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Letter from the Editors

The mission of this year's *Observer* is to provide an entertaining and educational product for the benefit of the students and staff. For the second issue, the *Observer* journalists have gotten into the holiday spirit to make sure that you enter this season with an exciting product that provides advice, information, and even some tasty recipes to help you dive into the chaos of the holiday season. Also included in the second issue are some articles to get your minds off the overwhelmingness of the holiday season and distract you with some articles about the original *Observer*, John Lennon, 3D printers, and more!. As the editors of this year's *Observer*, we invite you to part the pages of this second edition and enjoy the articles that await!

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Mission & Vision

Have We Got News For You

It is our mission as the Alfred-Almond *Observer* to provide a well-balanced resource for the purpose of entertaining and informing the Alfred-Almond community. We intend to create an easily accessible and reliable source of both local and national news. It is our goal to leave behind a more informed and knowledgeable student body for the years to come.

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The Two Observers

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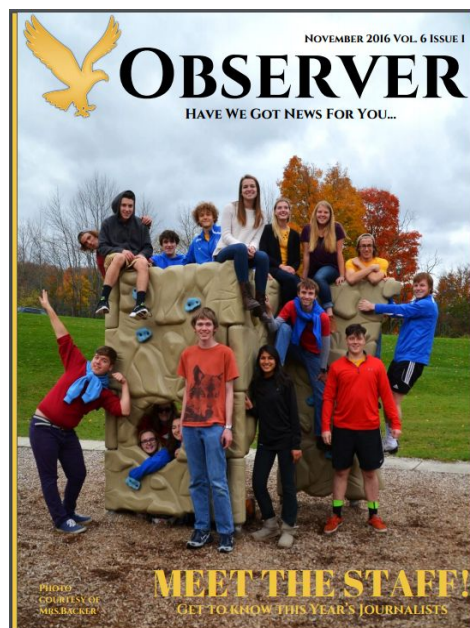
The British Sunday Paper *The Observer* was first published on December 4, 1791, making it the oldest Sunday paper in the world (December 4th of this year will mark the 225th anniversary of its first publication). Like our paper, the British *Observer* has a unique history with many fascinating tales. WS Bourne, who was the founder, claimed that the paper would be “the spirit of enlightened Freedom, decent Toleration and universal Benevolence.” Bourne founded the paper on the idea that “the establishment of a Sunday newspaper would obtain him a rapid fortune,” however, after three years, Bourne was £1,600 in debt, today's equivalent of \$236,000.

By defying a government ban against reporting on a trial of the Cato Street Conspirators, the paper got the reputation for “serious coverage of politics and literature.” Ominous predictions about the future can also be accredited to the paper - soon after WWI ended, an editorial stated “The Treaty left the Germans ‘no real hope except in revenge.’”

Between 1977 and 1993, the paper was owned by two different international companies. In 2007, the *Observer* and its related daily paper the *Guardian* launched their digital archive, making them the first paper from the United Kingdom to do so. Today, the *Observer* from the United Kingdom is the UK's only full color Sunday Paper, and full editions can be found online as well as in an Ipad edition.



The Original Sunday Paper
The first issue of the British *Observer*..
Photo from: theguradian.com



The most recent edition of the AACS *Observer*. Photo from: aacs.wnyric.org

The AA Observer

The Alfred-Almond *Observer* was not this school's first publication. Magazines were the predecessor to the paper; *The Blitz* was a magazine published by the Press Club starting in 1943, and there was also a magazine prior to that. The first school newspaper started in the mid sixties, and by 1970 it was redesigned under the label *The Overground* by Lisa Turner. On November 22, 1994, the first edition of the *Eagle Enquirer* was published by Mrs. Williams' computer class. The *Eagle Enquirer* ran from 1994-2012. When Mrs. Williams started the paper, she had always intended to turn it over to an English teacher as she felt that it should be an English class; her wish came true when Ms. Stephens' Sci-Fi class was dropped to make room for the current Journalism class. The first issue of the *Observer* was then published on October 8, 2012.

The paper was turned over to Mrs. Backer in December of 2014 when Ms. Stephens left for a job at the BOCES Wildwood Campus. Today, the *Observer* offers articles about staff, students, local activities, and the occasional national story. While the Alfred-Almond publications have vastly changed over the years in content and style, the main purpose is still alive - to be a quality publication for the Alfred-Almond community.



Life of John Lennon

By Jessica Flaitz Editor-in-Chief Lite

John Lennon was born October 9, 1940 in Liverpool, United Kingdom

In 1957 John Lennon formed his first band called The Quarrymen with Paul McCartney and later George Harrison

Stuart Sutcliffe died of a brain hemorrhage in 1962 which opened a spot for a new bass guitarist for The Beatles

In 1962 Ringo Starr joined The Beatles

In 1964 The Beatles made their first American television debut on the Ed Sullivan Show.

1966 John Lennon had an interview with Maureen Cleave, and he was quoted saying the band had become "more popular than Jesus" which upset many fans

1966 John Lennon met his future wife Yoko Ono

1970 The Beatles released their last song "Let It Be."

On December 8, 1980, John Lennon was 40 years old when he was assassinated by 25 year old Mark David Chapman

December 10, 1980 the British *Observer* published an article about the tragic death of a musical icon. To the right is an excerpt from the newspaper.

"The news spread swiftly, stunning New York and the nation. All night hundreds of mourners gathered in front of The Dakota, lighting candles, weeping and chanting Beatles songs. Yesterday the tragedy was treated as the most important news story in America and the media likened the assassination to that of John Kennedy."



NYSSMA Area All-State

By
Erin Anderson
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What is Area All-State?

Each year in August, approximately 900 students are notified that they are selected to participate in the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Area All-State music groups. The students are selected from a list that is submitted by their conductor from their school's All-County participants. The NYSSMA Junior Choir and Band consists of seventh-ninth graders who auditioned at Solo Festival earlier in the year on a level four or higher, the NYSSMA Senior Choir and Band consists of tenth-twelfth graders who auditioned earlier that year on a level five or six. The grading systems for solos starts at level one being the easiest which is normally performed by younger students. The same goes for level two. Level three's are normally performed by sixth, seventh, and eighth graders (the intermediate level), as well as level four for eighth, ninth, and tenth graders. Level five is the second hardest level one could do, which is normally performed by tenth, eleventh, and twelfth graders. And level six is the hardest level, which is normally performed by outstanding juniors and seniors at the high school level; college students in vocal performance major fields also perform level six pieces.

Being a senior, I want to pass on some Area All-State and

All-County knowledge to students who are interesting in performing in the future.

There are different levels of what NYSSMA has for Solo Festival auditioning, All-County is the easiest of the performing groups, because they do songs that are of level three and four difficulty for their performances, but it is harder to get into than Area All-State. Area All-State is the next hardest of the performing groups, because they do songs that are of level four and five difficulty for their performances, but is easier to get into than All-County. Conference All-State is the hardest to get into and does the hardest music, so their songs are of level five and six difficulty for their performances. For future students who want to audition, I asked for some advice from students that have already been to Area All-State. Lucas Q advised hopefuls to "Choose a piece that is good for your voice." What Lucas means by this is that choosing a piece that is too hard could strain your voice and would not be a good fit, or if it is for a different type of voice, like a soprano singing a tenor part. I agree with this because choosing a piece can be difficult, so asking a choral director would be beneficial. Logan W. suggested that students "Go for it and don't look back." "I would start with an easier solo so you can work your way up to harder solos with a bit more ease" Elizabeth Y. With following these seasoned students' advice at auditioning for Solo Festival, you should have an advantage, should



Junior High Area All-State Participants
Back row: Lucas Q., Elizabeth Y., Logan W.
Front row: Emily C., Daniel S.
Photo Courtesy of Erin Anderson

you choose to "Go for it."

I was lucky enough to be able to interview the students who went. I asked what they thought Area All-State would be like and their thoughts about it. "It's gonna be great and the people there have musical talent that we don't normally see" - Lucas Q. "Everyone's experienced, and really good, the sections are equal in volume/quantity, it sounds like one sound instead of everybody standing out." - Logan W.

Since each group that goes has a different conductor, I asked what they thought their conductors would be like, "The conductor will probably be a nice and good conductor" - Lucas Q. Going to Area All-State you meet lots of new people and make connections with them, normally. "When you're spending all your time with them you get to know them" - Logan W.

NYSSMA Symbol
*Photo from NYSSMA
Website (nyssma.org)*





Winter Movie Watch

By Owen Curtin

December has always been one of the most anticipated and exciting months for the movie industry. Not only is December the most financially lucrative month in the film industry, it's also the month where many directors release movies to be considered for the Academy Awards.

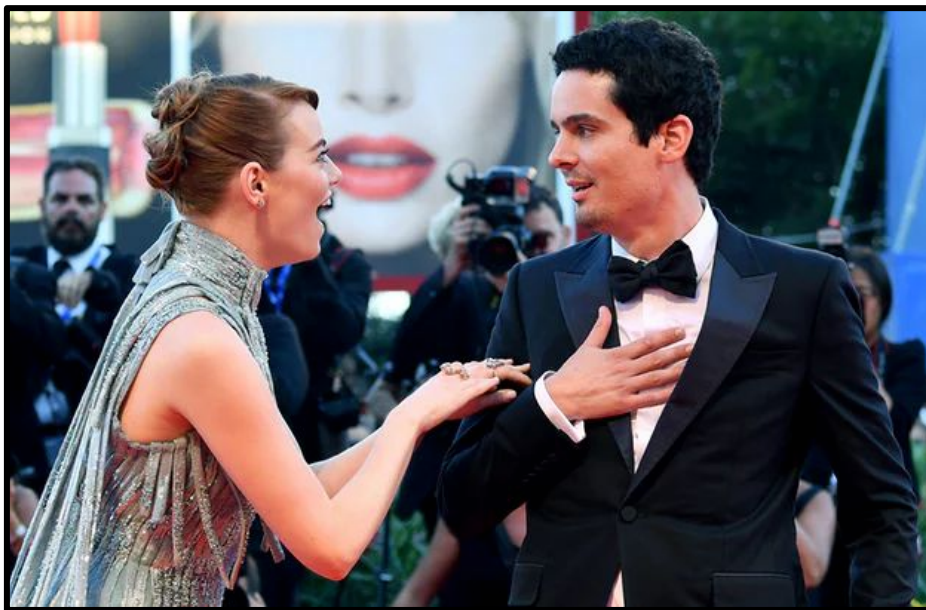
One film that has gotten a lot of attention since its announcement is *La La Land*. Damien Chazelle is the director of this film, and he is the primary reason for all this attention. Chazelle previously directed *Whiplash*, a film about a young jazz drummer who wants to be great, but his conductor pushes him to near insanity. This film garnered him international prominence. This time,

Chazelle chose Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone to star in his film. Although neither of the stars have worked with Chazelle before, the two had great chemistry in the film *Gangster Squad* as well as *Crazy, Stupid, Love*. The film is a musical, and if the music is anything musical

and if the music is anything like *Whiplash*'s it'll be a great one. In contrast with *Whiplash*'s darker tone, *La La Land* is a heartfelt and cheerful musical, using vibrant color schemes. If you're worried about the musical abilities of the actors, have no fear; Emma Stone has acted and sung on Broadway in a musical called *Cabaret*, and Gosling is a gifted musician. He plays guitar, bass guitar, piano and cello. He also sings in his band *Dead Man's Bones*. There are also some concerns regarding Chazelle because of his young age. Chazelle is only thirty-one years old, so many think he doesn't have enough experience to make great films and that *Whiplash* was just a one-hit-wonder. However, Chazelle has been working in Hollywood for a long time, and before he was a director, he wrote scripts for many hit films. Chazelle wrote the script for *The Last Exorcism Part II*, *The*



Hollywood's most dazzling: Gosling and Stone get their groove on with dances choreographed by Mandy Moore. *Photo from imdb.com*



Chemistry off the Screen: Stone and Chazelle share a laugh at Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) where *La La Land* was revealed. *Photo by Ettore Ferrari*



Winter Movie Watch cont'd

Grand Piano, and *10 Cloverfield Lane*. Chazelle has had a lot of experience in Hollywood and he's already made a great film; his age doesn't matter.

Another great film coming out this month is *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*. This film is not a sequel to *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*, but it still takes place in the Star Wars cinematic universe. The movie takes place between episodes three and four of *Star Wars*. It centers around a group of rebels that try to steal the blueprints to the Death Star so they can find its weak points. The film's protagonist is played by Felicity Jones, who is best known for her role in the Oscar winning film, *The Theory of Everything*. Additionally, the film stars some big names like Mads Mikkelsen (Le Chiffre in *Casino Royale*), Ben Mendlesohn (Danny Rayburn in *Bloodline*), and Forest Whitaker (Idi Amin in *The Last King of Scotland*). The film is directed by Gareth Edwards who is best known for directing the newest American rendition of *Godzilla* that starred Aaron Taylor-Johnson and Elizabeth Olsen. Edwards specializes in the special effects of destruction films, as seen in *Godzilla*. He was previously the head of special effects and a cinematographer for



The Three Musketeers: Tyldum, Lawrence, and Pratt pictured here at *Cinemacon* where they released the first trailer for their film.
Photo by Wilson Morales



A force to be reckoned with: This was the first picture released of the actual cast in the film. All other pictures preceding it have either been at conventions or have been graphic art.
Photo from imdb.com

films like *Monsters*, which he also directed. Many involved with *Rogue One* have compared it to *Saving Private Ryan* mixed with *Star Wars*, so there are reasons to be excited. *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story* hits theaters December 16.

The film *Passengers* is also gaining a lot of attention. *Passengers* is about a spacecraft transporting thousands of people to a distant colony in another solar system. As you can imagine, the trip takes a very long time, so the passengers are put into a special type of sleep that slows aging. However, a malfunction in the spacecraft causes a

man and a woman passenger to wake up ninety years early. These two passengers are essentially alone on this ship for ninety years. The film is described as a romantic thriller. One of the passengers is played by Jennifer Lawrence. Jennifer Lawrence is best known and loved for playing Katniss in *The Hunger Games Trilogy*. Lawrence also won an Academy Award for her role in *Silver Linings Playbook*. The other passenger is played by Chris Pratt who is best known for his protagonist roles in the *Jurassic Park* continuation *Jurassic World* and the hit Marvel film *Guardians of The Galaxy*. *Passengers* is directed by Morten Tyldum. Tyldum is a highly regarded director for directing *The Imitation Game*, the film about the British man who cracked the Nazi code during World War II, Alan Turing. This film won one Academy Award, and was nominated for seven others, including an award for directing for Tyldum. *Passengers* hits theatres December 21.

La La Land, *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*, and *Passengers* are what many consider will be the best films coming out this year end. Whether you're looking for a musical masterpiece such as *La La Land*, or searching for a sci-fi thrill ride like *Rogue One* or *Passengers*, you'll be more than pleased with this month's blockbusters.



NBA Season Predictions!

By
Cory Olix
Staff Writer

The highly anticipated and exciting season of professional basketball is here! What is in store for us fans? Big upsets? Maybe another title for LeBron and the Cavaliers? The build up to this season is sensational. Huge trades have made this league what it is. Durant to the Warriors, Dwight Howard to the Hawks, Derrick Rose to the Knicks, Horford to the Celtics, Dwyane Wade to the Bulls... big moves this postseason will surely give different cities hope for a title.

Last season was surely one to remember. The Golden State Warriors started with the longest unbeaten streak in history, broke the record for wins in a season, and were on a ride straight to the finals. Seen as having a right to the title, LeBron James and the Cavaliers had a different thought. Being in opposing Conferences, the Cavaliers endured a tough fought season. Switching coaches half-way through the season while already having the best Eastern Conference record was extremely risky, but totally worth it. Tyronn Lue led Cleveland to the finals through his style of play. More importantly, LeBron James led a fiery postseason and was facing his biggest challenge yet: the Golden State Warriors. Falling to

a 3-1 deficit the coming back to win an NBA Championship was nothing short of amazing. It also set up the season to come...

The 2016-17 season will surely be one to remember. With last season's anticipation and dramatic ending, what else is there but hopefully, more drama. In a survey sent out to the Alfred-Almond students and faculty, we found out what our school believes will happen. The question asked was, "Who do you think will win the NBA Championship?" Responses of this question came by the dozens, with a popular trend. Choices of teams were picked by professional analysts which include:

San Antonio Spurs, Golden State Warriors, Cleveland Cavaliers, Toronto Raptors, Oklahoma City Thunder, Chicago Bulls, Boston Celtics, LA Clippers and the option of "other."

The student body has clearly spoken. Their predictions for the new season are the Cleveland Cavaliers bringing home back-to-back titles. Clearly LeBron James has influenced the nation. Is the Golden State Warriors creating the best season record in history not enough to predict them winners? Apparently not. The second most voted team, the Warriors, are not predicted to win big this year. Being a LeBron fan, I also feel the Cavaliers will be the winners. This year will be nothing short of exciting, and hopefully the teams don't leave us with any doubt. Stay tuned to find out the highly anticipated results!





THE BEST EVER?

AA BOYS VARSITY SOCCER RISES TO THE TOP



By
Dylan Griffin
Staff Writer

Image of Ecstasy

The team comes together in celebration after Jake Johnston scores the game winning goal in the NYS Championship match.
Photo courtesy of Mrs. Valentine

The 2016 Alfred-Almond Boys Varsity Soccer team will go down as one of the greatest teams to have come through the school following their 2016 campaign. They set a school record of 18 shutouts and returned to Middletown on November 12-13 to play for a state championship for the second consecutive year. The boys had more experience following a trip to the State Semi-Finals the previous year than many of the teams that they have faced in October and November. The team had big shoes to fill after a decorated senior class left them last year. It was going to be a season of grit, hard work, and the willingness to grind their way back to highest point that any of the former Eagles had reached.

This year the team has been rock solid in the center of the park with it being fully stocked with seniors. They add up for a total of 19 years of varsity experience. The team has outscored their opponents 91 to 6 and kept 12 consecutive shutouts to start the season. Some of these include games against Class B Sectional Finalist Bath-Haverling, and two games against Class C Semi-Finalist Campbell-Savona. The Alfred-Almond team finished the regular season with a 14-1-2 record, earning a number two seed hoping to defend their sectional title from last year. After defeating rival Jasper-Troupsburg 3-0 and the three seed Mount Morris 4-0, your Alfred-Almond Eagles returned to the Sectional finals to face the first seed Naples, who had a record of 17-0-1 and at the time was ranked second among all the class D schools in New York. A stunning scissor kick from senior captain and leading goal scorer, Jake Johnson, was all that was needed as the Eagles handed Naples their first loss of the season.



The team returned to the Division 1/Division 2 crossover game against C.G. Finney, who had previously knocked your Eagles out of Sectionals in years past. In front of a rowdy crowd in Cohocton, the team went out and took care of business with a 5-1 win. Saturday, November 5 the team boarded the bus with a destination of Sweet Home High School in Aurora, NY. Upon arrival they took on the Section II Champions Pine Valley. The faithful Eagle fans enjoyed a great show as they watched their boys take the title of Far West Regional Champions for the second year. Next came a week of hard practices, in preparation to face Section IV Champions South Kortright. They went through the week enjoying the fact that they were one of twenty teams to be able to participate in the NYSPHSAA tournament. Friday morning, the parents of the team fed the young men before a sizeable crowd appeared to send them off. That same evening after a short practice and quickly cleaning up back at their hotel, the team attended the banquet of honor, where they watched teammate Jake Johnson be honored as a member of the Allstate Team. That next morning, the team got ready to take on the third ranked team in the state, South Kortright.



Memories for a lifetime

One of many pictures the team took after heading to the Middletown Gym following their 2-1 victory over Fort Ann. Photo courtesy of Matt Ingalls

Coming into the game, their opponents were 21-0 and had a high caliber offense that left many teams in ruins throughout their season. This was not something that left any fear in the Eagles. After an extremely physical game that resulted in seven yellow cards, Alfred-Almond left the field as victors with a final score of 2-0. Only 18 hours later, the team had to face Fort Ann, the team they had hoped to play for a year now. Following their exit of the state tournament at their hands Fort Ann was the ranked first in the state and had a 64 game winning streak. After the first 80 minutes and Jake Johnston goal, the teams were tied at 1-1. It took another 25 minutes before senior captain, Cory Olix, found fellow senior, Jake Johnston, for the game winning goal. This is the first state championship in school history. Most of these boys had been dreaming of a day like this for years. Personally, this was one of the most gratifying days for me in my entire soccer career.

Mr. Turner has been the coach of the Varsity team for four years now and has won four Steuben County league titles, two Sectional Titles, two Far West Regional Championships, and this year he adds the biggest title of them all in a New York State Championship.



When asked about his hopes for the team before coming into this fall, Turner said his greatest enjoyment of the season has been the high quality practices. When he was asked what his hopes for this team were at the start of the year, he calmly responded with “To be at the same point we currently are.” After being asked on what he expects of the team after two years of massive success. Turner said “ I hope they can continue the excellence of the past.”

In the weeks following their victory, the Hornell Moose hosted the team as a celebration of their success. All of the members of the team were asked what they were thankful for following the soccer season:

Duncan Allen, Christian Powell, Harry Robshaw, Brady Holmok - **Winning States**

Jack Castle-**The opportunity to win states**

Jake Johnston- **Practice ending before it's dark, so I can hunt**

Jacob Lawrow- **All of the funny things that coach had to say**

Aidan Looney-**Hanging out with everyone**

Dan McMahon- **Achieving all of our goals and forming a brotherhood and life long memories**

Brody Noone- **Mr.T for keeping us huge**

Duncan Bryant-Carty- **The free T-shirts**

Attilo Cushing- **The bond that was formed between the team and the coaches**

Gabe Empson- **The new experiences in a new place with new friends**

Matt Ingalls- **Mr.T and winning States**

Sam Warren- **Getting free pizza at the Moose Lodge**

Nevin Allen- **Winning states and having a good learning experience**

Ethan Hann- **Being able to practice and play with the best team ever.**

Austin Swackhamer- **Getting pulled up and experiencing winning states**

For complete stats and schedule of the team this season visit Section V Soccer.org and go to teams and schedules on the menu bar at the top of the page.



Back To Back Defeating Naples for their second consecutive Sectional Title on a cold windy November night. A Jake Johnston scissor kick was the separating factor . **Photo courtesy of Cory Olix**



This Justin: Deck the Halls with Lots of Stories

By Justin Berry - Design Manager

I would like to welcome you beloved readers to *This Justin*, a column where I inform you of awesome people and things you otherwise wouldn't know about. The holiday season is coming along fast, and what would be better than giving you guys the downlow on the most rad and jolly cat in town? That's right, it's the one and only Mr. Hall. This beautiful man is a Social Studies teacher at this fabulous school. He has led a very interesting and colorful life and I'd like to tell you about this stand up guy. Mr. Hall is both a scholar and a gentleman. He describes his greatest passion to be reading, particularly history (shocking I know!), alongside what he described as hard boiled detective fiction. Other passions of his include watching films, and listening to an exceptional variety of music. Anyone who has been in Mr. Hall's study hall will understand his love of many different types of music. During our interview, he shared a great deal about what he considered to generally be respectable and inspirational.

To illustrate this Mr. Hall told me about one of his greatest role models: Mr. Brady. They have known each other for 32 years, and Mr. Hall's respect for him was very easy to see. This shows the kind of man Mr. Hall aspires to be. He is inspired by dedication, intelligence, and above all, ethical behavior. Mr. Hall always attempts to better himself as a man and that in itself was very inspiring to me. During the interview, he described himself in one word: *persistent*. Mr. Hall always strives to succeed and better himself regardless of any hardships.

From what I gathered, he is a marvelous example of someone who perseveres and it should be said how important it is for anyone to have that mindset. Alongside his persistent nature is his ability to grow and evolve from past experiences, another admirable and important trait.



Gentleman and Scholar: *Mr. Hall is always willing to strike a pose for his loving fans.*
Photo Courtesy of Justin Berry

Underneath Mr. Hall's jolly, intelligent, and humorous exterior rests a wise man with a vast amount of life experience. He cites his experience as a policeman in Highwood, Illinois as a "Graduate School" of sorts. It essentially allowed him to learn a great deal about human behavior, and he has a variety of interesting stories he's always willing to share if you're polite about it. In fact, I have one of his stories to talk about. This story is significantly more tame than some of his other stories, but we need to keep this column "PG." The story begins with Mr. Hall, who had started working at Alfred-Almond. He still worked part time as a policeman and had been sent to Hornell to arrest someone for abuse-related charges.

Hornell to arrest someone for abuse-related charges. The arrest went fine, but there was one funny little occurrence. The man's neighbor was a child that went to Alfred-Almond who had Mr. Hall as his Social Studies teacher. After seeing this arrest happen before his eyes, the child understandably told their father about his handcuff-wielding social studies teacher. Upon hearing that, the father remarked "Man, you must go to a tough school!"

Mr. Hall has a very interesting duality between his tough police side and his scholarly, sensitive side that really resonated with me. From listening to him speak I noticed how much he cares about his students and their well-being. When asked if he had any advice to give the young readers of this article, he gave me the following: Wear your seatbelt, don't smoke, remember everyone that loves you when you make potentially dangerous decisions, and above all else make sure to always be kind and wise because they often go hand in hand. Every bit of advice he gave was solid and reflects his kind and caring nature, especially in regard to his students. The time I spent interviewing Mr. Hall was a great experience. He is an exceptionally complex man. He has a vast amount of knowledge that is more than willing to share. Mr. Hall is a giant when it comes to compassion and his kindness always shines through. Hopefully you beautiful people liked the first in an odyssey I'd like to call, *This Justin*.



3D PRINTING: THE FUTURE

By
Harry Robshaw
Staff Writer

A 3D printer may sound like something from the future, but it's here and it's in our school! Earlier this year our school received a "Makerbot Replicator 2X" 3D printer to test out and experiment with from the Wildwood BOCES campus in Hornell. The printer is set up in the CAD (Computer...Aided Design? Computer Art and Design? Spell out the name first, and then add the acronym in parentheses.) computer lab across the hall from Mr. Levey's room.

The printer works very differently from any 2D printer. The printer heats the plastic line

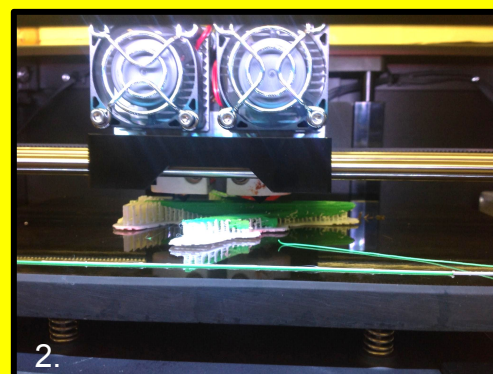
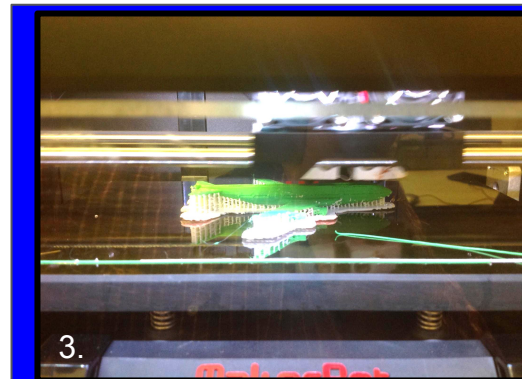
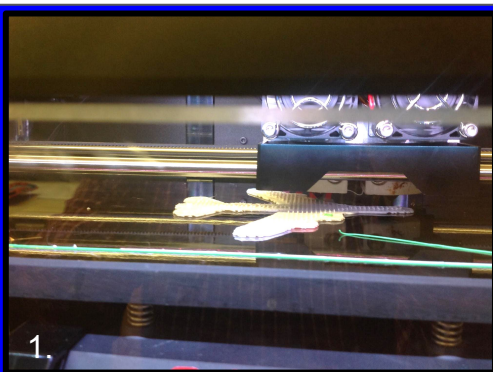
used to make the models to 416°F and turns a whole object into thousands of tiny little slices. It then makes the model being printed from the bottom-up, slice by slice. Those tiny layers stick together to form a solid object. Each layer can be very complex, meaning 3D printers can create moving parts like hinges and wheels as part of the same object. The printer then takes roughly 20 to 45 minutes to print a small object under 6in x 6 in, based on the size and complexity of the drawing. 3D printing brings a revolutionary approach to manufacturing through three key advantages: shorter time between designing and starting the printing process, design freedom, and lower costs by shortening the manufacturing time. The process of 3D printing is also becoming more widely used because 3D printing can make parts that can't be made by hand or manufacturing machines.

The 3D printer is actually much easier to use than it may appear. You can print models from traditional CAD programs or use the browser based program "tinkercad.com." Tinkercad is an easy and fun way to

make 3D models come to life.

The program uses various 3D shapes, such as cubes and prisms, to let the user create and mold their own personal design. Models made in the program can even be uploaded to Minecraft (and you can even add bunny ears and chicken legs to your design)!

The printer is only here at A-A for six weeks, but Mr. Levey is hoping that this trial period will lead to a longer time period with the printer, or possibly purchasing the school's very own. The 3D printer is a good way to help students who are interested in a future in computer aided engineering and design engineering. Come check it out and make a few creations before it's too late!



Baby Boeing

The different stages in the process of printing a mini airplane.

1. Making the base.
2. Making supports for the wings.
3. Printing the wings.
4. The finished product still attached to the base.

Photos courtesy of Mr. Levey



Calling Students to Paint A-A with Positivity

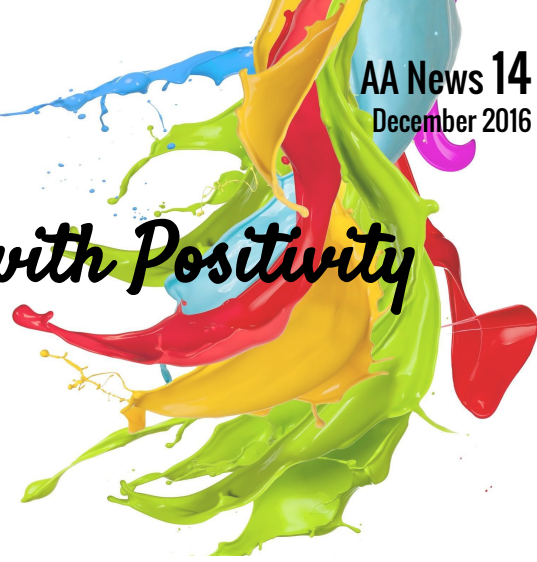
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The Alfred - Almond School Improvement Team (SIT) committee is looking for students to put their creativity and art skills forward to create a mural for "Senior Area" in the cafeteria, as well as smaller murals for other parts of the school. They are looking for student produced artwork that includes positive and motivational text and visuals that incorporate the ideas of kindness, acceptance, and charity. The largest mural will be created by students and placed in the "Senior Area," and smaller pieces will also be added around the school. The student body will vote on the best pieces of artwork to include in this project, and give ideas for where each will be placed. The goal for this project is to make the school have a more artistic and positive atmosphere that will make students feel included and comfortable.

Around the world, the idea of creating public artwork and turning empty walls into canvases has skyrocketed. Many schools have incorporated this idea and made it a reality. Muralist Grace McCammond told a news source in St. Louis, "Murals build a sense of community. They make it welcoming and walkable." While researching the effect of murals and art on people's feelings and emotions, color seemed to have a positive effect on people.

Turning the white walls into colorful murals would bring light and energy into our school. The environment of the school could significantly change with this up-and-coming project. The sense of belonging and acceptance is very important to Alfred-Almond and the tone that our school is trying to set.

When asking the students and faculty about opinions on the murals or how they would feel about adding art to the walls, many people responded in a positive way by saying that it would brighten the school, add positive excitement, and bring everyone together. Mrs. Booman, art teacher, expressed that "the mural project would be a great idea and that she would love to see a mural that includes a map of Alfred and Almond and what they include as well as murals on social issues. Mrs. Bain-Lucey expressed, "It is our hope that we can make the school even "warmer" through the incorporation of artwork into our daily environment. We hope the positive images and messages will inspire people and help facilitate acts of kindness and "pick people up" when they need positive messages in their days." Overall, the Alfred-Almond mural project would create a positive impact on the school and its students.



An Example of a Mural The SIT committee is looking for mural ideas like this one to promote kindness and acceptance.

Photo from pinterest.com



Promote Anti-Bullying Submit your anti-bullying, kindness and acceptance mural ideas to Mrs. Backer and Mrs. Bain-Lucey by January 20.

Photo from perrymilou.com

ATTENTION ARTISTS!

Submissions due by: January 20

Submit artwork to: Mrs. Backer or Mrs. Bain-Lucey





Kindergarten 101

Everything you need to know to survive kindergarten

By Kalista Calkins
Staff Writer

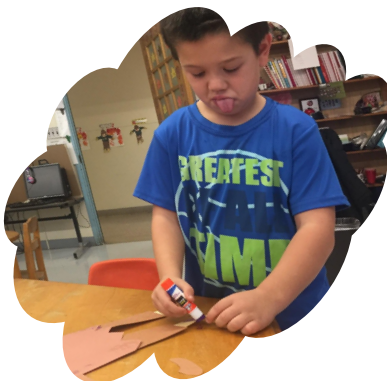
Kindergarten is not for the faint of heart. If you can't handle the sight of puke, snot, sticky hands, crying five year olds and, on occasion, wet pants...stop reading now. Okay, if you're still with me, here's the deal. Kindergarten is the craziest, yet most amazing place on earth as long as you follow these simple rules.

First rule: Never take your eyes off of the kids, because somehow, they always disappear. If you turn away for more than one second you'll find them under a table, stuffed in a cubby, running down the hall screaming, hiding under the teacher's desk, or sneaking off to the bathroom. Kindergarteners have stealth-like abilities, mainly used to sneak away whenever you don't want them to. However, they also have an amazing ability to be in your face whenever you don't want them to. To be a kindergarten teacher you must have superhero-like powers to engage them.

Second rule: Give them absolutely zero free time!! If you leave kindergarteners with too much free time, bad things happen. Kindergarteners must be kept busy at all times, otherwise they will be off doing crazy things that they shouldn't be doing, like bouncing off the walls, running around anywhere they can, or escaping off to the playground. Somehow kindergarteners make the impossible, possible.



Playtime Colton R. poses next to his man-made jungle



Pow wow Tyler S. is hard at work creating his Native American artwork



Crafty Kindergarteners

The kindergarteners prepare for the pow wow



Warmer weather Liam S. enjoys the last bit of warm weather

Third rule: Playtime is the best time. Playtime is your friend. During this time you get the most rest you will ever get in your busy day. Of course, playtime does not mean take your eyes off the children...but it's definitely more relaxing, and the kids are most likely wasting their energy running around. The best way to tire out kindergarteners is to tell them things such as, "Let's see how fast you are!" or "I bet you can't run around the playground faster than I can." This makes them want to show you just how fast they really are, resulting in draining SOME of their energy. Never underestimate how much energy little five year olds really have.

Fourth rule: Bribery works. If you want them to sit quietly in one spot to listen to a book, promise them all a cookie. If you want them to stand quietly in line in the hallway, promise them all candy. If you want them to put their coats and boots on, promise them a brownie. If you want them to listen to directions, dangle a candy cane in front of them. No matter what anyone tells you, bribery is key to kindergarten, unless you're a superhero teacher.

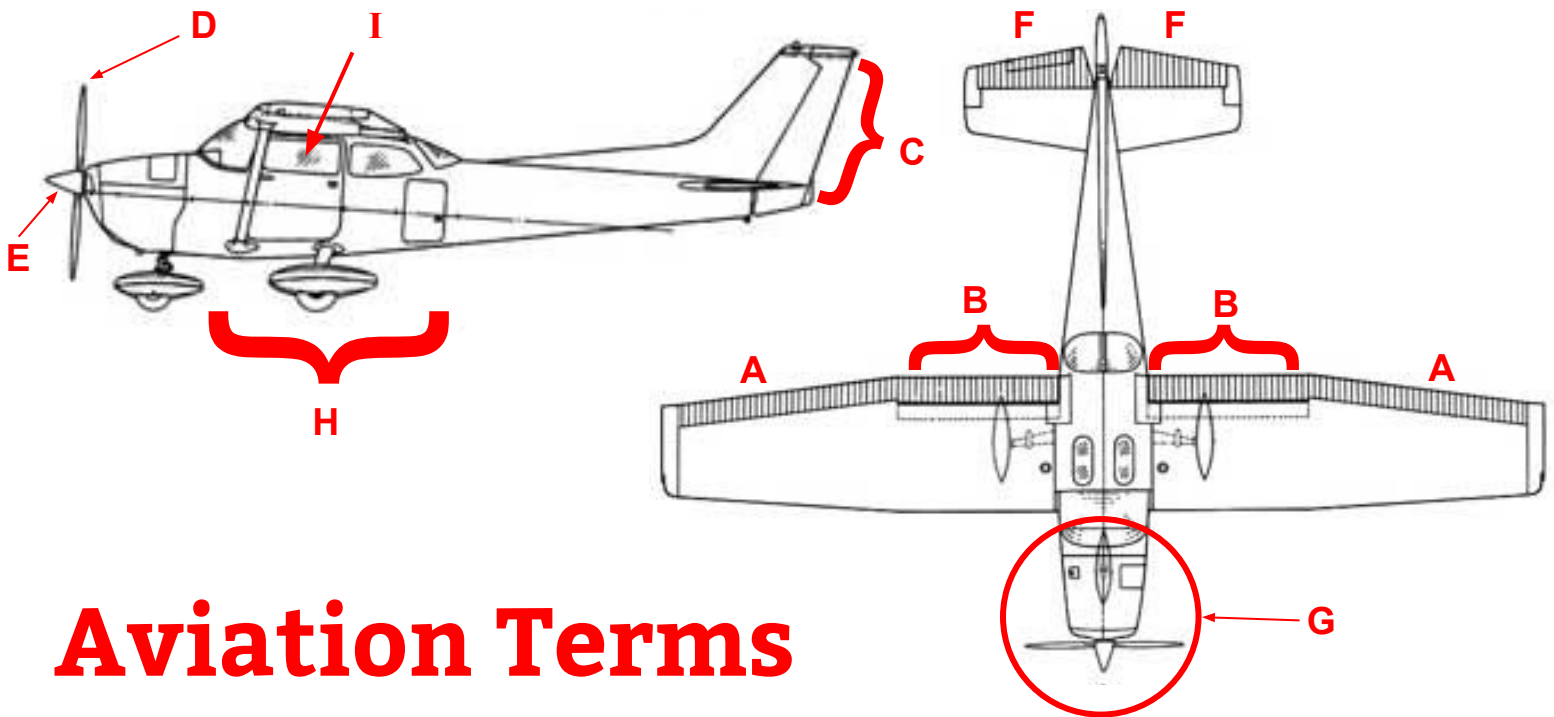
All in all, it is important to remember that you must really love kids and be patient in order to continue with this career path, if you're interested. As you all know, kids can be a little crazy sometimes, which will in turn drive you crazy, but you must keep your calm, smile, and know that you are making a great impact on a child's life.

Photos Courtesy of Kalista Calkins



Facts about Flight - Part 1

By Charles Elliott
Staff Writer



Aviation Terms

- A. **Ailerons:** Makes airplane move left and right by a rolling motion
- B. **Flaps:** Slows airplane down and lowers the stalling speed
- C. **Rudder:** Helps the airplane turn, but makes a “yawing,”(yawing means a twist on a vertical axis) motion instead of a rolling
- D. **Propellor:** A revolving hub with radiating blades, for propelling the airplane
- E. **Spinner:** A cone shaped cover over the propellor
- F. **Elevator:** Horizontal flap, kind of like the aileron, only it makes the airplane ascend or descend
- G. **Nose:** The front part of the airplane
- H. **Fuselage:** The main body of the airplane.
- I. **Cockpit:** Where the pilot and co-pilot sit
- J. **Airfoil:** The shape of the airplane's wing, this shape is what creates the airplane to lift.
- K. **Stall:** When the airplane doesn't have the ability to lift
- L. **Yoke:** Much like a steering wheel on a car, the yoke controls the ailerons and the elevator
- M. **Twilight Zone:** Not the TV series; long before the series there was a glitch in the ADCOCK RANGE. (A national low frequency radio navigation system used the 1930s to the 1950s). It was a portion on the overlapping area of a continuous monotone signal where it was temporarily overlaid with the “A” or “N” code signals
- N. **Elephant Ear:** No it's not a real elephant ear, it's a type of balanced aileron, in which the outer edges are noticeably larger than the control itself.



Facts about Flight - Part 1

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Aviation Checklist

These checks are only used for the Cessna 172. This checklist must be done **before every flight** to ensure safety, or at least as safe as an airplane can get. Once you get to the airport, unlock the airplane and get the checklist.

1. First remove the control wheel lock and make sure the ignition switch is in the off position.
2. Turn master switch on and check the fuel indicators, while you're doing that, put the flaps down all the way.
3. Make sure circuit breakers are in, then turn the master switch off.
4. Take a sample of fuel and make sure no sediment or water is in it; the fuel should be a light blue color.
5. Check the main gear and brakes.
6. Check the flaps and ailerons attachment points and for freedom of movement. Check the wingtip, and light as well as the leading edge for a smooth surface. On the leading edge there is a stall warning and a cabin vent that should be checked for bees and wasps. If there are any, just clear them out.
7. Climb up on a ladder and check the fuel quantity - the tank is located above the wings. Also check the communication antenna on top of the plane.
8. On the nose section remove nose plugs and check the engine compartment for bird nests or other "things" that should not be there.
9. Make sure the propellor and spinner have a somewhat smooth surface
10. Now check the oil and make sure you have more than 6 quarts and less than 8 quarts, pull the fuel strainer to clear out settled sediment.
11. For the other wing do the same exact thing you did for the other side except for the stall warning and cabin vents because there aren't any.
12. Check the fuselage, elevator, and rudder for attachment points and freedom of movement much like you did for the ailerons.
13. Check the VOR antenna, and make sure the baggage door is locked and you're ready to go!
14. (Just kidding. There's another checklist for starting the airplane, this will be covered in the next issue.)



“SHARED SPACES”

By Brendan Walsh - Editor-In-Chief

Alfred University and Alfred State College are bringing a new program into effect for the 2016-2017 semesters. This newly implemented program is known as “Shared Space.” “Space” stands for “Students and Police Advocating for Community Engagement.” This program has never been seen on either of these campuses before this year, but is now being adopted whole heartedly. The implementation of this program into the life of the Alfred students is meant to be beneficial for everyone and the future of the campus’.

“Shared Spaces” was not created by the Alfred University and Alfred State campuses. In a one on one interview, Chief Matthew Heller, the officer who started this program at Alfred University and Alfred State, said that he was first introduced to this program in Rochester by Dan Napolitano, Director of Student Activities at Alfred University. The furthest this program has been traced back to so far has been Rochester, NY. After being exposed to the program, it was brought to Alfred.

“Shared Spaces” creates small group activities for police

officers from the area and students from either of the campuses in order to discuss topics and communicate ideas as well as any issues the students may have. The primary target for this program is students coming from big cities. Chief Heller said that the main problem is that “Students come to Alfred from the big cities, and it’s a completely different world.” For a student coming to Alfred from a big city, the difference is clear. In Alfred there is a lack of diversity, there is a smaller population, there is less crime, it is less crowded, and there are many more differences. Over the past few years officers have been painted negatively, and especially in big cities where there is more crime, students may only have seen police in negative light. The Alfred Campuses are very different, however, and the police here are not the same. This program is meant to help students get to know these police officers for who they really are, outside of just the uniform.

So far there have been quite a few get togethers between the officers and the students. There have been a few on the state side of campus and a few on the

university side. At the first get together there were ten students that showed up; at the second there were twenty-three students; the third was a “Meet the Officers” coffee get together where forty plus students showed up; “Lunch with the Chiefs” was also a get together that consisted of a barbeque where 80 plus students showed up. Chief Heller said that these have so far been very successful, and he plans to continue the “Lunch with the Chiefs” get togethers in the spring. These activities are not open to the public however, and are solely meant for the students.

The goal of these get togethers is to create “allies” in the crowd: people who understand why the officers are doing what it is they are doing. The goal is to make any “encounters at 3:00am” less dangerous, and easier on both sides. The students who are normally the problem are the ones up at the bar at 3:00am, according to Chief Heller, and the officers don’t want the first impression to be a negative one. So these get togethers are all aimed at lessening tensions and possible conflicts in the future.

The new “Shared Spaces” program is an attempt to show the community that officers are not trying to target students. The hope is that this program will lessen all the tensions and divisions that have developed over the years, to improve the wellbeing of the students and officers, and to help everyone move forward in a better direction.



A Successful Event A photo of officers and students of Alfred University and Alfred State from a “Shared Spaces” event *Photo from The Evening Tribune*



Black to Black Deals

By
Jack Castle
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Image from opinionstruth.com

As the holiday season continues into Christmas, I've always wondered where Santa got all his gifts from, apart from online shopping, store shopping, and of course his elves. A day that a lot of this Christmas shopping is done on is called Black Friday. Black Friday, is the single day of the year when retail companies finally go "into the black," or in other words, make a profit.

The idea of Black Friday originated on September 24, 1869, when a couple of guys by the names of Jay Gould and Jim Fisk combined their wealth and bought as much gold as they could in an attempt to cause inflation, then tried to sell their gold for a ridiculous profit. The stock market fell and sent millions of people into bankruptcy. Reading that probably makes you wonder why it is associated with the holiday season.

In the 1980's "Black Friday" turned into a positive term for the weekend after Thanksgiving. A massive amount of people have off of work and school for this four day weekend, therefore more shoppers are available to retailers. As a result, stores started to open earlier and earlier. Black Friday has since extended into a weekend-long event, which includes "Small Business Saturday/Sunday," and "Cyber Monday." Deals are offered online, for example Amazon.com, and even the most dedicated shoppers can head out

right after their family feast Thanksgiving night.

With the massive crowds Black Friday attracts across the nation, I knew it must come with some fascinating stories. In fact, one story I found reports a couple of customers fighting over a bike in Walmart, Louisville, Kentucky. The customers threw fists back and forth until one of them broke free. The victorious customer grabbed the bike and rode it out of the store, without paying a cent and bleeding from the mouth and face.

There have also been fights in Houston, Texas because of shoppers fighting over a television.



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Some of the customers were even laying on the television to keep the others from buying it. An even funnier police involvement on Black Friday was in Los Angeles. During a brawl over a \$5 Barbie, a woman punched a man in the face and took off running with the Barbie. Do I need to say more? The low prices of the objects in the store and the low supply, compared to the amount of customers, can cause the customers to act violent and unreasonable just to save a few dollars over the weekend.



Image from cruise critic.com

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Contact the Observer staff with stories from your own shopping extravaganza. I'm excited to hear about any crazy incidents that happened, the great deals found on this year's Black Friday weekend, and also, please don't be the person next year's horror story could be written about...



A THORNY SUBJECT



The Rosebush Fresh competition on the block. Photo Courtesy of Alex D

By
Alex D
Copy Editor

The Collegiate A battle-worn veteran of Alfred's Main Street Photo Courtesy of Alex D

Since the beginning of Alfred's recorded history, one restaurant has reigned supreme over the realms of main-street Alfred. For eons, those who wanted to eat out at a sit-in restaurant in Alfred had essentially one choice -- The Collegiate Restaurant, otherwise known as "The Jet." The Jet has served Alfred well over the ages, but their monopoly on Alfred's hungry citizens has ended! Just a block away, a new restaurant has ended an era of culinary stability. "The Rosebush" offers new freedoms and opportunities for the people of Alfred. While fresh competition could persuade both restaurants to spice up their services even further, the level of threat posed by The Rosebush is still in question. Will it be able to usurp well-established Jet's long-held rein on Alfred, or will it wither away? In this article, I attempt to find the answer to this question.

My first impressions of The Rosebush were positive. The restaurant has taken actions to diversify it from other businesses in Alfred. The restaurant has a far more polished and refined image than any other restaurant in Alfred. It feels like a much more formal restaurant than the more traditional feeling many of the local restaurants have in the area. This atmosphere helps to make The Rosebush distinct. Additionally, The Rosebush serves food that no other restaurant in Alfred does: French Onion Soup, Honey-Glazed Chicken Breasts, and Avocado Burgers are unique to this restaurant.

While the owners of The Rosebush have done many things well, there are a few considerations to keep in mind before planning on eating a meal there. First and foremost, the restaurant is quite expensive. For example, the Honey-Glazed Chicken Breasts cost \$16 -- a high

price for relatively little food. While the food is unique to the restaurant, the local competition has generally lower prices..

Secondly, while The Rosebush does offer some unique dishes, there is not a wide selection. The menu fits easily onto just a single page, with a majority of the items being either soups or sandwiches. The Jet as a much wider variety of items to order. Additionally, while the diner does have a polished atmosphere, the restaurant has a lot of empty space towards the back, which makes the restaurant feel somewhat hollow.

It has a few blemishes, but overall The Rosebush provides a positive influence on both Alfred's economy and the quality of life of its people. Plus, it offers tasty new freedoms for restaurant-seeking Alfredians. If you're hungry for a meal, The Rosebush The Rosebush can be found at 11 N Main Street, Alfred NY.



Family Food Traditions

By Madge Chroniger
Public Relations Manager

Every family has traditions they fulfill around the holidays. In many families, these traditions involve certain meals or dishes that are repeatedly shared and enjoyed. To get a little more insight on this topic, I decided to ask Alfred Almond staff for a holiday recipe that has become a tradition to them, and then try these recipes out for myself the first recipe came from Mrs. Donius, who makes this delicious cake during the holiday season.

Molten Chocolate Cake

Total time: 29 minutes

- ❖ 4 squares of Baker's semi-sweet baking chocolate
- ❖ ½ cup butter
- ❖ 1 cup powdered sugar
- ❖ 2 eggs
- ❖ 2 egg yolks
- ❖ 6 Tbsp. flour

PREHEAT oven to 425°F. Butter 4 custard cups or soufflé dishes. Place on baking sheet

MICROWAVE chocolate and butter in large microwavable bowl on HIGH for 1 minute or until butter is melted. Stir with wire whisk until chocolate is completely melted. Stir in sugar until well blended. Whisk in eggs and egg yolks. Stir in flour. Divide batter between prepared custard cups.

BAKE 13 to 14 minutes or until sides are firm but centers are soft. Let stand 1 minute. Carefully run a knife around cakes to loosen. Invert cakes onto dessert dishes. Serve immediately.



Old-Fashioned Porridge *Before this delicious dish went in the oven Courtesy of Madge Chroniger*



Molten Chocolate Cake *The quick and easy making of this fun holiday recipe. Courtesy of Madge Chroniger*

This recipe was fun to make. It was quick and something very easy to accomplish. However, I did have to apply some variations. I used semi-sweet chocolate chips instead of the chocolate squares. 3 Tbsps of chocolate chips equals 1 square of baking chocolate. I didn't have custard cups available so I used a 9 inch cake pan instead. I made the recipe twice to compare the differences. I did find that the baking time needed to be reduced to 10-11 minutes if cake pans are used. The *Observer* Staff taste-tested the cakes and the one that baked for less time received an outstanding 10 out of 10. One of the staff members responded with, "The heat compliments the rest of the dessert really well, and it feels like it's melting in my mouth." All in all, this recipe is a great and easy dessert for the holiday season. The second traditional family recipe comes from Miss Acker and her family. Their family shares a tradition of eating porridge at their family brunch.

Old-Fashioned Porridge

- ❖ 3 cups of water
- ❖ ¾ teaspoon of salt
- ❖ 1 ⅔ cups old-fashioned rolled oats
- ❖ ½ cup maple syrup
- ❖ ⅛ cup dark molasses
- ❖ ¼ cup firmly packed dark brown sugar
- ❖ 2 eggs, beaten to blend
- ❖ ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ❖ ½ teaspoon ground ginger
- ❖ ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ❖ Chilled milk or ice cream

PREHEAT oven to 350°F

BRING water and salt to a boil in heavy large saucepan.

REDUCE heat to a medium-low. Add oats and cook 5 minutes, stirring frequently.

TRANSFER oatmeal to a 6 cup soufflé dish. Add all remaining ingredients except milk or ice cream. Stir until well combined. Bake until set, about 1 hour.

SPOON porridge into bowls; serve with ice cream or milk.

This recipe was a very quick and easy dish to make for breakfast or brunch for the holidays. When the *Observer* Staff taste tested this dish we served it with ice cream. Personally, I was not expecting the consistency of the dish to be as solidified. One staff member mentioned that the porridge tasted like an oatmeal cookie in cake form. That statement almost perfectly sums up the consistency and taste of this dish. I hope these recipes will add a little more fun to your holiday season!



The Good, The Bad, And the JOLLY



Cookie Thief Artist's depiction of Santa stealing Bill Bacon's cookies.
Photo from Doodle or Die.

By
Bill Bacon
Staff-Writer

For the second time in my career I am forced to say that "all observations of persons in this article are my opinion". Thanks editors. Every year on christmas an oddly familiar criminal enters into our houses without permission. We have no idea who this guy is. In my opinion, we should know the stranger who leaves you gifts. Just like if you know your friend, you can sneak into their house and initiate secret borrowing. I've only been arrested three times while doing that, but Santa hasn't been arrested once. I find it my duty to expose the fiend who vandalised my home by stuffing coal in my socks and eating my cookies. Even I don't

do that... Not that often anyway..

The first question we must ask is "Who is Santa?" This question lead me straight to a guy who happened to be sitting directly next to me. His name is Alex DeGraff, an upstanding citizen who was at that moment writing an essay titled "*Why Christmas songs Are Annoying*". I asked him a question of why Santa Claus hasn't revealed himself, and instantly he started spouting unintelligible arguments and I wasn't able to keep up with what he said. Unsatisfied with my writing pace, DeGraff snatched my notebook and started scribbling down the answers to my questions, one of them being "Why hasn't Santa Clause revealed himself?". Apparently I had awakened a hidden passion of his. Now looking at his answers from a safe distance he wrote

"NATO is after Santa for breaking and entering into millions of homes, stealing their food and driving up inflation by giving away expensive toys to already wealthy families..." He went on like that for a while with things like "He's a menace to the world both militarily and financially..." Blah blah blah, you get the picture. I moved on to a much more sensible interview with Mr. Hall.

Mr. Hall is a busy and popular man who was being interrogated before I even got there. Apparently I wasn't the only one chasing Santa's tail. I used the only method I knew in getting rid of Inquisitors. I waited. After Biding my time for a precisely 20 minutes and 45.6 seconds I was able to have my questions answered. The human claimed to be the big man himself, Santa Clause. Of course there was no way that I just happened to stumble upon Santa after centuries of averting the public, so I ignored him.

Next on my list was Mr. Mix, who was surveying his Empire and giving orders to one of his little serfs. Pleased by his excellent command of authority I conducted my interview in his territory of wood chips and metal jungles. The interview was short and ended with more questions than answers. According to Mr. Mix, Santa's location is inside his heart. Why hadn't I seen this earlier? Santa's aimless constant movements, unreliable locations, are all explained by his true headquarters. A mobile home.



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Christmas Caper *Kringle escaping Bill Bacon's clutches .*
Photo from vancitybuzz.com

What I don't understand is how Mr. Mix is able to live, like at all. A full sized man weighing half a jolly ton is living in his heart. I recalled a fact that dismissed Mr. Mixes declaration. A true emperor has no heart, ever since Caesar was stabbed roughly 23 times there. He also said that Santa was a spector, a supernatural being, but after watching the documentary "Ghostbusters" I can conclude that ghosts no longer exist and what the imaginative Mr. Mix said was a lie. I could not take any of what Mr. Mix said as truth, leaving me with nothing again.

I went on to seek answers from another ruling body known as Mr. Donlon. He seemed more than eager to aid me in my case. He helped me reveal Santa's secret identity: the illusive Kris Kringle. With this new lead I went on to track him as far as possible. Which was as far as my gas budget could take me,

stranding me for a few days. While I waited for rescue I found myself marveling at this man's genius; instead of covering his tracks, Kringle just made his tracks go everywhere in the world, making them impossible to trace. It wasn't for not though, I still had many other leads. Lots of them. Definitely.

I tried to get some answers from Mr. Turner, but he was quite evasive. When I did manage to grab his attention, he refused to answer my questions; coming up with excuses like "I'm teaching a class right now" and "No, really, get out." I did manage to squeeze some information out of him though. It was a meager scrap but a significant one. This little revelation was that santa "Was in the hearts of the imaginative." This brought me back to what Mr. Mix said, that Clause lives in his heart. This was all a conspiracy! Mr. Turner and Mix were both in on it, trying to hide

away santa from my writing wrath! Well I will make their efforts in vain when I uncover this secret
Santa.

I started to wonder why they were lying about Santa. I realised they must be trying to cover the twits tracks, so I decided to retrace mine all the way back to Mr.Hall. They were covering up his confession, giving me false leads. When I realised that Mr. Hall was legitimately Santa I reported the brigand to the police, but they just laughed. Clearly his disguise is just too good. This genius had evaded the world until he was faced against me, where he gave up and admitted to being Kris Kringle himself. I wouldn't blame him, he was up against me, Bill Bacon, the Observer's best. If you end up suing or getting some form of revenge on old St. Nick, just remember who to thank at ReporterBillBacon@gmail.com. Its me. You should be thanking me.



Everyday I'm Trufflin'

By: Janu Patel Senior Copy Editor



Photo from miloandoats.com

Peanut Butter Truffles

Ingredients:

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- ½ cup creamy peanut butter
- 3 tbsp salted butter
- 1 lb milk chocolate

Directions:

1. Mix together powdered sugar, peanut butter and butter until well-combined.
2. Shape mixture into 1 inch balls and place on a wax paper lined baking sheet then melt chocolate in a bowl in the microwave.
3. Drop truffles one at a time into the melted chocolate to cover them thoroughly.
4. Use a fork to remove the truffle and let the excess chocolate drip off.
5. Carefully place the truffle back on the wax paper and let it sit until dry and then share with a friend! 'Tis the season!

Sugar Cookie Truffles

Directions:

1. Place the sugar cookies in a food processor and blend until the cookies turn into fine crumb. Then add cream cheese and process until combined
2. Shape the mixture into 1 inch balls, place on a parchment lined baking sheet.
3. Place baking sheet into a freezer for 15 minutes and carefully melt the white chocolate in a bowl in the microwave.
4. Dip frozen truffle into chocolate, use a fork to remove it and let excess chocolate drip off. Place the truffle back on baking sheet and repeat.
5. Let them sit until they're dry and then hide them before your family gets to them. (protip: hide them in the cupboard behind the crackers nobody eats)

Ingredients:

- 12 sugar cookies
- 3 tbsp cream cheese
- 2 cups white chocolate

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Photo from cakescottage.com

Peppermint Oreo Truffles

Directions:

1. Place oreos in food processor and blend until the cookies turn into a fine crumb. Then add cream cheese and peppermint extract and blend until well-combined.
2. Shape mixture into 1 inch balls and place on a parchment lined baking sheet.
3. Place baking sheet in freezer for 10 minutes.
4. Carefully melt the white chocolate in a bowl in a microwave.
5. Dip frozen truffle into chocolate, use a fork to remove it and let excess chocolate drip off. Place the truffle back on the baking sheet and repeat.
6. Let them sit until they're dry and then devour them.

Ingredients:

- 36 Oreos
- 8 oz package cream cheese
- 1 tsp peppermint extract
- 16 oz white chocolate



Assemble truffles in a cute jar or container for an easy DIY gift!



Announcements

By
Madison McCormick
Copy Editor

If you missed the **Swain Season Lift Order** please see Mr Rech or Mr. Mix as soon as possible.

Red Cross Blood Drive
December 12, 10-5 in high school auditorium

SAT

Test Date: January 21, 2017
Registration Deadline: December 21, 2016
Late Registration Deadline: January 10, 2017

Concert Dates

December 19 - Jr/Sr High Chorus
December 20 - Elementary Band/Chorus
December 21 - Jr/Sr High Band

ACT

Test Date: February 11, 2017
Registration: January 13, 2017
Late Registration: January 14-20, 2017
Photo Upload by: February 3, 2017

Annie Auditions will be held on Tuesday January 4, 2016 from 3:30 - 5:30, callbacks are on Thursday January 5, 2016 from 3:30 - 5:30

The Hornell Community Christmas Cantata will be December 4, 2016 at 7 pm at St. Ann's Church in Hornell

The 2017 yearbook is currently on sale, the cost of the book is \$50 and bring your payment to Mrs. Valentine in room 207. Seniors if you want your name on the cover, it needs to be placed before December 23.

The **Dodge Brawl** will be held on Saturday January 7, 2017 at 1pm, sign up with Mrs. Backer by December 22 with teams of 8 (4 boys and 4 girls). Teams can be of mixed grade levels.

All those interested in **stage crew** should see Miss. Acker to sign up

Academic All Stars sign up outside of Mr. Donlon's room from Monday November 28 to Friday December 9

Monthly Photo Challenge: Where In The School Are These Pictures?

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The answers will be posted in the next issue! A special thanks to Mrs. Palmer for this fun idea!



Acknowledgements

By Kalista Calkins
Staff Writer

Jv Boys Soccer Team

"Thank you for a season full of hard work, dedication, thrills, and teamwork."
-Coach (Mr.) McAneney

A-A Boys Varsity Soccer Team

"Thank you for making us proud and giving us a season of excitement!!"
-The Community

Brendan Walsh

"Thank you for all of the help in Calculus"
-Abbey Swackhamer and Janu Patel

Food Drive Committee and Miss Carretto

"Thank you for helping organizing a successful food drive"
-Anonymous

Mr. Turner

"Thanks for being a great coach and role model over the years"
-Cory Olix

Mrs. Backer and Mrs. Turner

"Thank you for your help and guidance throughout the publishing process of the school newspaper"
-Journalism Class

Justin Berry

"Recorded the most accurate result of all Chemistry students this year on Lab #7. His result was 317J/g and the Chemistry Reference Tables tell us that it takes 334J of energy to melt each gram of ice."

-Mr. Rech appreciates the effort of all Chemistry students who work with excellence to submit high quality lab reports. Good lab report discussions tell us how to avoid measurement error and guide us in future laboratory work.