Not all nor everyone has dropped into the cold winter doldrums—in fact, here in Iron County, several events are firing folks up, and promise to provide an injection of fun—and funds into the community.

Thanks to some enthusiastic supporters, the first ever Mid-America Championship Snowmobile Hillclimb will roar up the Caspian Ski Hill this Saturday. If you've never watched (or participated in, for goodness' sake!) a snowmobile hill climb, it involves the snow machines making it to the top of the bluff by going around a series of gates. The difficulty and excitement lie in the skill of turning around the gates. I've never watched one of these competitions, but it sure sounds like a blast.

The hill climb will draw the competitors, their friends and family, spectators and visitors to our community during a time of year when local businesses are in their seasonal slump. Hurray! Thank the organizers of this exciting event for considering our county.

The following weekend also focuses on Caspian, with the annual Winterfest also taking place on the ski hill. What a workout those slopes will be getting. This time, it's not snowmobiles heading up the hill, but cardboard sleds streaming downward. With a host of other events happing during the afternoon, it's sure to get folks out and about and enjoying the community. Towards the end of the month, snowmobile drag racing will come to Iron County at the Iron County Airport—a perfect spot for this action-packed event. Watch for more details in the next week or two.

A dedicated group of volunteers succeeded in re-opening the Crystella Ski Hill in December, and from all accounts, it's providing a fine ski experience, along with tubing and skating. The cost is extremely reasonable, and again, it's bringing folks into town.

Our local hockey program has provided another boost for the wintertime blues, as will the annual youth hoops basketball tourney scheduled for this weekend at the West Iron County high school and elementary gym and the Windsor Center.

And that's just February, a month that, for all its brevity (OK, one more day this year), seems to drag on and on.

Get out. Enjoy. There's plenty of action to go around.

--Marian Volek