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What is an Invasive Species

Friday April 4, 2025

10:00 - 11:00 am

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Bev Bodem

989-354-4656

Zoom: Meeting ID: 818 3481 9544

Passcode: 908302

Join the Huron Coastal Invasive Species Network to learn how invasive species impact habitats and communities in Northeast Michigan and how we work collaboratively to manage them across the region.

Amber Hubbard is the coordinator of the Huron Coastal Invasive Species Network and the Stewardship Project Manager at Huron Pines. Amber conducts invasive species inventories, management, and outreach for Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Alpena, Alcona, and Iosco Counties.



Thunder Bay Island Lighthouse Preservation Society

Monday April 7, 2025

1:30 –2:30 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Paat Garant

231-640-9320

This will be a presentation about the Thunder Bay Island Lighthouse - its history, as well as an overview of past and future planned projects by the Thunder Bay Island Lighthouse Preservation Society.

Sue Skibbe has been an active member of TBIPS since shortly after its inception in 1996. She has served in all officers positions throughout the years, and for the past 15 years has been the government liaison between the preservation society and all government agencies.

Nancy Kunzat is the current serving president of the TBIPS and is an active volunteer at the island along with her husband. She was the chair for the NE Community Foundation Giving Tuesday campaign and raised funds at the APlex Wishing for Christmas holiday craft show.

Book Lover’s Gathering

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

1:30 –3:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Carey Rapin

989-354-3046

“Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are.” After many, long winter days we are all ready to sit in our chairs on our decks, lawns or the beach with a good book. Join us for suggestions from fellow book lovers for your spring/summer reading. You are welcome to bring a book or two to trade. A list will be made for your future reference. All are welcome.

This is one of **Carey Rapin’s** most enjoyable days with ALL.

Cross Purposes: *Christianity's Broken Bargain with Democracy*

Tuesday , April 1, 2025

1:30 –2:30 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Judy Nichols

517-663-4970

DESCRIPTION: *Cross Purposes: Christianity's Broken Bargain with Democracy.*

This is the title of a book by Jonathan Rauch an atheist, Jewish, homosexual who wrote one of the most insightful books on the Christian church I've read in sometime. An outsider can sometimes see what insiders cannot and I believe this book proves that point. Join me as we open his friendly critique of the Christian church where it has failed and where it can succeed.

Bob Case is a pastor emeritus from the First Congregational United Church of Christ and keeps trying to enjoy his full retirement. He continues to offer thoughtful presentations giving ALL members much to consider and ponder.



Writing Workshop

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 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.

 **Behind the Scenes at The APlex**

Thursday, April 3, 2025

1:30 -2:30 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Linda Ferguson

402-679-7669

Alpena's APlex complex hosts a multitude of events from Pickleball, weddings, expos and big name performers. We know that what we don't know, is what is involved in making all these events successful. What kind of catastrophes come close to derailing events? What are some of the more interesting events that have been staged? What events were impossible to happen. Beckie Thomson will take us behind the scenes at The APlex and put us "in the know" with the rest of the stories.

Beckie Thomson is a retired English teacher of 36 years. She has been employed by the APlex since August of 2021. She enjoys working with people and sports, so the APlex is a natural fit for work and fun.

Moveable Feast—Little Town Lounge

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

4:30 –7:00 pm

10026 M-32, Herron, MI 49744

Coordinator: Jane Roose

989-255-5673

Participants are responsible for the cost of their meal and beverage. They will be able to order a marvelous meal from the menu, and a beverage from a wide variety of drinks, participate in rousing conversations, make new friends, and renew existing friendships. Invite a friend. This is a great way to introduce a friend to ALL. **Please call the ALL office at 989-358-7207 or e-mail all@alpenacc.edu or register online so the restaurant and coordinator can plan accordingly.** You never know what sort of shenanigans we have in store!

Little Town Lounge is a local restaurant/bar on M-32 in Herron, Michigan. They are well-known in the area for their tender baby back ribs, but offer an extensive menu with friendly staff and ample parking.

Birds of Duck/Island Park

Thursday, April 10, 2025

1:30-2:30 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Mike Mandrick

989-255-2699

Zoom: Meeting ID: 879 1521 6938

Passcode: 309527

Two members of Thunder Bay Audubon Society will lead you on a photographic tour of Duck/Island Park using a map and photos of birds that you would have a chance of seeing there. At a later time, if you wish to visit the park on your own, take binoculars and camera if you have them, and enjoy!

Karen Tetzlaff and **Judy Kalmanek** have been members of Thunder Bay Audubon Society for many years. Both take part in most TBAS events and have bird feeders at home. There is always something new and exciting to learn about birds and love sharing their knowledge with others.



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>

My lifelong love of sailing: learning, building, traveling, and more learning.
Tuesday, April 15, 2025 **1:30 – 2:30 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Marcia Connolly **989-356-2582**
Zoom: Meeting ID: 841 9544 7063 **Passcode: 242032**

Mark Kinney grew up on a lake in Maine in the summers in a family with an older brother who was very excited about boats and sailing, and a dad who always opened opportunities for his five kids to try new things. Not much money, but lots of ways to experiment with old row boats laying around, bed sheets, visqueen, and newly created polyester fiberglass construction. That led to many hours learning how a sailboat works, how to make it faster, and many disasters along the way. As Mark matured, he became an excellent sailor who has competed in many sailboat races, sailed the Maine coast – well actually the whole east coast, and through the Caribbean as well as cruises in Croatia, Canada and Greece. Eventually he decided to build his own cruising trimaran using the new WEST (wood epoxy saturation technique) system. You will learn a bit of all of these parts of the love which Mark holds for sailing.

Mark Kinney has been active with ALL since the early 2000s, serving on the board and as president. He and his wife, Nancy have lived in Presque Isle since 2000. In 1976-77 Mark and two friends finished building their Horstmann trimaran. They sailed their trimaran, Sannu through the Caribbean with their two young children in 1982-83.



ALL Photography Club
Tuesday, April 15, 2025 (3rd Tuesday– monthly) **7:00 – 9:00 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Dick Bremer **989-727-8028**
Zoom: Meeting ID: 847 0459 7928 **Passcode: 635146**

Join in the discussions about photographic techniques and equipment. Or just stop in and checkout some of the photos from Club members and visitors. All skill levels are welcome. Join us in-person or on Zoom.

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.



Journal Writing, Sharing Stories

Wednesday, April 16, 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.

Introducing Alpena, Michigan People’s Garden

Thursday, April 17, 2025

1:30– 2:30 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Linda Ferguson

402-679-7669

Zoom: Meeting ID: 845 7331 2572

Passcode: 436123

This will be an educational introduction to the Alpena People's Garden and newest Blue Zone initiative: rooted firmly in principles of health, nutrition, environment, and economy that builds on food safety and sovereignty.

Amy Dodge is a native of Alpena, the quintessential lifelong learner.. an award winning volunteer.. versed in multiple nutrition, fitness and faith-centered Farming Gardening & Growing. Amy is a potent organizer.. fundraiser.. and community builder.

My Life as Teacher Around the World

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

1:00-3:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Wendy Payne

703-472-5862

Zoom: Meeting ID: 825 1541 3330

Passcode: 486559

Did you know that educators in America can easily get a teaching job in almost any other country in the world? It’s true - no need to change what or how you teach, or learn a new language. I discovered this shortly into my teaching career and worked overseas for the past 10 years. If you are curious to learn more, come to hear about my experiences teaching in 3 countries and traveling to over 20 countries.

Brian Puls graduated from Hope College in 2010 and taught math and science for 4 years in Mebane, North Carolina. Having learned about teaching overseas from a colleague, I worked in Kuwait, Bangladesh, and Indonesia over the past 10 years. I spent my holidays motorcycling through jungles, tasting national beers, and relaxing on tropical beaches. I was addicted to the adventure and unpredictability of life abroad. I’m currently taking a gap year to figure out my next steps.

AHS Tech Workshop**Thursday, April 24, 2025****3:00-5:00 pm****ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140****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.

Hands-on Cooking with Jess Krawczak**Tuesday, April 29, 2025****4:00-6:30 pm****Alpena Senior Citizen Center, 501 River St., Alpena****Cost: \$15 due in the ALL office by noon Tuesday, April 22, 2025****Number of attendees: Maximum 15****Coordinator: Linda Ferguson****402-679-7667**

Jess Krawczak returns to ALL bringing with her all her culinary knowledge and skills. Some of you may remember Jess from the cooking programs she did with ALL a few years ago. Covid put a stop to those but we are ecstatic to have her back. Jess will guide us through the hands on preparation of a mouthwatering dish while educating us on the use of spices. When to use fresh herbs? When to use dried herbs? What spices enhance which foods? These questions and more will be answered. We will sit down together and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow ALL members while dining on the dish we have created. The \$15 fee will cover all costs associated with the meal. We will meet and use the kitchen facilities and the dining area of the Alpena Senior Citizens Center. Attendance is limited to 15 and fees are due in the ALL office by noon on April 23, 2025.

Jess Krawczak is a Certified Nutritionist, and is the owner of Fresh Focus Nutrition and Wellness. She teaches a children's culinary program at Art In The Loft, as well as many adult classes there. She has been a Pampered Chef Consultant for over 15 years. Jess is a wife and mother of two kids. Her and her family love to fish, hunt, camp, and do anything on Long Lake. She is a home-trained cook and loves to help others in the kitchen.



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.

APRIL 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

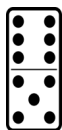
Mondays

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

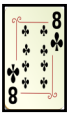
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

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 Page 11.

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