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## **ALPENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE BASKETBALL TEAMS TO HOST “MEET THE TEAMS” EVENT FOR COMMUNITY**

**ALPENA, MICH.** – The Alpena Community College Men’s and Women’s Basketball Teams will be hosting a “Meet the Teams” event on Friday, November fourth from 7 – 9 p.m. inside Park Arena at Alpena Community College. This event is free and open to everyone. It is designed as a way for the community to get to know the 2016-2017 Lumberjack and Ladyjack teams as well as for the team to show the community the hard work that they’ve been putting in at practice.

The teams will run through a few drills, mingle with the crowd, and be available for pictures. Free pop and popcorn will be provided, as well as copies of this year’s basketball schedule. Door prizes will include t-shirts, ACC items, and more.

The women are led by head coach Bobby Allen who is in his 24<sup>th</sup> year as coach, as well as Shelley Hance who is returning as assistant coach for a second year. The men are led this year by head coach Frank McCourt as he embarks on his 50<sup>th</sup> season as head coach. The men will also be under the guidance of Assistant Coach Allen.

This event will be a good way to get the community excited for what the coaches believe will be a great season. Coach McCourt is looking forward to working with his team this year, and says that their practices have been very productive. “We have a great group of young men this year. They’re very polite, they play deeper, and they’re very talented.”

Both teams will kick off their season on Saturday, November 12 at Mid-Michigan Community College. The home opener will take place the following Saturday, November 19 against Muskegon, with the women starting at 1:00 p.m. and the men following at 3:00 p.m. ACC is a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association (Region XII) and the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA).

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