Post 17 says thanks
To the editor:
Alfred Branchini, American Legion Post 17 of Iron River would like to thank Post 17s Sons of the Legion, Unit 17 Ladies Auxiliary, post members, the Iron River Police Department, WIC Fire Department, and especially all the trick or treaters and relatives who made this year's Halloween parade a success.

The post would also like to thank Miss Alice Johnson for her years of service working for Post 17 and wish her well on her upcoming move and new employment.
-s- Officers of Post 17
Iron River

Cancer Unit very grateful
To the editor:
The Iron County Cancer Unit Board of Directors sends a heartfelt thank-you to all who have contributed to ICCU in 2012. It is because of the generous donations received in the past year that the ICCU has been able to support Iron County residents in need of assistance.
As you may recall, in September of 2011 the Iron County Cancer Unit had to suspend new applications for assistance due to the lack of finances. The ICCU Board of Directors began fund-raising efforts such as the WIKB radio-thon, the silent auction at Intermissions and the sidewalk sale during Market Days.
The wonderful folks of Iron County responded by participating in these events and donating to the Iron County Cancer Unit. With the generous donations throughout these fund-raisers and the following months, the Iron County Cancer Unit was able to resume assistance to cancer patients on Aug. 1.
The Iron County Cancer Unit is a 501-c-3 non-profit organization, not affiliated with the American Cancer Society or any other organization. The ICCU's only purpose is to assist cancer patients here in Iron County. All funds stay with the patients of Iron County.
The ICCU functions on donations alone and has no other means of financial support. All work is done by volunteers. You can see how vital your contributions are. If you would like to donate to this worthwhile cause, please mail your check issued to Iron County Cancer Unit, mailing address P.O. Box 45, Iron River, MI 49935. If you have any questions, feel free to call (906) 265-4420.
With Thanksgiving right around the corner, the ICCU Board of Directors extends gratitude to all who have contributed to the Iron County Cancer Unit.
-s- Iron County Cancer Unit
Jolane Spoke, President
Darlene Gendron, Vice President
Linda Colombino, Secretary
Donna Bond, Treasurer
Beverley Dallafior

Jeff Gendron

Christmas Smiles at 25
To the editor:
It is with a great deal of pleasure and a little bit of pride that I extend my congratulations to CoVantage Credit Union and the Family Independence Agency on the 25th anniversary this year for the Christmas Smiles program, which I began in 1987, when I was the manager at the former Southwest Iron County Community CU, along with the Alpha Crystal Falls Community FCU.
Even in 1987, the program exceeded my wildest imagination because it was so well received and so successful. I remember a conversation I had with the late Ray Burge, manager of the ACFCU, that if all the envelopes were not taken, the CUs would buy gifts for the remaining envelopes. Well that never had to happen because every envelope was taken, and people asked for more. We couldn't keep the tree filled with envelopes.
From year one, Mary Pellizzaro, my assistant, and Karen Collick from Crystal Falls, worked tirelessly to assist Ray and me with this program. The Credit Union will always run deep in my heart, even though I have been retired for 17-1/2 years from there.
Again thank you to all who have supported this program over the past 25 years and may it still be supported during the next 25 years. The original idea for this program began at the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Community FCU and then went to the Munising Community CU, where my mother was employed. Catherine Angeli was the director at FIA when the program began, and she also gave it her full support.
Merry Christmas and happy 2013 to all.
-s- Jeanne M. Lake, retired CEO of Iron River Central Iron County CU –
Now CoVantage CU