

Naturally Connected

Dear Camp – “Not Your Typical Deer Camp Story”

Written by Cassidy Porter

Get ready to laugh with the latest production of ACT II Community Theatre, *Dear Camp*. This play explores the journey of Hildy, a recently widowed woman, preparing to sell her husband’s hunting camp. With the help of some friends, the story takes us on a journey of memories, mysteries, and joy mixed with a full liquor cabinet.

I had the chance to speak with the writer Lisa MacDonald about the backstory of *Dear Camp*. Lisa lives in the eastern part of the Upper Peninsula and is an active member in the local theatre. Over the years, it has been challenging to find plays that fit the interests of the area, so Lisa took the matter into her own hands. Relating to her community, *Dear Camp* is a twist on a traditional deer camp, and as Lisa described “a Midwest production”. In 2019, Lisa submitted the play to the Michigan Playwrights Festival sponsored by Theatre Nova in Ann Arbor. Out of 40 submissions, *Dear Camp* was one of seven selected for a professional reading. Since then, the play has only been performed twice. Lisa shared that the play is meant for an older audience as it is intertwined with adult humor and language, but still enjoyable for all.



Through a network of connections, Lisa reached out to ACT II Community Theatre’s Director, Tom McClure, to inquire about the Albion’s interest in performing the play. Tom jumped on the chance to bring something new and unique to perform in our community. Now, Albion has a fun opportunity to be one of the first communities to perform and enjoy *Dear Camp*. Tom described the play as a “heart wrenching, belly laughing comedy about life at the end and beginning of a deer camp, a topic enduring to those Michigan deer hunters.”

Experience the humor of *Dear Camp* at the Bohm Theatre May 16th – 18th at 7PM and 19th at 2PM. Learn why it’s “Dear Camp”!



Have Fun this Spring and Summer at EBMY Farm

Are you looking for summer activities, workshops, or events? Do you enjoy creating, relaxing, or eating? EBMY Farm just outside of the city is offering some fun activities this summer to create and enjoy some outdoor time. Owner and artist, Paige Young, shared some insights into the excitement.



Over the years, Paige has developed numerous interests in creating. After exploring and living in the south, fate brought Paige back to her family farm. Named after the farm’s owners, Paige’s grandfather (Eddington), her father (Boehlke), her mother (Miller), and now the Youngs. EBMY Farm was established with the goal of blending Paige’s passions for flowers, culinary arts, and visual art. In 2023, the dreams came to fruition with the opening of Duck-A-Roo Studio, an art space and store to sell jams, jellies, and chutneys. Now in 2024, Paige is launching classes like ceramic hand building, gourd art crafting, and egg painting. Among other opportunities to experience the farm including Sunday Sounds & Scape Concert, Brunch & Bunch event with you pick flowers, and classes to build floral centerpieces.

EBMY Farm is becoming a hub for activities this summer and you won’t want to miss out. Check out the full schedule of events on their website at ebmyfarm.com/gallery/, registration required prior to most events.

GREATER ALBION AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Galazio of Albion



Left: Dr. Wayne Webster, Albion College President. Right: Sean Hare, Galazio’s owner.

Opened in July of 2022 by Sean and Maggie Hare, Galazio of Albion is a Mediterranean restaurant that serves authentic Greek cuisine in the heart of Albion, Michigan. A native of Southern Maryland, Sean moved to Michigan with the

dream of partnering with his friend Joe Gressis who opened the original Galazio. Unfortunately Joe has since passed, but Sean continued on with their dream and works tirelessly to provide customers with delicious dishes, rooted from the islands of Crete and Santorini. Galazio of Albion is a family-friendly restaurant that serves homestyle meals, while also catering to large parties and group events. If you are interested in having them host your event, call (517) 343-2060!

Member Highlight



GRANT DEADLINE
May 15th at 4PM

- Fund for Greater Albion
- Youth Advisory Committee Fund
- James C. Kingsley Youth Fund
- Riverfront Development and Environmental Fund
- Rotary Club of Albion Charitable Fund
- The Andersons Charitable Fund
- Jack L. Hoaglin Family Fund
- MACI Youth Fund
- Prince Hall Award
- Team 1 Plastics Advised Fund

Celebrating the Class of 2024!

BUILD ALBION FELLOWS Seniors

ALBION COLLEGE

Left to right: Maddie Davis, Devin Easterwood, Sarah Starkey, Malena Solis

Congrats NERD Spark!

NERD Spark, the high school robotics team from INNOVATE Albion, was awarded a top robotics award.

The Impact Award recognizes a team that not only serves as a model for others but also actively and effectively embodies FIRST’s mission to “provide life-changing robotics programs that give young people the skills, confidence, and resilience to build a better world.”

INNOVATE Albion





Upcoming Events

Stay Involved!

May

1st: 11AM Preschool Prep & Play at Kids 'N' Stuff Children's Museum

3rd: 7PM Triple Shot at The Leisure Hour Club

4th: 9AM Flag Placement on Veterans Graves at Riverside Cemetery
9:45AM Wildflower Bingo Hike at Menwabek Meadow Park
10AM - 1PM Donation & Food Drive for Friends of Albion's Animals at Tractor Supply Co.
12PM - 1:30PM Superhero Comic Book Presentation with Jerry DeCaire at Albion District Library
1PM Blues Workshop at Dickerson Music Co.
1PM - 5PM Albion College Commencement
4PM Kentucky Derby Viewing Party at Duck Lake Tavern

5th: 2PM Dark Roasted History: The Good, The Bad, The Funny at Stirling Books & Brew

6th: 7PM Blues at the Bohm Chris Canas

7th: Election Day

9th: 5:30 Purse Bingo at St James Episcopal Church
6PM Yarn Club at Albion District Library

11th: 9AM Flag Placement on Veterans Graves at Memorial Gardens
8PM Swamp Gas at Duck Lake Tavern

12th: 10AM - 3PM Mother's Day Brunch at Galazio of Albion
12PM Mother's Day Dinner at Duck Lake Tavern

14th: 1PM - 3:30PM Ceramic Class at Duck-A-Roo Studio at EBMY Farm -- Green Man (class to finish work on 28th)

16th: 1PM - 3:30PM Ceramic Class at Duck-A-Roo Studio at EBMY Farm -- Bowls (class to finish work on 30th)
7PM ACT II Community Theatre presents *Dear Camp* at the Bohm Theatre

17th: 8AM Eggs & Issues at Duck Lake Country Club
9:30AM Greater Albion Chamber Golf Outing at Duck Lake Country Club - Register by May 3rd
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18th: 10AM - 4PM Scout Geranium Sale Pick Up at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
10AM - 7PM Customer Appreciation Day at Pure Albion
12PM Armed Forces Day - Recognition at Duck Lake Tavern
5PM 6 Year Anniversary Hard Rock Bash w/Bonehawk/Edison Hollow/84 Tigers at Albion Malleable Brewing Co.
7PM ACT II Community Theatre presents *Dear Camp* at the Bohm Theatre

19th: 2PM ACT II Community Theatre presents *Dear Camp* at the Bohm Theatre

20th: 6PM Marshall Public Schools Board of Education Meeting at Marshall Opportunity High School

21st: 1PM - 4PM Egg Painting Class at Duck-A-Roo Studio at EBMY Farm
6PM - 8:30PM Gourd Art Class at Duck-A-Roo Studio at EBMY Farm -- Bird Feeder

23rd: 1PM - 4PM Egg Painting Class at Duck-A-Roo Studio at EBMY Farm
6PM - 8:30PM Ceramic Class at Duck-A-Roo Studio at EBMY Farm - Large Builds (classes to finish work on 30th and June 13th)

24th: 7PM - 10PM Marshall Public Schools 2024 Class Night at Marshall High School

27th: 10AM Memorial Day Parade

30th: 6PM - 8PM Marshall Public Schools Commencement at Marshall High School

31st: 6:30PM - 8PM Marshall Opportunity High School Commencement

June

1st: 4PM Albion Quality of Life Town Hall at Ludington Center

15th: Juneteenth Celebration

21st: Fête de la Musique downtown Albion

28th: Red, White, & Blue Cruise in Car Show Downtown Albion
6:30PM History Hustle 5K Run Albion Race

28th - 29th: Art Fair in Crowell Park

29th: 10AM - 12PM Health and Safety Expo at Albion Community Ambulance
12PM Black Squirrel Bluegrass & Americana Music Festival at Albion Malleable Brewing Co.

Recurring Events

Mondays: 4PM - 6PM Open Swim* at Marshall Opportunity High School (MOHS)
6:30PM Music Bingo at Duck Lake Tavern

Tuesdays: 9AM Walk & Talk* at MOHS Gym
9:30AM Silverstars* (low impact workout) at MOHS
6:15PM Water Aerobics* at MOHS

Wednesdays: 12PM - 1PM Brown Bag Documentary Series at Albion District Library
1PM Senior Fitness & Fun Classes (Free, for 60+) at Albion Caring Community Church
4PM - 6PM Open Swim* at Marshall Opportunity High School (MOHS)
6PM Cardio Drum* at MOHS

Thursdays: 1PM Senior Fitness & Fun Classes at Forks Senior Center
6:15PM Water Aerobics* at MOHS

Fridays: 9AM Walk & Talk* at Marshall Opportunity High School (MOHS) Gym
9:30AM Silverstars* (low impact workout) at MOHS
7PM Hip Hop Line Dance* at MOHS

Saturdays: 11AM Group Boxing* at MOHS

Sundays: 2PM Yoga* at Albion College Dow Center

City Council meetings occur the first and third Mondays of the month at 7PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall

*Free to Albion Residents

Extended Events

Thru May 20th: 3:30PM - 5:30PM Harrington 4-H After School Program (3rd-5th grade) preregistration required

May 13th - 19th: Pure Albion's 6th Birthday Celebrations

June 17th - 20th: Camp Med, Brit Vets, & Taking the Lead - Business Camp at Albion College

Albion Farmer's Market returns mid-May!

Get your weekly produce, farm fresh meat, baked goods, and more, locally at the market.

Wednesdays 4PM - 7PM
Stoffer Plaza



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Albion College Alum, Retired Albion Public Schools Educator, & Passionate Community Member

Available on most streaming platforms or on the Downtown Albion website.