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## CARNATION FESTIVAL COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

The Greater Alliance Carnation Festival Board will host its annual Carnation Festival Community Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 5, 2023. This will take place at the University of Mount Union's Hoover-Price Campus Center, located at 420 W. Simpson St. in Alliance.

We are excited to have Mr. James Stout and Ms. Kim Stout as our featured keynote speakers. They will talk about "The Coastal Pet Story."

Tickets are available for purchase at Compu-Tek, located at 703 S. Union Ave. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person.

Tables of eight will be reserved, otherwise it's first-come, first-served. Please bring the exact change or check.

If you have any other questions regarding the event, contact Missy Miller at (330) 428-2465.



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Each year, the Alliance Area Chamber of Commerce and its members benefit from the generosity of local organizations that provide sponsorship support. These investments in the Chamber help to offset the costs of events, provide non-dues-related revenue, and support programming for the local business community.

We are so grateful for these organizations that choose to support our efforts. They not only see the value of investing in the Chamber, but recognize that their support is also an investment in their own business or organization as Chamber sponsorships also offer an opportunity to promote their organizations in a powerful way.

Chamber sponsorships provide our members with an opportunity for recognition and publicity. Depending upon the level of sponsorship, such exposure may range from inclusion of the company's name in an event program or flyer to the advertisement of your company on signage at all Chamber sponsored events. Other benefits may include seats or a table at Chamber events or the complimentary inclusion of a promotional flyer in the Chamber News newsletter.

Many local businesses and organizations have already pledged their sponsorship support for the 2023 year. Diamond sponsors (\$4,000) include Copeland Oaks; Krugliak, Wilkins, Griffiths & Dougherty Co., L.P.A.; A-Town Burgers and Brews; and the University of Mount Union. Platinum sponsors (\$2,000) include Tanner Real Estate, Cassaday-Turkle Christian Funeral Home, 415 Group, and Consumer's National Bank. Gold sponsors (\$1,000) include the Schauer Group. Many, many thanks to these organizations for their continued support.

We hope you'll consider adding your company's name to this growing list of sponsors. Please reach out to the Chamber office for more information.

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**TWENTY UNDER 40**

Twenty under 40! awards recognize Stark County's leaders under 40 who have demonstrated dynamic leadership and social responsibility. These individuals are committed to making a difference in our community and creating a lasting impact. They are the doers, dreamers, and difference-makers. The longevity of the TU40! program, now in its 16th year, is a testament of the passion, strength, and grit of the young professionals who choose to live, work, and stay in Stark. Congratulations to Heather Prince, Real Estate Matchmaker with Howard Hanna Real Estate. Winners will be celebrated at a star-studded award ceremony on Tuesday June 27 at the Cultural Center for the Arts, provided by the nominees, and publicly available information. Criteria include community and civic involvement, professional experience, and demonstrated performance.

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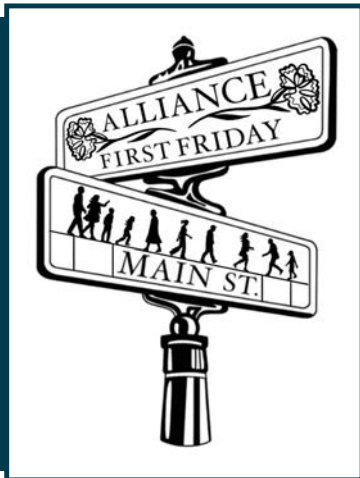
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# FIRST FRIDAYS

*May and June Events*





# — ALLIANCE — FIRST FRIDAY

July 7 2023

*Alliance Chamber Downtown  
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4-8pm

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Scavenger Hunt  
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## SUMMER READING RUNS MAY 30 THROUGH JULY 29

Rodman Public Library invites all of its patrons - whether young, mature, or somewhere in between - to take part in the 2023 Summer Reading Program.

The program, which runs from Tuesday, May 30 through Saturday, July 29, features three divisions, including one for children (up to 12 years old), one for teens (ages 12 to 18) and one for adults (18 years and older). Patrons can sign up in person at the Main Library, the Branch Library, or on the Bookmobile any. Patrons may also sign up online at [rodmanlibrary.beanstack.org](http://rodmanlibrary.beanstack.org), or through the Beanstack app, which they can download on a mobile device.

Patrons can sign up to take part in the 2023 Summer Reading Program, which has a theme of “All Together Now,” starting Tuesday, May 30.

Prizes will be awarded throughout the two months and patrons will earn entries into grand prize drawings that will be held after the conclusion of the summer reading program. Patrons are expected to pick up their prizes within a week, or make arrangements to do so.

To get the summer reading program started, a portion of Rodman Public Library was transformed into a mini carnival on Thursday, June 1. Throughout the area there were midway games such as Plinko, Basketball Pop-a-Shot, Ring Toss, Golf, and a Kiddie Hi-Striker. Popcorn and cotton candy were provided to those attending.

A kick-off event was also held from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Branch on Thursday, June 8. The event included a scavenger hunt, a photo booth, face painting, a craft table, a game, and a small snack to take home.

### CHILDREN

Children who sign up for the All Together Now Summer Reading Program will receive a reading log and a BINGO board when they sign up in person.

With every 15 minutes of reading completed, kids will color in a book on the log. After coloring in 24 circles, which amounts to six hours of reading, the reading log is complete and can be taken to the library to receive an entry into a raffle for one of several prizes, including a Nintendo Switch Lite, an Amazon Fire tablet, a LEGO Super Mario playset, a Kavi American Girl Doll of the Year, a \$50 Amazon gift card (two to be awarded), or a \$50 Walmart gift card (two to be awarded).

Children will also be awarded a certificate of completion, a book of their choice and coupons from area restaurants.

Young readers can earn an additional ticket for every five additional hours of reading, which will be recorded on a supplemental sheet.

Another raffle entry can be earned by completing a BINGO on the card inside the reading log. To complete a BINGO, children will need to complete challenges that fill in a line on their card.

### TEENS

Teens will have plenty of opportunities to earn entries into the grand prize drawings for one of four prizes, including a Nintendo Switch Lite, a \$50 Amazon gift card (two to be awarded), or a package of gift cards to area restaurants valued at \$100.

Teens who complete 20 hours of reading, which will be recorded on a reading log, will earn a book, a summer reading-themed prize and an entry for one of the three grand prizes.

For each additional five hours beyond the initial 20, teens will earn an extra raffle ticket. They can accumulate as many as eight additional tickets, essentially one for every full week of the Summer Reading Program.



Weekly challenges, which will involve taking part in an easy activity or answering a simple question, can also earn another entry each week.

## ADULTS

For adults signing up in-person, any checkout transaction of library materials qualifies for one ticket to be entered into a weekly drawing for a canvas library bag filled with a variety of goodies, including a \$25 Amazon gift card. Patrons may have multiple checkouts per day.

Tickets from one week will not be added to the next week's drawing. Instead, they will be entered into the grand prize drawing for a \$100 Amazon gift card.

For those participating online, each book read qualifies for one ticket to be entered into a weekly drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift card. The online version will also have its own grand prize drawing for a \$100 Amazon gift card.

Those with questions about summer reading should call (330) 821-2665.

# RPL BOOKMOBILE SETS SUMMER SCHEDULE

The Rodman Public Library Bookmobile will make 19 weekly regular stops throughout the summer as it marks 85 years of mobile library service in Alliance.

Those stops include the Alliance Farmers' Market at the northeast corner of State Street and Union Avenue from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on most Saturdays between June 24 and August 19.

It will also offer Storytime at 6:30 p.m. during First Friday events in downtown Alliance, and will make a special visit to the Historic Main Street Art and Music Festival on July 15.

The 34-foot library on wheels can also be seen during the Greater Alliance Carnation Festival parade on August 12 and the Martin Luther King Jr. parade on August 26.

For a complete schedule brochure, visit the Bookmobile, or the circulation desk at either the Main Library or Branch Library. It can also be found online at [rodmanlibrary.com/bookmobile](http://rodmanlibrary.com/bookmobile).

Howard B. Sohn was director of Alliance's Carnegie Library when he had the idea to offer a mobile service while making a family trip in a house trailer to the American Library Association Conference in New York City in 1937.

On January 24, 1938, the first mobile branch – a 16-foot house trailer with an interior width of 6 feet, 3 inches that carried approximately 1,000 books – made its first ever stop at the corner of Union Avenue and Ely

Street. Lewis Waldman was the chauffeur, driving a local delivery truck that was hired to pull the wagon. Miss Idalian Gamble was the librarian in charge of the books.

In 1949, the trailer branch was replaced with the traveling branch, a completely self-contained vehicle that stocked more than 2,000 volumes. And in the 1960s and 1970s, two Bookmobiles were in operation at the same time.

The current Bookmobile went into service in 2012. It is 34 feet long, stands 11 feet, 6 inches high and is handicapped accessible. It has the capacity to hold 2,800 to 4,000 items.

According to 2020 statistics, it is among only 679 in operation across the country.

For more information about Bookmobile services, call 330-821-2665, ext. 108.







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# ATHENA SCHOLARSHIPS

The 10th annual Athena Scholarship was awarded at the Chamber Annual Dinner on May 24. This year, two outstanding students received the scholarship – Rylee Horning from Alliance High School to Allyson Hartzell from West Branch High School!

With support from the Alliance community, the Athena Scholarship was established in 2013 by the Woman of the Year and Athena Leadership award recipients. In collaboration with the Chamber, the scholarship was set up with the Greater Alliance Foundation (GAF.) Based on similar criteria as the Athena Leadership award, the scholarship is presented to a college-bound female high school senior who exemplifies community service, academic achievement and leadership potential. The honoree must reside within Alliance City, Marlinton Local, Sebring or West Branch Local School Districts and must attend and anticipate graduation from one of those schools or from St. Thomas Aquinas.

The scholarship is paid from the GAF to the college, university or other educational institution in which the recipient is enrolled. The agreement between the Athena Scholarship and the GAF results in a secure and growing fund that benefits deserving young women.

Please consider a tax-deductible gift to this worthwhile initiative. Visit the Foundation's website at [www.GreaterAllianceFoundation.org](http://www.GreaterAllianceFoundation.org) to donate online. Designate your contribution to "Athena Scholarship." Or mail your check, payable to the Greater Alliance Foundation, to 960 W. State St., Suite 220, Alliance, OH 44601. Put "Athena Scholarship" on the memo line.

With sincere gratitude for your support, this scholarship will be awarded annually in perpetuity to deserving young women in the Alliance area.

# ATHENA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2014 Alexandrea Garrett West Branch NEOMed	2020 Kathryn Goodwin Alliance Kent State University
2015 Alexis Austin Alliance Capital University	2021 Zaire Wood Alliance University of Mount Union
2016 Alyssa Powers Marlinton University of Akron	2022 Cecilia Zucchero Alliance University of Mount Union
2017 Kaylen Sanor West Branch Ashland University	2023 Rylee Horning Alliance Cedarville University
2018 Olivia Woods Sebring University of Akron	Allyson Hartzell West Branch Hiram College
2019 Fatima Magana Alliance University of Mount Union	







# BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

*Alliance Parks*











## SUMMER OUTDOOR FAMILY MOVIE SERIES

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**June 16**

**DC League of Super Pets**  
at the Alliance Family YMCA

**June 23**

**Minions: The Rise of Gru**  
at the North Canton YMCA

**July 14**

**Turning Red**  
at the Minerva Area YMCA

**July 21**

**Shrek**  
at the Lake Community YMCA

**August 4**

**Lyle, Lyle Crocodile**  
at the Louisville area YMCA

**August 11**

**Puss in Boots: The Last Wish**  
at the Lake Community YMCA

**Bring your chairs, blankets and snacks! Popcorn provided!**  
**Movie starts at dusk | Register at your YMCA front desk**

**By attending our movie events, you can enter your name  
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**The winner will be announced the week of August 14, 2023**



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

## HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

You're invited to attend the Human Resources Committee of the Alliance Area Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, July 11 at 12 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, located at 606 Glamorgan St., Alliance.

We're excited to have Jeremy Harrison and Carrie Gough of Spire Advertising as our next featured speakers. Spire creates digital marketing and websites that help your company grow with offices in Ashland, Tiffin, and Medina, and expanding to the Alliance area. They will discuss how to attract and hire great workers you need for growth. We encourage anyone who could benefit at your company to attend these monthly meetings.

Are you interested in becoming a speaker for this event? If so, please contact Faye at [faye@allianceohiochamber.org](mailto:faye@allianceohiochamber.org).

## EASTERN STARK COUNTY SAFETY COUNCIL

This month, our meeting is on Thursday, June 22 from 12 to 1 p.m. Doors open at 11:30 a.m.

Life Vac will be presenting to us. Aultman Alliance Hospital is bringing Live Vac units for demonstrations as we learn from Life Vac about this easy-to-use tool that can save lives in the event of someone choking.

There will be a free buffet lunch for first-time attendees of qualified companies that are interested in learning more about joining the group! Advanced reservations are required. Contact the Alliance Area Chamber of Commerce to register at (330) 823-6260 or [faye@allianceohiochamber.org](mailto:faye@allianceohiochamber.org). Arrive a few minutes early to make your plate, as the speakers start promptly at 12 p.m.

## ALLIANCE AREA FARMERS MARKET

The season will kickoff on Saturday, June 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and continue weekly through October 7.

We're very excited to announce that we have added up to 10 crafter spaces this year. We'll have music entertainment and Bella's Coffee Company truck onsite.

If you're interested in becoming a vendor, please reach out the market manager, Cimi at [farmersmarketalliance@gmail.com](mailto:farmersmarketalliance@gmail.com) or contact the chamber.




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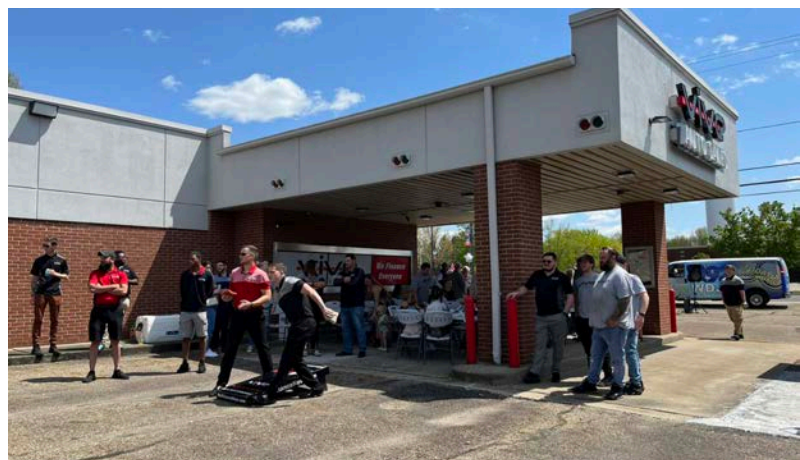






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# SHOWCASE YOUR CARNATION PRIDE

Alliance-area business are once again invited to participate in the 10th Annual Display Contest, part of the 2023 Greater Alliance Carnation Festival.

Businesses may register through the Chamber by emailing [faye@allianceohiochamber.org](mailto:faye@allianceohiochamber.org) or calling (330) 823-6260. You must provide the contact person, phone number, and hours of operation. A contest kit, including a medallion and history of Scarlet Carnation information card, will be given, if needed, to first time business entries. Please contact the Chamber to schedule a time to pick up.

Displays should be set up somewhere within your business and include at least two dozen fresh or artificial scarlet carnations. They should also incorporate the 2023 theme: "Living the Carnation City Dream!"

Displays need to be completed and ready for judging by Friday, July 14 and stay up until the end of festival on Sunday, August 13.

\*Pictures of displays should be taken and submitted, in JPEG format, to [Carnationfestival2019@yahoo.com](mailto:Carnationfestival2019@yahoo.com) by Monday, July 17. Pictures will be included on the Greater Alliance Carnation Festival Facebook page, and voting for the Fan Favorite will be done there until 5 p.m. on Friday, August 4. (Please note, any pictures received after Monday, July 17 will be added on our Facebook page at our Facebook administrator's discretion).

You are encouraged to invite your friends, customers, and family to vote for you on the festival Facebook website.



Blind judging will begin Monday, July 17 and continue until Friday, August 4. Displays will be judged on ingenuity, originality, creativity, theme usage, and overall use of carnations. Award categories will be based on Fan Favorite votes and the blind judging scores. The winning displays will be announced at Days in the Park on Wednesday, August 9, on the website, and on the festival Facebook page.

The winner will be a ceremonial starter for Carnation Festival Grand Parade, be eligible to ride in the Grand parade, and receive a plaque and city bragging rights. The Facebook Fan Favorite winner will receive a plaque.

If you have questions, please call Missy Miller, display contest chairman at (330) 428-2465.



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