Blood drive a success

To the editor:

On behalf of the U.P. Regional Blood Center I would like to thank Pearl Ross and Pat Kosiba for hosting a blood drive in the month of January.

As a result of their efforts, we collected an outstanding 46 pints of blood. These two ladies deserve a big round of applause for helping the U.P. Regional Blood Center save countless lives.

Also, a big thank you to all of the community members who are so willing to donate blood. Thank you for supporting your community blood center.

-s- Sallie Coron
Coordinator of
Blood Collections
U.P. Regional Blood Center
Marquette

Support your
senior centers

To the editor:

Are the senior centers going by the wayside? It could happen. Last year funding was cut directly related to lower participation by seniors. Thus services were cut. Nine senior centers in the U.P. have closed completely under similar circumstances. What a sad trend.

DICSA (Dickinson Iron Community Services Agency) is responsible for distributing state funds to the nutrition program at the centers and to several other state run programs. DICSA uses a cost allocation schedule to divide the funds among the programs. In addition to the state funding, donations made by most seniors eating the meals run each center.

There is a threat of further cuts to the centers if another deficit is registered this fiscal year. Closure is not out of the question. This can be avoided by volunteering, frugality, and cooperation within each center. Another way to help is by more area seniors utilizing the services. I can attest to the quality and quantity of the meals in Amasa.

At the Amasa Senior Center, we have found DICSA to be more than helpful in explaining rules and regulations; and answering questions. We will continue to support the agency to the best of our ability by volunteering and donating to the nutrition program.

-s- Mary Jane Colombino
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Council Chairman