

JANUARY 2019

2 Emile Schada, Bay College

Talked about an off Broadway production called, Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus. Will be performed at the Besse Theater and a discussion will follow.

3 State Rep. Beau LaFave

Talked about the new session that started on January 1. Talked about various bills that were passed during lame duck session in December and what the new administration means for the future.

4 Patrick Jordan, Escanaba City Manager

Talked about the New Years fireworks. Strong wind but the great fireworks. Talked about the solar panels that are available from the city. The solar garden is now operational. Talked about Brownfield development for two buildings downtown.

7 State Sen. Ed McBroom

Talked about his new position as Senator. Talked about balancing farm work and legislative work. Calling in from his barn. A cow was born ten minutes before. Talked about the committees he wants to chair including Oversight and Natural Resources.

8 Bruce Belanger, Archery Hunter

Talked about the late archery deer hunting season. He likes it because fewer hunters and ability to watch more deer. Talked about how it is different from other hunting seasons.

9 Kim Peterson, Escanaba Recreation Director

Talked about various projects she will talk with the city council during budget sessions. It includes projects from the recently approved recreation plan. Top project is non-motorist trail that just received \$300,000 from the DNR Trust Fund.

10 Cheryl Ohman, Lakestate Industries

Talked about the changes at the facility based on federal regulation changes dealing with people with disabilities. It integrates more with workers in jobs. Talked about what the changes will mean for Lakestate.

11 Doug Lisenring, Delta Schoolcraft ISD

Talked about the mental health task force that the group is working on. It includes state funding for behavior health officials at ISD's. With help with student behavior affected by mental health issues.

14 Congressman Jack Bergman

Talked about the federal government shutdown. He says he is disappointed in the new House leadership and their reluctance to go to the bargaining table. Says there is a lot of freshmen energy in Washington DC. Talked about what he learned in his first session and what he expects in his second term.

15 Brenden Bennet, Bella Wessel, Escanaba High School Seniors

Talked about a pancake dinner by the Band Boosters group. Various band groups will also be playing

during the fundraiser. Supports the band programs at the school including Solo Ensemble competitions.

16 Coby Fletcher, Escanaba School Superintendent

Talked about the election of new school board officers. Talked about an open position and how people can apply for the position. Talked about establishing a new rental fee structure for school facility.

17 Marilyn Noble, Elder Abuse Speaker

Talked about elder abuse at the Memory Care Facility. It can be physical, mental and financial abuse. Talked about what to look for and how you can help.

18 Roy Dahlgren, U.P. Trappers Association

Talked about the Trappers Workshop that will be held in Hermansville. Aimed at kids to learn more about trapping. Each participant will walk away with a trap.

21 Jessica Lamarch, Bay de Noc Beekeeping Club

Talked about a workshop at Bay College to teach beekeeping techniques. Talked about equipment that is available and different types of bees that can survive in the U.P.

22 Brett Gardiner, Delta County Prosecutor

Talked about local government options now that recreational marijuana has been approved by voters. They have the right to opt out of commercial sales. He outlines what that means and how it can be done.

23 Jeffry Sierpien, Delta County Airport Manager

Talked about the boarding numbers for 2018. Again qualify for federal funds. He talked about why that is important to the airport and community and how the funds will be used.

24 Dennis Moberg, Marble Plus Club

Talked about the 24th annual Cabin Fever Gun and Knife Show at the Rapid River Lions Club. The main focus is on Marble's products but other items are shown too. Funds support area charities.

25 Ed Lagualt, Escanaba Downtown Development Authority

Talked about snow removal in the downtown area. Talked about the upcoming budget sessions. With the Marketplace completed, the budget is smaller. Working on facade projects, sidewalk and curb repair and other activities.

28 Dorothy Kollman, Special Olympics

Talked about the Special Olympics Basketball Tournament that will be held at the Escanaba High School. It is sponsored by the Escanaba Kiwanis Club. Talked about what the tournament means for those who participate.

29 Kieth Whitman, Holy Name High School Planning Committee

Announced the campaign to raise funds to reopen the Holy Name High School. Talked about where they plan to get students to attend and why they want to reopen the school. Talked about the plans to add on to the school.

30 Staci Berg, Bonifas Arts Center

Talked about the various activities at the Bonifas including Fannel Fest to raise funds for the art center. Also different types of classes and workshops.

31 Patrick Jordan, Escanaba City Manager

Talked about the city water main break at the city's main intersection. Crews searching for break. Section of city is closed. City asking residents to limit water usage. Water was quickly draining from the water tower.

FEBRUARY 2019

1 1st Lt. Gregg Cunningham, Gladstone Post Commander

Talked about the visit of the new State Police Director. There is a focus on the Troopers in the field. Talked about increasing staffing at posts.

5 Tonya Gartland, Sue Gartland, Delta Animal Shelter

Talked about the Valentine Day event at the shelter. Included microchip and kissing booth photos. Talked about an animal abuse case and how the shelter got involved. People are reporting more animal abuse and neglect cases.

6 Phil Strom, Delta County Administrator

Talked about new fees at the county campgrounds and future development including a sewer at sites at Pioneer Trail. Talked about county asking for renewal of road patrol and 911 millages.

7 Ed Oswald, Delta County Sheriff

Talked about the need to be careful of where plows put snow. Improper plowing can hurt county plows. Talked about laws concerning snowplowing.

8 Tracy Claramount, DNR Fisheries Biologist

Talked about the creel survey starting this winter. Determines fishing effort and success. Followed trends for Little Bay de Noc, Munising, Marquette and Keweenaw Bay.

11 Julie Mallard, United Way of Delta County and Kyle Rambo, Catholic Social Services

Talked about the United Way campaign. It is lower than last year. Will now get ready to allocate the funds to agencies like Catholic Social Services. They have been operating the halfway house. Talked about its operations and how it is helping.

12 Darcy Long, Gladstone City Manager

Gladstone is doing an infiltration study to see where their water is going before getting funds to upgrade the system. Did flow monitoring study. It found infiltration of mainly sand in Bluff area.

13 James Nelson, Author

Talked his book about the Polar Bear troops from Michigan that fought in Russia during World War I. He

called it the forgotten war. Talked about the history and what it meant.

14 Nicole Fitch, Northern Lights YMCA

Talked about the annual campaign to raise funds for financial assistance to make it accessible to everybody. Promotes wellness and youth programs. Talked about how to help.

18 Rory Mattson, Delta Conservation District

He testified before Senate Oversight Committee on the governor's reorganization of the Department of Environmental Quality. It includes a new name and elimination of boards set up in last session to give oversight to DEQ.

19 State Rep. Beau LaFave

Talked about the Governor's State of the State address in Lansing. Want to hear more about how she would govern. Topics included road repair and education funding.

20 Phil Strom, Delta County Administrator

Talked about the progress of the new county jail. Making progress on small details. Starting effort to move in.

21 Matt Johnson, Bay College Athletic Director

Talked about the basketball season. The college is building a new addition that would give Bay teams new lockrooms to separate from the YMCA. The success of the teams is getting noticed.

22 Patrick Jordan, Escanaba City Manager

Talked about city crews efforts to remove snow. Talked about the high snow banks and creeping on the streets. Talked about how it is disposed of at Ludington Park.

25 Lynn Soderberg, Players de Noc

Talked about the musical Gypsy that she is directing. Talked about why she chose it, the history of the play and the Players de Noc's production. Talked about how to get tickets and when the performances will be held.

26 Brand Mantella, Gladstone City Commissioner

The commission established a DDA citizens council to provide input to the DDA on priorities and projects. The 9th Street Project is the main goal of the DDA right now.

27 Members of the Escanaba Student Council

Talked about a fundraising effort at the basketball to raise funds for leukemia. Talked about why and how people can donate.

MARCH 2019

8 Lisa Valentine, 906 Drive and Josh Barron, Midwest Truck Driving School

Talked about the use of the skid pad at the U.P. State Fairgrounds to help drivers understand how ice

and water causing problems on the roads. They gave a demonstration at traffic safety meeting.

12 Lana Berg, Welcome Newborns

Talked about using pinwheels to symbolize Child Abuse Awareness Month in April. Talked efforts to help new parents know how handle a baby without hurting it. Also going to participate in event at Delta Plaza highlighting services.

13 Al Ettenhofer, U.P. Whitetails

Talked about the need for supplemental feeding because of the harsh winter this year. Large amount of snow in February. They are buying feed for landowners to help feed deer on their properties.

14 Rory Mattson, Delta Conservation District

Talked about the condition of the deer herd and severity of the winter. Talked about the need to continue feeding deer through May when green up starts.

15 Charles Lindquist, Delta County Historical Society

Talked about his presentation of Escanaba in the 1920s: Shipping, Shopping and Sewers. It will be presented at Bay College. Talked about the importance of shipping in the 1920s, what the downtown retail was like and the start of building utilities in the city.

18 Terry Minzy, DNR Regional Wildlife Supervisor

Talked about the DNR allowing supplemental feeding. Permits are needed. Talked about why they are allowing it. It is a concern because chronic wasting disease was found in Dickinson County.

19 Jay Kulbertis, Gladstone and Rapid River Superintendent

Talked about financial literacy program in K-12. Funding was provided by an alumni. Give students an understanding of money and how to handle it.

20 Ron Miaso, Gladstone Downtown Development Authority

Talked about the progress of the 9th Street Project. They are ready to go to bids. Project is to begin this spring.

21 Laura Coleman, Bay College

Talked about their record retention program. It allowed the college to dispose of records. It allow more room at the college. Shredded 11,000 pounds.