

# ACC prepares for construction

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After three years of planning, fund-raising, and delays, Alpena Community College's new Center is finally underway.

Backhoes and bulldozers are clearing the site between the Besser Tech Center and the Natural Resources Building where the Student/Community/Business/Learning Resource Center will be located.

porary building from behind BTC to the new clearing to be used as construction headquarters.

## Crosswalk petitions circulated

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According to Ted Kruse, Alpena Community College parking supervisor, progress is being made in the Johnson Street crosswalk situation.

Kruse has been in touch with the City Police and is trying to find out what needs to be done to help people realize that the crosswalks exist.

Petitions requesting that the city place some form of blinking sign near the crosswalks have also been drafted and are currently circulating the campus. Copies may be found in the library, the Bookstore, The Polemic office, at the reception desk in Van Lare Hall, and at both snack bars.

Plans are underway to have Student Senate, Polemic, and several other college representatives attend a future City Council meeting to help support the request.

If you are concerned about the situation, be sure to sign one of the many petitions circulating the campus.

Don't expect to see any digging or actual construction until spring, though, says Construction Consultant/Henry Lyngos. That will start in March or April when conditions become more favorable for construction, and then, he says, "[The building] will come up with the daises."

It's a construction site... and it's not going to be a safe place.  
~ Carlene Przyucki

Right now DeVere Construction Company, the local firm who submitted the low bid of \$6.128 million, is doing a few weeks of prep work. Sidewalks are being removed, trees are being cut down, and topsoil is being stripped. The topsoil will be saved for landscaping when the project is finished.

The crew has also demolished the small, concrete maintenance building, known as the "tiny house," located behind BTC and plans to move the tem-

porary building from behind BTC to the new clearing to be used as construction headquarters.

The Center will connect to BTC and will stretch to NRC. It will contain a cafeteria, theatre library, gymnasium, student area, and wellness center along with classrooms and offices.

everyone must use the NRC parking lot entrance.

The presence of people will be a deterrence to construction, explains Carlene Przyucki, director of public information. "The contractor shouldn't have to worry about people walking through."

"It's a construction site," she adds. "There are things moving in and out, and it's not going to be a safe place. We can't completely fence it in. We need people to cooperate for their own safety."

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Rogg says. The Foundation also works closely with a panel made up of community members, gives out numerous scholarships, and has three annual giving campaigns: the endowment, scholarship, and staff development fund.

The endowment fund helps to continue quality education, training, and community services from ACC. This

fund's interest will be used for an annual contribution for support of college programs.

The scholarship fund provides scholarships to students based on several criteria including academic record, financial need, citizenship, leadership, community service, special interest, geographic location, and choice of curriculum.

allows faculty and staff to attend special training seminars and conferences in their respective fields while allowing the college to provide in-service presentations to all faculty and staff twice a year.

If students are curious about helping out the Foundation, on Dec. 13 and 14 students will be calling Foundation money donors asking about their yearly gifts.

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school success, NEMROC, music for youth, interagency cooperation, and student jobs.

The next step in the project's development is to determine how to address the concerns identified.

The committee would like to pick two or three projects

which will produce tangible results. The projects must be carried out by next September, and according to CARES's goals, they should be self-sustainable and youth oriented.

CARES is an entirely new program created by the Michigan Community Service

Commission and the Council of Michigan Foundations and funded by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation and the Federal Corporation for National and Community Service. The grant was awarded through the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan.

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included in the 60 plus page booklet.

The Leadership team hopes to reach three segments of the community with this guide: children, parents, and finally other area adults with and without children.

"Much to my amazement, there was far more than I anticipated," commented Leadership member Susan Skibbe. "I've learned a lot about what is available; hopefully when the book will find it a valuable tool when looking for something to do."

The Guide is also focused toward parents whose children make the famous claim of bore-

dom based on a lack of activities. "Students are often aware of activities at school that parents may not be," responded class member Janice Nowicki. "Having the Guide available will enable parents to make better informed decisions regarding their children's social and physical development."

According to the Guide's Preface, the Leadership team felt that children and parents are not the only ones responsible for youth activities and the formation of futures. Other adults can also have an impact on the development and execution of activities. By bringing their life

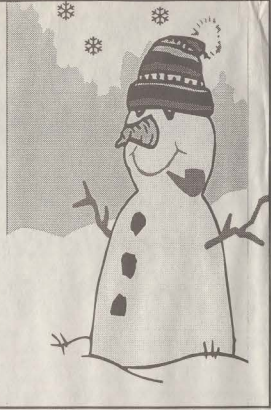
experiences and knowledge to the aide of others, they can benefit not only area youth, but also themselves.

The Leadership Seminar has applied for grant monies from several area agencies including: the Community Partnership for Prevention; PAAMYAC (Presque Isle, Alpena, Alcona, Montmorency Youth Advisory Council); CARES (Communities Accessing Resources to Engage in Service); and the Alpena Rotary Club. This money will help with the printing costs of over 2500 copies of the Youth Activity Guide.

Copies of the Youth Activity Guide will be made available, free of charge to the whole community at several area organizations. These include the Volunteer Center, the Alpena Chamber of Commerce, the Department of Natural Resources, and other businesses in the county. They will also be handed out in area elementary schools and given to all local libraries and classrooms in the near future. Anyone who contributed to the Guide will also receive a copy.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Alpena Community College will be closed December 23 through January 2



ACC will re-open on January 3  
Please anticipate your needs

## In the event of severe weather, listen to your local radio station for information about College operations

If weather-related adjustments are being made, one of the following announcements will be aired:

- 1) ACC opening will be delayed. Faculty, students and staff are to report at 10 a.m.
- 2) ACC classes are cancelled, but staff will report for opening of offices at 10 a.m.
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- 4) Classes will be cancelled or the college will close as of a particular time during the day.

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