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Wednesday's news briefs

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Town hall meeting tonight in Escanaba

ESCANABA — Escanaba's power plant and electrical supply will be the subject of a town hall meeting beginning at 6:30 tonight in council chambers at city hall.

The public is invited and encouraged to speak and ask questions during the informational meeting, said city officials. Citizens can view exhibits, pick up available information and talk with administrators and city council members.

The city is considering a number of options concerning its power supply, including purchasing power from other utilities and modifying the city power plant to burn biomass.

Residents asked to donate books for youths

ESCANABA — An Escanaba woman serving with the Peace Corps in Jordan is asking local residents to donate books for the region. She is hoping to use them to help teach youths there English and create a library at a youth center.

Allison Jacobs, Escanaba, began serving in the Peace Corps last year. The daughter of Paul and Paula Jacobs of Escanaba, she is currently in Ajloun, a farming village in Northern Jordan.

Jacobs said she lives in a very religious Muslim village. She is asking people who donate books to check for inappropriate content. Any books with mention of alcohol or promiscuous activity cannot be placed in the library. Additionally, in Jordan religious conversion away from Islam is forbidden, so do not send any books with religious content.

New or used books can be dropped off until Feb. 8 at the Jacobs Smile Center, 429 S. Lincoln Road, Escanaba.

Facilities available at Ludington Park

ESCANABA — Ludington Park facilities are available to any group, organization or family for reservation, and offers a pavilion, bandshell and gazebo.

The pavilion, located near the south end of Ludington Park, is capable of accommodating up to 100 people with room for additional people and tables. The pavilion features electric service, water and a large capacity barbecue grill. Surrounding the pavilion are tennis, basketball and volleyball courts and the children's playground. The pavilion can be used for family reunions, company picnics and children's birthday parties.

The gazebo, located across from the Sand Point Lighthouse near the east end of Ludington Park, is equipped with electric service and external lighting, and is a good use for weddings and family reunion pictures.

The bandshell is a multi-use facility capable of accommodating performances, plays, concerts, religious functions and other ceremonies and social events. Located on the south end of Ludington Park, the facility is capable of seating 300 people.

Parking is available and restrooms are located near each of the facilities. Reservation fees for the pavilion and bandshell are \$50 per day per event. Fees for the gazebo are \$30 for a two-hour block of time. Use of Ludington Park facilities requires reservation and confirmation. To reserve the pavilion, gazebo, or bandshell, call the Escanaba Recreation Department at 786-4141.

Junior high dance planned for Friday

ESCANABA — The Catherine Bonifas Civic Center, located at 225 N. 21st St., Escanaba, will host a junior high dance for grades sixth through eighth living in Delta County on Friday, Feb. 1 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$2 per student and includes DJ service. A concession will be available, along with an open game room with use of the facilities. Adult supervision will be provided by staff of the City of Escanaba Recreation Department. For more information, call 786-4141.

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