

The Fall 2020 Staff:

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Renee Cross
Tianna Dwyer
Randall Gowing
Hunter Hanig
Presley Powell
Colbie Rosco
Cayle Rykhus
Samantha
Turnquist
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Alexander Slated For New Bank Tianna Dwyer



There are a number of changes taking place in Alexander, including the installation of a brand new First International Bank & Trust building. The old bank building will be replaced with a prefabricated structure that will offer more office space, a drive-up service and an interactive teller machine.

The Alexander bank building is expected to

be closed from September 1 until early 2021.

Our local banker, Janet Schooley, has been working at the Alexander First International Bank & Trust branch since 2015. She said that she is "so excited" for the new bank building, and that she will be working at the Watford City branch until then.

**Need your child's
PowerSchool
Log-in? Call the
school office at
828-3334**

Gamers' Corner: Minecraft Randall Gowing and Hunter Hanig

Minecraft is a video game that is a favorite among all ages. The game came out fully in May of 2009. Some consider *Minecraft* to be a nostalgic game, bringing back good memories for players.

One fun fact about *Minecraft* is that it was almost called *Cave Game*.

You can play *Minecraft* with friends online across many platforms like PC, Xbox, PlayStation, and Switch.

The game very recently underwent another big update, which focused on "The Nether," one of the dimensions within the game.



Title IX Presley Powell and Colbie Rosco

Title IX is a federal law about sexual discrimination. This law was introduced to ensure equal access for girls' sports.

It was first passed as a law on June 23, 1972. On August 14, 2020, Title IX was updated, allowing no one to discriminate or harass another person, based on gender. This includes unfair treatment, attitudes, or behaviors towards an individual that is based upon that person's gender.

In our school,

the Title IX team includes Mrs. Faller, who is the coordinator, Mr. Allard, who is the investigator, Ms. Bieber, the decision maker, and a board member, assigned by the school board, for the decision maker appeal.

If anyone reports an incident, the Title IX investigator looks into the allegation, and deals with the incident in accordance with the law, and in a manner they think is reasonable. If there is a false allegation, it is the accuser who faces

punishment, rather than the accused.

Title IX has recently gained a good deal of attention from educators. According to Assistant Principal Allard, in North Dakota, one of the leading reasons for lawsuits with schools is sexual harassment.



This year at Alexander Public School, we gained quite a few new staff members. One of them is Ms. Kendra Patten, our new second grade teacher. She and Ms. Jacobson have 21 second graders, all together. Ms. Patten is from the small town of Larimore, ND, which is similar to Alexander. She chose to work here for that similarity, and for our school's reputation for being a welcoming and friendly place to both kids and adults. She chose to be a teacher so she could make a difference in the world and because she likes to work with children.

New Staff

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The new elementary aide, Connie Roseth, chose Alexander for the family-friendly atmosphere. She also happens to have granddaughters going to Alex. Her husband, Scott, works here, as well. Connie happens to aide all classes in the elementary, bouncing from different classes throughout the day. Before Connie worked here, she worked at Williston District 1. Connie chose to be an aide because she likes seeing all the younger kids, rather than just one class.



This year, the Alexander lunch ladies have a new helping hand: her name is Sherry Pelsler. She chose to work for Alexander because she would like to become a bigger part of our school, and would like to be closer with her children. She decided to be a cook because it was the position our school most needed to fill, and she "wasn't picky" about where she was placed. She last worked at Send It Truckin. She is originally from Colorado. She thinks that Alex is an amazing place and is happy to be here.

Homecoming Overview Renee Cross

Homecoming Week kicked off with Mighty Duck Monday, followed by Lilo and Stitch Day on Tuesday.

Tuesday was also our volleyball teams' first games. The junior high lost, the junior varsity won and the varsity Lady Comets pulled off their first district win.

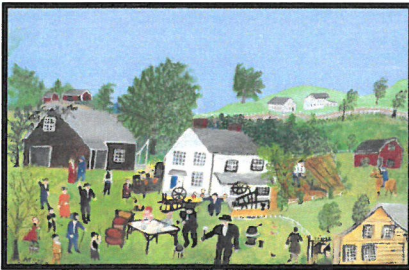
Wednesday was Mickey Mouse/Comet Day.

Thursday was Sleeping Beauty Day, and students wore their comfiest pajamas to school. A pep rally was held later that day. During this pep rally, Bradyn Modine and Breanna Schooley were crowned as the 2020 Homecoming Royalty. Thursday was also the varsity volleyball team's Homecoming game. They took on the White Shield Warriors, and won in four games.

The Homecoming dance, held on Friday, was an absolute blast. DJ Inkster supplied us with a night full of great music and good times. The Homecoming football game was on Saturday, and ended with both our junior high and varsity Comet football teams taking their first seasonal wins over Drake.

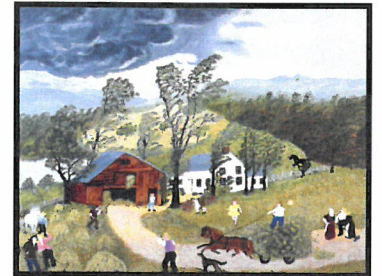
Overall, the 2020 Homecoming went spectacularly.

Art Showcase Zoe Beall



Born on September 7, 1860, Anna Mary Robertson, also known as Grandma Moses, is this month's Artist of the Month.

Grandma Moses got into art in her 70s, and was completely self-taught! Moses was famous for her artworks of country life. However, before she became a famous artist, she spent most of her lifetime on the farm and only put paint to canvas occasionally. She ventured more into her art after the passing of her husband. After some practicing with art to cope with her grief, she had a big break in 1938. She then went on to have her very own first one-woman show!



Grandma Moses' art usually depicted her memory of rural, country life. As stated by the *New York Times*, Moses once said that, "I'll get inspiration and start painting; then I'll forget everything, everything except how things used to be, and how to paint it so people will know how we used to live." Sadly, her amazing art career ended when Moses passed away on December 13, 1961.

*Biography.com

Comet Counts

Should all Americans stand for the US National Anthem?

Yes

WINNER!

52 votes

No

6 votes

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Jena Messer, a new high school aide, chose Alexander because of the minimal travel time. She also really likes Alexander, and education in general. Jena is an aide for 7th and 8th grade study hall, 7th and 8th grade math, and Mr. Mrachek's and Mrs. Severson's classes. After she had an interview with Mr. Allard, she received a call the next day saying the job was hers. Before she started working here, she worked at Secure Energy Services of Watford City.



The new 6th grade teacher aide, Makenna Hudson, chose Alexander because she is an alumnae, and she liked the job offer. She chose to be an aide so she could impact children's lives. She also has many teachers to thank. Before she came to work at Alexander, she worked at the McKenzie County Health Clinic. After being an aide, she would like to teach grades 1, 2, and 5. She is originally from the east side of North Dakota.

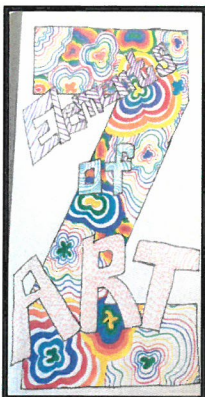


We also gained Jil Stahosky this year, as our high school math aide. Jil chose to work at Alexander because her kids go to school here, her friends are from the area, and because she likes the community. The high school is quite a change from Visiting Angels, a home care service, which was her last workplace. Jil chose to be an aide so her kids could have the same day-long access to a parent as she did in school. Jil enjoys her summers off to garden, because she is a self-proclaimed "garden nerd."

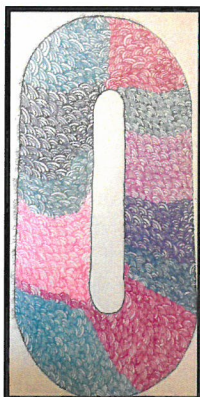
High School Art Highlights

New art project of High School Art:

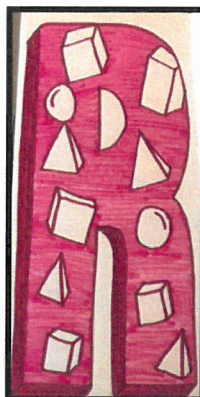
Elements of Art



Zoe Beall



Savannah Osterling-Ocasio



Renee Cross

Recipe: McCall's Best Angel-Food Cake

Ingredients:

- 12-14 Egg Whites
- 1-¼ c. sifted* Cake Flour
- 1-¾ cups sugar
- ½ tsp. Salt
- 1-½ tsp. Cream of Tartar
- 1 tsp. Vanilla Extract
- ½ tsp. Almond Extract
- * Sift Before Measuring

**(taken from
McCall's Cook
Book, 1917)**

Directions:

1. In Large bowl, let egg whites warm to room temperature.
2. Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 375F.
3. Sift flour with ¾ cup sugar; resift 3 times; set aside.
4. With a portable electric mixer, at high speed, beat egg whites with salt and cream of tartar until soft peaks form until stiff peaks form when the beater is slowly raised.
5. Gradually beat in remaining sugar, ¼ cup at a time, beating well after each addition. Continue beating until stiff peaks form when the beater is slowly raised.
6. With a rubber scraper, gently fold extracts into egg whites until combined.
7. Sift flour mixture, ¼ at a time, over egg whites. With rubber scraper, using an under-and-over motion, gently fold in each addition with 15 strokes, rotating the bowl a quarter after each addition.
8. Then fold an additional 10 strokes; flour mixture should be blended into egg whites.
9. With a rubber scraper, gently push batter into an ungreased 10-inch tube pan. With a spatula or knife, cut through the batter twice.
10. With a rubber scraper, gently spread batter in the pan until it is smooth on top and touches the side of the pan.
11. Bake, on a lower oven rack, 35-40 minute, or until the cake springs back when gently pressed.
12. Invert pan over neck of bottle; let cake cool completely- about 2 hours.
13. With spatula, carefully loosen cake from pan; remove. Serve plain or as desired

Colbie's Corner

Colbie Rosco



dramaqueen101

Dear Colbie,
My parents don't like my boyfriend, what should I do?

Tell your parents that you broke up with him, but keep secretly dating him. Just look at what happened with Romeo and Juliet.

Friends4life0526

Dear Colbie,
My friend joined a group of bad kids, that group gets in trouble alot and I don't want my friend to get in trouble. What should I do?

Just confront your friend and tell her how you feel about her joining this group. She might not agree with what you have to say, but it's the thought that counts.

Fun Fact

There are three traditional flowers for the month of September:

The **aster**, representing love

The **forget-me-not**, symbolizing memories and love

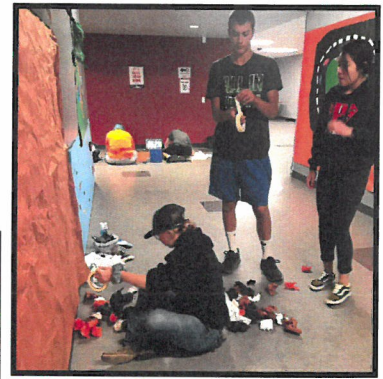
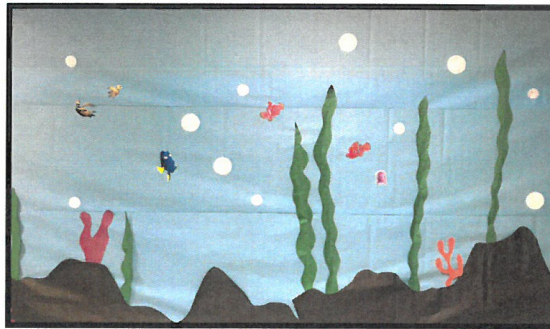
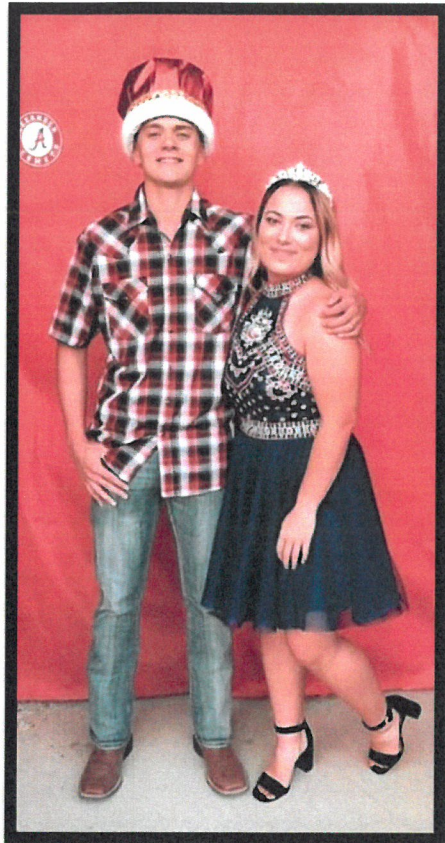
The **morning glory**, representing unrequited love

*nobelcom.com



HOCO

2020



Sports Update

So far, in the sports seasons, football and volleyball have had varied starts.

The varsity boys had a rough first game, losing against Drake/Anamoose, with a score of 0-75. The boys' second game, their homecoming game, ended with a win against Drayton; the score was 40-14. Their third game, they played Midway/Minto, and lost the game with a score of 0-70.

The JV boys, on the other hand, are undefeated so far. They beat Drake/Anamoose (38-31,) and Drayton, by a score of 39-12. They also won their games against Midway/Minto (50-39,) and Grenora/Westby (19-0).

Volleyball has started off pretty well. The varsity team has won three out of four games. Their first game was against Parshall and won, with scores of 18-25, 25-20, 25-21 a final score of 25-22. They won their second game against White Shield, with scores of 25-15, 25-11, 25-27 and a final score of 25-17. In their third game, they lost against Ray and had scores of 16-25, 12-25, and a final score of 19-25. They won their fourth game against Killdeer, with scores of 15-25, 21-25, and a final score of 18-25.

INKTOBER ART CONTEST

PK - 5th: Win Candy!!

6th - 8th: Win \$10 Gift Card to the Shack!!

9th - 12th: Win \$10 Gift Card to the Cafe'

Coloring
sheets are
available
outside Mrs.
Hall's door.

PK - 2nd: Coloring
Picture

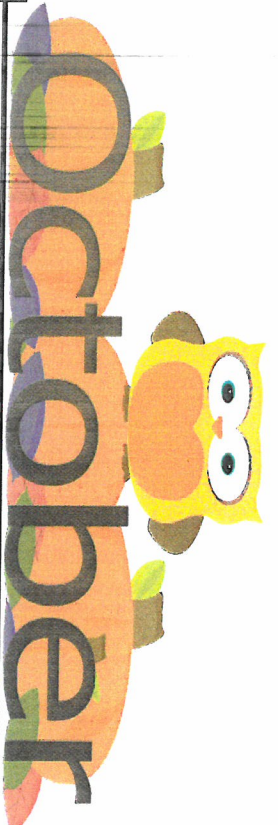
3rd - 5th: Coloring
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6th - 8th: Coloring
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9th - 12th: Halloween
Themed Artwork

Final entries are
due October 8th!





Breakfast is served daily *from 7:30-8:00*
 Hot Breakfast (served Tuesday & Thursday)
 is as follows:
 10/1: Eggs to Order & Hash Browns
 10/6: Breakfast Burrito
 10/8: Biscuits & Gravy
 10/13: Dutch Waffles
 10/15: Pancake Wrap
 10/20: French Toast & Sausage Patty
 10/27: Mini Waffles
 10/29: Breakfast Pizza

	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
4	5 MINI CORNDOG CHIP AND CHEESE	6 CHILI CHEESY BREAD	7 SUPER NACHO	8 HOT DOG OR BRATS MAC & CHEESE	9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	3 HIGH FIVE LUNCH MENU: Oct 02: B-Cereal, Milk, Fruit L-Egg Salad Sandwich, Chips, Vege, Fruit, Milk Oct 09: B-Muffin, Fruit, Milk L-Turkey Sandwich, Chips, Vege, Fruit, Milk Oct 16: B-Uncrustable, Fruit, Milk L-Summer Sausage Sandwich, Chips, Vege, Fruit, Milk Oct 23: NO SCHOOL Oct 30: B-Mini Bagel, Fruit, Milk L-Turkey Sandwich, Chips, Vege, Fruit, Milk
11	12 TURKEY OR HAM MASHED & GRAVY GREEN BEANS BREAD	13 CHICKEN NUGGET FRIES	14 PORK FRITTER ON A BUN CRISSCUT	15 BUILD YOUR OWN PIZZA	16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	3 HIGH FIVE LUNCH MENU: Oct 02: B-Cereal, Milk, Fruit L-Egg Salad Sandwich, Chips, Vege, Fruit, Milk Oct 09: B-Muffin, Fruit, Milk L-Turkey Sandwich, Chips, Vege, Fruit, Milk Oct 16: B-Uncrustable, Fruit, Milk L-Summer Sausage Sandwich, Chips, Vege, Fruit, Milk Oct 23: NO SCHOOL Oct 30: B-Mini Bagel, Fruit, Milk L-Turkey Sandwich, Chips, Vege, Fruit, Milk
18	19 POPCORN CHICKEN BOWL MASHED & GRAVY CORN, BREADSTICK	20 LASAGNA ROLLUPS WITH MEAT SAUCE CORN GARLIC TOAST	21 SWEET n SOUR OR TERIYAKI CHICKEN FRIED RICE FORTUNE COOKIE	22 NO SCHOOL	23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	3 HIGH FIVE LUNCH MENU: Oct 02: B-Cereal, Milk, Fruit L-Egg Salad Sandwich, Chips, Vege, Fruit, Milk Oct 09: B-Muffin, Fruit, Milk L-Turkey Sandwich, Chips, Vege, Fruit, Milk Oct 16: B-Uncrustable, Fruit, Milk L-Summer Sausage Sandwich, Chips, Vege, Fruit, Milk Oct 23: NO SCHOOL Oct 30: B-Mini Bagel, Fruit, Milk L-Turkey Sandwich, Chips, Vege, Fruit, Milk
25	26 MEATBALL SUB WEDGES	27 BAKED CHICKEN BREAST OR COD RICE PILAF BROCCOLI WITH CHEESE	28 BISCUIT & GRAVY OR FRENCH TOAST SCRAMBLED EGGS HASHBROWNS	29 SOUP AND SANDWICH	30 31	3 HIGH FIVE LUNCH MENU: Oct 02: B-Cereal, Milk, Fruit L-Egg Salad Sandwich, Chips, Vege, Fruit, Milk Oct 09: B-Muffin, Fruit, Milk L-Turkey Sandwich, Chips, Vege, Fruit, Milk Oct 16: B-Uncrustable, Fruit, Milk L-Summer Sausage Sandwich, Chips, Vege, Fruit, Milk Oct 23: NO SCHOOL Oct 30: B-Mini Bagel, Fruit, Milk L-Turkey Sandwich, Chips, Vege, Fruit, Milk

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