

JUNE 2011 ALDEN EVENTS

Monday, June 6th through Friday, June 10th, the Helena Township Library will hold a book sale beginning at Noon each day during normal Library hours and ending at Noon on Friday. The library is located at 8751 Helena Road in Alden. 231-331-4318.

Wednesday, June 8th the Helena Township hosts Books 'N Brie Book Club at 3:30 P.M. at the Helena Township Library. This month's book is **Widow of the South – Hicks**. Hicks's big historical first novel, based on true events in his hometown, follows the saga of Carrie McGavock, a lonely Confederate wife who finds purpose transforming her Tennessee plantation into a hospital and cemetery during the Civil War. Carrie is mourning the death of several of her children, and, in the absence of her husband, has left the care of her house to her capable Creole slave Mariah. Before the 1864 battle of Franklin, Confederate Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest commandeers her house as a field hospital. By the end of the battle, 9,000 soldiers have perished, and thousands of Confederates are buried in a field near the McGavock plantation. Carrie fights to relocate the buried soldiers when her wealthy neighbor threatens to plow up the field after the war. Valiantly, Hicks returns to small, human stories in the midst of an epic catastrophe. Copyright © Reed Business Information. For more information and a list of the books to be discussed, contact the Library at 231-331-4318 or aldenlib@torchlake.com. The Library is located at 8751 Helena Road in Alden.

Thursday, June 16, the Alden Historical Society will hold its Annual Picnic and the Alden Depot Park at 5:00 PM. For more information contact Paul Delange at 231-377-7333.

Friday, June 17th The United Methodist Women will sponsor a Baked Chicken Dinner and dessert at the Alden United Methodist Church from 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. The church is located at 9015 Helena Road in Alden. For more information contact Sue Accord at 231-331-4550.

Saturday, June 18th the Alden Men's Club will hold their monthly breakfast meeting at the Alden United Methodist Church at 8:00 AM. Contact Larry Fields at 231-322-2787 for more information

Sunday, June 19th The Downtown Alden Business Association will host its annual Strawberry Festival at the Alden Depot Park from 12:00 noon until 4:00 P.M. Michigan berries are served over shortcake and topped off with real whipped cream. Fresh berries are also available to take home. The Depot Park is located at 10670 Coy Street. Please contact Fletcher Carter at 231-377-7297 for more information.

Thursday, June 23rd the Alden Thursday Night Stroll begins for the summer. It is held from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. every Thursday and each week will feature a different entertainer. Shops and restaurants stay open late for visitor's enjoyment. For more information contact Tom Baker at 231-331-4700.

On **Saturday, June 25th** the Alden Men's Club is sponsoring the ROBERT SARHATT MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT to benefit local food pantries including Kalkaska, Rapid City, Bellaire, Mancelona, and Ellsworth. Held at Twin Birch Golf Course in Kalkaska, registration begins at 8:00 A.M., tee off is at 9:00 A.M. \$50 per person includes a cart, and

green fees plus an award ceremony and meal following the tournament. Advance registration is preferred but not required. To register contact Brad Fields at 231-518-4067.

On Saturday and Sunday, June 25th and 26th there will be a Community Antique Sale and Cottage Decor Tag Sale at the Alden Depot Park from 10:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. sponsored by the Historical Society. Area individuals are welcome to sell their extra treasures. Sign up for vendors is Wednesday, Thursday or Friday prior to the sale from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. The vendor fee is a 15% donation to benefit the Museum & Depot Renovation Project. The Depot Park is located on the south end of town at 10670 Coy Street in Alden. For more information call Dorothy Walters at 231-331-6583 or 231-331-4274.

On Monday June 27 – July 1, the Alden United Methodist Church will have Vacation Bible School for all children ages 4 years through 12 years. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Come join us. Pre-registration is recommended but not required. Registration will be limited. Registration forms are available at the Alden Methodist Church. The Church is located at 9015 Helena Road in Alden. For more information contact the Church Office at 231-331-4132 or Reida Aston at 231-331-6761

On Monday June 27th at 7:00 PM, Chris Doyal, President of the Grand Traverse Bay Underwater Preserve will show us what they have located in the Grand Traverse Bay and other bodies of water in the area and explain the technology and physical activity used to do so. He will also be seeking input from attendees as to the possible location of other underwater human artifacts. People interested in learning more about the organization before the meeting can visit GTBUP.org. Helena Township Library located at 8751 Helena Road in Alden. For more information call 231-331-4318.