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.



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.



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 yearround, 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. -











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 albionalll.org. For more information of AALL contact President Vivian Davis at president@albionaall.org.



Albion Historical Society celebrates it's 10th Anniversury

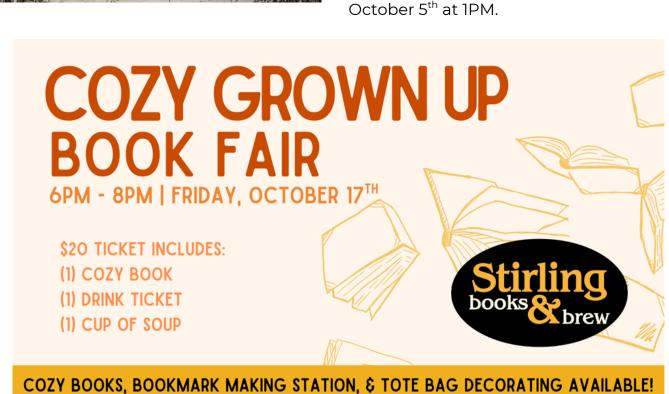
On September 20th the Albion Historical Society celebrated their 70th Anniversary with an open house, ribbon cutting, and of course, cake! Over the past 70 years, the Historical Society has been dedicated to preserving and maintaining Albion's history in multiple facets including their main focus on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



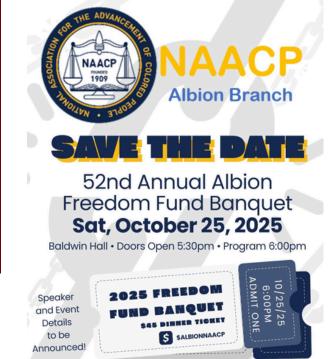
During their celebration, the Historical Society announced a new room dedication to William (Bill) Blomquist, a Charter Member and Past President of the Albion Historical Society.

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









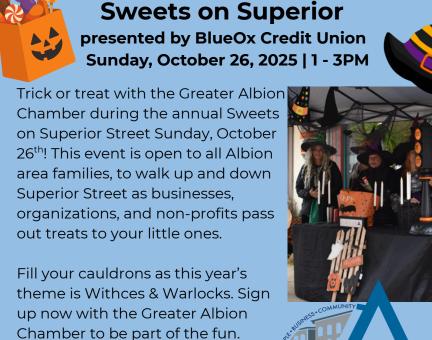
Eggs & Issues

with the Greater Albion Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau **Friday, October 17**th | **8 - 9AM** at Senior Care Partners P.A.C.E.

GREATER ALBION









5P Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball Marshall Hiah School

7P Blues at the Bohm with King Bee & The Stingers Bohm Theatre

> Albion District Library **10:15A - 12:15P** AALL* Journey to

Albion College Olin 234

5P - 8P Magic: The Gathering

6P Girls Varsity Swimming Marshall High School

7P Terror Tuesdays: The Exorcist Bohm Theatre

TUESDAY

10A - 6P Community Table of Albion Walk-In Pantry Marshall Opportunity High School

10A - 10:45A Wiggle Worms Storytime

Albion Course: Sarah Steinhäuer

7A - 8A Tracks & Trades Trackside Eatery & Pub

Albion District Library

6:30P Girls Varsity Volleyball

Documentary Series Albion District Library

6:30P Women's Volleyball Albion College

5P Girls Freshmen Volleyball Marshall High School

5:30P - 7:30P Open Game Night Albion District Library

THURSDAY

Albion District Library

6P - 7P Medicare 101

FRIDAY

eSports Competition Albion College

6:30P Friday Night Trivia Stirling Books & Brew

5P Men's Soccer Albion College

7P Boys Varsity Football Marshall High School

7P Coed Varsity Cheerleading Marshall High School

SATURDAY

10A Men's & Women's Swimming & Diving Scrimmage Albion College Dow Center

11:30 Boys Varsity Soccer Marshall High School

12P - 4P Junior Adventuring Guild (Ages 12 - 17) Albion District Library

1P Blues Workshop Albion District Library

SUNDAY

10A - 3P Galazio Sundav Brunch Galazio of Albion

1P - 3P Annual Riverside Cemetery Tour with Albion Historical Society Riverside Cemetery

1:30P Women's Tennis Albion College

Crowell Park **4:30P** Men's Tennis

Albion College

2P Peace of Pie in the Park

MONDAY

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Location Varies

9A Boys Varsity Tennis Marshall High School

10A - 12P AALL* American Discontents with Professor Judy Lockyer Albion College Kellogg Center

WEDNESDAY

12P Learning Lunch with Albion

12P - 1P Real to Reel

Documentary Series Albion District Library

Health Care Alliance registration required

Bread of Life Ministries

2P - 4P AALL* Outdoor

Immersions Course with Syd

12P - 1P Real to Reel

2P - 4P AALL* Outdoor Immersions Course with Syd Dulaney Location Varies

5P Girls Freshmen & Junior Varsity Volleyball Marsȟall High School

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2P - 4P AALL* Movies of Dame Judi Dench Course with Richard Lewin Bohm Theatre

6P Girls Varsity Swimming Marshall High School

6P - 7P Open Study Group Albion District Library

6P - 7:30P Yarn Craft Club Albion District Library

eSports Competition Albion College

5P Baked Potato Bar St. James' Episcopal Church

6:30P Friday Night Trivia Stirling Books & Brew

7P Boys Varsity Football Marshall High School

7P Coed Varsity Cheerleading Marshall High School

11A Dollar Film Series: Practical Magic Bohm Theatre

12P Men's Soccer Albion College

1P Men's & Women's Swimming & Diving Albion College Dow Center

13 Indigenous Peoples' Day

14 Albion College Fall Break

7A - 8A Tracks & Trades Trackside Eatery & Pub

10:15A - 12:15P AALL* Journey to Albion Course: Dave & Sue Farley Albion College Olin 234

3P - 5P Drive-Through Food Distribution - Community Table of Albion Marshall Opportunity High School

6P - 7P Writing Circle Albion District Library

7P Terror Tuesdays: Scream Bohm Theatre

10A - 12P AALL* American Discontents with Professor Judy Lockyer Albion College Kellogg Center

12P - 1P Real to Reel Documentary Series Albion District Library

2P - 4P AALL* Outdoor Immersions Course with Syd Dulaney Location Varies

Men's & Women's Golf Marshall

2P - 4P AALL* Movies of Dame Judi Dench Course with Richard Lewin Bohm Theatre

4P Boys Freshmen Football Marshall High School

5:30P - 7:30P Open Game Night Albion District Library

6P Boys Junior Varsity Football Marshall High School

6P Coed Junior Varsity Cheerleading Marshall High School

eSports Competition Albion College

8A - 9A Greater Albion Chamber Eggs & Issues Senior Care Partners P.A.C.E.

6P - 8P Cozy Grown Up Book Fair - ticketed event Stirling Books & Brew



18 Albion College Homecoming

11A Men's Soccer Albion College

11:30A Late Oktoberfest wsg Slavistar Albion Malleable Brewing Co.

12P - 4P Junior Adventuring Guild (Ages 12 - 17) Albion District Library

1P Football Game Albion College

1P Broadway at the Bohm - Little Shop of Horrors Bohm Theatre

4P Women's Soccer Albion College



Albion College Fall Break

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	20	7A - 8A Tracks & Trades Trackside Eatery & Pub 10A - 10:45A Wiggle Worms Storytime Albion District Library 10:15A - 12:15P AALL* Journey to Albion Course: Barb Lange Albion College Olin 234 3P - 5P Drive-Through Food Distribution - Community Table of Albion Marshall Opportunity High School 5:30P - 7:30P Free Homeownership Workshop - Battle Creek Area Association of Realtors - registration required Albion Housing Commission 6P Girls Varsity Swimming Marshall High School 7P Terror Tuesdays: It Bohm Theatre	10A - 12P AALL* American Discontents with Professor Judy Lockyer Albion College Kellogg Center 339 12P - 1P Real to Reel Documentary Series Albion District Library 2P - 4P AALL* Outdoor Immersions Course with Syd Dulaney Location Varies 6P Odd Brothers Cider Tasting Bohm Theatre	27 - 4P AALL* Movies of Dame Judi Dench Course with Richard Lewin Bohm Theatre 4:30P Boys Freshmen Football Marshall High School 6P Girls Varsity Swimming Marshall High School 6P - 7P Open Study Group Albion District Library	eSports Competition Albion College 6:30P Friday Night Trivia Stirling Books & Brew 7P Boys Varsity Football Marshall High School 7P Coed Varsity Cheerleading Marshall High School	11A Dollar Film Series: Monster House Bohm Theatre 12P Men's Soccer Albion College 3P Women's Soccer Albion College 5P - 8P Magic: The Gathering Albion District Library 5:30P 52 nd Annual Albion Branch NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet - ticketed event Baldwin Hall - Albion College
26 8A - 1P Pancake Brunch American Legion Post 55 1P - 3P Sweets on Superior Street Downtown Albion	27	 7A - 8A Tracks & Trades Trackside Eatery & Pub 10:15A - 12:15P AALL* Journey to Albion Course: Bob Wall Albion College Olin 234 3P - 5P Drive-Through Food Distribution - Community Table of Albion Marshall Opportunity High School 7P Women's Soccer Albion College 7P Terror Tuesdays: Halloween Bohm Theatre 	29 10A - 12P AALL* American Discontents with Professor Judy Lockyer Albion College Kellogg Center 339 12P - 1P Real to Reel Documentary Series Albion District Library 5P Girls Varsity Volleyball Marshall High School	30 2P - 4P AALL* Movies of Dame Judi Dench Course with Richard Lewin Bohm Theatre	31 Halloween eSports Competition Albion College 6:30P Women's Volleyball Albion College 6:30P Friday Night Trivia Stirling Books & Brew 10P The Rocky Horror Picture Show Bohm Theatre	*AALL - Albion Area Lifelong Learners Course Event

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