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I See You: Care, Intentionality, and Unveiling Privilege

Monday, March 4, 2024

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: ACC Briggs Ctr

Coordinator: Tom Hilberg

Phone: 989-356-0163

Zoom Connection: Meeting ID: 825 2776 4595 Passcode: 745664

In our shared journey of continual learning, it's time to gather intentionality and compassion under the theme CU - I See You." Join us for an exploration that transcends the ordinary, focusing on caring for each other and unveiling the nuances of privilege that often escape our notice.

Imagine a world where our vision is not just about sight but about truly seeing one another. Through this presentation, we'll weave a narrative of intentional care, urging us all to extend our understanding to those who might be marginalized in our communities.

"I See You" goes beyond mere observation; it's an intentional act of empathy and recognition. We'll navigate stories that highlight the need for intentional care, offering insights into the experiences of those often on the periphery of our collective vision.

Let's delve into a discussion that encourages us to reflect on our own positions, privileges, and responsibilities. By intentionally acknowledging the disparities that exist, we can cultivate a culture of care that leads to positive, meaningful change.

Prepare to be inspired, challenged, and engaged as we explore the dimensions of privilege and the transformative power of intentional care. Together, let's build a community where everyone is seen, valued, and supported on their unique journey.

See you there, ready to foster intentional connections and deepen our understanding!

Lenny Avery, our guide for the upcoming presentation, is no stranger to the nuances of community dynamics. Currently serving as the Economic Development Coordinator with Target Alpena Development Corporation, Lenny takes on the role of Regional Housing Development Lead for Region E, recognized by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA).

His journey includes stints as an advocate, community health worker, and Executive Director of a non-profit dedicated to serving vulnerable populations. Lenny's academic background is grounded in a bachelor's degree in government (Law), and he is presently navigating the challenges and opportunities of Central Michigan's Master of Public Administration Program.

Beyond his professional roles, Lenny wears the hat of an ordained minister and Pastor, bringing a unique perspective to his community work. Residing in Hubbard Lake with his wife, Kyla, and their two kids, Lenny brings a pragmatic and insightful lens to our exploration of "ICU - I See You," where he invites us to consider intentional care and understanding as we navigate the complexities of privilege within our communities.

FERMENTATION II EAT, DRINK, AND BE MERRY

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Time: 1:30 pm

Location: ACC Briggs Center

Coordinator: Wanda Discher

Phone: 989-742-3222

This will be a follow-up to Fermentation I. The program will expand upon the concept of fermentation, featuring the past, present, and future of fermented foods and beverages. A very brief review of Fermentation 1 will be given and some general information will be provided, hopefully of interest. Pete will again have displays of fermented and pickled items. There will be another auction and samplings of items. There will also be slides shown. It is hoped that Pete will not have an explosion in his kitchen as he prepares for this presentation.

Denny Doubek is a retired AHS teacher, teaching Social Studies for 36 years. He was with the Association of Lifelong Learners from the very beginning and served as its President for many years. **Pete Doubek** is also a retired teacher from AHS, having taught Biology for 33 years

VISIT TO THE ALPENA HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM



Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Alpena High School Main Office Easiest way to get to the main office is to take the oval drive off Garden street.

Number of Attendees? Minimum #: 5 Maximum #: 15

Coordinator: Linda Ferguson

Phone: 402-679-7669

We will meet at the AHS main office and go to the lab for a tour of the lab. You may see the robot in action (or not) depending on what is happening on that day. We are in the build season, so anything could be happening... programming (or reprogramming), practice (and we could then do a demonstration), or we may have the robot apart to fix or change something. We have a competition 2 days after your visit, so we can't stop what we are doing to ensure a demonstration.

THE ALPENA COUNTY GEORGE N. FLETCHER PUBLIC LIBRARY



Thursday, March 7, 2024

Time: 10:00 am

Location: ACC Briggs Ctr.

Coordinator: Pat Garant

Phone: 231-640-9320

Zoom Connection: Meeting ID: 899 8657 9056 Passcode: 209870

Come learn about your library. The Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library is more than books. Hear about the R.E.A.D. Adult Literacy Program, which offers services for basic literacy, GED study, and English as a Second Language. Learn about technical learning opportunities, including an introduction to Makerspace and an invitation for personal help every Monday through Thursday at 1:00 for your tech questions.

Nancy Mousseau is the library's Technology Specialist who has served the library since 2001. She teaches computer classes, and individual tech help and facilitates Makerspace.

Leslie Kirchoff is a Coordinator of the R.E.A.D. Program. She is a retired teacher for Alpena Public Schools who taught Special Education and General Classroom Education grades 2-5.

Pat Garant is a Coordinator of the R.E.A.D. Program. She is retired from Alpena Public Schools, having taught Preschool -3rd grade.

SOLAR ENERGY, HOLCIM AND ALPENA

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024

Time: 1:30 pm

ACC Briggs Ctr.

Coordinator: Linda Ferguson

Phone: 402-679-7669

Holcim’s program to get to 100% purchased renewable energy by 2030 and the Alpena Cement Plant’s first step on that path is the current development of a 25-megawatt solar field on the plant properties.

Jeff Scott was named Plant Manager of the Alpena Cement Plant in 2019. The Alpena Cement Plant has been in operation for 117 years and was at one time the largest cement plant in the world. Today manufacturing over 2 million tons of cement the plant is critical to supporting infrastructure across all the Great Lakes states. Since joining the company in 1996, Mr. Scott has been a part of the cement manufacturing organization working in both the US and Canada holding diverse roles in manufacturing and corporate support leadership at 5 different cement plants, 3 different slag granulating and grinding plants, and as part of the corporate manufacturing group. Mr. Scott has been leading the commissioning of several manufacturing lines, participated in developing Holcim’s plant operating doctrines, been an integral part of the development of young engineers, and the permitting of several major projects including the modernization of the LaFarge Exshaw Cement Plant in Alberta Canada. Growing up in Battle Creek, Michigan, Mr. Scott went on to earn a bachelor’s degree from Purdue University in Chemical Engineering. A proud husband for over 25 years with two adult children, he has been an active part of the communities he has worked in coaching youth sports, participating in service groups, or as a board member for youth hockey organizations.

A VISIT WITH CAM CAVITT

Monday, March 11, 2024

Time: 10:00 am

ACC Briggs Center

Coordinator: Beverly Bodem

Phone: 989-354-4656

Cam Cavitt, Michigan’s State Representative for the 106th District, will update the attendees about the ongoing work he is doing in Lansing, including what he sees coming in the months ahead. There will be time for questions.

Cam Cavitt has been a northern Michigan realtor for nearly two decades. He also runs a small business and served his community as Cheboygan County Drain Commissioner; while working various local “odd jobs”, from working on Christmas tree farms to working in hospitality. Cam was first elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in November 2022. He represents the 106th District, which includes the Northern Michigan counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, Presque Isle, and portions of both Oscoda and Cheboygan. Cavitt and his wife, Lynn, have

lived in Northeast Michigan for decades. There, they raised their three kids: Caleb, Skyler, and Emma.

BOOK LOVER’S GATHERING

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Time: 1:30—3:00 pm

ACC Briggs Center

Number of Attendees? Minimum #: 3 Maximum #: no limit

Coordinator: Carey Rapin

Phone: 989-354-3046

Come one, come all-those of you who love books. It is time for our quarterly gathering to share our recommendations for our “what to read next?” with our friends of like interests. “Consider joining us to present a loved book recently read or from the past, of any genre.

You are welcome to bring a book or two to lend or give away.

“BOOKS MAY BE THE ONLY TRUE MAGIC” Alice Hoffman

Carey Rapin always looks forward to this event. Carey will make a list of the suggested books which you can use for future reference.

LASTING EXPRESSIONS



Thursday, March 14, 2024

Time: 2:00 pm

Wilson’s Lasting Expressions Flower Shop 204 W. Washington Ave.

Cost: \$45 You may pay when you get there.

Number of attendees: Minimum #: 5 Minimum #: 10

Coordinator: Mary Jo Oke

Phone: 989-590-0633

You will learn basic floral design. We will create a beautiful vase arrangement and learn about each flower we use. You will learn how to determine flower placement and balance. All tools will be provided for use. This is a class that you will be able to duplicate at home for a lifetime of enjoyment. And you will have a beautiful arrangement to take home.

My name is **Tara Wilson**, I’m 37 and have two beautiful children. After they started school, I was looking for a part-time job that would be almost as fulfilling as being a stay-at-home mom. I was led to the flower shop, by my love of art and gardening and found my calling. I live on a small farm with chickens, ducks, and horses. I enjoy being outside as much as I can. After working at the flower shop for the last 10 years I have leaped ownership. I love the shop and want to honor the owners of the past and maintain their values and continue to serve Alpena the best I can. I also enjoy sharing the knowledge I have acquired over the years hosting classes seemed like the most natural next step. I’m excited to share what I know and hope you find as much enjoyment as I do.

A modest donation from guests for the value of your experience is greatly appreciated.



AND THEN THERE WERE NONE

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Time: 2:00 pm

Alpena Civic Theatre 401 River St., Alpena, MI

Tickets are \$15 each and must be paid to the ALL office by Friday, March 8, to reserve a seat..

Coordinator: Judy Nichols

Phone: 517-663-4970

This play was written by Agatha Christie. It is a dark thriller in three acts. One of Christie's darkest tales and a masterpiece of dramatic construction, its growing sense of dread and unflinching tension will keep you guessing to the very end. Ten strangers are summoned to a remote island. All that the guests have in common is a wicked past they're unwilling to reveal and a secret that will seal their fate.



MAKING A MEMORY CANCELLED!

Monday, March 18, 2024

Time: 1:30 pm

ACC Briggs Ctr.

Coordinator: Wanda Discher

Phone: 989-742-3222

Do you happen to have old slides just sitting around? Here is an idea on how they could be used. Bob will demonstrate how he made lampshades out of 35 MM slides that hold family memories of times gone by. He will bring a sample of his finished product. It would be a really neat project for you.

Bob Discher has been a member of ALL since the very beginning and continues to be involved. He and his wife, Wanda, live at Lake Avalon and make many trips to Alpena to join the activities of ALL.

TIGHTEN AND BRIGHTEN: AN EDITING SEMINAR AND WORD FROLIC FOR AMATEURS, PROFESSIONALS, WANNABES, BOWLING LEAGUE PUBLICISTS, AND OTHERS.

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Time: 1:30 pm

Location: ACC Briggs Ctr.

Coordinator: Linda Ferguson

Phone: 403-679-7669

Part One of a projected series. "The Preposition Proposition," presented by retired newspaper editor, manuscript doctor, and ghostwriter Tom Ferguson, will – in one hour – improve the writing and editing of anyone who knows a preposition when they see one. For anyone who enjoys and cares about words, it will also be fun.

Tom Ferguson worked as an editor and as a reporter at the Detroit Free Press and Cleveland Plain Dealer during what he and many others consider the Golden Era of print journalism, from the mid-1960s into the early 1980s. His experience from that advantage point is insightful, interesting, sometimes entertaining, and always a basis for contemplating where this revolution is taking us. For anyone who enjoys and CARES about words. Tom Ferguson graduated from Alpena High School and recently returned to Alpena, after 60 years of living in many places, with his wife Linda.



PLAYER'S PUB & GRUB

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Time: 4:00 pm

113 S 9th Alpena

Coordinator: Sue Nagy

Phone: 989 736 7105

Moveable Feast continues to be a very popular social activity for ALL. Maybe you could bring along a prospective member and have them learn what ALL is about. Player's Pub & Grub is a casual, cozy, and hip place to eat. Come see for yourself. Join your ALL friends at Player's Pub & Grub for an early dinner. Just give Sue (989 736 7105) a call so there will be a seat for you.

We have a special treat planned for the **March HAPPENING**. Allan Grund will be our special guest. He is recognized in Northeast Michigan as a poet, playwright, actor, singer/songwriter, musician, and lecturer on the subject of the American Civil War. His program this morning will feature a folk, rock, and blues program. There will be a brunch and recognition of our coordinators. Bring a dish to pass, and if you are able someone you would like to introduce to ALL.



Thursday, March 21

Brunch 9:30 am

Allan Grund 10:30 am to 11: 30 am.

Lumberjack Shack at Alpena Community College (Besser Tech Center)

A modest donation from guests for the value of your experience is greatly appreciated.

NEED A RIDE?

We have some ALL members willing to provide a ride to and from some ALL programs from time to time. The TBTA schedule doesn't always mesh with our great ALL program schedule! If there's a program you'd like a ride share for call the ALL office at 989-358-7207 at least a day before – leave a message including your name and your phone number. Our Office Manager, Judy, will do her best to coordinate a ride and you will be notified. Remember the office is closed on Wednesdays so be sure to call in earlier in the week if it's a Thursday program. Kudos to Judy and some special ALL members willing to go above and beyond on this one!

WRITING WORKSHOP

Day: Wednesday, March 6, 2023

Time: 11:00 am

Location: M. Briggs Center Room 143

Coordinators: Mary Ann Krajnik Crawford

Phone: 989-916-5540

This writing workshop series focuses on writing, sharing, and feedback. Everyone has stories, some are told, some are written, and some, like memoirs, are written to be shared with others. Sessions will examine issues with writing, share techniques for writing and revising, and practice some editing. Participants write between sessions, share their writing at sessions, and get feedback that they can use for revising and polishing their stories.

Mary Ann Krajnik Crawford has been a personal journal writer and teacher of writing for many years. She retired from Central Michigan University as emeritus professor of English and director of the Writing Center and continues to write for the fun of it.

JOURNAL WRITING

Day: Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Time: 11:00 am

Location: M. Briggs Center Room 143

Coordinators: Mary Ann Krajnik Crawford

Phone: 989-916-5540

This session invites us to write- for ourselves and others. Journal writing is a first step for creating stories, capturing memories, and exploring our ideas and feelings. This is writing for fun and insight in a no-pressure atmosphere. You can write in response to prompts I will bring or about whatever you choose, and you can do as much or as little writing and sharing as our time allows. The purpose is to have an hour devoted to exploring our creative spirit through writing. Bring paper or a journal, pens or pencils or a computer – whatever you need to be comfortable for writing.

Mary Ann Krajnik Crawford has been a personal journal writer and teacher of writing for many years. She retired from Central Michigan University as an emeritus professor of English and director of the Writing Center and continues to write for the fun of it.

Four reasons to wear your name tag at Association of Lifelong Learners events/ programs/ gatherings in 2024. Wear your name tag

1. To keep other members from struggling to remember your name.
2. So presenters know who is in the audience .
3. Because you are pleased to be a member of ALL and every thing it stands for
4. Because starting January 1 you are very likely to be fined a dollar if you are at ANY ALL function and not wearing your name tag.

Let Judy know at (989) 358-7207 if you need a new tag or never receive one.

Welcome New Members:

Annette Ross, Donna Denmark, Diane Dzieszinski, Beth MacArthur & Sharon Crocker

RECURRING SESSIONS



PICKLEBALL

Mondays, Wednesdays, Friday

Time: 9:00 to 11:00 am

Location: APlex

Coordinator: Pamela Borchert

Phone: (989)464-6044

Pickleball continues. Call the APlex for additional information. 989-354-6164.
APlex fees apply.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Mondays, March 4, 11, 18, 25

Time: 12:15 – 5:00 pm

Location: Call for Location in Alpena

Call Marci at 989-354-2306 or Bev at 989-595-5119 for more information

Cost: \$2

A form of Bridge where partners play a fixed set of hands in competition with several other partners to see who does the best. This form of Bridge is for experienced Bridge partners interested in some friendly competition. It is also appropriate for individual experienced Bridge players interested in subbing from time to time.



PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Time: 7:00 pm (note new time)

ACC Briggs Center

Coordinator: Dick Bremer

Phone: 989-727-8028

Our topic will be to practice taking photos which use a narrow depth of field to highlight some part of the photo. Experiment and bring in your ideas. How do you use Bokeh the way the lens renders out-of-focus points of light?



SQUARE DANCING

Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024

Time: 4:00 to 6:00 pm

M. Briggs Center

Coordinator: Glenn Taylor

Phone: (803) 292-9613

Looking for something to do with your significant other or with other people? Singles welcome--no partner needed. We are Mainstream dancers with Plus lessons mixed in.

We meet in Alpena on Fridays from 4-6 PM at the Madeline Briggs Center of Alpena Community College. Call Glenn at 803-292-9613 to get details.

The opinions expressed by the presenters of an ALL program do not necessarily reflect the views of the Association of Lifelong Learners.

2ND SQUARE DANCE CLASS

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024

Time: 4—6 pm

M. Briggs Center

Coordinator: Glenn Taylor

Phone: (803) 292-9613

Come work on your square dance calls. This is an *ad hoc* event for the purpose of improving your Mainstream and Plus calls. There will be no caller, but experienced dancers will be there to help and fill in a square or half square. The intent is to repeat calls, so the muscle memory is there when you attend a dance.



MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Tuesday, March 5, 12, 19, 26 2024

Time: 9:15— 11:30 am

M. Briggs Center

Coordinator: Eileen Wikaryasz

Phone: (989)340-0608

Ready for a fun, addictive and fast-moving game that has lots of surprising twists and turns? Join us for Mexican Train Dominoes! You may join our class any time during the year.



CONTRACT BRIDGE

Friday, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024

Time: 12:30 to 4:00 pm

M. Briggs Center

Coordinator: Julie Byrnes

Phone: (734) 761-2123

This is an ongoing group of varied players who welcome any players at any time. We are a teaching class but we also welcome experienced players.



PINOCHLE

Wednesday, March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024

Time: 12:30—3 pm

M. Briggs Center

Coordinator: Mary Ann Kenne

Phone: (989) 255-4414

Julie Byrnes is inviting you to join her and others in single deck Pinochle on Wednesdays.



SPITZER

Thursday, March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024

Time: 10:00 am

M. Briggs Center

Coordinator: Marilyn Klingshirn

Phone: (989)354-0884

Spitzer is a challenging card game that requires lots of concentration. It is played extensively in our area mainly around Rogers City, Alpena and Posen, and regular tournaments are held. Spitzer-challenged people are welcome to come learn the game. Experienced players are welcome to come enjoy playing and guiding the newbies. Name tags encouraged.

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| 3 | 4 Pickleball 9—11 am I See You: Care, Intentionality, and Unveiling Privilege 1 p.m. Duplicate Bridge 12:30 pm | 5 Dominoes 9:15 am Fermentation II 1:30 pm Robotics AHS 4 pm | 6 Pickleball 9-11 am Writing Workshop 11 am Pinochle 12:30 pm Square Dancing 4 pm | 7 Spitzer 10 am The Alpena County George N. Fletcher Library 10 am Solar Energy 1:30 pm | 8 Pickleball 9-11 am Bridge 12:30 pm Square Dancing 4—6 pm |
| 10 | 11 Pickleball 9-11 am Cam Cavitt 10 am Duplicate Bridge 12:30 pm | 12 Dominoes 9:15 am Book Lover's 1:30 am Photography Club 7:00 pm | 13 Pickleball 9-11 am Pinochle 12:30 pm Square Dancing 4 pm | 14 Spitzer 10 am Lasting Expressions 2:00 pm | 15 Pickleball 9-11 am Bridge 12:30 pm Square Dancing 4—6 pm |
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