

"BEST TOWN(S) BY A DAM SITE"

Alden, Buckeye & Popejoy

Alden Newsletter Association
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Join a growing movement of
people like you who are helping
fellow community members live
with dementia!

What Happens at the Information Session?

- You can become a Dementia Friend by attending a one-hour informational session to learn about living with dementia and the simple things you can do to support someone living with dementia.
- You'll learn some basics of dementia such as what dementia is, what it's like to live with the disease, and some tips for communicating with people who have dementia. Everyone who attends will gain tips for practical actions that can help someone living in your community.

Become a
Dementia
Friend!

Attend the Dementia Friends Session!

When: Wednesday, November 4th @
1:00 PM

Where: Alden Public Library

Free and open to the public!

Presenter: Briget Meyer



Spice Club is at 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 erinealden.lib.ia.us
- 3) Facebook message us!

STORY TIME at the Library!

Starting September 3rd

Every 1st and 3rd Thursday morning
from 10:00 to 10:45am!
(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.



International Library to Library Pen Pal Club

Connect. Write. Discover.

Join library patrons from around the world in
exchanging letters, stories, and friendship

Open to ages 5 to 100!



How to Join:

Ask your librarian • Sign up at the front desk • Start writing!

Open to all ages • All languages welcome • Friendships across borders

For more information email:
danielle@alden.lib.ia.us

Dr. Grace O. Doane

Dates closed:

October 12th, 2026
November 11th, 2026
November 26th, 2026



Contact your library:
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The
Dr. Grace O. Doane
Alden Public Library
presents:



HOLIDAY PORCH POTS

December 2nd 6:30-8:00pm
Cost \$60 per holiday pot

PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE TO RESERVE A SPOT.

Only 14 spots available!

Contact us with any questions at:
Phone: 515-859-3820
Email: erin@alden.lib.ia.us
or message us on Facebook!

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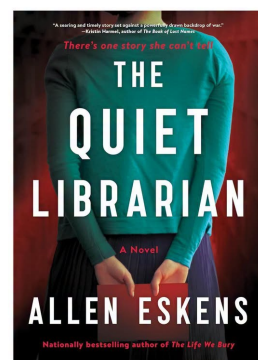


WELCOME AUTHOR ALLEN ESKENS

Tuesday
October 20th, 2026
6:00pm at The Lodge

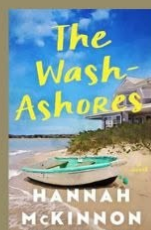
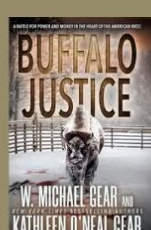
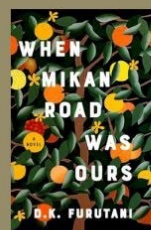
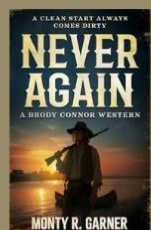
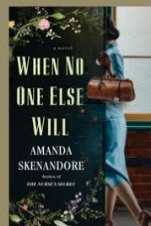
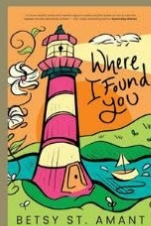
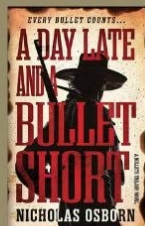
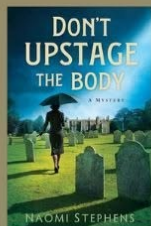
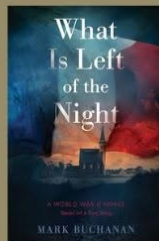
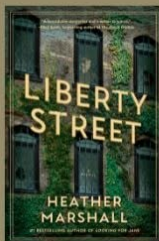
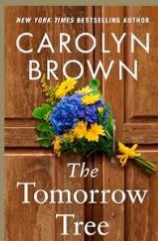


former location of the
Iowa River Conservation Club or "Boat Club"
299 N 10th St
Steamboat Rock, IA 50672



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MONDAY	12:30PM-5PM
TUESDAY	10AM-6PM
WEDNESDAY	12:30PM-5PM
THURSDAY	10AM-6PM
FRIDAY	9AM-1PM
SATURDAY	9AM-12PM
SUNDAY	CLOSED

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2026 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

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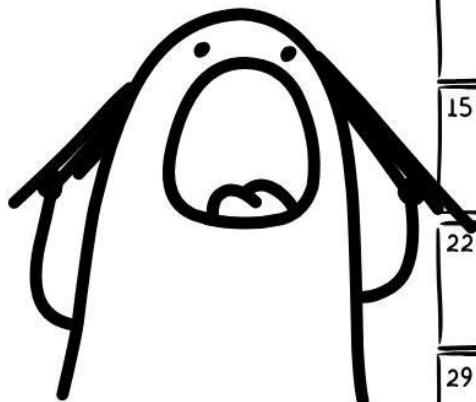
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4	5	6 3:30 - 4:30PM LEGO Day	7	8 3:30 - 4:30PM POW Algonquian Museum	9	10
11	12	13 3:30 - 4:30PM Pollinator Helpers	14	15 3:30 - 4:30PM Pollinator Helpers	16	17
18	19	20 3:30 - 4:30PM Local Agriculture Connects People	21	22 3:30 - 4:30PM Local Agriculture Connects People	23	24
25	26	27 3:30 - 4:30PM Amazing Trees	28	29 3:30 - 4:30PM Amazing Trees	30	31

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1	2	3 3:30 - 4:30PM Waterways Connect Ecosystems	4	5 3:30 - 4:30PM Waterways Connect Ecosystems	6	7
8	9	10 3:30 - 4:30PM Nature Provides Nourishment	11	12 3:30 - 4:30PM Nature Provides Nourishment	13	14
15	16	17 3:30 - 4:30PM Seasons & Nature	18	19 3:30 - 4:30PM Seasons & Nature	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	NO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: Thanksgiving Break				

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THANK YOU!

A Heartfelt Thank You

We deeply appreciate the generous donation from the
Church Women United!

Save the Date!

FALL

Vendor & Craft Show

★ OCTOBER 17 ★

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

ALDEN LEGION

SHOP LOCAL • SUPPORT LOCAL • LOVE LOCAL



Save the Date!

ALDEN DAYS

LAUNCH PARTY

FUNDRAISER

OCTOBER 17, 2026

★ STARTS AT 5PM ★

ALDEN LEGION



Alden Fire Department

CHILI/SOUP



Supper

October 31st, 5pm-7pm
while it lasts!



TRICK OR TREAT

ALDEN RIVERVIEW CAMPGROUND	CITY OF ALDEN
OCTOBER 10TH 5PM-7PM	OCTOBER 31ST 5PM-7PM



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.
October and November 2026

The Alden Food Pantry serves the Alden, Buckeye, and Popejoy communities.

Our Mission: To unite our community against hunger by providing reliable food access and support our local neighbors who are experiencing food insecurity.

Thank you for your donations

St. Paul's Lutheran Alden ---United Church of Christ UCC Alden -
Alden United Methodist Church ---Opal Eggs--- Smithfield---Christian Women United
Hy Vee Iowa Falls ---Walmart Iowa Falls---Vern Gaulke- Darlene Hulbert -Janet Solberg
Barb Jass --Dean and Michelle Evans - Constance Hoelscher- State family
Bob and Nancy Kennedy (memorial for Betty Thomas)- Buddy and Vonda Shaffer- Julia Hall-
Les and Jo French - Brock Puffett- Linda Ramspott- Val Maas- Janet Grandgeorge- Keith Bowden-
Bethany Lutheran Church Iowa Falls- gift from Martha Mott memorial
And the many people who give and don't want their names mentioned.
Thank you for your kind donations. 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-
Crystal Inks- Jag Jass-Rory Reifschneider- Monica Freerks

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.

If you need help feeding your family Please come and see if we can help.
"We are an equal opportunity Provider"

Community Meal @ 5:30
October 5th, November 2nd, December 7th



Alden United Methodist Church, 1512 Hardin Street, Alden
Open to all.

Alden Family Fall Fest

October 4th, 2026
12pm-3pm

Costume Contest at 1pm with prizes (all ages welcome)

Free Inflatables, Free Music,
Free Fire Truck Rides & Hayrides,
and Free Meal while it lasts.



Take Pictures
Bring your
letters & lists



December 19th

9:00 AM
to
11:00 AM

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The Best Town by a Dam Site

NUMBERS TO KNOW

City Hall 515-859-3344
Mayor Harley Moulam
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

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Hours
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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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