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Second Chance Shelter

Thursday May 1, 2025

1:30 - 2:30 pm

1110 DeVere Drive (the road right beside the Days Inn on M32)

Coordinator: Jan Kane

989-464-7107

Visit Second Chance Animal Shelter and get a behind the scenes tour. Visit with cuddly kittens and have private shopping time at the Second Chance Resale Shop.

Leanne Bloom will be your guide through the history of the shelter and a full facility tour. Leanne is one of the founding members of the shelter and is the current Operations Director & Treasurer as well as a hands-on volunteer/animal foster. She is originally from Calgary, Alberta Canada and has called Alpena home since 2006 - her background in marketing, finance and safety, as well as her love for animals, led her to her current role in our community's only private no-kill shelter.



Behind the Scenes: Northern Lights Arena

Tuesday May 6, 2025

1:30 –2:30 pm

Northern Lights Arena, 751 Woodward Ave

Coordinator: Linda Ferguson

402-679-7669

A Backstage Pass at Northern Lights –ALL members and guests will go behind the scenes for a close-up look at northeast Michigan’s premier major events venue. How do staff quickly and smoothly convert from an ice hockey rink, to a concert stage, to a rodeo arena? (And hear about a few near-disasters that were avoided.) What training is necessary to drive a Zamboni ? What lessons and surprises have come with the arena’s success? Sign up for an enjoyable and informative visit to a place you may already have been many times.

Jeremy Winterstein is the manager and head of maintenance of Northern Lights Arena. He began as a part-time Zamboni driver at Northern Lights Arena 21 years ago and has risen through the ranks to become the owner of Alpena Rink Management LLC, the company that operates the arena. His passion for hockey and skating, developed growing up playing at Mich-e-ke-wis in his hometown of Alpena, has been passed down to his three children, who have all grown up playing at Northern Lights Arena. His commitment to his community and the sport he loves has made a lasting impact on Northern Lights Arena and the lives of those who use it.

May Moveable Feast—19th Hole

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

4:30 – 6:30 pm

Twin Acres 19th Hole -1081 US-23 N, Alpena

Coordinator: Jane Roose

989-255-5673

Cost: Responsible for the cost of your food and beverages.

Come and join us for Seis de Mayo (because a Cinco de Mayo party deserves two days). 19th Hole offers a wide variety of options including many Mexican entrees, salads, pizza, and seafood. Don't be embarrassed to ask for the senior menu. Please join us for some good food and conversation. 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. (FYI 3% charge for credit card use.)

This family-owned business has been around for over 55 years. Some of the big-name entertainment who appeared here were The Jimmy Dorsey Band, The Frost (featuring Alpena's own Donny Hartman and Bobby Rigg), Steppenwolf, and Bob Seger! In 1977 Twin Acres became a night club. In 1982, it reopened as a sports bar until 1991 when a major remodeling took place. It reopened with the sports theme but with a full menu. Their motto is "Through these doors walk the greatest people on earth." They are part of the Wine and Hops Trail. Check out their website at www.sunrisesidewineandhopstrail.com.

Farmers Market

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

10:00 –11:00 am

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Nancy Smith

941-735-9434

Zoom: Meeting ID: 862 5041 0823

Passcode: 741176

At this event participants will learn about the history of the Alpena Farmers Market and our current programs and events that we organize and support including: Alpena Farmers Market membership, educational gardening programs, craft workshops, fundraising events, EBT and Double Up Food Bucks, Senior Project Fresh, WIC Project Fresh, Markets Sprouts Program, Save-A-Life Saturday, Second Saturday Vintage and Artisan Market, Apple Pie Contest, Kids Day, Alpena Ice Fest, holiday markets, and much more.

JB Cook was born and raised in Alpena and involved with the Alpena farmers market for over 45 years. Attended undergraduate at the University of Michigan earning Bachelor's of Science Degree in Resource Ecology and Management. Then attended Central Michigan University earning a Master of Science Degree as a Physician Assistant. Came back to Alpena and worked in Emergency Medicine and Family Medicine. Currently working as a provider in Ossineke for Alcona Health Center.



Writing Workshop

Wednesday, May 7, 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.

From Kingston Thru The 1000 Islands

Thursday, May 8, 2025

1:30 –2:30 pm

Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Marcia Connelly

989- 356-2582

We will take you on a photo journey from Kingston, Ont. to Gananoque, Ont. through the 1000 Islands, an archipelago in both Canada & the USA. It is designated as a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve and a Canadian National Park.

Jere Doyle an ALL member since 2010 and a present ALL Board Member, Jere has had a visit to the 1000 Islands on his bucket list for several years.

Fortunately, the opportunity had afforded him this past summer and he looks forward to sharing the experience with you.



ACT Production: Once Upon a Mattress

Sunday, May 11, 2025

2:00 – 5:00 pm

Alpena Civic Theater, 401 River Street, Alpena

Coordinator: Linda Ferguson

402-679-7669

Cost :\$20 Ticket; payment to ALL office by 12:30 pm May 1

Pick up your ticket from the coordinator on the day of the performance (May 11) after 1:15 pm in the ACT lobby.

Once Upon a Mattress is a musical comedy with music by Mary Rodgers, lyrics by Marshall Barer, and book by Jay Thompson, Dean Fuller, and Marshall Barer. It opened off-Broadway in May 1959, and then moved to Broadway. The play was written as a humorous adaptation of the 1835 Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale "The Princess and the Pea". **Once Upon a Mattress** marked the Broadway debut of comedian Carol Burnett, who originated the role of Princess Winnifred.

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. ACT’s greatest joy is bringing fun and enjoyment to everyone that crosses the threshold of the little theatre.

Joe Donna's Walk and Talk

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

1:30-2:30 pm

Besser Museum, 471 Johnson St., Alpena

Coordinator: Sue Jackowiak

989-379-3313

Cost: \$5.00 Adults-\$3.00 Senior, non-members of museum.

Number of attendees: Maximum 10 –ALL Members have preference.

Joe will do a Walk and Talk about his Artwork on display at the Besser Museum. Learn about Joe Donna 's art. Joe works in all mediums, but favors photographic image. His subject matter ranges from whimsical portrayals of current culture to the deadly seriousness of religious dogma.

Joe Donna was born in New York, Joe grew up in the Detroit area. In 1985, he received a MFA in Ceramics from Michigan State University. Shortly thereafter, he secured a teaching position at Kirtland Community College where he taught for the next 27 years. Currently, he is an adjunct faculty member at Alpena Community College where he has taught art for the past 30 years. Joe's works have been in many national exhibitions with several in private collections. He has participated in exhibitions at the Besser Museum and has been a six-year participant in ArtPrize in Grand Rapids.

Conversations on End-of-Life Care—Hospice of Michigan

Tuesday, May 20 2025

1:30-2:30 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Linda Ferguson

402-679-7669

Hospice care is a compassionate, holistic approach to end-of-life care that focuses on comfort, dignity, and quality of life for individuals facing terminal illnesses. Unfortunately, many people do not fully understand what hospice care is or how it can benefit both patients and their families. Hospice of Michigan has been in the Alpena community for decades and is proud to be partner and resource for the community. Community members will gain a better understanding of Hospice of Michigan's mission, what hospice care is and how it serves individuals and families facing terminal illnesses. We will increase awareness of the difference between not-for-profit and for-profit hospice care models, and the value of community-based, compassionate care. Our program empowers individuals to feel confident in navigating hospice care options and accessing resources for themselves or their loved ones. (A hand out will be provided for Program Objectives. Check the ALL website for this program to see the objectives before the program.)

Melissa McDonald-Reed is the Director of Philanthropy at Hospice of Michigan overseeing the organization's fundraising efforts in northern Michigan. Melissa ensures that Hospice of Michigan supporters experience genuine, high-quality interactions with the organization and works with prospective donors to expand their awareness and solicit financial support for Hospice of Michigan.



ALL Photography Club

Tuesday, May 20, 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 check out some of the photos from Club members and visitors. All skill levels are welcome. Join us in-person or on Zoom.



Journal Writing, Sharing Stories

Wednesday, May 21, 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.

Plastics in the Great Lakes

Thursday, May 22, 2025

2:30– 3:30 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Pat Garant

231-649-9320

Zoom: Meeting ID: 825 7453 3131

Passcode: 099809

Olivia will give an engaging presentation highlighting marine plastics in the Great Lakes! She will discuss what marine plastics are, where they come from, how they are harmful, and what we can do to take action. She will also share about her small business project “Continual Clothing” and what she has been doing to spread awareness about marine plastics and textile waste.

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. Olivia is super excited to be starting her own small business, Continual Clothing, providing intriguing Great Lakes themed T shirts, and hosting events creating awareness and education about this important topic.

Outsmart the Scammers: Keeping Hucksters away from your money!

Thursday, May 29, 2025

1:30-2:30 pm

ACC Newport CTR 106

Coordinator: Linda Ferguson

402-679-7669

Chloe Ferguson from Edward Jones will be presenting a seminar called 'Outsmart the Scammers' which will discuss how to spot certain red flags with possible scams. There will also be a gentleman joining us via Zoom from our Edward Jones corporate fraud department. He will discuss what types of fraud & scams that they're encountering.

Chloe is a financial advisor whose purpose is to guide her clients through life milestones, helping them make informed decisions with clarity and confidence. She focuses in wealth strategies, charitable giving, retirement income and saving strategies, and business retirement plans while building genuine relationships with her clients. Chloe obtained her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan Ross School of Business, and she is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER® professional.

When she is not helping clients, you'll often find Chloe spending time with family and friends, enjoying the outdoors and travelling. She love snowboarding in the winter and spending time on the water in the summer. Traveling feeds her curiosity, allowing her to explore new cultures through food, people and history.

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.

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>

ALL recognizes many important May Holidays!



MAY HOLIDAYS

- 1- May Day
- 2- Brother & Sisters Day
- 4- Kentucky Derby Day (first Saturday)
- 4- Star Wars Day
- 5- Cinco De Mayo
- 5- Ramadan (varies)
- 6- National Nurses Day
- 8- No Socks Day
- 10- Clean Up Your Room Day
- 11- Eat What You Want Day
- 12- Mother's Day (2nd Sunday)
- 15- National Chocolate Chip Day
- 17- National Bike to Work Day (3rd Friday)
- 18- Armed Forces Day (3rd Saturday)
- 18- No Dirty Dishes Day
- 19- World Plant a Veggie Garden Day
- 21- Victoria Day (Canada)
- 22- National Buy A Musical Instrument Day
- 23- Lucky Penny Day
- 25- National Brown Bag It Day
- 26- Sally Ride Day
- 27- Memorial Day (last Monday)
- 28- National Hamburger Day
- 30- Water a Flower Day

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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

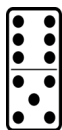
Mondays

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

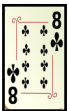
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

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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				<p>1 Spitzer 10 - 11:30 am Sec. Chance Shelter 1:30-2:30 pm</p>	<p>2 Pickleball 9:00 -11:00 am Bridge 12:30 - 3 pm Sq Dancing 4 - 6 pm</p>	3
4	<p>5 Pickleball 9:00-11:00 am Dup Bridge 12:15 - 4 pm</p>	<p>6 Dominoes 9:15 -11:30 am Behind the Scenes Northern Lights 1:30 - 2:30 pm Moveable Feast 19th Hole 4:30-6:30 pm</p>	<p>7 Pickleball 9:00 -11:00 am Pinochle 12:30-3:00 pm Farmers Mkt. 10:00-11:00 am Writing Wkshp 11:00-12:30 pm</p>	<p>8 Spitzer 10 - 11:30 am From Kingston thru 1000 Isles 1:30-2:30 pm</p>	<p>9 Pickleball 9:00 -11:00 am Bridge 12:30 - 3:00 pm Sq Dancing 4 - 6 pm</p>	10
11 A C T Th ea te	<p>12 Pickleball 9:00 -11:00 am Dup Bridge 12:15 - 4 pm</p>	<p>13 Dominoes 9:15-11:30 am Joe Donna Besser 1:30 -2:30 pm</p>	<p>14 Pickleball 9:00 -11:00 am Pinochle 12:30-3:00 pm</p>	<p>15 Spitzer 10 - 11:30 am</p>	<p>16 Pickleball 9:00 -11:00 am Bridge 12:30 - 3:00 pm Sq Dancing 4 - 6 pm</p>	17
18	<p>19 Pickleball 9:00-11:00 am Dup Bridge 12:15- 4:00 pm</p>	<p>20 Dominoes 9:15-11:30 am End of Life Care 1:30-2:30 pm Photography Club 7:00-9:00 pm</p>	<p>21 Pickleball 9:00 -11:00 am Journal Writing 11:00-12:30 pm Pinochle 12:30-3:00 pm</p>	<p>22 Spitzer 10 -11:30 am Plastics in the Great Lakes 2:30 -3:30 pm</p>	<p>23 Pickleball 9:00 -11:00 am Bridge 12:30 - 3:00 pm Sq Dancing 4 - 6 pm</p>	24
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