

**DESCRIPTION OF WPBN-TV PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT
TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES
WPBN WTOM TV
1st Quarter 2013**

<u>Program</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
7&4 News Today	M-F	4:30-7:00am
7&4 News at 5pm	M-F	5:00-6:00pm
7&4 News at 6pm	M-SU	6:00-6:30pm
7&4 News at 11pm	M-F	11-11:35pm
7&4 News at 11pm	SA	11-11:30pm
7&4 News at 11pm	SU	11-11:35pm

All of the above programs are locally-produced news programs presenting a mix of news, weather, sports and issue-related feature stories and segments. Issue-responsive program segments are usually (2 minutes) in duration, unless otherwise indicated.

DATELINE NBC	Saturdays	8:00-9:00pm
	Sundays	7:00-8:00pm

This is an NBC network program often featuring investigative reporting on controversial issues facing the American public. The program usually has multiple segments, 8-15 minutes in duration.

MEET THE PRESS	Sundays	9:00-10:00am
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This NBC News interview program usually has one or more guests being questioned about subjects in the news by moderator Tim Russert and other reporters.

TODAY SHOW	M-F	7:00-10:00am
	SA	8:00-10:00am
	SU	8:00-9:00am

NBC network news program offering a mix of news, weather, and features, including interviews and in-depth reports on issues of public concern.

NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	M-SU	6:30-7:00pm
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This NBC network news program provides a roundup of the days major news events, as well as in-depth reports on issues of public concern.

EDUCATION MATTERS Newscast	M-F	Within
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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyday	Various Times
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Varying length announcements (:10, :15, :20, :30, :60, and :120) that air throughout the stations' broadcast day about issues of community interest

PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

ECONOMY

(Including business development, community infrastructure, small business development, and tourist attractions)

Local News

January 1, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

AMERICA HAS GONE OVER THE FISCAL CLIFF AND NOW THE COUNTRY WAITS ANOTHER VOTE IN CONGRESS EARLIER THIS MORNING THE SENATE PASSED A PLAN PREVENTING MIDDLE CLASS TAX INCREASES.NBC'S JENNIFER JOHNSON HAS MORE.

January 1, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

NEW YEAR'S IS QUITE A BIG DAY FOR MOVIE THEATRES -- AND THE STATE THEATRE IS NO EXCEPTION. AND TO MAKE IT EVEN BETTER TODAY IS ALSO FREE POPCORN DAY AT THE THEATER.TO CELEBRATE THEIR CURRENT MOVIE LINCOLN THE STATE THEATER HIRED A PROFESSIONAL ACTOR PLAYING ABRAHAM LINCOLN HIMSELF -- TO DRAW EVEN MORE PEOPLE INTO THE THEATER.

January 1, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

LOCALLY OWNED CHERRY STOP OF TRAVERSE CITY ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL CLOSE ITS DOORS AT ITS CURRENT LOCATION -- BUT DON'T WORRY -- IT WON'T BE GOING FAR.IT WILL MOVE RIGHT NEXT DOOR WHERE MOMENTUM CURRENTLY IS -- AND WILL REOPEN AS OLD MISSION TRADERS.

January 2, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

AFTER A STRONG DECEMBER-RESALE SHOPS HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN SEE A REAL DIP IN DONATIONS THIS TIME OF YEAR.AND SOME OF THE ITEMS THAT ARE DESPRATELY NEEDED MIGHT SURPRISE YOU.7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS EXPLAINS WHAT IS NEEDED MOST THIS TIME OF YEAR.

January 2, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE 37-TH ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN VASA SKI RACES ANNOUNCED THIS YEAR'S RACE DATES!THIS YEAR'S VASA WILL TAKE PLACE THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY NINTH AND TENTH.THE CROSS COUNTRY SKI RACES WILL START AT THE TIMBER RIDGE R-V RECREATION AREA.

January 2, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

SHORELINE FRUIT HAS A NEW LEADER.THE TRAVERSE CITY COMPANY ANNOUNCED TODAY JOHN SOMMAVILLA HAS BEEN APPOINTED CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. SOMMAVILLA REPLACES FORMER C-E-O KEN SWANSON, WHO RETIRED LAST MONTH.

January 3, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES HAVE DROPPED FOR THE MAJORITY OF MICHIGAN -- BUT HAVE RISEN UP NORTH.OFFICIALS SAY THAT MICHIGAN'S SEASONAL JOBLESS RATE WAS AT ALMOST 8 PERCENT IN NOVEMBER -- DOWN FROM 8.3 PERCENT IN OCTOBER.

January 3, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN IS FORECASTING THAT SINGLE FAMILY HOME CONSTRUCTIONS IN 20-13 WILL INCREASE OVER THE 20-12 LEVELS. H-B-A MICHIGAN FORECASTS A STRONGER STATE ECONOMY AND LEGISLATION AIMED AT STIMULATING THE HOUSING INDUSTRY WILL BOOST CONSTRUCTION.

January 3, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE OWNER OF MORAN IRONWORKS IN ONAWAY WAS HONORED TODAY WITH AN AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. TOM MORAN WAS GIVEN THE PATRIOT AWARD FOR THE EXCEPTIONAL SUPPORT OF ONE OF HIS EMPLOYEES WHEN GOING OFF TO WAR.

January 4, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

RECORD LOW WATER LEVELS IN LAKE MICHIGAN AND LAKE HURON ARE CREATING CONCERNS FOR LOCAL MARINAS. NEW DATA FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOWS THE TWO LAKES ARE TRILLIONS OF GALLONS LOWER THAN WHAT IS CONSIDERED NORMAL. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS EXPLAINS WHAT STEPS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE TAKING TO PROTECT THEIR MARINAS.

January 4, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

GUN SALES ARE ON THE RISE IN MICHIGAN AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SO WHAT IS DRIVING THE GUN BUYING SPREE 7 & 4'S MEGHAN MORELLI JOINS US LIVE WITH SOME ANSWERS

January 8, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

TONIGHT CHEBOYGAN CITY COUNCIL IS PUTTING TOGETHER A COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS FUTURE RULES FOR PUBLIC DECORATIONS. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS HAS MORE ON THE STORY.

January 9, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE HOUSING MARKET HAD RECORD SALES FOR THE YEAR 20-12. THE TRAVERSE AREA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS SAW RECORD HOUSING SALES FOR THE YEAR 20-12 IN THE FIVE COUNTY REGION OF GRAND TRAVERSE, LEELANAU, BENZIE, ANTRIM, AND KALKASKA. ACCORDING TO T-A-A-R THERE WERE JUST OVER 2-THOUSAND HOMES SOLD IN 2011 -- AND A COUPLE HUNDRED MORE SOLD IN 2012.

January 9, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

TONIGHT -- WE'RE GETTING A GLIMPSE INTO WHAT TO EXPECT FOR OUR LOCAL ECONOMY IN THE NEW YEAR. THE BANK OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN JUST RELEASED IT'S 20-13 CRYSTAL BALL REPORT FOR THE GRAND TRAVERSE REGION. 7&4'S KATE FOX IS LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE ON THE REPORT.

January 10, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMPANY IS TAKEN OVER BY ITS EMPLOYEES TO KEEP IT FROM BEING SOLD. SEVEN WORKERS FROM FICK AND SONS IN GRAYLING EACH

BOUGHT A PART OF THE OIL AND PROPANE COMPANY.7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS IS LIVE THE PETOSKEY BUREAU.

January 10, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

MICHIGAN REPRESENTATIVES HEADED TO WORK TODAY FOR THE FIRST DAY OF THE NEW TERM.A TOTAL OF 28 NEW LAWMAKERS JOINED THE G-O-P CONTROLLED STATE LEGISLATURE YESTERDAY.NEW HOUSE MEMBERS TOOK THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR THEIR TWO YEAR TERM.

January 15, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

WHILE KALKASKA EFFORTS TO REVITALIZE IT'S DOWNTOWN APPEARS TO BE MOVING FORWARD-- THERE ARE GROWING FRUSTRATIONS IN PETOSKEY WHICH STILL HAS A GIANT HOLE IN THE MIDDLE OF IT'S DOWN TOWN.AN UNFINISHED PROJECT THAT HAS SAT DORMANT FOR YEARS -- AND BY MANY IS CONSIDERED A BLEMISH IN THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT.7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS IS LIVE IN THE PETOSKEY BUREAU WITH MORE ON THIS STORY.

January 15, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

ON FRIDAY -- THE VILLAGE CLOSED A PURCHASE DEAL ON THE OLD ERB LUMBER PROPERTY LOCATED BEHIND THE EAST SIDE OF CEDAR STREET -- WHICH IS CONSIDERED KALKASKA'S MAIN DRAG.7&4'S KATE FOX MET WITH VILLAGE OFFICIALS TODAY -- TO FIND OUT HOW THIS FITS IN TO THE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PLANS.SHE JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO -- WITH THE DETAILS....

January 16, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

TRAVERSE CITY IS BREAKING GROUND!AFTER YEARS OF PLANNING -- THE TRAVERSE CITY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT WORK IS SET TO BEGIN AT THE FUTURE SITE OF HOTEL INDIGO. ON JANUARY 24TH -- A GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CORNER OF GRANDVIEW PARKWAY AND HALL STREET. CONSTRUCTION WILL BE COMPLETED IN SPRING OF 20-14.

January 16, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IN JUST ONE HOUR GOVERNOR RICK SNYDER WILL DELIVER HIS THIRD STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS.THERE ARE A LOT OF HOT BUTTON ISSUES THAT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT TONIGHT'S SPEECH.7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS IS LIVE IN LANSING WITH A PREVIEW OF TONIGHT'S ADDRESS.

January 17, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

GOVERNOR SNYDER SPOKE TO EVERY MICHIGANDER LAST NIGHT IN HIS 3-RD STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESSED.ONE OF THE BIG THINGS HE TALKED ABOUT WAS THE CONDITION OF MICHIGAN'S ROADS AND BRIDGES.SNYDER PROPOSED AN ADDITIONAL 1-POINT-2 BILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR -- IN ORDER TO FIX THE ROADS ACROSS THE STATE -- USING A COMBINATION OF HIGHER FUEL TAXES AND AND INCREASE IN MOTOR VEHICLE FEES.

January 17, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

ABOUT 100 UNION MEMBERS GATHERED OUTSIDE THE MICHIGAN CAPITOL LAST NIGHT TO PROTEST THE PASSAGE OF RIGHT TO WORK LEGISLATION. GOVERNOR SNYDER SIGNED RIGHT TO WORK MEASURES THAT CLEARED THE REPUBLICAN CONTROLLED LEGISLATURE LAST MONTH.

January 18, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

CHARLEVOIX BUSINESSES COULD SOON HAVE A NEW WAY TO GET LIQUOR LICENSES FASTER. CITY LEADERS ARE MOVING TO GET A NEW ORDINANCE PASSED THAT OPENS THE DOORS FOR MORE AREA RESTAURANTS TO GET A SPECIAL LICENSE. THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX HOPES THESE SPECIAL LICENSES WILL HELP BRING NEWER BUSINESSES IN TO THE DOWNTOWN AREA AND ALSO IMPROVE ONES THAT ARE ALREADY HERE.

January 18, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

POCKET CHANGE MAY BECOME A THING OF THE PAST IN DOWNTOWN TRAVERSE CITY WITH A NEW PHONE APP THAT LETS YOU PAY FOR PARKING METER WITHOUT EVEN LEAVING YOUR CAR. THE "PARK-MOBILE" APP IS JUST AN IDEA AT THIS POINT -- BUT IS NOW BEING RECOMMENDED BY THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO CITY COMMISSIONERS. COMMISSIONERS COULD VOTE TO HAVE IT UP AND RUNNING AS EARLY AS THIS SPRING. DEVELOPERS SAY THE APP MAKES PARKING EASIER AND LESS STRESSFUL -- BECAUSE YOU CAN PAY FOR ANY METER IN THE CITY BY USING YOUR CELL PHONE.

January 21, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

HUNDREDS OF MICHIGAN CHERRY GROWERS GOT TOGETHER TODAY TO LOOK FOR SOME SOLUTIONS TO LAST SEASON'S PROBLEMS. THE 20-13 NORTHWEST MICHIGAN ORCHARD AND VINEYARD SHOW KICKED OFF THIS MORNING AT THE GRAND TRAVERSE RESORT AND SPA IN ACME.

January 22, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE CITY OF CHEBOYGAN IS ONE STEP CLOSER TO REZONING THE PORT OF CHEBOYGAN. THESE CHANGES WILL LIKELY BRING NEW BUSINESSES TO THE AREA AND JOBS IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS. TONIGHT - CITY COUNCIL WILL VOTE ON ZONING CHANGES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PORT AREA PLAN AND A CREATION OF A COMMERCIAL PORT OVERLAY. LAST NIGHT THE PLAN WAS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

January 22, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THESE COLD TEMPERATURES DON'T JUST AFFECT YOUR CAR -- THEY CAN AFFECT YOUR FURNACE. PRECISION PLUMBING AND HEATING IN TRAVERSE CITY SAYS THEY HAVE HAD A LOT OF CALLS OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS AFTER THE WEATHER STARTED TO DIP. EXPERTS SAY THAT FURNACES CAN BREAKDOWN IF THEY ARE OVER-WORKED AND IN TEMPERATURES LIKE THE ONES TODAY -- MANY PEOPLE CRANK UP THE HEAT -- AND THERE ARE SOME EASY THING TO LOOK FOR IF YOU WANT TO AVOID THE SERVICE CALL.

January 22, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE SUB-ZERO TEMPERATURES DEFINITELY TAKE A TOLL ON OUR BODIES -- BUT THEY ALSO HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THE CARS AND TRUCKS WE DRIVE...

7&4'S KATE FOX SPENT THE DAY RIDING ALONG WITH A TRAVERSE CITY TOW-TRUCK COMPANY -- TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN PROTECT YOUR CAR FROM THE HARSH WINTER COLD.

January 28, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

TRAVERSE CITY COMMISSIONERS ARE MEETING TONIGHT TO DISCUSS WHERE CITY MONEY WILL GO FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. TONIGHT'S MEETING WILL ONLY START BUDGET TALKS -- MAYOR MICHAEL ESTES SAYS NO DECISIONS WILL BE MADE TONIGHT.

HE SAYS COMMISSIONERS WILL EACH GET A CHANCE TO TELL THE OTHERS WHERE THEY THINK THE MONEY SHOULD GO.

January 28, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

GOVERNOR SNYDER HAS DECLARED AN "ENERGY EMERGENCY" IN THE UPPER PENINSULA -- DUE TO A SHORTAGE OF PROPANE. THE DECLARATION SUSPENDS STATE AND FEDERAL RULES -- THAT LIMIT THE NUMBER OF HOURS A DRIVER CAN SPEND ON THE ROAD -- DELIVERING FUEL.

January 28, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

MICHIGAN LAWMAKERS ARE LOOKING AT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD MAKE THEIR JOBS PART TIME. IT MIGHT SOUND STRANGE -- BUT MICHIGAN IS ACTUALLY A BIT OF A RARITY. IT'S ONE OF ONLY 10 STATES WITH A FULL-TIME LEGISLATURE. SO WHAT ARE THE PROS AND CONS OF MOVING AWAY FROM FULL-TIME?

7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL HAS THE ANSWER -- IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT.

January 29, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

SNOWMOBILERS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE FLOCKING TO SAULT STE. MARIE THIS WEEK FOR THE INTERNATIONAL 500 SNOWMOBILE RACE. THOUSANDS ARE EXPECTED TO VISIT THE REGION -- AND THAT MEANS GOOD NEWS FOR AREA BUSINESSES. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS EXPLAINS HOW EACH YEAR THIS EVENT DELIVERS A BIG BOOST TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY.

January 31, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

TO BUY NEW OR BUY USED? FOR ONE LOCAL FAMILY THE ANSWER WAS SIMPLE AND SOMETHING THEY STUCK WITH FOR AN ENTIRE YEAR! 7&4'S MEGAN MOORE JOINS US LIVE WITH DETAILS OF HOW ONE LOCAL FAMILY DIDN'T BUY ANYTHING NEW FOR AN ENTIRE YEAR!

February 01 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IF YOU'RE THINKING OF DOING ANY REMODELING OR UPGRADES AROUND THE HOUSE -- YOU WON'T WANT TO STAY AT HOME THIS WEEKEND SET-UP BEGAN TODAY FOR THE 20-13 HOME EXPO SHOW -- WHICH HAS MOVED TO THE GRAND TRAVERSE RESORT TO ACCOMMODATE IT'S MORE THAN 100 BOOTHS.

February 04 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

ECONOMIES DEPEND ON GREAT LAKES SHIPPING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. WHEN THE WATERWAYS FREEZE -- THE COAST GUARD'S ICE CUTTING FLEET STEPS IN TO CLEAR AN ICY PATH FOR COMMERCE. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS IS ABOARD THE

CUTTER MACKINAW TODAY TO GIVE YOU A FIRST HAND LOOK AT THEIR ICE BREAKING OPERATIONS.

February 06 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

WATER LEVELS ON LAKE HURON AND LAKE MICHIGAN HAVE DIPPED TO AN ALL TIME LOW. NEW DATA FROM THE U-S ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS REVEALS THAT THE WATER LEVELS ARE THE LOWEST SINCE RECORD KEEPING BEGAN IN 1918. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS EXPLAINS HOW THIS MAY CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR YOU AND LOCAL BUSINESSES.

February 07 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

RAISING THE GAS TAX, EXPANDING MEDICAID AND SUPPORTING JOB CREATION. THOSE ARE JUST A FEW PRIORITIES IN THE 50-POINT 9 BILLION DOLLAR STATE BUDGET GOVERNOR RICK SNYDER UNVEILED TODAY IN LANSING. THE GOVERNOR IS PROPOSING TO RAISE THE GAS TAX FROM 19 CENTS TO 33 CENTS A GALLON PLUS INCREASE VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES TO FIX ROADS AND BRIDGES. HE ALSO WANTS TO EXPAND MEDICAID TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE FOR 470-THOUSAND MORE RESIDENTS AND REDUCE THE NUMBER OF UNINSURED BY 46-PERCENT.

February 08 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IN MANY HARBOR COMMUNITIES -- A PORT CAN BE THE KEY TO SUCCESS FOR LOCAL INDUSTRY. FOR YEARS -- PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR THAT PIECE OF ITS ECONOMIC PUZZLE. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS EXPLAINS HOW A NEW PORT COLLABORATIVE MAY LEAD TO NEWFOUND ECONOMIC SUCCESS.

February 11 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

TRAVERSE CITY WAS HOME TO SOME BIG EVENTS THIS WEEKEND -- THE VASA SKI RACES, THE WINTER MICRO-BREW FESTIVAL, THE AMSOIL SNOW CROSS AND THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS AND ALL THIS FUN MEANT A BIG BOOST FOR AREA BUSINESSES.

February 11 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER -- WE TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT GOVERNOR SNYDER'S LATEST BUDGET PROPOSAL - AND IT'S EMPHASIS ON BEEFING UP THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL HAS THE DETAILS.

February 18 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT...WE LOOK AT A VERY CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE THAT COULD HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON DOWNTOWN TRAVERSE CITY. CITY LEADERS ARE CONSIDERING THE IDEA OF LETTING FOOD TRUCK VENDORS SET UP SHOP IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL SAT DOWN WITH CITY LEADERS -- TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROPOSAL AND HOW THE IDEA IS BEING RECEIVED.

February 22 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

AFTER FIVE YEARS OF SERVING THE SUTTONS BAY AND LEELANAU COMMUNITY -- BRILLIANT BOOKS IS SHUTTING THEIR DOORS. 7&4'S MEGHAN MORELLI SPOKE WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND BRILLIANT BOOKS OWNERS TODAY -- AND HAS MORE ON THE CLOSING.

February 25 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

CHERRY CAPITAL AIRPORT IS OFFERING ONE MORE PLACE FOR TRAVELERS TO VISIT THIS SUMMER. TODAY UNITED AIRLINES ANNOUNCED THEY ARE BEGINNING SERVICE TO NEW YORK CITY THROUGH THE HUB AT LIBERTY AIRPORT IN NEWARK, NEW JERSEY.

February 26 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

CONTINUING OUR SERIES "SCHOOLS IN CRISIS" WITH A DECREASE IN ENROLLMENT IN ADDITION TO STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING DRYING UP -- THIS DISTRICT HAS TO TIGHTEN UP THE BOTTOM LINE. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS IS LIVE IN THE PETOSKEY BUREAU WITH MORE ON THIS STORY.

February 26 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE GRAND TRAVERSE BAND OF OTTAWA AND CHIPPEWA INDIANS DISTRIBUTED ALMOST 950-THOUSAND DOLLARS TODAY TO 52 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS. TWICE A YEAR, THE G-T-B ALLOCATES TWO PERCENT OF GAMING REVENUE TO LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT.

February 26 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

MICHIGAN FAMILIES COULD GET FREE ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTBULBS FOR THEIR HOMES THANKS TO CONSUMERS ENERGY AND FEEDING AMERICA WEST MICHIGAN. THE COMPANY IS DONATING 75-THOUSAND LIGHTBULBS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES.

February 26 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

FOLKS VISITING THE SLEEPING BEAR DUNES ARE DOING MUCH MORE THAN MAKING A MEMORY -- THEY ARE HELPING THE ECONOMY ACROSS THE COUNTRY. MORE THAN 1 MILLION PEOPLE VISITED THE SLEEPING BEAR DUNES LAKESHORE IN 20-11 AND THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE SAID THOSE VISITORS SPENT HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND SUPPORTED MORE THAN 2-THOUSAND LOCAL JOBS AND MORE THAN 250-THOUSAND JOBS NATIONWIDE.

February 27 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

DOWNTOWN KINGSLEY WILL SOON BE GETTING A FACE-LIFT WITH THE HELP OF THE TRAVERSE CITY. KINGSLEY RECENTLY APPROVED A 20-THOUSAND-DOLLAR CONTRACT WITH TRAVERSE BAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO HELP CREATE AN ECONOMIC PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE. THE OVERALL GOAL FOR THIS PROJECT IS TO CREATE MORE ACTIVITY IN DOWNTOWN KINGSLEY WHILE CATCHING MORE PASS THROUGH TRAFFIC HEADED INTO TRAVERSE CITY. THE TRAVERSE BAY E-D-C'S ROB RICHARDSON IS SERVING AS PROJECT MANAGER -- AND IS EXCITED ABOUT THE IMPACT THAT THIS PROJECT WILL HAVE.

February 27 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

LEADERS FROM THE CITY OF CHEBOYGAN WERE IN LANSING TODAY HOPING TO CONVINCE LAWMAKERS THAT THEY NEED MONEY TO DREDGE WATERWAYS. THEY'RE ASKING FOR NEARLY A MILLION DOLLARS OUT OF THE 20 MILLION THAT IS SET ASIDE FOR STATE HARBORS. THE CITY IS CONCERNED THAT RECORD LOW WATER LEVELS ARE GOING TO CREATE ISSUES FOR LARGE SHIPS PASSING THROUGH THE CHEBOYGAN RIVER. THIS WATERWAY HASN'T BEEN DREDGED IN MORE THAN 30 YEARS.

February 27 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A FEDERAL RULING COULD DETERMINE THE FUTURE OF THE LAST COAL-FIRED STEAMSHIP. THE U-S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY HAS ORDERED THE S-S BADGER TO STOP DUMPING COAL ASH INTO LAKE MICHIGAN. THE FERRYBOAT DISCHARGES MORE THAN 500 TONS OF ASH EACH SEASON ON ITS RUNS BETWEEN LUDINGTON AND WISCONSIN. COMPANY OFFICIALS SAY THEY'RE RESEARCHING NEW FUELING TECHNOLOGY BUT NEED MORE TIME. THE 2008 PERMIT AUTHORIZING DUMPING OF COAL-ASH ENDED LAST DECEMBER. THE E-P-A IS REVIEWING LAKE MICHIGAN CARFERRY'S APPLICATION FOR AN INDIVIDUAL CLEAN WATER ACT DISCHARGE PERMIT OF THE FERRY. THE AGENCY SAYS IT WILL MAKE A TENTATIVE DECISION IN MARCH ON WHETHER TO GIVE THE S-S BADGER A NEW PERMIT.

February 27 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IT'S A NUISANCE WE DEAL WITH EVERY YEAR AROUND THIS TIME -- AND TONIGHT DRIVERS IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY ARE SPEAKING OUT ABOUT THE *WORST ROADS IN THE AREA. WE PUT 7&4'S KATE FOX ON "POTHOLE PATROL" TODAY. SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN TRAVERSE CITY -- WITH MORE ON EXACTLY WHICH ROADS ARE CAUSING THE MOST FRUSTRATION. KATE?

March 01, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

TRAVERSE CITY'S THIRD ANNUAL RESTAURANT WEEK IS COMING TO AN END -- AND MANY LOCAL BUSINESSES SAY IT'S BEEN A HUGE SUCCESS. 7&4 NEWS SPOKE WITH SEVERAL RESTAURANTS -- AND ALMOST ALL OF THEM REPORTED AMAZING SALES THIS PAST WEEK. SOME -- SUCH AS SEVEN MONKS AND STELLAS, HAVE SEEN GREAT TURNOUTS AND MANY NEW CUSTOMERS. MINERVAS SALES FROM SUNDAY ALONE WERE NEAR THE SAME AMOUNT AS LAST YEAR'S FULL RESTAURANT WEEK -- AND HAS PROMPTED THEM TO RUN THE SPECIAL THROUGH MARCH. THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY THINKS THE WEEK GAVE THE CITY A BIG ECONOMIC BOOST.

March 01, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

WE'LL HAVE MORE ON THAT IN A MOMENT. BUT FIRST... MANY LAWMAKERS SAY 85 BILLION DOLLARS IN AUTOMATIC SPENDING CUTS ARE PROBABLY GOING TO TAKE EFFECT BY MIDNIGHT TONIGHT. THE PRESIDENT HELD A LAST MINUTE MEETING TO ADDRESS THE SEQUESTER THIS MORNING -- BUT EVEN BEFORE IT STARTED REPUBLICANS SAID THERE WOULD BE NO DEAL TODAY.

March 01, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

ONCE THE FEDERAL CUTS KICK IN -- THEY ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE AN DIRECT IMPACT HERE IN MICHIGAN. SENIOR MEAL PROGRAMS THAT FEED THOUSANDS OF LOCAL SENIORS ARE ONE OF THE AREAS THAT WILL LIKELY SEE A DECREASE IN FUNDING. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS IS LIVE IN THE PETOSKEY BUREAU...

March 05, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE DISPUTE CONTINUES OVER WHAT WILL BE DONE WITH THE GIANT HOLE IN DOWNTOWN PETOSKEY. AT MONDAY'S CITY COUNCIL MEETING -- COUNCIL MEMBERS DISCUSSED THE FUTURE OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS PETOSKEY POINTE. LAST MONTH -- THE CITY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE OWNER OF THE LAND - NORTHWESTERN BANK.

March 05, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

MEIJER INCORPORATED HAS NEARLY 200 LOCATIONS IN THE MIDWEST -- SEVERAL RIGHT HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN. AND TONIGHT -- 7&4 NEWS HAS LEARNED THAT IN THE PAST YEAR -- MEIJER HAS BOUGHT NEARLY 20 ACRES OF LAND IN MANISTEE TOWNSHIP -- AND COULD BUILD A NEW BIG BOX STORE IF THEY GET APPROVAL.

7&4'S KATE FOX SPENT THE DAY IN MANISTEE -- SPEAKING WITH COUNTY OFFICIALS ABOUT WHERE THE PLANS STAND..SHE JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE DETAILS.

March 07, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH NEARLY NINETY EMPLOYERS THIS AFTERNOON AT THE N-M-C CAREER FAIR IN TRAVERSE CITY.THIS IS THE SEVENTH N-M-C CAREER FAIR AND THE ONLY ONE HELD ANNUALLY IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN.ORGANIZERS SAY IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO MEET EMPLOYERS WHO ARE HIRING AND DISCUSS BOTH INTERNSHIPS AND PART AND FULL TIME JOBS WITH THEM.

March 7, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

RETAIL GIANT MEIJER COULD BE OPENING IT'S NEXT STORE IN MANISTEE. TONIGHT -- REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SUPER STORE ARE PRESENTING THEIR PLANS TO THE MANISTEE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION. 7&4 'S MEGHAN MORELLI IS LIVE IN MANISTEE AND HAS THE LATEST ON WHAT IS TO BE EXPECTED AT TONIGHT'S MEETING.

March 8, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

LAST NIGHT REPRESENTATIVES FROM MEIJER PRESENTED THEIR PLANS TO THE MANISTEE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION--WHILE ANSWERING QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.THE PROCESS IS IN IT'S EARLY STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT--AND MEIJER HAS NOT MADE A FINAL DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO BUILD IN MANISTEE.ONE OF THE CONCERNS FROM THE MEETING WAS HOW IT WOULD AFFECT SMALLER BUSINESSES IN MANISTEE.

March 8, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE LATEST UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS WERE RELEASED THIS MORNING. THE LABOR DEPARTMENT REPORTS MONTHLY UNEMPLOYMENT FELL FROM 7-POINT-NINE TO SEVEN-POINT-SEVEN PERCENT IN FEBRUARY. THAT'S THE LOWEST MONTHLY JOBLESS RATE SINCE DECEMBER 2008.

March 8, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THIS JOBS REPORT HELPED PUSH THE DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE TO AN ALL TIME HIGH THIS WEEK.SOME ARE CALLING THIS GOOD NEWS FOR THE ECONOMY -- AND IT MIGHT BE GOOD NEWS FOR YOUR INVESTMENTS, AS WELL.7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS SPOKE WITH FINANCIAL ADVISORS TO SEE WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU AS AN INVESTOR.

March 11, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THERE HAVE BEEN DOZENS OF MEETINGS AND PLENTY OF HEATED DEBATES -- CITY LEADERS HAVE A REVISED PLAN AND HOPE IT IS A DESIGN EVERYONE CAN LIVE WITH. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS IS AT CHARLEVOIX'S CITY HALL WITH WHAT THE PUBLIC CAN EXPECT OUT OF TONIGHT'S MEETING.

March 11, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

LAWMAKERS ARE LOOKING TO LOOSEN REGULATIONS ON WINERIES, BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES. SENATOR HOWARD WALKER SAYS SENATE BILL 2-16 WOULD ELIMINATE OUTDATED REGULATIONS -- AND INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE INDUSTRY. IN TONIGHT FACT FINDER REPORT -- 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL TAKES A CLOSER LOOK AT HIS PROPOSAL -- AND EXPLORES THE IMPACT IT COULD HAVE RIGHT HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN.

March 13, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ENTERED SEQUESTRATION ON MARCH FIRST -- AND WE ARE CONTINUING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE IMPACT IT COULD HAVE ON NORTHERN MICHIGAN. PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMS -- UNEMPLOYMENT AGENCIES -- NATIONAL DEFENSE UNITS -- THEY ARE *ALL FACING CUTS. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL HAS THE DETAILS IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT.

March 17, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IT'S KNOWN AS THE LARGEST COLLECTION OF HUNTING AND FISHING EXHIBITS -- EVER ASSEMBLED, UNDER ONE ROOF IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN. AND THIS WEEKEND -- ONCE AGAIN -- THE TRAVERSE CITY HUNTING AND FISHING EXPO BROUGHT-IN THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TO THE AREA. 7&4'S MEGHAN MORELLI JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO -- WITH MORE ON WHAT MAKES THIS ANNUAL EVENT SO SUCCESSFUL!

March 18, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

DRIVERS IN TRAVERSE CITY CAN LOOK FORWARD TO SOME SMOOTHER ROADS THIS SPRING. TONIGHT -- THE CITY COMMISSION IS EXPECTED TO APPROVE SOME CONSTRUCTION FUNDING FOR IT'S 20-13 STREET PAVING AND RE-SURFACING PROJECTS. 7&4'S KATE FOX HAS MORE ON WHICH ROADS WILL BE THE FOCUS AND HOW THE CITY IDENTIFIES PROBLEM AREAS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.

March 19, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

FOR YEARS, MEIJER HAS BEEN TALKING ABOUT BUILDING A NEW LOCATION AS PART OF THE VILLAGE OF GRAND TRAVERSE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED ALONG M-72 IN ACME TOWNSHIP. LAST NIGHT -- THE GRAND RAPIDS-BASED RETAILER WENT BACK BEFORE THE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION WITH DESIGN CHANGES THAT INCLUDED AN ADDITION OF ALMOST 48-HUNDRED SQUARE FEET TO THE STORES BLUEPRINT -- AND MINOR CHANGES LIKE MOVING THE PHARMACY AS WELL AS THE BOTTLE RETURN. THE MODIFICATIONS WERE APPROVED IN A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

March 19, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

FOLKS ACROSS NORTHERN MICHIGAN CAN FLY TO ANOTHER PART OF THE COUNTRY THANKS TO NEW FLIGHT SERVICES. STARTING IN JUNE -- CHERRY CAPITAL AIRPORT WILL BE OFFERING FLIGHTS TO THE CLEVELAND AREA. AIRPORT OFFICIALS SAY THIS NEW FLIGHT WILL GIVE PEOPLE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL TO A PLACE WITHOUT PAYING FOR GAS OR WORRYING ABOUT TRAFFIC. PLUS -- THEY SAY ADDING NEW FLIGHTS HELPS BOOST THE LOCAL ECONOMY BY ALLOWING MORE PEOPLE TO EXPERIENCE EVERYTHING THE AREA HAS TO OFFER.

March 19, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IT'S BEEN CALLED THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PLACE IN AMERICA --- BUT IF YOU PLAN TO VISIT THE SLEEPING BEAR DUNES NATIONAL LAKESHORE THIS SUMMER -- YOU MAY NOTICE SOME CHANGES. FEDERAL CUTS FROM THE SEQUESTER HAVE HIT THIS POPULAR DESTINATION -- SLASHING THE PARK'S ANNUAL BUDGET BY MORE THAN 230-THOUSAND DOLLARS. 7&4'S KATE FOX MEET MET WITH PARK OFFICIALS TODAY -- TO FIND OUT EXACTLY *HOW THIS WILL IMPACT YOUR VISIT...SHE JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE DETAILS.

March 20, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

SPRING HAS SPRUNG BUT THE SNOW JUST WON'T GO AWAY. AND WHILE THAT MAY BE DISAPPOINTING FOR THOSE OF US WHO ARE READY FOR WARMER TEMPERATURES -- THE COLD WEATHER AND SNOW ARE A GOOD SIGN FOR NORTHWEST MICHIGAN FARMERS. UNUSUALLY WARM WEATHER FOLLOWED BY BELOW FREEZING TEMPERATURES DAMAGED A LOT OF FRUIT CROPS AROUND THIS TIME LAST YEAR -- BUT WITH SPRING IN THE AIR AND SNOW STILL ON THE GROUND LOCAL FARMERS ARE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THIS YEAR'S CROP.

March 20, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

AFTER A 2 YEAR LONG STUDY -- THE GRAND TRAVERSE HOUSING STRATEGY COMMITTEE HAS COME UP WITH A LONG TERM PLAN TO MAKE NORTHERN MICHIGAN A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE. 7&4 'S MEGHAN MORELLI HAS MORE ON THE PLAN AND ITS PRIMARY FOCUS..

March 21, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

NORTHERN MICHIGAN RESIDENTS LOOKING FOR WORK GOT MATCHED TODAY WITH PERSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS.. NORTHWEST MICHIGAN WORKS HELD AN ORIENTATION AT THEIR MANISTEE SERVICE CENTER FOR A NEW PROGRAM OFFERING ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AND HIRING. THE PROGRAM IS TARGETED AT PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN WITHOUT WORK FOR AT LEAST 4 MONTHS.

March 22, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE S-S BADGER WILL SAIL ANOTHER YEAR -- WHILE TRYING TO FIND A SOLUTION FOR IT'S ASH DUMPING. THE LAKE MICHIGAN CAR-FERRY HAS SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE U-S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY THAT WILL REQUIRE THE BADGER TO STOP DUMPING COAL ASH INTO LAKE MICHIGAN WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS. EVERY SEASON -- THE FERRY-BOAT DUMPS MORE THAN 500 TONS OF ASH -- ON ITS RUN BETWEEN LUDINGTON AND WISCONSIN.

March 22, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IT'S POTHOLE SEASON, HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN. AND ONE PROBLEM STRETCH OF ROADWAY IN TRAVERSE CITY -- IS POPPING TIRES AND FUELING FRUSTRATIONS... THE POTHOLE IS LOCATED ON GARFIELD ROAD -- AND WITHIN THE PAST 24 HOURS -- IT'S DESTROYED TIRES ON NEARLY A DOZEN CARS. 7&4'S MEGAN MOORE HAS MORE ON TODAY'S CAR CONUNDRUM.

March 25, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

SPRING IS HERE. THAT MEANS NEW SEASONAL JOBS WILL BE OPENING IN THE AREA.AND WHILE MOST OF THOSE POSITIONS ARE FUELED BY THE TOURISM INDUSTRY -- YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED AT THE WIDE-RANGE OF FULL TIME OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE ALSO AVAILABLE -- IN OTHER FIELDS. SO WHO IS HIRING?AND WHAT CAN MAKE YOU STAND OUT TO A PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYER? 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL HAS THE ANSWERS -- IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER.

March 25, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

AND SPEAKING OF JOB LISTINGS -- THE GRAND TRAVERSE RESORT HELD A JOB FAIR THIS AFTERNOON.MORE THAN 300 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE THREE HOUR EVENT. IT WAS HELD IN THE MICHIGAN BALLROOM.APPLICATIONS WERE TAKEN AT COMPUTER STATIONS AND THE RESORT DID SOME ON THE SPOT JOB INTERVIEWS.

March 25, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A TUNNEL -- THAT CONNECTS DOWNTOWN TRAVERSE CITY TO CLINCH PARK -- COULD GET A "FACE LIFT" IF THE PROJECT GETS THE GO AHEAD AT TONIGHT'S CITY COMMISSION MEETING. THE NEW TUNNEL -- NEAR FRONT AND CASS STREETS -- WILL HAVE HEATED SIDEWALKS SO IT CAN BE OPEN ALL YEAR LONG. OTHER IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE L-E-D LIGHTS AND STAIRCASE UP-GRADES.THE PLANNING COMMISSION ALSO WANTS TO USE ALTERNATIVE ENERGY TO POWER THE PROJECT.

March 26, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE SHOWED-UP AT THE BENZIE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING TODAY -- TO PROTEST A PROPERTY CODE LAW.A LAW -- THAT COMMISSIONERS *THOUGHT WOULD HELP THEM GET RID OF BLIGHT IN THE AREA.BUT INSTEAD -- IT CREATED A WHOLE LOT OF CONTROVERSY.

March 26, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

FOOD TRUCKS IN DOWNTOWN TRAVERSE CITY COULD BE ONE STEP CLOSER TO BECOMING A REALITY.AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY COMMISSION MET TODAY AND ARE NOW TAKING STEPS TO DEVELOP A PROPOSAL FOR THE FULL COMMISSION TO CONSIDER.THE PROPOSAL CALLS FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF FOOD TRUCKS TO BE PERMITTED TO USE IN THREE DESIGNATED CITY OWNED PARKING LOTS THIS SUMMER.IT ALSO CALLS FOR NO MORE THAN TWO FOOD TRUCKS TO BE OPERATING IN EACH OF THE PARKING LOTS -- AND MOBILE FOOD VENDERS WOULD BE ABLE TO USE THE LOTS ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVES BASIS.

March 27, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

NORTHERN MICHIGAN FARMERS ARE GEARING UP FOR AN IMPORTANT GROWING SEASON -- AFTER FROST DEVASTATED THEIR CROPS LAST YEAR. BUT RIGHT NOW - - ITS NOT THE WEATHER THAT HAS FARMERS CONCERNED -- IT'S WORKERS. IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT -- 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL EXPLAINS WHY THERE MAY NOT BE ENOUGH MIGRANT WORKERS TO GET LOCAL FARMERS THROUGH THE SEASON.

March 27, 2013

11:00-11:35pm

Time :30

A PUBLIC HEARING FOR INPUT ON A NEW CASINO IN MACKINAW CITY HAS BEEN DELAYED. THE HEARING WAS ORIGINALLY SET FOR APRIL 11TH BUT HAS NOW BEEN PUSHED BACK TO APRIL 23RD AT 7 P-M AT MACKINAW CITY HIGH SCHOOL. THE LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BAND OF ODAWA INDIANS PLANS TO BUILD THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR CASINO JUST OFF OF I-75.

March 27, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

GOVERNOR RICK SNYDER HAS SIGNED LEGISLATION PROVIDING 21 MILLION DOLLARS IN EMERGENCY FUNDS TO DREDGE MICHIGAN HARBORS. THE GOVERNOR SIGNED THE BILL TODAY IN LANSING. IT PROVIDES MONEY FOR 49 DREDGING PROJECTS. THERE ARE 19 IN OUR AREA INCLUDING THE GRAND TRAVERSE BAY MARINA -- MACINAW CITY MUNICIPAL MARINA -- AND THE PETOSKEY CITY MARINA.

March 27, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THREE TRAVERSE CITY RESIDENTS ARE SUING H & R BLOCK FOR DELAYED TAX RETURNS. ACCORDING TO DOCUMENTS FILED IN FEDERAL COURT - THE SUIT CLAIMS H & R BLOCK IMPROPERLY FILLED OUT A FORM USED TO CLAIM EDUCATIONAL CREDITS WHICH CAUSED A DELAY IN THE TRIO'S TAX RETURNS. THE SUIT IS ASKING FOR AN UNDETERMINED AMOUNT IN DAMAGES.

March 28, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE LOCKS IN SOO SAINT MARIE OPENED ON MONDAY BUT MOTHER NATURE IS MAKING THE START TO THE SHIPPING SEASON DIFFICULT. SOME SHIPS HAVE BEEN WAITING IN SAULT STE. MARIE FOR MORE THAN 8 HOURS FOR THEIR TURN TO GO THROUGH. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS TAKES US INTO THE SOO LOCKS -- AND GIVES US A FORECAST OF THE SPRING SHIPPING SEASON.

March 28, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

MICHIGAN WORKERS CAN CHOOSE NOT TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT UNIONS THAT BARGAIN ON THEIR BEHALF UNDER A RIGHT-TO-WORK LAW NOW IN EFFECT. THE MEASURE THAT TOOK EFFECT AT MIDNIGHT WILL APPLY TO LABOR CONTRACTS THAT ARE EXTENDED OR RENEWED AFTER WEDNESDAY.

March 28, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

GOVERNOR SNYDER SAYS A MEETING OF GREAT LAKES GOVERNORS PLANNED FOR LATER THIS YEAR IS "WAY OVERDUE." THE GOVERNOR IN JANUARY JOINED ILLINOIS GOVERNOR PAT QUINN AS CO-CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL OF GREAT LAKES GOVERNORS. AT AN EVENT TODAY IN DETROIT -- SNYDER SAID HE'S EXCITED TO WELCOME HIS PEERS IN NEARBY STATES AND PROVINCES TO MACKINAC ISLAND MAY 31ST THROUGH JUNE SECOND.

March 28, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

ALTHOUGH MOST OF US ARE SICK OF WINTER -- MANY SKI FANS AREN'T COMPLAINING ABOUT THE LACK OF SPRING WEATHER. ALL THIS SNOW WILL ALLOW CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN TO STAY OPEN THROUGH THE EASTER WEEKEND -- CLOSING NEXT SUNDAY. MANAGEMENT AT CRYSTAL TOLD 7&4 NEWS THAT SKIING THROUGH MARCH IS USUALLY THE NORM -- BUT THE UNUSUAL WARM WINTER LAST YEAR

FORCED THEM TO SHUT DOWN ON MARCH 18. RESORT OFFICIALS SAY CONDITIONS FOR THE SEASON WERE EXCELLENT AND SHOULD CONTINUE THROUGH THE WEEKEND.

March 28, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

GOVERNOR SNYDER SIGNED LEGISLATION YESTERDAY THAT WILL GIVE MORE THAN 23 MILLION DOLLARS TOWARD PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE WITH MORE THAN 1 MILLION BACKING PROJECTS IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN. THE GOVERNOR SAID BETTER OUTDOOR SPACES ARE CENTRAL TO BUILDING STRONG COMMUNITIES THAT APPEAL TO RESIDENTS, VISITORS, AND BUSINESSES. THE GRANTS WERE GIVEN OUT BY THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND WHICH HAS GIVEN MORE THAN 965 MILLION DOLLARS TOWARD RECREATION DEVELOPMENT SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 19-76.

March 28, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

MORE THAN 200 PEOPLE IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY PITCHED IN TO MAKE NORTHERN MICHIGAN A LITTLE CLEANER. THE ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS RECYCLE SMART COLLECTED HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS ITEMS THIS AFTERNOON. FOLKS BROUGHT IN ANYTHING FROM PAINT TO CLEANERS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING IN TRAVERSE CITY.

March 29, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES WANTS TO REMIND ANGLERS THAT A NEW FISHING LICENSE SEASON BEGINS ON MONDAY THE FISHING LICENSE OPTIONS INCLUDE A 24 HOUR LICENSE, 72 HOUR LICENSE, RESTRICTED LICENSE AND AN ALL SPECIES LICENSE. TO PURCHASE A LICENSE YOU CAN VISIT A LOCAL LICENSE RETAILER OR THE D-N-R OPERATIONS SERVICE CENTER.

March 29, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

AND THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY PURCHASED THEIR FISHING LICENSES HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE AND ARE ALREADY OUT ON THE WATER. THE WARMER TEMPERATURES THIS WEEK AND TODAY HAS BROUGHT OUT A LOT OF FISHERMAN WHO ARE READY TO CAST THEIR LINES IN THE WATER. 7&4'S MEGHAN MORELLI IS LIVE IN DOWNTOWN TRAVERSE CITY WITH ALL OF THE ACTION -- MEGHAN?

March 29, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

JUST THIS WEEK -- THE GOVERNOR APPROVED A BILL THAT DISTRIBUTES 23 MILLION DOLLARS IN GRANTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. MANY OF THE PROJECTS BEING FUNDED THROUGH THIS PROGRAM -- ARE RIGHT HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS SHOWS US HOW COMMUNITIES IN CHARLEVOIX COUNTY ARE BENEFITING FROM THE GRANT MONEY.

March 30, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

FOR MANY PEOPLE -- EASTER SUNDAY IS AN IMPORTANT TIME FOR A FAMILY MEAL AT HOME. AND TODAY -- STORES WERE BUSY WITH PEOPLE SHOPPING FOR THEIR "EASTER DINNER" FAVORITES. AND TODAY -- PLACES LIKE {BUR-IT'S} FRESH MARKET ON FRONT STREET WAS BOUNCIN' WITH BUSINESS. FOLKS RUSHED-IN TO PURCHASE EASTER "MUST-HAVES" -- LIKE HONEY HAM -- TURKEY -- LAMB -- AND ALL OF THE FIXINGS TO GO WITH THEM. DESPITE TODAY'S IMPRESSIVE SALES -- BURRIT'S EMPLOYEES TELL 7&4 NEWS THAT OVERALL SALES ARE DOWN THIS YEAR COMPARED TO LAST EASTER.

PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

HEALTH

(Includes exercise, dieting, disease prevention, as well as new treatment options)

Local News

January 3, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A FOURTEENTH PERSON IN MICHIGAN HAS DIED IN A NATIONAL MENINGITIS OUTBREAK LINKED TO CONTAMINATED STEROIDS. OFFICIALS WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH SAID THE LATEST VICTIM IS AN 87-YEAR-OLD WOMAN FROM WASHTENAW COUNTY.

January 3, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A THIRD CHILD IN MICHIGAN HAS DIED FROM THE FLU, AS STATEWIDE INFLUENZA CASES CONTINUE TO RISE. THE LATEST VICTIM IS A 6-YEAR-OLD FROM SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN. AN INFANT FROM SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN AND AN ADOLESCENT FROM CENTRAL MICHIGAN HAVE ALSO DIED THIS FLU SEASON.

January 4, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

AS STATEWIDE INFLUENZA CASES AND DEATHS CONTINUE TO RISE - A NORTHERN MICHIGAN CLINIC IS OFFERING FREE FLU SHOTS. THE WALK IN CLINIC ON U-S 31 IN TRAVERSE CITY WILL OFFER FREE FLU SHOTS NEXT THURSDAY FROM NINE TO FIVE TO THE FIRST 400 ADULTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 AND 64. THE MANUFACTURER HAS SUPPLIED THE CLINIC WITH THESE DOSES IN ORDER TO HELP VACCINATE AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE.

January 8, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE IS TEAMING UP WITH SEVERAL NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMPANIES TO PROVIDE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE - WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY LEAD TO 62 NEW JOBS IN THE REGION BY 20-16.7&4'S KATE FOX JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO -- WITH MORE DETAILS ON THIS EXCITING VENTURE.

January 8, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

CHEBOYGAN CITY COUNCIL WILL ALSO DISCUSS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AT TONIGHT'S MEETING. THEY'LL DECIDE TO EITHER RENEW OR END A MORATORIUM ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA LAND USES. THEY INITIALLY SET UP THIS OFFICIAL WAITING PERIOD TO HALT ANY LOCAL DECISION MAKING ON THE TOPIC UNTIL STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS COME TOGETHER TO CREATE CONCRETE LAWS.

January 10, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

WITH THIS YEAR'S FLU SEASON ALREADY IN FULL SWING ACROSS THE STATE AND HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN -- ONE LOCAL CLINIC OPENED THERE DOORS TO GIVE PEOPLE FREE FLU SHOTS.THE WALK-IN CLINIC ON US-31 IN TRAVERSE CITY OFFERED 4-HUNDRED FREE SHOTS TO ADULTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 AND 64 TODAY. A MANUFACTURER HAS SUPPLIED THE CLINIC WITH THESE DOSES IN ORDER TO HELP VACCINATE AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE.

January 11, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CONFIRMED LATE THIS AFTERNOON THAT THE NUMBER OF FLU CASES IN MICHIGAN HAS RISEN TO 3-HUNDRED AND 38. 7&4'S MEGHAN MORELLI VISITED BUSINESSES IN GRAND TRAVERSE TODAY TO SEE WHAT MEASURES THEY ARE TAKING TO HELP KEEP THIS VIRUS FROM SPREADING.

January 14, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

STRONG DEMAND FOR THE FLU SHOT HAS HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ISSUING A WARNING TONIGHT.SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT TO GET THAT VACCINE. OFFICIALS WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF NORTHWEST MICHIGAN SAY THAT IT'S MUCH EASIER FOR STAFF TO PROVIDE SERVICES WHEN THEY HAVE SOME IDEA HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE COMING IN AND WHEN.

January 15, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

ONE TRAVERSE AREA DENTIST OFFICE WANTS TO GIVE ONE MORE REASON TO SMILE THIS YEAR.PEOPLE IN TRAVERSE CITY WHO WANT TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR TEETH BUT MAYBE CAN'T PAY THE DENTAL BILL RIGHT NOW CAN RECEIVE FREE DENTAL CARE NEXT WEEK THANKS TO THREE DENTISTS AT DEERHAVEN FAMILY DENTISTRY. FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS THESE DOCTORS HAVE BEEN PROVIDING FREE DENTAL SERVICES FOR AS MANY PEOPLE AS THEY CAN IN ONE DAY.THERE ARE NO APPOINTMENTS, JUST FIRST COME- FIRST SERVE NEXT WEDNESDAY FROM 8 AM TO 2 PM.

January 22, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IN YOUR HEALTH MATTERS: IT'S A BITTERSWEET TOPIC BUT ONE THAT COULD ELEVATE SOME OF THE STRESS THAT A PERSON FACES DURING A TRAUMATIC HEALTH SITUATION.IT'S CALLED "ADVANCE CARE PLANNING" AND WITH A NEW YEAR UNDERWAY, STAFF AT MUNSON MEDICAL CENTER SAY IT'S A GOOD TIME TO SIT DOWN WITH YOUR LOVED ONES AND PLAN IT OUT.SIMPLY TALKING ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EXPECTED SITUATION, OPENS UP THE IDEA OF WRITING DOWN WHAT YOU WANT IN A LEGAL DOCUMENT.

January 30, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE STEHOUSER FREE CLINIC IN CADILLAC IS MAKING A BIG MOVE -- BUT THEY NEED YOUR HELP. DUE TO AN INCREASED NUMBER OF PATIENTS -- THE CLINIC IS EXPANDING AND MOVING TO THE OLD CITY HALL BUILDING AT 2-0-1 MITCHELL STREET.THE NEW LOCATION WILL HAVE SIX EXAM ROOMS AND ONE DENTIST CHAIR RENOVATION AND MOVING COSTS ARE ESTIMATED TO BE NEARLY 20-THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE CLINIC DOES NOT HAVE THE FUNDS FOR THE RENNOVATIONS AND IS

ASKING FOR HELP WITH THIS PROJECT THAT THEY SAY COULD BENEFIT THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

February 5, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IN YOUR HEALTH MATTERS TONIGHT -- FOCUSING ON FEBRUARY AS NATIONAL HEART HEALTH MONTH, WE'RE HIGHLIGHTING A FIRST OF ITS KIND PROCEDURE AT MUNSON MEDICAL CENTER INVOLVING THE LARGEST ARTERY IN THE BODY.

February 7, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

MICHIGAN HEALTH SYSTEM PLANS TO START SCREENING JOB APPLICANTS FOR NICOTINE USE. OFFICIALS FROM MCLAREN HEALTH CARE, BASED OUT OF FLINT, SAY THEY ARE STARTING THE NEW NO-NICOTINE POLICY FOR NEW APPLICANTS, MEANING THOSE APPLYING FOR JOBS CAN'T TEST POSITIVE FOR NICOTINE AND CAN'T USE ANY NICOTINE PRODUCTS INCLUDING PATCHES.

February 7, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

STATE TROOPERS ARE RECEIVING A LITTLE HELP IN KEEPING MICHIGAN SAFER. FIFTEEN-POINT-TWO MILLION DOLLARS WILL BE USED TO FUND THE TRAINING OF OVER ONE HUNDRED TROOPERS AT THE MICHIGAN STATE POLICE TRAINING ACADEMY. THESE NEW TROOPERS WILL THEN PATROL ROADWAYS AND COMMUNITIES ACROSS MICHIGAN. STATE POLICE SAY THEY HAVE PUT MORE TROOPERS IN INNER CITIES - AND HAVE SINCE SEEN CRIME RATES LOWER AND YOUTH PROGRAMS BECOME SUCCESSFUL.

February 10, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IN YOUR HEALTH MATTERS TONIGHT. FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL HEART HEALTH MONTH -- AND TONIGHT WE'RE HIGHLIGHTING A "FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND" PROCEDURE AT MUNSON MEDICAL CENTER. ONE TRAVERSE CITY MAN WAS THE FIRST IN THE REGION TO HAVE A "STENT-GRAFT" SURGERY. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH AND PHOTO-JOURNALIST BOB RHODES SHOW HOW THE SURGERY SAVED HIS LIFE.

February 12, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IF YOUR LUCKY, YOU ONLY HAVE TO STARE DOWN DEATH ONCE IN YOUR LIFE... HOPEFULLY WHEN YOU ARE VERY OLD, AND YOU HAVE A LIFETIME OF MEMORIES TO LOOK BACK ON. BUT THAT'S NOT THE SITUATION FOR JEFF PEPSLINKI... BACK IN OCTOBER, JEFF WAS DEALT SOME DEVASTATING NEWS... EVERYDAY, HE FINDS HIMSELF BATTLING AGAINST THE ODDS, BEATING SOMETHING MOST DOCTORS SAY HE CAN'T... FOR THE MOST INCREDIBLY HEART FELT REASON.

February 14, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A NEW MEDICAL CENTER IS NOW OPEN TO THE RESIDENTS OF INDIAN RIVER. OTSEGO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL HAD ITS GRAND OPENING FOR ITS MEDICAL PRACTICE TODAY. THE NEW BUILDING IS LOCATED ALONG SOUTH STRAIGHTS HIGHWAY NEAR DOWNTOWN INDIAN RIVER.

February 19, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A FAMOUS AUTHOR ONCE SAID - A MOTHER'S LOVE FOR HER CHILD IS LIKE

NOTHING ELSE IN THE WORLD. IT KNOWS NO LAW, NO PITY. IT DARES ALL THINGS AND CRUSHES DOWN REMORSELESSLY, ALL THAT STANDS IN ITS PATH. TRUER WORDS WERE NEVER SPOKEN ABOUT A BENZIE COUNTY MOTHER WILLING TO GO TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH TO HELP HER DAUGHTER THROUGH AUTISM - WHILE ALSO - TRYING TO SAVE HERSELF.

February 19, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IN YOUR HEALTH MATTERS TONIGHT: WE'RE TAKING A LOOK AT A NEW HEART PROCEDURE AT MUNSON'S WEBBER HEART CENTER THAT PHYSICIANS SAY IS ONLY THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG. DICK SHARKEY OF ELK RAPIDS WAS ONE OF THE FIRST PATIENTS AT MUNSON WHO HAD THE PROCEDURE CALLED TRANS-CATHETER AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT OR TAVR {ta-VER} DONE.

February 24, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

TODAY THE TRAVERSE CITY COAST GUARD GAVE A VERY SPECIAL GROUP OF KIDS A "STRESS-FREE DAY" -- FILLED WITH SMILES AND LAUGHTER. THE AIR-STATION WAS TRANSFORMED INTO A PLAYFUL WONDER-LAND -- AND IT WAS ALL TO BENEFIT THE BRAVE CHILDREN FROM "THE GREAT LAKES BURN CAMP." 7&4'S MEGHAN MORELLI WAS AT THE SPECIAL EVENT THIS AFTERNOON -- AND JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH THE DETAILS. KATE -- THE GREAT LAKES BURN CAMP WAS CREATED BACK IN 19-95 AS A SPECIAL PLACE FOR KIDS WHO HAVE SUFFERED BURN INJURIES.

February 24, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

MORE THAN 50 DANCERS WERE "MOVING AND GROOVING" THIS WEEKEND -- FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL "DANCE BATTLE FOR THE CURE" EVENT IN TRAVERSE CITY. 16 LOCAL DANCE GROUPS JOINED FORCES FOR A NIGHT OF CREATIVE PERFORMANCES SATURDAY NIGHT -- ALL TO BENEFIT THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY. MORE THAN 300 PEOPLE SHOWED UP AT SAINT FRANCIS HIGHSCHOOL -- TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE CAUSE AND TO ENJOY THE SHOW.

February 25, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS - 7&4 HAS BEEN FOLLOWING THREE NORTHERN MICHIGAN WOMEN ON THEIR JOURNEY TO MAKE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CHANGE. TONIGHT - WE'RE CHECKING IN WITH DANA POTOCKI TO SEE HOW HER TIME WENT - WORKING WITH WEIGHT WATCHERS.

February 25, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS A WARNING FOR PARENTS TONIGHT -- WHOOPING COUGH CASES ARE UP AROUND THE STATE -- WHICH COULD PUT YOUR FAMILIES OR CHILDREN AT RISK. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS SPOKE WITH LOCAL DOCTORS TODAY TO SEE HOW YOU CAN STOP THIS ILLNESS FROM INVADING YOUR HOME.

February 26, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A NORTHERN MICHIGAN HOSPITAL HAS BEEN NAMED ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S TOP 100 HOSPITALS. MERCY HOSPITAL GRAYLING WAS GIVEN THE HONOR BY TRUVEN HEALTH ANALYTICS. HOSPITALS ARE EVALUATED IN 10 AREAS -- INCLUDING PATIENT SATISFACTION, SAFETY AND RE-ADMISSION RATES.

February 26, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS - 7&4 HAS BEEN FOLLOWING THREE NORTHERN MICHIGAN WOMEN ON THEIR JOURNEY TO MAKE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CHANGE. TONIGHT - WE'RE CHECKING IN WITH CASEY WHITE TO SEE HOW HER TIME WENT - WORKING WITH MUNSON MEDICAL CENTER'S HEALTHY WEIGHT CENTER.

February 27, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS - 7&4 HAS BEEN FOLLOWING THREE NORTHERN MICHIGAN WOMEN ON THEIR JOURNEY TO MAKE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CHANGE. TONIGHT - WE'RE CHECKING IN WITH MISTY MARSHALL TO SEE HOW HER TIME WENT - WORKING WITH THE GRAND TRAVERSE ATHLETIC CLUB.

February 28, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

MUNSON MEDICAL CENTER IN TRAVERSE CITY HAS NEW LEADERSHIP. ALFRED PILONG JUNIOR WAS ANNOUNCED AS THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM TODAY. PILONG USED TO SERVE AS THE PRESIDENT OF A MEDICAL CENTER IN VIRGINIA AS WELL AS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE HEALTH SYSTEM THERE. PILONG WILL START ON APRIL 3-RD.

February 28, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE Y-M-C-A IN CADILLAC IS ALL ABOUT WOMEN THIS WEEKEND. THE LADIES ARE TAKING OVER AT THE WOMEN'S WELLNESS EXPO THIS SUNDAY. LOCAL VENDORS WILL BE SHOWCASING BEAUTY GIFTS, FLOWERS, COOKWARE AND THERE WILL BE A FASHION SHOW AS WELL AS FITNESS CLASSES AND MASSAGES. AFTER A SUCCESSFUL EVENT LAST YEAR -- THE CADILLAC Y-M-C-A WANTS TO CONTINUE THE EXPO FOR WOMEN IN THE AREA TO TREAT THEMSELVES.

February 28, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

TONIGHT ON 7&4 NEWS AT FIVE - WE REVEALED THE RESULTS OF OUR SCALING BACK SERIES. ALL THREE WOMEN LOST DOUBLE-DIGIT WEIGHT AND SO EPIPHANY SALON IN ACME REWARDED THE WOMEN WITH MAKEOVERS. TAKE A LOOK...

March 4 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A CALIFORNIA SENIOR INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER IS IN THE MIDDLE OF SOME CONTROVERSY TONIGHT -- AFTER ONE OF THEIR RESIDENTS COLLAPSED TO THE FLOOR AND THE NURSE REFUSED TO PERFORM C-P-R. THE 87 YEAR OLD WOMAN DIED AS A RESULT.

March 4 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THIS STORY IS GETTING A LOT OF NATIONAL ATTENTION AND IS FUELING EMOTIONS FOR MANY PEOPLE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. IT ALSO RAISES QUESTIONS - ON EXACTLY WHAT IS REQUIRED OF SENIOR HOMES, WHEN IT COMES TO PERFORMING C-P-R. 7&4 NEWS CONTACTED SEVERAL SENIOR ASSISTED LIVING AND RETIREMENT FACILITIES IN TRAVERSE CITY -- TO FIND OUT THE POLICIES FOLLOWED HERE IN MICHIGAN. 7&4'S KATE FOX JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE ON WHAT SHE LEARNED.

March 4 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

SHOULD YOUR CHILDREN GET TESTED FOR LEAD POISONING? EXPERTS SAY YES -- AND ONE STATE REPRESENTATIVE WANTS TO MAKE IT LAW. IN TONIGHTS' FACT FINDER REPROT -- 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL EXPLAINS WHY LEAD POISONING POSES SUCH A SERIOUS THREAT TO YOUR FAMILY.

March 5 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IN YOUR HEALTH MATTERS TONIGHT -- MARCH IS NATIONAL ESSENTIAL TREMOR MONTH. IT'S A NEUROLOGICAL CONDITION THAT AFFECTS PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND MEDICATION DOESN'T ALWAYS HELP. THAT'S WHY A CERTAIN PROCEDURE CALLED DEEP BRAIN STIMULATION THERAPY IS BECOMING MORE COMMON. IT'S AVAILABLE IN SOUTHERN MICHIGAN -- BUT MUNSON MEDICAL CENTER IS ABLE TO MONITOR PATIENTS ONCE THEY'VE HAD THE PROCEDURE. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH HAS TWO PATIENTS' STORIES.

March 8 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

WE WILL BE SPRINGING FORWARD AND SETTING OUR CLOCKS AHEAD FOR THE ANNUAL DAY-LIGHT-SAVING TIME ON SUNDAY. TO SOME THIS IS A SIMPLE TASK THAT MEANS ONE HOUR LESS SLEEP -- BUT SOME RECENT STUDIES SHOW THAT THIS ANNUAL EVENT COULD ACTUALLY BE LIFE THREATENING. 7&4'S MEGHAN MORELLI HAS MORE ON HOW DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME CAN IMPACT BOTH YOUR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH.

March 11 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

TODAY REPRESENTATIVE WAYNE SCHMIDT PRESENTED THE NORTHWEST MICHIGAN BRANCH OF THE RED CROSS IN TRAVERSE CITY WITH A STATE LEGISLATIVE DECLARATION. MARCH HAS BEEN FORMALLY DECLARED RED CROSS MONTH IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN AFTER STATE LAWMAKERS APPROVED HOUSE RESOLUTION THIRTY-FOUR. LAWMAKERS HOPE THAT THE RESOLUTION WILL RAISE AWARENESS FOR THE WORK THE RED CROSS DOES NOT ONLY NATIONALLY BUT ALSO RIGHT HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN.

March 12 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

MICHIGAN HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY AN 80 YEAR OLD TRAVERSE CITY MAN IS THE 17TH PERSON FROM THE STATE TO DIE AS A RESULT OF CONTAMINATED STEROIDS SUPPLIES BY A MASSACHUSETTS PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY. THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH SAYS AT LEAST 258 PEOPLE HAVE CONTRACTED ILLNESSES INCLUDING FUNGAL MENINGITIS THAT ARE PART OF A NATIONAL DISEASE OUTBREAK.

March 18 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MICHIGAN IS NOW A CUSTOMER-OWNED NON PROFIT ENDING THE INSURERS TAX EXEMPT STATUS IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN GOVERNOR RICK SNYDER SIGNED THE LEGISLATION TODAY AT THE COMPANY'S HEADQUARTERS IN DETROIT. ACCORDING TO SNYDER -- THE NEW LEGISLATION WILL ALLOW BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD TO BECOME MORE MODERNIZED AS IT PREPARES TO COMPETE FOR BUSINESS UNDER THE NEW FEDERAL HEALTHCARE LAWS GOING INTO EFFECT. CRITICS SAY THE OVERHAUL WILL HURT SENIORS BECAUSE SUBSIDIES THEY CURRENTLY HAVE WILL EVENTUALLY GO AWAY.

March 20 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

MICHIGAN HEALTH OFFICIALS SAID TODAY THREE MORE PEOPLE HAVE GOTTEN SICK AS A RESULT OF CONTAMINATED STEROIDS SUPPLIED BY A MASSACHUSETTS PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH SAYS AT LEAST 261 PEOPLE HAVE CONTRACTED ILLNESSES INCLUDING FUNGAL MENINGITIS. ALL PART OF A NATIONAL DISEASE OUTBREAK. SO FAR 17 PEOPLE HAVE DIED FROM MENINGITIS IN THE STATE.

March 20 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A NEW C-D-C REPORT REVEALS THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM HAS RISEN OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS. AUTISM CAN BE IDENTIFIED AS YOUNG AS 18 MONTHS OLD -- BUT MANY CHILDREN WITH Milder SYMPTOMS MAY NOT BE DIAGNOSED UNTIL THEY ARE IN SCHOOL. BASED ON PARENT REPORTS FROM 20-12 -- ONE OUT OF 50 CHILDREN WAS DIAGNOSED WITH AN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIX AND 17.

March 20 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE RECENT MENINGITIS OUTBREAK -- IS THE FOCUS OF TONIGHTS FACT-FINDER REPORT. HUNDREDS OF LAWSUITS HAVE BEEN FILED AS A RESULT OF THIS NATIONWIDE HEALTH THREAT. -- AND TONIGHT WE HEAR FROM ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN VICTIM TRYING TO BALANCE TREATMENTS AND MEDICAL BILLS.. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL REPORTS..

March 21 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

BIG CHANGES COULD BE COMING TO MICHIGAN INDOOR TANNING USERS -- 2 NEW BILLS WERE INTRODUCED IN LANSING TODAY THAT COULD COMPLETELY BAN INDOOR TANNING FOR ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18. 7&4 'S MEGHAN MORELLI MET WITH ONE TRAVERSE CITY DERMATOLOGIST AND A TANNING SALON OWNER TODAY -- AND HAS BOTH SIDES OF THE STORY.

March 26 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

MICHIGAN'S ATTORNEY GENERAL IS ASKING FOR A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATHS OF 17 PEOPLE IN THE STATE -- WHO CONTRACTED MENINGITIS FROM TAINTED STEROID SHOTS. THE SHOTS WERE SUPPLIED BY A MASSACHUSETT'S PHARMACY COMPANY. BILL SHOOTIE ANNOUNCED TODAY -- THAT HE ASKED THE STATE COURT OF APPEALS TO ORDER A PROBE -- INTO THE NEW ENGLAND COMPOUNDING CENTER. HE SAID THAT MICHIGAN LEADS THE COUNTRY IN PATIENTS AFFECTED BY THE FUNGAL MENINGITIS OUTBREAK -- WITH 259 INFECTIONS AND 17 DEATHS.

March 26 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITY IS GOING PURPLE -- TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR PEOPLE WITH EPILEPSY. WHAT STARTED IN CANADA BY A 9 YEAR OLD GIRL PURPLE DAY HAS MADE IT'S WAY TO THE STATES. TODAY GAYLORD LOCAL BECKY BIGELOW INVITED THE COMMUNITY TO WEAR PURPLE TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR EPILEPSY. BIGELOW'S FOUR YEAR OLD SON ELI HAS SUFFERED FROM EPILEPSY SINCE HE WAS FOUR MONTHS OLD -- AND WAS OUT WITH HIS MOM TODAY HANDING OUT PURPLE RIBBONS AND SEIZURE FIRST AID KIDS.

March 29 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

MUNSON MEDICAL CENTER IN TRAVERSE CITY IS MAKING SURE FAMILIES AND STAFF MEMBERS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE THE EASTER SEASON. A GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE WAS HELD TODAY IN THE HOSPITAL CHAPEL. A SERVICE WILL ALSO BE HELD EASTER SUNDAY AT TEN A-M. THE LEAD CHAPLAIN BELIEVES ITS IMPORTANT TO BE AVAILABLE TO FULFILL THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF FAMILY MEMBERS AND PATIENTS, WHILE ALSO GIVING EMPLOYEES A CHANCE TO TAKE PART.

March 31, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

SOME BIG CHANGES TO THE STATE'S MEDICAL MARIJUANA LAW ARE SET TO "KICK-IN" ON MONDAY. ONE OF THE CHANGES INVOLVES THE TYPE OF "DOCTOR-PATIENT" RELATIONSHIP THAT'S NEEDED -- BEFORE "MEDICAL-MARIJUANA-USE" CAN BE APPROVED. FOR EXAMPLE -- A DOCTOR MUST NOW COMPLETE A "FACE-TO-FACE" EVALUATION OF THE PATIENT. THIS COMES AFTER LAWMAKERS WERE CONCERNED THAT "STATE-ISSUED-CARDS" WERE BEING GIVEN OUT TOO EASILY -- LIKE OVER THE INTERNET. ANOTHER CHANGE -- MEDICAL MARIJUANA CARDS GIVEN TO PEOPLE FROM A DOCTOR WILL BE GOOD FOR TWO YEARS -- INSTEAD OF JUST ONE.

PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

EDUCATION

(including education standards, school safety, and alternative schools)

Local News

January 10, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

LOCAL VOLUNTEERS ARE TRAINING TO HELP WITH A NEW INITIATIVE THAT'S GEARED TOWARDS IMPROVING CHILDREN'S READING SKILLS. CHAR-EM INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE UNITED WAY IS TEAMING UP TO TRAIN MORE THAN TWO DOZEN VOLUNTEERS. TODAY -- THEY GATHERED AT THE CARNEGIE BUILDING IN PETOSKEY TO LEARN HOW TO READ TO STUDENTS SO THAT EACH CHILD CAN GET THE MOST OUT OF THEIR MENTORING EXPERIENCE. ONCE TRAINED -- THE VOLUNTEERS WILL BE PLACED IN AREA SCHOOLS TO WORK AT TUTORS.

January 10, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THREE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICTS WERE NAMED "ACADEMIC STATE CHAMPIONS" FOR 2012 BY BRIDGE MAGAZINE. CRAWFORD AU-SABLE SCHOOLS, MASON COUNTY EASTERN SCHOOLS, AND KINGSLEY AREA SCHOOLS MADE THE TOP 10 LIST WHICH WAS RELEASED EARLIER TODAY. THE ANALYSIS WAS CONDUCTED BY BRIDGE MAGAZINE AND THE LANSING RESEARCH FIRM OF PUBLIC SECTOR CONSULTANTS.

January 14, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART SCIENCE CENTER IS NOW OPEN TO STUDENTS IN PETOSKEY. THE JACK AND DORTHY HARRIS HEALTH EDUCATION AND SCIENCE CENTER AT NORTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE HELD CLASSES FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY. THESE NEW FACILITIES INCLUDE CLASSROOMS AND LABS. ONE OF THE NEW HIGH TECH FEATURES OF THE BUILDING IS THE LIFELIKE PATIENT SIMULATORS.

January 15, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A TRAVERSE CITY HIGH SCHOOL IS GETTING A LITTLE MORE COMPETITIVE THIS YEAR -- AFTER THEY RECEIVED A 10-THOUSAND DOLLAR GRANT. THE TRAVERSE CITY CENTRAL ROBOTICS TEAM -- KNOWN AS THE RAPTORS WAS RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR INVOLVEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY AND THEIR UNIQUE TEAM. THE MONEY WILL BE USED TO EXPAND OUTREACH AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNGER STUDENTS COMING INTO THE PROGRAM -- AND WILL HELP FUND THE 20-13 ROBOTICS COMPETITION SEASON.

January 16, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IT'S PROBABLY PART OF YOUR MORNING ROUTINE -- GETTING THE KIDS OFF TO SCHOOL. AND YOU MIGHT NOT THINK ABOUT IT LIKE THIS -- BUT MAKING SURE THEY GET TO CLASS -- IS ACTUALLY THE LAW. NOT DOING SO -- CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS LEGAL TROUBLE FOR YOU -- AND YOUR KIDS. IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT -- 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL TAKES A CLOSER LOOK AT MICHIGAN'S TRUANCY LAWS AND THE NEW CHANGES FOR 20-13.

January 21, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

TODAY 50 EXCHANGE STUDENTS AND FIVE ADULTS FROM CHINA WERE GREETED BY HOST FAMILIES AT TRAVERSE CITY WEST SENIOR HIGH AND TRAVERSE CITY CENTRAL HIGH AFTER A LONG FLIGHT FROM BEIJING. THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM WAS SET UP AFTER SIX REPRESENTATIVES FROM TCAPS ATTENDED A CONFERENCE IN CHINA IN NOVEMBER.

January 25, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE UNITED STATES EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS ORDERING SCHOOLS TO GIVE STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES THE CHANCE TO PLAY TRADITIONAL SPORTS. 7 & 4'S MEGHAN MORELLI SPENT THE DAY IN LOCAL SCHOOLS TALKING WITH ADMINISTRATORS AND STUDENTS ABOUT WHAT COULD BE A LANDMARK DECISION.

January 30, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT IS CALLING FOR AN INCREASE IN SALARIES FOR MICHIGAN TEACHERS. THE SUPERINTENDENT SAYS LOW WAGES OFTEN DISCOURAGE STUDENTS FROM PURSUING TEACHING AS A CAREER. HE SAYS RAISING TEACHER SALARIES ABOVE SIX FIGURES ALSO WILL ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO GET INTO THE CLASSROOM -- INCLUDING THOSE WHO CHANGE CAREER FIELDS. THE SUPERINTENDENT STRESSES MICHIGAN NEEDS TO RAISE ALL TEACHERS' SALARIES TO THAT LEVEL TO QUOTE -- "CONTINUE GETTING THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST PEOPLE."

January 31, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

JUST BECAUSE SCHOOL IS CANCELED FOR THE KIDS -- IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT PARENTS HAVE THE DAY OFF FROM WORK, AS WELL. 7&4'S MEGHAN MORELLI SPOKE

WITH AREA PARENTS ABOUT HOW THEY HANDLE SNOW DAYS -- AND A DAYCARE CENTER THAT TRIES TO HELP THEM OUT.

February 7, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THEY'RE A WEAPON OF THE FUTURE -- AND A BILLION DOLLAR INDUSTRY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CORPORATIONS THAT DESIGN THEM. BUT HOW IS IT THAT A SMALL SCHOOL -- LIKE NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE -- HAS BECOME A HUB FOR THE WORLD'S LARGEST MILITARY CONTRACTING COMPANIES? 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL EXPLAINS IN TONIGHT'S SEPECIAL REPORT.

February 7, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A BIG PORTION OF THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET PLAN IS GEARED TOWARDS EDUCATION HE IS PROPOSING TO SPEND 11-POINT BILLION DOLLARS IN K-12 FUNDING TO HELP CLOSE THE GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR DISTRICTS. BUT AS 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS TELLS US THOSE NUMBERS ARE NOT GETTING LOCAL EDUCATORS TOO EXCITED.

February 11, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE LATEST MEAP TEST RESULTS SHOW MICHIGAN STUDENTS IMPROVED THEIR READING, MATH AND WRITING SKILLS THIS YEAR. THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RELEASED THE RESULTS TODAY. THE STATE SAYS STUDENTS SHOWED IMPROVEMENTS IN READING PROFICIENCY AT ALL GRADE LEVELS -- ESPECIALLY IN 3-RD AND 8-TH GRADE.

February 13, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

TWO SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHO ARE USUALLY RIVALS ON THE BASKETBALL COURT ARE COMING TOGETHER TONIGHT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST BREAST CANCER. CHARLEVOIX AND EAST JORDAN'S GIRLS MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAMS ARE PLAYING BENEFIT GAMES TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR SOME OF THEIR TEACHERS WHO ARE BATTLING BREAST CANCER. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS HAS THE STORY.

February 20, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

MANY SCHOOLS WERE OFF AGAIN TODAY AND AREA SCHOOLS ARE RACKING UP THE SNOW DAYS. IN FACT MANY HAVE USED UP ALL THEIR ALLOTTED TIME OFF FOR WEATHER. BUSES WERE AGAIN PARKED IN THE GARAGE AT TRAVERSE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS TODAY.

February 21, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS HAS FILED A COMPLAINT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. THEY ARE ASKING THE FEDERAL AGENCY TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOTS WITHIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS EXPLAINS HOW THIS DISPUTE IS EFFECTING LOCAL SCHOOLS.

February 23, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THERE WAS A SPECIAL EVENT FOR PARENTS TODAY IN TRAVERSE CITY -- TO MAKE SURE THEIR LITTLE ONES -- GET A *SOLID START TO THEIR EDUCATION. THE TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL HOSTED THE "T-C AREA PRESCHOOL AND CHILDHOOD RESOURCE FAIR" THIS AFTERNOON -- WHERE MORE THAN 20 VENDORS SHOWED-UP TO BE A PART OF THIS "ONE-STOP-SHOP" EVENT.

February 25, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A NORTHERN MICHIGAN WOMAN WILL BE HONORED TONIGHT FOR HER EFFORTS TO KEEP KIDS IN SCHOOL. THE T-CAPS BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL RECOGNIZE THE WORK OF KATHY KEATON -- WHO IS THE INTERVENTION COORDINATOR FOR THE 13-TH CIRCUIT COURT. KEATON WORKS WITH PARENTS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS TO MAKE SURE TRUANCY CASES DON'T HAVE TO GO TO COURT.

February 25, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

AS PART OF OUR CONTINUING COVERAGE "SCHOOLS IN CRISIS" 7 & 4 NEWS WILL BE AT AN EDUCATION FORUM TONIGHT IN BENZIE COUNTY FOCUSING ON PROPOSED SCHOOL FUNDING CHANGES IN THE STATE. THE FORUM INCLUDES A PANEL OF LOCAL SUPERINTENDENTS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE MICHIGAN BOARD OF EDUCATION. IT IS BEING HELD AT BENZIE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL BEGINNING AT 6 FOURTY FIVE AND IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

February 25, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT -- WE TAKE A LOOK AT TUESDAY'S SPECIAL ELECTIONS. IN MANCERONA -- SCHOOL LEADERS ARE ASKING VOTERS TO APPROVE A ONE-POINT-NINE-THREE MILLION DOLLAR BOND PROPOSAL. BUT HOW WOULD THAT MONEY BE SPENT? AND WHAT WILL IT COST YOU? 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL HAS THE ANSWERS -- IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT.

February 26, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

AT THE POLLS TODAY -- MANCERONA VOTERS ARE SEEING A BOND REQUEST TO BOOST THEIR SCHOOL DISTRICT'S INFRASTRUCTURE. THERE IS A BALLOT REQUEST FOR A POINT-30 MILL TAX LEVY -- WHICH WOULD GENERATE ROUGHLY 1-POINT-93 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE DISTRICT. SUPERINTENDENT JEFF DIROSA SAYS THAT MONEY WOULD BE SPENT ON MORE THAN A DOZEN NEW BUSES -- AND TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES.

February 26, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE GREENSPIRE SCHOOL IN GRAND TRAVERSE BROKE GROUND EARLIER TODAY FOR A NEW BUILDING THAT WILL HELP THE SCHOOL GROW. THIS IS PHASE 3 OF A FOUR PHASE PROJECT. THE NEW BUILDING WILL INCORPORATE A "STATE OF THE ART" SCIENCE LAP THAT WAS FUNDED WITH A 105 THOUSAND DOLLAR DONATION FROM THE ORTON FOUNDATION.

February 27, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

80 AREA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GOT A CHANCE TO STEP INTO THE BUSINESS WORLD TODAY. THE JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF NORTHWEST MICHIGAN HELD ITS INAUGURAL YOUTH SUMMIT FOR FUTURE ENTREPRENEURS TODAY AT THE HAGERTY CENTER IN TRAVERSE CITY. LOCAL BUSINESS LEADERS MENTORED STUDENTS THROUGH A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES -- INCLUDING A BUSINESS CHALLENGE PRESENTED BY A SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEUR THAT STUDENTS HAD TO WORK TOGETHER TO SOLVE.

February 27, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

EDUCATION FUNDING HAS TAKEN A HIT OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. BUT SURPRISINGLY -- MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOLS ARE SEEING AN INCREASE IN GRADUATION RATES. WHAT'S BEHIND THE TREND?AND HOW ARE SCHOOL LEADERS HELPING TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF DROP-OUTS IN THEIR DISTRICT? 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL HAS THE ANSWERS -- IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT.

February 27, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IT APPEARS A NORTHERN MICHIGAN SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL BE ABLE TO ADD NEW BUSES AND UPGRADE TECHNOLOGYMANCELONA VOTERS WENT TO THE POLLS YESTERDAY TO DETERMINE THE FATE OF A POINT 30 MILL TAX LEVY TO HELP UNOFFICIAL RESULTS INTO THE 7&4 NEWS ROOM WERE 350 YES TO 161 NO. DISTRICTS LEADERS SAY HOME-OWNERS WILL SEE NO INCREASE IN THEIR ANNUAL TAXES.

February 28, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE ROSCOMMON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED AGAIN TOMORROW DUE TO A GAS LINE ISSUE.ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF WILL BE OPERATING IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL ON FRIDAY.STUDENTS MET IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL TODAY AFTER OFFICIALS FOUND EXCESSIVE PRESSURE ON THE BUILDING'S MAIN GAS LINE.STUDENTS WILL BEGIN THEIR DAY AT 7-55 IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM.TEACHERS WILL MEET STUDENTS THERE AND WALK WITH THEM TO THEIR TEMPORARY CLASSROOMS.

March 01, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

TRAVERSE CITY CENTRAL AND TRAVERSE CITY WEST HIGH SCHOOLERS ARE PUTTING THEIR BRAINS TO THE TEST THIS WEEKEND IN THE DISTRICT ROBOTICS COMPETITION.THE COMPETITION KICKED OFF TODAY AT T-C CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL AS STUDENTS AND TEACHERS FROM 40 HIGH SCHOOLS ACROSS THE STATE CAME OUT TO DESIGN AND BUILD A ROBOT.EACH ROBOT IS BUILT IS MEASURED BY ITS EFFECTIVENESS -- THE TEAM'S ABILITY TO WORK TOGETHER AND THE DETERMINATION OF THE STUDENTS TO GET THE JOB DONE.

March 05, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE HALLS OF WILLOW HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WERE ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC THIS MORNING AS A GROUP OF STUDENTS SERENADED A CLASSROOM IN GEORGIA USING THE INTERNET.

March 05, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS PUT AN IPAD INTO EVERY STUDENTS HANDS WITH THE HELP OF TAX PAYERS.AND TODAY THE KIDS GOT A LOOK AT THEIR NEW GADGET.7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS HAS MORE.

March 07, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

WHILE MANY OF THEIR FRIENDS ARE ON A TROPICAL VACATION -- A GROUP OF FRATERNITY BROTHERS CHOSE TO SPEND THEIR SPRING BREAK WALKING FOR A GOOD CAUSE.FIFTEEN BROTHERS OF THE GRAND VALLEY CHAPTER OF ALPHA TAU OMEGA SPENT THE PAST EIGHT DAYS WALKING FROM GRAND RAPIDS TO TRAVERSE CITY - ALL TO RAISE MONEY FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS.THE GUYS RAISED NEARLY FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THEIR ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY MILE WALK.

March 07, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

SATIRICAL GUIDE FOR DANCING PUBLISHED IN A HIGH SCHOOL NEWSPAPER IS CREATING SOME CONTROVERSY. THE ILLUSTRATION WAS IN TRAVERSE CITY CENTRAL'S NEWSPAPER "THE BLACK AND GOLD" AND WAS MEANT TO MAKE LIGHT OF IT DEPICTS SEVERAL DANCE MOVES THAT SOME HAVE COMPLAINED AS BEING TOO SUGGESTIVE. THE SCHOOL'S PRINCIPAL SAYS THE ILLUSTRATION CROSSED THE LINE.

March 08, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

STUDENTS FROM NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE WILL BE GIVING UP THEIR SPRING BREAK IN ORDER TO HELP THOSE IN NEED. THE PROGRAM IS CALLED ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK THE STUDENTS ARE PAIRED UP WITH THE UNITED WAY OF NORTHWEST MICHIGAN TO DO SERVICE PROJECTS -- AND FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW -- N-M-C STUDENTS WILL BE HEADING DOWN TO NEW ORLEANS TO HELP REBUILD HOMES FOR THOSE FAMILIES AFFECTED BY HURRICANE KATRINA.

March 09, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A GROUP OF CUB-SCOUTS HIT THE RACING TRACKS IN TRAVERSE CITY TODAY -- TO SEE *WHO* HAD THE FASTEST CAR. 40 CUB SCOUTS FROM "PACK 31" FROM GRAND TRAVERSE AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS -- RACED THEIR "HAND-BUILT", DECORATED CARS -- THAT MEMBERS OF THE COAST GUARD HELPED THEM CREATE. THIS IS THE SECOND YEAR THAT THE CUB SCOUTS HAVE HELD THEIR RACE AT THE COAST GUARD AIR STATION IN TRAVERSE CITY -- AND THEY HOPE TO DO IT AGAIN NEXT YEAR.

March 12, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A CHIPPEWA COUNTY SCHOOL IS CLOSING ITS DOORS DUE TO FINANCIAL PROBLEMS. RUDYARD SCHOOL DISTRICT'S BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTED LAST NIGHT TO CLOSE TURNER-HOWSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. THE BUILDING HAS BEEN IN BAD SHAPE FOR MANY YEARS -- AND BECAME TOO EXPENSIVE TO RENOVATE.

March 13, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

NORTHERN MICHIGAN'S *LARGEST SCHOOL DISTRICT IS MAKING STRATEGIC CHANGES FOR THE FUTURE, IN HOPES OF CREATING MORE CHALLENGING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS. TRAVERSE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT STEVE COUSINS TELLS 7&4 NEWS THAT THE DISTRICT WILL BE ADDING A "DISTRICT CHIEF OF SCHOOLS" -- WHO WILL WORK WITH PRINCIPALS TO RAISE ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT. SANDER SCOTT -- THE CURRENT PRINCIPAL OF WESTWOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -- WILL TAKE OVER THIS NEW POSITION.

March 14, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITY IS RALLYING TOGETHER BEHIND THEIR GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM IN THEIR JOURNEY TO BRING HOME A STATE TITLE. THE LADIES FROM ST. IGNACE TRAVELED MORE THAN 4 HOURS TO COMPETE IN THE SEMI-FINALS TONIGHT. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS MET WITH THE TEAM AND HAS MORE FROM THE BRESLIN CENTER IN LANSING.

March 17, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A REGIONAL COMPETITION SPELLED "SUCCESS" TODAY -- FOR A NORTHERN MICHIGAN STUDENT. STUDENTS FROM ANTRIM, CHARLEVOIX, EMMETT, GRAND TRAVERSE, KALKASKA AND LEELANAU COUNTIES HIT THE BOOKS -- TO REPRESENT THEIR SCHOOL IN THE 20-13 GRAND TRAVERSE REGIONAL SPELLING BEE. MORE THAN 30 FINALISTS TOOK THE STAGE AT THE STATE THEATRE IN TRAVERSE CITY -- AND STEPPED UP TO THE MIC TO COMPETE. EIGHTH GRADER CHARLIE {DON-A-HUGH} FROM "SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SEATON SCHOOL" WALKED AWAY AS THE CHAMPION OF THE SPELLING BEE.

March 18, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE TRAVERSE CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE ASKING FOR FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY. SCHOOL OFFICIALS WANT INPUT AS THE DISTRICT REVIEWS THE NOVEMBER BOND PROPOSAL AND A LONG TERM FACILITY PLAN. THE SESSIONS ARE OPEN TO ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BOND PROPOSAL WITH BOARD MEMBERS. THERE ARE TWO SCHEDULED THIS WEEK.

March 21, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

YOUNG CHILDREN IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN HAVE HAD THEIR FUTURE MADE A LITTLE BRIGHTER THANKS TO A LOCAL COMPANY. CONSUMERS ENERGY ANNOUNCED MONDAY THEY WILL BE GIVING SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO FOUR NORTHERN MICHIGAN ORGANIZATIONS. THESE EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS INCLUDE "GREAT START" FOR CHILDCARE SCHOLARSHIPS AND PARENT EDUCATION, AND "GREAT START COLLABORATIVE" FOR PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS.

March 22, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE ENTIRE CITY OF CADILLAC RALLIED AROUND THEIR BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM TODAY BECAUSE THEY WERE HEADING TO EAST LANSING TO PLAY IN A CLASS B STATE SEMIFINAL MATCHUP. STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS SHOWED UP AT CADILLAC HIGH SCHOOL THIS MORNING -- DRESSED IN THEIR VIKING "BLUE AND GOLD" -- TO SEND THEIR BOYS OFF TO THE BIG GAME. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE TEAM HAS GONE TO THE SEMI-FINALS SINCE 19-27. THE BOYS ARE PLAYING "DETROIT COUNTRY DAY" TONIGHT -- AT THE BRESLIN CENTER IN EAST LANSING.

March 25, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE DISTRICT IS LOOKING TO CUT A MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR. CHARLEVOIX'S SUPERINTENDENT IS PROPOSING TWO OPTIONS AT TONIGHT'S SCHOOL BOARD MEETING. AT TONIGHT'S MEETING, NATHAN EDWARDS IS IN THE PETOSKEY BUREAU TO EXPLAIN WHAT CHOICES ARE ON THE TABLE.

March 26, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

ARE YOU OR YOUR KIDS THINKING ABOUT SUMMER DURING THIS SNOWY SPRING BREAK? WELL IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START MAKING PLANS FOR SUMMER CAMP. THE BOARDMAN RIVER NATURE CENTER IN TRAVERSE CITY IS HAVING THEIR SPRING BREAK SERIES THIS WEEK -- WHERE KIDS AGE FOUR AND UP CAN COME FOR A SPECIAL PROGRAM EVERYDAY. EACH DAY GIVES A GLIMPSE OF A SUMMER CAMP AT THE NATURE CENTER IS ALL ABOUT. KIDS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO MAKE CRAFTS AND ALSO TAKE HIKES OUTSIDE -- WHILE EXPLORING THE THEME OF THE DAY.

March 26, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL BE CLOSING A DISTRICT BUILDING -- AFTER THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVED A PLAN -- TO CUT COSTS LAST NIGHT. THE DISTRICT IS FACING A ONE *MILLION DOLLAR DEFICIT. SO STARTING NEXT SCHOOL YEAR -- CHARLEVOIX SCHOOLS WILL HAVE TWO SCHOOL BUILDINGS -- INSTEAD OF THREE.

March 27, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IT'S CALLED "GREAT START" WEXFORD, MISSAUKEE -- AND AIMS TO PUT A BOOK IN THE HANDS OF EVERY SINGLE CHILD, LIVING IN THESE COUNTIES. KATE FOX SPENT THE DAY IN CADILLAC LEARNING ABOUT THE NEW INITIATIVE -- SHE JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH ALL THE DETAILS.

March 27, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

STUDENTS GOT A CHANCE TO DIP THEIR FEET IN ENGINEERING AT A TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP AT CHARLEVOIX HIGH SCHOOL EARLIER TODAY. THIS FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO GET HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS INTERESTED IN ENGINEERING. THERE WERE 15 STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE -- AND THEY ALL WERE ACCOMPANIED BY A FEMALE MENTOR.

March 28, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE MARITIME HERITAGE ALLIANCE IN TRAVERSE CITY OPENED UP THEIR DOORS THIS WEEK FOR SOME AT-RISK KIDS WHO MAY NOT HAVE ANYWHERE ELSE TO GO FOR THEIR SPRING BREAK. HOLLY BAKER HAS MORE.

March 29, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A BIG EVENT COMING UP HAS HIGH SCHOOLERS GETTING EXCITED AND SHOPPING FOR SOME FANCY CLOTHES. PROM IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER AND THAT MEANS LOOKING FOR THAT PERFECT DRESS FOR A LOT OF LADIES. RESALE AND CONSIGNMENT SHOPS IN THE AREA HAVE NOTICED AN INCREASE IN BUSINESS LATELY, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT FEATURE PROM DRESSES AND ACCESSORIES LIKE 'YOUR SISTER'S CLOSET' IN CADILLAC. BY BUYING FROM A GENTLY USED RESALE SHOP MORE GIRLS ARE ABLE TO AFFORD A DRESS AND ALL THE TRIMMINGS FOR PROM.

PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

CRIME & SAFETY

(Including crime prevention, alcohol and drug abuse, fire safety and police conduct)

Local News

January 1, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS INVESTIGATING AN ATTEMPTED ABDUCTION OF TWO YOUNG BOYS -- OUT OF THE HOLIDAY HILLS AREA. POLICE TELL 7&4 NEWS THAT A SUSPICIOUS MAN DROVE UP TO THE HOUSE -- WHERE THE BOYS WERE OUTSIDE -- AND ASKED THEM TO GET IN THE CAR. THEY CAME IN AND TOLD THEIR PARENTS -- WHO CALLED THE POLICE.

January 2, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

ITS BEEN TWO DAYS SINCE THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT FIRST BEGAN INVESTIGATING THE ATTEMPTED ABDUCTION OF TWO YOUNG BOYS 7&4'S MEGHAN MORELLI IS LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH NEW DETAILS AND REACTION FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

January 3, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

CAROL KOPENKOSKEY OF PETOSKEY WAS CHARGED THIS AFTERNOON WITH FIRST DEGREE PREMEDITATED MURDER ON OCTOBER SECOND HER HUSBAND LYLE, WAS FOUND SHOT TO DEATH IN A DITCH NEAR THEIR HOME. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS IS LIVE IN THE PETOSKEY BUREAU WITH NEW DETAILS ON THIS CASE.

January 7, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE TIP OF THE MITT WATERSHED COUNCIL HAS PUT OUT ADDITIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP OFF BOXES IN THE REGION. BOXES ARE NOW LOCATED IN GRAND TRAVERSE, EMMET, CHARLEVOIX, ANTRIM AND CHEBOYGAN COUNTIES.

January 9, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IT'S AN IMPORTANT QUESTION. DO YOU FEEL SAFE WHEN YOU FLY? THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION WANTS TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE. THAT'S WHY THEY'RE PROPOSING NEW CHANGES THAT WILL MAKE PILOTS BETTER PREPARED IN THE SKY. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL BREAKS DOWN THOSE PROPOSALS -- IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT.

January 10, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE TEMPERATURES HAVE BEEN CLIMBING ALL WEEK BUT MANY OF OUR AREA LAKES STILL HAVE A GOOD BASE OF ICE COVERING THEM. AND THAT HAS A LOT OF ICE FISHERMAN HAPPY. 7&4'S MEGHAN MORELLI WAS OUT ON THE ICE TODAY AND JOINS US LIVE WITH MORE ON THIS NORTHERN MICHIGAN TRADITION.

January 11, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE COAST GUARD IS GIVING YOU A CHANCE TO CHECK OUT EVERYTHING THAT FLIES AT THEIR ALL-AVIATION EXPO. AIR-STATION TRAVERSE CITY IS HOSTING THE EXPO THIS WEEKEND TO GIVE EVERYONE A CHANCE TO SEE HOW MACHINES MAKE IN INTO THE AIR WITH LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS. ORGANIZERS WERE BUSY TODAY AT THE COAST GUARD HANGAR IN TRAVERSE CITY GETTING EVERYTHING READY FOR THIS WEEKEND'S EVENT.

January 11, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THIS WEEK THE U-S COAST GUARD SENT OUT A WARNING THAT WARMER TEMPERATURES OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS COULD CAUSE UNSAFE ICE CONDITIONS

IN PARTS OF THE GREAT LAKES.7&4'S MEGAN MOORE SPENT SOME TIME ON THE ICE TODAY WITH COAST GUARDSMEN FROM COAST GUARD STATION FRANKFORT-- TO FIND OUT JUST HOW UNSAFE THE CONDITIONS ARE AND WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU HEAD OUT ON THE ICE.

January 23, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IT'S ONE OF THE BIGGEST MOMENTS IN A TEEN'S LIFE -- GETTING A DRIVERS LICENSE.NO MORE HITCHING A RIDE WITH MOM AND DAD -- TRIPS TO THE MALL WITH FRIENDS.IT SOUNDS GREAT -- RIGHT?THEN WHY ARE MORE AND MORE TEENS PASSING ON THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET A DRIVERS LICENSE?7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL HAS THE ANSWER -- IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT.

January 24, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE PLATTE RIVER IN BENZIE COUNTY IS MORE THAN 3 FEET ABOVE NORMAL AND RISING...AND THAT HAS MORE THAN A DOZEN RESIDENTS WORRIED TONIGHT. 7&4'S MEGHAN MORELLI WAS ON THE SCENE ALL DAY -- AND HAS MORE ON WHAT CREWS ARE DOING TO STOP THE RIVER FROM SPILLING OVER.

January 24, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THERE HAVE BEEN DOZENS OF ACCIDENTS THIS WEEK -- AND DRIVING CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN TRECHEROUS.FOR EVERONE INCLUDING EMERGENCY CREWS WHO RESPOND TO EMERGENCY SITUATIOSN.HERE IS 7 & 4 'S NATHAN EDWARDS.

January 28, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

15 MORE ANIMALS HAVE BEEN SEIZED FROM A MONTMORENCY COUNTY HOME FOR SUSPECTED ANIMAL NEGLECT. 44 PETS HAVE NOW BEEN TAKEN FROM UNSANITARY LIVING CONDITIONS AT A HOME AND BARN NEAR HILLMAN. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS SHOWS US HOW THE ANIMALS HAVE BEEN DOING SINCE BEING TAKEN IN BY THE ANIMAL SHELTER.

January 29, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

AFTER LAST WEEK'S DEADLY CRASH ON US-31 AND BETSIE RIVER ROAD -- 7&4 NEWS RECEIVED A LOT OF COMMENTS FROM OUR VIEWERS, WHO LIVE A LONG THE HIGHWAY.THEY SAY IT'S A VERY ACCIDENT-PRONE AREA BECAUSE DRIVERS ARE GOING WAY TOO FAST. ON WEDNESDAY LAST WEEK -- 86-YEAR-OLD WARD LONG WAS KILLED IN THE TWO-CAR CRASH THAT SHUT DOWN PART OF US-31 NEAR BETSIE RIVER ROAD FOR SEVERAL HOURS. 7&4'S KATE FOX TOOK OUR VIEWER'S CONCERNS TO THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

January 31, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A HARBOR SPRINGS BUSINESS FELL VICTIM TO A DOWNSTATE GANG WHO POLICE SAY WERE TRYING TO CASH FORGED CHECKS.BUT THE QUICK ACTIONS OF BANK TELLERS AND THE POLICE NOW HAVE THOSE SUSPECTS IN JAIL.7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS HAS THE DETAILS OF THIS BIZARRE STORY.

January 31, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

WE HAVE AN UPDATE TONIGHT ON A STORY WE'VE BEEN COVERING ALL WEEK... A WEXFORD COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER IS UNDER INVESTIGATION -- AFTER TWO FORMER EMPLOYEES MADE ALLEGATIONS ABOUT THE EUTHANASIA PRACTICES AT THE

SHELTER.A MEETING IS NOW UNDERWAY. 7&4'S ERIKA ERICKSON JOINS US LIVE FROM THE WEXFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

February 6 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT -- WE TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT SENATE BILL 1-0-5 -- A BILL THAT WOULD EXPAND D-N-A TESTING IN MICHIGAN.IT WOULD REQUIRE PEOPLE TO PROVIDE A D-N-A SAMPLE IF THEY'RE ARRESTED FOR COMMITTING OR ATTEMPTING TO COMMIT A FELONY. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL EXPLAINS THE IMPACT THIS CHANGE WOULD HAVE.

February 13 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE BLOOD ALCOHOL CONTENT LIMIT FOR DRIVING IN THE STATE COULD INCREASE FROM POINT-ZERO-8 PERCENT TO POINT-1-ZERO PERCENT IF THE LEGISLATURE DOESN'T ACT IN TIME.MICHIGAN'S HOUSE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE TOOK UP A PACKAGE OF BILLS TODAY THAT WOULD KEEP THE LIMIT WHERE IT IS. IT IS SCHEDULED TO RISE IN OCTOBER. SEVERAL GROUPS INCLUDING MICHIGAN STATE POLICE AND MICHIGAN'S MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING ARE URGING LAWMAKERS TO MAINTAIN THE STATE'S CURRENT LIMIT.

February 15 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE IS TAKING STEPS TO IMPROVE CAMPUS SECURITY. BY THE END OF THE MONTH THEY ARE PLANNING TO INSTALL LOCKS ON THE INSIDE OF CLASSROOM DOORS TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR TEACHERS TO LOCK CLASSROOMS AND KEEP STUDENTS SAFE IN CASES OF EMERGENCY.RIGHT NOW THE CLASSROOMS CAN ONLY BE LOCKED ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE DOORS WITH A KEY. N-M-C OFFICIALS SAY THE NEW LOCKS WILL ALLOW TEACHERS TO KEEP STUDENTS SAFER, FASTER.

February 15 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A FERRIS STATE STUDENT IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION TONIGHT AFTER BEING FOUND THIS MORNING IN A SNOW BANK.POLICE SAY ALCOHOL IS A FACTOR IN THIS INCIDENT AND CHARGES ARE EXPECTED.7 & 4'S MEGHAN MORELLI WAS IN MECOSTA COUNTY TODAY AND HAS MORE DETAILS ON JUST WHAT HAPPENED.

February 18 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

ITS ONLY BEEN TWO MONTHS SINCE THE MASSACRE AT SANDY HOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SHOCKED THE NATION.AND SINCE THE SHOOTING -- LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER MAKE SURE YOUR KIDS SCHOOLS ARE AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE.7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS HAS AN INSIDE LOOK AT HOW LOCAL DEPUTIES PREPARE FOR THE WORST CASE SCENARIO.

February 20 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

the vogue theatre was built back in 19-38 and was the only movie theatre in the county.after 47 years of success -- the theatre fell on hard times and was closed. but today -- construction to restore and reopen this once beautiful *landmark officially got underway.7&4's kate fox was there as crews got to work -- and brings us an update on the nearly 2-point-3 million dollar restoration project.

February 22 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A NEW BILL COULD SOON MAKE IT EASIER FOR NORTHERN MICHIGAN MICROBREWERIES TO DO BUSINESS. THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION WOULD ALLOW THESE BUSINESSES TO FUNCTION AS A MICRO BREW AND BREW-PUB UNDER A SINGLE LICENSE. THAT WOULD LET BREWERIES SELL WINE, LIQUOR OR OTHER BRANDS OF BEER IN ADDITION TO THE PRODUCT THEY PRODUCE.

February 28 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A RARE PHONE CALL TO MACKINAC ISLAND FIRE CREWS THIS MORNING IS PROVING JUST HOW FAR PEOPLE WILL GO -- TO HELP A STRANGER. A ROGERS CITY CREW MEMBER BECAME TRAPPED FOR TWO DAYS ON THE FREIGHTER TUG "MICHIGAN" -- DESPERATE TO GET HOME AFTER HEARING THAT HIS MOTHER JUST PASSED AWAY. THE PROBLEM WAS -- THE SHIP WAS NEARLY TWO MILES FROM SHORE -- SO THE COAST GUARD WAS UNABLE TO REACH HIM -- LEAVING HIM STRANDED. BUT, USING ALL THE ICE AND WATER RESCUE GEAR AVAILABLE -- MACKINAC ISLAND FIRE CREWS WALKED ACROSS THE ICE -- RISKING THEIR LIVES -- TO RESCUE THE MAN AND GET HIM HOME.

February 28 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IF THE MASSIVE SPENDING CUTS ARE NOT AVOIDED -- MICHIGAN ALONE COULD LOSE AN ESTIMATED 140-MILLION DOLLARS IN A WIDE RANGE OF CUTS. ON THE MILITARY SIDE -- 10-THOUSAND CIVILIAN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EMPLOYEES WOULD BE AFFECTED. 7&4'S MEGHAN MORELLI SPOKE WITH REPRESENTATIVES FOR CAMP GRAYLING -- AND HAS MORE ON HOW THEY -- AND THE ENTIRE TOWN COULD BE AFFECTED BY THESE CUTS.

March 4 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE SMALL COMMUNITY OF ATLANTA IS MOURNING THE LOSS OF 16-YEAR-OLD TRAVIS ARMSTRONG. THE RESULTS OF A PRE-LIMINARY AUTOPSY RELEASED TODAY SHOW TRAVIS ARMSTRONG DIED OF HYPOTHERMIA. 7&4 NATHAN EDWARDS HAS THE DETAILS.

March 11 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

BENZIE COUNTY VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES NOW HAVE EASIER ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND BENEFITS THANKS TO A NEW PARTNERSHIP. THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGREED TO A CONTRACT TO CONSOLIDATE SERVICES WITH THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. 7&4'S KATE FOX JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE DETAILS ON THIS NEW PARTNERSHIP -- AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR VETERANS IN BENZIE COUNTY...

March 11 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THOSE LIVING IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY MAY BE PAYING MORE FOR 9-1-1 SERVICES. THE EXTRA COST WILL COME IN A SURCHARGE. THE DIRECTOR OF GRAND TRAVERSE CENTRAL DISPATCH IS PROPOSING A 94-CENT MONTHLY SURCHARGE FOR THE NEXT 5 YEARS -- WHICH WOULD MEAN THAT RESIDENTS WOULD SEE AN EXTRA 28 CENTS ON THEIR PHONE BILLS EVERY MONTH. BACK IN 2008 -- THE MICHIGAN EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE COMMITTEE APPROVED AN 80 CENT SURCHARGE FOR 9-1-1 SERVICES, BUT THEN CUT IT BACK TO 61 CENTS. OFFICIALS SAY THIS NEW SURCHARGE WOULD MAKE UP FOR LOST REVENUE.

March 12 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

SEVERAL FIRE FIGHTERS AND E-M-S WORKERS ARE GETTING BUZZ CUTS TONIGHT TO RAISE MONEY FOR CHILDREN'S CANCER RESEARCH.WE'RE GOING LIVE TO SLEDER'S TAVERN IN TRAVERSE CITY WHERE THE ST. BALDRICKS FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR A LITTLE OVER AN HOUR NOW.

March 13 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE MANISTEE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT SAYS AN ANONYMOUS TIP LED THEM TO A KENNEL WHERE THEY FOUND MORE THAN 50 NEGLECTED DOGS.HOLLY BAKER VISITED ONE OF THE SHELTERS CARING FOR THE RESCUED DOGS AND HAS MORE ON THIS DISTURBING CASE.

March 14 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE CADILLAC POLICE DEPARTMENT IS ASKING FOR YOUR HELP TO PAY FOR THE TRAINING FOR THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE FORCE.MEET SAGE, WHO IS CURRENTLY TRAINING TO BECOME THE NEWEST K-9 OFFICER.THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS HOLDING A BENEFIT FRIDAY HOPING TO RAISE 10-THOUSAND DOLLARS

March 14 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IT MAY BE A VALUED SOUVIENER FROM UP NORTH- BUT THE THEFT OF M-22 SIGNS IS BECOMING A VERY EXPENSIVE AND GROWING PROBLEM FOR LEELANAU COUNTY. HOLLY BAKER HAS MORE ON WHY THESE SIGNS ARE SUCH A HOT ITEM AND THE SERIOUS TROUBLE YOU CAN GET IN IF YOUR CAUGHT TAKING ONE.

March 16 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A LONG LAKE TOWNSHIP MAN -- WHO FELL THRU THE ICE DURING A SNOWMOBILE RIDE EARLIER THIS WEEK -- HAS LIVED TO TELL THE TALE AND NOW -- HE'S SHARING THE FRIGHTENING DETAILS FROM HIS "NEAR-DEATH" EXPERIENCE WITH 7&4 NEWS.7&4'S MEGHAN MORELLI HAS THE STORY.

March 18 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT.THEY ARE BECOMING MORE AND MORE COMMON -- AND THEY CAN PUT A BIG DENT IN YOUR BANK ACCOUNT. ONLINE HOUSING RENTAL SCAMS ARE TARGETING FAMILIES RIGHT HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN. SO HOW CAN YOU PROTECT YOURSELF -- AND AVOID BEING SCAMMED?7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL HAS THE ANSWERS.

March 18 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IF YOU LIVE IN MONTMORENCY COUNTY YOU CAN EXPECT TO SEE MORE SHERIFF DEPUTIES ON THE ROAD BY THE BEGINNING OF APRIL.THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY IT HAS HIRED 5 NEW ROAD PATROL OFFICERS THANKS TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT MILLAGE VOTERS APPROVED IN AUGUST OF LAST YEAR.IN ADDITION TO 24-7 PATROLS THE ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION WILL ALSO GO FULL SERVICE AND CLERKS WILL AGAIN BE STATIONED AT THE FRONT DESK TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

March 18 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

MANY SMALL NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITIES ARE STRUGGLING TO BALANCE THEIR YEARLY BUDGETS AND SOMETIMES SAFETY FORCES GET HIT HARDEST. ONAWAY CITY LEADERS - FACED WITH POSSIBLY ELIMINATING ITS POLICE DEPARTMENT BELIEVE THEY HAVE FOUND A SOLUTION AND THEY ARE DETAILING THAT PLAN AT A TOWN MEETING HAPPENING RIGHT NOW. HERE'S 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS

March 19 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE MONTMORENCY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS DOUBLING ITS POLICE FORCE - THANKS TO A LOCAL MILLEGE PASSED BY TAXPAYERS IN THE FALL. THIS MONTH THE DEPARTMENT HAS ADDED 5 DEPUTIES- AND IT WON'T BE LONG UNTIL THEY ARE ON THE ROAD 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS WAS IN MONTMORENCY COUNTY TODAY AND HAS MORE ON WHAT THIS WILL MEAN TO THOSE WHO LIVE HERE.

March 19 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

MEANWHILE -- THE ONAWAY CITY COMMISSION VOTED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THEIR PLAN TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO MAKE SURE THE CITY'S CHIEF CAN KEEP HIS JOB. ONAWAY'S CITY MANAGER SAYS THE CITY HAS LOST 85-THOUSAND DOLLARS THIS YEAR DUE TO A DIP IN PROPERTY TAXES. TO BALANCE THE BUDGET -- HE WANTED TO ELIMINATE THE CITY'S POLICE DEPARTMENT. HE PROPOSED THAT THE CITY PAYS THE SHERIFFS OFFICE 50-THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR TO ADD ITS ONE OFFICER TO THE SHERIFFS STAFF WHILE STILL PATROLING ONAWAY. BUT IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE OFFICER WILL BE TOTALLY ABSORBED BY THE SHERIFF IN COMING YEARS AND THE CITY WOULD NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS SALARY.

March 23 2013

11:00-11:35pm

Time :30

A LONG LAKE TOWNSHIP MAN -- WHO FELL THRU THE ICE DURING A SNOWMOBILE RIDE EARLIER THIS WEEK -- HAS LIVED TO TELL THE TALE. AND NOW -- HE'S SHARING THE FRIGHTENING DETAILS FROM HIS "NEAR-DEATH" EXPERIENCE WITH 7&4 NEWS. MEGHAN MORELLI HAS THE STORY.

March 25 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

U-S COAST GUARD MEMBERS IN SUE SAINT MARIE WERE AWARDED TODAY -- FOR THEIR ABILITY TO *SPRING INTO ACTION. TODAY THEY RECEIVED THE "NINTH DISTRICT COMMANDER'S TROPHY" FOR "RESERVE READINESS."

March 26 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE SHERIFF OF BENZIE COUNTY WAS HONORED TODAY AT THE COMMISSION MEETING.. SHERIFF TED {SCHEN-DELL} WAS GIVEN THE "CONSTITUTION DEFENDER AWARD" TODAY. THIS COMES A FEW MONTHS AFTER HE FOUND HIMSELF IN A TOUGH SPOT. HE HAD TO WEIGH HIS "OATH OF OFFICE" -- TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION -- INSTEAD OF FOLLOWING THE PRESIDENT'S CALL FOR A BAN ON "ASSAULT WEAPONS" AND HIGH CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

March 26 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

NEW CHARGES COULD BE FILED AGAINST PEOPLE CONNECTED TO AN ALLEGED FAKE DEATH PLOT IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY. CHARLES ROWAN, MICHAEL BOWMAN, AND ROSALINDA MARTINEZ ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR FAKING CHARLES ROWAN'S DEATH -- THEN COLLECTING MONEY AT A MEMORIAL BENEFIT AT STREETER'S IN TRAVERSE CITY EARLIER THIS MONTH.

March 27 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A NEW LAW AIMED AT KEEPING YOUNG DRIVERS OFF CELL PHONES TAKES EFFECT TOMORROW. KELSEY'S LAW--NAMED AFTER A 17 YEAR-OLD WHO WAS KILLED IN A CELL PHONE RELATED CRASH IN 20-10, WAS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR RICK SNYDER IN JANUARY. THE LAW BANS CELL PHONE USE FOR ANYONE DRIVING ON A LEVEL ONE OR LEVEL TWO GRADUATED DRIVER'S LICENSE IN MICHIGAN. KELSEY'S MOTHER--BONNIE RAFFAELE, ATTENDED AN EVENT TODAY IN LANSING AND EXPRESSED HER JOY AT BEING ABLE TO SAVE THE LIVES OF OTHERS.

March 29 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

SHIPS ARE BACKED UP AT THE SOO LOCKS AFTER A SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE SHUT DOWN PASSAGE FOR SEVERAL HOURS.THE PACKAGE ARRIVED IN THE MAIL ROOM OF THE SOO LOCKS CAUSING THE CLOSURE AROUND 7-30 THIS MORNING.STAFF WAS EVACUATED FROM THE BUILDING WHILE THE MICHIGAN STATE POLICE INVESTIGATED.THE ALL CLEAR WAS GIVEN AROUND 11 A-M.

PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/DEVELOPMENT

(Including volunteerism, blood drives, revitalizing neighborhoods and mentoring)

Local News

January 1, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

HOW DID YOU RING IN THE NEW YEAR? SOME CRAZY PEOPLE FROM GRAND TRAVERSE DECIDED TO RING IN THE NEW YEAR -- IN A VERY CHILLY WAY 7 & 4 'S MEGHAN MORELLI IS LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH THE STORY.

January 4, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FATHER FRED FOUNDATION HAS ANNOUNCED THEIR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.ROSEMARY HAGAN HAS BEEN APPOINTED FOR HER MANAGERIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE IN HUMAN SERVICES AS WELL AS HER SPIRITUAL BACKGROUNDS AND WEALTH OF COMMUNITY WORK.

January 4, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A FEW LOCAL ANIMAL SHELTERS WILL RECEIVE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE MICHIGAN HUMANE SOCIETY.THOSE SHELTERS INCLUDE THE ANTRIM COUNTRY PET AND ANIMAL WATCH, CHIPPEWA COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER, AND THE ISABELLA COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL.THEY'LL ALL RECEIVE A GRANT OF 10 THOUSAND DOLLARS

January 14, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A NORTHERN MICHIGAN SOLDIER DIED SERVING IN VIETNAM MORE THAN 40 YEARS AGO. NOW AFTER MORE THAN FOUR DECADES, HIS FAMILY IS FINALLY GETTING THE MEDALS, INCLUDING THE PURPLE HEART AND THE BRONZE STAR HE EARNED. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS EXPLAINS WHY THEY TOOK SO LONG TO ARRIVE.

January 23, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IT STARTED AS A SMALL IDEA TO PAY TRIBUTE TO A CHARLEVOIX COUNTY WOMAN WHO PASSED AWAY LAST MONTH -- AND NOW THAT TRIBUTE HAS PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD HELPING OUT. TODAY -- STACY HEATH WOULD HAVE CELEBRATED HER 40TH BIRTHDAY -- AND THE PEOPLE CLOSE TO HER DECIDED THAT THE BEST WAY TO CELEBRATE -- IS TO PERFORM 40 GOOD DEEDS. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS HAS THIS REMARKABLE STORY OF PAYING IT FORWARD..

January 30, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THURSDAY YOU HAVE THE CHANCE TO ENJOY A GREAT MEAL, LISTEN TO LIVE MUSIC, AND HELP MUNSON'S HEART HEALTH PROGRAM. LITTLE BOHEMIA IN TRAVERSE CITY IS HOLDING IT'S FOURTH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FROM FIVE TO NINE TO RAISE AWARENESS OF HEART DISEASE.

February 1, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A LOCAL PROGRAM THAT MAKES SURE DISABLED VETERANS ALWAYS HAVE A RIDE TO THE DOCTOR WANTS TO EXPAND-BUT THEY NEED SOME HELP. 7&4'S MEGHAN MORELLI SPOKE WITH ORGANIZERS AND DRIVERS WITH THE PROGRAM- MEGHAN WHAT CAN YOU TELL US?

February 4, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE 20-13 STATE WINTER GAMES ARE UNDERWAY THIS WEEK FOR THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF MICHIGAN WITH MORE THAN 900 ATHLETES COMING FROM 60 COUNTIES THE ORGANIZATION IS STILL SEEKING VOLUNTEERS--THEY STILL NEED FANS TO FILL THE STANDS AT HOWE ICE ARENA INSIDE THE GRAND TRAVERSE CIVIC CENTER FOR THE FIGURE AND SPEED SKATING EVENTS--

February 8, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE FATHER FRED FOUNDATION KICKED OFF ITS 19TH ANNUAL FATHER FRED FROSTBITE FOOD DRIVE TODAY IN TRAVERSE CITY. IN ADDITIONAL TO COLLECTING FOOD, THE DRIVE ALSO INCLUDES A 100 THOUSAND DOLLAR DONATION MATCH CHALLENGE -- WHERE DONATIONS OF FOOD AND CASH WILL BE MATCHED BY ANONYMOUS DONORS.

February 8, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A GROUP OF CHARITABLE SNOWMOBILERS IS MAKING THEIR ANNUAL ROUNDS TO COLLECT MONEY FOR THIS WINTER'S SPECIAL OLYMPICS. THE WERTZ WARRIORS ARRIVED TODAY IN ONAWAY WHERE THEY COLLECTED MORE THAN 17 THOUSAND DOLLARS IN DONATIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY THIS IS JUST ONE OF MANY STOPS OVER THE WEEKEND.

February 10, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

COMMUNITY MEMBERS GATHERED FOR A NIGHT OF DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT THIS WEEKEND -- ALL TO BENEFIT THE "HABITAT FOR HUMANITY" PROGRAM IN THE GRAND TRAVERSE REGION.

February 13, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

YOU CAN GIVE MORE THAN YOUR LOVE TO SOMEONE THIS VALENTINE'S DAY -- YOU CAN GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE. MICHIGAN BLOOD IS TEAMING UP WITH THE LITTLE RIVER CASINO TO HOST THE AREA'S LARGEST BLOOD DRIVE TOMORROW. THE CASINO WILL BE GIVING OUT A FREE TEN DOLLAR CREDIT TO PLAY AT THE CASINO FOR THOSE WHO JUST SIGN UP TO DONATE.

February 15, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE FATHER FRED'S FROSTBITE FOOD DRIVE WILL BE COMING TO AN END THIS SUNDAY. EVEN THOUGH THEY STARTED OFF WITH A BANG, OFFICIALS SAY THEY ARE ONLY HALF WAY TO THEIR GOAL. THE FATHER FRED FOUNDATION HAS MANAGED TO FILL ABOUT ONE AND A HALF SEMI TRUCKS SO FAR, AND HOPES TO SEE A NICE PUSH OF DONATIONS THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND.

February 20, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

GROWING UP WE ALL HAVE MEMORIES OF PLAYING OUTSIDE WITH OUR FRIENDS AND CLASSMATES. BUT FOR MANY CHILDREN, SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS A PLAYGROUND-- DOES NOT EXIST IN THEIR COMMUNITY. HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN, THERE ARE TWO NEW PLAYGROUNDS - BUILT WITH THE HELP OF CARTER'S KIDS: AN ORGANIZATION FOUNDED BY TRAVERSE CITY NATIVE AND H-G-T-V HOST CARTER OOSTERHOUSE. AND WITH THE HELP OF DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS, WHAT BEGAN HERE - IS NOW GOING NATIONWIDE. 7&4'S ERICKA ERICKSON JOINS US FROM PHOENIX AT ONE OF CARTER'S KIDS LARGEST NATIONAL PROJECTS SO FAR.

February 22, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

ORGANIZERS AT THE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER IN TRAVERSE CITY ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP TO MAKE SURE THEY CAN KEEP PROVIDING FOR THOSE IN NEED. THE CENTER PROVIDES CLOTHING, FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS TO DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE VICTIMS ALONG WITH OTHERS WHO ARE IN NEED OF SPECIFIC ITEMS. ALL THESE ITEMS FILL UP THE THRIFT SHOP AND EMPLOYEES SAY THE SHELVES ARE BARE RIGHT NOW

February 22, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

TRAVERSE CITY NATIVE AND H-G-T-V HOST CARTER OOSTERHOUSE IS USING HIS BUILDING SKILLS FOR A GOOD CAUSE. FOUNDER OF CARTER'S KIDS NON-PROFIT, HE'S WORKING WITH VOLUNTEERS TO BUILD PLAYGROUNDS--STARTING HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN--AND NOW, ACROSS THE COUNTRY. 7&4'S ERIKA ERICKSON WAS IN PHOENIX WHERE HUNDREDS OF CARTER'S KIDS VOLUNTEERS AND AN ENTIRE COMMUNITY GATHERED TOGETHER TO UNVEIL THEIR HARD WORK.

February 28, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE BLACK BEAR POPULATION IN MICHIGAN IS ESTIMATED TO BE BETWEEN 15 AND 19 THOUSAND. KEEPING AN EYE AND TRACKING THAT POPULATION IS THE JOB OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. TODAY A TEAM WENT INTO THE FIELD TO CHECK ON ONE BEAR FAMILY AND 7 & 4'S NATHAN EDWARDS WENT WITH THEM.

March 2 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A DOWNTOWN TRAVERSE CITY BUSINESS IS DOING IT'S PART -- TO HELP A LOCAL ORGANIZATION -- THAT OFFERS *FREE CRISIS SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY. TODAY WAS THE LAST DAY OF THE "WEEK OF GIVING" FOR THE THIRD LEVEL CRISIS CENTER IN TRAVERSE CITY. ALL WEEK LONG -- BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WERE ENCOURAGED TO DONATE MONEY TO THE CENTER -- WHICH OFFERS FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL SERVICES.

March 9 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

DOZENS OF ANIMAL LOVERS CAME-OUT FOR A SPECIAL WINTER DOG WALK IN TRAVERSE CITY TODAY -- AND IT WAS ALL FOR A GOOD CAUSE!THE EVENT WAS HOSTED BY THE "PET SITTERS NETWORK NORTH" -- A GROUP OF AREA PROFESSIONAL PET SITTERS. NEARLY 50 DOG LOVERS SHOWED UP TO WALK THEIR POOCHES ON THE TRAILS AT THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY CIVIC CENTER.

March 10 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

COMMUNITY MEMBERS GOT A CHANCE TO DO SOME SPRING CLEANING TODAY -- WHILE ALSO HELPING OUT THE PLANET IN THE PROCESS! 7&4 'S MEGHAN MORELLI CHECKED OUT THE 8TH CONSECUTIVE CLEAN UP GREEN UP TODAY AT THE TRAVERSE CITY AMERICAN WASTE RECYCLING FACILITY AND HAS THE STORY....

March 13 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES HELD A SPECIAL CEREMONY TODAY -- TO HONOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS -- WHO ARE FIGHTING AGAINST POVERTY AND HOMELESS-NESS.THE ANNUAL "IN UNITY WITH COMMUNITY" LUNCHEON AND HONORS CEREMONY HOSTED MORE THAN 200 COMMUNITY LEADERS AT THE HAGERTY CENTER IN TRAVERSE CITY.ONE OF THE HONORS GIVEN TONIGHT WAS THE GOODWILL ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR--WHICH IS GIVEN TO THOSE THAT HAVE OVERCOME SO MUCH.

March 15 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN OF THE LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BAND OF ODAWA INDIANS SIGNED A SAME-SEX MARRIAGE BILL EARLY THIS MORNING.ONCE THE LAW WAS OFFICIAL -- THE CHAIRMEN MARRIED TWO BOYNE CITY MEN. 7&4 'S NATHAN EDWARDS WAS AT THE CEREMONY TODAY AND HAS MORE ON THE STORY.

March 27 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

MICHIGAN BLOOD WAS HONORING THE WOMAN WHO HELPED START THE ORGANIZATION IN TRAVERSE CITY TODAY.SHARON CHILDS HAS WORKED FOR THE ORGANIZATION FOR 43 YEARS AND IS RETIRING.THE STAFF AT MICHIGAN BLOOD WANTED TO HONOR HER SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY WITH A SPECIAL BLOOD DRIVE.ORGANIZERS SAY SHARON HAS HELPED COLLECT MORE THAN 200-THOUSAND UNITS OF BLOOD SINCE SHE STARTED THE TRAVERSE CITY BRANCH IN 19-94.

March 27 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A LOCAL MIXED MARTIAL ARTS FIGHT PROMOTER HAS GONE TO EXTRAORDINARY LENGTHS TO HELP A GLADWIN COUNTY GUN DEALER -- WHO WAS NEARLY BEATEN TO DEATH LAST WEEK BY A ROBBER WITH A HAMMER.3 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN

THE ROBBERY -- INCLUDING A PERSON WHO HAS TIES TO MIXED MARTIAL ARTS FIGHTING."BIG JOHN" YEUBANKS -- OWNER OF BIG JOHN'S M-M-A IN GAYLORD HAS RAISED THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FOR THE VICTIM AND HIS FAMILY.
7&4'S MEGHAN MORELLI HAS THE STORY --

March 28, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS PROGRAM IS DESPERATLY LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP FILL **BIG** ROLES. BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN CURRENTLY HAS A WAITING LIST OF KIDS, MANY WHO ARE BOYS, WAITING FOR A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER.7&4'S MEGHAN MORELLI MET WITH GROUP ORGANIZERS -- AND TWO BROTHERS -- THAT KNOW JUST HOW **BIG** OF A ROLE THEY PLAY IN EACH OTHERS LIVES..

March 31, 2013

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

FOR MANY PEOPLE EASTER SUNDAY IS A SPECIAL TIME FOR A DELICIOUS MEAL AT THE FAMILY DINNER TABLE.BUT TODAY -- NOT EVERYONE HAD THEIR EASTER DINNER AT HOME.MORE THAN 300 PEOPLE ENJOYED THEIR HOLIDAY MEAL AT THE V-F-W HALL IN TRAVERSE CITY -- FOR THE 21ST ANNUAL COMMUNITY EASTER DINNER.7&4'S MEGHAN MORELLI WAS THERE -- AND JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE ON THE SPECIAL EVENT.