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## ALL News

### ATTENTION THEATRE GOERS

An ALL committee is formulating plans to go to Stratford Ontario for the 2022 "STRATFORD FESTIVAL" theater productions. The Festival is now open to full theater performances after being closed in 2020 due to the covid19 virus outbreak.

For 2022 program details and theatre schedules including Shakespeare, Comedy, and Musical plays, ticket cost and purchase, seating selection, go to the website- [stratfordfestival.ca](http://stratfordfestival.ca) - . Download the "Visitors Guide" for full program details, attractions, and lodging information. If you are interested in joining the ALL group to Stratford, contact Bill Haase for the follow-up meeting date to set plans. Email- [dsbhaase@live.com](mailto:dsbhaase@live.com), 989-916-4104

## Meet the ALL ACC Scholarship Recipient.



The Association of Lifelong Learners met their scholarship winner, Kristina Brockway, at the recent Alpena Community College (ACC) Scholarship luncheon. During the 2021-22 academic year, the ACC

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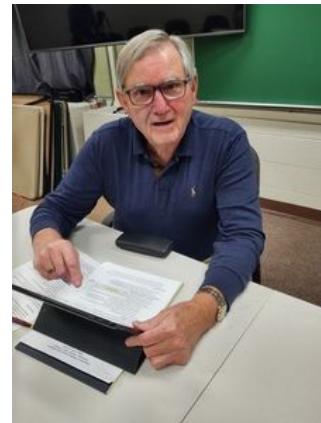
Scholarship luncheon. During the 2021-22 academic year, the ACC Foundation awarded 370 scholarships totaling \$240,763. Kristina is completing her nursing degree and works at MediLodge, Rogers City. She is pictured between Judy M. Nichols, ALL president and Florence Stibitz, ALL board member and ACC trustee.

## ALL Announces New Board Members



The newest Association of Lifelong Learners board member, Linda Ferguson, left Northeast Michigan after graduating from Alpena High School in 1960. She worked as a high school teacher, junior college instructor, and Prudential representative before deciding to return home after 60 years. She is an avid mystery reader, enthusiastic contract bridge player, and movie fan. She and her husband, Tom Ferguson (also a 1960 Alpena High graduate), now live at Beaver Lake.

The ALL board welcomes back past president, Jere Doyle to board membership.



## ALL Announces our Most Recent New Members

We have 5 New Members as of March 31, 2022.

- Doretta DeCaire
- Michelle LaBar
- Judy Burns
- Marc Simons
- Jan Knisely-Simons
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### Photographers Corner



A view looking out onto Lake Huron from the Spittler Shores Natural Area.

*Mark Kinney*

## MAY PROGRAMS

### MUSICAL JOURNEY THROUGH SOUTH LOUISIANA

**TUESDAY, MAY 3**

**2:00PM**

**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 thee 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)

### THE NEW FACES of SPRING

**THURSDAY, MAY 5**

**1:30 PM. Briggs Ctr**

(in person and Zoom)

Coordinator: Sandy Paquette

989 354 3906

Zoom host: Judy Hompstead

Zoom connection:

Meeting ID: 862 9211 5582

Passcode: 549594

With the help of Mary Kay Cosmetics we will be doing eye looks with a complimentary cheek color and lipstick! Maybe also color code you with a perfect

foundation for the perfect look for spring?

**Sherryl Kelly** is an independent beauty consultant with Mary Kay! and is looking forward to having you try a great Mother's Day look.

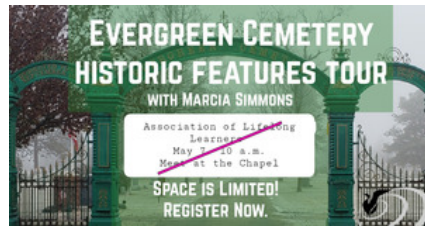
## EVERGREEN CEMETERY HISTORIC FEATURES

**TBD 10:00 AM**

This program has had to be delayed by the presenter at the last minute and will be rescheduled. If interested sign up with ALL to get notified of the new date. This will be a Saturday event to avoid conflict with cemetery events.

### **Park at the Cemetery Chapel.**

Coordinator: Judy Hompstead Limited to 25



This will be a walking tour through Evergreen Cemetery. Along the way the historic design will be noted; the results of lack of early record keeping; customs of use, and past features now gone will all be pointed out.

**Marcia Simmons** attended high school and community college in Alpena. She has had a longtime interest in local history with an initial focus on documenting the burial locations of the local Civil War Veterans, over 170 in Alpena County. Marcia has done history related presentations at the George N. Fletcher Public Library.

## THE SHIP THAT TIME FORGOT

**TUESDAY MAY 10 6:30 PM**

### **M. Briggs Ctr (in person and Zoom)**

Coordinator: Judy Hompstead 989-358-7202

Zoom host: Ron Young

Zoom connection:

Meeting ID: 847 3587 4349

Passcode: 251456



In May of 1953, the freighter Henry Steinbrenner sank in a storm on Lake Superior with the loss of 17 sailors. However, her story has been largely overlooked after the initial headlines immediately following her sinking. Come learn about her loss and the dramatic rescue of 16 of her crew and remember a veteran lake boat that has been forgotten by

history.

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.

## HIKING SPITLER NATURAL AREA.

## Seeking Dwarf Lake Iris

THURSDAY MAY 12 10:00 AM

Coordinator: Mark Kinney

989 595-3667

The Spittler Shores Nature area's 50+ acre wooded tract fronts on Lake Huron. It comprises diverse woodland with many kinds of waterfowl. We will hike about

one mile within the woods and then transition to the adjoining Crystal Point area trails of Presque Isle Harbor Association to see Dwarf Lake Iris. I expect a three mile hike with options for less.



We will then travel to Birch Hill Store for lunch. Purchase lunch or bring a bag lunch. Birch Hill can serve you when you arrive **or** order at [www.birchhillgrocery.com](http://www.birchhillgrocery.com) or call (989) 595-0595.

Rain date is Saturday, May 14.

**Mark Kinney** has lived with his wife Nancy in Presque Isle for over 20 years and has hiked all of these woods many times. He loves to take photographs of nature.

## MOVEABLE FEAST

FRIDAY, MAY 13

1:00 PM

**APPLEBEE'S 1468 M 32 W**

Coordinator: Sue Nagy

Phone: 989 736 7105 Applebee's

Neighborhood Grill & Bar offers a lively casual dining experience combining simple, crave able American fare, classis drinks and local drafts. Think about bringing along a friend and introduce them to ALL. Just let either the office (358-7207) [all@alpenacc.edu](mailto:all@alpenacc.edu), or Sue know that you are coming.

## THE UNAVOIDABLE AMERICAN ECONOMIC TRAINWRECK

MONDAY, MAY 16

1:00 PM

M. Briggs Ctr (in person and Zoom)

Coordinator: Wanda Discher

Phone: 989-742-3222

Zoom host: Tyler Winowiecki

Zoom connection:

Meeting ID: 823 5977 6846

Passcode: 750282

30 trillion dollar deficit! 8.5% inflation! Medicare Trust Fund depleted. Social Security Trust Fund will be out of funds by 2033! More than 60% of the Federal budget goes to transfer payments. Does anybody care? Is anyone paying attention? We will discuss these and other serious issues, the tough solutions, or does it even matter?

solutions, or does it even matter?

**Joe Gentry** is the Executive Director of the United Way, former ACC adjunct professor—Economics, and current ACC Trustee.

## DESIGNER DO WITH A GROCERY STORE BOUQUET

TUESDAY, MAY 17 1:00 PM

M Brigg Ctr (In person and Zoom) Cost: \$5.00

Coordinator: Kathy Crawford

Phone: 989-370-3819

Zoom host: Judy Hompstead

Zoom connection:

Meeting ID: 815 9603 9076

Passcode: 644156

**Doreen Thomas, CF**, will demonstrate the basics of making a professional arrangement using that fresh bouquet that you just picked up from Meijers or Walmart. Today's program takes it a step beyond that line, "oh I just stuck them in a vase!"

Find the [Designer Do In You](#) with today's program. And if you're lucky, you might take home a fresh arrangement too!

Call today to **reserve your spot** (989)358-7207. Note that there is a \$5 fee for this session.

**Doreen Thomas, CF**, owns Classic Designs, a small boutique floral shop in downtown Alpena. In addition to offering the traditional wedding, funeral and floral decorating services, Classic Designs has a range of unique gift items perfect for baby or wedding showers. The shop also offers specialty handcrafted items. Need a little something special? Classics Designs should be your first stop.

## FOCUS ON FUN CAMERA CLUB

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

1:30 PM

M. Briggs Ctr (in person and Zoom)

Coordinator: Jeanette Vredenburg 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.

This month we will continue experimenting with night photography using the information sent this month about camera settings, and experimenting with moon, milky way, and light painting. Second we will focus on the unfolding of spring time.

Take your photos of what is new that catches your eye. Come join us, you will be welcomed.

## THE SALVATION ARMY - MORE THAN BELLRINGING

THURSDAY, MAY 19 10:00 AM

M. Briggs Ctr (in person and Zoom)

Coordinator: Linda Jewell 989-340-1137

Zoom host: Judy Hompstead

Zoom connection:

Meeting ID: 868 2996 5374

Passcode: 561864

This presentation will take you through the history of The Salvation Army world wide and local. You will see that they are more than bellringers and thrift stores. The Army is an international organization that serves the community that they are in with the services that are needed including disasters. You will learn how the Army has worked to fight for those in need and the forgotten.

**Major Prezza Morrison** has served in the Army since 1985 and Alpena since 2020. She has served in over 15 cities in the Midwest. September 11th and Hurricane Katrina were two of the disasters Major has served. Major seeks to collaborate with others so that more people can be served fully.

## CREATING A FUTURE WITH GOOD MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH

MONDAY, MAY 23 10:30 AM

M. Briggs Ctr (in person and Zoom)

Coordinator: Marcia Connolly 989 356 -22582

Zoom host: Judy Hompstead

Zoom connection:

Meeting ID: 864 8196 5041

Passcode: 275050

Come learn about local emergency and support services and how to access them through 211. In addition **Partners in Prevention** provides training to build competence as a parent, caregiver, educator, human services provider, youth worker, minister or employer. There are also programs on suicide prevention, mental wellness and fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. There is much to be learned about this agency and its far reaching programs of community support.

**Mary Schalk**, Program Director for **Partners in Prevention**, began her career in this organization as a volunteer in 1993 with Maggie Clay who was well known to the local human services and educational community. Mary now plans and provides training programs in Alpena, Alcona, Montmorency and Presque Isle counties with help from local and state wide organizations.

## CRUISING POST-COVID

TUESDAY, MAY 24

1:30 PM

M. Briggs Ctr (in person and Zoom)

Coordinator: Maureen Brown

989-464-3865

Zoom host: Ron Young

Zoom connection:

Meeting ID: 821 7013 4418

Passcode: 728074

This program will present a snapshot of what it was like to "cruise" in a near post-COVID environment, including on-board protocols and comparison to "normal." The program will also discuss the full transit of the Panama Canal (new locks) and the traveler's perspective of visits to Cartagena, Colombia; Fuertes Amador, Panama; Puntarenas, Costa Rica; and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

**Rocky Roland** is an inveterate traveler (with his wife Ginny). They have been married for 50 years and their passion for travel was fueled by their experiences living overseas while Rocky was a pilot in the USAF. They have lived and worked in Germany, Thailand, Korea, and China and in the last several years have visited more than 100 countries in their travels. Rocky and Ginny often share their travel experiences with the Association of Lifelong Learners. A typical member of the Lifelong Learners, Rocky likes to read and learn about new things and to share the fruits of his curiosity and travel with others.

## THE UNIQUE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO - A VISTOR'S VIEW

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

7:00 PM

M. Briggs Ctr (Zoom only)

Please RSVP to the office (989-358-7207 or [all@alpenacc.edu](mailto:all@alpenacc.edu)) if you plan to view this program in Briggs

Coordinator: Rocky Roland

512 718-9666

Zoom host: Ron Young

Meeting ID: 896 1608 2147

Passcode: 399152

This is a visitor's introduction to the unique city of San Francisco. The presentation will cover the early history of San Francisco, the history of Chinatown, Nob Hill Mansions, Telegraph Hill, Lily Coit and Coit Tower, Lombard St., the Marina District, the 1915 World's Fair, the Palace of Fine Arts, and finally ending with the Golden Gate Bridge. These images and the narration were compiled for people who may not be able to get to the city...or want to bring back fond memories of a prior visit. Join us for an expert's view of his favorite city - San Francisco.

**Reed Kirk Rahlmann** is a San Francisco writer, historian, and owner of Small Car Big Time Tours. His father and grandfather were native San Franciscans, a distinction denied him as he was born and raised in the SF suburbs. Still, he has always felt a kinship to San Francisco, moved there as soon as he was able, and has spent his adult life studying and exploring this unique city. He gives tours of San Francisco and the Bay Area in a convertible MINI Cooper, the only



tours of San Francisco and the Bay Area in a convertible Mini Cooper, the only one in the country registered as a commercial vehicle. When he and his wife travel, they rarely take tours, and he created his company to be the sort of tour he would take if he was visiting San Francisco.

## THE “FLOWER” SHOP

**THURSDAY, MAY 26**

**10:00 AM**

909 W. Washington, Alpena

Limited to 25 participants

Coordinator: Judy Hompstead

Aches and pains, anxiety, insomnia - are those some of your issues? Come visit Neighborhood Provisions to learn how medical cannabis can alleviate these debilitating ailments. This program will include informal presentations on how to best incorporate these natural remedies into your life. After this you will have a chance to peruse the showroom with your own personalized guide or wander by yourself. Participants will receive a gift and enjoy a discount on purchases.

**Kevin Currier** is an Alpena native who returned to his home town to start a family business to help educate, advocate, and collaborate in bringing a happier and healthier way of life in Alpena.

## GUIDED WATER PADDLE TOUR OF THE ALPENA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

**THURSDAY MAY 26 2:00 PM\**

(Rain Date is Friday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.)

Bring your kayak or canoe and explore many places in the Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary, our in-town wildlife sanctuary, including special out of the way places only seen from the water. Discover some of the nature and wildlife that abounds in our midst. The Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary is 443 acres of water and islands, including Island Park, of the Thunder Bay River between Chisholm Street and Bagley Street.

Guided by Tom Orth, we will also talk some about photography opportunities in the Sanctuary.

We will start from the boat launch at the west side of the Fairgrounds on 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. (Closest to Washington Ave./ M32).

We will be taking care to clean our water craft thoroughly for any invasive species that might be hitching a ride out.

**Tom Orth** is a member of the Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary Board, the city of Alpena board that cares for the Sanctuary, helping to preserve it and maintain it as a spot for quiet recreation in the midst of Alpena. He has been paddling on the waters of the Sanctuary for nearly 16 years and seriously photographing there the last few. When not on the water, he is the pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Alpena.

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## GAMES AND CARDS

### MEXICAN TRAIN EXPRESS DOMINOES

TUESDAYS, MAY 3,10,17,24,31 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, MAY 4,11,18,25 12:30 PM TO 3 :00 PM**

M. Briggs Ctr

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

### CONTRACT BRIDGE

FRIDAYS, MAY 6,13,20,27 12:30 PM to 3 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.

## 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, MAY 4,11,18 5:30 TO 7:30 PM

**Square Dancing is cancelled for the 25th of May!**

**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, teachers, and members of CallerLab (International Assoc of Square Dance Callers).

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### Did you miss one of our programs?

Check out the *new* offerings on

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

- *The Key to Resilience* with Jackie Krawczak
- *Great Lakes Ghosts* with Jeff Thomas
- *Sheriff Charles Lynch Fund*
- *Introduction to Alpena's Combat Readiness Training Center* with Colonel Rossi
- *Why Not Open Borders Part II* with Olin Joynton
- *Dementia Friends—How to Be One* with BJ Sanders
- *Fatal Crossings—Lost Railroad Car Ferries of the Great Lakes* with Jeff Thomas
- *Speech Pathology Services in Alpena* with Devon Burke
- *Conservation Starts on Your Property* with Heather Rawlings

**TO ACCESS:** go to [associationoflifelonglearners.org](http://associationoflifelonglearners.org)

Scroll half way down page and then click on All's YouTube channel

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### You Might Also be Interested in!

**LWV Northeast Michigan to dedicate a Park Bench** in memory of Sue Maxwell

The community is invited to the dedication of a bench at Negwegon State Park to memorialize the commitment of Sue Maxwell., a longtime park activist. Pauline Buchner, Past President of LWV and long-time friend of Sue, will host the ceremony on **Friday, April 29 at 3 pm at the park.** Negwegon State Park

entrance is located at Sand Hill Trail and Negwegon State Park Road north of Black River Road. Please meet at the park parking lot for directions to the

dedication site.

Sue, who died in 2021 was a great supporter of Negwegon and tirelessly worked for the park to remain largely undeveloped.

Working under the auspices of the LWV, Sue spent years working towards the development of a beautiful park with hiking trails and rustic campsites.



## Is the S-Word offensive? If it is, to whom and why?

Join the monthly MLK, Jr. Committee series on May 4 at 7 pm via zoom as Sandra Pilgrim-Lewis leads the discussion on the S-word used to describe Native



American Women. As the Alpena community considers the renaming of our bay, this is a current topic. Pilgrim-Lewis has just assumed a new position with Uniting Three Fires Against Violence, Michigan's Tribal Violence Against Women Coalition. Her interest, background, and heritage with Native Americans give her a sensitivity to this subject.

Some helpful resources are youtube About Peacemaking Robert Yazzle and NPR Why Treaties Matter, The Supreme Law of the Land.

*Sandra Pilgrim-Lewis with one foot  
in her Native American moccasin  
and one foot in her dress shoe.*

To join this discussion, send a request for the link for MLK. Jr. Discussion by email to [abelovedcommunity.alpena@gmail.com](mailto:abelovedcommunity.alpena@gmail.com).

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