

## *Chris Coultes*

Chris is the owner of The Magic Carpet Lounge has been an Ambassador since July of 2011.

**What is your favorite thing about Alpena?** I love knowing so many people and getting to say “Hi” to everyone no matter where I am. I love the seasons that we have in Alpena and the beauty of the Great Lakes and the Inland Lakes.

**What do you like best about your job?** I have two jobs that are quite different. School Success Liaison allows me to help children and their parents in our community enjoy a better life. As a Realtor, I have the amazing pleasure of helping local and out of town people buy a “Slice of Heaven” in Northern Michigan.

**What is your favorite season?** ALL!!! I embrace every season that we have. Spring Flowers, summer boating, fall camp life, winter snowfalls and a fire in the fireplace.

**Why did you become an ambassador?** I believe in Alpena and know that we can become a destination sight for everyone. It takes hard work from employees and volunteers to make this happen. Our town needs positive people and attitudes to promote us...I feel I can do this.

**Why do you choose to live and work in Alpena?** I am proud to have been born, raised and still reside in Alpena. Although many think we live here because we are stuck here. I live here because I want to, if I want things that Alpena doesn't have, they are usually only a click away on the internet. You might be surprised though if you spend a little time seeing what we do have here....almost everything. But....try to have a peaceful sunset elsewhere??? Alpena is priceless.

**Tell us about a funny thing you did recently?** I LOVE to make people laugh; it is one of my favorite things to do. I can't think of one particular time, because I try to incorporate humor into everything I do.

**What is your favorite restaurant?** My favorite restaurant is Rosa's. One of the wonderful things about Alpena is that we are surrounded by so many wonderful extensions of our community. Rosa's has been voted “#1 Italian Restaurant” many times. They definitely live up to their reputation.

**What is your favorite outdoor activity?** Although I love doing so much outdoors, probably my favorite thing during each season is taking my six Labs for a walk on state land. It is a simple, yet very rewarding activity, especially when I see a smile on their faces.

**Describe yourself in one word.** Fun-loving.

**What is your favorite book and/or movie?** Any book by Dave Ramsey....I know...I'm a nerd!

**My friends would say I am:** (yes, I asked one of them...) Nurturing, caring, comical and leader.

**If I had a super power it would be:** Magic, so I could help people/animals in need.

