Plow drivers appreciated
To the editor:
With the wreck of a County Road Commission truck on icy roads, I would like to let folk know I appreciate the work of our plow drivers. Sure we get frustrated by roads not cleared immediately, but there are lots of roads and only a few plows. Dollars limit the number of drivers and trucks.
The wrecked truck pictured in the Daily News looked like the one usually plowing East 424 and the Buck Lake area. That driver has done an especially good job this year. Hopefully injuries will heal fast enough so the injured driver can return to helping us motorists get out.

Let this also be a reminder to all motorists that plow trucks are destructible. A blade catching in the right way can flip the vehicle and many of our roads can easily suck in a truck. We need to give them room and remember that there are big blind spots around these trucks. In a storm, these drivers don't see any better… and maybe even less... than us normal motorists.
So thanks for the time and effort… keep up the good work… and may the injured driver get well soon.
-s- Earnest Ness
Crystal Falls

Donations made Christmas brighter
To the editor:
Many thanks to all who helped the Society of St. Vincent de Paul help others this past Christmas season as well as during the year.
The 35 SVdP Conferences throughout the U.P. and Florence, Wis., were able to make Christmas brighter due to the efforts of many individuals, civic organizations, community groups and others. Thank you for your cash donations, toys, clothing, games, books, food and much, much more.

The people of the Upper Peninsula are very kind and generous. They go out of their way to help one another individually or through the various programs available in the community. It is a blessing to work with so many wonderful people from all walks of life and to share those blessings with others who are less fortunate.
Many people do not realize that St. Vincent de Paul, the Salvation Army, Department of Human Services, community agencies, Lutheran Social Services and local churches collaborate to provide financial aid for rent, utilities, housing and other requests all year long.
Oftentimes a financial request may be more than a single organization is able to cover, so the

individual asking for assistance will go to the other agencies or groups to seek additional help. All of these agencies work together to help those in need; whether it is a one-time need or an ongoing concern.

Thank you for your continued support of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in your community. Together we can continue to help others.

-s- Laurie A. Schmit
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