Small-town hospitality
To the editor:
My sister and I are nearing the end of a two-week tent-camping trip around the perimeter of the Upper Peninsula. Two years ago, we had spent one night at the well-kept Iron River RV Park and decided to return for two nights on this trip. From the moment we arrived until we reluctantly left town, we were blessed with friendly folks and small-town hospitality.

Liz and Larry, the campground hosts, greeted us warmly and suggested a beautiful, shaded site. They told us of the hiking trail, which led to the senior center. There we sought a drink of cold water but received so much more. Brian, one of the directors, greeted us even before we entered the building. Mae, a young-at-heart, 87-year-old, introduced herself and engaged in fascinating conversation about the community and her family. Brian encouraged us to stay for lunch, which we were happy to do. Two hours later we left, filled with good food and wonderful fellowship.
At the Iron River Post Office, we were cheerfully given directions to the library, where we filled two bags with books and videos on a "donation basis." Good rainy-day reading and viewing.
Back at the RV park, Bernadette at the Chamber of Commerce office patiently answered our questions and helped us find travel resources.
Our only regret is that our schedule was too tight to allow us time to meet more of the great residents of Iron River. We plan to return.
-s- Shirley Bumgardner
Portage

White Cane drive success
To the editor:
On behalf of the Crystal Falls Lions Club, I would like to thank all the businesses and individuals in Iron County and North Dickenson County who contributed to our recent annual White Cane Drive
Your generous response will again allow us to continue to fund our eye glass assistance efforts for those in need and other worthy programs in our area.
I would also like to thank the "Golden K" for their assistance in our drive this year. With their help, we were able to raise more funds than in previous years.
-s- Norm Heikkinen
White Cane Drive Leader
Crystal Falls