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Alden, Buckeye & Popejoy

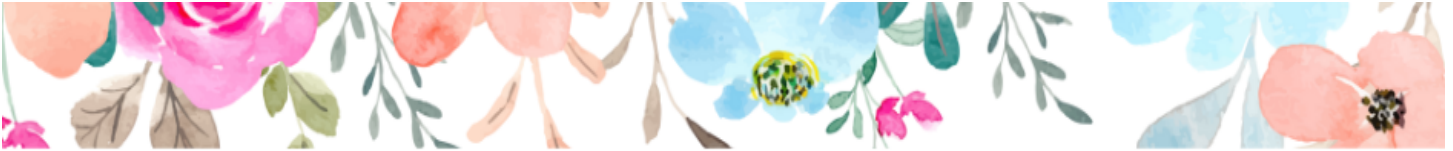
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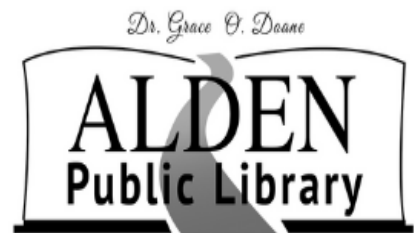


THE DR. GRACE O. DOANE ALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY WOULD LIKE TO SEND A HUGE
THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING LISTED BELOW.

YOUR DONATIONS FOR OUR SUMMER READING PROGRAM ARE GREATLY
APPRECIATED!!

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Thank You!!



Dr. Grace O. Doane

Dates closed:

August 27th for training
September 1, 2025



Inside the Lines Adult Coloring Social Club

Meeting the 2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Starting February 2025



Beginner Sewing Workshop

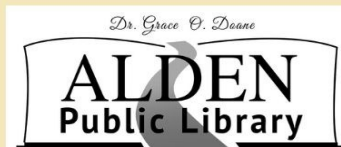
(Class 3 out of 3)

Monday, August 11th at 10am
at the Alden Public Library

Project : Tote bag

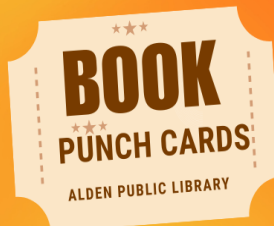
Must be registered to attend!

Limited
space!
Only 10 spots
per class are
available



For ages
10+

DR. GRACE O. DOANE
ALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY
PRESENTS



GET YOUR CARD PUNCHED FOR EACH
TIME YOU CHECK OUT A BOOK! ONCE
YOU FILL YOUR CARD (10 PUNCHES)
YOU CAN PICK FROM THE GOODIE BOX!



August 2025

Alden Public Library Summer Reading Program

Tuesday 5th 10:30-Noon : Pizza and Board

Games (6th grade and up)

This is a 6th grade - 12th grade only event! Come for pizza, stay for board games.

Wednesday 6th:

10:00am : Story Time for 0-5 year olds

1:00pm : Yarn Club (for adults)

Friday 8th 6pm-8pm : Music at the Park

with Tank Anthony

This is an adult only event! Please bring lawn chair as seating is limited. Free event/no registration needed.

Food Truck: Hungry Boys Taqueria will be on site from 11AM-8PM



Looking ahead>

September 2025

Saturday 9th at 10am:

Inside the Lines : Adult Coloring Social Club

Monday 11th at 10am : Beginner Sewing Workshop

This is the last sewing class of three classes offered over the summer. *Must be registered to attend.*

Wednesday 13th:

10:00am : Play Time for 0-5 year olds

Wednesday 20th:

1:00pm : Yarn Club (for adults)

Saturday 23rd at 10am:

Inside the Lines : Adult Coloring Social Club



Thursday, September 18th : Music on the

Patio with Brian Herrin

This is an adult only event! Please bring lawn chair as seating is limited. Free event/no registration needed.

Food Truck: Funky Pepperoni will be on site!

How to Sign Up for Summer Reading

All Summer Reading Program participants are encouraged to enroll ahead of time. This helps us prepare materials for each class.

Scan the QR code below to access the Alden Public Library website, the link is on the main page right above the Newsletter Link. Parents/Guardians can also sign up in person at the Alden Public Library.

SCAN ME



Summer Hours

Monday 10am-3pm
Tuesday 10am - 6pm
Wednesday 10am - 3pm
Thursday 10am - 6pm
Friday 10am - 1pm
Saturday 9am - 12pm

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ALDEN
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The After School Program will resume in September. Tuesdays will be for students in Kindergarten through 3rd grades. Thursdays will be for those students in grades 4th-6th. You may register by visiting our website at www.alden.lib.ia.us or stopping in at the library starting August 15th.

September 2025

After School Program For Kids In Grades K-3rd

Tuesdays from 3:30 - 4:30 pm

9/2/25 1st DAY  Back to School Bash	9/9/25 LEGO DAY  Spinning Tops	9/16/25 CRAFT DAY  Bookmarks	9/23/25 SPECIAL GUEST  Skype a Scientist	9/30/25 ART DAY  Reverse Coloring
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Must be Registered to Attend.



September 2025

After School Program For Kids In Grades 4th-6th

Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:30 pm

9/4/25 1ST DAY  Back to School Bash	9/11/25 LEGO DAY  Spinning Tops	9/18/25 CRAFT DAY  Bookmarks	9/25/25 SPECIAL GUEST DAY  Skype a Scientist
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Must be Registered to Attend.





Alden Public Library
**Summer Hours
Begin June 2nd**



Monday	10am - 3pm
Tuesday	10am - 6pm
Wednesday	10am - 3pm
Thursday	10am - 6pm
Friday	9am - 1pm
Saturday	9am - 12pm
Sunday	Closed



NORMAL HOURS

RESUME AUGUST 25TH

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

CONTACT

ALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY
515-859-3820
ALDEN.LIB.IA.US

Pizza & Boardgames

Grab a slice and get
your game on! Join us
for a fun time of board
games, laughs, and
pizza—just for 6th grade
and up.



TUESDAY, AUGUST 5TH
FROM 10:30 TO 12:00

AT THE
ALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY



SENIOR FITNESS

AT THE LIBRARY!

JOIN OUR SELF-LED SENIOR FITNESS GROUP
AT THE LIBRARY! STAY ACTIVE, SOCIALIZE,
AND ENJOY A LOW-IMPACT WORKOUT AT YOUR
OWN PACE.

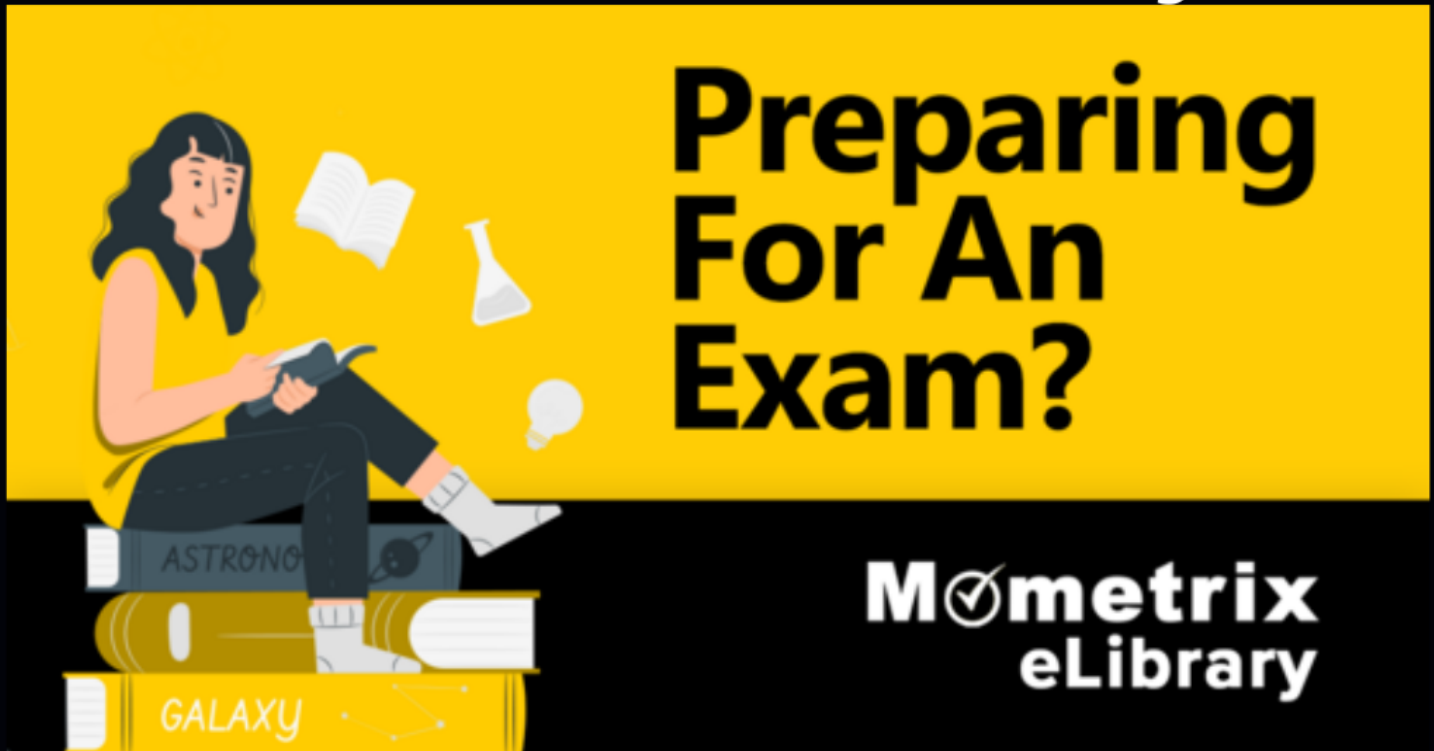
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN HAND WEIGHTS.
OPEN TO ALL SENIORS — THIS IS A VIDEO LEAD
EVENT WITH FRIENDLY MOTIVATION!

**EVERY TUESDAY AND
THURSDAY AT 1:00PM**

DURING THE SUMMER

Beginning
in Sept,
Tues &
Thurs at
10:30am

NEW FREE SERVICE at the Alden Library



Mometrix eLibrary is the State Library's new vendor for a test preparation database. The online resource will be available to Iowa public and academic libraries beginning July 1, 2025.

Mometrix eLibrary offers digital access to study materials for over 1,500 different standardized exams. The contract covers public and academic libraries and provides full access to the entire database. The study materials include comprehensive study guides, interactive flashcards and practice tests.

You can find the resource at <https://www.alden.lib.ia.us/online-resources>. You will need your library card to create your account.



YARN CLUB

1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH FROM
1-2PM AT THE ALDEN
PUBLIC LIBRARY



Wednesday program for those ages 0-5

For ages 0 - 5
(siblings welcome)

10:00am
on

August 6th - Play Time
August 13th - Story Time

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STORY TIME AT THE LIBRARY!

For ages 0-5
(Siblings welcome)

September resumes the normal
schedule of the 2nd and 4th
Wednesday of the month at 10am.

September 10th
September 24th



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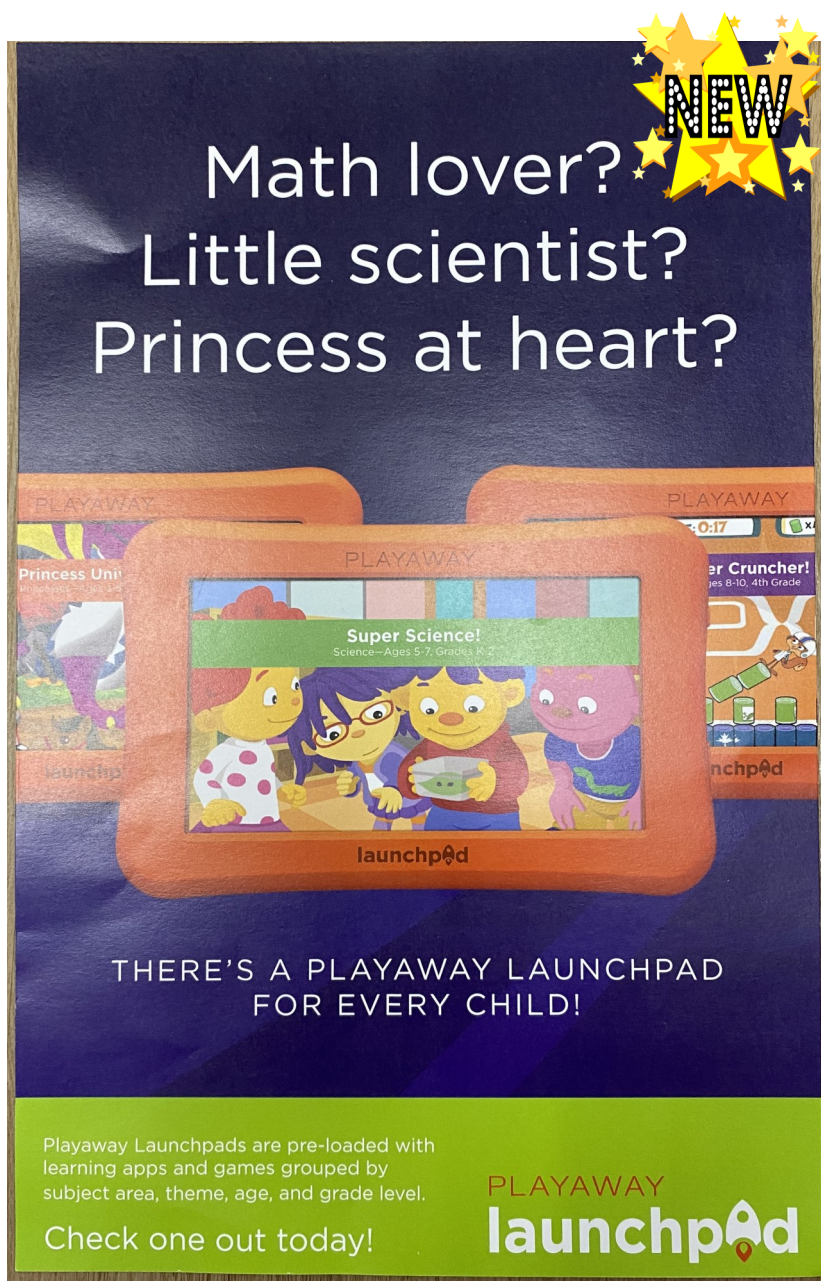
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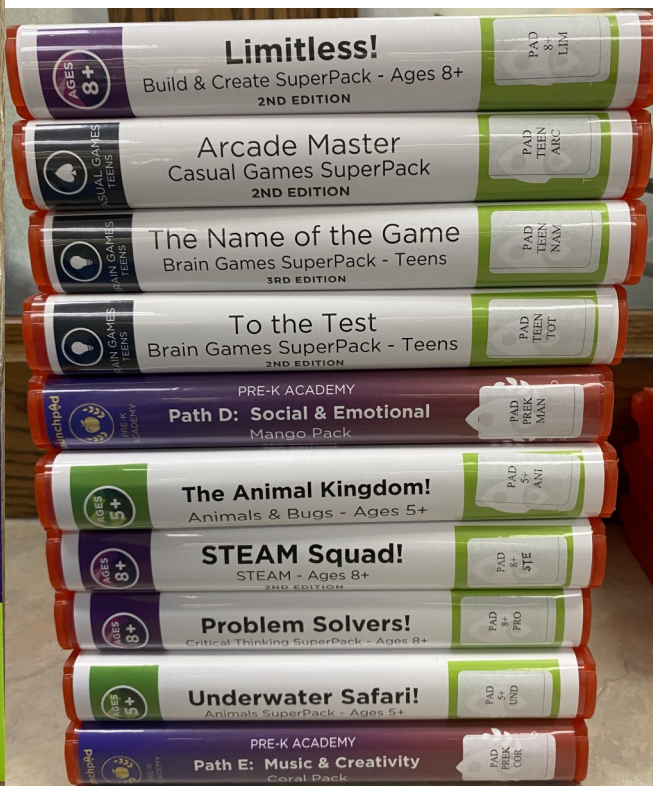
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New at the Alden Library

Launchpads can be checked out for a one week period. They have pre-loaded games and activities that do NOT require wi-fi. Launchpads can also be used at the library. We have ten Launchpads for different learning levels.

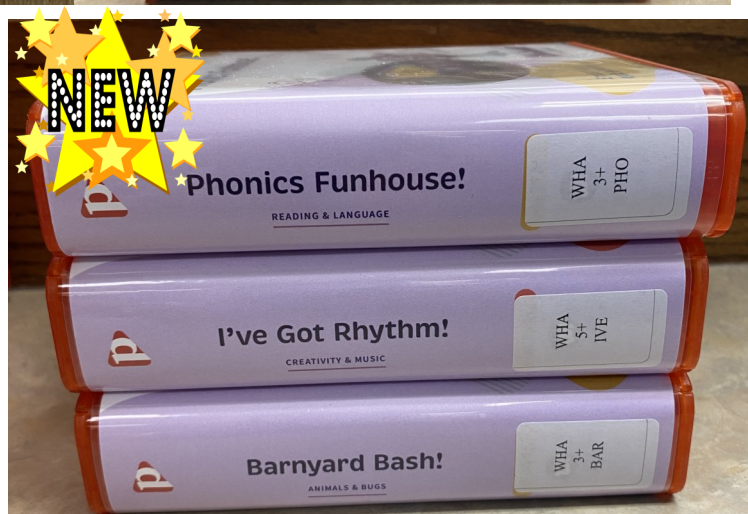


The **WhaZoodle** is an all audio portable speaker created by Playaway Products—designed specifically for children ages 3–12 to enjoy stories, music, podcasts, games, and more without screens, Wi-Fi, or downloads

What makes WhaZoodle special:

- **Three listening modes** guide the experience:
- **Explore:** Focused on podcasts, short stories, trivia, and music, themed by topics like science or fairy tales
- **Recess:** Offers interactive exercises, movement games, sing-alongs, and jokes to get kids active
- **Relax:** Contains guided meditations, nature soundscapes, lullabies, and calming stories to help with focus and wind-down

Available for checkout for one week by adult card holders or with parent's permission.



FREE MEAL

COMMUNITY FREE "MMM"
(MONDAY MONTHLY MEAL)

AT ALDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1512 HARDIN STREET
5:30PM-6:30PM

SEPTEMBER 8, 2025
OCTOBER 6, 2025
NOVEMBER 3, 2025
DECEMBER 1, 2025

BRING YOUR FRIENDS, ALL ARE WELCOME!



The Alden Public Library does have a free little food pantry in front of the library. We have been blessed with many donations this summer. Please utilize this resource as needed. It is available 24hours per day/7 days per week.

 **YOUR
LIBRARY**



The Funky Pepperoni
will also be available at
the library as well!

**The Friends of the
Alden Public Library
presents**

**Music on the Patio
with**

Brian Herrin

Thursday, September 18th

5:30 to 7:30pm

This is a free event. Adults only please!
Seating is limited, please bring a lawn
chair.



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.

August and September

The Alden food Pantry Provide for families in need in the **Alden, Buckeye, and Popejoy** communities. If you find it hard to feed yourself or your family stop into the Alden Food Pantry and see if we can help. A special Thank You to those who bless us with donations. Thank You for those that volunteer and make a difference in families lives.



Donations from May to June	Volunteers
Darlene Hulbert	Barb Jass
St. Paul's Lutheran -Alden	Susan Essing
Opal Eggs	Mary Vaughn
Vern Gaulke	Linda Lisle
Jo French	Janet Grandgeorge
Alden Girl Scouts	Aimee Jass
Christian Women United	Char Wilke
Janet Grandgeorge	Diane Hurby
Maryls Thomas, Menos, Mone, Kelly	Lavonne Hoversten
Hartman	Laura Bradley
Brock and Amanda Puffett	
Alden United Methodist Church	<u>Plus</u> those wonderful volunteers who
Minnie Cramer	help unload the truck and do honey do
Doug and Deb Caruth	things for the Pantry.
Aaron and Julie Van Langen	Lyle Jass
Nimrod Meats	Duane Harding
Memorial for Jim and <u>Jackie Mott</u>	Kurt Wilke
Iowa Select Farms	Dennis Bradley
Jim Robertson	
Several Anonymous	

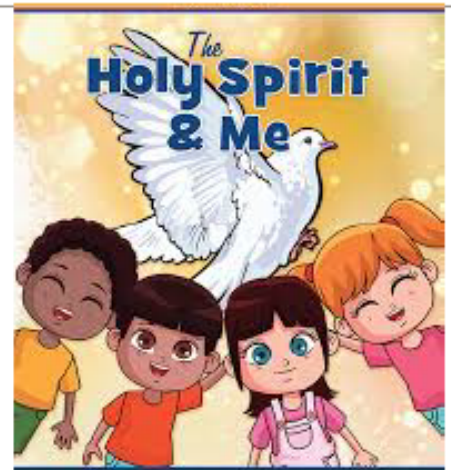


We are still collecting old batteries and ink cartridges

"We are an equal opportunity Provider"

Alden Community Bible School

August 4, 5, 6, 5:30 - 8:00
Kids 3 Years And Up & Families



For more information:

Rev. Jason Ellingson

515-291-4797

Rev. Bob Miller

515-859-3855

Rev. Kerry Oliver

515-689-3941

Monday:

All activities at the Alden United Methodist Church,
1512 Hardin St.

Registration: 5:30 pm

Supper provided by the Alden Fire Department
Families welcome to stay for supper and activities

Tuesday:

All activities at Calkins Nature Area, 1885 135th St.,
Iowa Falls

(Note: parents responsible for transportation for children in car seats)

5:30 supper, 6:00 - 8:00 activities. Pick up children at Calkins.

(Contact Rev. Bob, Rev. Jason, or Rev. Kerry for rides)

Wednesday:

Activities at Alden United Church of Christ, 212 West St. and Riverside
Camping are next to city park

Supper and activities 5:30 - 7:30 at UCC

7:45 - 8:15 Closing activities and campfire at Riverside Camping area. Parents
should pick up children at campfire.

- Each evening, we will receive an offering which will go to Calkins Nature Area to sponsor one or more animals in their care.



Main Street Alden's Military and Veteran Banner Program



1. Complete the order form.
2. Provide a digital military photo. Submit high resolution JPG or PDF on a flash drive.
3. All non digital photos must be taken to a photo processing service (Ackley Printing, Graphics Plus, etc.) and be scanned with the highest DPI possible (600 DPI minimum) and then put on a flash drive.
 - a. Be sure the file name of the photo on the flash drive includes the honoree name on this application.
4. Deliver order form, flash drive and payment to:

Alden Hero Banner Program
PO Box 32, Alden, IA 50006

HONOREE

Name: _____ Year Service Began _____ Year Service Ended _____

Branch of Service: Army Navy Marine Corps Coast Guard Air Force National Guard

APPLICANT/PAYEE:

Name _____

Relationship to Honoree: _____

Applicant Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Applicant Phone #1: _____

Applicant Email: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Cost is \$150 per banner, which covers the purchase of the banner and installation.
Banners will be placed on the decorative light poles in downtown Alden.
Please make checks payable to **Alden American Legion Auxiliary**.

If you have any questions, please contact Janaan Harding at 515-859-7771.

Amount Due: **\$150** Paid by (select one): Cash Check # _____



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, August 24:
Blessing of the Backpacks during worship

Alden United Church of Christ



ALDEN UCC RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 7

Sunday School begins at 9:30; worship at 10:30 with presentation of Bibles to third graders; fellowship potluck following worship; confirmation informational meeting following potluck for parents and students in 7th and 8th grades.

REMEMBER TO RECYCLE

Please remember to recycle to help keep the amount of trash from going into our landfill. In Alden we offer curbside recycling in the red bins every other Thursday and the large recycling container located downtown is there every other week. This large container takes glass, tin, plastic, newspaper, and cardboard.

If you have these items in your trash please consider recycling to help our environment.



TANK ANTHONY

AT THE ALDEN PARK

AUGUST 8TH
6PM-8PM

FOOD TRUCK

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE
ALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Adults Only
Free Event
Seating limited, bring
lawnchairs



live
music

ALDEN

The Best Town by a Dam Site

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
Lavonne Hoversten 515-859-7564
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

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