

Annie Wilk

Annie works Northland Area Federal Credit Union and has been an ambassador since February 2019.

What is your favorite thing about Alpena? I love the small-town feel (but not too small!) and the friendliness of everyone. I love that it is a safe town and a great place to raise a family. There is also a lot to do for those that love the outdoors, as well.

What do you like best about your job? I enjoy being in a position where I can have an impact on the workplace. It is rewarding to me to use HR metrics to track data and evaluate the trends and areas to improve – and then using that information to make positive changes. Human Resources is dynamic, and no two days are the same.

What is your favorite season? Summertime in Northern Michigan, of course ☺

Why did you become an ambassador? I wanted to be in a position to have an impact on our city and be a part of volunteering for events that positively promote our community. Over the past decade or so, I have seen so many positive and exciting changes in our area!

Why do you choose to live and work in Alpena? Right now, I live in Alpena and work in Oscoda until our new HQ is built in Alpena – but I choose to stay here because life is just a bit more simple and less congested and stressful than a more urban or populated area would be. I grew up in West Bloomfield, so I understand life in a larger city vs a smaller one and I choose to live up north.

Tell us about a funny thing you did recently? Thankfully, this isn't super recent but one day I visited the Chamber office in Alpena to pick something up real quick. So, I parked my car and went in...only to discover my manual transmission car was left in neutral and had rolled out into Chisholm Street! I didn't even realize it until someone came in and said "Someone's car is in the middle of the street!" I had to embarrassingly run out and get it out of the way. Thankfully no cars were around, and no one was hurt...but I no longer have a manual transmission car for good reason! ☺

What is your favorite restaurant? I really enjoy the food, drinks and atmosphere at the newly opened John A. Lau downtown. We also enjoy the food at the Courtyard. But we try to spread it around and visit many of our local restaurants when we can. I really like Mango's new location downtown too and their service is always top notch!

What is your favorite outdoor activity? I love enjoying the summer sun on a local lake and just relaxing and listening to some music. We also like to tube down the AuSable River.

Describe yourself in one word. Determined

What is your favorite book and/or movie? I am in school full time so I don't read for fun anymore, but I enjoy comedies for movies - one of my favorites is Tommy Boy (RIP Chris Farley – such a funny guy!). Right now, I am watching Game of Thrones – trying to catch up on what everyone has been talking about with this series!

My friends would say I am Giving (or funny ☺)

If I had a super power it would be To bring my parents back for even just one day! They both passed away before I was 16, so I'd really love to have a day to spend with them, hear their life stories and experiences that I never got to hear and just be able to talk with them. ☺