

# The Lumberjack

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All of the news that affects the students at Alpena Community College

## Robberies on campus; what's next?

By De Maramed  
Managing/News Editor

Thefts have been running rampant at ACC, with a vehicle being stolen from the College Park Apartments on the night of October 1, and, in an unrelated incident, three cars were entered and items were stolen on September 3

in the Van Lare Hall parking lot.

The vehicle stolen from the apartments, a 1993 Chevy Cavalier, was found by a birdwatcher four days later behind Van Lare Hall. A tree was all that had stopped the damaged care from falling into the river. Two people

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from the apartments saw the vehicle being driven away with two white males inside. It went unnoticed because of the amount of people coming

and going, and the constant borrowing of vehicles. No one has come forth with any information on who stole the vehicle.

The thefts on September 3 were committed by a student, who was quickly caught by the city police after attempting to use one of the stolen credit cards.

The most disturbing fact of all was that the cars were left unlocked, and the valuables in plain sight.

Parking Lot & Security Attendant Dave Douglas sees this a lot—students either rushing off to class and forgetting to lock their cars, or just plain choosing not to. And worse, they often leave purses, keys, wallets, and other valuables in plain sight.  
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### What does being a "Cool City" mean to ACC students and Alpena's youth?

*Editors Note: This is the first in a series of articles dealing with the "Cool Cities" initiative in Alpena.*

By Erinn Kane,  
Scott Thompson and  
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Staff Writers

What makes a city "cool?" This is the same question that, when proposed to Michigan governor Jennifer M. Granholm, became the foundation for an economic vision that hopes to reshape the Michigan financial system. Her answer to the question was a vibrant, energetic city that attracts jobs, people and opportunity. Thus the "Cool City" Program began.

Twenty projects were designated for the 2004 Pilot Program, and Alpena stands at the top of the list. Alphabetically, at least, The planned project for Alpena is the development of a "pedestrian-oriented walkway" along the Thunder Bay River. The purpose of this walkway is to provide a path from downtown Alpena to development projects alongside the river.

The pathway's purpose ends there, though. The walkway will only provide a non-moterized means to get to the developmental projects. While the walkway will be nice, it does little to entice the younger generation in Alpena.

The median age of Alpena, according to the U.S. Census, is forty years old, and there are plenty of people older than that in the community. There are a lot of events catered to older people. BINGO games are held frequently at Knights of Columbus halls and churches throughout the town. Many of the older people require prescription drugs that can

be easily obtained at the numerous pharmacies. Plenty of bars and restaurants are located in Alpena, and while they attract a decent number of young adults, they are not enough to keep a lot of youth interested.

If the city of Alpena truly wants to be considered a "Cool City" it has to meet the needs of all the different groups that occupy its area. Unfortunately, some young adults, mostly between the ages of 16-24, feel that their needs are not being met. The evidence that supports this idea exists in the fact that more and more of the youth in Alpena are moving away from the city immediately upon the completion of their high school graduation.

Griffin James is a prime example. He left Alpena for Grand Rapids in the summer of 2004. His main reason for leaving was to look for a new job. "Alpena offers little to almost nothing in terms for employment when it comes to the youth age group. What little jobs we are offered, we aren't going to make much over minimum wage. From what I've seen, the same job in Alpena usually pays two dollars an hour or more in Grand Rapids."

Robin Kirchoff has worked in Alpena as a Licensed Professional Counselor and a secondary special education teacher for twelve years. She was born and raised in a large metropolitan area and states it quite simply, "In my

experience as a licensed professional counselor and teacher in this community, I have come in contact with many young adults ending their high school years and beginning their careers, excited about a new beginning. They soon have a strong desire to leave because they feel that Alpena does not provide jobs and activities that are geared to what they would enjoy.

"Unfortunately, the majority of young people see themselves leaving the area and finding their jobs and leisure activities in other communities that seem to cater to young people," Kirchoff concluded.

With members of the young community feeling left out,

the "Cool City" initiative hopes to reach out and connect with individuals like Griffin James and other Michigan residents. A river walk project surely will not be Alpena's solution, nor is it meant to be. It will, however, serve as a step in a program to strengthen the economic and communal status of this city.

So Alpena is still left with the question of what will make it a truly "Cool City." The problem lies in the fact that there is no set answer. What one resident believes almost always will clash with what another thinks. It's a vicious cycle.

An all around pleasing solution of what Alpena needs  
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## Cool City?



The "Cool Cities" program is officially underway (Photo by Dominick Miller).

### Dr. Joynton ponders future of Spotlight Series

By De Maramed  
Managing/News Editor

Last year ACC President Dr. Olin Joynton attended a few of the Spotlight series events, and thought they were very enjoyable. But as he scanned the auditorium, which was full, he didn't notice a single young adult in the audience.

Dr. Joynton asked himself, "Okay, is there anything comparable for younger people? This doesn't seem to be too appealing to them." This insight gave him the idea that some other approach may be more effective in attracting a younger audience to the Spotlight Series.

Dr. Joynton suggested the change to Student Senate President Jessica Slominski, and the idea has been batted around for some time.

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## Spotlight Series may get face lift

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Unfortunately there has been no input from students, so no one is sure in which direction to go.

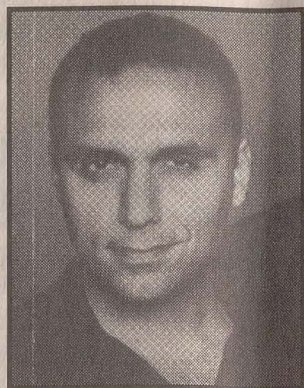
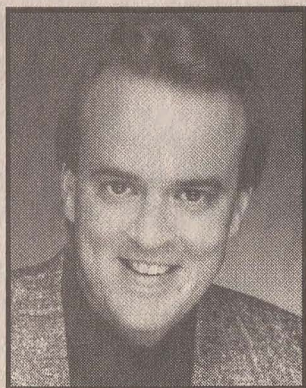
The advisory committee that handles the Spotlight events is open to exploring the idea and seeing what possibilities there are.

"It would depend on what would be expected of each party," explained Florence Stibitz, coordinator of the Spotlight Series. "We just need some dialogue."

But there is some concern that the Spotlight Series has gained its own identity, and that to tamper with it might be harmful, and could even destroy what it's become.

"Maybe something in addition to the Spotlight series could be pitched," Dr. Joynton said.

The Senate is thinking along the same lines. They are toying with the idea of hosting supplemental events such as concerts by local bands. But once again, lack of student input has left the Senate unsure of what to do, unsure



The fall semester Spotlight Series performers include political humorist Bob Heck (Sept. 30, left) and Mediterranean-style musician Pavlo (Dec. 2, right). ACC President Dr. Olin Joynton is interested in bringing acts to ACC that will appeal to a younger audience.

of what the students want. For students interested in pitching ideas, they are welcome to go to the Student Senate meetings, offer suggestions in one of the suggestion boxes, or call the Senate office at 358-7207. Their next meeting is scheduled for October 22.

"I believe that students work best when they have some kind of identity with the college, something that attracts them to the college," Dr. Joynton said. He believes that extra curricular activities

can contribute to whether or not a student drops out. "I think marketing the college to seniors is a great opportunity. But you have to be careful that the interests of the younger population are met as well. We must still have something attractive to younger people."

The latest Spotlight Series event, which was on September 30th, featured the political humor of Bob Heck. The next event, scheduled for December 2nd, will host musician Pavlo and his band.

## Early applications for graduation now being accepted

### ACC Staff Reports

Amazing as it sounds, it's time for students at ACC who plan on graduating in the spring of 2005 to begin submitting their applications.

If students turn their applications in now, they will have the advantage of knowing exactly what they need for graduation, in terms

of requirements, and will have the edge in deciding their classes for the spring semester.

The next early registration begins on Monday, November 8. There is a \$15 one time fee the first time an application is turned in. Degrees are only issued through the application

process. If students apply early, they will not need to re-apply during the spring semester.

Applications are available in VLH 108. For more information, contact Lori Dziesinski at 358-7353, or visit her in VLH 109.

Fall 2004 applications are already past due.

## Does "Cool Cities" affect students?

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to make it a "Cool City" is, most likely, impossible to find. However, a committee of eight persons elected by the Alpena city council will do their best to find a solution.

The committee has so far accomplished the Heritage River Walk Project and the

collection of a Cool Cities Community Survey. It asked for five answers to one simple question: "Alpena Is A Cool Community Because..." Residents were allowed five answers to this question. The survey is still on display, even though the deadline has passed,

[www.alpena.mi.us/CoolCities/CoolIndex.html](http://www.alpena.mi.us/CoolCities/CoolIndex.html). The "Cool Cities" initiative will continue to have an influence on the city of Alpena. With the program in its infant stages, only time will show if it has the same effect that Governor Granholm hopes it will.

## Robberies on campus persist

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"I saw one young woman leave her truck unlocked with the keys still in the ignition and her purse sitting on the front seat," Douglas explained. "The college can only be so many places at once," Douglas said. He is the only

parking security attendant ACC has, and until he actually sees someone breaking into a car, he can't do anything. "For all I know, hey, that's that person's car."

Douglas is urging all students to lock their cars, keep their valuables secured at all times,

and register their vehicle with the school. If a car is registered, Douglas can instantly call up who the owner is, and even their class schedule. That way he can go right to the owner if there's a problem with their car.

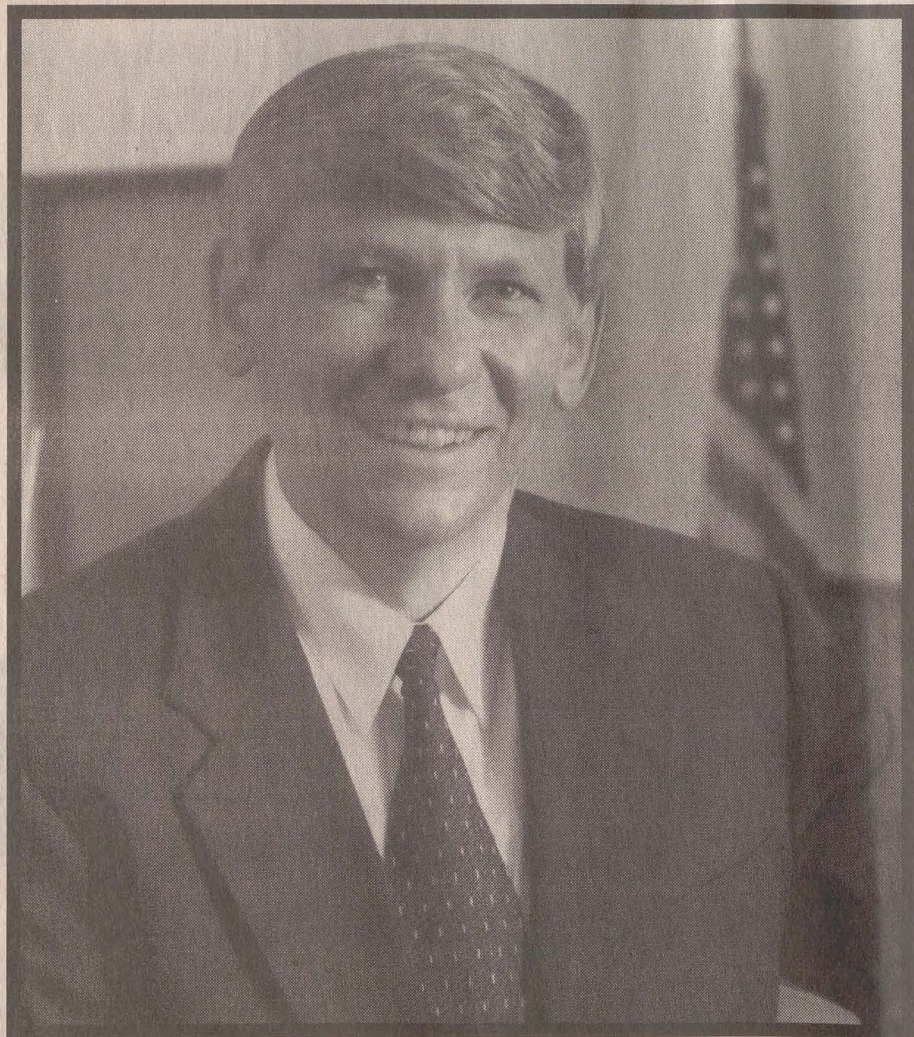
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## Alpena County Prosecutor Dennis P. Grenkowicz Over 20 Years of Experience

### The Hunt Millage

One issue clearly separates the two candidates for the office of Alpena County Prosecuting Attorney. Dennis Grenkowicz opposes a proposed tax increase to fund the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT), a local undercover police unit organized to investigate violations of the controlled substance act. Denise Burke supports the tax increase.

Grenkowicz does not wish to eliminate HUNT; he merely opposes raising property taxes to fund the unit. On November 2nd, voters will decide whether or not to approve a four-year millage that would increase local property taxes by approximately \$174,000 a year with the funds earmarked for the benefit of HUNT.



Alpena Prosecuting Attorney Dennis Grenkowicz opposes the millage for the following reasons:

1. The millage is not needed. HUNT is already adequately funded and adequately staffed. The unit should be maintained as so.
2. Because all other governmental units are required to tighten their belts during these difficult economic times, HUNT should not be treated any differently or receive a special funding preference.
3. The tax increase would endanger future millages for Alpena Community College, the library, senior citizens, and other worthwhile programs. Each new millage makes future millages more difficult to pass. Eventually the voters will say, "Enough."
4. Higher taxes strangle economic development and hinder job creation.
5. Having a special millage for an undercover narcotics team sends the wrong message to prospective employers who are considering locating in Alpena.
6. If the millage is defeated, HUNT will not be disbanded. It will continue to operate at its present size with its present funding.

Prosecuting Attorney Dennis Grenkowicz works with area police officers on a daily basis, and it is not easy to break ranks with one's colleagues. However, sometimes it is necessary in order to do what is right.

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## Current prosecutor Dennis Grenkowitz believes experience gives him the edge

By De Maramed  
Managing/News Editor

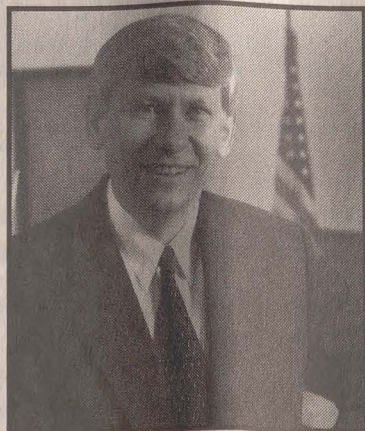
Alpena County Prosecutor Dennis Grenkowitz, currently running for re-election, believes that his 20 years of experience as a prosecutor qualifies him to retain his position.

Grenkowitz started out as assistant prosecutor in 1984 in Ogemaw County. When a position opened up in Alpena for an assistant prosecutor in 1986, Grenkowitz jumped at the chance to return home. In 1988 he ran for county prosecutor and won. Since then he has been Alpena's prosecutor, handling cases ranging from murder and rape to simple misdemeanors.

Every time Grenkowitz goes to trial, he feels that he learns something, and considers this one of the most important aspects of his job. With each case he becomes a better trial lawyer; he gains more experience.

"You learn a great deal on this type of job," Grenkowitz explained. "You see an aspect of people that you never see in a different profession." He recently handled the first adult starvation murder case in Michigan history, and the much talked about Melissa Belanger case, in which Belanger allegedly solicited her boyfriend to kill her husband.

Overall, Grenkowitz believes that Alpena is a very safe community. "If you're a victim of a crime in this community, statistically it's the result of either drunken driving or driving recklessly," he said. He recently opposed the H.U.N.T. team's request for a tax increase because he believes that Alpena doesn't have a



serious narcotics problem. The problems he does see are child abuse and domestic violence, and the need for more uniformed police officers. Grenkowitz believes that more police will act as a preventive measure against drunk driving and will aid in responding to the needs of the public. In response to the child

abuse and domestic violence problems, he wants to expand victims' services, especially in domestic violence cases. He is currently trying to secure grant money to hire a social worker who would provide counseling for victims of abuse and child abuse. In January, 2002 the prosecutor's office got funding from the county commissioners to hire a part time prosecutor just to deal with abused children. Their goal is to remove the children from a neglectful or abusive situation. While he won't consider the possibility of losing his seat as county prosecutor, he does

have his sights set on a judgeship in 2008, depending on if the seat is vacant. If the judgeship is unavailable, he will probably run for prosecutor again. "Frankly, this is a job I love," Grenkowitz said. Born in Alpena in 1954, Grenkowitz attended ACC and later graduated from Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with an emphasis on accounting. He earned his Juris Doctor degree from the Capital University Law School in Columbus, Ohio. A failed eye exam kept him from the FBI, so he became a criminal prosecutor.

## Edward Howe's classes at Huron Shores prove that learning really can be fun

By Susan K. Colvin  
Huron Shores

As you walk the halls of ACC or sit in a classroom, have you ever asked yourself if there was a teacher out there that understood where you were coming from? A teacher that would understand the amount of homework a college class has, which competes with the jobs, children, and significant other? In essence, just how hard it really is to handle college? Edward Howe happens to be one of those teachers. He is a teacher who is a firm believer in education. "Learning is growth, life is

growth, and to cease to learn would be ceasing to grow," is one of his favorite sayings. Howe was born in Grand Rapids. He is an adjunct teacher for ACC and Spring Arbor at the Huron Shores Campus. For ACC, he gets to teach his greatest love, psychology, and also sociology. Other courses that he teaches are business and education. Through Spring Arbor he teaches in the Family Life Program - Parenting Management Organizational Development (MOD), Human Relations, Masters in Counseling - Test and Measurement (MAC).

Howe is a graduate from ACC and has a degree in Liberal Arts, a Bachelor of Science from Wayland University in Texas, and a Masters in Education with a Major in Psychological Education from Boston College. He teaches for the love of it. "The interaction with the students and seeing the light coming on as it all clicks together, that is the greatest reward and all the hard work pays off," Howe stated. Howe, along with his wife Linda, traded off getting degrees while balancing family life along with full time

jobs. He has had three careers including the military which he retired from, building trades, and being the owner and manager of his own trucking company in Northeast Michigan. As far as continuing on with his education, Howe said, "Maybe after my wife finishes her degree, I'll go after a PhD in Psychology. I consider myself a life long learner." Mr. Howe's methods for teaching are teacher directed in approach. He believes that you stand up and take control for lecturing, move to discussion mode and then go into student-centered

activities where they have the floor to discuss the material and give their opinion, therefore becoming student centered. When asked if he was a verbatim teacher, or a storyteller, his reply was, "example driven, a philosophy teacher is a mentor - move from unknown to known, where you are, what you know and moving onward." His advice for the advancing older student population is, "Stay at it, course by course,

and work the financial aid issues. It takes a dogged tenacity, but it can be done." Students say that he brings the class to life with his enthusiastic and animated speaking. His humor and dynamics bring laughter along with the understanding of the subject. It makes the day go by faster when you can enjoy the class, as well as having a little laughter to help absorb the knowledge.

## Survey Says: Students, Teachers agree on effective classes

By Shannon Inman  
Huron Shores

Would college professors and their students agree on what makes an effective professor and classroom? According to a random survey of about 30 students and three instructors, the correlation is astounding. Students find it important, according to the survey, that their instructors are knowledgeable in the subject material and make the lesson interesting. Students want to make sure that the information they are receiving is correct. Most students have the utmost respect for their professors and look for that to be reciprocated through knowledge. Patty Beille, a student at ACC, states that instructors should have "superior knowledge of coursework and an ability to communicate that knowledge to their students." A couple of instructors said you should teach to student's strengths. The survey showed a high

number of students who feel an instructor should teach with enthusiasm. If instructors show enthusiasm, it lets the students know they are excited about teaching the material and it keeps students from sleeping in class. Edward Howe, an instructor from Spring Arbor and ACC, agrees with the students. "I keep myself enthusiastic and animated." Students say they find enthusiastic teachers less boring. Students don't like to be stood in front of and lectured at for hours. The best class is when a professor is enjoying the lesson he or she is teaching, the students understand the material and are having fun learning. Students feel that their instructor should realize that every student has a different learning style and comprehends the material differently. Instructors should plan their lessons accordingly and not be afraid to try something new on the class. One person stated on the

survey, "instructors need to quit the attitudes that they are better than the students." It needs to be remembered that students and teachers are on the same team; you can't have one without the other. Tera Albert went a step farther and expressed, "instructors should have high expectations of students, but also understand that the student's life does not revolve solely around that class." Several other students voiced the same opinion. Students are so culturally diverse in colleges these days that it is almost an unspoken rule that instructors realize there is life outside the classroom. Students aren't afraid of class assignments; it is the attitude from instructors that nothing else seems to matter except

their class that gets under students skin. Some instructors seem to think that students might not appreciate tests and assessments. The survey shows that not to be true. Most students feel testing and assessments are highly important to education. Students do not like "gotcha tests" or tests that don't pertain to what has been lectured on. Students like it when instructors give out study guides so they can be prepared as possible for test day. Most students want good grades and take their education very seriously. One of the things teachers and students agree on is that both students and instructor attitudes play an important role in a classroom.

The ACC Nursing Students Present their annual Haunted House! Set in an old, victorian style house, this Haunted House is sure to terrify the entire family. Recommended for children 12 and older, although there will be games for the young ones outside. Happy Haunting!

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## President Bush and Senator Kerry: where they stand on education issue

By Aniela Drozdowska  
Huron Shores

President George Bush and Presidential hopeful Senator John Kerry have been talking about the economy and the war during their campaigns, but how will the candidates help ACC students? Many students feel that their vote isn't important and doesn't affect them. But as students, the policies made in Washington greatly affect us, and each candidate has a very different plan.

Kerry plans to provide easier access to a college education, and equal opportunities to receive extra help for those who need it. "We need to make it possible for families to send their children to school without breaking the bank," said Kerry on the campaign trail. Kerry's plan includes:

- A College Opportunity Tax Credit of up to \$4000 of tuition for four

years of college.

- Simplify the student aid application process, providing an EZ form to apply, and making sure students get information earlier in the process.
- Initiatives like GEAR UP will expand tutoring, mentoring, and college preparation classes, and negotiate the college application process.
- Boost college completion by rewarding colleges with grants for a high rate of graduates.
- Offer national service opportunities. If you serve America for two years — working in a school, health center, or strengthening America's security — you can attend four years of college tuition-free.

Kerry's plan calls for \$13 billion over 10 years. To pay for it, he would eliminate the guaranteed profits banks receive on student loans. He

proposes that the market sets the interest rates, instead of the government, which currently sets the interest rates. This process costs the government billions a year, which would be used to fund his programs.

Eric Dorsey, a current ACC student, commented, "Kerry's plan makes more sense, because, unlike his republican opponent, he is for taking money away from big corporations rather than the middle class."

George W. Bush stated at a rally in Wisconsin, "... we're going to utilize our community colleges to make sure people have the skills necessary to fill the jobs of the 21st century. I've laid out a quarter-billion-dollar initiative for my '05 budget to help good community colleges develop the curriculum and recruit the students necessary so people can find work."

Bush's plan for secondary

education:

- Increase student financial aid for Pell Grants to \$12.9 billion.
- Year-round Pell Grants for low-income students that graduate early.
- An estimated \$3.5 billion under the HOPE tax credit, which allows a credit of up to \$1,500 for tuition and fees during the first two years of post-secondary education.
- \$2.2 billion under the Lifetime Learning tax credit, which allows a credit of up to \$2,000 for undergraduate and graduate tuition and fees.
- Increase loan limits for first-year students from \$2,625 to \$3,000.
- Encourage dual enrollment by providing \$125 million in grants & provide incentives for states to make it easier for students to transfer credits earned at community colleges to four-year institutions.

- Develop an eLearning clearing house to provide greater access to web-based programs and virtual schools.
- Increase AmeriCorps education awards to \$4,725 to pay for college or graduate school (full time members). He will also increase to 75,000 the number of AmeriCorps members.

Bush's plan seems extensive and detailed, but it does not include how it will be paid for. In January 2002, he implemented the No Child Left Behind Plan, which called for \$250 million for secondary education. "The No Child Left Behind has not affected ACC students," stated Mark Beins, ACC Financial Aid Technician. He also said that it has become easier to receive an education at ACC because the Bush

administration has been a watchdog over the Department of Education, and students are receiving financial aid faster.

What's the bottom line for students? It simply depends on student preference. Kerry offers \$4,000 in tax credits upon completion of a four-year degree, or if a student could dedicate two years to serving America they could receive four years of college tuition free. Bush would increase Pell Grant funds, offer them year round, and make it easier to transfer ACC credits to a four-year college. It's clearly evident that students, including the ones here at ACC, have an important decision to make in the upcoming election.

Information from [johnkerry.com](http://johnkerry.com), [georgewbush.com](http://georgewbush.com) and [cbsnews.com](http://cbsnews.com) was used in this story.

## Haunted Village ready for terror

By Glenn Lenard

A&E/Perspectives Editor

The Haunted Village, located inside Scarecrow Village on M-65 North in Lachine, has outdone themselves yet again with three horrifying haunts guaranteed to scare the daylight out of you.

As you enter Scarecrow Village, you will be blown away by the creativity and hard work that owner and mastermind Sandy Reebel and her sixteen staff members have put in for your entertainment purposes. Sandy has been entertaining guests for over ten years, running haunted houses and various other events at the Scarecrow Village site.

The first stop in the Haunted Village takes you down a rustic, forbidden path deep into the Haunted Woods. As

you walk through, be careful, things may not always be as simple as they appear. Watch your back and hold on to someone you can trust.

If you make it out of the Haunted Woods, feel free to catch your breath as you walk around and enjoy the many scarecrow displays.

The next stop is Haydens Hell, which holds a tortured soul whose mind has snapped.

After conquering two of the haunts, make your way down to Pandora's Box, where evil breeds have a mind of their own. Once you enter Pandora's Box — and if you make it out alive — you may never be the same again.

When you have completed all three terrifying experiences, stop by the fire for hot chocolate and treats compliments of Scarecrow



The Haunted Village is ready and waiting for its next victims. (Photo by Glenn Lenard).

Village. Each year the Haunted Village changes, bringing new and more terrifying experiences. The attractions are not intended for younger children, however, and parents must decide if the content is appropriate for

their children.

The price of admission is \$5.00, and the Haunted Village will run on Saturday nights from 7:00pm to 11:00pm, with the last visitors being allowed at 10 p.m.

For more information, visit [www.scarecrowvillage.com](http://www.scarecrowvillage.com).

## Evening of the Macabre for horror writers

By Chris Gillmore

Business Editor

Prepare to be shocked and horrified as Alpena Community College presents its second annual Evening of the Macabre in October.

The Evening of the Macabre is a celebration of the spirit of Halloween focusing on writing that is horrifying and suspenseful in nature. It is intended for mature audiences and can contain adult themes and language. The show will last around two hours and will have refreshments and drinks provided by the Student Senate.

Thomas Ray, an instructor of English at Alpena Community College, sponsors the event; it is intended for authors to showcase their skills for an audience. Ray quotes, "this is a very good way for

authors to show off their work." Ray first experienced the event at Louisiana State University and enjoyed it so much that he wanted to bring the experience to Alpena Community College.

The first Evening of the Macabre brought in over twelve faculty and students to read their works for an audience over seventy. It is open to all faculty and students to attend and participate in. Any writers wanting to read at the function need to let Tom Ray know by October 15th to ensure that a schedule is ready for readers that evening.

Evening at the Macabre takes place in room 106 of the Center Building on October 26th at 730 p.m. The evening is open for all to attend.

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## Time to ponder Cubs season

On October 2, 2004, my summer long hell came to an end. The Cubs were officially eliminated from the playoffs.

While that was sad enough for me, I compounded the fact by actually being in Chicago, at Wrigley Field, when it happened. It was quite possibly the most depressing day of my life.

What the Cubs did to me this summer is almost tragic. On more than one occasion they got me into trouble at work. Since the Cubs are on WGN, a national station, we got them on the satellite at the golf course I work at in Gaylord. During the first part of the summer, I found myself, more than one time, standing at the end of the bar and watching the game. This wasn't good, because more times than not there would be a customer standing at the bar waiting for me to make them a drink.

I was able to avoid getting into trouble later in the summer, though. I actually figured out how much liquid should go in the Styrofoam cup without looking by July. I was very proud of myself for this feat.

Once school started this fall, the Cubs continually got me into trouble again. While I was in Alpena instead of Gaylord, they got me into trouble by causing me to watch TV instead of working on the newspaper a few weeks ago (I blame them for me messing all the names up on the sports pages last issue). I've also arrived late to classes because of them. The season was torture.

So, the least I expected of them was to make the playoffs. The team was too good. But, stupidly of me, I forgot one very important detail: They're the Cubs. They are world renowned for their letdowns.

Sitting there watching the melt down was almost too much for me to handle. It was like I was sitting in the lower deck of the stadium with concrete falling on my head while Steve Bartman kicked me in the groin and Sammy Sosa threw cork at me.

But, like Cubs fans do every year, I'll "wait 'til next year." There is less than 180 days until opening day 2005, and I know that '05 is the Cubs' year. I can't take another summer like this one with no reward.

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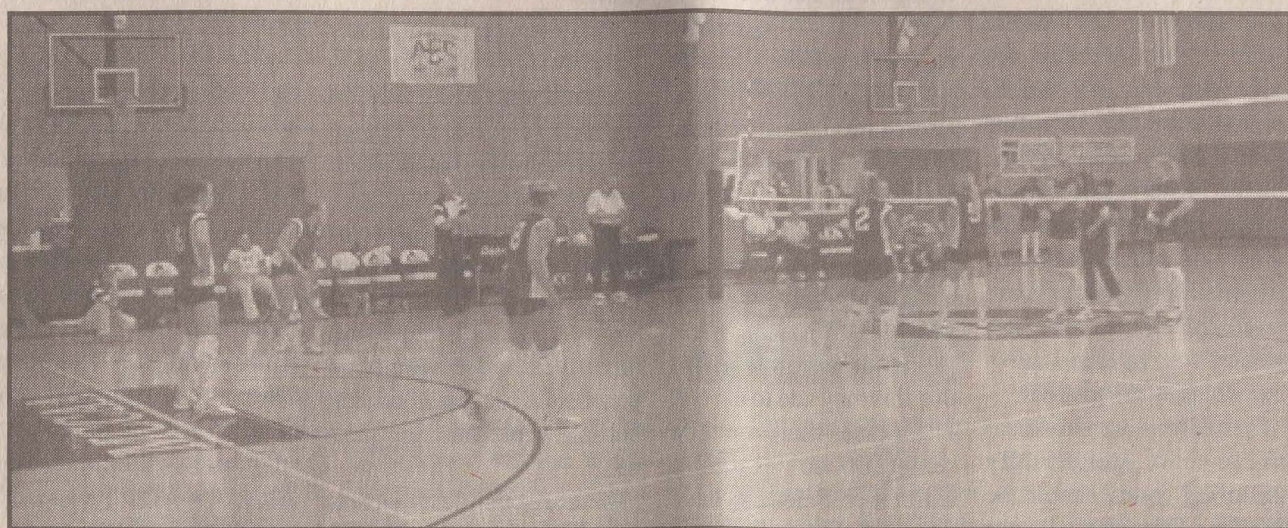
World Series pick: The city of Boston self destructs after the Sox beat St. Louis in seven games.

### More Cowbell



Dominick  
Miller

# Volleyball surges on



While coaches look on, members of the ACC Volleyball team prepare for a serve in a match earlier this season. From left: Megan VanSchoten (6), Melissa Dorsey (7), Stephanie Stanley (8), Megan Grulke (2), Michelle Lynn (hidden) and Rachel Boyk (5) (Photo by Chris Gillmore).

By Dominick Miller

Managing/Sports Editor

The ACC volleyball team is not a bad team. In fact, they are pretty good. Unfortunately, they are inconsistent. They have had three-match winning streaks, but they have also had four-match losing streaks.

As of this printing, the Lady Lumberjacks hold a 4-6 record in the Eastern Division of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association Conference, and are 12-23 overall. That may not sound overly impressive, but if you contrast the records to last year, the team has improved dramatically.

One big reason for the inconsistency this season is injuries. The team lost Jessica Patterson before the season ever started, and they have now lost starter Megan

VanSchoten for the remainder of this season.

"I see us as improved," coach Bill Matzke said. "Overall we're a little better than we were. We've had injury problems, though."

After starting the season 1-4, the girls rebounded to win their next three matches, against Sault (Ont.) College and Wayne Community College. They then lost their next four against some tough competition, however, dropping their record back down. Still, it's been an encouraging season nonetheless.

"We've been just a little inconsistent," Matzke commented. "We'll be going fine, with the lead, when all of a sudden the other team comes back and takes the lead. It goes both ways, I guess."

### Eastern Conference Volleyball Standings as of October 10

Team	Conf. W-L	Overall W-L
1. St. Clair CC	5-0	36-2
2. Schoolcraft CC	9-1	15-2
3. Mott CC	8-1	26-9
4. Macomb CC	4-3	22-12
5. Alpena CC	4-6	12-23
6. Delta CC	3-4	14-15
7. Oakland CC	2-5	11-17
8. Wayne CCCD	1-8	5-14
9. Henry Ford	0-14	0-24

ACC played their last two home games on October 8 and 9 against Henry Ford and St. Clair Community College. The girls swept them all from Henry Ford, but fell to nationally ranked St. Clair in all.

"St. Clair is awesome," Matzke said. "We've played them six times (before the final two), and I feel when you see the best team, you get more from playing them than by playing a team and winning easily."

### ACC Volleyball Schedule and Results as of October 10

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

ALPENA CC d. Sault (ONT) College, 30-24, 30-23, 30-25

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

ALPENA CC d. Wayne CCCD, 30-28, 30-25, 30-21

ALPENA CC d. Wayne CCCD, 30-21, 27-30, 30-24, 30-24

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

Ancilla College d. Alpena CC, 30-26, 30-21

Genesee (NY) CC d. Alpena CC, 30-19, 30-17

Sault (ONT) College d. Alpena CC, 32-30, 19-30, 15-12

Delta College d. Alpena CC, 30-22, 30-17

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

Alpena CC d. SAULT (ONT) COLLEGE, 25-20, 23-25, 25-22, 25-19

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

Henry Ford CC at Alpena CC (ACC victorious)

St. Clair CCC at Alpena CC (ACC defeated)

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

Henry Ford CC at Alpena CC (ACC victorious)

St. Clair CCC at Alpena CC (ACC defeated)

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

Alpena CC at Macomb CC, 4:00

Alpena CC vs Oakland CC, 6:00

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

Alpena CC at Macomb CC, 11:00 AM

Alpena CC vs Oakland CC, 1:00

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

Alpena CC at Delta College, (DH), 5:00

## Ichiro caps fantastic '04

2004 was a great year for baseball. Randy Johnson threw the first perfect game of his storied career at the age of 41. Barry Bonds became just the third member of the

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illustrious 700 home run club, joining Babe Ruth and Henry Aaron. And, by the way, an 84-year old record was broken.

Way back in the early '20s there was a player named George Sisler. He was one of the greatest players of his time, playing for the now defunct St. Louis Browns. Sisler had an absolutely amazing 1920, knocking out 257 hits in only 154 games.

The 257 hits were a record at the time. The player who would finally eclipse that record would be Ichiro Suzuki of Japan.

Ichiro started playing professional ball in Japan in 1993, and remained there until 2000. After the 2000 season, Ichiro signed his first MLB contract with the Seattle Mariners. In 2001, he earned Rookie of the Year and MVP honors, putting up a batting average of .339 and pounding out 224 hits. That was good; In 2004, Ichiro would blow by one of baseball's greatest records.

As the record appeared more and more in his grasp, Ichiro went on a tear during the final two weeks of the season. You see, during Sisler's era, hits were easier to come by: a little slap hit here, a little poke into center there. In Ichiro's era, the game is a little harder, with the quality of athletes and the finesse of the defense. Ichiro has found a way to play old-style; he slaps balls through the gaps in the infield, and he consistently has the highest number of infield hits in the majors. That's the reason he set the single season record with 262 this past season. The one that broke the record, 258, was a little single up the middle. As soon as it got through, the crowd went crazy and the scoreboard flashed up 258 hits. Both the Mariners and the Texas Rangers bench came out to congratulate him. Afterward, he went over to the stands where George Sisler's daughter, Frances Sisler Drochelman, was sitting to pay respect to her and her late father by giving her a hug.

Who knows how long this record will last. It's a year and a record that Ichiro, the fans and the rest of baseball will never forget, I tell you that much. This record was good for baseball, no doubt.

# Duck season in full swing

**Duck Season:** The season kicked off for the middle zone on Oct. 2 with a barrage of gunfire as usual. Duck numbers in the area closely match what they

have been in years past, which is good evidence that their reproduction and migration habits are stable. Flight ducks

seem a little more common for this early in the season, which may be a sign of a heavy migration and high numbers of goldeneyes and bufflehead to come. The Michigan DNR, however, is reporting declining numbers of local mallards while teals, bluebills, and

wood ducks are at an average level. Don't hold off on using your flight duck decoys this early in the season, you just might be able to bring down some of those early migrants.

**Salmon Run:** Those guys you see every fall, down at Ninth Street Dam standing in their waders and Carhart jackets, are back, and so are the salmon! Good numbers of small salmon were being caught early, and now fair numbers of both large and small salmon are being caught using a variety of lures, including Rapalas and spawn sacs. Some fish as large as 25 pounds have been landed. With the Alpena weather acting as it's usual self, there's no telling if this is

### Alpena Outdoors



Chris  
Engle



Fishing on the 9th Street Dam (Photo by Chris Engle).

the heavy run, or if it has yet to come. If you have an old pair of rubber waders and a pole with some tough line on it...and, of course, an all species fishing license, I recommend you try your luck at the dam. Don't let all those guys with their fancy equipment intimidate you- the fish all bite the same!

### Upcoming and Current Seasons:

October 10: Canada Goose season ends (All other species still open)

October 20: Ringneck Pheasant (Males only)

October 31: Pintail season ends

November 1: Canvasback season



# Perspectives

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## What's Wrong With Genetically Modified Foods?

Some of you may not know that food you consume each and everyday could very well be genetically modified. In most states, there are not regulations on the labeling of GMO foods, so you may be in the dark on what your food contains.

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Kara  
McDonald

Genetic engineering is still a developing technology, and there are many concerns with the long-term effects it may have on our environment and human health.

First off, let me start by telling you what Genetic Engineering is. Genetic Engineering is a new technology that manipulates the genes and DNA of our

food, among many other aspects of our lives. This technology creates new life forms that would not otherwise occur in nature. To create these new modified crops, genes from viruses, plants, bacteria and animals are inserted into plants like soybeans, corn, cotton and canola. For example, there are many instances where fish genes are spliced with strawberries or tomatoes.

The reasons are very clear as to why genetically modified foods should be labeled: You simply do not know what you are eating. Without labeling, people with certain food allergies would not know if they were eating something that contains the genes of other food they are allergic to. There is also a possibility of introducing new food allergies by inserting

foreign DNA into foods most of us eat everyday. The GE (genetic engineering) industry claims that there are no harms in the altered food they produce, but there also is no way to track any cases without proper labeling.

In most GE crops, there is a use of antibiotic resistant genes. Many medical professionals are worried that this may add to the risk of illnesses that would be resistant to common antibiotics. Scientists have also made the discovery that *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt), which is a bacterium that has been spliced in to millions of crops of corn, potatoes and cotton, may produce allergies in some people.

In 1999, Science News reported that a study of crop pickers and handlers from Ohio showed Bt "can provoke immunological changes indicative of developing allergy. With long-term exposure, affected individuals may develop asthma or other serious allergic reactions." These, among many, are common concerns with the

effects of GMO foods on our health.

Biological technology corporations declare that genetic engineering will do wonders for the earth, but we must remember that these are some of the same companies who introduced harmful chemicals to our environment such as DDT and Agent Orange. They also had said those pesticides would be beneficial to our environment, but time would show they were not.

There are countless dangers to the environment through advancements in genetic modification. The most threatening is biological pollution and increased pesticide usage. Many genetically altered crops spread and reproduce at a rapid pace, sometimes making them uncontrollable. A common product of the cross pollination between GE crops and related weeds are "Superweeds." These "superweeds" overrun other non-GE crops and are resistant to Round-up and other herbicides, forcing farmers to use more toxic chemicals in increased

quantities. These heavier doses of such potent pesticides will eventually make its way into our water and food supply, endangering humans and wildlife. This will also in turn do damage to our soil, especially with crops such as corn and potatoes that have been engineered to produce toxins or poisons to fight pests that eat at their leaves and stems. Other concerns deal with the risk to biodiversity and the risk of engineered wildlife, such as fish, escaping into the wild and disrupting the natural order.

This is a new technology that is threatening the purity of our food supply, and we need to be able to make the choice for ourselves whether or not we want to use a product that has been altered.

For more information on Genetically Engineered foods, go to: The Campaign to Label Genetically Engineered Foods, [www.thecampaign.org](http://www.thecampaign.org); True Food Now, [www.truefoodnow.org](http://www.truefoodnow.org); GE Food Alert, [www.gefoodalert.org](http://www.gefoodalert.org); or Friends of the Earth, [www.foe.org](http://www.foe.org).

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### In the Hallways:

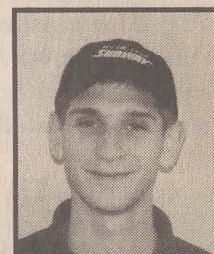
What are your thoughts on the "Cool Cities" program?



"It's a good thing, because it makes the city look good, but it could be used for better things." - Jennifer Finlay



"If it's actually going to bring in tourists, then it's a good thing. If it's going to cost us a lot of money and all we get is a walk way, then it's a ridiculous idea." - Hope Glomski



"That is some cool stuff right there. I think they should put a slide and a big pool in." - Jacob Kieliszewski



"It's a good idea." - Kathy Shorley



"I don't know anything about it." - Megan Sullenger

## ACC Events Calendar

October

- 13 **Tai Chi & Chai Tea**, 7:00 p.m. at Alan LaCross Martial Arts Training Center, 106 River St., Alpena. Free Tai Chi seminar. Refreshments provided. Call 354-5852 for details
- 14 **Lumberjack Volleyball Fundraiser**, 5:00 p.m. in Park Arena. The ACC Lumberjack Volleyball team has challenged ACC faculty and staff to a three-game match to raise money for team expenses. Each player is to obtain pledges of at least \$50.  
  
**Burn & Learn!** 5:30 p.m. at Alan LaCross Martial Arts Training Center, 106 River St., Alpena. Free women's kickboxing session. Refreshments provided. Call 354-5852 for details.
- 15 **Friday Night Karate Challenge**, 5:30 p.m., at Alan LaCross Martial Arts Training Center, 106 River St., Alpena. Intramural karate tournament, free and open to the public. Call 354-5852 for details.
- 16 **11th Annual College Day for Women**, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., \$28 nonrefundable fee includes morning hospitality and lunch.  
  
**National Martial Arts Day**. Celebrate the Grand Opening of the Alan LaCross Martial Arts Training Center at 106 River St., Alpena. Events from 11:00-2:00. Demonstrations, "Earn Your First Belt" class, Kick-a-thon Fundraiser. All events are free. Call 354-5852 for details.
- 22 **8th Annual ACC Open House**, 9:00 a.m.-12 noon. Invitations have been sent to area high schools, tech centers and alternative schools.  
  
**ACC Board of Trustees Workshop**, Huron Shores
- 28 **ACC Board of Trustees Meeting**

# Happy Halloween!

From all of us here at the Lumberjack, have a safe and happy holiday!



## Live: From BTC 106 ... it's from the editor

Needless to say, it has been an interesting month at ACC. We've had everything from political comedians appearing at the school to a car being stolen from the campus apartments. While we live in a small town, there is never a lull in things that are happening or events taking place, either good or bad. But it is kind of sad, however, that we cannot leave our cars unlocked, no matter how late we are running for classes. If we forget, only one time, we could lose our books. We are not immune from idiots here at ACC.

**Corrections:** In the first issue of *The Lumberjack*, there were several misprints and errors that we deeply regret. On the front page in the Student Senate photo, instead

of a name, two question marks appeared. It should have read Rachel Brege. On the first sports page, names were listed as *Idon't Know*, *Other Teammate* and *Number Two*. *Idon't Know* and

*Number Two* should have been listed as Megan Grulke, while *Other Teammate* should have been listed as Rachel Boyk. We apologize to anybody who was misidentified.

## Fall 2004 Lumberjack Staff



Meet the Editors: Kara McDonald, Photo/A&E Editor

Hi, I am Kara McD, and this is my second year here at ACC, majoring in Journalism. I love cheese pizza, tofu, chai tea, social causes and activism. Be sure to vote on Nov. 2nd, this is our future at stake! Peace and Love- Kara.

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# Arts & Entertainment

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## Irish punk rock band Flogging Molly whips the competition

By Kara McDonald  
Photo/A&E Editor

The hard rocking, high power Irish band Flogging Molly is back with their third studio album, and is currently out on the SideOneDummy/Punk Rock Voter tour with Street Dogs and The Briggs promoting their new album *Within a Mile of Home*.

Flogging Molly continues to keep the traditional Irish spirit mixed with punk rock soul, spreading their high energy to anyone at a show or at home listening. Keeping with the enthusiasm of their last two releases, Flogging Molly once

again brings you into their world, with songs weaving tales of past Irish lives and working class plight.

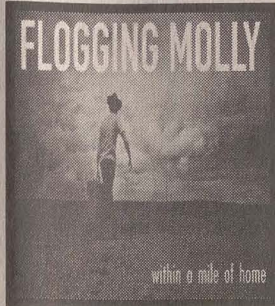
*Within A Mile of Home* starts out on a lively note with "Screaming at the Wailing Wall," a song that speaks against the current war situation: "I'll liberate your peoples' fate, Spoke the Burnin' Bush/But the song of beasts, Grow with oil soaked teeth/Their dollar is mighty and true."

One of the most memorable songs on this album would have to be "Factory Girls." This track tells a story of a

girl who has spent her whole life in a factory and never had time for a childhood. The duet with singer/songwriter Lucinda Williams is a heartfelt tune that will be hard to forget.

Another lyrical gem and musical work of art would be "Tobacco Island." It provides a history of the taking of slaves by the British in the 1600s, giving us a look at the horrible capture and treatment of these island natives: "The floggings they're a plenty, But reasons there are none/ Our backs belong to landlords, Where branded

is there name/ Paid for with ten shillings, Cheap labor never breaks."



Flogging Molly has been a favorite among punks as well as traditional Irish music fans for many years, and it's not hard to see why. Dublin born singer, guitarist and

songwriter David King has said of their unique music, "If it didn't have mandolin, accordion, fiddle and whistle, it would be punk-rock, and if it didn't have guitar, bass and drums, it would be traditional Irish music. Flogging Molly has both."

With their melting pot of styles, there is something sure to please many music lovers. "Within a Mile of Home" has more slow ballads than usual for Flogging Molly, but their extraordinary lyrics and spirited melodies will be sure to make you jump up and spin a jig or two. 5 stars out of 5.

## CW's scores high with food, value and atmosphere

By Glenn Lenard

*A&E/Perspectives Editor*  
The Holiday Inn of Alpena has taken on a whole new look and restaurant atmosphere. Formerly known as The Anchorage, CW'S Barbeque is now open to serve their customers breakfast, lunch and dinner.

I have heard many different things about this new restaurant, so I decided that I needed to check it out for myself. On October 5<sup>th</sup>, my friend Dawn and I picked a time and decided to go. We got there around noon, and were extremely shocked by the amount of cars in the parking lot.

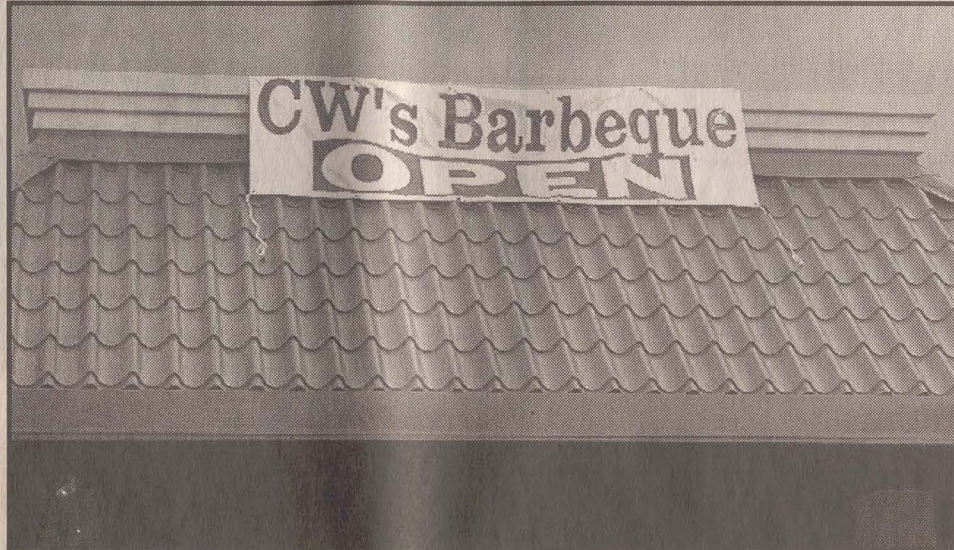
The restaurant was about two thirds full, with about three waitresses. Upon entrance to this new

restaurant, I immediately noticed a difference and decided to look around further.

When you enter the restaurant, directly in the center where the salad bar was previously located, is a huge statue with a small waterfall on the top. The waterfall is hard to notice unless you are looking away from a distance.

Dawn and I were seated at our table and we discussed the atmosphere. The room is very friendly and inviting, however in my opinion it seems that there is no constant theme. The statue brings more of an Asian feel while the pictures on the wall make you feel like you are in a little dive in Costa Rica.

I decided to go to the salad



CW's is located adjacent to the Holiday Inn on US-23 (Photo by Chris Gillmore).

bar, which includes soup, salads, and then your choice of meat. You could choose from steak strips, fried veggies, or pulled pork to be put on a bun.

Overall, the menu is decently priced, making the

food inviting for all groups. The tables around me seemed to receive their food in a rather timely manner, and with a slogan like "Soon to be Famous," you cannot go wrong.

CW'S Barbeque serves

breakfast from 6:30am to 11:00am. Lunch is from 11:00am - 2:00pm. Dinner is served at 5:00pm - 9:00pm, and 5:00pm - 8:00pm on Sundays. There is bound to be a time for you to stop in and check CW'S out.

## The Day After Tomorrow should never have come

By Chris Engle  
Sports Editor

Once again, the major cities of America get destroyed in *The Day After Tomorrow*.

This film, which is released on October 12, would have been a good one to see in an IMAX theatre just for the effects and surround sound,

but as far as home viewing on your average television, it is a waste of two hours.

The movie begins in the arctic, where a group of scientists are nearly killed when the ice shelf splits in half from the hole created by their four-inch drill. Scientists gather with the president and vice-president, who has a

scary resemblance to Dick Cheney, to discuss the fact that global warming could soon cause...what else, an ice age! Of course, the melting of the ice caps lowers the ocean temperature and drastically changes the global weather- in just a few days.

If you were to ingest *Deep Impact*, *Twister*, *Independence Day*, and...Mr. Freeze from *Batman and Robin*, *Day After Tomorrow* would be the resulting turd. Massive tidal waves rip through Manhattan, hurling cars down the streets before the city

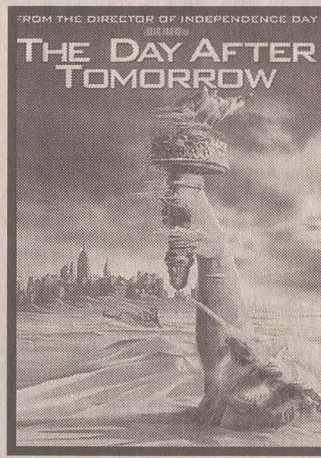
freezes solid from the 150\* below weather, and L.A. gets torn up by tornadoes...what a shame!

The main set of characters ends up getting trapped in the public library in New York City, where they are forced to eat loads of delicious snacks from a vending machine and burn books in a fireplace to keep warm...it's every college student's fantasy! But then one of the characters falls ill and the other boys journey out into the frigid cold to the Russian freighter that is frozen in the ice in the street, in hopes that

they can find some medicine and maybe some lower-carb foods. While on board, they get chased by wolves that had escaped from a science lab when the power went out- almost sounds a lot like Jurassic Park as well. Anyway, the movie ends and man has to start living in caves again and hunt the wooly

mammoth, which we'll say has come back from extinction with the new ice age.

I found that there were to many computerized effects, just like any other movie of the genre in the last ten years, and not enough decent acting. My advice- rent something else. 2 stars out of 5.



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