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Alden, Buckeye & Popejoy

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LIVE MUSIC

Special Performance
ROD JOHNSON
MAY 31, 2024 | 5 PM- 7PM
Alden Public Library Patio
1012 Water Street, Alden, Iowa
FREE EVENT/Adults Only

A photograph of a man with a mustache and goatee, wearing a red and white plaid shirt, playing an acoustic guitar. He is positioned in front of a microphone on a stand. The background is a textured wall.

LIVE IN CONCERT
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BAND OF MID-AMERICA

SAT JUN 8 7:00 PM
ALDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
209 CENTER STREET
ALDEN, IOWA

CONCERT
SHADES OF BLUE
US AIR FORCE BAND OF MID-AMERICA

Join the US Air Force's Shades of Blue Jazz Ensemble to hear a variety of musical styles, from big band swing to patriotic selections and more, all performed by American Airmen.

A photograph of the US Air Force Band of Mid-America performing on stage. A trumpeter in the foreground is playing a trumpet. Other band members are visible in the background. The stage is lit with blue and red lights.

Dr. Grace O. Doane

ALDEN Public Library

Dates closed:

July 4, 2024



Read, Renew, Repeat!



2024 Summer Reading Program at the Alden Public Library

For more information and to signup, visit <https://www.alden.lib.ia.us/>

Tuesday/Thursday 10:30am-11:30am programs for kids who have completed grades K-6th

Wednesdays 10am-10:45am Storytime/Playtime for those ages 0-5

Additional program information on our website or Facebook page

Alden Library

SUMMER HOURS

(MAY 28TH-AUGUST 26TH)

MONDAY 10AM-3PM

TUESDAY 10AM-6PM

WEDNESDAY 10AM-3PM

THURSDAY 10AM-6PM

FRIDAY 10AM-1PM

SATURDAY 9AM-NOON

SUNDAY CLOSED

Bake Auction

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE FRIENDS OF THE ALDEN LIBRARY.



FRIDAY, JUNE 14TH AT THE
ALDEN PARK

Donations of baked items will be accepted at the Alden Library on Thursday, June 13th from 10am-6pm and Friday, June 14th from 10am-1pm, or at the park prior to the auction.

YARN CLUB

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



June 2024

Alden Public Library Summer Reading Events



| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---|---|--|--|---|---|---|
| Tuesdays at 11:30 - Lunch at the library Open to all summer reading program participants and all school aged children from Alden. | | | | | | |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| | 1pm- Senior Fitness | 11:30am - Lunch | 10-10:45am -Storytime for ages 0-5 1pm Yarn Club 1pm- Senior Fitness | | | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| | 1pm- Senior Fitness | 10:30am -Grades K-6th Fax Gilbert (Entertainer) 11:30am - Lunch 12:30pm - Fax Gilbert Teens & Open to All | 10-10:45am -Playtime for ages 0-5 1pm- Senior Fitness | 10:30am Grades K-6th, Animal Shaped Bird Feeders | | |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| | 1pm- Senior Fitness | 10:30am Grades K-6th, Jeff Quinn, Magic Show 11:30am - Lunch 12:30pm STEM Cart Challenge for Teens | 10-10:45am -Storytime for ages 0-5 1pm Yarn Club 1pm- Senior Fitness | 10:30am Grades K-6th, Egg Carton Faces | 10am Library Scavenger Hunt begins! Pick up clues at library from 10am-1pm. | 10am Library Scavenger Hunt Pick up clues at library from 9am-12pm. |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| Scavenger Hunt DUE in drop box! | 1pm- Senior Fitness | 10:30am Grades K-6th Bucky Jones Cartoonist/Illustrator 11:30am - Lunch 12:30 Teen Board Games | 10-10:45am -Playtime for ages 0-5 1pm- Senior Fitness | 10:30am Grades K-6th, DIY Puppets | | |
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JULY 2024

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| | <p>8 1pm-Senior Fitness</p> | <p>9 10:30am Grades K-6th, Exotic Animals 11:30am - Lunch 12:30 pm Open to All, Exotic Animals</p> | <p>10 10-10:45am -Playtime for ages 0-5 1pm-Senior Fitness</p> | <p>11 10:30am Grades K-6th, Cereal Box Board Games</p> | <p>12</p> | <p>13</p> |
| <p>14</p> | <p>15 1pm-Senior Fitness</p> | <p>16 10:30am Grades K-6th, Calkins 11:30am - Lunch 12:30 pm Open to All, Calkins</p> | <p>17 10-10:45am -Storytime for ages 0-5 1pm Yarn Club 1pm-Senior Fitness</p> | <p>18 10:30am Grades K-6th, Painting</p> | <p>19 Summer Reading Prize Entries DUE! Turn in reading logs at the front desk</p> | <p>20</p> |
| <p>21</p> | <p>22 1pm-Senior Fitness</p> | <p>23 10:30am-12:30 Foam Party, Open to All @ the Alden Park 11:30am - Lunch at the park</p> | <p>24 10-10:45am -Playtime for ages 0-5 1pm-Senior Fitness</p> | <p>25</p> | <p>26</p> | <p>27</p> |
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SAVE THE DATE
August 23rd 7pm-9pm
 Music on the Patio for
Adults Only
With Tank Anthony



ADULT SUMMER BINGO CHALLENGE BEGINS 6/1/24



The Alden Public Library will be offering a Summer Reading Book Bingo Challenge! Starting June 1st your challenge is to get as many bingos off our card! Turn your card in by July 26th, 2024 to be entered to win a prize. Your name will be put in a drawing for as many bingos you have earned!

GOOD LUCK AND HAPPY READING!

END OF SUMMER READING FOAM PARTY!

TUESDAY, JULY 23RD AT 10:30AM-12:30PM

LOCATED AT THE ALDEN CITY PARK

**THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL!
HELP US CELEBRATE THE END OF ALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY'S
SUMMER READING PROGRAM!**

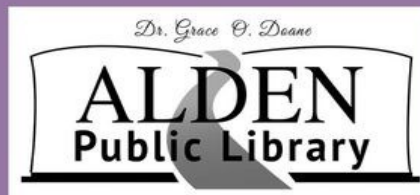


BUCKY JONES AND FRIENDS AT THE LIBRARY!



Tuesday, June 25th at 10:30am for kids in grades K-6th that are registered for the Alden Public Library's Summer Reading Program!

Learn some of the beginner tricks of the trade of cartooning with a fun presentation by Bucky Jones!



S.T.E.A.M. Saturday

Join Us the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the Month

June 1st - Popsicle Puzzles

Recommended Ages: Toddler - 3rd



Storytime/Playtime Alden Public Library



June 5 - Storytime
June 12 - Playtime
June 19 - Storytime
June 26 - Playtime
July 3rd - Storytime
July 10 - Playtime
July 17 - Storytime
July 24 - Playtime

Ages 0-5 (and siblings)
Wednesdays 10am-10:45am



Senior Fitness



Video Led, self-paced

Monday at 1pm

Wednesday at 1pm



JEFF QUINN Magic Show at the library!



Jeff Quinn's magic show is great entertainment for all ages. The kids will have a great time! You will experience magic involving outer space, pirates, animals and much more!

This event is for kids in grades K-6th that are registered for the Summer Reading Program.

Tuesday, June 18th
at 10:30am
at the Alden Public Library

The programs below are **OPEN TO ALL** and for **ALL AGES** for the **12:30 shows**. Mark your calendars as you won't want to miss it!



FAX GILBERT

Mime, Masks, and Magic Show!

DON'T MISS THIS SHOW!!
See a reckless robot, a wacky weightlifter, a daffy doctor, a jerky jester, and masks and magic you won't believe!

At the Alden Public Library
Showtimes: June 11, 2024
10:30am : Kids in grades K-6th
(that are registered for Summer Reading Program)
12:30 pm: Open to All!

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CALKINS NATURE AREA

at the Library!

TUESDAY, JULY 16TH

10:30am : For kids in grades k-6,
registered for the Summer Reading Program

12:30pm Open to all!

Exotic Animals

with

Professor Michael Bechtel
at the Alden Public Library!
July 9th, 2024

Showtimes:

10:30-11:30 : for kids in grade K-6 registered
for the Summer Reading Program

12:30-1:30 : Open to All!

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TUESDAY SUMMER MEALS FOR SCHOOL KIDS AT THE ALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Summer meals and take home bags are brought to you by the “Friends of the Alden Library”.

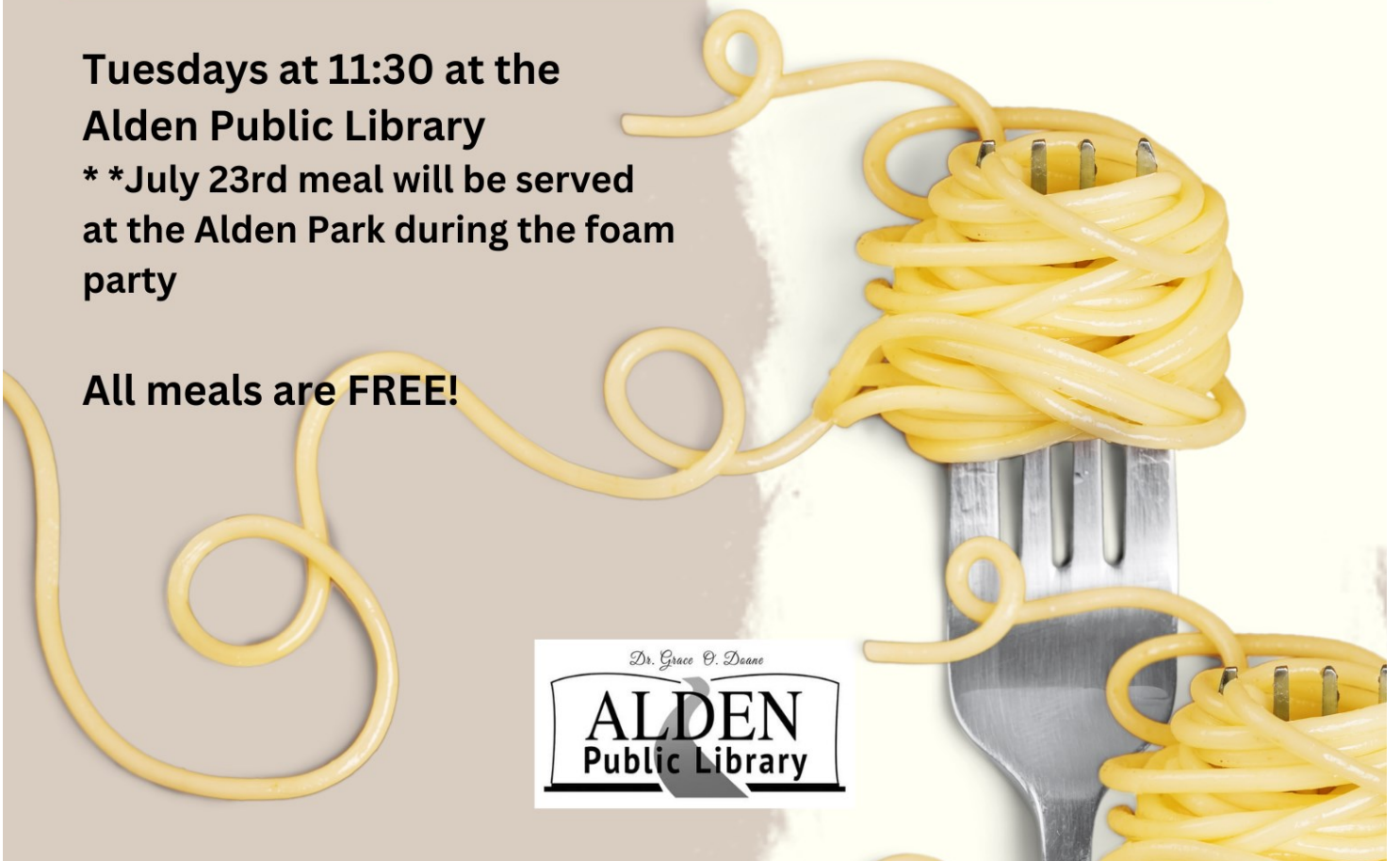
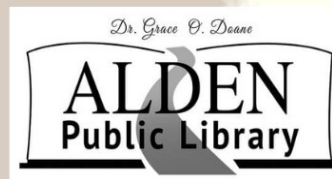
We are offering summer meals on Tuesdays at 11:30am at the Alden Public Library starting June 4th through August 13th. July 23rd meal will be served in the park.

Must be a resident of Alden and have completed Kindergarten through 12th grade in May of 2024. All children will be offered the same meals/items as special dietary restrictions cannot be met. All participants of the summer reading program are encouraged to stay after or before programming on Tuesdays. Parents and siblings are welcome to join.

Tuesdays at 11:30 at the Alden Public Library

****July 23rd meal will be served at the Alden Park during the foam party**

All meals are FREE!

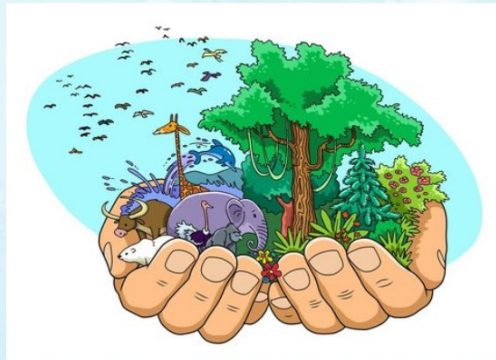


Alden UCC Summer Schedule

Sunday school resumes in September
Worship 10:30, fellowship time following

June 2: Confirmation

June 15: Serving supper meal at Alden Day



Alden Community Bible School

"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it"

August 5, 6, 7

For all kids ages three years through sixth grade

Monday: Supper beginning at 5:30, in conjunction with the Alden Monthly Meal at the Alden United Methodist Church. Adults are welcome to stay after the meal for the program featuring Kurt Wilkie, retired professor of geology.

Tuesday - Wednesday, 6 - 8 pm

Get ready to have some fun learning about God's earth--dirt and all!

The Bible School is looking for donations of clean, plastic peanut butter jars with lids. May be dropped off at The Alden United Methodist Church, Alden United Church of Christ, or the Alden library.

Watch for more information coming soon!

Contact Pastor Jason Ellingson, Rev. Bob Miller or Rev. Kerry Oliver

Co-sponsored by the Alden United Methodist Church and the Alden United Church of Christ.

ALDEN POOL

MAY 31ST, 2024 @ 1:00PM

WRIST BAND PASSES:

FAMILY PASS \$85.00

SINGLE PASS \$55.00

SENIOR PASS \$50.00

DAY CARE PASS-FAMILY +
\$15.00/CHILD UNDER THE
PROVIDER'S CARE

DAILY PASS

ADULTS \$4.00/EACH (15+)

KIDS \$3.00/EACH (5+)

AQUA TRIM \$4.00/EACH W/O PASS

POOL PARTY 2 HOURS ONLY

\$125.00/PARTY (NO ALCOHOL
ALLOWED)

WATCH FOR EVENTS:

ADULT SWIM ONLY

FAMILY FLOAT NIGHT

DIAPER DIP

POOL TOYS GALORE NIGHT

ROCKING AT THE POOL-LIVE MUSIC EVENT!

***SWIMMING LESSON SCHEDULES
TO COME!***

City of Alden WELCOMES

Steve Lyon has been hired as the
new Assistant Public Works Director!

Greg Lascheid has been hired as the new Alden
Laude Memorial Pool Manager! Greg passed his
Certified Pool Operator certification.

We also have some seasoned, experienced
lifeguards and a crew of new lifeguards who will
be safeguarding the swimmers:

Katie Cearley
Addi Venner
Gracie Oliver
Anya Miller
Kylie Vanatter
Olivia Scholte
Sami Harms

We are planning for a GREAT summer!!

FREE SWIM

JUNE 15TH
(DURING ALDEN DAYS)

2PM-6PM

At the
Alden Laude Memorial Pool

Alden City Wide Clean Up

At the Legion parking lot.
NO tires, No Construction Debris,
No TV's, No Computer Monitors,
and NO Hazardous Chemicals.
Appliances \$10 each.

June 21st from
9am-6pm &

June 22nd from
9am-11am

Household Hazardous
Waste Drop Off - City
Hall Parking Lot

May 31st from
4pm-6pm



ALDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1512 HARDIN

FREE MONTHLY
MONDAY MEAL

EVERYONE IS
welcome here

Serving 5:30pm-6:30pm

June 3, July 1, August 5, September 9, October 7, November 4,
& December 2



ALDEN DAYS

JUNE 14 - 15, 2024

FRIDAY

- 5:00-5:45 p.m.** Bags Tournament Registration
\$40.00/Team
- 5:45 p.m.** Singing of The National Anthem
Flag Ceremony - Elk's Lodge #1674
- 6:00 p.m.** Beer Garden Opens
Smokin Hot Rednecks Food Truck Opens
Lucky Wife Wine Slushies Open
- 6:00 p.m.** Bags Tournament Begins
Kiddie Parade
- 6:00-7:30 p.m.** Meal in the Park
Sponsored by: The Alden Horizons Group
- 6:30 p.m.** Baked Good Auction - Friends of Library
Auctioned Off by Travis Schutt
- 7:00 p.m.** Citizen of the Year Award
Presented by The Mayor
- 7:15 p.m.** Little Miss & Mister Alden
Sponsored by Alden Days
- 7:30 p.m.** Miss Alden Pageant
Sponsored by Miss Alden Committee & Various Sponsors
- Food Trucks Close
- 7:30 p.m.** Jack Jensen
Sponsored by Ryan's Contracting & Overhead Door
- 8:30 p.m.** Luke Thomas
Sponsored by Landus
- 9:30 p.m.** Isaac Kenneth
*Sponsored by Good Life RV, POET, Karl Chevrolet,
Next Generation Buildings*
- 11:00 p.m.** Food Trucks Close
- 12:00 a.m.** Beer Garden Closes

SATURDAY

- 7:00-9:00 a.m.** Breakfast Served
Sponsored by St. Paul's Lutheran Church
- 7:00 a.m.** National Anthem Played in the Park
5K Run Begins
Registration Begins at 6:30 a.m.
Sponsored by Ellsworth Community College, Hansen Family Hospital, Beauty & Quench Lounge, & YourTime Urgent Care
- Smoking Competition
Registration Begins at 6:30 a.m.
Sponsored by Hardin County Farm Bureau
- 8:00 a.m.** Pickleball Tournament Begins
Beginner Tournament begins at 9:00 a.m.
Intermediate Tournament begins at 1:00 p.m.
18 Teams Max
- 8:30-9:45 a.m.** Registration for Fun Run
- 11:00 a.m.** Parade
Line up at ILC starting at 10:30 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m.** Food Vendors Open in the Park
- 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.** Inflatables Open
Sponsored by K Stein Designs
- 11:30 a.m.** Lunch Served in the Park.
Sponsored by ILC Resources
- 12:00-2:00 p.m.** Neil Hewitt
Sponsored by Hansen Electrical Services, LLC
- 12:00-5:00 p.m.** FREE Train Rides
By Griemann Brothers Train
- 1:00 p.m.** Raffles
Sponsored by MCTMS Liquidations
- Kids Tractor Pull
- 2:30-4:30 p.m.** DJ Fisher
Sponsored by CTI of Iowa Falls
- 5:00-8:00 p.m.** Luke Thomas
Sponsored by Landus
- 6:00-7:30 p.m.** Dinner Served in the Park
Sponsored by United Church of Christ
- 8:00 p.m.** Food Vendors in the Park Close
Popcorn & Drinks
Sponsored by Alden Days Committee, Morts Plumbing & Heating, Theisen's
- 8:30 p.m.** Norsefyre - Fire Performers
Sponsored by Buresh Building Systems
- 9:00 p.m.** Live Entertainment
Westside/Brickhouse Patio
- 9:45 p.m.** Fireworks
- *Wristbands for all rides \$10.00 each*
(Excludes Dunk Tank & Mechanical Bull)



ALDEN FOOD PANTRY

211 MAIN STREET, P. O. BOX 95 ALDEN, IOWA 50006

SERVING: ALDEN BUCKEYE POPEJOY

June and July 2024

We are so thankful for all the volunteers who make the pantry work. There are volunteers who run the pantry and follow the USDA guidelines. There are volunteers who pick up donations- volunteers who help unload the truck, carry in cases, stock the shelves, load the freezers and document all the donations. Our volunteers distribute food to families in need. There are so many behind the scenes duties and many don't even realize what is done. Thank You For all these wonderful volunteers. Duane Harding, Jeff and Paula Smiley, Kurt Wilkie and Lyle Jass, Barb Jass, Susan Essing, Mitch Essing, Bob Miller, Janet Grandgeorge, Char Wilkie, Linda Lisle, Lavonne Hoversten, Diane Hrubby, Laura Bradley, Mary Vaughn, Libby Terveer and Ashawntae Brown. I would also like to say a big thank You to the UCC Youth who came and packed the Easter meals for the families.

Donations:

The Alden 6th Graders had a Superbowl contest and donated a lot of items to the Pantry. Thank you for the thoughtfulness of the donation. Thanks to the Girl Scouts for their donation of cookies.



Others we are thankful for Cottage Community Church, Iowa Limestone, Vernon Gaulke, Darlene Hulbert, Constance Hoelscher, Alivia Terveer, Alden UMC, Barb Jass, Joe Scholte, Shawn and Renee Loughren, Janet GrandGeorge, St. Mary's, Eagle Grove Cooperative, Ivan and Velma Butt, Evie Bird, Martin Marietta, Church Women United Iowa Falls, Char and Kurt Wilkie, St. Pauls Lutheran Alden, St. Pauls Lutheran Buckeye, Iowa Falls Alden Community Chest, Opal Eggs, Loyal order of Moose, Jeanette and Miro Moore, Franklin Clearly, Patricia McEvania Thank You so very much You make it possible for us to help others.

Let's recycle your used ink cartridges from your printing devices bring them to the Pantry we will take care of that for you.

Have a safe and Happy Alden Days. We will be CLOSED Friday June 14 and Saturday June 15.

We are so grateful for all donations. We cannot repackage donations so when you give items in smaller packages we can serve more families.

Barb Susan Janet Linda Char Diane Lavonne Laura Mary

TANK ANTHONY

live music

ALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY PATIO
1012 WATER STREET

AUGUST 23RD
7PM-9PM

Adults Only
Free Event
Seating limited, bring
lawnchairs



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
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

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
Janet Grandgeorge 515-891-6644
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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