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Alden, Buckeye & Popejoy

Alden Newsletter Association
Compiled by the Alden Public Library

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Volume 112



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Newsletter

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Save the Date!

Donations of baked items request
for Alden Days 2025!
Please drop off at library
June 18th from 10am-5pm
or June 19th from 10am-1pm

Friends of the Alden Public Library



Magic Show

WITH
Mikayla Oz

Presented By:

Dr. Grace B. Deane
ALDEN
Public Library

June 16, 2026
10:30 - 11:30 A

All Ages Show

SUMMER READING KICK OFF!

DR. BECHTEL

AT THE
ALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

SATURDAY
JUNE 13TH
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join Dr. Bechtel for an amazing, up-close animal experience filled with fun facts, laughter, and learning!

OPEN TO ALL!

OPEN TO ALL AGES!

ALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

ROBISON REPTILES

TUESDAY
JULY 7TH
10:30 AM

OPEN TO ALL!

FREE

Macrame Plant Hanger Adult Class

Offered by the Friends of the Alden
Public Library

Friday, June 26, 2026 7:00 - 8:00 PM
Registration before June 15, 2026 is Required

Dr. Grace O. Doane
**ALDEN
Public Library**

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM
PRESENTS**

NOT SO CREEPY CRAWLERS

Did you know that bugs help us to grow our food?

Re-imagine the world of invertebrates as we discover the important role these animals play in our ecosystem. Meet a variety of critters such as beetles, roaches, and tarantulas and learn about their amazing adaptations.

The National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium outreach programs bring the wonders of the river right to you!

Through fun, hands-on activities and exciting demonstrations—sometimes even with live animals—kids and families can explore science, history, and nature together. These interactive programs spark curiosity, encourage learning through play, and create memorable experiences for all ages.

**FUN! LEARNING!
DISCOVERY!**

OPEN TO ALL AGES!

**JULY 21ST
10:30AM - 11:30AM**

**ALDEN
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**WE CAN'T
WAIT TO
SEE YOU!**

Thank You!

THE DR. GRACE O. DOANE
ALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

to the many businesses and organizations that generously donated to our Summer Reading Program!

Your support helps make it possible for children and families in our community to enjoy a fun, engaging, and enriching summer filled with reading and learning opportunities. We truly appreciate your generosity and commitment to our library and community.

Special thanks to:

Green Belt Bank & Trust	Iowa Falls Vet Care
ILC	UBTC
Plastic Recycling of Iowa Falls, Inc.	Moler Sanitation
Dairy Queen	POET
Coffee Attic	Cargill
Hardin County Tire & Service, Inc.	Iowa Falls/Alden Community Chest
	Blank Park Zoo
	Casey's

Thank you for helping inspire a love of reading and learning in our community's youth.
Your generosity makes a difference! ♥

DUCK KING FUN

DUCK KING FOAM PARTY!

GET READY FOR A MOUNTAIN OF FOAMY FUN!

**PLAY!
DANCE!
LAUGH!**

WEAR A SWIMSUIT & BRING A TOWEL!

A FOAM PARTY THE WHOLE FAMILY WILL LOVE!

**THURSDAY
JULY 23RD**

10:30-11:30 AM

OPEN TO ALL!

ALDEN PARK

COME PLAY, DANCE & GET FOAMY!

Dr. Grace O. Doane

Dates closed:

July 3 & 4, 2026



Contact your library:
515-859-3820
lisa@alden.lib.ia.us
Alden.lib.ia.us

LIBRARY
SUMMER
HOURS



MONDAY	10AM - 3PM
TUESDAY	10AM - 6PM
WEDNESDAY	10AM - 3PM
THURSDAY	10AM - 6PM
FRIDAY	10AM - 1PM
SATURDAY	9AM - 12PM
SUNDAY	CLOSED



ALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY
Community Conversation

We are proud to be part of
**Libraries Transforming Communities:
Accessible Small and Rural Communities**

An American Library Association initiative providing
community engagement and accessibility resources to
small and rural libraries.

JOIN US

June 10, 2026

1:00 PM

Alden Public Library
1012 Water Street, Alden, Iowa

We will be discussing ideas and ways we can provide
improved accessibility for our services.

Everyone is welcome. All are encouraged to attend.

Alden Public Library

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE SUPPORT OF THE



"Hardin Community Endowment Foundation"



SCHILLER FUND

GRANT RECIPIENT

FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NEW SECURITY CAMERAS
& A SECURE DOOR LOCKING SYSTEM

THROUGH THIS GENEROUS SUPPORT, THE LIBRARY IS NOW A SAFER
AND MORE SECURE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.



ALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY - SUMMER READING CALENDAR

PLANT
A
SEED...

JUNE 2026

READ!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Summer Hours start TODAY!	2 Teen & Adult Summer Reading Starts! Get your passport today!	3	4 Story Time @ 9:30 for 0-5 yr olds	5 SUMMER READING PROGRAM BEGINS!!	6
7	8 K-6th Summer Reading Starts! Get your reading log today!	9	10	11 Story Time @ 9:30 for 0-5 yr olds	12	13 Dr. Bec's Animal Show 11am- Noon OPEN TO ALL!!
14	15	16 Mikayla Oz Magic Show @10:30 OPEN TO ALL!!	17 Wear old clothes, we will be painting!!	18 Story Time @ 9:30 for 0-5 yr olds Library Bags @ 10:30 for grades K-6th	19 Friends of the Library Bake Auction AT Alden City Park 5:30PM	20 CLOSED Alden Days Alden City Park
21	22	23 Calkins Nature Walk @ 10:30 OPEN TO ALL!!	24	25 Story Time @ 9:30 for 0-5 yr olds Living Prints @ 10:30 for grades K-6th	26 Macrame Adult Class 7:00 - 8:00P ((Must be registered)	27
28	29	30 Air Horn Instruments @ 10:30 OPEN TO ALL!!	<p>Summer Lunch Pickup: Lunches will be available Tuesdays and Fridays from 11:30 to 12:00pm No registration needed.</p> 			

Registration not needed for
"Open to all" events!



It's a good idea to wear sunscreen and bug spray before coming as we may be outside when the weather is nice!



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5	6	7 Robinson Reptiles @ 10:30 OPEN TO ALL!!	8	9 Story Time @ 9:30 for 0-5 yr olds 80's Lizard @ 10:30 for grades K-6th	10	11
12	13	14 Sonshine Farms @ 10:30 OPEN TO ALL!!	15	16 Story Time @ 9:30 for 0-5 yr olds Seed Bombs @ 10:30 for grades K-6th	17	18
19	20	21 River Museum @ 10:30 OPEN TO ALL!!	22	23 Duck King Foam Party 10:30-11:30 at the Park! OPEN TO ALL! (No Story Time)	24	LAST DAY OF SUMMER READING! TURN IN ALL READING LOGS!
26	27	28 I-Cubs Game: Sunday, August 16, 2026 @ 1:08pm Children who return their reading logs by July 23 rd will earn 2 digital tickets for the Iowa Cubs!	29	30	31	Summer Meals End August 7th



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SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM 2026

THE SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM IS BACK FOR 2026!
FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH TO-GO KITS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL CHILDREN IN OUR AREA THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HANSEN FAMILY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION.

HERE ARE THE DETAILS:

START DATE: TUESDAY JUNE 2ND

END DATE: FRIDAY AUGUST 7TH

PICK UP DAYS: TUESDAY (3 DAYS OF MEALS) AND FRIDAY (4 DAYS OF MEALS)

PICK UP: 11 AM - 1 PM (FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE) AT PINEVIEW ELEMENTARY (EAST ENTRANCE) OR ALDEN RESIDENTS MAY PICK UP AT THE ALDEN LIBRARY FROM 11:30AM-12PM

KEY CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR:

THERE IS NO REGISTRATION.

MEALS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED ON FRIDAY JULY 3RD.

MEALS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED AT ALDEN ELEMENTARY.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT NOAH GOEDKEN (HFH FOUNDATION DIRECTOR) AT NOAH.GOEDKEN@MERCYONE.ORG OR (641) 648-7151

OR

FOR ALDEN QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE ALDEN LIBRARY AT 515-859-3820.

Thank You NextEra Energy!

We are incredibly grateful to NextEra Energy for their generous **\$1,000** in funding to expand access to hands-on STEM learning opportunities in our community!



STEM KITS

Funds will support the purchase of STEM Kits for activities like snap circuits, coding, and more.



INTERACTIVE STEM BOARDS

We will purchase interactive STEM boards to engage children of all ages.



3D PRINTER SUPPLIES

Supplies for our 3D printer will continue to inspire creativity and innovation.



These resources will provide **engaging, educational experiences** for patrons of all ages—encouraging creativity, problem-solving, and a love for science and technology.

By offering both in-library activities and take-home kits, we will **increase accessibility** and empower individuals and families to **explore STEM concepts** at their own pace.

Thank you, NextEra Energy,
for investing in the future of our community!

Your support helps spark curiosity, build skills, and inspire the next generation of innovators. We truly appreciate your generosity!



STORY TIME at the Library!

Every Thursday morning
from 9:30-10:15!

(for kids ages 0-5, siblings welcome)



Join us for songs, stories, and fun! This lively story time builds early literacy skills and joy in reading.



There will be no Story Time on Thursday, July 23rd due to the Foam Party which is open to everyone and all ages.

YOUR LIBRARY



Hours

Monday: Open Swim 1pm-5pm
Night Swim 6pm-8pm

Tuesday: Open Swim 1pm-5pm
Night Swim 6pm-8pm

Wednesday: Open Swim 1pm-5pm
Night Swim 6pm-8pm

Thursday: Open Swim 1pm-5pm
Night Swim 6pm-8pm

Friday: Open Swim 1pm-5pm
Night Swim 6pm-8pm

Saturday: Open Swim 1pm-8pm

Sunday: Open Swim 1pm-8pm

PRICES

Admission

Child: \$3.00
Adult: \$5.00
ONLY babypool: \$1.00

Passes

Single Pass: \$70.00
Senior Pass: \$50.00
Family Pass: \$100.00
Daycare Pass: \$60
+ \$15 per child



Legion Community Center Rental Wedding Receptions:

Big Event Fee: Thursday- Sunday Use \$600.00,
plus \$600.00 Security Deposit

Big Event Fee: Friday-Sunday Use \$500.00,
plus \$600.00 Security Deposit

Alcohol Service requires a Host Liability Insurance Policy

Small Event: \$100.00 Reunions, Meetings, Graduations, Birthdays, Showers, etc.
Small Event Security Deposit of \$100.00

***Cleaning Fee: \$125.00/for every event-no exceptions**

*Inside is a Smoke Free Zone/forfeiture of deposit applies if violations occur.

* Smoking area outside with tables and receptacles for disposal.

*7 Big Screen TV's/State of the Art Media System, Wireless Microphones

*Use of full kitchen, roasters, coffee makers, etc.

Contact City Hall to reserve.

Alden Scout Hall/Cabin-Alden Park

\$50.00/per event plus \$30.00 Key Deposit
Contact City Hall to reserve.

Alden City Wide Clean Up

JUNE 12TH & 13TH

Alden Legion Community Center
Parking Lot



NO TIRES, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS,
COMPUTER MONITORS OR TV'S
APPLIANCES ARE \$10/EACH.

Alden Food Pantry
P.O. Box 95 211 Main St.
Alden Iowa 50006
Open Friday 4:00 P.M. -6:00.PM and Saturday 9:00 A.M.to 11:00 A.M.
June and July 2026

The Alden food Pantry provides food for families in need in the Alden, Buckeye, and Popejoy communities.



Thank you for your donations

St. Paul Lutheran -Alden ---United Church of Christ UCC Alden -
Alden United Methodist Church Alden---Opal Eggs--- Smithfield---Christian Women United
Hy Vee Iowa Falls ---Walmart Iowa Falls---Vern Gaulke---Darlene Hulbert ---Janet Solberg
Barb Jass ---Pastor Radcliffe---St. Mary's Catholic Church Williams---Constance Hoelscher
Alden Girl Scouts---Barb Jass--- Don Belden
And the many people who give and don't want their names mentioned.
Thank you Thank You it takes a village. You all make it possible for us to serve those who need our service.

Thank You for the Board Members

Barb Jass President Susan Essing Vice President
Mary Vaughn Linda Lisle Janet Grandgeorge
Aimee Jass Char Wilke Diane Hurby
Laura Bradley secretary/treasurer
Those wonderful volunteers who help unload the truck and do some extra things for the Pantry.
Lyle Jass- Duane Harding- Kurt Wilke- Dennis Bradley-Jeff Smilie

Types of things we need: Volunteers

We can always use cleaners, laundry soap, dryer sheets, soap , shampoo, body wash, mouth wash, toilet paper, paper towels, as far as food: hamburger helpers, scalloped potatoes, cheesy potatoes. Chili beans pork and beans, refried beans. We accept financial donations. Please keep packages small we are not allowed to repackage unwrapped foods. We are so thankful for community support.

Alden Food Pantry will be closed

Alden Days Friday June 19 and Saturday June 20

Independence Day Friday July 3 and Saturday July 4

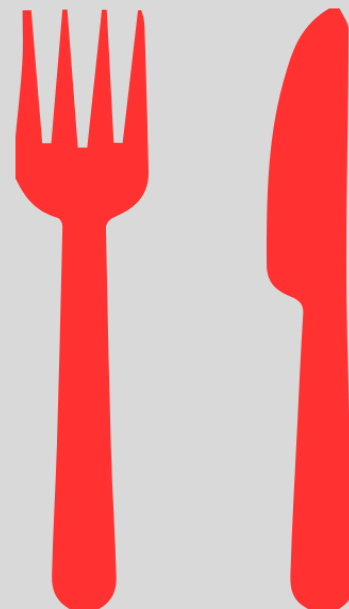
"We are an equal opportunity Provider"

**JOIN US FOR A FREE COMMUNITY MEAL AT THE
ALDEN METHODIST CHURCH! (NO STEPS)**

*Monday
Monthly Meals*

June 1st
July 6th
August 3rd
Serving 5:30pm-6:30pm

**OPEN TO ALL
BRING A CARLOAD - EVERYONE IS WELCOME**



ALDEN DAYS KICKN' UP DUST **JUNE 18 - 20 2026**

THURSDAY KICK OFF
PARK CORRAL

6PM-9PM- TEEN MIXER

ALDEN DAYS SALOON

5PM- SALOON OPENS (FIRE DEPARTMENT)
5PM-SMITH'S FOOD TRUCK OPENS
5:30-7:30PM- **JORDAN BEEM**
8:30-10:30PM- **BRAD MORGAN (NASHVILLE ARTIST)**
9:00PM- SMITH'S FOOD TRUCK CLOSES
10:30PM- SALOON CLOSES

FRIDAY
PARK CORRAL

5:00PM- FOOD TRUCKS OPEN IN PARK
5:30PM- SINGING NATIONAL ANTHEM
5:45PM- WELCOME SPEECH
6:00PM- BAKED GOODS AUCTION
Sponsored By: Friends of Library
Auctioned Off By: Travis Schutt
6:00PM- KIDDIE PARADE STARTS
6-7:30PM- MEAL IN THE PARK
Sponsored By: St. Paul Lutheran Church
7:00PM- CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD
7:15PM- LITTLE MISS & MISTER ALDEN
7:30PM- MISS ALDEN PAGEANT
• FOOD TRUCKS CLOSE

ALDEN DAYS SALOON

NASHVILLE NIGHT

5:00PM- SALOON OPEN
• FOOD TRUCK OPENS
• YARD GAMES IN THE FOOD COURT
5:00PM- **CAM CUMMINGS (Nashville Artist)**
7:30PM- **JAKE MCVEY (Nashville Artist)**
10:00PM- **CODY WEBB (Nashville Artist)**
10:30pm- FOOD TRUCK CLOSES
12:00AM- SALOON CLOSES

SATURDAY

FIRE DEPARTMENT

7-9AM- COWBOY BREAKFAST
Sponsored By: The Methodist Church
8AM- DAVE LANCASTER MEMORIAL TRACTOR RIDE

DOWNTOWN ALDEN

11 AM- PARADE
** Parade Line-up Starts at 10:30 at ILC**
** Same Parade Route as Last Year**

PARK CORRAL

7AM- NATIONAL ANTHEM
• 5K RUN BEGINS
** Registration Starts at 6:30am**
• BBQ COMPETITION BEGINS
** Located by Gazebo in Park**
** Sponsored By: Hardin County Farm Bureau **
8:00AM- KIDS FISHING DERBY
Sponsored BY: Scheel's
11AM- FOOD TRUCKS OPEN
12PM- LUNCH SERVED IN PARK
** Sponsored By: United Church of Christ**
12PM- SANDBOX OPENS
** Sponsored By: McDowell & Sons **
12- 5PM- FREE TRAIN RIDES
6-7:30PM- DINNER IN THE PARK
** Sponsored By: Alden Days Committee, Seaboard Foods, &Landus**
****FREE WILL DONATION****
8:00PM - FOOD TRUCKS CLOSE
8:00PM- ALDEN DAYS SNACK SHACK OPENS
9:45PM- ALDEN DAYS FINALE FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR
Located in the Park**

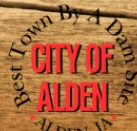
IOWA MUSICIAN SPOTLIGHT

1:30PM- **BRIAN HERRIN**
3:45PM- **LENA ADAMS**
6:00PM- **AIDEN FLATHERS**

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

12-6PM- INFLATABLES ARE OPEN
** Wristbands are \$10**
Parents must sign a Waiver
1:00PM- RAFFLE DRAWINGS BEGIN
1:00PM- DOUG ELLINGSON MEMORIAL KIDDIE TRACTOR PULL
** Located at the entrance of the park towards the EAST**
3:00-5:00PM- FOAM PARTY
Sponsored By: T-Chaps Lawn Care
3:30PM- BBQ COMPETITION AWARDS
8:30PM- NORSEFYRE FIRE PERFORMERS
10:00pm- LIVE MUSIC at WEST SIDE & BRICK HOUSE PATIO

PRESENTING SPONSORS





ALDEN DAYS STREET CLOSURES

Thursday June 18th, 2026

Alden Fire Station-Water Street from the Alden Library to City Hall property from Noon-1:00AM
Saturday. Washington Street from Water to Mill Street from Noon-? for Entertainment Parking
Alden Library Water Street to Main Street from 4:00PM-for entertainment.

Friday, June 19th, 2026

Alden Fire Station-Water Street from the Alden Library to City Hall property from Noon-4:00PM,
Washington Street from Water Street to Mill Street from Noon-Midnight for Entertainment Parking
Alden Library Water Street to Main Street from 4:00PM for Entertainment and Food Court.

Saturday, June 20th, 2026

Water Street from the Alden Library west to Main Street and Washington Street south to Mill Street
from 6:30AM-10:00 AM for Dave Lancaster Memorial Tractor Ride Parking.

Parade Route from 10:00AM-Noon

River Drive west to Main Street, south to Water Street, east to Center Street, south to Mill Street,
west to West Street.

Kids Tractor Pull 1:00PM-until over

Water Street from Franklin Street to West Street

Alden Park Area

Traffic will have reduced speed and access, due to Food Vendor Trailer and Entertainment Vehicles
& Trailers.



NUMBERS TO KNOW

City Hall 515-859-3344
Mayor Harley Mourlam
515-859-7704 cell#641-373-3901
Steve 641-373-6423
Andy Jass 641-373-6422

City Hall Hours
M-Th 8-12, 1-5
Fri 8-12

Council Members:

Janaan Harding
Robert Hoversten
Jerry Hartema
Michael Oliver
Mark Oliver

Laude Alden Memorial Pool
515-859-7535

**Hardin County Sheriff Emergency
911**

Non-Emergency
641-939-8190

**Alden Food Pantry
PO Box 95**

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Hours- Friday 4pm-6pm
Saturday 9am-11am

Churches

St. Paul Lutheran

515-859-3901

United Church of Christ

515-859-7259

United Methodist Church

515-859-7338

Alden Library

515-859-3820

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Hours

M & W 12:30pm—5pm

T & Th 10:00 am—6pm

F 9am -1pm

S 9am-12pm

Closed Sundays

Summer Hours

M & W 10am-3pm

T & Th 10:00 am—6pm

F 10am -1pm

S 9am-12pm

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