

Newsmakers WDBC

July 1

Naomi Fletcher, Weatherization Director, Community Action Agency

CAA is urging residents to apply for weatherization funds now instead of waiting for winter when it is more difficult to respond. The funds help those eligible to weatherize their homes.

State Sen. Ed McBroom

Talked about what it is like being a senator compared to a representative. Talked about the attorney general's lawsuit against Line 5 and why he believes the tunnel to house the pipeline is important. Talked about why he opposes the governor's request for 45 cents a gallon to repair roads.

July 2

Dennis Grall, Delta County Cancer Alliance

24th annual Golf fundraiser will be held July 11, It's a four person scramble. The funds are used to help people dealing with cancer with expenses such as travel and stays for treatment. Held at Escanaba Country Club.

Patrick Jordan, Escanaba City Manager

Talked about potential changes to the city's dog ordinance. It currently says dogs need to be under control of their owners. The new ordinance clarifies that under control means on a leash. Meant to control dogs running loose in the city. Talked about the effort to develop the former jail site and shoreline city property. Talked about the interest to handle Great Lakes cruises.

July 3

Phil Strom, Delta County Administrator

Talked about the transition to the new jail. Learning about staffing needs. Talked about construction issues with the new building. Talked about how the jail will accommodate programs to reduce recidivism. Talked about the need to assess the conditions of all county buildings.

Kim Peterson, Escanaba City Recreation Director

Talked about the Fourth of July activities in Ludington Park. Music and city band. There will also be a movie after the fireworks, Dumbo. Rock the Dock runs July 5-6. Includes music in the park and other activities.

July 8

Damon Hastings, OSF Physical Therapist

He will offer a program called LSBT Big and Loud for people with Parkinson's disease. It is to help them dealing with problem talking. It will be held Thursday at the Gary Abrahamsson Memory Care Center.

Julie Mallard, United Way of Delta County and Tonya Gartland, Delta Animal Shelter

The Delta Animal Shelter is a new recipient of United Way funds. UW is support the shelter's reading program for kids at the shelter and having animals visit nursing homes.

July 9

Brad Mantella, Gladstone City Commissioner

Talked about the Fourth of July parade and activities. Talked about bringing log rolling back to Gladstone. It is the second year. Talked about the assessment of property owners along the 9th Street Project. The city council voted to approve a new K9 unit.

Pasta Warslter and Steve Hooper

Hooper is offering a front porch concert on July 20 at Fayette State Park. He talked about writing his music on the history of the Upper Peninsula. Warstler talked about the anniversary celebration of the Fayette.

July 10

Brett Gardiner, Delta County Prosecutor

Talked about arraignment changes that requires an attorney at arraignments. It was done to accommodate defeats but has put a stain on the system. Talked about how it is working in Delta County.

Steve Howes, Delta Schoolcraft ISD Community Task Force

The goal is reduce idle times for students and control issues such as mental health. To give them something to do during the summer, there will be a day at the DNR Pocket Park. Open to any student age 8-18 in the ISD area. Includes free lunch at the schools and transportation to the park.

July 11

Roy Dalgren, U.P. Trappers Association

The 57th annual U.P. Trappers Convention and Outdoor Show will be held July 26-27 at the U.P. State Fairgrounds. It's the biggest trapping show in the Midwest.

Robert Micheau, Visit Escanaba

Little Bay de Noc has been listed as a top Bass fishing water. He talked about the fishery picking up as walleye declines. Talked about how it impacts the tourism economy in the area.

July 12

State Rep. Beau LaFave

Talked about alternate legislation sponsored by the U.P. delegation on changes of the commercial fishing industry. He feels it the state is trying to put them out of business. Their legislation would be more supportive of the industry in the U.P.

Doug Licensing, Superintendent of the Delta Schoolcraft ISD

Received a Michigan Health Endowment Fund \$100,000 grant for the work of the mental health task force. Received a \$450,000 for a social worker and training of teachers for best practices to meet student social emotional needs.

July 15

Beth Cox, glass artist

Talked about the Fires Around the Lakes glass exhibit at the Bonifas Arts Center and demonstrations at the U.P. State Fairgrounds as part of regional event called Glass Gathering.

Rory Mattson, Delta Conservation District

Talked the annual meeting on August 7 at Pioneer Trail Park. They will elect new board members. There will also be a presentation on the history of the Delta County Forest.

July 17

Phil Strom, Delta County Administrator

Talked about public sale of items from the old jail. Includes such things as piping and metal. Other items will be sold online. Talked about changes with the child advocacy center. Breaking with the current group and establishing a new program.

Ron Miaso, Gladstone DDA Director

Talked about the Farmer's County Market. It will include a polka band as part of senior citizen's day at the market. The DDA will also host a Delta Chamber Business After Hours. It is a community block party for the community. Eleven businesses are participating.

July 18

Laura Coleman, Bay College President

Talked about golf outing at Escanaba Country Club. It is hosted by the foundation to benefit students with scholarships. About \$400,000 has been awarded over the years.

Coby Fletcher, Escanaba School Superintendent

The school board is looking at closing either the Upper Elementary or Soo Hill school. Talked about the different choices and student population. Student numbers are dropping.

July 19

Marc Tall, Escanaba City Mayor

Talked about the city manager evaluation. He says the evaluation went well. Talked about things that could be done better. Talked about goals such as better communication and completing the redevelopment of the jail and city property.

July 22

David Dzour, Delta County Veterans Service Officer

Talked about presentation to county board on how the agency is doing. Serve 544 veterans during past 11 months. Able to serve more veterans with full time position. Talked about services available such as rides to VA hospital in Iron Mountain.

Kim Peterson, Escanaba Recreation Director and Tonya Ettenhofer, Big Brothers Big Sisters

They are dropping golf balls as a fundraiser at Rock the Dock. Tickets are for sale. The object is to have a golf ball hit a hole or be close. Proceeds help Big Brothers Big Sisters with mentoring program.

July 23

Dave Douglas, Director of Golf at Island Resort & Casino and Casey Vandamme, South Dakota State University Golf Coach

Talked about the first Island Resort Intercollegiate Golf Tournament at the Sage Run Golf Course. College teams across the U.S. will participate. Sept. 1 and 2. Public is welcome for free. Also looking for volunteers to help.

July 24

Ken Buckholtz, Wheelin Sportsmen

Talked about turkey hunting in the spring with disabled hunters. Talked about the success of 65 hunters to harvest 9 turkeys and 35 deer. They took out 40 new hunters who have not been able to hunt because of the disabilities.

Sue Parker, Escanaba Downtown Partners in Business

Talked about upcoming Sidewalk Sales in the downtown. It will be on Saturday again. It includes a car show, demonstrates, vendors and city band. Businesses will have merchandise on the sidewalk.

July 25

1st Lt Gregg Cunningham, Gladstone State Police Post Commander

Talked about changes with the child advocacy center and the need for the program. Important for law enforcement that needs to do forensic interviewing of children in sexual abuse cases. Will be held on a regional basis.

Larry Gravatt, Escanaba Harbormaster

Talked about Marina Fest that will be held at the Escanaba Harbor. Meant to highlight the marina. Ran through entertainers for the festival.

July 26

Dan Bender, Escanaba DDA Chair and Ed Legault, Escanaba DDA Director

Talked about all the activities in the downtown. Talked about updating DDA goals with input from new members. Will include reviewing the city's master plan. Talked about the DDA involvement with the redevelopment of the former jail site and city waterfront property.

Les Johnson, Predator Quest

He will be a presenter at the U.P. Trappers Convention and Outdoor Expo. Talked about his TV show and his efforts trapping coyotes. Talked about the expo at the U.P. State Fairgrounds.

Mary Larsen, Isabella Blueberry Festival

Talked about the Blueberry Festival at the township hall. Includes blueberry foods. Funds will help restore the 112 year old Grange hall. It relates to the agriculture industry in late 1800s.

July 29

Vickie Micheau, Delta Chamber of Commerce Director

Talked about the new chamber building. There will be a ribbon cutting during the fair. Offices will still be at the grandstand. Held a donor reception last week for a first look. Talked about the Webster Marble museum.

July 30

Jesse Traub, Canterbury Book Store

Talked about 13 authors who will be at the book store for an author event.

July 31

Ron Miaso, Gladstone DDA

Talked about changes with the 9th Street Project. Construction has been delayed. The commission decided to go back to the original plans before scaling project back. The DDA will help with the additional money. He says they would still have to go back in a few years anyway to do the projects.

August 1

Delta County Sheriff Ed Oswald

Talked about how the operations of the new jail are going. Some issues with the building. Mostly software with video visits and operations. The jail population has grown with the new jail because the space is available. Judges don't have to consider who to release. Staff had to readjust how they do their jobs compared to former jail.

Sue Roll, Bonifas Arts Center Director

Talked about the upcoming Waterfront Art Festival. It will be held Saturday at Ludington Park. More than 50 vendors will attend as well a Youth Marketplace and craft tent. Includes music and food vendors.

August 2

Escanaba City Manager Patrick Jordan

Talked about the vote to have First Bank do investment funds. It is due to retirement of Bob Valentine as city treasurer. He is now working at First Bank.

Jane Szulalowski, Anytime Fitness and Lanie Morris, Goat Yoga

Goat Yoga is being offered at the U.P. State Fair. Morris started as a way to deal with personal issues. Says humans take on the energy of the animals and reduce stress. The event will be held at the activities tent on Friday during the fair.

August 5

State Sen. Ed McBroom

Talked about his reaction to the state Attorney General Dana Nessel to oppose the delisting of wolves. He says he is irritated especially since there is not a legal issue at stake. He says she is overstepping her authority. McBroom is chair of the Senate Natural Resources Committee.

Dr. Conway McLean

He is expanding his Podiatrist practice to Escanaba. He has an office in Marquette. At 1320 Ludington Street. He is responding to patients who drive from Escanaba. Talked about effects of diabetes. Also foot wounds.

August 6

Ken Bucholtz, Wheelin' Sportsmen

Talked about turkey hunting increasing in Michigan. The state now ranks fourth in the nation. Talked about concentrating on habitat. He credits that for the turnaround.

Sue Gartland, Delta Animal Shelter

Talked about Kids Care Fridays. It allows teenagers to learn how to take care of the animals. They feed, water, exercise, and housecleaning. It also exposes them to veterinarian services. Even watch a surgery.

August 7

Michigan U.S. Senator Gary Peters

Talking from EMP in Escanaba about manufacturing. It included a demonstration from the Escanaba Robomos robotics team. He wants to focus on manufacturing legislation to include an institute to coordinate efforts nationally. It is part of his motorcycle trip across Michigan.

Phil Strom, Delta County Administrator

Storm is taking a new position in Grand Rapids. Talked about leaving Delta County and what the Board of Commissioners needs to do to find a new administrator. Believes Delta County is in a great condition including finishing the jail, road patrol funding renewed, balanced budget, developed county forest and made partnerships. Challenges include flat revenue sharing from state.

August 8

Sunday Quinn, Race Driven and Kim Robitaille, WYKX, WDBC

Talked about a fundraiser for the U.P. Honor Flight called Pulling for Honor. Teams will see how far they can pull a FedEx truck on Ludington Street. It is hosted by BNI which they are part of.

State Rep. Beau LaFave

Talked about the legislation for a Natural Resources Commission for just the Upper Peninsula. It would be responsible for wildlife management in the U.P. They are also looking to get a ballot proposal. Says they are getting support below the bridge. It came

about because of the vote to ban baiting and feeding of deer by the state Natural Resources Commission.

August 9

Rich Anzalone, Delta County Historical Society

The historical society's annual meeting will be held at the Highland Golf Course. Reservations are needed for the event. The meeting is at 7 p.m. Then Anzalone will present on Bernie Schultz, former Daily Press photographer.

Gabe Kulka, Escanaba Robomos coach and Annie Kluka, Robomo member

Talked about their presentation to Michigan U.S. Senator Gary Peters at EMP. Annie says it was an amazing experience to talk with the Senator. Talked about the team and what they are doing.

August 12

Julie Mallard, United Way of Delta County and Tonya Ettenhofer, Big Brothers Big Sisters

United Way will have a community conversation focused on senior issues. Looking for input on senior concerns and challenges they face. Held at Northwoods Senior Living. United Way support BBBS. They are preparing for school programs. Looking for mentors to work with students in mentoring program.

Victoria Merchberger, 2018 U.P. State Fair Queen and Rebecca Havlek, 2018 Princess
Talked about their reigns during the past year. New Queen and Princess will be picked at the fair. Both have shown animals at the fair. Talked about their experiences and the program.

August 13

Brad Mantella, Gladstone City Commissioner

Talked about the firing of Darcy Long as city manager. Talked about 13 reasons for the dismissal. The biggest concern was communication with the public, staff and commission. Talked about what is going to happen now and how the city will fare.

Casey Labady, Austin Bilterman, Page Welch, 4-H participants at the U.P. State Fair
They are showing hogs at the U.P. State Fair. Talked about raising the animals and what it takes to show them at the fair.

August 14

Dr. Jim Olson

A graduate of Escanaba high school who is now working on research to cure cancer. He is in Seattle. Talked about the advancement of survival. He is working on new techniques without the side effects of chemo therapy.

Emma Axel, Cora Bodeau, Joel Bodeau, 4-H Sheep & Goats and Rocheal Sundstorm, Assistant Superintendent

Talked about the show of goats and sheep at the U.P. State Fair and the process of raising them. Sundstorm talked about how raising the animals is beneficial to the kids in the program.

Marlee Larsen, Grand Champion Steer, Ethan VanEnkenfort, Grand Champion Middleweight, Connie Francis, Assistant Superintendent

Francis talked about what is required of kids during the fair. VanEnkenfort talked about the special techniques he uses to make his steer and out. 66 steers were shown at the fair. Larsen talked about winning the grand champion.

August 15

Lauren Wickman, Chief Assistant Delta County Prosecutor

She focuses on drug prosecutions. She talked about the problem, the goals of fighting drug trafficking and how she works with law enforcement. She talked about how drugs are impacting the community.

Congressman Jack Bergman

Talked about the construction at the VA Hospital in Iron Mountain. He serves on the Veterans Affairs committee. Talked about the need of the new hospice program. Talked about the mission act that was suppose to correct previous legislation. It adds urgent care locally.

Lt John Gudwer, Escanaba Public Safety

Talked about the third annual Citizens Academy that Escanaba Public will host. Looking for participants. Covers a wide variety of subjects such as use of force, community policing, fire safety and more.

August 16

Gary McDowell, Michigan Director of Agriculture and Rural Development

Talked about the U.P. State Fair and fairs mean to the community. He took a tour with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer at the animal barns. Talked about the impact of fairs and raising animals on kids. Talked about the impact on farmers in Michigan and what the state is trying to do to help. He says the problem is historic. High water is causing problems.

Patrick Jordan, Escanaba City Manager

Talked about the bottomland conveyance for the property at the former jail site. Half of the parcel is fill so is still considered bottomlands owned by the state. The county and city is currently in the process purchasing the bottomlands. The same problem could happen at the Chamber building property. Looking to sell the property to developers.

Dylan Bloneyears, Delta County Credit Union

Spiderman and Captain America will be at the U.P. State Fair this year. They will be talking with kids and taking pictures. The credit union is sponsoring the event.

August 19

Rick Elrod, Mish Sports

Talked about the upcoming Mish Experience and Triathlon that will be held on Saturday. It is a paddle triathlon. Instead of swimming, participants will kayak or paddle board a portion of Little Bay de Noc for 3 miles. They will then bike and run for a total of 19.5 miles.

John James, candidate for Michigan U.S. Senate

Talked about being at the U.P. State Fair Veterans recognition program. He will be at Jacobetti Home to offer money to veterans programs. Talked about the lives of older veterans. Talked about touring the U.P. in his campaign.

August 20

State Sen. Ed McBroom

Talked at the Delta County Joint Governmental Meeting about the negotiations of the state budget and conflicts with the governor on road funding and other issues.

Ron Miaso, Gladstone Downtown Development Authority

Had a joint meeting with the city commission on funding for the 9th Street construction project. They are looking to do the entire project rather than the scaled back project. Talked about how to figure out how to pay for the expanded project. The DDA is going to do more.

August 21

State Rep. Beau LaFave

Talked about Mountain Dew making the Upper Peninsula as part of Wisconsin rather than Michigan. Felt they did their best to make up for it. They made special Upper Peninsula bottles. Talked about the budget process and differences between the House

and Senate as well as conflicts with the governor. He says they are close to an agreement.

August 22

Coby Fletcher, Escanaba School Superintendent and Tony Perino, Athletic Director
Talked about the new school year and the activities leading up to it, what the kids need to do to get ready and the new Kindergarten program. Perino is new to the position.
Talked about scheduling teams and the athletic programs at the school.

Laura Coleman, Bay College President

Talked about the upcoming millage election in November. Talked about the replacing boilers, light fixtures and adding security measures. Talked about the need for the money. If doesn't pass, it could raise tuition.

August 23

Rusty Bluse, Escanaba Fan Club

Talked about the annual veteran's recognition night and Quarterback recognition at the first home football game. The veterans get a picnic and then go out on the field before the game for recognition and shake the football player hands. The Quarterback Club inducts new members of former players for the Wall of Fame under the grandstands.

Ed Legault, Escanaba Downtown Development Authority Director and Dan Bender DDA Chair

The new board will hold a work session to develop new visions for the downtown. It is a priority for Bender after taking over as chair. Talked about the DDA involvement of an \$18.5 million development project at the site of the former jail. Bender says the project is long overdue.

August 26

Ken Bucholtz, Wheeling Sportsmen

He gave a tour of his trailer that is equipped as a hunting bling for those with disabilities. It includes a shooting platform. He talked about how it works. Wheeling Sportsmen was holding a fundraiser at Cat-Man-Do's.

August 27

Brad Mantella, Gladstone City Commission

The commission agreed to go ahead with an expanded 9th Street Project. Says it is more efficient and practical. The next thing they need to do is set the assessment district. A hearing is scheduled for affected property owners. After that they will process

with the bonding.

Captain Jamie Segorski, Escanaba Public Safety and Patrick Jordan, Escanaba City Manager

Talked about the immediate need for crossing guards at area schools. The schools are no longer hiring cross guards and state law requires the city to be responsible. Talked about the requirement and time commitment. Segorski says it's a great way to give back to the community.

August 28

Sue Roll, Bonifas Arts Center

Talked about the fall schedule at the community art center. It includes lifestyle, youth and artists classes and workshops. Also upcoming Northern Exposure exhibit at the gallery that features Upper Peninsula artists.

Wendy Pepin

Talked about scheduling for a spade and neuter program through the group All About Animals. It is a mobile unit that can provide surgeries on the animals. There is demand for the service. Talked about the need to spade and neuter cats and dogs.

August 29

1st Lt. Gregg Cunningham, Michigan State Police

Talked about the human trafficking arrests in Menominee County. Talked about the problem in the community and why they need to target human trafficking. He says the response was alarming and the demand for that needs to be addressed.

Roland Jacobson and Barb Gabriel, Hope at the Inn

A fundraiser will be held at the Salvation Army. It is a taco fundraiser. The money will be used for the homeless shelter that rotates among area churches.

Dave Howes, Escanaba High School Football Coach

Talked about the home opener of the high school football team. It is his fifth year as coach. Talked about the changes on the team. Wants to see how they will be working together as a team.

August 30

Dan Levelly and Butch LaBay, Quarterback Club Wall of Fame inductees

Talked about their time on the Escanaba High School football teams and what it means to be inducted into the Quarterback Club's Wall of Fame. They were recognized during

halftime of the game.

Rory Mattson, Delta Conservation District

Looking for new foresters to work in the Delta Conservation District. The job includes going on private property and assisting with timber management. Talked about the requirements for the job.

Henry Schienebeck, Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association

Promoted the upcoming Great Lakes Logging and Heavy Equipment Expo that will be held at the U.P. State Fairgrounds in September. Talked about what might be seen at the show and how technology has changed the industry.

September 3

Mike Dubord talked about his start in radio at WDBC and the people who helped him get started. Talked about interviewing country music stars. Talked about growing up in the community.

Sue Gartland and Tonya Gartland, Delta Animal Shelter

It is the pick population time and the shelter is full of both cats and dogs. Looking to adopt as many animals as possible during the week. A stray cat last night gave birth. Dogs being trained by prison inmates are returning to the shelter.

September 4

Nia Becker, Clare Conservation District

Talked about the problem of gypsy moths and what property owners can do to fight defoliation of trees.

Tom Sabor, Delta County Interim Administrator

He was chosen to guide the county until a new administrator is hired. He lead a county board meeting his first day on the job. He is retired as Delta County Treasurer. Talked about the process to of hiring a new administrator.

Denny Olson, Olson Trucking

He is a member of the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association. His 42nd Great Lakes Logging and Heavy Equipment Expo. It is a major fundraiser for the association to help with lobbying, timber management and industry promotion.

September 5

Delta County Sheriff Ed Oswald

Talked about expanding jail personnel. Have hired some and looking to hire two more. Depends on grant funding. Jail currently has five deputies on at a time. The new jail has already filled to near capacity. It gives the judges more leeway in sentencing convicts.

Henry Schienebeck, Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association

The Great Lakes Logging and Heavy Equipment Expo is getting started at the U.P. State Fairgrounds. Talked about the exhibits by the vendors and their representation of the timber industry. Talked about innovation in new equipment.

September 6

Ron Beauchamp, Woodland

An Iron River company who is showing equipment at the Great Lakes Logging and Heavy Equipment Expo at the U.P. State Fairgrounds. Talked about new equipment they are showing at the show.

Patrick Jordan, Escanaba City Manager

Talked about the 906 Day celebration at Ludington Park. Includes music at the Karas Bandshell. Talked about the sale of property to Proxima Development for a new hotel and retail space. Made clear it does not include the Municipal Dock.

September 9

Travis Snyder

A veteran who is walking around Lake Michigan to bring awareness to veterans suicide and mental health challenges. He is raising funds for an organization. He stayed the night in Escanaba. He talked about how he decided to do the walk. He lost a buddy to suicide who he served with in the Marines.

Julie Mallard, United Way of Delta County and Lori Guilliani, RSVP

Talked about the ads airing for United Way and effort to raise funds. RSVP is one of the organizations that benefit from United Way. The Retired Senior Volunteer Program runs a reading buddies program in schools. The seniors read with students. Looking for volunteers.

September 10

State Rep. Beau LaFave

The legislature and governor have come up with a plan to put together a state budget by October 1. The biggest sticking point is road funding. Talked about the difference in funding proposals. Says he will not vote for a tax increase.

Brad Mantella, Gladstone City Commission

The meeting last night dealt with the special assessment hearing for the 9th Street Project. The amount went up because of the expanded project. Talked about some of the concerns such as no state funding. The commission did vote to approve the assessment.

September 11

Brett Gardiner, Delta County Prosecutor

Talked about 9-11 and need to remember the event to prevent it from happening again. Talked about the round up of drug dealers in neighborhoods to improve the quality of life. Targeting those from outside of the community. Talked about the need to speed up the process and wait of trials.

Kevin Chown and Trevor Ohlsen, musicians

They will be performing at Lake Shore Live at Ludington Park. Chown plays all over the world, He says Ohlsen is an up and comer. They talked about their lives and the music they perform. Talked about the music scene in Escanaba.

September 12

Scott Kanuf, U.P. Honor Flight and Sunday Quinn, BNI

Looking for teams to be part of the Pulling For Honor that will be held in downtown Escanaba. Teams will be pulling a FedEx truck on Ludington Street. The funds raised will be used by the honor flight and an exhibit at the Veterans Museum.

Nick Nolde, Lake Shore Live

A music concert that will be held in Ludington Park at the Karas Bandshell. The 3rd annual event was developed to extend outdoor concerts past Labor Day weekend. Food vendors and music.

September 13

Doug Licensing, superintendent of the Delta Schoolcraft Intermediate School District

Talked about school of choice and how it impacts school districts. They leave for different reasons such as sports, academic or social emotional issues. It can also depend on where parents work.

Cindy Bedard, Shane Lacass, Tony Walker, St. Vincent de Paul

Looking for volunteers at the Escanaba warehouse of St. Vincent de Paul. Bedard talked about the need for volunteers. Lacass and Walker are volunteers at the warehouse. Talked about their experiences and why they volunteer.

September 16

Scott Knauf, Upper Peninsula Honor Flight

Talked about Mission 17 of the U.P. Honor Flight. It includes 85 veterans including three from World War II. Talked about the schedule and what they will be doing in Washington DC. He wants the public to help welcome them home at the Delta County Airport.

Rick Elrod and Andy Klass, Delta County Non-Motorized Trails

Holding a work weekend at the Days River Trail. Looking for volunteers to help with trail work. Talked about they types of projects including laying aggregate and controlling erosion. The trail is known as a cross country ski trail be can also be used for mountain biking and walking.

Septemer 17

Jay Kulbertis, Gladstone and Rapid River Schools

Issues this morning with heavy fog and getting students to school safely. Buses have a large rotating light to be noticed. Hit ground running at start of school. Lots of new teachers and students. Went through some of the new positions.

State Sen. Ed McBroom

He believes the legislature will have a state budget by the end of the month to prevent a governmental shutdown. There is no support for the governor's gas tax to fund road repairs. She is objecting to the legislature wanting to include road construction funds without the taxes. McBroom says they will pass the budget and ask her to sign it.

September 18

Tom Sabor, Delta County Interim Administrator

Talked about the county airport's role in the U.P. Honor Flight that is happening that day. The board received 12 applications for administrator. It will be narrowed to five applications for interviews. Talked about minor adjustments to the county budget.

Ron Miaso, Gladstone Downtown Development Authority Director

He is hoping that development in Escanaba will lead to interest in the North Shore Development Project. He compared it to a similar project in Grand Traverse County. It shows that developers can be interested in projects. Talked about the progress of the North Shore and effort to look for a developer. Starting with an RFQ for potential developers.

September 19

Laura Coleman, Bay College President

The college is showing a Wizard of Oz production at the theater. The college is also hosting an event with kids to show off the campus. It includes the movie for Wizard of Oz. The Chamber Business After Hours will be held at Bay. Also talked about the millage ballot proposal in November.

Harry Krebs, John Nessus and Gary Sanford, Veterans on U.P. Honor Flight

Talked about their experiences in Washington DC as part of the U.P. Honor Flight and what the event meant to them. It includes their reaction to the crowd at the welcome home.

John Stapleton, Executive Director of DATA, Delta Area Transit Authority

Celebrating 30 years of the transit system in Delta County. Talked about the accomplishments and challenges it still faces. They would like to expand to other parts of the county. As part of the anniversary, they are holding an open house at the bus terminal.

September 20

Escapaba Mayor Marc Tall

Talked about the sale of property at the former jail. He says it will have a major impact on the community and will spur other development. Says it is the most monumental decision he has ever made on the council.

Ed Legault, Escanaba Downtown Development Authority

Talked about the need for development at the former jail site. Legault says it matches the master plan and includes private funds. Says it will draw people to the downtown. It will also develop brownfield property.

September 23

Gordy Fitch, Bay College Board of Trustees

He was selected to fill an empty position on the board. Talked about why he wanted to apply for the position and the importance of the college to attract and retain young people.

State Sen. Ed McBroom

Talked about the lawsuit that sided with a pig farmer in Baraga County. As farmer himself, McBroom was pleased with the decision. The DNR banned the pigs as invasive rather than a domestic animal. Found the process frustrating. He says the state took property without compensation.

September 24

Brad Mantella, Gladstone City Commission

The commission elected Greg Selinski as a new commissioner to replace Dave Nemacheck who passed away. They had six applications.

September 25

Sue Roll, Executive Director Bonifas Arts Center

Talked about Tahitian Workout tonight at the Bonifas as part of lifestyles events. Culinary arts is following week. They will be offering vegan recipes. The exhibit is the Northern Exposure featuring Upper Peninsula artists. Reception will be held with awards.

September 26

1st Lt Gregg Cunningham, Michigan State Police

Talked about the sink hole in U.S. 2 near the bridge in Manistique. Crews are looking at the integrity of the roadway. It was caused by utility pipelines.

September 27

Jamie Peterson, Social Security Administration

Encouraged people to look at online services on their website through a MySocialSecurity account. Talked about options or different things they can do on the site.

Mike Sattlem, Hereford and Hops Brewmaster

Talked about the impact of Brew Pubs in Michigan. Michigan is trying to be known as the Craft Beer State. Invest U.P. says economic impact of 23 breweries in Upper Peninsula is growing. Talked about his brewery at H&H and the different types of beers available.

September 30

Joe DeChristopher, musician

He wrote a song he performed at the Bonifas Arts Center about his experiences as a soldier in Vietnam. It was based on nurses he met in Vietnam. Says it was therapeutic to write the song.