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Great Lakes Lore Maritime Museum

Monday, May 4, 2026

1:00 –2:30 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Wendy Payne

703-472-5862

Zoom: Meeting ID: 811 3119 7762 Passcode: 528368

A presentation of some of the infamous Michigan shipwrecks, lives lost and survivors' stories that are exhibited in the Maritime Museum in Rogers City. More importantly, we learn about the developments in shipbuilding, safety equipment and life saving devices that occurred subsequent to these early waterway disasters.

Mike Horn, Director, Great Lakes Lore Maritime Museum is the presenter. Born in Cheboygan, Mike is a lifelong resident of Rogers City. He is a 1976 graduate of U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Mike's shipping experience: Deep Sea, Great Lakes, Near Coastal. His retirement jobs— Watch Officer and Instructor aboard GLMA Training Ship State of Michigan, GMDSS Radio instructor.

KISS in Cadillac: When Rock and Roll Came to Town

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

12:00 – 1:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143

Coordinator: Ron Young

989-884-4011

KISS came to Cadillac in 1975 and neither the band nor the small Michigan town would ever be the same. Join us to hear one of the greatest stories in the history of Rock and Roll – a legendary tale celebrated fifty years later. This is a Historical Society of Michigan History Hounds Virtual Lecture offered via Zoom at Madeline Briggs.

All Your Questions about Eye Care Answered

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

1:30 – 3:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Mary Jo Oke

989-590-0633

This presentation will cover the fundamentals of dry eye disease, including common causes, symptoms, and treatment options such as artificial tears, warm compresses, and lid hygiene to improve comfort and vision. We will also review the importance of overall eye health including regular dilated exams, and discuss early warning signs of macular degeneration and cataracts.

Dr. LeAnn Burns was born and raised in Posen, Michigan and completed her Bachelor of Arts and Science at Ferris State University before earning her Doctor of Optometry degree from the Illinois College of Optometry in 2019.

Dr. Sophia Grabiell is originally from Sheridan, Michigan, and earned both her undergraduate degree and Doctorate of Optometry from Ferris State University's Michigan College of Optometry.



Writing Workshop

Wednesday, May 6, 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.

AHS Exchange Students

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

11:00 - 12:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Mike Mandrick

989-464-1509

High school exchange students from Spain, Aloa Casanoves and Carlo Rodrigo Mace from Alpena High School, along with Julia Coso from Alcona Community Schools will share their experiences as exchange students, their impressions of the USA as well as information about their lives in Spain. This program will feature discussion and questions from the audience. Susan Riedlinger, AHS Counselor and Lori Vought, retired exchange student mentor will accompany the students.

Alzheimer's Researcher Spotlight

Thursday May 7, 2026

9:30-11:30 am

Alpena Senior Citizens Center, 501 River St., Alpena

Coordinator: Ron Young

989-884-4011

Join us as Dr. Morgan presents a timely update on the latest advancement in Alzheimer's and dementia research. Refreshments will be provided. RSVP to Kristen Weber: kmweber@alz.org 231-714-6736.

Dr. David Morgan is a professor in the Department of Translational Neuroscience at Michigan State University. Dr. Morgan's research is aging and brain function, focusing on developing and testing treatments for Alzheimer's and Dementia.

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.

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

Thursday, May 7, 2026

1:30 – 2:30 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Linda Ferguson

402-679-7669

Zoom: Meeting ID: 829 8476 1812 Passcode: 397909

This little known law provides important protections for (surprisingly, given the title) not only women but anyone who is the victim of violence, whether committed by an intimate partner or someone else. Before its passage in 1994, law enforcement tended to look at domestic violence as a private matter, leaving victims, particularly wives, defenseless under the law. Reauthorization requirements for the law have led to significant controversy over various provisions, especially those involving the LGBTQ+ and immigrant communities. One requirement of the law is that the Department of Justice consult with tribal nations once a year about their problems with violence and what is needed to address them.

Jan Charter is a retired attorney, splitting her time in retirement between Alpena and Santa Fe. She became interested in the problem of Indigenous women in New Mexico going missing or murdered with little law-enforcement follow-up, which led her to an exploration of the Violence Against Women Act.

Murder and Mayhem: Northeastern Michigan’s Historical Crimes

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

1:30 – 3:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Linda Ferguson

402-679-7669

Zoom: Meeting Id: 827 7568 6599 Passcode: 200012

“Murder and Mayhem: Northeastern Michigan’s Historical Crimes,” goes back to 1877 when the area was being settled and developed. Life was simple, work was hard and a criminal element prevailed throughout northeast Michigan. Cheryl Peterson will share criminal cases that were prosecuted during the early years.

Cheryl Peterson was born and raised in Oscoda and graduated from Northern Michigan University. She has worked in the newspaper industry since the early 1990s, including two daily newspapers, prior to purchasing the Alcona County Review in 1995. She and her husband, John, own and operate the Review together and live in Greenbush with their Labrador retrievers.

Anatomy of a Murder: From the Courtroom to the Silver Screen

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

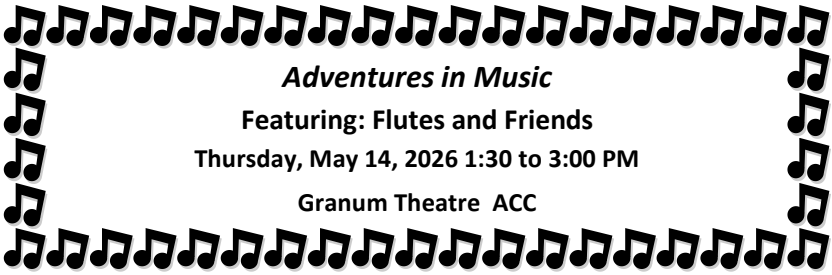
5:00-6:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143

Coordinator: Ron Young

989-884-4011

Learn about the deep Michigan roots of Anatomy of a Murder. Inspired by a real-life crime, Michigan Supreme Court Justice John D. Voelker’s novel became a 1959 film, shot on location in the Upper Peninsula. This is a Historical Society of Michigan History Hounds Virtual Lecture offered via Zoom at Madeline Briggs Center.



Adventures in Music

Featuring: Flutes and Friends

Thursday, May 14, 2026 1:30 to 3:00 PM

Granum Theatre ACC

Moveable Feast at Mountain Inn

Thursday, May 14, 2026

5495 US-23, Black River, MI

Coordinator: Jane Roose

5:00 – 6:00 pm

989-255-5673

Anthony and Liz Jekielek welcome us to The Mountain Inn Bar and Grill for a delightful dinner. The food and homey atmosphere are well worth the drive to Black River. The setting is beautiful and informal. Each attendee is responsible for the cost of their meal and beverage. Feel free to invite someone who has not enjoyed our “fun” feasts. Make it a date and come to dinner after the Adventures in Music Program at the Granum Theatre. Please call the ALL office at 989-358-7207, email all@alpenacc.edu or register online for a reservation so the restaurant and coordinator can plan accordingly.

Anthony and Liz Jekielek purchased The Mountain in 2021 being the latest owners of this legendary bar and grill. They also own Smokey’s Mountain Inn where we had a wonderful dining experience last fall. During World War II the Inn was known as “the swinging place to go.” Another “phoenix from the ashes” story is that The Mountain Inn burned and was rebuilt twice. Come and learn the history of another local legendary restaurant and have a tasty dinner as well.

Tour of Bay Athletic Club

Friday, May 15, 2026

Bay Athletic Club—200 W. Chisholm St., Alpena

Coordinator: Wendy Payne & Joyce Bobolts

1:30-2:30 pm

703-472-5862

Come take a tour of the new Downtown Bay Athletic Club. We will be taking you on a walk showing you a few machines and our Group Exercise Studio. We will have "booties" to cover your shoes for the tour.

Tracie Granata is the Membership Director, Group Ex Instructor, and personal trainer. She had her doctorate in physical therapy but quickly realized that she loved the prevention side instead of the rehab side of exercise. She has been with BAC since the beginning. **Erin Andrews** is the Group Ex Manager, Instructor and personal trainer. She has her bachelors in Health and Physical Education. She has been with BAC for 5 years.

Merry Christmas Dear Grandpa—Alpena Civic Theatre

Sunday, May 17, 2026

2:00-4:00 pm

Alpena Civic Theatre, 401 River St, Alpena

Coordinator: Glenda Aasland

907-460-4098

Tickets are \$20 each and must be paid to the ALL office by Wed. 5/6/26.

Come see Alpena Civic Theatre’s production of ***Merry Christmas Dear Grandpa***. Amber has invited her whole family to her new home to have the "perfect family Christmas." She has decorated her house, carefully planned the meal, and even ironed her shoelaces! Once her brother, sister, parents, and curmudgeon of a grandfather show up, though, nothing goes right. When a last-minute accident prevents Amber from making Christmas dinner, it falls upon her kitchen-challenged siblings to take up the slack, with hilarious results.

Battle Creek Airport: 100 Years of Flight

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

12:00 – 1:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143

Coordinator: Ron Young

989-916-5540

Executive Airport at Kellogg Field celebrated its centennial in 2025. Join us to learn the unique history of this airport’s service to commerce, transportation, the military and the state of Michigan. This is a Historical Society of Michigan History Hounds Virtual Lecture offered via Zoom at Madeline Briggs.



ALL Photography Club

Tuesday , May 19, 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.



Journal Writing

Wednesday, May 20, 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.

Evergreen Cemetery Walk with Friends—Past and Present

Thursday, May 21, 2026

1:00-3:00 pm

Evergreen Cemetery, 1032 W. Washington Ave, Alpena

Park along the western cemetery perimeter-near Sunrise Crow Memorials

Coordinator: Linda Ferguson

402-679-7669

Join us on a leisurely stroll through Evergreen Cemetery with friends past and present. Learn about Victorian Cemetery Landscaping, and architecture. Meet our friends of yesteryear and hear about what diligence and hardships they faced to shape our long ago village, and what made it what it is today. The distance of our walk will be from M-32 to the Thunder Bay River and then back. Walk will be no more than 2 hours, be sure to dress for the weather.

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 Danyael Dorr to restore and preserve what weather and time have tried to erase while bringing to life the story of citizens who helped build the community we call home.

Zachariah Chandler Saves the Declaration of Independence (Literally)

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

12:00-1:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143

Coordinator: Ron Young

989-884-4001

Michigan Senator Zachariah Chandler was an outspoken and influential politician during the Civil War and Reconstruction. He was instrumental in preserving the Union, abolishing slavery, and expanding civil rights legislation. Join us to learn how he also took action to preserve the Declaration of Independence for future generations. This is a Michigan Society of History Hounds recorded Lecture that is offered via Zoom at Madeline Briggs.

**Efficiency United Energy Waste Reduction Program-
In Partnership With Alpena Power**

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

1:30- 3:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Sue O'Neil

586-216-1177

Sheryl Revere and John Payne are with Efficiency United and working with Alpena Power to offer rebates for energy efficient upgrades. They will explain both the residential and commercial programs and answer your questions about energy upgrade rebates.

Sheryl Revere and John Payne are both account managers with Efficiency United. Sheryl works with the Residential Program, John with the Commercial and Industrial Program. John is also a senior account manager.

Bridging the Gap: Sustainable Development & Workforce Housing

Thursday, May 28, 2026

1:00-2:30 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Wendy Payne

703-472-5862

Zoom: Meeting ID: 826 1331 3630 Passcode: 193067

In the heart of Northeast Michigan, the balance between environmental stewardship and community growth is the key to a thriving future. Join us to explore how the Lake Huron Regional CDC and Target Alpena Development Corporation collaborate with local agencies - including the Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Development - to transform community planning into reality. Some key initiatives are - Workforce Housing: Creating sustainable living options for the local workforce, Rehabilitation & Infill: Revitalizing Alpena through specialized development projects and Local Partnerships: Engaging trades, builders, and employers to ensure the "Sunrise Coast" remains a vibrant place to live and work.

Tammy Thomson brings over a decade of expertise in education, trustee leadership, assessing, and county planning to her role at Lake Huron CDC . A Master Citizen Planner and certified Zoning Administrator, Tammy specializes in fostering sustainable economic growth and innovative housing solutions. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Education and is currently advancing her technical skills through a master's degree. Guided by the philosophy that community only thrives when it is a "good place for all of us," Tammy combines creative design with strategic precision to advocate for a stronger Northeast Michigan.

The Surrealist and The Skeptic

Thursday, May 28, 2026

6:00-7:00 pm

Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan, 491 Johnson St, Alpena

Coordinator: Tom Hilberg

989-464-5569

Cost: \$10 for Adult. Museum Members are free

In this last installment of The Divine Comedy titled "The Agnostic and The Atheist," Dr. Bushey will explore the unique transition of Dali from surrealism to neo-classical shortly after meeting Freud. The evolution of Dalí's artistic style after his restoration of faith will be examined.

Dr. Kelly Bushey 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. She specializes in working in diverse cultures. She is a Subject Matter Expert (SME) for Native Americans and was recognized as an Associate Member of the National Congress for American Indians for her extensive work with Indigenous youth.

MAY 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

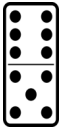
12:15 – 4:00 pm

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

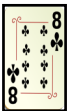
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

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

Call Glenn Taylor for Location

Coordinator: Glenn Taylor

4:00 - 6:00 pm

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.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

√	Program Title	Day	May Dates	Time	Location
	Great Lakes Lore Maritime	Mon.	4th	1:00-2:30 pm	ACC M. Briggs 140
	KISS in Cadillac	Tues.	5th	12:00-1:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 143
	Eye Care Questions	Tues.	5th	1:30-3:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 140
	Writing Workshop	Wed.	6th	11:00-12:30 pm	ACC M. Briggs 143
	AHS Exchange Students	Wed.	6th	11:00-12:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 140
	Alzheimer's Researcher	Thurs.	7th	9:30-11:30 am	Alpena Senior Center
	Violence Against Women	Thurs.	7th	1:30-2:30 pm	ACC M. Briggs 140
	Murder and Mayhem	Tues.	12th	1:30-3:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 140
	Anatomy of a Murder	Wed.	13th	5:00-6:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 143
	Adventures in Music	Thurs.	14th	1:30-3:00 pm	ACC Granum Theatre
	Moveable Feast-Mountain Inn	Thurs.	14th	5:00-6:00 pm	Mountain Bar & Grill
	Tour-Bay Athletic	Fri.	15th	1:30-2:30 pm	Bay Athletic Club
	Merry Christmas Grandpa	Sun.	17th	2:00-4:00 pm	Alpena Civic Theatre
	Battle Creek Airport	Tues.	19th	12:00-1:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 143
	Photography Club	Tues.	19th	7:00-9:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 143
	Journal Writing	Wed.	20th	11:00-12:30 pm	ACC M. Briggs 143
	Evergreen Cemetery Walk	Thurs.	21st	1:00-3:00 pm	Evergreen Cemetery
	Zachariah Chandler	Tues.	26th	12:00-1:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 143
	Efficiency United Energy	Wed.	27th	1:30-3:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 140
	Bridging the Gap	Thurs.	28th	1:00-2:30 pm	ACC M. Briggs 140
	The Surrealist & Skeptic	Thurs.	28th	6:00-7:00 pm	Besser Museum
	Pickleball	M, W, F	Monday, Wednesday, Friday	9:00 - 11:00 am	APlex
	Duplicate Bridge	Mon.	Mondays	12:15 - 4:00 pm	Call for Location
	Mex. Train Dominoes	Tues.	Tuesdays	9:15 - 11:30 am	ACC M. Briggs 143
	Pinochle	Wed.	Wednesdays	12:30 - 3:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 140
	Spitzer	Thurs.	Thursdays	10:00 - 11:30 am	ACC M. Briggs 140
	Contract Bridge	Fri.	Fridays	12:30 - 3:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 140
	Square Dancing	Fri.	Fridays	4:00 - 6:00 pm	Call for Location

The Association of Lifelong Learners has implemented a system to register for ALL programs online. You will still be able to register with the above form. However, you may find it easier to register electronically with your computer or smart phone. See details on the back of this form.

Why Register for ALL programs?

- 1) Registration helps ALL prepare for programs by making sure we have adequate seating and handouts for program participants. Occasionally a bigger room needs to be arranged for popular programs.
- 2) Registration helps ALL advise presenters of the number of anticipated participants.
- 3) Occasionally programs with low participation are cancelled at the request of the presenter.
- 4) Registration helps ALL advise participants of program changes or cancellation.
- 5) Some programs have limited capacity. Registration helps ALL monitor program capacity and advise participants accordingly.

ALL has implemented a system to register for ALL programs online.

You are still able to register with the form included with your program guide.

However, you may find it easier to register electronically with your computer or smartphone.

There is no need to register both ways. Register using one way or the other.

Registering for ALL programs online will improve registration accuracy and reduce office time needed to process registrations.

Use the following link to register online for May programs:

[MAY 2026 REGISTRATION FORM – Fill out form](#)

You can also find this registration link on the ALL website here:

<https://associationoflifelonglearners.org/>

or use this QR code with your phone to get to the form:

