



*Proud of our past. Excited for our future.*

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√	Program Title	Day	June Dates	Time	Location
	A Train's Magical Journey	Tues.	2nd	12:00-1:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 140
	Writing Workshop	Wed.	3rd	11:00-12:30 pm	ACC M. Briggs 143
	Sleep & Healthy Aging	Thurs.	4th	11:00-12:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 143
	Tues. Hope & The Common Good	Mon.	8th	1:30-3:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 140
	City of Alpena	Tues.	9th	1:30-2:30 pm	ACC M. Briggs 140
	Honoring D-Day	Wed.	10th	1:00-2:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 143
	Flutes and Friends	Thurs.	11th	1:00-2:00 PM	ACC Granum Theatre
	Spring Bike Ride	Mon.	15th	9:30-1:00 pm	Herman Vogler Conservation Area
	The Cliff Revealed	Tues.	16th	12:00-1:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 143
	Book Lovers	Tues.	16th	1:30-3:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 143
	Photography Club	Tues.	16th	7:00-9:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 143
	Journal Writing	Wed.	17th	11:00-12:30 pm	ACC M. Briggs 143
	Tour of Brush Creek Mill	Thurs.	18th	10:30-11:30 am	121 State St, Hillman
	Grill at Thunder Bay Resort	Thurs.	18th	12:00-1:30 pm	27800 M-32, Hillman
	Data Centers	Tues.	23rd	1:30-3:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 140
	Amelia Earhart- The Expedition	Wed.	24th	4:00-5:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 143
	Annual Membership Meeting	Thurs.	25th	11:30 -2:30 pm	Grace Lutheran Church
	Exploring Besser Museums Newest Exhibit	Mon.	29th	1:30-3:00 pm	491 Johnson St., Alpena
	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.

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**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 June programs:

[JUNE 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:



**A Train's Magical Journey: From Ohio to MSU to the North Pole**

**Tuesday, June 2, 2026**

**12:00 –1:00 pm**

**ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140**

**Coordinator: Ron Young**

**989-884-4011**

Hear why the Pere Marquette 1225 is rightly called “The Real Polar Express” and “The Spartan Locomotive.” One of the largest steam locomotives to ever operate in Michigan, it was restored virtually by MSU students from a rusting shell to full operation and now runs in Owosso, Michigan. This is a Historical Society of Michigan History Hounds Virtual Lecture offered by ALL at the Madeline Briggs Center

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**Writing Workshop**

**Wednesday, June 3, 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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**Age Well: Sleep & Healthy Aging**

**Thursday, June 4, 2026**

**11:00 – 12:00 pm**

**ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143**

**Coordinator: Jan Kane**

**989-464-7107**

Sleep changes naturally as we age, but healthy rest remains essential for overall well-being. Join Dr. Zsófia Zavec, neuroscientist and sleep researcher, for a presentation on how sleep patterns commonly evolve in later adulthood and how healthy sleep habits can help protect against cognitive decline. This previously offered lecture returns with updated content including general, evidence-informed suggestions for supporting more restful nights and promoting quality of life in older age. **This a Road Scholar Online program offered by ALL at Madeline Briggs.**

**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.**

## **Creating a Society of Hope & the Common Good**

**Monday, June 8, 2026**

**1:30-3:00 pm**

**ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140**

**Coordinator: Pat Garant**

**231-640-9320**

It has become almost too easy and repetitive to list the failings of our culture. How do we look upon the divisions and find a realistic hope for society and the wider world? It is past time for a word of hope. To do this we have to ask ourselves how did we get here and how do we move forward. The key here is the word "We". In this presentation we will look at past to find a path of hope. We must heal toxic masculinity, angry Christianity, compliance to an unworthy person or persons. After clearing the field, a balanced humanity, a compassionate faith, and a zeal once again for the common good.

**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.

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## **City of Alpena: Challenges and Opportunities**

**Tuesday, June 9, 2026**

**1:30- 2:30 pm**

**ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140**

**Coordinator: Mike Mandrick**

**989-255-2699**

This session will be a discussion with Alpena City Manager about the challenges ahead for the City of Alpena and what opportunities lay ahead. This is meant to be an informal discussion with the group.

**Rachel Smolinski** has over 26 years of experience in municipal management, regional planning, land use planning, environmental management, public policy dialogue, community and economic development, grant writing and management, and community engagement services.

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## **Honoring D-Day-Echoes of Valor & Victory**

**Wednesday, June 10, 2026**

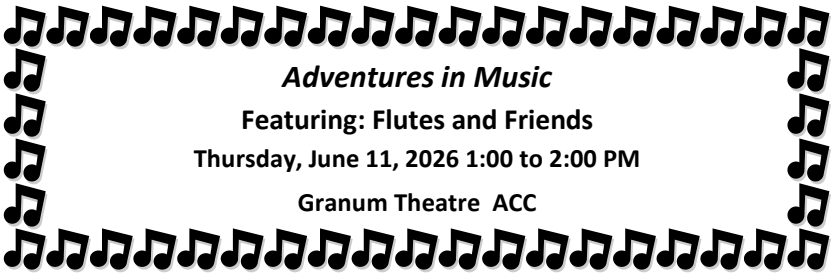
**1:00- 2:00 pm**

**ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143**

**Coordinator: Marcia Connolly**

**989-356-2582**

On June 6, 1944, the Allies undertook one of the most bold and significant operations of World War II — a massive amphibious and airborne assault in Normandy, marking the beginning of the end for Nazi oppression in Europe. Join us to honor this monumental day with an inspiring online lecture by Dr. Spencer Jones, esteemed historian and author. The first 24 hours of Operation Overlord, codenamed "D-Day," saw a united effort of American, British and Canadian forces to overcome Hitler's formidable 'Atlantic Wall' and secure essential beachheads. Dr. Jones will unveil the strategic brilliance and steadfast bravery that marked this pivotal moment, propelling the Allies towards the liberation of Europe. **This a Road Scholar Online program offered by ALL at Madeline Briggs.**



***Adventures in Music***

**Featuring: Flutes and Friends**

**Thursday, June 11, 2026 1:00 to 2:00 PM**

**Granum Theatre ACC**

**Spring Bike Ride**

**Monday, June 15, 2026**

**9:30– 1:00 pm**

**Herman Vogler Conservation Area, Rogers City**

**Coordinator: Bill Haase**

**989-340-2123**

The annual spring 16-mile ride explores Vogler Conservation Area, Hoeft Park, Rogers City Marina and Forty Mile Lighthouse. The route is paved bike-way along Lake Huron and city streets. Lunch along the way will be part of the experience. Experienced bikers call this one of the most scenic biking routes in northern Michigan. Helmets required. Note- Bill Haase will contact riders with last minute details.

**Bill Haase** continues to organize our ALL bike rides and is currently serving as ALL’s president.

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**The Cliff Revealed: Uncovering America's First Great Copper Mine**

**Tuesday, June 16, 2026**

**12:00 – 1:00 pm**

**ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140**

**Coordinator: Ron Young**

**989-884-4011**

The Cliff Mine, opened in 1845, was the first profitable copper mine in Michigan’s Lake Copper District. Two decades later, the Cliff was in slow decline while more profitable mining companies rose. Learn about the study and excavation of this living historic landscape by Michigan Technological University researchers. **This is a Historical Society of Michigan History Hounds Virtual Lecture offered by ALL at the Madeline Briggs Center.**

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**Book Lovers Gathering**

**Tuesday, June 16, 2026**

**1:30-3:00 pm**

**ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143**

**Coordinator: Carey Rapin**

**989-255-0396**

After several months of an icy, blustery winter, we are all looking forward to summer days and a good book in our hands as we relax on our decks or on the beach. Please join us to share your favorite stories or authors with fellow readers.

**Carey Rapin:** Call Carey if you are new to ALL and have any questions about our procedure. Many of you may have already read “Theo of Golden” by Allen Levi. It is at the top of my list of favorite books. I found it beautiful, and felt very loved as I read it.



**ALL Photography Club**

**Tuesday, June 16, 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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**Journal Writing**

**Wednesday, June 17, 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.

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**Tour of Brush Creek Mill**

**Thursday, June 18, 2026**

**10:30 – 11:30 pm**

**121 State St, Hillman**

**Coordinator: Judy Nichols**

**517-663-4970**

As a special treat, Brush Creek Mill has agreed to open early for an exclusive “ALL” tour before our luncheon at the Clubhouse Grill at Thunder Bay Resort in Hillman. Please call the ALL office at 989-358-7207, email [all@alpenacc.edu](mailto:all@alpenacc.edu) or register online.

**The Mill’s** mission is to celebrate history, promote learning and demonstrate environmental sustainability through a regional focus and volunteer-based operation. It is open year-round and features a gift shop, a variety of events and activities, a memorial garden on the Brush Creek and the Hillman Area Historical and Genealogy Society’s museum. Each July the Mill hosts “Teeing Up For Kids” golf outing at Thunder Bay Resort. This year, grants totaling \$16,000 were distributed to recipients in Hillman, Atlanta and Lewiston schools as well as a few community programs such as the Lions Club backpack program.

**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: Clubhouse Grill of Thunder Bay Resort**

**Thursday, June 18, 2026**

**12:00– 1:30 pm**

**27800 M-32, Hillman MI**

**Coordinator: Jane Roose**

**989-255-5673**

Please join the June Moveable Feast at The Clubhouse Grill at Thunder Bay Resort in Hillman. **LUNCH ORDERS MUST BE CALLED TO JANE (989-255-5673) IN ADVANCE BY WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026, DUE TO THE SMALL KITCHEN AT THE RESORT. The menu is available by email or phone through Jane.** Many people travel hours to spend time “up North” and it is right out our back door. Each attendee is responsible for the cost of their meal and beverage. . Call the ALL office at 989-358-7207, or email [all@alpenacc.edu](mailto:all@alpenacc.edu) or register online for a reservation so the restaurant and coordinator can plan accordingly.

This hidden gem in the northwoods is enjoyed by many who want to experience the quiet and beauty of our northern retreat. The dream of Jack Mathias, this resort offers elk viewing wagon/sleigh rides, golf, and hiking trails.

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**Data Centers**

**Tuesday, June 23, 2026**

**1:30-3:00 pm**

**ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140**

**Coordinator: Bev Bodem**

**989-354-4656**

This presentation examines how AI data centers are reshaping communities, highlighting both their benefits and drawbacks. On the positive side, these facilities can bring jobs, infrastructure investment, and increased tax revenue, often revitalizing local economies. They also support the broader growth of AI technologies that influence healthcare, education, and public services. However, concerns arise around high energy and water consumption, environmental strain, and limited long-term employment once construction ends. Community resistance has grown in some regions, driven by fears of resource depletion, noise, land use changes, and a lack of transparency from developers. More broadly, AI’s expansion can deepen economic divides, automate jobs, and shift power toward large tech companies. The long-term impact on communities will depend on regulation, sustainability practices, and how well local voices are included in decision-making, balancing technological progress with social and environmental responsibility.

**Rocky Roland** will lead this presentation about what is becoming a crucial and controversial topic. Rocky is a retired USAF Colonel, a former fighter pilot and space systems expert. He is a voracious reader, an inveterate traveler, and a frequent ALL presenter on his travels and other esoteric topics.

**In search of Amelia Earhart-The Expedition to Nikumaroro**

**Wednesday, June 24, 2026**

**4:00 – 5:00 pm**

**ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143**

**Coordinator: Sue O’Neil**

**586-216-1177**

In 1937, pioneering aviator Amelia Earhart vanished while attempting to fly around the world with navigator Fred Noonan, sparking one of aviation’s greatest and most enduring mysteries. Nearly a century later, archaeologist Dr. Richard Pettigrew is preparing to lead a groundbreaking expedition to Nikumaroro, a remote island in the Pacific. The team’s focus: the “Taraia Object,” a recently identified anomaly that could be a remnant of Earhart’s Lockheed Electra. In this lecture, Dr. Pettigrew will share why this discovery is so compelling, what the expedition will do to investigate it and the challenges the field team expects to face. Join us for a first look at how this journey may finally bring answers to one of history’s greatest enigmas. This is a Road Scholar Online lecture offered by ALL at Madeline Briggs.

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**ALL Annual Meeting- Thursday June 25, 2026-Please see page 8 for details.**

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**Exploring Besser Museum's Newest Exhibit**

**Monday, June 29, 2026**

**1:30-3:00 pm**

**Besser Museum, 491 Johnson St., Alpena**

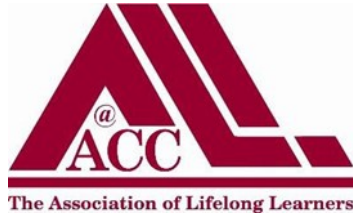
**Coordinator: Linda Ferguson**

**402-679-7669**

**Admission: \$5—Besser Museum members are free.**

Explore Besser Museum's newest exhibit: the history and heritage of Great Lakes Fisheries, how they have been threatened by invasive species, and the need for citizen stewardship. We will be meeting in the main building of Besser Museum and taking an excursion into the past along a walkway to the 1928 Katherine V, a wooden fishing tug and on to the Research Vessel Chinook. A “timeline” of information along the walkway will describe our Great Lakes from the pre-settlement era to today's fishery and, most recently, threats of invasive Asian carp. Jim Johnson, who worked on the research vessel will tell the stories of this timeline and discuss the issues of each era with attendees.

**Jim Johnson** is a retired fishery biologist. He earned BS and MS degrees at Michigan State University and served as a fishery biologist for Nebraska and Utah state fishery divisions. In 1989 he came to Alpena to head the DNR’s Fishery Research Station on Lake Huron, where he carried out research and assessments aboard the Research Vessel Chinook. The Research Vessel and Jim Johnson both retired to the Besser Museum, where Johnson was a Museum board member and chair of the Fishery Heritage Exhibit project for 10 years.



# ALL ANNUAL MEETING

## Mark your calendar!

**Thursday, June 25, 2026—11:30 am-2:30 pm**

**Location: Grace Lutheran Church, 119 W Dunbar**

**Lunch will be provided, donations requested**

### Speakers

**Karen Tetzlaff, President of the Thunder Bay Audubon Society (TBAS), and Jan Charter, TBAS Secretary and ALL Board Member, will be speaking about the City of Alpena's upcoming application to become a Bird City.**

**Street Parking is available**

**Some parking front of the church**

**And in a parking lot directly across the street**

**Enter through the glass doors on the street level**

**Meeting details: Election/re-Election of Board Members**

**Please Note: Additional information will be communicated as details become available. We look forward to seeing you all there!**

## JUNE 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

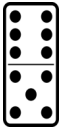
12:15 – 4:00 pm

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**

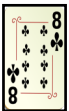
**Coordinator: Marilyn Klingshirn**

**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.

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### **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.

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### **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.**