



June

6TH & 7TH, 2025

ALEDORHUBARBFEST.COM

Free Admission!

Welcome to Aledo, Rhubarb Capital of Illinois!

Welcome to Aledo’s 33rd Annual Rhubarb Festival! Featuring homemade Rhubarb pies for sale, sample many delicious rhubarb desserts at the Tasting Tent, great live music, crafts, antiques, food vendors, free rhubarb seeds from Aledo Main Street. Main events run Friday & Saturday from 9am-4pm. We hope you enjoy your visit to Aledo and all Rhubarb Fest has to offer!

How To Avoid Rhubarb Regret!



We don’t want you to leave The Fest disappointed. If you’re coming to The Fest to buy a Rhubarb Pie, please plan to come in the morning for the best selection! Pies sell quickly!



Support The Aledo Rhubarb Fest by shopping @ The Rhubarb Fest Souvenir Booth!

The Hot Pink Official Rhubarb Fest Souvenir booth is located behind the Central Park Bandshell. This is where you’ll find the Official, famous Strawberry Rhubarb Jam made with Fest Founder Darlene Johnson’s recipe, RF apparel, stickers, magnets, aprons, hats, cookbooks and more! Purchases help keep the Fest admission FREE and you end up with cool and delicious merch! Thanks for supporting Aledo’s Rhubarb Fest!



Mark Your Calendar for Rhubarb Fest 2026 - June 5th & 6th

Friday

What to Eat Rhubarb & Otherwise!

- 9am-4pm**-Rhubarb bake sales in Central Park.
- 9am-4pm**-Check out Food Vendor Row in the Central Park Parking Lot Plaza or visit our local restaurants!
- 10am—1pm** (or till samples run out)-Sample all things Rhubarb at the “Tasting Tent” in Central Park.
- 11am-1:30pm**—Indoor luncheon and Rhubarb Pie at the United Methodist Church-301 N. College Ave.
- 11am-2pm**-First Baptist Church will serve Rhubarb Pie by the slice under the Central Park Pavilion.

Live Entertainment-Bandshell Stage

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- 9am-11am** - Jason Parchert
- 11am-1pm**— The Night Wranglers
- 1pm-3pm** – The Beth Lizano Band
- 3pm-5pm** — The Incredible 45s

What To Do!

- 9am-4pm**-Visit the hot pink Rhubarb Fest Souvenir Shop in Central Park. Behind the Bandshell. Souvenir proceeds helps keep the Aledo Rhubarb Fest FREE!
- 9am—4pm**—Central Park Market—Crafts/Antiques & Flea Market beside Central Park on College Avenue.
- 8:45am-4pm**-Guided Historic Trolley Tours depart from northside of the Central Park Parking lot! **Sponsored by your Country Financial Representatives-John Waugh, Tracy Bigham, Brent Bigham & Jason Potter & MercyOne Genesis Aledo Medical Center.**
- 8am-3pm**-Visit the MC Senior Center-137 W. Main St. for a used book and puzzle sale!
- 9am-4pm**-Aledo Rhubarb Fest History Exhibit-125 S. College Ave. (Across the street from Trolley stop.) Sponsored by Windborn Group.
- 10am—3pm**– Stop by the Aledo Main Street booth in Central Park and pick up your share of 12,000 Rhubarb Seeds and a goody bag!
- 10am-3pm**-Kids Fun Zone **Sponsored by First Baptist Aledo!**– Stop by the grassy area behind the Central Park Bandshell for some FREE kid sized inflatable fun!
- 4:15pm & 7pm** - Showing “The Aledo Movie” at the Aledo Opera House. Tickets can be purchase online at aledooperahouse.com
- 10am-5pm**-Visit the Essley Noble Museum-1406-SE 2nd Ave., Aledo.

Important Fest Details aledorhubarbfest.com

- Provided seating is very limited, bring your own lawn chair or blanket to enjoy the live music!
- Handicap Parking available at the 100 block of South College Ave.
- Golf Cart Shuttles Sponsored by Aledo Main Street from 9am-4pm will transport our guests around Fest area & back to your car.
- ATM is located in Central Park at the east end of the pavilion.
- First Aid Tent located behind the Central Park Band Shell.
- Please NO dogs allowed at Rhubarb Fest with the exception of service animals.
- Like Us on Facebook—Aledo Rhubarb Fest!
- Aledo Rhubarb Fest is Presented by the Aledo Rhubarb Fest Board & Volunteer Committee.

Saturday

What to Eat Rhubarb & Otherwise!

- 6am-10am**-Aledo Volunteer Firemen Pancake Breakfast with Rhubarb toppings at the Aledo Fire Station -211 SE 3rd St. Cost by donation.
- 9am-4pm**-Rhubarb bake sales in Central Park.
- 9am-4pm**-Check out Food Vendor Row in the Central Park Parking Lot Plaza or visit our local restaurants!
- 10am—1pm**(or till samples run out)-Sample all things Rhubarb at the “Tasting Tent” in Central Park.
- 11am-1:30pm**– Indoor luncheon and Rhubarb Pie at the United Methodist Church-301 N. College Ave.
- 11am-2pm**-Masonic Lodge Fish & Chicken Fry at the Aledo Fire Station 211 SE 3rd St., Aledo.

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- 9-10am**-Lil’ Rhubarb Royalty Pageant
- 10am-Noon** – Mercer County Jazz Band
- Noon**-Rhubarb Pie Eating Contest held in front of the Central Park Bandshell-**Sponsored by Mercer Market.**
- Noon-2pm**– The Whoozdads
- 2-2:15pm**-Rhubarb Cook Off & Big Leaf Awards Presented on the Central Park Bandshell Stage.
- 2:30-4:30pm**—The Tailfins Band

What To Do!

- 8am**–5K Run & Walk, **9am**-Little Sprouts Run, **9:15am**-1 Mile Fun Run takes off from the Mercer Co. YMCA located at 401 SW 2nd Ave. Aledo, IL.
- 8am-Noon**-Visit the MC Senior Center-137 W. Main St. for a used book and puzzle sale!
- 8:45am-4pm**-Guided Historic Trolley Tours depart from west side of the Central Park Parking lot! **Sponsored by your Country Financial Representatives-John Waugh, Tracy Bigham, Brent Bigham & Jason Potter & MercyOne Genesis Aledo Medical Center.**
- 9am-11am**-Rhubarb Cook Off entries being accepted at the Aledo Train Depot-204 SE 2nd Ave.
- 9am-4pm**-Shuttle Bus available Saturday only at the east end of town. Why walk for blocks when you can just drive to First Baptist Church-800 NE 6th Ave. Aledo and park and a school bus will pick you up and drop you off at Central Park. Watch for signs!
- 9am-4pm**-Huge craft show! SATURDAY ONLY! Crafts in the Courtyard offers over 80 quality exhibitors on the lawn of the Mercer County Courthouse-100-SE 3rd St.
- 9am-4pm**-Visit the Rhubarb Fest Souvenir shop in Central Park. Behind the Band Shell. Souvenir proceeds help keep the Fest FREE!
- 9am—4pm**– Central Park Market—Crafts/Antiques & Flea Market in the Central Park Parking Lot & streets.
- 9am|11am|1pm|3pm**- Showing “The Aledo Movie” at the Aledo Opera House. Tickets can be purchased online at aledooperahouse.com
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- 10am-1pm**-**Snazzy Lemonade’s Big Leaf Contest**-Have a big Rhubarb leaf? Bring it to the red tent in the Kids Zone behind the Band Shell between 10am-1pm.
- 10am—4pm**– Stop by the Aledo Main Street booth in Central Park and pick up your share of 12,000 Rhubarb Seeds and a goody bag.
- 10am-5pm**-Step back in time with a visit to the Essley Noble Museum-1406-SE 2nd Ave., Aledo.