



**February 2021  
Association of Lifelong Learners  
Program Listing**

The Association of Lifelong Learners (ALL) at Alpena Community College sponsors, promotes and encourages lifelong educational and enrichment experiences throughout Northeast Michigan.

All Programs are on Zoom Livestream only unless noted. We will keep you updated when this changes. If you have any questions, please email us at ALL@AlpenaCC.edu (preferred) or call our Office at 989-358-7207.

Our Office Hours are irregular until current restrictions are lifted, email (preferred) or call if you need something.

Each program now includes basic Zoom information. If you would like a copy with hyperlinks please email us at all@alpenacc.edu.

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**ONGOING PROGRAMS**

**PICKLEBALL**

Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
9:00 am to 11 am

This takes place inside the Apex in Alpena. Apex fees  
Masks may be required. Call the Apex for details: 989-6164.



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**FOCUS ON FUN CAMERA CLUB**

Wednesday, February 17

1:30 pm

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.

You can join the Program via the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84704597928?pwd=cGhDenlHa0tOMmhtWlh1N3cvMnNwdz09>

Or open your Zoom app and enter the Program Information.

Meeting ID: 847 0459 7928

Passcode: 635146

## FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

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### THE TWILIGHT OF DEMOCRACY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:00 PM

This will be a book review of Anne Applebaum's *Twilight of Democracy: The Seductive Lure of Authoritarianism*. During this hour Tim will provide a brief synopsis of the book, some interviews with the author and then discussion.

**Tim Kuehnlein** is an instructor of Political Science and History and was the Endowed Chair for 2009 at ACC. As a member of Michigan Arts and Culture Affairs Northeast Tim was very involved with the planning of the Lake Huron Discovery Tour and also served as its President.

**You can join the Program via the link below:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89429749481?pwd=NzVzYU9rU2lPQUZKU0FsbEdPR3Btdz09>

**Or open your Zoom app and enter the Program Information**

**Meeting ID: 894 2974 9481**

**Passcode: 311873**

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### REREADING BOOKS FROM OUR YOUTH

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

2:00 PM

What do we encounter when rereading books that we read earlier when we were young? We find our youthful selves looking at us. Our current self evaluates the book differently; and we will review the difference. What book (s) have you reread and why?

**Patricia Joynton** is a former resident of Alpena and now resides with her husband Olin in Bowling Green, KY.

**You can join the Program via the link below:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83902898036?pwd=a0ZnZGxBSm55UklKTXRrMzFhTDI4UT09>

**Or open your Zoom app and enter the Program Information**

**Meeting ID: 839 0289 8036**

**Passcode: 844147**

**IDENTIFYING COMMON AND POTENTIAL INVASIVE FISH IN LAKE HURON**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

**2:00 PM**

This presentation will provide information on how to identify and report catches of Ruffe, Tubenose Goby and other invasive fish that are spreading around the Great Lakes. Current range distributions will be shared including preferred habitats for each species. Information will be provided on how to differentiate invasive fish from other species that are similar in appearance. Preventing the spread of invasive will be highlighted.

Robert Barta is a Biological Technician with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service based out of Alpena, MI.

**You can join the Program via the link below:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89592728820?pwd=UnJiaVJ4RHdHUlFZOWxSU3FVQUxqZz09>

**Or open your Zoom app and enter the Program Information**

**Meeting ID: 895 9272 8820**

**Passcode: 885629**

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**MICHIGAN'S NATIVE AMERICANS**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

**2:00 PM**

Randy Baker of Naturalist Endeavors will discuss Michigan's Native Americans, using a wide variety of artifacts and materials. The age of the items used in the presentation will range from modern to hundreds, and even thousands of years old. The program will focus on daily life, what resources were utilized, hunting methods and the processes involved in converting raw materials into usable tools and materials. Randy will share his knowledge of Michigan's Native People in this high-energy, entertaining and educational program.

**Randy Baker** is originally from Ossineke, Michigan. He received his B.S. degree in Biology from CMU and his M.S. from Northeastern State University in Oklahoma. Randy then went on to Oklahoma State University where he was enrolled in the PhD program studying white-tailed deer. His interest in the interrelationship between people and the surrounding natural resources has led to a lifelong study of Native American cultures.

**You can join the Program via the link below:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83757733263?pwd=b2VWZlE2UjZRYzQ2TGRoZldYQUNhUT09>

**Or open your Zoom app and enter the Program Information.**

**Meeting ID: 837 5773 3263**

**Passcode: 076697**

## SWITCHING FROM PENCIL AND PAPER TO IPAD AND THE BENEFITS OF PAPERLESS DATA ENTRY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

10:00 AM

The Alpena Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office (FWCO) transitioned to paperless data entry in 2019 for their Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program. Using iPads and the Survey 123 application the Alpena FWCO is able to take their data in the field and send it directly to the cloud in ArcGIS Online (AGOL). This new approach to data collection and entry comes with many benefits. I will cover these benefits as well as what was involved in making this transition.

**Matt McLean** works for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Alpena Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office in Alpena, MI. He is a crew lead for the Aquatic Invasive Species Program who also handles many of the program's data and ArcGIS needs.

**You can join the Program via the link below:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86952181446?pwd=K0UxUmh0azg0K1VZazVsT3IHcTVLQT09>

**Or open your Zoom app and enter the Program Information.**

**Meeting ID: 869 5218 1446**

**Passcode: 968055**

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## VALENTINE SAXOPHONE DINNER DANCE

Friday, February 12

6:00 PM

A Members suggested Program

Sit back and enjoy!

You are invited to attend a Valentine Dinner Dance livestreamed on <https://www.facebook.com/MichaelHulettEntertainment>

Join the fun at a Country Club in Georgia with vocalist and saxophone artist, Michael Hulett. .

Michael will entertain you with a variety of music from old standards to blues to pop to rock and roll and more. He will also demonstrate several of his saxophones and tell you stories about how he came to own them and explain what makes each one unique.

Make it as real as you wish. Settle in with a glass of bubbly and perhaps your own meal; then be prepared for listening and dancing pleasure. **There will be intermissions. This is not a concert, but a real dance party.**

## WHY WE LOVE BIRDING

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

**2:00 PM**

Join Thunder Bay Audubon Society members as they share why they took up the hobby of birding. World-wide, birding has seen an increase in followers over the past decade. You will hear from both experienced and novice birdwatchers. See if our stories touch a chord with you and you can become a birder too!

**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. Members of Thunder Bay Audubon Society will join her to give their personal accounts of birding.

You can join the Program via the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85142091072?pwd=c2dBT1plNHNGLzhjempKS3dXTkJoUT09>

Or open your Zoom app and enter the Program Information.

Meeting ID: 851 4209 1072

Passcode: 580288

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## CHALLENGES AND FUN OF TAKING PICTURES

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

**2:00 PM**

What goes on in the mind of a photographer? What prompts him to take that photo? What equipment was used and how was the shot set up? This presentation will shed light on some of those questions as photographer Mark Hansen shares some of his photographs and tells us what happened before the shutter was snapped. The hope is this program will serve as a catalyst for your own creative photographs.

**Mark Hansen** grew up in Alpena and recently retired from the financial world. On the side he has been the photographer for the Michigan State University Spartan Marching Band since 2004.

You can join the Program via the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86206550183?pwd=NE8wdWxMOW9zNWJwbCtEcFVwaUg1Zz09>

Or open your Zoom app and enter the Program Information.

Meeting ID: 862 0655 0183

Passcode: 949494

## **MEET “NETHER” - ARTIST AND MURAL PAINTER**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

**2:00 PM**

Meet muralist Justin “Nether” Nethercut . Nether will speak about the history of street art/muralism, show you a bit of his portfolio and explain what he does. Nether’s works can be found in Baltimore, Maryland and many US cities, also internationally in London, Paris, Berlin, and Montreal. He is the grandson of local residents, Gordon and Vernie Nethercut.

**Justin “Nether” Nethercut** is a native Baltimorean street artist and mural painter. Nether's work is a social documentation of the struggles, dreams, history and dilemmas that our cities and subcultures face. His outdoor work acts as an artistic hand to a communities' aspirations and are site-specific and focused to the locale. Pieces are generally designed in conceptual collaboration with native stakeholders. Woven into many of the artworks is a spiritual, natural sense of balance and design evoking an understanding of our presence in and importance to our surrounding ecosystems. The quest is an attempt to help reclaim and recycle neglected parts of the landscape, bring out the city’s cultural pride, and capture the poetic chaos that defines Baltimore and some other urban areas.

Over the past 10 years, Nether has painted over 70 walls across Baltimore, Maryland and helped organize over 30 more pieces of public art. In addition to painting murals, Nether is a founding co-director of the public art and landscaping organization Arts + Parks. He also co-curated the Eubie Blake: Sandtown Mural Project in 2015 with Ernest Shaw following painting the Freddie Grey Memorial Mural and the Wall Hunters project in 2013 around the issues of negligent ownership housing.

**You can join the Program via the link below:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85900588092?pwd=ZGhlOHJBc0FIUGo2TUlaVXFFTy9xZz09>

**Or open your Zoom app and enter the Program Information.**

**Meeting ID: 859 0058 8092**

**Passcode: 052863**

## **The Changing Face of Northeast Michigan**

**Friday, February 26**

**2:00 PM**

When did the hair of the region really begin to turn gray? Which county is largest but growing the slowest? Carol Shafto developed this program which compiles Census data covering 40 years (1980-2019) of population, housing and economic data and trends. Are there really more obituaries than birth announcements? Why doesn't Alpena County have a huge summer population influx like other Lake Huron counties? In which county are more than half of the people over age 60? This and much more in an interesting, user-friendly look at northeast Michigan including a look ahead at the 2020 census.

**Carol Shafto**, AICP, is a planner and demographer who managed the Northeast Michigan Regional Census Affiliate through four census periods 1980-2010. She published widely utilized Regional Data Handbooks each census compiling and analyzing population, housing and economic data and trends. She lectured on demographic trends locally and around the state. She retired from NEMCSA in 2017 where she was Director of Planning and Evaluation.

You can join the Program via the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86294023590?pwd=aEFkZGV6WTVhS0laUFNXTWhZkhrdz09>

Or open your Zoom app and enter the Program Information.

Meeting ID: 862 9402 3590

Passcode: 895527



**Jig Saw Puzzle Exchange to be offered by the Association of Lifelong Learners.**

Looking for a mental challenge to engage with over the next few months? How about a jig-saw puzzle? If you have a challenging Jig-Saw Puzzle in good condition (no missing pieces) sitting about the house, consider dropping it off at the ALL office to help establish a puzzle exchange. In return select a new puzzle for that mental challenge. As we build our selections you may need to fill out a slip that would be good for a future selection. Our first donation is this 1,000-piece puzzle by Darrel Bush – titled Canoe Lake – from Buffalo Games and Puzzles. Please call the office to arrange an exchange.



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If you have any programs that you might like to see or if you are willing to do a program for March please call the office at 989-358-7207 or email at [all@alpenacc.edu](mailto:all@alpenacc.edu).

**Purchase gift memberships for any occasion.**

*Annual Single Membership is \$50 or \$90 per couple from July 1 to June 30.*

*For general information call 989-358-7207 or you can email questions to [all@alpenacc.edu](mailto:all@alpenacc.edu).*

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***The Association of Lifelong Learners***

***Office Hours are:***

***Monday & Friday 9 am—12 pm***

***Tuesday & Thursday 9 am—1 pm***

***(This is only temporary)***

New Membership Application  
To Pass On To Friends/Family

**Association of Lifelong Learners**

The Membership Year is July 1 Through June 30

Date" \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$50 Individual**

**\$90 Couple**

**\$110 Family  
(Same Household)**

Add names of family members below:

Please mail this application and payment to the address below.  
Please call for less than full year membership rates.

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