



ALBION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND AEDC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Calling all Albion Chamber members!

We need your input and skills to assist in planning for the Albion Chamber of Commerce this year and into the future. Your business is your priority and ours is to serve you better.

In March of this year a group of 24 members met to strategically plan ahead. The Albion Chamber is supported by 110 members to date. Less than ¼ of those members are actively involved.

BRAN was a success. Albion was voted the Best 2010 Host Community by the riders. This achievement was possible solely

through the division of duties to a number of committees. Each committee solicited the help needed to accomplish their assigned task. This Committee structure is the very essence of the Strategic Plan that was introduced.

The Chamber Golf Challenge event is coming up fast. Call today to join a Committee and share the work load. Even a couple of hours on Saturday, July 31 or Sunday, August 1 will help. Jill will inform you by email when the next scheduled meeting will be held.

Your input and energy investment can make the difference for future successes.

--Shirley Petsche

Nebraska's Business Advantage

Nebraska offers one of the nation's top business incentive programs. The Nebraska Advantage Act – the state's current business incentive law – has spurred more than 170 companies to invest more than \$5 billion in Nebraska, resulting in about 14,700 new jobs.

ALBION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD

- Shirley Petsche, President
- Lisa Skillstad
- Nick Marvin
- Theresa Scheffler
- Scott Stuhlmiller
- Jeff Temme
- Shelli Thies
- Scott Reilly

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WEBSITE RESOURCES

Check out these sites for information on businesses or to place complaints.

- www.my3cents.com
- www.consumeraffairs.com
- www.complaintsboard.com

Norfolk Area Recruiters - Post job openings, business opportunities, and has information on Northeast Nebraska.

www.norfolkarea.org

Nebraska Chamber - Information on Legislature affecting small businesses and economic development; and leadership programs that are offered.

www.nechamber.com

BRAN WRAP UP

What a successful event! The day started out with quite the thunderstorm and rain, then the clouds parted and the sun shone and everything was beautiful. We had over 370 riders and 75 volunteers register at the information table. There were riders from Alaska, Colorado, Kansas, Iowa, Washington D.C. and even Canada!!

A huge thank you to all of the volunteers that made the event a success and helped us

win the Best Community Award!! A special thanks to Theresa Scheffler and Shirley Petsche for their leadership on the BRAN Committee. Check out the great "Kudos" on the BRAN website:

"Way to go Albion! I think most of the towns did a great job for us this year, but I think Albion really did stand out above the rest. That town seemed to really embrace the idea of BRAN. They understood the concept and

seemed to see it in the same light as the riders. BRAN is a unique Nebraska event and one ALL Nebraskans can be proud of. Albion was the one host town where I felt like they didn't just want us to come through; they wanted to be a part of the experience WITH us.

Granted the other towns may not have had all the resources available to them that Albion has and those towns did have to deal with some incredible

weather issues...I don't intend this post to be a slam on the other towns, they did well, but Albion....They got it!"



Aerial photo provided by Ron Levander



SMOKE N CHROME



Smoke n Chrome
 On Main

Downtown Albion was filled with the roar of hot rods old and new for Smoke N Chrome on Saturday, June 19. Andy Devine said that there were 58 cars and 30 motorcycles on display. Thriftyway grilled hot dogs and the free will donation of \$588 went to the community fireworks fund.

Out of the Blue Entertainment provided music and entertainment.



GOLF CHALLENGE AND RHYTHM & RIBS UPDATE

The Golf Challenge and Hole In One Competition is July 31 and August 1. We are down to the final planning stages, gathering flag prizes, silent auction donations, hole in one prizes, and selling tickets to the steak dinner and wine tasting. Sign up your team for the four person scramble on Sunday, August 1. It is \$200 for your team - the steak dinner and wine tasting is included.

Not a golfer? Join us for the steak dinner and wine tasting by Nissen Winery from Hartington, Nebraska. The tickets are \$35.

Please let me know if you would like to sign up for the scramble, make a prize donation, or purchase tickets to the steak dinner.

Rhythm & Ribs - August 28

A new band has been added to the Rhythm & Ribs line up. Slingshot from Hastings is a

country and classic rock cover band that performs all over Nebraska .

Registrations are coming in for the BBQ Competition. If you don't BBQ, maybe your business would like to sponsor someone that does.

Please let me know if you need registration forms or if you have any questions on the Rhythm & Ribs event.

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GENERAL MEETING

The June general meeting was held on June 21 at Julie's Catering & More. The group started the meeting with a downtown tour of Pathways, Simply Cellular, Great Western Bank, and Julie's Catering. There was discussion on the sponsorship and volunteer needs of the Golf Challenge/ Hole in One Competition and Rhythm & Ribs.

The next general meeting will be on July 19, 11:30am at the Junction. A representative from the Norfolk Area Recruiters (NAR) will be there to give a brief presentation on their services, such as job postings on their website, and business opportunities in the area. Check out their website www.norfolkarea.com.

Prime Commercial Spot for Sale in downtown Albion.

Price Negotiable.
Contact Doug at 395-2151,
Jill at 395-6012, or
Shannon at 395-3356

Don't forget - Stinker Days
July 30 & 31

NOTES

-New E Mail Address
Effective immediately -
New e mail address:
jill@cityofalbion-ne.com

-July Meetings:

Rhythm & Ribs July 7
7:00pm at City Hall

Golf Challenge July 19
6:00pm Good Samaritan
Society conference room

General Meeting July 19
11:30am at the Junction

-Would you like your
business to be featured in the
business spotlight? Call me!
395-6012

-Call or e mail if your
business is having an anniversary,
important milestone or
you would like something
posted in the newsletter.





Summer Events in Albion

July 2

Community Fireworks Display - Boone County Raceway

July 3

FFA Alumni Bull Ride - Boone County Fairgrounds

July 10 - July 14

Boone County Fair - Boone County Fairgrounds

July 30 & 31

Stinker Days - Downtown Albion

July 31

Hole in One Competition Semi Finals - Albion Country Club

August 1

Albion Chamber Golf Challenge - Albion Country Club

Hole in One Finals

Wine Tasting and Steak Dinner

August 28

Rhythm & Ribs BBQ Competition and Concert - Downtown Albion

Kids events, three bands throughout the day, beer garden all day

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT SIMPLY CELLULAR

Nick Marvin and Simply Cellular have been in Albion for one year now, recently moving to the downtown location on 4th Street. Nick offers all the latest U.S. Cellular cell phones, plans and phone accessories.

July is a big month for Nick and Simply Cellular. U.S. Cellular just launched its 3G network for Nebraska and on July 9th U.S. Cellular will release one of the first Google powered Android phones to this area, the Samsung Acclaim.

Nick says that U.S. Cellular is a unique company in that they not only put the

customer's needs first but also have the customers back. They protect you from overage charges, never make you pay for batteries, and never make you pay for incoming calls, texts, or pictures.

Nick is very active in the community and Chamber. He recently became a member of the Chamber board and is on the planning committees for the Golf Challenge and Rhythm & Ribs. He is also a member of the Albion Economic Development Company and Citizens Advisory Committee.

Stop in and see Nick and check out the new phones and services he offers. Simply Cellular's hours are Monday-Friday 9:00am-6:00pm, Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm. Their website is www.uscc.com and on Facebook search "Simply Cellular, Albion".

