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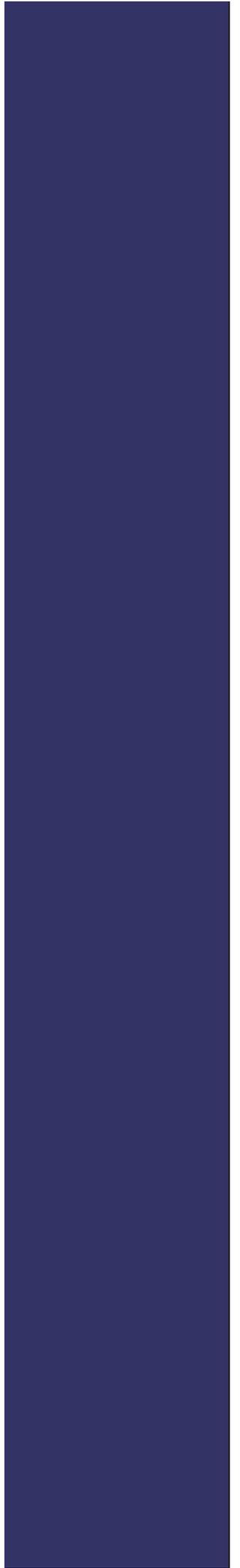


If you use Zoom be sure to update your Zoom app on your computer - don't know how to do that? Plan to attend the Zoom program on December 9th.

A modest donation from guests for the value of your experience is greatly appreciated. \$\$\$\$\$

Photographers Corner

Pictures from the Spaghetti dinner





Spaghetti dinner volunteers from the Honor Soc. and early college class participants' are:
top row- left to right. Wesley Decker, Cassandra Anderson, Kiera Werth, Clover Bailey, Tori Eller, Blair Aldrich, Louren Collegon,
seated, Lilly McKenzie.

"This is the season when people of all faiths and cultures are pushing back against planetary darkness. We string bulbs, ignite bonfires, and light candles. And we sing."

Anita Diamant

December 2021 Program Guide 989-358-7207

One way to access Zoom programs for this month is to go to ALL's website <http://www.associationoflifelonglearners.org/>. Click on Calendar, then click on the date for the program. Scroll until you see the information needed.

CHILDREN'S AND TEEN LITERATURE FOR HOLIDAY GIFTING AND BEYOND

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

2 - 3:00 PM

M Briggs Center (both in-person and zoom)

Coordinator: Jodene Compton

989 590 0079

Zoom host: Judy Hompstead

Zoom connection: Meeting ID: 833 9994 3487 Passcode: 188756

The beloved children's book author Kate DiCamillo once said, "Reading should

not be presented to children as a chore, a duty. It should be offered as a gift.” With that in mind, join youth librarian and longtime children’s bookseller Sara Grochowski in exploring new and engaging literature for children and teens. Hear about titles perfect for holiday gift giving, with options for the littlest listeners up through those on the cusp of adulthood, while learning more about the wonder and possibility of children’s literature for readers of all ages.

Sara Grochowski was born in Alpena, Michigan, where she was raised to love books. After spending nearly a decade away for college and to begin a career in the book industry, working primarily as a nationally recognized children’s bookseller, she returned to Alpena in 2019. She currently works at the Alpena County George N. Fletcher Library as a youth librarian, outreach coordinator, and director of marketing.

BAGUETTES, WREATHS AND GREENS AND HOLIDAY MARKET

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
(baguette baking 1:00-2:30)

Program Location: Birch Hill Grocery, 8121 E. Grand Lake Rd, Presque Isle
Market is open to everyone and baguette smells (and viewing from a distance) are FREE. However, there is room for only 10 registrants in the immediate baking area.

ALL Member Registration forms must be filled out and returned to ALL office. You will be notified if you are one of the ten.

Coordinator: Jodene Compton 989 590 0079

Birch Hill Grocery and Falls Creek Flowers have a Holiday Market good time “in store” for you! Store owner, Kris, will give a baguette-baking demonstration at 1 p.m. with room for 10 active bakers, (the first A.L.L. members who sign up). Others can observe from nearby, smell the warm bread, pick up Falls Creek Flower’s holiday wreaths, arrangements, and greenery, along with unique BHG gift items and shop the small booths of a few more local area vendors. Drop by for a cup of hot chocolate and holiday treats, pick up your holiday greenery and decorative items, shop for special Christmas gifts, plus learn to make tasty baguettes –all on a beautiful Saturday in Presque Isle.

Kris(ten) Fairey moved back to her beloved childhood community this summer. In July, 2021, with two of her three children, she bought and re-opened Birch Hill Grocery providing lake essentials and good food to the community. Her baking skills are the talk of the area.

Amanda Timm and her mother, Karen Grochowski of the family-run farm “Falls Creek Produce and Flowers” grow unique flower varieties and have a special touch with creative holiday flower arrangements and home décor. They

work tirelessly to make your year-long floral and holiday decorating dreams come true.

COME TOUR THE LIBRARY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

11:00 AM

211 N. First Alpena

Coordinator: Marlene Bartz

989-340-1718

The completely renovated George N. Fletcher Public Library is ready for viewing ! Join director, Eric Magness-Eubank, as he shows off what has taken place over the past year.

Eric Magness-Eubank is the director of the Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library. Over the years he has contributed much to the programming for ALL.

WATERFRONT RECREATIONAL PARK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

2:00 PM

M Briggs Center (both in person and zoom)

Coordinator: Jodene Compton

989 590 0079

Zoom host: Mark Kinney

Zoom connection: Meeting ID: 846 5715 6471 Passcode: 620134

Creating a maritime-themed community park along the Thunder Bay River that adjoins the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center campus has been envisioned since NOAA opened its Alpena headquarters in one of the Old Fletcher Paper Company buildings more than a decade ago. Funding at that time supported the creation of the Maritime Heritage Trail and construction of the foot bridge across the river to Rotary Island Mill Park. This presentation will highlight key features of the waterfront park, partners engaged to date, and a timeline for completion.

Throughout **Katie Wolf's** career, she has melded her science, technology, and communication expertise to promote public understanding and protection of our natural environment. She began her environmental career with Kentucky Division of Water where she developed an internationally recognized citizen water monitoring program, Water Watch. After moving to Michigan to coordinate the World Conference on Large Lakes on Mackinac Island, she directed Michigan Governor's Environmental Youth Awards and served as public participation consultant for the Great Lakes and Water Resources Planning Commission. Later in her career, she directed external relations for the Consortium for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN), and then directed the National Medal of Technology & Innovation. Today she lives on the shores of Lake Huron

and serves as Friends of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary's liaison, as well as community relations and outreach coordinator for the sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

2:00 PM

Zoom at M Briggs Center

Coordinator: Kathy Crawford

Phone: 989-370-3819

Zoom host: Judy Hompstead

Zoom connection: Meeting ID: 821 5093 3481 Passcode: 589241

Counting birds? Why would you want to do that? Discover fascinating information about the Christmas Bird Count (CBC). What is it? Who takes part? What is the purpose? Explore local data from recent counts gathered by members of Thunder Bay Audubon Society.

Karen Tetzlaff took up birding after retirement. Having fed birds for most of her adult life, learning more about the varied species and making some new human friends too, birding has been a perfect fit for a nature lover. Thunder Bay Audubon Society members will join her to share their experiences as bird enthusiasts.

MULLED WINE (THE HISTORY AND MAKING OF)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8 6:30 PM



Location: Two options: (1) Rusty Petunias Marketplace at 123 Chisholm, Alpena

or 2) Location of your choice – view a You Tube Video

Coordinator: Jodene Compton

989 590 0079

Join us at Rusty Petunias Marketplace or from the comfort of your home and learn how to make delicious, warmed mulled wine -- perfect for the holiday season! This fun workshop, hosted by Laura Williams, owner of *My Wine Witch*, walks us through the historical beginnings of this spiced beverage and shows how to prepare and serve it.

In person at Rusty Petunias tasting bar, you will be able to watch Laura's You Tube video while Rusty Petunias staff warms up the mulled wine (available for purchase). Enjoy seasonal aromas of mulled wine while learning about popular recipes for this well-known beverage.

Don't feel like leaving your home to join in on this workshop? Simply log into You Tube at "My Wine Witch Laura Williams" from home or wherever you are most comfortable. Want a bottle to enjoy at home? *Vin Glogg* is available for purchase at Rusty Petunias as is the mulled wine spice packet. There's more! You will be surrounded by Christmas sights, scents, and sounds and a store brimming with

surrounded by Christmas signs, scents, and sounds and a store brimming with holiday delights for your shopping pleasure.

Laura Williams is a Wine Guru and has worked in the hospitality industry for over 30 years. Laura found her passion in wine and has worked for several wine distributors prior to beginning her own company, *My Wine Witch*. This small, female-owned company promotes wine and strives to make wine fun and interesting. Laura is from the Metro Detroit area but lived in northern Michigan for seven years and fell in love with the Alpena area. She and her family moved back to Dearborn in 2020 where they reside close to family and enjoy what the area has to offer.

WHAT'S UP WITH MY ZOOM AND OTHER CLOUD CONNECTIONS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9 11:00 AM

M Briggs Center (both in-person and Zoom)

Coordinator: Kathy Crawford Phone: 989-370-3819 Zoom host: Dick Bremer

Zoom connection: Meeting ID: 817 3828 6972 Passcode: 650160

Bring your portable device to this Program if you want assistance with connecting to Zoom and any basic issues you may be experiencing. We will be using Zoom in order that people can checkout their device interface. You can join us via Zoom for questions.

Dick Bremer is a retired electrical engineer with a number of years experience assisting people with digital device issues.

BOOK LOVER'S GATHERING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9 1:30 PM

M Briggs Center (both in-person and Zoom)

Zoom host: Tyler Winowiecki

Zoom connection: Meeting ID: 830 5242 4866 Passcode: 224304

It is the season of gift giving and what better gift for a special person in your life than a book. We will spend time discussing a favorite book which perhaps could become a beloved gift for a child or an adult. What was your favorite Christmas story or for that matter, any season? A list will be prepared for you of our suggestions. If you care to give away or lend a book please bring it with you.

Carey Rapin's favorite gifts at Christmas were books except for the year she received a beautiful pair of ice skates.

DID AN ASTEROID REALLY KILL THE DINOSAURS?

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10 10:00 AM

In person at Jesse Besser Museum

Cost: \$5 for nonmembers, \$3 for members payable at the door

Coordinator: Jan Kane

Phone: 989-464-7107

The planetarium show "Did an Asteroid Really Kill the Dinosaurs?" will consist of a live presentation inside the planetarium, featuring the night sky of Alpena, and a brief walk-through on how to find notable objects currently in the sky.

This presentation will be accompanied by a 24-minute mini documentary about the science behind the current theories on how the dinosaurs went extinct.

Johnathan Winckowski is the planetarium coordinator for the Besser Museum Planetarium. He graduated from the University of Toledo in 2018 with a bachelor's degree in physics, with a concentration in astrophysics.



SPOTLIGHT ON OUR PLANET

THE ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS IS A SPIRITUAL CRISIS, continued

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13 10:30 AM

M Briggs Ctr (in person and zoom)

Coordinator: Mary Neubert

Phone: 989 590 2869

Zoom host: Dick Bremer

Zoom connection: Meeting ID: 882 8814 0810 Passcode: 879369

The environmental crisis is a symptom of a deeper spiritual crisis. "The implication is that whatever may occur within the realms of technology and politics, the environmental crisis cannot and will not be resolved unless the spiritual dimensions are addressed. "Richard C. Foltz". We will be looking at how indigenous people, Asian, Buddhist, Chinese and the Abrahamic (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) communities address the environmental crisis.

Bob Case is a pastor emeritus from the First Congregational United Church of Christ and struggles to find that full retirement continually giving to the church community. He regularly offers thoughtful presentations to ALL members, giving them much to consider and ponder.

WHY NOT OPEN BORDERS?

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

1:30 PM

Zoom at M Briggs Ctr

Coordinator: Linda Jewell

989-340-1137

Zoom host: Judy Hompstead

Zoom connection: Meeting ID: 815 8825 2729 Passcode: 931057

The question is not meant as rhetorical, but then again it is. How do immigrants affect growth and productivity in the US economy? What is their fiscal impact (taxes paid vs. services used)? Does it make sense to continue border enforcement, and what does it cost us? For now we will stay away from other issues -- the cultural, social, criminal, medical, ethical, and religious identity topics. If there's a call for attention to them, there could be a sequel.

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.



COPING WITH SEASONAL DEPRESSION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

10:00 AM

M. Briggs Ctr (in person and zoom)

Coordinator: Jan Kane

989 464 7107

Zoom host: Judy Hompstead

Zoom connection: Meeting ID: 891 5899 1797 Passcode: 775371

This program will be a discussion on depression that follows a seasonal pattern and strategies for coping.

Ashley Rodriguez is a Social Worker at MidMichigan Medical Center-Alpena Ashley is joined MidMichigan Medical Center–Alpena in February 2021 and works in the hospital's inpatient psychiatric unit Pointe East

FOCUS ON FUN CAMERA CLUB

WEDNESDAY, December 15

1:30 PM

M. Briggs Ctr (in person and zoom)

Coordinator: Jeanette Vredenburg

Phone: 989-471-2097

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. Each month a photographic topic is chosen and the fun begins. You will be welcomed

CHAOS. IS THERE A WAY TO PLAN FOR IT?

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

10:00 AM AND 7:00 PM

M. Briggs Ctr (in person and zoom)

Coordinator: Mike Mandrick Phone: 989-255-2699

Zoom host: Ron Young

Zoom connection:

10 AM Meeting ID: 898 5788 7020 Passcode: 972951

7 PM Meeting ID: 889 6356 5137 Passcode: 329347

Nearly daily we see reference to "chaos" in the headlines. "U.S. Immigration System Descends into Chaos" or "Afghanistan Withdrawal Results in Chaos".

The

word chaos is thrown around somewhat indiscriminately to describe many situations... particularly in political, economic or military arenas. All good plans come with a side of "life" or, as many experienced planners say, "a plan looks great until the first unexpected event, then often the wheels fall off". This presentation will take a look at chaos and try to differentiate it from complexity. We will look at complicated, complex and chaotic systems or events and see if there are methods or steps to "plan for chaos"

Rocky Roland is a retired USAF colonel, having spent 27 years in the Air Force as

a fighter pilot. When on the faculty of the Naval War College, he taught tactical and operational planning. Rocky is a frequent presenter for ALL, giving many talks on

travel experiences and recently on more arcane topics like "Mosquitos", "Neologisms" and "Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs"

MUSICAL JOURNEY THROUGH SOUTH LOUISIANA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 8:00 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16 2:30 pm

In person at Turning Brook 300 Oxbow Drive Alpena

Coordinator: Evelyn Londo Phone: 989-595-2440

Enjoy a musical journey through South Louisiana and experience its musical influence on the rest of the world. Sample Swamp Pop and Mardi Gras. Enjoy the culture and the history of the Cajun and Zydeco Bands.

Don and Evelyn Londo have spent three springs in South Louisiana experiencing the culture and music of the area. Their journey has included dance halls, auditoriums, jam sessions and Buck and Johnnies, Zydeco Breakfast. Join with them and enjoy the Cajun Land's "Joie de vie (Joy of life)"

CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

1:30 - 2:30 PM



M. Briggs Ctr (in person)

Coordinator: Annette Fortier

989 370 7778

This will be a low key, take-a-breath-break from Christmas hustle and bustle. Share some cookies and coffee and relax with friends. Please bring two dozen cookies and a container for taking home your selection. We will also eat a few. Also bring your recipes. Ugly sweaters optional.

GAMES AND CARDS

MEXICAN TRAIN EXPRESS DOMINOES

TUESDAYS, DECEMBER 7,14,21 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

M Briggs Ctr

WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 1, 8 12:30 PM TO 3 PM

DECEMBER 15 11:00 AM TO 1 PM

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

CONTRACT BRIDGE

FRIDAY, December 3, 10, 17

12:30 PM to 3 PM

M. BRIGGS CENTER



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

ONGOING PROGRAMS



PICKLEBALL at the APLEX

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY 9 AM TO 11 AM



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

BEGINNING MODERN SQUARE DANCE LESSONS

WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 1,8,15

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 Dancers

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. 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).

Our YouTube Channel

Many of our Programs are recorded so you can view at a later date. To see the entire collection you can follow this link to our YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYc9USUpJ2nsQDsJSLO01Nw>

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