

The Fall 2020 Staff:

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## Alexander Gets New Roads Colbie Rosco

For the first time in its history, the city of Alexander is getting paved roads. The mayor of Alexander, Kenny Wilcox, says that the roads in town have needed to be paved for some time. As of right now, the project is coming in under budget, which is a good sign for Alexander.

Once the city finished overhauling the water and sewer systems, city leaders realized that they had enough money in their budget to pave the roads. The price of the project was established once the city's engineer provided the city council and Wilcox with a reasonable estimate. From there, a budget of about 4.5 million dollars was established, and the city opened up the job for bidding. Northern Improvements is the company responsible for the city roads, having provided the most reasonable bid to the city.

There is a practical and budget-conscious reason that some of the city's new roads have concrete, and some do not. Roads around the park and the school endure a lot more heavy



Mayor Kenny Wilcox

traffic than some of the other roads in town. Concrete makes sense in this area because it is more durable. The blacktopped surfaces on other roads were chosen because these roads do not have heavy traffic, so the roads don't have to be as heavy duty.

When the time comes that the roads need to be repaved again, it is likely that they will be done again the same way, unless traffic patterns

change significantly.

Wilcox says that they won't be doing the roads on the west side of town until next summer since they are still working on the water and sewer system.

Wilcox concluded by saying, "At the end of the project, the town itself will be a lot cleaner, and water drainages will be more manageable so houses won't get flooded."

### Common

#### Superstition:

Never put new shoes under the bed and then go to sleep there; it will cause nightmares!

## Best 2-Sentence Horror Stories from HS English

I woke up to footsteps and children's laughter. I am an only child. —Cayle Rykhus

"The maid told me we are moving; why?" I asked my father. "Pack your bags," he whispered, "because we don't have a maid." —Samantha Turnquist

I woke up to my dog licking my hand. I smiled until I remembered that she died two years ago. —Brianna Yancey

Billy, my youngest, came into my room and told me to beware of the monsters under the bed. Billy died 6 months ago. —Skyler Nagy

They delivered the mannequins, bound in bubble wrap, to the warehouse downstairs. As soon as I began to hear the popping noise, I realized that I was the only person in the building. —Hunter Hanig

I woke up to see many dog toys surrounding me on the bed. I don't own a dog. —Brianna Cote

I felt someone's breath on the back of my neck, and I turned to find Doug standing there. I was happy to see him, and only then remembered the day I attended his funeral. —Breanna Schooley

After receiving a call at home from a man who told her that he was going to kill her, she phoned the police. They quickly called her back to tell her the call was coming from inside her house. —Austin Collins

The laughter from the bedroom filled the house with joy. My sister just loves to play with the gray girl who lives in the corner... —Tayla Ybarra

No one ever comes to see me. I guess that what happens when you have no grave. —Arena Oian

I went downstairs in the middle of the night to find my grandpa rocking in his old chair. He went missing ten years ago. —Tianna Dwyer

I took a nice stroll through the cemetery. Then, I saw my name on a tombstone, and felt a hand around my ankle. —Zoe Beall



# TRUNK OR TREAT

Samantha Turnquist

Join us this Halloween night for another Trunk or Treat. This year, the festivities are sponsored by the Alexander Robotics Team. Trunk or Treat 2020 will run from 4-7 pm.

Kids trick or treating will follow a designated route around the parking lots and football field, collecting candy and checking out all of the funny, spooky and sciency trunks! Social distancing will be encouraged! Hot dogs and cocoa will be served by the Church of the Nazarene.

A trunk decorating contest will be held for all community members participating. There are three categories, and the top three trunks in each will get a prize. The categories are: funniest, spookiest, and STEM-related.

If you are interested in participating, please contact an FTC member or a coach, and you will be added to the list. Our goal is to have 35 trunks!

The team is also hosting a canned food drive. The goal is to fill a bus! The winning grade level will win a popcorn party hosted by the FTC Robotics team.

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## Common

### Superstition:

When you shiver for no apparent reason, it is because someone is walking over your future grave.

## Gamers Corner

Hunter Hanig

*Bendy And The Ink Machine* was a popular video game of the last three years. In the game, Bendy was originally created in 1929 by Henry Stein, but the record book of Joey Drew Studios states that Joey Drew was the person who created him.

This game features 5 different chapters, and is

available on many platforms like mobile, PS4, Xbox, and PC.

If you play the game you will need some problem solving skills, for it is quite challenging. For example, one of the many main characters, Henry, has many hiding places throughout the game which you will have to discover.

The main idea for *Bendy and the Ink Machine* came from The Meatly Games, which pondered the idea of a world that resembles a cartoon sketch.

## October Fun Facts

Zoe Beall

**THERE IS A FULL MOON ON OCTOBER 31 THIS YEAR. IT'S BEEN 19 YEARS SINCE THE LAST FULL MOON ON HALLOWEEN.**

**THE FAMOUS MAGICIAN HARRY HOUDINI DIED ON OCTOBER 31, 1926.**

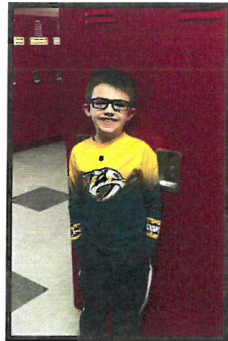
\*Factretriever.com



# What Are You Going to be for Halloween?



Mila, a Kindergartener, wants to be a Ladybug.



Laden, from grade 2, is going to be a horse.



Lane, a third grader, plans to be a clown.



Karmin, in the fourth grade, is going to be a vampire.

**Common Superstition:**

When moving, never take any mirrors with you. Leave them behind and buy new ones. Spirits can be transported from place to place with mirrors; to avoid taking evil spirits with you, leave your old mirrors.

## Comet Count

What is your favorite Halloween activity?

Trick or Treat

9

Haunted House/Corn Maze

Winner! 36 votes!

Movies

10

## Sports Update Renee Cross and Randall Gowing

Throughout the 2020 volleyball season, COVID-19 has been a team fear for the Alexander Comets. The football team was sent home to quarantine on the September 24, and shortly after that, the junior varsity and junior high girls volleyball team and coaches were sent home as well.

Shannon Faller graciously accepted the role as substitute coach

for volleyball, and AJ Allard stepped in to help out in football. Due to increasing quarantine numbers, eventually only 4 players were left. This forced the team to cancel their upcoming games. They have since returned.

Our varsity girls fell to defeat against the Williston Trinity Christian Crusaders on September 15 in a nail biting five-set match. They also lost to

the Tioga Pirates in another five set game on September 22. The home game against Trenton was rescheduled for the October 12, and districts will be held in White Shield, starting October 29 through November 2.

The Alexander Comet football team faced off against Drake/Anamoose on September 18. The Comets lost, but put up an amazing fight. The score ended up 18-60. They played against Center on the 10th and lost 18-57. Varsity football has 1 win and 3 losses. Playoffs are on October 24 at Drake.



# Congratulations, Inktober Winners!

**Common  
Superstition:**

If a black cat keeps its eye on a pregnant woman every night, beware! The cat means to suck the breath out of the child once it's born.



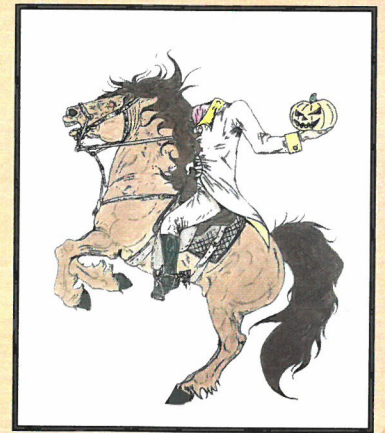
Robby Hunsaker, Grade 1



Karmin Fool, Grade 4



Zoe Beall, Grade 11



Chris O'Konek, Grade 7

## Staff Spotlight



Originally from Ronan, Montana and raised in Missoula, Montana, Mr. Bill Clark is Alexander's art and business teacher. Shortly after graduating in Charlo, Montana in 1975, Bill decided to start his teaching

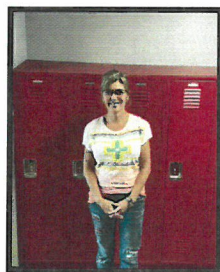
career. He has been an educator for a total of 38 years. Five of those years are at Alexander. Before Alexander, he taught at Fairview, Montana for 26 years and Sidney, Montana for 7. He then transferred to Alexander because the school was looking for a business teacher. Although he was retired at the time, Mr. Clark decided to join the Alexander staff because he wanted to get back into enlightening students. He opted to teach keyboarding because he wants his students to learn the keyboard and to type fast. Bill also decided to teach art because he is an artist, and wanted to share his skills with others. In addition to his field of work, Bill really enjoys teaching these topics.

Michelle Simonson, our current third-grade teacher, has been working at APS for about 32 years. She first came to work at Alexander from Mohall, North Dakota during January of 1988. Before Alexander, Mrs. Simonson had never taught before. She chose to teach because she always liked working with children. Mrs. Simonson initially got turned down for the job for not enough experience, however, she got called in the middle of the year after a teacher left.

This year, she hopes to give her kids the tools they need to be able to figure out the things they need to know, whether in school or distance. She also hopes to fill any holes and gaps in what they already know.



Mrs. Irwin is currently the 5th grade teacher here at Alexander. Before she taught here, Irwin worked as an Even Start Director in Wyoming, and a teacher in both Rau and Horse Creek. She decided to work at Alexander because her kids had gone here and Alexander is the closest school to her house. Mrs. Irwin loves teaching because she enjoys coming up with plans and fun things for the kids. Teaching also fits into her ranching lifestyle. She loves learning new things everyday and likes the fact she gets to do "kid stuff" all the time. Mrs. Irwin is originally from Squaw Gap, North Dakota. She moved away for a few years but returned to the area in 2005 and has been teaching in Alexander for 3 years since her return. Her goal for her students is for them to know and research history, and to be able to take the kids on field trips to



historical sites around the community.





Mrs. Bishop is from the small town of Crossett, Arizona. Before working at Alexander, she worked in Bentonville, Arizona at an elementary school for 7 years as a special ed teacher, and 2 years as a 4th grade general ed teacher. Mrs. Bishop chose Alexander because it was a new adventure and she wanted to explore another part of the country. Mrs. Bishop chose to be a special ed teacher because she likes to watch students learn, likes to work with kids, and likes teaching them. She also would prefer to work with kids rather than adults. Mrs. Bishop's goals are to build students' confidence and prepare them for their futures. She would like to share that the faculty and students have been friendly and welcoming during her first year.

# Staff



Our school's Tetrax teacher Mrs. White has lived in North Dakota for 8 years. Before coming to North Dakota, she lived in Arizona where she taught at Navajo Elementary School. Mrs. White taught special education and coached robotic teams there. Mrs. White enjoys teaching because she likes to see the "light bulb" go off in kids' heads. She enjoys technology and thinks it's fun. This year she's hoping for the Robotics team to win the Inspire Award for the second time. Mrs. White wants to increase the skill level of students for technology.



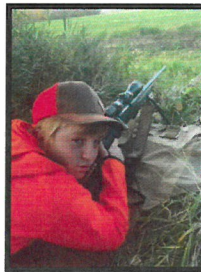
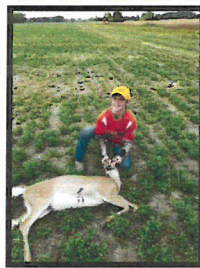
Mrs. Severson is the 7-12 history teacher here at Alexander. Previously, she taught 6-12 history at Savage High School. Mrs. Severson grew up in Miles City, Montana and later attended college in Helena, Montana. Her initial goal was to go into law school and she still considers it after getting her Masters degree.

After getting married, Mrs. Severson moved to her husband's ranch, which made Savage an extremely long drive. When a position became available here, Mrs. Severson applied, because Alexander is closer to her than Savage. She was very excited to still be teaching in a rural school.

Mrs. Severson enjoys teaching history because she thinks that it is important to enlighten citizens on the fact that historical events relate to those of today. She wants people to understand the importance of learning from the past to ensure a better future. Mrs. Severson stated that she believes that well-educated and responsible citizens will further guarantee our success as a country. Her goal is to engage students in history, civics, and government, as well as teach about cultural diversity, preserving history, and the importance of being a civically-minded citizen who is active in government as an adult.

## Hunting pics Renee Cross

As many North Dakotans know, hunting season is finally here. This is a thrilling time, where many people get to spend cherished time with their loved ones while getting a little fresh air. The youth season opened on September 19 and closed September 27, nearly a week later. Bow season started September 4 and will end in January 3, 2021. The regular season will open November 6 and run through November 22.



Renee Cross  
 Superstition:  
 If you watch a  
 Disney movie  
 when you're  
 scared, you will  
 feel better!

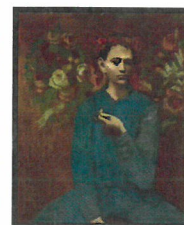
## Artist of the Month Zoe Beall

Pablo Picasso was born on the October 25, 1881 in Málaga, Spain. Picasso grew up to be a well known artist who was mainly popular for his cubism/abstract art. Picasso did all types of different forms of art: painting, sculpting, printing, ceramics, and he was even a stage designer. A lot of his creations featured cubism, which he, along with Georges Baroque, created.

This Spanish artist was

very committed to all of his artwork. He even believed that his craft would keep him alive.\* He painted so much that his known works totaled 13,500 paintings before his death. Four of his most famous paintings are: "The Old Guitarist," "Garçon à la Pipé," "Gertrude Stein," and "The Weeping Woman."\*\*

\*Biography.com \*\*CNN.com





# Recipe: Pumpkin Roll Savannah Wasik

**Ingredients:**  
 ¼ cup powdered sugar (to sprinkle on towel)  
 ¾ cup all-purpose flour  
 ½ teaspoon baking powder  
 ½ teaspoon baking soda  
 ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon  
 ½ ground cloves  
 ¼ teaspoon salt  
 3 large eggs  
 1 cup granulated sugar  
 ¾ cup LIBBY'S 100% Pure Pumpkin  
 1 cup walnuts, chopped (optional)  
 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, at room temperature  
 1 cup powdered sugar, sifted  
 6 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened  
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
 Powdered sugar (optional for decoration)

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Grease 15 by 10 inch jelly-roll pan; line with wax paper. Grease and flour paper. Sprinkle a thin, cotton kitchen towel with ¼ cup powdered sugar.

Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, cloves and salt in a small bowl. Beat eggs and granulated sugar in a large mixer bowl until thick. Beat in pumpkin. Stir in flour mixture. Spread evenly into the prepared pan. Sprinkle with nuts. (optional)

Bake for 13 to 15 minutes or until the top of the cake springs back when touched. (If using a dark colored pan, begin checking for doneness at 11 minutes.) immediately loosen and turn the cake onto the prepared towel. Carefully peel off paper. Roll up cake and towel together, starting with the narrow end. Cool on with.

Beat cream cheese, 1 cup powdered sugar, butter and vanilla extract in a small mixer bowl until smooth. Carefully unroll cake. Spread cream cheese mixture over the cake. Reroll cake. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate at least one hour. Sprinkle with powdered sugar before serving, if desired.

## Common Superstition:

Always hold your breath when passing by a cemetery. If you don't, you could make the dead jealous, or you could draw evil spirits into your body.

# Giving Tree Info Tianna Dwyer

This year, we will once again be having our *Giving Tree* for Christmas. The *Giving Tree* helps Comet families with Christmas gifts and food. Families are given the opportunity to request gift items for their children and themselves. Some examples include clothing items, toys, gift cards, etc.

Families that would like to participate by being a recipient of the *Giving Tree* can request a form to complete. All information is confidential. Families that would like to participate by giving will be able to request Christmas tree "ornaments" with the needed information. More information will be available soon.

**Recipients:** We all have times in our lives where we are in need of some extra help. So, let us help.

**Givers:** We are asking for you to share your blessings by helping us fill the tree with all that is needed.

**"Blessed are those who can give without remembering, and take without forgetting."**



**Cottonwood Forest Pumpkin Patch**  
 September 19 thru October 25, 2020  
 Saturday - 12 - 7 p.m.  
 Sunday - 12 - 7 p.m.  
 5101 2nd Ave West  
 Williston, ND  
 John Cecil (701) 570-5646  
**\$1.00 - \$2.00 and Free Activities**  
 Gate Pass \$5.00 per person  
 under 2 years old free (Gate Only)



**The Haunt** ONLY  
 2 Weekends  
**OCTOBER 16TH & 17TH**  
**OCTOBER 23RD & 24TH**  
 Starting at 8:00 until 11:00  
 BEWARE  
 Cost \$20.00 (Per Person)  
 Located at the Cottonwood Forest "Pumpkin Patch"  
 5101 2nd Ave W  
 Williston, ND  
 John Cecil (701) 570-5646  
 Cash Only  
 ATM Machine on Site



# Ghost Story

Cayle Rykhus (with a little help from the rest of the crew...)



The group of three stared at the house in awe, silence creeping among them. The house was old and worn, with vines growing on half of the house. Most of the roof's planks were rotten, some even caving in. Daniel broke the silence by saying, "Last one to the porch is a rotten egg!" Everyone booked it to the house, Thomas coming in last. They all breathed heavily, staring at the door. Sophia shivered and whispered, "I don't want to do this anymore."

Thomas turned to her and said, "You dared us to do this!" Daniel giggled, opened the door and walked in. The walls were worn and rotten; missing planks scattered the floor and the ceiling drooped. The wallpaper was faded and beginning to strip from the walls. Everyone quietly entered the house, the floorboards creaking under their feet. A chill ran through their backs, and everyone shivered uncontrollably. The wind howled outside, with an occasional rumble of thunder.

The group each pulled out their flashlights from Sophia's backpack, and turned them on. "Let's go upstairs," Thomas said, taking the lead.

Sophia and Daniel followed behind him, the floorboards grating together under their combined weight. They all stopped at the top of the stairs, looking at all the doors. The group walked to the first room, and slowly opened the groaning door. "Woah! There are old desks in here," Daniel said with surprise. The boys picked up nearby books and started reading the covers.

They both jumped at the Sophia's bloodcurdling scream, and dropped the books as they dashed from the room. "What happened?" asked Thomas, frantically. Sophia pointed through the door of the next room, where they noticed candles in a circle and a baby doll. Everyone's flashlights started blinking, and then suddenly faded to black. "There was someone in there", said Sophia, trembling with fear. Thomas, grabbing Sophia's arm, pulled her out of the room. The two heard a scream, followed by a slam from the room across the hallway.

Sophia and Thomas ran toward the disturbing sound and pulled open the door to the mysterious room. Daniel was in the corner, hugging his knees. Thomas and Sophia pulled him

roughly out of the room and they all sprinted down the stairs. As they got down the last few steps, the door upstairs slammed shut, startling the trio. Thomas ripped open the front door, and the trio stumbled to the street.

Daniel pointed to a window on the second floor, showing everyone the tall figure peering down at them. The figure then disappeared, and Sophia noticed it through the living room window. The figure continued to stare at them, slowly making its way towards the door. "Should we leave?" asked Daniel, looking at the others. Thomas nodded and said, "Probably a good idea..." The figure disappeared behind the wall as the front door slammed open. They quickly started sprinting home, making a pact to never speak of the terrifying experience again.

## Common

### Superstition:

Never stare into an animal's eyes. If you look away first, it will be very bad luck, and if the animal looks away first, there is a negative spirit around you.

# Colbie's Corner

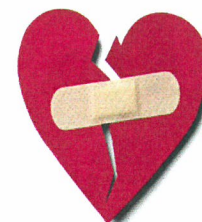
Colbie Rosco

## CELEBRITY RELATIONSHIP ADVICE:

"A man who correctly guesses a woman's age may be smart, but he's not very bright."  
— *Lucille Ball*

"What I really need is a woman who loves me for my money, but doesn't understand math." — *Mike Birbiglia*

"Before you marry a person, you should first make them use a computer with slow internet to see who they really are."  
— *Will Ferrell*





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2 PULLED PORK ON A BUN POTATO SAAD BAKED BEANS	3 PIZZA	4 PHILLY STEAK SANDWICH FRIES	5 CRISPITO RICE GREEN OR RED GRAVY	6	7	
8	9 SLUSHBURGERS SUN CHIPS	10 CHILI CHEESEY BREAD- STICK	11 <u>NO SCHOOL</u> <u>HAPPY</u> <u>VETERAN'S</u> <u>DAY!</u>	12 BUILD YOUR OWN BURGER BAR FRIES	13 SCALLOPED POTATOES & HAM CARROTS BREADSTICK	14	
15	16 CHICKENBURGER FRIES	17 SANDWICH TOMATO OR CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP	18 SPAGHETTI OR ALFREDO GREEN BEANS GARLIC TOAST	19 WINGS AND RINGS	20	21	
22	23 MEATBALL SUB WEDGES	24 TURKEY OR HAM DINNER	25 <b>NO SCHOOL HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</b>	26	27	28	
29	30 SWEET n SOUR OR TERIYAKI CHICKEN FRIED RICE FORTUNE COOKIE	<b>HIGH FIVE LUNCH MENU:</b> <u>Nov 06:</u> B-Cereal, Milk, Fruit L-Egg Salad Sandwich, Chips, Vege, Fruit, Milk <u>Nov 20:</u> B-Muffin, Fruit, Milk L-Turkey Sandwich, Chips, Vege, Fruit, Milk					31

Breakfast is served daily from 7:30-8:00  
**Hot Breakfast** (served Tuesday & Thursday) is as follows:  
 11/03: Pancake Wrap  
 11/05: Breakfast Sandwich  
 11/10: Biscuits & Gravy  
 11/12: Confetti Pancakes  
 11/17: Eggs to Order & Hashbrowns  
 11/19: French Toast & Sausage Patty  
 11/24: Breakfast Pizza

THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER. MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.  
 WE OFFER AN ALTERNATIVE ENTRÉE CHOICE DAILY, ALONG WITH A COMPLETE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BAR.