‘Obamacare not the answer’

To the editor:

In response to an editorial in the Reporter on July 11, 2012:

Obamacare only gives one false hope. It supports and promotes a broken health care system. This system does not promote health and should be relabeled the “Sick Management” system.

True health begins with what you put in your mouth. It begins with self responsibility. Healthy bodies create healthy minds and we have a lack of both in America. Until we clean up our food supply and stop pushing drugs, processed foods, vaccines and genetically modified foods, we can never achieve true radiant health.

True health means drug-free and this includes pharmaceutical drugs. Obamacare gives you the delusion that access to health insurance is the solution. Yet insurance only covers the procedures and drugs which drive you further down the path to ill health.

If Obamacare does anything worthwhile, it can encourage our already collapsing sick management system to a final demise, so we can begin to truly become a healthy nation once again. A healthy nation begins with healthy bodies and healthy minds. They go hand in hand.

Health insurance could be affordable if it covered the occasional accidental injuries which our medical system excels in, but to address general well being, nothing replaces self responsibility, real food and common sense. Find out the truth for yourself.

-s- Joan Andreski

Crystal Falls

Pie social a success

To the editor:

I would like to thank all the pie bakers, the pie eaters, the people who donated items for our Iron County Cancer Unit to continue their great work in our county. We, the Reino Unit No. 21 are proud to be able to donate $1,000 raised at the “Pie Social” held at the city hall on Friday, July 19. We want to thank Jeanne Lake for the coffee, Sherry Pangrazzi and Darlene Gendron for the ice cream, KFC for the coffee cups, Holiday Station for the ice, the ICCU crew for the whipping cream, Tony Fittante for the plates and forks, Dallas Duda and Angeli’s Bakery for pies, and Donnie Soderbloom who set up all the tables for us, and cleaned up after we left. Also special thanks to Jaydn Bear, Auxiliary Member Marilyn Rivard’s great-granddaughter from Fairbanks, Alaska who really hustled and was a spark plug for us that day. Come back again next year, Jaydn. What a nice young girl she was and only 12 years old.

We received 48 pies from our wonderful local bakers, and want to announce raspberry and strawberry-rhubarb are still the favorites. Apple and blueberry run a close third; however the Oreo pie and peanut butter chocolate were gobbled up by the kids.

Thanks to everyone who baked, worked, bought, and let us now how much fun they had at our pie social. Every year during Rum Rebellion, our American Legion Auxiliary tries to help a local project that needs a helping hand. We were very happy to the response for the ICCU this year

as every cent stays in the county to help our cancer patients here.
-s- Marilyn Budzak
Chaplain, Reino Unit No. 21
American Legion Auxiliary

Thanks for donating
To the editor:
On behalf of the U.P. Regional Blood Center I would like to thank the people of Iron River for supporting the U.P. Regional Blood Center. At our most recent blood drive on June 5 we collected 26 pints of blood. Thank you to all who came out and gave the “gift of life.”
-s- Sallie Coron
Coordinator of Blood Collections
U.P. Regional Blood Center

A plus for customer service
I wish to say the customer service in the Iron River, Crystal Falls area is unsurpassed anywhere I have been.
For instance, the clerks at Angeli’s in Iron River and the ones at IGA in Crystal were so very helpful and pleasant. They went out of their way to help me.
I really wanted them to come home with me, put the groceries away and then cook them, but all they did was chuckle! Oh well, their service was wonderful. Both cities need to be proud of them.
Then I had a customer service that warmed the cockles of my heart.
It was at US2 Rental. Tom patiently explained the machines to me but then instead of rushing to rent me one, he looked at my infirmities and kindly suggested the machines would probably add to my pains.
So he found me a "team" to handle my problems. He never pushed them on me but let me make the choice. I would recommend that business to any one far and wide.
-s- Lee Harsh
Crystal Falls

The facts
To the editor:
Facts are facts and the truth is the truth. Recently in a printed ad for a local politician, it stated this politician had the Iron County Fair Board audited for the first time by the Iron County Board. This is not true; the Iron County Fair Board has never been audited by the Iron County Board.
It was also brought to the attention of the Iron County Board by a local attorney who represented the Iron County Fair Board (pro-bono) for free, that by law, the Iron County Board cannot audit the Iron County Fair Board.

Also at every Fair Board meeting (which are open to the public), a monthly financial report is made available to everyone and is also given to the county board representative, and at the end of each year an annual statement is not only given to the county but also by law to the state of Michigan.

As for the Iron County taxpayers subsidizing the Iron County Fair, this also is not true. In 2007 Governor Jennifer Granholm and the Michigan Legislature ended the subsidy to Michigan county fairs that paid for fair premiums.

Then in 2009, the U.S. Department of Agriculture stopped a capital improvement program to fairs. Where if a fair came up with$15,000, the Agriculture Department would match it with $15,000 for capital improvements only (i.e. repairing roofs, buildings, ground improvements).

Finally in the spring of 2012, an agreement was reached between the Iron County Board and the Iron County Fair Board ending the policy where the county collected funds from the rental of space at the fair grounds and returned $5,000 a year to the fair board for annual startup funds.

Under the new agreement, the county is totally out of Fair Board funding by allowing the fair board to collect and keep all rental funds and use that money for startup funds and fairground utilities.

Some years the Iron County Fair loses money, some years it breaks even, and some years it makes money. If the fair makes money, this money goes in to CDs which are used for improvements at the fairgrounds. Such as fixing the road up to the rotunda, improving the parking areas, new roofs on buildings, the new blacktopped walkway from the ticket booth to the grandstand, etc.

-s- James Shepich
Chairman
Iron County Fair Board