



ALBION AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber Chat

NEWSLETTER

Late Summer 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Chamber Board meeting**
 - Sept. 8
- **Chamber membership meeting**
 - TBA
 - 2027 Membership sign up meeting
- **Artisan's Fall Festival**
 - Sept. 12
 - 8am - 5pm
 - N. Side of Square & CNB Pav.
- **City Wide Yard Sales**
 - Oct. 3
- **Girl's Night Out**
 - Oct. 8
 - 5-8 PM

America's 250th Celebrated Uptown and the New CNB Pavillion

Happy Birthday America and welcome to town to the Albion Amphitheater! The Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Albion Arts Council hosted a grand 'ol celebration to celebrate the 250th birthday of our nations independence with an inaugural celebration at the CNB Pavilion in July.

The event started off with an entrance and honoring of the flag from the #8222 color guard and a singing of the national anthem by Alice Robb and Emily Spray. Historical re-enactments featured George Washington (Paul Collins), a civil war soldier (Jerry Crisel) and of course America's most famous seamstress, Betsy Ross (Bethany Moore). community kids and adult choir organized by Kate Speir sang patriotic songs like Yankee Doodle, God Bless America, and Lee Greenwood's God Bless the USA. The night concluded with a fun musical performance of good 'ol American oldies by the band Radio Days.

The Chamber hosted four drawings on the...

...hour. Thank you to our generous sponsors: \$25 - Hilltop Bakery
\$50 - Village Courtyard \$100 - Steve Thomson Country Financial
\$250 - Doug Raber State Farm

Thank you to Cori Copeland and Loren Pollard who donated their winnings back to the Chamber. We appreciate your generosity! Special thanks to the Albion Arts Council for helping make this event a success! We can't wait to see what other great events go on up at the Albion Amphitheater!



WHAT'S NEW?



Happy 3rd Anniversary to GGA market this July!

Happy 2nd Anniversary to 618 Supply this past June!

Farewell to Bailey's Bistro, closed in late June. Best of luck in your new chapter!

Applications now open at albionareachamber.org for vendor booths for Artisan's Fall Festival. Sign up today!

Welcome to business The Village Courtyard in West Salem this past summer! Enjoy some ice cream on the square in West Salem!

Hilltop Bakery now serving fresh baked goodies, hard-serve ice cream, and custom cakes and cookies Fridays 12-6pm, Saturdays 12-6pm, and Sundays 5-8pm.

Congratulations to the Albion Public Library on their new brick sidewalk path to make entering from the South entrance easier. Library open T 1-7pm, W-F 10am-5pm, and Sat 10-1pm

Congratulations to Brine and Bloom on their grand opening in August! Book their salt room or Halo Red Light Therapy today at <https://book.heygoldie.com/brineandbloom>

Fall menu available Friday, September 4 at Colyer's!

HANDBAG BINGO



THANK YOU TO OUR PURSE SPONSORS!:

WGH
Hilltop Bakery
United Mutual
Jenny Hortin
Ingram Meridith
Conard Financial
Jenny Lee
618 Supply
Village Courtyard of WS
Farm Bureau
CNB
Brick Street Inn
Brick Street Inn
Southern Gray
HSC
Nutrien Ag
HSC
State Farm
Albion Equipment
Bailes Puré Drop
CC's
RPI
Country Financial
Amber's Nails
Speir Oil, LLC



Special thanks to Luke and Levi McDaniel for emceeing and FFCLA for assisting with refreshments. Congrats to all winners!

YARD OF THE SEASON



CONGRATULATIONS JOHN AND MARGARET BRANUM FOR BEING SELECTED AS OUR MOST PATRIOTIC YARD OF THE SEASON BY THE AACOC BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE! THE BRANUMS HOME FEATURES NOT ONLY BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPING AND POTTED PLANTS, A WELL MAINTAINED YARD, BUT ALSO FESTIVE BLUE AND RED EXTERIOR LIGHTS AND FRONT PORCH BUNTINGS.

THINK YOU HAVE A BEAUTIFUL PROPERTY? LET US KNOW! WE WILL BE SELECTING UP TO TWO WINNERS IN THE FALL AND TWO IN THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!

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UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS



12
SEPT

ARTISAN'S FALL FESTIVAL

Bounce Houses, Live Music, Artisan Vendors, Pumpkin Painting Contest, Pageant, Food Trucks, 5K/10K

8AM - 4PM

CNB PAVILION & EC SQUARE

12
SEPT

LITTLE MISS & MISTER PAGEANT

6-9 Years Old, Free to Register
For Info and to Register go to
albionareachamber.org

2 PM

CNB PAVILION & EC SQUARE

3
OCT

CITY WIDE YARD SALES

Sign up to be on the map at albionareachamber.org
starting in late September.

AM

ALBION & SURROUNDING AREA

8
OCT

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Come spend your 5-8 with up uptown, shopping, eating, and enjoying time with friends! Get all "Dolled" up as we celebrate Dolly Parton!

5PM - 8PM

VARIOUS BUSINESSES

31
OCT

BOO ON THE BRICKS

Join us for the most spooktacular night of the year. Kick off your evening of trick-or-treating on the Square before heading out for town wide trick-or-treating in Albion starting at the same time!

5PM - ???

COURTHOUSE SQUARE

12
DEC

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Come enjoy breakfast with Santa. Serving pancakes, bacon, milk, and juice free of charge to families. Then, join us at 5:30PM uptown on the Square for our annual Lighted Christmas Parade and Living Windows.

8AM & 5:30PM

ALBION FIRE STATION & SQUARE

MORE INFORMATION AT ALBIONAREACHAMBER.ORG

Little Miss & Little Mister Fall Festival

SEPTEMBER 12, 2026



register here



**REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 21ST
MUST REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 1ST
ONLY 20 BOYS & 20 GIRLS WILL PARTICIPATE
FIRST TO REGISTER SECURES YOUR SPOT
FOR AGES 6-9, MUST BE AGE 6 BY SEPTEMBER 1ST
PAGEANT PRACTICE: SEPTEMBER 11TH, 6PM-8PM
PAGEANT: SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2PM
DURING THE ARTISAN'S FALL FESTIVAL AT THE CNB
PAVILION AND AMPHITHEATER**

The Albion Grade School nor the Edwards County CUSD #1 is affiliated with Albion Area Chamber of Commerce events nor are they responsible for actions or activities conducted by the Chamber. They do not endorse nor advocate involvement of activities except those sponsored by the school district.

YOUR ALBION AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
and ALBION ARTS COUNCIL PRESENT THE ANNUAL

ARTISANS FALL FESTIVAL

Welcome! **SEPTEMBER 12TH**

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM



HISTORIC COURTHOUSE SQUARE IN ALBION

COLOR GUARD RAISING OF THE FLAGS!

ARTISANS BRICK COLOR RUN/WALK 5K/10K!

**CONCERTS AT THE NEW! CNB PAVILION
AND AMPHITHEATER!**

ARTISAN AND FOOD VENDORS!

FALL FESTIVAL PAGEANT!

HORSE RIDES!

KIDS' CORNER MEGA INFLATABLES!

ARTISAN AND FOOD VENDORS ~ TO REGISTER GO TO

WWW.ALBIONAREACHAMBER.ORG OR CALL/MESSAGE 618-445-7833



Show & Sale Paint-Out

Edwards County



The public is invited to view, purchase and vote on paintings of scenes from Edwards County by some of the top Plein Air artists in the country, as well as local artists!

Monday, September 21st 2026

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Country Financial Hall

Artwork available for purchase.

*Support local
art and your
community*

(4) Four \$250 Awards Being Offered for Professional Plein Air Artists

Best of Show- Sponsored by Wabash General Hospital's Albion Clinic, People's Choice- Sponsored by CNB of Albion, Best of Edwards County- Sponsored by the Albion Area Chamber of Commerce, Best of West Salem- Sponsored by the West Salem Development Association

(4) Five Local Artist Awards:

Best of Show (\$250)- Sponsored by CRHPC Albion Community Health Center, Best of Edwards County (\$250)- Sponsored by Doug Raber State Farm, People's Choice (\$100)-Sponsored by Mitchell Insurance, Best of Albion (\$100) - Sponsored by The Albion Arts Council, Inc.

ALBION AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

WE BEG YOUR PARTON, IT'S TIME FOR A



GIRL'S NIGHT OUT



AFTER YOUR 9-5, JOIN US FOR A 5-8!
SHOPPING · REFRESHMENTS · GIVEAWAYS

OCT. 8

5PM - 8 PM
DOWNTOWN ALBION

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