Different programs
To the editor:
The Iron County Authority on Aging would like to inform everyone in Iron County that we have two different agencies here to help the public.
First, we have Lifeline. This is to help the elderly who stay at home, who need some help in case they become sick, fall or injured. These people probably live alone and are still capable of caring for themselves. This organization is being managed by NorthStar Hospital.

Second, we have Care Tracker or Life Tracker. The name has changed, but they both care for the same thing. This is for people who live at home within the family or a loved one.
They cannot live alone. This is for elderly who have Alzheimer's disease, also for young people who are handicapped and stray from home. These patients cannot live alone, or there would not be anyone who could inform the police that they become lost.
If your member strays and cannot find their way home, they may meet a number of problems. Care Tracker can fit a bracelet on their wrist or ankle that sends out a signal, 24 hours a day, and we can trace that person and find him within a matter of 20 minutes, and bring your loved one home.
If you have anyone who could use that service, please call the sheriff's office. They can answer any questions that you have. You will be happy that your loved one will be found and returned home.
-s- Carol Dallavalle
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Recall and senior centers
To the editor:
When local citizens began circulating petitions for the recall of Commissioner Wayne Wales, the primary reason they voiced for the recall was that Wales had interfered with the management of the senior citizen centers in the county, and had unnecessarily upset the folks who run these centers.
Rather than listen to rumors, I decided to call the Iron River Senior Center and I spoke with Mrs. Pat Gasperini. Pat has been a devoted member of the center staff for years and is highly respected in the community.
She has no political agenda, indeed her only agenda is to insure that the center is run fairly and remains solvent to serve the seniors in this community who so desperately rely upon the services they supply.
When asked, Pat said that the senior center is now in better shape financially than it has been for a long time. With Mr. Wales and Prosecutor Melissa Powell's help, an agreement and contract was agreed upon with DICSA to began paying the center for the rental of three offices

they have been utilizing for 10 years rent free. The contract is effective as of May 2011, and a check arrived last week for $5,600 in back rent.

Additionally, the millage monies that were being unfairly distributed in the past to the various senior centers in the county have been re-apportioned. Because of that change, Alpha is now receiving funds, which they are utilizing to give their seniors vouchers to local restaurants where they can go to for a healthy hot meal.

The seniors at the Iron River Senior Center do not resent this change. They understand fairness and do not want to benefit at the expense of other seniors in the county.

Recall elections are a privilege and should not be used indiscriminately. They are meant to remove publicly elected officials who have violated their oath of office and have purposefully and wantonly exhibited behavior and committed acts that are unlawful or injurious to the citizens they represent. They are not meant to settle political nor personal scores.

Mr. Wales has, along with the other commissioners, tackled thorny issues that cried out for investigation. The facts discovered during these inquiries at times required changes that although not popular with some, will prove to benefit most in the long run.

The citizens of Iron County are smart and not easily fooled. They will surely see that this recall election is all about a certain group of former elected officials who have lost power and they want it back, at any cost.

-s- Pat Johnson Teranishi
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