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[COME TOUR THE LIBRARY](#) *RESCHEDULED*

[MONDAY, JANUARY 10](#) [1:00 PM](#)

[211 N. First Alpena](#)

[Coordinator: Marlene Bartz](#) [Phone: 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.

[EXCITING NEW PROGRAMS FOR 2022](#)

[TUESDAY, JANUARY 11](#) [1:30 PM](#)

[M Briggs Center \(both in person and zoom\)](#)

[Coordinator: Marcia Connolly](#) [989 356 2582](#)

[Zoom host: Ron Young](#)

[Zoom connection: Meeting ID: 850 9942 5338](#) [Passcode: 653869](#)

The Program Manager at Alpena Senior Center, BJ Sander, will briefly cover current programs at the Alpena Senior Center, Meals on Wheels, In Home Services, and Exercise Programs. She is excited to share information on five new programs: the Healthy Book club, Mindfulness and Dementia plus an art project collaborating with Art in the Loft.

BJ Sanders is the Program Manager at the Alpena Senior Center where she has been employed for five years. She is certified in several areas of senior fitness, nutrition, dementia. BJ is beginning her training to become a health coach in January.

TOURING EGYPT

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12 **12:00 PM**

M Briggs Ctr (in person and zoom)

Coordinator: Linda Jewell Phone: 989-340-1137

Zoom host: Judy Hompstead

Zoom connection: Meeting ID: 834 3914 8637 Passcode: 062895



One bucket list completed! Come and join Sue on her recent trip to Egypt. Hear how Egypt was a part of ancient man. Hear how the temples and pyramids were built and how they are more awesome than what any TV documentary can show. You will be able to try some Egyptian treats and share Sue's dream trip.

Sue Nagy is a valued member of ALL's board. Besides making the plans for the Happening, arranging the monthly Moveable Feast, writing articles for *The Alpena News*, and contributing her wisdom at the meetings she manages to find time to travel and then to share her experiences with ALL.

WATERFRONT RECREATIONAL PARK **RESCHEDULED**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13 **11:00 AM**

M Briggs Center (both in person and zoom)

Coordinator: Jodene Compton 989 590 0079

Zoom host: Mark Kinney

Zoom connection: Meeting ID: 882 9660 7774 Passcode: 493611

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.

LIVING THE DREAM: HIKING THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13 1:30 PM

M Briggs Ctr (in person and zoom)

Coordinator: Sandy Paquette Phone: 989-354-3906

Zoom host: Mark Kinney

Zoom connection: Meeting ID:829 9364 0889 Passcode: 477896



For over ten years, Eric and Shelly Cornish dreamed about completing a thru-hike on the Appalachian Trail. In 2021, they achieved their dream by hiking the entire 2,193 miles of the Appalachian Trail in 167 days.

Eric and Shelly Cornish both retired from their busy careers in 2020. Eric was an Orthopedic surgeon and Shelly was a teacher/principal. Shelly was inspired to hike by Russ Lewis and participated in long distance hikes with the Bike & Boot Club. Eric despite being an active hiker had never slept in a tent until four months prior to their thru hike. Together they researched gear and completed shakedown hikes in the months leading up to their thru hike. Now they dream about their next big hike.

SENIOR SAFETY AND COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

MONDAY, JANUARY 17 10:30 AM

M Briggs Ctr (in person and zoom)

Coordinator: Marcia Connolly Phone: 989 356 2582

Zoom host: Judy Hompstead

Zoom connection: Meeting ID: 898 2809 7653 Passcode: 595630

Captain Marceau will discuss his numerous programs to keep us safe in our homes and reduce our risk for injuries and fires. A primary focus is to get more working fire alarms installed throughout the Alpena area in partnership with the

American Red Cross. He will also have information on Smart 911 that helps emergency crews get you the help you need more quickly.

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Captain **Andy Marceau** is the Community Risk Reduction Officer for the Alpena Fire Department. He has been a firefighter for 23 years. He enjoys speaking to groups and making our community safer through fire and fall prevention.

WORLD WAR II INDUSTRIALIZATION & THE HOME FRONT

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18 2:00 PM

M Briggs Ctr (in person and zoom)

Coordinator: Jodene Compton Phone: 989-590-0079

Zoom host: Tyler Winowiecki

Zoom connection: Meeting ID: 854 9528 8235 Passcode: 384804

In 1939, President Franklin Roosevelt and his military advisors were becoming convinced that the United States would soon be drawn into World War II. Recall from your knowledge of history that World War I was "The War to End All Wars". Since there was no need for any more wars after World War I, the United States rapidly took apart its military industrial capabilities. A short 20 years later, with World War II already going on in Europe, it became painfully clear that the United States was in no way prepared to fight another war and American Industry was not prepared to produce what was needed. In short, the ability of President Roosevelt to agree to Winston Churchill's plea for help was essentially non-existent. And yet Roosevelt told Churchill yes. What happened next is the subject of this presentation - how the United States military progressed from a state of being badly ill-prepared to become the most powerful in the world, keying on Detroit and Michigan, with special emphasis on what arguably would become the most important manufacturing facility in America at Willow Run Airport.

Dennis Norton's father, Austin Norton returned from World War II where he served on the aircraft carrier USS Bunker Hill in some of the most horrific campaigns in the Western Pacific. On the GI Bill, his father attended Michigan State University where Dennis was born. Because his mother was working to support the family while her husband was attending class, and because babysitters were few and far between, Austin took Dennis to class with him from time to time. So Dennis' college career began in 1949 at MSU at the age of 1-½ years old, and ended with his graduation from Eastern Michigan University in 1970. The experiences of his father during World War II were the prime reason for Dennis' lifelong interest in World War II history. His major in college was history and he later became a pilot and was the founder and first President of the Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run. 40 years later, he still works on fund raising for the museum and continues to tell the story of Willow Run and how that story fit in with the overall Home Front participation in World War II.

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[After his father graduated from MSU, Dennis grew up in Ypsilanti, lived many years in Ann Arbor, and currently splits time between homes in Dexter](#)

[and Presque Isle. His family dates back to the late 1800s in Presque Isle. His wife Carol has been on the Grand Lake Association Board and Dennis is currently on the Grand Lake Association Board and the Presque Isle Township Museum Society Board. They have three children, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.](#)

DOOMED SISTERS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18 **6:30 PM**

M Briggs Ctr (in person and zoom)

[Coordinator: Mike Mandrick](#) [Phone: 989-356-6136](#)

[Zoom host: Ron Young](#)

[Zoom connection: Meeting ID: 861 6931 4681 Passcode: 873876](#)

[This is the story of two sister ships, the Western Reserve and W.H. Gilcher. Launched in the same year \(1890\) from the same shipyard, both vessels were lost in storms in 1892. This presentation will tell the story of the parallel lives of twin ships of the Great Lakes.](#)

[As a local history teacher and part time Great Lakes sailor, **Jeff Thomas** draws on both experiences to tell the stories 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.](#)

FOCUS ON FUN CAMERA CLUB

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19 **1:30 PM**

M. Briggs Ctr (in person and Zoom)

[Coordinator: Jeanette Vredenburg](#)

[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.](#)

THUNDER BAY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

SNEAK PEEK!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20 **10:00 AM**

[See a selection of trailers and shorts from the upcoming 10th annual Thunder Bay International Film Festival, hosted by Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Hear about the festival's special features and latest content from sanctuary staff and learn how to make the 2022 TBIF a fun and educational](#)

[experience. TBIFF is a festival of independent ocean and Great Lakes films from all over the world. Themes range from adventure and science to marine life and coastal cultures. Films are selected to not only entertain audiences but also inspire people to participate in environmental and stewardship efforts in our ocean and Great Lakes.](#)

[Katie Wolf is the Friends of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary's liaison as well as community relations and outreach coordinator for the sanctuary.](#)

[Stephanie Gandulla is Research Coordinator at the Marine Sanctuary In addition to participating in research expeditions and on-water educational programs, Gandulla manages media relations and volunteers for the sanctuary, including the annual TBNMS International Film Festival.](#)

MUSICAL JOURNEY THROUGH SOUTH LOUISIANA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20 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 \(Joy of life\)](#)

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SPOTLIGHT ON OUR PLANET



HOW ARE WE DOING WITH RECYCLING?

MONDAY, JANUARY 24 1:30 PM

M. Briggs Ctr (in person and zoom)

Coordinator: Kathy Crawford Phone: 989-370-3819

Zoom host: Judy Hompstead

Meeting ID: 856 1335 0862 Passcode: 191179

[We will discuss recycling issues locally and at the state level, including but not limited to the new proposed recycling center and where are the recycled products sent. Questions and discussion will be part of the program.](#)

Cindv Johnson is the Mavor ProTem on the Alpena City Council. She serves as

[the Chair of the Resource Recovery Facility.](#)

AUTISTIC SENIORS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25 **1:30 PM.**

Briggs Ctr (in person and zoom)

[Coordinator: Sandy Doubek](#) [Phone: 989-884-1102](#)

[Zoom host: Judy Hompstead](#)

[Zoom connection: Meeting ID: 879 7717 8364 Passcode: 604061](#)

[Understanding of Autism and how autistic people experience this neurological condition is growing. New science is being revealed which helps us to know more about autism, how it affects individuals on the spectrum, and how it is experienced and how it changes as we develop and mature. We have all heard of Temple Grandin, one of the first well known autistic individuals to explain how she experienced autism as a child and how she experiences it today. The presenter, Debra Brisch, just a few years younger than Ms Grandin, was born with autism, but was not diagnosed until late adulthood. She can describe her autistic struggles and strengths from infancy and childhood through her long life until diagnosis finally at age 68. Come talk with Deb and ask your questions about autism. This class will begin with a short discussion about the history and nature of autism as science knows it today.](#)

[Debra Brisch was diagnosed with autism three days before her 68th birthday. She writes a blog describing her discovery of her autism, her struggle to get diagnosed at such a late stage of life, and to advocate for late diagnosis for older adults. This blog is required reading for the class.](#)

MOVEABLE FEAST

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26 **1:00 PM**

Hunan Chinese Restaurant 1283 M 32 West

[Coordinator: Sue Nagy](#) [989 736 7105](#)

[Jimmy Chen is waiting and looking forward to being your host in the first Moveable Feast of 2022. The lunch buffet offers many excellent choices but ordering off the menu is another option. This is the perfect time to introduce a friend to ALL—bring them along. Just make sure you let the office \(989 358 7207\) or Sue know that you are coming.](#)

THE WOMEN of CAJUN MUSIC

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27 **7:00 PM**

[M. Briggs Ctr](#)

[Coordinator: Evelyn Londo](#) [Phone: 989-595-2440](#)

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.

WILL & ARIEL DURANT: LIFELONG LEARNING LEADERS

MONDAY, JANUARY 31 1:30 PM

Zoom at M Briggs Ctr

Coordinator: Marlene Bartz Phone: 989-340-1718

Zoom host: Judy Hompstead

Zoom connection: Meeting ID: 834 8192 5419 Passcode: 786433

In 1926, when only 20% of Americans were graduated from high school and only 10% of those from college, Will Durant published *The Story of Philosophy*. Although himself a PhD graduate of Columbia University, he expressly rebuked professors for specializing too much and publishing research comprehensible only to those just like themselves. He reached out to the millions of ordinary Americans who thirsted to learn for themselves from books they could understand. His book became Exhibit A for what came to be called middlebrow culture and motivated him to collaborate with his wife Ariel on eleven volumes of *The Story of Civilization* published over several decades. Despite being held at arm's length by academics, they were jointly honored with the Pulitzer Prize and the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

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.



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, JANUARY 5,12,19,26 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. 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 Pelmeur** 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).



GAMES AND CARDS

MEXICAN TRAIN EXPRESS DOMINOES

TUESDAYS, JANUARY 4,11,18,25 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, JANUARY 5,11,18,25 1 PM TO 3 PM

M. Briggs Ctr

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

CONTRACT BRIDGE at M. Briggs Ctr

FRIDAYS, JANUARY 7,14,21,28 12:30 PM to 3 PM



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.

INTRO TO BRIDGE & COMPUTER BRIDGE APPLICATIONS

SATURDAYS, JANUARY 8, 15 (?) 10:00 AM

M. Briggs Ctr

Coordinator: Ron Young _____ 989 484 4011

This is an overview of the American Contract Bridge League Intro to Bridge Program and other Internet based opportunities for learning, practicing, and playing contract bridge. Participants should plan to bring a laptop or tablet than can connect to the Internet for this program. A very limited number of devices may be available for use. Contact the ALL office with any questions. The ACBL program is a 10-week online program with a \$50 fee to complete.

Ron Young is a member of the ALL Board. He enjoys the outdoors, travel, fly fishing, bridge. He enjoys sharing his interests with others

BRIDGE: THE TWO OVER ONE BIDDING SYSTEM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8 _____ **1:30 PM**

M. Briggs Ctr

Coordinator: Ron Young _____ 989 484 4011

This is an introduction to the "2/1 game forcing" bidding system in contract bridge to ease finding game contracts and slams with strong hands in uncontested auctions. Participants must have a basic understanding of contract bridge hand evaluation and bidding principles. This program will be complemented with the "1 No Trump Forcing" bid program on Jan. 15th.

BRIDGE: THE ONE NO TRUMP FORCING BID

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15 _____ **1:30 PM**

M. Briggs Ctr.

Coordinator: Ron Young _____ 989 484 4011

This is an introduction to the "1 No Trump Forcing" bid in contract bridge. This supplements the 2/1 Game Forcing bidding system presented Jan 8th. Participants must have a basic understanding of contract bridge evaluation and bidding principles.



MLK, Jr. Committee of Northeast Michigan is planning a zoom discussion on the evening of MLK, Jr. Day, January 17. You are invited to watch some short videos and join us in a zoom discussion at 7 pm led by Tom Orth, Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, and Sandra Pilgrim-Lewis, MI Dept. of Health and Human Services. More details will be announced at a later date.

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