

Swing At The Shell, Sunday, August 12!

After the sweet success of the community band series, the Fête de la Musique, and the Air Force band concert, it's time to rock at the Victory Park bandshell on Sunday, August 12 at 7:30 p.m. with Bill Haley's Comets!

The first to rock and still rolling! Since 1952, "Bill Haley's Comets" have sold over 200 million records and are in the Guinness Book of World Records. The band has appeared in seven motion pictures, T.V., shows including: "Rock Around The Clock", "The Girl Can't Help It", "Let The Good Times Roll" and "Happy Days".

Today, many of The Comets are still performing. The Original "Bill Haley's Comets" featuring Joey Kay on drums and Al Rappa, the original walking bass player seen in many motion pictures and on Dick Clark's American Bandstand, is the only legitimate band with the legal rights to the name and music of "Bill Haley's Comets" in over 50 years of touring.

"Bill Haley's Comets" are presented by the Greater Albion Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by **Caster Concepts**.



GREATEST HITS!
"SHAKE, RATTLE & ROLL"
"CRAZY, MAN, CRAZY"
"RIP IT UP"
"ROCK THE JOINT"
"ROCK-A-BEATIN' BOOGIE"
"RAZZLE DAZZLE"

THE ORIGINAL

BILL HALEY'S COMETS
(FEATURING AL RAPPA ON BASS)

GREATEST HITS!
"ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK"
"SEE YA LATER ALLIGATOR"
"DON'T KNOCK THE ROCK"
"DIM, DIM THE LIGHTS"
"BURN THAT CANDLE"
"SKINNIE MINNIE"

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The cost from Lansing is \$25 each way and from Jackson \$20. Special family rates are also available.

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such as the Chamber golf outing..*

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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.

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Consumers Energy
Homestead Savings Bank
Parks Drug Store

Other Renewals

Albion Industries
Albion Machine & Tool Co.
Carr Brothers & Sons
Chemical Bank
Citizens Lumbertown
Ralph Cram
Five Points Veterinary Hospital
Georgia Pacific Corrugated
Guardian Industries
High Colors
Ossur
J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home
Ultra Form
Walsh Add-N-Type
Westin Communities, LLC

The Michigan Cattleman's Association selected Ken Blight (**Blight Farms**) as "MCA Businessman of the Year". Ken graduated from Michigan State University with an animal science degree and is a partner in **Blight Farms**. Ken helped grow the business to 800 cattle on feed and 2,300 acres of crops. This family farm has completed many projects to improve the environment including windbreaks, and waterways, settling basins, implementing a nutrient management plan and construction of a chemical containment facility. These projects

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

influenced their being awarded the 2996 Region I Environmental Stewardship Award from the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. Ken has served as a director of the Michigan Beef Industry Commission and is currently a director of the Michigan Cattlemen's Association.

A recent speaker at the **Rotary Club of Albion** was Jerry Reif, Soap Box Derby Region V Director. His topic was the All-American Soap Box Derby, the longest running youth racing program in the country. It was started in Akron, Ohio, in 1934, where the championship races have been held every year since, except during 1942-1945 because of World War II. There are now 10,000 participants in the U.S.A each year, ages 8 to 18. 55% are boys and 45 % are girls. (Mr. Reif said the girls usually do better than the boys, because they are better disciplined and organized for their age.) 10% of participants are from minorities. There are at risk programs and a National Super Kids division for youth with various levels of disabilities, using dual-controlled derby cars. The cars must be made by a youth, not an adult. But, a great car doesn't necessarily win a race; the driver wins the race by their skill. Races are held locally and in rally racing circuits. The winners go to Akron for the Annual Championship races. They compete for college scholarship money, trophies and other prizes. Mr. Reif feels that Albion has excellent locations for

races. Parts for cars can be obtained over the internet. Corporate sponsors in the past have included Leaf Candy, NASCAR, Goodyear, Home Depot and Toyota.

Another recent speaker at **Rotary** was Eric Miller, **Albion Chief of Public Safety**. He talked about the improvements in Albion Public Safety in the past 2 years. Instead of having to drive 23 miles to and from the court in Battle Creek to deliver paper copies of important documents, they can now be send electronically, saving time and money. There is now improvement in training of officers. One person is in charge of fire training and one, for police training. All officers receive the same training. There are 4 fire departments within 6 miles of each other: Albion, Albion Township, Sheridan Township and Marengo. Since they all feel they should be working together, they now get together to talk and train together. An example of good cooperation was the recent fire at St. James Episcopal Church in Albion. Marshall and Albion Departments can talk to each other by e-mail. Albion has also been a leader in fighting crime. There have been 14 drug raids in the past 2 years, yielding 100 bags of marijuana and one pound of crack cocaine. Besides reducing crime, the Albion Department of Public Safety is striving to consolidate dispatching and improve its relationship with the community. It is particularly interested in helping businesses with bank deposits, due to some recently related crimes.

Alumni Association To Honor Distinguished Alums

.Five graduates of Albion High School will be honored as Distinguished Alumni during an all-class reunion dinner which will take place during the Festival of the Forks on Saturday, September 22, 2007.

This year's recipients are: Joseph Calvaruso ('74), Dorothy Wilson Height ('68), Gary Lee Nelson ('58), Dr. James Scott ('65) deceased, and Leonard White ('69).

Joseph Calvaruso is a banker who not only graduated from Albion High School, but also from Albion College which he now serves as president of the Gerald R. Ford Institute Visiting Committee. Calvaruso received an MBA in finance from Western Michigan University. He is vice-chairman of Michigan Certified Development Corporation, member of a Selective Service Board, and member of the Kalamazoo County Republican Executive Committee. Calvaruso is also a licensed emergency medical technician and has served as a volunteer first aid instructor as well as an Albion Community Ambulance volunteer attendant. He has been very active in his professional organization the Risk Management Association both at the national and state levels and is currently a board member of the Michigan chapter. He has written numerous award-winning publications for the Risk Management Association. Calvaruso has endowed the Elkin R. Isaac Student Research Symposium Keynote Address, giving back to Albion College and the Albion community. He likes golf, gardening, travel, politics and event production. He has done Presidential Advance work for three Presidents

and the Vice-Presidents on over 70 events. He has also worked on two Presidential Inaugurals and was the Deputy of Operations for the Grand Rapids portion of President Ford's funeral. Joe and his wife Donna live in Galesburg.

Dorothy Wilson Height attended Kellogg Community College where she studied business administration, Jackson Community College where she studied education, Eastern Michigan University where she studied criminal justice and received an MBA from Nazareth College. She is retired from State Farm Insurance where she was an assistant manager. She has participated in numerous programs: the Drug Free Kids Club, W.K. Kellogg Foundation "Yes We Can", Battle Creek Community Foundation Ambassador, and the National Resource of Healing Racism. Height has also served on many boards including Neighborhood INC, Burnham Brook, Kimball House and AAUW where she served as president. She is a master gardener with the Leila Arboretum Society. Dorothy enjoys reading, decorating, gardening, public speaking, cooking and volunteering. For her volunteer work she has received many awards. She was the first recipient of the "Community Builder of the Year" Award in Battle Creek. She has received the Boy Scout Troop 162 award, a Southwestern Michigan Urban League Community Leadership Award, the Golden Rule Award, Mentor of the Year Award from Junior Achievement and a leadership award for United Way's Project Blueprint. Her greatest accomplishment, says

Dorothy, is standing with her mother as they graduated together from Albion High School in June of 1968. Dorothy has two grown children.

Gary Lee Nelson is a pioneer in the field of computer music, performer, composer, and instrument designer. He has composed and performed worldwide with the MIDI Horn, a realtime interactive instrument of his own design. He has developed software for 'hyperinstruments', worked at EMS Stockholm, at IRCAM (Paris). Nelson is currently Professor of Electronic and Computer Music at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and has taught at Purdue University and Bowling Green State University. He holds a bachelor's degree in music from Youngstown University, a master's degree from the University of Michigan. He studied at Utrecht University in Holland for two years and then received a MA and Ph.D from Washington University in St. Louis. He has taught at summer camps including the Interlochen Arts Camp and played with the Youngstown Symphony, the Toledo Orchestra and Het KuhstmaandQvesst in Amsterdam. He belongs to the ACLU, MoveOn.org, Oxfam, the Diabetes Association, the American Cancer Society, and WCLV-FM (public radio/tv). Nelson particularly likes Irish music and performed with his wife Christine at the 2004 Festival of the Forks.

Distinguished Alumni

He also enjoys biking, hiking, dancing, Chinese and Italian cooking. Some may know him as the world's tallest elf, Geldryk, who entertains at birthdays, festivals and parties with songs, stories and silliness. Gary and Christine have five grown children.

James Edward "Boot" Scott (deceased) belonged to the Boy Scouts while in Albion, but felt that he had to work if he wanted to go to college. Scott played football and loved wrestling and received several trophies and letters for these sports. He worked for the *Albion Recorder* and won a trip to Chicago with then publisher Blair Bedient and worked at the A & P Store under Harry Worden. At Eastern Michigan University, Scott was a champion wrestler, excelled in his studies as a history major, and was president of his fraternity Omega Psi Phi. After graduation he taught high school history for a year. He soon completed his Master's degree at Eastern Michigan and then earned his Ph.D at the University of Michigan's Center for the Study of Higher Education. When he was only 30, he became the Director of Student Life at EMU. In 1981, the University of Florida was very fortunate to attract him as Dean of Students. Scott completed the Institute for Educational Management Program at Harvard, became Vice-President of Student Affairs at Georgia Sate University. In 1999, he returned to the University of Florida as Vice President. Because he was good at almost everything, and because he was so highly regarded by his colleagues, Scott was elected President of the 7000-member National Association of Student Personnel Administrators

in 1993, the highest professional achievement that can be earned in his field. He was also named one of 20 "pillars of the student affairs profession" at a national meeting. He was a frequent conference speaker and a consultant to other colleges and universities. He volunteered for many community activities and also found time to be the President of his Kiwanis Club. Scott and his wife Ann had three children.

Leonard James White decided he should quit high school in 1944 and join the Navy where he served on the U.S.S. PC-1171 in the Pacific Ocean in China and around Japan. After his discharge in 1946, White returned to Albion and the Fire Department where he continued through the ranks as the years progressed until being appointed chief in 1973. When White first enlisted in the Navy, his parents were very upset. So, he promised his mother that he would finish high school when the war was over. In the meantime, however, he met and married his wife Geraldine and they became the parents of three daughters. White reenlisted in the Navy in 1950 during the Korean Conflict. Upon his discharge, he returned to the Albion Fire Department, rose up through the ranks. Still he did not have a high school diploma and realized that if he were ever to become Fire Chief in Albion or elsewhere, he didn't have a chance as a "high school dropout". He obtained his GED, but that wasn't enough. He then enrolled in the Albion Adult Education Program and received his diploma in 1969. White also served as Fire Chief in Dyers-

burg, Tennessee, Bensenville, Illinois and Lauderdale Lakes, Florida. In Bensenville, he enrolled at Triton College, graduating with an associate's degree in Applied Sciences. In 1982, at age 55, he graduated with honors from Southern Illinois University, the first in his family to go beyond the 8th grade. While in Albion he was a member and officer of Eagles, Aerie #1265; served as an officer of the Albion Municipal Employees' Credit Union; was active on the Elks Bingo Committee and chaired the first "Albion Spirit of '76 Days" parade on the fourth of July. He was also active in the Michigan Fire Chiefs' Association. White was a member of the Festival of the Forks Steering Committee and the First Presbyterian Church. He also became very involved in the American Legion and the Masons and continues those affiliations to this day.

These five Distinguished Alumni join Daniel Boggan, Jr. ('63) and Henry Konkle ('47), David Eddy ('56), Douglas McElhaney ('65), David G. Moore ('64), Leslie Spicer Williams ('86), the late Blanche Allen Wilson ('63), Priscilla Felisky Whitehead ('56), Stafford Smith ('56), Benjamin Snyder ('57), Jack Hood Vaughn ('39) and John Vournakis ('57).

For dinner reservations, please contact the Greater Albion Chamber of Commerce, 517-629-5533.



Governor Jennifer Granholm cut the ribbon for the grand opening of the E 85 Ethanol and biodiesel fuels at the Albion Mobil station.



Rick Crandall and Kevin Studley of "Crimson Blue" made great music at the first annual Fête de la Musique in Albion



Thank you, John Rmler!



The United States Air Force Band delighted hundreds of people from throughout the region on July 7.



The Wolverine Harmonica Club including Albionites Jim Deal and Phil Hostetler THINK MUSIC THINK ALBION.