

Hoppers on a track of its own

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Hoppers Brewpub is not like any other bar in Erie. Hoppers can be found at 14th and Peach in downtown Erie. Hoppers is where the Rhotunda Restaurant and Bar (the converted railroad station) was formerly located.

Hoppers has a cathedral ceiling, umbrella tables in one room, and comfy cushioned chairs and booths in the other. The atmosphere is very relaxed. It is well lit and has an eclectic song selection on the jukebox that is guaranteed to please. For entertainment, Hoppers also has a game room.

Hoppers is so unique because it serves only its own microbrew beers. The selection of beers include Spike wheat (a light wheat

beer), Pale Ale, Crude Ale (dark ale, coffee aftertaste), Mad Anthony's Red, Railbender, and seasonal microbrews.

These beers offer an unusual variety of tastes, with one to fit everyone's thirst. No other alcohol is served at Hoppers. Thursday provides for a special on drafts from 9 p.m. until midnight.

In addition to Hoppers fine beer, they also have a wide variety of snack food. One of our favorites is the beer batter pretzels served with cheddar cheese - you'll end up craving them like Colette! So watch out. Other selections include onion blossom and Hoppers very own, beer cheese served with crackers.

We think Hoppers is a great place to have a few beers. The atmosphere is almost as good as the beer. So, hop on down to Hoppers.



Who's the "Black Sheep"

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The new Farley-Spade comedy, "Black Sheep," is somewhat of a mixed bag. The movie is filled with the kind of physical humor and spoiled son-guardian comedy that has made the duo such a hit on Saturday Night Live and in "Tommy Boy."

Chris Farley plays the hapless Mike Donnelly, brother of gubernatorial candidate Al Donnelly. Mike loves his brother with all his heart and wants to help with his campaign in any way he can. However, he has a certain knack for embarrassing his brother with brainless stunts.

In the opening scene, for example, Al is giving an important speech before a hometown crowd. Mike, who is out campaigning through the streets in a campaign van, gets distracted by some dogs and ends up crashing through the marquis of a local movie theater.

Throughout the movie, Al is undaunted by his younger brother's effort.

Through a brief meeting inside a limousine with his press secretary, Al decides to hire a campaign worker to follow Mike and prevent further mishaps. David Spade, the driver of the limo, volunteers in order to obtain a professional position with the Donnelly administration.

Chris Farley turns in a hilarious performance full of the physical humor that made him famous. He is constantly on the mark with falls and sporadic shouts and grunts. His character is constantly falling down hills and getting into trouble, but always with good intentions.

Perhaps what makes the movie the funniest are the supporting actors. Gary Busey is terrific as a crazy militia-type Rambo who pursues David Spade through much of the movie. There is also a very funny scene with an old lady in which David Spade

tries his little "I've got a souvenir for you" thing (he would say that and then pull his hand out of his pocket and give the person the finger). When he attempts to do this to the woman, he stops so not to offend. This prompts her to say, "Hey young man, you got a problem? You playing a little pocket-pool there?" That, unfortunately, was Spade's funniest scene.

I would like to recommend this movie for a lot of reasons, but there are also a lot of areas where it falls short. The writing is just not funny. Because of it, David Spade has a lot of trouble getting a laugh. Chris Farley is terrific and saves the movie. His improvisations with physical comedy truly makes the movie. It also lacks an angle.

The movie also has no love interest, and the antagonists are not evil or coniving enough to be convincing. The movie does, however, have a good ending.

FEBRUARY

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2. Snow Falling On Cedars, by David Guterson. (Vintage, \$12.00) A trial leads to memories of Japanese-American internment.
3. Children Soup For The Soul, by Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen. (Heath Communications, \$12.00.) Stories for heart & spirit.
4. Waiting To Exhale, by Terry McMillan. (Pocket, \$8.99) Four black women waiting for love that is so hard to find.
5. The Christmas Box, by Richard Paul Evans. (Evens Publ./Publishers Dear Chr., \$4.95.) Young family moves in with elderly widow.
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