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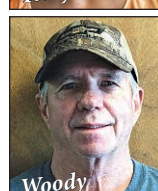
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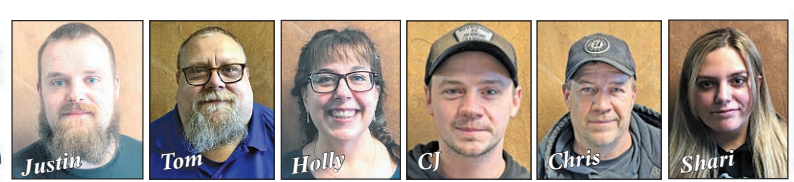
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The Gift of Life And
The Inevitable Abyss

Dear Reader,

One of God's greatest gifts is the gift of life. But that gift comes with an expiration date. In the grand scheme of eternity, our time on this earth is just a speck—here today, gone tomorrow. No matter who we are, where we come from, or what we accomplish, the end awaits us all. And when our time runs out, we disappear into the abyss of humanity, fading away into the vast ocean of those who have come before us.

We all leave our mark—some big, some small. Some build empires that echo through the ages, while others quietly tend to their families, neighborhoods, or communities. No matter the scale, each mark has value. But eventually, every empire crumbles, every accomplishment is forgotten, and every individual falls into the same great oblivion. It's a humbling reality and a universal truth.

So, knowing this, the question remains: What do you want to do with your life?

Will you spend your days chasing material things that rust and decay, or will you invest in moments that last beyond your time here—moments of kindness, love, and connection that ripple through the lives of others? Will you lift up those around you, plant seeds of goodness, and be an instrument of peace, or will you let your days slip away, consumed by the trivial?

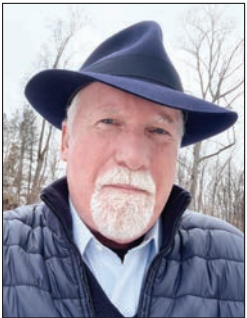
Life is fleeting, and none of us know how much time we have. But within this brief window, we all have a choice. What legacy will you leave? What will you do with your gift of life? Will you simply exist, or will you dare to make your mark?

Our moments are few, and our time is short. But even a small spark can light up the darkness. So let's make it count. Before we vanish into the abyss, let us live with purpose, gratitude, and a commitment to make the world just a little bit better for those who will follow.

PATRICK J. WOOD

Publisher

Author of "Reflections" a new book now available on Amazon.



Meijer Winter Games



Harmony Scott competed in 3D Archery and received a gold medal.



Harmony competed in .22 precision rifle shooting which is a 2-day event, receiving two silver medals for each day's performance.

IRON RIVER - Iron County residents Harmony Scott and Greg Scott competed in the Michigan State Meijer Winter Games Feb. 8 and 9. The games are Winter Olympic style sports with sporting events taking place in the U.P. and down state Michigan. *(Submitted photos)*



Pictured are, from left, Harmony Scott and Greg Scott. Greg Scott competed in the Shotgun-Trap and Skeet event and received a bronze medal.

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Al-Anon meetings for family and friends of alcoholics are held as follows: Monday-closed meeting, non-smoking, 6 p.m. Meetings are held at the St. Agnes school building, north entrance, in Iron River. Call 906-285-2678 for more information.

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 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 meets Wednesday 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

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 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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CRYSTAL FALLS - A premium event has just been added to Crystal Theatre's 2025 season. The Verve Pipe, a popular rock band formed in East Lansing in 1992, will take the stage Saturday, May 17 at 7 p.m.

Having achieved multi-platinum success with hits like “The Freshmen” and “Photograph” in the late ‘90s, The Verve Pipe has been evolving for nearly 30 years. The group has released critically acclaimed music as both a major-label act and an independent band, creating a sound that transcends genre and generation.

Rooted in pop hooks, alt-rock guitars and the songwriting front man Brian Vander Ark, the band is committed to forward-thinking rock and roll with albums like 2021’s Threads. Co-written by Vander Ark and backup vocalist Channing Lee, Threads marks a collaborative peak for The Verve Pipe. The album turns everyday experiences of modern existence - love, loss, abuse, addiction, romance, anger - into songs that are both celebratory and cathartic. If “The Freshmen” introduced The Verve Pipe as young,

melody-fueled Michiganders, then Threads positions them as pop/rock graduates who honor their musical past while also moving beyond it.

Crystal Theatre’s mana-ging director says, “If you were a fan of The Verve Pipe in the ‘90s, come and enjoy them in 2025 as they introduce their first album since 2021. This is an unexpected premium event at Crystal Theatre and one we think everyone will enjoy. So if you saw them ‘back in the day’ like I did, come make new memories at Crystal Theatre in May.”

This bonus, premium event is not part of Crystal Theatre’s “Gem of a Season” ticket package. All seats are reserved and prices are tiered. Tickets are now available online at thecrystaltheatre.org, by phone at 906-875-3208 or at Stage Left Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m. to noon.



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