The Association of Lifelong Learners

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Writing Workshop
Wednesday, April 1, 2026 **11:00 am – 12:30 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143
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.

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Ready for Spring? Come Garden!
Thursday, April 2, 2026 **10:00 –11:00 am**
ACC Madeline Briggs—Gardening Center (off 143)
Coordinator: Joyce Bobolts **616-893-2998**

Was this winter too much for you? Are you ready to get your hands dirty helping the Alpena Garden Club community member grow the seeds to beautify the campus. Come join us in the grow room at the ACC Madeline Briggs Center and see what we are doing. We are in need of volunteers and hope with this invitation we can encourage you to lend a hand.

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What is Wellsport?
Thursday, April 2, 2026 **12:00 – 1:00 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Tom Hilberg **989-464-5569**
ZOOM: Meeting ID: 819 0554 1164 Passcode: 152526

PowerPoint presentation to discuss the non-surgical treatments available for arthritis, tendonitis and other acute and chronic orthopedic conditions. Additionally, we will learn about what the specialty of sports medicine is, and what the WellSport Program at MyMichigan is all about.

Dr. Shelby Crawford is a physical medicine and rehabilitation physician with specialized training in primary care sports medicine. As a provider of MyMichigan's WellSport Program, she specializes in the diagnosis, treatment, and management of a variety of musculoskeletal and sports-related injuries and medical conditions.

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.

Alpena's Mental Health Resources Update
Thursday, April 2, 2026 **1:30 - 3:00 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Tom Hilberg **989-464-5569**

What can you do to contribute to better mental well being in our community? Partners in Prevention has ideas and tools! Participate in a demonstration of the new free online Mental Health Map to find resources available in our community. Get excited about plans to build a Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) and its power to improve mental health service delivery. You are probably wondering what in the blue blazes is a SIM? Come and find out!

Mary Schalk has been with Partners in Prevention since its beginning in 1996 and serves as Program Director. She is a trainer, advocate and cheerleader for mental wellness.

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Night Owls-19th Century Lunch Wagons
Tuesday, April 7, 2026 **12:00-1:00 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143
Coordinator: Ron Young **989-994-4011**

Join us for the story of a unique 19th-century food craze. Much like today's food trucks, lunch wagons served food to young people and workers on the go at all times of day and night, with specialized offerings and eye-catching designs to attract customers.

A Historical Society of Michigan History Hounds Lecture presented via Zoom at ACC Madeline Briggs.

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Jane Pauley on Reimagining the Rest of Your Life
Tuesday, April 7, 2026 **2:00 –3:00 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143
Coordinator: Ron Young **989-994-4011**

Jane Pauley is the anchor of the award-winning "CBS News Sunday Morning" and one of America's most respected broadcast journalists. Throughout her celebrated five-decade career, she has earned multiple Emmys, the Walter Cronkite Award and a 2024 NATAS Lifetime Achievement Award. From her time as a co-host of NBC's "Today" show to her current role, Pauley has been a defining and trusted voice in American journalism. This is a Road Scholar Lecture presented via Zoom at ACC Madeline Briggs.

Moveable Feast at Big Boy
Thursday, April 9, 2026 **11:30 – 1:00 pm**
Big Boy-400 S. Ripley, Alpena
Coordinator: Jane Roose **989-255-5673**

Join the ALL Moveable Feast for a visit to Alpena's own Big Boy for lunch. Offering a wide variety of foods, anyone can find something to enjoy here – from yummy breakfasts to the classic Big Boy and Slim Jim sandwiches. The restaurant is friendly and informal. Each attendee is responsible for his/her own tab. Please feel free to invite someone who has not experienced our "fun" feasts. Please call the ALL office at 989-358-7207 or email all@alpenacc.edu or register online for a reservation.

Though Big Boy is a chain, the Alpena restaurant is a long-standing staple at both the original location on Chisholm Street, built in 1970, by the Ludlow family and at their current location on Ripley Blvd. The original restaurant on Chisholm Street has recently been razed to make room for new development.

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You are Never too Old for Adventures
Thursday, April 9, 2026 **1:30 – 2:30 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Joyce Bobolts **616-893-2998**
Zoom: Meeting ID: 831 3275 5898 Passcode: 858463

This presentation is about four Alpena women, all in their sixties and experienced campers, who spent ten days in the wilderness of Northern Minnesota at the Boundary Waters Canoe and Wilderness Area. Two canoes, multiple packs, dehydrated food, a tent, and a lot of laughs made for an unforgettable ten days of adventure in the woods. Three of the four continued the adventure three days in Michigan's Porcupine Mountains State Park.

Judy Cooper is a retired APS Teacher, who loves to travel and experience new adventures.

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The Church
Monday, April 13, 2026 **1:30 – 3:00 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Pat Garant **231-640-9320**

Why does the church exist? Do the creeds define belief that makes any sense in the 21st century. Is Christianity in its many forms is losing the ability to frame serious discussion in today's modern world. Are we taking care of a dying church. For the first time the number of self identifying Christian, by some polls, is less than 50 percent. Many churches across the theological and cultural perspective show the real stress of decline. Come and hear what Reverand Bob Case has to say about this.

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.

Our Volunteer Beach Cleaners: 107,000 Pounds of Debris
Tuesday, April 14, 2026 **1:30 – 2:30 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Pat Garant **231-640-9320**

Eric Peterson, Jeff Welch, and Dave Sidlowski formed the cleanup group MIShores, Michigan Stewards Helping Our Rivers and Environment & Sustainability after cleaning up 107,000 pounds of debris from Starlite, Blair, and Mis-E-Ke-Wis Beaches. They will share their story of clean environment commitment and how they plan to achieve their purpose.

Eric Petersen is a local businessman with an interest in a clean environment. Eric is well known as the owner of The Fresh Palate for 15 years, and the current co-owner of The Parker House. **Jeff Welch** is a local businessman and commercial pilot with an interest a clean environment. Currently Jeff's commercial flying is local in nature as an active Certified Flight Instructor. He teaches people how to fly airplanes.

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Alpena Schools: A History Lesson
Thursday, April 14, 2026 **4:00 – 5:30 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Linda Ferguson **402-679-7669**
Zoom : Meeting Id: 817 3609 0828 Passcode: 277200

Education in Alpena is just as old as Alpena itself. Local historian and AHS Social Studies teacher will be discussing the vast history of education in Alpena. He will start with the first school that started in an abandoned Cooper Shop and move into the present day. James will be discussing these topics on April 14, the 86th anniversary of the burning of old Central High on Second Ave.

James Kieliszewski has lived in Alpena his entire life and is an avid Alpena Historian. Collector of Alpena Memorabilia of all sorts, he has been employed by Alpena High School, where he teaches Michigan/Alpena History, Economics, and World History. He is also the grandson of Donald and Phyllis Schultz, who owned and operated Kowalski Grocery on Alfred St. for 47 years.

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Journal Writing
Wednesday, April 15, 2026 **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.

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

Medicine Cabinet Makeover
Thursday, April 16, 2026 **1:30-3:00 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Linda Ferguson **402-679-7669**

Essential oils are concentrated plant extracts. According to integrative medicine specialist Yufang Lin, MD, "Plants are made of structural materials and phytochemicals. These chemicals have properties that not only benefit the plant but benefit people, too." Essential Oils can be used to boost mood and reduce pain and anxiety. Licensed masseuse, Amy Traylor, will explain the benefits of Essential oils.

Amy Trayor received her massage license 27 years ago. Her studio, Massage Works and Natural Health center, is located at 2483 South US 23.

Build and Fly an Underwater Robot
Friday, April 17, 2026 **9:00-11:00 am**
Maker Space- Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Ctr, 500 W Fletcher St., Alpena
Coordinator: Wendy Payne **703-472-5862**

Dive into the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary through the fascinating world of underwater robotics! This program combines education and hands-on learning with new robotic technology for an unforgettable experience. The ROV-in -a-box experience begins with a crash course on marine technology, followed by the chance to build and pilot a remotely operated vehicle (ROV).

Daniel Moffatt works for the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation as the Stewardship and Education Specialist in Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary in Alpena, MI.

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All About Amrize
Friday, April 17, 2026 **11:00-12:00 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Marcia Connelly **989-356-2582**

There have been many changes since Huron Portland was a business here IN Alpena. Jeff Scott, plant manager, will bring us up to date on Amrize, the fast, present and future of the company.

Jeff Scott was named Plant Manager of the Alpena Cement Plant in 2019. The Alpena Cement Plant has been in operation for 117 years and was at one time the largest cement plant in the world. Since joining the company in 1996, Mr. Scott has been a part of the cement manufacturing organization working in both the US and Canada holding diverse roles in manufacturing and corporate support leadership at five different cement plants, three different slag granulating and grinding plants, and as part of the corporate manufacturing group. Growing up in Battle Creek, Michigan, Mr. Scott went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Purdue University in Chemical Engineering.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library
Monday, April 20, 2026 **1:30-2:30 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Sue O'Neil **586-216-1177**
Zoom: Meeting ID: 838 5000 1573 Passcode: 289517

DPIL celebrated its 30th Anniversary and mailed its 300th million book. It is available in five countries including the USA. The United Way sponsors DPIL in Alpena and Presque Counties. This presentation will include the history of the program, the successful metrics and how the program operates.

Joe Gentry is a trustee at Alpena Community College, a former adjunct for ACC and is currently the executive director of United Way. We welcome his frequent presentations to ALL.

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From Devastation to Reforestation: Michigan's Forestry Experiment
Tuesday, April 21, 2026 **12:00– 1:00 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Ron Young **989-994-4011**

Michigan's forests were prized, plundered, and burned during the white pine logging era. This largescale devastation paved the way for a first-of-its-kind forestry experiment. Join us to discover how 'the land nobody wanted' became a lush resource enjoyed by millions of people every year. A Historical Society of Michigan History Hounds Lecture presented via Zoom at ACC Madeline Briggs.

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ALL Photography Club
Tuesday , April 21, 2026 **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.

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Everything You Didn't Know about TBTA
Thursday, April 23, 2026 **1:30-3:00 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Cindy Kelly **517-242-0096**

Thunder Bay Transportation Authority (TBTA) is the public transit provider serving Alpena County and surrounding areas, offering safe, reliable, and accessible transportation to residents of all ages and abilities. TBTA recently started a new service, Rides to Wellness, providing one-on-one, door-to-door service throughout Alpena County.

Brandi Anderson is the Mobility Coordinator for Thunder Bay Transportation Authority, where she works to improve access to transportation for seniors, individuals with disabilities, and other transportation-disadvantaged populations.

AHS Tech Workshop
Thursday, April 23, 2026 **3:00– 5:00 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143
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.

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The Surrealist and the Skeptic
Thursday, April 23, 2026 **6:00-7:00 pm**
Besser Museum- $10 Adults - Museum members are free.
Coordinator: Tom Hilberg **989-464-5569**

Dalí finally meets his hero! This session explores the long-awaited meeting of Dalí and Freud in 1938. What transpired when these two icons met? How did meeting Freud in person impact Dalí.

Dr. Kelly Bushéy has a PhD in psychology from Northcentral University. She is a motivational speaker and the founder of Dr. Kelly, LLC. She was an Associate Professor of Applied Psychology at Hodges University, and taught psychology as adjunct faculty for Alpena Community College.

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Overview of Road Scholar
Thursday, April 28. 2026 **10:00-11:00 am**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Jan Kane **989-464-7107**
Meeting ID: 826 3803 8845 Passcode: 466730

Not-for-profit Road Scholar is the world's largest and most innovative creator of experiential learning opportunities. We have guided generations of lifelong learners on transformative learning adventures from San Francisco to Siberia, and nearly everywhere in between.

Christine St Laurent, Road Scholar Ambassador. The Road Scholar Ambassador Team is a network of passionate alumni who help spread the word about Road Scholar's not-for-profit mission to inspire adults to learn, discover and travel.

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Happy Homeowners and Helpers at Habitat for Humanity
Tuesday, April 28, 2026 **2:00-3:30 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Wendy Payne **703-472-5862**
Zoom: Meeting ID: 860 9399 4527 Passcode: 254073

Habitat for Humanity Northeast Michigan has been working hard, completing five new homes in 2025, including two in Hillman and three on Bedford Street in Alpena near Ella White School.

Darby Hinkley is an Alpena native who lived downstate in Battle Creek and Lansing before returning to Alpena in 2018 to work at The Alpena News, where she served as Lifestyles Editor for seven years. She now works as the Community Outreach and Fundraising Coordinator for Habitat for Humanity Northeast Michigan, a newly created position she was offered in November 2025.

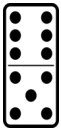
APRIL RECURRING SESSIONS

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 989-354-2306**
or Bev at 989-595-5119 for more information

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 **989-884-1140**

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: Julie Byrnes **734-761-2123**

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 **10:00 - 11:30 am**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Marilyn Klingshirn **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.

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Contract Bridge
Fridays **12:30 - 3:00 pm**
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140
Coordinator: Julie Byrnes **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.

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Square Dancing
Fridays **4:00 - 6:00 pm**
Call Glenn Taylor for Location
Coordinator: Glenn Taylor **803-292-9613**

Dancing is the Best Activity for Brain Health - Square Dancing is super fun as well! Come join our very active group. No partner needed. Singles and beginners are welcome! We meet most Fridays from 4-6 PM. Call Glenn at 803-292-9613 for location.

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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