

"BEST TOWN(S) BY A DAM SITE"

Alden, Buckeye & Popejoy

Alden Newsletter Association
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Santa at the Alden Legion

December 16th
5:30pm-7pm

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Maidrites, chips and drink will be served.
Free will donation.

Hosted by the Alden Fire Department



WE DID IT!!!

It is with great pride and much gratitude that we announce the purchase of the Alden Food Pantry by the Alden Development Corporation. An outstanding fundraising effort resulted in the goal of \$70,000 being reached and surpassed in just six weeks. Ownership of the building will be transferred to the City of Alden, and a **ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house are planned for 11:30 a.m. Saturday, January 15th**. The public is invited to attend.

The ADC wishes to thank all those who contributed to the fundraiser. In a community the size of Alden, achieving this goal is a testament to our community's commitment to the well-being of all our citizens. We also wish to recognize those who served on the Food Pantry Acquisition Team: Rev. Bob Miller, Chair; Greg Lascheid, Vice-Chair; Steve Hunt, Treasurer; Rev. Kerryn Oliver, Publicity and Secretary; Barb Jass, Food Pantry Board President; Susan Essing, Food Pantry Vice-President; Linda Lisle, Board member; Kathy Clouse, Janaan Harding, Cheryl Huebner, Shawn Loughren, Joe Scholte, Bea Smuck, and Carol Vanderloop. We also offer our sincere thanks to Betty Thomas and Pat Kielsmeier for their years of financial contributions and service to the Food Pantry and our community.





Alden United Church of Christ 212 West Street

Office phone: 515-859-7259
email: aldenucc@gmail.com
Facebook: Alden United Church of Christ
Rev. Bob Miller, senior pastor
Rev. Kerryn Oliver, associate pastor

Sundays: 9:30 Sunday School for children age 3 years through 5th grade,
10:30 worship. Communion first Sunday of the month

Wednesdays: 1:30 Bible Study, 3:45 TGIF (Tweens Growing in Faith)
for students in 3rd through 6th grade;
4:00 Confirmation for students in 7th & 8th grade and above.

Advent activities:

Sun. Nov. 28: Church decorating following worship--all are welcome to "Dress the House!" Mittens will be available from the Mitten Tree for the School Nurse's Fund

Sun. Dec. 12: Mitten tree gifts due back

Sun. Dec. 19: Children and youth present their Christmas program during worship.

Fri. Dec. 24: 6:30 pm Christmas Eve worship

Sun. Dec. 26: No worship service or Sunday School

Love is always the answer.



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What: Alden Days Fundraiser

When: Saturday, February 5, 2022

Where: 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

Also – there will be a raffle and grocery certificates –
Must be present to win.

Dr. Grace O. Doane



Library Hours:

Mon & Wed 12:30pm-5pm
Tues & Thurs 10am-6pm
Fri 9am-1pm
Sat 9am-12pm

Dates closed:

December 24, 25
January 1



ALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Holiday Open House


DECEMBER 6 • 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
ALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY
1012 WATER STREET, ALDEN

DOOR PRIZES & SNACKS
DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

YARN CLUB

First and third Wednesdays of the month from 1pm-2pm at the Alden Public Library.



For questions, contact Erin at 515-859-3820 or erin@alden.lib.ia.us




ALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
10:30-11:00
(MAY GO LONGER IF NEEDED)

30 MINUTES OF FITNESS

ADULTS ONLY PLEASE
Free and no registration required.
Must sign waiver to participate.

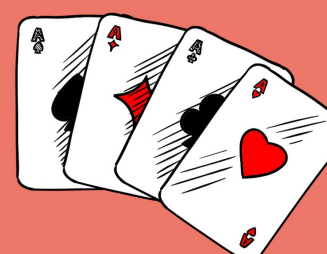



ADULT GAME DAY!!!



Join us the last Monday of the month
December 27th 1pm-2:30pm

****Special time in January!**
January 31st 12pm-2:30pm
We will provide a soup lunch prior to games. Please let us know if you plan to attend.



DECEMBER 30TH FROM 1PM-2PM

Coloring, Cocoa & Cartoons



ALL AGES



Coming soon!!

Alden Public Library's StoryWalk®

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT STORYWALKS® VISIT [HTTPS://WWW.KELLOGGHUBBARD.ORG/STORYWALK](https://www.kelloggghubbard.org/storywalk) OR CONTACT THE ALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Contact your library:
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lisa@alden.lib.ia.us
www.Aldenlibrary.lib.ia.us





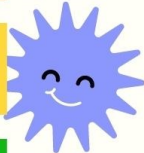
**DECEMBER
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM EVENTS
TUESDAYS 3:45-4:45
MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND
GRADES K-6TH**



December 7 LEGO/Coloring Day



December 14 Winter Games



December 21 Holiday Crafts



December 28 NO PROGRAM



**JANUARY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
TUESDAYS * 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM
GRADES K-6TH
MUST BE REGISTERED**



JANUARY 4 - LEGO/COLORING DAY

JANUARY 11 - MINI GOLF IN THE LIBRARY

JANUARY 18 - STEM DAY

JANUARY 25 - GAME DAY



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ALDEN
Public Library

**MUST REGISTER
ONLY FOR THOSE AGES 8+
LIMITED SPOTS!**

**SLIME DAY AT
THE LIBRARY!**

December 28th at 11am

To register call 515-859-3820 or Email:
felicia@alden.lib.ia.us

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DECEMBER 6, 2021
FROM 1PM-2:30PM

SCHOOL'S OUT!

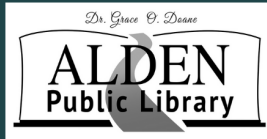
**JOIN US FOR HOT COCOA
& GAME DAY**

We will be playing games for all ages!

January 3rd, 2022

from 1 PM-2:30PM

Popcorn & Movie Day in your PJ's!



Available January 3rd

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January Craft Kits!



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Available December 1st

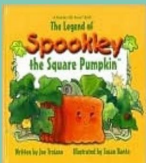
HOLIDAY CRAFT KIT!



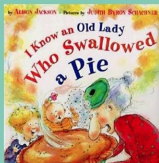
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Storytime & Activity
Ages 0-5 & sibling(s)
Every Third Thursday of
the month at 10:30 A.M.

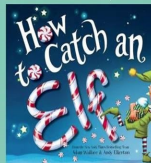
October 21st



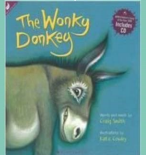
November 18th



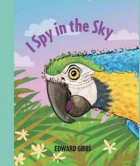
December 16th



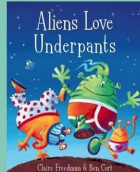
January 20th



February 17th



March 17th



WINTER COLORING CONTEST

Return to Alden Library by January 15
snowman



Name _____ Age _____
Phone _____

Coloring pages are included in the newsletter. Return to Alden Public Library by January 15th. Winners will be drawn for all entries and coloring pages will be displayed in the library.



Return to Alden Library by January 15

SNOWMAN

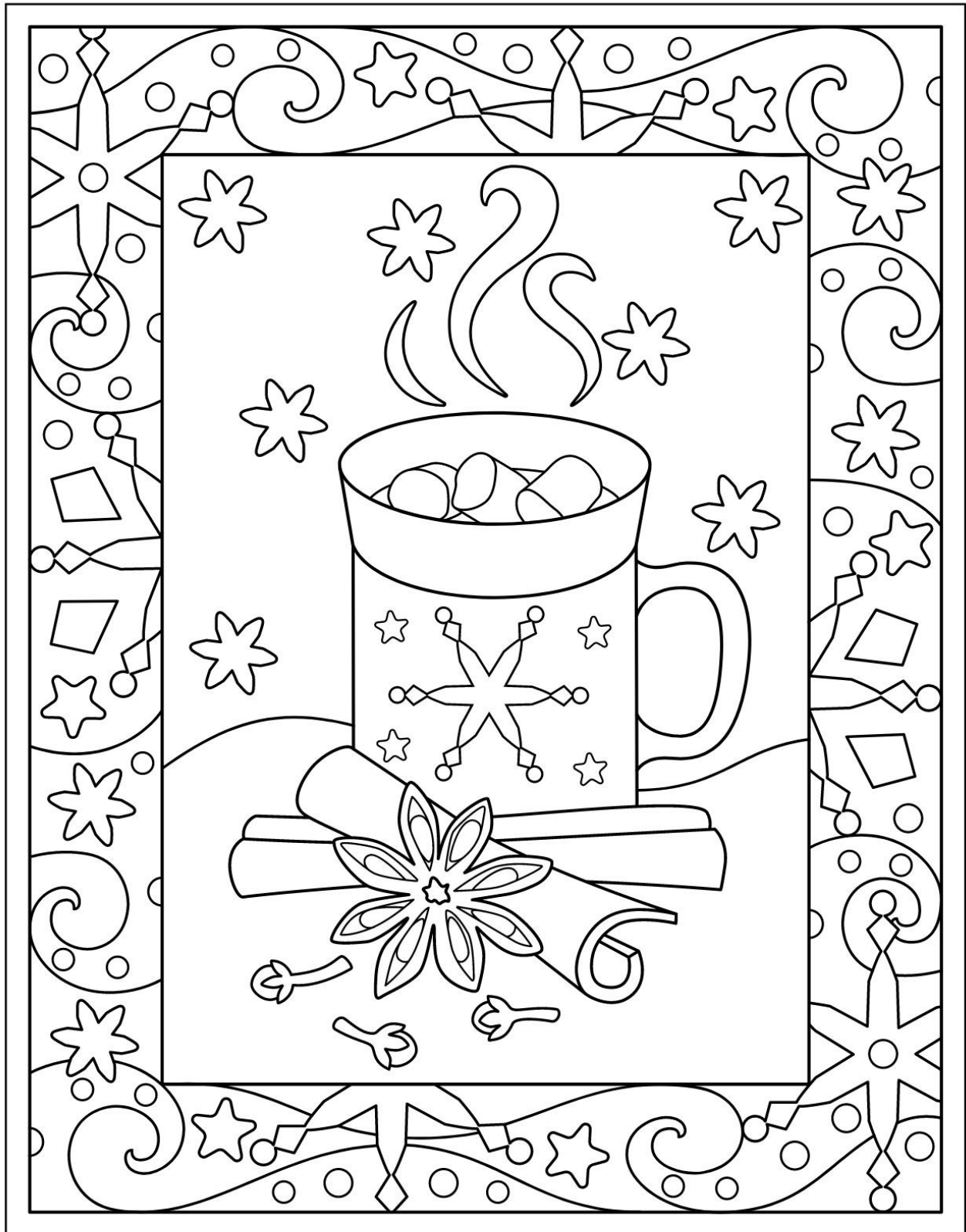


Name: _____ Age: _____

Phone: _____

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

RETURN TO ALDEN LIBRARY BY JANUARY 15TH



Name: _____ Phone: _____

Food Pantry News

We want to thank those who have donated to the food pantry these past few months.

Individuals: Evie Bird, Aaron Van Langen, Eric Cleveland Jr, Jo French, Beverly Gagit, Janet Grandgeorge, Sandy Hoversten, Julie Van Langen, Barb Jass, Patricia Cooper, Diane Ziesman, Darlene Hulbert, Velma and Ivan Butt, Betty Thomas, Chris Falkavage and anonymous.

Businesses: Alden UMC, Church Women United, Centrum Farms, Theisen's, Alden Fire Department, and Nancy Schroeder.

Without you, we could not run the food pantry.

Thank you!
♡

Pat Kielsmeier and Betty Thomas sold the pantry building to the Alden Development Corporation. The closing will be early December. The pantry will stay in its current location allowing for a continuation of service to the clients. Pat and Betty made many improvements during the time they owned the building. These improvements included the following new items: roofing, furnace, air conditioning, cement driveway, lighting, flooring in 1/2, windows and shelves. The plumbing was also wrapped. The new windows have helped by reducing the electric bill by \$50 to \$70 a month. As life situations have changed, they have moved to Ames. Pat and Betty plan to continue to help support Alden with donations to benefits such as Alden days, volunteering at the pantry, etc.

ALDEN

The Best Town by a Dam Site

City Hall 515-859-3344

Jeff Fiscus (Mayor) 641-751-0052

Eric Eugenio 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

Alden Post Office

515-859-7531

Hours

M - F 9:45am-12:30 pm &
1pm-4:15pm

Alden Food Pantry

Hours:

Friday 4-6 & Sat 9-11

Serves Alden School District, bring proof of residency

Board Members

Linda Lisle 515-689-1164

Betty Thomas 641-640-8087

Pat Kielsmeier 515-859-7827

Nancy McKinley 515-859-7396

Charlene Wilke 515-859-7262

Lavonne Hoversten 515-859-7564

Barb Jass 641-425-6644

Susan Essing 515-460-2454

Janet Grandgeorge 515-859-3036

Hardin County Sheriff

Emergency 911

Non-Emergency

641-939-8190

Alden Library

515-859-3820

Aldenlibrary.org

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Hours

M & W 12:30pm—5pm

T & Th 10:00 am—6pm

F 9am -1pm

S 9am-12pm

Closed Sundays

Churches

St. Paul Lutheran

Pastor Traphagen

515-859-3901

United Church of Christ

Rev. Bob Miller

515-859-7259

United Methodist Church

Pastor Jason Ellingson

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