

Greater Albion Business News

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Fête de la Musique: Think Music. Think Albion.

Dust off your old guitar, grab your harmonica and join in the Fête de la Musique in celebration of the summer solstice on Thursday, June 21 from 5 p.m.—10 p.m. in downtown Albion.

Little does it matter if you are a professional, a semi-professional, amateur, young or old, this is about expressing oneself through music.

“Think Music. Think Albion.” is based on France’s [Fête de la Musique](#), which has been a great success for 25 years. Since it was inaugurated, the festival has become an international phenomenon, celebrated on the same day in [340](#) cities in 110 countries, including Germany, Italy, Egypt, Syria, Morocco, Australia, Vietnam, Congo, Cameroon, Togo, Columbia, Chile, Mongolia, and Japan -- everywhere, it seems, except in the United States. This year, that will change as Albion, Kalamazoo, and New York City will all participate for the first time.

Numerous area groups have already signed up to participate: Albion World Outreach (contemporary Christian and pop); Vapid Entity (rock); Home Spun Strings (old tradi-



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tional. Celtic, bluegrass); Ace and The Jaguars (rock, r & b); Motown, rockabilly); Spiral of Shame (irreverent rock band); Chaplain and Gwen (gospel jazz contemporary); Bitter Sweet (jazz, pop); Parcarso Starr & Parcarso Starr Band (rhythm and blues); the Wolverine Harmonica Club, and Crimson Blue.

Children who participate in Whacky Wednesdays at the Albion Public Library will be making some musical instruments of their own on Wednesday, June 20, then coming back down on Thursday at 5 to perform with them

While we prefer that individuals or groups pre-register, we will accept musicians who just appear on Thursday night. We ask only

that they check in with Sue Marcos or Nidia Wolf in front of Cascarelli’s to get a location.

It looks like most of the groups will start playing around 7:30 p.m. so have a bite to eat in one of our restaurants and check out our downtown stores while you stroll Superior Street.

The event will take place rain or shine! Groups will play inside in case of inclement weather.

Think Music. Think Albion will be part of a worldwide webcast and we will be able to send in photos and videos as well as our program. To be seen around the world. We expect also that Festival organizers, and entertainment agents etc. will come to have a look at the talent all around us.

Member Happenings

The Greater Albion Chamber of Commerce encourages all members to do business with each other. The companies and individuals listed below have recently made an important investment in their business by joining or renewing their membership in the Chamber. We hope that you will consider doing business with them.

1 year

A-1 Electric
Bellissima Bridal

5 years

Comerica Bank

10 years

Albion Historical Society

Over 50 years

G. Pahl, Photographer

Other Renewals

Albion-Homer United Way
Arman Hartung
Irwin Avenue Animal Hospital
Lautenslager & Lipsey
Waito Plumbing and Heating

The **Albion Paint Spot** is celebrating 52 years doing business in Albion and thanks all of its customers.

Albion Insurance Agency has been awarded the Fremont Insurance Company 2007 5-Star Certificate of Achievement for attaining the company's highest standing. The 131 year-old insurance company, based in Fremont, MI, instituted the program nine years ago to recognize agencies maintaining the highest business standards. The award reflects the agency's long-term success in operating a profitable business. **Albion Insurance** has represented Fremont Insurance

Sorry we're so late. Due to some technical difficulties, this newsletter is very late. We hope to have the issues resolved for July



The Albion Chamber Ambassadors held a ribbon-cutting in celebration of the renovations at Chemical Bank. The ribbon-cutting was followed by a Business After Hours

since 1977...

Staying closer to home this summer? Remember, **Tomac Woods** is just a "chip shot" away! TGIF continues ever Friday. Senior rates are available on weekends and holidays after 2 p.m. A Father's Day Special on Sunday, June 17 at \$32 per person includes 18 holes, cart, grilled burgers, brats and dogs and free entry into Dave's Peoria Tourney and 2-man best ball 9-hole putting contest. The 14 annual price roll-back day will be on Friday, June 29 when 18 holes will cost only \$2.50 (card additional) Tee times are a must! For more information call 517-629-8241.

*Please pass along
The Greater Albion Business
News to your colleagues and
friends and encourage them to
participate in
Chamber events
such as the Chamber golf outing..*



June 2007

Sat. June 2 – Albion Farmers Market – 8:30 am-1 pm-Stoffer Plaza

Week of June 3-9:

**4-8-Community wide cleanup – Northwest & Southwest sections
9 – Albion Farmers Market – 8:30 am-1 pm-Stoffer Plaza**

Week of June 10-16:

**10-Community Band Concert – 7-8pm-Victory Park Band Shell
11-15-Communitywide cleanup-Northeast & Southeast sections
12- DDA Board of Directors Meeting – 7:30am
13-EDC Board of Directors Meeting – 7:30am
13-Albion Farmers Market – 8:30am-1 pm-Stoffer Plaza
16 -Albion Farmers Market-8:30 am-1 pm-Stoffer Plaza**

Week of June 17-23:

**17-Father's Day
19-Chamber Board of Directors -11:45am-EDC Conference room
20-Farmers Market – 8:30am-1 pm-Stoffer Plaza
20 -Albion Fireworks Spaghetti dinner – St. Paul Lutheran Church –
5-7 pm – Fundraiser for the July 3rd fireworks
21 –“Fete de la Musique “-Think Music. Think Albion. - Downtown
Albion – 5 – 10 pm
23 – Albion Farmers Market – 8:30am-1 pm-Stoffer Plaza**

Week of June 24-30:

**24-Community Band Concert -7-8pm-Victory Park Band Shell
26-Albion Downtown Brick Street Meeting – 6:30 pm-EDC office
27-Albion Farmers Market-8:30am-1 pm-Stoffer Plaza
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What? A live music celebration aimed to enhance the scope and diversity of musical practices in all musical genres

When? Thursday, June 21, 2007, 5—10 p.m.

Who? Amateur and professional musicians of all ages and backgrounds

Where? Downtown Albion

How? Free

Why? To give the opportunity to express oneself through music

Sponsored by the Albion District Library, the Albion Downtown Development Authority, , the Greater Albion Chamber of Commerce, the Sister City Committee, and Caster Concepts.