Position explained
To the editor:
Last week I wrote a letter about the developments to the main street in the old Stambaugh. This was not to suggest that the city of Iron River had done anything wrong, but it was in frustration of the spending by governments, state and federal on projects, when both state and federal governments are billions in the red.

Why put out grants for these types of programs. These are hard times for many people and we are all being asked to cut back. We need to get out of the red, and cutting spending is one way.
I know that when a grant is authorized it has to be spent within the guidelines of the grant, and that is what Iron River is doing. So I apologize for inferring that the city was not doing their job.
-s- Paul Hytinen
Iron River

Kudos to NHS
To the editor:
Recently, I was in a car accident on the main street of Iron River, where a truck “T-boned” my Jeep and sent me to the emergency room of NorthStar Health Systems.
I arrived achy and shaky and was soon surrounded by the most wonderful soothing and caring adults I could imagine.
I had toured the beautiful new NorthStar facilities and had once before had an X-ray on a twisted ankle, but this time I was laid out flat needing to have my back and neck checked out. In a matter of minutes I had a neck brace on, I was in a gown, I’d had my blood pressure, heart rate and temperature taken, I had explained to the ER nurse how I was feeling and a doctor was quietly explaining what was going to happen next.
They put a warm blanket on me. Soon I was being wheeled down the hallway by the staff in the radiology department to the new CT scanning machine. New faces were looking down on me showing concern, while their touch and voices gave me a sense of confidence in the care I was receiving.
Once again back in the ER I was offered another warm blanket. I felt like I was a child at home with the flu and my mother was caring for me! I have been in other ER’s and hospitals, but never have I felt this cared for or comfortable when I was dealing with pain.
Following the accident I was disoriented, but the warm and capable staff at NorthStar—from the first person at the ER desk to the nurses and doctor were so capable and caring that I soon felt the trauma of the accident lessened. All this right here in Iron River.
The hospital we had years ago was referred to as a “band-aid station.” Now our very fortunate community has a true medical jewel we can be proud of. My medical needs were met a few miles away, in a fresh and clean facility where I felt cared for by a competent and professional staff.
I don’t want you to get into an accident to have this experience, but I have only the highest

regard for those who cared for me on that snowy day. I encourage you to visit the hospital, as I will again soon, but this time hopefully only for a cup of coffee with friends or a visit to the gift shop. I don't want to have to visit the ER again soon, but I know what incredible care I will receive if I do.
-s- Sue Omdahl
Iron River