At the June 1 Board of Education reception, Albion Central School Board of Education President Mary Brown announced that Emily Wemmer had been chosen as the 2015 Educator of the Year. Ms. Wemmer received her Bachelor degree in English with honors from the University of Iowa. She earned her Master’s degree from Roberts Wesleyan College in 2006. Ms. Wemmer has been with the district since 2007 beginning her career in the high school as an English teacher. She attained tenure in 2010. Ms. Wemmer has been the high school Student Council advisor since 2009. Her work with this group has really made an impact with her students and the community. The group has made a commitment to community service and runs several clothing and food drives throughout the year. They host an annual Costume Closet in October of each year to help families celebrate Halloween.

Student Council, under her guidance, has also become very active with the Golisano Children’s Hospital and the Ronald McDonald House with events such as the annual “Walk for a Cause” in September. The group collects cleaning supplies and pop tabs which they donate to the Golisano Children’s Hospital. The supplies help at the Ronald McDonald House and the hospital recycles the tabs and the proceeds help fund life-saving treatments. In addition the group is in charge of the much anticipated annual Senior Citizens’ Day. This event has become very popular with both students and seniors! Ms. Wemmer currently serves as the High School English Department Chairperson. Congratulations to Emily Wemmer our 2015 Educator of the Year!

On May 18, 2015, the Albion Central School District Board of Education held the seventh annual Academic Convocation Dinner. The guest speaker was 1963 Albion High School graduate, C.W. Lattin. Mr. Lattin grew up in Albion and lives here with his family. He has a Bachelor degree in Art Education from Buffalo State College and taught Art and Technical Drawing at Albion Central School for 10 years. Mr. Lattin became Curator of the Cobblestone Society Museum in Childs where he remained Curator for the next 40 years. Concurrently he also served as the Orleans County Historian recently retiring from that position.

Mr. Lattin told several human interest stories presenting students with powerful messages in a humorous manner. The messages ranged from learning from the mistakes of others, treating others in the manner that you would like to be treated and having the courage to stand up and do the right thing.

The honored students were introduced individually and personally congratulated by each Board of Education member. Students shared their plans and dreams for the future. The students’ parents were then presented with a special cord signifying academic achievement. The parents placed the honor cord around the neck of their children. The cord will be worn again by students during their graduation ceremony.


At the conclusion of the event the students led the crowd in singing the Alma Mater.

ACS 2015 Educator of the Year
Emily Wemmer

ACS Board of Education Honors Students for Academic Achievement

High School Guidance Counselor Staff Summer Hours

Guidance staff summer hours: The counselors will be available throughout the summer on the following dates. Please call 589-2042 to make an appointment if you need to see one of them. Office hours are Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Mrs. Garlipp: July 23, July 30, Aug. 6, Aug. 13
Mr. Green: July 1, July 21, Aug. 19, Sept. 2, Sept 3

Mrs. Pettit: July 2, July 26, Aug. 26, Aug. 31
Mr. Christiansen: July 7, July 20, Aug. 11, Aug. 26
A Message from the Superintendent...

Albion Central celebrated the graduation of 131 students on Fri., June 26, 2015. Though this class is small in number, like the little engine that climbed the hill, “The Little Class that Could” committed themselves to great successes on their path to becoming the newest Portage Eagle Alumni.

Despite their size, during their high school years, this class and their schoolmates earned 11 first-place finishes in marching band competitions (including three undefeated seasons); won four first-place finishes in jazz ensemble competitions (including three “Superior” ratings); accumulated more than fifty top NYSSMA, All-County, All-State, and Conference All-State recognitions; and added outstanding singing and acting ensemble designations, three outstanding dance ensemble nods, two outstanding musical recognitions, and three Outstanding Student Pit Orchestra awards for their school musical productions from the Rochester Broadway Theater League’s Stars of Tomorrow Program. The list of their accomplishments (or attendance at any one of their performances) makes it easy to understand why ACS was recognized as a “Best Community for Music Education” during each year of their high school years.

More than half of the group participated in one or more sports at some point during their high school career. With their teammates they passed 10 league and six section titles in eight different sports. These athletes were truly student-athletes earning statewide scholar athlete honors for carrying a team course average of 90 or greater for 55 of the 68 teams they played on.

Nearly half of the graduates earned the Advanced Designation Regents Diploma. Seven committed to serve their country in America’s armed forces and more than 80 percent are headed off to college. More than three-quarters of the class participated in at least one Advanced Placement or Geneseo Community College course where they collectively earned 819 college credits—the equivalent of nearly 30 years of full-time college study! To put that into financial perspective, at today’s SUNY cost, they completed more than a quarter of a million dollars of study before they even left high school, and at a cost to their families of about 10 percent of that value.

These young adults also committed themselves to others, documenting more than 7,200 hours of community service (though there are many more undocumented hours not in that count). While graduation requires only a 30-hour commitment, 16 graduates logged more than 100 hours, five more than 200 hours, and one topped 350 hours. Their total commitment to their community was the equivalent of 180 40-hour work weeks.

The Albion Central community has long been focused on opportunity, providing a tremendous number and variety of opportunities for its youth. The class of 2015 made the most of these opportunities in athletics, arts, alternative programs, advanced and college options. The opportunities available to these graduates and to generations of Albion students earned our high school recognition in the inaugural class of “Schools of Opportunity.” The “Washington Post” newspaper noted “Schools of Opportunity” recognized 10 high schools out of more than 1,000 in New York State and seven more in Colorado (the two states participating in the first year of the program) for their use of “research-based practices to ensure that all students have rich opportunities to succeed.” The Post went on to note that these 17 schools may be working against great odds, but that each puts “students, not scores, first.” We are grateful for the community support that allows us to provide these opportunities for our students, grateful that our community has been recognized for doing so, and proud of these students who have taken advantage of these opportunities!

I wish the very best for each member of the class of 2015, and look forward to the return of the rest of our students—so that they may use the opportunities available to them to create their own successes. On behalf of the ACS faculty and staff, I wish each of you a safe and enjoyable summer.

Albion Central School Named “School Of Opportunity”

The National Education Policy Center (NEPC) at the University of Colorado recently announced that 17 high schools in New York and Colorado are the first to receive the “School of Opportunity” designation. This designation was awarded to these schools based on their demonstration of practices that ensure that all students have opportunities to succeed.

The program was piloted in just two states this year, but there are plans to expand this program to all states.

Selection criteria are based on a school’s documented success in implementing practices that distinguish the school as committed to closing opportunity gaps.

Albion Superintendent, Michael Bonnewell said, “We are very proud of the school as committed to closing opportunity gaps. The program was piloted in just two states this year, but there are plans to expand this program to all states. Selection criteria are based on a school’s documented success in implementing practices that distinguish the school as committed to closing opportunity gaps.”

Albion High School 2014 was 1 of 17 out of approximately 700 schools to receive this award. The schools selected demonstrate a range of practices that ensure that all students have rich opportunities to succeed. Our Community as Schools (CAS) program which is hosted by the Villages of Orleans is natural prominent in our application. All of the schools recognized have one thing in common; they all put students not test scores first.”

SCHOOLS OF OPPORTUNITY SILVER

2014-2015

The annual premier of the ‘Crossroads’ literary magazine and the Art Club Student Art Show took place on Thu., May 21, in the High School Arts Foyer. This event is a celebration of the creative talents of our high school students and is always the highlight of the school year for art students.

The literary magazine publishes both art work and student writings. The students published in this year’s magazine included: Andrea Aman, Savannah Allen, Andrew Ashworth, Nita Bela, Geneva Bollhouse, Aaron Burnside, Matt De Carlo, Mike Laine, Joseph Madrejiski, Stephanie McGee, Sara Millsbaugh, Olivia Neidert, Kellie O’Hearn, Kate Perry, Shaylee Pond, Carol Pritchard, Alya Rayner, Ryan Reid, Iroy Reynolds, Emily Shabazz, Katrina Smith, Bianca Stauffer, Leigha Townsend, Nathaniel Trembley, and Haley Wegman.

At the premier, the staff at the high school and members of the art club honored Dr. Athena Nichols with a surprise reception in recognition for achieving her Ph.D. in Education. Dr. Nichols said, “Words do not do my feelings justice. I am grateful and honored by your recognition and I cannot think of a better way to be acknowledged than by my fellow teachers and students who inspire me every day!”

Albion High School Alumni Foundation Awards $39,650 in Scholarships

The Albion High School Alumni Foundation takes great pride in making a difference for a lifetime for the Albion Central School District community – alumni, students, teachers and friends. To claim to fame, so to speak, is the scholarship program. Each year at the Class Night event, the Foundation presents scholarships to graduating seniors who meet the criteria of each specific scholarship. This year, the Foundation awarded 20 scholarships to 28 students totaling: $39,650.

These awards provide financial assistance so that Albion’s bright young scholars may continue their educational goals and be successful in their future endeavors. The funding for the scholarships is made possible through foundation memberships and gifts from AHS Alumni, as well as individuals or organizations that contact the Foundation to establish a scholarship. The Foundation manages the funds and awards the scholarships annually during the Class Night event, along with other scholarships that are awarded that evening.

The scholarships that are managed by the Foundation continue to grow. Four new scholarships were added in 2015: The Rex & Marilyn Horton Scholarship, The Wayne A. Burlison Memorial Scholarship, The Glassner Family Scholarship and The John Panek Memorial Scholarship. The Foundation is already working on at least three new awards for 2016: the Ronald Sodoma Scholarship, the Masons Scholarship, and the Archibald Burlison Scholarship. To learn more about the Foundation and how you can contribute, go to our website at www.albionalumni.org.

Pictured above are the 2015 Albion High School Alumni Foundation Scholarship recipients. (L-R) Morgan Seailead, Brittany Francis, Kellie O’Hearn, and Dominic DiCureia.

Albion Central School --- Achievement, Character, and Success for Life!
Congratulations!

2015 Senior Prom Court

(L-R): Prom Prince Dyer Benjovsky, Prom Princess Justice Nauden, Prom King Drake Arnold and Prom Queen Monica Benjovsky

Class Night - June 19, 2015

Senior Class Officers L-R: Theodore Benjovsky (Secretary), Aaron Burnside (President), Monica Benjovsky (Vice President) and Isabella Cox (Treasurer).

Graduation - June 26, 2015

Graduates gather to celebrate!

Salutatorian Jacob Squicciarini and Valedictorian Madyson Coville.

Members of the Daisy Chain and Ushers.

Senior Class President Aaron Burnside presents Junior Class President Scott Daniels with the gavel and the class challenge.

The Senior Chorus performs at the graduation ceremony.
Savannah Grace Allen
Andrea Anna Dea Maria Aman
Drake Arnold
Andrew Jared Ashworth
Jayne Elizabeth Bannister
Stacie Ann Barnett
Nita Bela
Monica Jane Benjovsky
Theodore Dyer Benjovsky
Elizabeth Michele Bentley
Alex Joseph Bison
Desmond Tyriek Blackmon
Timothy M. M. Blue
Samatha Marie Bowman
Mallory Louise Broda
Courtney E. Burch
Aaron Scott Charles Burnside
Adryan Lynn Cheeseboro
Peiyi Chen
Marianna Rose Coffey
Ryan J. Collins
Josephine Elizabeth Conn
Madyson Kaer Coville
Amanda Sheila Covis
Isabella Cox
Jordan E. K. Deskins
Joshua Z. Deuel
Dominic Charles DiCureia
Tyler H. Edwards
Jordan C. Elschker
Heidi Yvonne Ettinger
Nicholas Scott Ettinger
Morgan Kay Ferris
Riley Kay Fitzwater
Laura A. Flanagan
Megan T. Forder
Madeline Fournier
Brittany Kay Francis
Elizabeth Diana Furness-Wheeler
Kelsey O. Garcia
Adam Joseph Grimes
Aisley Gulczewski
Morgan Haak
Jordan E. Hamilton
Malcolm Hammonds
Ashley K. Hapeman
Michael Thomas Henshaw
Andrew J. Hollenbeck
Dameon K. Holtfoth
Dustin Horn
Matthew Donovan Howell Jr.
Elizabeth Jane Hunt
Nathan S. Jobe
Justin L. Kendrick
Derrick Andrew Kibbe
Robert J. Klett
Leigha S. Klopp
Michaela Elizabeth Lake
Sarah E. Lamka
Alyssa Marie Lawrence
Jacob Raymond Leggat
Felicia Ann Locke
Logan Marie London
Austin Loyd
Craig James (C. J.) Martin
Eljah J. Martin
Cory James Martindale
Lorena L. Martinez Maya
Sara E. Maxon
Jovanna Maria Maxwell
Samatha Jean McClellan
Kyle J. McQuillian
Elena Michelle Mergler
Sarah Ann Metzler
Jacoby Paul Miller
Sara Ann Millsapugh
Janet Esmeralda Miranda
Dakota Jayne Monno
Dylan Thomas Moore
Gary L. Moore II
Andréa J. Muoio
Rebecca Nicole Nash
Justice Desiree Nauden
Olivia Morgan Neidert
Justine Marie Nickerson
Natalia Marie Norton
Thomas M. Norton
Kellie Lynn O’Hearn
Charlyne Louise Olick
Nicholas Allen Platt
Robert J. Pollock III
Carol Grace Pritchard
Cristal Quintana Aragon
Jenna Leigh Raglan
Jessica B. Raglan
Ryan A. Reed
Kerry Anne Rice
Kevin P. Rosario Alvarado
Sergio J. Rosario
Xochitl Yessenia Rosario
Megan Lyn Rosato
Joshua Rosendale
Tara Anne Ryan
Marcos Sanchez
Brian Russell Sary Jr.
Jacta Daniel Schick
Morgan D. Seielstad
Emily Christina Shabazz
Alyssa Nicole Smith
Elizabeth Morgan Soule
Jacob T. Squicciarini
Clayton S. Stanton
Karisa L. Stark
Bianca Stauffer
David Garfield Stilwell
Michael D. Stilwell
Cole Mitchell Stroble
Gabrielle Leigh Struble
Tabitha Thayer
Emmanuel Thompson
Tory Domett Thompson
Jordan Tucker
Gabrielle Renee Vagg
Benjamin S. Vanacore
Chase A. Vazquez
Adam John Walls
Brooke-Lynn Jean Webster
Haley L. Wegman
Michael E. Welles
Bert A. White III
Britney Patrice Williams
Crystal Brooke Zayac
Autumn Bronwen Zona

Board President Margy Brown presents Brittany Williams with her diploma.

Kevin Rosario Alvarado and Marcos Sanchez.

Friends gather after the ceremony.
Middle School Award Winners Announced

The President's Education Award - Gold

The President’s Education Award – Gold recognizes eighth-grade students who have achieved the top overall grade-point average in all subjects.

The President’s Education Award Gold recipients were: Jace Conn, Natalie Lathrop, Emma Mathes, Anna Geldard, Malory Adams, Kaylyn Holman, Devin Olles, Kirsten Struble, Jessica Schleede, Hanah Van Epps, Harrison Brown, Trinity Allen, Connor McQuillan, Isabella Gibbs, Aleza Adams, Evan Allen, Jessy Cruz, Alana Petronio, Madison Narburgh, Thomas Hollenbeck, Kirk Ellison, Delaney Ford, Jacob Ettinger, Noah Duvall, Odessa Cramer, Brylie Hapeman, Sierra Newton, Zachary Moore, McKenna Boyer, Tess Pettit, Matthew Kovalski, Amanda Kuelhne, Charity Henshaw, Arella Ives, Bryce Pritchard, Grace Fournier, Alexis Bentley, Jocelyn Bedard, Tamara Edwards, Spencer Lombard, Gabriel Schilth, Edward Stritzinger, Dylan Fox, Payton Lake and Pedro Santiago Franco.

Principal's Award

This award is the most prestigious award that a middle school student can receive. It is voted on by eighth-grade teachers for demonstrating the outstanding attributes of leadership, character and academic achievement. This award is given to the student who has achieved overall excellence in subject matter throughout their middle school career. This year the award was presented to Natalie Lathrop!

Congratulations to all of our award winners!

Albion Senior Awarded GCASA Scholarship

Albion High School Senior, Carol Pritchard was awarded the 2015 GCASA Foundation Scholarship Award totaling $1,000. The Foundation awards a total of $2,000 per year to a student in Genesee and Orleans counties.

Carol is active in many school activities and also completed an internship at GCASA during the past year. She plans to pursue a career in the human service field.

K-9 Patrol Demonstrates Search

Lt. Chris Bourke of the Orleans County Sheriff’s Department demonstrates a drug search with drug dog Cin and Albion High School senior intern Logan London to Albion Middle School seventh-grade students. Mr. Archer’s service-learning classes watched several demonstrations and learned the many aspects of being a law enforcement officer and K-9 handler. Lt. Bourke has been a K-9 handler for 18 years.
**Donald Butts Memorial Award**

Mr. Donald Butts was principal of the Ronald L. Sodoma Elementary School for many years. Mr. Butts took great pride in education and the importance of good character and behavior. He was very proud of the school’s program of “Respect, Responsibility and Optimism.” Although Mr. Butts has passed away, we are honored to be able to recognize students who live their lives as positive role models through the Donald Butts Memorial Award. This award was presented to one student from each fifth-grade classroom.

Mrs. Monacelli – Hannah Coolbaugh – “Hannah is a model student who demonstrates Eagle Way behavior every day. She is kind, respectful, and puts forth her best effort in whatever she does. She likes to volunteer and help younger students whenever she has a free moment. Her positive attitude and work ethic will take her far in life.”

Miss Komendant – Charley London – Charley’s positive spirit and hardworking attitude is contagious in our classroom. She gives 110 percent on every assignment she is given and encourages her classmates with her enthusiasm and dedicated spirit. Charley has a kind smile and nice words for everyone and respects everyone she comes into contact with. She is involved in many activities inside and outside of school including Student Leadership Council. Her schedule is hectic, but she handles it all with responsibility and grace.”

Mrs. Bennett – Robert Dysard – “Bobby exemplifies what it means to have good character. Throughout the year he has shown respect, responsibility and optimism to his peers and adults. You can count on Bobby to be polite and to think of others. He follows the golden rule and treats others the way he would want to be treated. His character will help him be successful in the years to come both academically and socially.”

Mrs. Kenward – Emily Harling – “Emily is an outstanding role model for all those around her. She consistently and naturally demonstrates the Eagle Way in her everyday activities. Not only is she always prepared academically, she also truly understands how to treat others and be a good friend. She comes to school every day with a positive attitude and always gives 100 percent.”

Mr. Martin – Rowan Ford – “Rowan is consistently respectful to teachers and classmates. He gets along well with people and shows thoughtfulness to each person. He attacks assignments with a positive attitude and works diligently by following directions consistently. Rowan frequently helps take care of things around the classroom without being asked even if it is not his responsibility. He is a young man with outstanding character!”

Mrs. Robbins – Orion Groth – “Orion is a hardworking, determined, sweet young boy. He has a polishness to him that is refreshing. He always says ‘please’ and ‘thank you’ not only to adults, but also to classmates. He always has a smile on his face and is well liked by his peers. He is willing to help a friend when needed, run an errand and hold the door for others. He is truly an all around gentleman.”

The recipients of this award must show leadership in band and lessons, responsibility in being prepared for both band and lessons, and have shown motivation and growth in lessons. These students must also express dedication to continue playing an instrument in the middle school. The top candidates were selected by the current elementary band teacher, Miss Fix using a rubric form that addresses each of these areas. The Memorial plaque is currently displayed outside the Band Room.

This year the “Tap Thy Foot” award is presented to Elisa Brobst and William Trembley. Congratulations to Elisa and William!
The Triple “C” Award program was established to honor young people who have distinguished themselves within their school and community. The award recognizes the qualities of Character, Courage, and Commitment in New York’s students and is sponsored by the N.Y.S. Attorney General’s Office. Elementary School Principal, Rachel Curtin introduced a special guest speaker from the Assistant Attorney’s office who presented the award saying, “It gives me great pleasure to introduce the students who have received this special recognition for their talents or abilities. This year the award was presented to two students in the Elementary School. I would like to present the Triple ‘C’ Award to third-grade student Lucy Rivers and fifth-grade student Leah Pritchard.”

Quoting from Lucy’s nomination form, her teacher Mrs. Barrell said, “Lucy defines the words character, courage, and commitment in her actions every day in school and in our community. She is a top student in all areas, a true friend to her peers, a model student in social growth and study habits in the classroom and a positive contributing member of our Albion community. She carries the attributes of selflessness and compassion to the highest degree as a third grader and puts others’ feelings ahead of hers when they are not even aware that she is considering them. She inspires me each and every day and I am honored to be in her presence. She provides hope for some of us when we may become discouraged.”

Leah Pritchard was nominated by Mrs. Hryhorenko. She said, “Leah deserves this award because she always demonstrates good character, shows courage, and is committed to our school and local community. When I think of good character, I think of Leah. This amazing young lady shows good character because she is respectful to anyone she comes in contact with. She is kind, polite, very poised, and helpful. Leah is confident and always makes others feel welcome. Leah is a courageous student. She is not afraid to speak up when she sees an injustice happening. She is dependable and very trustworthy. She goes above and beyond what is expected of her! Both school and community are very important to Leah. She is an active member of the Student Leadership Council, Safety Patrol, 5th Grade Band and Chorus. She is a perfect recipient of this award because she is a well-rounded student and a true role model for all.”

Congratulations to Lucy and Leah!

High School Students Shine at Internship Breakfast

The annual Internship Breakfast was held on Fri., June 5, 2015. Pictured above are Amanda Covis and her mentor from Hospice of Orleans County, Nyla Gaylord. At the breakfast, student interns were able to thank their mentors and recognize them for the valuable contribution that they made to their education.

The following students did internships: Jayne Brennan, Nita Bela, Elizabeth Bentley, Adrian Gheasbord, Madison Gottle, Amanda Covis, Isabella Cox, Dominic DiGioia, Nicholas Etinger, Laura Hanagan, Lorena Martinez, Sara Mazoo, Elena Mergler, Sarah Metzler, Gary Moore, Justice Nauden, Charlyne Olick, Carol Pritchard, Xochil Rosario, Megan Rosato, Jacia Schick, Morgan Seielstad, Emily Shabazz, David Stilwell and Jordan Tucker.

The following served as internship sites: Albion Central School, Albion Police Department, County Lane Veterinary Services, CRBS’s information technology department, Dance Reflections with Miss Heather, Fuller & Company, GCASA, Hospicce of Orleans County, Le Roy Physical Therapy, Medina High School FFA, Medina Veterinary Clinic, Orleans Community Health’s physical therapy department, Orleans County Sheriff’s Department, Pathstone, Phoenix Fitness, Rosenkranz Pharmacy, Saint-Gobain Adfors, Village of Albion Water Treatment Plant and YMCA Eagle’s Pride Daycare. Thank you to all of our business partners for teaching valuable life skills to our student interns.

Class of 2022 Celebrated “Moving Up” Day

The Elementary School prepared to send their fifth grade students to the Middle School during their “Moving Up” Day ceremony. Each student wrote an essay about the things that they had learned at the Elementary School and how it had helped them prepare for the next step in their educational journey. They thanked their teachers and staff members for helping them grow both socially and academically throughout the last six years.

The essays were judged by staff members and each classroom had a winner declared. Essay winners were: Emma Tucker, Zachary Olles, Emily Graham, Brian Spall, Elisa Brospot and Bonnie DiCaria. These students read their piece to the entire class, faculty and many guests who were present at the assembly. Alternate essay winners from each class read the names of each classmate as they were congratulated for completing the first six years of their academic career. Alternate essay winners were: Tyler Gibson, Myleigh Miller, Collleen Ussetman, Rowan Ford, Leah Kanta and Garson Bader.

Albion Middle School Students Clean Up Former POW Camp

Albion Middle School seventh-grade service-learning students recently spent the morning helping to clear brush at the old CCC/POW Camp at Hamlin Beach State Park. WWII prisoners of war were housed here in the 1940s. Pictured (l-r) are Kolin Vangorder, Conner Hollenbeck, camp expert Ed Evans, Patrick Ricker, teacher Tim Archer, Cody Wilson, and Brooklynn Reed.

Albion Middle School Students Explore Local History

Students from Mr. Archer’s grade seven service-learning classes and History Club recently visited Mt. Albion Cemetery. They looked for grave sites of interesting people from Albion’s past. The students had recently studied many of these people during a visit from Orleans County Historian Matthew Ballard. “Ghost Walk” coordinator Sue Starkweather Miller accompanied the group to add interesting stories and history. Pictured are (l-r) Matthew Rowcliffe, Miichaela Pantano, Casey Starkweather, Kaytelyn Spierdowski, Ashley LeBaron and Mr. Archer.
**Purple Eagles Marching Band Has Another Banner Year**

The Albion Purple Eagles Marching Band recently completed another successful season, and was undefeated in parade competition. The band’s 2015 program was entitled, “Our Favorite Things” and featured music from the hit Broadway show and film, “The Sound of Music.”

Practices started in January, and the band worked in the HS gym and band room until the weather broke and allowed them to move outdoors. Parade and competition season began the first week of May, and ran through the second week of June.

The band was led by drum majors Char Olick & Meredith Patterson. Logan London and Nita Bela were the color guard captains, and Cody Osborne was the drum line captain. Soloists were Zach Shaffer & Kyle Thaine on trombone, and Joe Madejksi, Brittany Francis, Evan Steier and Alyce Miller on trumpet.

MIS Director of Bands, Mr. Thaine, said, “I couldn’t be more proud of the kids. They worked hard all season long and you could tell in February that this was going to be a special group. We always tell them not to worry about scores, to just work hard and the results they want will follow. That certainly played out this season.”

Marching Band Season Recap

**May 9:** Rochester Lilac Festival Parade (exhibition)

**May 16:** Seneca Falls Pageant of Bands competition, 1st Place in Open Class

**May 25:** Albion Memorial Day Parade (exhibition) and ceremony.

**May 30:** Gorham Pageant of Bands competition, 1st Place in Open Class

**June 6:** Nunda parade competition, 1st Place, set record high score with a 99.5

**June 13:** Albion Strawberry Festival Parade, named “Best HS Band”

**June 16:** Albion Memorial Day Parade, named “Best HS Band”

**June 18:** Albion Strawberry Festival Parade, named “Best HS Band”

**June 20:** Albion Memorial Day Parade, named “Best HS Band”

**June 25:** Rochester Lilac Festival Parade, named “Best HS Band”

**June 27:** Seneca Falls Pageant of Bands competition, 1st Place in Open Class

**July 4:** Albion Strawberry Festival Parade, named “Best HS Band”

The annual grade 4 Pioneer Day has been a ritual at Albion Elementary School for the last 30 years. It is the highlight of many fourth graders’ school year and connects classroom learning to history in a significant way. Students dress in period clothing and rotate through stations lasting 55 minutes throughout the day. Because of the rotation, they are able to participate in many activities that bring new meaning to how the early residents of our country lived. The stations represent a wide variety of activities that help students appreciate early American culture. Activities range from doing laundry with a washtub, ironing with a hot cast iron, weaving and making useful everyday items out of tin. Students also get a peek at what school would have been like in pioneer days.

Elementary School Principal, Mrs. Rachel Curtin said, “The day provides a reflection of what life was like during Pioneer times and correlates with the New York State fourth-grade social studies standard. It is a great day during which we have many parent volunteers assisting staff and one that the students, faculty and volunteers look forward to.”

**Cardboard Boat Regatta**

The Albion High School A.P. Physics class designed and constructed boats out of cardboard and duct tape in order to put their physics knowledge to the ultimate test. The boats were part of the first annual Cardboard Boat Regatta. After designing and constructing the boats, the students raced them in the school pool filled with a crowd of eager onlookers. The overall winner of the “best cardboard boat” was judged on several different criteria, ranging from overall aesthetics to the fastest time (to complete two laps of a 25-meter pool) and floatability.

The four teams consisted of U.S.S. Debbie – crew members Dan Beam and Meredith Patterson; Schistboat – crew members Tyler McQuillan, Zach Shaffer and Ben Vanacore; Omaha – crew members Gabe Rodriguez and Sam Slick; Boat 1 - crew members Matt Flanagan, Jared Hollinger and Morgan Seielstad.

At the end of the competition, Boat 1 was declared the winner! High school physics instructor Mr. DeJonge said, “This project is the culmination of our service learning project. Our goal was for my students to teach the audience a little about flotation, buoyancy and why things float or in some cases sink. The project was a fun and thought provoking project which we intend to do next year. The physics students worked hard to construct the boats and had a fun time racing them. Hopefully they helped start something larger yet to come.”
Albion Elementary Celebrates Flag Day

On Fri., June 12, the Albion Elementary School celebrated Flag Day with patriotic music performed by each grade level. This year students were able to invite members of their families who had served in the U.S. Military to be honored at this patriotic event. The assembly began with flag bearers from each classroom in the Elementary School proceeding into the gym displaying the American Flag. The veterans and their students followed close behind while the Elementary Honors Band played “America the Beautiful.” The crowd then recited “The Pledge of Allegiance” and sang “The Star Spangled Banner.”

The Elementary School students have been preparing for this celebration all winter long in their music classes. Each grade level performed a patriotic song for the rest of the school. The kindergarten students performed “Our Beautiful Flag,” first-grade students performed “America,” the second grade led the group in “God Bless America,” the third grade performed “America the Beautiful,” the fourth grade sang “You’re a Grand Old Flag,” and the fifth grade performed “This Land Is Your Land.” The entire student body sang the Albion Alma Mater together. Joining each class in the celebration was the Elementary School Honors Band who played “All Hail the Conquering Hero.”

A special slide show presentation highlighted the veterans in attendance picturing them in uniform to the music of “Proud to be an American.” Together, the students, veterans, and special guests sang “God Bless the U.S.A.” The Character Education Committee led by Cathy Hryhorenko was responsible for the addition of the piece honoring Veterans at the Flag Day ceremony. She said, “It was so nice to see the veteran relatives of our students attend and participate in this ceremony. You could see the pride and emotion on the faces of both! This beautiful ceremony, which is always emotional, proved even more meaningful with the addition of the Veterans.”

Students also competed in a poetry contest. Each grade level wrote patriotic poems in honor of Flag Day. The poems were judged by Elementary School Teacher Mr. VanCamp. Each grade-level winner read their poem to the rest of the school during the assembly. Poetry winners were; Shayla Higgins (Kindergarten), Kaiden Froman (1st grade), Emma Shay (2nd grade), Auston Johnson (3rd grade), Andrew Weston, (4th grade), and Belen Rosario Soto (5th grade).

Also recognized during the Flag Day celebration were students for their artistic achievement. Charlotte Symons was chosen as the recipient of the Patrick DiGirolamo award. The award is presented to a primary school student who has demonstrated an exceptional ability or interest in art. The award is donated by the children of the graduating class of 1987.

Charley London had her theme and design chosen for the Fifth Grade Moving-Up Day t-shirts. These shirts are worn by every fifth grader during the “Moving Up” Day ceremony.

Hannah Coolbaugh earned third place during the annual Poppy Poster Contest sponsored by the American Legion.

Congratulations to all of our winners!

Albion Football Players Prepare for New Season

These students were selected from a regional combine to compete in the 40-yard dash, 185-pound bench press, individual football drills ending with a lineman challenge and 7-7 time period. This event was held on the campus of Ithaca College on Sun., June 14, and over 20 college football coaches from all divisions attended.

The same day Albion quarterback Kyle Smith went to the Air Elite QB clinic at Syracuse CBA to work with some of the best QBs and Receivers from Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse area. Coach Parisi said, “Kyle has competed at this camp for 2 years and done very well each year. He has committed himself to work as hard for his team as he can to be the best QB he can be. We are very grateful for the dedication of all of these young men and look forward to reaping the benefits of their hard work on the field this fall.”
The Albion High School athletic department is pleased to announce that five spring sports teams have qualified for the NYS Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) Scholar Athlete Team Award. This award recognizes varsity level interscholastic athletes who excel in academics. The award is given if a certain percentage of students on the team have a composite score of 90 percent or above. The team percentage is determined based on the number of students on the team. Each student received a scholar athlete patch.

Girls' Softball Cumulative Grade Point Average 90.5%

Boys' Track & Field Cumulative Grade Point Average 95.6%

Girls' Track & Field Cumulative Grade Point Average 97.4%

Varsity Girls' Tennis Cumulative Grade Point Average 96.4%

Varsity Boys' Tennis Cumulative Grade Point Average 96.1%

Varsity Baseball Cumulative Grade Point Average 90.1%


(L-R) Back row: Mannwell Taylor and Tyler Nashburn. Middle row: Cody Osborne, Jessy Cruz, Bailey Maier and Donato Rosario. Front row: Jordan Wolcott, Noah Duvall, Sam Slick and Nate Trembley. Missing from photo: Jacob Squicciarini, Noah Wadhams, Jared Hollinger, Chase Vazquez, and Nick Reed.


The Varsity Softball team ended the year with a 5–11 league record and a 4–12 overall record. The team was awarded a First Team All-League selection; Meghan Hurley. A Second Team All-League Selection was given to Olivia Prest, Savannah Allen, Andrea Aman, Natalie DiCureia and Ellen Narburgh were named in the All-League Honorable Mention. Meghan Hurley was selected as the Most Valuable Player.

Senior players were Savannah Allen, Andrea Aman and Elizabeth Bentley. When asked about the season, Coach Schmitt said, “Even though our season wasn’t the record we wanted, I truly enjoyed coaching these ladies. When faced with many hurdles, the girls worked hard, helped and encouraged each other and never gave up. As the season went on each girl grew as a player and we all grew as a team.”

JV Softball

The JV Softball team finished the season with a 2-12 overall record. The season team leaders for batting averages were: Brevie Hapeman, Savannah Wirth, Jamee Doty and Mikel Dysard. Coach Aiers said, “All of the girls contributed to the team in a variety of ways. The four girls led the team in hitting. However, Skyler Smith and Erin Doty led the team in pitching. Kendal Eible, Chloe Weis, Sierra Newton and Jamee Doty played key roles in the field. All of the girls worked hard throughout the season and steadily improved with each game.”

Varsity Tennis

The Tennis team finished the season with a 9-3 league record and claimed 1st place in the Niagara-Orleans League. Dyer Benjovsky and Josh Metzler were selected to be on the First Team All-League. Dan Beam and the doubles team of Tyler McCulligan and Monika Benjovsky earned spots on the Second Team All-League. Honorable Mention was awarded to Mike Stidwell and Cristal Quintana.

Senior members of the team were: Dyer Benjovsky, Tyler McCulligan, Mike Stidwell, Nita Belsa, Monika Benjovsky, Logan London, Kellie O’Hearn, and Cristal Quintana. Coach Kovaleski said, “Winning this many matches and the Niagara-Orleans League Championship was great! Watching the TEAM play and pull for each other as a TEAM was everything I could hope for as a coach!”

Varsity Baseball

The Varsity Baseball team ended the season with a league record of 8-6 and an overall record of 9-6-1. Brady Meaklin was named to the Niagara-Orleans First Team All-League; Dominic DiCureia, Trey Hart and Evan Pappalardo each earned a spot on the Second Team All-League. Austin Lloyd earned Honorable Mention.

Senior members of the team were Matt Howell, Gary Moore, Andy Ashworth, David Stidwell. Dominic DiCureia, Austin Lloyd and Aaron Burns said, “We lost a lot of seniors last year. This group had big shoes to fill after last season’s Sectional Championship Team. They gave their best effort and we had some good moments, but we came up short in wins and losses.”

JV Baseball

The JV Baseball team finished the season with a 10-3-1 league record and an 11-3-1 overall record. Key players were Jaquess Harrison, Bryce Pritchard, and Nate Moore. Coach Meaklin said, “This was a very young baseball team that grew tremendously as baseball players throughout the year. This group worked hard every day and demonstrated a positive attitude.”

Boys’ Track

The Boys’ Track team finished the season with a league record of 4-2 and tied for 2nd place in the Niagara-Orleans League. League Champions were Nate Trembley (shot put) and the relay team of Nick Reed, Aaron Chen, Lamar Chambers and Jacob Scuquetianni placed 1st in the 400 Meter. The boys track team’s top competitors were Tyler Sashburn, Aaron Chen, Lamar Chambers, Nate Trembley, Maxwell Taylor, Jacob Scuquetianni, Nick Reed, and Noah Duvall.

Coach Wadhams said, “The 2015 boys track team competed well in meets. The team is young and with these results the future looks bright for the Purple Eagles.”

Girls’ Track

The Girls’ Track team finished the season with a 4-2 league record, 1st Team All-League Members: Chancey Powell (Triple Jump), Katie Rustay (Pole vault), Mahogany Taylor (High Jump), Mariah Eihrnseifer (100 Meter), Mahogany Taylor, Mariah Eihrnseifer, Emily Blanchard. Chancey Powell (400-Meter Relay Team). Second Team All-League members were: Meredith Patterson (5,000 Meter), Chancey Powell (Long Jump), Mahogany Taylor (100 Meter Hurdles), and Aleah Foss (High Jump). Honorable Mention went to Meredith Patterson (800-800m) and Mariah Eihrnseifer (200 Meter).

During the Section V Championship meet Chancey Powell placed second in the triple jump, breaking the school record with a jump of 37’ 1 ½”. Aleah Foss placed fourth in the 100 hurdles and broke the school record.

Senior team members were Adriyan Crescent, Makayla Coville, Sarah Metzler, Salvatore Pagan and Karisa Stark. Coach Hryvniak said, “This girls’ track team was very competitive in the league, missing a league championship by a couple of points. The coaches were very pleased how the girls competed this year and are looking forward to the upcoming year.”

On June 1 the Albion Central School Board of Education held a reception prior to their regular board meeting. At the reception, retiring staff members were honored for their years of service. Judy Brace will retire with 27 years, Linda Logan retires with 34 years, Jane Klosin with 50 years, Dawn Bower with 25 years, Pat West with 22 years, Sharon Lang with 19 years and Richard Sanford with 15 years. This group of retirees has over 170 combined years of service to the Albion Central School. They have touched the lives of countless students and staff throughout their years and will be missed greatly. We wish them health and happiness as they enter this new phase in their lives.

Also recognized at the board reception were staff members for reaching milestone years of service. Staff members reaching the 10-year service mark were: Jill Albertson, Melody Beecher, Dawn Brower, Patricia Levandowski, Holly McNair and Cassandra Schomkes. Staff members honored for 15 years of service were: Lu Johnson, Christopher Keller, Adam Krenning, Shawn Ragone, Jennifer Rowe, Richard Sanford, Kevin Smith and Angie Wolfe. Staff members with 20 years of service were: Kevin Feder, Cathy Galbreth, Carrie Kozody, Terri Monaccelli, Toni Plummer, Tom Ritchey, Pam Sargent, Richard Shroot, Sue Webster and Kelly Wadhams. Staff members honored for 25 years of service were: Jodi Shaffer, Karen Sperdovics and Lisa Werner. Attaining 30 years of service were staff members: David Draper, Paul Drought, Ralph Englert, Anna Klosin, Douglas Mergler, Ellen Reichert Goff, Gary Simboli, Wayne Wadhams and Kathy Winans. Linda Logan was honored for 35 years of service to our district.

SCHOOLS OUT

Respect, Responsibility & Optimism

Albion Elementary School’s character education program focuses on reinforcing character traits and teaching by example all year for students. The months of September through December focus on Respect. January through March the focus is on responsibility and April through June focuses on optimism. The character education program includes a peer nomination process. On June 19, during Optimism Day, three faculty members were chosen by their peers for displaying a character trait consistently. Mrs. Ashbery was chosen for displaying respect, Mrs. Reith for showing responsibility and Mrs. Hyhorenko for her optimism. Congratulations to our staff for the wonderful example you have shown our students!