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## Letter from the Editor

Welcome to the first issue of this year's Observer. Throughout this issue, our writers are beginning to find their voices in the journalism world.

As Editor-in-Chief, I aim to uphold our collaborative mission of bringing the news a bit closer to home, as well as include our community more. By doing so, we can strengthen the ties between the community and the school to help students, faculty, and families grow closer.

During the creation of this issue, there were many major events, from the presidential race and the world series, to local events such as the fall sports sectionals and math competitions. By choosing such topics, we can keep things informative and reach out to many different categories, but stay relevant and close to home.

We value each of our readers and are grateful for the support from the school and surrounding community.

I hope you stay with us through the year,

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## Mission & Vision

### *Bringing News Close to Home*

Our mission as *The Alfred-Almond Observer* is to become a high quality source of informative and entertaining news that relates to the members of the Alfred-Almond community. The goal for the paper is to expand the knowledge of our readers and to contribute to the development of a more informed community.

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## Check This Out!

St. Bonaventure is hosting a winter softball clinic on November 18; December 9, 16 and 30; and January 6 and 13. Any interested softball players should see Mr. Gemmell for a flyer and more information.



**St. Bonaventure logo**  
*Location of softball clinic*  
*Photo from rhodyrampage.com*

Interested in participating in this year's school musical? The decision is still being approved, but Miss Karr believes it will be *The Fiddler on the Roof*. Tryouts will be held after Thanksgiving break. The showtimes for the musical will be March 10, 12 and 13. Participation in the musical is open to all students grades 6-12. Interested parties can see Miss Karr for more information.



**2015 Musical, Mary Poppins**  
*This is the cast and crew from last year's musical. Photo courtesy of Mrs. Chambliss*

Student Government is hosting a food drive November 9-13. Bring your canned foods to room 110 (Ms. Carretto). The following items are most needed: canned fruits and vegetables, canned meats, beans and peas, crackers, pasta, rice, low sugar cereals, peanut butter, canned or boxed meals (such as soup, hamburger helper, noodle dishes, macaroni and cheese), and juices (canned, plastic, or boxed). All items will be donated to the Alfred and Almond food pantries.



**Alfred-Almond food drive**  
*Student Government getting ready for the food drive.*  
*Photo courtesy of Paige schmidt*

Do you like helping animals in need? Volunteering at the Hornell Animal Shelter is the perfect chance to! The shelter is having an orientation class for all those who want to volunteer or foster. The classes are held the second Saturday of each month at 9 am at the shelter. You only need to attend one class in order to volunteer or foster an animal. The class will help you become more familiar with the shelter, and you will learn more ways to volunteer.



**Pet of the Month!**  
*This is Tibby; she is 2 years old and is need of a loving home.*  
*Photo from Hornellanimalshelter.org*



# A-A Math Team Competes

By  
**Caitlin Cook**  
Copy Editor

At the beginning of the 2015 school year, Mrs. Bensley, mathematics teacher, took a small group of Alfred-Almond's brightest minds to two math competitions in the surrounding area, finding great success along the way. In a competition on October 16, a team of ten students ranging from grades 8 to 12 traveled to Corning Community College (CCC) for its annual Math Day competition. The team received second place out of nine teams in the small school division. Sophomore Bill Peng came home with individual honors, receiving fourth place overall, out of over 100 students from 14 different schools. When asked how he felt about his accomplishment, Peng stayed humble, stating, "I feel alright."

"The Math Team encourages kids who enjoy math to get involved [with the team], and use creative problem solving skills," says Bensley. "It gives kids with interest an outlet to connect to other kids and figure out the things that they can do with math if they want to continue with it for a career." Competitions do not contain any subject matter higher level than Pre-Calculus, so even young participants can understand a majority of the questions given.

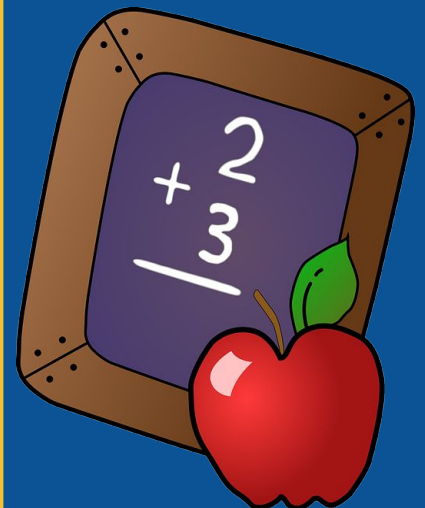


**Math Wizards** Alfred-Almond students at the Nevins Math Competition in Alfred, NY.  
*Photo courtesy of Mrs. Bensley*

Aside from the CCC Math Day competition, Mrs. Bensley took students to the Nevins Math Competition that is held annually at Alfred University. At the competition that was held on November 9 of this year, Juniors or Seniors receiving the top three highest test scores were eligible to receive scholarships to Alfred University, as well as a cash prize of up to \$100. The top three scorers in grade 7-10 can receive cash prizes up to \$100. At the competition, students were given 75 minutes to answer 30 challenging math questions. Unfortunately, the team did not place this year, but Mrs. Bensley is optimistic and hopes to try again in 2016. Next, the team hopes to participate in a competition to be held at Houghton College in the near future. Good luck A-A!

**Interested in learning  
more about the Math  
Team?**

See Mrs. Bensley for  
more details! All students  
grades 7-12 are welcome  
to join.







# Hornell Humane Society in Need

By  
**Levi Bayus**  
Photo Editor

The Hornell Humane Society is in need of your help. Since September, the radiating heat unit in the dog kennels at the shelter has failed and continues to fail. The piping that was installed in the 1990's has dry rotted in the concrete and is now useless. The staff tries to keep the dogs warm in the night by having heat from the office go into the kennels, but with the fast approaching winter, this will not be enough.

The new heating unit that the Humane Society would like to get is PEX, which is a crosslinked polyethylene thermosetting material that is widely used in plumbing applications. It is a flexible, durable tubing that is used for hot and cold water supply lines. This type of heating system lasts for a very long time and is very efficient. According to the Humane Society, it will cost the shelter \$30,000.

The Hornell Humane Society is part of the national and international humane society; but Hornell does not receive funds from them. All money generated for the Humane society is either from donations or fundraisers. So, this need for a new heating unit really constricts the budget for the Humane Society.

If you are able and willing to donate, the Humane society has set up a gofundme page.



**Cold Paws** *They are cold but still have a warm heart. Photo from vetmedicine.about.com*

Any donation is very appreciated, and you can donate as much or as little as you want.

If you are unable to donate any money, you can donate an item from the Humane Society's Wish List. Some items include:

- Cat Litter
- Trash Bags
- Dish Soap
- Computer Paper
- Dog Leashes
- Walmart Gift Cards

If you can't donate to the Humane Society through the gofundme page or through their wish list, you can donate your time. They have a volunteering program where you must attend an orientation. The orientation is for anyone who wants to help the Humane Society. Once you have

attended one orientation you are allowed to help. For more information, see/visit the following:

GoFundMe page:

<https://www.gofundme.com/z5529c4t>

Full Wish List page:

<http://www.hornellanimalshelter.org/donations.html>

Volunteering page:

<http://www.hornellanimalshelter.org/donations.html>





# Fall Sectionals

By  
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For many athletes of the Fall season, Sectionals is a very stressful time, but also a time that can be very rewarding. Here is how the Varsity teams performed this fall, including the Girls Varsity Tennis team and both Girls and Boys Varsity Soccer.

This year, Eagles girls Tennis was ranked seventh in Sectionals. They faced third place Lyons in the first round. Unfortunately, they lost a very close match 3-2. Caroline Ding and Priya Rao both won their singles matches. six players participated in individual Sectionals with Abby Kelly going the farthest falling one win short of state qualifiers.

The Girls Varsity soccer team was seeded sixth and defeated eleventh seed J-T in the first round then third seed HAC in the quarterfinals. Then the Lady Eagles faced the #2 Naples in the semis. They fought hard, but fell short a goal losing 2-1. The team finished a worthwhile season with an impressive record of 14-5, while also defeating Andover, the D2 sectional champions, twice.

For the Boys Varsity Soccer Team, the season has gone very well. They won their league for the third year in a row. While doing this they accomplished becoming the number one seed in sectionals. This lead to winning their first sectional title since 2011, defeating



*Levi L. plants to strike a ball Photo courtesy of ALCEN Staff*



*Regional matchup Duncan A. controls the ball in the regional qualifier for states Photo courtesy of ALCEN Staff*

undefeated #2 seed Genesee Valley. It was a tough game but the Eagles pulled out a 2-1 victory. The boys then went on to defeat Andover (3-1) and Ellicottville in PK's to qualify for the state tournament and become Western regional champions. The Eagles will move on to face Fort Ann in the semi-finals on Saturday, November 14.



*Abby K. winds up for a swing in a singles match Photo courtesy of ALCEN Staff*



*Taking Control Janu P. controls the field Photo courtesy of ALCEN Staff*





By  
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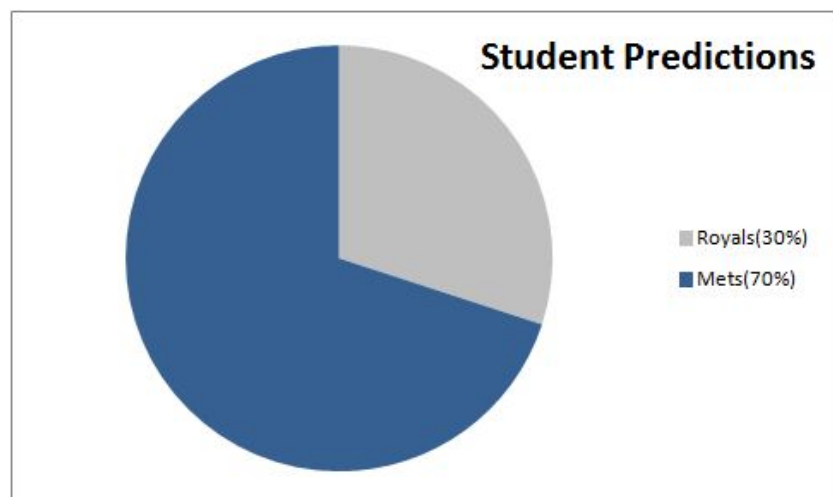
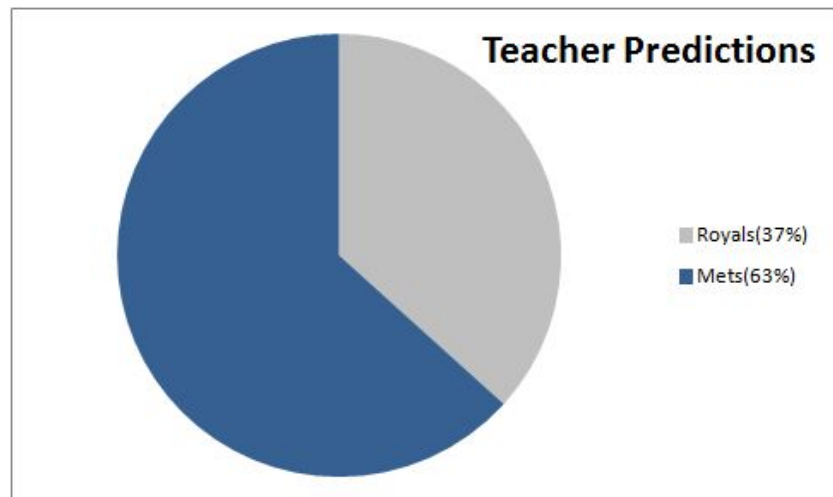
# Surveying the World Series

On a brisk Sunday night, history took place on Citi Field in Queens, NY. The Royals of Kansas City dismantled the Metropolitans of New York in an exhausting seven game series that only baseball's best can compete in: The World Series. Out of the seven, the Royals proved they only needed five games to end the season of their eastern enemy, ultimately beating the Mets 4-1 in a span of just five days time. This is just the Royals' second World Series in franchise history, winning their last one all the way back in 1985! They were called to perform on the big stage, and they performed to say the least, outscoring the Mets 27-19 overall.

As you can see, a member of the Journalism class personally walked around the halls of Alfred - Almond with surveys, attempting to see who students and teachers thought was going to win the World Series. Both graphs show percentages based on surveys taken by 30 teachers, and 30 students respectively. "I think the Royals will win because Royals is a much prettier name than the Mets," was an answer received from English Teacher Cheryl Kress. Obviously she knows how to pick a winning team. On the other end of the spectrum, Mets fanatic Steve Donlon of the History Department was interviewed, and he simply stated, "the Mets will most certainly win." He probably wasn't too happy with the championship result. It is also easy to tell that the surveys turned out to be very different than the actual outcome of the game, but that's just how it works in the sports world. Congratulations to the Kansas City Royals and their Championship!



**The Royals and the Mets** *Two teams looking for success... Photo from starpulse.com*



# Kelly Sets Spaceflight Record

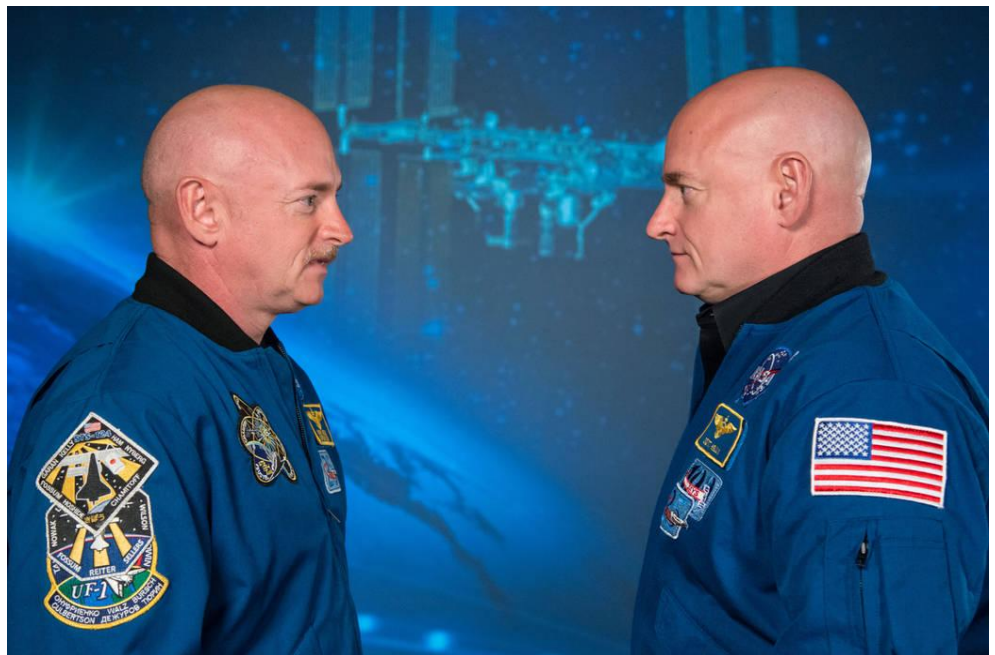
By  
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Photo Editor

On Friday, October 16, Commander Scott Kelly set the U. S. Record for the most days spent living in space. Kelly officially broke the record for cumulative days spent living in space with a total of 383 days. Kelly is currently in space as part of the Expedition 45 crew. The astronauts in this crew are known as the "One-Year Crew." When Kelly is scheduled to return to Earth on March 3, 2016, he will have accumulated a total of 522 days living in space.

The goal of this mission is to study and provide information on how the astronauts are affected by these long-duration space flights. This new record set by Scott Kelly is important because the data that is being gathered will benefit NASA's goal of getting to Mars. For example, NASA needs to gather information on how the human body adjusts to the effects of weightlessness and radiation as well as that effects of isolation and stress of the spaceflight on the mind. There is an even greater benefit to Kelly's excessive number of days in space because he has a twin brother. Mark Kelly, Scott Kelly's twin, is helping to study all of the effects of space on his brother. Back on Earth, Mark is participating in "parallel twin studies," where the two brothers will be compared to show differences from the effects of space.



**Space Selfie** Kelly takes a pic while breaking records for time spent in space  
*Photo from nasa.gov*



**Twin Study** Mark and Scott Kelly participate in a study to compare the effects of the one-year mission *Photo from nasa.gov*

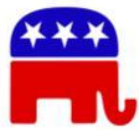
## Interested in learning more about Space?

Alfred University's Stull Observatory is open to the public on Friday nights from 9-11 pm. For more information, call Dr. David Toot at (607) 871-2208 during business hours.





# 2016 Presidential Race



## Top Two Candidates of Each Party

By  
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Copy Editor

### Republican Party

### Democratic Party

Donald Trump	Ben Carson	Hillary Clinton	Bernie Sanders
			
<b>Background</b> Billionaire Donald Trump has never held political office. He is a business tycoon.	<b>Background</b> Ben Carson is an outsider to Washington. He is a retired pediatric neurosurgeon.	<b>Background</b> Hillary Clinton is the former Secretary of State of the United States and a former Senator of New York.	<b>Background</b> Bernie Sanders is a United States Senator of Vermont.
<b>Stance on Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports school choice, including voucher and charter schools</li> <li>• Opposes Common Core</li> <li>• Cut funding of the Department of Education</li> <li>• More local control of education</li> <li>• Citizenship should be taught along with regular courses</li> </ul>	<b>Stance on Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opposes Common Core</li> <li>• Believes educational system should be run by involved teachers and parents, not federal officials</li> <li>• Supports parental choice regarding school</li> </ul>	<b>Stance on Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pro Common Core</li> <li>• In favor of universal pre-kindergarten</li> <li>• Endorses reductions in school testing</li> <li>• Favors character and behavior education</li> <li>• Strives to make college more affordable and decrease student debt by lowering interest on loans</li> </ul>	<b>Stance on Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All public colleges should be tuition-free</li> <li>• Student loan interest rates should be greatly reduced</li> <li>• The No Child Left Behind Act should be reformed; he opposes reliance on high stakes standardized testing</li> </ul>
<b>Stance on Gun Control</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opposes Gun Control</li> <li>• Supports ban on assault weapons</li> <li>• Supports gun rights but advocates a longer waiting period to purchase guns</li> </ul>	<b>Stance on Gun Control</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports right to guns without registration</li> <li>• Extremely pro- Second Amendment</li> <li>• Semi-automatic weapons should only be allowed in countryside</li> </ul>	<b>Stance on Gun Control</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Believes states/cities should determine local gun laws</li> <li>• Generally supports gun-control laws</li> <li>• Advocates lawful gun ownership as well as keeping guns from criminals</li> </ul>	<b>Stance on Gun Control</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocates universal and instant background checks</li> <li>• Supports a ban on semi-automatic guns</li> <li>• Supports some protection for gun manufacturers</li> </ul>



Poll Results: Which Presidential Candidate Do You Support the Most?



Results obtained from Alfred-Almond Survey

Donald Trump



Ben Carson



Hillary Clinton



Bernie Sanders



Photos above (left to right) from: donaldtrumpcommentline.com, biography.com, burlingtonfreepress.com, and desertsun.com

Infographic by Priya Rao/piktochart.com





Photo from bbc.com

### Sweden's Masked Killer

Killing one teacher, one student and injuring two others, a masked killer was shot down Thursday, October 15th, by police officials at a school in Trollhatten, Sweden. The police were brought to the conclusion that the masked killer "meant to target foreigners" and believed that Sweden should not take in so many foreigners" based on the Killer's suicidal note left in his apartment.

# GLOBAL NEWS at a GLANCE

By  
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Copy Editor



This section was  
inspired by *The  
Week Magazine*.



Photo from bbc.com

### South African Students on Strike

29 African University students were charged with violence from the largest protest since 1994 against apartheid. A number of scholars overwhelmed of the possibility that their education may be taken away because of the proposal of raised tuition, marched to the African National Congress ANC building in late October to hand the secretary-general, Gwede Mantashe, their written outline for the ANC to meet their demands. The students had wanted to put an end to the proposal and demanded that Higher Education Minister, Blade Nzimande, to resign from his position at the university. As time continued, the protests escalated, students started fires, and parents joined the crowds. Many held signs that stated "Our Children's Education Matters. #FEESMUSTFALL" showing support for their young adult scholars.



Photo from bbc.com

### Plane Birth from Taiwan

Although this child does not have powers, it sure can fly. A mother from Taiwan gave birth to a healthy baby girl with the help of a doctor on board and a few volunteer flight attendants on a flight from Taiwan to the United States. This aroused suspicions with a few, wondering how she may have gotten on the plane. The mother in fact lied about her pregnancy because she did not want her child to have a Chinese Red Stamp on her passport, allowing her child to become an official U.S. citizen. The child is staying with family friends while the mother awaits a possible bill of over ten thousand dollars to pay back the wasted tax payer money for the diversion of the plane's route.



# Is Someone There?

By  
**Dylan Thayer**  
**Marketing Manager**

Do you feel like you're being watched by an unknown figure? If so, you are possibly being watched by an "apparition" or a person that left the world, and their spirit stayed to haunt for eternity.

Not many occurrences have been noted around the AACF district, however most reported occurrences come from Alfred State and Alfred University.

Alfred University is supposedly haunted by several ghosts, according to shadowlands.net. Among them is a civil war soldier who walks the hallways of the Brick, which was once used as a civil war infirmary. Other ghost are a little boy who appears on the second floor of Herrick Library and a woman's apparition in the CDC.

Alfred State is also visited by spirits. One of the widely known spirits haunts the Mackenzie Dormitory. According to hauntedplaces.org there are rumors that the architect of the Complex committed suicide in the South Port. This was because the school had to make changes to the Complex so it wouldn't look like a reverse "swastika."

These are just some of the reported supernatural occurrences in this area. Just imagine how many spirits are around us, that we don't even know about.



**Alfred University Herrick Library** where several ghost  
are supposedly haunting  
*Photo from [photos.wikimapia.org](https://photos.wikimapia.org)*



**Alfred State Mackenzie Dormitory** where the  
architect's ghost is rumored to exist  
*Photo from [march-arch.com](http://march-arch.com)*



# Boeing Invents 99.99% Air Metal Structure

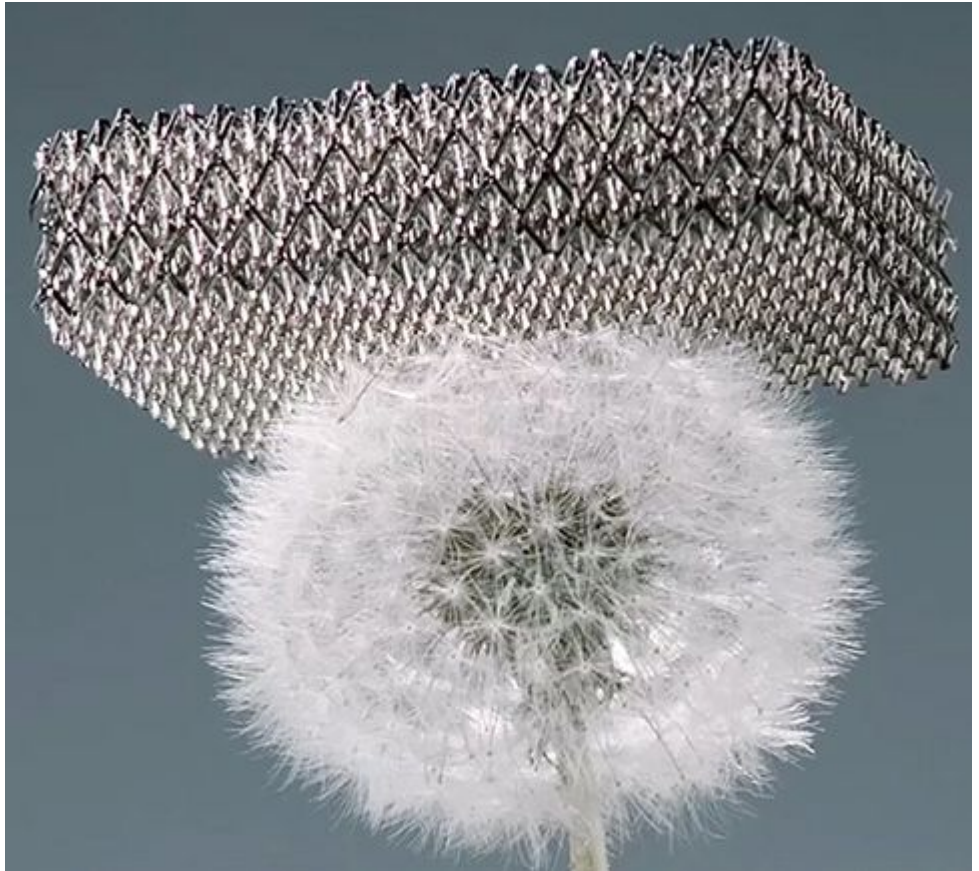
By  
**Dylan Dirlam**  
Technology Advisor

Over the past few years, Boeing and its partner companies have been working towards creating a metal structure that is both light and strong at the same time. Their new creation will open doors to new innovations in engineering.

The new metallic microlattice is made of 99.99% air. It acts as a support for the harder outer shell, which is similar to how bones work. It's as light as a feather and is strong enough to have the potential to be used in the future of cars, airplanes, and spaceships.

You may be asking yourself, how is making this microlattice possible? Boeing has used finely tuned machinery to create it. The metal structure is made up of hollow nickel-phosphorus alloys. An alloy is a metal that is made by combining two or more metals. They are then woven together to create the structure of the metal. The alloy strands are as small as 100 micrometers in diameter and the walls are 100 nanometers wide. That is about 1,000 times thinner than human hair!

Use of the microlattice in consumer environments is becoming possible with the new products. The microlattice could be used for all sorts of jobs such as creating new technologies,



**The Metal Masterpiece** *This shows how lightweight the metal truly is! Photo from boeing.com*

shipping products, and storage!

The microlattice structure has a good practical use in shipping. In a few years, the production price may be cheap enough to produce that it could replace styrofoam. In its current state, styrofoam weighs 100 times as much as the microlattice, which would make shipping costs drastically lower.

One of the unique properties about microlattice is the ability for it to keep its shape. You can compress the microlattice into a small little clump, and it will spring back into its original shape. This characteristic opens up many new opportunities for industry. An

example is in the automobile industry. They may be able to use microlattice for shock absorbers and vibration insulators.

Boeing, which was created in 1916, is the world's largest aerospace company and has made some of the biggest advancements in technology in the world. Boeing created the huge jets that you fly on when you go on vacation and even some of the U.S. Military's fighter jets. They're also expanding their horizons to include commercial space travel within the next two years. The new microlattice opens many new doors for the commercial space travel dream.



# Salt & Vinegar Veggie Chips



By  
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Copy Editor

Do you love the taste of Salt and Vinegar chips, but hate the guilt you feel after you eat half the bag? There is over 15% of total fat in your average Lays Salt and Vinegar chips, topping out at 160 calories per 12 chips you eat.

You now have the chance to try the NEW and improved Salt and Vinegar Veggie Chips, with the same delicious taste, and only 70 calories per serving! There are just four simple ingredients you will need to create the Veggie Chips:

4 large carrots

3 parsnips

White vinegar

½ teaspoon of kosher salt or sea salt.

Once you have all of the necessities for preparation, you can now begin to bake the Chips:

**Preheat** your oven on 300F, and coat two baking sheets with oil spray.

**Carefully** slice carrots and parsnips into thin chips.

**Add** white distilled vinegar into a large bowl or plastic bag and submerge the carrot and parsnips chips into the vinegar.

**Remove** the vegetable chips and place them onto the baking sheets in a single layer. Mist the chips with oil spray and sprinkle with salt.

**Place** in oven and cook for a short 15 minutes.

**When finished** pull the tray



**Salt and Vinegar Veggie Chips** *Veggie chips take over the Lays Salt and Vinegar chips*  
*Photo from Today.com*

out and mist the vegetable chips with white vinegar and salt and flip them over.

**Mist** the second side of the chips with vinegar and salt and place them back in the oven to cook for an additional 10 to 15 minutes or until crispy.

Once they are done, enjoy with a topping of your choice! It is recommended that you eat the Veggie chips shortly after they come out of the oven, because if not, the chips are known to get soggy and have a different taste to them.

The Veggie Chips were tasted by students here at AACs. The students were asked to provide

a one to two word response after they tried the Salt and Vinegar Veggie chips.

Brielle Coots, 10th grader, answered with “Good.” Hannah Henderson, a Senior, answered with “Amazing.” Annie Lloyd, a 9th grader, answered with “Chewy.” Amber Trudell, a 9th grader, replied with “Different.” Joseph Milette responded with “Interesting,” and another 9th grade student, Joseph Bresson, answered with “Super” after he tried the chips.

Get your ingredients, and try the delicious Salt and Vinegar Veggie Chips that everyone has been talking about today!

# Frankenstein Returns!

By  
**Michelle Feenaughty**  
Staff Writer

The movie *Frankenstein* has swept throughout the world with many versions of the monster coming to life. Therefore, it makes sense that Victor Frankenstein, the new addition to the Frankenstein franchise, brings in actors from the 21st century. This horror stars *Harry Potter's* Daniel Radcliffe, and *X-men's First Class*, James McAvoy. McAvoy and Radcliffe star as Victor Frankenstein and his assistant Igor Strausman. Like any Frankenstein story, Victor is looking to find immortality. However his experiments take a turn for the worse, when his creation most famously known as "The Monster" comes to life. Now Igor must save his friend and partner from the beast. Can he though? Is "The Monster" too powerful even for his master? Find out in *Victor Frankenstein*, coming soon to theaters November 25, 2015!

## About the Actors

James McAvoy is famously known as Charles Xavier in *X-men First Class* in 2011. Transitioning to 2015 he plays Victor Frankenstein in the new 2015, version of the movie *Victor Frankenstein*. Daniel Radcliffe, aka Harry Potter, has left the series to do other movies such as *The Women In Black* in 2012, and the new 2015 release *Victor Frankenstein*.



New Frankenstein Movie Photo from Screenrant.com

## Local Movie Showings:

### Wellsville Grand Theater:

November 10-November 19.....*SPECTRE*  
November 10-November 18.....*The Peanuts Movie*  
November 18-December 5 .....*MockingJay part 2*

### Hornell Spotlight Theater:

November 20.....*MockingJay Part 2*  
November 25.....*Victor Frankenstein*  
November 25.....*The Good Dinosaur*

Wellsville Grand Theater Contact and Info <http://movies.grandtheatrewellsville.com/>  
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Hornell Spotlight Theater Contact and Info <http://www.thespotlighttheaters.com/location/40183/Spotlight-of-Hornell-Showtimes/2015-11-12>  
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# “Ca\$h Magnet” - Rapper in the Making

By  
**Elizabeth Allen**  
Staff Writer

Born an only child in 2002, Gabe Marcus began to read at the prime age of two years old, allowing him to skip first grade. Before becoming an A-A student, Gabe attended Mt. Blue Middle School in Maine. Believe it or not, Gabe wasn't interested in rap music until recently - in fact, he thought it was “horrible music.” It wasn't until his best friend decided to write and perform a rap for a class project that Gabe became interested. For his own social studies project, Gabe wrote, rapped, and performed, “Santa Fe Trail.” It was such a hit with his classmates that he decided to write yet another rap for his health class, “National Skiahs Anthem.” “Come to Gabe's,” his most well known rap, was originally written for his project based learning class, Quest.

Gabe writes all of his raps on his own and they can all be found on his YouTube channel, “Gabe MarcusVevo.” Previously, he recorded all of his videos using iMovie with his school issued MacBook. However, he now has a producer- 10th grader, Josh Carstens, “oBdurate”, and a

recording crew including 10th graders Abigail Hendee and Hudson Laprade. As if that's not enough, Gabe also has a body guard, Zane Johnson. With the help of his team, Gabe plans to release his new album, “Ca\$h Magnet I” before Thanksgiving of 2015. It includes hits, “LaQuisha”, and his personal favorite, “Attractive”. However, due to their lack of equipment, the release date may have to be pushed back. Gabe and his crew are doing everything they can to release his new CD by the holiday.

This October, Gabe performed “Come to Gabe's” live at the AACS Bonfire Dance. He's performed several other times at

his previous school in Maine, mainly freestyle. The up-and-coming rap star loves performing and feels very comfortable on a stage in front of his peers.

## “I consider myself to be a swag rapper”

Gabe doesn't want his fans to get the wrong idea about why he raps. He states, “I'm not a ghetto rapper, I consider myself to be a swag rapper. I do it because it's fun, not because it's any of my beliefs. I enjoy it because it's fun to do.”



Gabe “Ca\$h Magnet” Marcus *Spitting some rhymes at the Bonfire Dance*  
Photo Courtesy of Mrs. Chambliss



# The Advice Corner!

By  
**Kylie Faulkner**  
Copy Editor

Dear Observer Staff,  
How did you survive Algebra-2?

-A Sophomore

Dear Sophomore,

Our advice to you would be to get comfortable with your calculator. If you get comfortable with your calculator you will be able to do the problems more quickly and know you are getting the right answer. When you get homework, you should find free mods to do it with your teacher, and always get help if needed. If you feel like you still need help and are still not fully understanding the class, you could ask about getting a tutor. You can ask Mrs. Decker and Mr. McAneney about any tutoring options. Also, when it comes time for the regents, you do not have to remember all of the formulas because you will have a reference table to help you out. Just remember to stick with it and we are sure you will get through it.

Sincerely,  
Observer Staff



**TI-84 Plus**  
Algebra 2 students' best friend  
Photo from amazon.com

## Advice for Senior year:

- Know your deadlines
- Know who to talk to when you need help
- Do not be afraid to ask for help
- Your counselors are able to help you the most when you are applying to college
- Talk to your parents about applying to college
- Start thinking about where you want to go and what you want to study
- Start thinking of a plan to start your life after high school

Dear Observer Staff,  
Should I be nervous for Senior year?

-Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

We would say you should be nervous for Senior year. There are a lot of things that need to get done in a short amount of time, and a lot of deadlines that you must meet. You have to worry about applying to college online and making sure that everything is done on time. There is also a chance for you to take college classes. This could add onto the stress and nervousness of Senior year. If you handle stress well and are good at meeting deadlines, then you do not have much to worry about. You should try and figure out a time management plan that works well for you. If you feel like you are getting overwhelmed, you could talk to your counselor and see what they are able to help you with when applying to college. You can also talk to teachers that you are comfortable with. There is always a way to find help. You could even talk to your friends if you feel more comfortable talking to them instead of adults.

Sincerely,  
Observer Staff





# Topaz Seniors

By  
Brooke Jefferds  
Public Relations Manager

## Kylie Faulkner

November  
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## Noah Holmok

November  
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St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, NY

*Where Were You Born?*

Jones Memorial Hospital, Wellsville, NY

"I went to Carlo's Bakery when I was 13 and [the staff made me] a cake [as well as delicious] pastries"

*Was There Any Birthday in Particular that was Especially Meaningful?*

"...my 4th birthday which was the first birthday spent in Alfred."

"I will be attending college at Alfred State for Human Services and then continuing on to Alfred University for [a major in] Psychology... I am studying Human Services so I am able to work with more people and in prisons and I get both of my degrees".

*Post-Graduation Plans?*

"College but not sure where I want to go or for what [major]... I am not sure what sort of career I want yet."

"I would like to live somewhere warm but I know I will never leave New York. I would like to live at home and then find my own place but still close to my family."

*Desired Housing Location?*

"[I want to live] somewhere on [the] east coast that's not too warm but never snows."

"Mrs. Rudinski. She really helped me stay focused and keep my grades up. She is still a part of my life today and we still keep in touch"

*Most Influential Teacher and Why?*

"Mr Turner, because he's a good teacher and a very inspirational coach."

"I hope that Alfred-Almond gets a better senior area for future senior[s]."

*Hopes For Future Alfred-Almond?*

"I hope the food quality of the cafeteria increases more than it already has, also that maybe one day we could get a turf field for sports."

"Alfred-Almond has had a positive impact on me because I was able to meet a lot of my closest friends here".

*How Has Alfred-Almond Affected You?*

"Alfred-Almond has affected me in a very positive [way], while not being extremely challenging, the school has prepared me to what to expect in college and [the] future."

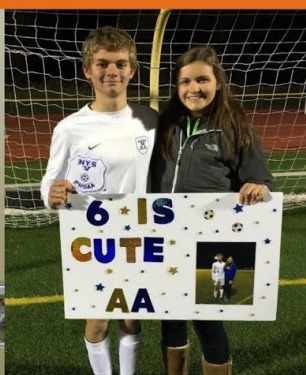


**SASSY**

**DANCER**

**FUNNY**

**NERD**







# Meet the New Staff!

By  
**Hannah Henderson**  
Photo Editor



## Mr. Wargula

- Teaches 6th grade
- Attended college at the University of Buffalo
- His favorite hobbies include, spending time with my family, hiking outdoors, and camping with family and friends.
- “The most enjoyable part(s) of Alfred-Almond are the people. The students are kind and hardworking and so is the staff. They have made it easy to transition into my new job.”



**6th Grade, Mr. Wargula**  
*Photo Courtesy of Joe Kenyon*



**French, Mlle. Kassay**  
*Photo Courtesy of Joe Kenyon*

## Mlle. Kassay

- Teaches French 7-10.
- Attended Brockport and majored in French and Special Education.
- Enjoys traveling, running and foreign cultures.
- Enjoys teaching at Alfred - Almond because of the helpful and friendly staff.



## Mrs. Brown

- Teaches Earth Science
- Went to SUNY Fredonia, and University of Buffalo, majoring in Earth Science, Adolescent Education, and Geography with Earth Science.
- Enjoys reading, writing, history, and politics.
- She enjoys working at Alfred - S Almond because it is located in a small town, and has very high academic standards.



**Earth Science, Mrs. Brown**  
*Photo Courtesy of Hannah Henderson*



**Spanish, Sra. Burr**  
*Photo Courtesy of Hannah Henderson*

## Sra. Burr

- Spanish Teacher
- Alfred University, Early Childhood Development in Spanish
- Loves Family Time
- She enjoys her students personality.







# More New Staff!



## Miss Karr

- Music Teacher
- Houghton College majoring in music with a Bachelor of Music Education with a Vocal Emphasis.
- Loves to travel. "I spent four years of my career living and teaching in Addis Ababa, the capital city of Ethiopia." Miss Karr enjoys the cultural experience and perspective of traveling.
- She enjoys her students' enthusiasm and desire to improve.

By  
**Hannah Henderson**  
Photo Editor



*Music & Drama, Miss Karr*  
*Photo Courtesy of Joe Kenyon*



*Physical Education, Mr. Dwyer*  
*Photo Courtesy of Joe Kenyon*

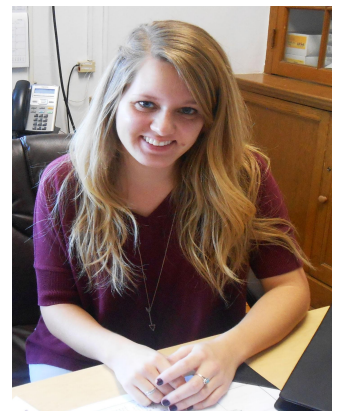
## Mr. Dwyer

- Physical Education Teacher
- Alfred State and SUNY Brockport, majoring in Liberal Arts, Social Sciences, and Physical Education with a minor in Adapted Physical Education under a graduate assistantship with Dr. Lauren Lieberman, researching in physical activity levels of visually impaired and trained teachers and counselors at Camp Abilities.
- Enjoys many outdoor activities and sporting events.
- He enjoys the student culture that Alfred - Almond has.



## Miss Acker

- Teaches Unified Education
- Went to Cedarville University, majoring in Special Education
- Enjoys kayaking and reading
- She enjoys working at Alfred - Almond because it is where she grew up and what made her want to become a teacher.



*Unified Education, Miss Acker*  
*Photo Courtesy of Hannah Henderson*



By  
**Tyler Vecchio**  
Staff Writer

## Let's Get Cookin'

The best class at Alfred Almond Central School is food prep. In this class you will make certain foods from a list of recipes. It is enjoyable to have a class where you makes decisions. You are provided with everything needed to make delicious foods. It is a great opportunity to make friends, and work in groups. In the class you make either whole foods, or just desserts.

So far this year my group has made some great tasting meals such as cinnamon rolls and brownies. Levi Lawrence, fellow classmate, said "If you ask me, I think food prep is one of the best classes that this school has to offer, it is a good choice for those who love to eat!"

If you're stuck in certain classes and are looking for some fun, food prep is there for you!



**Chefs in the Making** *Photo courtesy of Tyler.V*

## Acknowledgements

"Kudos! Kudos to **Ms. Soule** for all she does to make the morning swim happen!"

-From Mrs. Donius and the morning swimmers

### **Joshua David Carstens**

"Josh is a very smart individual who is good at working with computers. He's got a Youtube channel and is skilled with Adobe products. He's nice and he's one of my closest friends."

-From Abigail Hendee and the MWoF

### **Miss Karr**

for "Reviving the drama club and being a great teacher in Mrs. T's absence last year."

-Noah Briglin

### **Mr. Vance**

"Sometimes I think he labors too hard as a teacher. He has so much work to do, and he still offers help to students whenever he can. He's fitting in very nicely. He should teach more."

-Abby Tarun

### **The Exchange Students**

These students have gone through a lot to be here this year. Until last year I didn't even know we had exchange students because to my knowledge the school has never acknowledged them. These students were lucky enough to be picked out of hundreds of thousands of others that apply for an exchange and I feel that they deserve to be recognized for their achievements.

-The school and the student body



**Going above and beyond** *Photo courtesy of Mrs. Backer*

### **Mrs. Booman, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Valentine, and Mrs. Chambliss**

for "Providing computer labs, equipment, photos, and overall support to the Observer staff, both in the past and as we continue with our publication."

-The very grateful Observer staff

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-Mrs. Williams