

July 2026



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Michigan History Day Film Festival

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

12:00 – 1:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143

Coordinator: Ron Young

989-844- 4011

Michigan students in 3-12th grades worked all year to complete original historical research and present their findings at regional, state, and national contests. Celebrate their incredible achievements by joining us for a Michigan History Day® documentary film festival showcasing student projects! **This is a Historical Society of Michigan History Hounds Virtual Lecture offered via Zoom at Madeline Briggs**

Huron Pines: Proposed Misery Bay Nature Preserve

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

2:00 – 4:00 pm

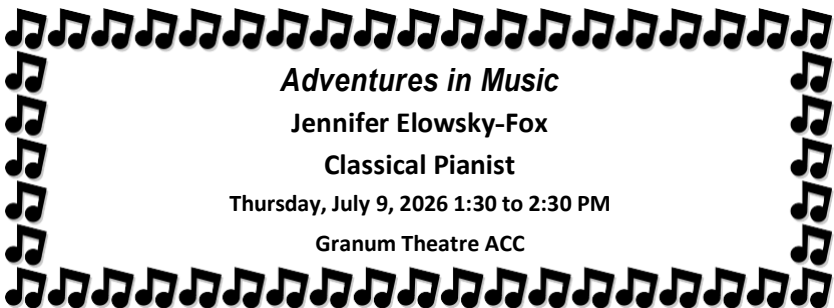
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

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Join Huron Pines as we share about our current efforts to protect a breathtaking 41-acre parcel with 8,000 feet of Lake Huron frontage on the northern edge of Misery Bay. Learn about the rare mosaic of coastal habitats such as Great Lakes marsh, coastal fens and rich conifer swamps as well as the rare plant life that thrive only in the Great Lakes region. Then, take a short drive with us to the future nature preserve to experience this beautiful and magnificent landscape with a guided tour from our expert staff.

Huron Pines is a nonprofit conservation organization dedicated to protecting Northern Michigan's natural resources for the benefit of wildlife, water quality and people. Since 1973, we have worked alongside community and conservation partners across Northeast Michigan to achieve lasting results. This legacy of conservation does more than benefit the environment—it improves quality of life, strengthens local economies and fosters deep pride in the places we call home.



Adventures in Music
Jennifer Elowsky-Fox
Classical Pianist
Thursday, July 9, 2026 1:30 to 2:30 PM
Granum Theatre ACC

Online Lecture—The Spanish Inquisition

Monday, July 13, 2026

12:00-1:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Richard Bremer

810-730-7616

The Spanish Inquisition remains one of history's most complicated institutions, its legacy shaped as much by legend and polemic as by archival record. Join linguist and historian Nettah Yoeli-Rimmer as he examines the Inquisition not simply as an instrument of religious persecution, but as a calculated tool of state-building under Ferdinand II of Aragon and Isabella I of Castile. Explore how a fragmented kingdom gave rise to a unified Spanish identity and the Inquisition's impacts on Spain's Jewish community.

Nettah Yoeli-Rimmer studied French and Spanish literature before going on to get a master's in European culture at the University of Cambridge. He has traveled extensively and has many years of experience leading educational adventures in France, Spain and Italy. He has recently completed a PhD in 19th-century Spanish literature. In addition to his principal research, he regularly writes for a number of publications on urban history and architecture. **This is a Road Scholar virtual lecture offered via Zoom at Madeline Briggs Center.**

Sound Bath Meditative Experience

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

1:30- 2:30 pm

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

2:30-3:30 pm

Massage Works Natural Health Center, 2483 US 23 South, Alpena

Coordinator: Linda Ferguson

402-679-7669

Maximum: 6 per time slot. Register for one slot. First-come, first-served.

A sound bath is a meditative experience where you lie down and waves of sound wash over you. It may help with stress, fatigue, and depression symptoms. Amy Traylor, owner of Massage Works, invites you to experience a sound bath in her Natural Health Center on US 23 South. She is offering two Sound Bath sessions followed by a complimentary 8 minute Therapy Mat experience if you choose. Each session is limited to six (6) attendees. You must register with ALL for a session and attendees for each session will be a first sign up first served basis

Amy Traylor is a Licensed Massage Therapist. Amy has owned Massage Works NHC for over 20 years.

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.

Online Lecture: George Washington & the Road to Independence

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

2:00– 3:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143

Coordinator: Ron Young

989-884-4011

We now think of George Washington as America’s foremost patriot, but he came to accept war and independence only slowly. Far from embracing his selection as commander-in-chief, he feared it would lead to his ruin — and possible death. Join author and historian Dr. Edward Lengel as he explores how Washington’s hope for America’s future led him to take on leadership in the struggle for independence. Celebrate the United States of America’s 250th anniversary in 2026 through the lens of Washington’s leadership in the Revolutionary War.

This is a Road Scholar Virtual Lecture offered via Zoom at Madeline Briggs

Fighting Hunger at ACC: Supporting Student Success

Thursday, July 16, 2026

1:00 – 2:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Pat Garant

231-640-9320

Learn how Alpena Community College is addressing student food insecurity through Michigan’s Hunger Free Campus Grant. This presentation will share the reasons ACC pursued the grant, highlights from a recent campus food insecurity survey, and plans for expanding “The Market at ACC” food pantries across campus to better support students with access to food and essential resources.

Kristen Wisniewski is the Grant Director at ACC and an adjunct psychology professor. **Lisa Blumenthal** is the Marketing and Data Specialist at ACC. Both worked tirelessly to secure the grant for ACC and look forward to the positive impact it will have on our students.

Age Well– Psychology of Kindness—Strategies for Prosocial Behavior

Thursday, July 16, 2026

2:00-3:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143

Coordinator: Ron Young

989-884-4011

How can small acts of kindness and positive thinking shape a happier, more fulfilling life? As part of our “Age Well” series, join author Dr. Catherine Sanderson, a leading expert in positive psychology, for an engaging lecture on the science behind well-being, resilience and optimism. Explore research-backed strategies for fostering positivity and gain practical tools to strengthen happiness in everyday life. **This is a Road Scholar Virtual Lecture offered via Zoom at Madeline Briggs.**

Festive Fourth: How Michiganders Celebrated Independence

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

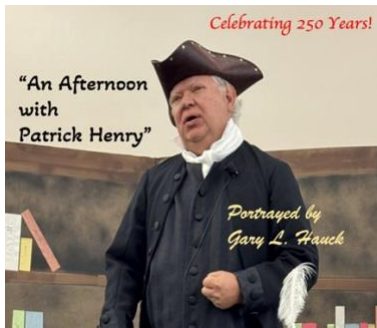
12:00 – 1:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143

Coordinator: Ron Young

989-844-4011

Brought to you by America 250ML. As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of American self-rule in 2026, join us to look back at 4th of July celebrations of the past. From the previous and current capitol buildings to other cities around the state, explore the traditions and events that have marked independence. **This is a Historical Society of Michigan History Hounds Virtual Lecture offered via Zoom at Madeline Briggs.**



An Afternoon with Patrick Henry **Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 1:30 pm**

The Granum Theatre

665 Johnson St., Alpena MI 49707

Admission is free

Thanks to a grant from the

Alpena Community College Foundation

Coordinator: Linda Ferguson

402-679-7669

Meet Patrick Henry as he shares his stories of America's struggle for independence and the establishment of a new nation. You will hear his famous speech that sparked the American Revolution and discover the roots of his oratorical skill and political passion. He'll also be discussing his personal life, marriages, children and grandchildren, and how he turned tragedy into triumph time and time again. Prepare to be inspired as you meet with and reflect on the incredible life journey of Patrick Henry, one of our most illustrious founding fathers!

Patrick Henry will be portrayed by **Gary L. Hauck**, who holds a PhD from Michigan State University and is Dean Emeritus of Arts & Sciences at Montcalm Community College. He is the author of 26 books, and has participated in community theater, Dancing with the Local Stars of Greenville, and ArtPrize GrandRapids. As a lover of history and the humanities, Hauck has travelled to all 50 states, 118 countries, and all seven continents. He resides with his wife Lois and near their four children and two grandchildren in Grand Rapids, Michigan. As a lover of history and the humanities, Hauck has travelled to all 50 states, 118 countries, and all seven continents.



ALL Photography Club

Tuesday, July 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.

Moveable Feast: Up North 23 Restaurant

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

5:00–6:30 pm




Up North 23, 530 N. 3rd St., Rogers City



Coordinator: Jane Roose



989-255-5673



Join the fun-loving Moveable Feast gang for a delightful dinner in Rogers City in July. What a great time of year to enjoy the Nautical City. If you want to make a day of it, there are three local attractions you may want to visit on your own: Great Lakes Lore Maritime Museum is right across the restaurant’s driveway (367 N. 3rd) and is open from 11-4; Presque Isle Historical Museum is just down the street (176 W Michigan Ave) and is open 12-4; and the 40-Mile Point Lighthouse is just up 23 a bit (7323 US 23 N) and is open 10-4. These side tours are not organized by the Moveable Feast coordinator, but they are all worth a stop to visit. There may be an admission fee or donation encouraged. Each attendee is responsible for the cost of their meal and beverage. **The restaurant charges 3% extra if a credit card is used.** Feel free to invite someone who hasn't enjoyed our “fun” feasts. 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.



Up North 23 sources as many ingredients as possible from local farmers and vendors. Even the famous house-made BBQ chips come from the owners – who also happen to be local potato farmers. Talk about fresh! Come enjoy an atmosphere where family, friends, and strangers can come together and enjoy delicious food with a gorgeous view of beloved Lake Huron.




Do you have a presentation... or hobby to share? Do you know



others who have a presentation or hobby to share? Do you have



a topic you would like to learn more about? Contact the ALL



Office at 989-358-7207 or email all@alpenacc.edu to share your



ideas - ALL is always looking for new programs to offer.




Age Well: Preventing Falls-Practical Steps for Safer Aging

Thursday, July 23, 2026

2:00-3:00 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 143

Coordinator: Jan Kane

989-464-7107

Falls are one of the leading causes of injury among older adults, but many are preventable with the right knowledge and preparation. Join us for this practical, expert-led lecture with geriatrician Dr. Nakeisha Rodgers to better understand fall risks and how to reduce them. You'll explore the medical and financial impact of falls, common conditions that increase risk and how geriatric specialists assess fall risk during routine care. Dr. Rodgers will also share clear, actionable strategies to help you "fall-proof" your home and support safer, more confident aging — for yourself or a loved one. **This is a Road Scholar Virtual Lecture offered via Zoom at Madeline Briggs**

I Was a WAC and then I Wasn't

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

10:00-11:30 am

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Joyce Bobolts

616-893-2889

One woman's story about transitioning from the Women's Army Corps (WAC) to the REAL US Army. Never ran that far; never touched a firearm, never been in a helicopter let alone rappelled out of one. How this unprepared 19-year-old struggled, and not only survived but succeeded in the era when women's roles in the military underwent drastic change.

Wendy Payne, ALL member, and Master Sergeant, US Army (Retired) entered the Women's Army Corps in January 1974. Shortly after basic military training (the WAC version), the transition to the REAL US Army began. Served 20 years and one month, then on to work for General Dynamics, a government contractor for 26 years. Originally from Brown City, Michigan, she retired from her second career and returned to Michigan, settling with family members in Alpena in 2021.

All You Ever Wanted to Know about Central Dispatch-Alpena 911 Center

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

1:30-2:30 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Tom Hilberg

989-464-5569

Rory Sherwood will give a presentation about Alpena County 911 that includes who they are, how they operate, the technology and the capabilities that are available, and what the future may hold for Alpena County 911.

Rory Sherwood was raised and spent most of his life in Alpena, except for a stint in the U.S. Air Force where he was an Arabic Linguist from 2005 to 2009. He has been a dispatcher for 13 years, dispatching between both Alpena County and Alcona County with the last seven years being in Alpena County. He has been the Lead Dispatcher for 3 years.

ALL Second Annual Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

1:30-3:30 pm

ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

Coordinator: Lisa Rosenbeck assisted by Judy Cooper

989-356-3068

Cost: \$5.00 per team

How well do you know Alpena? You and your team (up to 4 people) can find out by joining the ALL second annual Alpena Scavenger Hunt! Starting at the Madeline Briggs Center, teams will be given instructions and a clue sheet for locations around Alpena. Test your knowledge of Alpena's history and locations using the clues. You will need a car to travel and a phone to take pictures of the group at the site.

If you have any questions or want to sign up your team, you can call Lisa at 989.356.3068 (leave a voicemail message with your team name and contact phone number and email if no answer). Teams must be registered by Monday, July 20. Collection of the registration fee will be at Briggs as we gather on Thursday July 23 before the event begins.

Lisa Rosenbeck is enjoying retirement with traveling and attending ALL events.

Historical Alpena Bus Tour

Thursday, July 30, 2026

1:30-3:00 pm

Location: Bus will board in the parking lot behind Alpena City Hall near the former pavilion for the Farmer's Market. Look for a TBTA bus. Bus boarding available at 1:15 pm. The bus will depart for tour at exactly 1:30 pm.

Coordinator: Linda Ferguson

402-679-7669

Number of attendees: Minimum #: 10 Maximum #: 20

Cost: \$12.50 includes water, cookies and a souvenir booklet of the ALL Alpena Historical tour. **Boarding passes will be sold at the ALL office Friday, July 17 on a first-come first-served basis from 10 am until noon.** Your seat is not reserved until fee is received. You may send a friend to purchase your boarding pass. There will be no refunds unless your seat is filled from a wait list. ALL will maintain a "wait list" of persons who seek to register after the limit has been reached. If you are on the "waitlist" you will be called by the coordinator if a seat has become available.

Enjoy a delightful afternoon discovering the history of various Alpena locations. Learn the answer to such questions as why young men flocked to the Alpena area during the Great Depression? What is known as the Greenbaum Block and why? Who was Culligan and why does he have a plaza? Why do we have an "Armory" and what was on that land before the armory? Join us for facts and stories about early, early Alpena and more as we tour Alpena.

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. **Linda Ferguson** is a 1960 graduate of the Alpena High School located on Second Avenue and is well acquainted with ancient Alpena history.

JULY 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

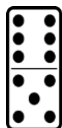
12:15–4:00 pm

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.



Spitzer

Thursdays

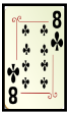
ACC Madeline Briggs Center 140

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.

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	Huron Pines	Tues.	7th	2:00-4:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 140
	Adv. In Music Jennifer Elowsky-Fox	Thurs	9th	1:30-2:30 pm	ACC Granum Theatre No Registration Required
	Spanish Inquisition	Mon.	13th	12:00-1:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 140
	Sound Bath	Tues.	14th	1:30-2:30 pm	2483 US 23 S, Alpena
	George Washington	Tues.	14th	2:00-3:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 143
	Sound Bath	Tues.	14th	2:30-3:30 pm	2483 US 23 S, Alpena
	Fighting Hunger at ACC	Thurs.	16th	1:00-2:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 140
	Age Well-Psychology of Kindness	Thurs.	16th	2:00-3:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 143
	Festive Fourth	Tues.	21st	12:00-1:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 143
	Patrick Henry	Tues.	21st	1:30-3:00 pm	ACC Granum Theatre
	Photography Club	Tues.	21st	7:00-9:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 143
	Up North 23	Wed.	22nd	5:00-6:30 pm	530 N. 3rd St., Rogers City
	Age Well-Preventing Falls	Thurs.	23rd	2:00-3:00 pm	ACC M. Briggs 143
	I Was a WAC	Tues.	28th	10:00-11:30 am	ACC M. Briggs 140
	Alpena 911	Tues.	28th	1:30-2:30 pm	ACC M. Briggs 140
	Scavenger Hunt	Wed.	29th	1:30-3:30 pm	Meet at ACC M Briggs 140
	Historical Alpena Bus Tour	Thurs.	30th	1:30 - 3:00 pm	Lot Behind City Hall
	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
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	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

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