

# MAY 2011 ALDEN EVENTS

On Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> The South Torch Lake Fire & Rescue Department will host its Annual Spaghetti Dinner from 12:00 until 5:00 p.m. Homemade spaghetti is served with cole slaw, garlic bread and deserts. Take out is also available. This has become a local tradition in Alden. \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Proceeds benefit the Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department. Dinner is held at the Helena Township Community Center in Alden at 8751 Helena Road. For more information call Jesse Lane at [231-409-6876](tel:231-409-6876).

Every Tuesday in May the Helena Township Library will hold Mah Johg from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. No limit on participants. All levels. Come and learn to play. Helena Township Library, 8751 Helena Road, Alden, MI [231-331-4318](tel:231-331-4318).

On Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> the Helena Township Off the Wall Film Series will feature **HOPE AND GLORY**- 1987, PG-13, In this Oscar-nominated film set in WW II-era London, the threat of danger from the skies above thrills 7 yr. old Billy whose supportive mother tries to keep the family strong as the bombings increase. Although Billy's sister suffers heartbreak and the family home is wrecked, the movie limelights the bemusing aspects of everyday life during wartime. Bring your own beverage. Call the Library, [231-331-4318](tel:231-331-4318), for reservations if you plan to come at 6:00 p.m. to dine and socialize. No reservation needed for movie only. The film is held at the Community Center located at 8751 Helena Road in Alden. Donations are accepted and appreciated to offset costs. For more information contact Nancy Ludwa at [231-377-7034](tel:231-377-7034) or [aldenlib@torchlake.com](mailto:aldenlib@torchlake.com).

On Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM the Helena Township Enrichment Program will present **Writing for Fun with Dorothy Clore**. Learn to express yourself in writing, producing pieces that will be personally useful to each participant. Bring your favorite writing utensils and paper. Helena Township Library, 8751 Helena Road, Alden, MI [231-331-4318](tel:231-331-4318).

On May 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 - 4:00 The Alden United Methodist Women - Mother/Daughter Tea. The church is located at 9015 Helena Road in Alden. Finger food is provided along with the tea. Reservations are not required but are appreciated. To make reservations or for more information contact Darlene Paige at [231-331-6300](tel:231-331-6300).

On Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> the Rapid City PTA will old a Dinner and Silent Auction at the Rapid City Elementary School beginning at 6:00 PM. Contact Janie Shierf at [231-331-8886](tel:231-331-8886) for more information.

On Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm The Helena Township Enrichment Program will present "**Geocaching**". Often described as a GPS-enabled treasure hunt, this popular hobby will be detailed by area resident Dick Steiger. Held at the Helena Township Library located at 8751 Helena Rd., Alden, MI. Call [231-331-4318](tel:231-331-4318) for more information.

On Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, the Helena Township hosts Books 'N Brie Book Club at 3:30 P.M. at the Helena Township Library. This month's book is **Freedom - Jonathan Franzen**. *Freedom* is

his fourth novel, a wrenching, funny, and forgiving portrait of a Midwestern family. Patty and Walter Berglund find each other early: a pretty jock, focused on the court and a little lost off it, and a stolid budding lawyer, besotted with her and almost burdened by his integrity. They make a family and a life together, and, over time, slowly lose track of each other. Their stories align at times with Big Issues--among them mountaintop removal, war profiteering, and rock-n-roll--and in some ways can't be separated from them, but what you remember most are the characters, whom you grow to love the way families often love each other: not for their charm or goodness, but because they have their reasons, and you know them. --*Tom Nissley*. For more information and a list of the books to be discussed, contact the Library at [231-331-4318](tel:231-331-4318) or [oraldenlib@torchlake.com](mailto:oraldenlib@torchlake.com). The Library is located at 8751 Helena Road in Alden.

On Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, the Alden Men's Club will hold a special breakfast meeting at the Alden United Methodist Church at 8:00 AM. Contact Larry Fields at [231-322-2787](tel:231-322-2787) for more information.

On Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM the Helena Township Library Enrichment Program will present "Making Stuffed Grape Leaves" with Marcia Courey. Learn to roll and stuff grape leaves and take some home to bake or freeze. Attendance is limited so register early. Cost will be determined. The library is located at 8751 Helena Road in Alden. [231-331-4318](tel:231-331-4318).

On Monday, May 30 the Alden Depot Museum Opens for the Season from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM daily. The Museum is located on the south end on Alden on Torch Lake. Contact Paul Delange at [231-377-7333](tel:231-377-7333) for more information.

On Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> there will be a Memorial Day Parade and Service beginning at 1:00 PM in downtown Alden. A service at the Helena Township Cemetery follows. Contact Priscilla Miller at [231-624-0069](tel:231-624-0069) or Pastor Dan Biteman at [231-331-4132](tel:231-331-4132) for more information.