

Funding Amount Approved

Alpena County Youth and Recreation

2011



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Alpena Boys & Girls Club
Grant: \$5,000.00

This grant helped fund the Triple Play/ Wanna Play program. This program was for youths 6-18 years old. They practiced fitness and skills in the gym at least 1 hour a day, in a positive and rewarding environment, while displaying good sportsmanship. They also, were instructed on the food pyramid and dietary patterns; educational materials were also sent home with the children. This program was designed to help fight child obesity among our children. They served 250/quarter and open to all Alpena County Children.





Alpena Volunteer Center—Ropes Course \$1600.00

The Alpena Volunteer Center has maintained and facilitated numerous groups through the Ropes Course located on the north side of the Alpena Community College campus. The Ropes Course consists of a series of rope elements, cables, and obstacles strung between trees. Through following the obstacles and elements in the Ropes Course, participants are encouraged to communicate, cooperate, set goals, and work together as a cohesive unit; thereby enhancing teamwork skills that carry over into work, school or team settings. Groups are facilitated through the elements by certified, trained professionals. With the 2011 funding, the Alpena Volunteer Center was able to have the course inspected and ten new facilitators trained. The Ropes Course served 155 members of the community in 2011.





Association of Lifelong Learners at ACC
Program: Intergenerational Series of Recreational Activities
Grant: \$2,160.00

Recognizing the demographic shift between seniors (60 yrs.+) and youth (-17 yrs.) in Alpena County, the Association of Lifelong Learners' goal is provide programming that brings together these distinct ends of the demographic continuum. The group is dedicated to sponsoring, promoting and encouraging educational and enrichment experiences for the entire community and are inclusive of all ages. Programming covered by the grant took place at the Plaza Pool and included presenters from the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Hope House, Pied Piper, Alpena Boys and Girls Club, 4-H, ROV teams from Sanborn Elementary and Alpena Junior High, C.O.A.C.H., and Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary.

No pictures have been provided as of March 26, 2012

Alpena Volunteer Center

Project: The Spotlight Series—“Wizard of Oz”

Grant: \$1,555.00

The Alpena Volunteer Center’s Spotlight Series is designed to offer local children an opportunity to perform in and enjoy a popular classic story such as the *Wizard of Oz*. With the ever diminishing funding for arts and music in schools, these performances allow young performers a venue to display their skills through music, dance, and art. After many hours of practice, two performances (evening and matinee) are opened to the public in an effort to enrich the community. Approximately 450 individuals were positively impacted by this project.

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"The Wizard of Oz"

Friday, February 4, 2011
at 7:30 p.m.
Matinee, Saturday,
February 5 at 1:00 p.m.



Continuing the success of our annual children's performance, the Spotlight Series presents Frank Baum's classic tale, The Wizard of Oz, one of the best-known and loved stories of popular English culture. Combining dancers with music from the feature film and narration from Baum's original book, ACC dance instructor and choreographer, Christine Giordano, brings this classic to life. Charles Winters returns to the Granum Theatre lending his rich voice as narrator. Dorothy, the Tin Man, the Cowardly Lion, Glinda, the Wicked Witch, and other favorites bring a performance for all ages.

Saturday's matinee spotlights children with special features for their enjoyment. Any child attending the matinee wearing a Wizard of Oz character's costume will be admitted free! Bring the whole family and be sure to plan on staying for a reception afterward to meet the cast.

Eric Lawson and Jeff Anvinson with the ACC Chamber Ensemble Strings

Friday, March 18, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Violinist and conductor Dr. Eric Lawson has always pursued a balance between teaching and performing. He has taught in collegiate and private settings since 1985 and performed and conducted master classes throughout the United States, Asia, Europe, and South America. Recently, he served as Concertmaster of the Bismarck-Mandan Symphony Orchestra and founded the Youth Symphony there. Eric is joined by guitarist Jeff Anvinson in a workshop for ACC Chamber Ensemble students and duo recital which will include tangos, classical works and original compositions.



Jeff Anvinson is classically trained in guitar and accomplished in various genres including jazz, blues, Latin, and pop. The two artists have collaborated often in recent years including on a tour of China in 2006.

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The SPOTLIGHT Series 2010-2011

The Alpena Community College
Spotlight Series continues to provide
cultural enrichment to the community.

Please come along for the
2010-2011 season of music,
inspiration, and education
for all ages.



The SPOTLIGHT Series



2010-2011

Nancy Norris

Thursday, September 9, 2010

ACC student presentation at 10:00 a.m.
Public presentation at 7:30 p.m.



Health and fitness expert, personal trainer, athlete, mountain climber, shark-fighter, bungee-jumper, motivational speaker and 67 year-old grandmother – all accurately describe Nancy Norris – an ideal person to kick off the 2010-2011 season! Nancy has climbed seven of the world's highest mountains reaching summits on six. Next spring she is scheduled to conquer Mt. Everest and complete her list of attaining summits on the seven highest mountains on seven continents! Nancy's goal



is to inspire and motivate others to become fit and to lead healthier lives. Nancy's inspirational lifestyle, philosophy, and fascinating adventures will teach us about motivation, setting goals, and achieving our dreams.

This presentation is a Passport to the Arts event and co-sponsored by ACC Student Activities, the Association of Lifelong Learners (ALL@ACC), and the Spotlight Series.

Sunny Wilkinson and the ACC Jazz Band

Friday, December 3, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Inventive and flexible, Jazz singer Sunny Wilkinson is a vocal stylist who plays with rhythm and tone. Her beautiful intonation, effortless range, and passion for what she sings make her a one-of-a-kind artist. Sunny has sung with The Count Basie Band, Rob McConnell and the Boss Brass, Clark Terry, Mark Murphy, Milt Hinton, Curtis Fuller, and Edgar Winter, among others. She has recorded numerous CD's, performs regularly at jazz festivals and clubs across the country, and is assistant professor of jazz voice at Michigan State University.



The talented, versatile ACC Jazz Band is a Spotlight Series season favorite performing under the expert direction of Bonnie Moore. Sunny will conduct a day-long workshop with the band prior to being featured in this not-to-be-missed combined performance!

All performances are in the ACC Granum Theatre.

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE TICKETS	Adult	Child	Family	Qty	Total
Nancy Norris	\$10	\$7	\$30		
Sunny Wilkinson and the ACC Jazz Band	\$10	\$7	\$30		
"The Wonderful Wizard of Oz"	\$10	\$7	\$30		
Violinist Eric Lawson and Guitarist Jeff Anvison	\$10	\$7	\$30		

SPONSOR THE ARTS	Qty
Donors of \$1,000 and above receive 2 season tickets and program recognition.	
\$1,000	
\$500	
\$250	
\$100	
Other	

SEASON TICKETS	Qty
General @ \$40	
Family @ \$100	

ACC Students admitted free with Student ID.

Total Enclosed \$ _____

ACC is a barrier-free facility.
Questions, call 358-7271.

Please make checks payable to ACC and mail with form to:

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Alpena County Plaza Pool (1)

Grant: \$75,925

This grant was given to the Alpena County Plaza Pool to help fund the contractual cleaning, utilities, equipment and building maintenance of the pool. It also, helps support the life guards that are on duty, when swimmers are in the pool. The pool offers several different types of swim programs to all area residents; ranging in age from infant to elderly; these include: open swims, learn to swim, private swim lessons, boot camp, water aerobics classes, senior fitness, aqua chi, body sculpt, palates, water walking, and private rentals. The staff at the pool is certified to teach Water Safety Instructor classes, Life Guarding, First Aid and CPR. Over 30,000 citizens utilized the pool in 2011.



Alpena County Plaza Pool (2)

Grant: \$5,000

This grant was given to Alpena County Plaza Pool to help fund the swimming lessons and the Get Ready, Set, Swim program for all the 2nd graders in Alpena County, including Piped Piper special needs students, home schooled children, parochial and public school children. The program will provide aquatic opportunities, to improve, health, recreation and ensure safety in, on and around the water. Over 450 students participated in this program in 2011.





Alpena County Plaza Pool (3)
Grant: \$6,940

This grant helped fund the cost of maintenance, automatic fill valve and pool water usage meter and retrofit faucet and shower head aerator, for the locker rooms. The pool served over 30,000 people in 2011.





Alpena County Plaza Pool (4)

Grant: \$7,113.

The grant helped purchase an aquatic inflatable run. It will help increase program attendance and rental revenues. The aquatic run is great for parties, team building or office outing, to name a few. The run is dual lane, high speed action that provides the ultimate challenge of balance and agility, children love it!







Beaver Lake Park Association
Grant: \$3,750.00

This grant was given to help build a teen center at Beaver Lake Park. The 20x48 building opened in July 2011. The center has a lot of activities going on; when children are not swimming, playing, fishing or with family. At night, children often get bored, with nothing to do, and now, they have a place to go and things to do. There were a lot of volunteers, who donated their time to build the center. Along with the grant, the association held silent auction, bake sales, 50/50 drawings and garage sales. The center has served over 1000 children since they opened their doors. The center is an asset to the park and the citizens of Alpena.













Alpena County Parks
Grant: \$20,000.00

This grant was given for upgrading Beaver Lake Camp Grounds. The money helped upgrade the camp sites; with upgraded electrical, which was buried, they ran new water lines. This project makes: 1) the camp sites safer, 2) economic, desirable destination, 3) location/environment-residents use in county camping and can accommodate larger campers. In 2011, 473 sites were rented, over 1400 people occupied sites from May thru Sept. This is an asset to Alpena County residents.





Alpena Hockey Association

Project: Goalie Equipment and Jerseys

Grant: \$7,120.00

The Alpena Hockey Association is an affiliate member of USA Hockey and the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association. As such, the Alpena Hockey Association organizes and manages the process of educating, training, scheduling and the development of youth hockey in Alpena for boys and girls ages 5-18yrs. in a wide array of skill levels. The grant money has been allocated for the replacement of 10 year old used goalie equipment and team jerseys. More than 240 students will benefit from the replaced jerseys and equipment.

No pictures have been provided as of March 26, 2012

Alpena Huron Shore Little League
Project: McRae Park—Volunteer Field Resurface
Grant: \$5,000.00

The Alpena Huron Shore Little League provides area youth with baseball, softball and t-ball programs for children ages 4 to 16. These programs include maintaining 17 fields in Alpena County, umpires for the competitive divisions and all playing equipment for the children with the exception of fielder's gloves. The League recognized the need for improvements to McRae Park—Volunteer Field as players feared being injured or were unable to play to their full potential due to the old limestone surface. The resurfacing of the field included removal of 4-6" of the current surface and refilled with a specialized compound suitable for infields. A new pitcher's mound and home plate area were also built. Approximately 765 families participated in the 2011 season.







Alpena Independent Hockey
Grant: \$1000.00

This group is an independent girl's hockey team. The grant requested was for ice time at Northern Light Arena, which would reduce the cost of the sport. The grant was not utilized.

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Kids and Parents United Together “KAPUT” (APS) \$7500.00

“KAPUT” has become an integral part of Alpena High School by providing safe, fun alternatives for student recreation. Their goal is to promote substance abuse awareness, information and alternative activities in order to lessen the influence of substance abuse in our community. With 2011 funding, APS students have been offered activities that include Senior Lock-In Night, After Prom Party, two Activity Nights and a Freshman Bash. Many of the activity nights are planned during times when students are at most jeopardy for participating in risky behaviors (drinking, drug use). Approximately 1525 students were in attendance/impacted by these events. Attendance levels at these events continue to grow with the group’s ability to offer substantial opportunities.

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Alpena Public Schools
Program: Interscholastic Athletics
Grant: \$75,000.00

Alpena Public Schools is a Class A district serving a population of some 4,200 students in grades K-12. With the erosion of school funding, APS can no longer offer a full athletic program to its students and this resulted in several programs being cut. The resulting program cuts meant that area youth had fewer opportunities to participate in athletics. The grant allowed programming for fall season sports to be reinstated/continued with a reduction in fundraising costs to parents. More than 200 youth were impacted by the grant.



**Alpena Tennis Association/ Ace Club
Grant: \$7000.00**

This grant is to provide 4 weeks of tennis instruction to all public & parochial 5th grade students at the Thunder Bay Recreation Center. There were about 525 students who attended. The grant also helped 48 Alpena High School students the opportunity to represent their school in Junior Varsity & Varsity tennis matches.





Alpena Babe Ruth Baseball
Project: Field Improvements
Grant: \$6000.00

Babe Ruth Baseball offers an opportunity for youth ages 14-19 to play regulation, competitive baseball. Their mission is to teach skills, enhance mental and physical development, to teach respect for the rules of the game and the basic ideals of sportsmanship. With the elimination of several area baseball fields, the Alpena Babe Ruth has allowed multiple area baseball teams the use of their fields. The grant covered the expense of adding newer, safer gravel to the infields. This gravel makes it safer for players to slide, reduces the number of balls inadvertently injuring players and has improved the looks of the field. The improvement to the fields also provides increased opportunities for tournament play with more outside area teams. Thirty eight players and an unspecified number of Little League players benefited from the upgraded fields.



Alpena Babe Ruth Baseball
Project: Operational Upgrades
Grant: \$3,000.00

Babe Ruth Baseball offers an opportunity for youth ages 14-19 to play regulation, competitive baseball. Their mission is to teach skills, enhance mental and physical development, to teach respect for the rules of the game and the basic ideals of sportsmanship. The goal of the project was to update equipment and assist operational costs (eg. helmets, bats, balls, umpire fees,

etc.) in order to bring down out-of-pocket player expenses. The grant allowed the group to lower registration fees from \$125 to \$50 per player. With this reduction in fees, player participation increased from 20 players in 2010 to 38 players in 2011.



**City of Alpena/ Wildlife Sanctuary Board
Grant: \$500.00**

This grant was given to help fund the River Rat Science Program. It is a summer science program for elementary age children. The program has 5 two hour sessions at the wildlife sanctuary; children are accompanied by a parent or care provider. The lessons are “hands-on”. In 2011, 102 children (ages 5-10), 50 adults and 36 volunteers participate in the program. It promotes conservation through education and exploration.

DVD and pictures provided













Friends of the Plaza Pool

Grant: \$10,185.

This group offered coached workout swimming lessons, which served 344 people. They also offered community educational sessions, which served 148 people. The group also purchased 2 wheel chairs for the handicapped swimmers and new stairs for accessing the pool. Other programs included; instruction on snorkeling, surface dives and introduction to kayaking. This program offered additional pool time, new membership and increased pool revenue.



GEAR (Get Excited and Rally)—Youth in Action
Project: Alpena Bike Park Expansion
Grant: \$10,000.00

GEAR was initially a grant-funded program to build a place for area youth to skateboard and rollerblade as well as a place for area bands to practice. GEAR's continued mission is to promote and support youth activities and provide youth with leadership opportunities according to their interests. Since the group's inception, GEAR has created several skate parks, a BMX race track, a disc golf course, and a bike park. The grant specifically covers the addition of more ramps to the Alpena Bike Park to update the park, offer more opportunities for bikers and help prevent bike/skateboard accidents from occurring at the skate parks. Approximately 250-500 area youth benefited from this grant request.



Maple Ridge Township
Grant: \$3,500.00

This grant helped fund the Cathro Ball field Improvement Project. It helped upgrade one of the dugout buildings and repair the fence. One of the buildings was redone in 2007, the field wasn't user friendly; both projects were completed and the field is open to all Alpena County residents. The field was used by over 600 participants last year and the grounds are safer when playing ball.



MSU Extension

Program: Alpena County 4-H

Grant: \$47,345

As a youth development program, 4-H fosters an innovative “learn by doing” approach. The caring support of adult volunteers and mentors inspires young people in 4-H to work collaboratively, take the lead on their own projects and set and achieve goals with confidence. The program also engages youth in community issues and involves them in travel, interaction and projects outside of their small community in an effort to broaden their awareness. It also focuses heavily on science and career exploration through projects and camps. Approximately 910 youth and 37 adult leaders participated in this program during 2011.





**Special Olympics Michigan Inc. Area 3
Grant: \$6000.00**

This grant was given to help fund swimming, bowling, and basketball for individuals with intellectual disabilities. These programs increase health, well-being, sportsmanship, and self-esteem and community participation. There will be 160 participants. This grant was not utilized.

No pictures available

Thunder Bay Soccer Association
Project: Field Maintenance
Grant: \$5,000.00

The mission of the Thunder Bay Soccer Association is to foster the physical, mental, and emotional growth and development of our community's youth through the sport of soccer at all age and competitive levels. Players range in age from 4 yrs.-18yrs., with both male and female players in all skill levels being represented. On average, the Association pays \$5000-\$8000.00 per year to maintain the soccer fields located on Woodward Ave. and ACC-East Campus. The grant provided the opportunity for more youth (more than 700 children) to participate in soccer due to a subsequent reduction in membership/registration costs.

