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ALL News

Please Welcome Sherry Anderson, our ALL Office Management Consultant. Sherry is working hard at documenting and improving the ALL Office systems and processes. She can also help ALL Members with any issues they may have.

Sherry has extensive financial and information technology experience. She came to Alpena in 2018 from Des Moines, IA, joining family that had moved to Alpena to enjoy the great weather and all the interests that Alpena has to offer.

Her career began in Denver, Colorado in Accounting in the Oil and Gas industry. Sherry transitioned to the technical world when the business needed enhanced billing functions the software didn't have. She stayed in the Technical field for the rest of her career – approximately 40 years.



Quick Links

ALL Website Calendar
Program Information:

<http://associationoflifelonglearners.org/calendar-association-of-lifelong-learners/>

ALL YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYc9USUpJ2nsQDsJSLO01Nw>

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Having both Accounting and Technical skills has led to a very interesting career in some of the largest corporations in America and Internationally. Projects in Brazil and Argentina were some definite highlights in her career path. Sherry is excited to be able to use her experience at ALL.



All New Members!

Let's welcome

- Jim and Charlene MacArthur
- Lisa Rosenbeck



ALL Electronic Registration System Update

The Association of Lifelong Learners has implemented **a system for registering for ALL programs online** starting with the Association's July programs. You will still be able to register with the form included with your Program guide. However, you may find it easier to register electronically.

You can use the following link to use the new system.

<https://forms.office.com/r/LnKjQHYqEr>

The ALL office prefers that you register for a program but if things change in your schedule, give the ALL office a call @ (989) 358-7207 or call the coordinator to let them know you are coming.

Coming, Coming, Coming!
In
October!

The 2024 ALL Montmorency County Bus Tour tickets

Only 45 seats are available on the tour bus. Tickets will go

on sale to ALL members Wednesday, September 25 at 10:00 a.m.

on a first-come, first-serve basis. The ticket price for ALL members is \$35 and includes lunch, snacks, and a souvenir bag.

If seats remain available on October 1, sales will be opened to the general public for \$45.

Tickets will be available in the Madeline Briggs presentation room Wednesday, September 25, and Thursday, September 26, at 10:00 am.

After September 26 tickets will be available in the ALL-business office during regular business hours.

When purchasing your ticket(s) please wear your ALL name tag and provide the name of any other ALL member for whom you are purchasing a ticket. Cash or check only. A brief information form listing any health or dietary restrictions will be asked of each tour member.

All sales are final. No refunds unless we can fill your seat. We will keep a wait list for those seeking tickets after the ALL seats are sold.

Looking forward to a great day of fall foliage, facts, and fun.

ALL ABOARD!!!!

Many thanks to the ALL Montmorency County Bus Tour committee: Lisa Blumenthal, Jere Doyle, Linda Ferguson, Tom Hilberg, Sue Jackowiak, Mike Mandrick, Doug Pugh, and Jane & Robert Roose



Association of Lifelong Learners presents:
Montmorency County Bus Tour
October 10, 2024, 8:30am - 4:30pm

- \$35.00 (includes lunch at Canada Creek Ranch)
- Limited seating - register early!
- Tickets go on sale at the ALL office on **September 25 at 10:00am**
- Contact Linda Ferguson at 402-679-7669 with any questions

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ALL Board Highlights – August 2024

The Association of Lifelong Learners at Alpena Community College is organized as a Michigan Corporation with a Board of Directors responsible for administration of the organization. The Board

currently consists of 12 members and meets each month on the second Wednesday of the month at the Madeline Briggs Center. Highlights of the August Board meeting include:

- Welcomed the new Office Management Consultant Sherry Anderson
- Reviewed a list of past members of ALL who have not renewed for 2024-25. A reminder letter with invoice, and membership form will be mailed to those remaining on the list with potential for renewal.
- Authorized the President send a letter from ALL to ACC indicating our interest in providing additional capital improvements and technological enhancements to MBC 143 for frequent use of the room by ALL.
- Agreed to support a Relaxing and Self-care Event at Besser Museum on Tuesday September 24th with an information table. The event is free to those sixty and older. ALL to offer a free membership as a door prize.
- Reviewed the plan ACC Fall Start-up “Breakfast” that is scheduled for Monday, August 19th from 7:30 am to 9 am. Board members to provide breakfast items and promote ALL.
- Reviewed the plan for Fall Color Bus Tour scheduled for October 10th The financial support needed has been achieved. The tour route and agenda will be finalized this month.
- Reviewed the plan for the September Happening scheduled for Thursday, September 19th from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm at Lost Lake Woods. Details are in the September program guide.
- Agreed to participate in the Alpena News Senior Expo that will be held at the APLex on Wednesday, September 18th from 9 am to 2 pm

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11th at 9:00 am at Madeline Briggs.

By Ron Young, Secretary

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.

Let the office know at (989) 358-7207 if you need a new tag or never received one.



Photographers Corner



Mark Ferguson of Edward Jones recently talked to ALL about "Understanding Financial Products."





"A nice shot of our recent Blue Moon," says Judy Nichols



Here is Sherry Anderson staffing the ALL table at the Relaxing & Self-care in Your Golden Years Event at Besser Museum on August 24.

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September PROGRAMS

Writing Workshop

Wednesday, September 4, 2024 11 am – 12:30 pm
ACC Madeline Briggs Center

Number of attendees? Minimum: 3 Maximum: 12
Coordinator: MaryAnn Krajnik Crawford 989-916-5540

We will share short pieces of writing (your own or others') and discuss issues and techniques for writing, revising, and editing in a non-critical atmosphere.

MaryAnn Krajnik Crawford enjoys writing and teaching writing, including creative nonfiction and memoir writing.

The Mother Bears

Thursday, September 5, 2024 1:00 - 3:00 pm ACC
Madeline Briggs Center
Coordinator: Priscilla Homola 989-657-0000

"These knitters had such a fun time working on the bears for donating to the Mother Bear Project that they decided to make the gathering a habit and get together once a month," explained Florence Stibitz.

Priscilla Homola leads attendees on the making of a comfort toy, a cuddly bear. These bears are then sent to children in underdeveloped countries. As a child in Zambia said, "The bear is my only friend." For additional information about the Mother Bear project and the ALL program please contact Priscilla Homola.

Growing Up On Mars – The Decline of Play-based Childhood and the Rise of the Phone-based Childhood

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 1:30 – 2:30 pm
ACC Madeline Briggs Center
Coordinator: Annette Fortier 989-370-7778

The Great Rewiring of Childhood, in which the phone-based childhood replaced the play-based childhood, is the major cause of the international epidemic of adolescent mental illness. The first generation of Americans who went through puberty with smartphones in their hands became more anxious, depressed, self-harming and suicidal. We will explore the alarming statistics and underlying issues of development in a phone-based environment.

Joe Gentry is a trustee at Alpena Community College, a former adjunct for ACC and is currently the executive director of United Way.

Photography Club

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 7:00 - 9:00 pm
ACC Madeline Briggs Center
Coordinator: Dick Bremer 989-727-8028

Come and join us as we discuss reorganizing the focus of camera

club to rekindle the excitement of taking superb photos.

Participate by Zoom: **Mtg ID: 847 0459 7928 - Passcode: 635146**

Navigating Medicare in 2025

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:30 - 3:00 pm

ACC CTR room 106

Number of attendees? Minimum: 5 Maximum: 25

Coordinator: Jere Doyle 989-340-0858

Medicare enrollment time is coming again. Nothing can be more frustrating than trying to figure out if you have the correct Medicare coverage for your needs when enrollment time comes around each year. Tanner, Micah and Mark will come to our rescue. They will explain coverages, changes, terminology and answer your Medicare questions. Information you can use to make sure you have the correct coverage for your individual needs.

Tanner Kostelic has been in the insurance industry for 10 years and has been assisting clients with their Medicare plan options for over 4 years. **Micah Olsen** started his professional career in the healthcare industry for 7 years spending time resolving claim conflicts for the University of Washington Medicine. **Mark Boyk** has been in the insurance industry since 1983 and he has been assisting seniors with Medicare for over 8 years.

Little Shop of Horrors

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 7:00 - 8:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center

Coordinator: Nancy Smith 941-735 9434

Zoom Meeting ID: **873 9667 9236 Passcode: 477174**

This presentation will cover aspects of raising carnivorous plants as featured in the movie *Little Shop of Horrors*.

Bob Wissmiller has been growing carnivorous plants for 24 years. He is an Alpena native. He is a veteran of the US NAVY and Desert Storm. He has a 3rd degree black belt in Judo.

Cambodia Corps Inc.

Thursday, September 12, 2024 1:30 to 3:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center

Coordinator: Judy Nichols 517-663-4970

This is a keynote presentation of the history and status of Cambodia Corps Inc. This 501(c)3 offers high school and college degrees for Montagnard's girls and boys. 100% have returned to helping their people.

Max Lund is a retired Alpena businessman, a graduate of Northern Michigan University, a Vietnam vet and President of Cambodia Corps Inc. **Carol Lund** retired Alcona elementary teacher and graduate of Central Michigan University.

Card Making

Monday September 16, 2024 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Location: ACC Madeline Briggs

Cost: \$5 for materials

Number of attendees Minimum: 5 Maximum: 10

Coordinator: Annette Fortier 989-370-7778

If you have never made a card but want to try it, this class is for you. And if you attended in May this is ongoing. Nancy will provide paper and glue. You are to bring scissors, a ruler, and a pencil.

Nancy Pohl has been making cards and other artistic endeavors for years. She would like to share her talents with the participants.

Managing your Money in Retirement

Tuesday, September 17, 2024 1:30-3:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs

Number of attendees? Minimum: 5 Maximum: 20

Coordinator: Jane Roose 989-255-5673

Now that you are retired, or thinking about retiring, what is the best way to manage the funds you have accumulated over the years? Bryan will discuss how to manage both regular savings accounts and investments as well as tax-deferred retirement funds to maximize benefits and minimize taxes and penalties. There will be a question and answer period for general questions.

Bryan Strong has been a financial advisor with Edward Jones since 2003. Bryan is committed to understanding his clients' needs, motivations and values. He utilizes an established process to help his clients identify, define and achieve their goals through comprehensive, uniquely-tailored financial strategies. He partners with his clients for life, knowing their needs and goals may change. His professional certifications include the CFP® and AAMS

Journal Writing, Sharing Stories

Wednesday, September 18, 2024 11 am – 12:30 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center

Number of attendees? Minimum: 4 Maximum: 15

Coordinator: MaryAnn Krajnik Crawford 989-916-5540

Come explore personal and memoir writing in a no-pressure atmosphere; prompts provided.

MaryAnn Krajnik Crawford, retired from Central Michigan University, continues to write for the fun of it.

September Happening at Lost Lake Woods

Thursday, September 19, 2024

11:30am - 2:00pm

Coordinator: Richard Bremer

810-730-7616

The September Happening will be held at the Pavilion on Badger Lake within the Lost Lake Woods Club community. A staff member will describe the history, events and amenities of the property.

You enter LLWC via a gate on the west side of F 41, north of Lincoln, MI. Use the right hand gate to gain entry via a call to the office. Follow the entrance street (Fox Rd.) until it dead ends at Lost



Lake Trail. Turn left at this intersection. Follow the street past the lodge. The pavilion and parking will be visible on the right. The lodge address is 4242 Lost Lake Trail, Lincoln, MI 48742.

Join us at 11:30 AM for social time with the presentation and lunch starting at 12:00 PM. The Board will be providing brats and chicken. Please bring a salad, a dish to pass or desert.

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Update on NOAA by NOAA

Tuesday September 24, 2024

1:30-3:00 pm

Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary
NOAA Theater, 500 West Fetcher Street

Number of attendees? Minimum: 5 Maximum: 25

Coordinator: Sue Jackowiak

989-379-3313

Get an update on Sanctuary education efforts and summer highlights. Learn about the ROV program and how it will host the MATE ROV Competition World Championships in 2025. Meet new staff and how their roles will further the mission of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

Daniel Mofatt received his degree in Anthropology and International Studies from Evangel University, in Springfield, Missouri. Fresh from a semester in Uganda, East Africa, and undecided about a career path, he shifted his focus to outdoor recreation, education, and youth development. He spent years in conservation building trails in state and national forests in New Hampshire and Florida and Oregon. His return home to Lake Huron as an AmeriCorps member with the Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative brought him to Alpena and connected him with the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, where he now works as the Stewardship & Education Specialist.

Moveable Feast - Twin Acres 19th Hole

Tuesday September 24, 2024

4:30-6:00 pm

1081 US 23 North Alpena, Michigan 49707

The 19th Hole is an Alpena favorite with a menu to satisfy any palate and now part of the Wine and Hops Trail. Bring a guest to introduce them to All and some pleasant conversation over a meal and drinks

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Reservations are a MUST. Call the ALL office @ 989-358-7207 or email all@alpenacc.edu or register online for a reservation.

ALL Classroom Technology and Training

Wednesday, September 25th 10:00 - 11:30 am
ACC Madeline Briggs Center
Coordinator: Richard Bremer 989-727-8028



This program will provide an overview of our capability, software and equipment plus provide training to those who are interested. There will be an overview of each capability followed by training based on audience request. We will also discuss our future needs as new technology is ever evolving.

Richard Bremer is a retired electronics engineer, working in the automotive industry for 35 years. He has been involved in the design and procurement of much of the ALL classroom technology.

If These Walls Could Talk: Bus Tour of Vintage Alpena Homes

Thursday, September 26, 2024 1:30- 3:30 pm

Bus will board in the ACC parking lot B in the area closest to Johnson Street. Look for a TBTA bus.

Cost: Seating is limited to 20 - which is why attendance will be limited to ALL members only. **The tour fee is \$10.** Boarding passes will be available on a first come, first served basis, Friday, September 13, at the ALL office from 11 a.m. to 12:15 pm and from 3:15 to 4:30 pm.

You may call 402-679-7669 *during these same hours* to see if the tour has been sold out.

Number of attendees? Minimum: 10 Maximum: 20

Coordinator: Linda Ferguson 402-679-7669

Curious about the history of Alpena vintage homes? Who built them? Who has lived in them? Which house was the home of the 33rd Governor of Michigan? We all know the stone castle Henry house on State Street, but have you ever heard excerpts from his diary?

The tour will include personal memories from people who have lived in the distinguished home. We will not tour homes; the presenters will come to us on the bus. No walking will be involved for tour.

RECURRING SESSIONS

PICKLEBALL

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9:00 - 11:00 am
APlex
Coordinator: Pamela Borchert 989-464-6044

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

Some restrictions apply.

Duplicate Bridge

Mondays, September 9, 16, 23, 30 12:15 – 4:00 pm
Call Marcy for Location in Alpena at 989-354-2306

or Bev at 989-595-5119 or for more information **Cost: \$2**

This is 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.

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Mexican Train Dominoes

Tuesdays, September 3, 10, 17, & 24 9:15 - 11:30 am
ACC Madeline Briggs Center

Coordinator: Eileen Wikaryasz 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.

Pinochle

Wednesdays, September 4, 11, 18, & 25 12:30 - 3:00 pm
ACC Madeline Briggs Center

Coordinator: Mary Ann Kenne 989-255-4414

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

Spitzer

Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26 10:00 - 11:30 am
ACC Madeline Briggs Center

Coordinator: Marilyn Klingshirn 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, 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.

Contract Bridge

Fridays, September 6, 13, 20, & 27 12:30 - 3:00 pm
ACC Madeline Briggs Center

Coordinator: Julie Byrnes 734-761-2123

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

Square Dancing

Fridays, September 6, 13, 20, & 27 4:00 - 6:00 pm
ACC Madeline Briggs Center
Coordinator: Glenn Taylor 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. Let's dance!

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Did you miss one of our programs:

Check out the *new* offerings on **YouTube**.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYc9USUpJ2nsQDsJSLO01Nw>

YOU Can also ACCESS the youtube channel: go to

associationoflifelonglearners.org, then click on Welcome and then Media.

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