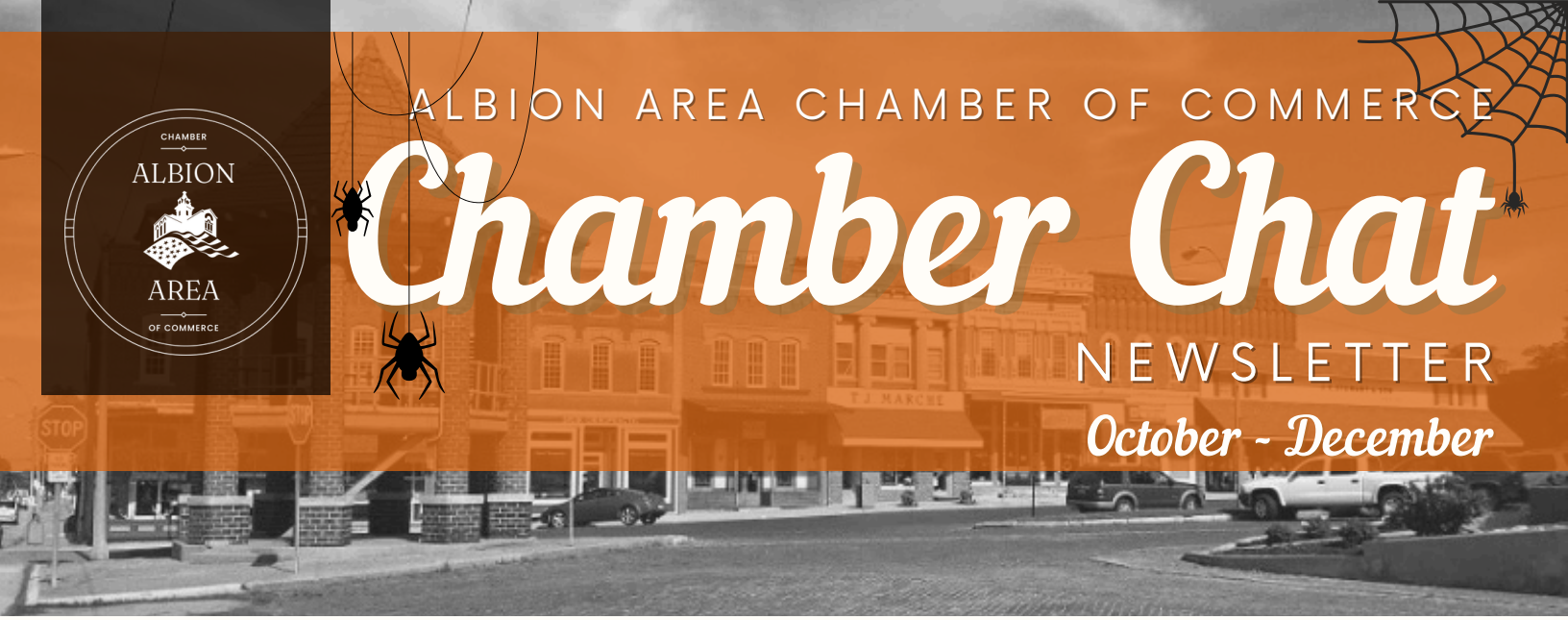


ALBION AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber Chat

NEWSLETTER

October - December

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Chamber Board meeting**
  - Nov. 10 , Dec. 8
- **Chamber membership meeting**
  - Oct. 22
  - 3PM-7PM, 2027 Membership sign up come-and-go
  - Hilltop Bakery
- **Small Business Saturday**
  - Nov. 28
- **Annual Director's Meeting**
  - Dec. 11
  - 10AM - 2PM
  - The Village Courtyard
- **Breakfast with Santa**
  - Dec. 12
  - 8am - 10pm
  - Albion Fire Station
- **Christmas Parade & Living Windows**
  - Dec. 12
  - 5:30 PM
- **2027 Chamber Awards Banquet & Annual Meeting**
  - Feb. 19

5th Annual Girls Night Out "Dolls Up" Downtown Albion!

The 5th Annual Girls Night Out was held on Thursday, October 8 "dolled" up downtown Albion for the evening. The annual event serves as a revenue boosting opportunity for all local businesses that wish to participate. This year's theme was fittingly "Dolly Parton." Patrons were able to dine and shop at local stores from 5-8 PM and stores offered everything from discounts, to drink tastings, henna tattoos, hair tinsel, guest vendors, and door prizes. Participating businesses were: Bobe's Pizza, Brine & Bloom, Colyer Coffee House, Callieco Candles, El Cactus, Hilltop Bakery, K's On Main, Lacey's Custom Cuts, Living the Adventure Ministries, Markman's, Prairie Albion Antique Mall, Salon Meraki, and Social on Main.



Several business owner's expressed their happiness with the turnout of the night in their store, as it helped them gain exposure to their business and also provided a major boost in revenue during a typically slow sales time. Thank you to all participating businesses and patrons! We'll see you next year for the 6th annual GNO!

ARTISAN'S FALL FESTIVAL

Another fun Artisan's Fall Festival was had this past September! The annual tradition was held on the new CNB Pavilion on the North side of the square and featured several local craft and food vendors, local entertainment, bounce houses, horse-back rides, and a flag raising by the VFW Color Guard, and the annual Brick Street 5k/10k run/walk. New this year was the Little Miss & Mister Fall Festival pageant with a stage full of contestants!

Special thanks to Hayley Cowling and Kate Speir for organizing the pageant and to the former EC Fair Queens for helping coordinate, Rigg FamilyCare Pharmacy & Albion Moose Family Center #621 for donations to the pageant, Averi Goodman for coordinating the festival, the City of Albion for providing a dumpster and Port-a-Pots, and countless others for helping make this event a success!

We'll see you back next year for more fall fun!



WHAT'S NEW?

Thank you to all participants and patrons for another successful Girls Night Out!

Congratulations Dionna Pickering on the purchase of Brine & Bloom and the expansion of her existing business. Best Wishes, Dionna!

Congratulations Gracie Perkins as the new owner of 5th Street Beauty! Best Wishes, Gracie!

Congratulations to Kevin Schilt on his new business venture, "A Grave Difference." Call 618-456-6042 to help honor, preserve, and restore your loved one's head stone.

GGA Market Upcoming Events: Fill Your Freezer Fridays (new deals each Friday), Nov. 5 Rib Cookout 4-6PM, Nov. 14 Biscuits & Gravy 7:30-9am, Nov 18 Thanksgiving pie orders due, Nov 19 Pork chop cookout 4-6pm.Christmas Open house will be November 28. December 3 meatball cookout 4-6pm, December 12 biscuits and gravy 7:30-9am.

NEW! All school aged children in Edwards County can receive a library card for FREE at the Albion Public Library. Apply for card at the library.

Something shiny is coming to Delux Detail! Stay tuned on December 1 for info on their 2027 relaunch with upgraded equipment, exciting improvements, and new services!

JW Equipment farm machinery consignment auction 12/19/26 at 10 AM. Open to local farmers and dealers. Taking consignments now! Bid live on Rothrock Auctioneers and Equipmentfacts.com. Contact 618-445-3547 for rates and availabilty.

Harvest Link will continue delivering locally grown, raised, & processed products from Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, Waybe, & White Counties through mid December. Weekly shopping list is available Friday AM, Orders due Monday 10am. harvestlinkhub.org

Bobe's Pizza: $10 Large Cheese Pizza every Thursday!

LITTLE MISS & MISTER



Little Miss Fall Festival
Mya Eccles

Little Mister Fall Festival
Hayden Harris

Miss Edwards County Fair Queen
Ashlyn Weaver



Little Miss Fall Festival Runner-Up
Amaya Woods

Little Mister Fall Festival Runner-Up
Bo Speir

Shop small. Support local. Make a big difference.

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY



NOV. 28

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Albion Area Chamber of Commerce
LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE
and
LIVING WINDOWS
Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree
DECEMBER 12
5:30 PM
Uptown Albion
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Invest Local.
Lead Together

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



Current Members:
Renew your 2027 membership, sign up for sponsorship and volunteer opportunities

Prospective Members:
Sign up for your 2027 membership, sign up for sponsorship and volunteer opportunities

Who Can Join?
Individuals
New Businesses
Old Businesses

October 22
HILLTOP BAKERY
3:00pm-7:00pm

Join the drive.
Shape the future

For more information please email us at
albionareachamber@gmail.com

2027 EVENTS

ANNUAL BANQUET-FEB 19

SPRING YARD SALE-APR 3

HANDBAG BINGO-TBD

ARTISAN FESTIVAL-SEPT 11

FALL YARD SALE-OCT 2

GIRL'S NIGHT OUT-OCT 14

BOO ON THE BRICKS-OCT 30

SHOP SMALL SATURDAY-NOV 27

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA-DEC 11

CHRISTMAS PARADE-DEC 11

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WE NEED VOLUNTEERS



Can You Spare an Hour? We're looking for friendly volunteers in 2027 to help with:

- Setting Up
- Serving Refreshments
- Children's Activities
- Cleaning Up
- Guiding Parade Entries

ASK US FOR DETAILS-CAN BE USED FOR VOLUNTEER HOURS AND STAR POINTS