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Alden, Buckeye & Popejoy

Alden Newsletter Association
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◊ The Alden Public Library ◊
presents

Doodle Date Night

A Valentine's Art Class for Couples



With TIM READ

Chocolate Boxes provided by
The Good Olde Days in Iowa falls and
Coffee/Tea bar available

(Couples are welcome to bring a snack to share)

Limited spots for
10 pairs
available!

DON'T
MISS
OUT

Looking for a fun and creative way to connect this Valentine's Day? Join us for Doodle Date Night, a lighthearted art class where couples (or besties!) explore their silly and creative sides together through playful drawing prompts and laughter.

Led by professional illustrator and humorist Tim Read, this class is all about having fun, letting loose, and seeing where your imaginations take you - no artistic skills required! Whether you're drawing with your sweetheart or laughing at your shared masterpiece with your bff, Doodle Date Night is the perfect way to celebrate love, creativity, and connection.

Friday, February 13th

7:00PM - 8:30PM

\$25 PER COUPLE

Payment MUST be made to be registered

Call 515-859-3820, Email Erin at erin@alden.lib.ia.us or

Direct Message us on Facebook



**DID YOU
KNOW?**

Did you know that your library lends puzzles for all ages for free? You just need your library card.

Dates closed:

February 16th

Dr. Grace O. Doane

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Public Library

Contact your library:

515-859-3820

lisa@alden.lib.ia.us

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February 2026

After School Program For Kids In Grades K-3rd
Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:30 pm

2/5/26

CRAFT DAY



String Art

2/12/26

PARTY DAY



Cupid's Comedy Club

2/19/26

S.T.E.A.M DAY



Chain Challenge

2/26/26

GAME DAY



Life-Size Boardgame



Must be Registered to Attend.



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March 2026

After School Program For Kids In Grades K - 3rd
Tuesdays from 3:30 - 4:30 pm

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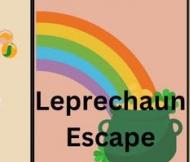
LEGO DAY



Marble Run

3/10/26

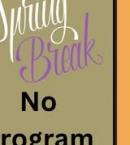
MYSTERY DAY



Leprechaun Escape

3/17/26

Spring Break



No Program

3/24/26

CRAFT DAY



Puzzle Art

3/31/26

S.T.E.A.M DAY



Egg Rocket



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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.



Dr. Grace O. Diane

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Join us for Senior Fitness at 10:30am on Tuesdays & Thursdays at the Alden Public Library!



*This is a DVD led class.
Weights and bands are not provided.



Celebrate Your Birthday with a FREE Book!



Brought to you by the Friends of the Alden Library starting January 1, 2026.

Must reside in Alden, Buckeye, or Popejoy and have a library card in good standing. May pick up your free book at the library anytime during your birth month. Open to children who are turning 1 to 17.

Read before you watch these movies or TV shows



The housemaid by Freida McFadden

Troubled maid Millie takes a live-in job at the Winchester family home, only to discover their perfect facade hides dark secrets in this twisty thriller.



People we meet on vacation by Emily Henry

Poppy and Alex were summer travel pals for a decade-until it all blew up. Now Poppy gets Alex to agree to one last trip. Sweet & swoony.

Spice Club is Coming to the Library in 2026!

Get ready to explore a world of flavor! 🌶️ Each month, the Spice Club will feature a new spice—complete with recipes, fun facts, and cooking inspiration! 🍲

Share your tasty creations with us on Facebook and see what others are cooking up! 🍲

👉 Registration is required so we know how much to buy—everyone's welcome to join the fun!

Get ready to spice up your year! 🌶️

3 ways to register:

- 1) Call us at 515-859-3820
- 2) Email Erin at erine@alden.lib.ia.us
- 3) Facebook message us!



THANK YOU

Chloe asked Santa for a box of groceries to help others this Christmas. She proudly delivered them to our food pantry at the Alden Public Library.

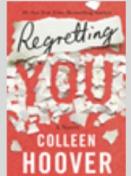


Our community is brighter because of hearts like hers. ❤️ Thank you, Chloe!



Reminders of him by Colleen Hoover

After prison, Kenna seeks redemption and reconnection with her daughter while facing grief, guilt, and resistance from those hurt by her past choices.



Regretting You by Colleen Hoover

This book follows a mother and daughter struggling after tragedy, navigating grief, love, and secrets while learning forgiveness and understanding across generations.

NO SCHOOL DAY

Registration
Required
Limit 10
Students
K - 12th



Monday
February 2
1:00 - 2:00 PM



ELECTROMAGNETIC CRANE



NO SCHOOL DAY

Registration
Required
Limit 10
Students
K - 12th



Monday
March 2
1:00 - 2:00 PM

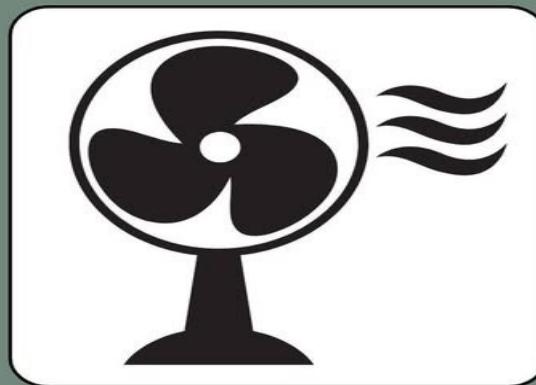


SEWING WORKSHOP



NO SCHOOL DAY

Registration
Required
Limit 10
Students
K - 12th



Monday
April 6
1:00 - 2:00 PM



SELF PROPELLING FAN





Alden Fire Department *Annual Stag Fundraiser Weekend*

WOMENS STAG NIGHT

Friday, February 20, 6pm-
midnight

\$50 a ticket

\$60 at the door

A ticket includes a meal and
drinks

Entertainment

Raffle Prizes

Door Prizes

Must be 21

MENS STAG NIGHT

Saturday, February 21,
6pm-2am

\$75 a ticket

A ticket includes a meal and
drinks

Poker Tournament

Raffle Prizes

Door Prizes

Must be 21



Coming to the
Alden Legion Community Center
March 24th!

Watch Facebook for ticket information and times!

Enjoy some laughs and fellowship with
friends & family.

The Community Monthly Monday Meals are held at
the Alden UMC (No steps)

February 2nd

March 2nd

April 6th

Serving 5:30-6:30

Bring a carload -Everyone Welcome

The Community MMM are always the first Monday.



Alden United Church of Christ

Weekly Events

Sundays

9:30 • Sunday School for all ages 3 years through 5th grade

10:30 • Worship with fellowship time following

11:45 • Confirmation

Wednesdays

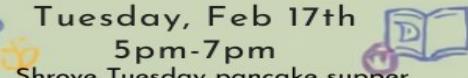
3:45 - 5:00 pm Tuesday • TGIF for grades 3 - 8



Special Events

February 13-15

Confirmation worship weekend in Des Moines



Tuesday, Feb 17th
5pm-7pm
Shrove Tuesday pancake supper.
At least 3 kinds of pancakes, plus
sausage, milk, coffee and water.
Free will donations.

March 29 -Palm Sunday

April 4 - Easter

Alden UCC
Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper

Tuesday, Feb. 17 | 5 - 7 pm
At least 3 kinds of pancakes plus sausage, milk, coffee and water.

FREE WILL DONATIONS ACCEPTED

Alden Food Pantry
P.O. Box 95 211 Main St.
Alden Iowa 50006

Open Friday 4:00 P.M. -6:00PM and Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.
April and May 2026

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

<p>Thank you for the Donations</p> <p>St. Paul Lutheran -Alden St. Paul's Evan Lutheran -Buckeye United Church of Christ UCC St Paul Lutheran Williams Ladies Aid Opal Eggs Smithfield Christian Women United Alden United Methodist Church Hy Vee Iowa Falls Walmart Iowa Falls Alden Fire Department Vern Gaulke Les and Jo French Joanne Groewold and Denise Duncan Darlene Hulbert Paula Goodnight Janet Grandgeorge Janet Solberg Steve and Glenda Howard family Nimrod Meats Duane Hoversten memorial Barb Jass Dan and Traci Zoske Arne and Cindy Anderson Chris Tjarks Stockdale Law Michelle and Joy Yaeger Nick and Nicole State Paul and Rita Hoversten Julie and Bob Reynolds Amber Lee</p>	<p>Thank you for the Donations</p> <p>Greenbelt bank Iowa Falls Chris Weaver Jeannete Moore Martin Marietta Innovative Ag Services Minnie Cramer Patricia McElvania Randy Harding Keith Bowden</p> <p>Many generous doners who don't want to be mentioned. We can't thank everyone enough for your generosity. It takes a village.</p> <p>Thank You for the Board Members</p> <p>Barb Jass Susan Essing Mary Vaughn Linda Lisle Janet Grandgeorge Aimee Jass Char Wilke Diane Hurby Laura Bradley</p> <p>Those wonderful volunteers who help unload the truck and do some extra things for the Pantry.</p> <p>Lyle Jass- Duane Harding- Kurt Wilke- Dennis Bradley-Jeff Smilie</p>
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Alden Food Pantry will be Closed Friday April 3rd and Saturday April 4th

Donations always welcome volunteers always welcome. We are still collecting old batteries and ink cartridges

"We are an equal opportunity Provider"

Alden Days FUNDRAISER

Saturday, February 7, 2026

Alden Legion Building - 506 West Street, Alden

5 - 6:30 PM Spaghetti Supper

\$5 for adults & \$2.50 for children

5 - 7:30 PM Silent Auction

6:30 PM.....Live Auction Begins

**There will also be a raffle for free grocery certificates.
Must be present to win.**



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
Board Members
Linda Lisle 515-689-1164
Charlene Wilke
Barb Jass 641-425-6644
Susan Essing 515-460-2454
Mary Vaughn 515-689-3179
Diane Hruby
Laura Bradley 515-859-7582
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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lisa@alden.lib.ia.us

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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