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Alpena Community College

## College responds with more student parking

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More parking has been provided for students at Alpena Community College.

The biggest change has been at Van Lare Hall. Last year many students had a hard time finding a place to park in the Van Lare lot. Two rows of the staff parking, about 30 spaces, were changed over for the students.

To assure that the staff have enough parking, the lot in front of the Briggs University Center, was expanded for the staff. The students now have former staff space and three-quarters of the other two lots.

Some students seem to think the extra spaces have made a dif-

ference, while others still have trouble finding a spot.

"All of the parking backups may not be just because of the number of spaces," said parking lot attendant Terry Szczesniak. "Some class times overlap and the students are trying to park before the students from previous classes have left."

Overall, more parking space has helped. If you don't mind a short walk, there are also three parking areas designated for students directly across the street.

The Parking Control office has stated that there is available parking at the Natural Resource Center and the Graphic Arts buildings. A new lot has also been made for Concrete Technology students to park in.



Photo by Jocelyn Haske

More staff parking was added to the Briggs Center lot to allow more student parking near Van Lare.

## ACC helps soapmaker start her own business

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Any student who has visited the ACC bookstore in search of gifts knows there are a wide variety of things to choose from. However, one display in particular tends to stand out on its own.

It's soap - by Nature's Echo. Patty Pike of Rogers City turned a hobby into a growing

business on Kindmere Farm about three years ago. She decided to market her soaps made out of milk from her Alpine dairy goats.

Pike brought her finished product, complete with logos and labels to ACC's Small Business Development Center. She received help with contracts, taxes

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## City geese hunt called a success

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Shots were fired for the first time on the morning of Wednesday, Sept. 6 as Alpena's first of several goose hunts took place along the Thunder Bay River. The hunting continued Sept. 7 and Sept. 8 with all of the hunters bagging their limit of geese each time.

Alpena Public Safety Director Thad Taylor said that each day was very successful with a total of 77 geese taken.

"To me," he said, "this is just another step in helping the Canadian goose population in Alpena."

With the success of the first hunt, Taylor proposed a second hunt. This hunt took place Sept. 22 and Sept. 29 with 38 geese being taken and 115 being taken overall.

Taylor also said he hopes that this has made an impact on the population of geese in Alpena.

"We've tried everything from spraying areas to keep them away to transplanting them somewhere else and this seems to be the only thing that is working," he said.

There were four main objectives that needed to be accomplished to make a successful hunt: no injuries, no property damage, few if any user conflicts and taking geese. Taylor said that each

was accomplished and that he was very happy with the outcome of the hunt. The hunters showed up, checked in, hunted and checked out with no problems.

The hunters expressed his or her appreciation for the chance to hunt and to have a great time while doing it. They also made it clear that without the city officials and the great job they did none of this would have ever taken place.

Hunter Romeo Bourdage, an Alpena High School counselor, got to try his luck at an evening hunt.

"All of the effort put into organizing the hunt was definitely worth while," he said.

He also stated that it was much tougher to hunt these birds than most people imagine. The geese had their patterns set up and if you got them to move off them you really did something.

Hunters received permission to hunt only after submitting a letter explaining why they were qualified, what type of equipment they had and what shape it was in.

"Safety was the first thing we made sure of before the hunt, during and after," said Taylor.

The hunters also had to attend a mandatory meeting explaining the meaning and regulations of the hunt. Any hunters who didn't show up for the meeting were not allowed to hunt.

## Fall's Splendor



Photo by Richelle Sieland

Brilliant reds contrast against a lone wheel along U.S. 23 north of Alpena. Fall colors are at their peak in Northeast Michigan, attracting tourists and local residents alike

## Domestic violence needs intervention

"Don't be fooled by the face I wear, for I wear a mask, a thousand masks, masks that I'm afraid to take off. None of them are mine."

—Anonymous

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The preceding, desperate words were written by a survivor of domestic violence who chooses to remain anonymous. The possibility that any of us might be injured or have our homes invaded by a stranger is frightening to contemplate. Hundreds of thousands of Americans face an even more devastating reality,

They are harmed not by strangers, but by those they love and trust. They are victimized, not on the streets or in the workplace, but in their own homes.

Domestic violence is defined as abusive behavior that is physical, sexual, psychological or a combination of any of these. Domestic violence is a pattern of forceful control that one person exercises over another. Abusers use physical and sexual violence, threats, intimidation and isolation as ways to dominate their partners and get their way. This behavior creates a state of immobility and fear, which leaves its victims often times powerless to help themselves. The home is

supposed to be a place of safety and security, but instead for many it becomes a place of danger. The shadow of domestic violence falls across their lives and they are forever changed. The consequences of this behavior on the abused are devastating.

FBI statistics show that a woman is beaten every 15 seconds in America by a spouse or partner. One in four murders nationwide involve family relationships. Two million American women are beaten each year. The U.S. Surgeon General ranked abuse by husbands and partners as the leading cause of injury to women between the ages of 15 and 44. Domestic vio-

lence crosses all racial, age and economic lines and shatters lives at every level of our society.

In October of 1993, Nicole Brown Simpson told a police 911 dispatcher, "He's going fu—ing nuts." A few months later, O.J. Simpson was arrested for the murder of his ex-wife. Since then, that 911 call has been played and replayed on television and radio. Simpson called the battering of his wife "no big deal." Last June when the 911 call was released from evidence, America could listen to the rage of a publicly known man. Anyone could hear by the terror in her voice that what

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