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Alpha Rifle and Pistol Club host Savannah Marcell Memorial Silhouette Shoot

ALPHA – The Alpha Rifle and Pistol Club will be hosting the annualSavannah Marcell Memorial Silhouette Shoot Saturday, June 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Will be held at Alpha Rifle and Pistol Club range on Mastodon Road, which is off of First Street on the South Edge of the Village of Alpha. All youths ages six through seventeen are invited to attend.

There will be .22 caliber rifles and ammunition which will be provided free. Supervision by club members and a free lunch will also be provided.

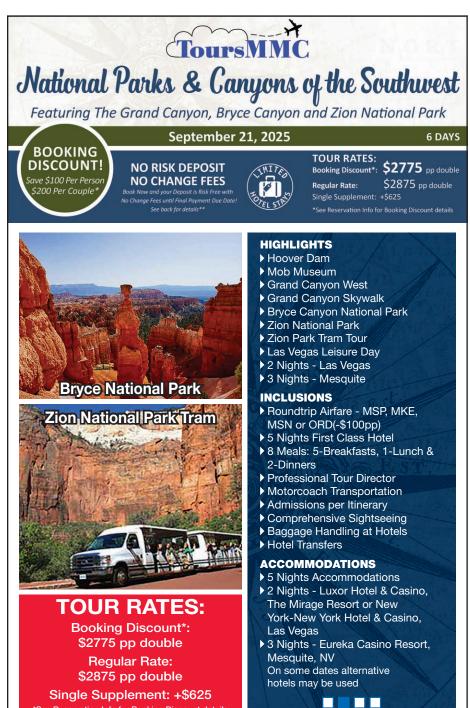
Door prizes will

be drawn from the shooting participants. All participants have a chance to win the 22 rifle. A certificate of completion and medals will also be awarded for youth that score 50% of the steel targets and then put three shots in the red on a target at 50 yards.

Parent or guardian will need to be present while their youngster is at the range.

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BHPS Annual **Bake Sale**

BATES TOWNSHIP - The Bates Hall Preservation Society (BHPS) will hold their Annual Bake Sale at Bigari Ace Hardware Friday, May 23 from 8 a.m. to Noon. There will be an array of bakery including some gluten free.

If interested in contributing bakery to help with the Bates Hall Project please contact Margee Brenman at 906-284-0988 or drop off that morning at Ace.

The Society will also be holding a day raffle consisting of a donated solid wood African Mahogany cutting board and a mini Keurig with a 40 variety pack of K-cup pods. Tickets are \$3 each or 2 for \$5. One winning ticket takes all raffle prizes.

BHPS appreciates your support.

Alpha Annual **Bake Sale**

ALPHA - The Alpha Historical Museum, will be holding their 17th Annual Memorial Weekend Bake Sale Saturday, May 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the historic Alpha Village Hall. Easy to locate, three miles South of Crystal Falls on US-2 and two miles West on County Road 424, the Hall is part of Alpha's Historic District listed on the National **Register of Historic Places**

Cakes, pies, bars, cookies and many other goodies too! Donors are asked to bring their home-baked items to the Hall between 8 - 9 a.m. All proceeds support the Museum's mission to preserve Alpha and Mastodon Township area history, along with maintaining the Museum's 1st National Bank building, also listed on the National Historic Register and located on the historically recognized traffic circle.

While out doing Memorial Weekend tasks, you're invited to stop in for a treat for yourself or your family and help support a worthwhile cause.

The Museum, a Michigan 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation, depends upon proceeds from the yearly bake sale, a 4th of July raffle and annual memberships along with contributions to continue with their mission.

Foucault Brothers Memorial Day Concert at CF Library

CRYSTAL FALLS - Join us Friday, May 23 at 6 p.m. for a Memorial Day Foucault Brothers Concert. The concert is free of charge, and all are invited. vThe Friends of the Library will be serving refreshments.

The Foucault Brothers will feature a few original songs written by former Crystal Falls resident Jim Kuspa. Jim was better known in the area music scene as "Blind Jim." His songs, with their humorous lyrics are a unique take on the Blues Genre sure to bring a laugh or at least a smile. Paul and Roy describe Jim's blues songs as "The lite side of the Blues"

The library is located at 237 Superior Avenue. If you have any questions call Evelyn at 906-875-3344 or email at egathu@crystalfallslibrary.org.

Deadline Approaching for Mural Contest

BATES TOWNSHIP - The Bates Hall Preservation Society (BHPS) reminds local artists, who are residents of Iron County with demonstrated mural experience, that the deadline to submit their color drawing/painting of a mural, as well as the estimate for labor to include prepping the wall surface and supplies, is fast approaching.

The mural depicting Bates Township Farming, Logging and Mining size is 28 x 5 feet and will be painted on the north inside wall of the Bates Township Hall. For a complete copy of the contest rules, a picture of the wall for mural placement, or to visit the site please contact Sue Passamani at 906-265-4771. The contest rules and picture will also be on the Society's web pages: Savebateshall.com and Facebook at Bates Hall Preservation Society – BHPS. Mailed proposals are to be received by no later than 4 p.m. Monday, June 30 at BHPS, P.O. Box 542, Iron River, MI 49935 and/or may be hand delivered to Sue Passamani, 116 Javoroski Road, Iron River, MI 49935.

Crystal Falls/Iron River Masonic Lodge #385 donates to various **Iron County organizations**



The Crystal Falls/Iron River Masonic Lodge #385 donate \$200 to the WIC Robotics Club. Pictured are, Tony Scarlassara (Worshipful Master) with Mr. Van Hill (AutoMaton Team Coach).



Crystal Falls/Iron River Masonic Lodge #385 donate two checks each worth \$200 to Alpha Fireworks Committee and Crystal Falls Contemporary Center. Pictured are, Christine Davis receiving both checks from Tony Scarlassara (Worshipful Master).



Crystal Falls/Iron River Masonic Lodge #385 donate \$200 to American Legion Reno Post #21. Pictured are, Richard Weatherholt (Commander and Junior Warden) and John Kotcher (Legionnaire). Submitted photos



The Crystal Falls Masons presented a check for \$200 to the Taproot Community Farm. Pictured are, from left, Tony Scarlassara (Worshipful Master of the Crystal Falls/Iron River Lodge), Martha Rypstra (CEO and Founder of Taproot Community Farm) and John Kotcher (Junior Warden of the Crystal Falls/Iron River Masonic Lodge #385).

Northwoods Geology Club to meet

FLORENCE, Geology Club will meet of interest, please bring

Wis. that have attended field The Northwoods trips or have specimens

Memorial Day Arts and Craft Show

EAGLE RIVER, Wis. -

Eagle River. Music, food The 10th Annual Memorial and beverages will be Day Arts and Craft Show is available for purchase. This scheduled for Sunday, May event kicks off the 2025 summer event season and we are expecting over 4,000 people to attend this oneday event. The event will be held rain or shine. More information about the Eagle River Area and its events, contact the Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center at 800-359-6315 or visit www.eagleriver.org.

BHPS will reserve the right to reject any or all drawing/ paintings as a result of this contest.

Wednesday, May 28 at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend and door prizes are drawn for at the end of the meeting.

At this time we do not have a speaker lined up. If we do come up with a presentation it will be announced on the club's Facebook page. Folks

your finds to this meeting to show our members. We will also be planning future field trips at this meeting.

Our meetings are held at the Florence Natural Resources Center, lower level. Follow the DMV signs to the parking lot.

25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Downtown Eagle River.

The Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center would like to invite you to kickoff the summer season and shop our "Northwoods" themed arts and crafts sale, along with many handmade items in conjunction with sidewalk sales in downtown





Congratulations WATERSMEET SENIORS

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Friday, May 23, 2025 Watersmeet Township School Gymnasium at 6 p.m.

Class Colors: Blue and Black

Class Flower: Camellia

Class Motto: "I read somewhere how important it is in life not necessarily to be strong but to feel strong." - Christopher McCandles-Into the Wild

Class Song: "The Gambler" by Kenny Rogers



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Restoration of the Duke of Abruzzi Sale continues

CASPIAN — For 111 years, the Italian Society Duke of Abruzzi has stood at the intersection of McGillis Avenue and Sawyer Street in Caspian, somewhat tucked away from the main flow of traffic that heads through town.

However, during an earlier era, the site was certainly Main Street-like, as the Duke of Abruzzi Hall was buzzing with activities, leaving members and their descendants with treasured memories. In recent decades, the bocce courts on the grounds have been active, but the Duke of Abruzzi Hall itself sat idle and structural problems set in.

A nonprofit called the Friends of the Duke of Abruzzi has developed a mission

to repair the building, improve the bocce court area and install a community park.

Fundraising efforts toward those efforts have been ongoing and now include a weekly sale of donated items, held in the Hall, which is now open.

Why is this all happening? Friends of the Duke of Abruzzi spokesman Bob Ketchum explained.

"We are both honoring the past and paying it forward for the future. This is what we must do. If we experienced it in our childhood, how we enjoyed it, we must be able to present it to the next generation, so they have an opportunity to have what we did."

The Duke of Abruzzi Hall - adorned

with the sign "Italian Society Duke of Abruzzi - was built in 1914 and was placed on the National Registry of Historic Places in 1983. From its origin until the time of local mine closures, the hall was the site of robust activity.

But in the last few decades, things began to deteriorate, literally and figuratively. Membership dwindled, activities faded away and the building's structure showed its age, specifically the roof and a wall in the basement area which began to buckle, both have been repaired.

"A group of friends of the Duke of Abruzzi created a nonprofit entity in 2020 to restore the Duke of Abruzzi building and the grounds around here to build a community park with picnic tables, a fireplace, slide and swings," Ketchum said.

"And the four bocce courts are now open to the public every day, except Tuesdays and Wednesday for league play."

Of course, to do all this takes money. The nonprofit is seeking to obtain funds through grants, donations and local fundraising efforts, including the weekly sales. The Duke of Abruzzi will open for the season Thursday, May 22. The first Restoration of the Duke of Abruzzi Sale will take place Thursday May 22, Friday, May 23 and Saturday, May 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. rain or shine.

Restoration of the Duke of Abruzzi sales will continue every Thursday through Saturday throughout the summer.

BULLETIN Board...

Iron District Library at 6 p.m.

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 Meeting every Wednesday and Saturday at 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 525 W. Adams St., Iron River. Book study. Enter side door.

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 second Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. at the Range in Alpha.

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 North County Cruisers Car Club meets the second 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

4-H meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the West 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 ioin 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 a.m. 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

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.

Oiibway 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.

Senior Days at Youth Camp

CRYSTAL FALLS - Senior Days at the Iron County Youth Camp are scheduled for Wednesday, June 18, Thursday, June 19 and Friday, June 20. Seniors wishing to register for any of these days can call 906-265-4476 on or after Sunday, June 1. Seniors can also email their request to: *icvc@iron.org*. on June 1.

This Summer 's Senior Days promises to be a great opportunity to get back to nature, make a craft or two and spend time with friends, both old and new.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER Memorial Day: Honoring the Ultimate **Sacrifice**

Dear Reader,

As Memorial Day approaches, we pause to remember and honor those who gave

everything for our nation. Each Memorial Day, we stand in solemn gratitude for those who never returned home. The empty chairs at family tables. The children who grew up without a parent. The spouses who faced life alone. Their sacrifice echoes through generations and forms the

foundation of the liberties we often take for granted.

My own father was among those who answered the call of duty, serving our country in World War II to keep the world free from tyranny and oppression. He was fortunate to return home, but many of his comrades-in-arms did not. My family's military tradition continued with my cousin, who served as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army until recently. He earned the distinguished Ranger tab, representing the pinnacle of military training and excellence. Men and women like him stand ready to defend our nation at a moment's notice, prepared to make the same sacrifice as those we honor on Memorial Day.

affects a significant number of those who have served, and it is a reminder that the

cost of freedom is not always visible. These men and women carry wounds that can't be seen-a burden of trauma, memory, and sacrifice that continues well beyond their return home. Their courage does not end with deployment; it continues every day as they strive to heal and find peace. As a nation, we owe them not only our gratitude but our unwavering support.

As we gather with family and friends this Memorial Day weekend for barbecues and celebrations, let us take a moment-a dedicated, mindful moment-to remember why this holiday exists. Let us teach our children about sacrifice and service. Let us bow our heads in gratitude for those who died defending our values, our freedoms, and our way of life.

May we prove worthy of their sacrifice by being citizens who honor their memory not just on Memorial Day, but every day-by living with purpose, protecting the freedoms they died for, and building a nation worthy of their profound sacrifice.



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. 906-265-4771 for more information.

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Log Homes

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 457876

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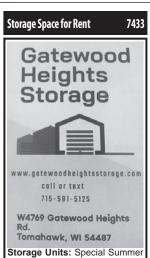
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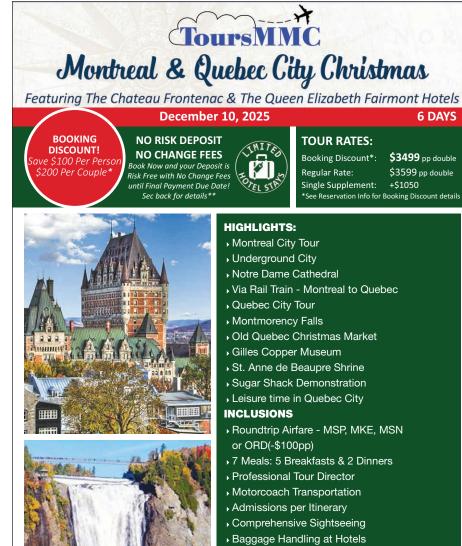
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Crystal Falls

Ceremonies in Crystal Falls begin at 9 a.m., with a parade stepping off from the corner of Logan Street and Washington Ave. and marching into the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery ceremony area. Master of Ceremonies will be Mike Bjork. Guest Speaker will be Spencer Burns, U.S. Army 2nd Lieutenant. Following the invocation by Steve Rhodes, the Forest Park Band will perform the National Anthem. The Memorial Day Address will then be given by Spencer Burns. The program will continue with the VFW Auxiliary wreath ceremony, and a volley by the color guard. Taps will be played by Christy Gervais, Retired First Class U.S. Army. Closing prayer by Steve Rhodes. Should inclement weather prevail, the services will be held inside the

Should inclement weather prevail, the services will be held inside the Eddie Chambers Memorial Gym starting at 9:30 a.m.

Willing to help with flags at Evergreen Cemetery? Coffee & donuts served. Will be put out on Saturday, May 24 • 9 am

Amasa Veteran's program following at the Hematite Township Cemetery.

Alvin,WI

Ceremonies in Alvin will be held at the Lakeview Cemetery starting at 11:30 a.m. Master of Ceremonies will be Linda Monson. The program will include the laying of the wreath by Sue Landerman (widow of a U.S. Army Veteran). Pledge of allegiance. Roll call will be read by Alton Culver (U. S. Marine Corp) & Michele Stapleton (U.S. Air Force) A color guard volley military salute by the West Side Veterans of Iron River \hat{a} $\overset{\circ}{\nabla}$ $\overset{\frown}{a}$ $\overset{\frown}{a}$ \checkmark Community potluck to follow at Alvin Town Hall

Iron River

The Iron River program will begin with the firing of a volley at the Iron River Cemetery at 8:30 a.m. by the Westside Veterans Council.

The program will continue at the Veterans Memorial on Genesee Street at 9:30 a.m., with a ceremony led by the West Side Veterans Council. Master of Ceremonies is Darin Long (Retired U.S. Navy Veteran), singing of the National Anthem by Erika Sauter.

Speakers will be Jesse Casari (Master Sergeant, U.S. Army, Retired)

The president of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 17 will present the wreath at the memorial. A parade will immediately follow up Genesee Street.

The program at Resthaven Cemetery begins at 11 a.m. Guest Speaker Esther Casari (Major U.S. Army, Retired). Military Rites by West Side Veterans.

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There will be a ceremony in Alvin, Wis. following Resthaven Cemetery program at noon.

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Stambaugh Cemetery

The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. Marie Brunswick, Master of Ceremonies, will give the welcome. Members of the Caspian-Gaastra Fire Department will raise the flag. Linda Nasser and Linda Johnson, members of the American Legion Reino Unit 21 Auxilary will place a wreath on a cross in honor of all deceased veterans. West Iron County High School student Faith Ross-Mineau will give the recitation Guest speaker is Colonel George W. Irving IV, (U.S. Air Force Retired). The program will conclude with the firing of a volley by members of the Reino Post 21 firing squad and the playing of taps.

Bates Township

The service at the Bates Township Cemetery will start at 8 a.m. The Veterans of Foreign War Ottawa Post 3134 and Westside Veterans Council will provide the flag raising and color guard.

Invocation & Benediction: Pastor Michael Thibodeau, Northgate Church
Guest speaker: George W. Irving IV, U.S. Air Force (Retired)
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Vocalists: Jessica Thibodeau,
Ellie Thibodeau, Matthew McPherson,
Hunter Loewen and Rebecca McPherson
Roll Call Recited by: Ellie, Evan,
June & Charlotte Thibodeau

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony takes place at the Township Hall.

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Refreshments will be served following the ceremony at the Bates Township Hall.
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Beechwood

Ceremonies in Beechwood will be held at Rosehill Cemetery starting at 8 a.m. with the Flag Ceremony by the AMVETS Post 436 (Beechwood) and Larry Andrews. The program will also include: Laying of the Wreath and Pledge of Allegiance by Harlie and Gracyn Melstrom; The Star Spangled Banner will be sung by Annalia Lopez. Welcome Statement will be presented by Pat Turner, Master of Ceremonies and Invocation by Dale Melstrom, Post Chaplain. Patriotic messages by Melina Lopez, musical presentation by Krista Dunlap-Gussert and Annalia Lopez. Memorial Day address by Jerry Williams (Iron County Veterans Service Coordinator) introduced by Pat Turner. Roll call of deceased – AMVETS Post 436 by Gary Lopez; and Benediction by Dale Melstrom, Post Chaplain. A color guard volley military salute by Beechwood AMVETS Post 436 and "Taps" by Curt Brendel will conclude the proceedings.

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