

# "BEST TOWN(S) BY A DAM SITE"

## Alden, Buckeye & Popejoy

Alden Newsletter Association  
Compiled by the Alden Public Library

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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.  
May also drop off at the park on  
June 19th from 5:30-6:00

*Friends of the Alden Public Library*



*Miss Alden*  
**2026**

## Miss Alden Contest

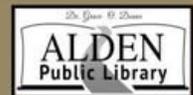
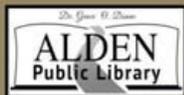
Applications can be found starting April 1st at  
<http://alden.lib.ia.us>

or

contact the Alden Library at 515-859-3820 or  
[lisa@alden.lib.ia.us](mailto:lisa@alden.lib.ia.us)

## GRADUATION CAP DECORATING

May 18 - 22, 2026



### Class of 2026

Get ready to add some sparkle, style, and personality to your graduation cap! Join us May 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> for a relaxed come-and-go event where you can decorate your cap, hang out with fellow grads, and celebrate your accomplishments.

We'll have plenty of supplies on hand—glitter, glue, markers, stickers, and more—but feel free to bring anything extra you'd like to use.

Whether you're crafting a masterpiece or just adding a little flair, stop by any time and make your cap uniquely you.

Dr. Grace O. Doane

**Dates closed:**

May 25, 2026

**ALDEN**  
Public Library

Contact your library:

515-859-3820  
lisa@alden.lib.ia.us  
Alden.lib.ia.us

**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 🗨️

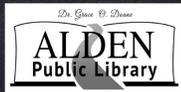
Share your tasty creations with us on Facebook and see what others are cooking up! 🍴

👉 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 erin@alden.lib.ia.us
- 3) Facebook message us!



**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.

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.



**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.



**NO SCHOOL DAY**

Registration Required  
Limit 10 Students  
K - 12th



Monday  
April 6  
1:00 - 2:00 PM



**SELF PROPELLING FAN**



**YOUR LIBRARY**

# NEW MOVIES

**Predator -Badlands**  
**Song Sung Blue**  
**Landman - Season 1**  
**Tulsa King - Season 3**  
**Zootopia 2**  
**The Boys - Season 4**  
**Anaconda**  
**The Housemaid**  
**Regretting You**

# April 2026

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

<b>4/7/26</b> MYSTERY DAY  <b>Who Dunit</b>	<b>4/14/26</b> LEGO DAY  <b>Cup of LEGOS</b>	<b>4/21/26</b> PUZZLE DAY  <b>Puzzle Race</b>	<b>4/28/26</b> ART DAY  <b>May Day Baskets</b>
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After School Program For Kids In Grades 4th-6th  
Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:30 pm

<b>4/2/26</b> S.T.E.A.M DAY  <b>Egg Rocket</b>	<b>4/9/26</b> MYSTERY DAY  <b>Who Dunit</b>	<b>4/16/26</b> LEGO DAY  <b>Cup of LEGOS</b>	<b>4/23/26</b> LASER TAG  <b>Laser Tag @ Legion</b>	<b>4/30/26</b> ART DAY  <b>May Day Baskets</b>
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# May 2026

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

<b>5/5/26</b> GAME DAY  <b>Board Games</b>	<b>5/12/26</b> SUMMER KICK-OFF PARTY 	<b>5/19/26</b>  <b>No Program</b>	<b>5/26/26</b>  <b>No Program</b>
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After School Program For Kids In Grades 4th-6th  
Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:30 pm

<b>5/7/26</b> GAME DAY  <b>Board Game</b>	<b>5/14/26</b> SUMMER KICK-OFF PARTY 	<b>5/21/26</b>  <b>No Program</b>	<b>5/26/26</b>  <b>No Program</b>
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SAMPLE of our NEW

*Books*

Dear Debbie by Freida McFadden

Judge Stone by Viola Davis

Stolen in death by J.D. Robb

Stars over Clear Lake by Loretta Ellsworth

It's not her by Mary Kubica

In her defense by Philippa Malicka

The crossroads by C.J. Box

You did nothing wrong by CG Drews

This story might save your life by Tiffany Crum

The hard line by Mark Greaney

These summer storms by Sarah MacLean

The bookstore diaries by Susan Mallery

Alden Library  
SUMMER HOURS  
(MAY 30TH-AUGUST 22ND)

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

## Alden Trash Pick Up Reminder:

Trash cans need to be curbside before 6:30AM on trash day.

Receptacles provided have a digital tracker. The tracker records the time of the stop at each address on the route and if trash is out and picked up.



*Alden City Hall will be*

**CLOSED**

April 1st-April 17th



### ALDEN DAYS STREET CLOSURES

#### Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.

# Alden City Wide Clean Up

June 12th & 13th,  
2026



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#### 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.

## 2026 Summer Splash-Off

Alden Pool 3:00pm Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup>

Kick off the summer season with an evening full of fun, swimming, music, prizes, and community connection!

Enjoy bakery fresh cookies provided by the pool

**FREE** swim all evening

Music throughout the event

Karaoke later in the evening

Fun summer photo backdrop for all your sunny pictures

Meet the lifeguards and staff who will be working all season

We encourage everyone to bring a dish to share with the community (Please, no glass containers.)

**WE CAN'T WAIT TO CELEBRATE THE START OF SUMMER WITH OUR AMAZING COMMUNITY!**



Pool passes will **NOT** be sold during this event so we can focus on enjoying time together.

Concessions will **NOT** be open during the fundraiser.

Raffle Tickets are 1 for \$10 or 2 for \$15

Be in the drawing for amazing prizes like:

- Free Pool Party
- "Pool Day" Basket
- "Summer Fun" Basket
- Other themed baskets for all ages

**\*\*\*All proceeds go back to the pool to help fund fun summer events like Float-In Movie Nights, Game Nights, Ice Cream Socials, Neon Glow Swims, and more. Your support helps us create memorable experiences for our community all season long!\*\*\***

#### Alden United Church of Christ 212 West Street, Alden, Iowa

Sunday, April 5: Easter Worship, 10:30 am

Monday, April 6: UCC serving the Alden Monthly Meal at the United Methodist Church. Menu: Baked potato bar with all the fixings!

Saturday, April 11: 10:30 am Memorial Service for Mary Harms

Sunday, April 19: Turkey Supper

Tweens Growing in Faith (TGIF) for grades 3 - 8 each Wednesday, 3:30 - 5 pm



**Alden Food Pantry**  
P.O. Box 95, 211 Main St.  
Alden Iowa 50006  
Open Friday 4:00 PM -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 your donations**

St. Paul Lutheran -Alden ---United Church of Christ UCC Alden --St. Paul's Evan Lutheran -Buckeye  
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 ---Joe and Christine Slauson---St. Mary's Catholic Church---Iowa Limestone---Fareway---Bethany  
Lutheran Church---Cottage Community Church---Aaron VanLangan---Jannette Moore---Casey's Eldora-  
Beta Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma---Alden School---Sue Essing---Constance Hoelscher  
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 Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday  
April 4<sup>th</sup> Happy Easter!

We are still collecting old batteries and ink cartridges

“We are an equal opportunity Provider”

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

*Monday  
Monthly Meals*

April 6<sup>th</sup>  
May 4<sup>th</sup>  
June 1<sup>st</sup>

Serving 5:30pm-6:30pm

OPEN TO ALL  
BRING A CARLOAD - EVERYONE IS WELCOME



# SPRING

*Craft & Vendor Fair*

Saturday April 25th, 2026

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

-Alden American Legion-

Following The Vendor Fair- 3pm to 6pm  
Join Us for Our First Annual Sip & Craft Event!!

We're thrilled to announce a fun-filled  
afternoon with creativity & relaxation!

**Concessions  
ON SITE!**



**SCAN ME TO**



**REGISTER FOR  
SIP & CRAFT**

## ANNUAL SPRING TURKEY SUPPER



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
212 WEST STREET  
ALDEN

SUNDAY, APRIL 19  
4:30 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M.

SERVING TURKEY AND ALL THE TRIMMINGS  
CARRY-OUT ONLY

ADULTS: \$12.50  
CHILDREN 12 & UNDER: \$6.00

**ALDEN DAYS**

**KICKN' UP DUST**

**JUNE  
18 - 20  
2026**

NASHVILLE NIGHT  
**FRIDAY**  
POET STAGE

**CODY WEBB**  
**JAKE MCVEY**  
**DEREK RANDALL**

**BRAD MORGAN**  
**JORDAN BEEM**

**KICK OFF  
THURSDAY**  
ALDEN DAYS SALOON

**IOWA SPOTLIGHT  
SATURDAY**  
PARK CORRAL STAGE

FIREWORKS • NORSEFYRE PERFORMERS  
AIDEN FLATHERS • LENA ADAMS  
BRIAN HERRIN • JACOB METZ

ALDEN CITY WIDE

# GARAGE SALES

April 24th-25th

FREE maps will be available at Casey's  
in Alden and Iowa Falls

Contact Alden City Hall or the Alden Library by  
April 21<sup>st</sup> to be included on the map.



## 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 Hrubby  
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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