

Naturally Connected

The Building Blocks of Education with Families First Learning Center

Families First Learning Center is one of our newest non-profits in the Albion area, providing accessible education-based childcare. Built from the dreams of CEO Taneka Thomas, Families First Learning Center is uniquely positioned to provide quality childcare to students as young as six weeks to 12 years old.



Families First Learning Center is a nature-based learning center with an emphasis on math and reading, with soon to be enrichment programs in music, second language, gardening and more, all located in Crowell School. Thomas truly believes in nurturing each student's abilities from a young age, so they have the support and community they need as they grow.

If you are interested in more information about Families First Learning Center, contact familiesfirstlearningcenter@gmail.com or (517) 343-8000. Applications are accepted year-round, and fees are on a sliding scale. If you are looking to support this non-profit, financial support is always welcomed. As more financial support continuous, Families First Learning Center will be able to open more classrooms and support more families.

Albion Community Calendar inside. →



With her background in early childhood development, Thomas saw the need to have a place where families have affordable childcare that extends beyond the role of a daycare. Thomas' focus is building the basics of education in children's formative years. Currently Families First Learning Center is offering PreK for All, free pre-k for 4-year-olds, preparing the young students to kick off their kindergarten year with prior classroom experience.



To submit feedback or information contact ambassador@albionfoundation.org.

After School Program with Difference Makers

Starting this October, Difference Makers is offering an after school program for any student grades PreK-12th.

Well into their 7th year of operation, Difference Makers has grown and shifted their programs over the years but the focus is the same: providing quality educational opportunities to students by meeting them where they are at. Throughout their programs Difference Makers supports students development in math, reading, service, and life skills to help students develop into leaders. The non-profit achieves this work through designated classroom time and field trips to help the students inside and outside the classroom.

This past summer, the program had over 100 students signed up, and consistently saw approximately 40 students.

Now, Difference Makers is gearing up for their annual After School Program that will continue to focus on academic support, community services activities, and field trips. Running October 6th, 2025 - May 14th, 2026, Monday through Thursday from 3PM - 6:30PM at Grace Temple Outreach Building. For more information call or text (517) 403-2615, or email d.m.2019differencemakers@gmail.com.



AALL Offers Fall Semester Courses

Albion Area Lifelong Learners (AALL) offers continuous learning for Albion area adults 55 and over. Their mission is "to provide opportunities for lifelong learning through discussions, intellectual and social interaction, and access to cultural events. In this supportive academic environment, members are encouraged to explore ideas, expand their knowledge, exercise their creativity and become involved with the community."

An array of courses will be offered to members this fall including "Journeys to Albion", "American Discontents", "Outdoor Immersions", and "Movies of Dame Judi Dench".

Become a member!

Membership dues are \$30. Dues will be prorated to the start of the three academic sessions (\$30 for the entire year, \$20 if a person joins after one session, and \$10 if a person joins after two sessions). Registration forms are available on the website at albionall.org. For more information of AALL contact President Vivian Davis at president@albionall.org.



Albion Historical Society celebrates it's 70th Anniversary

On September 20th the Albion Historical Society celebrated their 70th Anniversary with an open house, ribbon cutting, and of course, cake! Over the past 70 years, the Historical Society has been dedicated to preserving and maintaining Albion's history in multiple facets including their main focus on the Gardner House Museum.



This year also marks the 150th anniversary of when the Garden House was built! The multi floor museum highlights an array of history including historic tools, Victorian Era clothing and beds, World War II memorabilia honoring local area veterans, and history highlighting the Albion Malleable Iron Company.



Bill Blomquist cousins: Clyde Casler and LouAnn Casler.

During their celebration, the Historical Society announced a new room dedication to William (Bill) Blomquist, a Charter Member and Past President of the Albion Historical Society.

Join their upcoming events including the Annual Riverside Cemetery Tour on Sunday October 5th at 1PM.

BROADWAY *at the Bohm*

1PM
October 18th, 2025

\$25 includes specialty spooky treats, popcorn, & drink

A special thank you to our sponsor Colson Group! This event is a fundraiser for the Bohm Theatre.

Oktoberfest

LIVE MUSIC, BAVARIAN FOOD, AND BIG ASS BEERS

10/18
2025

MUSIC AT 6PM WITH

SLAVISTAR

NAACP

Albion Branch

SAVE THE DATE

52nd Annual Albion Freedom Fund Banquet
Sat, October 25, 2025

Baldwin Hall • Doors Open 5:30pm • Program 6:00pm

2025 FREEDOM FUND BANQUET

\$45 DINNER TICKET

SALBIONNAACP

ADMIT ONE

10/25/25
6:00PM

Speaker and Event Details to be Announced!

Eggs & Issues

with the Greater Albion Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau

Friday, October 17th | 8 - 9AM

at Senior Care Partners P.A.C.E.



COZY GROWN UP BOOK FAIR

6PM - 8PM | FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

\$20 TICKET INCLUDES:

- (1) COZY BOOK
- (1) DRINK TICKET
- (1) CUP OF SOUP

COZY BOOKS, BOOKMARK MAKING STATION, & TOTE BAG DECORATING AVAILABLE!

ODD BROTHERS CIDER TASTING

at the Bohm

6PM October 22nd

Only \$25 a ticket! Includes 4 cider tastings and 4 mini pairings

Cider Tastings with Mini Pairings

Sweets on Superior

presented by BlueOx Credit Union

Sunday, October 26, 2025 | 1 - 3PM

Trick or treat with the Greater Albion Chamber during the annual Sweets on Superior Street Sunday, October 26th! This event is open to all Albion area families, to walk up and down Superior Street as businesses, organizations, and non-profits pass out treats to your little ones.

Fill your cauldrons as this year's theme is Withces & Warlocks. Sign up now with the Greater Albion Chamber to be part of the fun.



GREATER ALBION
Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau

October



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<p>WEDNESDAY</p> <p>12P - 1P Real to Reel Documentary Series <i>Albion District Library</i></p> <p>12P Learning Lunch with Albion Health Care Alliance - registration required <i>Bread of Life Ministries</i></p> <p>2P - 4P AALL* Outdoor Immersions Course with Syd Dulaney <i>Location Varies</i></p>	<p>THURSDAY</p> <p>5P Girls Freshmen Volleyball <i>Marshall High School</i></p> <p>5:30P - 7:30P Open Game Night <i>Albion District Library</i></p> <p>6P - 7P Medicare 101 <i>Albion District Library</i></p>	<p>FRIDAY</p> <p>eSports Competition <i>Albion College</i></p> <p>6:30P Friday Night Trivia <i>Stirling Books & Brew</i></p> <p>5P Men's Soccer <i>Albion College</i></p> <p>7P Boys Varsity Football <i>Marshall High School</i></p> <p>7P Coed Varsity Cheerleading <i>Marshall High School</i></p>	<p>SATURDAY</p> <p>10A Men's & Women's Swimming & Diving Scrimmage <i>Albion College Dow Center</i></p> <p>11:30 Boys Varsity Soccer <i>Marshall High School</i></p> <p>12P - 4P Junior Adventuring Guild (Ages 12 - 17) <i>Albion District Library</i></p> <p>1P Blues Workshop <i>Albion District Library</i></p>			
<p>SUNDAY</p> <p>5 10A - 3P Galazio Sunday Brunch <i>Galazio of Albion</i></p> <p>1P - 3P Annual Riverside Cemetery Tour with Albion Historical Society <i>Riverside Cemetery</i></p> <p>1:30P Women's Tennis <i>Albion College</i></p> <p>2P Peace of Pie in the Park <i>Crowell Park</i></p> <p>4:30P Men's Tennis <i>Albion College</i></p>	<p>MONDAY</p> <p>6 5P Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball <i>Marshall High School</i></p> <p>7P Blues at the Bohm with King Bee & The Stingers <i>Bohm Theatre</i></p>	<p>TUESDAY</p> <p>7 10A - 6P Community Table of Albion Walk-In Pantry <i>Marshall Opportunity High School</i></p> <p>10A - 10:45A Wiggle Worms Storytime <i>Albion District Library</i></p> <p>10:15A - 12:15P AALL* Journey to Albion Course: Sarah Steinhauer <i>Albion College Olin 234</i></p> <p>7A - 8A Tracks & Trades <i>Trackside Eatery & Pub</i></p> <p>5P - 8P Magic: The Gathering <i>Albion District Library</i></p> <p>6P Girls Varsity Swimming <i>Marshall High School</i></p> <p>7P Terror Tuesdays: The Exorcist <i>Bohm Theatre</i></p>	<p>8 9A Boys Varsity Tennis <i>Marshall High School</i></p> <p>10A - 12P AALL* American Discontents with Professor Judy Lockyer <i>Albion College Kellogg Center 339</i></p> <p>12P - 1P Real to Reel Documentary Series <i>Albion District Library</i></p> <p>2P - 4P AALL* Outdoor Immersions Course with Syd Dulaney <i>Location Varies</i></p> <p>5P Girls Freshmen & Junior Varsity Volleyball <i>Marshall High School</i></p> <p>6:30P Girls Varsity Volleyball <i>Marshall High School</i></p> <p>6:30P Women's Volleyball <i>Albion College</i></p>	<p>9 2P - 4P AALL* Movies of Dame Judi Dench Course with Richard Lewin <i>Bohm Theatre</i></p> <p>6P Girls Varsity Swimming <i>Marshall High School</i></p> <p>6P - 7P Open Study Group <i>Albion District Library</i></p> <p>6P - 7:30P Yarn Craft Club <i>Albion District Library</i></p>	<p>10 eSports Competition <i>Albion College</i></p> <p>5P Baked Potato Bar <i>St. James' Episcopal Church</i></p> <p>6:30P Friday Night Trivia <i>Stirling Books & Brew</i></p> <p>7P Boys Varsity Football <i>Marshall High School</i></p> <p>7P Coed Varsity Cheerleading <i>Marshall High School</i></p>	<p>11 11A Dollar Film Series: Practical Magic <i>Bohm Theatre</i></p> <p>12P Men's Soccer <i>Albion College</i></p> <p>1P Men's & Women's Swimming & Diving <i>Albion College Dow Center</i></p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13 Indigenous Peoples' Day <i>Albion College Fall Break</i></p>	<p>14 Albion College Fall Break</p> <p>7A - 8A Tracks & Trades <i>Trackside Eatery & Pub</i></p> <p>10:15A - 12:15P AALL* Journey to Albion Course: Dave & Sue Farley <i>Albion College Olin 234</i></p> <p>3P - 5P Drive-Through Food Distribution - Community Table of Albion <i>Marshall Opportunity High School</i></p> <p>6P - 7P Writing Circle <i>Albion District Library</i></p> <p>7P Terror Tuesdays: Scream <i>Bohm Theatre</i></p>	<p>15 10A - 12P AALL* American Discontents with Professor Judy Lockyer <i>Albion College Kellogg Center 339</i></p> <p>12P - 1P Real to Reel Documentary Series <i>Albion District Library</i></p> <p>2P - 4P AALL* Outdoor Immersions Course with Syd Dulaney <i>Location Varies</i></p>	<p>16 Men's & Women's Golf <i>Marshall</i></p> <p>2P - 4P AALL* Movies of Dame Judi Dench Course with Richard Lewin <i>Bohm Theatre</i></p> <p>4P Boys Freshmen Football <i>Marshall High School</i></p> <p>5:30P - 7:30P Open Game Night <i>Albion District Library</i></p> <p>6P Boys Junior Varsity Football <i>Marshall High School</i></p> <p>6P Coed Junior Varsity Cheerleading <i>Marshall High School</i></p>	<p>17 eSports Competition <i>Albion College</i></p> <p>8A - 9A Greater Albion Chamber Eggs & Issues <i>Senior Care Partners P.A.C.E.</i></p> <p>6P - 8P Cozy Grown Up Book Fair - ticketed event <i>Stirling Books & Brew</i></p>	<p>18 Albion College Homecoming</p> <p>9A - 10A Member Mornings: Halloween Spooktacular <i>Kids 'N' Stuff Children's Museum</i></p> <p>11A Men's Soccer <i>Albion College</i></p> <p>11:30A Late Oktoberfest wsg Slavistar <i>Albion Malleable Brewing Co.</i></p> <p>12P - 4P Junior Adventuring Guild (Ages 12 - 17) <i>Albion District Library</i></p> <p>1P Football Game <i>Albion College</i></p> <p>1P Broadway at the Bohm - Little Shop of Horrors <i>Bohm Theatre</i></p> <p>4P Women's Soccer <i>Albion College</i></p>



19 SUNDAY	20 MONDAY	21 TUESDAY	22 WEDNESDAY	23 THURSDAY	24 FRIDAY	25 SATURDAY
		<p>7A - 8A Tracks & Trades <i>Trackside Eatery & Pub</i></p> <p>10A - 10:45A Wiggle Worms Storytime <i>Albion District Library</i></p> <p>10:15A - 12:15P AALL* Journey to Albion Course: Barb Lange <i>Albion College Olin 234</i></p> <p>3P - 5P Drive-Through Food Distribution - Community Table of Albion <i>Marshall Opportunity High School</i></p> <p>5:30P - 7:30P Free Homeownership Workshop - Battle Creek Area Association of Realtors - <i>registration required</i> <i>Albion Housing Commission</i></p> <p>6P Girls Varsity Swimming <i>Marshall High School</i></p> <p>7P Terror Tuesdays: It <i>Bohm Theatre</i></p>	<p>10A - 12P AALL* American Discontents with Professor Judy Lockyer <i>Albion College Kellogg Center 339</i></p> <p>12P - 1P Real to Reel Documentary Series <i>Albion District Library</i></p> <p>2P - 4P AALL* Outdoor Immersions Course with Syd Dulaney <i>Location Varies</i></p> <p>6P Odd Brothers Cider Tasting <i>Bohm Theatre</i></p>	<p>2P - 4P AALL* Movies of Dame Judi Dench Course with Richard Lewin <i>Bohm Theatre</i></p> <p>4:30P Boys Freshmen Football <i>Marshall High School</i></p> <p>6P Girls Varsity Swimming <i>Marshall High School</i></p> <p>6P - 7P Open Study Group <i>Albion District Library</i></p>	<p>eSports Competition <i>Albion College</i></p> <p>6:30P Friday Night Trivia <i>Stirling Books & Brew</i></p> <p>7P Boys Varsity Football <i>Marshall High School</i></p> <p>7P Coed Varsity Cheerleading <i>Marshall High School</i></p>	<p>11A Dollar Film Series: Monster House <i>Bohm Theatre</i></p> <p>12P Men's Soccer <i>Albion College</i></p> <p>3P Women's Soccer <i>Albion College</i></p> <p>5P - 8P Magic: The Gathering <i>Albion District Library</i></p> <p>5:30P 52nd Annual Albion Branch NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet - <i>ticketed event</i> <i>Baldwin Hall - Albion College</i></p>

<p>26 8A - 1P Pancake Brunch <i>American Legion Post 55</i></p> <p>1P - 3P Sweets on Superior Street <i>Downtown Albion</i></p>
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<p>28 7A - 8A Tracks & Trades <i>Trackside Eatery & Pub</i></p> <p>10:15A - 12:15P AALL* Journey to Albion Course: Bob Wall <i>Albion College Olin 234</i></p> <p>3P - 5P Drive-Through Food Distribution - Community Table of Albion <i>Marshall Opportunity High School</i></p> <p>7P Women's Soccer <i>Albion College</i></p> <p>7P Terror Tuesdays: Halloween <i>Bohm Theatre</i></p>

<p>29 10A - 12P AALL* American Discontents with Professor Judy Lockyer <i>Albion College Kellogg Center 339</i></p> <p>12P - 1P Real to Reel Documentary Series <i>Albion District Library</i></p> <p>5P Girls Varsity Volleyball <i>Marshall High School</i></p>

<p>30 2P - 4P AALL* Movies of Dame Judi Dench Course with Richard Lewin <i>Bohm Theatre</i></p>

<p>31 Halloween</p> <p>eSports Competition <i>Albion College</i></p> <p>6:30P Women's Volleyball <i>Albion College</i></p> <p>6:30P Friday Night Trivia <i>Stirling Books & Brew</i></p> <p>10P The Rocky Horror Picture Show <i>Bohm Theatre</i></p>

<p>*AALL - Albion Area Lifelong Learners Course Event</p>



October 4 - November 1 Art Exhibitions at Albion College -
Munro Gallery: Alumni exhibition by Grant Brownlow, '19
Dickinson Gallery: Prints from the Albion Collection curated by students Amelia Douglass, '27, and Sela Geraci, '28
9A - 4P Tuesdays & Thursdays
2P - 8P Fridays
10A - 2P Saturdays
Bobbitt Visual Arts Center, Albion College