Drive a success
To the editor:
On behalf of the U.P. Regional Blood Center, I would like to thank Lindsay Anderson of Victorian Heights and Pat Kosiba of Crystal Falls for hosting blood drives in the month of September.

As a result of their efforts, we collected an outstanding 56 pints of blood. I would also like to thank all the community members who took the time to give the “gift of life.” Thank you for supporting your community blood center.
-s- Sallie Coron
Coordinator
U.P. Regional
Blood Center

ICCU needs
your help
To the editor:
The Iron County Cancer Unit began assisting cancer patients in 1999 and, as of this date, 560 applications have been received from cancer patients in Iron County.
This number reflects patients from Iron County in need of assistance for travel expenses in connection with the patient’s treatment outside of the area.
In addition to travel expenses the patient receives assistance for food and lodging. The ICCU also operates a loan closet which includes equipment and assorted supplies as available. Also, assistance is offered for prostheses (wig and breast), food supplements, colostomy supplies, cancer related medications, and respite care.
At this date, the Iron County Cancer Unit is in dire need of donations. In fact, at this point new applications will be deferred because the ICCU does not have the finances to assist additional patients.
The Iron County Cancer Unit is a 501C3 organization, not affiliated with the American Cancer Society or any other cancer organization. It is operated entirely by donations and all of the dollars stay in Iron County to assist residents that require cancer treatment.
The ICCU does not have employees, no salaries are paid. All operations within the cancer unit are handled by the volunteer board members. Overhead expenses in operating the cancer unit include rent, utilities, telephone, insurance and office expense.
If you have considered donating to the ICCU, please do so now. If you have donated in the past and are thinking of giving again please do so.
If you have questions or if you would like to make a donation please call the ICCU at 265-4420 or mail your check to The Iron County Cancer Unit, P.O. Box 45, Iron River, MI 49935.
On behalf of the board members of the Iron County Cancer Unit thank you for supporting Iron County patients.

-s- Jolane Spoke
ICCU president

The invader
To the editor:
An invasive species lives on the shores of one of our lakes. It has prevented me from having the right to enter the lake until I pay the invader its dues fees.
If I happen to enter these waters, I will be subjected to confrontation and harassment from perhaps Barney Fife, who will be watching me with his binoculars. Barney will now approach me with the intent to write me a ticket for $200 because I don't have a lake permit.
The DNR says the lake is yours and mine and that I can fish with my fishing license because they not only stock the lake but they are also the proper law enforcement agency; Barney Fife is not.
-s- Donald Sheldon
Iron River

Half truths and
misinformation
To the editor:
For the past few months, I have sat back and listened to a lot of half truths and misinformation about the management of the Iron County Fair.
In light of the article in Oct. 21 edition of The Reporter, and the one in the Oct. 14 edition of The Daily News, I feel I must now respond to the lies and misinformation.
In The Reporter, Mr. Wales states that the Fair Board has spent fair monies to pay an attorney. This is an outright lie. The only thing they have used an attorney for was donated time, just like most time that is spent by the many people who help to put on our 120-year old fair.
In The Daily News, he states that the Fair Board is refusing to cooperate with the rodeo regarding the dates for the 2012 rodeo. This is also untrue.
About a week before the special meeting of the County Board, I, the president and the manager of the fair met with two representatives of the rodeo and discussed the rodeo being held the first weekend in August.
I said I did not think that this would give the fair enough time to set up for the fair and their representative who is also the grounds committee chairman for the fair, agreed that it takes two weeks to set up. I left that meeting with the understanding they were to meet with their board and get back to us. I do not consider this to be not cooperating.
It was also stated in the paper that no one from the Fair Association was present at this meeting of Oct. 13. To my knowledge, no one from the fair was even aware that there was a meeting.
Mr. Wales also has stated that the Fair Board has not been accountable to the County Board for its money. But he appointed a commissioner to sit on the Fair Board as is required by the Fair Board's Articles of Incorporation.
This commissioner has gotten paid for sitting at many of our meetings and has received a copy

of the financial report showing all income and expenses for the month. Why has he not looked at these?
-s- Jim Stolberg
Iron River