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## Uncertainty at Opening

Presley Powell and Colbie Rosco

Superintendent Bieber, along with the rest of the school, was uncertain about when and how they would reopen Alexander Public School. Ms. Bieber, along with the APS Health and Safety Reopening Team, used the state's "ND Smart Restart" guidelines to ensure a safe reopening for our building.

The ND Smart Restart guide provides certain requirements and guidelines to schools and businesses that are reopening following the coronavirus shutdowns.

The school and Ms. Bieber also received

input about opening school, via Zoom and in-person meetings, from staff, student leaders, parents, and community members.

The APS Health and Safety Reopening Team, comprised of numerous members of the Alexander community, put together a plan that received a thumbs-up from both the health department and the Alexander School Board.

The staff and students have to follow rules established in the reopening policy. These measures include disinfecting everything, tempo-

rarily limiting visitors, disinfecting buses everyday, encouraging hand washing among students and staff, and requiring everyone to stay home if sick.

The staff is also required to take and record their temperature daily upon entering the building in the morning. APS also formed a COVID-19 Team to deal with ongoing issues surrounding the virus.

The reopening plan can be found on the school website.

## "Fall Guys" game a hit with all ages

Hunter Hanig

The game *Fall Guys* was released on August 4, 2020.

*Fall Guys* is a game for all ages! Made in China, this game is currently available on PS4 and computer, but may be coming out on Xbox 1 in the future.

*Fall Guys* only has a few controls. On

Xbox 1, they are: movement (Left Analogue Stick,) Adjust Camera, (Right Analogue Stick,) Jump (X,) Dive (Square,) Grab (R2,) Show Player Names (L2 and Emotes (D-pad.) This may help to explain the game's popularity among players of all ages.

Do you have a favorite game? Submit your opinions to the Comet News.



# “Nettie-Topia” Nearing Completion

Savannah Wasik



Construction of the Alexander Industrial Arts building began in April of 2020, with a budget of 2.4 million. The APS School Board planned well, and saved several years’ gross production tax dollars from the oil industry to fund construction of this long-awaited addition to the Alexander School campus.

The expected time of completion for the shop is October of 2020. Shortly thereafter,

classes are expected to start. All shop classes will be held in the new facility, but there will be other uses for the space, as well.

Part of the new building is going to be a bus bay, and will serve as a maintenance area.

This new addition is also affectionately known as “Nettie-topia,” due to the enthusiasm of our Agriculture and Industrial Arts teacher, Ms. Nettie Johnson.

Ms. Bieber also

wanted to be sure to thank the McKenzie County Commissioners for the funds received in June for the school’s construction debt, which stemmed from the 2016 expansion and renovation.

## Comet Count

Face-to-Face Instruction

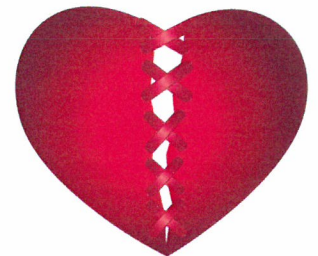
Distance Learning

**WINNER!**

### Colbie’s Corner:

*Advice for the Lovelorn*

Colbie Rosco



Dear Colbie,  
I made a mistake in my relationship, and now my boyfriend is leaving me “on read.” What should I do?  
Signed,  
Quarantinedlover2020

Dear Quarantined,  
Stop being a girl, give him a get out of jail free card.

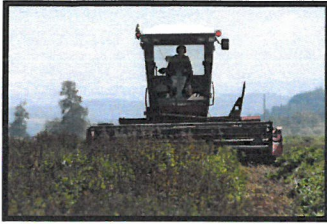
Dear Colbie,  
I’m trying to make friends, but I’m not having much luck. What should I do?  
Signed,  
LonelyAlexgirl

Dear Lonely,  
Just put yourself out there, find people who share the same interests, and go for it.



# Quirky Quarantine Stories

Samantha Turnquist and Cayle Rykus



The people of Alexander High School had some interesting quarantine stories, to say the least. In the middle of the heat, Presley Powell found a way to set her summer ablaze. In a span of two weeks, she started about ten fires. Four of the said fires were all in one field! One of Presley’s fires may have been seen along the highway when she was cutting grass. The Powells almost lost a bailer when a fire began to spark but never flamed. A firetruck and a few neighbors can bear witness to at least one of Presley’s roasting fires.

Debbie Hankins also had an exciting summer vacation with her husband. What started out as a trip to see family, ended up as a fifty-day road trip. Starting in Utah, Mrs. Hankins and her husband traveled to ten states before ending at their home in North Dakota. Mrs. Hankins observed how the different states quarantined themselves. For example, New Mexico had some neighborhoods being patrolled. Down in Texas, nobody happened to be following rules. Over in Oklahoma, they went places without a worry about Corona.

*Do you have any Quirky Quarantine Stories? Share them with us, and submit them to the Comet News!*

## Fun Fact of the Month

Zoe Beall

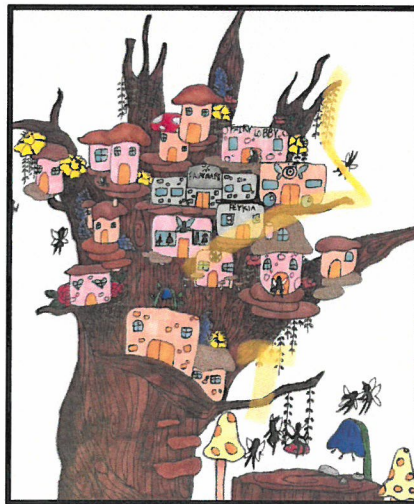
The first Homecoming Queen wasn't declared until 1941, and the first King wasn't chosen until almost 40 years later.\*

\*The Standard from Missouri State University

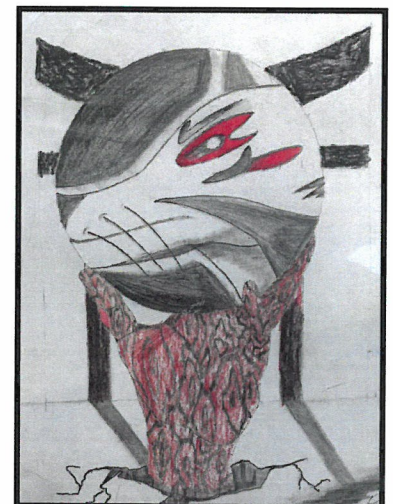
## Student Artwork from Spring Distance Learning



Randall Gowing



Zoe Beall



Randall Gowing



# HOMECOMING 2020

Renee Cross

It's that time of year again: homecoming season is here!

The volleyball girls will have their first home game on Tuesday, September 1, against the Parshall Braves. The theme that night will be "Support our local Veterans," so dress up in **ALL** of your U.S.A. gear! All veterans will get into the game for free! There will be multiple games played throughout the night, beginning at 5:00 with the junior high, followed by the JV at 6, and ending with varsity at approximately 7:00.

Student Council is hosting "theme nights" for all of our Comet home games. They will also be sponsoring activities for the fans. There will be dress up themes for

both football and volleyball games through the seasons, and they will be posted throughout the school; make sure to participate in the fun!

On Thursday, the Comets volleyball homecoming game will be against the White Shield Warriors. The junior high team will play at 5:00, the junior varsity at 6:00, and the varsity volleyball team at approximately 7:00. Prizes will also be awarded to lucky fans that night.

On Friday, September 4, from 7:00-10:00 pm, there will be a homecoming dance with a DJ in the schools' Fitness Center parking lot. The dress code for this will be semi-formal and there will also be snacks.

The tickets, available in the office, are \$6 per single and \$10 per couple.

The homecoming football game will follow this celebration the next day. The junior high boys will play at 1:00 on Saturday, and then the varsity boys, who will take on the Drayton Raiders, play at 3:00. The theme this night will be "Cash Out the Competition." Wear green to show your Comet pride!

Make sure to dress up and join us for a week full of fun and school spirit. A list of the week's themes are on page 8 of this issue. Go Comets!

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**  
\*Homecoming week schedule is subject to change.\*

## Big Year for Mrs. Rizzo!



Mrs. Rizzo won The 2021 McKenzie County Teacher of the Year. She found out in July, after submitting her application for this prestigious award. She believes this honor will affect her teaching by making her think "out of the box," and that it will help her push to do the best for her students.

The whole school tuned in to the video chat with Superintendent Baesler. She talked about Mrs. Rizzo's diligence and dedication, and went on to discuss the things she, Mrs. Rizzo, and other ND County award-winning teachers are going to do together.

She also talked about how impressed she was with all of the support the school showed for Mrs. Rizzo and her innovative programs. Alexander's faculty, staff, and students congratulate you, Mrs. Rizzo!

On another note, Teacher of the Year for McKenzie County is not the only thing Mrs. Rizzo was congratulated for when we got back to school; we also congratulated her on being a newlywed! She and former Alexander teacher Michael Rizzo were married on July 25. Many happy years to the two of you.



## Art Focus Zoe Beall

American artist Andy Warhol, most famous for his pop art, is this month's Artist of the Month.

This artist was born on August 6, 1928, and is said to be one of the most memorable and creative artists of his time.

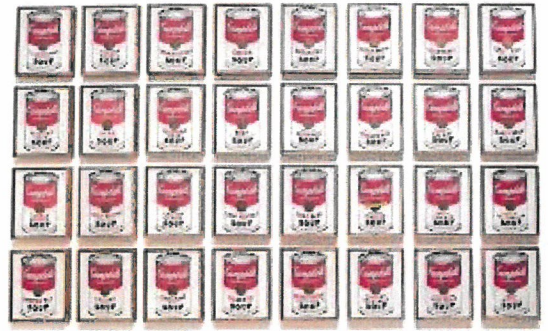
Warhol made the design of the Campbell's soup can label an internationally recognized icon with one of his artworks. He also created other types of advertisement art and magazine illustrations. \*\*

Andy Warhol was

a powerful force in 1960's and 70's counterculture and sometimes gifted his celebrity friends with original works of art. In 2017, rock legend Alice Cooper found a Warhol masterpiece, "rolled up in a tube" in a forgotten storage shed that the rock star had owned for years.\* His original works are valuable to collectors the world over, and fetch high prices at art auctions.

Andy Warhol passed away on February 22, 1987.

\*BBC.com, 2017 ; \*Biography.com., The 6th Floor Blog



## Almond Sugar Cookies Recipe Samantha Turnquist

### Ingredients:

- ¾ C. Butter
- 1 C. sugar
- 1 - Egg
- 1 Tsp. Vanilla Extract
- 1 Tsp. Almond Extract
- 2 ¼ C. All Purpose Flour
- 1 Tsp. Baking Soda
- ¼ Tsp. Salt



- Cream butter and sugar in a large mixing bowl.
- Add egg and extracts.
- In a separate bowl mix dry ingredients.
- Add dry to wet ingredients.
- Bake at 350 degrees for 7-8 minutes.



## ALEXANDER FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 2020-21

AUG 10	FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE	
AUG 29	HOME VS. DRAKE/ANAMOOSE	JH 1:00/V 3:00
SEPT 5	HOME VS DRAYTON	JH 1:00/V 3:00
SEPT 12	@ MIDWAY/MINTO	JH 1:00/V 3:00
SEPT 17	HOME vs. Westby/Grenora	JH ONLY 5:30
SEPT 18	@ DRAKE/ANAMOOSE	JH 5:00/ V 7:00
**** Providing Mandaree does not have FB – we will play @ Drake/Anamoose Friday, Sept 18		
SEPT 22	@ Westby/Grenora	JH ONLY 5:30
SEPT 25	@ CENTER	JH 5:00/ V 7:00
OCT 9/10	1 <sup>ST</sup> ROUND PLAYOFFS TBD	
OCT 17	CHAMPIONSHIP GAME DAY @ WC RRC	TBD



## ALEXANDER GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE 2020-21

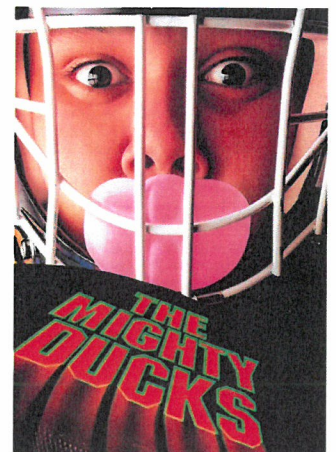
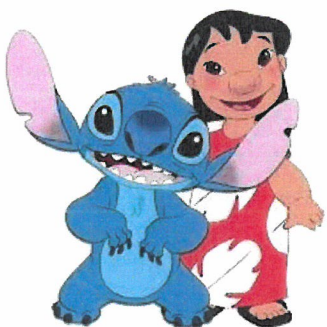
AUG 17	FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE	
SEPT 1	HOME VS PARSHALL	JH 5:00/ JV 6:00/ V 7:00
SEPT 3	HOME VS WHITE SHIELD	JH 5:00/ JV 6:00/ V 7:00
SEPT 8	@ RAY	JH 5:00/ JV 6:00/ V 7:00
SEPT 10	@ TRENTON	ELEM 5:00 / JH 6:00 / V 7:00
SEPT 14	HOME VS KILLDEER	JV 6:00 / V 7:00
SEPT 15	@ WTC	ELEM 5:00 / JH 6:00 / V 7:00
SEPT 19	JH TRENTON TOURNEY	TBD
SEPT 22	HOME VS TIOGA	JH 5:00/ JV 6:00 / V 7:00
SEPT 28	@ PARSHALL	JH 5:00 / JV 6:00 / V 7:00
SEPT 29	@ BURKE COUNTY (LIGNITE)	JH/JV/V TBD
OCT 3	TRENTON ELEM TOURNEY	TBD
OCT 5	HOME VS TRENTON	ELEM 5:00 / JH 6:00 / V 7:00
OCT 6	HOME VS WTC	ELEM 5:00 / JH 6:00 / V 7:00
OCT 8	@ WHITE SHIELD	JH 5:00 / V 6:00
OCT 10	BEACH TOURNEY - V ONLY	TBD
OCT 13	@ NEW TOWN	JH 5:00 / JV 6:00 / V 7:00
OCT 15	@ TIOGA	JH 5:00 / JV 6:00 / V 7:00
OCT 19	HOME VS DIVIDE COUNTY	JH 5:00 / JV 6:00 / V 7:00
OCT 29-NOV 2	DISTRICT VB TOURNEY@ WHITE SHIELD	TBD
NOV 9, 10, 12	REGIONAL VB TOURNEY	TBD
NOV 19-21	STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY @ FARGO	TBD

\*\*\*Schedule may change due to COVID issues and numbers of participants.



# Homecoming Dress up Days!

- ★ *Mighty Ducks Monday*- Wear your favorite sports team jersey to school!
- ★ **Lilo and Stitch Tuesday**- Aloha! Dress up in Hawaiian themed clothes!
- ★ *Sleeping Beauty Wednesday*- Wear your coziest pajamas!
- ★ **Mickey Mouse Thursday**- Dress up in all the Comet gear you can find!







Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">           Breakfast is served daily <i>from</i> 7:30-8:00            Hot Breakfast (served Tuesday &amp; Thursday) is as follows:            Aug 20: Pancake Wrap            Aug 25: Eggs to Order &amp; Hash browns            Aug 27: French Toast &amp; Sausage Patty         </div>						
9			12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			CRISPITOS RICE GREEN OR RED GRAVY	HOT DOG OR BRATS MAC & CHEESE	SLUSHBURGERS SUN CHIPS	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	BUILD YOUR OWN BURGER BAR FRIES	SWEET n SOUR CHICKEN FRIED RICE FORTUNE COOKIE	BUILD YOUR OWN PIZZA	SPAGHETTI OR ALFREDO GREEN BEANS GARLIC TOAST		
30	<b>31 NATIONAL EAT OUTSIDE DAY!! PICNIC LUNCH!! (to be announced)</b>					

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Meatball Sub Criss Cuts	2 Biscuits & Gravy or French Toast Sticks, Scrambled Eggs, Hash browns	3 Tator Tot Hotdish Green Beans Dinner Roll	4	5
6	7 NO SCHOOL- LABOR DAY	8 Super Nachos	9 Shredded Pork on a bun Wedges	10 Chicken Strips or Finger Steaks, Mashed Potatoes, Corn Bread	11 Boneless Chicken Wings Onion Rings Baked Beans	12
13	14 Build your own Pizza	15 Hamburger or Chicken Stroganoff Corn Garlic Toast	16 Mini Corndog Chips & Cheese	17 Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Buns <b>*Pride of Dakota Day</b>	18 Slushburger Sun Chips	19
20	21 Taco in a Bag	22 Chicken Burger or Fish Patty Fries	23 Cavatini (Pizza Hotdish) Corn Garlic Toast	24 Crispitos Mexican Rice Green or Red Chili Gravy	25	26
27	28 Spaghetti or Alfredo Green Beans Breadstick	29 Chicken Drumstick Potato Salad Baked Bean Biscuit	30 Popcorn Chicken Bowl Mashed Potatoes Corn Bread		<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px;">           Breakfast is served daily from 7:30-8:00            Hot Breakfast (served Tuesday &amp; Thursday)            is as follows:            9/1: Eggs to Order &amp; Hash Browns            9/3: Breakfast Sandwich            9/8: Biscuits &amp; Gravy            9/10: Pancake Wraps            9/15: Breakfast Burrito            9/17: French Toast &amp; Sausage Patty            9/22: Mini Pancakes            9/24: Breakfast Pizza            9/29: Dutch Waffles         </div>	

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