; the confirmation of universal brotherhood; eternal hope through the Prince of Peace.

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# Miche to be featured in New Year's Eve event

ANGELICA--Rolling Stone magazine has called MICHE FAMBRO "...a quiet storm."

On New Year's Eve, this

"quiet storm" will once again roll into Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Café at 22 W. Main St. in Angelica, for a very special

evening of jazz standards, original music and Christmas favorites.

MICHÉ FAMBRO is known



Spend New Year's Eve with MICHÉ FAMBRO and SCOTT BRADLEY, performing a captivating blend of jazz, Latin, folk, reggae, and Christmas music at Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Café in Angelica.

by many different people for very different things. Some know him as the dynamic band leader of one of upstate NY's most popular bands. Others know him as an extraordinary guitarist/vocalist singer-songwriter touring through their small town, performing with the energy and sound of a full band on his single instrument. And, still others recognize him as a jazz crooner, lending his fluid voice to beloved classics.

Miché tours the US and Canada performing at concert series, festivals, house concerts and clubs. He was named a Showcase Artist at the International Folk Alliance Conferences for 2008 and 2010.

When Miché first performed at Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Café in January of this year, he packed the house and absolutely stunned the audience with his extraordinary guitar and vocal abilities and his genuine, warm personality.

Proprietor Don Ash of Black-Eyed Susan comments, "We were really pleased when we learned that Miché and Scott were enthusiastic about performing an evening of jazz and swing standards here for New Year's Eve. How fine that their ideas matched our ideas! The evening will be perfect."

For New Year's Eve, Miché will be accompanied by SCOTT BRADLEY on piano, trumpet and accordion. Mr. Bradley holds music degrees from Nazareth College and SUNY Fredonia and has studied jazz at the Eastman School of Music. He is a jazz composer, teacher and performer -- a "musician's musician" who can be heard regularly with the Bill Tiberio Band.

Black-Eyed Susan welcomes guests for this special New Year's Eve dinner and music package by reservation only. Guests will be seated between 6:15 and 7:15 and treated to a leisurely six-course meal including: buttery croissant, chilled shrimp cocktail, French Onion soup au gratin, signature salad, choice of five delicious entrees, a fabulous Black-Eyed Susan dessert plus specialty coffee. Music will play from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m., at which time Miché and Scott will play "Auld Lang Syne" while guests toast the New Year with a glass of French champagne. Wine and beer will also be available.

Black-Eyed Susan is located at 22 West Main Street in Angelica's Park Circle National Historic District. The café is open for lunch Monday through Saturday and dinner with live music every Saturday night. Menus are posted on-line at [www.black-eyed-susan.com](http://www.black-eyed-susan.com).

Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Café seats 90 and is fully handicap-accessible, making it a perfect place for business meetings, showers, private dinners and other events. For more information call 585-466-3399 or visit [www.black-eyed-susan.com](http://www.black-eyed-susan.com).

## Other Events at Black-Eyed Susan:

**JANUARY 1-17:** Black-Eyed Susan will be closed beginning January 1st for continuing improvements to the circa 1830s building and will reopen Monday, January 17th.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 22:** CHERITH MEEKS of Canadea, performs folk and pop music of her own composition on piano, ukulele and vocals.

## Have a guiltless fun Christmas holiday!

By LORI MACKEY

Award-winning author

Having a Merry Christmas Holiday can be difficult when you're worrying about expenses. Take this opportunity to make changes in the Christmas traditions and take the focus off spending and focus on the true meaning of the holidays!

**1. Family First.** Gifts Second. Encourage the emphasis on family and gifts secondary. Model gratitude rather than the frenzied focus on gifts. Incorporate low cost activities such as playing your child's favorite game. Surprise family members with a personalized paper bag filled with their favorite popcorn and watch your favorite Christmas movie. If it's not on TV, then look for the \$1.00 movie rental machines at 7 Eleven. Movies always jump-start the holiday cheer. Pick one night with the family and make it a yearly event making holiday crafts, cookies and sipping hot coco. A wonderful no-cost gift... is to give a family member the gift of your time and attention. Make up small hand written certificates, granting several hours of your time from each member of the family to another. Example, Joey gives 2 hours to play basketball with his little brother and teach him his favorite methods of making moves on court & scoring points. Little brother gives an hour to help do chores for his older sister or walk the dog. Mom and Dad give uninterrupted time and each child can decide what they want their parents to do for or with them. Big

sis takes little sis for a play date. Family members will value having very personal attention during this busy holiday season. It will build and strengthen family ties, have little cost, and huge value.

**2. Create Memories and Traditions.** Every family can create an inexpensive even funny holiday tradition that kids will look forward to annually. Take a normal tradition such as exchanging ornaments, get creative and search out that one-of-a-kind piece. Ask your kids what they most remember about Christmas last year, if it was going out and getting the Christmas tree, then perhaps your tradition is a tree-trimming party. If what was most memorable was going out to breakfast in new flannel pajamas on Christmas morning, perhaps there is now the annual Christmas Eve gift of new pajamas for everyone. Remember you will get more than coal in your stocking if you go into credit card debt for Christmas! If you don't have the cash, then you don't buy it.

**3. Adapting to Christmas Change.** Life is forever changing and learning how to adapt to change are wonderful lessons for kids. Change it up with a meal, have breakfast for dinner and by all means make it fun and encourage that change is good and can be fun for everyone. Explain, we are adding a new theme this Christmas - "Giving to others"- Have your children donate unused items in your household to local charities. Show children that giving back

is more than giving money, you can give your time; give a hug and a smile, or clothing, can food and blankets to your local mission. Donate old leashes, collars and dog food to the animal shelters.

**4. Focus on Saving and Make it!** Focus on being present with your family. There is nothing like getting a handmade gift, whether it's a little booklet or an oven baked ornament or hand-made cookies with a message. The time you spend making gifts will leave lasting memories for the giver and receiver. You will save money, time and the personal touch is priceless. To add some fun, save cereal boxes, oatmeal containers and anything that you can use to wrap your handmade gifts in. Imagine getting a gift in a fruit loops cereal box! You will be sure to get some surprised giggles and practice recycling holiday style traditions at the same time.

**5. All I want for Christmas is? A Happy Family Memory.** Take snapshots throughout the holidays and create a memory book of pictures with family, friends and things that are important to you. Make time to be "Present" with your family and write out goals for the New Year. Every family member's goals will be different, but also include one family goal. Maybe it's a goal to buy a home, car or just save more. When the family is focused on the same goal it's easier to accomplish. In the big picture, Christmas has the gift of bringing joy, family and people together. This year, ask your kids, outside of gifts, what is it that you truly want for Christmas?



I think you will be very surprised by most of the answers.

Lori Mackey, a mom, award winning author and Founder of Prosperity4Kids, Inc, [www.Prosperty4Kids.com](http://www.Prosperty4Kids.com)

## Recap of Pigskin Picks winners

It was an unusual year. Perhaps the contest has become more competitive. But for what is believed to be the first time in the history of this newspaper's football contest, *Alfred Sun* columnist Doug Lorow did not win once this football season. The winners:

Week One--Bob Grogan of Canisteo, 2 misses  
Week Two--Floyd Farley of Hornell, 6 misses (tiebreaker)  
Week Three--Bob Grogan of Canisteo, 5 misses  
Week Four--Judy Marlatt of Almond, 5 misses (tiebreaker)  
Week Five--Floyd Farley of Hornell, 5 misses (tiebreaker)  
Week Six--Judy Marlatt of Almond, 5 misses  
Week Seven--Judy Marlatt of Almond, 4 misses (tiebreaker)  
Week Eight--Floyd Farley of Hornell, 7 misses  
Week Nine--Floyd Farley of Hornell, 6 misses (tiebreaker)  
Week Ten--Christopher Yarnal of Almond, 5 misses  
Week Eleven--Bob Baker of Alfred, 4 misses (tiebreaker)  
Week Twelve--Bob Baker of Alfred, 6 misses (tiebreaker)  
Week Thirteen--Bob Grogan of Canisteo, 3 misses (tiebreaker)  
\$50 Cash Prize Winner--Bob Grogan of Canisteo, with the Oct. 16-17 entry being selected.

Thanks to all of our Pigskin Picks Contest sponsors: Curtis T. Corkey, K&K Auto Center, Snyder Electric Service, B&B Repair Service, VanPelt Collision, Steuben Trust Company, Eddy Lumber Co., Stewart's Service, Council Optometric Center, NAPA Auto Parts, Fran Noble Pipe Bending, West Side Wine & Spirits, Tinkertown Hardware, Allegany Eye Associates, Alfred Sports Center, Family Health of Alfred, Collegiate Restaurant and Jim's Cemetery Monument Cleaning. Please patronize them often.

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Music

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

**Angelica Sweet Shop** 44 West Main St., Angelica. Angelica Sweet Shop open Mon.-Wed. 10-2, Thurs.-Fri. 10 a.m.-9 pm; Sat.-Sun. 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Scramble played Thurs. evenings 6-9 p.m. For more info, call 585-466-7070 or e-mail info@angelicasweet-shop.com

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

**Maple City Bowl**, 7580 Seneca Road, Hornell. DJ/Karaoke every Friday Night 9 pm-1 a.m.; Saturday night bands from 9 pm-1 a.m. Oct. 30--Vendetta; Nov. 6--Jay Witness and the Mystic Rebels (reggae); Nov. 13--EZ Money; Nov. 24--Lucky #; Nov. 27--Vendetta. For updates, check www.maplecitybowl.net Or call 607-324-1011.

**Wellsville Creative Arts Center** offers live music most Saturday

evenings with performances beginning at 8 p.m., doors opening at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 5--Bill Kirchen Band Hammer of the Honkey-Tonk Gods; Nov. 13--Gordon Stone Band; Nov. 20--Anne & Pete Sibley; Nov. 27--Jonathan Byrd; Dec. 4--Walt Michael & Co.; Dec. 11--Chip Taylor; Dec. 18--The Honeycutters. For tickets, visit: www.WellsvilleCreativeArtsCenter.com or call 585-593-3000.

**Wellsville Performing Arts Orchestra.** Musicians and music lovers who want to be patrons are invited to call Judith Belin at 585-593-0118 or Elsie Swarts at 607-478-8319 for more information.

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

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

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

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

**COFFEEHOUSES**  
Coffeehouse live entertainment periodically at Terra Cotta Coffeehouse, 34 N. Main St., Alfred. Open Mic Night Wednesdays.

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

**CONCERTS/RECITALS**  
**Ade Adu**, AU alum, will perform acoustic guitar and vocals at 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6 in Knight Club, Powell Campus Center. He recently released his first album.

**AU Chorus and Chamber Singers** will present the exciting Gloria by Poulenc with soprano soloist Luanne Crosby at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 in Miller Theater, MPAC.

**AU Symphony Orchestra** will perform an all Beethoven concert with pianist David Peter Coppen performing Piano Concerto #3 in C Minor at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13 in Miller Theater, AU campus.

**AU Symphonic Band** will perform a variety of works from the wind literature at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19 in Miller Theater, MPAC.

**Bad Weather Blues Band** in concert at 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29 at the Knight Club, Powell Campus Center.

**Cliks** will be in concert at 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20 at the Knight Club, Powell Campus Center, AU campus.

**Festifall Concert.** Featuring AU Chorus, AU Jazz Band for an evening of jazz and popular music in the brand-new Miller Theater 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5.

**Davis Memorial Carillon Recitals**, AU campus. Saturdays at 4 p.m. except August. Laurel Buckwalter, AU Carillonneur.

**O'Death** will perform at 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 in Knight Club, Powell Campus Center, AU campus.

**Rebecca Weaver**, soprano, with piano accompanist Priscilla Yuen, will present a recital celebrating the centennials of Samuel Barber and Giancarlo Menotti at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 in Miller Theater, MPAC.

**Via Audio**, an indie pop band from Brooklyn, will perform at 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Knight Club, Powell Campus Center.

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



Theater & Dance

**COMEDY**  
**Comedian Nore Davis** will perform Friday, Nov. 5 on the AU campus. Time and place to be announced.

**Friday Night Live.** AU student comedy troupe. Performances scheduled Friday, Sept. 24 and Friday, Nov. 12. Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall. Call 871-2175 for further info.

**Pirate Theater.** AU student comedy troupe. Performances scheduled Sept. 11 and Oct. 23. Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall. Call 871-2175 for further info.

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

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

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

**Dance: Hafra.** Middle Eastern Dancers offer an evening of dance, full dinner buffet, music and henna art at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20 at Susan Howell Hall.

**Informal Dance Showing.** Students and faculty from AU Dance Program perform at 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-3-4 at CD Smith Theatre, MPAC.

**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. ACT is now preparing for its annual Pantomime to be performed in January. For more info, call Dave Snyder at 587-8110.

**PERFORMANCES**  
**Knight Owls: Dance Club** 12 a.m.-3 a.m. Friday night, Sept. 3 at Knight Club, PCC, AU campus. \$2 admission. Must present AU ID for admission. No entry or re-entry after 1 a.m.

**Six Characters in Search of an Author** will be staged at 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, Nov. 17-20 in CD Smith Theatre, MPAC.

**Alfred Community Theatre** will present its annual British pantomime at a date to be determined in January 2011. Read the SUN for updates.



Art/ Galleries

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

**Allegany Arts Association Summer Arts Festival.** Free to youth in Allegany County. To register for any of the following, call 585-808-0385. ages 8&up.

**Artist Knot.** 36 Main Street, Andover. Current Exhibit: "Places and Spaces," new works by Jay Pullman, from Nov. 5-Dec. 31, with an Opening Reception scheduled for Friday, Nov. 5 from 6-8:30 p.m. This catered event will feature music by Tunescape. Free Admission. Gallery Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10 am -5 pm, Thursday 10am - 7 pm & Saturday 10 am -3 pm Closed Sundays, Mondays and Holidays. (607) 478-5100.

**Fountain Arts Center**, 48 Schuyler St., Belmont.

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

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

**MUSEUMS/EXHIBITS**  
**Americana Manse.** Tours at the Americana Manse, Whitney-Halsey Mansion, Inc. in Belmont. Call 585-268-5130. Tours for groups at special rate. \$4.00 adults.

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

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

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

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

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

**The Schein-Joseph International Museum of Ceramic Art at Alfred.** Due to nearby construction, the SJIMCA gallery space is currently closed. For information about scheduling a small group tour, please visit our website or call. For more information, call the Museum at 607-871-2421; or visit the museum website: [www.ceramicsmuseum.alfred.edu](http://www.ceramicsmuseum.alfred.edu)

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

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

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

**Terra Cotta Museum.** Main St., Alfred. Open on special occasions or by appointment, call 587-8358.



## Lectures/Readings

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

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

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

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

**Baker's Bridge Historical Association.** Meets 7:30 p.m. third Monday of each month, Sept.-April in the Meeting House, 5971 Hamilton Hill Road, Alfred Station. 2010-11 Programs include: Oct. 18--Betsy Brooks "Birding in Allegany County"; Nov. 15--Sherry Volk, "Letter Box Project"; Dec. 13--Elliott & Jessen Case, "Kinfolk Natural Foods"; Jan. 17--Crystal Dodge, "Pet-Sitting Adventures"; Feb. 21--Matt Mueller, "Life During World War II"; March 21--Craig Braack, "Underground Railroad"; and April 18--Mark Voorheis, "Ethan Lanphear." For more infor-

mation, call President Laurie McFadden, 587-9493. To tour building and/or view exhibits, call Historian Susan Greene at 587-9488. Visit: [www.bakersbridge.org](http://www.bakersbridge.org)

**Bergren Forum.** 12:10 p.m. Thursdays, Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center, AU campus, when classes in session. Oct. 14--Robert Kruckeberg, "The French Royal Lottery (1776-1793) and the French Revolution: The Rise of Financial Capitalism and Modern Political Culture." Oct. 21--Erin Redmond, "1930s Hollywood and Argentine Literature: Melodrama in Manuel Puig's *Betrayed* by Rita Hayworth." Oct. 28--Brian Arnold, "Lempad, Gamelan, and the West: A Study of Modernism and Indonesian Art." Nov. 4--Melissa Ryan, "Enskymment, Enwldment, Emplacement: In Search of an Authentic Relationship to the Natural World." Nov. 11--Mary McGee, "The Changing American Religions Landscape: Hindu Communities and Temples in the U.S." Nov. 18--Steve Crosby, "A Costa Rica Sabbathical: A Journey of Discoveries." Nov. 25--Thanksgiving. Dec. 2--Stephanie McMahon, "Contemporary Abstract Painting." Bring a brown bag lunch; coffee and tea available.

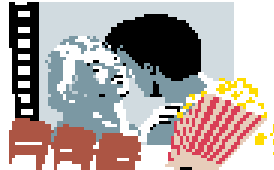
**Hornell Fortnightly Club.** 7:30 pm second Thursday of each month during academic year, Hornell High School Library. Membership dues \$12/single, \$18/family. Mail to: Donald Doster, 191 Hornell St., Hornell, NY 14843.

**Maple City Garden Club.** Monthly potluck lunch second Wednesday at Sawyer St. Court, Hornell (unless otherwise noted) at 12 noon. Program follows: Nov. 10--"Welcome bats and toads to your garden" with Mary Lu Wells. Dec. 8--"Florida Birds" with John and Sue Babbitt. Jan. 12--"Care of House Plants" with Patsy Flaitz. Feb. 9--TBA with Rick Martin, master gardener. March 9--TBA. April 13--Field trip to Hornell with noon lunch at Country Kitchen and a "behind-the-scenes" visit to Bennett's Greenhouse. May 11--Field trip to Almond with noon lunch at Muhleisen's followed by a visit to Planting Acre Farm (CSA). June 8--Plant auction and planning the 2011-2012 program. For info, call

Zoë Coombs at 587-8031.

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

**William B. Hoyt II Visitor Center at Mt. Morris Dam Winter Lecture Series.** All lectures in Visitor Center Atrium at 1 p.m. Saturdays. Free admission. The visitor center is located about 1.7 miles from Mount Morris and 11 miles from Nunda, off State Route 408. For information call 585-658-4790.



## Films

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

**AU Alternative Cinema**—8 p.m. Thursdays when college is in session. 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28--Nosferatu, at Alfred Village Hall; Spectrum presents Rocky Horror Picture Show at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30 in Nevins Theater, PCC; 7 p.m. Thurs., Nov. 11--Pauline at the Beach, Nevins Theater, PCC; 7 p.m. Thurs., Nov. 18--La Cere- monie, Nevins Theater, PCC.

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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 Wed. of each month 7-8:30 p.m. in Memorial Conference Room, St. James Mercy Hospital. For more info, call Kim Gardner at 776-1146.

**Grief Support Group.** Meets second Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. in the St. James Mercy Hospital Cafeteria Annex. For info, call Brian Diffenbacher at 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 third Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Adult Day Care room at Mercy-care, Bethesda Drive, Hornell. For more info, call St. James Mercy Health at 324-8147.

**Pulmonary Support Group** of Jones Memorial Hospital meets from 1 to 3 p.m. on the second Monday of 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 716-593-0820 or 716-593-2324.

**Allegany County SPCA.** Volunteers or those wishing to contribute

## WHAT'S COOKIN'?

**Allegany County Office for the Aging Meals on Wheels & Luncheon Center Menu Monday, Dec. 27**  
Fruit juice, Firemen's BBQ Chicken, baked beans, corn, dinner roll, sugar cookie, diabetic fruit cocktail.

**Tuesday, Dec. 28**  
Tossed salad w/dressing, lasagna, Italian mixed vegetables, garlic bread, applesauce cake, diabetic applesauce.

**Wednesday, Dec. 29**  
Tropical fruit, hearty Beef Barley Soup, Brussel Sprouts, bran quick bread, chocolate pudding, diabetic pudding.

**Thursday, Dec. 30**  
**New Year's Special!** Applesauce, baked ham, whipped sweet potatoes, peas, rye bread, cheesecake, diabetic peaches.

**Friday, Dec. 31**  
Happy New Year! No Congregate Centers or Meals-on-Wheels. For reservations, call the site coordinator or 585-268-9390 or (toll free 1-866-268-9390) by 2 p.m. on previous day.

**ALFRED NUTRITION SITE**  
Union University Church Center, 12 noon  
Call Cindy Berry at 607-382-4918.  
**Monday**—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon.  
**Wednesday**—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., lunch at noon.  
**Thursday**—Lunch at 12 noon.

**BELMONT NUTRITION SITE**  
American Legion Hall, 11:30 a.m.  
Call Lila Johnson at 585-268-5380.  
**Tuesday**—Exercises at 10 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m. "Caroling" and "Pledge of Allegiance Anniversary."  
**Thursday**—Exercises at 10 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m. "Show and Tell" and "New Year's Resolution."

**BOLIVAR NUTRITION SITE**  
Fire Hall 12 noon  
Call Carolyn Hackett at 585-928-2672  
**Monday**—Exercises at 11 a.m., lunch at 12 noon.  
**Wednesday**—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon.  
**Thursday**—Lunch at 12 noon.

**CANASERAGA NUTRITION SITE**  
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Call Barb Welch at 607-295-7301.  
**Tuesday**—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon. "Pledge of Allegiance."  
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**Tuesday**—Euchre, Cards, Dominoes, Puzzles at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon. "Thanks a Latte."  
**Wednesday**—Euchre, Cards, Dominoes, Puzzle at 10:30 a.m., Lunch at noon. "Current Topics."  
**Thursday**—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., Lunch at 12 noon. "A Perfect Time."

**FILLMORE NUTRITION SITE**  
Fillmore Fire Hall, 12 noon  
Call Maggie Brown at 585-737-5609  
**Monday**—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., Cards, Jigsaw Puzzles, Euchre, Lunch at noon.  
**Thursday**—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., Cards, Jigsaw Puzzles, Euchre, Lunch at noon. Cheryl Czworka--Site Monitoring & "Fats: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly."

**FRIENDSHIP NUTRITION SITE**  
Community Center, 12 noon  
Call Office for the Aging 585-268-9390  
**Tuesday**—Exercises at 10:45 a.m., Lunch at 12 noon. Cards at 1 p.m.  
**Thursday**—Exercises at 10:45 a.m., Lunch at 12 noon, Crafts at 1:00 p.m.

**WELLSVILLE NUTRITION SITE**  
Community Center, 12 noon  
Call Donna Fiegl at 585-593-7665.  
**Monday**—Stretch at 9 a.m., Bingo at 10:30 a.m., Lunch at noon, Euchre at 1 p.m.  
**Wednesday**—Games 10 a.m., Lunch at noon, Euchre 1 p.m. Cheryl Czworka--Site Monitoring & "Fats: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly."  
**Thursday**—Stretch at 9 a.m., Bingo at 10:30 a.m., Lunch at noon, Bridge at 1 p.m.  
**Friday**—Happy New Year! Site closed.

**WHITESVILLE NUTRITION SITE**  
Whitesville Fire Hall, 12 noon  
Call Voni Mattison at 315-878-2507.  
**Monday**—Exercises at 10:45 a.m., Lunch at noon. "Kwanzaa Puzzle."  
**Tuesday**—Lunch 12. "Breathe!" Blood Pressure Clinic.  
**Wednesday**—Exercises at 10:45 a.m., Lunch at 12 noon. "Coffee Hour." "New Year's Celebration." "New Year's Bingo."

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## FIFTY YEARS AGO, DECEMBER 22, 1960

**The Board of Education** of the Alfred-Almond Central School met on December 15, 1960 for the last meeting of the year with all members, Superintendent William Garwood, Principal Cliquennoi and the Clerk Harold Reid in attendance. The Board approved accepting the bid of \$2,554.17 made by Russ Davis for a 1961 Ford Station wagon which meets all requirements of the Public Service Commission. The old station wagon will be advertised when the replacement is on hand. After full discussion, approval was made for the participation of Alfred-Almond in the exchange student program organized under International Fellowship, Inc. in Buffalo, which was founded in 1951...

**Dr. Willis C. Russell**, Chairman of the Department of History and Political Science, received a citation for 25 years of service to Alfred University on Wednesday night at the annual President's Dinner given by President M. Ellis Drake for the trustees, faculty, and administrative faculty...

**Alfredians**—Miss Betty Beyea leaves tomorrow for Mystic, Conn., where she will be guest of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Potter for Christmas...Miss Vivian Dickinson of Brockport State Teachers College is home for the holidays...Dr. and Mrs. Manolo Rodriguez-Diaz and Maria Rosario will spend Christmas in Washington, D.C. and will visit relatives at Philadelphia, Pa. Dr. Rodriguez-Diaz will attend the Modern Language Conference while in Philadelphia..."Phil" Baker of Washington, D.C. will spend the holidays at his home here...Mr. and Mrs. John C. Bridge and daughter and John and Miss Lena Will of Alfred Station were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Snyder...Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Trowbridge and two daughters of Mt. Holly, N.J. and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Snyder and children of Niagara Falls, spent the Christmas weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Snyder. Mr. and Mrs. Prosper Trowbridge of Hornell will join them for Christmas dinner...Robert Myers of Cornell University is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Erle Myers...Mr. and Mrs. James Scholes and Sandra of Geneseo will arrive Saturday to spend the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. S.R. Scholes and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bassett...Mr. and Mrs. Lauren Soule and family expect to spend Christmas Day at Trumansburg with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Scholes and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Shannon at Reynoldsville.

**Alfred Station**—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stimson of Andover and Mrs. Mae Whitford were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Van Housen at Howard...Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis and children were in Rochester Thursday to meet Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lewis who returned by plane from a several weeks visit with her brother Dr. H.M. Pierce and Mrs. Pierce at L. Mirada, California, and with other relatives in Riverside and Redding, California...Cheryl Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Allen, underwent a tonsillectomy at Bethesda Hospital last week...Miss Amanda Stevens, a student at Fredonia State Teachers College, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Stevens...Keith Rogers was graduated from the Coast Guard Training School at Groton, Connecticut, Dec. 16, and is currently spending a three weeks leave with his parents, Dean and Mrs. Albert Rogers. He will report back to Groton for duty on Jan. 6...Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pierce entertained Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pierce and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pierce at a Christmas party Thursday evening...

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**Almond News**—Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hadsell spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Irving Hadsell at Swain...Burr Straight of Oswego is spending the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. George Straight...Mrs. Daniel Greene and daughters of Wellsville were Wednesday supper guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy McIntosh...This Misses Jane and Virginia Gillette, Mrs. Roda Gillette and Mark Gillette were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Saxton in Canaseraga...Ben Reynolds of Delhi will be spending the Christmas

holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Reynolds...Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bey that their son has arrived in Kami Seya, Japan for duty with the U.S. Navy...Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morton of Franklinville, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Allen of Buffalo, Roger Marvin of California and Dr. and Mrs. John Marvin of Fillmore were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Jennie Marvin and Max.

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, DEC. 19, 1985

**Mrs. Nancy Domm**, an elementary teacher, has been selected as the December Teacher-of-the-Month by the Alfred-Almond Teachers' Association. Mrs. Domm received her B.A. and M.A. degrees from State University College at Potsdam. Mrs. Domm and her husband, William, a music teacher at Jasper Central School, moved to this area in 1979...Mrs. Domm enjoys figure skating, camping and traveling.

**John P. Delaney** has been appointed assistant professor in the Alfred University College of Business and Administration to serve as coordinator of the recently expanded curriculum in health planning and management. Alfred University becomes one of only five baccalaureate programs in the United States that currently offer a career track in this area. In announcing the appointment and new program, Dr. Lyndon Goodridge, dean of the College of Business and Administration, said that a curriculum has been designed to prepare students for entry-level, mid-management positions in an increasingly large number of private and public sector health-related organizations...

**An Alfred firm** was the apparent low bidder on a N.Y.S. Department of Transportation construction project on Route 305 in the Town of Belfast. Bakers of Jericho Hill of Alfred bid \$523,908.22, the lowest of seven bids received by NYSDOT. The project, scheduled for completion by Oct. 31, 1986, calls for relocation of Route 305 on an improved alignment for one-half mile in the town of Belfast...

**Ten Years Ago, Dec. 11, 1975**—Three area residents will be among 27 Alfred University students scheduled to participate next month in special winter minimester study projects in Great Britain and on San Salvador Island, in the Bahamas. They are Raymond M. Benza of 439 Cleveland Ave., Hornell, a senior general science and biology major; Brian Cook of 2799 Hillcrest Drive, Wellsville, a senior nursing major; and Amy A. Tuttle of Randolph Road, Alfred, a sophomore majoring in chemistry...Mrs. Eloise Baker had her family for Sunday dinner recently, including the Richard Baker family, the Vince Petric family and the Robert Baker family of Alfred.

**50 Years Ago, Dec. 19, 1935**—Henry Erlich, the last survivor of one of Hornell's pioneer business houses, died Tuesday morning at his home in that city after an illness of only one week. He was known throughout this vicinity as proprietor of the Star Clothing House and active in other enterprises, and recognized throughout the entire state as a prominent Democrat, close friend of Alfred E. Smith, James A. Parsons, Governor Herbert Lehman and others.

**Alfredians**—Mr. and Mrs. William Horton traveled to Pennyrile Forest State Park in Kentucky for Thanksgiving. They shared a cottage there with Mr. and Mrs. George Luffel of Rolla, MO, Mr. and Mrs. David Luffel and two-year-old son Mark of Fairburn, GA. And Mrs. Hubert White of Black Mountain, NC...Taxes in the Town of Alfred are expected to rise by approximately 6% in the coming year, according to Supervisor Douglas Burdick...Patsy Culley and Susan Copenheaver represented Alfred-Almond's Senior Chorus in the Area All-State Chorus that performed in Elmira Nov. 22-23...M. Elwood "Mike" Kenyon, life trustee of Alfred University and "Mr. Loan Association" for a broad generation of area people, is moving from Alfred to the State Masonic Home, 2150 Bleecker St., Utica, NY 13504. He has been in Bethesda Hospital since Nov. 22 and is moving to the Masonic Home this week...The Alfred University Chorale performed at the Hornell Fortnightly Club on Thursday, Dec. 12. Paul Giles is director of the group.

## TEN YEARS AGO, DECEMBER 21, 2000

**The Alfred Montessori School** Friday, Dec. 15 began Phase II of the project to convert the Crandall Carriage House on South Main Street into a new space for

the Preschool and daycare facility. Pat Curran of PTC Contracting has been awarded the contract to renovate the interior spaces. Students of Alfred State College Vocational School Building Trades program will also participate, providing labor to install heating and plumbing...

**(Photo) RENOVATION** of the interior of the Crandall Carriage House is now underway. Gathering in front of the future Alfred Montessori School are Joe Dosch, clerk of the works; Drew McInnes and Barbara Greil, Crandall Barn Committee; Glenna Fredrickson, school director; Pat Curran, contractor; and Angela Rossington (Crandall Barn Committee).

**Ardean William "Matty" Matison**, 77, of Auburn-dale, FL died Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2000 at Good Shepherd Hospice Residential Center in Auburndale. He was a native of Andover who moved to the Auburndale, FL area in 1969 after working and residing in Alfred for many years. Throughout his life, he held several different jobs ranging from serving in the Navy to being on the line in a factory and even barbering in Alfred. He was also a residential contractor in Alfred. With his son at his side, he built many homes, duplexes and even an apartment complex in Alfred that now bears the Matison name in his honor. He continued as a builder after relocating with his family to Auburndale in 1969. He retired in 1980...He is survived by his wife, Betty Eckenrode Matison of Auburndale; a son, Mickey (A.J.) Matison of Winter Haven; two daughters, Lynda (John) ally of Avon and Molly (Bryan) Bailey of Lake Alfred, FL...

**Alfred University Life Trustee** William J. Navin died Monday, Dec. 11 in Port Washington, N.Y., where he made his home. Mr. Navin, a 1925 graduate of Alfred University, served on the AU Board of Trustees for nearly 50 years. He was first elected to the Board in 1951 and became a Life Trustee in 1969. Born July 7, 1903, in Stockbridge, MA, Mr. Navin was married in 1930 to the former Annette Flood on October 14, 1930. She died in 1992, and their only daughter, Jean, a fashion industry executive, died in 1995...He represented Western Electric Corporation, now a part of AT&T, as a patent trademark and copyright attorney from 1931 until his retirement in 1968...

**Eleanor J. Westfall, 94**, of Knollwood Distaff Hall and Military Retirement Facility in Washington, D.C., died Nov. 20, 2000 following a short illness. Born January 17, 1906 in Wilton, she was the daughter of George and Jennie (Denton) Westfall. She was a graduate of the State University of New York at Cortland and later served with the U.S. Army in England, France and Germany from 1944-1945, retiring with the rank of Major, after 25 years of service. Eleanor spent her earlier retirement years in Alfred to be near her sister, Rachel Parish, who died in 1981...

**A daughter was born** Sunday, Dec. 3, 2000 to Timothy and Iren Lloyd of Hornell at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester. Paternal grandparents are Gary and Mary Jane Lloyd of Alfred and great grandparents are Chalmers and Eva Lloyd of Lakeville. Maternal grandparents are the late Steve and the late Susan Duhai.

**In bicycle racing**, one of the most coveted prizes is the jersey awarded to the national champion in the United States, that jersey called the "Stars and Stripes Jersey." Lance Armstrong has one, Greg LeMond has several, and now Keith Gregory of Alfred has one. At the U.S. Cycling Cyclocross Nationals held in Overland Park, Kansas on Dec. 15, Gregory handily won his 55+ year age group by just under 5 minutes in the cold, snowy, 40-minute race. He even caught up to many of the younger 50- and 45-year-olds who had started minutes ahead of him. Racing under the sponsorship of the Bicycle Man and Alfred Pharmacy, the Nationals were a fitting end to a successful season of racing. Overall, Keith is tenth in the world in mountain biking, Empire State Games Gold and Bronze double medallist, Buffalo Bicycling Club Season Champion for 55+, Toyfest winner 55+, New York State Cyclocross Champion for 45+, and fifth overall in the 8-race New York State Cyclocross Point Series for 35+. Not one to rest on his laurels, Gregory already has begun planning and training for the 2001 racing campaign.

**Coach Joe Cappadonia's** A-A boys varsity basketball team had a week of extremes, soundly defeating Hammondsport, 86-40 and suffering a 64-23 loss to unbeaten Campbell-Savona...



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Restoration completed

ANDOVER--The Andover Presbyterian Church has completed a restoration of the sanctuary just in time for Christmas. On a severely cold night in February of 2009 the hot water heating system ruptured a pipe, filling the interior with water vaporand flooded the basement.

Most of the repair work was done in the weeks following the problem, but finding a contractor willing to attempt refinishing the beautiful woodwork ceiling proved difficult. During early December this year Colin MacCrea of Andover successfully restored the ceiling's finish as well as giving the walls their first new paint since 1972. Church members will complete the seasonal decoration in time for candle light Christmas Eveservices featuring the Andover Community Choir.

The Presbyterian Churchis the oldest congregation in Andover. Established in 1840 as a Congregational Church, the present white steepled building was erected in 1867 on East Greenwood Street following the destruction of the original church by fire. Christmas Eve services are at 7 p.m. Weekly worship services, led by Rev. Dean Bem-bower are 10:15 a.m. Sundays.



Colin MacCrea refinishing woodwork at the Andover Presbyterian Church.

Candlelight service at A-A Bible Church

ALMOND--The Alfred-Almond Bible Church invites area residents to a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24 at the church, located just south of Alfred-Almond Central School on Rt. 21.

All are welcome to join in celebrating the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. For more information, call the church office at 276-6700.

THE GLORY OF AMERICA  
Thursday, December 23

On this day in 1866, Senator Henry Wilson, speaking at the Young Men’s Christian Association in his home town of Natick, Massachusetts, exhorted them: “Remember ever, and always, that your country was founded, not by the ‘most superficial, the lightest, the most ir-reflective of all European races,’ but by the stern old Puritans who made the deck of the Mayflower an altar of the living God, and whose first act on touching the soil of the new world was to offer on bended knees thanksgiving to Almighty God.”

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bath Dec. 25 is Christmas Day. Your friends and neighbors at the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptists Church invite you to “Come Home for Christmas”. There will be a light Continental Breakfast as part of the Sabbath School gathering. “Come Home for Christmas” join your friends and neighbors for the Christmas Day Worship Hour Sabbath Dec. 25. The instrumentalist and the Chime

Choir will add their gifts to the celebration. The primary children will light the Christ Candle and sing “Away in the Manger.” Pastor Ken’s Christmas Homily is titled “He is here” based on John 1:14. The hope is that as we worship the message of Christmas, “Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.” will become a reality.

“Come Home for Christmas” but if you are unable to join us for the Christmas Worship Hour we invite you to go to our website: [www.alfredstationsdb.org](http://www.alfredstationsdb.org). There you will see how you can join us live for the Christmas Worship Hour via the Internet.

The meetinghouse is the big white building at 587 Route 244, Alfred Station. For more information, call 607-587-9176.

Christmas Eve service

ALFRED--The Alfred Community Christmas Eve Service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24 at the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church.

The service, coordinated by the Alfred United Methodist Church, will feature a “Festival of Lessons and Carols.”

Christmas morning worship service set

ALFRED--All are invited to a special 11 a.m. Christmas Morning Worship Service at the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, 5 Church Street. A homemade soup and bread lunch will follow the Sabbath (Saturday) Service.

The Worship Service will be formed around the reading and telling of Leo Tolstoy’s beloved story, “Papa Panov’s Special Christmas.” The music of Christmas and Scripture readings will be interwoven throughout the Service.

Emmanuel, God with us. Tolstoy’s story beautifully portrays how Jesus Christ is present in and throughout our everyday lives. The story depicts how we can, and do, express and share His love in the world—in our homes, our workplaces, our communities—not just at Christmas, but throughout the year.

The soup and bread Christmas lunch is drawn from an event in Tolstoy’s story. The meal will be served in the SDB Parish House, located at 6 W. University, across from the Village Hall.

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# The Dugout

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With the holiday season in full swing and Christmas upon us this Saturday, it is time to reflect on the things in your life that mean the most. First and foremost I have been blessed with a great daughter that the readers of this column have "seen" grow up over the years. Lauren is now 21-years old, a senior at SUNY Geneseo and all set to graduate in May. Yikes! She (and family) has always been something I am thankful for. Lucky to have a daughter who enjoys sports, is good at most sports she attempts to compete in and is just goofy enough to make me laugh and realize just how lucky I am.

Close behind 3L and family are friends. From growing up in Almond, going to school at Alfred-Almond and for the past number of years living in Webster, I have had the opportunity to meet people galore along the way that became friends, remain friends and just enjoy being around. From classmates at A-A, many of whom I still keep in contact with. Playing softball in the A-A/Hornell area with league teams and a very talented traveling Bandits squad. Moving to the Rochester area and hooking up with the Joker's Wild cast of characters. Great bunch of guys! The parents of teams in Webster and of particular, the soccer parents at Geneseo!

Coaches, people from other towns, friends younger and older. At the risk of forgetting someone and certainly not wanting to offend anyone, "non A-A" friends like Atwell, Kaz, Beyer, Sayre, Beale ... lucky me, Simbo and many more. The coaches I know either quite well or casually, but all well enough to chat with when I run into them. Many of a great group of friends are ones I played softball with for a number of years. Guys 9-10-11 years younger than me, which Lauren always gets a kick out of, but growing up in a small town like Almond isn't that odd. Older buddies like Big D (sorry Derck).

One of the guys from the softball period is now sick and needs your thoughts/prayers. He'll kick me for writing this but in case things don't work out, I want him to know how I feel about him and how all his ex-teammates do as well. Lyle Cook, "Gervin" has been a friend for many years. A person I first got to know when coaching the Almond Lions Club Youth Basketball League, later on with the A-A JV baseball squad and eventually as a player with too many games with and against to even begin to count. Our first sacker on the Bandits tournament team and opposing pitcher, Mullen Carpets versus Almond Farm & Home in the old AASPL.

I most certainly don't categorize my friends in any kind of order. As one who has been writing this column for many years I have a tendency to group friends ... coaching friends, A-A buddies, softball buddies, parents of Lauren's teammates, work friends, etc. If I did though, Lyle Cook would be in that "upper echelon" of people that I have been fortunate enough to know and be around. That would have many a "second" from mutual friends. The best hitter I was lucky enough to play softball with, clutch in the field at 1B and on the golf course I have always enjoyed watching his drives sail down the fairway. He didn't always know where the golf ball was going, but it would travel a distance! Simbo, Chark, Gerv and I comprised a foursome in a few Greg Norton/Denny Allen Memorial golf tournaments in Hornell or at Six-S. Simbo, Jake Taft, Gerv and I would play together at the Joker's Wild golf outing in Holley.

On Saturday past, at a place called Flash's in Brockport, Mark S. Gaisser organized a party in "honor" of Gervin with friends attending from all the groups I have mentioned above. Some traveling up from Alfred and Almond, the A-A grads who live in the Rochester area. Taft from Florida, softball teammates from the Joker's Wild and family. A great gathering, some holiday cheer and mainly to let one guy know how we feel about him. My words in this space won't do that justice. A super job of putting event together by Gaisser, his wife D'Arcy and their two daughters on hand to help.

I'm not sure what the future holds for Lyle Cook. He has a fight on his hands but I do know he'll never give that fight up!

As great an athlete that Gervin has been, an A-A Hall of Famer, he is an even better person and family man.

A person that I am very lucky to have as a friend.

# A-A Dynamic Duo still breaking records

By **ROSETTA GREANEY**  
*Special to the Alfred Sun*

ALMOND--It was another record breaking week for the swimming Eagles of Alfred-Almond Central School as they remain unbeaten after three weeks of competition.

The duo of Patrick Greaney and Nik von Stackelberg broke two records apiece this week. Patrick Greaney broke the Alfred Almond School record in the 200 Individual Medley with a time of 2:06.57 on Dec. 16 when the team travelled to Gananda. During that same meet he broke the Gananda pool record in the 100 breast with a personal best time of 1:04.17.

The Gananda venue was also a fast one for Nik as he broke the pool records in the 200 freestyle (1:54.48) and 500 free (5:01.38). Kaitlyn Flaitz also swam the 500 free (6:33.96) and qualified for sectionals.

Other highlights of the week included a home meet Dec. 14 when the team triumphed over the Cuba-Rushford Rebels. Leah Crosby, a first year diver, was able to snap up first place with a sectional qualifying score of 130.35 in the 1-meter diving event. Alyssa Fuller, a senior swimmer, captured first place in the 500 free (6:36.67). Other winners included Logan Peck in the 200 IM (2:36.68), Taylor Godshalk 50 free (24.78) Patrick Greaney 100 fly (59.97) and Maddie McConnell in the 100 free (57.28).

The week ended with the Tsunami at the Cement Pool 2 at Geneseo on Saturday, Dec. 18. It is a unique annual meet that brings the teams who captured first place in their Section V class together to raise money for charity.

The Section V Class D champion Eagles were able to swim in some challenges races against the Class A champions-Fairport Raiders. It was a day of camaraderie and sportsmanship that elicited over \$2,000 through a silent auction and dinner for the local charities; The Teresa House and American Heart Association.

The Eagles will be practicing hard over the holidays to gear up for the second half of their season which ramps up again with a home meet on Jan. 6 against Canisteo-Greenwood.

## Eagles dominate in Week 2

For the second week of competition the Eagles continued to dominate in the pool. The team travelled to Addison Dec. 7 and added to their win column. Logan Peck got out-touched at the finish in a close race in the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:13.38. The team ended up overpowering Addison with a final score of 110.5 to 72.5.

The team hosted Campbell Savona Dec. 9. Highlights of the meet included the breaking of an A-A girls pool record in the 50 freestyle by Maddie McConnell. She raced to the end in the 50 freestyle event with a fine time of 25.38. During that same meet Kevin Cook snapped up first place in the 200 IM (2:36.45), Piper Chester won on the 1-meter diving board, Taylor Godshalk finished in the lead during the 100 free (55.73), Alyssa

Fuller won the 500 free (6:35.66) and Patrick Greaney first in the 100 fly (58.37).

The team traveled to the Bath pool Dec. 11 for a tri-meet that included Campbell Savona. In their closest contest this season the Eagles pulled out a 98-88 victory over Bath. Taylor Godshalk, Patrick Greaney and Nik

von Stackelberg all contributed to the win with double individual wins along with two relay triumphs. Allee von Stackelberg sealed the deal when she out-touched a Bath swimmer to take second place in the 100 breaststroke with a personal best time of 1:16.87. Another great week of swimming by the Eagles!



**PATRICK GREANEY (right) congratulates Nik von Stackelberg after he broke a pool record at Gananda.**

# THE DUGOUT continued

## HITS AND MISSES:

**Wisconsin-Whitewater** beat Mount Union in the NCAA Division III football championship game at the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl in Virginia, 31-21. The Warhawks completed an unblemished (15-0) campaign, while winning their third national title in the past four seasons, all against the Purple Raiders from Ohio! It was the sixth-straight appearance in the title game ... for each team! Mount Union finished up at 14-1 with a playoff win over Alfred University along the way.

**Alfred-Almond Hall** of Famer, Mike B. Giedlin is leaving his position with the Norfolk Tides in the "AAA" International League and will soon be headed to Northern Arizona University where he'll work in the athletic department. "Gids" formerly had college working experience at Alfred State and Georgia State.

**Allegany County** Hall of Famer, Tim Mead (Andover) is going to be "taking it easy" at Walsh College in Ohio as he is only going to coach the baseball team now and give up his duties as the men's soccer coach for the Cavs! How he did both those position over the years, 27-seasons (roughly), with recruiting and summer camps/teams is beyond me. The Walsh Hall of Famer is also a past assistant AD at the school, is active on the NAIA baseball committee on a national level and has coached all-star baseball teams in summer competition at the college level. Whew. Think I golfed with him once in his spare time!

**St. Bonaventure** beat Ohio, 112-107 in 4 OT's over the weekend past to raise their men's b-ball slate to (6-3) on the year. Bonas will "host" Virginia Tech tonite (12/23) at the BCA-War Memorial in Rochester with Jeff E. Calkins (A-A) in charge.

**The UConn women** have now won 88-straight basketball games, tying the all-time Division I record of the UCLA men and will probably have #89 in the books as you read this. Followed this team when Sue Bird and Diana Taurasi were on it but not so much of late.

**Either the Seattle Seahawks** or St. Louis Rams will win the NFC West title, perhaps with a losing (7-9) record and then host a wild card game against a team that has a much better record than them. Why? You win the division, ok. Give them a trophy, a banner, let them in the playoffs, but they should be traveling to play the team with the better record, not hosting them! The NFL needs to correct this.

**Former Rochester Red Wings** skipper Marv Foley has been named the catching instructor at the major league level by the Colorado Rockies. Foley was with the "AAA" Wings about 6-7 years ago at Frontier Field.

**The Orlando Magic** of the NBA had quite the roster shake-up over the weekend as they acquired Gilbert Arenas from Washington and ex-teammate Hedo Turkoglu from Phoenix along with Jason Richardson. AU grad Bob W. Beyer is an assistant coach with the NBA club.

**Couple of vanity plates** spotted: from Texas ... GR8ES with Cowboys logo. Also, NYS: BIGMANNY ... Nuttall's new name now that he is out of the witness protection program.

**3L ran in her second** race this past Sunday as it was the CATS Athletic Club Polarcat Series with a 5K in Webster. With a time of 32:00 the former Geneseo soccer player came in second overall in the women's bracket, just ahead of "running mate" Kate Brett (Webster/Fredonia State).

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS, EVERYONE!!**

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