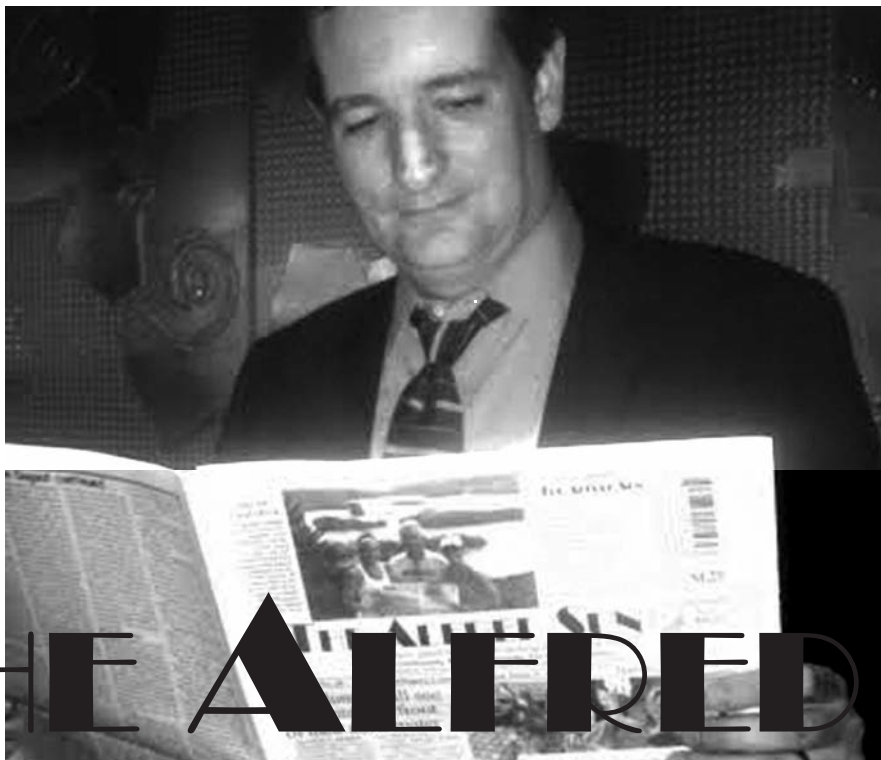


## Cruz-ing for news

United States Senator Ted Cruz catches up on the latest letters to the editors, insightful Snyder Remarks and the creative cartoons as the sun shines in Washington DC. Rafael Edward "Ted" Cruz is the junior United States Senator from Texas. Elected in 2012, he is the first Latino to hold the office of US Senator from Texas. Cruz is a member of the Republican Party and, apparently, he reads *The Alfred Sun*.



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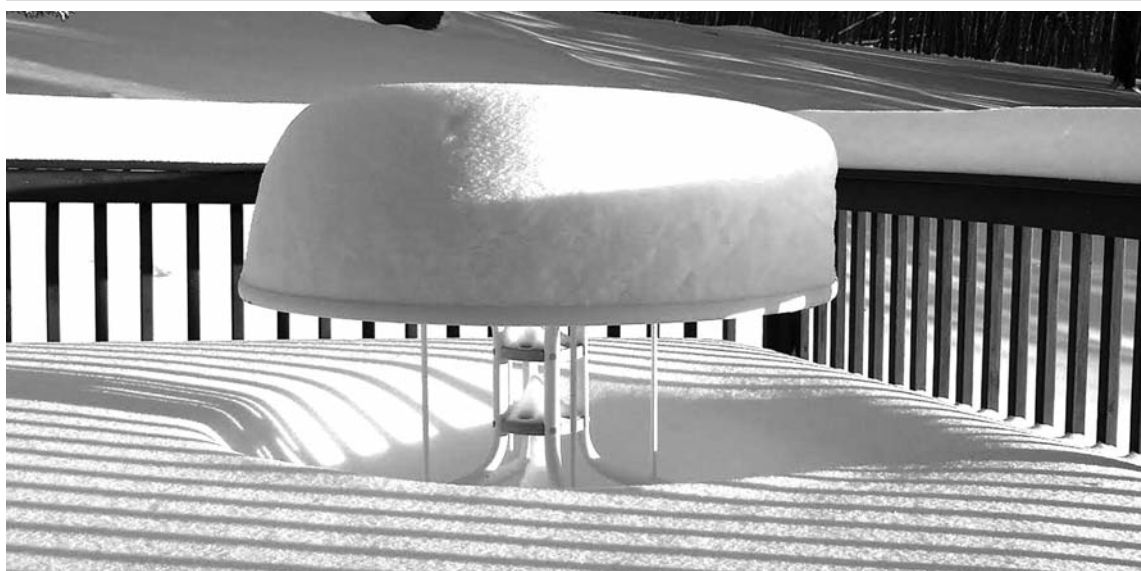
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**SNOW GAUGE**--Bill Pulos sent us a photo of his own personal "Bill Pulos Snow Gauge" from his back door at 1592 Waterwells Road, Alfred Station on Tuesday morning, Feb. 3, a day after Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow at Gobler's Knob and declared there will be six more weeks of winter weather. Bill thinks Phil--and Phil's cousin Alfred Station Al--are probably correct.

## Alfred Village Election will be held March 18

*The Alfred Sun*, in last week's issue, incorrectly stated that the Alfred Village Election will be held on Tuesday, March 17. It will actually be held on Wednesday, March 18, with polls open from 12 noon to 9 p.m.

Village elections are normally held on the third Tuesday of March. However, because St. Patrick's Day falls on the third Tuesday, New York State Election Law states that the election should be the next day, Wednesday, March 18.

Eligible voters may register to vote at the Allegany County Board of Elections at 6 Schuyler

Street, Belmont, NY 14813. Voter registration forms may be found on the website: [www.alleganyco.com](http://www.alleganyco.com).

The resolution for this election was approved by the Alfred Village Board of Trustees at its meeting of January 13, 2015.

The slate of candidates in the Alfred Village Election will be:

**Republican Party**  
Mayor--Jason Rodd  
Trustee--Kory Shick  
Trustee--Nicholas Ferraro  
**Democratic Party**  
Mayor--Justin Grigg  
Trustee--Peter McClain  
Trustee--Tom McDowell

## Alfred State's Ebel, Murray honored for service

ALFRED--Several members of the Alfred State family were honored for their service to others Thursday at the Alfred Village Hall during the fifth annual Celebration of Service Ceremony.

Each year, two honorees, one student and one faculty or staff member, receives a Spirit of Service Award, which recognizes and celebrates those in the Greater Alfred community who demonstrate a strong commitment to serving others. The award is intended to honor people who are actively living out the principles Martin Luther King Jr. stood for, including equality, social justice, community, and service.

Ashley Ebel, a business administration major from Freeville, was named this year's Alfred State College Student Spirit of Service Award winner. Ebel works as a student advocate for the Center for Civic Engagement, works at the rock climbing wall, is a leader in the Outdoor Recreation Club, and is president of Little Angels of Honduras, a new organization on campus devoted to fundraising and awareness regarding the lack of adequate medical supplies and care for Honduran infants and children.

In 2013, Ebel was named "Mentee of the Year" for the Emerging Pioneers Leadership Program, in part due to her hard work with Hope for Honduras. She has also worked with a small group through this leadership program to raise awareness about youth suicide by hosting a poetry slam. This event high-

lighted many of the reasons for young adult suicide and discussed resources available to depressed and suicidal youth.

This year's winner of the Alfred State Faculty/Staff Spirit of Service Award is Michael Murray, assistant director of dining at Auxiliary Campus Enterprises and Services, Inc. (ACES). ACES is a not-for-profit corporation that supports the mission of Alfred State by providing dining services, campus bookstores, cable TV, vending, and transportation services to student customers.

Murray has been a member of the Alfred State Family for decades as a tireless employee of ACES, is an active member of the Alumni Board, is co-adviser to the Greek Advisory Board, and is an adviser to one of Alfred State's Greek houses, Gamma Theta Gamma. Every year under Murray's direction, the brothers of Gamma Theta Gamma host a Halloween Haunted House for the community, with proceeds typically going to Relay for Life.

In 2014, half of the proceeds from this event went to benefit the Golisano Children's Hospital, and under Murray's direction, the fraternity is working to raise money and awareness for the Wounded Warrior Project. Murray is also an active fundraiser for the ALS Foundation, participating in the annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser and continuing to raise money and awareness for the cause throughout the year.

Nominees each received a certificate for their efforts:

Andrew Scott, an architectural



**Pictured is this year's Alfred State Faculty/Staff Spirit of Service Award winner Michael Murray, assistant director of dining at Auxiliary Campus Enterprises and Services, Inc. (ACES), center, along with members of Gamma Theta Gamma. (Photo provided)**

technology major from Arverne, who has devoted significant time outside of his architectural studies to volunteer at the Southern Tier Architectural Resource (STAR) Center.

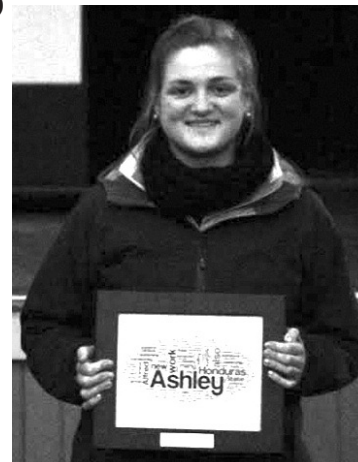
Chad Martin, a construction management engineering technology major from Breesport, who, as president of the Pioneer Woodsmen's Club, takes leadership in managing a large and active club involved in lumberjacking competitions throughout the region.

Dr. Robert Curry, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, who is a language partner for international students, has served on many Alfred State committees, serves on various New

York State curricular committees, and always makes time for staff and students.

Debra Mayes, computer specialist with technology services, who is highly engaged in numerous civic engagement projects and has traveled to Catskills, North Dakota, Long Island, and Detroit to assist with flood cleanup and other disaster relief efforts.

Barbara Pierce, student activities secretary, who is an incredible advocate for the Alfred Community Garden and has mentored a group of students who are participants of the Emerging Pioneers Leadership Program at Alfred State.



**Ashley Ebel, a business administration major from Freeville, proudly displays her Alfred State College Student Spirit of Service Award.**



## OBITUARIES

### Aquinas McCormick was last of 12 Lynch siblings

#### AQUINAS McCORMICK

*Last of twelve Lynch siblings*

ANDOVER -- Barbara Aquinas Lynch McCormick, age 83, of 70 Chestnut Street, Andover, passed through the Gates of Heaven on Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015. She was born on Dec. 11, 1931, at St. James Hospital in Hornell, to Charles C. and Catherine Lynch Lynch. On May 16, 1953, in Andover, Aquinas married Francis E. "Frank" McCormick, who predeceased her on Nov. 7, 2005.

While her given name was Barbara, she was known to all as Aquinas. Aquinas was named after the Nun who stayed to help deliver her so long ago. Aquinas graduated from Andover Central High School in 1950 and then attended a beauty school in Buffalo while living with the Nuns. On a blind date in North Java she met Frank and were married at the Blessed Sacrament

Church in Andover. For a short time, Aquinas worked as a beautician in Andover and later for the State of New York as a Crop Surveyor. She had been a lifelong member of the Blessed Sacrament Church and a proud member of the Democratic Party who enjoyed election season. Aquinas loved to read, solve puzzles and tell a good story or two.

Survivors include a daughter, Charlene (Keith Crossman) McCormick of Fresno, CA; two sons, Shawn (Beth) McCormick of Boston, MA., and Terrance (Anne) McCormick of Andover; a daughter-in-law, Bonnie McCormick of Andover; 6 grandchildren; 1 great-grandson; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Aquinas was predeceased by her parents; her husband, Frank; and her son, James "Jamie" McCormick on Feb. 14, 2010.

Aquinas was the youngest child and was predeceased by all of her 11 siblings including Charles, Norbert, James, Rita, Mary, Catherine, Martina, Kevin, Geraldine and the twins, Henry and Anna.

Friends are invited to call from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today (Thursday, Feb. 5) at the J.W. Embser Sons Funeral Home in Wellsville. A prayer service will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6 in the Funeral Home followed by a Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated at 11 a.m. at the Blessed Sacrament Church in Andover. Burial will take place on the family farm and memorials may be made to either the Hart Comfort House in Wellsville, the Blessed Sacrament Church in Andover or to the Andover Free Library. To leave online condolences, please visit [www.embserfuneralhome.com](http://www.embserfuneralhome.com).

### Carolyn Olix enjoyed hosting family gatherings



#### CAROLYN OLIX

*Beloved wife, mother, grandma*  
ALMOND—Carolyn Olix, 81, beloved wife, mother and grandmother, passed away Friday, Jan. 30, 2015, at home of colon cancer.

Carolyn was born on April 19, 1933, in Hornell to the late William and Isabelle (McGregor) Beyea. She was a graduate of Hornell Senior High School. In 1949, she married George T. Olix with whom she celebrated 65 years of marriage this past

summer. Carolyn was employed by St. James Hospital, Marion Rohr, Westinghouse and the Hornell City School District in addition to being president and bookkeeper of Olix Welding, Olix Air-Flo Wood Stoves and Steuben Mechanical Contracting.

Carolyn was a lifelong resident of the Hornell area. She had been an active Camp Fire and Blue Bird Troup leader for numerous years. Carolyn had been a long-term member of the former Southside Baptist Church in Hornell.

Carolyn will be remembered for her unflinching integrity, strong work ethic and her endless support of her family. She enjoyed attending her children and grandchildren's school concerts and sporting events, maintaining meticulous flower beds, traveling, caring for her pets and baking hundreds of cookies for her children and their families each Christmas. She also enjoyed hosting large family gatherings at Thanksgiving and Christmas-time at her home.

In addition to her husband George, she is survived by her eight children, Debra Dockstader, Steven (Lois) Olix, Danny Olix, Thomas (Laura) Olix, Dawn (Bryan) Dodge, Christopher (Tammy) Olix,

Tedd (Julie) Olix and Susan Olix-Anderson. She is also survived by 22 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by two brothers, William and Lewis; and her son-in-law, John A. Anderson. She was also predeceased by her best friend and aunt, Ruth McGregor McDonald.

To send a remembrance to the family or to light a candle in Carolyn's memory, please visit [www.brownandpowersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.brownandpowersfuneralhomes.com). The family is being assisted by Gerald R. Brown, Director.

The family received friends from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2 at the Bender-Brown & Powers Funeral Home, 354 Canisteo Street, Hornell, N.Y., where funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3 with Chaplain Astuti Bijlefeld officiating. Burial was in Hornell Rural Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Hornell Area Humane Society, 7649 Industrial Park Road, Hornell, NY 14843.

Memorial donations made to the Hornell Area Humane Society would be appreciated in lieu of flowers.

### Infant son of Gary, Lacey Freas

MIDDLETOWN, R.I./HORNELL - Tanner Scott Freas, infant son of Gary and Lacey Jean (Tuttle) Freas, passed away Monday, Jan. 26, 2015 in Middletown R.I.

In addition to his parents, Tanner is survived by his sisters, Tatam and Paige; maternal grandparents, Scott (Dianna) Tuttle of Dansville and Pamela Marlitt of Hornell; paternal grandparents, Gary Freas Sr. of Alfred Station and Brenda Freas-Porter of Canisteo; great-grandparents, Hazel Kromer and Linda Mehlenbacher, as well as

Homer (Maxine) Tuttle; aunts and uncles, Sierra Freas, Brett Freas, Ashley Tuttle, Amanda Tuttle, Casey (Christopher) Stocking, and AJ Mehlenbacher.

To send condolences to the family or to light a candle in Tanner's memory, please visit [www.brownandpowersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.brownandpowersfuneralhomes.com). The family is being assisted by Adam E. DuBois, Director.

The family received friends from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1 at the Bender-Brown & Powers Funeral Home, 354 Canisteo St. Hornell, N.Y., 14843.

### Baker's Bridge to meet Feb. 16

ALFRED STATION—The February meeting of the Baker's Bridge Historical Society will begin at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16 at the "Meeting House," located at 5971 Hamilton Hill Road in Alfred Station.

Our speaker, Kelly Lounsberry, will present a program on the Indian village site/excavation in Bolivar.

The Smith site is a Late Prehistoric hill fort located in Bolivar in the region of the upper Allegheny River Valley. Excavations have identified the inhabi-

tants of the site as belonging to the Chautauqua-McFate Culture with an occupation tentatively dated between AD 1450-1550.

Possible site functions include a seasonal hunting camp or a permanent village of just a few-years duration. Kelly will include a Power Point presentation as well as displaying some of the artifacts from the dig.

Anyone who is interested in this topic or the history of our area are invited to join us. For more information on our Association please refer to [www.bakersbridgehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.bakersbridgehistoricalsociety.org).

### Free tax counseling for elderly now offered

BELMONT—The Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program (TCE) now offers free e-filing tax assistance for low to moderate-income Allegany County Older Adults. This service assists filers in completing their tax returns and submits their applications electronically. E-filing is available at the Allegany County Office for the Aging on Mondays and Fridays from 9 to 11:15 am and 1 to 3:15 pm during February, March and first of April. Appointments are necessary and can be made by calling the Office for the Aging at 268-9390 or toll free 1-866-268-9390. Allegany County Office for the Aging is located on 6085 State Route 19N, Belmont.

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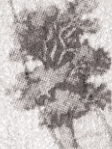
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# Three 1965 AU alums return to Alfred, lunch with 2012 grad

By MARIAH EVANS  
*Special to the Alfred Sun*

ALFRED--Everyday I seem to be reminded of what a special place Alfred is.

Some time ago I met three nice ladies walking down the street. They informed me that they were Alfred University students who graduated in 1965 and were looking to have lunch at the dining hall in Powell Campus Center. After a short discussion about the dining situation on the AU campus, they decided they would find lunch somewhere else, so I walked them over to The Jet.

As I walked with them, they told me that they hadn't been back to Alfred in 50 years. The three of them had been best friends while in school and were back for a short reunion. I was happy to meet such happy and classy Alfred University alumni.

In fact, these ladies were so nice to me; I decided to have lunch with them. They were nice enough to allow me to ask them a few questions about Alfred in 1965, but more so they wanted to ask me questions about Alfred in 2015!

Karen, of Victor, New York, graduated with a degree in psychology. While in school, she worked in the sorority house, Theta Theta Ki washing dishes.

She later used her degree to work with veterans in Canandaigua and at Office for the Aging in Ontario, New York.

Karen or "Kate" had to rush home to Victor after lunch so that she could feed her horses. Karen was happy to answer all of my questions and seemed to have found a solid career path and family life after her time at Alfred University.

Myrna Jean, of Mt. Aukum, CA, was full of memories. Myrna studied English with a minor in Philosophy. She threw up her hands and said, "I wasn't qualified to do anything when I graduated."

Myrna said that her college years in Alfred were the best ones of her life! I was amazed at her memory and willingness to tell me such interesting and funny stories of her younger self. Myrna said she really wanted to be an actress, but decided to try Alfred University anyway.

Rosemary, from Syracuse, New York, was a small town girl before she came to Alfred. A whole new horizon opened up for her in Alfred; it was "a whole new world for me, the roots of



From left to right, Myrna, Karen, Rosemary (Photo by Mariah Evans)

who I became started here," she said. Rosemary studied psychology and continued to achieve two master's degrees once she completed her bachelor's. Rosemary said she was just interested in learning about life and who she is. She now works as a life coach out of Syracuse.

I had fun conversing with these ladies. They asked me all types of questions about the town

and the schools. We talked about the old locals, closet case professors, professors having parties, and how the girls used to sneak out to buy alcohol in Alfred Station.

After getting to know these women a little bit, one of them put everything into perspective for me. She said, "You might be interested to know, coming back to Alfred after 50 years, are we disappointed in how things have changed?"

After a pensive moment, the women simply said, "No."

They are not disappointed in loss of the Greek life, the nursing program at AU, or the dining hall at Powell. They are intrigued by the new developments and how much everything has changed.

Rosemary said, "Alfred used

to be just an earthy, tiny village with very few buildings."

I laughed because that's just how I would describe it today!

I was happy to meet these ladies, and am especially thankful that they would let me invade their lunchtime. As they talked about their experience with Alfred, I realized their stories sounded similar to mine.

It was at Alfred that I built the foundation of who I am. I learned who I was and what I wanted to be. My horizon was broadened, and I was inspired to live my life, stay open-minded, and be myself.

I, too, was a small town girl who learned about the rest of the world in this tiny, earthy village. I had the same experiences, learned the same lessons and now have the same Alfred memories. I realized that even though these ladies graduated 47 years before I did, we are all part of the same reminiscent club today.

## Scene About Alfred

A weekly photo feature  
By SHERRY VOLK  
Alfred Sun Columnist



## SUNNY SIDE UP

By ELLEN SHULTZ  
Alfred Sun Columnist



## Ruth Russell was a loving person

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

One of my first friends when we came to Alfred was Ruth Russell. Not only was she a loving and giving person, she also had a tremendous sense of humor and enjoyed nothing more than a good laugh. I was introduced to this casserole at a church dinner and, after begging the recipe from her, have used it many times over the years, collecting kudos for my cooking. I hope I always remembered to give her the credit.

### Chicken Breasts with Bacon

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts 1 cup sour cream  
1/2 small jar of dried beef 1 can sliced water chestnuts,  
1 can cream of mushroom soup, drained  
undiluted shredded toasted almonds  
8 bacon slices

Cut the chicken breasts in half and roll up with a slice of bacon wrapped around each. Make a layer of small torn pieces of dried beef in a two quart casserole. Add the chicken breasts and toss the water chestnuts over them. Cover with the mushroom soup mixed with the sour cream. Sprinkle the top with the almonds.

Bake at 325 degrees for 2 1/2 hours covered and then 1/2 hour uncovered. Serves 4-5.



## Kelly's Forecast

By KELLY SNYDER  
Alfred Sun Weather Forecaster

"Cats are smarter than dogs. You can't get eight cats to pull a sled through snow."

--Michelle Marschean

### Thursday Feb. 5

SNOW SHOWERS  
(HIGH 13 - LOW -4)

Chance of precipitation.....60%

### Friday Feb. 6

PARTLY CLOUDY  
(HIGH 19 - LOW 14)

Chance of precipitation.....10%

### Saturday Feb. 7

SNOW SHOWERS  
(HIGH 29 - LOW 14)

Chance of precipitation.....70%

### Sunday Feb. 8

SNOW SHOWERS  
(HIGH 19 - LOW -3)

Chance of precipitation.....60%

For more up to date weather information add your Alfred Sun Weatherman Kelly Snyder on Facebook and as always if you don't like the weather in Alfred just wait five minutes!

## ALFRED Weather for the Week

Jan. 27-Feb. 2

Jan.	Hi	Lo	Precip.	Snow
27	18	10	0.32	4.2"
28	24	-12	Trace	Trace
29	32	-6	0	0
30	33	6	0.09"	1.2"
31	24	1	0.01"	0.2"
Feb. 1	29	7	0	0
2	27	12	0.43"	5.8"

January Summary:

Avg. high: 30

Avg. low: 4

Highest: 50 (Jan. 4)

Lowest: -16 (Jan. 14)

Total Precipitation: 1.73"

Total snowfall: 16.0"

By JOHN BUCKWALTER

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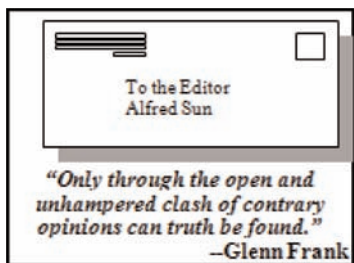
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## Well deserved ovation

Open letter to John Gill:

Thank you Professor Gill for starting the standing ovation at the memorial service for Ellen Shultz. There couldn't have been a more appropriate way to say "Goodbye and Job Well Done" to a wonderful lady!

God Bless,  
Luan Ellis

## Would make a nice book

Dear Editor:

You are fortunate to have so many fine contributors and their columns are a source of weekly enjoyment. The new series titled "Growing Up In Alfred" by Jude Frechette is a delightful addition to your paper. Her eloquent vignettes capture the magic and mystery of childhood in a very special way. The essays transport the reader back to the earliest years of life and the dawn of consciousness.

If Ms. Frechette's recollections could be expanded and collected into a chapbook, I suspect that many Alfredians would relish owning such an anthology for their home library. Thank you for

publishing her work.

Regards,  
Richard Kellogg  
Alfred, NY

**[Editor's Note: I have already inquired of the author whether she'd agree to have her columns published in a book. It's a distinct possibility.]**

## Cuomo made mistake

Letter to the Editor:

I read with great interest the letters of Carl Luger and Joe Decker in your January 22nd edition, both arguing in favor of fracking. Part of my interest stems from being an AU alum and current board member--though I am writing in a personal context--and part of it is because I am in the petroleum industry. More particularly, my company wholesales heating oil, gasoline, diesel and kerosene, so I compete with natural gas for space heating and I compete (more and more) with compressed natural gas for motor fuel.

Nonetheless, I think Governor Cuomo made a terribly bad decision in banning fracking for the many reasons articulated in those two letters. Additionally, Cuomo had the "cover" of a court decision giving localities the right to ban fracking if they so desired.

Rather, the Governor--who talks all the time about helping the Southern Tier economy, and absolutely nothing would have helped more--should have cherry picked the best/toughest regulations for fracking from other

states and included the most onerous penalties for violations of those regulations. He should also have required a Letter of Credit for each and every well drilled in the unlikely event that public or private water sources are contaminated, and found a way to share the tax revenues generated from fracking with the local municipalities in which it takes place, thereby offering some reward for the risk to the all the residents and not just the landowners who sign agreements with the production companies.

All forms of energy have their risks and problems, yet few come close to the economic benefits that increased production of petroleum has for our country: driving down prices for consumers, creating good paying jobs, reducing our dependence on foreign sources, and economically weakening adversaries like Russia, Iran and Venezuela. Moreover, traditional petroleum products are becoming cleaner and cleaner as, for example, in my market diesel and heating oil are practically free of sulphur (15ppm) and often blended with bio-fuels, which lead to drastically reduced emissions.

Coal mines collapse, refineries have fires, gas pipelines explode . . . and there are risks in energy production/transportation. Opponents of pipelines conveniently overlook the explosions of trains carrying crude oil.

Yet people work in mines and live next to refineries and petrochemical plants and nuclear plants. They pay less for their homes and lower real estate taxes, finding the risk/reward calculation to be in their favor.

Governor Cuomo should have enacted strict fracking regulations with heavy penalties, and let

local villages and towns decide if the reward is worth the risk.

Gene Bernstein  
New York, NY

## An Alfredian farewell

Letter to the Editor:

Thursday evening family, friends, and co workers all said good bye to Mike Powers. Although Mike, like many of us, was an Alfred transplant he was an Alfredian.

The Wellsville Creative Arts Center was packed Thursday evening as we said farewell to a dear man. The gathering and stories were a fitting celebration of Mike's life. He was a funny, generous, and loving man.

I share this story here because where I am from we don't say farewell to our loved ones the way we do here in Alfred. It is more formal--the stories are told afterward in the family home when the formalities are completed. I like our Alfred way better. We celebrate the lives of our friends. We join friends and family and tell our stories, we share in the grief, we mourn together as a community.

Never having been able to tell stories of my Dad at his funeral I realize now it saddened me. Our stories are our memories. I would like to take this opportunity to share with my friends here in Alfred a story about my Dad--a story I know Mike Powers would have laughed heartily over, because Mike loved to laugh. Here goes, this one is for you Mike.

It was 1958 and my father, who was at the time a US Border Patrol agent in Niagara Falls, NY, stopped in at our home on a hot summer day to grab a bite to eat and a cold drink.

When Dad went upstairs to use our one and only bathroom he

asked my brother and sister and me, to listen at the dining room window to his jeep parked in our driveway, we were thrilled. We felt so important. You see our Daddy was an important man who wore a uniform and protected our borders. To be left the important job of listening for a call that could come in at any moment for him was a big job.

We three sat quietly on that summer afternoon waiting for those special call letters that Daddy told us to listen for. Not easy for a 9-, 8- and 7-year-old. We listened in silence for what seemed eternity. Then it came, that much awaited call over the jeep radio. We were so excited. They were calling our Daddy!

We ran from the window to the bottom of the stairs calling, "Daddy, Daddy they are calling you!" My Dad came flying down the stairs to the call of "Roger, Roger, over and out".

My Grandmother stood in the kitchen doorway laughing hysterically.... "What did you expect Roger? They're children."

I know I heard Mike laughing as I wrote this story. I am grateful to have known him and proud to call him friend. I will always remember his energetic smile and his great wit.

And to my father, who passed years ago, who also loved a good laugh.... "Roger, Roger.....over and out!"

Lauren Butler  
Alfred

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# Sun Spots



If HE Won't Eat His Words,  
I WILL

I've about had my fill  
Of that Punxsutawney Phil.  
You won't hear me say "kill"...  
But I've fired up the grill.

—Anon A. Chuck

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# FROM THE DESK OF DAVID PULLEN

By DAVID PULLEN  
Allegany County Legislator



## TAKING CARE OF COUNTY BUSINESS

The January 26th session of the Allegany County Legislature had a busy agenda. Twenty-three resolutions were considered and approved. As usual, some resolutions were routine in nature, while others were unique or extraordinary. It is difficult to quantify the importance of each resolution, but each resolution serves a specific function.

Some issues are simple, while others are complex. Some matters are controversial, while others are comparatively mundane. Some resolutions involve large sums of money from State and federal grants. Other resolutions involve smaller amounts of local taxpayer dollars. Legislators must pay close attention to all of these different factors.

Former Army Sergeant Jack Reed opened the legislative session by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Later in the meeting we learned that Jack was one of the last Americans to be drafted into the Army. That took place in 1972. He was trained and served as an artillery surveyor. He credits his military duty with significantly changing the direction of his life. He used the GI Bill education benefits to continue his college education. Our county and nation has been greatly blessed by the numerous men and women who have served to defend us. It was a privilege to meet Jack Reed and learn of his experiences.

Chairman Crandall made appointments to several different Boards that serve the County. That included the appointment of Rodney Bennett to serve on the Allegany County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board. He also appointed several individuals to serve on the Hazard Mitigation Team and Allegany County Planning Board.

The Board then considered 23 separate resolutions. Resolution 11-15 confirmed the Chairman's appointment of Michael Hennessy as Director of the County Veterans' Service Agency. Resolutions 12-15 through 17-15 established capital project accounts for various bridge projects in the Towns of Burns, Rushford, West Almond, Wirt, Cuba and Granger. Those resolutions also authorized the transfer of previously budgeted funds into those capital accounts. Resolution 18-15 corrected an error on the Wellsville Central School Tax Bill for Lufkin Industries.

Resolutions 19-15 through 23-15 re-appropriated unspent funds in various program accounts.

The funds involved the 2013 and 2014 LETPP Homeland Security Grants, the ACT II Batterers Program, Literacy West Grant and remaining 2014 CHIPS Funding. Resolution 24-15 accepted and appropriated grant funds from NYS Stop-DWI Foundation For Crackdown Enforcement for the current fiscal year. Resolution 25-15 accepted and appropriated funds received from the Governor's Traffic Safety Program for 2015. Resolution 26-15 accepted and appropriated Public Safety Answering Points Sustainment Grant PS 14-1033-DOO funding.

Resolution 27-15 approved a contract with the County of Chautauqua for our Jail to house male and female prisoners during 2015. This contract benefits our county by providing revenue to pay jail expenses, while saving Chautauqua County money by not having to build a larger jail. Resolution 28-15 approved agreements with the Villages of Belmont, Bolivar and Wellsville, and the Towns of Caneadea and Friendship for disposal of County Landfill leachate at local wastewater treatment plants. These contracts save the County money, while providing needed revenue to local sewer systems. Resolution 29-15 approved an agreement with the NYS Dormitory Authority for \$250,000 in grant funds to renovate the old jail in the County Office Building. Senator Cathy Young was instrumental in helping us obtain this grant. Resolution 30-15 approved an agreement between Allegany County and Monroe County for forensic pathology services (autopsies).

Three Resolutions had not been pre-filed so they required a 2/3rds vote of the Legislature to be considered. All were approved. Resolution 31-15 accepted the insurance proposal of NYMIR for various types of insurance coverage. Resolution 32-15 set a public hearing on a \$750,000 Grant for Community Renewal. The public hearing will be on February 9, 2015, at 2:00 pm at the Legislative Chambers. Resolution 33-15 created one temporary part-time clerk-typist position within the Office For the Aging.

After the regular meeting ended there was a Committee of the Whole to consider the 2015 contract with Cooperative Extension Association. A resolution was approved to sign the contract for \$243,000. That resolution will be considered by the Board at the February 9th session.



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## Area Wind Ensemble offers 'From Italy, Con Amore'

HORNELL-The Hornell Area Wind Ensemble will fill the Hornell High School auditorium with grand music, "From Italy, Con Amore." This free concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday Feb. 14, 2015 (snow date: 3 p.m. Sunday Feb. 15). Conduc-

tors Edward Belin and Christopher Lynn have arranged a program with an Italian theme. Some pieces are wonderfully romantic, perfect for Valentine's Day!

If you wish to turn this event into a dinner/theater experience,

fine dining will be available in the High School cafeteria at 5:30 p.m. (snow date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15 followed by the concert at 3 p.m.). Andy Carbone will be catering this dinner, which features pan steak. Mr. Bill Loree will be at the piano, providing dinner music. The price of tickets is \$20 per person or \$145 for a table of 8. Advanced sale only by calling FIA office at 324-1138 or Pat Wiggers at 324-1235. All proceeds will benefit Faith in Action Steuben County, which is a coalition of congregations and civic groups formed to serve the elderly, assisting them to continue living independently. This support is provided at no cost to the recipients by volunteers who give of themselves to help those in need.

The wind ensemble will play "Great Themes from Great Movies," a piece that pays tribute to familiar melodies taken from films. You'll hear More, Funny World and La Donna nel Mondo. From the film Ben Hur "Parade of the Charioteers" opens with a brass fanfare and continues with impressive pomp

and circumstance. Remember the triumphal processions in this great 1959 film?

The wind ensemble welcomes Dr. Christopher Foster, Director of Bands at Alfred University, as guest trumpet soloist. He'll perform in "Napoli," a variation of the well-known Funiculi, Funicula. He'll also add his trumpet talent to "Nessundorma" Puccini's lovely aria from the final act of the opera Turandot.

Respighi's "Pines of the Apian Way" is the fourth movement of "The Pines of Rome." It recalls the Roman era's great military road leading to that city. The music suggests the ground trembling under the footsteps of the legion on the march. Imagine an Italian street parade when you hear "Florentineer March." The composer subtitled this as "Grande Marcia Italiana," an ode to the city of Florence. Other exuberant and festive pieces include Rachmaninoff's "Italian Polka." It's light and bouncy and fun!

"Capriccio Italien" was inspired by Tchaikovsky's trip to Rome, and it recalls Italian folk

music and street songs. In contrast, "Selections from Rocky" is a musical retrospective of the most memorable Sylvester Stallone (Rocky Balboa) films. You'll hear Gonna Fly Now and feel as if you're listening to the most iconic montage in music history right next to the "Italian Stallion" himself!

Ride 'em cowboy! "Go West" features selections from western films including The Magnificent Seven, Hang 'em High and The Good, the Bad and The Ugly. The last two of these films, now considered classics, are often referred to as "Spaghetti Westerns" because they were filmed in Italy and included many Italian members of the cast and crew.

Please join the Hornell Area Wind Ensemble for this Valentine's Day musical celebration!

This concert is sponsored in part by public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program and is administered locally by the ARTS' Council of the Southern Finger Lakes.



### One Time, One Meeting

By BEN HOWARD

#### THE BOOK OF JANET

I have a friend by the name of Janet, who regularly consults what I call the Book of Janet, especially when she's feeling blue or vexed or insecure. If she makes some trivial error, like misplacing her car keys, the Book of Janet reminds her that she is not well-organized. If she enters a competition and receives a letter of rejection, the Book of Janet informs her that her work is not all that good. And if she's feeling less than beautiful on any given morning, the Book of Janet confirms her worst fears. On all three counts, the Book of Janet is wide of the mark. Unfortunately, that makes little difference to Janet, who swears by her Book as if it were her Bible.

Janet, I fear, is not alone. Most of us, I suspect, have a Book of Janet--or Josh, or Frank, or Amanda. And many of us carry our books with us throughout the day, making choices and judgments based on that fictive text. According to the Book of Benjamin, for example, I will be unhappy if I don't begin the day with a pot of sencha, fukamushi, or gyokuro tea, fresh from Japan, brewed with pure water at precisely the right temperature and for exactly the right length of time. Reality may be otherwise, but that doesn't stop me from believing the Book of Benjamin and acting accordingly.

"In my book . . ." we sometimes say, as well we might. Our self-constructs and attendant guidelines help us navigate our days. But by clinging to those constructs or strictly complying with their constraints, we limit our possibilities for growth and full awareness. And according to Zen teachings, the very existence of such constructs is based on two fundamental misperceptions.

The first is that the bundle of attitudes, preferences, and habits known as Janet or Benjamin is a solid entity, possessed of an intrinsic essence and impervious to time and change. Where infants and toddlers are concerned, the error of this perception is readily apparent. Our children and grandchildren are changing before our very eyes. But in the adult world, an apparent sameness rather than an underlying impermanence may be a person's most salient feature, and a calcified habit may easily be mistaken for an enduring trait. Uncle Henry may be difficult, we say, but he is just being Uncle Henry. And if we turn the spotlight on ourselves, we may reach the same conclusion. How comforting it can be to define oneself as such-and-such ("I'm a purist"; "I'm an inveterate introvert") and attribute our choices, blunders, and triumphs to our inherent natures. But constructed self-definitions are one thing and true self-knowledge quite another. Vivid and compelling though they be, our labels may have little to do with the fluid aggregate to which they so tenaciously adhere.

The second misperception, no less beguiling than the first, is that the self exists in separation from the rest of the world. In our culture of individualism, we are conditioned to view the self in this way. We are seen--and may tend to see ourselves--as on our own. Yet even an irregularity as minor as a winter power outage should suffice to remind us that our autonomous selves co-exist in dynamic, interdependent relationships with nature and our fellow human beings. Should we look more deeply into the matter, we may also be reminded that what we call a self consists of "non-self" elements: the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we consume. And should we choose to examine our emotional lives, we are likely to discover what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. called an "inescapable network of mutuality," in which our states of mind and indeed our spiritual condition are bound up with those of other living beings. As the Zen priest Norman Fischer eloquently puts it, "my suffering and your suffering are one suffering," and "that suffering is empty of any separation."

To remain continuously aware of the impermanence and interdependence of all life, as Zen teachings advise, is a daunting task. Prevalent forces in our society, including the denial of aging and death and the glorification of the youthful self, militate against it. But we can begin by discarding the notion of an unchanging, separate self embodied in a twice-told tale. With steadfast intention and diligent practice, it is possible to see through that illusion and recognize it as the life-denying obstacle it is. By so doing, we can open ourselves to selfless awareness and assume our rightful places in the unending stream of life.

*The author of Entering Zen (2011) and The Backward Step: Essays on Zen Practice (2014), Ben Howard leads the Falling Leaf Sangha (www.fallingleavesangha.blogspot.com), a Zen practice group in Alfred.*

## Hinkle Memorial Library exhibit features Corning artist's paintings

ALFRED--A grouping of oil and watercolor paintings will be on display this month at Alfred State's Hinkle Memorial Library for an art exhibit titled "Inspired by Nature: Paintings by Bridget Bossart van Otterloo."

The exhibit, which runs from Feb. 2 until Feb. 27, features the work of Bridget Bossart van Otterloo, who paints and teaches art in Corning. Van Otterloo, who holds a degree in studio art from Houghton College, works from her naturally lit studio, where she paints a variety of subjects, including still life, flowers, plants, and landscapes in both oils and watercolors.

In her artist statement on her website, [www.bridgetbossart-vanotterloo.com](http://www.bridgetbossart-vanotterloo.com), van Otterloo says her work has been influenced by Italian and Spanish still life painters and that her paintings are about the beauty in nature.

"I believe that the beauty found in nature enriches our existence," she says on her website. "Natural forms, elegant lines, bold colors, and the intrinsic details found in nature are the themes in my work. My most re-

cent paintings explore the interaction between humans and the natural world. Nature is incredibly resilient as it continues to persevere in the face of man-made threats."

An active participant in the Corning art community, van Otterloo has taught art classes at area youth centers, museums, and Corning Community Col-

lege, and currently teaches watercolor and oil painting classes at 171 Cedar Arts Center in Corning.

The exhibit will be open for viewing during normal library hours. To inquire about exhibiting your work in the Hinkle Gallery, email [library@alfred-state.edu](mailto:library@alfred-state.edu) or call 607-587-4313.



An exhibit featuring oil and watercolor paintings such as this by Corning artist Bridget Bossart van Otterloo are on display at Alfred State's Hinkle Library from Feb. 2 until Feb. 27.

## Houghton art faculty exhibit opens Feb. 6

HOUGHTON--Houghton College will host an opening reception for the Faculty Art Exhibit on Friday, Feb. 6, at 6 p.m. The reception, along with refreshments and artist Q&A, will be held in the Ortlip Art Gallery and is free and open to the public.

The exhibit will feature artwork from current faculty of the art and visual communications departments. Featured exhibiting faculty are Ted Murphy, Ryann Cooley, Gary Baxter, John Rhett, Dave Huth and Alicia Taylor. The opening will showcase a wide range of mediums including painting, printmaking, drawing, ceramics, video, photography, sculpture and artists' books.

"This will be an exciting show because of the opportunity for elements of each individual's

practice to come together and be seen in the same space," says director of the Ortlip Art Gallery, Alicia Taylor.

The Ortlip Art Gallery is an all-purpose exhibition space in the Center for the Arts at Houghton College. The exhibit program presents a diverse range of innovative exhibitions and educational programs, offering insights into the work of established and emerging regional, national and international artists and designers.

The Houghton Art Faculty Exhibition is open daily from Feb. 6 until March 10. Visitors may browse the gallery from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, visit [www.houghton.edu/ortlipgallery](http://www.houghton.edu/ortlipgallery).



# Cultural Arts Calendar



## Music

BANDS/DJs/RECITALS

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

**Alfred University Symphony Orchestra**, directed by Dr. Lisa Lantz, will present an All-Russian program featuring pianist David Peter Coppen at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18 in Miller Performing Arts Theater, AU campus.

**AU Guest Artist Recital** - Jazz Piano Duo Paolo and Stephanie will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9 in Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall, on the AU campus. This husband/wife duo plays songs of the Swing Era. Free performance made possible by the David and Elizabeth Miller Fund for the Performing Arts at AU.

**Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Cafe** 22 West Main St., Angelica. Open every day for lunch, dinner and live acoustic music on week-ends; now serving breakfast - call for details. **Acoustic Open Mic Night** 1st Thursday of month 7-10 pm. **Music Schedule:** Feb. 7--Allan Howe and Tom McClure, swing, jazz, pop, Great American Songbook; Friday, Feb. 13--Rob Falgiano, songwriter, alt. pop, acoustic; Saturday, Feb. 14--Jon Christopher Allen, Americana; Friday, Feb. 20--Pat Kane, songwriter, Irish and American, traditional and modern; Saturday, Feb. 28--Mike Vial, songwriter, folk, pop; Sunday, March 8--water es (Haruka Yabuno - Piano, Tal Gur - Saxophones, Ehud Ettun - Upright Bass, Nati Blankett -

Drums), contemporary jazz. Café open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. for meals, espresso, beer, wine, desserts. Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Café, 22 W. Main St., Angelica. Call 585-466-3399 or visit black-eyed-susan.com

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

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

**Wellsville Creative Arts Center** offers live music most Saturday evenings with performances beginning at 8 p.m., doors opening at 5:30 p.m. For tickets, visit: www.WellsvilleCreativeArtsCenter.com or call 585-593-3000.

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

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

**Maple City (Barbershoppers) Chorus** Meetings 7:00 p.m. Mondays at United Methodist Church of Hornell, 7528 North Main St Ext., near Webbs Crossing Road, Hornell. New members welcome. Call 276-6835 for info.

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

**COFFEEHOUSES**  
Coffeehouse live entertainment

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

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

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

**Wingate Memorial Carillon Recital Series** at Davis Memorial Carillon, AU campus. Free concerts on the lawn 7-8 p.m. Tuesday evenings in July. The Wingate Memorial Carillon Recital Series honors Dr. Ray Winthrop Wingate, a professor of music at Alfred University for 56 years. After the installation of the bells in 1937, he was the university carillonneur and continued in the position until his death. He arranged more than 5,000 selections for the carillon and composed nine suites. The recital series is funded by the Margaret Merrill and Ray W. Wingate Memorial Carillon Foundation.



## Theater & Dance

**COMEDY**  
**Watch for comedians** to perform at Alfred University this semester in Knight Club, Powell Campus Center, AU campus.

**Comedian Jay Black** will perform at 10 pm Friday, Feb. 6, Knight Club, Powell Campus Center, AU campus.

**Comedian Miguel Dalmou** will

perform at 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 at the Knight Club, Powell Campus Center, AU campus.

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

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

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

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

**PERFORMANCES**  
**"Spoken Word" Poetry Night** -- a lively and entertaining evening of poetry performance, hosted by Christopher Clow at Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Café, 22 W. Main St., Angelica. Call 585-466-3399 or visit black-eyed-susan.com

**AU Dance Theater** features original choreography and performances by AU faculty, students, and the Marlin and Ginger Miller Guest Artist Jordan Fuchs at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 19-21 in the Miller Performing Arts Theater, AU campus. To make reservations, e-mail: per-forms@alfred.edu or call 871-2828. This concert is made possible through funding by the Marlin and Ginger Miller Dance Residency Program.

**Life is a Dream** by Pedro Calderon de la Barca, will be per-

formed at 8 p.m. Thurs.-Sat., April 9-11 in Miller Performing Arts Theater at Alfred University. The AU production, adapted by Becky Prophet and Erin Redmond, will be updated to a corporate "kingdom" and the story of Segismundo presented as a parable in the world of high finance and fast lane living. Tickets required. To make reservations, e-mail: performs@alfred.edu or call 871-2828.



**Art/Galleries**  
**INSTRUCTION/GROUPS**  
**Allegany Artisans.** The Allegany Artisans, local artists and craftspeople working together to host an annual studio tour (set for Oct. 18-19) in October, invite artists to apply. Work is juried. Studio must be in Allegany County. 585-593-6345 or www.allegany-artisans.com.

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

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

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

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

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

**Southern Tier Fiberarts Guild**, founded in 1983, meets at Trinity

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

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

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

**The Corning Museum of Glass** presents the most comprehensive glass collection in the world in "35 Centuries of Glassmaking." For info, call 607-937-5371. Open daily 9-5.

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

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

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

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



## Almond 20th Century Club Library

### What's Happening at Almond Library

By SANDRA ROBINSON

*Almond Twentieth Century Club Library Director*

Come celebrate "Take Your Child to the Library Day" with us on Saturday, Feb. 7. We're planning an open day for families to come in during our regular hours, 9:30 am to 1 pm, to play with board games, puzzles, Legos, marble runs, the train set, a treasure hunt, crafts and more. And at 11 am there will be a special reading program led by some of our local college students, which is sure to be fun. So plan a trip to the library to spend some quality time with your child, or your grandchild!

Story time is moving to Wednesday mornings. Our next "Mother Goose on the Loose" will be held Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 10 am. This will be a fun and active time for parents and their children ages 0-4, with music, rhymes, movement, and more.

Looking ahead, we will be hosting a day of ballet workshops here on Saturday, March 7. Lauren Norris (who taught her wonderful "Winter Side Porch Ballet" last year), will teach ages 5-adult, in age-appropriate classes, for a one-day workshop. Keep the date open, and watch for more information.

One more important update: our library hours are changing!! As of March 1, we will have the following schedule: Tues., Wed., Thur. from 2-7 pm; Fri. and Sat. from 10-2 pm; Sun. and Mon. closed. Our goal is to meet the needs of the community, and it seems that adding more evening hours should be helpful for those who work, and for those who need computer and homework resources.

#### Coming Up:

Wednesdays, 10 am: Mother Goose on the Loose Storytime.  
2/7, 9:30-1pm, Take Your Child to the Library Day program  
11 am 2/17, 5 pm: Book Club. Reading "Orphan Train," by Christina Baker Kline

2/23, 10 am: Community Coffee  
2/24, 6:30 pm: Board Meeting 2/26, 6:30 pm: Infinity and Beyond Sci-Fi Book Club. Reading "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," by Douglas Adams

See our calendar on Facebook or visit: almondlibrary.org.  
Location: 44 Main Street, Almond, NY 14804. Phone: 607-276-6311. Feb. Library Hours: M, W, Sat 9:30 am-1pm. Tu, Th 1-7 pm. We geek libraries!

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## Free movies set

ALFRED—The Box of Books Library, Alfred is hosting a series of free movie nights presented by Mary Lu Wells every Wednesday in February from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The featured films are:  
Feb. 11 - "The Maltese Falcon," 1941 (Bogart and Aster)  
Feb. 18 - "Life Boat," 1944 (Hitchcock)  
Feb. 25 - "The Lavender Hill Gang," 1951 (Guinness)

For information, please call the Box of Books at 607.587.9290 or Mary Lu Wells at 607.587.8437.

## Play Str8 Eight!

ALFRED—There are two opportunities to play Str8 Eight during February. The first is the resumption of the monthly tournament on Sunday, Feb. 8 beginning at 8 pm in the Terra Cotta Coffeehouse. As usual, the winner will receive a gift card.

The second opportunity is two days later on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 6 pm in the Stomping Grounds game store located at 95 Main Street in Hornell. The winner that evening will receive a deck of Str8 Eight and a booster pack of Magic the Gathering: Khans of Tarkir. Visit <http://str8-eight.com> for more information on how to play.



## NOTES from the BOX OF BOOKS

By ELIZA ORDWAY

*Box of Books Library Director*

I am continuing my journey of library improvement with this second question: How do we reach non-users? (last week I asked if we could survive without the library)

This is one of the hardest questions because there is an underlying question of WHY are they a not user. There is a study that was conducted by the Pew Research Center that says most non users of libraries are such because they don't feel they have the time. We hear this alot at the library, "I can't ever get to you when you are open."

This brings me to remind patrons that we are open Sundays from 12-4. Our hours no longer change with the students and we are striving to offer more consistency on our hours. We close for very few holidays and try to limit our closings and cancella-

tions due to weather and illness (both of which are not really preventable)

The library hours are:

Sunday 12-4  
Monday 10-6  
Tuesday 12-6  
Wednesday 10-6  
Thursday 12-6  
Friday 10-5  
Saturday Closed

#### Coming events at the BoB:

February 6th at 10:30 - Story Time: stories, music, movement and more for birth to 5 years old and their caregivers.

February 8th at 1 - Overdrive Class on Downloadable eBooks and Audiobooks - please register for this event. 587.9290

February 9th at 6:30 - Board Meeting

February 11th at 5:30- Classic Movie Night with Mary Lu Wells - Maltese Falcon (1941), Bogart and Astor

February 15th at 12 pm - Shamrock Garland: this is a family event to make a fun and easy St. Patrick's Day decoration for your house.

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

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

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

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

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



## Lectures/Readings

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

Center, Commons, Ford Street, AU campus.

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

**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, 2014-15 Programs: Feb. 16—"Bolivar Oil History & Museum" presented by Kelly Lounsbury; March 16—"The Stories Fabrics & Textiles Tell" presented by Susan Greene; April 20—"History of the KKK in Alfred" presented by Laurie McFadden. For more information, call President Laurie McFadden, 587-9493. To tour building and/or view exhibits, call Collections Manager Amie Acton at 587-9119. Visit: [www.bakersbridge.org](http://www.bakersbridge.org)

**Bergren Forum.** 12:10 p.m. Thursdays, Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center, AU campus. Jan. 29-Tom Cannon, "Daisy was GRATE for Alfred University"; Feb. 5-Chris Churchill, "The French Resistance: Myth and Reality"; Feb. 12-Save Byrne, "The Psychology of Metal Music"; Feb. 19-Lydia McCarthy, "Artificial Paradises"; Feb. 26-Fenna Mandolani, "Single Stream Recycling: A Practical Perspective"; March 5-Luanne Crosby, "Unsung -- Women Composers from Hildegard to Adele"; March 12-Spring Break; March 19-Jeff Sluyter-Beltrao and students, "Turkish Delights"; March 26-Dale Inglett, "Fierce Determination, Uncertain Trajectory: An Artist's Talk"; April 2-Cassandra Bull, "131: Endeavors in Art and Agriculture"; April 9-Eric Payton, "The Engineering of Beer Cans"; April 16-Coral Lambert, "Making Sculpture on Site"; April 23-Sarah Cote, "The Unbearable Coolness of Cat Sweaters: Camp, Kitsch, and the Hipster"; April 30-Frederic Beaudry, "Top 7 Reasons Why You Should Hold a Bird in Your Hand." Bring a brown bag lunch; coffee & tea available.

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

**Maple City Garden Club.** Monthly potluck lunch second Wednesday at Sawyer St. Court, Hornell (unless otherwise noted) at 12 noon. Program follows: Oct. 8—Field Trip TBA. Nov. 12—TBA. Dec. 10—"Morris Arboretum in Philadelphia." with Craig Braack. No meetings in January or February. March 11—TBA. April 8—"May 13- Field Trip TBA. June 10—Plant auction and program planning for 2014-2015. For info, call Zoë Coombs at 587-8031.

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



## Films

**GRAND THEATRE** 585-593-6899 Main Street, Wellsville. Now featuring certified 3D!

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**NEVINS THEATRE** 871-2175 8 & 11 p.m. Fridays and 2 p.m. Sundays, Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center, AU campus. Open to the public. Students \$2, children \$2, \$3 general public.

## Fun-n-Games

**STAR GAZING** John Stull Observatory open to the public free of charge, clear Fri-

day nights from 9-11 p.m. Sept.-Oct.-Nov. and Feb.-March, April. Open clear Thursday nights from 10 p.m.-12 midnight during May, June and July. For info, call the Observatory phone at Alfred University, 871-2270.

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

**Str8 Eight Card Game Tournament** at 8 pm on the 8s at the Terra Cotta Coffeehouse, Main St., Alfred. The next tournament will be held at 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8...you get the idea. To learn more about the card game invented in Alfred, NY, visit: [www.str8-eight.com](http://www.str8-eight.com)

## Special Events

If you have a special event to add to our calendar, please e-mail details to: [alfredsun.news@gmail.com](mailto:alfredsun.news@gmail.com)

## Support Groups

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

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

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

**Cardiac Support Group.** Meets

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Homeschool Support Group** - Allegany-Steuben County LEAH (Loving Education at Home) meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of

the month at the Steere home in Almond. 276-6380.

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

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

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

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

## Etcetera

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

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

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

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

## WHAT'S COOKIN'?

**Allegany County Office for the Aging Meals on Wheels & Luncheon Center Menu Monday, Feb. 9**

Lemon Lime Salad, Sloppy Joe on Bun, Broccoli Cheese Soup, Mixed Vegetables, Oatmeal Raisin Cookie. Diabetic--Peaches

**Tuesday, Feb. 10**  
Coleslaw, Chicken Breast Supreme w/Sauce, Brown Rice, Carrots, Dinner Roll, Pumpkin Crunch. Diabetic--Fruit Cocktail.

**Wednesday, Feb. 11**  
Pineapple Cottage Cheese, Sausage Gravy on Biscuit, Brussel Sprouts, Ice Cream. Diabetic--Ice Cream.

**Thursday, Feb. 12**  
Valentine's Special: Strawberry Yogurt Salad, Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Beets, Wheat Bread, Cherry Crisp. Diabetic--Pears.

**Friday, Feb. 13**  
Orange Juice, Open Face Tuna Melt, Succotash, Cheesecake. Diabetic--Cheesecake.

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

**ALFRED NUTRITION SITE**

Union University Church Center, 12 noon  
Call Debbie Pierson at 607-793-0118.

**Monday**—Exercises w/Mary Lou Maxon at 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., lunch 12 noon. "Snowflake Bentley Day."

**Wednesday**—Exercises w/Mary Lou Maxon 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., lunch 12 noon. "National Peppermint Patty Day."

**Thursday**—Lunch 12 noon. "Valentine's Day Word Search."

**BELMONT NUTRITION SITE**

American Legion Hall, 11:30 a.m.

Call Lila Johnson at 585-268-5380.

**Tuesday**—Exercises at 9:30 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m. "Positive Attitude."

**Blood Pressure Clinic.** Tax Clinic 9 a.m.-12 noon.

**Thursday**—Exercises at 9:30 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m. "Valentine's Day."

Show & Tell.

**BOLIVAR NUTRITION SITE**

Fire Hall 12 noon

Call Rita Morris at 585-928-2278

**Monday**—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon.

**Wednesday**—Exercises at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon. Cheryl Czworka

"Kale, A Super Star Food & Healthy Snack."

**Thursday**—Lunch at 12 noon.

**CANASERAGA NUTRITION SITE**

Canaseraga Fire Hall, 12 noon

Call Barb Welch at 607-295-7301.

**Tuesday**—Exercises at 10:15 a.m., lunch at 12 noon. "Bingo." Exercises at 1 p.m.

**Thursday**—Exercises at 10:15 a.m., lunch at 12 noon. "Degrees of Cold." Exercises at 1 p.m.

**CUBA NUTRITION SITE**

AA Arnold Community Center, 12 noon

Call Linda Nelson at 585-968-2397

**Monday**—Exercises, Euchre, Cards, Dominoes, Puzzles at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon. "James Dean Bio."

Cheryl Czworka "Kale, A Super Star Food & Healthy Snack."

**Tuesday**—Euchre, Cards, Dominoes, Puzzles at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon. "Cold Quiz."

**Wednesday**—Euchre, Cards, Dominoes, Puzzles at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon. "Current Topics."

**Thursday**—Exercises, Euchre, Cards, Dominoes, Puzzles at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon. "Valentine's Day."

**FILLMORE NUTRITION SITE**

Fillmore Fire Hall., 12 noon

Call Maggie Brown at 585-973-5609

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

**Thursday**—10:30 "Growing Stronger" Exercises, Cards, Jigsaw Puzzles, Euchre. Lunch at 12 noon.

**FRIENDSHIP NUTRITION SITE**

Community Center, 12 noon

Call Vivian Howell 585-973-2650

**Tuesday**—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 p.m.

**Blood Pressure Clinic.** Lynn Oyer, Issues & Answers. Tax Clinic 9 a.m.-12 noon.

**WELLSVILLE NUTRITION SITE**

Community Center, 12 noon

Call Donna Fiegl at 585-593-7665.

**Monday**—Bingo at 10 a.m., Lunch at 12 noon, Euchre at 1 p.m.

**Wednesday**—Games at 10 a.m., Lunch at noon, Euchre at 1 p.m. Tax Clinic 9 a.m.-12 noon.

**Thursday**—Stretch at 9:30 a.m., Bingo at 10 a.m., Lunch at 12 noon. Cheryl Czworka "Kale, A Super Star Food & Healthy Snack."

**Friday**—Wii Bowling at 10 a.m., Lunch at 12 noon, Pinochle, Euchre at 1 p.m.

**WHITESVILLE NUTRITION SITE**

Whitesville Fire Hall, 12 noon

Call Becky Mattison at 607-356-3571.

**Monday**—Exercises at 10:45 a.m., Jigsaw Puzzle. Lunch at 12 noon. "Conundrums for Cold Days."

**Tuesday**—Jigsaw Puzzle. Lunch at 12 noon. Craig Braack, Allegany County Historian, "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address" at 11:15 a.m.

**Wednesday**—10:45 "Growing Stronger" Exercises. Jigsaw Puzzle. Lunch at 12 noon. "Midwinter Memories." Lynn Oyer, Issues & Answers.



## At the Movies

(Effective Friday, Feb. 6 through Thursday, Feb. 12)

**GRAND THEATER**, Main Street, Wellsville... 585-593-6899

"American Sniper" (R) Showtimes nightly at 7 & 9:30 pm; Matinees Sat.-Sun. at 2 & 4:30 pm; "The Spongebob Movie: Sponge Out of Water" (PG) Showtimes nightly at 7 & 9 pm, Matinees Sat.-Sun. at 2 & 4 pm.

**SPOTLIGHT THEATER**, 191 Main Street, Hornell 607-661-4685

"American Sniper" (R) Showtimes 1:00, 4:00, 7:00 p.m.; "Paddington" (PG) Showtimes 2:00, 5:00, 7:15 p.m.; "Strange Magic" (PG) Showtimes 1:30, 5:00, 7:30 p.m.

**NEVINS THEATRE**, AU campus.... 607-871-2175

Check the Alfred University Activities Guide for films.

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## Locally Made

The DIY Farmer's Wife Approach

By KRISTINA SNYDER

Alfred Sun Columnist

Winter seems to be the time when most of us women "need-a-change" in our households. We rearrange furniture, clean out cupboards, and strip wallpaper to be replaced with a fresh splash of paint. We are currently re-doing my mother's master bathroom and stripping that 20-year-old wallpaper can be quite a task but not with the following recipe.

### Homemade Wall Paper Remover

Here's What You Need:

\*1/3 c of lemon juice

\*2c white vinegar

\*2c water

\*Spray Bottle

\*Wall Paper Scraper- or an old debit card works great

Mix lemon juice, vinegar and water in the spray bottle. Everyone has their own method to this madness of wallpaper removal and this solution should work with most techniques. I remove the top layer of paper first – it is thicker and comes off easily. What's left is a thin, papery residue, spray this section with your solution. Let the wallpaper removal solution sit for 3-5 minutes. This is just enough time to let the solution penetrate the paper and begin to dissolve the glue, but not enough time for it to dry. Scrape and repeat!

If you have some household tips to share or questions to ask of The Farmer's Wife, e-mail it to: [Kristinamariesnyder@gmail.com](mailto:Kristinamariesnyder@gmail.com) or write to her at: The Farmer's Wife 1724 Randolph Road, Alfred Station, NY 14803.

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# In The Alfred Sun 50, 25 and 10 Years Ago

Compiled By DAVID L. SNYDER

*Alfred Sun Editor and Publisher*

## FIFTY YEARS AGO, FEBRUARY 4, 1965

**Miss Lucille Gach**, 25, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Siegfried Gach of Five Corners, died in a fire which destroyed the family home, yesterday morning around 5 a.m. Firemen from Alfred and Alfred Station fire companies battled the blaze in 5 degree below zero weather in a still breeze. The two-story frame house stood about a quarter of a mile north of Five Corners on the McHenry Valley Road, near the site of what was in yesteryear a cheese factory. The cheese factory building was razed several years ago. Hose lines run from a nearby pond saved outbuildings near the home, although the house itself was completely destroyed. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gach received burns and injuries in attempts to save their daughter, but were forced back by a wall of flame...

**Hitchcock's Pharmacy** in the main business block of Alfred was robbed sometime during the night, Saturday. The theft was discovered when the store opened Sunday about 10 a.m. Robert Hitchcock, owner of the store, reported the theft to the Village Police Department. Entrance was apparently gained by jimmying the lock on a side door to the stoer which opens onto a hallway through the building. Hitchcock reported the loss of about \$80 in cash, but apparently no merchandise was taken. The Police Department is continuing the investigation.

**A son, Douglas Allan**, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hitchcock, Feb. 3, 1965 at Bethesda Hospital, North Hornell.

**Strawberry Hill Farm** on Clarke Road in the town of Almond, the home of the Clark family since 1894, has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Lauren Soule of Alfred. Miss Rena Clarke and Merl Clarke are now making their home with their sister, Miss Rubie Clarke, at Alfred. A stage road which connected Almond and Five Corners once crossed this land, which was owned as three small farms. Mr. and Mrs. Phineas A. Shaw bought these farms, built the present home in 1880, and later retired, selling the entire estates to the Clarkes. When Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Clarke and baby daughter Lois (now Mrs. Clifford Hadsell of McHenry Valley) moved onto the farm in Feb. of 1894 in near zero weather, the nearest neighbors were the Odells and Emersons, who came to Allegany County in 1816 ("The year with a killing frost in every month"), and the Shermans, whose grandparents moved into a log cabin in March 1849, on the farm now owned by Professor William Stopper. Strawberry Hill Farm is located between McHenry and Whitney Valleys with a high point commanding a view of both valleys and many miles beyond. An exceptionally fine view of Hartsville Hill is enjoyed from the house, where Mr. and Mrs. Soule and their daughters will make their home. Mr. Soule is professor of mathematics at the State University Agricultural and Technical College here.

**Alfredians**—Dr. and Mrs. Winfield F. Randolph and family spent the weekend in Syracuse with Mrs. Walter Haswell...Attending the dinner party at Hornell honoring the retiring Postmistress from Andover Sunday evening were L. Howard Jacox, Acting Postmaster of Alfred, Mr. and Mrs. Roger S. Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lewis. Mrs. Mary A. Burns was the honored guest...Miss Shelley Potter of Mystic, Conn., was an overnight guest Tuesday of the Eugene T. Van Horn family. She accompanied the Rev. Earl Cruzan of Westerly, R.I. Mr. Cruzan brought his daughter Nancy, back for her second semester at the University and, with his son Jonathan, was an overnight guest of the Rev. and Mrs. Rex Zwiebel at Alfred Station...

**Youth Week** will be observed Sabbath morning, February 6 at the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church. The SDBYF will conduct the service. The theme "Songs for a Small Planet" will be presented by three sermonettes: "Madness or Mercy" by Donna Davis; "God is Dead" by John Woodruff; "The Resurrection and New Understanding" by Joyce Austin. Greeters for the morning will be Mike and Larry Drumm. The ushers will be Dick Woodruff, Robert Perkins, Mike and Larry Drumm. Gretchen Zwiebel will present the Junior Message. Others participating in the service will be Kathy Drumm, James Brutsman, Alyce and Bob Lewis, Kathryn Pierce, Melodie Palmiter and James Woodruff.

**Almond**—Three Almond youths left Monday for San Diego, Calif., for basic training with the U.S. Navy. They were Leslie Kellogg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kellogg; David North, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Paul;

and Michael Harwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harwood...

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, FEB. 8, 1990

**Following in the footsteps** of a faculty committee representing Alfred University and Alfred State College, the Alfred Village Board Tuesday night passed a resolution demanding the resignation of Angelo Orazio, chairman of the NYS Low Level Radioactive Waste Siting Commission...

**Wende Bush of Alfred Station** was the winner of the second annual Alfred Lions Club Holiday Decorating Contest. Wende's home on Pleasant Valley Road, featured an eight foot wreath, made of real pine, a bow made with 11 yards of ribbon, and an old-fashioned sled full of presents pulled by a reindeer...

**Clifford A. Patrick**, 75, of 30 Chapel Street, Almond, died Saturday, Feb. 3, 1990 at St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell following a long illness. Born March 9, 1914 in Angelica, a son of Clyde and Daisy Watkins Patrick, he was married Aug. 1, 1936 in Hornell to the former Nina Henshaw, who survives. Residing the past 50 years in Almond, he was employed in the Stores Department at the former Erie-Lackawanna Railroad until retiring in 1975 after 43 years service...He was predeceased by one son, Clifford "Chip" Patrick, who died in 1973...

**Dr. Robert W. Snyder** of Minneapolis, MN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Snyder of Alfred, was honored at a recent 4-H Recognition Luncheon at Syracuse. Dr. Snyder was given a Donor Plaque from the NYS 4-H Foundation at Cornell University. Dr. Snyder established an Austin-Snyder yearly \$1,000 4-H Scholarship at Cornell in the name of his parents, Herman and Doris Snyder who were also honored guests at the luncheon...

**E5 Sergeant Daniel S. Patton**, son of Stephen and Sharon Patton of Alfred Station, received his promotion to E-5 Sergeant on January 1, 1990. Sergeant Patton is stationed with the U.S. Army C. Co. 501 St. Military Intelligence Battalion in Katterback, West Germany.

**Spec. Donald G. Washburn** has re-enlisted in the U.S. Army at Fort Bliss, TX for five years. Washburn is a turbine engine-driven generator repairer with the 7th Air Defense Artillery. He is the son of Donald G. and Sandra L. Washburn of Almond. The specialist is a 1987 graduate of Alfred-Almond Central School in Almond.

**In just one short year**, Head Coach Al Brown quickly turned around the struggling Alfred University lacrosse program. Brown inherited a squad that had gone 4-7 in 1988 and molded it into a team that finished 7-6 and participated in the ECAC Upstate New York Tournament, Alfred's second appearance in post-season...

**4-H NEWS**—In November, Lucky Clovers 4-H Club members Janna Buckwalter and Becky Weaver participated in the Good For You Cooking Contest. Janna was selected to participate in the Feb. 19 "Produced in New York State Contest" in Rochester. On Dec. 13, we visited Patton's Mountain View Rest Home. We sang songs and read The Night Before Christmas. Then on Dec. 19 we had a club meeting at Janet Sootheran's. We exchanged gifts, played games, we danced and had refreshments. On Feb. 1, we finished working on Fit It All Together project. We cooked deviled eggs, skillet balls and hot chocolate. Eliza Grandusky, reporter

**The support staff** at Alfred University has incurred changes as individuals have resigned or accepted new positions since August. New clerks at the University include Cynthia Mullen of Hornell, registrar's office, and Roberta Zimmerman of Almond, registrar's office. New secretaries include Margaret Pomeroy of Hornell, Graduate School; Rosalie DiRaimondo of Hornell, industrial engineering; Patricia E. Beiter of Ontario, College of Nursing; Sue A. Weigman of Belfast, university relations; Mona J. Manning of Hornell, physical plant; Tammy J. Kane of Angelica, university relations; Cheryl A. Monroe of Andover, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Sally A. Graves of Wellsville, Research and Scholarly Activity; Nancy Banker of Canisteo, career and counseling; and Mary D. Peterson of Alfred Station, public relations. The computer center in the McMahon Building has hired Jon N. Brandes of Livonia, Microcomputer User Services specialist; Judy L. Linza of Whitesville, VAX User Services specialist; Susan M. Cox of Nunda, programming assistant; Vicky L. Towsley of Wellsville, nighttime computer operator; Carol D. Powell of Hornell, secretary; and Annette M. Carver of Hornell, secretary...In the engineering and science department of the NYS College of Ceramics, Darlene Brewer of Hornell, Sandra Congelli of Andover, and Cheryl Mastin of Hornell were hired as secretaries.

Nancy Gillette has been hired as a part-time secretary in the personnel office.

## TEN YEARS AGO, FEBRUARY 3, 2005

**(Photo) ALFRED STATION AL** saw his shadow yesterday morning (Feb. 2) on Groundhog Day, predicting prolonged cold and another six weeks of wintry weather. A cousin of Punxsutawney Phil, Alfred Station Al first made his Ground Hog Day appearance in February 1996 near the Alfred Station Fire Hall during a deep freeze (SUN File Photo)

**The air surrounding** the corner building suggests food is near and the neon sign high in the window at 27 North Main Street in Alfred sparkles with promise — Chinese Food. A menu beneath the sign gives details — open seven days, lunch specials, eat in or take out. It's true — Alfred has a Chinese restaurant. The fact that Asian food is popular in Alfred has been clear for years. At Nana's Japanese Café lines of lunch-ready Alfredians have always crowded around tables waiting for their food to move from post-it note promises to steaming plates, Bento, wasabi, nori, miso — all roll off the tongue, as easily as pizza, popcorn and crackerjacks. But, Chinese food has meant a jaunt to Hornell or Wellsville until now. The lack of a Chinese eatery came up often in talking with customers this past Saturday. Jeanne Hyland left her scissors at Hair Care to pick up some lunch saying "I'm surprised we haven't had a Chinese restaurant before but I'm glad we have one now. I'd recommend the Pork Lo Mein." Jeanne wasn't able to eat all of her Lo Mein so a few of us shared the leftovers. Not too salty, lean pork, good stuck. Curtis Palmiter echoed the welcome of Chinese food to Main Street and Devin Greno was pleased to wait a bit longer for his special order...The people include Ji Shen Qiu and his wife, their son Wei Long Qiu, a sophomore at Alfred-Almond Central School and family spokesperson, a sister and some cousins. The family is from China but lived and cooked in New Jersey for seven years. Ready to start their own restaurant, other relatives in Buffalo scouted the area and suggested the corner building at 27 North Main where the family now live upstairs and cooks downstairs. The opening day of the restaurant was a shock to the family. Busy beyond expectations, it took them off guard but now, operations are at a good pace and they've adjusted to the flow of customers — higher on Friday and Saturday — lower on weekdays and always looking for sesame chicken. Wei Long said that the restaurant does not take credit cards or offer a meal plan but accepts checks and cash. (Pay when you order at the counter.) They have many students as well as community members in their mix of eat-in and take-out customers. Conveniently, the food is served in aluminum or Styrofoam containers so that if customers can't finish, and there was no way I could eat the prodigious amount offered in my lunch special of chicken and mixed vegetables, it's easy to pop the lid on and carry it off...

**50 Years Ago, Feb. 3, 1955**—Norman Jefferds, who is making good progress in his recovery from polio, was able to walk to Wheaton's store one day last week...Fred Palmer was in Rochester on business Tuesday...Helge Johnansson has purchased the garage business of Ernest D. Button on the corner of Church and Mill Streets taking over Tuesday morning. The new owner plans to continue the business along the lines Mr. Button has run—general motor repairs and sale of gas, oil and car accessories, but will have no new car agency. As a new owner will continue to run the Atlantic Service Station on North Main Street, he said this week, "Elwood Cornelius will be more or less in charge of the garage. Elwood's worked there for several years...Mr. and Mrs. Button will continue to live in the apartment at the rear of the garage. Their present plans are to make their summer cottage on Rushford Lake a permanent residence. After 33 years, Ernie deserves retirement...The office of Dr. Robert G. Eisenhardt has moved to the doctor's new location at 29 West University Street...Mrs. Addie Snyder started her duties as cook at Lambda Chi fraternity after serving in that capacity for several years at Omicron sorority on South Main Street...

**For the Birds**—The day before we left on our annual winter trip, Jud Stearns observed that we were "like the geese...taking off to fly south a little late this year!" Nothing like being from a small town! We really began our winter trip on December 30, leaving Alfred on a surprisingly warm morning. The first bird of the trip was a black-capped chickadee at my feeder just as we pulled out of our driveway. A pair of Common Ravens near West Almond and a beautiful Rough-legged Hawk near Friendship were nice beginnings to the trip too!...

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# 'Empty Bowls' luncheon Friday, Feb. 13 will help feed hungry

ALFRED--Alfred University student Nick Labate is coordinating a community-wide initiative to produce ceramic bowls and share homemade soup to help support local hunger initiatives. The culmination of his efforts will be a community lunch on Friday, Feb. 13 as attendees buy or bid on quality bowls filled with delicious soups. Now, he is seeking donors of both soups and bowls.

The luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13 at the Knight Club, Powell Campus Center on the Alfred University campus. Cost to attend is a \$10 donation. The

event is supported by The Center for Student Involvement and the School of Art and Design.

Labate found inspiration in the Empty Bowls Project, an international grassroots hunger movement founded by Lisa Blackburn and John Hartom in Michigan in 1990 and continued by the non-profit organization Imagine/RENDER Group. The idea is simple: potters, students, and other craftspeople hand-make bowls. Guests are invited to a simple meal. In exchange for a small cash donation, guests are given a bowl in remembrance of all those who are hungry. The donations from the event will

then go to a charity of choice. Labate would like this effort to support local needs, specifically the Food Bank of the Southern Tier. For more information, visit <http://www.foodbankst.org>.

"This event will not be possible without the help of the willing Alfred community," Labate says. "Not only will we need soups (and other food), but we will need bowls made by the loving hands within the community. For this event, 100 - 200 donated bowls will be needed. Anyone may also donate a bowl as just an auction item, without fear that soup will be placed within pieces of art not intended to be slurped

from."

Nick Labate is a sophomore majoring in Art and Design with a minor in education from Cleveland, Ohio. He sees Empty

Bowls as a great way to combine the talents surrounding the University's Art School and the incredible generosity of the greater Alfred community.



## Growing Up in Alfred

By JUDE FRECHETTE  
Special to the Alfred Sun

### "George the Milkman"

When I was little, Alfred enjoyed home delivery of milk and other dairy products, courtesy of Elmhurst Dairy in Hornell.

The milk came in squarish glass quart bottles in a metal crate, with foil caps crimped on them. Sometimes on very cold mornings, we'd find those caps rising on columns of freezing cream. Those were the days before homogenized milk, so the cream rose to the top and had to be shaken back into the milk before it was poured. Drinking the cream off the top was strictly forbidden, since it left a whole bottle of skim milk.

Our route-man's name was George. He was a perpetually cheerful soul in his early thirties, with a smile and a wave for everyone in his path. It seemed to me that George was especially fond of children and animals, since he knew the name of every child on his route, and never had a problem with overly defensive dogs. (I suspect he gave treats to the latter.) We were impressed by his strength, too, the way he slung those heavy crates around as if they were nothing. At his urging, we called him by his first name, which made us feel very grown up.

The truck he drove was the standard Elmhurst vehicle, a huge box painted the pale yellow of butter, with their name in rakish longhand on both sides. The front was like a rounded snout, covering the powerful engine needed to haul the enormous weight of milk, glass, metal, and refrigeration.

Always in low gear between houses, it roared like a bulldozer. But the most amazing thing about that truck, was that it had no seats - George drove it standing up!

In the summer when every-



Advertisement in Alfred Sun in January 1965.

thing was more relaxed, he occasionally let one of us ride with him for a few stops beyond our house. I vividly remember those few times when it was my turn. I would jump up onto the textured metal floor and grab the big chrome handle beside the door, which was never closed in warm weather.

George would sing out, "Hang on!" and pop the brake off, then we'd roar up the street at a fearsome speed. Surely we never went over 15 mph, but it felt fast with the engine vibrations coming up through my feet, the wind rushing through the open doors, and all the bottles and crates clinking and clanking in the back. Then we'd screech to a halt at the next house, and I'd jump down to get out of the way, while George delivered whatever was wanted and came back with the empty bottles. After three or four more stops, I'd thank George politely as I'd been taught, and skip happily back to my house, thrilled to the roots by my adventure.

One day, George appeared on our porch without the usual bounce in his step. He told us sadly that there would be no deliveries for awhile, because his union had decided to go out on strike. He didn't agree with the

decision, but there it was. We'd have to go to the store for our dairy products. We tried to cheer him up, saying he'd be back in a few weeks, but the strike must have gone badly, at least for him.

Delivery did resume before long, but with a new driver. We never saw George again.

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Eligible voters may register to vote at the Allegany County Board of Elections at 6 Schuyler Street, Belmont, NY 14813. Voter registration forms may be found on the website: [www.alleganyco.com](http://www.alleganyco.com).

The resolution for this election was duly passed by the Alfred Village Board of Trustees at its meeting of January 13, 2015.

Dated: January 30, 2015  
KATHY KOEGEL  
Village Clerk-Treasurer  
Village of Alfred, NY 5-1b

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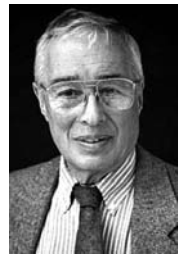
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## MY TURN

By ALAN LITTELL  
Alfred Sun Contributor

### At Alfred University - Activists, Authors, Poets, Spy

Jude Frechette's beautifully crafted essays on growing up in Alfred remind me that there also exists in the village a more-or-less permanent body of residents who, though not native to the place, had the good fortune, or good sense, to grow into it. I am one of them, an outsider who many years ago became an incomer.

Late last fall, I wrote in this space about first arriving at Alfred University, as a student, in 1950. I said that my isolation had been virtually complete. I remembered one or two television sets on campus, a few pay phones in the village. The Erie Railroad, I said, had provided a link to the outside world. The school, in short, had been a self-contained universe. It was an institution of the book, where intellectual life centered on classroom and library.

For me, a city boy from Brooklyn, New York, Alfred's remoteness had only added to its attraction. Yet it was also a liability, in the sense that the wider world had to be imported to campus in the guise of artists and musicians, authors and speakers.

Laurie McFadden, Alfred University archivist, tells me that it was always thus. From the university's founding, in 1857, by a group of breakaway Baptist adherents who observed the Sabbath on Saturday, this reaching out beyond our valley was a core component of campus life. The Seventh Day Baptists were a reformist sect. They decried slavery; they were leaders in promoting higher education and voting rights for women.

Throughout the second half of the 19th-century, the people who came to Alfred to lecture and meet with students and village residents reflected the historic liberalism of school and church. They also captured the scope of the country's national character.

Julia Ward Howe, abolitionist and author of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," spoke at Alfred, as did the social reformer and former slave Frederick Douglass and the poet and essayist Ralph Waldo Emerson. Susan B. Anthony, tireless campaigner for women's suffrage, was another visitor. So, too, was that American original, Horace Greeley, anti-corruption activist, agitator for settlement of the West, crusading editor of The New York Tribune.

For all of them, Alfred was a wilderness outpost. Most would have made the journey by rail from New York City, aboard the old Erie from the line's eastern terminus, at Hoboken, on the Jersey side of the Hudson River. They faced a wearying, 330-mile, day-long crawl with local stops first at Paterson and Port Jervis, then on westward across the flatlands and river valleys of southern New York to Binghamton, Elmira, Corning and Hornell, alighting finally at the brick-and-hipped-roofed depot of Baker's Bridge (now Alfred Station), a couple of miles from Alfred Center.

In my time as a student, however, the cultural imports I best recollect were not the speakers but the itinerant classical musicians who, like a band of gypsies, wandered from campus to campus to cobble together the meager concert fees that in aggregate made up a living wage.

Two whose recitals I particularly remember attending were the pianist Philippe Entremont and the Spanish guitarist Andres Segovia.

Tall and slim, barely out of his teens, Entremont was beginning a brilliant career that in time would take him to the conductorship of the Denver Symphony and of the Vienna Chamber Orchestra. For his Alfred appearance, he displayed the virtuoso pyrotechnics of what, even at that young age, had become his signature repertoire, works by Rachmaninoff and Tchaikovsky.

Segovia was cut from a different cloth. Already in his fifties, he had acquired a world reputation as master of the Spanish classical guitar. He was a big man, almost too big for the delicacy of the instrument he cradled. Like Entremont, he performed at Alfred in Alumni Hall, the handsome Greek-revival building—it today houses administrative offices—that, in the 1950s, served as the university auditorium.

But where the piano is a percussive instrument that fills a concert hall with sound, not so the unamplified guitar. It demands from its audience total silence. Early in Segovia's recital, a late-arriving student strode down the aisle. He wore heavy boots. Alumni Hall was an antique. It's then century-old floorboards bent and creaked under the student's weight.

Segovia stopped playing. He glared at the intruder, who, abashed, scurried to a seat. A ripple of laughter spread through the hall. When quiet at last was restored, the maestro picked up where he had left off and finished his performance.

I left Alfred in 1953, returning 15 years later to

take up an administrative post in public relations. In the next few decades—from the 1970s and '80s and into the first half of the '90s—the university mounted an ambitious program of attracting authors, poets and political and government figures to give public lectures and to read from their works.

To name but a few, they ranged from the Israeli diplomat Abba Eban and former U.S. spy-agency chief William Colby to anthropologist Loren Eiseley. Also appearing were the poets Stephen Spender and Alfred alumnus Marvin Bell.

In addition, the list included at least one Pulitzer Prize winner, Galway Kinnell—a poet who once had taught at Alfred—and a pair of renowned poets who eventually would be awarded the Nobel Prize for literature, Derek Walcott and Seamus Heaney.

Two vignettes of that era come vividly to mind. One evokes Heaney's visit, marred by an incident



An ailing Seamus Heaney, at Alfred University in 1984. He died in 1995.

Heaney, the son of a cattle dealer, was a stocky, broad-shouldered Irishman. He had a lovely speaking voice, a rich confection of unmistakable Irish cadences and baritone Irish lilt. The night he read from his poetry, he was close to being incapacitated by a raging toothache. Yet despite obvious distress, he carried on in reasonably good voice and spirits with one hand clasped to the side of his jaw.

A few years later, working as a freelance, I happened to be in Dublin reporting on travel for a string of American newspapers. At the end of my stay in the Irish capital, the government's tourism agency arranged for me to meet and interview the great poet at a hotel off Grafton Street, the city's main shopping thoroughfare.

"I've heard you read," I said as we shook hands.

"Now where would that be?" Heaney said.

"Upstate New York—Alfred."

His face stretched in a grin.

"Ah," he said. "The tooth!"

Spender, on the other hand, was everything Heaney was not. A tall, gangling Englishman with a narrow, bony face, he was a poet, novelist and essayist who, in the years after the First World War, had been part of a coterie of British aesthetes and intellectuals whose most famous members were the authors Virginia Woolf and Lytton Strachey.

The Alfred University impresario responsible for bringing Spender and other visiting writers to campus was Benjamin Howard, a noted poet in his own right and a then professor of English. (He is known today to readers of *The Alfred Sun* for his columns on the practice of Buddhist meditation.)

I remember being invited by Howard to a dinner he gave for Spender at a local restaurant, the kind of establishment where the standard fare ran the gamut of prime rib and Friday fish fry. The guest of honor, I recall, was nonplussed. He did not seem to know what or how to order.

With the waitress hovering, he pointed to Howard, his host and minder, and said: "I'll have whatever he's having." Earlier, he had been overheard telling a friend on the telephone that, though he could not be absolutely certain, he thought he could identify "somewhere in Pennsylvania" as the strip of U.S. territory where he now found himself.

On the day of Spender's reading, a student was produced to lead the poet on a tour of campus art studios. There was an expectation, or perhaps a hope, that a walk-through would excite the visitor's creative interest. It did not. As I later heard the story, the student at one point turned to his clearly bored charge and—alluding to Spender's appearance at Alfred—asked bluntly: "Why are you doing this?"

Spender replied:

"Money, dear boy. Money."

## THE GLORY OF AMERICA

Thursday, February 5

On this day in 1722, John Witherspoon was born. A Scottish Presbyterian immigrant, he was the first president of the College of New Jersey (known today as Princeton), one of the frontier "log colleges" founded to educate young men for the ministry. As one of his colony's delegates in the debate over separation from Great Britain (and the only clergyman to sign the Declaration), he exhorted his colleagues:

"Gentlemen, New Jersey is ready to vote for independence. In our judgment, the country is not only ripe for independence, but we are in danger of becoming rotten for the want of it, if we delay any longer!"

HUMPHREY, NATIONALISM, 85.

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# Kincel leads AU men to comeback win over Ducks

ALFRED—Junior guard Jerry Kincel (Moosic, PA/Riverside) came off the bench to lead Alfred University to a 78-76 victory over Stevens at the Terry S. Galanis Family Arena Saturday afternoon, snapping a three-game Saxon skid.

Four Saxons scored in double-digits in order to take a win away from the Stevens Ducks Saturday afternoon, marking the first time in school history AU has swept Stevens in regular season matchups. Kincel also hit milestone with a career-high 21 points for the Saxons shooting 9-of-14 (64.3%) from the field.

The first half looked meek for the Saxons when they fell behind by as many as 13 points to the Ducks and carried an 11 point deficit into the intermission. Senior guard Tim Pacheco (Mt. Pocono, PA/Pocono Mountain East) led the Saxons in the first half with eight points, hitting 2-of-2 three pointers at clutch mo-



**JERRY KINCEL**

*Career high 21 points leads AU*

Empire 8 Men's Basketball Standings	As of 2/2/15	Conf. Overall	Streak
St. John Fisher	10-0	17-2	W15
Ithaca	7-3	10-9	W2
Hartwick	6-4	11-8	W3
Stevens	6-5	9-10	L1
<b>Alfred</b>	<b>5-5</b>	<b>11-7</b>	<b>W1</b>
Elmira	4-5	6-11	L4
Utica	4-8	8-13	L3
Nazareth	2-6	6-11	L2
Houghton	1-9	5-13	L7

ments early on. Stevens' Patrick Barron paced the Ducks with 22 points in 16 minutes of play.

Stevens began the second by increasing the lead on AU to 15 points with 18:30 to go in the game. Finally the Saxons came to life and hit four deep balls to bring the lead down to five only three minutes later. Kincel notched nine points during this run, while sophomore Tyler Seelman (Lorton, VA/Hayfield Secondary) added a fast-break three that acted as a dagger to the Ducks momentum.

With 8:37 left in play Pacheco drained a three-pointer to tie the game and senior forward Dalton Walsh (Stockton/Cassadega Valley) capitalized on the swing in emotions and scored a layup on the fast-break.

With the pressure on the Saxons maintained their composure and played tough defense to hold off the Ducks. With the win the

Saxons move to 11-7 overall and 5-5 in the Empire 8. Stevens falls to 9-10 and 6-5 in the Empire 8.

With his 21 points, Kincel added three rebounds, three assists, and two steals. Seelman notched 14 points while Kevin McFall (Hatboro, PA/Upper Moreland) had 13 points and five assists. Pacheco ended his afternoon with 11 points, four assists, and three rebounds.

AU hosted E8 rival Ithaca Tuesday, Feb. 3 and hosts E8 foe Nazareth at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6 at the Galanis Family Arena.

## Four win events at Houghton

The Alfred University men's and women's indoor track and field teams competed Saturday at the Houghton College Invitational. There were no team scores, but four members of the Saxon men's and women's team won individual events.

For the AU men, junior Ethan Foster (Bolivar-Richburg) won the 800-meter run (1:52.26); sophomore Jeffrey Nunez (Wurtsboro/Ellenville) won the weight throw (15.49 meters); and junior Ian Bishop (Bronx/Bronxwood Prep) won the shot put (13.93 meters).

Sophomore Mary Baughman (Rush-Henrietta) took first in the 3,000-meter run to pace the Al-

fred women.

Foster also ran the lead leg of Alfred's 4X200-meter relay which took second in 1:36.39. Also on that relay were junior Gregory Matos (Bronx/ELLIS Prep) and seniors Sean Locker (Corning East) and Terel Marshburn (Elmira Free Academy).

Other top performers for the AU men were: freshman Jeff Daneault (Natick, MA), second in the 60-meter hurdles (9.14); Matos, second in the 400-meter dash (52.26); and Locker, third in the 300-meter dash (38.38).

Senior Mykel Ferguson (Rochester/Greece Olympia) was third in the pentathlon, held Friday and Saturday, with 3,782 points.

Other top performers for the Alfred women were: freshman Mijoi Powell (Rochester/Mercy), third in both the 400-meter dash (1:05.51) and 300-meter dash (44.94); Lindsay Piraino (Nunda/Keshequa), third in the 3,000-meter run (11:07.67); sophomore Marissa Colburn (Cicero-North Syracuse), fifth in the 600-meter run (1:54.29); and freshman Teresa Fallon (New Hyde Park) and sophomore Abby Hampson (Canton/Williams), third (2:47.09) and fifth (2:54.88), respectively, in the 800-meter run.

## Alfred State Pioneer Sports Round-up

HOUGHTON-The Alfred State track and field team had a solid day at the Houghton College Highlander Open on Saturday. Several performances landed Pioneers in the all-time top ten list.

Victoire Kothor (Rochester/Greece Odyssey) had another solid day winning both the weight throw (14.74 m) and shot put (12.54). Both of her performances are new records at Alfred State. Her throw in the weight throw breaks her own record of 13.54 m that she established last week. Her throw in the shot put broke the record of 12.40 m held by Sheila McCann in 1983.

John Adewumi (Bordertown) won both the 60 m (7.27) and the triple jump (12.62). The 4x200 relay team of Kyle Jones (Wilson), Zach Woodard (South Jefferson), Joseph Richardson (Geneva), and Adewumi won in 1:36.15.

### All-time Record Book Performances:

- Cassandra Ryan (Gloversville) was 3rd in the 600 (1:51.60) and is 5th all-time
- Brianna Byrnes (Jordan Elbridge) was 4th in the 600 (1:52.29) and 6th all-time
- The 4x200 relay team of Madison McDonald (Lansing), Bresnahan, Diane Sill (Kendall), and Holly Fiore (Niagara Falls) is now 6th all-time (1:55.95).
- Lindsey Thiel (Liverpool) was 5th in the 3,000 (11:25.29) and is 7th all-time
- Khristy Greggs (Rochester/Aquinas) was 2nd in the 300 m (37.91) and is 9th all-time
- Angel Brenahan (Mexico) was 2nd in the long jump (4.65 m) and is 10th all-time

The Pioneers are back in action next Saturday when they travel to the Ithaca Quad. Action starts at 11:30 a.m.

### Wrestlers win two of three matches at Wilkes

The wrestling team was 2-2 this past week as they head towards the postseason. They fell 33-9 at Lycoming and then went 2-1 at the Wilkes Quad - defeating Trinity 46-3 and Scranton 37-18 before falling 49-3 to Wilkes.

In their opening match at Wilkes, the Pioneers won eight of the nine matches on the slate. Kevin Thayer (Unatego), George Vanvalen (Ithaca), and Josh Lord (Owego Free) all won with pins. Codie Nichols (Unatego) won 10-1 at 157 while Ryan Thierman (Portville), Austin Keough (Warsaw), Brad Haggerty (Wellsville), and Anthony Osman (Vestal) all won via forfeit.

Versus Scranton, the Pioneers won seven of the ten matches. Keough won with a pin, Thierman won 12-0, Thayer won 18-2, Vanvalen won 12-4, and Haggerty, Juan Nunez (Middletown), and Osman earned forfeit victories.

Vanvalen finished a perfect day and accounted for the Pioneers lone points with a 4-3 victory vs. Wilkes.

### Men's Basketball: 5-15

The Pioneers fell in both of their contests this week. They fell 68-51 to Hamilton and 86-44 at SUNY Canton.

### Women's Basketball: 13-4, Ranked #10 in USCAA

The Lady Pioneers won three more and now have won eight straight contests. They defeated Medaille 69-55, Pitt-Titusville 64-26, and SUNY Canton 77-65.

### Swimming: Men 3-3-1, Women 0-7

The swim team was busy prepping for their final meet of the 2015 season. They head to Geneseo on Saturday to wrap up their campaign.



The Alfred-Almond varsity swimming and diving team. (Photo provided)

## A-A swimmers qualify for Sectionals

CAMPBELL-The Alfred Almond swimming Eagles competed in the Steuben County

Championship on Friday, Jan. 30 leaving the pool with some personal best swims on their resumes.

Alyssa Greaney led the team with a first place finish in the 500 freestyle with a new personal record of 5:45.79. She also captured second place in the 200 Individual Medley with a time of 2:24.69. Both of these excellent swims lead to her being nominated as Outstanding Female Swimmer of the Meet.

Emelie Enke hit a sectional cut time with a great swim in the 100 butterfly finishing with a 1:15.95 which landed her a sixth place ribbon and Lindsay Allen also punched her ticket to the big show with a nice swim in the 100 backstroke finishing in 1:16.56.

Additional AA swimmers with fine races include: Hinkey Ng third in the 500 freestyle and sixth in the 200 freestyle. Jessica Flaitz finished with a time of 2:20 in the 200 freestyle and Kalista

Calkins captured sixth in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:20.31.

Other members of the swim team who had significant contributions to the team at this meet leading to an overall fifth place finish were Annie Lloyd, Kaitlin Cook, Courtney Peters, Bailey Comer, Maya Racho, Savannah Lee, Hannah Tormey, Seth Powell and Elizabeth Allen.

For the coming final swimming showdown the following athletes comprise AA's representation: Alyssa Greaney, Jessica Flaitz, Hinkey Ng, Matthew Johnson, Elizabeth Allen, Seth Powell, Emelia Enke, Kalista Calkins and Lindsay Allen.

These competitors are slated to be at the starting blocks in the Section 5 Class D finale with prelims kicking off at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10 and finals Friday, Feb. 13 in Bath.

We wish the team the best of luck!

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## The Dugout

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### HITS AND MISSES:

**Super Bowl 49** is in the record books as Tom Brady of the NE Patriots orchestrated a fourth-quarter comeback for the ages against an exceptional, but tiring Seattle defense. The Pats held on (barely) at 28-24 just when it looked like the Seahawks would pull out a miracle, late game win. Alfred University Hall of Famer, Bill Schuster (#129) had a busy day with plenty of "face time" on the NBC telecast. "Shuey" was used as a screen on a Seattle TD, blocking off Darrelle Revis and had his hands full at the very end as the two teams went at it, WWE style. Will be interesting to get his thoughts on officiating in the big game and plan on doing just that this spring!

**So who is the all-time best QB** in the Super Bowl Era, Joe Montana (4-0) or Brady who is now at 4-2? Brady could easily be 5-1 and maybe 6-0. Montana never threw an interception in a SB game. Brady hasn't had the receivers to work with that Montana did ... hello Jerry Rice! Hard to go wrong with either pick. Six SB's in 15-years is pretty impressive.

**Didn't think it was the greatest year** for commercials in SB49. The Budweiser one with the dog-horse was solid. Others?

**The halftime show** was good, not great. Katy Perry was good, not great. Some of the "props" just weren't needed. Like her songs in general but perhaps not in that setting.

**Was a pretty solid overall weekend** of watching sports on the tube paced by the great Duke win over an exceptional Virginia Cavs squad in ACC action. A stunning comeback by the Blue Devils to snatch a W from the Cavs and give them their first loss of the year. Not necessarily a "stunning" win to me ... but sure it was for others! Add on North Carolina's loss to Louisville, as a huge lead disappeared, and it was an enjoyable ACC Saturday of hoops!

**Raegan Ryan and her Cedarville Yellowjackets women's hoop team** in Ohio is just rolling! The program is now (19-2) on the season after demolishing Wilberforce and Central State last week, 85-40 and 89-62. Ryan has seven regular season games left on the slate in her senior season of college ball.

**The Alfred University men's b-ball team** (11-7) has some key E8/9 conference games on tap this week as the Saxons host Ithaca and Nazareth. SJ Fisher virtually has the league locked up or a play-off berth at minimum. Alfred is in logjam at the moment with Ithaca, Hartwick, Stevens and Elmira for one of three playoff berths left after SJF. The Saxons lost last Friday to Hartwick but beat Stevens the next day.

**Coach Kornaker (AU)** and his Fisher Cardinals are just crushing all in their way. SJF is 17-2 overall, 10-0 in the league and they blasted Naz and Utica over the weekend past.

**Alfred State College Hall of Famer, Tom Curle (Waterloo)** has his Plattsburgh Cardinals at 13-5 overall and in second place in the SUNYACS with an 8-3 mark. "Spanny" and his Cortland squad is currently in the T3 spot.

**Gina Boyd (Waterloo)** and her Alfred State College women's cage team is at 13-4 on the year with a game Saturday versus Rochester ... Minnesota!

**The Bona men's basketball team** (11-8) is sliding towards a .500 season after losses to Rhode Island and LaSalle with VCU at the Reilly Center this Saturday. Ouch. Will the "Traveling Sports Fan" be in attendance to see the ranked VCU squad? Pretty sure Our Man Frank won't.

**How about these shooters** for the NBA 3-Point contest at the All-Star festivities: Steph Curry and Klay Thompson of the GS Warriors, J.J. Redick (Duke) of the LA Clippers, Kyle Korver of the red-hot Hawks plus Wes Matthews. Yikes! Champ ... Curry. Winner should receive the Larry Bird trophy.

**The West should romp** in the All-Star game itself. Damian Lillard of Portland is left off the West roster while Carmelo Anthony

## The Dugout continued...

starts for the East. Enough said.

**The Rochester K-Hawks** are now (2-2) in NLL indoor pro lax action as the three-time defending champs beat the Buffalo Bandits on Saturday past.

**Rory McIlroy (-22)** romps in the Dubai Classic as the #1 golfer in the world looks to have a big 2015.

**Former #1 golfer, Tiger Woods** misses the cut (badly) in Arizona on the PGA Tour.

**Smitty will not "make the cut"** on the Sumo Tour South 2015 golf outing as he has withdrawn due to ... issues with his game. Much to the chagrin of Savo and, the "Land of Oz!"

**Johnny Football** of the Browns in rehab.

Cleveland has to be real happy with that first-around NFL pick.

**Stu off to see Fleetwood Mac** in concert on Saturday past in Buffalo. Yes! Went to Rich Stadium with Stu, Gus Boag and "Seeki" many years ago to see them in concert. Fleetwood plus Foreigner, Bob Welch and Pablo Cruise. Awesome! Driving the "black beauty."

**A-A alumni banquet** at Alfred State on July 25th! Make it to that, Smitty? Plus many more from the Class of '70!

**Spotted this NYS vanity plate: FINNJAKE ...** Taft, who will be primed for the Sumo Tour South event, along with his golf partner of Syracuse Dave!

## For the Birds...

By BETSY BROOKS  
Alfred Sun Columnist



American Tree Sparrow (Photo by Ryan Kayhart)

## Pecan trees, sparrows 'on the road'

Berts RV park has quite a few beautiful pecan trees in the park, and this year they all had a bumper crop. Laura and Ted picked up pecans in the pouring rain when they were here, and when Laura came down while Ted went hang-gliding, she filled up another bag.

A few days ago, the owner of the park asked us to do her a favor and take a basket of pecans she had picked up to a place in Bay City that will crack them for you for a fee. So we took them to Ward's Market ... a market that still looks like the market my mother used to shop in 1939!

There were tables with all sorts of produce and even a refrigerated case that displayed oysters, shrimp, and several varieties of fish and meat. And in the back of the market was a big machine that you could pour pecans in and a conveyor mechanism feeds them into a hopper that drops them one at a time into a 'cracker', after which they are spit out (shells and nuts) into a collecting bin.

That fascinated me ... but even more fascinating was a crow I watched in a pecan tree right by our RV window. The crow would fly to a branch with some pecans still on them, carefully hop to a position to grab a pecan with his beak, then take it to a larger branch where he could get a good grip, and deftly holding the pecan with one foot, crack the shell and extract the nut!

Here in Bay City, one of the highlights of my week is the

Wednesday morning bird walk with three friends at the Matagorda County Birding and Nature Center. Francine is the eldest (at 93!) and not only does she keep the list of birds we see but she also carries the field guides we need to use when we disagree on a bird identification. She records our sightings in a small notebook and copies them down, after our walks, on the list of recent sightings kept in the office of the nature center. Occasionally, she gets just a bit impatient when we stop too long to discuss a bird, or a Texas wildflower I need help identifying. She wants to keep moving.

When I first went birding with these women five years ago or so, the first thing they told me about Texas bird-watching was that when you see an interesting bird you want to check out with your binoculars, the first thing you do is look at your feet! That's right! You make a quick check to see if you aren't standing in a fire ant hill!

I've had a healthy respect for fire ants ever since our dog Bingo sat in a Texas ant hill and got stung. So, I was surprised last week when I discovered I was standing in a small hill of fire ants and they were already all over my socks and my sandal on one foot. As calmly as I could I brushed off all the ants and never got a single sting.

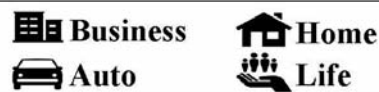
I know I was standing in a fire ant hill, so I asked my friends why I hadn't been stung. They told me that part of fire ant strategy is to get as many ants as pos-

sible on their victims and then one alpha ant gives the signal for them to all sting at once! I did a search for information on fire ant stings and did discover one source that stated that there is usually a 10-20 second interval between when the fire ants get on a victim and when they actually start to sting. I don't think I want to test that theory again!

After our most recent Wednesday walk, Marilyn drove us around her family's ranch along the S. Colorado River. Highlight of that was a view of an active Bald Eagle nest with one young. I always learn something on these trips. I had always been puzzled at these Texas birders' special interest in Savannah, Chipping, Swamp, Field, Vesper, White-throated and Song Sparrows and was amazed when they told me they don't have sparrows in this part of Texas during the rest of the months in the year. And when I checked my field guide, it was true ... there are essentially no sparrows in Texas other than those seen during the winter. No wonder they were disappointed they missed the American Tree Sparrow that was seen by quite a few birders at the nature center one day in mid January!! That bird was way out of its normal winter range.

I follow the bird sightings in western New York on the Gene-seebirds list-serve. Quite a few people are getting redpolls at their feeders now ... so make sure you have at least one feeder filled with niger seed.

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