Opportunity for expansion
To the editor:
The Dickinson-Iron District Health Department has secured grant funding to help expand the existing farmers' markets in Iron County.
The funding will help facilitate the physical and promotional needs of this program that provides an opportunity for people to purchase fresh, locally grown produce from regional farmers.

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Currently, the participating farm vendors accept Senior Project Fresh coupons and WIC coupons. With the extra help from DIDHD, we will hopefully be able to accept Bridge cards at this year's markets. We are looking for more vendors to participate.
The Iron River farmers' market will return to its original location behind City Hall and the West Iron District Library. The Porter School Farmers' Market will enter into its fourth year of service on the circle in Alpha.
Please consider coming to market if you are a backyard gardener with extra produce to sell or raise fruits and vegetables on a larger scale.
You don't have to commit to being there every week. You can attend one or both markets. We are also looking for vendors who sell arts and crafts, value added food products, meat and eggs, music, etc. You will need the proper labeling and licensing for some products.
For more information please contact Maureen Elson at (906) 284-0661. Be part of the movement to know where your food comes from and support local economic development as a vendor and/or a customer.
-s- Maureen Elson
Elson's 2 Tracks
Porter School Farmers' Market
Alpha

Members needed
To the editor:
Dear Sisters, Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 2891, Crystal Falls. Our auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the VFW Post in Crystal Falls.
If you have not attended a meeting, or rarely attend, you are unaware of the difficulties our auxiliary is experiencing. We need our members to participate, not only in meetings, but in other activities to support our veterans and their families.
As the members who have been active for many, many years are no longer with us, or are unable to help as much as they used to help, it becomes necessary for younger and newer members to “step up to the plate” and take on an active role in the auxiliary. After all, this is your auxiliary, not just your mother’s or grandmother’s auxiliary.
In a few short months, we will have our annual election of officers for the coming year. Are you willing to accept one of these offices? Are you willing to take an active role to keep your

auxiliary up and running? Or, are you ready to say “no” and let the auxiliary charter be vacated.
There are many residents in Iron County who have grandfathers or grandmothers, parents, siblings, or children who served our country in a foreign war. Have you thought of joining the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW? We will welcome all eligible ladies to become members of our Auxiliary.
Please come to our next meeting at 6 p.m. on March 10, and you will receive all the latest news from our auxiliary and from the Department of Michigan Auxiliary and the National Auxiliary.
If you have any questions or would like to become a member of the auxiliary, please give me a call at 822-0013.
-s- Beverly Hill
Treasurer
Ladies Auxiliary to
VFW Post 2891
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Businesses need the signs
To the editor:
I am writing regarding the sign issue that Ski Brule is having on Route M-189. It would seem that in this slow economic time, MDOT would be encouraging small business attempts at increasing their traffic, rather than hindering development.
Ski Brule is vital to our community in terms of jobs, revenue, tourism, tax base. Why doesn't MDOT support signage, instead of creating an anti-business environment.
Northstar Health System is also having trouble placing signage on U.S. 2.
I'm sure there are other businesses that have been affected by this issue, and I am sure there are many people who do not wish to see signs being placed on the highway, but they need to realize that our community is failing economically and they need to support any and all efforts to advertise.
-s- Steele B. Magnet
Iron River