

JULY-SEPTEMBER 2018

JULY 2018

2 Mary Pat Johnson, Delta County Cancer Alliance

Talked about Delta County Cancer Alliance Golf Outing that will be held July 12 at the Escanaba Country Club. Funds are used to help cancer patients with extra costs due to treatment or travel.

3 Nicole Sanderson, Gladstone Recreation Department

Talked about the Fourth of July activities in Gladstone. Starts with the Firecrack 5K Run Walk at 8 a.m. Parade is 11 a.m. through downtown to VanCleve Park. Activities continue at the park including music, food and games.

6 Ed Oswald, Delta County Sheriff

Participated in the Bark River Fourth of July parade. Talked about law enforcement involvement in the celebrations. Talked about how fireworks affected pets, workers and war-era veterans. Talked about finding more meth labs in the community.

9 Roy Dahlgren, U.P. Trappers Association

Talked about the final plans for the National Trappers Association Convention and Outdoor Show at the U.P. State Fairgrounds at the end of the month. Expecting 15,000 to 20,000 people to attend. Talked about special events that people can participate in.

10 Julie Mallard, United Way of Delta County and Lori Gilliani, RSVP

Announced that the Soup'r Chili Challenge will not be held this year. Jaycees will take over the event later in the year. Talked about how the United Way will kick off its fall campaign without the challenge. RSVP receives money from United Way. Talked about how the retired senior volunteer program. There is a need for volunteers to read with students in schools. They will be expanding to more elementary schools this year.

11 Darcy Long, Brad Mantella, City of Gladstone

Talked about a public meeting July 18 to talk about the re-construction of 9th Street next year. It will be in conjunction with the Gladstone Downtown Development Authority. already talked with business owners. This event is for everyone else in the community to comment on the 8th Street project.

12 Jason Allen, USDA in Michigan

Talked about the response to the flood damage from heavy rains in Houghton County. Although talked about their participation in the funding of the Delta County jail construction. Funds are

available for communities with infrastructure needs. Targeting certain infrastructure such as sewer and water systems.

13 State Sen. Tom Casperson

Talked about the Land Management Cap legislation that recently passed the legislature and signed by the governor. Says it will curb the government from buying more land. In some cases, would need local approval before buying.

16 Doug Lisenring, Delta Schoolcraft Intermediate School District Superintendent

Talked about the ISD summer camp that included activities in health, welding, computer aided design and machining. Expects more participation next year. The response was overwhelming this year. Shows interests in career technical education.

17 JJ Spaulding, Megan Kaleva, Players de Noc

Talked about the summer production of Glenn Gary Glenn Ross. Talked about the history of summer productions. Talked about the storyline of the play. Written by a Pulitzer Prize winning author. Based on life as a salesman.

18 Molly Larsen, Author

Talked about an author fair at the Canterbury Bookstore in Escanaba. Expecting eight authors to have booking signings. Went through several of the authors and their works. Talked about the need for such programs.

19 Julie Moberg, Sally Kidd, Community Action Agency

Talked about the need to pass a senior services millage in Delta County in August. It is a renewal for ten years with a slight increase. This is the fourth request. The program helps four senior centers, home delivered meals, home care services and adult day care center.

20 Mary Gail Blaiser, Delta County Master Gardener's Association

Talked about the upcoming their 12th annual garden walk Garden's of Bloom. Their are seven gardens on the tour. Many have water features. The funds help fund the flower displays in the downtown and round-a-bout.

23 Matt Morgan, Candidate for Congress

Talked about his efforts to convince people to vote for him as a write-in candidate for Congress. He had a problem with his petitions that did not allow him on the ballot. He hopes to turn this write-in campaign to his benefit. Talked about how people vote for a write-in candidate.

24 Bob Valley

Bob has talked for years about his efforts to identify those buried as unknowns who were lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. Since then, he has learned that his brother Lowell was

identified. He remains were brought to Ontonagon for burial on July 14. Talked about the service and what it meant for him and his family.

25 Brand Mantella, Gladstone City Commissioner

Talked about a work session to talk about a housing commission proposal to build a new housing unit on the North Shore. That property which is owned by the city is part of a joint project to find a developer.

26 Tonya Ettenhofer, Big Brother Big Sisters of the Bay Area and Kim Peterson, Escanaba Recreation Department

Talked about the golf ball drop to benefit Big Brother Big Sisters that will be held during the Rock the Dock event in August. Tickets are available. Funds will be used for the group's school mentoring program. Limited to 600 tickets.

27 Pasqua Warsler, Bonifas Arts Center

Talked about the upcoming Waterfront Arts Festival. A lot of vendors and entertainment is ready. Also talked about the Youth Marketplace for young artists to sell their artwork. The festival is a juried show. Includes awards for each category.

30 1st Lt Gregg Cunningham, Gladstone State Police Post Commander

Talked the impact of road construction on traffic safety in the county with the Escanaba River Bridge and U.S. 2 between Gladstone and Rapid River. Other construction as well. It's a cause for frustration for drivers. Asks drivers to be patient.

31 Clint Seewright, Skunk Creek Trappers Supply

Talked about the National Trappers Association Convention and Outdoor Show at the U.P. State Fairgrounds. Good traffic. He also talked about the realistic workshops. Talked about his business and what trapper use. Talked about how he got into business.

AUGUST 2018

1 John Stapleton, Delta Area Transit Authority

Talked about millege request in Bay de Noc, Cornell and Bark River Townships for DATA service and a renewal in Escanaba Township. The issue will be on the August ballot. Talked about the need for service in those townships based on requests for service. Talked about how the service is used. Demand is growing.

2 Nancy Kolich, Delta County Clerk

She conducted a dry run fo the upcoming election to make sure everything worked. They had a glitch with uploading results to the county from the township voting areas. Used to call in

results. Now it is all digital. The new equipment worked very well.

3 Ed Oswald, Delta County Sheriff

Talked about the ORV patrol vehicle that will patrol ATV/ORV trails. They will looking for speeders especially in residential areas and loud exhausts. Wanted a vehicle that could stop others so need to be a fast machine. Purchased with government funding.

6 TJ Ried, Delta County Airport Manager

Says it has been busy. Airport has been well run for years. Runway construction recently ended. He is going to have a walk through with the FAA to sign off on the project. Now working for runway construction funding in 2020. wants to include moving the light vault from the terminal to an individual location.

7 Scott Neuhoir, Nahma Golf Club

Talked about the history of the club and his recent purchase from his wife's family. Talked about goals for the golf course. They are hosting a fundraiser for the Upper Peninsula Honor Flight. Looking for people to participate in the 4-person scramble.

8 Sue Gartland, Tonya Gartland, Delta Animal Shelter

The shelter is full especially with cats and stray dogs. They adopted 32 animals last week but had 32 more come in. Most were surrenders. They surrender pets for those who pass away or moving to rentals that pets are not allowed. Holding a "sale" on adoption rates to encourage people to adopt a pet.

9 Jen Pease, author

Going to an author fair at a signing at the Escanaba Public Library. There will be a group of authors at the event. She talked about her book. Talked about writing and where she hopes her writing will take her.

10 Rick Elrod, Mish Watersports

Talked about the Mish Experience and Team Relay on August 20. It will start with a kayak ride from the Terrace Bay to Gladstone beach, a bike ride through Gladstone and back to the beach and a run along the Bay de Noc Trail back to Terrace Bay. Talked about how to register and what he hopes the event will accomplish.

13 Doug Lisenring, Delta Schoolraft Intermediate School District Superintendent

Talked about the training they are working on for teachers. Superintendents will also be meeting to discuss joint topics such as a substitute teaching system.

14 John Gudwer, Escanaba Public Safety

Talked about a citizen's academy that will be held once a week for eight weeks. Each session

will cover a different topic. Hopes the academy will show people what law enforcement does and what is required to do their job.

15 Blake Hoffman, Wilson; Shelby Sundberg, Daggett; Lyna Housworth, Rock; Maddy Mosier, Wilson; all 4-H participants at the U.P. State Fair and Roschelle Sundstrom, assistant superintendent of sheeps and goats

Kids talked about what they are doing to take care of their animals, preparing for their shows and why they like participating at the fair. Sundstrom talked about what the kids benefit from by raising the animals.

16 Nicole Smith, Delta Chamber of Commerce

Talked about the economic impact study they are conducting at the Upper Peninsula State Fair. Talked about what they are looking for and how they are collecting the information. She is encouraging people to stop at the survey booth at the fair. Talked about how the survey will be used.

17 Gov. Rick Snyder

Talked about his years at the U.P. State Fair. Looking forward to his speech at the Governor's Luncheon. Wants people to know that they need to keep the comeback going. Talked about the implementation of the Marshall Plan for education.

20 Lisa Postuhas Lyons, Lt Governor candidate

Was chosen to run with Bill Schuette on the Republican ticket. The Upper Peninsula State Fair was her first stop as a candidate. Introduced herself and what she hopes to see in Michigan as she moves forward on the campaign.

21 Ken Buckholtz, Wheelin Sportsmen

Talked about the fundraising event at Cat Man Do's. It a family event with bounce house, music, games and displays. It is also a wild game feed. Talked about the efforts of Wheelin Sportsmen, building handicap blinds and helping handicap people enjoy hunting.

22 Ryan Bryak, Rock Elements

Talked his efforts to construct art elements for Father Marquette Park in Marquette. He won a bid to build an entrance to the park at two sitting areas. The arch is sheet metal that includes a graphic display of Father Marquette's travels through the Great Lakes and Mississippi River. The rock benches including rock from the U.P.

23 Matt Jensen, Civil Air Patrol

Talked about a U.P. wide rescue exercise for civil air patrols in Michigan and parts of Wisconsin. The purpose is give training on actual rescues and present lessons learned in the process. Talked about the exercise and how it went.

24 Coby Fletcher, Escanaba School Superintendent

Talked about the renaming of the Webster Elementary School to the Webster Kindergarten Center to reflect it's new purpose. They are installing new playground equipment at Webster. Talked about repairing the roof at the Upper Elementary that was damaged last year from wind.

27 Ralph Blasier, Escanaba City Councilman

Talked about the treatment of city clerk Lisa Glish. She is now resigning after a few months. Talked about the criticism of the process. He says he will either move to start the process from scratch or offer the job to the second applicant who was the deputy clerk. Also talked about the controversy of including IT requirements in the job discription.

28 Congressman Jack Bergman

Talked about career technical education. The House recently passed legislation to fund CTE nationwide. Talked about the career options and employer needs. Talked about the future of the Education Department.

29 Pasqua Warsler, Bonifas Arts Center and Tyler Dubord, Peninsula Federal Credit Union

Talked about the ArtPrize competition in Grand Rapids. A preview exhibit of U.P. artists was established at Mission Point Resort gallery on Mackinac Island. Credit Union is a sponsor. Talked about why they need to support the effort to participate in ArtPrize.

30 Doug Sojquist

He will offer a gallery walk through the Bonifas gallery that features album art from 1967 to 1983. The Golden Age of Album Cover Art features records from his collection. Talked about why that period is unique.

31 Rusty Bluse, Escanaba Fan Club

Talked about the veterans recognition program at the first home game of the Escanaba football game. It will start with a picnic. They will then walk out onto the field to shake hands with the players. Says it will be for the players to recognize the vets.

SEPTEMBER 2018

4 1st Lt. Gregg Cunningham, Gladstone State Police Post Commander

Talked about the need for drivers to be careful with the start of school to watch for kids on the road. Talked about drugged driving based on an event in Iron Mountain where a person stole vehicles and was killed by police after he held up a woman. The incident caused lock downs in Iron Mountain including Bay West. Talked about need to do more for mental health.

5 State Sen. Tom Casperson

Talked about what he plans to do as they go back into session including legislation to help Dickinson County Memorial Hospital. They are in financial trouble. They are looking to merge with U.P. Health System. The legislation would help them move from non-profit to a for profit hospital.

6 Sue Gartland, Tonya Gartland, Delta Animal Shelter

Busy weekend over Labor Day. There were an unusually high number of stray dogs. Still a lot of animals at the shelter. Completely full again. Donations of supplies have helped to get through.

7 Rusty Blue, Escanaba Quarterback Club

They are inducting six people into the Wall of Fame. Their plaques will be presented at the Escanaba football game and hung on the grandstand wall. They are chosen for having a significant impact on Escanaba football.

10 Audra Buckmiller, Pregnancy Services of Delta County

Holding their 4th annual Walk for Life at Ludington Park in Escanaba. It is to show support of women and families facing unplanned pregnancies. Pledge sheets are available to raise money for the group.

11 Nick Nolde, Lakeshore Live

It is a musical festival at the Karas Bandshell in Ludington Park in Escanaba. This is the second effort. Purpose is to offer live music in Escanaba. Talked about the various bands that will perform, food vendors. Want to offer more after Labor Day.

12 Tamara Bartel, Bay College and Laura Mold, Great Start

Talked about the showing of the movie on Mr. Rodgers. They want to use the movie to spur a discussion of various topics concerning early childhood programs. They are offering a free ticket for early childhood professionals.

13 Brad Mantella, Gladstone City Commissioner

Talked about the homecoming parade planned for Gladstone. Commission has to give approval for the parade. Talked about the Mish Fall 5K 10K Run in October. The commission has to give approval for street use. Talked about the repair of a garbage truck and delay on collections.

14 Naomi Fletcher, Community Action Agency

Talked about the weatherization program. They are encouraging people to apply for assistance before winter hits. Talked about the qualifications for the program. The need is considered tremendous because of the older homes in the area.

17 Charles Lindquist, Delta County Historical Society

Talked about the summer activity at the Delta County Musuem and Sand Point Lighthouse. Traffic was done a bit from the anniversary year the year before but traffic was still good. The draw is the lighthouse. Talked about the winter programs and getting ready for next year.

18 Scott Knauf, Upper Peninsula Honor Flight

Talked about the upcoming mission. 84 veterans will gather the night before. They leave the Delta County Airport Tuesday morning for Washington DC. He is encouraging everyone to welcome the veterans home Tuesday night at the airport. he says it is important to the veterans to have the welcome home.

19 Lori Aho

She qualified for the Half Ironman World Championship in South Africa. She talked about her love of running and how she qualified. Talked about the competition and what it meant for her life. She is looking forward to next year in France.

20 Coby Fletcher, Escanaba School Superintendent

There are more Kindergarten students than anticipated. That means they are adding a class at the new Webster Kindergarten Center. Talked about what it means for the school. Space was available.

21 Steve Parks, Delta County District Court Judge

Talked about the recently held Delta County Drug Court graduation of three more participants. Also, a promoted a community services sale of products built by people committed to community service. Parks talked about why he moved to that type of sentencing and how products can be purchased. Will be held Saturday at the Bonifas Arts Center.

24 Sue Parker, Ed Legault, Escanaba Downtown Development Authority

Talked about the palyground being constructed at the Escanaba Marketplace. It had been delayed. Although a part of the Marketplace, it is funded through the Escanaba Recreation Department. Talked about the use of the Marketplace espacilly Farmer's Market. About 400 customers attended the last Farmer's Market.

25 Katie Johnson, Yooper Service Dogs

Talked about the U.P. Service Dog Conference that will be held at Bay College on Oct. 6. The conference is to help people to use a dog or even a train a service dog. Talked about how service dogs are used.

26 Jack Hirn

He was part of a documentary film, Put Your Hand On The Line, about the 1975 Northern Michigan University football team. He served as executive producer. He is an Escanaba native. He says it was the greatest story that was never told. The team went from winnless in 1974 to

National Champions the next year.

27 Lisa Glish, Escanaba City Clerk

Talked about the controversy surrounding her position, how it affected her and the future for the position. Talked about the needs of the position. Talked about including IT services in the job. She called the situation, "a shame."

28 Staci Berg, Bonifas Arts Center

Talked about the Night of Witchcraft and Wizardry fundraising nights at the Bonifas. Want a fun, positive event to raise funds at the Bonifas. Will have a Harry Potter theme including potion making, wand store, defense against the dark arts, etc. It include a fest in the Grand Hall.