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Hands-on Bakery Cookie Baking**Wednesday, October 1, 2025****2:00-4:00 pm****Alpena Senior Center, 501 River Street, Alpena****Coordinator: Wendy Payne****703-472-5862****Attendees: Minimum 5, Maximum 10****Cost: Bring \$8 for cookie ingredients when you attend the program.**

Interested in learning how to make bakery style cookies? We will be making Levain Bakery copycat cookies – Chocolate chip with pecans, Dark chocolate chocolate chip, White chocolate chip with macadamia nuts & cranberries, Caramel coconut chocolate chip, and peanut butter. We will taste test our efforts when done baking. You will be given copies of the recipes. Bring a container to take some cookies home, too.

Lisa Rosenbeck is retired, loves to bake and is an avid member of ALL.

Fall Bike Ride**Thursday, October 2, 2025****9:30 am-1:30 pm****Meet at St. Gabriel Catholic Church at Black River Rd. and N. Lake Shore Dr. in Black River, MI****Coordinator: Bill Haase****989 340 2123**

This annual fall biking trip will provide an enjoyable day of biking through the countryside from Black River to the Sturgeon Point Lighthouse and back. Pack a lunch and we will eat together at the lighthouse. Helmets are required.

Bill Haase has organized many ALL-bike rides and continues to serve on the Executive Board for ALL.

Etched in Stone, and Keeping it that Way: Helping Grave Markers**Thursday, October 2, 2025****1:30-3:30 pm****Holy Cross Cemetery, 1300 W. Washington Ave, Alpena****Minimum: 5****Coordinator: Linda Ferguson****402-679-7669**

This is a hands-on program led by Granite Gardens Tombstone Preservationists, Mike Phillips and Danyael Dorr. They will have ALL members working with them in preserving and restoring a cemetery monument. Participants should be dressed for the weather and the hands-on participation of restoring and preserving one of these monuments. The program will be held at Holy Cross Cemetery, Alpena, Michigan.

In the spring of 2020, with the need to be social and a combined interest in history, art and nature, Granite Gardens began to quietly beautify forgotten memorials in Alpena's local cemeteries. According to Mike Phillips, "We don't just restore an inanimate monument. What is most important is that we restore the person's life."

Etched in Stone—Continued

Mike Phillips has called Alpena home since 1974 and after retiring from the machine tool world has directed his efforts to historical endeavors. Mike currently works with two volunteers, Amanda Kuznicki and Danyea Dorr to restore and preserve what weather and time have tried to erase while bringing to life the story of a citizen who helped build the community we call home.

Danyea Dorr, a Harrisville native, has a Bachelor's Degree in Art History. She has worked at the Besser Museum as the Collections Manager and at Alpena Community College teaching art classes. She now works at Thunder Bay Junior High School. Danyea has always had an interest in cemeteries for their rich history and aesthetic value. During the pandemic and social distancing, gathering outside with friends to help gently clean headstones was her way of beating cabin fever.

Tour of The Alpena News

Monday October 6, 2025

1:00 –2:00 pm

The Alpena News, 130 Park Place, Alpena

Coordinator: Sue Jackowiak

989-379-3313

Here is a chance to learn how a newspaper is published day to day. This tour will include The Alpena News and all of the Departments. Front Office, Layout/ Classified Advertising, Display Advertising, Editorial and the Press/Mailroom areas.

Christie Werda has been with The Alpena News since 2001 starting as part-time in the Classified Department. She has been in the positions of Classified Dept. lead, Display Advertising Manager and now since March of 2025 General Manager/Advertising Manager.

WBKB

Tuesday October 7, 2025

1:30-3:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Cindy Kelly

517-242-0096

Come and meet the new reporter at WBKB11.

Matt Velez arrived in Alpena this past summer and began working at the TV station. Matt will talk about his background, his journey getting here, and his work at WBKB.

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>

Moveable Feast at Smokey's Mountain Bar and Grill

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

4:00-5:30 pm

5992 N. Hubbard Lake Rd., Spruce, MI

Coordinator: Jane Roose

989-255-5673

Attendees: Minimum 5, Maximum 35

Cost: Participants are responsible for the cost of their meal and beverage.

Join the ALL Moveable Feast for an early dinner at the all-new Smokey's Mountain Bar and Grill in beautiful Hubbard Lake. Fingers crossed for scenic fall color on the drive. If anyone wishes to carpool, please meet at the ALL Briggs Building at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8. It is about a 30-minute drive from the college. The menu looks amazing featuring burgers, pizzas, salads, and their own BBQ. Please feel free to invite someone who has not enjoyed a Moveable Feast to join us. Please call the ALL office at 989-358-7207 or email all@alpenacc.edu or register online for a reservation so the restaurant can plan accordingly.

The Smokey's story is one of resilience and reinvention that has left a lasting mark on Hubbard Lake. In May of 2018, tragedy struck when the original restaurant was consumed by flames. From the ashes, a phoenix arose as it became a "to go" business in the back of Jake's Ice Cream parlor. Smokey's reopened in August 2021. The restaurant had a couple of owners before the current owner, Anthony Jekielek of the Mountain Bar and Grill acquired it and it became Smokey's Mountain Bar and Grill. They boast a newly-revamped food menu and an extensive drink menu.

Hike Ocqueoc Falls Bicentennial Pathway

Thursday, October 9, 2025

10:30 - 1:30 pm

Off Ocqueoc Falls Highway 11.5 miles west of US 23 N along M 68

Coordinator: Ron Young

989-884-4011

Enjoy a leisurely hike along the Ocqueoc River. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy at Ocqueoc Falls. Catch a bit of the Fall colors, Trail lengths vary from 2.5 miles to 4 miles over gently rolling terrain.

Ron Young serves on the Executive Board of ALL and is an avid member who contributes a great deal of time to the ALL group.

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.



Presque Isle Bus Tour
Thursday, October 16, 2025
Meet at ACC Main Parking Lot B
Coordinator: Jere Doyle

8:30 am–4:30 pm

989-340-0858

The Association of Lifelong Learners (ALL) is excited to announce its third annual bus tour on Thursday, October 16. This year, ALL will explore the scenic and historic locations of Presque Isle County, with lunch at Up North 23 in Rogers City. The Bus will depart from Alpena Community College Parking Lot B (the main lot that borders Johnson Street). The bus leaves at 8:30 am and should be back by 4:30 pm.

There are only 45 seats available on the tour bus, and tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. ALL members can purchase tickets for \$35, which includes lunch and snacks, starting Thursday, September 25, at 10:00 a.m. If seats remain, tickets will be available to the general public for \$45 starting October 1. Tickets can be purchased in the Madeline Briggs room 143 on Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. After September 25, tickets will be available in the ALL office.

ALL extends its heartfelt thanks to its generous sponsors: Alpena Agency, Holcim, Besser Company, Stanson Floor Covering and Furniture, Alpena Community College, Eric Ferguson (Edward Jones), Marc & Chloe Ferguson (Edward Jones), Dean Arbor Ford, Werth Development, Huron Distributing, Harborside Bike & Sport and Meijer. Their support makes this event possible!

Grocery Pickup Made Easy
Thursday, October 21, 2025
ACC Madeline Briggs Ctr 140
Coordinator: Lisa Blumenthal
Zoom Meeting ID: 820 2945 5873

1:30-2:30 pm

989-358-7296

Passcode: 771445

Learn how grocery pickup services like Meijer Pickup can simplify your shopping routine! This session will explore the many benefits of using grocery pickup—from saving time and avoiding long lines, to staying safe and independent. We'll walk through the process step-by-step, highlight perks like digital coupons, and show how this convenient option can make grocery shopping easier and more enjoyable – and save you money!

Lisa Blumenthal is the Assistant to the Dean of Workforce Development at ACC. She resisted using grocery pickup far too long and now refuses to shop any other way.

An evening of history and songs by the Besser Chorus

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

6:00-8:00 pm

Fitzpatrick Auditorium, Van Lare Hall

Coordinator: Mike Mandrick

989-255-2699

Besser Chorus first rehearsal was held March 8, 1947. Organized as a part of the Besser Company's employee recreational program, there were twelve singers, all Besser employees, present. Due to the demands for its services and the desire for a better vocal balance, membership was thrown open to any male singer in the area whose love of singing, ability and willingness to attend the weekly rehearsals regularly qualified him. Under these arrangements the membership grew to approximately 27, its present membership. The intervening years have been good; the Chorus has established a state-wide reputation and has traveled many thousands of miles, by car, chartered bus and plane to sing at national and state conventions and occasions.

Tonight's selections will have a wide variety aimed at pleasing you whatever your musical taste may be. They range from classical, patriotic and sacred numbers to Broadway hits, spiritual, ultra-modern songs and novelty bits.

Besser Chorus is a men's chorus that performs for the enjoyment of the community and each member.





ALL Photography Club

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 (3rd Tuesday-monthly) 7:00 – 9:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143

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.

AHS Tech Workshop

Thursday, October 23, 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 and if one can't help another student 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.

Dividend-Paying Stocks

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

1:30-3:00 pm

ACC Ctr Bldg., Room 106

Minimum: 5, Maximum: 30

Coordinator: Jane Roose

989-255-5673

Eric Ferguson, Certified Financial Planner (CFP) with Edward Jones will discuss dividend-paying stocks and their role in your investment portfolio. Did you know that not all stocks pay a dividend? Why should the individual investor care if their stock pays an annual dividend? Why might it be advantageous to own a stock that does NOT pay a dividend? All of these questions and more will be discussed at the October 28th presentation. At the end of the presentation, Eric has made himself available to answer any other financial questions not covered during the program.

Eric Ferguson currently holds a bachelor's degree from Northwood University, a master's degree from DeVos School of Management, and is a Certified Financial PlannerTM. Becoming a CFP[®] has increased his knowledge base in financial management, tax-sensitive investment strategies, retirement savings, insurance planning, education planning, and estate considerations. In addition to the education and examination components of his certification, he has committed to abiding by the CFP[®] Board's Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct.

Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with his wife, Emily, and children Daisy and Leo. They live on a hobby farm north of Alpena where they raise chickens and honey bees with the help of their two Australian Shepherds Stanley and Lenard. They enjoy spending time in the outdoors and exploring new places as a family.

Save the Date!!!

Mark your **NOVEMBER** calendar for **TUESDAY, THE 4TH**. It's our annual **SPAGHETTI DINNER and AUCTION**. Not only is it the annual dinner, but also our largest fundraiser. We are counting on seeing you and your friends that evening. You can start dropping off your donations at the ALL Office. (Gift Baskets, Gift Cards to local businesses and new items are very popular.) **A lot of volunteer help is needed for this event.**

Please contact the ALL Office if you are willing to volunteer for this event.



OCTOBER 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

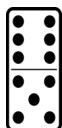
Mondays

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

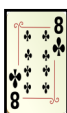
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

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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