



# Naturally Connected

August 2025

## Back to School Back in Style



Start off the school year looking fresh with gear from your local businesses! Looking for some school pride? Check out Pure Albion's selection of Redhawk and Harrington Elementary gear. Get the goods of your dreams with custom products from Gaddis Impressions.

## St. Paul Lutheran Church Kid-to-Kid Shop

Save on new school clothes with St. Paul's Kid-to-Kid Shop! Kids grow fast, and with the Kid-to-Kid shop, parents can save with new to you youth clothing to make every student feel good going back to school. Items start at \$0.50. Clothing and other back-to-school supplies available. Proceeds return to the community for layettes, foster supplies, and emergency needs.

Donations are welcome. Stop into St. Paul Lutheran Church, 100 Luther Blvd, **Saturdays 10AM – 2PM, August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

## Charitable Union Back to School Clothing

Do you know of a student in need of a new outfit for school? Charitable Union is doing their annual clothing event for eligible Bridge, Medicaid, or WIC families on **August 6th from 2PM – 6PM** at the Marshall Opportunity High School. Qualified students will receive new/used shirt, pants, new socks, and underwear. Period products will also be available.

Make a few more summer memories! Community Calendar inside. →

## Albion Branch NAACP\* Annual Back to School Celebration

Supporting Albion's youth education since 2005, the Annual Back to School Celebration aims to give students a great start to the school year, no matter the student. Offering free supplies, community resources, and the love of the community, this event showcases the community's support for its youth while creating an exciting atmosphere to get students ready for their first day of classes.

The celebration is from **5PM to 6:30PM on August 18, 2025**, outside Harrington Elementary School. All students from the Albion area are invited to join this event. Students in grades K-12 and their parents can pick up backpacks and school supplies for the upcoming year.

\*National Association for the Advancement of Colored People



## New Opportunities with *There's Enough*

Most of us collect things...clothes, furniture, decorations, but what do you do with those items when your done with them? Throw them away? Donate to Goodwill? Hold onto them forever? Well now there's an opportunity for your used goods to find a new home with *There's Enough*.

Starting in 2018 as a dream of sustainability and community sharing from the United Methodist Church in Marshall, *There's Enough* is non-profit free store providing a unique shopping experience.

### How it Works



Community members donate unwanted goods to *There's Enough*. These items get refurbished, cleaned, and then displayed on the store floor. Once on

the floor, anyone and everyone is welcome to "shop" the store. All items are free and no personal information is collected. Volunteers count the numbers of items selected at check out for data purposes, and the shoppers go on their way.

### Expanding to Albion

From the success and need seen in Marshall, Executive Director Ruthann Holmes and *There's Enough* Board Members decided to expand their operations to provide donating and shopping experiences in Albion. With additional connections between church pastors, *There's Enough* tested out Albion's need through pop-up shops, and the response was overwhelming. It became evident that *There's Enough* needed a permeant space in Albion.

Along come Gwen and Willie Tabb, active community members and leaders in numerous Albion organizations.



The Vision of Life Building located at 718 Austin Ave, Albion, MI

### The Vision of Life Building

Founded by Vera Simpson, *The Vision of Life* was built to provide the Albion community with opportunity for intergenerational connection. Mrs. Simpson's vision was to provide life skills like sewing, cooking, gardening, to the youth taught by the elders. She began working on her new life mission in 1999. Mrs. Simpson worked endlessly to make this vision a reality. With the support of *The Vision of Life* Board Members, like Gwen and Willie Tabb, *The Vision of Life* began operating in 2009. Over time, the needs and success of classes changed. For the last few years, the building on Austin Ave has sat idle, waiting for its new purpose.

### There's Enough plus The Vision of Life

After hearing about the mission and work of *There's Enough*, Gwen and Willie Tabb proposed to *The Vision of Life* Board that their space on Austin Ave would be a great home for the Albion *There's Enough* location. Aligned with the mission to provide and care for the community, there could not be a better partnership.



Gwen Tabb (left) Ruthann Holmes (right)

### What's Next

As the final touches wrap up at *The Vision of Life* building, volunteers and team members are preparing to open the doors on **Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 10AM**, a ribbon cutting will be at **9AM**. The goal is for the store to be open Mondays through Wednesdays and Saturdays. Donations and volunteers are always welcome.



Albion, Michigan

# August

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

**1**  
**6P** Music in the Park  
*Dr. Harry Bonner Pavillion - Holland Park*  
**7P** Practical Magic  
*Bohm Theatre*

**2**  
**7:30A - 3P** Pedal & Whine - Albion Malleable Bike Tour  
**10A - 2P** Kid-to-Kid Shop  
*St. Paul's Lutheran Church*  
**10A - 7P** Splash Pad Family Fun Day  
*McIntosh Park*  
**1P -2:30P** Coffee Hour with Attorney Jim Haadsma  
*Stirling Books & Brew*  
**1P** STEM Movie Afternoon: LEGO Movie  
*Bohm Theatre*  
**1P** Color Wars: Summer Reading  
*Albion District Library*  
**7P** A Magical Evening in Albion with Stuart MacDonald  
*Bohm Theatre*



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

**3**  
**6P** Allentown Band - a Billy Joel Tribute - Swingin' at the Shell  
*Victory Park Bandshell*

**4**  
**10:30A** Children's Story Time  
*Stirling Books & Brew*  
**7P** Ghost Town Blues Band - Blues at the Bohm  
*Bohm Theatre*

**5**  
**7A - 8A** Tracks & Trades  
*Trackside Eatery & Pub*  
**10AM** Stretch and Lengthen  
*EBMY Farm*  
**6P - 7:30P** Magic: The Gathering  
*Albion District Library*  
**6P** Writing Circle  
*Albion District Library*  
**6P** The Kalimba King  
*Albion District Library*  
**6P - 8P** 2025 National Night Out with Albion Public Safety  
*McIntosh Park*

**6**  
**4P** Albion Knitters  
*Stirling Books & Brew*  
**2P** Charitable Union Back to School Clothing Event  
*Marshall Opportunity High School*  
**6P** Zumba  
*The Body Shop Albion*  
**6P - 7P** Teen/Adult Movement & Dance Class  
*In-Fluence Studio*

**7**  
**10AM** Stretch and Lengthen  
*EBMY Farm*  
**11A - 12P** ART at the Museum: 2-Frame Animation Flip Book  
*Kids 'N' Stuff Children's Museum*  
**5:30P - 7:30P** Euchre Nights  
*Albion District Library*

**8**  
**6P** Music in the Park plus painting  
*Dr. Harry Bonner Pavillion - Holland Park*  
**10P** bohmnite -Billy Madison  
*Bohm Theatre*

**9**  
**9A - 3P** 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Irwin Avenue Yard Sales  
*9 Blocks of Irwin Avenue*  
**10A - 2P** Kid-to-Kid Shop  
*St. Paul's Lutheran Church*  
**1P** Summer Family Free Film: An American Tail  
*Bohm Theatre*  
**2P** Euchre 101 Class  
*Stirling Books & Brew*  
**3P** Stirling Euchre Club  
*Stirling Books & Brew*

**10** Calhoun County Fair Week  
**10:30A** Church in the Park - Albion First United Methodist Church  
*Victory Park*  
**6P** Gone to Paradise - Jimmy Buffett Tribute - Swingin' at the Shell  
*Victory Park Bandshell*

**11** Calhoun County Fair Week  
**10:30A** Children's Story Time  
*Stirling Books & Brew*

**12** Calhoun County Fair Week  
**7A - 8A** Tracks & Trades  
*Trackside Eatery & Pub*  
**10AM** Stretch and Lengthen  
*EBMY Farm*  
**3P - 5P** Food Distribution\*  
*Marshall Opportunity School*  
**4:30P - 6P** Albion After Hours  
*Blight Farms*  
**6P** Writing Circle  
*Albion District Library*

**13** Calhoun County Fair Week  
**6P - 8P** Vacation Bible School  
*Christ Apostolic Church*  
**6P - 7P** Teen/Adult Movement & Dance Class  
*In-Fluence Studio*

**14** Calhoun County Fair Week  
**10AM** Stretch and Lengthen  
*EBMY Farm*  
**11A - 12P** ART at the Museum: Jellyfish Lanterns  
*Kids 'N' Stuff Children's Museum*  
**6P - 8P** Vacation Bible School  
*Christ Apostolic Church*  
**6P** Yarn Craft Club  
*Albion District Library*

**15** Calhoun County Fair Week  
**9A** STEM Excursion | Sloan Museum of Discovery - registration required  
*INNOVATE Albion*  
**4P - 8P** Back to School Backpack Drop  
*Boost Mobile*  
**6P - 8P** Vacation Bible School  
*Christ Apostolic Church*  
**6P** Music in the Park  
*Dr. Harry Bonner Pavillion - Holland Park*

**16** Calhoun County Fair Week  
**9A** Boys Varsity Tennis  
*Marshall Public Schools*  
**9A** Member Morning  
*Kids 'N' Stuff Children's Museum*  
**10A - 2P** Kid-to-Kid Shop  
*St. Paul's Lutheran Church*  
**10A** Brunch at the Bohm - Dirty Dancing  
*Bohm Theatre*  
**1P** Summer Family Free Film: Sonic The Hedgehog 3  
*Bohm Theatre*



17 SUNDAY	18 MONDAY	19 TUESDAY	20 WEDNESDAY	21 THURSDAY	22 FRIDAY	23 SATURDAY
<b>6P</b> B!G L & CODE BLU - Swingin' at the Shell <i>Victory Park Bandshell</i>	<b>9A</b> There's Enough Ribbon Cutting <i>The Vision of Life Building</i>  <b>10:30A</b> Children's Story Time <i>Stirling Books &amp; Brew</i>  <b>5P - 6:30P</b> NAACP Back to School Celebration <i>Harrington Elementary</i>	<b>7A - 8A</b> Tracks & Trades <i>Trackside Eatery &amp; Pub</i>  <b>10AM</b> Stretch and Lengthen <i>EBMY Farm</i>  <b>3P - 5P</b> Food Distribution* <i>Marshall Opportunity School</i>	First Day of School <i>Marshall Public School</i>  <b>4P</b> Albion Knitters <i>Stirling Books &amp; Brew</i>  <b>6P</b> Free Zumba <i>The Body Shop Albion</i>  <b>6P - 7P</b> Teen/Adult Movement & Dance Class <i>In-Fluence Studio</i>	<b>10AM</b> Stretch and Lengthen <i>EBMY Farm</i>  <b>5P - 7P</b> Family Game Night <i>Kids 'N' Stuff Children's Museum</i>  <b>5:30P - 7:30P</b> Euchre Nights <i>Albion District Library</i>	<b>4P</b> Boys Varsity Tennis <i>Marshall Public Schools</i>  <b>6P</b> Music in the Park <i>Dr. Harry Bonner Pavillion - Holland Park</i>	<b>10A - 2P</b> Kid-to-Kid Shop <i>St. Paul's Lutheran Church</i>  <b>12P - 5P</b> Walk the Beat <i>Albion Downtown Albion</i>  <b>2P</b> Chess 101 Class <i>Stirling Books &amp; Brew</i>  <b>3P</b> Stirling Chess Club <i>Stirling Books &amp; Brew</i>  <b>6P</b> Walk the Beat Albion - The War and Treaty (Free Concert) <i>Downtown Albion</i>
<b>24</b> <b>6P</b> Highland Reign- Gaelic Celtic Music- Swingin' at the Shell <i>Victory Park Bandshell</i>	<b>25</b> First Day of Class <i>Albion College</i>  <b>10:30A</b> Children's Story Time <i>Stirling Books &amp; Brew</i>  <b>3:30P</b> Girls Varsity Golf <i>Marshall High School</i>  <b>6:30P</b> Boys Varsity Soccer <i>Marshall High School</i>	<b>26</b> <b>7A - 8A</b> Tracks & Trades <i>Trackside Eatery &amp; Pub</i>  <b>10AM</b> Stretch and Lengthen <i>EBMY Farm</i>  <b>3P - 5P</b> Food Distribution* <i>Marshall Opportunity School</i>  <b>4P</b> Boys Varsity Tennis <i>Marshall Public Schools</i>  <b>6P</b> Coed Varsity Cross Country <i>Marshall High School</i>	<b>27</b> <b>6P - 7P</b> Teen/Adult Movement & Dance Class <i>In-Fluence Studio</i>	<b>28</b> <b>10AM</b> Stretch and Lengthen <i>EBMY Farm</i>  <b>6P</b> Classics Reading Group <i>Stirling Books &amp; Brew</i>	<b>29</b> No School <i>Marshall Public Schools</i>  <b>6P</b> Women's Soccer <i>Albion College</i>  <b>6P</b> Cross Country <i>Albion College</i>  <b>6:30P</b> Trivia Night <i>Stirling Books &amp; Brew</i>  <b>7:30P</b> Women's Volleyball <i>Albion College</i>	<b>30</b> <b>12P</b> Women's Volleyball <i>Albion College</i>  <b>4:30P</b> Women's Volleyball <i>Albion College</i>

**31**  
**1P** Women's Soccer  
*Albion College*  
  
**6P** Cabildo Music - Latin Fusion - Swingin' at the Shell  
*Victory Park Bandshell*

**\* AHCA Community Table of Albion Drive-Thru - new location at Marshall Opportunity High School**



**SPLASH PAD**

**FAMILY FUN DAY**

**SATURDAY AUG 2ND 10AM TO 7PM**

**ACTIVITIES:**

- games & snacks
- Cottons Candy
- Face Painting
- Magician

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**Brunch at the Bohm**  
10AM Saturday, August 16th



**Dirty Dancing**



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**COMMUNITY TABLE of ALBION**  
**2025 Drive-Through Food Distribution Dates**

Drive-Through Distribution is on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesday of each month from 3pm through 5pm.

July: 8, 15, 22	October: 14, 21, 28
August: 12, 19, 26	November: 11, 18, 25
September: 9, 16, 23	December: 9, 16


**PLEASE NOTE OUR LOCATION HAS CHANGED!**

**We are now located at Opportunity High School.**  
**Address: 225 E. Watson, Albion**  
Please enter the parking lot using the west entrance (look for our large green sign).  
Line up using the lanes marked by cones.



For important program updates, please follow us on Facebook at Albion Health Care Alliance & Community Table of Albion

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