



YOUTH AND RECREATION

JANUARY 1, 2019

Mission Statement

The Committee serves as an advocate for the citizens of the County. The Committee is charged with the sole purpose of providing recreational activities for youth and recreation for Alpena County residents, as well as, recreational service and improvement or development of recreational sites. The Committee is also responsible for recommending to the County Board of Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as “Commissioners”, the prudent spending of public funds to promote youth and recreational opportunities to Alpena County citizens.

The Alpena County Youth and Recreation Committee, hereinafter referred to as “Committee”, was officially established on September 28, 2010. The committee consists of one representative from each of the districts of the Alpena County Board of Commissioners. Terms of office for representatives from the County Commissioner districts are established to be the same as the elected members of the Board of Commissioners districts, which is a two-year term.

Operating Millage Proposition for Youth & Recreation

“Shall the limitations on the amount of taxes which shall be assessed against all property both real and personal in Alpena County, Michigan be increased as provided in Section 6, Article IX of the Michigan Constitution, and the Alpena County Board of Commissioners be authorized to levy a tax not to exceed one half of one (1/2) mill (\$.50 on each \$1000.00 of Equalized State Taxable Value) for a period of four (4) years starting with the Levy made December 1, 2010, for the sole purpose of providing “Recreational Activities” for Youth and Recreation for Alpena County residents, as well as, recreational service and improvement or development of recreational sites? (The estimate of revenue the County of Alpena will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the first year (2010) is \$483,000.00”.

Total Amount Appropriated Per Year:

2011	\$303,193.00
2012	\$421,941.00
2013	\$629,960.00
2014	\$467,613.00
2015	\$393,680.00
2016	\$572,230.00
2017	\$651,149.00
2018	\$541,756.00
2019	\$545,223.00
2020	\$550,743.00

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	AWARDED
ACC Ropes Course	Support	\$ 3,000.00
Alpena Community College – Cross Country Team	Summer camp, pants, coats	\$ 2,130.00
Alpena Gymnastics Club	Kids Ring Bar Set	\$ 1,500.00
Alpena Hockey Association (2)	Jersey support	\$ 1,178.00
Alpena Hockey Association (1)	Battle of the Bay Tournament Support	\$ 6,075.00
Alpena Hockey Association (3)	Learn to Skate – Coaches support	\$ 1,700.00
Alpena Huron Shore Babe Ruth	AHS Field Usage Assistance	\$ 1,500.00
Alpena Huron Shore Babe Ruth (2)	Player Registration Reduction	\$ 14,000.00
APS – AHS Band	Equipment – Timpani Set	\$ 13,849.00
APS – AHS Baseball	Fencing	\$ 22,855.00
APS – AHS Basketball	Operating support	\$ 8,500.00
APS – AHS KAPUT	Activities and Events	\$ 17,500.00
APS – AHS Robotic Teams	Support	\$ 32,500.00
APS – AHS Softball Line Drive	Operating support	\$ 2,400.00

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	AWARDED
APS – AHS Light Project	Lighting support at AHS Wildcat Field	\$ 5,000.00
APS – AHS Woods Track Club	Shirts and hats	\$ 1,125.00
APS – AHS Volleyball Program	Transportation fees	\$ 3,000.00
APS – AHS Wildcat Football	Transportation fees	\$ 6,200.00
APS – Sanborn Elementary	Playground equipment	\$ 10,000.00
APS -TBHJH Athletic Outreach	6th gr. athletic support, free admission	\$ 17,210.00
APS – Wilson Elementary School	T-shirts-Robotics & Science Olympiad	\$ 400.00
Boys and Girls Club of Alpena	Triple Play, Mind Body and Soul	\$ 11,500.00
City of Alpena – Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary	Duck Park Kayak Project	\$ 15,000.00
County of Alpena – MSU Extension	Children, Youth & 4H Programming	\$ 40,000.00
County of Alpena – Parks Comm – Beaver LK Pk	Bathroom/Bathhouse Addition	\$ 38,072.00
County of Alpena – Parks Comm – Long Lk Pk	Boat Launch Upgrade	\$ 34,100.00
County of Alpena – Parks Comm – Long LK PK	Partial Electrical	\$ 8,131.00

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	AWARDED
County of Alpena – Plaza Pool Operations	Operating support	\$ 82,125.00
County of Alpena – Plaza Pool	Ready, Set, Swim Programming	\$ 8,500.00
Friends of Plaza Pool	Pool Programming support	\$ 3,358.00
Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary	“Kids Get into the Sanctuary”	\$ 14,325.00
MPAC dba Northern Lights Arena	Open Skating	\$ 20,000.00
MPAC dba Northern Lights Arena	Ice rates support	\$ 20,000.00
Northeast MI Center for Fine Arts	Ready, Set, Create Programming	\$ 23,115.00
Parks Family Foundation – Aplex	Fitness Center upgrade	\$ 3,900.00
Parks Family Foundation	Ready, Set, SNAP	\$ 10,000.00
Parks Family Foundation	Say Yes to Tennis	\$ 4,000.00
Thunder Bay Martial Arts (1)	Scholarships/Fee Waivers	\$ 7,500.00
Thunder Bay Martial Arts (2)	Woman’s Self Defense Training	\$ 2,525.00
Thunder Bay Martial Arts (3)	Tournament Experience	\$ 450.00
Thunder Bay Schooners Swim Club	Pool Rental	\$ 10,000.00

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	AWARDED
Thunder Bay Theater	Educational Tour	\$ 17,000.00
TOTAL		\$ 545,223.00

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Alpena Volunteer Center at Alpena Community College

Project: The Ropes Course

Funded: \$3000.00

The Ropes Course at Alpena Community College is a series of team-building activities located in a beautiful, peaceful wooded area on the grounds of ACC. The Course is utilized by youths and adults in Alpena County who, through participation in Course elements and activities, gain skills in leadership, cooperation, confidence, teamwork, decision-making, and trust in others. The Ropes Course is a unique and “wonder-filled” outdoor activity that also promotes physical fitness, agility, balance, flexibility, coordination, and stamina of all age participants regardless of abilities. The slogan, “Challenge by Choice” is reinforced by facilitators to enhance kids’ confidence and willingness to participate. EVERYONE and their ideas are encouraged, welcomed, and valued.







Alpena Community College Cross-Country Team

Project: Cross-Country Team camp, pants, coats

Funded: \$2130.00

The money granted by the Youth and Rec committee to benefit the Alpena Community College Cross-Country program was again a great help in covering costs in running a top-notch athletic program. These dollars were used to help student athletes afford to attend Cross-Country camp to start the season and helped supply the team with sweat jackets and sweat pants. The week at camp was again a huge success. This "team time" allows each member to know each other and bond as team. Besides running over 50-75 miles each, the team was able to swim, play volleyball and euchre along with camp time. The 2019 team is on track to become the fifth straight ACC Cross-Country team to be named Academic All-American.





Alpena Gymnastics

Project: Kids Ring Bar Set

Funded: \$1500.00

The Preschool classes and Young Intro (5 year old) classes have doubled in the past year. Alpena Gymnastics recently added an additional introduction level class. The kids ring bar set will allow better training equipment at the beginning skill levels.





Alpena Hockey Association

Project: AHA Jersey Grant

Funded: \$1178.00

It is with great thankfulness to the Alpena Youth and Recreation grant that the Alpena Hockey Association was able to purchase jerseys for their Squirt (U10) hockey program. With an ever-growing hockey program, the jerseys from the past years were starting to show their use and the need for replacement. The new jerseys have already been put to use for the 28 players and their families.







Alpena Hockey Association

Project: Battle of the Bay Tournament Support

Funded: \$6075.00

Thanks to the Alpena Youth and Recreation grant, the Alpena Hockey Association was able to provide multiple Battle on the Bay tournament games to several of our local players and their families. The grant provides the players and their families the opportunity to enjoy the sport of hockey without the need to travel. The tournaments house multiple teams from different associations in our district to participate while also providing business to local hotels, restaurants, and shops.







Alpena Hockey Association

Project: IP/Learn to Skate Program Coaches

Funded: \$1700.00

With deepest gratitude, the Alpena Hockey Association thanks the citizens of Alpena for the approval of the Alpena Youth and Recreation Millage to help with offsetting

the fees associated with instruction for the Intro to Skate program. The Intro to Skate program is the most critical in a skater's development as it provides the base in which future hockey skills grown on. The Alpena Youth and Recreation Millage was able to provide grant monies to make sure 50+ initial skaters received the proper trained instructors.





Alpena Huron Shore Babe Ruth

Project: AHS Field Usage Assistance

Funded: \$1500.00

With the funding for AHS field usage assistance we were able to use the Varsity and JV baseball fields for our 13-15 and 16-18 baseball divisions. Without the use of the AHS fields we would be unable to schedule a full season for these divisions as we only have one field at McRae park with the 90-foot basepaths required for these age groups.

Alpena Huron Shore Babe Ruth

Project: Player Registration Reduction

Funded: \$14,000.00

With the funding for player registration reduction, Alpena Huron Shore Babe Ruth was able to lower our registration cost from \$80 to \$50 per player. With this reduction in fees we experienced an increase of 37 players over our 2018 Season. We are hoping that with the increased number of players our league will continue to grow in the coming season.



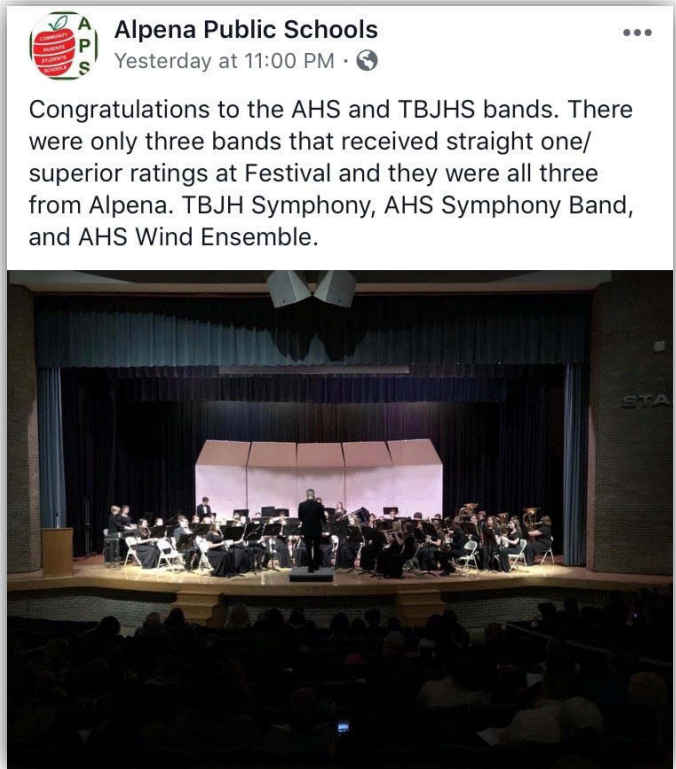
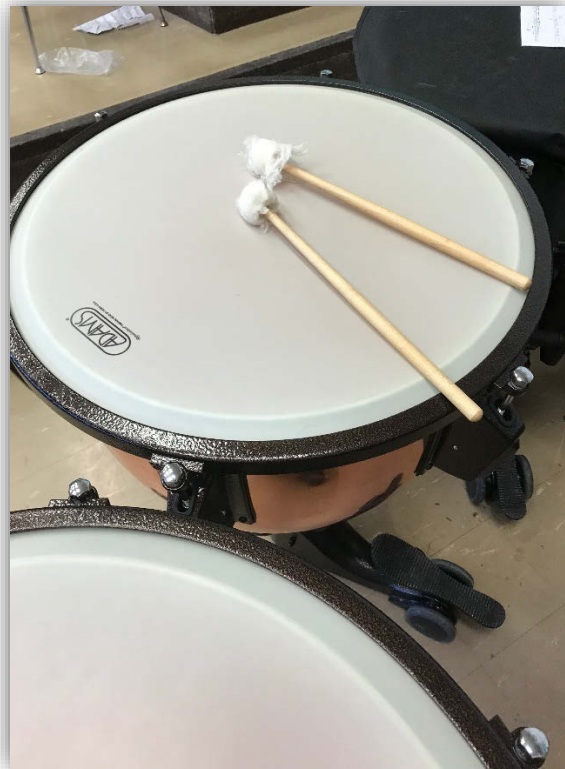


APS-AHS Band

Project: Alpena High School Band Equipment: Timpani Set.

Funded: \$13,849.00

The Alpena High School band program represents our community in a variety of local parades, concerts, athletic events, and band festival events, where we have received some of the highest honors possible at the district and state level. On an individual basis, Alpena Band students have participated in clinics and workshops, and have consistently been selected to perform in various All-State and Honors Ensembles. The new instruments received by the Youth and Recreation Grant were in extreme need to the point of holding students back from reaching their potential. The students excelled immediately with them and could be seen performing at all of our community concerts, competitions, and parades.



Alpena Public Schools - Alpena High School Baseball

Project: Alpena High School Baseball Fence

Funded: \$22,855.00

The AHS baseball fence project has improved the appearance of the facility. The upgrade to the fence provided a much safer environment for players and fans. Previously there were areas where baseballs put into play could get under the fence and potentially strike a spectator. There were also areas where the fence was curled up and sharp jagged edges were exposed leading to potential injuries to players. The outfield fence was raised to a height of six feet which is safer should a player run into it making a play on the ball. These improvements make our facilities more attractive to our opponents encouraging their participation in future contest in Alpena.





AHS Boys and Girls Basketball

Project: Operation Cost

Funded: \$8500.00

The money helped to offset the cost of participation for the boys and girls freshmen, JV, and Varsity Teams. Each player is required by the school to pay a \$50 transportation fee (this totaled \$3,750). Each sport is charged by the school a \$400 fee per team to offset the cost of the teams. Boys and girls paid \$2,400 total for this fee. Bus upgrades for travel totaled over \$8,000 last year. The grant money received from the Recreation Committee helped to pay for these expenses. Over the last several years, the per-player cost has dropped from over \$300 to \$100. Thanks to the Recreation Grant money this has been a huge savings for players families and the amount of fundraising they would need to do to pay for these expenses.





Alpena High School

Project: KAPUT

Funded: \$17,500.00

The goal of KAPUT is to provide unique and fun alternatives to the youth of our community, free from the dangers of drugs and alcohol, while providing leadership opportunities and good communication with parents. Since the creation of KAPUT there have been zero teen deaths caused by driving under the influence of alcohol while prior to KAPUT there were multiple teen deaths each year. KAPUT puts on activity nights, Post-Prom, and Senior Lock-In events every school year for Alpena High School students.







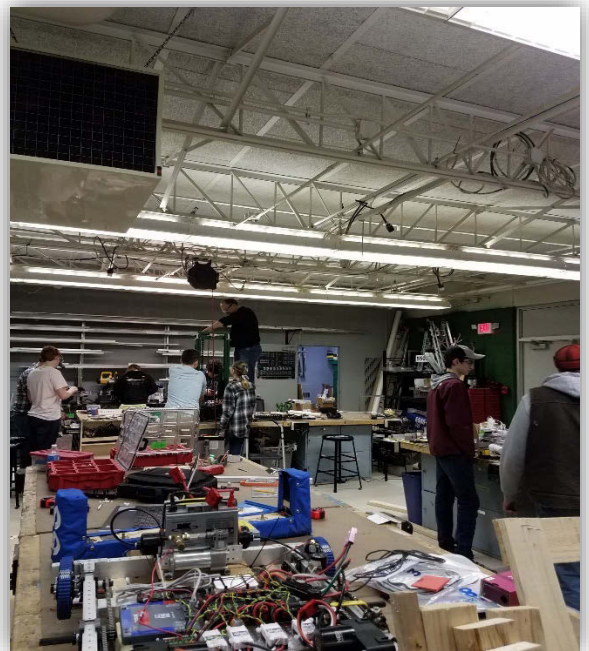
AHS Robotics

Project: Wildcat Robotics (5230 & 5505)

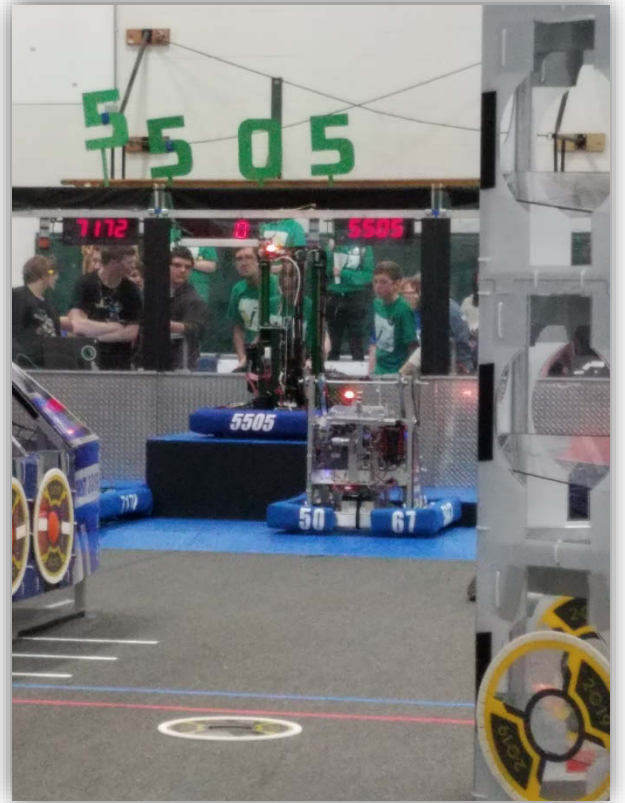
Funded: \$32,500.00

AHS Wildcat Robotics participates in the FIRST robotics program with teams #5230 The Resistance and #5505 V2 Robotics. Our goal is to inspire young people to be leaders in science and technology by engaging students in exciting mentor-based

programs that build STEM skills (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Due to money received from the 2019 Youth and Recreation Grant, the robotics program has been able to fabricate two competition robots during the 2019 season. Having two distinct teams and robots ensures students are able to have direct hands-on experiences, in depth learning opportunities and important leadership roles. This leads to increased student involvement and an overall higher skill set for each student. Robotics provides students the opportunity to work in a competitive and thrilling team environment. Our community has embraced the value of FIRST Robotics and has rallied together to become a hub for FIRST Robotics in northern Michigan. Being one of only two locations in Michigan to host two district tournaments; Alpena stands out in the FIRST community. The robotics program's impact on student's skills provides opportunities to gain employment locally in areas such as STEM, business, marketing, media, materials management, programming as well as electrical, mechanical and computer design.







Alpena Public Schools - Alpena Softball Line Drive Club

Project: Team Support

Funded: \$2400.00

The Alpena High School Softball Line Drive Club was awarded monies to help offset the cost to players participating in the softball program at Alpena High School. Monies were used for the players transportation fee(s) and used to defer the cost of transportation upgrades.





Alpena HS - Stadium Lights

Project: Stadium Lights

Funded: \$5000.00

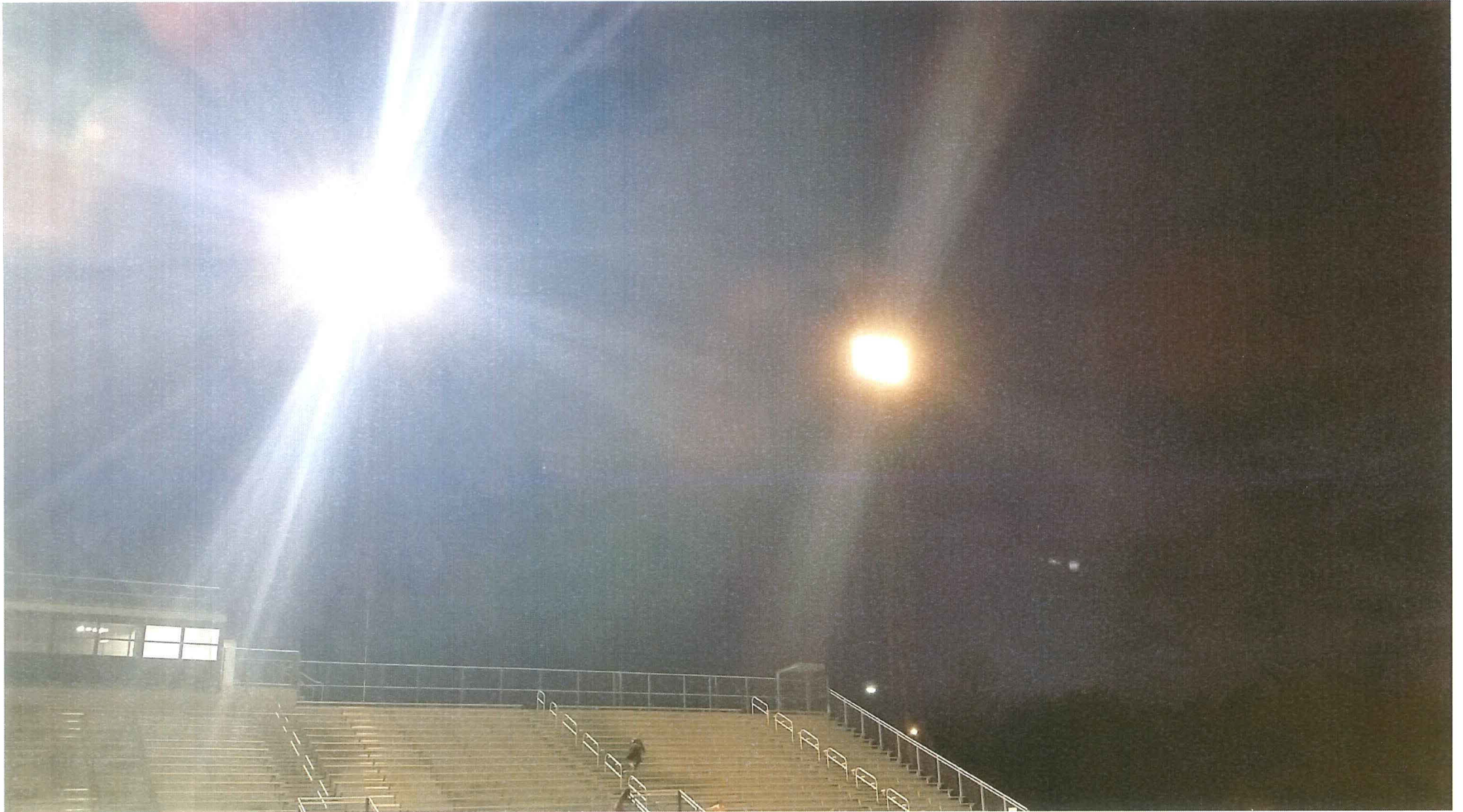
Through the generosity of the Youth and Rec grant we received; we were able to replace the old lights at Wildcat stadium that no longer met safety standards for MHSAA competition. These new lights increased our lumens from 6 lumens per square foot to nearly 40 lumens per square foot, thus making the field safer and more visible for players and spectators alike. This project benefited nearly 175 Alpena HS athletes per year and thousands of spectators that enjoy football, and boys' and girls' soccer games. Additionally, athletes from the Jets youth football program and the TBSA also enjoyed a safer and better facility.







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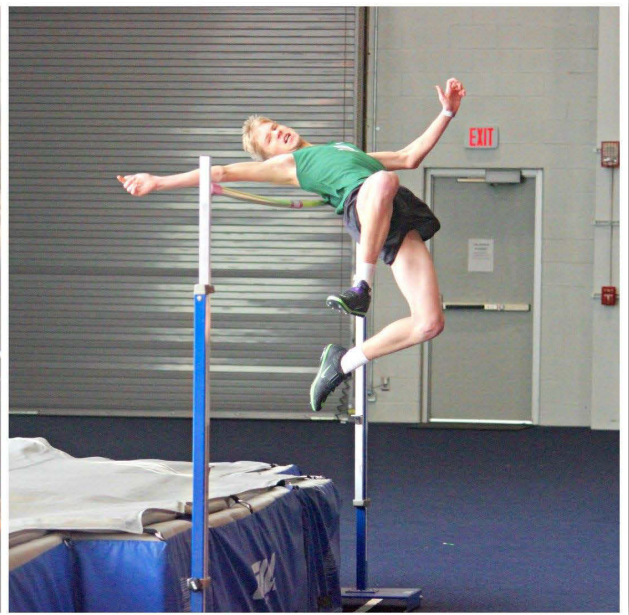


APS-AHS The Woods Track Club

Project: Shirts and Hats

Funded: \$1125.00

The money granted by the Youth and Rec committee continues to benefit The Woods Track club. This grant was very useful in purchasing both hats and long sleeve shirts for the club. Overall, we had over 50 high school runners who competed this year. Each year the program not only grows but helps the community of Alpena gain more recognition for their Track and Field athletes throughout the state of Michigan. This program is a fantastic opportunity to get athletes ready for outdoor track at the high school level. Two team members won Division 1 outdoor State Championships in Disc (Eli Winter) and Pole Vault (Gabe Bullis). This team also had four team members earn athletic scholarships to Division 1 programs; Maddy Boyd (Central Michigan), Zachary Zaborney (Detroit Mercy), Josh and Aden Smith (Michigan State).







Alpena High School Volleyball

Project: Alpena High School Volleyball

Funded: \$3000.00

The Alpena High School Volleyball teams are very grateful for the funding provided by the Youth and Recreation grant to contribute to the costs of transportation costs of the team. The AHS Volleyball team needed to fundraise to cover \$400 per team (\$1200). Each player is required by APS to pay \$50 for a transportation fee. Travel to Big North Conference matches is difficult due to the distance so Charter buses

are used to travel to TCC, TCW, Petoskey, and Cadillac. Charter bus upgrade costs increased during the 2019-20 school year (\$5062). The grant money received from the Youth and Recreation grant helped pay for these expenses.





Alpena High School Football

Project: High School Football (Freshman, JV, Varsity)

Funded: \$6200.00

Alpena High School had about 80 football players this year, and we are expecting more this upcoming year. We used the grant for Travel Expenses this year. The grant we received this year allowed each one of our players in the program to avoid the \$50 travel fee that is charged by the school district to play a sport. That is a significant help to those 80 players and their families. The grant also allowed us to continue to upgrade our athletic development facility. This grant helped our program take a nice step in the right direction.





Alpena Public Schools - Sanborn Elementary School

Project: Sanborn Elementary Playground Enhancement

Funding: \$10,000.00

Our Sanborn Elementary Playground Enhancement will provide access for children within Alpena County, the opportunity to play on outdoor equipment. We have several families within a short distance who can reap the benefits of a quality and safe playground. Our Sanborn Elementary students are able to grow and develop their muscles as well as their minds during each and every day of school.



Before...





During...



After...







Alpena Public Schools - Thunder Bay Junior High Outreach

Project: Thunder Bay Junior High Outreach Program

Funding: \$ 17,210.00

The Thunder Bay Junior High Outreach Program was awarded monies from the Alpena County Youth and Recreation Committee to help the students and their families of TBJH to participate in 6th grade athletics, have after school supervision available in the building for all events from 2:30-4:30pm daily, and allow our fans to attend our 7th & 8th grade athletic events at no cost/no admission fee.







Wilson Community School

Project: Wilson Community School Activities Fund: Robotics, Science Olympiad, Testing Reward Assemblies

Funding: \$400.00

Wilson Community School's Activities Grant for Robotics and Testing Reward Assemblies has helped this school grow! The school, using grant funds, purchased

team shirts for robotics competitions. Further, the grant supplied treats for testing rewards (Smarties, because our students are smart, and Blow-Pops, because they blew the test away!) for our 221 students. For robotics, because we had community support, we grew to six teams (22 fourth and fifth graders) participating in our district robotics program! This provided an opportunity for students to engage and grow in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) areas. Students also felt like part of a team. Students appreciated being recognized with the shirts and treats! The Alpena community has benefitted by students learning and being recognized for their efforts!







Boys and Girls Club of Alpena

Project: Triple Play/Wanna Play

Funding: \$11,500.00

During the 2019 funding period the Boys and Girls Club was able to better serve over 700 youth participants in the Club's Triple Play/Wanna Play program. The youth participants were able to build self-confidence and skills through physical fitness activities, healthy nutrition/dietary planning and be recognized and rewarded for

positive behaviors. We held monthly pizza parties for participants that met program expectations. Participants were able to take home a workbook to track their progress outside the Club. The parents really bought in to the program which helped the success and message of the initiative. At the end of the summer session we took 115 youth that met or exceeded program requirements to Arzo's for a fun day of activities. After comparing the pre/post test scores, youth showed a dramatic increase in their knowledge of healthy nutrition, improved physical activity skills and felt more supported by their community and home environment. The funds received helped bring more exposure to the program, provide much needed programming materials and allowed the youth to participate in special events that we were not able to provide in prior years.









City of Alpena Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary

Duck Park Kayak Project

Funding: \$15,000.00

Project did not happen

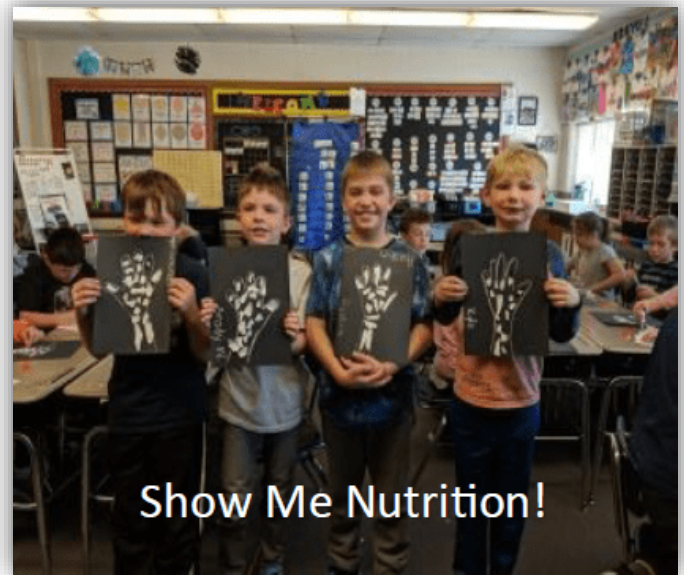
MSUE

Project: Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) Youth

Funding: \$40,000.00

Michigan State University Extension Youth Programs reached 2,920 Alpena County youth during the 2019 programming year. Youth participated in MSU Extension 4-H, Health and Nutrition programming, Agriculture and Horticulture Education, and Natural Resources education through Michigan Sea Grant, which is also part of MSU Extension. These learning opportunities focused on essential skills such as problem solving, financial literacy, science, decision-making, natural resources, leadership, resiliency, agriculture, gardening, food systems and communication. While learning these skills, youth developed positive relationships with adults and peers. Thank you for your continued partnership in our shared goal of providing educational and recreational activities for the youth of Alpena County.





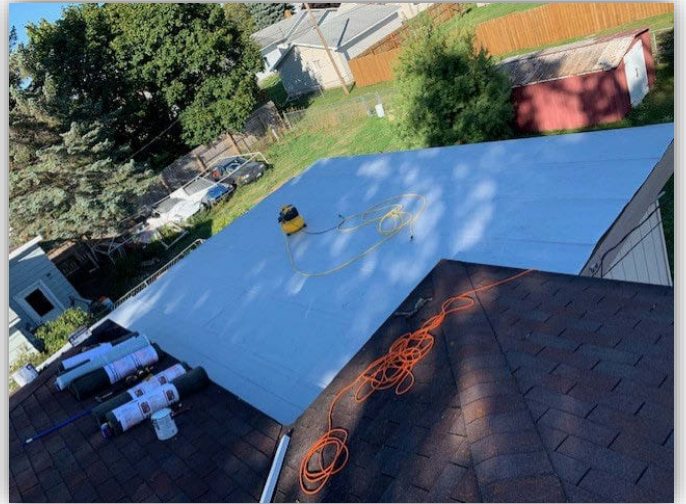


Alpena County Parks and Recreation Commission

Project: Beaver Lake Park Bathhouse Renovation

Funding: \$38,072.00

This project was another step toward providing suitable bathroom and shower facilities for campers and other visitors to the park. In the previous year, funds were put toward upgrades to the existing facility including new windows, doors, roof, fascia and painting. This year, funds from Youth and Recreation monies went toward building ADA compliant shower and bathroom facilities directly adjacent to the old bathhouse. This provides the needed number and type of fixtures for the number of visitors we have at the park each year.









Alpena County Parks and Recreation

Project: Long Lake Boat Launch Upgrade

Funding: \$34,100.00

Project deferred until 2020

Alpena County Parks and Recreation

Project: Long Lake Electrical Upgrade

Funding: \$8,131.00

This project was a building step in bringing the whole park electrical system up to meet the needs of campers and the new larger campers that are using the park. The project started with upgrades to the overhead power lines by Alpena Power

Company. An additional 8 200-amp electrical panels were added to bring the park electrical distribution system up to current electrical codes and eliminate overloading of power circuits. Electrical power was added to the pavilions and circuits were added supply power for use during large festivals and events (ie. Long Lake Lights). By upgrading the overhead power distribution system and the power supply circuits, the park can now improve individual circuits if needed to maximize power supply to all campsites. During the 2019 camping season, no campers experienced a power outage due to a campground system failure.







Alpena County Plaza Pool

Project: Alpena County Plaza Pool Operations

Funding: \$82,125.00

The Alpena County Plaza Pool is the only community pool in 5 counties. We have a variety of programs available throughout the entire 2019 year from water safety and swim lessons through water safety and swim lessons through water exercise, lap swim and open swim time etc.





Alpena County Plaza Pool

Project: Ready, Set, Swim

Funding: \$8500.00

Ready, set, swim teaches basic swimming lessons and water safety to all 2nd graders in the Alpena Public Schools as well as the Parochial Schools, Home School Association and Pied Piper.







Friends of the Plaza Pool

Project: Discovering Diversity of Activity in the Alpena Plaza Pool

Funding: \$3358.00

FOPP sponsored a number of activities. For the Masters Swim, we offered 20 8am Saturday sessions which included a total of more than 100 participant times. In the Salvation Army program this year came to the pool 6 times for 2 hours. This program is something that is held from Monday through Friday. We like to take the children swimming on Fridays and we are there for an hour and a half. Our program included 7 weeks of swimming, 1 ½ hours each week, averaging 18/week for 126 visits. This program teaches them to communicate with others, following directions, and sharing. We offered 4 two-hour sessions led by staff from Thunder Bay Therapy which were generally well attended. The session on Aquatic Exercise for Balance

was very well received by 34 participants. The session on Aquatic Exercise for Arthritis was also well attended. The session on Weight Management with Nutrition and Aquatics went well, and the Aquatics for Athletes session was a wonderful time for the 10 participants who participated. The difficulty with this final session was that it happened too late in the year, at a time when many sports teams were fully engaged in their competitions. This occurred due to the necessity to reschedule the event due to complications.



Friends of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary

Project: Kids Get into Your Sanctuary

Funding: \$14,325.00

Thanks to the \$14,325 grant from Alpena Youth & Recreation Fund, 1,050 Alpena residents were able to experience free community cruises and explore the historical shipwrecks from aboard the LADY MICHIGAN glass-bottom boat from June through early August 2019. Cruises included six free day cruises in early June open to the general public, two cruises in partnership with the George N. Fletcher Alpena County Library's summer reading program, and group cruises for the Alpena Boys & Girls Club, NEMSCA Veterans, Alpena Senior Center, and free tickets for the Combat Readiness Training Center as well as Alpena First Responders. Each cruise was accompanied by tour guides who highlight the unique historical maritime structures along the shoreline of Thunder Bay, as well as the freshwater preserved shipwrecks that rest on the bottomlands. Providing local residents an opportunity to enjoy water recreation while learning about how to become good stewards of these precious resources is important to protecting them for the future.







Celebrate Summer & The Last Day of School GET INTO YOUR SANCTUARY



**FREE
FAMILY
CRUISES**
Alpena Residents Only

FREE GLASS BOTTOM BOAT CRUISES

Friday, June 14th

1pm, 3pm, & 5pm

Get Your Tickets Starting at 11:00AM on Friday

Saturday, June 15th

10am, 1pm, & 4pm

Get Your Tickets Starting at 8:00AM on Saturday

Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center
500 West Fletcher Street, Alpena, Michigan

DON'T MISS

Surf's Up
IN THE SANCTUARY
SURFING & PADDLING ART EXHIBIT & FILMS

Saturday, June 15th

1:00pm - 7:00pm

FREE AND OPEN TO ALL AGES



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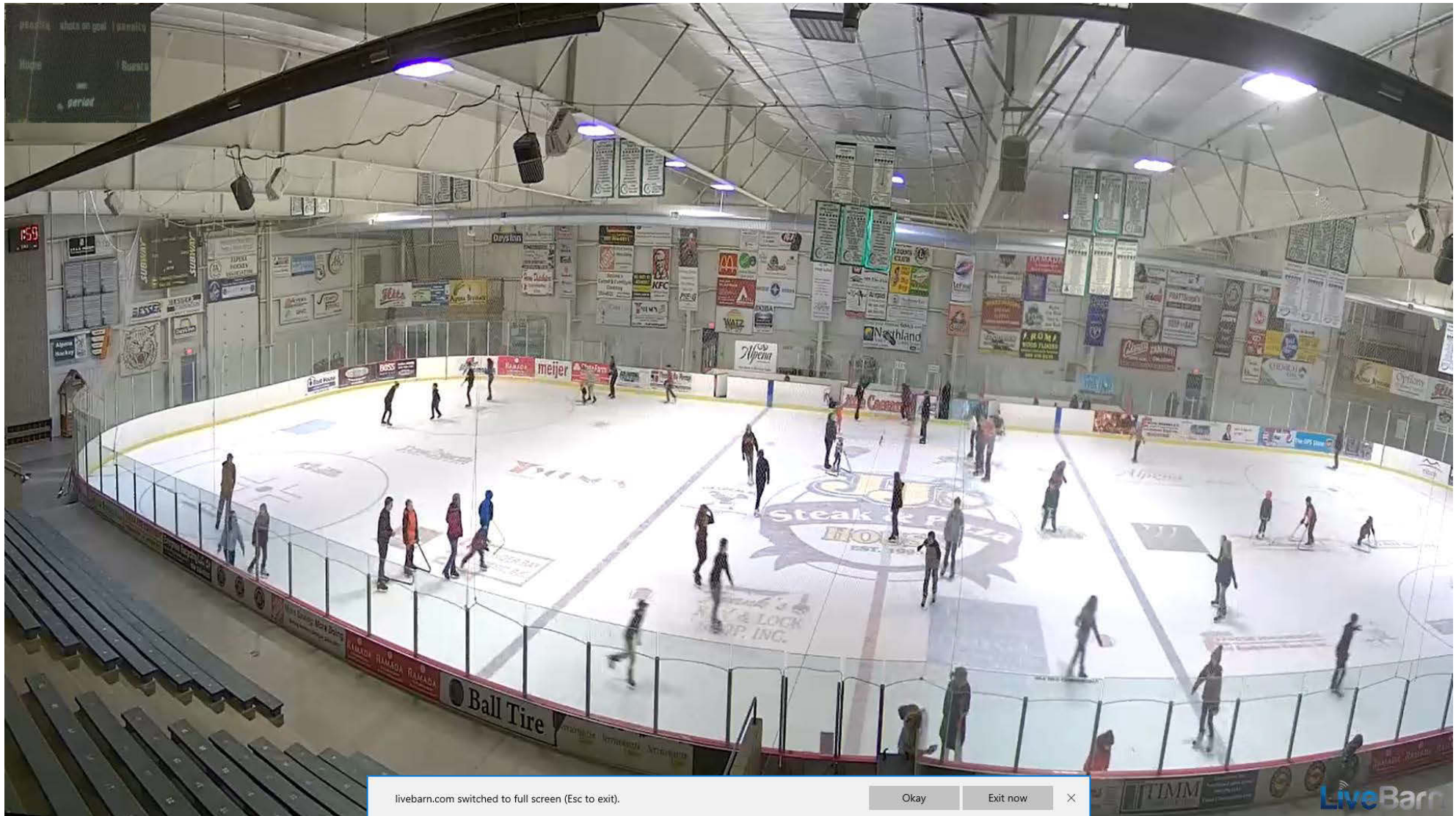
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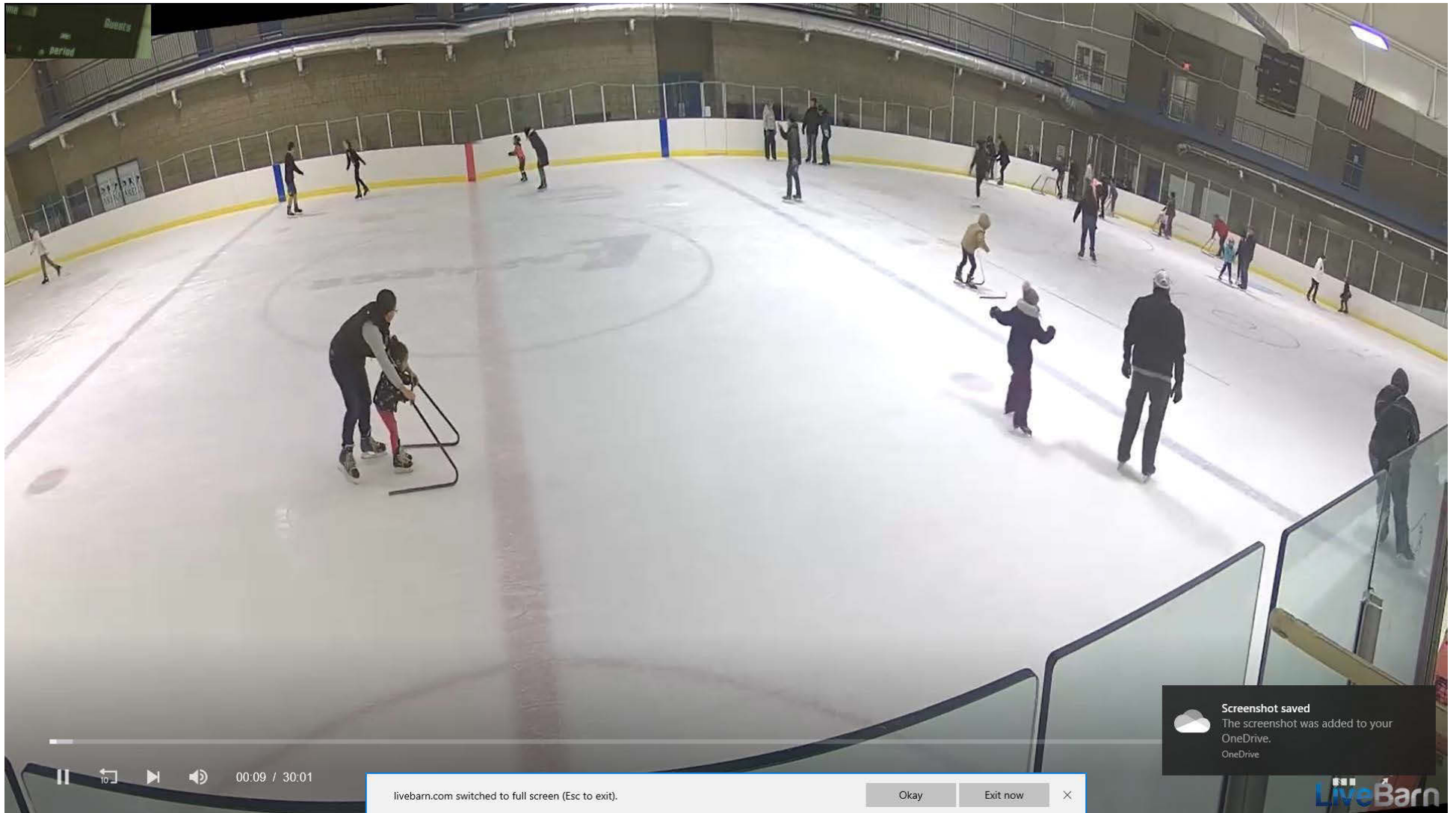
Project: Free Open Ice Skate incl. skates

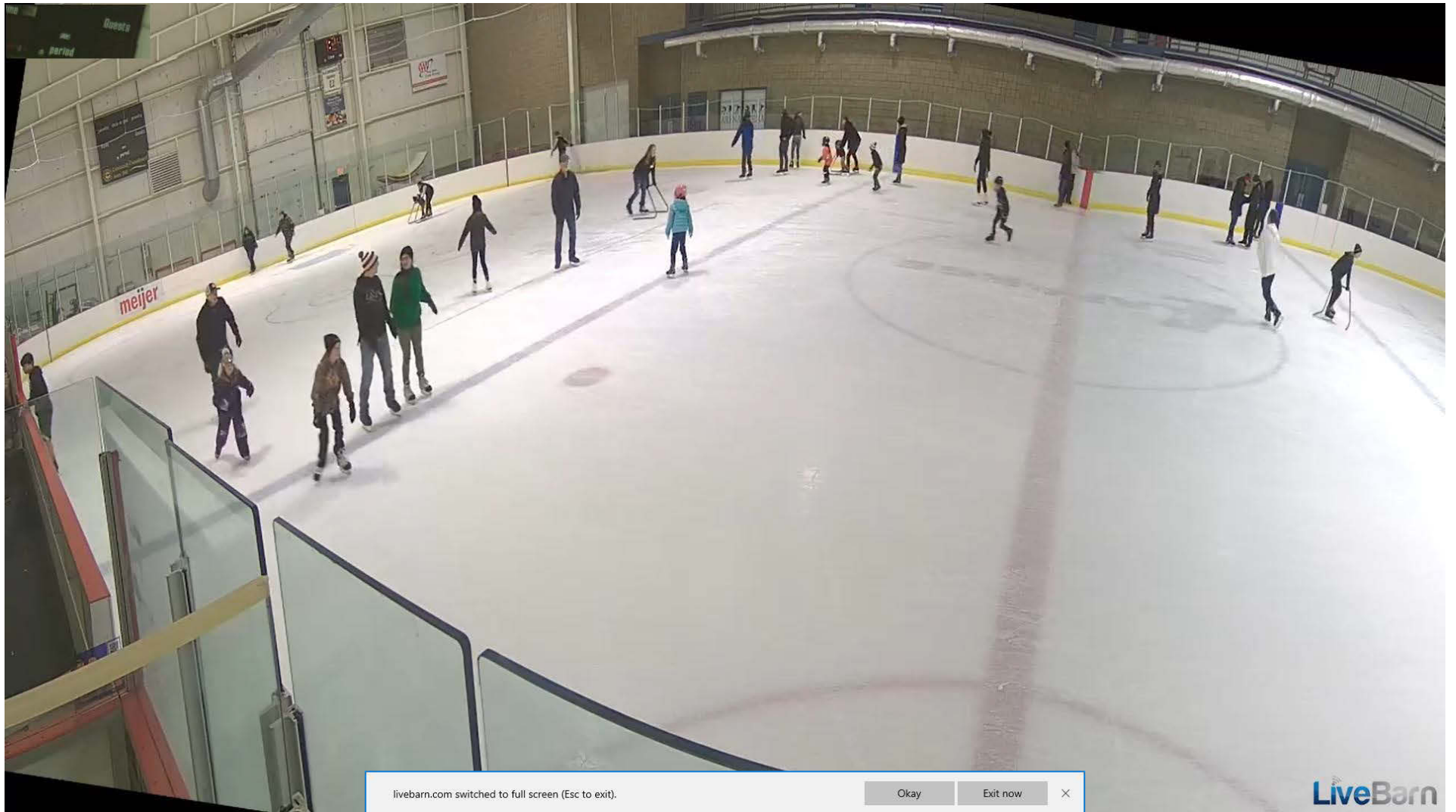
Funding: \$20,000.00

The Grant Money for Free Open Skate offers a no-cost activity for kids and families looking to stay active in the winter months. Skate (rental) was included at no charge. All advertising and Social Media posts listed Alpena County Youth & Recreation Committee as the sponsor. Each year we have more participants than the past year. It's a great way for skaters to get extra practice and build interest in figure skating and hockey.







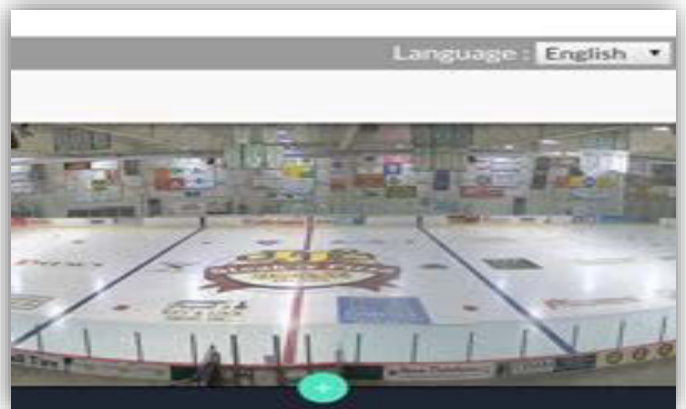


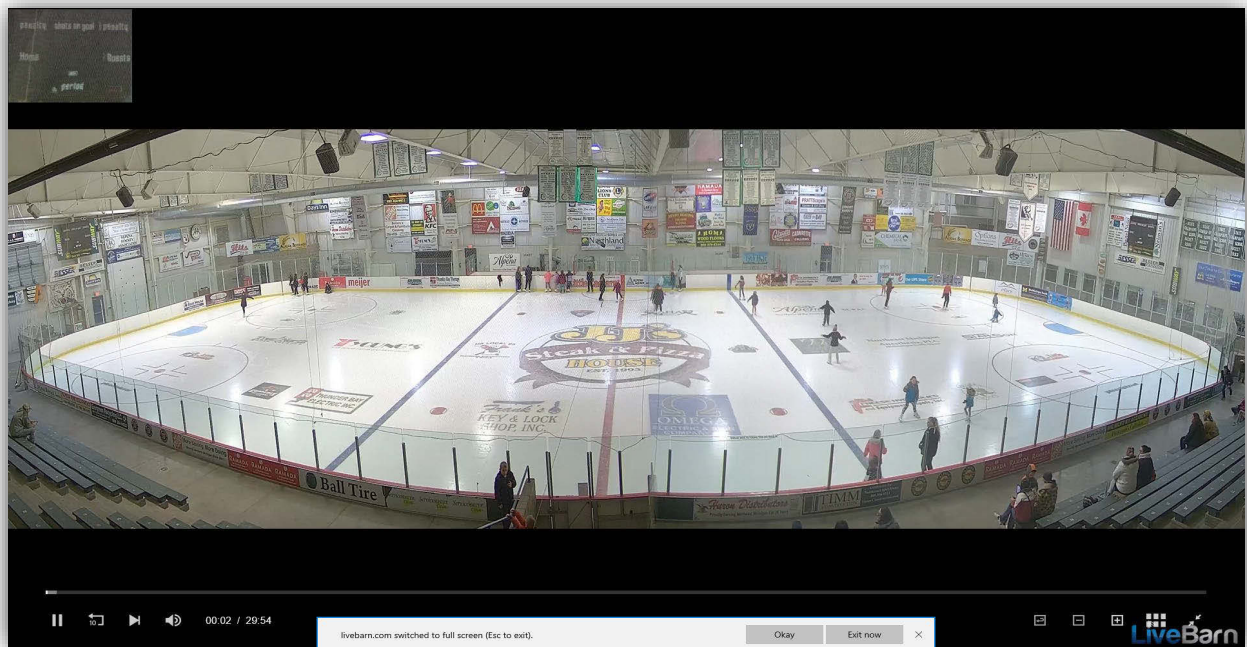
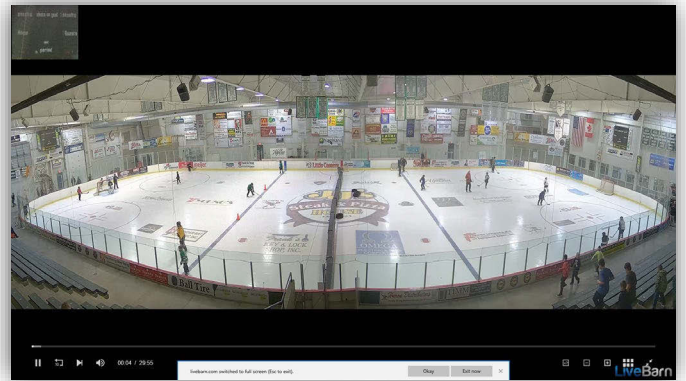
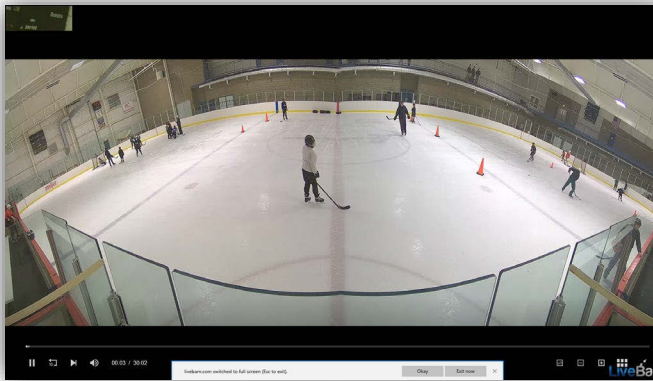
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Project: Ice rates support

Funding: \$20,000.00

The Grant Money for stabilizing ice rates was a benefit to all user groups including Alpena Hockey Association, Wildcat Hockey, Alpena Men's League Hockey, Alpena Figure Skating Club, AGH League, Co-ed League, as well as many other individuals.





Northeast Michigan Center for Fine Arts, Inc.

(DBA Art in the Loft)

Project: Ready, Set, Create!

Funding: \$23,115.00

Through the generosity of the Alpena County Youth and Recreation program, Art in the Loft was able to conduct the largest “Ready, Set, Create!” program since its inception seven years ago. The grant award allowed roughly 400 students (mostly 4th grade) to travel to the gallery and be led through four-weeks of hands-on art lessons by Certified Art Instructor, Brooke Stevens. During the four weeks, students participated in hands-on art lessons, in conjunction with art history and a cross-curricular curriculum and walked away with four finished projects.

The Alpena County Youth and Recreation grant funds allowed Art in the Loft to provide transportation and instruction in a professional gallery setting. This program brought students a well-rounded fine arts experience, where otherwise this might not have happened.







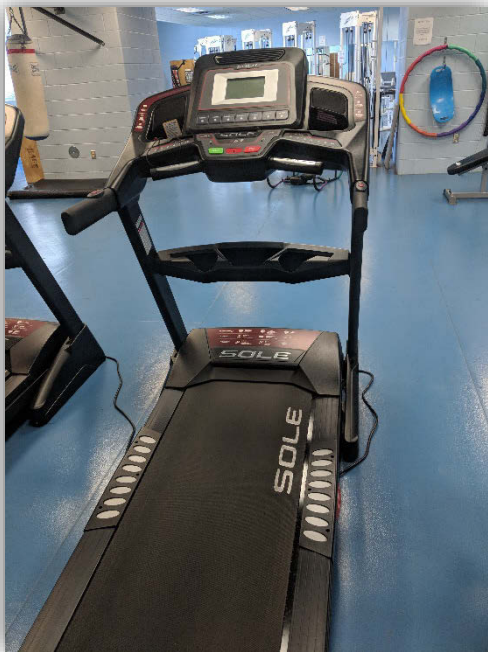


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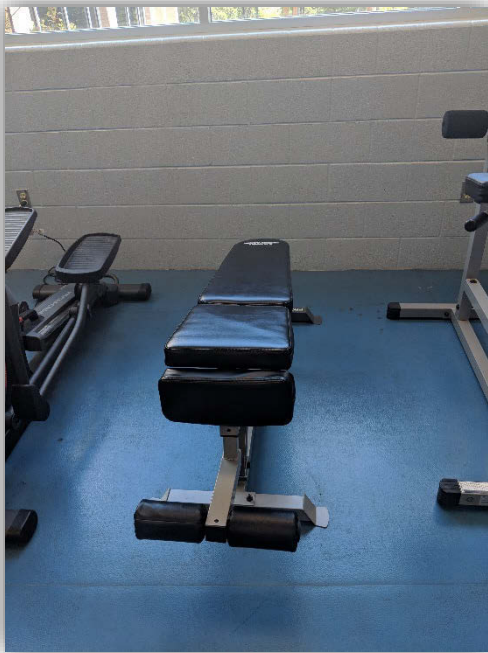
Project: Apex Fitness Center

Funding: \$3900.00

Apex Fitness Center provides the availability of affordable fitness to all citizens in Alpena county. Currently we are 1/3 the cost of local private fitness centers. In 2019, over \$11,000.00 worth of new equipment was purchased through the Park Family Foundation matching more than 50% of the grant.







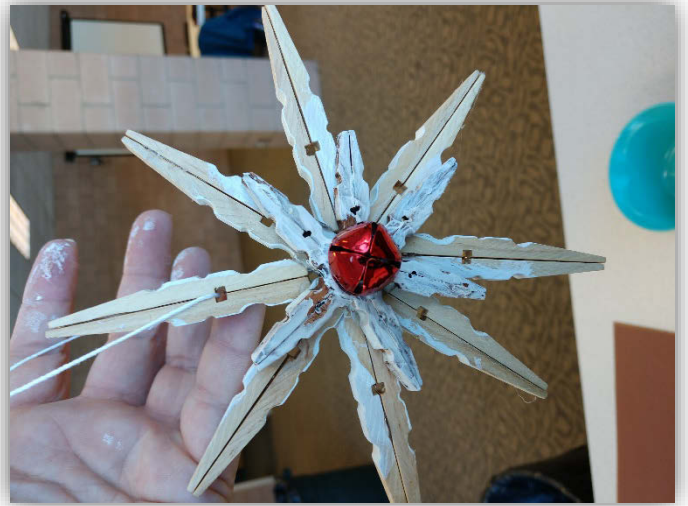
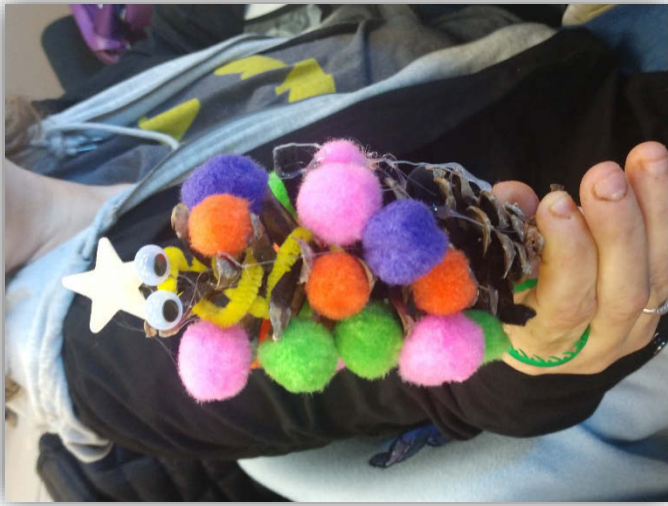
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Project: Ready, Set, Snap

Funding: \$10,000.00

Ready, Set, Snap is a special needs Adult program that services the greater Alpena County Area currently. Approximately 475 special need adults attend this program January 2019 through December 2019. Every Tuesday and Thursday developing friendships and relationships with other special need adults in their area. Sacks and activities and crafts are always provided free of charge.



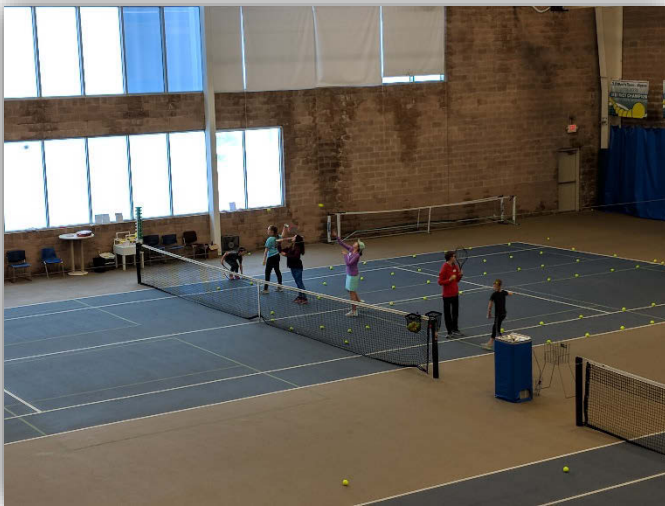


Park Family Foundation

Project: Say yes to Tennis

Funding: \$4000.00

Say yes to Tennis program for the first year was a big success. We served over 250 new tennis players that was given lessons throughout the 2019 year, causing a huge increase in tennis participation held at the Apex courts. While raising the donated funds, we found that we had enough money for another year (second year) of the program.







Thunder Bay Martial Arts

Project: Scholarship/Fee Waivers #39

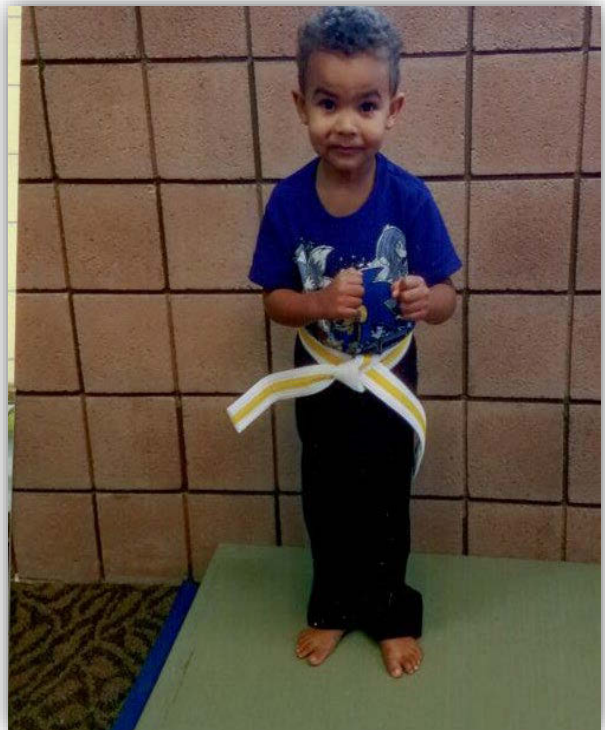
Funding: \$4000.00

In 2019, Alpena County Youth and Recreation Committee funded 24 school-aged children to participate in martial arts (Karate) classes. While the students' parents reported back positive feedback about improvements in respectfulness toward others, self-confidence, better school grades, improved general health, less shyness and discomfort around others and other benefits, the students themselves simply stated that classes were fun and exciting.







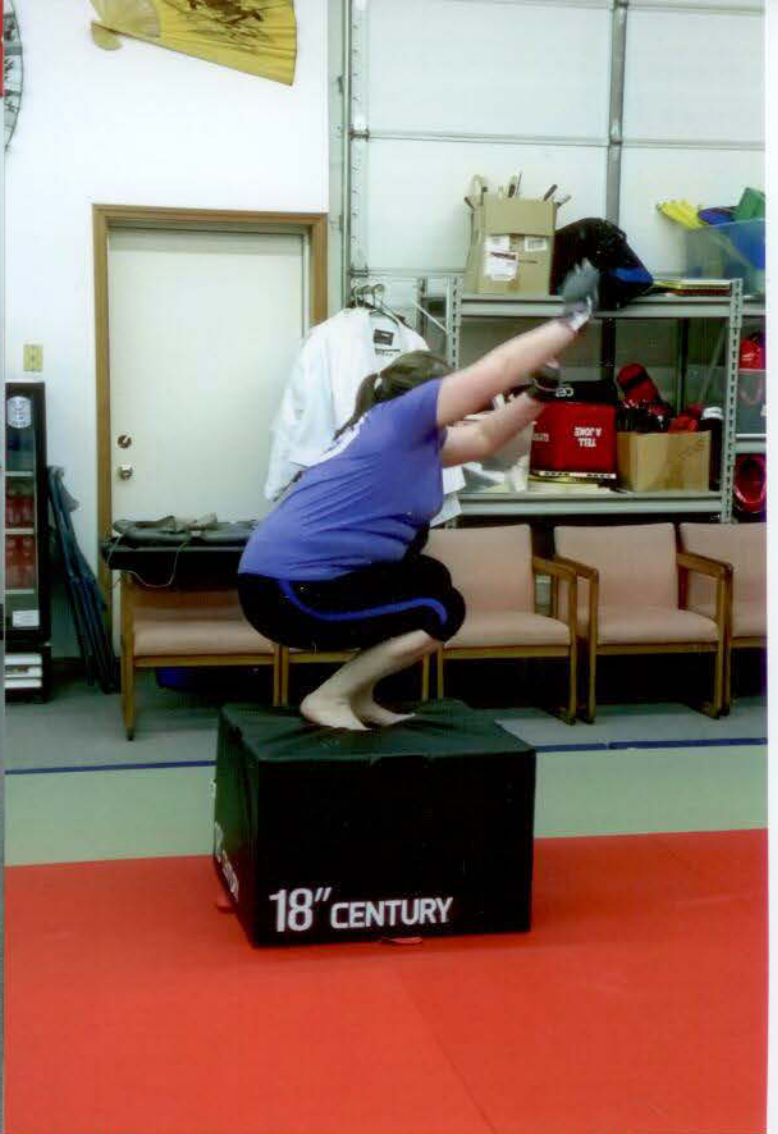


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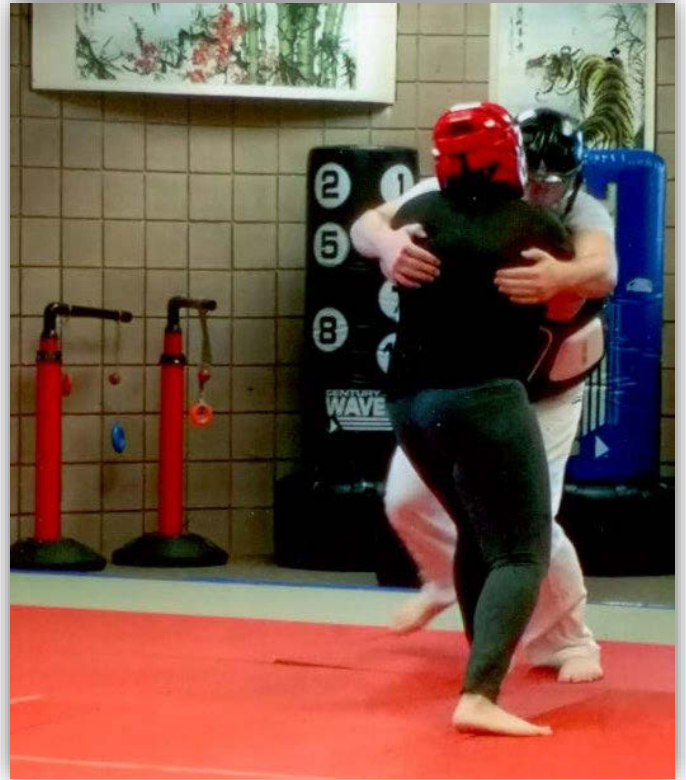
Project: Women's Self Defense Training (Grant #40)

Funding: \$2525.00

This year TBMA put 21 women through a very intense, ten-week, full contact self-defense training program. Their final exam required them to actually defend themselves full contact from an attacking male dressed in military body armor. Ten of these ladies were able to participate because of funding from this grant.







Thunder Bay Martial Arts

Project: Tournament Experience #41

Funding: \$450.00

In 2019, six TBMA karate students attended martial arts tournaments in other cities, getting experience in seeing new communities, representing their own community, and fostering social and sportsmanship skills, as well as a greater appreciation for differences.





Thunder Bay Schooners

Project: 2019 pool rental

Funding: \$10,000.00

Thunder Bay Schooners is a competitive swim team that offers technical coaching for kids ages 5-18 while promoting healthy, friendly relations amongst team members, their families and their opponents. In the 2019 year we had 66 swimmers participate in the club.

Alpena has a history of fostering swimmers. Formerly the Alpena Aqua Cats and Alpena Swim Club, the Thunder Bay Schooners Swim Team is carrying on that tradition.

We are committed to training well-rounded swimmers in all aspect of the sport. Technique, good sportsmanship and team spirit are all valuable components to our coaches and the club as a whole.

We strive to offer members as many opportunities to compete in meets across northeast Michigan as are available. We also celebrate the sport of swimming right here in Alpena with home meets and participation in community events.





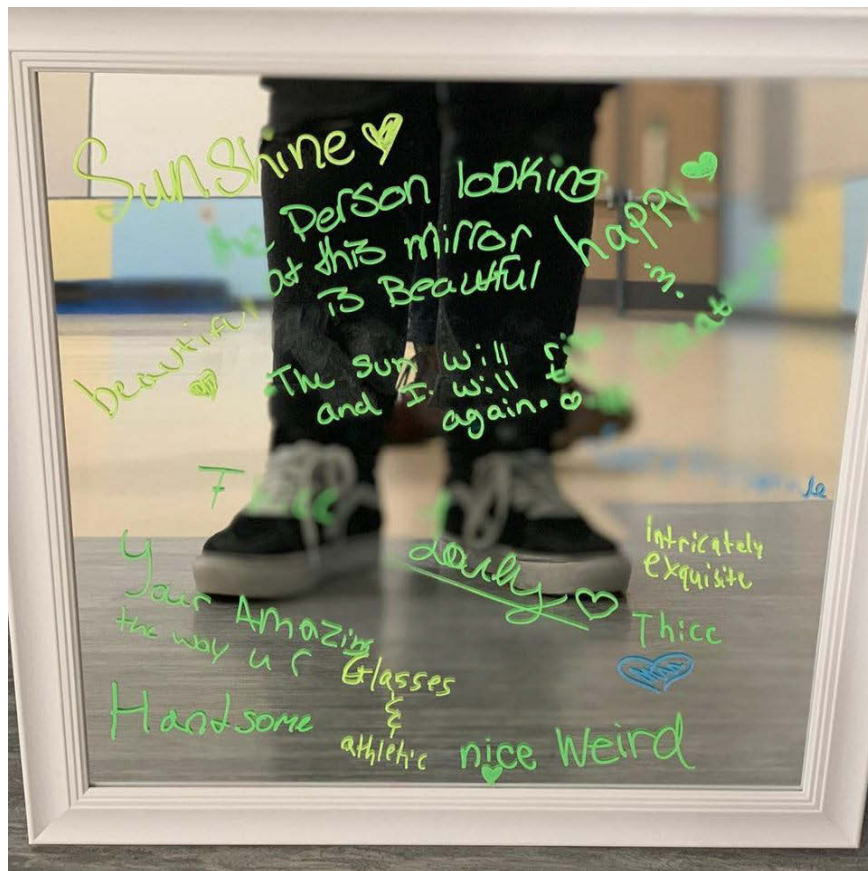
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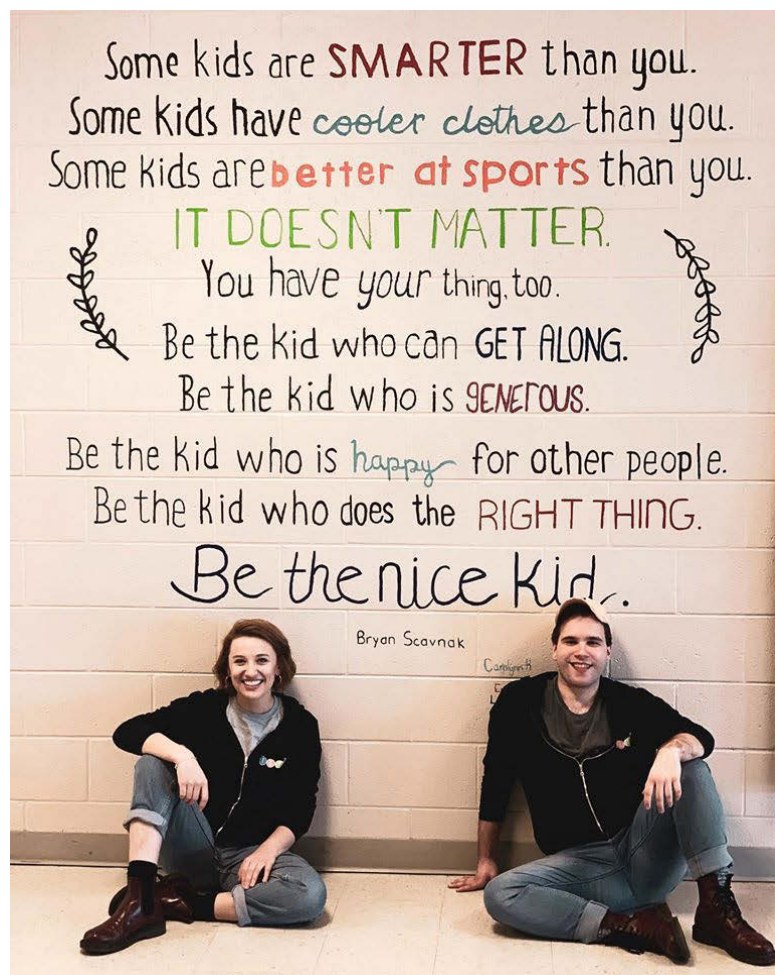
Project: BT2 Educational Tour

Funding: \$17,000.00

Thunder Bay Theatre, Inc., through their TBT2 (Thunder Bay Theatre Theater Based Training) educational program, provided access to live, professional theater to all the students in Alpena County. A total of eight professional actors performed four different educational plays at all the schools located in Alpena County, reaching approximately 3900 students. Each play was performed for a specific age group and emphasized a different piece of the core curriculum. A workshop that included student participation was a part of each performance.









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