

“BEST TOWN(S) BY A DAM SITE”

Alden, Buckeye & Popejoy

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Alden Food Pantry News

We have had an amazing few weeks of donations. Local Iowa Falls-Alden High School senior, Nadine Klaffke, collected \$700 in donations from friends and family to support the food pantry. Nadine and her mother went shopping and donated all the items to our food pantry purchased with those donations.



We are grateful for all of our wonderful donations!

Corporate donations: Summit Group and Michael Manning Sargent, Alden School, ILC, Greenbelt Bank and Trust, Stockdale Law firm, Farm Credit Service of America, Alden Active Achievers, Centrum Farms, Iowa Falls Rotary Club, Hy-Vee, Walmart and Smithfields.

Church donations: St Paul's Lutheran of Alden, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Williams, Alden United Methodist Church, Immanuel Memorial UCC of Alden, St. Paul's Lutheran Ladies Aid of Buckeye, Hampton Seventh Day Adventist, and St. Mary's Church of Williams.

Individual donations: Ivan and Wilma Butt, Barb Jass, Darlene Hulbert, Anonymous, Tracy McKinley, Jodi Clupach, Julie Reynolds, Amber Lee, Pat Kielsmeier, Ron Bates, Darlene Cleveland, George and Minnie Cramer, Tracy Williams Dennis, Evie Bird, Rev Bob Miller, Christine Slauson, Ron Tirevold, Robert Mestagh, Betty Thomas, Keith Bowden and Jo French.



Fridays from 4pm-6pm and Saturdays from 9am-11am

If you need assistance at other times, please feel free to call us.

Thank You again for your wonderful donations as we could not be open without you.

Our volunteers and phone numbers are: Barb Jass – 641 425 6644, Janet Grandgeorge – 641 891 6644, Linda Lisle – 515 689 1164, Nancy Mackinley – 515 859 7396, Betty Thomas – 641 640 8087, Amee Miller – 319 470 1483, Lavonne Hovesten—515 859 7564, Sue Essing – 515 460 2954, Char Wilkie – 515 859 7262 and Pat Kielsmeier – 515 859 7827.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and Farm Foundation Announce Wellness Resources for Hardin County Farm Families

(Iowa Falls, Iowa)—Pre-paid, ongoing wellness coaching and counseling services are now available to Hardin County farm families. Families can get confidential support for a variety of life events via phone, text, live chat, video or app—in addition to existing sources of 24/7 help.

Coaching and counseling will be provided through Personal Assistance Services (PAS), which has been engaged to deliver its wide range of services directly to Iowa farm families. Farm Foundation, an accelerator of practical solutions for agriculture, obtained funding to create a program that will provide access to contracted, top-quality televideo and telephonic counseling and other resources to farm families free of charge. In partnership with Farm Foundation, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is raising awareness about the new services, which complement those already available to Iowa farm families. The resulting Iowa Farm Family Wellness Alliance hopes to grow its impact over time, bringing important wellness resources to even more families across Iowa and beyond.

“Farm families face extraordinary challenges. As rural entrepreneurs, they don’t always have easy access to the resources they might need,” said Shari Rogge-Fidler, Farm Foundation President and CEO. “We are pleased to bring a coalition of partners together to provide direct help, and to be working with ISU Extension and Outreach to get the word out to Iowa farm families that these valuable, pre-paid services are available to them.”

Through one-on-one intervention, PAS professionals are available to help all generations of farm families with a wide variety of life challenges, including: health and nutrition; tobacco cessation; organization and time management; career and retirement planning; child care and elder care; anxiety, depression, stress, addictions, substance use and more.

The new services complement those already available through the Iowa Concern resource, which has been offered through Iowa State University Extension and Outreach since 1985.

“For 35 years, Iowans across the state have depended on Iowa Concern for free education, referrals and other support from ISU Extension and Outreach professionals to handle questions relating to stress, financial concerns, legal rights and disaster recovery,” said John Lawrence, vice president for extension and outreach. “We are excited that now many farm families have access to additional support in the form of ongoing counseling and coaching.”

Iowa Concern continues to be available to all Iowans by calling 1-800-447-1985. Families wishing to take advantage of the newly available pre-paid, ongoing coaching and counseling services through PAS can get started by calling 1-833-999-FARM (3276).

The [Iowa Farm Family Wellness Alliance](#) is a cooperative effort between [Farm Foundation](#), [Iowa State University Extension and Outreach](#) and other supporters to bring a wide range of wellness services to Iowa farm families. Free education and referral services are provided statewide through the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach [Iowa Concern](#) resource by calling 1-800-447-1985. Beginning in December 2020, additional free, one-on-one counseling and coaching services are available to farm families in Benton, Boone, Cedar, Clarke, Clinton, Dallas, Greene, Hardin, Iowa, Jasper, Johnson, Linn, Marshall, Muscatine, Polk, Poweshiek, Scott, Story, Tama and Washington counties through [Personal Assistance Services \(PAS\)](#) by calling 1-833-999-FARM (3276). PAS services are provided free of charge thanks to the support of generous donors. For more information, visit <https://www.farmfoundation.org/iowa-farm-family-wellness/>.

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Extension and Outreach

Virtual Farm Bill Meeting Series Planned for 2021

Producers and landowners will hear about options ahead of the March 15 deadline

January 13, 2021, 11:22 am | Alejandro Plastina, Ann Johanns

AMES, Iowa – Iowa producers have until March 15, 2021 to make their annual election for Price Loss Coverage or Agriculture Risk Coverage (at the individual and county levels) under the 2018 Farm Bill.

This annual decision is unlike the previous farm bill, when producers made a one-time decision for their operation that was in place for the life of the bill.

In order to help Iowans understand their options for 2021, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is offering a series of webinars. The lead webinar is on Jan. 19 at 1 p.m., and will feature staff from the United States Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency addressing program logistics, changes for 2021, and how producers can best work with their county FSA staff and offices that may remain closed to the public through the sign-up date.



The basic choices continue to be Price Loss Coverage, and Agriculture Risk Coverage (at the individual and county levels). A farmer's choice will depend on the type of operation, and the county and region where the farm is located. PLC payments are triggered when the marketing year average price falls below the reference prices of \$3.70 per bushel for corn and \$8.40 per bushel for soybeans.

Current USDA projections for 2021 are close to \$4 per bushel for corn and \$10.55 per bushel for soybeans. Whereas, ARC-CO payments are triggered when actual county revenue for the crop is less than the guarantee.

Alejandro Plastina, associate professor in economics and extension economist at Iowa State, will review the analysis process on Feb. 5 at 1 p.m. "We are excited to present our new decision tool," said Plastina. "It calculates the highest county yield that would trigger ARC-CO payments in 2021-2022, for a user's defined price and a range of plus/minus 20 percent of that price, and shows the probabilities for each of those yield triggers based on historical county yields."

The two statewide webinars will be followed up by farm management field specialists holding regional webinars, presenting various scenarios with the most recent price projections, and answering questions and concerns.

"While payments may not have the financial impact we have seen in previous years, producers should still review the decision for this risk management option with benchmark data as well as price projections for the current marketing year," said Ann Johanns, program specialist in economics with ISU Extension and Outreach. "If a producer does not make a change by March 15, the election from the previous sign-up is retained."

Registration information. There is no cost to join the live webinars, and all virtual sessions will be recorded and available for viewing on the Ag Decision Maker website the day following the live session.

With guidelines on in-person programming evolving, some in-person sessions may be offered in areas of the state. See the Ag Decision Maker webpage, <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/info/farmbill.html> for details on the webinar series and a calendar of in-person programming.

Dates closed:

February 15, 2021



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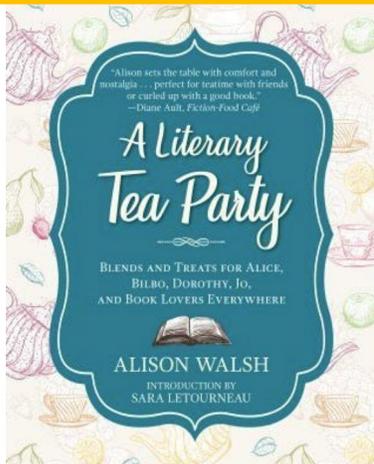
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Saturday 9am-12pm

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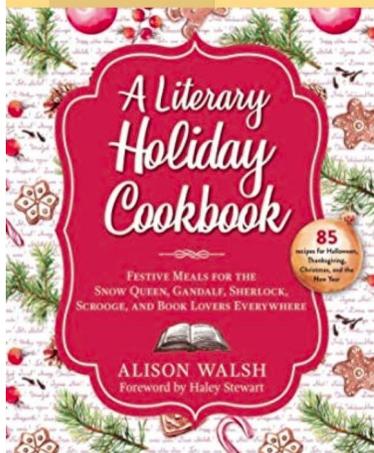
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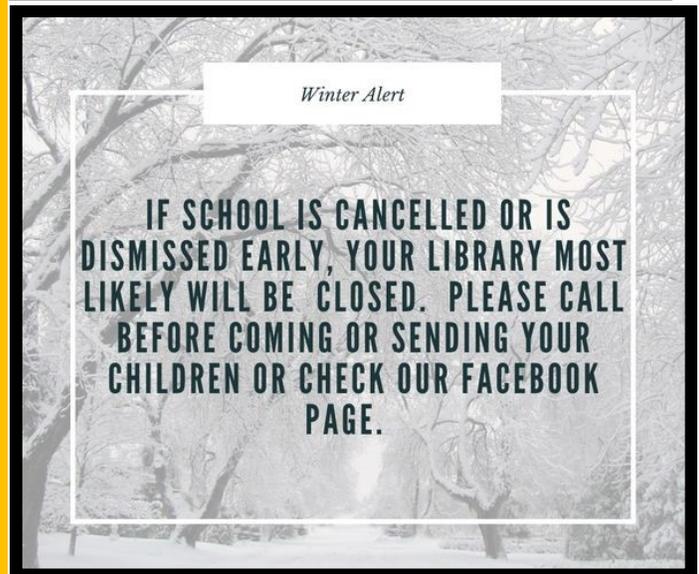
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A Literary-Inspired Cookbook for Voracious Readers at Teatime Tea and books: the perfect pairing. There's nothing quite like sitting down to a good book on a lovely afternoon with a steaming cup of tea beside you, as you fall down the rabbit hole into the imaginative worlds of Alice in Wonderland, The Hobbit, and Sherlock Holmes . . .
-Goodreads



For fans of Little Women, The Chronicles of Narnia, A Christmas Carol, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, and more, a literature-inspired cookbook for voracious readers during the festive holiday season.
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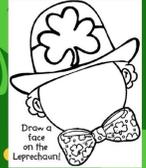
CHECK OUT!!

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY CRAFT KITS!

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Next Delivery of books

FROM FRIENDS OF THE ALDEN LIBRARY TO ALDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Stop in and see what the current riddle is at the library. If you can solve it, you win a prize. This is just an example and not the current riddle.

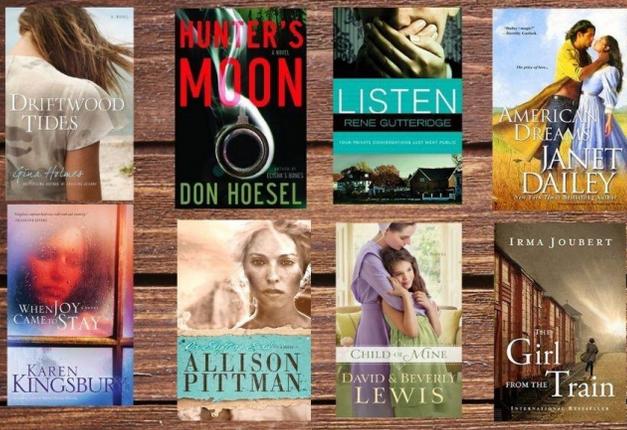
I can fill a room,
but I take up no space.
What am I??

This special delivery was made to the Alden Elementary School in January thanks to the Friends of the Alden Public Library and the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation. This is one of five deliveries for the school year. If you would like to support this program, donations are accepted at the library on behalf of the Friends of the Alden Library.

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CHRISTIAN FICTION STANDALONE BOOKS

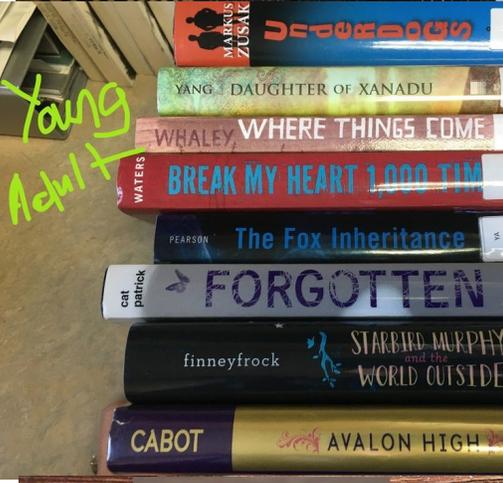
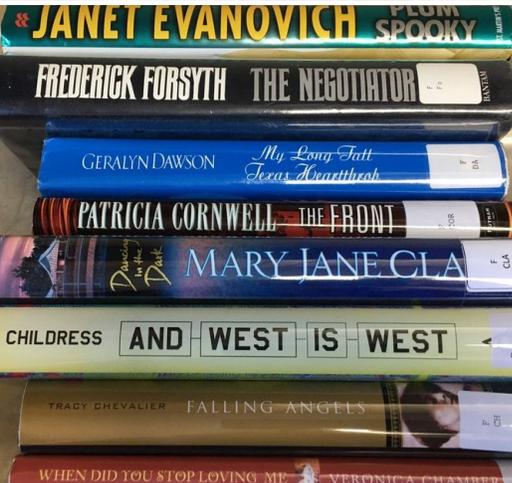
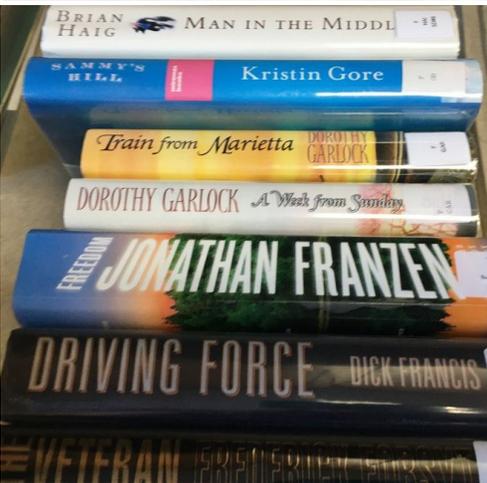


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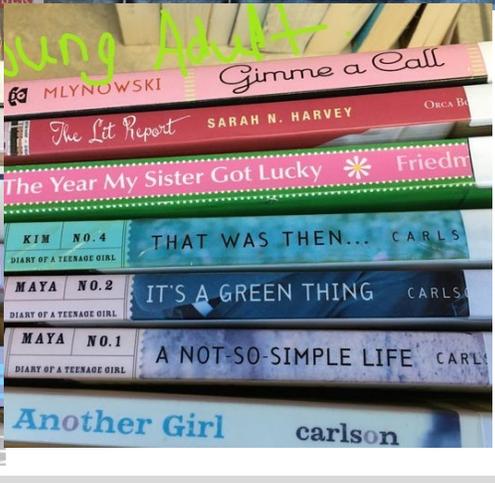
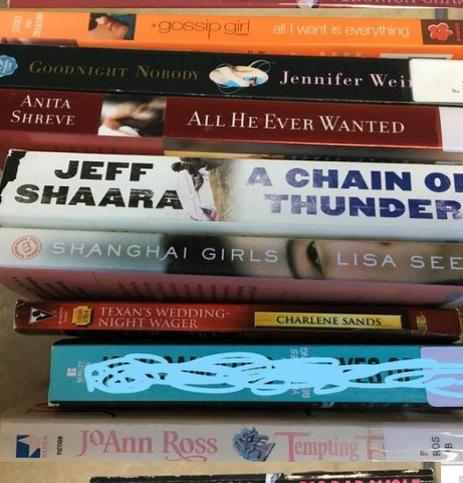
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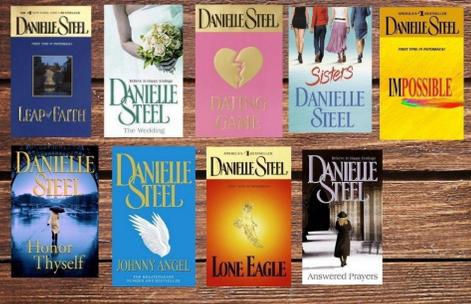


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Dr. Grace O. Doane

ALDEN Public Library

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM



The Alden Public Library will be starting The After School Program back up, in person, January 12th at 3:45PM. Mask are required. If your Child/ Children aren't signed up please contact felicia@alden.lib.ia.us or call The Alden Library 515-859-3820.

January

12th- Color Block Painting
19th- Make a Bird Feeder
26th- Lego/ Coloring Day

February

2nd- Valentine's Day Craft
9th- Valentine's Day Science
16th- Logo/ Coloring Day
23rd- Craft Kit Day

March

2nd- Game Day
9th- NO PROGRAM
16th- St. Patrick's Craft
23rd- Lego/ Coloring Day
30th- YouTube Challenge

April

6th- Science Day
13th- Chalk Art Day (Outside)
20th- Lego/ Coloring Day
27th- Game Day (Outside)

May

4th- Music Day
11th- Lego/ Coloring Day
18th- Last Day (Going to park)



NUMBERS TO KNOW

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Jeff Fiscus (Mayor) 641-751-0052
Eric Eugenio 641-373-6423
Andy Jass 641-373-6422

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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
515-859-531

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

Alden Food Pantry

Board Members

Linda Lisle 515-859-75121
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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

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S 9am-12pm
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Pastor Trapahagen
515-859-3901

United Church of Christ
Rev. Bob Miller
515-859-7259

United Methodist Church
Pastor Jordan Derhammer
515-859-7338