

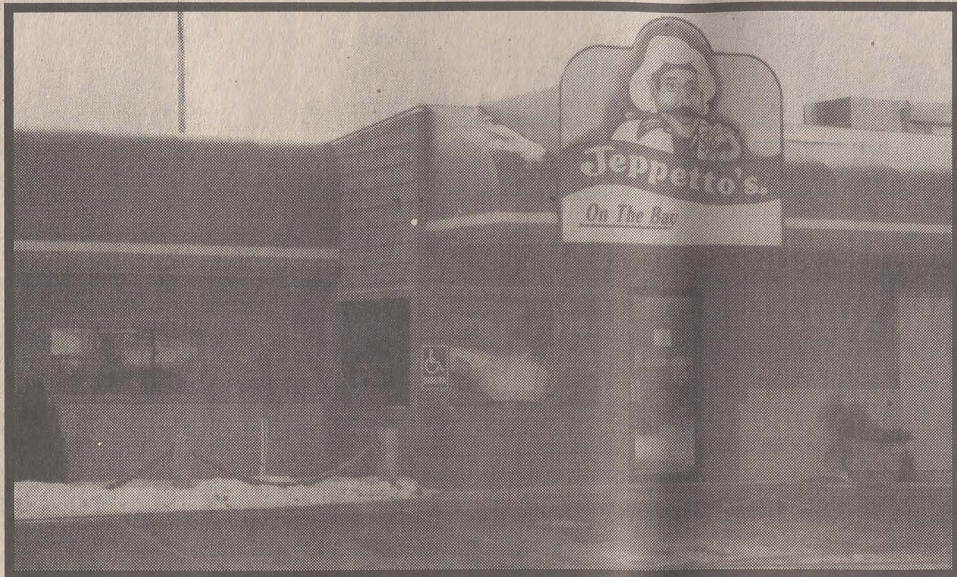
Benson Brings New Dining Experience to the Bay

Local Restaurant Owner Moves Jeppetto's and Re-opens The Bird's Nest

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Right on Starlight Beach in Alpena, you can find a new restaurant that offers three different menus and environments. Jon Benson, the owner of JJ's, Bogarts, Magoo's, and JJ's Catering has opened the new and improved Jeppetto's (On the Bay), Charlie's, and The Bird's Nest.

The restaurant has three different dining areas. The first is a family dining atmosphere, the second is a lounge, and the third is a fine casual dining atmosphere. A few years ago, The Bird's Nest was the family dining restaurant, Charlie's was the lounge, and The Thunderbird was the fine dining restaurant. When the restaurants were bought out,



Jeppetto's now sits on Lake Huron's shoreline.

Photo by Sara Lyon

The Bird's Nest became the Crow's Nest and The Thunderbird became Spinnakers.

After Benson bought the restaurants, he decided to bring back The Bird's Nest and move his restaurant,

Jeppetto's, from Second Avenue to this new location on the lake. With bringing back the old Bird's Nest name, he also has brought back their menu including the low family prices. Benson has kept Charlie's as the

lounge, and Spinnaker's is now Jeppetto's On the Bay.

At The Bird's Nest, you can bring the entire family. Jeppetto's on the Bay is a casual place, and you don't need to dress up, but it's more of an atmosphere for

a nice, quiet dinner. Charlie's is like a bar, but more of a relaxing lounge. "We want you to feel comfortable in our restaurants. There's no need to dress up, you can come as you are," said Jim Smith, the General Manager of Benson's restaurants.

Jeppetto's, known before as the little Italian restaurant in a basement, has undergone a little bit of a make-over itself. They now serve seafood, steaks, and of course Italian. Jeppetto's has also lowered some of its menu. They do not serve lunch as of now; however, in April, Charlie's will be serving lunch in the dining area of Jeppetto's with a new menu with lunch items. Charlie's lunch time will be a menu between The Bird's Nest and Jeppetto's,

offering the best of both sides.

Also available is Jeppetto's Banquet Facilities. If you have a large party and would like to dine, Jeppetto's offers a private room and will facilitate all of your banquet needs.

The new restaurant opened on February 3rd, 2003. The Bird's Nest is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., and closed on Sunday.

Jeppetto's is open Monday through Thursday from 4 pm. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday is closed.

Charlie's is open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Monday through Friday, and on Saturday from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. and closed on Sunday as well.

Identity Theft: New Wave of Crime

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Identity theft can happen to anyone. Age, gender, ethnicity, none of it matters, however; there are ways to protect yourself.

The ACC library is beginning to make changes in response to concern from the community and the realization that this is one of the fastest growing crimes. Library card numbers will no longer be your social security number. They are now going to use your initials and date of birth. Any materials containing social security numbers are being moved to the office where they will not be accessible to the public. Also, a number of books have been purchased on the subject

of identity theft, according to Chuck Tetzlaff.

Any information that identifies you legally, gives access to your credit, or could be used to gain information put you at risk. Other such items as your address, phone number, social security number, and any bank or credit account numbers can also be a risk.

Only carry the identification you need. Don't carry your social security card in your wallet unless you plan to use it. Only carry one or two credit cards.

Be careful when giving out personal information. Never give out personal information over the phone unless you made the call, or know the caller.

Check your bank statements

for unauthorized electronic withdrawals and your bills for unauthorized charges.

If your bank statement or credit card bills are late, they could have been stolen and the thief could use your bank or credit card numbers for a month or two before it is discovered.

Often the thief is someone you know; perhaps, even a family member. If this happens to you there are some great tips on handling the situation at: www.privacyrights.org. This includes suggestions for dealing with the situation, and a form for reporting it and having the friend or loved one accept responsibility.

Other tips can be found at www.privacy.ca.gov and www.dca.ca.gov.

ACC Pathways

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In addition to information on different careers, Career Pathway Nights provides a Financial Aid Workshop. This session, held on March 26th, offers an opportunity to learn about how to pay for college.

Door prizes will be available each night, some donated by Pizza Hut and Pepsi. Others

include sweatshirts and a palm pilot. On the last night of the workshops, an ACC scholarship of \$250 will be given out.

ACC's food service provides dessert and beverages after the sessions. Presenters will be available to speak to students on a one to one basis. Job shadowing sign-up sheets are also

offered each night.

There is no cost to attend any of the workshops, but a RSVP is necessary. The coordinators need to know the amount of materials required for each session in advance. If you are interested in exploring different career choices, contact Cindy Besaw, Secretary of Educational Talent Search, BTC 108, 358-7348.

Residents and Local Law Enforcement Crack Down On Noise Pollution

Oscoda Survey Reveals Some Conflicting Ideas About Local Noise Ordinances

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Boom! Boom!! BOOM!!! The sound of a loud stereo today is distinctive, but shouldn't there be rules as to where and when they should be heard?

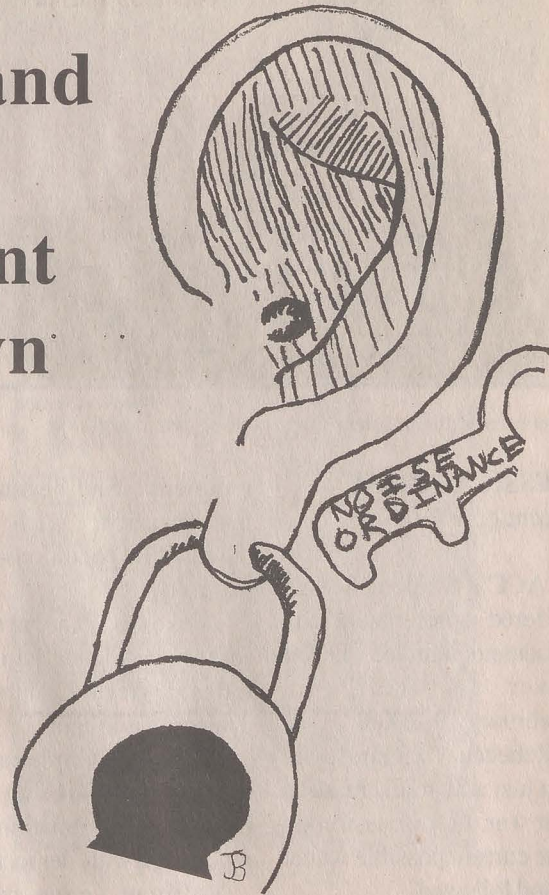
I conducted a small survey in Oscoda, Michigan and found that 70% of people over the age of 30 think that car stereos with loud bass should be turned down after 8 P.M. every night,

while 85% of people under 30 think the curfew for stereos should be at 10 P.M.

With conflicting ideas, who gets to say what the actual curfew is? This is when the law comes in. According to officer Michael Gombos of Oscoda Township, if a complaint is made about a stereo and the police catch the person playing loud music in that area again, they can confiscate the stereo system.

The cities of Oscoda and Alpena have noise ordinances and it is a ticketable and arrestable misdemeanor to disobey this law. Alpena Community College has no rules about stereos being played on campus and few complaints are made about the loud music being played near classes.

A man that wants to remain anonymous said, "We just want the kids to have respect and not play the stereos at inconvenient times."



ACC Board of Trustees Approves Newly Amended Gun Policy

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Recent legislation and national events have raised issues regarding weapons, firearms or explosives on the property of educational institutions.

With the passage of Public Act # 381, 2000, ACC wanted to address this matter more specifically. Revisions to the already standing weapons policy were made. The revisions are as follows:

The Board of Trustees recognizes its responsibility for the safety and welfare of the students, staff, and general public, to preserve the physical assets of the College, and to permit no disruptive action that would hinder students in the pursuit of their educational goals or interfere in any way with the Board and its representatives in the orderly

performance of their duties.

Since all College property including vehicles is used for instructional purposes, and, therefore, all spaces are considered "classrooms," the carrying of weapons, firearms, or explosives is not permitted unless necessary for instruction or the performance of authorized activities.

This policy shall apply to all College employees, College students, and visitors on College property regardless of whether or not they are

licensed to carry a concealed weapon and shall further apply to off-campus activities such as field trips, extension courses, and curricular events/activities.

The only exception to this policy is licensed law enforcement officers. Violations of this policy will result in disciplinary action up to and including discharge and/or expulsion."

The Board approved the newly amended policy. It is now in effect for all students, guests, and faculty of ACC.

Photo by Matt Petrovich

