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Continual Clothing Tote Bag Workshop

Monday , March 3, 2025

10:00 –11:00 am

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Mary Jo Oke

989-590-0633

DESCRIPTION: Olivia will go through a presentation about marine plastics and textile waste, discussing fast fashion and consumerism, and how they threaten the lakes we love. After the presentation, we will go through how to make a tote bag out of an old t shirt (provided by attendees) and decorate them using patches and fun visible mending techniques. While crafting, attendees will be prompted to share their thoughts and ideas on how to reuse and protect the lakes. Attendees are invited to bring sewing supplies if they have them, but don't have to.

Olivia Miller is a 13th year Early Middle College student attending Alpena Community College. She is currently studying marketing and was very involved in the marketing program during her time at Alpena High School. Olivia grew up in Alpena, MI and has always felt a deep connection with the lakes, prompting her to do her part in protecting them. She is currently serving as a Marine Plastics Ambassador with EarthEcho International, a program made up of 25 other young adults who are devoted to protecting the Great Lakes from marine plastics, and sponsored by SC Johnson.

Get Ready for Visitors

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

1:30 - 3:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Linda Ferguson

402-679-7669

A prepared short, advertisement-free resource of area activities, events, by location and specific seasonal availability. It will help you show off Alpena and some of the surrounding area to family and friends who visit.

Wendy Payne is retired military recently settled in Alpena. During my first year here, I had to scramble around gathering multitudinous resources to plan an interesting itinerary for my children and grandchildren's first visit to my retirement home area. I weeded through all available material and whittled it down to just exactly the information needed to take advantage of everything that's available to us here and in the surrounding area.

If you missed an ALL program that you wanted to catch you may find it on our YouTube channel. Over 200 programs have been recorded and can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/@associationoflifelonglearn3593>



Writing Workshop

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs 143

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.



Starting Seeds Indoors

Thursday, March 6, 2025

1:00 - 2:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Bev Dodem

989-354-4656

Are you anxious for spring? Anxious to think about growing things? Come join Gerry and he will help get you started. He will lead the attendees through the process of starting seeds indoors with this list: 1) reading a seed package, 2) type of planting container, 3) type of media, 4) timing, 5) thinning, 6) fertilizing, 7) hardening off, 8) things to watch for. You will be able to do this by yourself learning from Gerry. There will also be a little tour to see the work of the ACC Planters which is in the Briggs Center building.

Gerald Ciarkowski is a life time gardener. After retiring from his day job, he took the Master Gardening class and became a Master Gardener in 2006. Gerry has a large garden in the Cathro area and worked with the ACC Planters who supply the campus with flowers. He has also worked in the ACC greenhouse to help with the growing of the vegetables which also required developing and maintaining the infrastructures that helped with the growing of the vegetables.

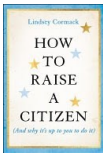
ALL prefers that you register for our programs, but if things change in your schedule, give the ALL office a call @ (989) 358-7207 or call the program coordinator to let us know you are coming or not.

Finding and Making Rocks Beautiful
Tuesday, March, 11, 2025
Madeline Briggs University Center #140
Coordinator: Linda Ferguson

1:30 - 3:00 pm
402-679-7669

Rob is a master at finding rocks and making beautiful jewelry and other treasures from the rocks he finds. He will share his rock hunting skills as well his talent in bringing out the beauty in the rocks. He will have samples of some of his creations and answer your rock questions as well as questions about his You Tube program.

Rob Abram grew up on Hubbard Lake, attended Alcona schools and graduated from the University of Michigan. He was a teacher at Thunder Bay Junior High teaching mostly eighth grade math. Now sorta retired he is currently teaching one math class at All Saints School, working with rocks and creating YouTube program. He is an active member at All Saints Catholic Church. Rob is married to Nancy (Genschaw), They have two children, Allison and Bryan and two grandkids, Joe and Maria (Allison’s kids).



How to Raise a Citizen
Thursday March 13, 2025
CTR 114 at ACC
Coordinator: Tom Hillberg
Number of attendees: Minimum 5 Maximum 40
Program Open to the Public

6:00-8:00 pm
989-464-5569

Lindsey Cormack's book, *How to Raise a Citizen (And Why It's Up to You to Do It)*, speaks directly to an America in which civic knowledge is alarmingly sparse and many people dread politics. It's a tool for parents, educators, and anyone eager to fill this gap.

Join Tim Kuehnlein, Political Science and History Instructor at Alpena Community College, for a review and discussion about the book and the challenges of civics education and awareness in America today. This event is open to the public.

Tim Kuehnlein is a Political Science and History Instructor at ACC. A long-time ALL presenter, his interest in global politics, community engagement, the arts, and civics engagement is central to his practice of sharing insights and fostering civil discourse on subjects that impact the world in which we live.

Northeast Michigan Materials Management Authority

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

1:30-2:30 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Pat Garant

231-641-9320

This presentation will be about the current recycling facility and what is done there. Baily will then go over what the future holds with a new building coming in 2026.

Bailey Barr is the new director of the Northeast Michigan Materials Management Authority. He is an Alpena native and is actively involved with the community. He holds an Associate Degree in business management from Alpena Community College. He is married with a four month old son. Bailey's wife works at Wilson Elementary School as a first grade teacher.



Journal Writing, Sharing Stories

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

11 am – 12:30 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143

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.

Hobby Radio Made Simple

Wednesday March 19, 2025

1:00– 3:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Wendy Payne

703-472-5862

This presentation will inform the attendee about the amateur radio hobby in its many forms, and how to participate. It includes a brief history of amateur radio, what can be done in this hobby with, and without, a HAM radio license, equipment needed to get involved, and resources to learn more.

Kevin Chandler (ki4tbe) has been a licensed amateur radio operator for 18 years. He became interested in this hobby as a pre-teen listening to an amateur radio receiver with his father on winter evenings, finding hams make contacts worldwide. He is a graduate of both Alpena High and Alpena Community College and holds a BS and MS in mechanical engineering from Oakland University. He also has an EdD from the University of Orlando in educational leadership.

🌟Behind the Scenes with the Alpena County Road Commission

Thursday, March 20, 2025

1:30-2:30 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Ron Young

989-884-4011

A presentation on upcoming and future road and bridge projects in Alpena County, some basic insight on winter maintenance activities and an overview of funding sources.

Ryan Brege has been employed by the Road Commission for 23 years. Eighteen years as an Engineering Technician and Managing Director for the last five. Ryan is a graduate of Alpena Community College with an Associate's Degree in Concrete Technology.

Alpena Civic Theater production: "Steel Magnolias"

Sunday, March 23, 2025

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Alpena Civic Theatre, 401 River Street, Alpena

Coordinator: Linda Ferguson

402-679-7669

Cost:\$20 **Ticket:** payment must be in ALL office by 12:30 pm Thursday, March 13, 2025. Tickets will be available in the ACT lobby after 1:15 pm on performance day. Look for the coordinator.

Pivoting around the lively Truvy Jones' Louisiana beauty parlour, a tightly-knit band of friends, confront griefs, loss, life's unforeseen tragedies and heartaches with what they do best: gossiping and sharing. The spirited diabetic and bride-to-be, Shelby; her always supportive mother, M'Lynn; Truvy's gawky assistant, Annelle; the city's curmudgeon, Ouiser; and the town's former first lady, Clairee, are the warm Southern belles who know how to survive life's challenges with their unwavering friendship. But when Shelby decides to conceive, things will turn upside down..—**Nick Riganas**
Alpena Civic Theatre has been bringing live theatre to the Alpena area for 68 years. It is a 501c3 nonprofit theatre run completely by volunteers. Their greatest joy is bringing fun and enjoyment to everyone that crosses the threshold into the special little theatre.

Have a presentation or hobby to share? Know someone who has a presentation or hobby to share? Or, do you have a topic you would like to learn more about? Contact the ALL Office at 989-358-7207 or email all@alpenacc.edu to share your ideas—ALL is always looking for new programs to offer.

Where are we at now on Enbridge Line 5 oil pipeline?

Thursday, March 25, 2025

1:30 – 2:30 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Building 140

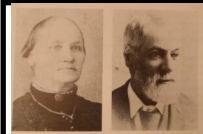
Coordinator: Mike Mandrick

989-255-2699

The Enbridge Line 5 oil pipeline through Michigan and the Straits of Mackinac is a controversial issue. It is also an ever-changing one. There have been a lot of recent developments that will play a big part in the future of Line 5. We are aware of some of the environmental risks, but how about the financial aspects of this proposal along with the current litigation issues? Let me bring you up to speed on some of the recent actions and studies.



Greg Awtry is a retired newspaper publisher. His papers include the York News-Times, Scottsbluff Star-Gerald, Gering Courier, and Hemingford Ledger, all Berkshire Hathaway publications. For twenty years he has published a weekly or bi-weekly newspaper column including the Alpena News. Awtry was named by the Associated Press Great Plains Division, consisting of eight Midwestern states, as the best Editorialist five years in a row, and numerous best columnist awards by the Nebraska Press Association. His last two years before retirement, his Scottsbluff Star-Herald was named the Number One Daily newspaper in the State of Nebraska.



Celebrating Women’s History Month March 2025

Sarah and Daniel Carter, and their daughter Mary Lavina, became Alpena’s first permanent settlers in November of 1856. Daniel and his business partners

were drawn to the area for the plentiful virgin white pine that would make a profitable lumber trade, with the Thunder Bay River the perfect spot to build a sawmill. Shortly after he and his family created a homestead, others followed, eager to harvest the bountiful wild forest. It wasn’t long before the Carter’s tiny modest house near the Thunder Bay River became the first boarding house, as there was nowhere else for visitors who were scoping out the land to stay.

The Carter home was often filled to capacity with visitors, but Sarah Carter was an excellent host and managed to provide a nice bed and plenty of food for their guests. There was a small clearing around the Carter home where they grew a garden, but the rest of the area was covered with swamp, trees and thick brush. You can find more of the story online for Alpena’s first family with this link:

<https://www.visitalpena.com/people-from-the-past-sarah-carter-alpenas-first-female-pioneer/>.

March Happening - Makes a good thing happen for Coordinators!!

Thursday, March 27, 2025

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Stillion Room, Alpena County George N. Flecher Public Library,
211 N. First Ave, Alpena**

Cost : Suggested lunch donation \$15

Coordinator: Jane Roose

989-255-5673

ALL's March Happening will honor those wonderful Lifelong Learners who have volunteered to be program coordinators. They are the friendly people who greet you at each event and make sure it is pleasant and memorable for both audience and presenter. This is not always an easy task, and can be unexpectedly time-consuming with preparation, reminder calls, and fixing glitches on-site. This year's special Happening to show our appreciation for our ALL coordinators' will feature a catered lunch and entertainment in the Stillion Room at the Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library. Dr Tom will create and perform a Words and Music show especially for this celebration. This is the perfect time to socialize with your ALL buddies while honoring our valued coordinators – not to mention an opportunity to wear your ALL name tag. 😊 Please join us. RSVP is necessary for planning the lunch Menu. To save your seat(s), please call the ALL office at 989-358-7207, or by using the QR code or registration link on the Registration form.

AHS Tech Workshop

Thursday, March 27, 2025

3:00-5:00 p.m.

ACC Madeline Briggs 140

Number of Attendees: Max 15

Coordinator: Linda Ferguson

402-679-7667

Bring any and all of your technology devices that are giving you headaches to this workshop. Bring in all your questions about those devices to this workshop. The AHS students of DECA** club are here to help. These students know it all, if one can't help another can. Club advisor Amanda Pilarski also shares her knowledge and skills. This is one-on-one help that focuses on **your** situation and concerns. The students participate in various statewide competitions in the spring. If you find their skills helpful and valuable, any donation to help offset the expense of these competitions would be appreciated.

** Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) is a high school and college program for students interested in business. The organization prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management.

MARCH RECURRING SESSIONS



PICKLEBALL

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

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.



Duplicate Bridge

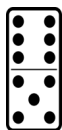
Mondays

12:15 - 4:00 pm

Call for Location in Alpena. Call Marcy at
or Bev at 989-595-5119 for more information

989-354-2306

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.



Mexican Train Dominoes

Tuesdays

9:15 - 11:30 am

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143

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

12:30 - 3:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Mary Ann Kenne

989-255-4414

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

ALL is supported by membership fees. Guests are always welcome. A modest donation from guests for the value of your experience is always appreciated.

RECURRING SESSIONS



Spitzer

Thursdays

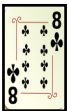
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Coordinator: Marilyn Klingshirn

10:00 - 11:30 am

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

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Julie Byrnes

12:30 - 3:00 pm

734-761-2123

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



Square Dancing

Fridays

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Glenn Taylor

4:00 - 6:00 pm

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!

Recurring Programs are held the same day of the Week in any given month. To find detailed dates of these programs, please refer to the Calendar on Pag 11.

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