A note of thanks

To the editor:

On behalf of the U.P. Regional Blood Center, I would like to thank Paul Starkweather of Lakeland Baptist Church for hosting a blood drive in the month of February.

As a result of his efforts, we collected 20 pints of blood. Also, a big "thank you" to all of 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 of Blood Collections U.P. Regional Blood Center Marquette

Geospinner

still missed

To the editor:

As I write this letter, I am finding it to be a difficult task because of the mixed emotions that it is written with... disgust and anger on one hand, but then with empathy on the other. Let me explain.

On the return from our annual school shopping trip two years ago, my sons and I stopped at Lambeau Field's Packer Pro Shop. While we were there, we came upon a very impressive geospinner, green and gold, of course, with a large white "G" in the center.

It immediately caught our attention, given the fact that my husband, who had passed away the year before, was an avid Packer fan. What a wonderful fitting tribute for the cemetery we thought. So the geospinner came home with us, but shortly after that the cemetery experienced a horrific vandalism incident, so I decided to keep it at home for a while.

When late spring approached last year, the boys proudly placed the geospinner on the shepherd's hook at their dad's grave, and it looked awesome, always taking on a different shape as it would spin in the sunlight. And then one evening when we arrived at the cemetery, the shepherd's look stood empty...the geospinner was gone.

Since it had been securely tied on to the hook there was no doubt that someone deliberately removed it.

As we now are approaching the third anniversary of losing our loved one, I can only hope that the person who did this is reading this letter, because they need to know something.

If the geospinner was taken as a random act of stealing, please know that your heartless act hurt my family tremendously. I simply do not understand why someone would violate a gravesite, but I would ask that if you have any heart at all, please return it to the hook this spring. No questions will be asked, we simply want it returned, since it couldn't possibly mean as much to you as it did to us.

However, on the other hand, if it was taken by someone who is convinced that they truly need it

and absolutely have to have it, I sincerely hope that watching it gives you as much joy as it did to us when we visited our loved one, and that it is just as special to you as it was to us. In either case, I will pray for you.

-s- Kathy Johnson Crystal Falls

Right of dissent

To the editor:

Iron County is divided into five districts; each district elects their own county commissioner. District 1 is Iron River Township, Stambaugh Township and Gaastra. District 3 is south Iron River and Caspian.

At the moment we have some individuals from District 5 Crystal Falls Township, Hematite Township and Mansfield Township who like to speak out, write and get involved in District 1 and 3 politics.

There is nothing wrong with this, and I fully support ones constitutional rights as long as no libel or slander laws are breeched.

But if a gentleman in Crystal Falls Township is not happy with and feels strongly with the way residents of District 1 or 3 elect or recall their commissioners, then the gentleman should either become a resident of Districts 1 or 3 or start a referendum to have all county commissioners elected county wide. After all, how would Eastside residents feel if Westside residents spoke out both vocally or in writing on how they should vote. Besides if everyone in government agreed on everything with no dissent and followed in lock step behind one person we would not have a Democratic form of government, we would have a dictatorship.

-s- Don Wolf Iron River