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3 Gregg Cunningham, Gladstone State Police Post Commander

Talked about flooding issues on the rivers in the U.P. due to ice backups. Talked about a new drug that is causing problems, especially on roads. Benzos is causing people to fall a sleep at the wheel.

4 Pasqua Warstler and Sue Roll, Bonifas Arts Center

Sue Roll is taking over as executive director of the Bonifas. Pasque will remain as gallery director. Talked about the condition of the arts center and what it takes to be executive director.

5 Mike Olsen, Bay de Noc Choral Society

Talked about their spring concert at Bethany Lutheran Church on Sunday. Talked about the various songs that the group will perform.

6 Wendy Pepin, Blues for a Cause

Talked about a concert to support the Rotary Club's Camp Harstad. They are trying to develop a trust to help handicap kids attend. The group Reverend and the Chain Smoking Alter Boys will perform.

9 Peggy O'Connell Shumann, Escanaba City Council

Talked about being a new member of the city council. Talked about the harassment of seagulls to remove them from business areas.

10 Alica Milum, Victim Services Unit at the Delta County Sheriff's office

Talked about what they do during tragedies to assist victims. It is crime victim awareness week. They are called to give assistance when officers need to focus on other duties.

11 Brad Mantella, Gladstone City Commission

Talked about the city's \$15 million budget that was approved. Talked about the process of developing the budget and the utilities rate increases for water and wastewater.

12 Ryan Bergman, Delta County Administrator

Talked about him leaving the job and the impact he has had on the county and its employees. Talked about the new administrator Phil Strom.

13 Karen Alvord and Kimberly Rudden, Delta County Prosecutors Office

Talked about their roles as Victim Witness Coordinator and Victim Outreach Coordinator with the county as part of crime victim awareness week.

16 Doug Lisenring, Delta Schoolcraft Intermediate School District Superintendent

Talked about the rules of snow days in Michigan. There has been a lot of snow in April. Also talked about a meeting with students and parents affected by the closure of the program in Gladstone and Rapid River schools.

17 Rory Mattson, Delta Conservation District

Talked about the tree sale as a fundraiser for the conservation district. Talked about planting trees with a late snow this year. Talked about the different variety of trees and how they can be used for different goals on the property.

18 Lori Mold, Delta Schoolcraft Great Start Collaborative

Talked about the Fun Fest for families with kids up to 8 years old at the Delta Plaza Mall. There will be 29 different stations for kids to participate in the program.

19 Ron Miaso, Gladstone Downtown Development Authority

Talked about raffling bikes at the Farmers Market as a way to promote the program. Talked about the types of things that will be available at the Farmer's Market. Also music will be performed at the events this year.

20 Laura Coleman, Bay College President

Talked about a community satisfaction survey. They rated 4.4 out of 5. It pointed out what students and the community like about the college such as facility accessibility and art performances at the theater.

23 State Rep. Beau LaFave

Talked about a video tapping on the House floor when he was confronted by a Detroit Representative. She claimed it was not fair that he talks about her on Facebook about her position on gun rights.

24 Karen Lindquist, Delta County Historical Society

Talked about her presentation at city hall on the historical aspects of homes in Escanaba. It was a project where she matched the old photos with current homes in order to find locations.

25 Wendy Pepin, Blues for a Cause

Talked about another concert, this time at the Bonifas. It features Kraig Kenning, a blues, folk singer, songwriter. The concert supports the Bonifas.

26 Steve O'Driscoll and Mark Cowman, Players de Noc

Talked about the production Dinner With Friends. It features two couples, one is splitting up. It deals with the different relationships and how they move forward.

27 Vicki Schwab and Marilyn Kensey, Delta County Economic Development Alliance

Assisted 300 clients for a record economic development year at the EDA. Talked about what it means for Delta County. Kensey talked about the 25 years of the Alliance and the impact on the community.

30 Gregg Cunningham, Gladstone State Police Post

Talked about school safety and the governor's new school safety proposals. He sent letters to 28 schools in his area to talk about assigning an officer to the school.

MAY 2018

1 Congressman Jack Bergman

Talked about meeting with President Trump during a rally in Detroit. It was an opportunity to talk about the importance of the Soo Locks and a new lock. Trump gave his support to the locks during the speech.

2 Jesse Traub and Becky Bender, Canterbury Bookstore

Talked about why they decided to buy the Canterbury Bookstore in downtown Escanaba. The store is now open. Talked how to make a bookstore relevant in the digital age.

3 Tonya Gartland, Delta Animal Shelter

Talked about the Bissell Foundation's Empty the Shelter event Saturday. They pay for the adoption of animals that day. They are spayed and neutered and microchipped. Talked about the adoption of the 44 dogs taken from a home and the effort to make some of them social again.

4 Ed Oswald, Delta County Sheriff

The construction of the new correctional center is 50 percent complete. Pods are in, center control tower is in and concrete inside walls are up. Talked about the progress and what it will mean when completed.

7 Coby Fletcher, Dan Flynn, Bob Chalier, Escanaba Schools

Talked about the need for the sinking fund ballot proposal to pass. The need is for school security changes, building repairs and technology upgrades. The fund is for 5 years and needs to be approved by voters.

8 Eric VanDamme, Mid Peninsula School Superintendent

Talked about being accepted in the early middle college program at Bay College. Felt it was a good option for the small school. The students take a fifth year of high school and receive a free certificate or degree at Bay.

9 Tina Jensen, Mary Ann Wydell, Bay College Alumni

The Bay College Alumni is holding a reception at Herford and Hops for the new graduates at Bay. Important to re-connect with those who went to Bay and with people in the community. Free event but has cash bar and 50/50 raffle.

10 Priscilla Green, First Presbyterian Church

Talked about the annual Spring Salad Luncheon. The first one was in 1974. She had a cookbook of salads from them. They were more jello based then. Talked about how they are different now. Fundraiser helps support community groups.

11 Kim Peterson, Escanaba Recreation Director

Talked about the brat and hot dog sale at Elmer's County Market to raise funds for the movie night in the park. Two nights are scheduled in June and August.

14 Macy Hansen, Avery Hansen, Remington Steele, Cloe Hansen, 906 Livestock Group

The 4-H kids talked about a cattle clinic for other kids to learn what it takes to show animals at fairs. They will learn care of the animals, technique in showing and grooming animals for show.

15 State Sen. Tom Casperson

Talked about Aquila Resources unable to get its final permit, the wetland permit, to begin its mining operation in Menominee County. Casperson says the MDEQ is not handling the permit correctly. The issue came to head in a conversation with the governor.

16 Brad Mantella, Gladstone City Commission and Darcy Long, City Manager

Talked about the reconstruction needs of 15th Street in Gladstone. It is a long rural street that runs through a marsh. It has been suffering water damage. Talked about possible ways to handle repairs.

17 Phil Strom, Delta County Administrator

Talked about the agreement to lease airport property by the city of Escanaba to construct a solar garden. Talked about the county interest in purchasing some of the panels to help offset its electric costs.

18 Todd Beauchamp and Mark Ammel, Esky Cleanup

Talked about the need for groups to help with the annual Esky Cleanup day in downtown Escanaba. Groups will be assigned a location. They will then get together for food and prizes after cleanup.

21 Scott Knauf, Upper Peninsula Honor Flight

Talked about the 14th mission to Washington DC. 81 veterans which is the most they've had on a flight. Includes Vietnam Veterans. Starting to include more of the U.P.

22 Ashley Bejorn, Cindy Stock Benefit

The benefit helps a retired teacher from Gladstone with medical needs. The benefit includes food, prizes and games.

23 Coby Fletcher, Escanaba School Superintendent

Talked about the consolidation of Kindergarten at the Webster Elementary School building. They will be able to better provide services and control class sizes. Will help with transportation too. Do have to alleviate parent concerns.

24 Jay Kulbertis, Gladstone School Superintendent

Talked about meeting student needs that they now have to deal with. He calls it alarming issues. Need to find best approaches in dealing with behavioral issues. Will add a person to help.

25 Charles Lindquist, Delta County Historical Society

Memorial Day is the opening of the museum and Sand Point Lighthouse. Have already been giving tours to students. Talked about the growing number of people who visited the museum last year. Two new displays are ready for this year.

29 Ed Leault and Sue Parker, Escanaba Downtown Development Authority

The DDA is developing a new fee structure for the Escanaba Marketplace. The deposit was set higher than the rental fee which was dissuading people from renting the facility. Looking for more people to rent the marketplace.

30 Delta County Drug Court

Played portions of the Drug Court graduation ceremony of the first people who completed the drug program. Included statements from the participants, Delta County District Court Judge Steve Parks, former Delta County Circuit Court Judge Stephen Davis and former Delta County Prosecutor Phil Strom.

31 Robert Micheau, Visit Escanaba

Talked about the upcoming tourist season. Late spring has helped with walleye fishing. Fishing is a big draw to the area. He says the experiences of the area such as beaches, trails and the bay. Festivals are also a big deal.

## JUNE 2018

1 Grace Vial, Angel Klieman, Brook Harris and Jaden Stackowicz, Carney Roundup Rodeo

All are queen candidates for the rodeo. Talked about the rodeo, why people should attend. Also talked about competing queen of the rodeo.

11 Dale Hongito, State Police Community Service Trooper

Talked about the 3rd Michigan State Police Citizen's Academy. It exposes citizens to the inner operations of the state police. Went through the session topics and how to sign up.

12 Julie Mallard, United Way of Delta County

Talked about the poverty rate of Delta County and the need to help the working poor. The United Way focuses on poverty issues.

13 Kim Peterson, Escanaba Recreation Director

Talked about the opening of the beach and wading pool. Swimming lessons start in July when the water is warmer. Talked about the development of a dog park at the Delta County Airport.

14 Tom Ammel, Escanaba Elks Lodge #354

Talked about the Elks Club's Flag Day program that will be held in Ludington Park. It includes readings, the Escanaba City Band and Remnants Chorus. He says it's important to honor and respect the American flag.

15 Suzie and Dave Anthony, Northern Sun Winery and Paula Waeghe, U.P. Honor Flight

Talked about the Fun Day Sunday concert that will be held at the winery to raise funds for the Upper Peninsula Honor Flight. There are three concerts during the summer. Talked about the need for the funds.

18 State Sen. Tom Casperson and his daughter Hillary Ebbeson

Talked about his health issues. Casperson has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. He is planning to finish his term in the Senate. He talked about the treatment program he will be undergoing.

19 Rose Peltier, East Ludington Gallery

Talked about the lecture series at the gallery to help promote artists and encourage others to be involved in art. It will be held the first Thursday of the month.

20 Phil Strom, Delta County Administrator

Talked about the need to increase building permit fees. They are looking to bring them more in line with other counties in the U.P. Talked about construction in the county and what it means for the county's future.

22 Laura Coleman, Bay College

The college and YMCA of Delta County will be receiving money from the Hannahville Indian Community as part of its casino agreement to improve the gymnasium. It means making the facility more acceptable to the college's new sporting programs and better help meet the YMCA building needs, especially day care.

25 Patrick Jordan, Escanaba City Manager

Talked about the city council's discussion to allow bikes on sidewalks in the downtown. They want to mark the designated areas of the sidewalk that bikes can ride. Also talked about product displays by downtown businesses on the sidewalks. Decided to stay with the 2011 guidelines.

26 State Rep. Beau LaFave

Talked about the flooding issues in Menominee County. He toured the damage on county roads and praised local efforts to save G-12, a major road in the middle of the county. Talked about what will happen next. County has been declared a disaster area to get state and eventually federal aid.

27 Darcy Long and Brad Mantella, City of Gladstone

Talked about Fourth of July celebration in the city. Parade is big and held at 11 a.m. Also talked about the new log rolling competition. Also fireworks will be returned to previous location for better viewing.

28 State Rep. Scott Dianda

Talked about what the storm was like that severely damaged roads and homes in Houghton County. He toured the area. Praised the local efforts to start the cleanup and the need for volunteers to do more. Talked about the disaster declaration and the need for state and federal aid.

29 1st Lt Gregg Cunningham, Gladstone State Police Post Commander

He is concerned that the Michigan Department of Transportation will be closing the Escanaba River Bridge on US 2, 41 and M-35. He does not have enough Troopers to cover the detour and he is concerned that there will be too many people unfamiliar with the detour who are visiting the area.