

Albion Valley News

Four Leaf Clover Club
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Home of the Albion State
Normal School 1879-1919

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Deric's Valley Dispatch

I must say that I really love May in Albion, Idaho. There is so much to love as we are collectively able to wake from our winter hibernation and get out enjoy the beauty around us. I love that as our East Mountains turn from brown to green, I can watch my lawn do the same. And one cannot forget the myriad flowers that push forth. Another thing that has really caught my attention this year are the acts of kindness that are constantly being performed for each other. It adds reason 1,001 of reasons I am so happy to live here with all of you. The month



of May also reminds me of another kindness that has been performed for all of us. In a short while, we will celebrate Memorial Day and remember bravery, sacrifice, and lives given as a gift to us so that we can enjoy the freedoms to live right here. Albion has a proud history of those who have answered our Nation's call. So come Monday the 27th, as we enjoy the Memorial Day, give thought to those who serve and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice so that we can enjoy the beauty of this great Valley in peace. Have a safe and happy Memorial Day!

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Reminder -

Primary Voting Day is May 21st
Albion Precinct Voting Location
is the
Albion Civic Center

Albion Public Library

Books of the Month for May

Fiction: The Sisters Grimm

Nonfiction: Smoke Jumper, The Space Shuttle

Classic: The Wizard of Oz

Historical Fiction: Dear America: Voyage on the Great Titanic

Thanks to all in the Community that supported the Italian Dinner and the Open House.

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Four Leaf Clover Club

The Four Leaf Clover Club would like to thank all those who participated in the Easter Egg Hunt in March. Special thanks to the Mortensens for the use of the Albion Campus and "eggstra" thanks for the train rides which added so much fun to the occasion. A good time was had by all! Also, "Thank You" to all who supported the Library during the annual Fundraising Dinner and the Open House, both in April.

The May meeting for the Club will be on Monday, the 13th, at the Hall (future Historical Society site). The program will be presented by Carol Amende, Arts and Culture Chairman. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

The June meeting will be Monday, the 10th. Linda Prefontaine will host it at her home beginning at 7:00 pm. Linda is the Environment Chairman and will present a program with that theme in mind. Plans will be made for the annual

Corn Booth for the Fourth of July celebration during the meeting.

There are no meetings in July and August.

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*Water Tank on v
Campus
(No Longer in Use)*



American Legion - Albion Post 124

April 9, 2024 Post Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:18 pm by Commander Kempton.
Roll call: Commander Jim Kempton
1st Vice Commander Shawn Estes
Finance Officer Don Gunderson
Chaplain John Pons
Adjutant John Davis

Minutes of previous meeting were unanimously approved.

Finance report was presented by Don Gunderson. Gunderson was given permission to continue researching a possible missing check. Finance report was unanimously approved.

Commander Kempton discussed Boys State. He reported on his attempts to meet with the junior class boys at Declo and Raft River High Schools. He said that he instructed the Declo High School Counselor to contact Jim Hartwell if any boys request to sign up, or need further information. No boys at Raft River High School seemed interested in Boys State, or asked any questions. Commander Kempton suggests that in future years the meetings with the boys should be held in March. Gunderson suggested February.

A brief executive session was held to discuss personnel matters at the state level.

Don Bowden has been transferred to a nursing home in Ogden, Utah. We will send him a card from the post. We will also send a get well card to the 5th district commander, Rondal Lang, who was injured in a work related accident.

Rifles. Chuck Driscoll apparently sent a form to the appropriate military office in Washington D.C. about disposing of the post's rifles. Chuck has the serial numbers of the weapons.

A motion was made and approved to change our annual dues to \$42.50 per year. We will list that amount on our Annual Post Data Report, which needs to be sent in by April 15th.

We need to move our American Legion sign from the old meeting place to the new meeting place. We will need get permission from the City of Albion to put the sign up at the new meeting place, which is owned by the city.

Commander Kempton reported on the recent dinner put on by Chuck Driscoll's Veterans Affairs Office, which was for Vietnam era veterans and guests, held at the Rupert Senior Citizens building. He told those present that a car had run into the Rupert Building, and caused damage to various parts of the building, including a walk-in refrigerator. Kempton suggested that our post donate \$200 to the Rupert Senior Citizens Organization, to help with repairs to their building.

Meeting was closed at 8:30 pm



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Upcoming Albion Elementary Events

May

- 5/1/24 - Math ISAT testing
- 5/13/24 - District Spelling Bee 9:30 am at the Kings Fine Arts Center
- 5/16/24 - Field trip to City of Rocks and Durfee's Hot Springs
- 5/20/23 - Boise Field Trip for 3rd-5th Grades

5/21/24 - Albion History Walking Tour

5/22/24 - Graduation for Kindergartners & 5th Grade

5/23/24 - Field Day and PTO Picnic / Last Day of School. Early release at 12:30pm

Have a Safe and Fun Summer Break!

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Albion Senior's Center Menu

May

15th's Main Course - Fajitas

22nd's Main Course - Potato Bar

29th's Main Course - Mexican Lasagna

*Each Meal also includes all of the fixin's (fruit, veggies, salad, desert & beverage)

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Local Public Services Info

Albion Transfer Station Hours

Open Every Tuesday, Friday & Saturday
From: 8:30 am to 5:30pm

Albion Post Office Hours

Open Monday - Friday
From: 9 am to 3:30 pm
(closed 1 pm - 1:30 pm daily)

Albion City Office Hours

Open Monday - Thursday
From 7:30 am to 5:30 pm

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Albion City Council Highlights

Clerks reported that Raft River Electric has discontinued performing electric locates, but recommended Magic Valley Locates as an alternative. It was noted that prices were very favorable. General Council business began by seeking the Council's formal acceptance of proclamations for Senior's Nutrition, Fair Housing & Arbor Day. Then it was noted that as part of the City's government awards participation, it became necessary to declare an official date of foundation for the City of Albion. The Mayor noted there have been several dates in consideration, however, the date of 1/7/1895 was declared as it had sufficient documentation. Deputy Clerk Bell then explained that as part of the new water project, there are certain documents that require a signature on behalf of the City. These include original agreement docs between the City, their engineering firm, and Region IV. This allows reimbursement of costs in the new Water Project. The Council granted approval

Voting Day
May 21st, 2024



PAT FIELD

CANDIDATE FOR STATE REP DISTRICT 27B

about Pat Field

I am the youngest of eight children, raised on a cow/calf and farm operation in Idaho. Married my college sweetheart, celebrating 41 years together. We are proud parents of three and grandparents of ten. My favorite crops to nurture have always been my kids and grandkids.

Beyond family, I've been deeply involved in both my church and community, coaching youth sports and serving in the BSA. Currently, I am a precinct committeeman, Vice Chair of the Cassia County Republican Central Committee, and Chairman of the Republican Legislative District 27.

Throughout my journey, I've had the privilege of connecting with the citizens of Cassia, Minidoka, and Oneida counties. My wife and I have served as Ag Ambassadors for Farm Bureau, and I currently serve on the Cassia County Farm Bureau board.



i am the The Guy Because

As a conservative Republican, my guiding principle is "We the People." I am committed to diligent work on your behalf. With a strong background in agriculture, I possess a deep understanding of the challenges faced by small businesses and the dedicated individuals within my district.

My priority is representing the needs of my constituents, prioritizing their interests over those of special interest groups. I firmly believe in fostering relationships within the political sphere to effectively advocate for conservative values.

Your voice matters to me, and I encourage you to share your opinions freely. My door is always open, as I believe that together, we can achieve our goals and make a difference.



I am running to represent the people of legislative district 27 and give them a voice, the forgotten people who make our communities work.

www.fieldforidaho.com



Also Remember
VOTE

Pat Field for Albion Precinct Committeemen
On
May 21st, 2024

Council Highlights Continued

for the contract docs as well as allowing the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City for the reimbursement request. Bell and the City Attorney stated that they have been working together on some changes to the City Park/Recreational Facilities laws. An idea to combine the itinerate merchant policy into this was discussed, but after deliberating, it was decided to revoke this section of policy and incorporate any applicable parts into other ordinances/resolutions. The Mayor noted that the anticipated need for temp labor had not materialized and the subject could be revisited later if needed. Discussion of requirements for establishing a couple of crosswalks across portions of Highway 77 through town were reviewed. Idaho Dept. of Transportation has procedures that must be followed because it is a State Highway. One of these procedures

would be a traffic study, which could be costly. The item was tabled to wait for further information. The Mayor stated that he had attended a City of Declo Council Meeting and noted that there was now interest in creating a type of mutual aid agreement between Albion and Declo. This would allow for us to help them in times of need and vice versa. The Council felt this was a worthwhile idea and so the Mayor and Legal stated they would begin working on an agreement. Similarly, there has been interest between the City and Albion Highway District for an agreement as well. The Highway District is interested in using the City's large snowplow (not the truck, just the plow) as a backup. They in turn would help the City out with something like help with City snow removal. The Council members felt this was worth pursuing and it was decided to work on a draft Memo of Understanding (MOU) between the agencies. In closing comments, it was stated that pot hole repairs are underway and the City might consider purchasing some forks for the backhoe to allow for pallet pickup and other things to simplify the Maintenance Departments projects. An update of the sidewalk projects included information about the Contractor replacing a section of sidewalk east of ATC due to some pitting. It was noted that, as per contract, this is performed under warranty, so there is no additional cost to the City. There are also a few small cleanup and repair jobs that still need to be completed, but the project is almost complete. The meeting was adjourned until the May 7th, 2024 meeting.



CITY OF ALBION

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Historical Note - Traveling to Albion

One Way to Travel to Albion Between 1900 - 1925
*Taken From Research of Verlene Powell



The Road to Albion

It's a long and rocky way if you walk it. But Powell gets you there and gets you back with the least expenditure of Time, Temper and Tin.

(Stage) Leaves Burley daily upon arrival of Train 83, West bound, 11:45 A. M. Leaves Albion 4 P. M. Connecting with Train 84, East Bound.

We give special attention and rates to Picnic and Sight Seeing Excursions

Any time—Any place—We are at your service.

BILL'S RECORD

"Seven years in the business, without an accident or a flat tire." Powell is reliable and a two-handed driver. He has the entire patronage and support of the Albion State Normal School.

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