

Fundraiser a success

To the editor:

The Iron County Habitat for Humanity Fund Raising Committee would like to publicly thank those people who attended our recent fundraiser and made it a great success.

We would also like to thank the following businesses who generously donated items for our door prizes: AmericInn, Norway; Tall Pines Grocery, Amasa; Char's Beauty Boutique,

Crystal Falls; Stateline Chevrolet, Inc., Crystal Falls; the Corner Drug Store, Iron River; Miners Jewelers, Iron River; Beef-A-Roo, Iron River; Jubilee Foods, Crystal Falls; Sommers Sausage Shop and Deli, Crystal Falls; Subway, Crystal Falls; McDonalds, Iron River; Tri-City Cinema, Quinnesec; WJNR, Iron Mountain; Frey Vineyards, California; and Habitat for Humanity, Menominee River.

A great time was had by all—a special thanks to the VFW Post 2891 and the band Red, White and Blue.

(Fund Raising Committee: Eileen Bentle, Dennis and Deb Divoky, Dave and Diane Grondin, Katie Mussato, Norma Prevo, Wes and Merry Vanderpool, Vicki Web.)

-s- Deb Divoky

Crystal Falls

Thanks

To the editor:

On behalf of the U.P. Regional Blood Center, I would like to thank Paul Starkweather of Lakeland Baptist Church and Fritz Wenzel of Oldenburg Group for hosting blood drives in the month of August.

As a result, we collected 36 pints of blood.

I would also like to thank all the community members who took the time to give the “gift of life.” When donating blood with the UPRBC, you are supporting NorthStar’s blood supply. Thank you for supporting your community blood center.

-s- Sallie Coron

Coordinator of  
Blood Collections  
U.P. Regional  
Blood Center  
Marquette

Correct the problem

To the editor:

This is in reference to the proposed reduction in senior meal service by DICSA beginning Oct.

1. The DICSA Executive Director stated these changes and reductions are necessary. He was backed by a majority of the DICSA Governing Board.

This decision was based in part on the July 2011 Congregate Meal and Home Delivered Meals count. This count is sent to and approved by the state of Michigan. From this, the facts are for Dickinson County

Iron Mountain Center – Home Delivered –76 meals per day–Receive \$1.10 of \$4 requested – Loss \$2.90 per meal – Loss \$1,102 per week.

Kingsford Breen Center – Home Delivered – 43 meals per day. Receive \$1.92 of \$4 requested – Loss \$2.08 per meal – Loss \$447.20 per week.

Iron Mountain Center – Congregate – 59 meals per day – Receive \$0.94 of \$4 requested – Loss \$3.06 per meal – Loss \$902.70 per week.

Kingsford Breen Center – Congregate – 34 meals per day – Receive \$2.41 of \$4 requested – Loss \$1.59 per meal – Loss \$270.30 per week.

These two Dickinson County DICSA center kitchens would see a \$2,722.20 per week loss or a \$141,554.40 loss for their fiscal year October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012.

Based on the same state of Michigan document, the facts are for Iron County:

Iron River Center – Home Delivered – 42 meals per day – Receive \$2.34 of \$4 requested – Loss \$1.66 per meal – Loss \$278.88 per week.

Crystal Falls Center – Home Delivered – 22 meals per day – Receive \$3.21 of \$4 requested – Loss \$0.94 per meal – Loss \$52.14 per week.

Iron River Center – Congregate – 44 meals per day – Receive \$2.52 of \$4 requested – Loss \$1.48 per meal – Loss \$260.48 per week.

Crystal Falls Center –Congregate –26 meals per day – Receive \$2.71 of \$4 requested – Loss \$1.29 per meal – Loss \$100.62 per week.

These two Iron County center DICSA kitchens would see a \$692.12 per week loss or \$35,990.24 loss for their fiscal year October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012

The real tragedy of the reductions in senior services in Iron County will be that one day per week, 42 senior citizens in the Iron River area and 22 senior citizens in the Crystal Falls area who are homebound and cannot get out, will be deprived of a hot home-delivered meal.

We have heard many times from DICSA that there are many times this is the only time these shut-ins see another person.

We are requesting that the executive director of the U.P. Area Agency on Aging, UPCA Services Inc., get involved with the Iron County Board of Commissioners to correct this problem, which would be “adult abuse” to those seniors deprived of their home-delivered meal one day per week.

-s- Gerald McCole  
Channing

Jobs needed now

To the editor:

President Obama has put forth a serious jobs plan and Republicans should not stand in the way. With 25 million Americans lacking adequate work, our country and our state needs jobs now.

When 25 million Americans can't find adequate work, we can't let party politics stand in the way

of a solution. Congress needs to stop the political posturing and create the jobs we so desperately need by passing the American Jobs Act.

Nearly all of the proposals in the American Jobs Act have been approved by Republicans in the past – so there's no reason for them not to pass the president's bill.

Tax cuts for the rich and corporations do nothing to create jobs.

We can create these jobs by making the rich pay their fair share again. The only thing standing in the way of the American Jobs Act is the GOP's unreasonable prejudice to not let President Obama do anything to improve his standing with the U.S. citizens.

-s- Ralph Eckerberg

Crystal Falls