



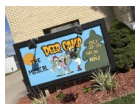
November 2025



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Deer Camp—A Musical

Sunday November 2, 2025

2:00-4:00 pm

Alpena Civic Theater, 401 River Street, Alpena

Coordinator: Sue Jackowiak

989-379-3313

Cost: \$20/ticket-Payment must be at the ALL office by Monday, October 20, 2025.

Four buddies are enjoying their annual deer hunting trip, but this year is different. After 15 years of them coming home with nothing but a hangover, their wives have given them an ultimatum: bag a deer, or your deer camp days are over. Only one hurdle stands in their way. None of them know how to hunt. Do they buy one? Could they possibly try to shoot one? With this wacky troop, it seems the only ones safe in the woods are the deer, but with a song and dance, a bit of chance, and some audience interaction, their prayers are answered just as they run out of beer.

The Alpena Civic Theatre has been bringing live theatre to the Alpena area for 68 years. We are a 501c3 nonprofit theatre run completely by volunteers.



Writing Workshop

Wednesday, November 5, 2024

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

This writing workshop series focuses on writing, sharing, and feedback. Everyone has stories, some are told, some are written, and some, like memoirs, are written to be shared with others.

Mary Ann Krajnik Crawford has been a personal journal writer and teacher of writing for many years.

Charitable Giving

Thursday, November 6, 2025

1:30 –2:30 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Linda Ferguson

402-679-7669

As you and your family members go through life, your desire to give will evolve. Your circumstances and priorities will change, learn how giving cannot only make you “feel good” but can also be a benefit to you financially. How does charitable giving play into your tax deductions? Charitable planning considers your broader philanthropic and wealth planning goals as well as the full range of your assets, whether cash, appreciated securities, business interests, art or real estate.

Chloe Furguson received her Bachelor’s of Business Administration from the University of Michigan. She is a Certified Financial Planner and has been with Edward Jone here in Alpena since March of 2017.



Headwaters Land Conservancy

Friday, November 7, 2025

10:00 – 11:00 am

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Sue Jackowiak

989-379-3313

Zoom Meeting id: 820 2327 6499 Passcode: 701552

Join Julie Rubsam, Executive Director of Headwaters Land Conservancy, for an inside look at how HWLC works to protect, connect, and care for the natural lands and waters of northeast Michigan. From safeguarding family forests and family farms through conservation easements to expanding nature preserves along treasured lakes and rivers, HWLC is ensuring that future generations can experience the same wild beauty we cherish today. This presentation will highlight recent successes, community partnerships, and ways you can be part of protecting the places you love.

Julie Rubsam is the Executive Director of Headwaters Land Conservancy, where she leads efforts to protect and steward the lands and waters of northeast Michigan. A graduate of Purdue University with a background in horticulture and natural resources, she brings decades of experience in conservation, organizational development, and community engagement. Since joining HWLC in 2021, Julie has guided the organization through major land protection projects, expanded partnerships, and strengthened its capacity to ensure the region's natural heritage is preserved for future generations.



All about Norway

Monday, November 10, 2025

1:30-2:30 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Bev Bodem

989-354-4656

Norway is more than just the northern lights! Judy and a group of friends created a four week adventure in Norway, ranging from Oslo to Nord Kapp. Most of the trip took place above the Arctic Circle, mainly by car but also ferry rides. Come hear about this adventure, including hiking, biking, paragliding, sled dogs, exciting ferry rides, eating fish of all sorts, museums, history and culture.

Judy Cooper is a retired German Teacher, who has always had a great interest in languages, history and culture. She is taking full advantage of her retirement time to travel the roads less traveled.

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 -Thanksgiving Feast

Monday, November 10, 2025

6:00-8:00 pm

ACC Besser Technical Center room 106

Coordinator: Jane Roose

989-255-5673

Attendees: Minimum 20, Maximum 40

Cost: \$15 per person payable to ALL Office by Friday, November 7, 2025.

Please join your ALL family for a family-style, old-fashioned Thanksgiving Feast where someone else does the cooking and the clean-up. Feel free to invite someone who has not enjoyed our fabulous Moveable Feasts to join us. Since Ray and Kathy are offering their friends at ALL a special price for this fabulous meal, we will sell tickets and collect the cost of the meal ahead of time to assure we have a firm headcount. Please sign up early by phone, e-mail or on the online registration form and turn in the cost of the meal to Sherry in the ALL office before Friday, October 31, 2025. If you are at the ALL office during non-office hours, please place your check or cash in an envelope and place it in the mailbox outside the ALL office. Please call the ALL office at 989-358-7207 or e-mail all@alpenacc.edu or register online so the caterer and coordinator can plan accordingly.

Our friends at **Fremont Catering** will provide a traditional Thanksgiving meal including beverages. **Ray and Kathy Bock** have been in the catering business for over 40 years in the Alpena Area.

Call of the Wild-Alaska

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

1:30 - 2:30 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Maureen (Moe) Brown

989-464-3865

Three generations experience Alaska for the first time. By plane, motor coach, ship, raft and rail, from the depths of a river valley to the majestic mountain peaks. See the sparkle in the children's eyes when they hold three-day-old husky puppies. Imagine swimming in a heated, indoor pool while watching a bull moose forage right outside the wall of windows. Take a photo scavenger hunt hike through the wilderness. And, oh, the salmon fishing excursion!

Grandmother "Meme" Wendy Payne, US Army Retired, took her son, daughter-in-law and three grandchildren to Alaska summer of 2025. Going to Alaska was on Wendy's "bucket list" and she didn't want to go alone.



Stay Safe Online—Avoiding online scams targeted at Seniors

Monday, November 17, 2025

10:30-11:30 am

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Linda Ferguson

402-679-7669

Join us for an eye-opening community event designed to help you recognize, avoid, and report scams that target seniors. Through interactive demos, real-life examples, and expert insights, you learn how to spot email scams, fake financial schemes, and more. Learn how to operate safely with new technology, and understand how advertising plays a big role in what we see on our internet searches.

Officer Jason Collegnon - Alpena City Police Officer - With 23 years of dedicated service to the Alpena Police Department, Officer Collegnon has held diverse roles, including Field Training Officer, Evidence Technician, Accident Investigator, and School Resource Officer at AHS. Served as a Taser and Defense Tactics/GAGE Instructor, and managed property and evidence control. My training includes domestic violence, search and seizure, and threat assessments, and I've led investigations into various crimes, including complex fraud and scams.

Amanda Pilarski is a Digital Media and Business Instructor in the Career and Technical Education department at Alpena High School, where she has been teaching for over seven years. Prior to her time in education, Amanda built a career in digital media design, website development, and business management. Her high school technology students will be leading and hosting a special event in collaboration with Officer Cullegnon, where they will guide and present key aspects of the program.



Catholic Human Services

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

1:30 to 2:30 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Jere Doyle

989-340-0858

This presentation will provide information about the various support programs offered by Catholic Human Services. This will include substance use/assessment/treatment services; counseling; child welfare; older adult services; employee assistance programs and prevention services.

Donna Hardies is the Supervisor for Eastern Region Prevention Program with 15 years of experience. Chet Spencer is a Retired Alpena Police Department Patrolman. He served as School Liaison Officer for 13 yrs and has been employed by Catholic Human Services for four and a half years.



ALL Photography Club

Tuesday, November 18, 2025 (3rd Tuesday-monthly) 7:00 – 9:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143

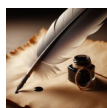
Coordinator: Dick Bremer

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.



Journal Writing

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

11:00 – 12:30 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143

Coordinator: Mary Ann Krajnik Crawford

989-916-5540

This session invites us to write for ourselves and others. Journal writing is a first step for creating stories, capturing memories, and exploring our ideas and feelings. This is writing for fun and insight in a no-pressure atmosphere. You can write in response to prompts I will bring or about whatever you choose, and you can do as much or as little writing and sharing as our time allows.

Mary Ann Krajnik Crawford has been a personal journal writer and teacher of writing for many years. She retired from Central Michigan University as an emeritus professor of English and director of the Writing Center and continues to write for the fun of it.

Schools of Choice-Understanding Charter, Private and Voucher-based

Thursday, November 20, 2025

1:30 – 2:30 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Jan Kane

989-464-7107

Zoom: Meeting ID: 821 9353 1182 Passcode: 854939

The landscape of American education is increasingly diverse, offering families options beyond traditional public schools. This presentation will explore the structures and philosophies behind charter schools, private schools, school choice policies, and school voucher systems. We will examine the pros and cons of each model—including accessibility, funding, accountability, academic outcomes, and their impact on local communities. Participants will gain a clearer understanding of how these educational alternatives shape opportunities for students, influence public policy, and affect the future of education in America.

Rocky Roland will lead this conversation about this currently hot topic. Rocky is a retired USAF Colonel, a former fighter pilot and space systems expert. He was on the faculty at the Naval War College, a Masters Degree granting institution. He is a voracious reader, an inveterate traveler, and a frequent ALL presenter on his travels and other esoteric topics.

Unlocking Power of Solar Energy-Technology, Myths & Future Opportunity
Tuesday, November 25, 2025 **1:30-2:30 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Linda Ferguson **402-679-7667**
Zoom: Meeting ID: 893 5778 0430 **Passcode: 234367**

Join us for an insightful presentation exploring the world of solar energy, its technologies, and its transformative potential. This session will break down the mechanics behind solar power, from the physics of photovoltaic cells to the latest innovations in solar technology like perovskite and bifacial panels. We'll delve into the practical applications of solar in residential, commercial, and agricultural settings, and discuss the real challenges in mass production, grid integration, and land use. The presentation will also address common myths surrounding solar energy, such as its environmental impact and feasibility as a primary energy source. Learn about the environmental benefits of solar, including CO2 reduction and the elimination of fuel transport and excavation, and discover why solar is poised to play a pivotal role in our sustainable future. Whether you're a solar enthusiast or just curious, this presentation offers valuable insights into the growing importance of solar energy in shaping our world.

Abby Platt is a final-year student at Alpena Community College, pursuing a bachelor's degree in electrical systems technology. With a strong interest in solar technology and its integration into Michigan communities, Abby brings hands-on experience in solar farm development, contractor coordination, and stakeholder outreach. Her academic journey is grounded in both technical rigor and environmental stewardship, with a focus on renewable energy systems, safety auditing, and GIS-based land analysis.

Through internships in solar project management and housing development, Abby has cultivated skills in public presentation design, budget tracking, and evidence-based communication. She is passionate about community education and believes that energy innovation should serve both people and the planet. Best experienced in person at Madeline Briggs but also available online via zoom here: Invite link:

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



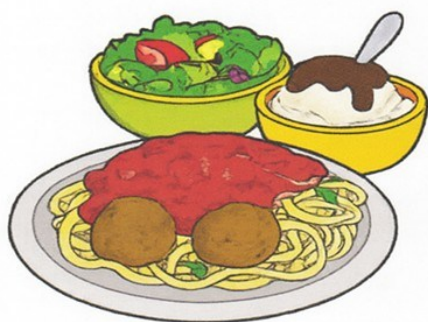
20th ANNUAL Spaghetti Dinner and Auction FUNDRAISER

Tuesday, November 4

Dinner 5PM – 7 PM

Auction 6:30 PM

Take out meals available



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Dinner Prices: Adults - \$15 Students - \$6

Children 5 and under - Free

Dinner tickets purchased at the Door

Call the Office for Questions, 989-358-7207

NOVEMBER 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

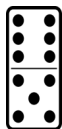
Mondays

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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