

Greater Albion Business News

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Albion Aglow Approaches

The holiday season will be here before we know it! Please join us in celebrating by having an entry in the 18th annual Albion Aglow holiday parade which will be held on Tuesday, November 27 at 6:15 pm. This is a great marketing opportunity for your business!

This year's theme is "Bright Ideas". While we strongly encourage floats, we want broad participation and welcome walking groups, cars, trucks, etc. as long as the entry displays the holiday spirit. Please do not use Santa as a part of your entry as there will be an "official" Santa.

Participants should arrive at Washington Gardner Middle School by 5:45 pm to allow time for judging and placement. The parade route will proceed from the Middle School on Michigan Avenue to Superior Street, to Erie Street and end in Stoffer Plaza.

For safety reasons, we request that you **not throw items (including candy)** from floats or vehicles. Walkers may hand out candy to spectators.

Don't forget that there are awards and that the winner of

the best float is allowed to display the trophy during the parade.

Please complete the enclosed form and return it no later than **November 20** to: .

Albion Aglow
Greater Albion Chamber of Commerce
416 S. Superior Street
P.O. Box 238
Albion, MI 49224
or fax to: 517-629-4284

Also, as you begin your holiday shopping, don't forget to shop locally first!!! It's very important to our local economy and our local businesses.

As always, **AlbionMoney** gift certificates are available and make great gifts. They are especially nice for people for whom it is difficult to buy for and for employees, business associates and friends. **AlbionMoney** comes in \$5, \$10 and \$20 denominations and is available at the chamber office, 416 S. Superior Street. It can be redeemed in about 35 different Chamber businesses. We can even provide you green or red envelopes!

In the meantime, Happy Thanksgiving!

Board News

At its regular October Board meeting, your Board of Directors appointed Wendy Couling (**Culligan Water Conditioning**) to fill out the term of Richard Noll (**Pamida**).

It also declared the following members elected for three year terms beginning January 1, 2008 and running until December 31, 2010:

Retail- Ron Wright, **Citizens Lumbertown**

Manufacturing- David Seedorf, **Team 1 Michigan**

Services- Missy Hoath, **Chemical Bank**

Professional- Tom Hunsdorfer, **Albion College**

At Large- David Weeks, **Individual Member**

Following the Board meeting and dinner at **Cascarelli's**, the Board held its annual retreat, lead by Randy Fisher (**Gordon Martin Builder**) and began to determine goals and objectives for 2008.

Chamber members who wish to serve on various committees this coming year are invited to share their interests with Board members or with Sue Marcos

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.

New Members

Battle Creek/Calhoun County Convention & Visitors Bureau

Dwight Butt, President
Shannon Rose, Office Manager
Jodi Bowen, e-Marketing Manager
77 E. Michigan Avenue, Suite 100
Battle Creek, MI 49017
Tel: 269-962-2240
Fax: 269-962-6917
www.battlecreekvisitors.org

10 years

Albion Volunteer Service Organization

Other Renewals

Albion Beer Well

Lopez Taco House

Rosemary Davis, Realtors

Homestead Savings Bank recently announced the following promotions. Jenifer VanArman has been promoted to Senior Vice President. Jenny Wilber has been promoted to Vice President of Lending and Jessica Dane has been promoted to Vice President/Controller.

The **Albion College** Music Department has announced its 2007-08 Guest Artist Series:

BUG, Jazz Ensemble, Tuesday, November 13 at 8 p.m.

Lin He, violin, Lia Jensen, piano, Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at 8 p.m.

Kalamazoo Brass, Friday, February 22, 2008 at 8 p.m.

Fred Karpoff, piano, Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at 8 p.m.

Christian Ellenwood, clarinet; Elisabeth Ellenwood, viola; David Abbott, piano, Sunday March 23 at 8 p.m.

The Gilmore Piano Festival, Saturday, April 26, 2008 at 8 p.m. All performances will be in Goodrich Chapel. Also, on the agenda is the indoor concert of the British Eighth Marching Band on Sunday, November 4 at 4 p.m. at Goodrich Chapel; Jazz in the Stack, 2nd floor, Kellogg Center, Wednesday November 7 at 8 p.m.; and Jazz at Relli' (Cascarelli's) on Friday November 16 at 9:30 p.m.

Entertain clients, customers, family, and friends with a Battle Creek Knights Professional Basketball Team in the tremendous atmosphere of the Kellogg Arena. Tickets are also great employee incentive and recruiting tools. For more information call 269-965-5001 or write to info@bcknight.com

Winners of the Chamber Cash Drawing were Randy Fisher (**Gordon Martin Builder**), Rosemary Fisher (**Gordon Martin Builders**), Carol Gnich, and Tim Lyon.

At the **Rotary Club of Albion** meeting October 25, Rotarian **Ann Rosenbaum Petredean**, county treasurer, introduced speaker Jeff Kimble from the US EPA. He explained that the site of the old Harvard Industries on North Albion Street has much hazardous waste. It is considered an emergency to clean up the site, as children has been entering the site and playing there. Fences don't seem to prevent this. Mercury, PBCs and many drums of other chemicals from the old laboratory are among many of the poisonous wastes there. It is costing over one million tax dollars to clean up the site, because bankrupt Harvard Industries has no money. The clean-up is part of the Superfund Removal Project. EPS is taking care of the immediate threat, while scrap companies are removing other parts of the buildings.

The Dalrymple School is another site that must be cleaned up, particularly since it contains asbestos.

***Please pass along
The Greater Albion
Business News to
your colleagues and
friends and encourage
them to participate
in Chamber
events such as Eggs
& Issues! And please
e-mail us your member
happenings!!!
sue@greateralbionch***

Forks Senior Center
600 E. Michigan Ave.
Albion MI 49224
629-3842

Swiss Steak Dinner
With Home Made Pies
November 30th 5:00 – 7:00 pm
Tennant Hall – First United Methodist Church
\$8.00 Adults & \$5.00 Child

Medicare Part “D” Sign Up
December 5th 10:00 – 12:00 & 12:30 – 2:00
At the Center
Also every Thursday from
November 15th – December 30th
By Appointment at the Center.

Christmas Bazaar & Soup & Salad Luncheon
With dessert & drink \$4.50
December 8th 10:00 – 2:00 pm
Tennant Hall First United Methodist Church

Albion Aglow!

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Type of entry: Float _____ Car _____
 Band _____ Truck _____
 Other _____

Name of Organization/Business _____

Contact Person _____

Street Address _____ P.O. Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Number of participants _____

Title and brief description of entry _____

Please return to the Greater Albion Chamber of Commerce, 416 S. Superior Street,
P.O. Box 238, Albion 49224 **no later than November 20!**



Eggs & Issues

Friday, November 16, 2007

7:30 a.m.

Cascarelli's of Albion

(please use conference room door of back parking lot)

Breakfast Buffet: \$7.00

**If possible, R.S.V.P
517-629-5533**

Come join the fun!



November 2007 Events

Week of November 4-10:

4th – Daylight Saving Time ends

5th- Albion City Council – 7 pm

6th – Election Day

10th- Ribbon Cutting – Sister's Act Unique Gifts & Collectibles – 1 pm -14632 28 Mile Rd, - Albion

Week of November 11-17

11th – Veterans Day

13th –DDA Board of Directors Meeting

16th – Eggs & Issues – 7:30 am- Cascarelli's of Albion

Week of November 18-24

20th- Chamber Board of Directors Meeting – 11:45 am- EDC Conference Room

22nd – Thanksgiving Day –Chamber office closed

23rd- Chamber office closed

Week of November 25-30:

26th-Albion Downtown Brickstreet Meeting – 6:30pm-EDC Conference Room

27th-“Albion Aglow” parade- 6:15 pm- downtown Albion

30th – Forks Senior Center Swiss steak dinner-5-7 pm-Tennant Hall at First United Methodist Church