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ALL News

ACC will be closed for Easter on Friday April 15th and Monday April 18th.

NOTE: If the college is closed for any reason (snow, lack of power, etc.) programs in Briggs Center are cancelled.



Hitchhiker Program Launched

Would you pick up a Hitchhiker? We hope so! Occasionally we have ALL members who no longer drive but would like to attend an ALL program or the weekly cards and dominoes events. These folks would welcome the opportunity to "hitchhike" to the Briggs Center. While the local transportation bus is available, taking the transit may include a lengthy ride with little assurance that arrival syncs with the program timeframe.

Would you be willing to "hitch" up with a local **Hitchhiker** and bring them along to a program you are attending?

Call the ALL office and we'll add your name to the list we are creating. 989-358-7207. Whether you are "hitching" or "hiking", we hope to see you at an ALL program real soon!

Check out the *new* offerings on YouTube

- Substance Abuse Disorder Children and Teens Literature
- Living the Dream, Hiking the Appalachian Trail
- Rome – Ever Ancient, Ever New
- Autistic Seniors
- Will and Ariel Durant Lifelong Learning Leaders .

TO ACCESS:

go to associationoflifelonglearners.org
Scroll half way down page and then click on All's YouTube channel

If I had my life to live over, I would start barefoot earlier in the spring and stay that way later in the fall.

Nadine Stair

The March Happening at First Congregational Church drew over 40 folks eager to enjoy a tasty lunch, conversation with friends, and an informative program offered by Alpena native and entrepreneur Jeff Konczak. Though the weather outside was icy and gloomy, the atmosphere inside the fellowship hall was warm and buzzing!



Jeff highlighted development of BCUBED Manufacturing, modular units assembled here in Alpena using local product partners. Once assembled, the units are trailered to sites, set up and are operational in the span of a few days! A Bigby Coffee Shop is the most recognized result although Jeff has also produced or is producing cubes for VA clinics across the state. Participants also viewed an expanded prototype unit that will be home to a well-known tenant. Stay tuned for the announcement!





Mark Kinney



APRIL PROGRAMS

THE WOMEN of CAJUN MUSIC

rescheduled

MONDAY, APRIL 4

2:00PM

M Briggs Ctr (In person)

Coordinator: Dick Bremer

Phone: 810-730-7616

It took a long time for women to have any impact on Cajun Music, but when they did it was huge and it came quickly. This program will be a celebration of what these pioneer women accomplished. Join with Don and enjoy the Cajun Land's "Joie de vie (Joy of life).

Don Londo LOVES Cajun Music and he loves sharing this with others.

DEMENTIA FRIENDS - HOW TO BE ONE

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

1:30 PM

M Briggs Ctr (In person and Zoom)

Coordinator: Linda Jewell

Phone: 989-340-1137

Zoom host: Judy Hompstead

Zoom connection: Meeting ID: 836 0945 3825 Passcode: 169262

This is a one hour training program through the Alpena Senior Center, that will help family and friends of those with dementia understand

how to cope and react to their loved ones. It also equips anyone in the community to help in a public situation involving someone with dementia. This is a social action movement developed by The Alzheimer's Society in the UK. The program has five key messages in how you can work with a person with dementia and identify ten known signs of dementia.

B.J. Sander is the Program Manager at the Alpena Senior Center where she has been employed five years. She is certified in several areas of senior fitness, nutrition and dementia. B.J. is training to be a health coach.

MOVEABLE FEAST

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

1 PM

JJ's Steak and Pizza House, 411 N. Second

Coordinator: Sue Nagy, Phone 989-736-7105

As their ad says, "The warm atmosphere of this spot makes visitors feel relaxed and have a good time." Won't you join fellow ALL members at this monthly get together. And think about bringing along a friend to introduce them to ALL. Let either the office (989-358-7207) or Sue know that you are coming.

INDOOR GOLF SIMULATOR

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

2:00 PM

Location: 1013 Water Street off M-32 W

Coordinator: Judy M. Nichols

Phone: 517 663 4970

Play famous golf courses from around the country at this virtual driving range. Select your course, your tee and your weather conditions, bring your clubs and test your skills! Come learn about this simulator technology and golf year 'round right here in northern Michigan. Oh yes, no fudging on strokes...the computer scores the round.

Dave Karschnick is an Alpena native entrepreneur. His green building on Walter Street just off M-32 west has been home to several businesses, Today he operates a gun shop for new, used and consignment guns; a garden supply store; an indoor, climate controlled storage facility, and a golf simulation operation.

Covid 19 and boredom nudged Dave and his son, Dave Jr., over the edge with the purchase of the simulator. After a few rounds with his son and buddies, Dave has offered to "share" his indoor golfing operation with the golf enthusiasts in the Alpena area. And wives across northeast Michigan appreciate his shareful nature! Come learn more about this golf rage sweeping across winter's landscape.

SHERIFF CHARLES LYNCH FUND 1850-1887

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

3:30 PM

M Brigg Ctr (In person and Zoom)

Coordinator: Linda Jewell Phone: 989-340-1137

Zoom host: Ron Young

Zoom connection:

Meeting ID: 869 7799 1966

Passcode 579904



This presentation will be on the history of Alpena's only sheriff to be killed in the line of duty, and our community's effort to remember and memorialize his sacrifice 135 years later.

Presenters will be Amanda Kuznicki, Kat Tomaszewski, Danyea Dorr and Mike Phillips.

FATAL CROSSINGS—LOST RAILROAD CAR FERRIES OF THE GREAT LAKES

Thursday, April 7

6:30 PM

M. Briggs Center (in person and Zoom)

Coordinator: Maureen Brown

Phone: 989-464-3865

Zoom Host: Ron Young

Zoom connection:

Meeting Id: 850 6012 4918

Passcode: 453901



Throughout the first half of the 20th century several of the major railroad lines operated fleets of car



ferries to transport their railroad cars across the Great Lakes. Come learn about a time when the railroads went sailing and about a mystery "half" a shipwreck that was discovered by accident!

As a local history teacher and part time Great Lakes sailor, **Jeff Thomas** draws on both experiences to tell the story of Great lakes shipwrecks. He finds the small details that bring the stories to life in a story-telling experience that puts the viewer "in the moment" of these dramatic tales.

WHAT IS NEW AT MYMICHIGAN HEALTH? MONDAY, APRIL 11 11:00 AM

M Briggs Ctr (In person and Zoom)

Coordinator: Jan Kane

Phone: 989-464-7107

Zoom host: Judy Hompstead

Zoom connection:

Meeting ID: 897 1619 2211

Passcode: 153622

There are many new projects and services offered and planned at MyMichigan Medical Center Alpena, the most obvious being the new patient tower which will open for use in April. Chuck will show pictures that highlight the progress being made on the new tower, provide a general update on services, and answer questions from participants.



Chuck Sherwin was named President of MyMichigan Medical Center Alpena effective July 1, 2018. Chuck came to Alpena General Hospital as the Director of Organizational Improvement in 1996 and was named Administrator of the Alpena Cancer Center in September 1999. In 2008, he was named Vice President of Business Development and Clinical Services and in 2014 added Chief Nursing Officer to his role.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Olivet Nazarene University and a Master of Science in Health Care Administration from the University of Detroit. Chuck is also a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives; the Vice President of the Board of Directors for Alcona Citizens for Health, Chair of the Northeastern Michigan Cancer Center; past President of the Alpena Rotary Club;

and is the District Governor for Rotary International. Chuck is married and has 2 grown children.

SPEECH PATHOLOGY SERVICES IN ALPENA

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

1:00 PM

M Briggs Ctr (In person and Zoom)

Coordinator: Linda Jewell Phone: 989-340-1137

Zoom host: Judy Hompstead

Zoom connection:

Meeting ID: 865 8961 6641

Passcode: 065944

Channels Rehabilitation LLC is a new rehabilitation facility in Alpena, MI, servicing Northeast MI counties for adult speech, language, cognitive, voice, and swallowing rehabilitation needs. We provide services in-office and in-home, if needed.

Channels Rehab specializes in the following services:

- The Train Your Brain program to promote cognitive wellness for mild cognitive impairment and early dementia
- Caregiver training for those with advancing dementia
- Neurological rehabilitation from stroke, brain injury/concussion, and neurodegenerative diseases
- Swallowing rehabilitation
- Head and neck cancer rehabilitation addressing swallowing, voice, cognition ("chemo-brain") and respiratory function
- Voice rehabilitation
- Speech and Language services (aphasia and motor speech disorders)



Devon Burke is a speech-language pathologist, who wrote:

"I recently moved to Presque Isle from Traverse City in August of 2021 after meeting my now fiancé, Allan! I graduated from Wayne State University with a bachelor's in communication sciences and Disorders, followed by my Master's in Speech-Language Pathology from Grand Valley State University in 2016.

I began Channels Rehabilitation with the goal in mind to specialize services targeting adults in need of cognitive, communication, and

swallowing rehabilitation. I am a lifelong learner in cognitive-communication and swallowing research, constantly seeking opportunities to help clients and their loved ones reach THEIR goals and restore their identity in their community. I look forward to establishing roots here on the Sunrise Side!"

WHY NOT OPEN BORDERS? PART II

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

2:00 PM

M Briggs Ctr (Zoom only)

Coordinator: Mike Mandrick

Phone: 989-255-2699

Zoom host: Ron Young

Zoom connection:

Meeting ID: 857 3442 0504

Passcode: 647167

This program follows the one in December that was limited to economic and fiscal effects of immigration. Now we will explore some of the racial, ethnic, cultural, social, criminal, medical, ethical, and religious identity topics. We will conclude with a focus on Arab American immigrants in Dearborn and a recommendation based on both programs.

Olin Joynton taught philosophy at community colleges in Texas and Wyoming before coming in 2004 as president of ACC. In retirement since 2015 he and his wife Patricia move around to be near family, most recently landing in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

FOCUS ON FUN CAMERA CLUB

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

1:30 PM

M. Briggs Ctr (in person and Zoom)

Coordinator: Jeanette Vredenburg

Phone: 989-471-2997

Zoom host: Mark Kinney

Zoom connection:

Meeting ID: 847 0459 7928

Passcode: 635146

Picture an informal monthly meeting where you share the joy of photography. From beginning photographers to experts, members have widely varying degrees of photographic expertise and

experience and are willing to share their knowledge. Come join us, you will be welcomed.

ALL ABOUT ANIMAL CONTROL IN ALPENA

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

1:30 PM

M Briggs Ctr (In person and Zoom)

Coordinator: Linda Jewell

Phone: 989-340-1137

Zoom Host: Judy Hompstead

Zoom connection:

Meeting ID: 892 9449 1534

Passcode: 812151

What is animal control all about? Dogs? Cats? Snakes? What's the difference between the Animal Control Shelter and other area animal shelters? Michelle will talk about the many different situations she deals with.

Deputy **Michelle Reid** is a certified law enforcement officer and has the primary duty of animal control officer (the only one in Alpena County). Deputy Reid has been a licensed veterinary technician for over 20 years.

"LILIES OF THE FIELD"

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

2:00 PM

Alpena Civic Theatre

401 River St

Coordinator: Debra Brisch

Phone: 989-340-0329

Tickets are \$14 and must be paid to the ALL office by April 19th to reserve a seat.

Alpena Civic Theatre has set aside a block of tickets for ALL members to enjoy together *Lilies Of The Field*. This is the story of Catholic nuns who escape from the Communist held portion of Berlin and come to the United States. A travelling handyman becomes the answer to the prayers of these nuns who wish to build a chapel in the desert. Here is a wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

CAN CHRISTIANITY SURVIVE THE 21ST CENTURY?

MONDAY, APRIL 25

10:30 AM

M Briggs Ctr (In person and Zoom)

Coordinator: Sandra Paquette

Phone: 989-354-3906

Zoom host: Dick Bremer

Zoom connection:

Meeting ID: 811 4365 0950

Passcode: 911050

There is no heaven up there and no hell down there and the universe is almost 14,000,000,000 years old and the earth 4.5 million years old and we are on a planet at the outer most arm of a galaxy with more than 1 billion planets in a universe that has more than 1 billion galaxies. Does a religion who's book is at least in part 2,000 - 3000 years old have anything to say to an evolving world?

Bob Case is a pastor emeritus from the First Congregational United Church of Christ and is beginning to enjoy his full retirement. He continues to offer thoughtful presentations giving ALL members much to consider and ponder.

RESEARCH SKILLS:

A DIVE INTO ALPENA CITY DIRECTORIES

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

2:00 PM

M Briggs Ctr (In person and Zoom)

Coordinator: Debra Brisch

Phone: 989-340-0329

Zoom host: Judy Hompstead

Zoom connection:

Meeting ID: 864 2697 5858

Passcode: 779292



Join Special Collections librarian Don La Barre as he demonstrates the value of City Directories for a variety of research topics. He will provide a basic overview of City Directories and their function and help you access the digitized version of directories on the Library's local history website!

Don La Barre has worked in the history field for the past 13 years. He earned his master's from Flinders' University in maritime archaeology. Soon after, he began working in the cultural resource management field in California. After moving to Michigan, he soon became the

Saginaw Valley State University in Communication. In 2018, Jackie was recognized by the Jaycee's of Michigan as an Outstanding Young Michigander. She has also been recognized as Rotarian of the Year by the Rotary Club of Alpena, and a Michigan Chamber of Commerce Professional by the Michigan Association of Chamber Professionals.

GAMES AND CARDS

MEXICAN TRAIN EXPRESS DOMINOES

TUESDAYS, APRIL 5,12,19,26 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

M. Briggs Ctr

Coordinator: Eileen Wikaryasz Phone: 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 Express! You may join our class any time during the year.

PINOCHLE

WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 6,13,20,27 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

M. Briggs Ctr

Julie Byrnes is inviting you to join her and others in single deck Pinochle on Wednesdays in March.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

FRIDAYS, APRIL 1,8,22,29 (no bridge on the 15th) 12:30 PM to 3:00 pm

M Briggs Ctr

This is an ongoing group of varied players who welcome any players at any time. We are a teaching class but we also welcome experienced players.

For general information call 989-358-7207 or email questions to all@alpenacc.edu.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

PICKLEBALL at the APLEX

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY 9 AM TO 11 AM

Pickleball continues. Call the Aplex for additional information: 989-354-6164 Aplex fees apply

BEGINNING MODERN SQUARE DANCE LESSONS

WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 6,13,20,27 5:30 TO 7:30 PM

M Briggs Center

Coordinator: Katie Taylor

Phone: 803 292 9613

Fee: first lesson is free. Members \$5/session Nonmembers \$7/session.

New Class Being Formed and Continuing for Experienced

Let's Dance! Learn how to square dance. Super fun for all ages -- 6 to 106! Great health, brain, and balance benefits. If you can walk you can square dance. Don't have a partner? You're in luck, you don't need one! It's probably not what you learned in school.

If you are not an ALL member there is an additional \$2.00 fee per lesson.

The first half hour will consist of a workshop for advanced dancers and the rest of the time will be lessons for the new dancers. Lessons will be taught by either **Wayne and Jan Pelmear** from Lake Isabella, MI or **Tom Kaiser** of Sacramento, CA. (Tom will be on Zoom.) Both are very experienced callers and teachers and are members of CallerLab (International Assoc. of Square Dance Callers.)



**“Nobody’s
free until
everybody’s
free.”**



FANNIE LOU HAMER



"Nobody's Free Until Everybody's Free"

Book discussion

Fannie Lou Hamer, Civil Rights Activist, will be the subject of the April Martin Luther King, Jr Discussion. Join in the discussion on Wednesday, April 6 at 7 pm via zoom. Hamer was an amazing leader and activist, and discussion participants are encouraged to check out information about Hamer's life. She began her civil rights activism in 1962.

Pastor Tom Orth of Grace Lutheran Church will be the discussion leader. To register for this discussion, email abelovedcommunity.alpena@gmail.com. The zoom link will be sent by return email.

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