Channel lack
To the editor:
Having spent considerable time over the years back on home turf (Crystal Falls), I've become convinced that there are many progressive thinkers among the citizenry who because of the limitations of the city television cable system offerings are deprived of content in line with their inclinations, to wit: the system does not carry MSNBC.

Why not? There are a number of junk channels which could be replaced with one that will broaden local horizons. Though I am obviously not a fan of the FOX News Channel, it would also be a worthwhile addition to the system in the interest of diversification.
I spent a good part of this summer captive to Wolf Blitzer and his CNN minions talking 24/7 about the Casey Anthony episode, while proclaiming itself to be "the world leader in news." CNN has always been lax in determining what news is of importance to the American public.
At any rate, it would be nice to know how much additional it would cost the cable system subscribers to have MSNBC and FOX News added to its menu.
If a survey showed that the subscribers were not willing to pay the extra cost in the interest of diversification, then the city's current position on system content will have been vindicated.
-s- Rudy Dalpra
Safford, Ariz.

Fabulous exhibit
To the editor:
The Harbour House Museum in Crystal Falls has a fabulous exhibit on display called “All About Women.”
This is a must see exhibit right in our own backyards. All of the pictures of wedding dresses that I have ever seen were either white or black, depending on the era – not true. This exhibit has a variety of wedding dresses in all colors. Also, what a treat to see a “wool bathing suit” from the 1930s and a bathing suit from the 1950s, that looks like a short dress that our girls of today wear.
This exhibit is on display at the Harbour House until the end of August; don’t miss this adventure of a look back in time.
The Harbour House is opened Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
-s- Deb Divoky
Crystal Falls

Get the memo
To the editor:
The Dickinson-Iron Community Services Agency and the DICSA Governing Board is

advertising in the Iron Mountain Daily News and the Iron County Reporter a “Notice of Public Hearing” for Friday, July 29, at 10 a.m. at the Crystal Lake Senior Citizen's Center, 700 Crystal Lake Boulevard, Iron Mountain.

The real purpose of the hearing is to take congregate meals and home-delivered meals away from the senior citizens at all of the senior centers in Dickinson, Iron and Baraga counties.

These centers are Iron River, Crystal Falls, Alpha and Amasa in Iron County; Iron Mountain, Breen, Felch, Norway, and Sagola in Dickinson County; Covington, Green Hill, Baraga/Pelkie, and L'Anse in Baraga County.

Verification of all of the above can be made by obtaining a copy of the three page memo to: DICSA Governing Board Members, From: Jeff Heino, Executive Director, Date: July 13, 2011, RE: Senior Nutrition Program. This memo was distributed at the last DICSA Governing Board meeting on July 14 at Crystal Falls.

Every taxpayer and senior citizen in Dickinson, Iron and Baraga counties should obtain a copy of this memo.

-s- Gerald McCole
Channing

Question of representation

To the editor:

I just finished reading the Second Amended Complaint filed on July 1, 2011, in Iron County Circuit Court File No. 10-4298-AW. It indicates that the cities of Caspian and Iron River are suing the county, its board of commissioners, and its election commission consisting of probate Judge C. Joseph Schwedler, Clerk Joan Luhtanen and Treasurer Marcia Cornelia, alleging various instances of nonperformance and/or malfeasance in office over TIF obligations as well as improper notice to the electorate about a number of millage proposals between 2000 and 2010 as listed under Count III.

I am a resident of Iron River Township located in Iron County. Iron River Township’s attorney is Steve J. Polich (P24495). I think he should not be representing the city of Caspian’s Downtown Development Corporation, operating in Iron County, in a lawsuit against Iron County because the suit seeks substantial adversarial results that will cause loss to all governmental entities and people of Iron County, including his other client—Iron River Township—especially when my township’s last five millage proposals have failed.

I also think that attorney Mark D. Tousignant (P27104) should not be representing the city of Iron River’s Downtown Development Corporation, also operating in Iron County, in a lawsuit against Iron County because one of his other clients is the Iron County Road Commission.

I also think Attorney Ronald M. Basso (P24805), having advocated for Iron River Township in its efforts to keep Camp Ottawa and most recently advocating for the Iron County Medical Care Facility’s expansion, presents a question of impropriety when advancing the cities of Iron River and Caspian’s cause of voiding all election ballots between 2000 and 2010, including the following: Dickinson Iron Health Department Millage; Iron County Senior Citizens Millage; Iron County Medical Care Facility Maintenance Millage; Iron County Road Millage; West Iron County Library Millage; Iron County Courthouse Complex Bond Proposal; Iron County Tax Refunding Debt Bond Proposal; Iron County Youth Camp Millage.

-s- Tom Peterson

Iron River Township

A good idea
To the editor:
At the July 20 meeting of the Iron River City Council, a citizen made a presentation regarding the starting of an Iron River Community Garden. The council thought it was an idea worth pursuing, but in need of more information concerning community interest and participation and how to go about starting such a project.
With people interested in fresher and healthier food to feed their families, more and more cities, towns and communities are turning to community gardening. Growing your own fresh fruits and vegetables is also a way to lessen the food budget in these economic times. Community gardens can also beautify neighborhoods, promote social interaction among participants and is a good form of exercise and education.
Before a project like this can begin there must be enough community interest not only in having a garden plot once the project is under way but also in individuals willing to serve as volunteer organizers.
If anyone is interested in more information or would be interested in participating in the formation and use of an Iron River Community Garden, please call me at (906) 265-5979.
-s- Diane Renaud Smith
Iron River

Release the allotment
To the editor:
"Sunshine will always be the best disinfectant."
Now that the rodeo is over, and with commitments made and works in progress, the County Board should release the full 2011 budgeted allotment to the Iron County Fair Board and have the county fair. Then deal with the "grandstand debt, fairground rentals/contracts and utilities" immediately after the Iron County Fair once and for all, with the entire "County, Fair and Rodeo boards" in public with full media coverage.
-s- Don Wolf
Iron River

Special thanks
To the editor:
The Friends of Camp Batawagama sponsored "Da Yoopers" in concert on Wednesday, July 13, at the Windsor Center in Iron River.
The support we received from the staff at the Windsor Center and the community at large was exceptional. It is so very refreshing to sponsor a charity event and have the people support the event with enthusiasm and generosity.
We had a sell-out crowd who all had a wonderful time. I would like to extend our heartfelt

thanks and gratitude to the staff at the Windsor center, Westphal Inc. for their electrical expertise, George Peterson, the master of ceremonies, Mark Saigh, the auctioneer, Jeanne Bonetti, the event coordinator, Krist Oil for consumable donations, David Thomas, Sally Santilli, and Allison Achatez for administrative help. Additional thanks go to the Iron County Chamber of Commerce for their support.

Special gratitude to Dawn Pisoni and her husband, Gary. The Windsor Center is a huge asset to our community. Dawn is so easy and pleasant to work with. From the early planning to the final movement of Da Yoopers equipment off stage at the end of the concert, she was there helping, advising and making the event successful.

In closing, a very special “thank you” to everyone who came out to support this charity event for the friends of Camp Batawagama. It was so refreshing to see so many public officials in the audience, your attendance was greatly appreciated.

-s- Pat Johnson Teranishi
President and Founder
Friends of Camp
Batawagama
Iron River