No record of termination
To the editor:
This is a reply to the letter from DICSA Executive Director Jeffrey Heino in the Daily News (Aug. 12) and the Iron County Reporter (Aug. 17). I refer specifically to his statement, “First, DICSA is not a unit of county or state government.”

I am addressing this letter to the citizens and taxpayers in Dickinson and Iron counties and the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners and the Iron County Board of Commissioners.

Interlocal Agreement Between the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners and the Iron County Board of Commissioners.
Purpose of the Interlocal Agreement
Pursuant to the Urban Cooperation Act, as amended, MCLA 124.501 et seq; MSA 5.4088 (l) et seq (hereinafter "UCA") and the Michigan Economic and Social Opportunity Act of 1981, as amended, MCLA 400.1101 et seq; MSA 16.615 (1) et seq (hereinafter "MESOA"), Dickinson County and Iron County, enter into this contract known as the Interlocal Agreement for the purpose of (a) creating a public agency, the Dickinson Iron Community Services Agency, for designation as a Community Action Agency serving Dickinson County and Iron County; (b) establishing funding for the Dickinson Iron Community Services Agency; and (c) setting forth the powers and duties of the Dickinson Iron Community Services Agency.
IV. Duration of Agreement
The Interlocal Agreement shall be for the period of six years (6) years from the effective date of April 1, 2006, unless terminated prior thereto in accordance with paragraph XX of this Agreement. The Agreement will automatically renew for annual periods thereafter unless terminated in accordance with paragraph XX of this agreement.
XX. Termination of Participation in Agreement by Any Party
Either party may terminate its participation in this agreement upon giving notice in writing to the other party at least one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the effective date of such termination.

Since there is not any record of any termination of participation by either party the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners should start living up to the Interlocal Agreement and let the Iron County Board of Commissioners into the Dickinson Iron Community Services Agency as they once were.

DICSA is controlled by federal, state and local governments and comes under the direct control of the Department of Human Services Agency in Lansing.
-s- Gerald McCole
Channing

Thanks for
trail support
To the editor:
A big “Thank You” to all the people of Iron County who wrote letters in support of the extension

of the bicycle trail that will eventually connect Iron River/Caspian with Crystal Falls. Not only have we received the $500,000 state grant, but it was announced on Thursday that we've received nearly a million dollars of National Scenic Byway grant funding. This allows for the next phase of the project to be built, from Caspian to Pentoga Park.

For anyone who would like to become more involved with the project, please inquire about the Friends of the Heritage Trail meetings.

We'd love to have you join us.

-s- Robert Rafferty,
Friends of the Heritage Trail
Iron River

Thank you

To the editor:

Outstanding! Phenomenal! Extraordinary! These are only a few words to express our feelings about the benefit held for Steve Shepich on Saturday, Aug. 6, in his battle against Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

Driving into town from Camp Lake, when we turned the corner on Division Street and saw all the cars lining the roadway, we were astounded. When we entered The Station and saw the hundreds of people, we were completely stunned and overwhelmed. The good feelings and absolute love were all around us.

The familiar faces of friends and family are burned into our memories. We were so amazed at the mix of people, babies, toddlers, young people, old people. There was such a festive atmosphere! Lots of good vibes – live music, people having fun, laughing, dancing, eating, drinking, playing games. We found ourselves wishing we could slow down time – to just make that night go a little slower so we could savor every moment just a little more. We were there for three hours - it felt like three minutes.

It is not often in life that a person gets to experience something like this – to really feel the love of so many people. All of you, our incredible children, our family, our friends – our town, the love – you have truly touched our hearts and have changed us forever. From this point forward – no matter what happens – we will take this feeling with us as we continue on this journey to battle this disease.

The generosity of your donations is amazing and humbling. We hope that one day, we can pay it forward to another human being in need. Thank you from our hearts to yours. We will never forget what you have done for us. Please keep those prayers coming. We'll keep you posted on Steve's progress at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

-s- Steve and Jo Werner Shepich
Iron River

Recall
comment

To the editor:

The reason for my letter is to comment on the recent attempt by certain group of individuals

who were passing recall petitions in the Iron River and Stambaugh Townships and in the city of Gaastra.

They needed 289 valid signatures of registered voters in this district and to my joy unsuccessful. They wanted to recall County Board Chairman Wayne Wales. Being unsuccessful, why can't they accept defeat gracefully. I understand that they plan on trying this again.

There weren't 289 people foolish enough to sign the first time and I hope there isn't this time either. Without mentioning names, there are two people who are instigating this. One is a former County Board member the other is still in office.

Those who point fingers at Wayne for all of the county's ills should realize he is only one vote. It takes three votes to pass a measure on the County Board. Wayne is not one of the good old boys and does things that are in the best interest of all of Iron County and not for any special interest group or groups.

In closing I would urge anyone who may be approached to sign one of these petitions to decline and tell the person passing it no thank you.

-s- Patrick Ward
Iron River