By unanimous vote, Manistee County Democrats awarded the 13th Annual Don Jennings Award to long time Democrat Alan Marshall.

Marshall served for 10 years on the Manistee City Council and is currently serving on the Manistee County Board of Commissioners.

His nomination form stated he is "a true Red, White and Blue Democrat. Alan is always ready to help out and be a spokesperson for those who can't speak for themselves. I know that he has taken concerns from his constituents and has tried to get results for them. The thing about Alan is that even if the complaint doesn't come back with the outcome you want, it's OK. If Alan handled it then you know that everything possible had been done."

Another person stated Marshall truly cares about people and his community. He is a thoughtful watchdog, and is willing to ask the hard questions when others just want to rubber stamp decisions and go home. He gives of his time and energy generously to so many events and organizations in Manistee County.

Marshall will be stepping down from the political arena and retiring to take life a little easier.