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Annual Events

Memorial Day Parade

Memorial Day - last Monday of May Honoring those who passed while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Parade from South Superior Street to Riverside Cemetery with ceremony to follow.

Juneteenth Celebration

3rd Saturday of June Annual celebration of the Emancipation Proclamation beginning at City Hall with a Parade to Holland Park. Activities to follow in the

Fête de la Musique

June 21st

Celebrate music by making music Downtown Albion! All levels of musicians are welcome to pop-up and play!

Red, White, & Blue Cruise-In Car Show

Last Friday in June

Stroll down the iconic redbrick road of Superior Street to view classic cars.

Fourth of July Celebration

July 3rd

Enjoy fireworks over the Kalamazoo River (by Riverside Cemetery) in celebration of the Fourth of July.

Swingin' at the Shell

Late July to Mid September Enjoy free live music every Sunday evening at the Victory Park bandshell.

Walk the Beat Music Festival

Late August

Live music with numerous bands and entertainment that compete to be the best band of the event.

Festival of the Forks

3rd Friday & Saturday of September Since 1967, Albion has celebrated our heritage and culture through parades, food, and other vendors downtown Albion.

Albion's Big Read

October

Community wide book discussions and events around a common reading, lead by local youth.

MORE EVENTS:

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FESTIVAL OF THE FORKS



ALBION AGLOW

Sweets on Superior

Last Sunday in October

Go Trick-or-Treating downtown Albion as local organizations and businesses line the street to pass out candy and treats.

Albion Aglow

First Friday of December Get into the holiday spirit with the annual holiday parade and tree lighting downtown.

2025 Events

& Important Dates

March Grant Application Deadline

Non-profits, the deadline for first round of grants at the Albion Community Foundation is March 15th at 4PM.

April

Run Albion: Run the Rock 5K

25

Race by Albion College's iconic campus rock as you run or walk a 5K! Strollers and dogs welcome. Registration required. Visit runalbion.com to register prior to the race, or register on-site.

April

Facade Grant Deadline

Downtown Albion businesses, get support with façade improvements through the Downtown Development Authority (DDA)'s façade grants. Deadline is April 30th.

Grant Application Deadline

Non-profits, get your grants in! The 2nd grant round at the Albion Community Foundation closes May 15th at 4PM.

June

Run Albion: History Hustle 5K

27

Stroll through some of Albion's most iconic locations as you complete a 5K. Strollers and dogs welcome. Registration required. Visit runalbion.com to register prior to the race, or register on-site.

Sept.

Grant Application Deadline

Non-profits, get your grants in, it's the final grant round for 2025 at the Albion Community Foundation! All applications must be submitted by September 15th at 4PM.

Sept.

Run Albion: Forks 5K

Celebrate the annual Festival of the Forks with a 5K race. Strollers and dogs welcome. Registration required. Visit runalbion.com to register prior to the race, or register on-site.



Be in the know of all events.

Scan the QR code to sign up for the Albion Connected emails!











First, I would like to say how deeply honored I am to be re-elected to serve my hometown in the capacity of Mayor. As I look forward to the work ahead of us for the City of Albion, I notice that in every corner of our community, there lies boundless potential—potential to grow, to innovate, and to create a better future for everyone. Together, we share a collective vision of a more prosperous, inclusive, and vibrant community.

Prosperity is not just measured in financial growth but in the well-being, opportunity, and unity we cultivate. It's about creating an environment where businesses thrive, families flourish, and individuals feel empowered to chase their dreams. This journey begins with collaboration—neighbors helping neighbors, local leaders working hand in hand with citizens, and a shared commitment to progress.



We must invest in education, infrastructure, and sustainable development, ensuring that no one is left behind. As a community, we stand at a pivotal moment—a time to honor our accomplishments and look boldly toward the future. Our shared achievements reflect the strength of our unity, determination, and collective vision. But progress does not stand still.

As a Council, we plan to focus on critical infrastructure improvements that will enhance the quality of life for all residents. Key priorities include repairing and maintaining our roads to ensure safe and efficient transportation, modernizing our water systems to provide reliable access to clean water, and revitalizing public spaces to create vibrant areas where everyone can connect, relax, and thrive. These investments are not just practical necessities; they are a reflection of our commitment to the long-term well-being of our community. By working together—neighbor to neighbor, leader to citizen—we can champion initiatives that benefit everyone.

I look forward to all we will achieve together in 2025 and beyond. Thank you for your continued trust, collaboration, and dedication to our shared goals. Together, we can shape the future of the City of Albion.

Meet **Our City Council**



Donivan Williams has been a City Council member for three years, "bringing representation of the working-class to council." Williams' primary job is as a Grain Miller and Trustee for his union, he also volunteers with 4-H Creative & Expressive Arts and a new Rotary Club of Albion member. He is passionate about providing experiences for the youth and families of Albion.

Williams is focused on improving roads, enhancing the school system, and making Albion a competitive destination for employers.

"Albion is well-positioned to help its residents grow financially and prepare our kids with a great education while fostering a strong sense of community."

For 12 years Lenn Reid has served the community of Albion on City Council, wanting to the be change and uplifting voices. At the same time in 2014, she began working on improving Holland Park.

Reid is also on the Calhoun County Landbank, Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Committee, NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) Board of Directors, and Rotary Club of Albion.

"I want us to prosper and grow, come together and support each other."





Jim Stuart is a newly elected member of City Council and is bringing small business, project management, business analysis, and strategy development to the position. Stuart has led the local soccer program since 2013, is owner and operator of Stirling Books & Brew, and is the owner with his wife Staci of Urban Blue Development, a local development company.

Stuart has a focus on business development within downtown and then expanding to the Austin Ave corridor, road repair, and housing.

"I would like to see Albion change into a more positive place."



MEET OUR CITY COUNCIL





C.J. Frost is a carpenter/builder by trade who specializes in the proper repair and rehabilitation of old (pre-1940) buildings. He is active in the Albion Historical Society Board of Directors, the Albion Sons of the American Legion, the Ismon House Board of Directors, and a City Planning Commissioner. Frost has recently been appointment to City Council.

Frost has interests and focuses on business and job development, infrastructure, and community prosperity.

I want our community to be more cohesive, working toward an achievable, shared vision of a prosperous city."

As a retired public educator, Vivian Davis is experienced in community leadership and effective collaborative work.

Currently, Davis is involved with the numerous organizations, ready to make a positive impact on the Albion community. Some of her involvements include Calhoun County Board of Health, Transportation Authority of Calhoun County, Albion Area Lifelong Learners, and four service organizations.

During her term, Davis is focused on topics including public transportation in Albion, funding to improve infrastructure, and policies for community enhancement.

"Albion is primed for a bigger and better quality of life for all citizens."



Vivian Pavis



Andrew French

Andy French has been serving on City Council since 2022 and previously from 2010 – 2018. French enjoys the opportunity to positively serve the Albion community. He is currently the Development Director for the Tibbits Opera Foundation & Arts Council and Chair of the Staff Parrish Relations Committee of Albion First Methodist Church.

Through his term, French's focus is on increased employment opportunities with an emphasis on accessible training for underemployed residents, construction of senior housing, downtown Albion development, and strengthening the community and college relationship.

"I want to see Albion improve, grow, expand and thrive, and I am happy to be a part of those efforts."

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

5 COMPLETED granting over \$14,000

Façade grants through the DDA help business and property owners tackle façade problems and façade improvement projects with their buildings in downtown Albion, including the front and back façades.

2025 Façade grants are now open with a matching grant amount up to \$7,500.



IMPROVED WALKABITY

downtown Albion with new sign pole banners and rapid beacon flashing signs. A comprehensive way-finding signage project is in progress for the downtown district and will be installed in 2025.

Betty Chlystek & Katie Gigliotti to the authority!



Albion Arts Commission

In Action!

Art is a building block for community. It brings together people of all ages and backgrounds through connection and expression. In 2024, the Albion Arts Commission created a large impact on the art scene in Albion.

Throughout the year, the Arts Commission held four events; Albion Celebrates Black Artists, Albion Celebrates Its Young Artists, Art Under the Albion Tower, and the Annual Holiday Pop-Up Art Gallery. Each event held its own focus but still connected to the main goals of the commission. Current commission chair, Mary Slater shared that the main goals are to provide opportunities for local artists to display and sell their work, bring awareness to the community about the large array of local talent, and help build the vitality of the downtown community.

In celebration of Black History Month, the Arts Commission partnered with the Albion Branch NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) to host a two-day event in February, *Albion Celebrates Black Artists*. This event was held at the Ismon House with over eight local artists from engravers, painters, authors, and crafters.

Albion Celebrates Its Young Artists highlighted 40 young Albion artists in 25 businesses for two weeks in March. This event partnered with Harrington Elementary and Marshall Opportunity High School to bring the opportunity to any interested Albion student.



ART UNDER THE ALBION TOWER - CASSIDY PORTER

June brought warm weather and a large art fair. Held in Crowell Park, home to the water tower, *Art Under the Albion Tower* was a two-day event with over 30 artists, non-profits, and food trucks. Participants enjoyed rug making demonstrations, crafting their own paper, and purchasing local art.

The final Arts Commission event was the *Holiday Pop-Up Art Gallery* at the Ismon House for a three-day event, allowing shoppers to purchase a handcrafted good for their holiday gifts.

From the support of a grant from the Albion Community Foundation and the hard work of Mary Slater, the Albion Arts Commission was able to host these wonderful events in 2024. For the future, the commission is planning for Albion's Celebrates Its Young Artists in January, an Artists of Color showcase in February, Art Under the Tower, and a potential partnership with Walk the Beat's annual festival.



ALBION CELEBRATES BLACK ARTISTS - OSCAR CLEVELAND



2024 Sister City Relations

Sister City connections and travel are back in full swing! Two groups of Albion residents travelled to our sister cities, Noisy-le-Roi and Bailly, France in 2024 as part of Albion Sister City Committee.

In late June, eight youth and four adults set off to France for a two-week trip, and in mid-October eleven adults. During each trip, travelers stayed with host families in our sister cities, creating a unique and special experience.



ADULT TRIP OUTSIDE THE LOUVRE MUSEUM.



ADULT TRIP AT NOISY WELCOME SIGN

The group of travelers spent their trip exploring the communities of Noisy-le-Roi and Bailly, venturing into the big city of Paris, diving into history in Versailles, and making countless memories in-between.

For the youth trip in June, students spent time at the local schools, learning what it is like to be educated in France, and immersing themselves into the lives of a French family. After speaking with a few travelers, the excitement around the experience shined. The young traveler tried new foods, took a boat ride down the Seine River, and saw the Eiffel Tower.

The adult trip in October explored further out with a mini trip to Normandy for a historical tour of D-Day as well as visiting the iconic Mont-Saint-Micheal. The group created new connections within the communities, made lasting memories in Paris, and explored a different culture, post-pandemic.

These trips were the first exchange to France since the pandemic. Both trips sparked the long line of excitement for international travel between the connecting communities. The committees are eagerly planning future exchanges!



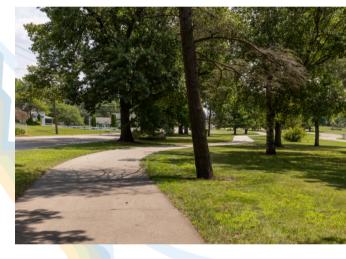
ALBION'S NATIONAL PARK

By Jim Whitehouse

Yellowstone. Isle Royale. Grand Canyon. Everglades. Zion. They are all National Parks, and now Albion—yes, Albion—now has a National Park.

The North Country National Scenic Trail, the nation's longest, is 4,600 miles long. It connects North Dakota and Vermont where it joins the Appalachian Trail. Michigan has the longest segment of any of the 7 states through which it passes--1,150 miles, including Albion's non-motorized trail system.

Albion has 4 paved trails for hiking or biking, with plenty of places to stop and enjoy the out of doors.



From Victory Park, one can travel westward along the Kalamazoo River to Harris Field, or head south to Ménwabec Park, passing through meadows and woodlands. There is also a trail running parallel to Austin Avenue on the west side of town and another brand new trail around McIntosh Park. More trails are planned for the future.

In addition to The North Country Trail, The Great Lake-to-Lake Trail running from South Haven to Port Huron and The Iron Belle Trail, running from Ironwood in the Upper Peninsula to Belle Isle in Detroit all run through our fair city.

If you haven't stretched your legs on Albion's trails, head on out and enjoy the parks, the woods, the river, the meadows, the wildlife—and there are a few benches along the way if you just want to sit and enjoy.



A decade milestone is a large accomplishment for any organization. According to the National Center on Charitable Statistics, around 30% of nonprofits don't survive to the 10-year mark. In 2024, Albion had three community organizations celebration 10 years: Albion's Big Read, Build Albion Fellows, and the Bohm Theatre!

Albion's Big Read

Uplifting Albion's youth to become community leaders through the power of reading, Albion's Big Read has brought the community together for the past ten years. At its core, Albion's Big Read is built to provide Albion's youth a safe space to be authentic, to share in community, and to change their relationship with reading.

For the past ten summers, Albion's Big Read has brought together 8th through 10th graders, the Big Read Leaders, to laugh, read, discuss, and share with one another. Then throughout the month of October, the Leaders bring the Albion community together through book discussions on the common reading.



ALBION'S BIG READ 2015





Build Albion Fellows

In 2015 the Build Albion Fellows program was built to bridge the gap between the community and Albion College. The vision for the program centers around local Albion students gaining a postsecondary education and experiences within their home community. Each year the program welcomes up to ten local Albion students, and in exchange for financial support, the students complete community service throughout their time on campus. Build Albion Fellows have left impacts on organizations like Play Right Sports Academy, Albion Community Gardens, Albion's Big Read, Walk the Beat, Kids 'N' Stuff Children's Museum, and Citizen's to Beautify Albion.

The 2024 first-year class marks the 10th cohort of the program! For 10 years the program has ebbed and flowed to best support the needs of the community. With over 35 alumni, Build Albion Fellows have achieved Master's and Doctorate Degrees, created successful business careers, impacted youth's lives, and continued to support the Albion community.



The Historic Bohm Theatre

10 years ago in October 2024, the Historic Bohm Theatre reopened its doors for cinematic films and performing arts. The Bohm originally opened in 1929 to provide a space for the arts ranging from music productions to cinema. Due to changing ownership and building deterioration, the Bohm Theatre ceased operations in 2008.



Being an iconic location and landmark in the community, the love for the Bohm was still in the community. This love culminated with the joint efforts of the Albion Community Foundation and Albion's Downtown Development Authority to form the Friends of the Bohm Theatre. By 2011, the Friends of the Bohm Theatre and Albion Community Foundation began restoration to the theatre to become a historically preserved location.

With community support and fundraising campaigns from the Albion Community Foundation, the Bohm Theatre opened three months earlier than projected. Now the bright and colorful marquee lights up Superior Street in downtown bringing exciting life to our downtown.

Remembering Mr. Robert Holt

April 30th, 1918 - August 31st, 2024



Mr. Holt sparked laughter and joy in every room he was in. World War II veteran and Albion community member, Robert "Bob" Holt passed away at 106 years old. The oldest man in Calhoun County, Michigan at the time.

Bob Holt was born and raised on his family's farm in New Bloomfield, Missouri. Working in the fields for most of his youth, Holt successfully graduated high school and attended Lincoln University for two years prior to moving to Albion for work opportunities at Albion Malleable Iron Company.

At 23 years old, Holt was drafted into the Armed Services. Holt served in the 349th Field Artillery Battalion, an all-Black unit as part of a segregated Army, and reached the rank of Corporal. During his service, Holt was stationed in Germany. He faced racism from his fellow U.S. soldiers and survived a vehicle explosion, untouched. At the end of the war in 1945, Holt received an honorable discharge before returning home to Albion.

In 1942, Holt married LaVern Union, and together they had seven children, three boys and four girls. They were married for 54 years before LaVern's passing. While providing for his family, Holt worked at the Albion Malleable. Holt held different roles at the Malleable including Shifting Weights, Molder, Core Setter, and Shake Out. The work was labor intensive and difficult, but Holt persisted and retired from the Malleable after 35 years. After retirement, Holt continued to work as a truck driver for Brown Welding, a security guard at Yankees Department Store, and a crossing guard for Albion Public Schools.

In 1998, Holt married Ethel Gamble, and they were married for 26 years, until his passing. In this marriage, Holt gained two stepchildren, one girl and one boy. Holt enjoyed sports, spending time with friends, and playing Solitaire.

Holt was a featured centenarian in the "Centenarians of Calhoun County" in 2022, Grand Marshal of the Festival of the Forks in 2023, and Grand Marshal of the Albion Memorial Day Parade in 2024. In May 2024, Holt was on the Mid-Michigan Honor Flight to Washington D.C. During this trip, veterans visited memorials dedicated to the sacrifices made by America's veterans. Holt was the oldest and only WWII veteran on the trip.



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"He was a truly amazing man, and so many young men looked up to him." - Ehel Holt

Preceded in death by his: first wife LaVern Union Holt; sons Robert Holt Jr. and Anthony Holt; daughters Karen Holt-Hanson and Susan Holt-Chatman; stepson Jason Dodds; and grandsons Darren Langford, Dimond Holt, and Kevin Holt.

Mr. Holt's legacy lives on through: his wife Ethel Holt; son Lionel Holt; daughters Carmelia Hawkins and Debbie (Greg) Williams; stepdaughter Nora Jackson; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.



Local Impacts

Albion residents and organizations, and their 2024 community impacts.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, ladies have been impacting food security of our youth. AKA is an international service organization dedicated to empowering families and the community*. With over 360,000 initiated members in graduate and undergraduate chapters*, 3 local Albion women are continuing their legacy in the Albion area: Vivian Davis, Mae Ola Dunklin, and Barbara Landry-Davis.

Throughout last school year and continuing this year, the Albion AKA ladies have supported food security for **11 students** attending Crowell School's Head Start program. Each identified student is inneed of additional support, and their families qualify by the requirements set by AKA. Each recipient receives **supplemental food for the three days they are not in school** including a snack, lunch, and breakfast.

^{*}Information provided by AKA members and found on aka1908.com.

Community Table of Albion, a part of the Albion Health Care Alliance, Community Table of Albion address food insecurity in the community of Albion. Having access to food, especially fresh food, is essential for any community. The Community Table offers up to three drive-through food distributions a month, as well as access to a food pantry twice a month. In 2024, Coordinator Amanda Cheladyn shared that the Community Table distributed over 5,000 boxes of food with the drive-through distribution and had about 900 visits to the food pantry.

Scouting America is a national program providing leadership, character building, and community service through hands on work with an emphasis the outdoors. A part of Scouting is earning the rank of Eagle Scout, it's the highest rank of the program with only one in four Scouts achieving it. When becoming an Eagle Scout, the youth must complete an "Eagle Scout Project". This project is meaningful to the Scout and helpful to the community. It is a way for Scouts to also practice their leadership skills. In 2024, two Scouts from Albion's Troop 158 and 158G completed their projects: Americus Hawkey and Ian Verbeke.

Ian Verbeke – Bike Repair Stations &

Trailside Cleaning - Stemming from his love of bike riding, Ian Verbeke installed two bike repair stations in Albion. A major component to Albion is the trails. Connecting our community to other cities and even states, we have had bike visitors from across the nation. This project emphasized the need for bike maintenance in the community by installing repair stations in Victory Park and McIntosh Park. Along with the stations, Ian coordinated trail side cleaning in for a more accessible and safe riding experience.



Americus Hawkey - Riverside Cemetery

Flagpole - Focusing on her family connections to the military, Americus Hawkey gave flagpoles at Riverside Cemetery some much needed attention. In her Eagle Scout project, Americus installed a new flagpole and concrete pad in the cemetery for the newly established Space Force. She also corrected the order of the flags and installed plagues. Americus will be the first female Eagle Scout in Albion.



AMERICUS HAWKEY & SCOUT LEADER DAVE HUBER AT NEW FLAGPOLE IN RIVERSIDE CEMETERY.



Tech Savvy Seniors has begun the work of assisting our aging generation with understanding how to use technology to overall improve their quality of life with the work from numerous community organizations. The overall goal of each part of Tech Savvy Seniors is to offer intergenerational connections through the power of learning. It not only is bringing older adults the assistance they need, but also bringing community together in a way like never before.

The partnership began with the Albion College AmeriCorps Program, Calhoun County Senior Services, Albion Health Care Alliance, CareWell Services, Senior Health Partners, Albion Community Foundation, and Forks Senior Center. Now Tech Savvy Seniors, is powered by AmeriCorps students bringing their tech knowledge to the Forks Senior Center, Albion District Library, and in-home services. In the 2024 Fall semester, **over 50 older adults** in Albion were served by five student volunteers.

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world" - Anne Frank 10 NEW FUNDS

Granted \$111,754.31



3 GRANT ROUNDS

Impacted

18
organizations
in the Albion community.



Planning for the Future

5 Year Strategic Plan

The Albion Community Foundation is dedicated to fostering sustainable development by investing in Albion's people, places, and potential. ACF aims to build a stronger, more resilient community through strategic philanthropy and collaborative partnerships. Over the next 5 years, the organization will be focusing in on four main priorities.

Creating a vibrant space for youth and families is essential to Albion's **Community Wellness**. The Foundation is proud to be working with partners on a YMCA Recreation and Community Center that will serve as a hub for physical, educational, and social activities.

Supporting **Economic Development** is critical to creating a prosperous and vibrant community. The Foundation will be working with local businesses, government, and residents to foster job creation, entrepreneurship, and community revitalization.



YOUTH AT YAC'S FARMER'S MARKET BOOTH



HEALTH CHECKS DURING JUNETEENTH

Education is the foundation of a thriving community. The Foundation will be working to ensure that all of Albion's children have access to quality educational opportunities, from early childhood through post-secondary education.

Endowment Growth to \$10 Million+ will enable the Foundation to expand its impact, ensuring long-term financial sustainability and the ability to meet evolving community needs.

Welcome!

Vivian Davis & Kelly Rice

NEW ALBION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS



Vivian Davis is an extremely active Albion community member and is now a Board Member of the Albion Community Foundation (ACF). Her long-standing involvement has developed into experience in community growth, financial sustainability, and innovative initiatives. Davis has been involved in partnerships with the ACF as a former member of the Albion Bohm Theatre Board of Directors.

"I want to be a part of a growing organization that supports my core values to enhance community involvement, support youth development, and provides cultural enrichment opportunities for the citizens of Albion. As a member of the AFC board, I am looking forward to collaborating with like-minded community leaders to develop programs, goals, and build capacity."

Kelly Rice is the is part-owner, vice president, and account executive at Albion Insurance Agency, active member of Albion's Rotary Club, Albion Area Philanthropic Women, President of Albion Moose, and newly added member to the Board of Trustees of the Albion Community Foundation. Rice has previously served on the Board of Directors for the Forks Senior Center as well as the Greater Albion Area Chamber of Commerce. Rice is bringing years of service and involvement in the Albion community to ACF with a fresh perspective on how to best impact the community.

Rice shared that she is most looking forward to learning the process of ACF and absorbing the knowledge of other long-standing board members. "I am a person of action. If an opportunity is given to Albion, I want to be in a position to help facilitate that action."







VOIUNTEAM VICTORY PARK CLEAN-UP



RUN ALB†ON

Raised

\$4,500 for 4 local organizations thru race registration fees 381
PARTICIPANTS
OVER 4 RACES

20 Years of Music

Swingin' at the Shell



Swingin' at the Shell celebrated their 20th season of free summer concerts at Victory Park in 2024! With over 8,000 people gathering over eight live concerts this past summer, the impact Swingin' at the Shell is apparent.

Swingin' at the Shell hosted their first summer concert series in 2004 with the mission to "provide a variety of family-friendly musical entertainment to the community of Albion" shared, Swingin' at the Shell Board President, Stephanie Dobbins. In the beginning, it was a way to bridge the gap of live music from the community band concerts to the Festival of the Forks. Over the years, it has evolved and grown into an Albion tradition. This non-profit runs on the support of numerous sponsors including Caster CaresTM, Team One Plastics, Homestead Savings, John & Jan Shedd, Oaklawn Hospital, the Albion Community Foundation, and the Gar and Dorothy Dickerson Concert Fund.

Each board member of Swingin' at the Shell has their own reasons for caring so passionately about the organization. One of the biggest commonalities is their love for community connection. Swingin' at the Shell allows for shared experiences and joy within our community. Secretary of the Board, Caroline Hurteau stated that she is proud to help create the Swingin' at the Shell opportunities year after year because the organization "is a unique opportunity for community members to come together, share an experience and connect over a common interest." Emily Verbeke, Treasurer of the Board, agreed with Hurteau and expanded on the idea that "when we come together and share memories about music we enjoyed at different stages of our lives and across generations, we strengthen our bonds."



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Fresh Beginnings

New and Reopened Businesses Revitalize Albion in 2024

The Little Red Lunch Box

113 East Michigan Ave

Serving local eats in Albion since 1927.

Although it has gone through several name and owner changes, the current staff is excited to bring The Little Red Lunch Box charm back to the Albion community.

The cafe is open 7 days a week 7AM - 2PM, serving up homey classics from smothered omelets to coney dogs. Stop in for breakfast and lunch!





FRESH BEGINNINGS CONTINUED







Up & Up Upholstery

113 North Superior Street

Providing a new local service to Albion.

Owner Lynn Sellers explained that upholstery is the process of taking your solid frame of furniture and making it into something you fully love. Sellers does this work through taking the structure of older furniture and adding new fabric, adjusting coils, putting in new foam, all to create a new product that will last.

Currently, Up & Up Upholstery is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9AM – 2PM, Wednesday 9AM – 1PM, and appointments on the weekends.

Viking Warrior Axe Throwing Company

100 Fast Frie Street

A New Way to Play in Albion.

The unique experience of axe throwing is now available in Albion, great for families, couples, college students, colleagues. The targets in Viking Warrior are engrained wood, allowing for the axe to stick in the target from any angle with a projected computer screen with numerous game options beyond bullseyes. Throwers can play in games like word puzzles and compete in zombie crushes.

Open Thursday 6PM – 10PM, Friday 5PM – 10PM, Saturday 1PM – 10PM, and Sunday 1PM – 10PM.







GREATER ALBION AREA Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau

Chamber & Community Events

2.5K Facebook Followers



139_{eBlasts}

NEW MEMBERS 173 total members.

Thank you to the 2024 Board of Directors!

Executive Committee

Chair: Alan Morgan, Al's Automotive Excellence Vice Chair: Jen Bomba, Calhoun County Treasurer: Ashley Vinton, Homestead Savings Bank Interim Treasurer: Amy Reimann, At-Large Secretary: Donisha Brewer, Play Right Sports Academ Immediate Past Chair: Christina Wixson, Rennco

Directors

Alex Harris, Smart Strength & Conditioning Christina Niceswander, At-Large Ian Barbour, Barbour Heating and Air LLC Milton Barnes, Play Right Sports Academy Nancy Chapman, Albion College Shonnie Reed, Colson - Albion Industries Toccara Gaddis, Gaddis Impressions

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FESTIVAL OF

2024

The Greater Albion Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau's Festival of the Forks has been held on the third full weekend of September since 1967. The annual festival celebrates community heritage and enjoying Albion with our families, friends, and everyone who attends. This Festival has great food, local musicians and bands, various types of great entertainment, classic cars, a carnival and petting zoo, parade, foam party, canoeing, 100+ artists/exhibitors and food vendors, and more!

This year, attendees followed the red brick road, where they danced, ate, laughed and enjoyed all that Albion has to offer. The 2024 theme, There's No Place Like Albion, was in honor of the 85th anniversary of the classic movie, The Wizard of Oz. The Greater Albion Chamber of Commerce wanted the movie to come alive September 20 - 21, 2024.

Grand Marshal Juanita Solis-Kidder

Juanita is involved with several different organizations in the community including: Citizens to Beautify Albion, Men Who Cook, Calhoun County Senior Services, Albion Area Philanthropic Women, Albion Historical Society, St. John Catholic Church,

Albion Arts Commission, Juanita often volunteers at American Legion Breakfasts, does the coat drive for Charitable Union, and heads the United Way Campaign at Homestead Savings Bank. She attends city meetings and volunteers her time to many other community events. She is known for her kindness, positivity, and warm personality. Juanita is sweet to everyone and will go above and beyond for her community. Juanita Solis-Kidder truly represents the Albion community spirit as she strives to make Albion a better place. GRAND MARSHAL: JUANITA SOLIS-KIDDER

8,000 - 10,000 in attendance

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2024 Ribbon Cutting Celebrations!

Kids 'N' Stuff Children's Museum

301 South Superior Street, Albion Thursday, January 18, 2024

Celebrated their twenty-year milestone anniversary!



121 North Superior Street, Albion Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Celebrated their Grand Re-Opening.

Wildflower Crossing

1624 Alyssum Court, Albion Friday, March 8, 2024

Celebrated the opening of their new clubhouse!

Viking Warrior Axe Throwing Co.

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Celebrated their Grand Opening in partnership with the City of Albion's Downtown Development Authority.









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The Greater Albion Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau's Strategic Plan helps define the organizations priorities and measure success. This is important for the Greater Albion Chamber to help remain focused on their main mission: To make Albion a great place to work, live, and visit. We work with our members to make sure they are set up to be as successful as possible through access to programs and benefits exclusive to Chamber Members. We collaborate with other local entities to help provide a thriving environment for business and investment in Albion.

In 2023, the Greater Albion Chamber's Board of Directors determined five key areas in which the Chamber exists:

- 1.To connect its members to resources, products, and services.
- 2.To connect business to government, customers, and each other.
- 3.To promote its members to the community and visitors.
- 4.To build and support community.
- 5. To support sustainable economic development.



2023 - 2026 STRATEGIC PRIORITES

Develop a Thriving Membership Community

Grow and support members where area businesses are connected to resources to help them succeed.

Improve Governance and Accountability to Stakeholders Develop relationships with stakeholders including education, nonprofits, government, and the business community to support a vibrant community.

Increase Opportunities for Membership

Engagement Create opportunities to build a membership community through participation, attendance, and providing feedback to foster a culture of business support.

Create Opportunities for Community

Development Working with business involvement, the Chamber is working on areas in the community to help attract and retain businesses to the area.

The Greater Albion Chamber's Board of Directors and Staff are committed to serving the greater Albion area and remain focused on the Chamber's Main Mission and Strategic Priorities.

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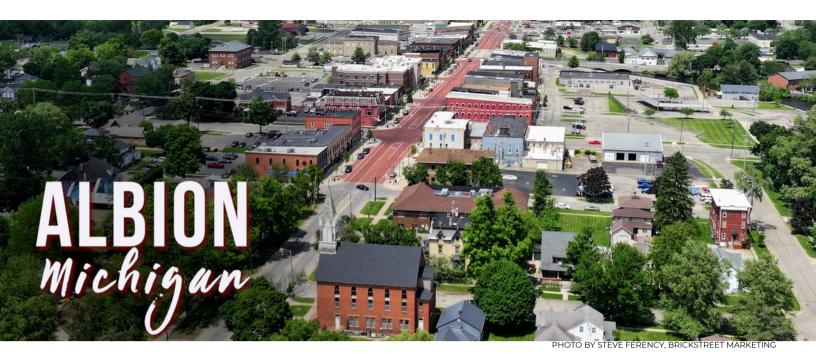
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