In response
To the editor:
Iron County residents, in response to a letter written to the editor recently by a county commissioner, I feel it's my duty to comment.
According to the Iron County Commissioners "Code of Ethics" No. 3 reads—A board member has the right to express personal opinions and when expressing such opinions in public, the member should clearly state the opinion as personal. This just happens to be the same board member who reminded me a few months ago that I should follow these codes. Does this only apply if you are one of the board members who are not part of the decision making process? Many important issues are being made by a few members and not brought to the full board. I believe the most effective way we can serve the residents of Iron County is by making our decisions in a public forum, where we can ensure our constituents are well informed and we work together as a whole.

As far as the Iron County Medical Care Facility issue, I was always in favor of this project. The Department of Human Services Board and the staff at the facility did a thorough job researching this project and had all the bases covered.
Every year this project is put off we lose over a million dollars in revenue and 8-10 people who could have been working, and most important we can't forget the people from Iron County who had to go elsewhere for care because we could not provide a room for them. We can always refinance, but how do we ever get back the revenue and jobs lost.
I still believe as public servants we have to keep in mind what is best for the county as a whole. We have to realize that other boards are also working for the betterment of our community and even if we sometimes don't agree on the "how" we should respect their decisions. This country was built on a democracy and not on one person deciding what is best for everyone.
-s- Rosalie King

(Editor's Note: In County Commissioner Bev Camp's letter to the editor (Feb. 1 issue), she was identified as a county commissioner on the suggestion of this editor, to clarify any misunderstanding about her position. If in doing so, this editor was responsible for Camp's violation of the County Board's "Code of Ethics," the editor and The Reporter apologize to Bev Camp and to the Iron County Board of Commissioners

Support the millage
To the editor:
Please support the millage proposal on Feb. 28. All services are so vital to the health and welfare of the women and children of the counties.
The breast and cervical cancer control program is a godsend for women.

A “yes” vote will save many lives.
-s- Luci Dupras
Crystal Falls

Services
appreciated
To the editor:
I’ve been utilizing the services of our Health Department for many years, but really appreciate the services offered through their Senior Screening program. This program is offered to seniors and includes some very important health checks, including blood pressure, cholesterol test, diabetes test, hemoglobin test, fecal occult blood test (color cancer) and health education that I would likely not have done if not for this program.
The Senior Screening program has always been conducted in a courteous and professional manner. Your results are explained to you, and a referral to see your personal physician is always recommended if need be. I feel this program is a valuable resource for seniors and I am grateful it is available to me to utilize.
-s- Donna Dickman
Kingsford

Millage support
To the editor:
I am writing in support of the Dickinson-Iron District Health Department and the millage proposal on Feb. 28. The services provided at our local Health Department are an essential part of our community and have been for over 70 years.
From programs for adult, maternal and child health services, including WIC, immunizations and family planning, to environmental services and health education or emergency preparedness, the Health Department is there to assist our community… to educate our parents… to ensure our safety… to protect our children.
About 13 years ago, the Health Department was gracious to me when I was pregnant for my daughter. I received WIC, early on education and breastfeeding support from them. Not only were wonderful services provided, but friendships were built and my child thrived. In the past few years, my children have been sent home from school with bulletin announcements from the Health Department letting parents know of illnesses going around (H1N1 in particular) and how to prevent them in your home. It is my opinion that the Health Department works closely with our schools, our restaurants and our city water departments.
I want to give back to the Health Department because I believe in and have been touched by them. I want to support them being around for another 70 years for our children and their children. Please join me in showing your support and vote “yes” on Feb. 28. Help join in making the difference that they themselves make to our community.
-s- Stacey A. Weecks
Iron Mountain

Support millage

To the editor:

I am a family physician in town, and do feel the services the Health Department provides are extremely important. I do believe their parenting and lactation courses as well as their public health nursing are vital to our community. The services they provide to our mothers and young children, as far as education on vaccinations and health living, are of utmost importance. The screening for breast and cervical cancer is an invaluable service to our indigent population.

As a family practice clinician in this community, my patients utilize their services frequently, and I appreciate their excellent care. Please show your support by voting in favor of the millage.

-s- Kristi Olson M.D.

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Marquette Medical Clinic

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