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Alden, Buckeye & Popejoy

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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.

Dr. Grace O. Doane

Dates closed:

February 16th

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

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.



February 2026

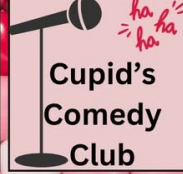
After School Program For Kids In Grades 4th - 6th
Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:30 pm

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**



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March 2026

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

3/3/26
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



Must be Registered to Attend.



March 2026

After School Program For Kids In Grades 4th-6th
Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:30 pm

3/5/26
LEGO DAY



**Marble
Run**

3/12/26
MYSTERY DAY



**Leprechaun
Escape**

3/19/26

*Spring
Break*
**No
Program**

3/26/26
SPECIAL GUEST
DAY



**Skype a
Scientist**



Must be Registered to Attend.



TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY

FEBRUARY 7, 2026

9am-12pm



DR GRACE O DOANE ALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY
ALDEN, IOWA



takeyourchildtothelibrary.org

Artwork by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace

STORY TIME

at the Library!

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

(for kids ages 0-5, siblings welcome)

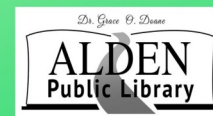
Join us for songs, stories, and fun! This lively story time builds early literacy skills and joy in reading.



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.

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 erinaalden.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!



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.



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.



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.



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

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ELECTROMAGNETIC CRANE

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NO SCHOOL DAY

Registration
Required
Limit 10
Students
K - 12th



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March 2
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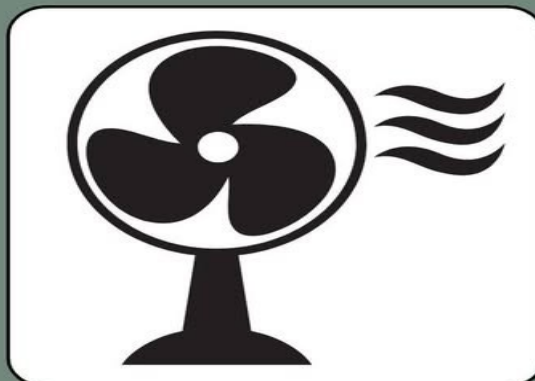
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SEWING WORKSHOP

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NO SCHOOL DAY

Registration
Required
Limit 10
Students
K - 12th



Monday
April 6
1:00 - 2:00 PM

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SELF PROPELLING FAN

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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

**FAITH &
FOUR
LETTER WORDS**
with Amanda Goodman & Tara Thomas

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.

Thank you for the Donations

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

Thank you for the Donations

Greenbelt bank Iowa Falls
 Chris Weaver
 Jeannete Moore
 Martin Marietta
 Innovative Ag Services
 Minnie Cramer
 Patricia McElvania
 Randy Harding
 Keith Bowden
 Many generous doners who don't want to be mentioned. We can't thank everyone enough for your generosity. It takes a village.

Thank You for the Board Members

Barb Jass
 Susan Essing
 Mary Vaughn
 Linda Lisle
 Janet Grandgeorge
 Aimee Jass
 Char Wilke
 Diane Hurby
 Laura Bradley

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



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 & \$2⁵⁰ 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.*

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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
Alden.lib.ia.us
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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