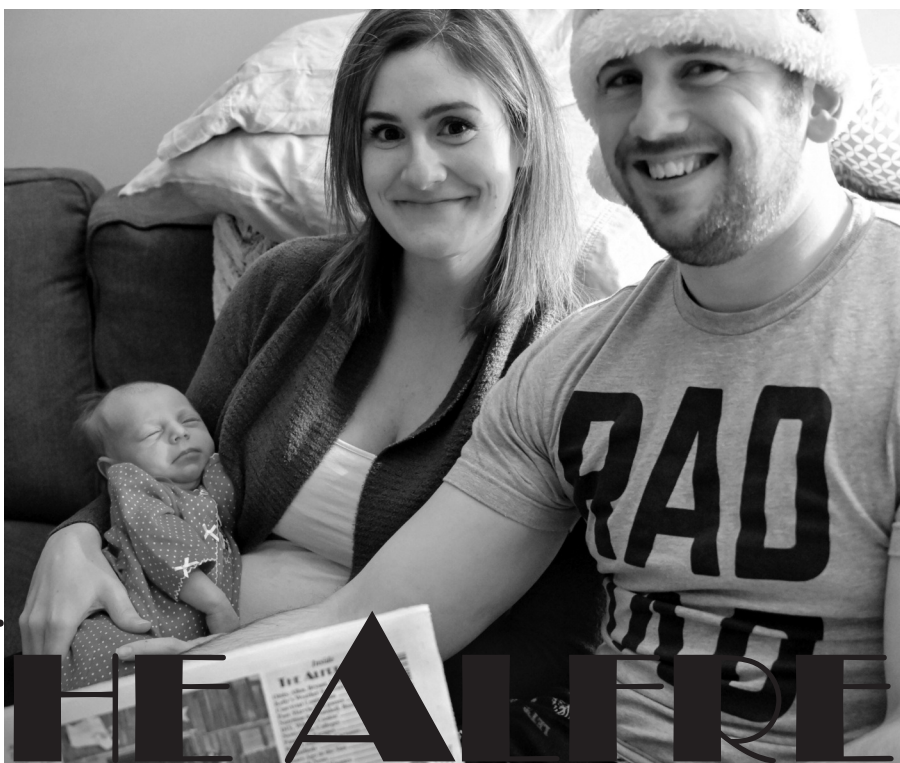


A 'kin' to reading the Alfred Sun

Josh and Jenna Rafto of Webster introduced their newborn baby, Kinsley Rae, to the *Alfred Sun*, which Josh has been reading since graduating from Alfred University in 2009. Both are employees of Paychex in Rochester. Kinsley was born Dec. 11, 2020, the first grandchild of John and Joyce Rafto of Webster.



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Thursday, December 31, 2020

Detained by ChiComs

A year later, Sophie Luo still hasn't heard from husband

ALFRED—Just over a year ago, Ding Jiayi, husband of Alfred resident Sophie Luo, was detained by the Chinese Communist Party and later accused of the crime of "inciting subversion of state power."

The *Alfred Sun* has since followed this story periodically; as the year 2020 draws to a close, the *Sun* has asked Sophie Luo for an update of her husband's status. She reported as follows:

"It's a pity that the only news I have as of today are: 1) He is in a detention center with a fake name unknown to outside; 2) The investigation period was extended three times without providing any criminal evidence to his lawyers; 3) The lawyers application to meet him were repetitively rejected (in total 5 meeting applications were rejected as of today); 4) None of my letters sent to Jiayi were delivered to him (in total 19 letters as of today)."

Sophie Luo added, "Right now, the in-

vestigation period of the case was extended to Jan 19, 2021. According to Chinese Law, on that day, the case shall be submitted to the procuratorate, the lawyers shall be allowed to meet Jiayi, but I have no idea if they are going to find another excuse to continuously keep this case in secret."

A letter that Sophie Luo sent Dec. 6, 2020 to the foreign diplomats of different countries, summarizing the overall situation of the case as of that date, is published in its entirety:

December 6th, 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

Xu Zhiyong and Ding Jiayi are two human rights activists in China who encouraged Chinese citizens to practice the rights enshrined in international conventions as well as the Chinese constitution. They have tirelessly advocated the construction of a civil society in China. For their peaceful and legal activism, they have been persecuted by the Chinese au-



DING JIAYI

thorities.

Between 2013 and 2017, Xu Zhiyong and Ding Jiayi were sentenced to four and three-and-a-half years in prison, respectively, for the so-called crime of "gathering a crowd to disturb order in a public

place". Upon release, neither man abandoned his ideals, but instead, continued his activism in defense of the basic human rights of the Chinese citizens.

On December 7 and 8, 2019, Xu Zhiyong and Ding Jiayi spent a weekend with some lawyers and friends at a private home in Xiamen, Fujian Province, where they shared ideas about the construction of China's civil society and opinions on current political situations worldwide. Because of this gathering, on the night of December 26, 2019, the police detained Ding Jiayi and three people from Beijing, Shandong, and Fujian Provinces who had attended the gathering. The detainees were placed under "residential surveillance at a designated location" (RSDL) and accused of the crime of "inciting subversion of state power".

In the meantime, police across the country summoned or detained several other attendees; the rest had no choice but

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Alfred State reflects on biggest stories of 2020

ALFRED—As 2020 comes to a close, Alfred State College (ASC) is taking a look back at some of its biggest stories from the year.

The following are some major moments, in no particular order, from this past year:

- Switch to online learning: As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Alfred State students began finishing out the spring semester in an online format on March 23. The college assisted students through hosting Online Learning Training Sessions, providing laptops, and accommodating those with financial or technological hardships by allowing them to remain on campus while practicing social distancing.

- Pioneers respond to COVID: Numerous Pioneers responded to the pandemic in a big way. Nursing faculty helped fill the need for local healthcare workers, alumnus Justin Reckenwald used his business' resources to assist with local hand sanitizer production, several employees made face masks from home, and Instructional Support Associate Kevin Tucker helped produce face masks from 3D printers on campus. Also, Alfred State launched a pilot food pantry program, as well as the



Pictured along with Big Blue is Elijah Blumberg, a mechanical engineering technology student from Buffalo.

Support Our Students (SOS) emergency fundraiser for students with serious financial needs resulting from COVID-19.

- President Sullivan to retire: Dr. Skip Sullivan announced in November that he is retiring as president effective June 2021.

- 98 percent: For the 11th straight year, the employment and continuing education rate among Alfred State graduates reached 98 percent or higher.

- Virtual commencement: While no in-person ceremony was possible this year, the college was still able to honor its graduates through hosting a vir-

tual commencement ceremony in June via Microsoft Teams Live.

- Welcome back: In August, Alfred State welcomed students and faculty back to campus to resume in-person instruction for the first time since March. To ensure a safe and successful semester, the college implemented a number of changes on campus, including installing plastic partitions at lecterns, requiring social distancing and mask-wearing in class, and implementing new technology to allow internet streaming of instruction as needed.

- Construction Continues:

After a brief slow-down, various capital improvement projects have worked to regain schedules. The MacKenzie South project moved to punch list items, and the first phase of the MacKenzie North renovation is underway. The Hinkle Library received a new roof and curtain wall system and work is beginning again in the Pioneer Center lounge in preparation for a new eatery. Also, the long-awaited Agriculture Science Building renovation is approved to move into design.

- US News rankings: ASC continues to excel in US News & World Report's Best Colleges list. Among all Northern Colleges in an 11-state region, Alfred State is ranked No. 9 overall, No. 6 for public schools, and No. 1 among all SUNY institutions in the category. US News also ranks Alfred State the No. 3 Best College for Veterans when listing public colleges in the North.

- Good Morning America recognition: The story of Instructor Sean Kelley losing weight in order to donate part of his liver to save his 1-year-old son's life caught the attention of Good Morning America. The well-known national news program highlighted the story in an

online article titled, "This dad lost 40 pounds to save his son's life: 'It was pretty overwhelming.'"

- Major Gifts Campaign launched: ASC launched a Major Gifts Campaign in September, with the goal of raising \$8 million for athletics, new programs, scholarships, technology, and the greatest needs of the college.

- Successful fall semester: Alfred State was able to complete in-person instruction in late November. The college had among the very highest number of in-person classes offered across the entire SUNY system, with 87 percent of ASC's sections delivered in person, compared to 16 percent for SUNY overall and 31 percent for colleges of technology.

Other notable stories from this past year include the police academy achieving a 100 percent employment rate, Dr. Melvin Chambliss being named the chief diversity officer of the police academy, the Esports team earning gold at the Empire State Winter Games, the accreditation of 10 business programs by IACBE, Day of Giving raising over \$218,000, and the dedication of the new Shay Family Athletic Hall of Fame.

OBITUARIES

Rick W. McLay, 66, Andover, served 36 years as AU creative services director



RICK W. McLAY

Graphic artist, music lover
ANDOVER—Rick W. McLay, 66, passed away Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020 at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester following a brief illness.

Mr. McLay was born on Sept. 2, 1954 in Schenectady to Henry Kirkpatrick and Virginia (Parr) McLay. He was a 1972 graduate of Cuba Central School and later

earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts from Alfred University. On Sept. 12, 1997, he married Melody A. Hollen, who survives.

Rick retired in 2019 from a 36-year career at Alfred University where he served as Director of Creative Services which allowed him to utilize his talents as a graphic designer, photographer and videographer. He was also an Adjunct Assistant Professor and consummate representative for higher education, which he faithfully served.

In addition to his wife, Melody, Rick is survived by two children, Adrea (David) Brant of Ransomville and Sean (Jasmine) McLay of Livonia; a step-son, Matthew Blank of Andover; two siblings, Cheryl (Tom) Kehoe of Tucson, Arizona and Ron (Beverly) McLay of McCook Lake, South Dakota; two grandchildren, Hanna McLay of Rochester and Seth Russell of Wheatfield; a brother-in-law, Randy Hollen of Andover; and

several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Rick was best known for his love of music and the myriad endeavors which a musician pursues. He was active in the Unofficial Martin Guitar Forum (UMGF), sang and played guitar in the Andover Trio, led the instrumental section of the Andover Ecumenical Choir and often accompanied his wife Melody at the Andover Presbyterian Church.

Rick had a lifelong passion for learning. From childhood, he was an amateur naturalist with a fascination for all creatures great and small. Apart from his professional talents he utilized in his career, he was a gifted watercolorist, photographer and illustrator. Rick was an avid history buff, focusing much of his attention to the American Civil War and both World War I and World War II.

Rick also had an amazing gift for remembering trivia. His fam-

ily often said that he was a Jeopardy champion in the making. He loved old movies which led to the impromptu family game of "Name That Quote."

Rick, in his own quiet way was a people person. With his dry sense of humor and an uncanny ability to draw people out, he easily made friends and impacted those around him.

Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, a memorial service

will be held in the spring at a date to be determined. Arrangements are under the direction of Baker-Swan Funeral Home and online condolences may be offered at www.baker-swan.com.

Memorial contributions in Rick's name may be made to the First Presbyterian Church in Andover, 34 East Greenwood St., Andover, NY 14806 and SPCA Serving Allegany County, PO Box 381, Wellsville, NY 14895.

Barbara Ware, 90, raised in Australia, came to Alfred in 1970s for career



BARBARA RUTHERFORD WARE

Worked at Herrick Library

ALFRED—Barbara Rutherford Ware, aged 90, died peacefully at home on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020.

Born Sept. 6, 1930 in Los Angeles, California to William and Mable, she was raised in Australia, maintaining her dual citizenship throughout her life.

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CryptoQuote

answer

Having children makes you no more a parent than having a piano makes you a pianist. — Michael Levine

SCRAMBLERS

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1. Glacier 2. Lawyer;
3. Tirade; 4. Nothing

Today's Word

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Dr. Eric J. Murawski, 33, in dental residency



DR. ERIC J. MURAWSKI, M.D., D.D.S.

HORNELL—Dr. Eric J. Murawski, M.D., D.D.S., 33, formerly of Hornell, died unexpectedly in Cleveland, OH where he had resided for the past six months.

Born in Hornell on October 15, 1987, he was the son of John and Susan (Neiser) Murawski.

Eric grew up in Hornell and was a graduate of Hornell High School (class of 2006). In 2010,

he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry from Binghamton University. Eric graduated from the University at Buffalo where, in 2014, he received his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree. He also completed medical school at the University at Buffalo and pursued postgraduate studies in oral surgery. For the past six months, he resided in Cleveland where he was completing a dental residency program.

Eric was a skilled woodworker, had a deep love for his two dogs and two cats, and enjoyed caring for his many bonsai trees. He enjoyed rooting for his favorite sports teams, the Buffalo Bills (NFL) and the Buffalo Sabres (NHL).

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Donald and Helen Neiser, and his paternal grandfather, John G. Murawski.

Surviving are his parents, John and Susan Murawski of Hornell; two sisters, Alison (Gabe) DiBerardinis of Jenkin-

town, PA, and Ashley (Peter) Berkes of Rochester; his devoted partner of many years, Dr. Gretchen Galvin of Amherst; paternal grandmother, Adeline Murawski of Exeter, PA; one nephew, Graham DiBerardinis; four nieces, Lauren and Charlotte DiBerardinis, and Caroline and Emma Berkes; several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there will be no calling hours. Private services will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family.

Funeral arrangements are in care of the Dagon Funeral Home, 38 Church St., Hornell.

Eric's family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to an endowed scholarship in his name at the University at Buffalo, which will be awarded yearly to a promising oral surgery student. Donations can be made at www.EricJMurawskiMemorialFund.com. To leave an online condolence visit www.dagonfuneralhome.com

Timothy R. Walsh, 62, Wellsville police chief

TIMOTHY R. WALSH

WELLSVILLE—Timothy R. Walsh died on Monday, Dec. 21, 2020 with family by his side. He was a Wellsville native born on Sept. 22, 1958; the son of Jane and Robert Walsh who predeceased him.

Tim was devoted to his career in law enforcement for 42 years, starting out as a dispatcher with the Wellsville PD and then becoming a patrolman in Alfred. He transferred back to the Wellsville PD to move up the ranks, serve on the Southern Tier Drug Task Force and retired as the Chief of Police for the Village of Wellsville and as the Chief of Police for the Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad.

He attended Immaculate Conception School and was a graduate of Wellsville High School, Class of 1977. He was a proud member of the infamous 1976 Varsity Football "Goose Egg"

Team where he played the position of bench-warmer. His high school career was also topped off with the lead role in the Senior Play "The Man Who Came to Dinner."

Tim volunteered for many organizations: he was a member of the Emerald Hook & Ladder Company, receiving the Allegany County Fireman of the Year for Heroism award twice; Immaculate Conception Church lector and funeral planner; member and PER of the Elks Lodge #1495; Ancient Order of Hibernians charter member; Meals on Wheels delivery and Honor Flight Rochester.

He enjoyed all things railroad, traveling, Manhattans, cooking and most importantly being with family and friends in any capacity.

He is survived by his wife Margaret, sons Robert, Michael, Bryan; brother Shaun (Elaine), nephews Patrick and Kevin; sis-

ter Mary Kate Cole (Jeremy), nieces Elizabeth, Molly, and Sarah; father-in-law James Hart and Mother-in-Law Mary Hart; Brothers-in-Law Timothy Hart (Amy), Brian Hart (Kimberly), nephews James and Brendan; Sisters-in-Law Suellen Hart and Judy Hart; Aunt Mary Benz; several first and second cousins and granddog Milo.

Calling hours were Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 26-27 at J.W. Embser Sons Funeral Home, 34 W. State Street, Wellsville. A private Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated later. A graveside ceremony was held Monday, Dec. 28 at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Donations may be made to Immaculate Conception Church, 17 Maple Avenue, Wellsville, NY 14895, or the Emerald Hook & Ladder Company, 40 S. Main Street, Wellsville, NY 14895. To leave online condolences please visit www.embserfuneralhome.com.



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OBITUARIES

Penny Lea Atkins, worked in area restaurants



PENNY LEA ATKINS
Waitressed at Beef Haus
WELLSVILLE—Penny Lea Atkins, 74, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020 at Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pennsylvania, following a series of illnesses. Penny was born on Feb. 15, 1946 in Wellsville to Delbert V. and Dorothea I. (Schram) White.

She was a 1964 graduate of Scio Central School.

Penny worked at Burger King in Wellsville for 12 years before switching over to Beef Haus for an additional six years. For health reasons, she retired in 1995.

Penny is survived by two sons, Wayne Atkins of Andover and Terry (Sheilah) Atkins of Wellsville, a brother, Howard (Linda) White of Wellsville, three sisters, Frannie Green of Wellsville, Dawn Griffiths of North Carolina and Judy White of Warrensburg; and her best friend, Beverly Rhodes of Andover.

Additionally, she is survived by four grandchildren, Joelen Crawford of Friendship, Jamie Crawford of Elmira, Cassandra (LeCory) Jacobs of Belfast and Shanna Hosley of Wellsville; 10 great grandchildren, Aiden Szata, D.J. Szata, Dylan Szata, Xayvion Jacobs, Jadavion Jacobs Aleiah Jacobs, John Brandes, Jase Hosley, LeCory

Jacobs, Jr. and Autumn Deahn; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Penny was predeceased by the father of her children, Alfred Wayne Atkins; three brothers, Robert “Buddy” (Lois) White, Alfred June White and Martin White; four sisters, Grace (Otto) Schoonover, Alice (Charlie) Jenison, Marlyn Muhs, and Beatrice (Bob) Zurlick; and two brothers-in-law, George Green and Snyder Griffiths.

Penny loved people. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren, especially getting together for holidays gatherings and cookouts. She loved her many friends, often gathering at church dinners where she could mingle and chat about the latest news. She loved helping those that needed a helping hand such as a ride to the grocery store and she loved spending time with Beverly as they often enjoyed the local fairs and carnivals together. And though not people, she loved her many dogs, including her latest, Brownie.

Penny enjoyed watching television and was an avid Buffalo Bills fan.

Due to the covid pandemic, there will be no prior visitation. A memorial service will be held in the spring at a time to be determined. Burial will follow in Fairlawn Cemetery in Scio.

Arrangements are under the direction of Baker-Swan Funeral Home in Wellsville/Scio. Online condolences may be offered at www.baker-swan.com.

Memorial contributions in Penny’s name may be made to SPCA Serving Allegany County, 5440 SR 19, Belmont, NY 14813.

SUN OBITUARY POLICY

The Alfred Sun does NOT charge to publish obituaries. It never has; so long as the janitor has his say, it never will.

Visitation Friday, Saturday for Mary Ellen Westlake, 89, Almond



MARY ELLEN WESTLAKE
Taught Latin at AACS
HORNELLSVILLE—Mary Ellen Westlake, 89, of Almond, passed away peacefully at home Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2020. Mrs. Westlake was born on

Oct. 17, 1931 in Hornell to Nathan and Mary (Pierce) Tucker. On April 17, 1954 she married John Westlake, who predeceased her.

There will be a time of visitation on from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 1 and from 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2 at Baker-Swan Funeral Home in Andover. The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home immediately following the visitation with Rev. Ken Chroniger of the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

A full obituary will be available in the next edition of the Alfred Sun as well as on Baker-Swan Funeral Home’s website.

Deadline nears for ACAF scholarships

ALLEGANY COUNTY—Allegany County high school seniors and grads in college – please keep in mind that the ACAF online scholarship application is open, with a January 31 deadline. The holiday season is a great time to work on this.

To find the application go to the Scholarship tab on the ACAF webpage. Click Online Application from the drop-down menu. This will take you to the Dollars for Scholars page. Click Students and Parents in the upper right and then you can start the process.

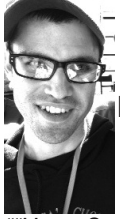
If you have questions with or about the application, please contact Bruce Campbell at ACAF via 585-296-5616 or director@acafny.org

Town board meeting

ALFRED STATION—Town of Alfred, 2020 Year-End Meeting to be held online, Thursday December 31st at 12:00pm: Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/96142724172?pwd=dnVCZW5MdTRkNGtoRko1RFdTejlnZz09> Meeting ID: 961 4272 4172 Passcode: 325048 One tap mobile +16465588656,,96142724172# US (New York)"

ALFRED Weather for the Week

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25	45	25	1.05"	Trace	
26	27	11	0.02"	0.3"	
27	23	12	Trace	Trace	
28	37	19	0.02"	0.2"	
By FION MacCREA Alfred Weather Recorder					



Kelly's Forecast

By KELLY SNYDER
The Alfred Sun
Weather Forecaster

“Hope Smiles from the threshold of the year to come, Whispering ‘it will be happier’...”

— Alfred Lord Tennyson
Thursday, Dec. 31

CLOUDY

(HIGH 31– LOW 20)

Chance of precipitation....15%
Friday, Jan. 1

RAIN / FREEZING RAIN

(HIGH 35–LOW 34)

Chance of precipitation....75%

Saturday, Jan. 2

PM RAIN / SNOW

(HIGH 44– LOW 28)

Chance of precipitation....35%

Sunday, Jan. 3

PM SNOW SHOWERS

(HIGH 32 – LOW 26)

Chance of precipitation....30%

Monday, Jan. 4

PARTLY CLOUDY

(HIGH 33 - LOW 25)

Chance of precipitation.....5%

Tuesday, Jan. 5

MOSTLY CLOUDY

(HIGH 38 - LOW 30)

Chance of precipitation...15%

Wednesday, Jan. 6

PARTLY CLOUDY

(HIGH 40- LOW 31)

Chance of precipitation...15%

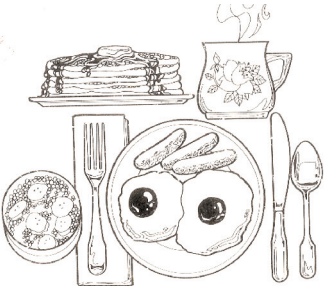
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SUNNY SIDE UP

By ELLEN SHULTZ
Alfred Sun Columnist



An hors d'oeuvre for New Year's

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

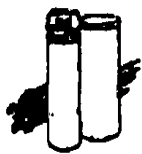
Looking for an hors d'oeuvre for New Year's? Try these mushrooms; they are delicious and easy because you can prepare them a day ahead and have them ready in the refrigerator.

This recipe was given to me years ago by Ilene Johnson, long-time reading teacher at Alfred-Almond. I have used it frequently over the years, always to rave reviews.

Marinated Mushrooms

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|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 lb. Mushrooms | 2/3 tarragon vinegar |
| 1/2 c. salad oil | 1 T. sugar |
| 1 med. clove garlic | 1 1/2 tsp. salt |
| dash pepper | 2 T. water |
| 1 med. onion sliced & separated | dash Tabasco |

Clean and slice mushrooms. Put in bowl with onion rings. Combine all other ingredients and pour over the mushrooms and onions. Refrigerate, stirring a few times, for at least eight hours. Serve with cocktail picks or tooth picks for guests to spear the mushrooms.



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EDITORIAL PAGE

Reflections on what we learned in the Year 2020

To the Editor:

As we close out this remarkably terrible year that we might prefer to erase from our memories, we should reflect upon what we've learned through these dark months.

We learned what it's like to feel emotions we may never have felt before: despair, anger, loneliness, hatred, animosity, fear, anxiety, sorrow, depression.

We learned how easy it was to create division and chaos in our country, how easy it can be to destroy our republic.

We learned more about how our government works by watching it happen on our screens, than what we ever learned in school.

We learned that we have been lax in protecting our cyber systems from foreign invasion. That we have allowed foreign nations to infiltrate our government and corporations.

We learned just how dangerous it was to send our manufacturing industries, including pharmaceuticals, to China.

We learned that we have problems within our voting systems that need to be addressed.

We learned that shutting down the economy to fight one health crisis only leads to an increase in other health crises.

We learned that closing schools contradicts "the science" and is detrimental to the emotional health of our children.

We learned that we cannot trust the media to be fair and impartial, nor the mega-rich social platforms that have the power to silence voices.

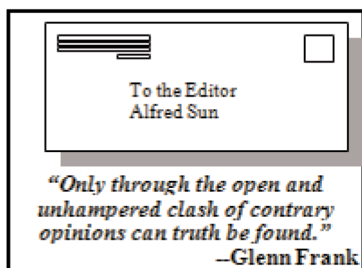
We learned that we can not trust government leaders to put aside their own agendas and petty bickering to do what is right for American citizens. That some Democratic leaders are willing to incite violence rather than see Donald Trump succeed in his Presidency.

We learned that there are those who wish to destroy America's legacy of freedom and her autonomy, but also those who will fight to preserve it.

We've seen the worst in people, but we've also seen the best.

We've seen shoppers fighting over toilet paper, but we've also seen someone paying for the groceries in the cart pushed by a frazzled mother who forgot her money.

We've seen that with the right



leadership, Americans rise to the occasion and get things done, as they did in producing a Covid vaccine and therapeutics.

We've seen looters and arsonists needlessly destroy innocent neighborhoods, but we've also seen people giving their time and money to aid those in need.

We've seen people under the banners of BLM and Antifa inflicting injustices while proclaiming to be fighting injustice, but we've also seen unselfish acts of heroism by law enforcement, first responders, nurses and doctors.

We've seen politicians drunk with power imposing arbitrary laws without legislative approval, but we've also seen citizens not afraid to demonstrate for their rights and against unfair policies.

We've seen old people in nursing homes withering away from lack of loving touches and visitors, but we've also seen families and staff finding ways to compensate.

We've seen nurses break down from the strain, and then pull themselves together and go back into the lion's den.

We've seen an American President attacked constantly and treated as if he was as evil as Satan, while the real evil is hiding in the shadows, just biding his time.

With all the bad news circulating this year, much that was good got lost in the fray. New ways to connect with each other, cops purchasing food for the poor, restaurateurs providing free meals, a complete stranger jumping into a fire to save a child, neighbor helping neighbor. The list is endless, and gives me hope!

Instead of relegating the year 2020 to the far recesses of our minds, let us keep the images and lessons in the forefront of our memories to serve as warnings for the future, and reminders of who we really are. With God's help, we can see America restored to her great-

ness, an end to the scourge of Covid19, and a reuniting of the American people in the New Year 2021.

To my fellow Conservatives: "Keep the faith and don't give up hope!". To my Liberal and Progressive neighbors and friends: "Just be careful what you wish for!". Happy New Year to all!

Kathy Curran Snyder
Alfred Station, NY

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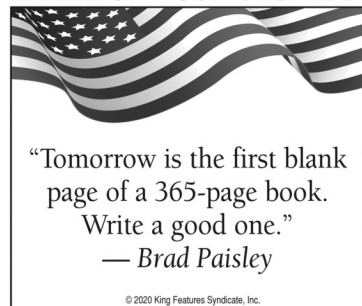
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Who Wants To Look Back Anyway, And Remember Improper Mask-Wearing, Mostly Peaceful Protesting, And Of Course, Everyone's Favorite – Toilet Paper Hoarding

Each New Year gives a chance to view the old one in rewind; And yet... Should 2020 be forgot, and never brought to mind? You bet.

—Vaccinymous

Americanisms



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Ding Jiaxi still detained in China

(Continued from front page) to go into hiding. During his hiding, Xu Zhiyong kept lobbying on behalf of the four detainees via the internet—calling attention to the likely torture and inhuman treatment they were suffering under RSDL. On February 15, 2020, Xu Zhiyong was taken away from his friend's home in Guangzhou by police from Beijing; the next morning, the police also apprehended Xu's fiancée, Li Qiaochu from her home in Beijing. Both Xu and Li were placed under RSDL and charged with the crime of "inciting subversion of state power."

None of the six detainees placed under RSDL was allowed to meet or communicate with their lawyers and families; In fact, their families were neither provided with any legal documents nor informed of the location of detention.

On June 19, 2020, Ding Jiaxi and Xu Zhiyong were formally arrested on the charge of "inciting subversion of state power" and transferred to the Linshu County Detention Center in Linyi city, Shandong Province. On the same day, Li Qiaochu and three other detainees were released on bail pending trial after which they were closely monitored, harassed, and threatened by local security officials, who forbade them from communicating with media or peers.

Li Qiaochu and her family have been repeatedly interrogated and threatened for publicizing her experience under RSDL; At around 2 p.m. No-

vember 26, a group of police suddenly broke into Li Qiaochu's home, confiscated her cell phone and computer. She was released into her parents' custody the next day, after her father signed a 'guarantee' committing to keep Li isolated from the outside world. Li was also warned that she would be detained again if she continued speaking out about Xu's case.

According to reliable sources, we know that Ding Jiaxi and Xu Zhiyong were subjected to various forms of torture while under RSDL, including noise harassment, sleep deprivation, 24-hour light exposure, forced sitting and sleeping positions, and being handcuffed to interrogation chairs for extended periods. Their families and relatives have also been subjected to traumatic intimidation.

After Xu Zhiyong and Ding Jiaxi were transferred to the Linshu County Detention Center, both were held under fake names and in complete isolation from the outside world. Their lawyers' requests for meetings have been consistently denied with the excuse that the cases were matters of national security. Both men have also been denied the right to communicate with their lawyers and families by letter. The investigative authorities have three times extended the period of investigation, without any formal legal notification to any lawyers or family members. Their families have never been informed of the physical or mental condition of Xu and Ding. Xu

Zhiyong and Ding Jiaxi remain in prolonged secret detention as of today.

The Chinese government's use of arbitrary detention, forced disappearance, and torture against Ding Jiaxi and Xu Zhiyong is a flagrant violation of international human rights agreements and international law. It is a serious abuse of the victims' rights. We hereby beseech your attention to the plight of Xu Zhiyong and Ding Jiaxi, requesting the Chinese government to disclose the detention situation of the two men, to stop depriving them of their rights and torturing them, and to handle this case in an open and fair manner in accordance with Chinese laws and international human rights standards so as to protect human rights, to hold the regime accountable, and to stop the cruel treatment of those whose lives are dedicated to the defense of human rights.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Shengchun Sophie Luo,
wife of Ding Jiaxi

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A property owner displays patriotism with this hillside art located along State Route 248 near Greenwood. Above the "S" is a flagpole with the Stars and Stripes waving in the wind. (SUN Photo)

Genesee Valley Greenway: *First Day Hikes offered in Cuba, Hinsdale*

ALLEGANY COUNTY—Start the New Year right by getting outdoors on Friday, Jan. 1. Join one of these 1st Day Events on the Greenway offered by the Genesee Valley Greenway State Park (GVGSP).

These FREE EVENTS are great activities for the entire family and leashed pets are allowed to join the fun. Pre-registration is not required.

Dress weather appropriate and please follow all current Covid-19 guidelines appropriate for indoor and outdoor activity. If there is snow, feel free to bring snowshoes or skis.

In case of severe weather, a posting will be made on the "Genesee Valley Greenway State Park" Facebook page advising cancellation.

Cuba 1st Day Hike - Between 12 - 3 pm

Ring in the New Year with a delightful walk along Genesee Valley Greenway State Park in Cuba! Enjoy a relaxing, easy trail and spectacular views along Griffin and Oil Creeks. 2.5 miles round trip. Meet at the trailhead on Bull St (42.216592, -78.283329) for a self-guided hike.

Between the hours of 12:00-3:00, interpreter extraordinaire Michael Landowski will be on site for Q&A. Also, during that time frame, the Palmer Opera House will hand out snack bags both at the trailhead and for those visiting the Palmer (12 Main St, 1/2 mile from the trail head) for warmth and restrooms.

Hinsdale 1st Day Walk/Hike - 9 am

Ring in the New Year with an outdoor show & tell presentation by the Hinsdale Historical Society followed by an easy, yet invigorating 2-mile walk, along a very secluded section of the Greenway heading east along Oil Creek. Meet at Hinsdale United Methodist Church, Main St. (42.167278, -78.387766) at 9 am. Parking is available. A prepackaged beverage and snack will be on hand, while restrooms are available inside the church.

For more information on any of these events, please contact Kristine Uribe, Park Manager (585) 493-3614 or Kristine.Uribe@parks.ny.gov.



Cuba 2016 First Day Hike on the Genesee Valley Greenway Trail, part of Genesee Valley Greenway State Park. (Photo provided)

Cultural Arts Calendar



Music

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONCERTS/RECITALS
Davis Memorial Carillon Recitals. AU campus. Free currently no weekly recital.

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



Theater & Dance

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

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

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

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

Art/Galleries

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

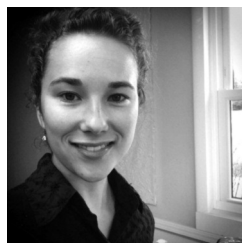
Alfred Art Walk, A collaborative monthly opening by galleries in the Village of Alfred and at Alfred University and Alfred State. For a complete and up to date listing of venues, please visit alfredartwalk.org. To add your event to Alfred Art Walk email: submit.alfredartwalk@gmail.com

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

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

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

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



Nutrition in a Nutshell

By MARIA BOYUK
*Nutritional Therapy Practitioner
 and Alfred Sun Columnist*

Christmas Meals

My goal as a Nutritional Therapist is always to inspire healthy choices for every occasion, including the holidays! Real nourishing food can be SO delicious and I love to keep it pretty simple to prepare. Thus, I am sharing with you a quick reflection on my Christmas meals.

This year was very different than most. Unfortunately virus outbreaks amongst family required gatherings to be rescheduled. (Thankfully everyone is recovering from the sickness. Praise God!) But instead of a feast with family, Pavel and I had our own little feasting in our cozy new home. It was still a treat!



Breakfast: Sprouted Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Sandwich w Cucumber Slices. Enjoyed with Organic Coffee.

(Sandwich included Organic Bacon, Cheese, Sautéed Onions and Mushrooms, Fried Egg w/Cilantro. Seasoned with Salt, Pepper, and Garlic.)

Lunch: Raw Milk Yogurt w/Pears and Raspberries and Coconut Flakes.



Side of Pavel's Homemade Chocolate Pears and Clementines. Enjoyed with fresh Ginger Tea.



Snack: RASA Coffee, Raw Cream, Peanut Butter Protein Balls (This dessert was one of my gifts to Pavel! And they turned out great! Recipe coming soon!)



Dinner: Smoked Ham (from Sunny Cove Farm) Served w/ Wild Caught Scallops and Peas (sautéed in Butter, Garlic, Salt and Pepper), Homemade Applesauce, and Roasted Carrot Fries (tossed in Olive Oil. Seasoned in Thyme, Garlic, Salt and Pepper.) Enjoyed with Sparkling Water mixed w/our Apple Cider!

Tada! Our feast of healthy foods complemented the joy and celebration of our very special Christmas Day!

If you have questions or comments for Nutritional Therapy Practitioner, Maria Boyuk, contact her at thrivinghealthNY.com.

Alfred Box of Books Library to be closed Dec. 31, Jan. 1



NOTES from the BOX OF BOOKS

By MELANIE MILLER

Box of Books Library Director

The Box of Books Library will be closed for the holidays for the following days:

Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve) and Jan. 1 (New Year's Day).

As a reminder, after the holidays, we will be returning to curbside service only between Dec. 27 and Jan. 18. This is a temporary precaution in anticipation of increase in COVID-19 cases following the holidays. During this time, we will not be taking any appointments for browsing or computer use.

We are still quarantining all materials coming into the library for 96 hours. This includes materials returned to the library, as well as STLS delivery. If you have noticed your holds are taking longer to arrive, this is why. If you returned a book or DVD and then get an overdue notice from us, rest assured that your book is just in quarantine. It will be removed from your account when the quarantine period is over. You accrue no fines. Leaving it on your account during the quarantine period helps us, because it makes the item unavailable to others.

So while it is really inconvenient to get an overdue notice right after you've returned your items to the library, you're actually helping us out a lot! And if you do have questions about your account, please don't hesitate to give us a call at 607-587-9290.

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Lectures/Readings

AU Environmental Studies Speakers Series. Talks are 12:20 to 1:10 Fridays during the fall semester. Oct 30 20 Years of Drought in the Colorado River Basin: Perspectives from Lake Mead, Nevada, Todd Tietjen, Regional Water Quality Manager, Southern Nevada Water Authority; Nov 6-Small Scale and Diversified Seed Production in Nova Scotia: A Tale of Preserving a Rare Heirloom Variety from the Brink of Being Lost, Chris Sanford, Owner, Yonder Hill Farms
Allegany County Bird Club. Meetings held at the Grace United Church, 289 N. Main Street, Wellsville, unless otherwise stated, at 7 p.m. on the first Friday of each month; speakers begin at 7:15 p.m. The club will NOT meet during the months of January and February 2020.

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

Bergren Forum. Alfred University's Bergren Forum, now entering its 51st year, is presented via Zoom and will continue on a bi-weekly schedule every Thursday for the remainder of the fall semester. Forums will take place at the usual time on Thursdays, beginning at

12:10 pm and lasting for approximately 50 minutes. The lectures/talks/discussions will also be recorded and made available on the Bergren Forum Youtube channel. A Zoom invitation to each forum may be obtained during the week of that forum by emailing Marilyn Saxton at saxtonmj@alfred.edu. The schedule: Oct. 15- The Future of Engineering Work, Gabby Gastaud, Dean of the Inamori School of Engineering; Oct. 29- Election 2020: A Republic if We Can Keep It, Gary Ostrower, Professor of History at AU; Nov 12- Material Investigations in the Anthropocene, Alexa Horochowski, Professor of Fine Arts at Saint Cloud State University.

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



Films

GRAND THEATRE 585-593-6899, Main Street, Wellsville. grandtheatrewellsville.com

SPOTLIGHT THEATER. 191 Main Street, Hornell. www.spotlighttheaters.com (607) 661-4685

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

Fun-n-Games

STAR GAZING

John Stull Observatory open to the public free of charge, clear Friday nights from 9-11 p.m. Sept.-Oct.-Nov. and Feb.-March, April. Open clear Thursday nights from 10 p.m.-12 midnight during May, June and July. For info, call the Observatory phone at Alfred University, 871-2270.

BEEKEEPING

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

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

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

Str8 Eight Tournament at the Terra Cotta Coffeehouse, Main St., Alfred. Tournaments held quarterly in February, May, August (the big one!) and November on the



8th day of each month at the Terra Cotta Coffeehouse starting at 8 p.m. (unless otherwise noted). You get the idea. To learn more about the card game invented in Alfred, NY, visit: www.str8-eight.com

Special Events

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

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

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

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

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

Support Groups

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LaLeche League. Mother-to-Mother Breastfeeding Support. Hornell group meets third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, corner of Main

and Center Streets, Hornell. For more info, call 324-6266.

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

Etcetera

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

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

Deadline

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Tuesday, Jan. 5

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 Fish Sandwich on Whole Grain Bun
 Tartar Sauce
 Oven Browns
 Garlic Broccoli
 Spiced Peaches

Wednesday, Jan. 6

Cucumber Salad
 Shepherd's Pie
 Peas
 Whole Grain Bread
 Chilled Spiced Apples

Thursday, Jan. 7

Applesauce Gelatin Salad
 Sweet & Sour Pork
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Friday, Jan. 8

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By KRISTINA SNYDER
 Alfred Sun Columnist

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Step 3: Use a variety of soft and hard cheese options with varying milk types and color such a Chèvre, Brie, Havarti, Gouda, Hot Pepper, Mozzarella, Provolone, Blue Cheese, etc.

Step 4: Add some cured olives and colorful antipasti.

Step 5: Add a few spreads, jams and mustards with a variety of crackers and bread sticks.

Step 6: Mix in a colorful variety of fresh and dried fruit such as grapes, berries, dried apricots, and dried banana chips.

Step 7: Use a variety of nuts, mix them up! Here we used pignoli and almonds. Pistachios, and pecans are also great.

Step 8: And for some finishing touches, add some fresh herb sprigs such as mint or rosemary.

Step 9: Most importantly, artfully arrange them and have fun making it!

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

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COLLEGE SPORTS UPDATE

Alfred State looks to AMCC competition for spring

ALFRED—The Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference is planning for the spring semester while monitoring developments across the country and within our regional footprint with regard to the COVID-19 virus pandemic. We continue to prioritize the health and safety of our student-athletes as well as our campus communities in our decision making.

The Presidents Council has agreed to the following actions regarding the conduct of conference competition in the spring 2021 semester:

Spring Sports: AMCC members will place the highest priority on plans to move forward with the safe conduct of a regular season schedule and conference championship for sports

with a spring NCAA championship. Those sports include men's volleyball, softball, baseball, men's and women's tennis, and men's golf.

Winter Sports: There will be no scheduled conference competition in men's and women's basketball, and the conference will forego its automatic bid to the NCAA tournament in 2021. Members will be permitted to conduct independent schedules. The conference schedule for bowling, scheduled to commence February 20, and the tentative championship dates of March 31-April 3 for men's and women's swimming and diving, remain under consideration. Conference plans for bowling and swimming/diving will be revisited in mid-January.

Fall Sports: Member institutions shall have the autonomy to conduct spring seasons in men's and women's soccer and women's volleyball. The conference will sponsor a championship meet for men's and women's cross country on March 28 with the caveat that a minimum of four programs must opt in to participate.

Conference members agree to abide by NCAA guidelines regarding the safe conduct of all sports during the pandemic. Future actions of the Presidents

Council will continue to be informed by science and established guidance from state and local governments and departments of health.

Director of Athletics Jason Doviak outlined the Alfred State's plans. "We are continuing to monitor data from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic as we develop our return to play plans for the spring semester in consultation with our health experts. We are committed to the safety and wellbeing of all student-athletes, coaches, staff, and campus

community. With the recent announcement that the AMCC will not compete in conference play for our fall and winter sports, we are planning to schedule competitions with other colleges and universities who are planning to compete this semester. Our goal is to provide our student-athletes with opportunities to safely practice and compete this spring by following the NCAA return to play guidelines and continuing our surveillance testing on campus."

UR JONES MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Selina Schell selected as Care Champion for 2020

WELLSVILLE—Selina Schell, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant at Jones Memorial Hospital, has been selected as the second Care Champion for 2020.

Four times a year, the hospital recognizes a staff member or volunteer as a Care Champion. To be nominated, the person must demonstrate through words or actions an exemplary commitment to JMH patients, their co-workers, and the JMH employee code of conduct. Each quarter, the Employer of Choice Committee selects the most outstanding nominee.

Selina, who has been a part of the rehab team for about ten months, was nominated by both Chelsea Leahy, DPT, and Kaitlyn Cooney, DPT for going above and beyond in everything she does. "When helping me with a patient, Selina noticed that he had poor oral hygiene and made sure it was addressed," Chelsea noted in her nomination. "When the patient started to resist, she suggested using a different flavor, which ended up being successful. She never hesitates to go the extra mile to ensure that her patients are receiving the best care possible."

Selina's verbal skills were also noted by Kaitlyn Cooney in her nomination. "She is very confident when discussing patient care and

advocating for patient needs," she wrote. "She has a caring and supportive manner and always attends the daily morning huddles so that she is well-prepared for her treatment sessions."

The best part of her job, Selina said, is being able to have a positive impact on people's lives. "I can show them they are capable of living their life, despite their diagnosis," she said.

Also nominated in the second quarter was Lisa Wigent, who works on Med/Surg.





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Empire 8 Conference announces a spring semester of athletic contests

ROCHESTER—Alfred University and the Empire 8 Conference has released its conference-competition schedule for the upcoming 2020-21 campaign on Monday, Dec. 21.

This updated schedule is a conference-only schedule for the winter sports of men's and women's basketball, as well as the fall sports of men's and women's soccer, football, volleyball, and women's tennis. AU men's tennis will voluntarily go with a conference-only schedule for the upcoming 2020-21 campaign.

The traditional spring sports of men's and women's lacrosse and softball will look to compete in a full schedule of events but will strictly play in-state contests in keeping with local and state COVID-19 protocol.

Men's and women's cross country, men's and

women's track and field, and men's and women's swimming and diving will also look to compete, with regular season/championship meets to be announced at a later date.

Regarding football, a tentative spring schedule appears to include three games against E8 teams. The three associate members of the Empire 8 from the SUNYAC, Brockport, Cortland and Morrisville, are not scheduled. Games are tentatively scheduled for Fridays, March 12, 19 and 26, with Alfred playing at Hartwick March 12, hosting St. John Fisher March 19 and at Utica March 26.

As has been the case throughout, contest dates are contingent on local and state COVID-19 protocols and are subject to change at any time. Check out gosaxons.com for updated contest times and other updates as they become available.

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The Alfred Sun 75, 55, 35, 25, 20 and 10 Years Ago

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Alfred Sun Editor and Publisher

75 Years Ago, January 3, 1946

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graham of Alfred Station announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Florence Graham, to George Moogan of Canisteo. Miss Graham is now teaching in Alfred-Almond Central School and Mr. Moogan was recently from the Army after serving two and one-half years in Europe. He has returned to his position with the Erie Railroad.

Assignment of Lieutenant Virginia Saunders, Army Nurse Corps, to duty at McGuire General Hospital in Richmond, VA is announced today by Cl. P.E. Pugins, Commanding Officer. Lt. Saunders, the daughter of Dr. Paul and Mrs. Saunders, is a graduate of Alfred University and entered the Army Nurse Corps April 16, 1945. McGuire General Hospital is the largest named medical installation operated by the Army in the Third Service Command and has been designated as one of the seven amputation centers in the United States and also specializes in neurosurgery and neurology.

LaVerne Palmiter is home from the Navy...

Simon Aldrich and family, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Hunt of Hornell and Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Austin also of Hornell were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Austin.

A birthday party for Leighton Austin was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Austin Dec. 20, 1945. There were 17 present.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pierce entertained for Christmas Lloyd Pierce and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lewis.

Miss Beatrice Weaver was home over the weekend. Monday night she was the guest of Miss Helen Woodruff.

Lawrence Pierce Clarke died at his home in Andover Monday, Dec. 24 of a sudden heart attack following illness from bronchitis. He was born March 1, 1903 near Alfred Station, the son of Roscoe and Ella Pierce Clarke and lived here until 1939. He is survived by his wife and 3 small children Charlotte, Irene and Philip Lawrence...his mother, Mrs. Ella Clarke, three sisters Mrs. Clifford Hadsell of Almond, Misses Ruby and Rena Clarke, and one brother, Merle Clarke of Alfred Station.

55 Years Ago, December 30, 1965

(Photo) Alfred University will establish a new observatory during the coming year, one century since the first observatory was established, which has since vanished as a campus landmark...Plans for the project were recently initiated when Dr. John Stull, assistant professor of physics, made a gift of \$7,500 to the University for the purpose. The gift was derived in part from royalties paid by the manufacturer of laboratory apparatus developed by Dr. Stull.

Casey Gertz is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gertz. Mrs. Lillian Moody, presently at the Harris Nursing Home, spent Christmas Day with her daughter, Mrs. Gertz and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Barrett Potter are parents of a daughter, Heather Gaye, Born Dec. 18, 1965.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Van Horn and son, Alan, of Albany, were Christmas Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Van Horn and family.

Miss Roberta Clarke is spending this week with her fiancé, Howard Ellis, at his home at Stephentown. She will return Sunday bringing some University and Ag Tech students from that area.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Saeger of Salem, W.VA., are spending the holidays with Miss Eva Ford.

35 Years Ago, January 9, 1986

Professor David F. Conde, acting dean of the School of Engineering Technology at Alfred State College, congratulates area students for academic accomplishment in the school...

Alfred-Almond Central School Music and Drama Department will present "The Music Man" at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday in Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall of Alfred University.

John Michael Brace, 41, of Whitney Valley Hts, Almond, died Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1986 at St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell following a long illness. For more than 20 years he served students in Whitesville, Andover and Alfred-Almond Central School districts as

social studies teacher, tutorial resource center director, Student government and class advisor; student teacher supervisor and junior varsity baseball and basketball coach...Survivors include his wife, Linda Rhodes Brace; two daughters, Theresa and Laura at home; a sister, Jean Smith of Oswego; a brother, Thomas of LaPlate, MD.

Bob and Ruth Austin of Clearwater, FL were guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Snyder and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Crandall entertained Richard Crandall and Kenneth Ahlquist of San Francisco, Paul Gardner of Washington, D.C. and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Andrews and family of Canisteo on Christmas Day. Richard is an architect and Ken is a landscape architect in San Francisco, CA.

25 Years Ago, January 4, 1996

Where were you when the lights went out? A brief power outage at about 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26 left about 500 basketball fans sitting in the dark at the Orvis Center Gym during an Alfred-Almond vs. Bradford basketball game, part of the Alfred Lions Club Southern Tier Shootout Tournament. For a few moments, any fans heckling the officials would be correct in saying, "You can't see anything." With the sudden outage, there were a few screams and even a few cheers. Power was quickly restored but it was a few minutes before the mercury lights at the Orvis Center were back to full power. It seems a broken wire on Stout Road in Cuba caused the blackout, which had the village of Wellsville without power for more than an hour. Andover, meanwhile, was in the dark for 40 minutes. Service was restored to residents of North Olean, Portville and Cuba within minutes, thanks to some line switching...

Jim Palmer breathed a big sigh of relief Monday morning, Jan. 1, when he looked out to see that there hadn't been any snowfall overnight. For the past few years, he has offered his customers at Crandall's Jewelers their money back for any jewelry purchased between Thanksgiving and Christmas—if Alfred receives at least four inches of snow on New Year's Eve. Not even a trace was received but Jim had every reason to worry a week before, when Alfred was receiving a barrage of snow. According to Dennis Smith, area weather recorder, the Alfred Weather Station received 18 1/2 inches of snow from Dec. 19 through Christmas Day, thereby guaranteeing a "White Christmas" in Alfred...

Aurabeth Ehret Van Horn, 80, of Alfred, died unexpectedly Saturday, Dec. 30, 1995 at St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell, where she was taken after being stricken while attending services at the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church. Born Dec. 20, 1915, in Adams Center, she was the daughter of A. Clyde and Clella Ford Ehret. She was married on August 24, 1942, in Alfred, to Eugene T. Van Horn, who died in 1989. Aurabeth resided most of her life in Alfred, where she and her late husband were co-proprietors of the Sun Publishing Company of Alfred. She was graduated from Alfred University in 1938 and was a life member of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church and an active member of the Ladies Aid Society of the church. Survivors include a daughter, Christine (William) Brotemarkle of Reston, VA; two son, Eric (Kathie) Van Horn of Cleveland, Ohio, and Roger (Elizabeth) Van Horn of Alfred; a sister, Gretta Potter of Mystic, CT; five grandchildren; and eight nieces and nephews...

Notes from Palmiter Hill (By Rev. Albert N. Rogers) "And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed..." This fragment of Handel's great oratorio, "The Messiah," rings in my ears regardless of what our TV may be sounding off. Unforgettable is the thrill of singing that text with the Milton College chorus sixty-five years ago...We hope you took to heart the safety warning issues recently by the Crandall Hooks Fire Company. Make sure there are no fire hazards near your Christmas tree...It was good to see the church filled--packed on Christmas Eve. We had a seat near the front by coming in the side door. The earnest singing of familiar hymns and carols was uplifting. We Alfred people can be reverent...Our thanks to the highway crew for spreading sand on our hill road when it is slippery. They often come by when I am just getting up. We do hope they got a good night's sleep before their alarm clocks sounded...When this copy is typed I must put on my high boots and shovel out our second bird feeder. Snow makes it impossible for the bird to feed on the ground. I notice that the suet was put out

is very popular...We are fortunate to have a brother in Florida who sends us a box of oranges and grapefruit. Stop by and we'll share one with you...Happy New Year in 1996!

20 Years Ago, December 28, 2000

There's a new owner of the former College BP on Rt. 244, Alfred Station. ArrowMarts, Inc. has purchased the convenience store/gas station property from Mike Snyder of Alfred Station and has taken over management from TBB Stores, a subsidiary of Rinker Oil of Cuba...

Lee R. Ryan, 80, of Lakeland, FL and Almond, died Monday, Dec. 25, 2000 at Lakeland Regional Medical Center following a short illness...

M. Frances Cook, 89, died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2000 at McAuley Manor in North Hornell, where she had been a resident for the past four years. She was born March 19, 1911 in Almond, the daughter of Benjamin and Myrta Coleman Palmer. She was married Sept. 5, 1931 to Gifford L. Cook, who died in 1986. She was predeceased by her son-in-law, Carl Riby in 1995, a granddaughter, Deborah Rigby Raish in 1997 and a great-granddaughter, Katie Lynn Cook in 2000...

10 Years Ago, December 23, 2010

The Andover Presbyterian Church has completed a restoration of the sanctuary just in time for Christmas. On a severely cold night in February of 2009 the hot water heating system ruptured a pipe, filling the interior with water vapor and flooded the basement. Most of the repair work was done in the weeks following the problem, but finding a contractor willing to attempt refinishing the beautiful woodwork ceiling proved difficult. During early December this year Colin MacCrea of Andover successfully restored the ceiling's finish as well as giving the walls their first new paint since 1972. Church members will complete the seasonal decoration in time for candle light Christmas Eveservices featuring the Andover Community Choir. The Presbyterian Church is the oldest congregation in Andover. Established in 1840 as a Congregational Church, the present white steepled building was erected in 1867 on East Greenwood Street following the destruction of the original church by fire.

Four Alfred University football players earned recognition for their fine play during the Saxons' outstanding 10-3 season. D3football.com on Saturday, Dec. 18 announced its 2010 All-America Team...For Alfred, senior offensive tackle Zach Morgan of Homer was named to the Third Team Offense, while teammate senior wide receiver Ryan Thon of Victor received Honorable Mention. AU sophomore defensive tackle Mike Raplee of Dundee received honorable mention. AU junior linebacker Nick Clark of Canisteo was named a Third Team All-American Specialist as an all-purpose player. Meanwhile, Alfred's playoff run earned the squad some national recognition. AU was the only unranked team in the "Elite Eight" and jumped into the 13th spot in the final D3football.com Top 25 poll.



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ADAMS, DIARY, 103.

Alfred Area Church Directory

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

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ALFRED ASSEMBLY OF CHRISTIANS—Remembrance of the Lord in the Breaking of Bread, Sundays at 10:30 a.m.; Gothic Chapel, corner of Ford & Sayles, Alfred. Bible Study 8 p.m. Fridays in Almond. Call 607-382-4140 or e-mail lookup@frontiernet.net for more information.

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CHURCH NEWS

‘Where do we come from?’ sermon title

ALFRED STATION—Your friends and neighbors at the Alfred Station Seventh-day Baptist Church, "Baptist with a Difference" invite you to join them for the first Sabbath (Saturday) 11

a.m. Worship Hour of 2021, Jan. 2. This Sabbath we begin a new Sermon Series DNA.

As Seventh-day Baptist celebrate their 350th year since the founding of our first congregation in Newport, Rhode Island our focus for the next 12 Sabbaths will be on a portion of our inheritance from our English Baptist ancestors "The Covenant Document". This Sabbath, Jan. 2, Pastor Ken's Sermon "Where do we come from?" begins in the Book of Genesis with God establishing a Covenant with Noah. For those of you with Bible knowledge, no not the "Rainbow". Perhaps another reason to join us in the 11 a.m. Worship Hour.

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1. Is the book of Leviticus in the Old or New Testament or neither?
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 3. In Luke 2, what prophetess spoke of Jesus "to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem"? *Anna, Jezebel, Damaris, Whore of Babylon*
 4. In which month of the religious calendar did the new year begin in the Bible? *3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th*
 5. From Matthew 2, to what country did Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus flee? *Jordan, Syria, Oman, Egypt*
 6. Who told Joseph about the death of Herod? *Melchior, Angel (in a dream), Augustus Caesar, Phaniel*

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Established; 3) Anna; 4) 7th; 5) Egypt; 6) Angel (in a dream)

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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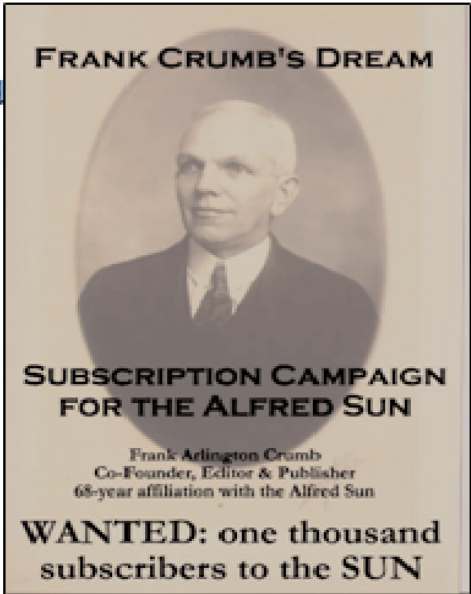
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ALFRED-ALFRED STATION COMMUNITY CHEST

Community Chest reaches 77% of \$30,000 goal for 2021

ALFRED—The Alfred-Alfred Station Community Chest Campaign has reached 77% of its 2021 goal of \$30,000. Fund raising is underway and will continue into the New Year.

Members of the community should have received a mailing by US Post recently and are encouraged to mail in donations to AAS Community Chest, Post Office Box 603, Alfred, NY 14802.

Special Olympics

Allegany County Special Olympics is a sports organization for children (age 8+) and adults with intellectual disabilities, providing year-round training and competitions to over 75 athletes in Allegany County, NY. The 'Green Machine' teams, as they have been dubbed, currently compete in basketball, bocce, bowling, track & field, and softball and participate in local, regional and state competitions.

Allegany County Special Olympics is a free program, practices are held weekly in Wellsville, (track & field is held at Houghton) and athletes do not have to be served by Allegany Arc to participate; athletes only

need to have a diagnosed disability.

Allegany County Special Olympics Coaches and Volunteers are always needed and welcome. No specific sport skill is required to be eligible to coach or volunteer, just a good attitude and a willingness to guide, instruct and encourage athletes to achieve their goals. Reinforcement of sportsmanship, teamwork, team spirit and self-confidence are also encouraged.

If you are interested in participating on a Green Machine team, volunteering or coaching, please contact Stephanie Preutti-Kubiak, Allegany County Special Olympics Coordinator, at (585) 808-4379 or stephanie.kubiak@alleganyarc.org.

Cub Scout Pack 1026

The Cub Scout Pack 1026 uses the funds from Community Chest to help with paying for the Scouts' handbooks and activities. We have a Pinewood Derby and a Boat Regatta and supply the Scouts with both items. Boats, cars and books amount to \$28 per scout.

Currently the Pack has 34 reg-

istered Scouts in 1st to 5th grade and 12 registered leaders. We expect to bring our number back to 40 Scouts.

Pack 1026 has been serving youth in the Alfred-Almond area for 40 years and is chartered by the Alfred Station Fire Company. The Pack conducts a food drive that supplies the Almond Union of Churches food pantry. Scouts, Leaders and family members rang bells in December for Salvation Army. Working with Donna Rogers they replace the flags on veteran's graves at the Alfred Rural Cemetery before the Memorial Day service.

Alfred Senior Nutrition Site

The Alfred Senior Lunch site, a service of the Office of the Aging, serves lunches three days a week – Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Meals are delivered to the site (Union University Church Fellowship Hall) after being prepared at a site that has a contractual agreement with the Office for the Aging to provide meals for both Meals on Wheels and the Senior Lunch sites.

In addition to providing a nutritious meal at a suggested donation of \$3.00, the Senior Lunch offers an opportunity to

socialize with other senior members of the community – an activity that is vital to the mental well-being of our senior community members. Many who attend have been residents of Alfred for a lifetime while others have retired from faculty positions at Alfred University and have called Alfred their home for many years. Several of those who attend are still employed and join us as their work schedules permit. Over the years, the group has graciously welcomed new seniors who have moved to Alfred to be closer to family members. However long they have called Alfred home, lunch time for this lively and friendly group of seniors is like a family gathering three times a week.

The numbers of those attending varies from week to week and season to season, but no matter how many or how few, each day there is a topic for discussion. The topic of the day might focus on a well-known personality from years gone by (Grandma Moses, John "Johnny Appleseed" Chapman, Dr. Seuss) to something light and fun (National Chewing Gum Day, Chocolate Covered Raisin Day, Manatee Appreciation Day, etc...).

Activities can also include things like word search puzzles, paper and pencil games or other activities to stimulate mental acuity. The goal is to make their lunch enjoyable and relaxing but also beneficial for their mental health. Manager Deb Pierson

also invites community members to come to lunch and share talents and skills, travelogues, or other activities with our group of seniors.

Funding from the Community Chest provides an occasional small "treat" or item to our seniors that is appropriate and related to the topic of the day and funds a party held in May to celebrate Older Americans Month. Community leaders from the Alfred area are invited to celebrate the senior members of our community at this lunch. The chorus from Alfred-Almond school has come to sing for the party in recent years and it has been a nice way to recognize the contributions of our seniors to the Alfred community.

The Community Chest Board asks that those of you who have not yet made a donation, or pledge, to join in making our drive a success. Many thanks to those who have been so generous already. If, for some reason, you did not receive a pledge card, donations may be mailed to Alfred-Alfred Station Community Chest, Box 603, Alfred, NY, 14802. We look forward to your support.

The Alfred-Alfred Station Community Chest Board includes Andy Eklund, Cam Duke, Catherine Chambers, Kert Decker, Trish Debertolis (treasurer), Linell Soule (secretary), Peter McClain (vice-president), and Laurel Buckwalter (president). Feel free to contact one of them if you have questions.



MATTERS of Finance

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Five Financial Resolutions to Make in the New Year

For many of us, the new year means a fresh start and the chance to set new goals. As you consider your resolutions, you may want to add "strengthen my financial foundation" to the list. Here are five ways you can put yourself on firmer financial footing in 2021:

#1 – Identify what's working and what isn't

There may be aspects of your financial life that are meeting your expectations and others that aren't. Most important is to determine if you are on track to achieve key financial goals. Are you saving enough for retirement or your kids' college education? Do you have enough in your emergency fund? Are your investments well positioned for the long run? Consider meeting with a financial advisor to get an objective opinion on what's working and areas of potential improvement.

#2 – Develop an achievable spending plan

There is a constant tug-of-war between spending money and saving it. If you can find ways to trim your spending, you'll have more money to set aside toward your most important goals, such as retirement and education funding. It may start by establishing a spending cap for each month.

#3 – Boost your retirement plan contributions

Any time you receive a raise at work, consider adjusting the money you set aside for your retirement accounts by a comparable percentage. For example, if you invest \$200 per paycheck into your workplace retirement plan, and then receive a three percent raise, consider increasing your retirement plan contribution to \$206 (equal to three percent). Making that a regular habit can help you achieve your goals more quickly.

#4 – Make sure you are set for emergencies

A rainy-day fund is foundational to your finan-

cial plan. In times when you face an increased risk of an interruption to your income (like in today's more economically challenged environment), it takes on added importance. You want at least three-to-six months of expenses covered by your emergency fund. If you are short of that, make a priority of adding to it.

#5 – Explore your borrowing options

If you are paying a mortgage, car loan, student debt or credit card balances, consider more cost-effective ways to manage your debt. Finding ways to refinance debt at a lower interest rate is one consideration. Another is to focus on paying off the most expensive debt more quickly. Check your credit score to determine how it might impact your financing options. Gaining more control over debt is an important way to improve your financial standing over the next year.

Focus on fundamentals

Good intentions are in ample supply at this time of year. The key to making meaningful changes is to focus on the fundamental aspects of your financial life and follow through on the plans you make. Working with a financial advisor can help you be more accountable and provide guidance to help you stay on track.

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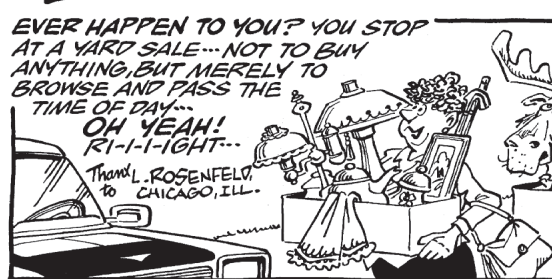
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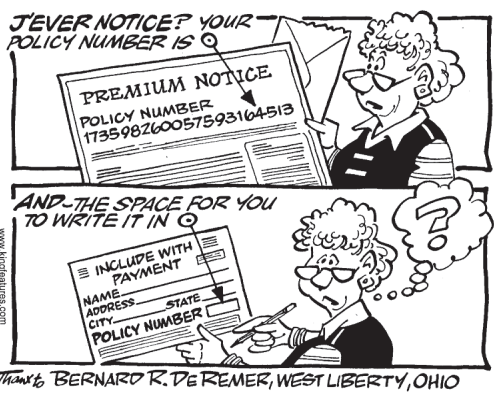
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Grogan wins Week 16 honors, Moriah Shutt takes Week 15

Bob Grogan of Updyke's Willow Ridge in Hornell, outpicked all the rest to garner Week 16 honors in the Alfred Sun Pigskin Picks Contest.

A longtime participant whose first entry for 2020 was just last week, Bob missed only two games of the ten Dec. 27 NFL games.

Tied for second with three misses each were Barb Welch of Alfred Station, Felicia Shutt of Almond, Nelson Snyder of Alfred Station, Randy Gillette of Tonawanda, Marc Mullen of beautiful downtown Rexville, and Doug Lorow of Webster, where live is worth living.

Missing four of the 10 games were Gary Moore of Geneseo, Bob Baker of Alfred, Art McLaughlin of Alfred Station, and Alan Clancy of Rochester.

Missing half of the games were Jason Rawady of Charlotte, NC, Moriah Shutt of Almond, and Judy Marlatt of Almond, while Chris Yarnal of Almond, Josiah, Ken and Noah Shutt, all of Almond, and Alex Kowtun of Hornell each missed 6.

All picked Steelers in tiebreaker
Final results for Pigskin Picks Week 15, which had Art McLaughlin and Nelson Snyder, both of Alfred Station, Jason Rawady of Charlotte, NC and Moriah Shutt of Almond each with only one miss, was a tough call. All four, as expected, picked Pittsburgh to beat Cincinnati. The Bengals foiled the Steelers by winning, 27-17.

Art and Nelson each picked the Steelers to win by 14, while Jason picked the Steelers by 13. Moriah Shutt had the Steelers winning by only 10, so she was closest to the tiebreaker result and captures Week 15 honors.

Thanks to our sponsors of this annual Pigskin Picks Football Contest. We encourage our *Alfred Sun* readers to patronize these local small businesses.

Likewise, thanks to *Alfred Sun* sports columnist Doug Lorow for providing his weekly NFL Picks, featured on this page.

Perhaps in 2021 we can go back to the larger Pigskin Picks that features local Division III college football games as well as the NFL.

To review the results of the 2020 *Alfred Sun* Pigskin Picks, here are the weekly winners:
Week 1: Randy Gillette, Tonawanda
Week 2: Barb Welch, Alfred Station
Week 3: Gary Moore, Geneseo
Week 4: Noah Shutt, Almond
Week 5: Randy Gillette, Tonawanda
Week 6: Moriah Shutt, Almond
Week 7: Bob Baker, Alfred
Week 8: Jason Rawady, Charlotte, NC
Week 9: Nelson Snyder, Alfred Station
Week 10: Randy Gillette, Tonawanda
Week 11: Alex Kowtun, Hornell
Week 12: Jason Rawady, Charlotte, NC
Week 13: Judy Marlatt, Almond
Week 14: Josiah Shutt, Almond
Week 15: Moriah Shutt, Almond
Week 16: Bob Grogan, Hornell
Week 17:

Congratulations to all of our winners. Checks will be mailed to all of the winning contestants next week.

Along with the Week 17 results in the final week of The Alfred Sun's 2020 abbreviated edition of Pigskin Picks, the \$50 cash drawing winner will be announced in the Jan. 14 issue.

Doug's NFL Picks

WEEK SEVENTEEN
SUNDAY, JAN. 3

COLTS	30	Jacksonville	13
Tennessee	27	TEXANS	17
Minnesota	34	LIONS	13
BUCS	27	Atlanta	24
EAGLES	21	Washington	20
PATRIOTS	24	NJ Jets	23
BILLS	27	Miami	24
BROWNS	21	Pittsburgh	20
New Orleans	27	PANTHERS	20
Green Bay	24	BEARS	20
LA Chargers	24	CHIEFS	20
Dallas	20	GIANTS	17
Baltimore	30	BENGALS	13
Arizona	27	RAMS	24
Seattle	27	NINERS	20
Las Vegas	30	BRONCOS	27
(No MNF game)			

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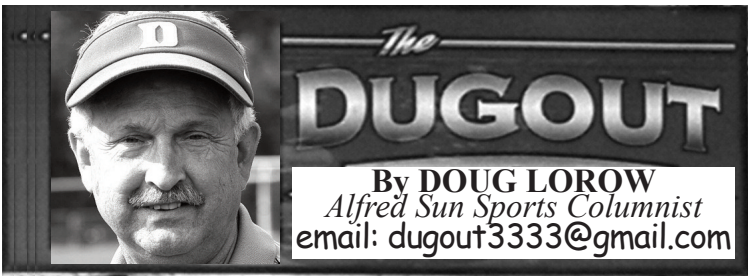
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In this crazy, disjointed season of college football, some bowl games are still being played and some are already completed. Many teams have "opted out" of a bowl game due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. One winner from last week was the UB Bulls as they as they were coming off a loss in the MAC title game to Ball State. Buffalo grabbed the Camellia Bowl trophy by topping Marshall, 17-10 on Christmas Day. The Bulls thus complete an abbreviated, 6-1 season.

Other early bowl winners include: App State in the Myrtle Beach, Nevada grabbed the Famous Idaho Potato trophy on the blue turf, BYU and QB Zach Wilson won the Boca Raton, Georgia Southern was victorious in the New Orleans, Memphis won the Montgomery, Hawaii took the New Mexico Bowl which wasn't in Albuquerque ... much to the chagrin of the "Bookworm!"

Last Saturday the best bowl of the day had one-loss Liberty taking on an undefeated Coastal Carolina program in the Cure Bowl. Liberty won this one in exciting fashion, 37-34 in overtime! They blocked a Coastal FG attempt in OT to preserve the victory. So, each team ended their campaign with one-loss in a season that saw both of them ranked in the AP top 25. Also, Louisiana won the First Responder and Georgia State took the Lending Tree.

Games this week include the following bowls: Cheez-It, Alamo, Duke's Mayo, Music City, the Cotton, Armed Forces ... why isn't Army (9-2) here? MAC champ Ball State is in the Arizona, Bill Giles (A-A) overseas the Auto Zone Liberty Bowl that Army is in versus West Virginia. Arkansas and TCU play in the Texas Bowl.

The "bigger" bowls include the likes of: Georgia and undefeated Cincinnati in the Peach, the Ray Carter Gator pits NC State against Kentucky ... now a "football school!" The Outback at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa Bay has Ole Miss and a surprising Indiana team battling. Jake Taft and Our Man Frank used to attend this bowl game on a regular basis until Stubb departed for the east coast. The Fiesta has Iowa State and Oregon ... who knocked off previously unbeaten USC in the weak Pac-12 title game. Also, Texas A&M, the first team left out of the "Final Four," is in the Orange against upstart North Carolina.

And then for the only bowl games that matter ... Alabama and Notre Dame play in the opening semi-final contest, from the Rose Bowl, at AT&T Stadium in Texas. Also, Clemson and Ohio State will play in the Sugar Bowl to decide the other semi-final encounter. These games will take place in the home of the NFL Cowboys and Saints, respectively. Those games are on New Year's Day and the victors will meet on 1/11 for the made-for-television title, in Florida, at the home of the Dolphins.

Predictions here: 'Bama 38 ... ND 17 and Clemson 34 ... Ohio State 20. Champs ... Clemson 37-34. Trevor Lawrence MVP. Lawrence also wins the Heisman Trophy and then "declares" he'll stay with the Tigers instead of playing for the hapless NJ Jets or the sad Jacksonville Jaguars. Alabama and Clemson are the early favorites to meet in the 2022 championship game.

The NBA started play this week after a real-quick off season and the "usual contenders" for the MVP award include the likes of: The Greek Freak, Anthony Davis, LeBron James and Luka Doncic of the Dallas Mavs. Looking back on this award, there have been some fascinating "runs" by a select group of players, all-time greats.

The first NBA award honoring the MVP came in 1956, a few years after the Basketball Association of America and the National Basketball League merged. Bob Pettit of the St. Louis Hawks won the first trophy and repeated three years later in 1959. The Hawks were first called the Tri-City Blackhawks in 1946 before heading to Wisconsin for the 1951-52 season as the Hawks. Very briefly the team started as the Buffalo Bisons before moving to Tri-City! The franchise moved to St. Louis for the 1955-56 campaign and advanced to the finals the next year versus the Boston Celtics, losing in seven games. St. Louis turned the tables on the Celts the following season for their only NBA title. They became the Atlanta Hawks in 1968 with early stars like Walt Bellamy ... the Big Bell, "Sweet" Lou Hudson and "Pistol" Pete Maravich.

Runs after Pettitt include the likes of Bill Russell in 1958-61-62-63 as Boston was in the midst of a legendary championship run of titles. Wilt Chamberlain came along after that and won the MVP award three straight seasons, 1966-67-68. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar was the next "big man" up as he took home the trophy in 1971-72-74-76-77-80. Moses Malone entered the picture after that, being honored in 1979-82-82, as the Sixers had an all-star collection of players. Those included Julius Erving, "Mo" Cheeks, Bobby Jones



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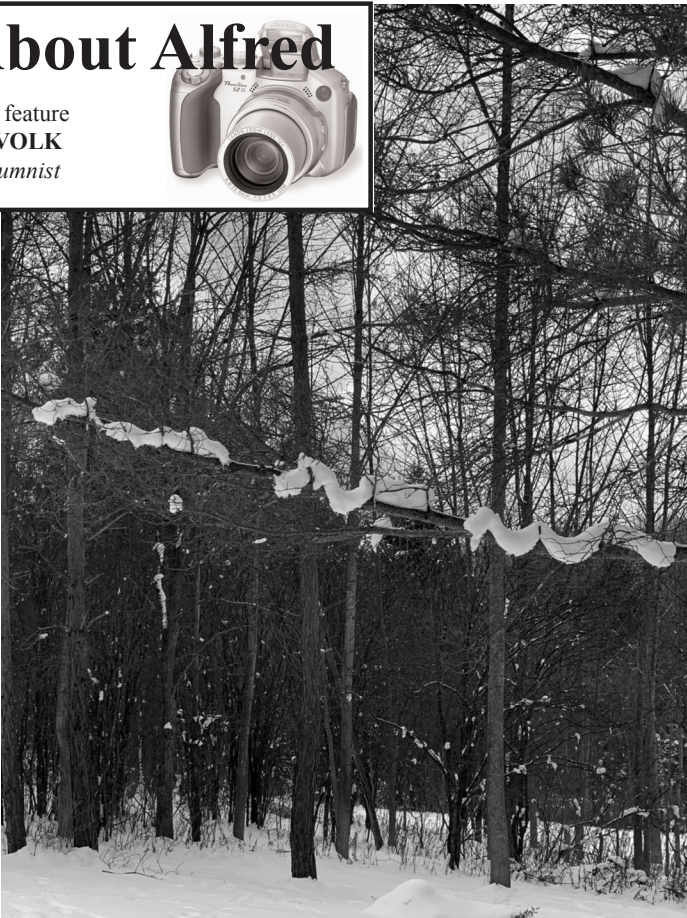
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Undulations. This cold critter (left) was moving, and clearly "tasting" its environment. Fifteen-inch garter snake out for a Christmas Eve slither in the snow. Earlier in the week, after a nine-inch snowfall, sunshine designed swags on a red pine (right). One gazes in wonder. How do these things happen?

Have a wonder-filled, blessed, safe, and happy new year!

DUGOUT CONTINUED...

and others.

After that it became the Bird-Magic-Jordan Era of MVP's in the NBA! Starting in 1980, Larry Legend finished: 4-2-2-2-1-1-1-3-2 in the basketball voting. The first one since Wilt to threepeat and no one has done it since, although LeBron came close and Giannis Antetokounmpo could match that this season. Magic Johnson was honored in 1987-89-90 and had this voting "run" of 3-3-2-3-1-3-1-1-2 in the mix. Michael Jordan won the award in 1988-91-92-96-98 and easily could've won more. He was the best player in the league every year from his first one on. Only a baseball "retirement" likely stopped more NBA titles and MVP awards for MJ.

James has the best current run going with trophies in 2009-10-12-13 and he easily could've grabbed the award this past, abbreviated season as the Lakers won another championship (sadly).

Three players have had recent back-to-back awards directed their way as Tim Duncan of the champion Spurs won in 2002-03, Steve Nash of the Suns won in 2005-06 and Steph Curry of the champion GS Warriors in 2015-16. My pick this season ... Kevin Durant of the Brooklyn Nets. "KD" won this award in 2014 with the Oklahoma City Thunder and has won the Finals MVP twice, both times with the Warriors.

HITS AND MISSES:

The Buffalo Bills (11-3) were on MNF this week as they were in Foxboro to take on the play-off-eliminated, Patriots. The Bills are very much in the mix for the #2 seed in the AFC as they are in a tight race with Tennessee, Indianapolis and the fading Steelers of Pittsburgh. The Colts and Steelers met on Sunday past as Indy was also in a first-place battle with the Titans for the AFC South division. Right now the AFC could look like this in the playoffs: Chiefs-Bills-Titans-Steelers as division winners, then wild cards to the Colts, Browns and either the Dolphins or Ravens. Buffalo could have a tough 2-7 draw of Baltimore in their playoff opener. All these subject to change as doing this column Sunday am prior to the NFL games taking place.

In the wide-open NFC race it will be either Green Bay or New Orleans taking the #1 seed and opening round bye as the other will likely be the #2 seed. The order of seeds right now could be: Packers-Saints-Seahawks-any combo from the East & Least division-the Bucs-Rams and either the Cardinals or Bears. Tom Brady and Tampa Bay could be headed to Maryland, New Jersey or Texas for their opener with 4-5 more wins than the "host" team in the screwy NFL playoff set-up. Washington could feasibly end-up at (8-8) as they hosted the Panthers and are at Philly this week. The Cowboys and Giants were one game behind them entering Sunday past action.

Speaking of Brady, he was 22-of-27 with 4 touchdowns, 348 yards and a "perfect" passing rating of 158.3 versus the always-bad Detroit Lions on Saturday past ... in the first half! TB had TB up 34-0 at the half. The Lions are so bad that the Bucs played Blaine Gabbert at QB in the second half, outscored the Lions 13-7 and won by a 47-7 tally. In fairness, Matthew Stafford was hurt early for the Lions and he is the only real QB they have on the roster. Tampa Bay improved to (10-5) on the

year as they finish up by hosting the Atlanta Falcons.

And is it time to fire Jon Gruden of the Las Vegas Raiders after his boneheaded move in their latest loss that eliminated them from the playoffs? The Raiders had third and one at the Miami one-yard line with 0:19 to go in the game. Gruden instructs QB Derek Carr to kneel, not go for a touchdown and set-up a chippy FG, down 23-22. The Raiders convert that, go up by two and then Miami promptly marches down the field behind "FitzMagic" and kicks their own FG to win, 26-25. Brilliant! The Raiders probably have the worst secondary in the NFL at the moment as they can't stop anyone. A 6-3 season turns into a 7-8 campaign, lost. Offensively they are improving, but the defense is horrendous.

In college hoops the 'Zags look unbeatable and (if) there actually is a complete college basketball season, they'd have to be the odds-on favorite to win the NCAA title. Gonzaga thumped Virginia over the weekend, 98-75.

And the Kentucky Wildcats will struggle just to make the NIT's this season after their sixth-straight loss on Saturday, this one to Louisville. UK is now (1-6) on the year but they should improve soon as Mississippi State and Vandy are up next. All this with the #1 recruiting class in the nation on the roster.

The Duke women's basketball program (3-1) and first-year head coach, Kara Lawson have "called it quits" for the year amidst the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

The UConn women's basketball program (5-0) has played a scattering of games as head coach looks to surpass legendary Tennessee head coach, Pat Summit on the all-time wins list and move into second place behind Tara VanDerveer of Stanford.

Isaiah Stewart of the Pistons and Thomas Bryant of the Wizards both played some high school ball in Rochester, with McQuaid and Bishop Kearney, respectively.

James Harden to the Boston Celtics from Houston as he is done causing problems with the Rockets? Let's hope not! Obviously a great scorer but Harden is about as disruptive as they come.

Spotted a few vanity plates on trip to Leesburg last week with Virginia plates of: MR HAPY, ITSTRU and in Warrenton it was LSTPTRL. Near Williamsport I saw a license plate holder ... Maple City Dodge from Hornell and a NYS plate ... BI-NARY from Vanderstye Ford in Rochester.

Got an email from former Almond resident, Dave "PD" Smith informing me he and his wife, Tammy will be spending the winter in Port Richey, FL! A little over an hour away from me in Leesburg and not far from Brooksville. Trying to get him to join Jake Taft, Mr. Timmer and I for some golf at Sherman Hills. Brownie ... out of state now, Our Man ... no longer in attendance.

An excellent Christmas holiday week past in Leesburg, Va. with Lauren-Jason-Quinny-Rowan and a visit to Warrenton to see the Larsons, post-Christmas. Rowan just about ready to start walking and getting after Quinny! Onward to Florida now and a quick visit with brother, Scott O. Lorow along the way.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021 ... it has to be better than 2020 ... a year to forget in many ways !!