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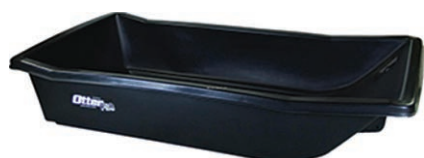
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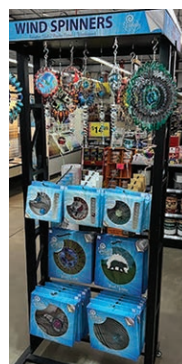
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# Iron County Trail Club lights the way for winter lovers

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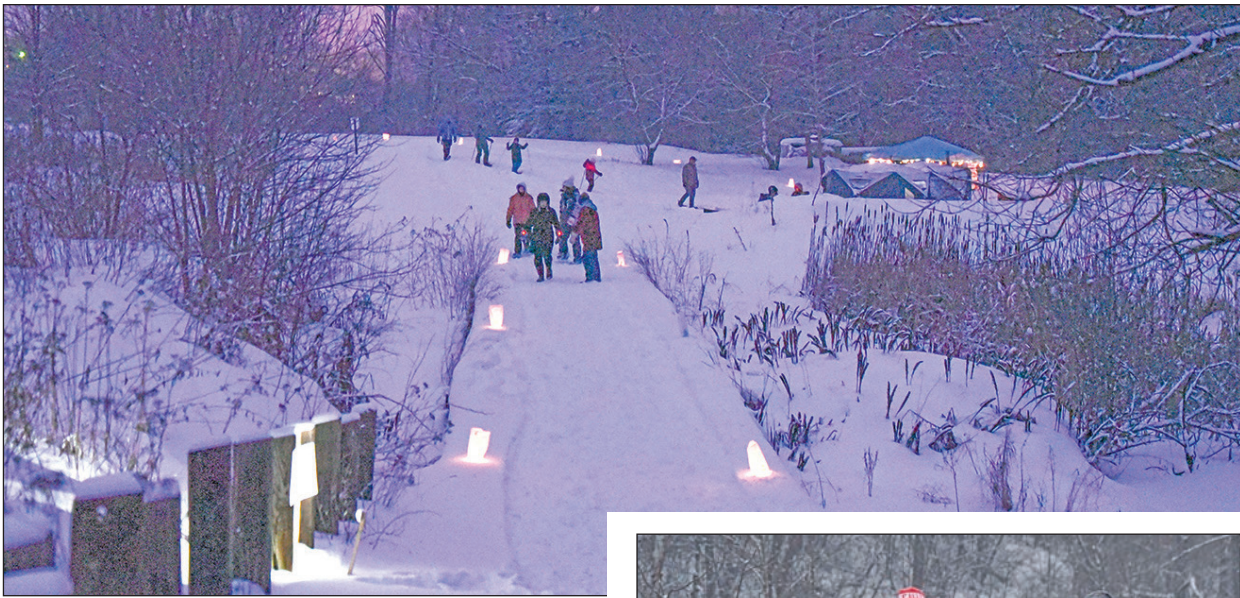
IRON RIVER - The evening Feb. 8, families and friends gathered at the beginning of the Tailings Disc Golf Course for the first annual snowshoe candlelight event hosted by the Iron County Trail Club.

The atmosphere was filled with excitement and anticipation as attendees of all ages prepared for a night of winter, wonder and fun. Under the twinkling stars and the soft glow of candlelight, participants set off on the trail for a magical snowshoeing adventure. Snow fell softly all day creating a glistening, soft blanket over the trail for attendees to push through. As you followed the trail of lights, you could read pieces of a story as you walked. The story following the fun antics of a snowman was fitting for the occasion. The event organizers had thought of everything, offering steaming cups of hot chocolate and

hearty bowls of soup to warm up cold hands and bellies.

For those who did not own their own pair of snowshoes, Iron Endurance and Into the Wild generously provided pairs for those in need. The first annual snowshoe candlelight event had been an amazing success, bringing together the community in a shared love for winter adventure and togetherness.

*(Photos by Kevin Zini)*



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AA Meetings to be held every Wednesday and Saturdays at 6 p.m. Book study helat at the First Presbyterian Church, enter through side door at 525 W. Adams Street, Iron River.

Alcoholics Anonymous Closed A.A. meeting on Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. and on Fridays at 10 a.m. at the St. Agnes School Building, north entrance, first room on the right. Handicap accessible.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held in Crystal Falls on Mondays at 7 p.m. at United Lutheran Church on Superior Avenue. Call 906-875-3081.

Alpha Rifle and Pistol Club monthly meeting at 10 a.m. second Saturday of the month at the Crystal Falls Trading Company.

AMVETS Post 436 (Beechwood) meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Beechwood Hall. Veterans always welcome. Contact number 906-265-3645.

Beechwood Historical Society meets the third Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Beechwood Hall, 178 Beechwood Store Road, Iron River.

Caring House can be contacted via the 24-hour crisis line in Iron Mountain. The toll-free number is 1-800-392-7839.

Carrie Jacobs Bond Quilters monthly meeting is every 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Windsor Center Room 208.

Chippewa Snokats ATV and Snowmobile Club meet monthly at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at the Crystal Falls VFW.

Classic Farm Machinery of Iron County meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the back room of the Iron River VFW. For more information call Fred Hauser at 1-262-914-2316.

Crystal Falls American Legion Post 87 meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the V.F.W. during the winter months and at Camp Christine during the summer months with the Camp Christine Veterans Park Committee meeting immediately following the regular meeting.

Crystal Falls District Library Board meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 12:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the library. The public is invited.

Crystal Falls Senior/Community Center meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. 601 Marquette Ave.

Crystal Falls V.F.W. Post 2891 meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at their post at 6:30 p.m.

Iron Amateur Hockey Association (IAHA) Board Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Caspian Ice Arena. Open skate is on Friday from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Iron County Cancer Unit is now assisting cancer patients. For information, call 906-265-4420. [www.ironcountycancerunit.com](http://www.ironcountycancerunit.com) or find us on Facebook at Iron County Cancer Unit.

Iron County (MI) Genealogical Society meets the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m., at the West Iron District Library in the J. Patrick White Conference Room. For more information please visit the Facebook group: Genealogy Iron County MI or contact Pat at 906-265-2175.

Iron County GoldenKClub meetsWednesday at 8 a.m. at the Iron River Senior Center for coffee, donuts and conversation. Our primary goal is to make Iron County a better place to live. We welcome newcomers who wish to join our efforts.

Iron County Historical and Museum Society meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Iron County Museum, 100 Brady Ave., Caspian.

Iron County Medical Care Facility Ladies Auxiliary meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month at 11:30. Contact the facility at 906-874-1130 for time and place.

Iron County Right to Life Meeting 2nd Saturday of the month 10 a.m. St. Agnes School Building 702 N. 4th Ave Iron River

Iron County Rubber Stampers/Paper Artists meet at the West Iron District Library in the J. Patrick White Conference Room on the first Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m.

Iron Range Amateur Radio Club meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Iron County Museum.

Iron River V.F.W. Post No. 3134 meets the third Monday of the month. House meeting 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 7 p.m. Located at 94 East Genesee St.

Masonic Lodge has open Bingo every fourth Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. through October. Located at 815 Crystal Avenue, Crystal Falls.

Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Windsor Center Hall, and Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Windsor Center Hall from Labor Day to Memorial Day, and at Nanaimo Park from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Sunday at 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Iron River.

North County Cruisers Car Club meets the second Monday of the month from May to October at 7 p.m. at the Crystal Falls VFW Post 2891.

Northwoods Animal Shelter meets the third Monday of every month except for November and no meeting in December at 930 Selden Road.

Ojibway Archery Bow nights every Wednesday starting in Dec. goes through April 13 at Camp Gibbs Recreational Area from 4-7 p.m., 129 West Camp Gibbs Road. For more information [campgibbsarcheryrange@gmail.com](mailto:campgibbsarcheryrange@gmail.com)

Serenity Seekers AA group meeting is held at the United Lutheran Church in Crystal Falls; meetings held on Sunday at 6 p.m., use side door off of US-2.

Stambaugh Legion Auxiliary Reino Unit 21 meets the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Post. Any military who are being deployed or coming home please contact Linda Nasser 906-367-7003.

The Mom Co a faith based motherhood group, meets at the Windsor Center - Room 207, on the fourth Monday of each month, unless it lands on a holiday. For those months contact Rebecca at 507-383-6050 or go to [www.themomco.com/groups/irmotherhoodredefined](http://www.themomco.com/groups/irmotherhoodredefined) for more information.

TOPS Club M11072 meets every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the Crystal Falls City Hall council room. New members welcome. For more information call Rose at 906-875-6478.


Widow and Widower Gathering of Iron County A social group (not dating) for the remaining spouse meets the second Monday of each month at 1 p.m. in Room 311 at the Windsor Center, Iron River unless outing is scheduled. This group does not provide grief counseling. Contact Sue at 906-265-4771 for more information.

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Wildlife Unlimited of Iron County  
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IRON RIVER—Wildlife Unlimited of Iron County has announced they have to cancel this year's banquet due to unforeseen circumstances. Watch for updates for the 2026 banquet. Thank you to everyone that supports Wildlife Unlimited of Iron County.

Phelps Maple Syrup Fest  
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PHELPS Wis. - Phelps Maple Syrup Fest will once again host an Arts and Crafts Fair at the Phelps School Saturday, April 5. The event has hosted up to 70 vendors in past years. There is typically a wide variety of products including handmade pottery, leather crafts, artwork, fishing lures, jewelry, favorite brands and much more. The Arts and Crafts fair will be in addition to the many maple syrup themed activities and demos happening throughout the school and in the community. More information on the 14th Annual Phelps Maple Syrup Fest visit [www.phelpswi.us](http://www.phelpswi.us) or call the Phelps Chamber of Commerce at 715-545-3800. Phelps Maple Syrup Fest continues to grow and has attracted thousands of visitors while celebrating the heritage and history of maple syrup production in the area. The Phelps Chamber of Commerce also invites local businesses to consider becoming a sponsor or volunteering. All are invited to volunteer. Volunteers are needed for a variety of areas at Maple Syrup Fest. For more information contact the Phelps Chamber at [chamber-office@phelpswi.us](mailto:chamber-office@phelpswi.us), 715-545-3800 or visit [www.phelpswi.us/maple-syrup-fest](http://www.phelpswi.us/maple-syrup-fest).

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Grave Thoughts From  
The Graveyard

Dear Reader,  
Today, I visited a graveyard to pay respects to a recently departed family member. The cemetery was vast, and we found ourselves lost amidst rows of unfamiliar headstones. After wandering both on foot and by car, weaving past names unknown to us, we finally reached the gravesite. Standing there, I couldn't help but think about this place—where those who were once so visible and vibrant in life are laid to rest, becoming part of the quiet, unremembered landscape. The sun beat down with hardly any shade, and the graves seemed tightly packed, which made me wonder about the business side of burial plots—how every inch is planned, sold, and filled. But more than that, my mind wandered to the fate of the souls. After death, where do they go? Surely, they don't linger here. While the dead no longer have a care or say in their resting place, there's an undeniable finality to it. They are gone from the world we know; and at an immediate or lingered point in time, their bodies become the forgotten invisible. After all of their toils, they are buried away somewhere out of sight, and out of mind.



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