Information asked
To the editor:
Recently ads have been running in this paper regarding the recovery of missing firearms that belong to my brother, Bill Winton. Those guns are part of his collection and are valued at more than $23,000. Some of them are very old and irreplaceable, such as a .303 Savage that belonged to our grandfather. It has a lot of sentimental value for both of us and would not be valued for any other reason than money, by the person holding it.

Bill is terminally ill and the stress associated with this whole issue has and is continuing to take its toll. The person responsible ought to be held accountable.
I ask that anyone who has any information leading to their recovery, please call (906) 396-4403.
-s- Shannon Winton
Stuarts Draft, Va.

'Just the facts, sir'
To the editor:
Thank you to the Iron County Reporter for printing the Opinion (editorial) of Peter Nocerini in the Feb. 23rd edition. It is a real pleasure to read researched facts. The political "blame game" that goes on in our country today with the media and citizens expressing only ideology and emotions has gone on way too long!
As TV's Sgt. Friday used to say, "Just the facts, sir," is very much appreciated.
-s- Audrey Ridolphi
Iron River

Poor show of sportsmanship
To the editor:
On Feb. 10, at the Forest Park-West Iron girls basketball game held at West Iron, there were a few occurrences that I felt should be shared with the community.
Considering the poor sportsmanship shown by the West Iron High School fan section at previous basketball games, I took it upon myself to personally talk to the principal regarding the cheering, and asking him to make sure it was kept clean.
However, at the start of the game, instead of doing their "usual," which is turning around when our lineup is being announced, they all pulled out newspapers and "read" them. Nothing was said to them.
Although most of the first quarter was good, the principal had to remind the fans numerous times to be polite, but that soon ended.
After one of Forest Parks players undershot a basket, the continually chanted "air ball"

whenever she had the ball. A few minutes later, they added another chant after just that one grew tiresome. When one of the other players got the ball, they chanted “overrated” for her. With just under a minute remaining, they called out “start the bus,” because they were winning. And with 36 seconds in the game, they sang the “goodbye song.”

The West Iron players were very courteous and respectful, and we enjoy the competitive rivalry between the two schools, but having our players disrespected like this takes the fun out of the game.

I do not disagree with cheering on your team, but this type of cheering is a poor representation of West Iron and what a school should stand for.

-s- Rachel West
Forest Park senior
Crystal Falls