

**DESCRIPTION OF WPBN-TV PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT
TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES**

2nd Quarter 2006

<u>Program</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
7&4 News Today	M-F	5:30-7:00am
7&4 Midday News	M-F	11-11:30am
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

April 1, 2009

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

THE SINGLE LARGEST FEDERAL TAX HIKE ON TOBACCO WENT INTO EFFECT TODAY. UNTIL TODAY THERE WAS A 39-CENT FEDERAL TAX ON A PACK OF CIGARETTES... THAT JUMPED TO ONE-OH-ONE PER-PACK. BUT THE BIG HIT IS TO O-T-P, OR OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS, LIKE LOOSE TOBACCO, WHICH IS SEEING A MORE THAN 2000 PERCENT JUMP IN THE TAX RATE. TODAY'S TAX INCREASE WILL BE USED TO FINANCE AN EXPANSION OF HEALTH INSURANCE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN GOVERNOR GRANHOLM HAS PROPOSED A STATE TAX INCREASE ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS FOR LATER THIS FALL.

April 1, 2009

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

AFTER MONTHS OF DISCUSSION THE TRAVERSE CITY MANAGER HAS PUT TOGETHER A FINAL DRAFT OF CITY GOALS AND PRIORITIES. TOPPING THE LIST ARE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AND COST ISSUES WHICH MAKES UP 15--20 PERCENT OF THE CITY'S BUDGET NEXT ---- REPAIRING LOCAL STREETS AND SIDEWALKS. AND THIRD-- FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY'S BAYFRONT AND OTHER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

April 1, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT IS SPRING BREAK SEASON AND A LOT OF PEOPLE WANT TO HEAD TO SOMEPLACE SUNNY, BUT TRAVELERS ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR GOOD DEALS MORE THAN EVER. SO A RECENT REPORT DESCRIBING THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN'S BUSIEST AIRPORT AS ONE OF THE NATION'S BIGGEST RIP-OFFS GOT A LOT OF OUR VIEWERS TALKING. I TOOK A CLOSER LOOK AT THE DUBIOUS DISTINCTION AND THE OUTLOOK FOR AIR TRAVEL IN OUR REGION IN THIS FACT FINDER REPORT.

April 1, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WE WANTED TO KNOW WHAT LOCAL G-M AND FORD CAR DEALERSHIPS THINK ABOUT THE INCENTIVES, AND IF THEY'LL ACTUALLY WORK. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH SPOKE TO TWO LOCAL DEALERSHIPS AND THEY BOTH AGREE THE INCENTIVES COULD BE KEY TO CREATING A BUYING CONFIDENCE DURING THIS UNCERTAIN TIME.

April 1, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

MEDICAL GROUPS HOPE THAT THE TAX INCREASE WILL HELP PERSUADE SMOKERS TO QUIT. IN FACT LOCAL HEALTH EXPERTS SAY SINCE THE NEWS OF THE TAX INCREASE SURFACED PEOPLE HAVE BEEN FLOCKING TO PROGRAMS AND FREE INITIATIVES TO DO JUST THAT. SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER REPORTS.

April 2, 2009

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

WHAT IF YOU COULD SAVE 20 PERCENT ON YOUR WINTER HEATING COSTS WITH JUST A FEW PIECES OF WOOD AND SOME PAINT? THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT ONE TRAVERSE CITY MAN HAS DONE BY BUILDING HIS OWN SOLAR HEATING PANELS. 7&4'S JAYNE SMITH SHOWS US HOW.

April 3, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

TWO PARKS IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY ARE ON THE VERGE OF EXPANSION. LAST NIGHT THE STATE HOUSE APPROVED A SENATE SPENDING BILL THAT DESIGNATES 48-POINT-9 MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND TO BE SPLIT UP BETWEEN 81 PARK PROJECT IN THE STATE. THE ACME WATER-FRONT PARK WILL GET 3-MILLION DOLLARS TO HELP PURCHASE 11-POINT-5 ACRES, INCLUDING 2-THOUSAND FEET OF FRONTAGE ON EAST BAY. THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR SAYS IT'S PART OF A MULTI-PHASE PROJECT TO EXTEND THE SHORELINE.

April 3, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

MEANWHILE ANOTHER MILLION DOLLARS WILL GO TO THE TRAVERSE CITY STATE PARK. THE MONEY WILL BE USED TO BUY NEARLY 29 ACRES OF PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE PARK. -THE ADDITIONAL LAND BACKS UP WITH MITCHELL CREEK AND WILL OPEN UP RECREATIONAL USE, LIKE BOATING AND FISHING. GOVERNOR GRANHOLM STILL HAS TO SIGN THE BILL BEFORE IT BECOMES OFFICIAL.

April 3, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

PLANS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A NEW HOTEL IN TRAVERSE CITY'S WAREHOUSE DISTRICT ARE BEING DELAYED. DEVELOPERS ORIGINALLY WERE PLANNING A GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY THIS SPRING, BUT THAT'S BEING PUSHED BACK. THE 130 ROOM HOTEL WOULD BE BUILT ON GRANDVIEW PARKWAY IN THE WAREHOUSE DISTRICT, WHERE BAY WEST ANTIQUES AND GILBERT'S SERVICE OIL COMPANY ARE LOCATED. OFFICIALS SAYS DEVELOPERS HAD CONTRACTS SET FOR THE PROPERTIES BUT ONE OF THOSE CONTRACTS HAS EXPIRED.

April 3, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

DOZENS OF HORSEBACK RIDERS STILL UNHAPPY WITH THE D-N-R'S DECISION TO CLOSE TRAILS IN THE PIGEON RIVER STATE FOREST CONTINUE TO EXPRESS THEIR CONCERNS TODAY. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL HAS MORE.

April 5, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

MICHIGAN STATE BASKETBALL NOT ONLY HAS SPARTAN FANS SMILING, BUT ALSO LOCAL BAR AND RESTAURANT OWNERS. CROWDS WERE OUT WATCHING THE GAME LAST NIGHT, BUYING FOOD, DRINKS AND ULTIMATELY HELPING OUT THE LOCAL ECONOMY. AS 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH REPORTS, MICHIGAN STATE'S SUCCESS DURING "MARCH MADNESS" IS MAKING A LOT OF PEOPLE "HAPPY."

April 6, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IN 2008... RESIDENTS OF CHEBOYGAN COUNTY HELPED KEEP MORE THAN 422 TONS OF TRASH FROM GOING INTO THE LANDFILL NOW, THE COUNTY RECYCLING PROGRAM IS LOOKING TO MAKE A NEW CONNECTION BETWEEN GOING GREEN AND DOING BUSINESS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL EXPLAINS.

April 6, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

MAYBE ITS HAPPENING WHERE YOU WORK..YOU LOOK AROUND AND WONDER, WHY ARE WE SPENDING MONEY ON THAT, WHEN WE COULD USE IT FOR SOMETHING THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT.A STATE EMPLOYEE IN TRAVERSE CITY SAY THEY SAY EXACTLY THAT...REQUIRED TO TRAVEL TO LANSING, SKIP WORK, TO DO SOMETHING THEY COULD HAVE DONE FOR LESS HERE.THEY WANTED TO KNOW WHY...WHAT I FOUND OUT FOR THAT EMPLOYEE IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS FACT FINDER.

April 7, 2009

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL ACCEPTS AN OFFER TO HEAD UP BATA.TOM MENZEL WAS OFFERED THE JOB AS DIRECTOR OF THE BAY AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY LAST NIGHT.MENZEL SPENT THREE YEARS AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL - AND RESIGNED LAST YEAR.HE SAYS HE LOOKS FORWARD TO HELPING ANOTHER IMPORTANT PART OF THE TRAVERSE CITY AREA COMMUNITY THAT HAS EXPERIENCED FINANCIAL STRAINS.

April 7, 2009

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

GOVERNOR GRANHOLM HOPES NEW LEGISLATION WILL HELP CREATE JOBS AND HELP STRUGGLING RESIDENTS THROUGH THE TOUGH TIMES. THE LEGISLATION ALLOWS LEADERS TO SPEND NEARLY TWO BILLION DOLLARS IN FEDERAL RECOVERY ACT FUNDING.

April 7, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

HUNDREDS OF JOBS SEEKERS TURNED OUT TODAY IN EMMET COUNTY FOR THE NORTHWEST MICHIGAN WORKS JOB FAIR. MORE THAN 600 PEOPLE CAME THROUGH THE DOORS AT THE FAIRGROUNDS IN SEARCH OF EMPLOYMENT.APPLICATIONS WERE AVAILABLE FOR A VARIETY OF POSITIONS FROM BUSINESSES LOOKING TO FILL SEASONAL, PART TIME AND FULL TIME POSITIONS. WITH JOBS HARD TO FIND RIGHT NOW, SOME JOB SEEKERS SAY EVENTS LIKE THIS ARE HELPING SOME REMAIN OPTIMISTIC.

April 8, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

COME THIS SUMMER IT WILL COST JUST A LITTLE MORE TO VISIT SOME OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN'S HISTORIC ATTRACTIONS. ADMISSION RATES TO FORT MACKINAC, COLONIAL MICHILMACKINAC AND HISTORIC MILL CREEK DISCOVERY PARK WILL GO UP THIS YEAR. ADULT RATES WILL GO UP 50-CENTS WHILE YOUTH PRICES WILL GO UP A QUARTER. THE DIRECTOR OF THE MACKINAC STATE HISTORIC PARKS SAYS THE SMALL BUMP IN PRICE WAS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO KEEP UP WITH THE ECONOMY AND THE RISING COST OF OPERATIONS.

April 8, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

SEVERAL HUNDRED JOBSEEKERS GOT A BIT OF A HEAD START DURING A JOB FAIR HELD EARLIER TODAY IN GAYLORD. MORE THAN 500 PEOPLE CAME FACE TO FACE WITH POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS. SEVERAL DOZEN DIFFERENT BUSINSSES WERE ON HAND ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS AND CONDUCTING INTERVIEWS. TODAY'S EVENT, WHICH WAS COORDINATED BY THE NORTHEAST CHAPTER OF MICHIGAN WORKS, FEATURED JOB OPENINGS A VARIETY OF FIELDS INCLUDING HOSPITALITY, GENERAL MERCHANDISE AND CRIMINAL CORRECTIONS.

April 8, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A JOB FAIR WILL BE HELD IN ST IGNACE ON APRIL 17TH.OVER 20 BUSINESSES WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN A JOB FAIR SPONSORED BY MICHIGAN WORKS AND THE

ST IGNACE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THOSE IN THE STRAITS AREA LOOKING FOR JOBS CAN GO TO LITTLE BEAR EAST ON APRIL 17TH FROM 9 A.M. UNTIL NOON. INDIVIDUALS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME PREPARED WITH THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO FILL OUT APPLICATIONS, SHARE THEIR RESUME AND TALK WITH STAFF FROM PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES.

April 8, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

AS THE WEATHER BEGINS TO WARM UP, IT IS A SURE SIGN THAT SOON ENOUGH TOURISTS WILL BE ARRIVING TO NORTHERN MICHIGAN. AS SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL EXPLAINS, THAT IS ALSO OPENING MANY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

April 9, 2009

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

A COMMUNITY FORUM WILL BE HELD IN ANTRIM COUNTY FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY RECENT LAY OFFS AT SECOND CHANCE BODY ARMOR. THE FORUM WILL BE HELD AT CENTRAL LAKE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA STARTING AT SIX P-M ON APRIL FIFTEENTH. REPRESENTATIVE KEVIN ELSENHEIMER AND SENATOR JASON ALLEN WILL BE ON HAND. MICHIGAN WORKS, NORTHERN LAKES ECONOMIC ALLIANCE, AND OTHER AGENCIES WILL ALSO BE TAKING PART TO HELP THOSE IMPACTED BY THE JOB CUTS.

April 9, 2009

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

THE FEDERAL STIMULUS PACKAGE IS BRINGING NEARLY THIRTEEN MILLION DOLLARS TO MICHIGAN TO HELP CONSTRUCT A PASSENGER TERMINAL AT M-B-S INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. THE MONEY FOR THE AIRPORT SERVING THE MIDLAND, BAY CITY AND SAGINAW AREAS WAS ANNOUNCED RECENTLY BY FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS. THE MONEY COMES THROUGH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION.

April 9, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE IMPACT IS NOT ISOLATED TO ANY SINGLE EMPLOYMENT SECTOR... BUT WITH THE BAD NEWS COMES A REMINDER OF SOME HOPEFUL NEWS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL HAS MORE.

April 9, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

FROM THE BUSINESS OWNERS AS WELL. A FEW BUSINESSES IN DOWNTOWN GAYLORD WILL SOON GET A FRESH LOOK, THANKS TO FUNDING FROM THE STATE. A GRANT TALLING MORE THAN 169-THOUSAND-DOLLARS HAS BEEN AWARDED TO FOUR DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPGRADING THE STORE EXTERIORS.

April 9, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

PLANS OF EXPANSION APPEAR TO HAVE HIT A ROADBLOCK FOR AN EMMET COUNTY CONFECTIONER. PLANS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY KILWIN'S CHOCOLATE IS TO RENOVATE THE FORMER OLSEN'S SUPERMARKET BUILDING ON BAY VIEW ROAD IN PETOSKEY, AND MOVE ALL OF THEIR OPERATIONS THERE.

April 9, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WE'VE BEEN KEEPING AN EYE ON WHERE THE FEDERAL STIMULUS MONEY IS GOING IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN AND HOW IT WILL IMPACT YOU. SO AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE STATE WILL RECEIVE \$243 MILLION FOR WEATHERIZATION CAUGHT OUR

ATTENTION.WHAT IS OUR SHARE AND HOW WILL IT BE USED?DETAILS IN THIS FACT FINDER REPORT.

April 9, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WITH ALL OF THE BAD ECONOMIC NEWS RIGHT NOW, IT WOULD NICE TO HEAR SOMETHING POSITIVE.THERE'S A BUSINESS HEADQUARTERED IN BENZONIA THAT CONTINUES TO THRIVE IN THESE TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES BECAUSE OF THE NICHE MARKETS IT SERVES.7&4'S ADAM BARTELMAY EXPLAINS IN THIS MADE IN YOUR TOWN REPORT.

April 9, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM IS GIVING OLDER WORKERS THE SKILLS THEY NEED TO RE-ENTER THE WORKFORCE.AS SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER REPORTS, THOSE WHO HAVE ENROLLED SAY THE EXTRA HELP IS NEEDED NOW MORE THAN EVER.

April 10, 2009

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

FEDERAL AND STATE OFFICIALS HUNKERED DOWN IN CLEVELAND THIS WEEK TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS FACED BY THE OHIO AND MICHIGAN AUTO INDUSTRY. MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND MAYORS FROM AUTO-PRODUCING COMMUNITIES, WELCOMED ED MONTGOMERY. PRESIDENT OBAMA APPOINTED MONTGOMERY LAST WEEK TO BE THE POINT MAN TO FIX AMERICA'S AUTO COMMUNITIES AND HELP ITS WORKERS.

April 10, 2009

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

ROAD WORK COULD TIE UP TRAFFIC ON THE MACKINAC BRIDGE STARTING MONDAY. THE ENTIRE STRETCH OF THE SOUTHBOUND LANES OF THE BRIDGE WILL BE MILLED AND RESURFACED.TWO-WAY TRAFFIC WILL UTILIZE THE NORTHBOUND LANES FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROJECT. THE BRIDGE AUTHORITY SAYS ALL LANES WILL BE OPEN FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND.THE ENTIRE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETE BY JUNE SEVENTEENTH.

April 10, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WHILE MANY KIDS AROUND NORTHERN MICHIGAN WILL BE BUSY THIS WEEKEND IN SEARCH OF THOSE COLORED EGGS, ALREADY AREA CHOCOLATE SHOPS ARE BUSY THEMSELVES. BRUCE BROWN OF THE ALPINE CHOCOLATE HAUS IN DOWNTOWN GAYLORD SAYS BUSINESS HAS BEEN NON STOP THE PAST FEW DAYS.CHOCOLATE BUNNIES BIG AND SMALL ARE HOPPING OFF OF STORE SHELVES AS SOON AS THEY'RE PUT UP for SALE.DESPITE MORE FAMILIES SPENDING THEIR DOLLARS A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY THIS YEAR, BROWN SAYS CHOCOLATE IS THE ONE THING THAT SEEMS TO HELP MAKE ANY HOLIDAY A LITTLE SWEETER.

April 10, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE FATE OF THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY DAMS HAS FINALLY BEEN DETERMINED. IN A JOINT MEETING LAST NIGHT BETWEEN THE CITY AND COUNTY--- COMMISSIONERS VOTED IN FAVOR OF REMOVING THREE DAMS AS 7 & 4'S COURTNEY REHMER EXPLAINS, MANY PEOPLE ARE PLEASED THAT A DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED, BUT SOME LOCAL HOMEOWNERS NEAR THE DAMS ARE LEFT WITH PLENTY OF QUESTIONS.

April 13, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IF YOU FILE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS YOU NOW HAVE MORE TIME BEFORE YOUR MONEY RUNS OUT. GOVERNOR GRANHOLM SIGNED LEGISLATION TODAY EXTENDING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR AN EXTRA SEVEN WEEKS. THAT MEANS JOBLESS WORKERS CAN NOW RECEIVE BENEFITS FOR UP TO 79 WEEKS WHILE THEY LOOK FOR OTHER WORK. YOU CAN GET 26 WEEKS OF STATE UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS -- 33 WEEKS OF FEDERAL HELP -- AND NOW 20 WEEKS OF EXTENDED BENEFITS. MICHIGAN HAS THE NATION'S HIGHEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 12 PERCENT

April 13, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WHILE MANY BUSINESSES ARE STRUGGLING IN THESE TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES, A BENZIE COUNTY BUSINESS HAS FOUND A NICHE MARKET THAT'S BOOMING, AND MEANS SOON THEY'LL BE HIRING MORE WORKERS. GRACELAND FRUIT IN FRANKFURT IS EXPANDING IT'S PRODUCTION BY 40-PERCENT -- BRINGING A NEW DRIER ONLINE. UP TO 50 NEW JOBS ARE EXPECTED TO BE CREATED OVER THE NEXT YEAR. THE COMPANY MAKES DRIED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR HEALTHY FOOD PRODUCTS. COMPANY PRESIDENT DON NUGENT SAYS NORTHERN MICHIGAN IS THE PERFECT PLACE FOR THE BUSINESS.

April 13, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

FOR MANY SENIORS, THE RECENT DOWNWARD SPIRAL ON WALL STREET HAS TAKEN A TOLL ON THEIR RETIREMENT INVESTMENTS AND THAT'S LEAVING THEM LOOKING AT OTHER OPTIONS TO SUPPLEMENT THEIR INCOME. ONE SOLUTION MAY BE SOMETHING CALLED A REVERSE MORTGAGE. THERE'S PLENTY OF CONFUSION OVER EXACTLY WHAT THAT IS AND IF IT'S SOMETHING RIGHT FOR YOU. 7&4'S ADAM BARTELMAY TAKES A CLOSER LOOK IN THIS FACT FINDER REPORT.

April 13, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WARMER SPRING WEATHER HAS MELTED AWAY MOST OF THE WINTER SNOW, AND THAT MEANS THE RETURN OF ORANGE BARRELS AND CONSTRUCTION. PLANS FOR A POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECT IN TRAVERSE CITY ARE BEING LOOKED AT TONIGHT BY COMMISSIONERS. THE PROJECT WOULD RE-STRIPE TWO SECTIONS OF EAST EIGHTH STREET.

April 13, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

AND WHILE TRAVERSE CITY IS CONSIDERING THAT PROJECT, ONE IS ALREADY UNDERWAY IN CADILLAC. IMPROVEMENTS TO MITCHELL STREET FROM SOUTH OF PEARL STREET TO NORTH OF RIVER STREET STARTED LAST WEEK. THE PROJECT INCLUDES REMOVING AND REPLACING EXISTING PAVEMENT, CURB AND SIDEWALK REPAIRS, STORM SEWER AND WATER UPGRADES, TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADES, AND AESTHETIC IMPROVEMENTS.

April 13, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

AND OVER IN CRAWFORD COUNTY CONSTRUCTION BEGAN TODAY ALONG THE I-75 BUSINESS LOOP IN GRAYLING. THEY'LL BE REPLACING THE EXISTING PAVEMENT, CURBS, GUTTERS AND SIDEWALKS ALONG THE ROUTE, AS WELL AS STORM SEWERS, SANITARY SEWERS, WATER MAINS AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS. A NEW CENTER-TURN LANE WILL BE ADDED FROM HURON STREET TO THE AUSABLE RIVER, AND THE SPAN

BETWEEN THE AUSABLE RIVER AND M-93 WILL CHANGE FROM FOUR LANES TO THREE.

April 13, 2009

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

THE GOVERNMENT IS TELLING GENERAL MOTORS TO PREPARE IN CASE THEY NEED TO FILE FOR BANKRUPTCY. THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT HAS DIRECTED G-M TO START THE GROUNDWORK FOR A POSSIBLE BANKRUPTCY PLAN, BY JUNE FIRST. THE PLAN IS AIMED AT SAFEGUARDING G-M IN CASE THEY CAN'T REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH BONDHOLDERS TO EXCHANGE ROUGHLY 28 BILLION DOLLARS IN DEBT INTO EQUITY IN G-M AND THE UNITED AUTOMOBILE WORKERS. GENERAL MOTORS HAS SAID THAT IS PLANS TO RESTRUCTURE WITHOUT THE HELP OF BANKRUPTCY COURT.

April 13, 2009

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IT'S TAX TIME ... TWO DAYS AND COUNTING. ALL OVER THE COUNTRY ... MILLIONS OF AMERICANS ARE SCRAMBLING TO MEET THE APRIL 15-TH DEADLINE ... AND IF THEY ARE GETTING A REFUND MAKING PLANS TO SPEND IT BRIAN MOOAR ("MORE") HAS THE STORY:

April 14, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A BUSINESS EXPO IN BENZIE COUNTY BRINGS OUT OVER 40-AREA COMPANIES TO THE CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN RESORT THIS AFTERNOON. THE BENZIE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOSTED THE NINTH ANNUAL EVENT WHICH FEATURED EVERYTHING FROM AREA RESTAURANTS TO ADULT FOSTER CARE FACILITIES. ORGANIZERS SAY THE EXPO PROVIDES A ONE-STOP SHOPPING EXPERIENCE FOR THE PUBLIC TO GET TO KNOW THEIR REGIONAL BUSINESSES. THEY SAY IT ALSO LETS PEOPLE LEARN ABOUT NEW BUSINESSES IN THE AREA.

April 14, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

PUBLIC INPUT IS BEING GATHERED TO HELP DETERMINE WHAT A NEW PARKING DECK IN TRAVERSE CITY WILL LOOK LIKE. THE ARCHITECTURAL FIRM WORKING ON THE OLD TOWN PARKING DECK HELD SPECIAL MEETINGS TODAY TO GATHER OPINIONS FROM BUSINESS AND PROPERTY OWNERS AS WELL AS SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS. THEY SAY THEY WANT TO GET AS MANY PEOPLE AS THEY CAN INVOLVED.

April 14, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A FACT FINDER FOLLOW UP FOR YOU TONIGHT...A FEW WEEKS AGO I BROUGHT YOU THE STORY OF ALLEGED ABUSE OF THE FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HERE IN MICHIGAN...TO BE FAIR, THE PROGRAM DOES HELP A LOT OF PEOPLE...AND IN FACT THESE DAYS, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE TURNING TO SUCH PROGRAMS IS HIGHER THAN EVER

April 14, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

MICHIGAN HAS THE HIGHEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE NATION, AND NORTHERN MICHIGAN IS EVEN HIGHER. THAT CAN BE VERY HARD FOR PEOPLE STRUGGLING TO PAY BILLS, ESPECIALLY WHEN ONE OF THOSE BILLS IS CHILD SUPPORT.

SEVERAL VIEWERS EMAILED ME TO SHARE THEIR CONCERNS, EVEN THOUGH THEY DIDN'T WANT TO GO ON CAMERA.WHAT I FOUND OUT FOR THEM IS THE SUBJECT OF TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT.

April 14, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

MANUFACTURING ADVANCED BATTERIES COULD CREATE MORE THAN 66-HUNDRED NEW JOBS IN THE STATE.GOVERNOR GRANHOLM ANNOUNCED THE PROJECTS WITH COMPANIES INVESTING MORE THAN ONE AND A HALF BILLION DOLLARS FOR BATTERY MANUFACTURING FOR ELECTRIC AND HYBRID VEHICLES.FOUR PROJECTS WERE APPROVED TODAY WITH TWO PLANT LOCATIONS YET TO BE DETERMINED. ONE COMPANY WILL OPEN A LOCATION IN HOLLAND AND ANOTHER IN LIVONIA. THE PROJECTS WERE AWARDED STATE REFUNDABLE TAX CREDITS THAT WILL HELP THE COMPANIES IN THEIR QUEST FOR SOME OF THE 2 BILLION DOLLARS IN FEDERAL GRANTS FOR ADVANCED-BATTERY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

April 14, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

SLOW DOWN AND PAY ATTENTION... THAT'S THE MESSAGE TO DRIVERS FROM WORKERS WHO FIND THEMSELVES DAY IN AND DAY OUT PUTTING THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE TO GET THE JOB DONE ON THE ROADWAYS. AND THAT'S MORE IMPORTANT THIS YEAR THAN EVER AS THIS YEAR'S ROAD CONSTRUCTION SEASON IS SET TO BE BUSIER THAN USUAL.SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL REPORTS.

April 15, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE GOVERNOR SAYS ALTHOUGH THE RECOVERY ACT IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, IT'S NOT THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION FOR THE STATE'S CRISIS. SHE SAYS THE ACT WILL BENEFIT EVERYTHING FROM LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO HELPING FAMILIES PAY FOR COLLEGE TUITION. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH REPORTS.

April 15, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

LOCAL LAWMAKERS ARE ENCOURAGING ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITY TO LOOK TOWARD THE FUTURE---LESS THAN TWO MONTHS BEFORE ITS LARGEST EMPLOYER WILL SHUT ITS DOORS FOR GOOD.EMPLOYEES AT SECOND CHANCE BODY ARMOR IN CENTRAL LAKE LEARNED OF THE NEWS LAST MONTH.THE FACTORY HAS BEEN DOWNSIZING SINCE LAST FALL AND WILL CLOSE COMPLETELY IN JUNE. EARLIER THIS EVENING LOCAL LAWMAKERS HELD A COMMUNITY FORUM TO HELP THOSE IMPACTED LOOK FOR WORK.SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER REPORTS.

April 16, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT'S NOT ALWAYS EASY BEING GREEN, BUT ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN RESORT IS SHOWING THAT IT CAN BE DONE.THE GREAT WOLF LODGE IN TRAVERSE CITY HAS TAKEN A NUMBER OF INITIATIVES IN THE PAST YEAR TO BE MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY. 7&4'S JAYNE SMITH EXPLAINS.

April 16, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

EACH YEAR THE MICHIGAN STATE PARKS NEED TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF WORK, IN TERMS OF MAINTANCE AND REPAIRS...EACH YEAR, THE DNR IS ABLE TO SPEND ABOUT 2 MILLION DOLLARS...OR ABOUT 5% OF WHAT'S NEEDED.SO WHEN PLANS WERE ANNOUNCED TO POSSIBLE LOWER THE ENTERANCE FEE TO STATE PARKS A VIEWER WONDERED HOW CAN THEY DO THAT? THE ANSWER I FOUND FOR HIM IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS FACT FINDER.

April 16, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

EVERYONE WANTS TO KNOW HOW FEDERAL STIMULUS DOLLARS ARE BEING SPENT IN OUR COMMUNITY, BUT WOULD YOU PAY TO KNOW? ESSENTIALLY YOU ALREADY ARE. I HAVE THE DETAILS IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT.

April 16, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE OWNER OF THE GRAND TRAVERSE MALL IS FILING FOR CHAPTER ELEVEN BANKRUPTCY PROTECTION.GENERAL GROWTH PROPERTIES FILED THIS MORNING AFTER EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE WITH CREDITORS FELL SHORT.THE COMPANY SAYS IT FAILED TO PERSUADE A MAJORITY OF ITS DEBT HOLDERS TO GIVE IT MORE TIME TO REFINANCE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN DEBT.CHAPTER 11 TYPICALLY ALLOWS A COMPANY TO OPERATE AS NORMAL WHILE IT COMES UP WITH A PLAN TO REORGANIZE - AND GENERAL GROWTH PROPERTIES PLANS TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS AT THE GRAND TRAVERSE MALL.THE CEO SAYS THE COMPANY IS PAYING ALL OF ITS MORTGAGES ON TIME, AND THE BUSINESS MODEL IS STILL STRONG.

April 16, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

DESPITE A STRUGGLING ECONOMY MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN BUSINESSES ARE THRIVING.MORE THAN THIRTY LOCAL BUSINESSES FROM THE GRAND TRAVERSE

REGION WERE ON DISPLAY FOR ALL TO SEE. TONIGHT'S OPEN HOUSE IS THE FIRST STEP TO DECIDING WHICH ONE WILL TAKE HOME THE SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD. SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER REPORTS.

April 17, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

AN AGGRESSIVE INVASIVE SPECIES CONTINUES TO MAKE A HOME ON SILVER LAKE IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY. EURASIAN MILFOIL IS NOT A NEW PROBLEM FOR THE AREA---BUT IF LEFT UNTREATED IT WILL ONLY CONTINUE TO WORSEN. THE WATERS HAVE BEEN TREATED IN THE PAST ON THE TOWNSHIP'S DIME---BUT THIS TIME AROUND IT WILL BE LEFT UP TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS TO FOOT THE BILL. SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER HAS THE DETAILS.

April 17, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WITH WINTER WEATHER BEHIND US, I SAT DOWN WITH ROAD COMMISSION MANAGER MARY GILLIS FOR A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SUMMER MAINTENANCE SEASON AHEAD. WHAT I LEARNED IS THE SUBJECT OF TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT.

April 19, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

VOLUNTEERS ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE ON THE LOCAL BASEBALL FIELD, TOO. DONORS, PARENT VOLUNTEERS, AND OTHER BASEBALL FANS ARE COMING TOGETHER TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO A LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD IN NEED. AND {AS 7 & 4'S BILL FROEHLICH EXPLAINS} WITH WORK ALREADY UNDERWAY - IT'S NO LONGER JUST A FIELD OF DREAMS.

April 20, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

I AM GOING OUT ON A LIMB HERE...BUT I AM PRETTY SURE THAT AREN'T VERY MANY OF YOU OUT THERE THAT REALLY LIKE FILLING OUT THE PAPERWORK FOR YOUR TAXES. IMAGINE HAVING TO FILL OUT ALL THOSE FORMS TWICE JUST TO GET YOUR FULL STATE TAX RETURN. A FRUSTRATED VIEWER CALLED ME..SAID HE'S BEEN HAVING TO DO THAT FOR YEARS, AND HE SAYS HIS NOT ALONE. HIS SITUATION IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS FACT FINDER.

April 20, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

MARIAH POWER, A WIND TECHNOLOGY COMPANY BASED OUT OF NEVADA IS TEAMING UP WITH MAS-TECH MANUFACTURING IN MANISTEE TO MASS PRODUCE WINDSPIRE WIND TURBINES. THE WINDSPIRES CONVERT WIND ENERGY INTO ELECTRIC POWER FOR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES- AND THEY'RE NOW THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND NEW JOBS COMING TO MANISTEE. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH REPORTS.

April 20, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

EARLIER TONIGHT CATT DEVELOPMENT PRESENTED ITS PROPOSAL TO BRING A 12-- MILLION DOLLAR WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT TO DOWNTOWN BOYNE CITY. AS SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER FOUND OUT IT JUST MIGHT BE THE TYPE OF PROJECT THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN WAITING FOR.

April 21, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

BUT IT'S PLAN TO BUILD A BRIDGE ACROSS THE BOARDMAN RIVER VALLEY DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH SUPPORT AND THE PROPOSAL FAILED AFTER MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN STUDIES. NOW YEARS LATER, PART OF THE PROJECT IS MOVING FORWARD,

WITH A MULTI MILLION DOLLAR PRICE TAG.THE DETAILS IN THIS FACT FINDER REPORT.

April 21, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IS UNDERWAY IN DOWNTOWN CHEBOYGAN.SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL HAS A PREVIEW OF THE WORK TO BE DONE AND WHEN CREWS EXPECT TO WRAP IT UP.

April 21, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

BASED ON THE CALENDER, YOU ARE JUST ABOUT AS FAR AWAY FROM DEER HUNTING SEASON AS YOU CAN GET...EITHER THE LAST ONE OR THE NEXT ONE..BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THERE AREN'T A LOT OF HUNTERS AND BUSINESS OWNERS WHO ARE ALREADY THINKING ABOUT IT.SOME OF THEM CONTACTED ME, AND WANTED TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE D-N-R HAD IN STORE FOR THE BAN ON BAITING. I TOOK YOUR QUESTIONS TO HER DIRECTLY...HER ANSWERS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF LIFTING IT ARE THE SUBJECT OF THIS FACT FINDER.

April 22, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE ROAD COMMISSION HAS BEEN WORKING SINCE JANUARY, MAKING CUTS AND TO GET THEIR BUDGET OUT OF THE RED.SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL HAS MORE ON TODAY'S DECISIONS AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES.

April 23, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS CAME TOGETHER FOR THE 32-ND ANNUAL EVENT SPONSORED BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. AND THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE WAS ALL BUSINESS.

April 24, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IN A PREVIOUS FACT FINDER, I LOOKED INTO THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MICHIGIAN'S FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, THE BRIDGE CARD, AND WIC...AND WHAT YOU CAN AND CAN NOT BUY ON BOTH.WIC OR WOMEN INFANTS AND CHILDREN HAS ALWAYS HAD A PRETTY LIMITED LIST OF THINGS YOU CAN BUY...BUT VIEWERS WONDERED IF THAT WAS GOING TO CHANGE ANYTIME SOON. THE ANSWERS I FOUND FOR THEM ARE THE SUBJECT OF THIS FACT FINDER.

April 24, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

NORRIS ELEMENTARY IN LEELANAU COUNTY WAS ONE OF THREE TRAVERSE CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL'S THAT CLOSED FOR GOOD AT THE END OF THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR---BUT A LOCAL NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION MAY HOLD THE KEY TO RE--OPENING ITS DOORS.SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER HAS THE DETAILS.

April 25, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THERE'S PLENTY TO DO UP NORTH... AND LIFE HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN IS THE THEME OF AN EVENT GOING ON ALL WEEKEND IN CRAWFORD COUNTY. THE AUSABLE EXPO IS UNDERWAY IN GRAYLING AT THE RAMADA INN.THE EXPO FEATURES ALL KINDS OF INFORMATION ON THINGS TO DO WHEN YOU'RE UP NORTH... AND WORKSHOPS THAT TEACH A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS 7 &4'S MELISSA SMITH HAS THE DETAILS.

April 27, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WELL AS PART OF THE PLAN G-M SAYS IT WILL NOW MOVE ITS FOCUS ONTO ITS FOUR REMAINING BRANDS: CADILLAC, CHEVROLET, BUICK AND G-M-C.7&4'S MELISSA SMITH EXPLAINS WHAT THE CHANGE MEANS FOR A LOCAL G-M DEALERSHIP.

April 28, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT WAS A BIG DAY FOR A NORTHERN MICHIGAN CAR DEALERSHIP- ALL BECAUSE THEY'RE CELEBRATING THE 4-MILLIONTH SATURN SOLD IN THE COUNTRY.WITH A POLICE ESCORT THIS AFTERNOON PHILIP LIEFFERS {LEAF-ERS} AND HIS WIFE MARY OF TRAVERSE CITY DROVE THEIR BLACK, THREE DOOR SATURN ASTRA TO SATURN OF TRAVERSE CITY FOR THE BIG CELEBRATION.LIEFFERS {LEAF-ERS} BOUGHT HIS SATURN ASTRA FROM SATURN OF TRAVERSE CITY BACK IN DECEMBER- BUT LITTLE DID HE KNOW THAT HE WAS BECOMING PART OF SATURN'S CORPORATE HISTORY.

April 30, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

CHRYSLER FILED FOR CHAPTER 11 BANKRUPTCY PROTECTION TODAY AFTER DISCUSSION WITH CREDITORS FELL SHORT OF A NOON DEADLINE. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL SPOKE TO A NORTHERN MICHIGAN CHRYSLER DEALERSHIP TO GET THEIR THOUGHTS ON TODAY'S BANKRUPTCY FILING AND WHY THEY SAY THE MOVE COULD ACTUALLY BE GOOD NEWS.

April 30, 2009

Time:11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

WORKERS WHO WANT TO GO INTO NEW FIELDS FACE TWO BIG CHALLENGES, FINDING THE TIME TO GET RETRAINED AND FIGURING OUT HOW TO PAY FOR IT. BUT A NEW PROGRAM TAKES CARE OF BOTH OF THOSE WORRIES WHILE PUTTING WORKERS IN A PRIME SPOT FOR A NEW CAREER. THE DETAILS ARE IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT.

May 1, 2009

Time:6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WHEN IT COMES TO MICHIGAN INDUSTRIES...THEY'RE AREN'T TOO MANY THAT HAVE GUARANTEED GROWTH..BUT ONE DOES...EVERYDAY...THE TIMBER INDUSTRY...AND WHILE THOSE TREES ARE GROWING, SO IS THE INTEREST IN HOW THE STATE MANAGES TIMBER HARVESTING ON STATE LAND. A CONCERNED VIEWER WANTED TO KNOW..SO THE ANSWERS I FOUND FOR HIM ARE THE SUBJECT OF THIS FACT FINDER.

May 1, 2009

Time:6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT LOOKS LIKE THE STATE BUDGET DEFICIT FOR THE *CURRENT FISCAL YEAR - IS EVEN WORSE THAN EXPECTED. AND THAT MEANS STATE LEADERS IN LANSING WILL HAVE TO MAKE CUTS TO PROGRAMS ALREADY UNDERWAY IN 2009.7 & 4'S BILL FROEHLICH HAS MORE ON THE BUDGET BATTLE THAT'S ENTERING A NEW PHASE.

May 1, 2009

Time:6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

MICHIGAN WORKS IN TRAVERSE CITY KNOWS FIRST HAND THE EFFECTS OF A STRUGGLING ECONOMY.WITH THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE LOOKING FOR WORK THE AGENCY

IS GIVING BACK TO THE SAME PEOPLE IT HELPS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER HAS MORE ON A FUNDRAISER THAT'S HELPING PEOPLE GET WHERE THEY NEED TO GO WHEN OUT SEARCHING FOR A NEW JOB.

May 2, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT'S THE THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF ITS KIND THAT INCLUDES A NATIONALLY REKNOWNED SPEAKER TRYING TO HELP PEOPLE TRYING TO GET OUT OF A BAD SITUATION. DR. DONNA BEAGLE SPOKE TO ATTENDEES ABOUT HOW SHE LIVED IN POVERTY UNTIL SHE WAS 28 YEARS AS A SINGLE MOTHER, DR. BEAGLE WENT ON TO RECEIVE HER DOCTORATE BY AGE 42- AND NOW SERVES AS A ROLE MODEL FOR THOSE TRYING TO BEAT POVERTY. THE EVENT ALSO PROVIDED RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE TRYING TO FIND EMPLOYMENT. VOLUNTEERS SAY IT'S THE WORK OF THE COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER THAT MAKES THE CONFERENCE A SUCCESS.

May 5, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE STATE BUDGET DIRECTOR PRESENTED THE CUTS TODAY TO A JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES. LEGISLATIVE LEADERS AND THE GRANHOLM ADMINISTRATION HAVE BEEN SCRAMBLING TO FIND A WAY TO PATCH A BUDGET SHORTFALL THAT HAS GROWN TO 1-POINT-3 BILLION DOLLARS IN RECENT WEEKS. AMONG THE CUTS -- A HUNDRED STATE TROOPERS WILL BE LAID OFF BY THE END OF JUNE -- LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WILL SEE REVENUE SHARING SLASHED REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES AND FOR THOSE TREATING MEDICAID PATIENTS UNDER THE LATEST ROUND OF BUDGET CUTS.

May 5, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

TO FIND OUT JUST HOW HARD THESE CUTS ARE GOING TO HIT HOME WE SPOKE WITH CITY LEADERS AND STATE POLICE IN TRAVERSE CITY. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH EXPLAINS WHAT THIS MEANS FOR THESE LOCAL DEPARTMENTS.

May 5, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WHILE VOTERS ACROSS NORTHERN MICHIGAN ARE THE POLLS TODAY, FEW THINGS ON THE BALLOT RAISE MORE QUESTIONS THAN THE OFTEN CONFUSING...NON HOMESTED SCHOOL MILAGES SO WHAT EXACTLY ARE THEY? AND HOW PAYS FOR IT? A VIEWER WONDERED, THE ANSWERS I FOUND FOR HER AT THE SUBJECT OF THIS FACT FINDER.

May 5, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THIS SUMMER IT WILL COST YOU MORE TO START SAVING MONEY ON YOUR ENERGY BILL. UTILITY COMPANIES IN MICHIGAN WILL BE ADDING A NEW FEE TO YOUR BILL IN A FEW MONTHS. A VIEWER WANTED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE FEE WHAT I FOUND OUT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS FACT FINDER REPORT.

May 6, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

MICHIGAN HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST FORECLOSURE RATES IN THE NATION. THIS IS CREATING A NEW AND UNEXPECTED PROBLEM FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NEIGHBORHOODS. WHAT TO DO WITH WHAT'S LEFT BEHIND? A VIEWER WROTE WITH HER FRUSTRATIONS AND CONCERNS. WHAT I FOUND FOR HER IS THE SUBJECT OF TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT.

May 6, 2009

Time:6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

SO WHAT IMPACT WILL THESE CUTS HAVE ON ONE OF OUR AREA'S BIGGEST INDUSTRIES..7&4 NEWS SPOKE WITH A NORTHERN MICHIGAN FARMER WHOSE BEEN IN THE FIELD FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS.HE TOLD US WHAT HE THINKS THESE CUTS WILL MEAN FOR THE FUTURE OF MICHIGAN AGRICULTURE AND THE STATE'S ECONOMY AS A WHOLE.7&4'S MELISSA SMITH HAS THE DETAILS.

May 7, 2009

Time:6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE DEVELOPERS OF A STALLED MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT IN EMMET COUNTY COULD SOON BE THE MAIN DEFENDANTS IN A LAWSUIT BROUGHT ON BY THE CITY. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL HAS THE DETAILS.

May 11, 2009

Time:6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A CHERRY ORCHARD IN LEELANAU COUNTY WAS PREPARED FOR THE SPRING FROST THAT MOVED IN OVER NIGHT, BUT THERE WAS STILL SOME DAMAGE DONE TO THEIR CROP.7&4'S MELISSA SMITH EXPLAINS THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE AND HOW THE GROWERS ARE PREPARED IF ANOTHER COLD SPELL MOVES IN.

May 12, 2009

Time:6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

GAS PRICES ARE ON THE RISE AGAIN. IN FACT, WE'VE BEEN RECEIVING CALLS FROM VIEWERS ASKING WHY PRICES HAVE INCREASED ALMOST 40-CENTS OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS.7&4'S MELISSA SMITH SPOKE WITH TRIPLE-A ABOUT THIS PRICE JUMP AND WHAT DRIVERS CAN EXPECT TO SEE THIS SUMMER.

May 12, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

LOOKING FOR A JOB IN TODAY'S ECONOMY CAN BE A DAUNTING TASK FOR JUST ABOUT ANYONE.AND THAT CAN BE ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVEN'T HAD TO SEARCH FOR EMPLOYMENT FOR A VERY LONG TIME. EVEN THOUGH THERE IS HELP OUT THERE, ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES CAN BE TAKING THE FIRST STEP.7&4'S ADAM BARTELMAY JOINS US LIVE FROM OUR GET A JOB PHONE BANK WITH MORE.

May 13, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT'S THESE TRENDS THAT THE TRAVERSE CITY VISITORS BUREAU IS PREPARING FOR AS SUMMER APPROACHES THE BUREAU SAYS THEY'RE USING NEW MARKETING TOOLS AND INCENTIVES TO LURE PEOPLE FROM DOWNSTATE AND NEIGHBORING STATES UP NORTH.7&4'S MELISSA SMITH EXPLAINS.

May 14, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

BILL MARSH CHRYSLER OF TRAVERSE CITY WAS *NOT ON THE LIST OF DEALERSHIPS TO CLOSE, BUT DID SPEAK WITH 7&4 NEWS ABOUT TODAY'S ANNOUCEMENT.THEY SAY THE CLOSURES WILL DEFINITELY HAVE IMPACTS ON COMMUNITIES, BUT WILL BENEFIT THE AUTO INDUSTRY IN THE FUTURE. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH REPORTS.

May 15, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

YESTERDAY I TOLD YOU ABOUT BUDGET CUTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS, AND ONE PROGRAM IN PARTICULAR. SEVERAL VIEWERS WROTE ME CONCERNED ABOUT SOME OTHER RUMORED CUTS TO THAT DEPARTMENT. I MADE SOME CALLS AND HAVE THE ANSWERS IN THIS FACT FINDER FOLLOW UP.

May 18, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

FOR THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT STATE FUNDING CUTS ARE TOTALING ABOUT 75-THOUSAND DOLLARS.THIS WOULD AFFECT COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMS WHICH HAS HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF AND PEOPLE WHO DEPEND ON THEIR SERVICES CONCERNED.7&4'S MELISSA SMITH EXPLAINS.

May 19 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMPANY COMES UP WITH A UNIQUE WAY TO GET JOB SEEKERS NOTICED.FORGET THE CLASSIFIEDS, YOU COULD FIND EMPLOYMENT BY SIMPLY LEAVING YOUR CAR PARKED IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME. 7&4'S ADAM BARTELMAY HAS MORE IN OUR "GET A JOB TUESDAY" REPORT.

May 19 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

MORE THAN 100 NORTHERN MICHIGAN KIDS WILL HAVE JOBS THIS SUMMER THANKS TO FEDERAL STIMULUS DOLLARS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL EXPLAINS HOW.

May 19 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE WEATHER IS STARTING TO WARM UP AND THAT MEANS MANY PEOPLE ARE DUSTING OFF THEIR MOTORCYCLES AND CONVERTIBLES. IF YOU ONLY USE A VEHICLE HALF OF THE YEAR, SHOULD YOU HAVE TO PAY TO LICENSE IT FOR THE WHOLE YEAR? ONE STATE LAWMAKER FROM NORTHERN MICHIGAN SAYS NO. I HAVE THE DETAILS IN THIS FACT FINDER REPORT.

May 19 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

O-I-L ENERGY CORPORATION OF TRAVERSE CITY WANTS TO INJECT CHERRY JUICE PROCESSING WASTE INTO THE CURRENT WELL IN WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP, BUT THAT WOULD REQUIRE SOME UPGRADES.NOW THE E-P-A HAS STEPPED IN TO EXPLAIN THE PROCESS FOR BOTH WELLS.7&4'S MELISSA SMITH REPORTS.

May 21 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IN JUST A FEW WEEKS, THE BIG TICKET FESTIVAL IS EXPECTED TO DRAW A LARGE CROWD TO THE OTSEGO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS.SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL HAS A PREVIEW OF THE THE ANNUAL CHRISTIAN FESTIVAL AND WHY IT MEANS BIG BUSSINESS FOR AREA STORES.

May 21 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

FIVE CHURCHES IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN COULD SOON FIND THEIR DOORS CLOSED FOR GOOD. HERE'S THE LIST OF THE FIVE OF 81 PARISHES BEING RECOMMENDED FOR CLOSURE TO THE DIOCESE OF GAYLORD.THE CLOSURES ARE JUST PART OF ABOUT 19 RECOMMENDATIONS OUT FROM A TASK FORCE THAT SPENT THE PAST 2 AND A HALF YEARS GETTING INPUT FROM PARISHONERS.

May 22 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

AS GREG SAID, ITS GOING TO BE A NICE WEEKEND FOR THOSE PREPARING TO TRAVEL THIS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL SHOWS US ONE WAY HOW FAMILIES ARE ENJOYING NORTHERN MICHIGAN AND SAVING SOME MONEY DOING IT.

May 25 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THIS WEEKEND IS ALSO JUMP STARTING WHAT BUSINESSES IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN ARE HOPING WILL BE A VERY GOOD SUMMER SEASON. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL WENT TO MICHIGAN'S MOST POPULAR TOURIST DESTINATION TO SEE HOW THIS YEAR IS SHAPING UP.

May 25 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WITH THE HOLIDAY WINDING DOWN, MANY FOLKS ARE FINDING THEIR WAY BACK HOME. IT WAS A CONSTANT STREAM OF TRAFFIC HEADED OVER THE MACKINAC BRIDGE TODAY -- MOST HEADED BACK SOUTH. DESPITE THE TRAFFIC, THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF ANY MAJOR DELAYS GOING ACROSS. TRAFFIC IS DOWN TO TWO LANES AS THE MACKINAC BRIDGE AUTHORITY IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF RE-SURFACING BOTH SOUTHBOUND LANES. THAT WORK HAS BEEN GOING ON SINCE THE BEGINNING OF APRIL AND IS SCHEDULED TO BE WRAPPED UP BY JUNE 17-TH.

May 26 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WITH THE UNSTABLE ECONOMY, PEOPLE ARE NOT ONLY FACED WITH JOB LOSS BUT ALSO THE REALITY OF HAVING TO MOVE ELSEWHERE THESE ISSUES HAVE STORAGE AND MOVING COMPANIES IN THE AREA NOTICING NOT ONLY A BOOST IN BUSINESS, BUT ALSO SOME NEW TRENDS. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH EXPLAINS.

May 26 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THEY SAY GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO WAIT, AND IF YOU'VE BEEN HOLDING OFF ON BUYING A NEW CAR, THAT WAIT COULD BE WORTH A FEW THOUSAND DOLLARS. A U.S. CONGRESSMAN FROM NORTHERN MICHIGAN IS WORKING ON THE FEDERALLY FUNDED CASH FOR CLUNKERS PROGRAM. I'LL TELL YOU WHAT IT MIGHT MEAN FOR YOU IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT.

May 29 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

RIGHT NOW THE HOTEL OFFERS ROOMS FOR RENT--BUT WITHOUT ANY AMENITIES. UNDER THIS NEW PLAN THE BUILDING WOULD BE TRANSFORMED INTO AFFORDABLE APARTMENTS----- EACH ONE COMPLETE WITH A KITCHEN AND A BATHROOM. THE COUNTY PLANS ON SELLING 800--THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH IN COUNTY BONDS THROUGH THE BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO HELP BUY THE BUILDING AND TRANSFORM IT INTO AFFORDABLE AND LOW INCOME HOUSING FOR DOWNTOWN WORKERS. OVERALL THE PLAN INCLUDES CLOSE TO 40--ENERGY EFFICIENT APARTMENTS. THE OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING WOULD ALSO BE RESTORED BACK TO IT'S ORIGINAL LOOK.

May 29 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

STATE BUDGET CUTS ARE FORCING A NORTHERN MICHIGAN SENATOR TO CLOSE TWO OFFICES. 36-TH DISTRICT SENATOR TONY STAMAS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HIS

GAYLORD AND MIDLAND DISTRICT OFFICES WILL SHUT THEIR DOORS AT THE END OF JUNE. STAMAS SAYS THE MOVE WILL ALLOW HIM TO KEEP KEY STAFF MEMBERS INCLUDING THE DISTRICTS NORTHERN LIAISON WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR RUNNING THE GAYLORD OFFICE. HE SAYS THE CLOSURES SHOULD NOT EFFECT HIS OFFICES ABILITY TO HELP RESIDENTS HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN.

June 1 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE IN THE TRAVERSE CITY AREA ARE FINDING ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO GET TO WORK THIS WEEK. TODAY MARKS THE BEGINNING OF SMART COMMUTE WEEK -- AN EVENT WHICH WAS STARTED 15 YEARS AGO BY TART TRAILS. DURING SMART COMMUTE WEEK EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO PARK THE CAR AT HOME AND FIND A DIFFERENT WAY TO GET TO WORK, LIKE RIDING A BIKE.

June 1 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS, THE EMAILS, FROM VIEWERS LIKE YOU HAVE POURED INTO THE NEWSROOM...FOLKS WANTING TO KNOW WHAT THEY NEED TO DO ABOUT THOSE PESKY TENT CATERPILLARS THAT ARE INVADING THEIR TREES. THE GOOD NEWS, YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE TO DO AS MUCH AS YOU THINK...THE BAD NEWS...THIS ISN'T THE ONLY INVADER YOU WILL BATTLE THIS YEAR. DETAILS TONIGHT IN THIS FACT FINDER.

June 1 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

SEVERAL NEWS BUSES WILL SOON BE CRUISING AROUND THE BAY AREA. THE BAY AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY IS GETTING 660-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN STIMULUS FUNDS TO PURCHASE 6 NEW BUSES. THIS IS JUST THE FIRST PHASE OF TRANSPORTATION FUNDS. WHEN THE SECOND PHASE IS HANDED OUT BATA IS EXPECTED TO GET MONEY TO PURCHASE ANOTHER SIX BUSES. THE NEW BUSES WILL HELP REPLACE ABOUT 20 PERCENT OF BATAS FLEET OF BUSES, MANY OF WHICH HAVE BEEN ELIGIBLE FOR REPLACEMENT FOR SOMETIME.

June 1 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

SOME CHANGES MAY SOON BE IN STORE FOR GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY'S ONLY COMMUNITY POOL. IN LATE MARCH AN AQUATICS EXPERT WAS BROUGHT IN TO OBSERVE THE ACTIVITY AND DAILY OPERATIONS OF THE EASLING POOL INSIDE THE CIVIC CENTER. A 200--PAGE REPORT IS THE RESULT OF HIS FINDINGS.

June 1 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THERE WERE CONCERNS SOME CUSTOMERS MIGHT SHY AWAY FROM BUYING A CAR FROM A COMPANY IN BANKRUPTCY, BUT THE DEALER WE SPOKE WITH SAYS THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN WITH CHRYSLER AND HE DOESN'T BELIEVE IT WILL WITH G-M. 7&4'S ADAM BARTELMAY HAS MORE,

June 2 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

ESPECIALLY AT THE POINT WHERE RECREATIONAL FLYING BEGINS TO RAMP UP, THE AIRPORT MANAGER SAYS AN AIRPORT PLAYS A CRITICAL ROLE IN NOT ONLY TRAVEL BUT COMMERCE AS WELL. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL EXPLAINS.

June 2 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

G-M HOPES TO EMERGE FROM BANKRUPTCY AS A MUCH LEANER CAR COMPANY. BUT THAT PAINFUL PROCESS COULD MEAN LEAN TIMES FOR CAR SUPPLIERS HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH SPOKE WITH ONE SUPPLIER WHO IS ALREADY DEALING WITH THE RIPPLE EFFECT.

June 2 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

FEW TOPICS HAVE BEEN AS HEATED ON OUR WEBSITE AS THE SALARIES OF MICHIGAN'S GOVERNOR AND LAWMAKERS. THE DEBATE REALLY GOT GOING AFTER THE GOVERNOR'S STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS WHERE SHE PROPOSED A 10% PAY CUT FOR STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS. THE PLAN HAS SINCE BEEN APPROVED, BUT IT WON'T GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL AFTER MOST CURRENT OFFICE HOLDERS ARE OUT OF OFFICE. SO MANY OF YOU HAVE ASKED WHY, THE ANSWER IS TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT.

June 2 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

NEW FEDERAL REGULATIONS ARE FORCING THE OWNER OF THE S-S BADGER TO CLEAN UP HOW THE FERRY OPERATES. THE NATION'S LAST OPERATING COAL-FIRED PASSENGER SHIP DISCHARGES COAL SLURRY INTO LAKE MICHIGAN -- BUT NOW THAT PRACTICE HAS BEEN BANNED. THE E-P-A HAS GIVEN "LAKE MICHIGAN CAR-FERRY", OWNER OF THE S-S BADGER, UNTIL 20-12 TO CHANGE ITS PRACTICES.

June 2 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A STATE BOARD HAS IDENTIFIED FOUR REGIONS IN MICHIGAN WITH THE MOST POTENTIAL TO HARVEST WIND INTO ENERGY AND MUCH OF THE WIND POWER POSSIBILITIES ARE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN.

June 2 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A FITNESS AND PHYSICAL THERAPY CENTER HAS EARNED THE 2009 HAGERTY SMALL BUSINESS AWARD FAST PHYSICAL THERAPY AND FAST FITNESS OPENED IT'S DOOR WITH 2 EMPLOYEES IN 2005. SINCE THEN THE BUSINESS HAS EXPANDED TO A STAFF OF 25 EMPLOYEES WITH TWO LOCATIONS -- ONE IN TRAVERSE CITY, AND ONE THAT OPENED LAST YEAR IN ELK RAPIDS.

June 4 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

MOTHER NATURE ASIDE, THERE ARE MANY CHALLENGES FARMERS FACE. MORE THAN 100 FARMERS WILL BE ON HAND FRIDAY TO COME FACE TO FACE TO DISCUSS THOSE CHALLENGES WITH LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LAWMAKERS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL HAS A PREVIEW.

June 4 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT ALL STARTED WITH AN EYE OPENING AUDIT. MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN FRAUD FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES... MONEY THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO PAY FOR CHILD CARE FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES. NOW THE STATE IS CHANGING THE BILLING PROCEDURE, BUT SOME DAY CARE PROVIDERS ARE SPEAKING OUT, SAYING THEY ARE THE FALLING VICTIM TO SOME UNFAIR AND UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES. THAT'S THE SUBJECT OF TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT.

June 5 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

120-MILLION-DOLLARS IN FACT IS HOW MUCH THE D-O-C IS LOOKING TO SAVE WITH THE MEASURE.THE CLOSURES INCLUDE THREE PRISONS FROM SOUTHWESTERN AND MID-MICHIGAN ALONG WITH ONE FACILITY IN THE UPPER PENINSULA. THE D-O-C IS ALSO COMPLETELY PHASING OUT THEIR INMATE CAMP PROGRAM.

June 6 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

AS 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH EXPLAINS, THE UPGRADES ARE PART OF A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN THAT WAS LAUNCHED ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO- AND RAISED MORE THAN TWO MILLION DOLLARS.

June 6 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT'S TIME ONCE AGAIN FOR THE MANCELONA BASS FESTIVAL IN ANTRIM COUNTY. THE 54TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL STARTED WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND INCLUDES EVERYTHING FROM CARNIVAL RIDES, GAMES FOR THE KIDS AND EVEN CONTESTS. IN ADDITION TO THE FISHING CONTESTS ONE MAIN PART OF THE FESTIVAL INCLUDES THE CARNIVAL... AND A FLEA MARKET WHERE LOCAL BUSINESSES CAN REACH OUT TO VISITORS.

June 8 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY AND TRAVERSE CITY LEADERS ARE LOOKING FOR YOUR IDEAS TO DECIDE WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE BOARDMAN RIVER DAMS.BACK IN APRIL CITY AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS VOTED IN FAVOR OF REMOVING THE BOARDMAN, BROWNBIDGE, AND SABIN DAMS THEY SAY THE DAMS ARE NO LONGER A VALUE IN GENERATING HYDRO-POWER FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THAT AT THIS POINT THEY ARE JUST A LIABILITY.THE NEXT STEP IS FIGURING OUT THE BEST WAY TO REMOVE THEM WITH THE LEAST IMPACT ON AREA CITIZENS.

June 8, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

SO...WE ARE ALL PAYING A LOT THESE DAYS AT THE GAS PUMP....BUT WE MAY NOT BE PAYING ENOUGH TO KEEP FUNDING OUR ROADS FOR THE FUTURE...IN FACT, MDOT SAYS, IF WE DON'T START PAYING MORE, WE COULD BE LOSING OUT OF HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF FEDERAL DOLLARS IN THE FUTURE.THE DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED GAS TAX CHANGES ARE THE SUBJECT OF TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER.

June 8, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT'S COME DOWN TO THE FINAL HOURS FOR MORE THAN SEVEN HUNDRED CHRYSLER DEALERSHIPS TO CLOSE THEIR FRANCHISES CHRYSLER SAYS THE DEADLINE IS TOMORROW FOR THOSE ON THE CLOSURE LIST.7&4'S MELISSA SMITH SPOKE WITH ONE DEALERSHIP IN EMMET COUNTY ABOUT THEIR RETAIL CHANGE.

June 9 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT'S THE TIME OF YEAR WHEN WE START TO SEE MORE TOURISTS ON OUR ROADWAYS, BUT WHAT WE'RE NOT SEEING ON MANY ROADWAYS ARE THE LINES THEMSELVES. SEVERAL VIEWERS WANTED TO KNOW WHY IT SEEMS TO BE TAKING LONGER THAN USUAL TO RE-STRIPE OUR ROADS THIS YEAR. THE ANSWER IS TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER.

June 9 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

TWO MORE PEOPLE WERE IN COURT THIS MORNING ACCUSED OF EMBEZZELING NEARLY 2-MILLION-DOLLARS FROM GREAT LAKES ENERGY. FORMER EMPLOYEE ROBIN STEWART ALONG WITH GEORGE REED, WHO OWNS A LOCAL TREE CUTTING SERVICE, WERE BOTH IN COURT THIS MORNING AND NOW FACE A SERIES OF FELONY CHARGES...AS DOES STEWART'S WIFE SHELLEY. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL SPOKE WITH INVESTIGATORS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW SUCH A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY WAS TAKEN.

June 9 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IN FACT, WITH TONIGHT POSSIBLY BEING A STANLEY CUP VICTORY FOR THE WINGS, SOME RESTAURANTS IN TRAVERSE CITY ARE PLANNING FOR EVEN LARGER THAN USUAL CROWDS. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH SPOKE WITH A FEW OF THEM TODAY AND HAS THE DETAILS BEHIND THE BUSINESS BOOST.

June 10 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

FOR SIX FRIDAYS IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS ALL NON-ESSENTIAL STATE SERVICES WILL BE SHUT DOWN. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL TAKES A LOOK AT WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU.

June 10 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE SLUGGISH ECONOMY IS CAUSING MORE AND MORE PEOPLE TO GET CREATIVE IN HOW THEY GIVE BACK TO OTHERS. INSTEAD OF DONATING CASH LOCAL BUSINESSES ARE OFFERING UP THEIR SERVICES TO CLIENTS OF THE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER IN TRAVERSE CITY. SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER REPORTS.

June 10 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

TRAVERSE CITY LEADERS ARE LOOKING INTO DIFFERENT METHODS ON HOW BEST TO HANDLE ITS TRASH FLOW. CITY MANAGER BEN BIFOSS SAYS THE AREAS SOLID WASTE SERVICES HAVE BEEN UP FOR DISCUSSION FOR SEVERAL YEARS. HE SAYS MANY RESIDENTS BELIEVE THEIR PAYING TOO MUCH FOR TRASH PICKUP. IN THE ATTEMPT TO SAVE MONEY THE COMMISSION APPROVED A FOUR MONTH LONG 56--- THOUSAND DOLLAR FEASIBILITY STUDY THAT WILL MONITOR THE AREA'S WASTE FLOW AND DETERMINE ALTERNATE METHODS OF SERVICE.

June 11 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

MAKING YOUR HOME MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT MAY START WITH AN ENERGY AUDIT AND END WITH NEW INSULATION AND APPLIANCES. THE IMPROVEMENTS CAN PAY FOR THEMSELVES IN ENERGY SAVINGS, BUT FIRST THERE'S THE MATTER OF THAT INITIAL INVESTMENT. 7&4'S JAYNE SMITH SHOWS US HOW SOME NEW PROGRAMS CAN REDUCE THE UP-FRONT COST OF GOING GREEN.

June 11 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A MORE THAN 3 MILLION DOLLAR HARBOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN LEE LANAU COUNTY -- THAT'S BEEN IN THE WORKS FOR 7 YEARS -- IS ALMOST FINISHED. THE LELAND HARBOR PROJECT INCLUDES A NEW BOATER SERVICES BUILDING WITH RESTROOMS, SHOWERS, LAUNDRY FACILITIES AND A LOUNGE AREA. NEW FLOATING DOCKS WILL OPEN UP SPACE FOR 22 NEW BOAT SLIPS. ASPHALT FOR A NEW PARKING LOT WAS BEING LAID TODAY. WE'RE TOLD ENOUGH WILL BE PUT DOWN FOR THIS WEEKENDS WINE FESTIVAL. A GRANT FROM THE STATE IS HELPING PAY

FOR 75-PERCENT OF THE PROJECT.IT SHOULD BE COMPLETELY WRAPPED UP BY JULY 10-TH.

June 11 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE MACKINAC BRIDGE AUTHORITY IS LOOKING FOR YOUR INPUT ON TWO NEW COMMUTER FARE PROPOSALS ANNOUNCED TODAY.THE FIRST CALLS FOR A DISCOUNTED RATE ON A RETURN TRIP ACROSS THE BRIDGE IF THAT TRIP IS WITHIN THE SAME 24-HOUR PERIOD. THE SECOND PROPOSAL WOULD OFFER THE SAME DISCOUNT -- BUT ALSO REQUIRE A MINIMUM NUMBER OF TRIPS ACROSS THE BRIDGE EACH YEAR.

June 11 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL IS JUST A FEW WEEKS AWAY. IT CAN MEAN BIG BUSINESS FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN, FROM HOTEL AND RESTAURANT OWNERS DOWN TO THE KIDS SELLING POP FROM A COOLER. BUT THIS YEAR THERE WILL BE FEWER OF THOSE KIDS. A MOTHER EMAILED ME QUESTIONING THE CHANGE.WHAT I FOUND FOR HER IS THE SUBJECT OF TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT.

June 12 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IF YOU'RE A REGULAR VIEWER OF OUR EVENING NEWSCASTS - YOU'RE NO STRANGER TO OUR COUNTDOWN TO DIGITAL BROADCASTING.BUT NOW, AFTER MONTHS OF WAITING AND EVEN A "RE-START" TO THE COUNTDOWN AS PASSED BY CONGRESS AND SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT... THE DAY IS FINALLY HERE. MANY NETWORKS AND BROADCAST STATIONS HAVE ALREADY MADE THE SWITCH - OTHERS, LIKE TV 7 & 4 ... STILL HAVE A FEW HOURS TO GO.7 & 4'S BILL FROEHLICH JOINS US LIVE WITH MORE.

June 15 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

NORTHERN MICHIGAN'S LARGEST BUS SERVICE IS GETTING A MAJOR BOOST TO THEIR BOTTOM LINE...IN THE FORM OF MORE THAN 6-HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN FEDERAL STIMULUS MONEY.THE BUS SERVICE HAS PLAN TO SPEND IT...WE REPORTED HOW.BUT ONE VIEWER WONDERED IF THAT WAS THE BEST USE OF THE CASH...BATA ANSWERED HIS QUESTIONS IN TONIGHTS FACT FINDER.

June 15, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

ACCORDING TO THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, MAPLE SYRUP PRODUCTION IN MICHIGAN THIS YEAR IS THE HIGHEST IT'S BEEN SINCE 1947. WHILE TAPPING WON'T START AGAIN UNTIL NEXT WINTER ENDS, THERE IS SOME CONCERN THAT FOREST TENT CATERPILLARS MAY PUT A DENT IN NEXT YEAR'S HARVEST. 7&4'S JAYNE SMITH EXPLAINS.

June 15, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE MANISTEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NORMALLY RAISES MONEY FOR ITS FESTIVAL FIRE WORKS THROUGH BUSINESS DONATIONS.BUT WITH THE TOUGH ECONOMY BUSINESSES WERE NOT ABLE TO HELP OUT.7&4'S MELISSA SMITH SHOWS US HOW COMMUNITY MEMBERS STEPPED UP TO HELP CONTINUE THE TRADITION.

June 16, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

COUPONS FOR FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR CERTAIN PEOPLE IN LEELANAU COUNTY. THEY'RE CALLED "SENIOR FRESH COUPONS" AND CAN BE USED TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF FRESH FOODS FROM LOCAL FARM MARKETS AND ROADSIDE STANDS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. EACH COUPON BOOK CONTAINS 10-- COUPONS WORTH TWO DOLLARS A PIECE AND CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE LEELANAU COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING.

June 18, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY ROAD IS IN THE MIDDLE OF AN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. AND WHILE IT'S NOT THE COMPLETE OVERHAUL SOME RESIDENTS ARE HOPING FOR, IT SHOULD BE AN IMPROVEMENT. 7 & 4'S BILL FROEHLICH EXPLAINS.

June 19, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE FOURTH ANNUAL 'BIG TICKET FESTIVAL' IS WELL UNDERWAY IN GAYLORD. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL TAKES A SNEAK PEAK AT ALL OF THE FUN AND LEARNS WHY IT'S BRINGING SMILES TO VISITORS AND LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS.

June 19, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IF YOU TRIED TO RENEW YOUR DRIVERS LICENSE TODAY YOU WERE GREETED BY LOCKED DOORS! THAT'S BECAUSE TODAY WAS THE STATE GOVERNMENT'S FIRST OF SIX UNPAID FURLOUGH DAYS MOST STATE OFFICES INCLUDING SECRETARY OF STATE BRANCHES ARE CLOSED. THE FURLOUGHS WERE ENACTED BECAUSE OF GOVERNMENT BUDGET PROBLEMS.

June 19, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT'S NO SECRET THAT MICHIGAN'S ECONOMY IS STRUGGLING, WITH SOME OF THE WORST UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS IN THE NATION BUT SOME LOCAL LAWMAKERS ARE WORKING WITH AREA BUSINESS LEADERS TO HELP THOSE IN SEARCH OF A JOB. 7 & 4'S BILL FROEHLICH REPORTS ON AN UPCOMING JOB FAIR WHERE BUSINESSES ARE LOOKING TO FILL *HUNDREDS OF POSITIONS.

June 20, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WORK WAS NECESSARY TO CLEAN UP A TOXIC PLUME OF CAUSTIC WASTE THAT SEEPED INTO THE WATER NEAR BAY HARBOR. THAT AFFECTED THE WATER ALONG EAST PARKAS 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH EXPLAINS... NOW THAT THE CLEAN UP IS COMPLETE- A CELEBRATION WELCOMED THE PUBLIC TO THE NEWLY RE-OPENED PARK.

June 22, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

STATE SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES ALONG WITH MICHIGAN WORKS SPONSORED THE FIRST ANNUAL AGRICULTURE JOB FAIR. THE GOAL IS TO SHOWCASE THE GROWING DEMAND FOR WORKERS IN THE INDUSTRY AND FILL THOSE SPOTS WITH PEOPLE IN NEED OF WORK. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH REPORTS.

June 22, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A FOLLOW UP FACT FINDER TONIGHT... LAST WEEK WE BROKE DOWN THE BAY AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES HOPES OF USING FEDERAL MONEY TO BUY 18 NEW BUSES. A VIEWER CONTACTED ME AFTER THAT REPORT, ADMITTING THE FLEET WAS OLD, BUT WONDERED IF SOME MONEY COULD BE SAVED. TO PROVE HIS POINT... HE

SENT ME TO A JUNKYARD.WHAT I FOUND THERE, AND THE ANSWERS I GOT FROM BATA FOR HIM ARE THE SUBJECT OF THIS FACT FINDER.

June 22, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

VANDALIZED TRAIN CARS IN ONE AREA COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN GETTING A LOT OF ATTENTION IN RECENT MONTHS, BUT NOW SOMETHING IS BEING DONE ABOUT THEM. THE DOUBLE DECKER CARS LINE THE TRACKS ALONG US-31 IN GRAWN - IN SOUTHERN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY. SOME NEIGHBORS HAVE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT STORING THOSE PASSENGER CARS THERE LONG-TERM... OTHERS WERE MORE CONCERNED OVER THE *VANDALISM ON THE TRAIN CARS. THOSE CARS ARE OWNED BY THE GREAT LAKES CENTRAL RAILROAD.SINCE JANUARY THEY'VE BEEN PLANNING ON REPAIRING THE CARS AND THEN MOVING THEM DOWNSTATE.BUT FIRST, A LOCAL COMPANY HAS BEEN HIRED TO TAKE CARE OF THE VANDALISM.

June 24, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

RESIDENTS IN ONE LEELANAU COUNTY COMMUNITY ARE SHARING THEIR THOUGHTS TONIGHT ON WHAT SHOULD BE DONE WITH A FORMER SKI RESORT.SUGAR LOAF RESORT HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR NEARLY A DECADE. NOW LEELANAU COUNTY AND THE CLEVELAND AND CENTERVILLE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISIONS ARE TRYING TO COME UP WITH A MASTER PLAN FOR THE AREA.

June 25, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A POPULAR GOLF COURSE IN MANISTEE SUFFERED SEVERE DAMAGE AFTER A FIRE RIPPED THROUGH THE CLUB HOUSE.IT HAPPENED AROUND 7:30--LAST NIGHT AT THE MANISTEE NATIONAL GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB OFF OF US 31.WHILE THE FIRE DESTROYED BOTH THE PRO SHOP AND GRILL --- IT'S NOT STOPPING GOLFERS FROM DOING WHAT THEY LOVE MOST.SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER HAS THE DETAILS.

June 26, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

ANOTHER TOPIC OF DISCUSSION DURING THE ENERGY FAIR IS JOBS.GREEN JOBS TO BE MORE EXACT AND HOW IT COULD BENEFIT MANY OF THOSE WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED.SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL EXPLAINS.

June 26, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT'S BEEN QUITE LITERALLY A HOLE IN THE GROUND FOR THE LAST EIGHT YEARS. WHAT MANY CONSIDER AN EYESORE IN DOWNTOWN TRAVERSE CITY WILL SOON BECOME HOME TO SHOPS, PROFESSIONAL OFFICES AND CONDOMINIUMS. 7&4'S ADAM BARTELMAY HAS THE STORY.

June 29, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

EXPECT TO SEE A LOT MORE VISITORS IN THE YEARS TO COME, THAT IS IF SOME STATE LAWMAKERS HAVE THEIR WAY.AFTER MILLIONS OF DOLLARS HAVE BEEN SPENT ON THE 'PURE MICHIGAN' ADVERTISING, SOME IN LANSING ARE HOPING TO GIVE TOURISM A PERMANENT LINE IN THE BUDGET HERE'S SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL TO EXPLAIN.

PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

HEALTH

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

Local News

April 2, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IF YOU LIVED IN CHRONIC PAIN....CHANCES ARE YOU COULD GO TO YOUR PHARMACY AND GET A PERSCRIPTION FILLED TO GIVE YOU SOME RELIEF...WELL, SOME MICHIGAN SUFFERERS WILL SOON LEGALLY BE ABLE TO FIND RELIEF BY SMOKING MARIJUANA.BUT WHERE EXACTLY DO GO TO GET THAT?A VIEWER WONDERED....WHAT I FOUND OUT FOR HIM IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS FACT FINDER.

April 3, 2009

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IT'S ALMOST THE FOURTH OF THE MONTH AND TIME TO REMIND YOUR BUDDY TO DO A SELF BREAST EXAM.... IT'S ALSO TIME FOR THIS MONTH'S BUDDY CHECK REPORT.WHEN IT'S DARK AND YOU ARE FEELING LOST, HAVING SOMEONE TAKE YOUR HAND AND LEAD YOU SAFELY ALONG THE WAY CAN BE A LIFE SAVER. FOR MANY BREAST CANCER PATIENTS IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THE NAVIGATOR PROGRAM IS. AND THE SPECIAL BONDS THAT FORM CAN LAST WELL AFTER THE CANCER IS GONE.

April 6, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A NORTHERN MICHIGAN HOSPITAL IS EARNING SOME NATIONAL RECOGNITION. MUNSON MEDICAL CENTER HAS BEEN HONORED AS ONE OF THE TOP 100 HOSPITALS ACCORDING TO A REPORT BY HEALTHCARE INFORMATION COMPANY THOMSON REUTERS.THIS IS THE ELEVENTH TIME MUNSON HAS EARNED THIS DISTINCTION, THE MOST OF ANY HOSPITAL IN THE STATE. IN ADDITION, MUNSON WON AN EVEREST AWARD, WHICH IS A SPECIAL HONOR AMONG THE TOP 100. THE AWARD IS BASED ON PERFORMANCE AND LONG TERM IMPROVEMENT.

April 6, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

MEANWHILE, MERCY HOSPITAL CADILLAC IS BEING RECOGNIZED FOR THE FIRST TIME AS ONE OF THE TOP ONE HUNDRED HOSPITALS BY THOMSON REUTERS. MERCY HOSPITAL CADILLAC HAS AN OVERALL TOP RATING AMONG HOSPITALS OWNED BY TRINITY HEALTH FOR PATIENT SAFETY AND QUALITY.HOSPITAL LEADERS CREDIT MUNSON'S AND MERCY'S SUCCESS TO STRONG PERFORMANCE FROM PHYSICIANS, STAFF, BOARDS, VOLUNTEERS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE TOP ONE HUNDRED HOSPITAL LIST GO TO OURWEBSITE UPNORTHLIVE.COM

April 6, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION ON A NUMBER OF CITY SIDEWALKS AND ROADS IN DIRE NEED OF REPAIR--- BUT BEFORE THEY CAN DO THAT COMMISSIONERS HAVE TO COME UP WITH FUNDING.THEY EVEN SAY THEY MAY HAVE TO TAKE MONEY AWAY FROM OTHER CITY PROJECTS.SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER REPORTS.

April 7, 2009

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

HUNDREDS OF APPLICATIONS ARE BEING PROCESSED IN INGHAM COUNTY AFTER A MASS REGISTRATION FOR USE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA. THE APPLICATION PROCESS BEGAN YESTERDAY AFTER THE STATE'S VOTER-APPROVED RULES TOOK EFFECT SATURDAY. PARENTS, FAMILIES AND SUPPORTERS OF THE BILL THAT PASSED LAST FALL WERE ON HAND TO TURN IN APPLICATIONS. PARTICIPANTS HAD TO RETURN A COMPLETED APPLICATION, DOCTOR RECOMMENDATIONS AND A FEE DURING THE REGISTRATION. THE MICHIGAN MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM WAS CREATED IN RESPONSE TO AN OVERWHELMING VOTER MANDATE EXPRESSED IN LAST NOVEMBER'S PROPOSAL ONE.

April 7, 2009

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IF YOU'VE LOST YOUR JOB "AND" YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE, WALGREENS WANTS TO HELP. WITH FREE HEALTH CARE. THE COMPANY UNVEILED ITS "TAKE CARE RECOVERY PLAN". PEOPLE WHO WERE DOWNSIZED ON OR AFTER MARCH 31-ST ARE ELIGIBLE.. IF THEY'VE LOST HEALTH INSURANCE TOO. THE PLAN PROVIDES FREE HEALTH CARE FOR A NUMBER OF BASIC SERVICES AT WALGREENS TAKE CARE CLINICS. TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY, LOG ONTO OUR WEBSITE UP NORTH LIVE DOT COM.

April 8, 2009

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

AN ONLINE PETITION IS PUSHING FAMILIES TO FIGHT FOR AUTISTIC CHILDREN. A FORUM WAS HELD IN TRAVERSE CITY TODAY LED BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE DAN SCRIPPS. DOZENS OF FAMILIES IMPACTED BY AUTISM SHARED THEIR STORIES AND STRUGGLES WITH THE GROUP. AUTISM IS A DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER AFFECTING MORE THAN 12-THOUSAND CHILDREN IN THE STATE. THE ONLINE CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED TO HELP PUSH HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR TREATMENT.

April 9, 2009

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

MORE CHILDREN ARE COMING DOWN WITH R-S-V ... AT A TIME WHEN IT *SHOULD* BE THE END OF THE VIRUS SEASON. IT CAN BE DANGEROUS FOR INFANTS *AND* ADULTS IN HIGH RISK CATEGORIES. JODI BAKER REPORTS.

April 15, 2009

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IF YOU FILED YOUR PAPERWORK, AND WERE APPROVED...ITS NOW LEGAL FOR QUALIFIED PATIENTS TO GROW AND SMOKE MARIJUANA FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES... BUT GOOD LUCK FINDING A NORTHERN MICHIGAN DOCTOR TO SIGN OFF OF IT...AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT ONE PATIENT IS EXPERIENCING. HE HAD QUESTIONS...THE ANSWERS I FOUND FOR HIM IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS FACT FINDER.

April 20, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

BACK IN OCTOBER MEMBERS OF THE MANISTEE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN MANISTEE STARTED VOLUNTEERING THEIR TIME TO START A NEW FREE HEALTH CLINIC. NOW, JUST A FEW MONTHS LATER, ORGANIZERS SAY THEY'RE SEEING INCREASING AMOUNTS OF PEOPLE USING THE CLINIC AT THE MANISTEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THE CLINIC OFFERS MEDICAL CARE AND HELP WITH PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION AS WELL AS LIMITED LAB TESTING AND X-RAYS.

VOLUNTEERS SAT THEY'RE NOTICING MORE TRAFFIC AND PEOPLE TURNING TO THE FREE CLINIC FOR THESE TYPES OF SERVICES.

April 25, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A LITTLE RAIN DIDN'T PUT A DAMPER ON AN ANNUAL EVENT IN CADILLAC THIS MORNING.... IT'S ONE THAT WORKS TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH OF NEWBORN BABIES. IT'S THE ANNUAL MARCH FOR BABIES IN WEXFORD COUNTY. THE WALK IN CADILLAC GOES TO SUPPORT THE MARCH OF DIMES, WHICH AIMS TO FIND OUT THE CAUSE OF PREMATURE BIRTH, AND TAKE CARE OF FAMILIES IN NEED WHEN BABIES ARE BORN TOO EARLY. THAT'S BECAUSE BABIES BORN TOO SOON ARE MORE LIKELY TO DIE OR HAVE DISABILITIES. THE MARCH OF DIMES ALSO WORKS TO PREVENT BIRTH DEFECTS AND INFANT MORTALITY.

April 27, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

BY NOW MOST OF YOU HAVE HEARD THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS ISSUED A NATIONAL HEALTH EMERGENCY INVOLVING THE SWINE FLU IN AN EFFORT TO STOP ITS SPREAD.AND EVEN THOUGH NO CASES HAVE BEEN REPORTED HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN, AREA HEALTH DEPARTMENTS ARE WORKING TO GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT THE POTENTIALLY DEADLY VIRUS.7&4'S ADAM BARTELMAY REPORTS.

April 30, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IN THE MEAN TIME THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT URGES THOSE WHO EXPERIENCE FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS AND HAVE A FEVER OF MORE THAN A 100 DEGREES TO VISIT THEIR DOCTOR OR URGENT CARE.OFFICIALS AT MUNSON MEDICAL CENTER IN TRAVERSE CITY SAY THEY ARE READY FOR AN OUTBREAK.WHILE THERE ARE NO *NEW* PROCEDURES IN PLACE, THE MEDICAL CENTER CONTINUES TO FOLLOW STEPS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF VIRUSES AND BACTERIA ANYONE WITH RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS, SUCH AS A COUGH OR SNEEZING, IS GIVEN A MASK.MUNSON IS ALSO WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO KEEP UPDATED ON THE SITUATION.

April 30, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

MICHIGAN IS SET TO RECEIVE AROUND 250--THOUSAND COURSES OF THE ANTI-VIRAL MEDICATION AS A PRECAUTION TO THE SWINE FLU.TODAY THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL CONFIRMED A SECOND CASE OF THE FLU PUTTING MICHIGAN AT A HIGHER LEVEL OF CONCERN.AT THE STATE'S REQUEST MORE THAN 40 HEALTH DEPARTMENTS STATEWIDE WILL RECEIVE A PORTION OF THE ANTI--VIRAL SUPPLY WHICH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO PEOPLE ALREADY INFECTED AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY.

May 4, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

MOTHER'S DAY IS SUNDAY. THAT MEANS YOU HAVE JUST UNDER A WEEK TO GET THE PERFECT GIFT, AND YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO TAKE PART IN A SWEET FUNDRAISER TO HELP BREAST CANCER PATIENTS. THIS IS THE SECOND YEAR FOR THE PIE FOR A CURE CAMPAIGN WITH THE GRAND TRAVERSE PIE COMPANY. FROM THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING THROUGH MOTHER'S DAY, THE PIE COMPANY DONATES 50 CENTS FROM EVERY PIE SOLD TO THE SUSAN G KOMEN BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION.

May 4, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

RIGHT NOW, MORE THAN ONE MILLION MICHIGANIANS ARE LIVING DAY TO DAY WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE. BUT THE FIGHT TO FIND A WAY TO MAKE HEALTH CARE MORE AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE IS TAKING PLACE RIGHT HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN. LAWMAKERS -- INCLUDING STATE SENATOR JASON ALLEN AND REPRESENTATIVE WAYNE SCHMIDT HELD A SUMMIT TODAY IN PETOSKEY THEY HEARD TESTIMONY FROM MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH CARE FIELD AND AREA FREE CLINICS TO FIND WAYS TO IMPROVE MICHIGAN'S HEALTH CARE OPPORTUNITIES.

May 18, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THOSE WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN WILL SOON GET A BIT OF HELP WHEN IT COMES TO GETTING OR KEEPING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL EXPLAINS.

May 18, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A NEW TOOL AT MUNSON MEDICAL CENTER WILL HELP IN THE FIGHT AGAINST BREAST CANCER. MUNSON STARTED OFFERING BREAST M-R-I IN FEBRUARY. IT OFFERS BREAST IMAGING IN 3 DIMENSIONS, WITHOUT RADIATION AND WITH HIGH RESOLUTION. IT WAS PREVIOUSLY ONLY AVAILABLE AT SOME DOWNSTATE HOSPITALS.

May 18, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

LOCAL MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH-CARE INDUSTRY ARE ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO PUT THE WINTER BLUES IN THE PAST AND GET OUTSIDE TO EXERCISE. THE NORTH CENTRAL COUNCIL OF THE MICHIGAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION IS KICKING OFF ITS "LET'S GET MOVING" NORTHERN MICHIGAN CAMPAIGN THIS WEEK. YOU CAN SIGN UP AND JOIN OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR COMMUNITY BY LOGGING YOUR ACTIVITY OVER THE NEXT HUNDRED DAYS -- BEGINNING THIS WEDNESDAY.

May 25, 2009

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

AN AREA HOSPITAL HAS A NEW TOOL TO HELP IN THE FIGHT AGAINST BREAST CANCER. CHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL NOW HAS DIGITAL MAMMOGRAM TECHNOLOGY. SOME PATIENTS SAY IT'S MORE COMFORTABLE, AND OFFERS FASTER RESULTS. AND WHILE A TRADITIONAL ANALOG MAMMOGRAM IS SUFFICIENT FOR MOST WOMEN, THE DIGITAL MAMMOGRAM CAN BENEFIT WOMEN WITH DENSER BREAST TISSUE. WHETHER YOU GET AN ANALOG OR DIGITAL MAMMOGRAM, HEALTH EXPERTS SAY AFTER AGE 40, A YEARLY MAMMOGRAM CAN BE A LIFE SAVING DECISION.

May 26, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS TAKING EXTRA STEPS TO HELP KEEP THE COMMUNITY A LITTLE SAFER. THE DEPARTMENT IS HANDING OUT DOZENS OF FREE GUN LOCKS. WE'RE TOLD THEY WILL BE HANDED OUT ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET ONE OF THESE FREE LOCKS HEAD TO THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE LOCATED AT 8-5-1 WOODMERE AVENUE IN TRAVERSE CITY.

May 26, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A GREAT TURN-OUT FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND HAS AN AREA CAMPGROUND OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE SEASON AHEAD. THE TRAVERSE CITY STATE PARK WAS NEARLY FULL FOR THE HOLIDAY. OUT OF 348 SITES AT THE CAMPGROUND -- 330 WERE FILLED. THE STATE PARK'S UNIT SUPERVISOR SAYS HE THINKS IT'S

BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMY THAT MORE PEOPLE ARE STAYING CLOSER TO HOME AND DOING ACTIVITIES THAT ARE MORE AFFORDABLE -- LIKE CAMPING.

May 27, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

HOUSE BILL 43-77 TARGETS TO ELIMINATE ALL WORKPLACE SMOKING...THIS INCLUDES RESTAURANTS AND BARS.IT'S HAD SEVERAL UN-SUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS BEFORE, BUT IT BRINGS ALIVE AGAIN THE DEBATE ON WHOSE DECISION IT SHOULD BE WHEN IT COMES TO LIGHTING UP.SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL REPORTS.

June 4, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT IS THE FOURTH OF THE MONTH AND TIME TO CALL YOUR BUDDY AS A REMINDER TO DO A SELF BREAST EXAM. IT'S ALSO TIME FOR OUR SPECIAL BUDDY CHECK REPORT. OFTEN IN THESE REPORTS WE TELL YOU ABOUT THE LATEST AND GREATEST TECHNOLOGY TO HELP IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER, BUT ANOTHER POWERFUL TOOL IS AS OLD AS TIME... A GOOD FRIEND.

June 5, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF NORTHWEST MICHIGAN IS OFFERING EXTRA INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE WOMEN TO MAKE -- AND KEEP THEIR ANNUAL MAMMOGRAM APPOINTMENTS. THROUGH THE END OF SEPTEMBER, ELIGIBLE CLIENTS OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM WILL RECEIVE 25 DOLLAR GAS CARDS JUST FOR SHOWING UP. THE PROGRAMS COORDINATOR SAYS THE IDEA IS TO HELP OUT PEOPLE WHO ARE HAVING TOUGH TIMES FINANCIALLY RIGHT NOW.

June 7, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE WORD 'CANCER' MIGHT MAKE YOU THINK OF FRIENDS OR LOVED ONES - THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES.BUT TODAY, A NATIONAL CELEBRATION BROUGHT HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE TOGETHER IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN, ALL TO CELEBRATE THOSE WHO BEAT THE ODDS.7&4'S MELISSA SMITH HAS ONE CANCER SURVIVOR'S STORY.

June 13, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A ONE HUNDRED MILE MOTORCYCLE RIDE THROUGH ANTRIM COUNTY IS AIMING TO RAISE MONEY FOR BREAST CANCER PREVENTION.THE EVENT GOES TOWARDS THE ANTRIM COUNTY HIGH TEA FOR BREAST CANCER PREVENTION.7&4'S MELISSA SMITH WAS AT THE FUNDRAISER AND HAS THE DETAILS.

June 15, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

ONE OF THE BIGGEST DECISIONS AN ADULT CHILD WILL MAKE IS TO HAVE A PARENT RECEIVE LONG TERM CARE THERE ARE MANY THINGS TO LOOK FOR BEFORE CROSSING THAT BRIDGE.7&4'S ADAM BARTELMAY TAKES US TO A FACILITY HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN THAT MIGHT JUST TAKE A LOT OF THE WORRY OUT OF THE PROCESS.

June 24, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT'S CERTAINLY NOT BREAKING NEWS THAT THE STATE OF MICHIGAN IS A MAJOR BUDGET CRUNCH.BUT WHAT IS MAKING NEWS TONIGHT IS WORD OF JUST HOW DEEP

THOSE CUTS ARE GOING TO BE...THE HOUSE AND SENATE BOTH STARTING TO SHAPE THE BUDGET BY PROPOSING ELIMINATING PROGRAMS, AND MAKING DEEP CUTS TO THOSE THAT SURVIVE. THE LATEST APPROPRIATION BILL TRIMS HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS...AND MAY MEAN THE END OF HEALTHCARE FOR SOME CHILDREN IN SEVERAL NORTHERN MICHIGIAN COMMUNITIES...DETAILS IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER.

June 25, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURES OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE HEADING TO THE BEACH TO TRY AND KEEP COOL. BUT WHAT YOU DON'T SEE IN THAT COOL CLEAR WATER COULD HURT YOU. A VIEWER WROTE IN ASKING WHAT'S BEING DONE TO KEEP OUR BEACHES HEALTHY.THE ANSWER IS THE SUBJECT OF TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT.

June 25, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A ROCK CONCERT IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY THIS WEEKEND IS HELPING RAISE MONEY TO FIGHT MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS. IT'S CALLED MOUNT HOLIDAY ROCKS -- AND FEATURES THE LOCAL ROCK BAND SLAB-TOWN.THERE WILL BE A SILENT AUCTION, BARBEQUE, CONCERT AND CASH BAR. ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO THE MICHIGAN CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY.

June 26, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

TOMORROW IS NATIONAL H-I-V TESTING DAY.THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL ESTIMATES 250-THOUSAND AMERICANS HAVE H-I-V AND DON'T EVEN KNOW IT.MUNSON HEALTHCARE AND THE TRAVERSE HEALTH CLINIC ARE TEAMING UP FOR THIS EVENT TO BRING AWARENESS OF H-I-V AND AIDS.IT'S A PROBLEM THAT TRANSCENDS SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND IS POPPING UP ESPECIALLY AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14 AND 24 *AND* THOSE OVER THE AGE OF FIFTY. HAVING H-I-V DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE AIDS, BUT IT CAN DEVELOP INTO THE DEADLY DISEASE IF YOU DON'T CATCH IT EARLY.

PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

EDUCATION

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

Local News

April 1, 2009

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT:MOST EXPERTS AGREE THAT EARLY INTERVENTION IS KEY IN HELPING CHILDREN WITH AUTISM.JUDY FORTIN INTRODUCES US TO A WOMAN WHO IS HELPING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE CLASSROOM.

April 2, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

OVERALL, THE STATE REPORTS TESTS SCORES ARE ON THE RISE, ESPECIALLY IN AREAS OF MATH, SOCIAL STUDIES AND WRITING. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL TAKES A CLOSER LOOK.

April 2, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE AREAS LARGEST SCHOOL DISTRICT ALSO FAIRED ABOVE AVERAGE IN MOST AREAS. TRAVERSE CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS RESULTS SHOW ABOVE AVERAGE READING SKILLS AT ALL GRADE LEVELS. A TREND THAT CONTINUES WITH ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS. WRITING SKILLS ARE 5 TO 10 PERCENT ABOVE THE STATE AVERAGE AT ALL LEVELS, EXCEPT 4-TH GRADE, WHICH THE ENTIRE STATE STRUGGLED WITH. MATH SKILLS WERE CONSISTENT WITH THE STATE LEVEL FOR THE YOUNGER CLASSES AND ABOVE AVERAGE AT THE HIGHER LEVEL. 5-TH GRADE HOWEVER SCORED 4 PERCENT BELOW THE STATE AVERAGE.

April 3, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WITH RISING TUITION, PAYING FOR COLLEGE IS BECOMING HARDER THESE DAYS BUT SO IS SAVING FOR COLLEGE. IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS, WE'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT SHRINKING 401KS AND OTHER RETIREMENT INVESTMENTS, BUT FAMILIES WHO INVESTED IN THEIR CHILDREN'S FUTURE ARE ALSO FEELING THE EFFECTS OF THE STOCK MARKET. I TOOK A CLOSER LOOK AT MICHIGAN'S EDUCATION SAVINGS PROGRAM IN THIS FACT FINDER REPORT.

April 7, 2009

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY'S PRESIDENT SAYS HE'S LAUNCHING A FUNDRAISING DRIVE TO EXPAND FINANCIAL AID FOR STUDENTS AT THE DETROIT SCHOOL. THE CAMPAIGN IS DESIGNED TO BOOST THE NUMBER OF NEED- AND MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS. THE GOAL IS TO HELP STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES OVERCOME FINANCIAL OBSTACLES TO HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE CHALLENGING ECONOMIC TIMES. WAYNE STATE HAS SEEN ENROLLMENT SLIDE IN THE RECESSION.

April 8, 2009

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

A GROUP THAT TRACKS HOW MANY KIDS ARE IN GOVERNMENT-FUNDED PRESCHOOL REPORTS TODAY... MORE THAN A MILLION THREE AND FOUR-YEAR-OLDS ARE HEADING TO CLASS NOW. AND STATES ARE SPENDING MORE TO GET THEM READY FOR KINDERGARTEN. BUT WE'RE IN A RECESSION... STATE BUDGETS ARE TIGHT... AND ADVOCATES WORRY THAT EVEN WITH STIMULUS MONEY IN THE PIPELINE, THE NATION'S YOUNGEST STUDENTS MAY SUFFER. TRACIE POTTS HAS MORE:

April 9, 2009

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

FACED WITH A MASSIVE 306 MILLION DOLLAR DEFICIT, THE STATE OFFICIAL WHO OVERSEES THE DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS HAS PROPOSED CLOSING MORE THAN 20 SCHOOLS AND LAYING OFF 600 TEACHERS. ROBERT BOBB SAID OFFICIALS HAVE REVIEWED SCHOOLS ACROSS THE DISTRICT. THE CRITERIA USED TO DECIDE WHICH SCHOOLS WOULD CLOSE WERE ACADEMICS, INCLUDING MEAP AND A-Y-P EVALUATIONS, DEMOGRAPHICS, CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOOLS, AND ENROLLMENT.

April 10, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

CAMPUS POLICE IN TRAVERSE CITY HAVE A NEW WAY TO GET AROUND - THEY'RE DITCHING PATROL CARS IN FAVOR OF SEGWAY SCOOTERS. IT'S HAPPENING AT

NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE.THE SEGWAY CAN GO FOR 25 MILES ON A SINGLE BATTERY CHARGE - THAT WILL LAST MORE THAN FOUR HOURS.SECURITY OFFICERS SAY THEY MACHINE CAN GO ABOUT 22 MILE PER HOUR. IT CAN ALSO GO PLACES PATROL CARS CAN'T GO... AND IT'S FASTER TO GET AROUND CAMPUS THAN PATROLLING ON FOOT.

April 13, 2009

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

A WEXFORD COUNTY SCHOOL IS ALSO DEALING WITH MAJOR BUDGET CONCERNS. MANTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS WILL BE LOOKING AT ITS 2009-2010 BUDGET AT A MEETING TONIGHT.THE SCHOOL NEEDS TO CUT UP TO 250-THOUSAND DOLLARS.BOARD MEMBERS WILL LOOK AT POSSIBLE REDUCTIONS INCLUDING SCHEDULE CHANGES, STAFF POSITIONS AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. THE BUDGET DISCUSSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE TONIGHT STARTING AT SEVEN IN THE HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER.

April 14, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

ECONOMIC STRUGGLES ARE FORCING A MANISTEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CLOSE TWO OF ITS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS COME NEXT FALL.THE DECISION CAME ABOUT LAST NIGHT DURING A KALEVA NORMAN DICKSON SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING.THE BOARD SAYS BECAUSE OF DECREASING ENROLLMENT IN KALEVA AND WELLSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, STUDENTS WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO BRETHREN HIGH SCHOOL ALSO IN MANISTEE COUNTY. THE DISTRICT'S SUPERINTENDENT SAYS THE MOVE WILL ULTIMATELY SAVE THE DISTRICT ABOUT 450-THOUSAND DOLLARS BY MOVING AT LEAST 300 STUDENTS FROM THE SCHOOLS TO ONE BUILDING.7&4'S MELISSA SMITH SPOKE WITH SOME PARENTS AND STAFF ABOUT THE MOVE AND HAS THEIR REACTIONS.

April 14, 2009

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

THERE IS A NEW LEADER AT THE HELM AT ROGERS CITY AREA SCHOOLS. THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS IS ITS HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL JAMIE HUBER.HUBER WILL TAKE OVER THE DISTRICT ON JULY FIRST.INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT DON SCHAEDIG WILL FINISH OUT THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR.

April 16, 2009

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

CHERRY FESTIVAL ORGANIZERS AND D-T-E ENERGY TEAM UP TO HELP AN AREA ORGANIZATION CONTINUE ITS MISSION.D-T-E HANDED OUT A 75-THOUSAND DOLLAR GRANT TO INLAND SEAS AT TODAY'S FESTIVAL EVENT D-T-E OFFICIALS SAY THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES MADE THIS YEAR'S SCHOLARSHIP PICK AN EASY CHOICE.INLAND SEAS EDUCATION REACHES OUT TO STUDENTS ACROSS THE STATE ... TEACHING THEM ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE GREAT LAKES TO OUR REGION.THE SCHOOL USE THE MONEY TO MATCH TUITION SO MORE STUDENTS FROM DOWNSTATE CAN TAKE PART IN THE EDUCATION EVENTS.

April 17, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

SOME OTSEGO COUNTY STUDENTS ARE GETTING SOME REAL WORLD BUSINESS EXPERIENCE AND HAVING SOME PRETTY SWEET SUCCESS.BUT MORE THAN PROFITS, SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL SHOWS US HOW THEY'RE GIVING BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITY.

April 17, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

MUSIC STUDENTS AT A TRAVERSE CITY SCHOOL ARE GETTING A CHANCE TO WORK HAND IN HAND WITH A PROFESSIONAL COMPOSER. COMPOSER JEFF COBB WAS ASKED TO PUT TOGETHER A WORK FOR THE ORCHESTRA STUDENTS AT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL TO PERFORM LIVE NEXT WEEK. TODAY THE CLASS GOT TO WORK WITH COBB TO REHEARSE THE MUSIC BEFORE THE BIG PERFORMANCE.

April 18, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE WARMER WEATHER ALSO BROUGHT OUT SOME FRIENDLY COMPETITION AT THE HERITAGE CENTER IN TRAVERSE CITY TODAY. IT'S CALLED THE "ANCHORS AND APRONS GRILL OFF" ...WITH GREAT LAKES MARITIME ACADEMY CADETS FACING OFF BEFORE THE CHARCOALS AGAINST LOCAL NORTHERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE CULINARY STUDENTS. IT WAS A PERFECT PICNIC OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC AT COLLEGE CAMPUS. HITTING THE BARBIE WAS PLENTY OF CHICKEN, PORK TENDERLOIN AND WALLEYE AS THE TWO GROUPS ACTUALLY WERE WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR THEIR RESPECTED DEPARTMENTS.

April 20, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT'S BEEN 10 YEARS TO THE DAY SINCE THE TRAGIC SCHOOL SHOOTING THAT TOOK PLACE AT COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL. TONIGHT, SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL TAKES A LOOK AT HOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED AND HOW NORTHERN MICHIGAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE WORKING TO KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE.

April 23, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A 1-POINT-2 MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET SHORTFALL FOR THE CHEBOYGAN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NOW MEANS SCHOOL CLOSURES. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL HAS THE DETAILS.

April 26, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THIS TIME OF YEAR HAS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE GEARING UP FOR PROM SEASON - AND THAT USUALLY MEANS LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL PROM DRESS. TO HELP MAKE THAT SEARCH A LITTLE EASIER A DRESS SHOP IN ANTRIM COUNTY IS OPENING ITS "CLOSET DOORS" ALL WITH A SPECIAL PURPOSE. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH EXPLAINS.

April 28, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IN ONE WEEK, VOTERS WILL BE HEADING TO THE POLLS TO DECIDE A VARIETY OF ISSUES...IN OTSEGO COUNTY, VOTERS WILL MAKE THE DECISION OF WHETHER TO APPROVE A MULT-MILLION DOLLAR MILLAGE PROPOSAL FROM THE GAYLORD COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL HAS THE DETAILS ON THE PLAN AND HOW THE DISTRICT HOPES TO PUT THE MONEY TO USE.

May 1, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

TEXTBOOKS AND THE INTERNET CAN ONLY PROVIDE SO MUCH INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER COUNTRIES AND CULTURES. THAT'S WHY A TEACHER FROM PINE RIVER HIGH SCHOOL IN LE-ROY WILL BE TAKING HIS STUDENTS ALL THE WAY AROUND THE GLOBE TO CHINA. 7&4'S JAYNE SMITH HAS THE STORY.

May 1, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

TEAMS CAME ARMED WITH STRONG VOCABULARIES AND A KNACK FOR VERNACULAR TO FIND OUT WHO WOULD BE CROWNED THE WISEST WITH WORDS. A SENIOR SPELLING BEE WAS HELD THIS AFTERNOON IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY. UNLIKE OTHER SPELLING BEES, CONTESTANTS HAD TO BE AT LEAST 50 YEARS OLD TO COMPETE. CONTESTANTS FORMED TEAMS OF THREE AND WORKED TOGETHER TO COME UP WITH THE SPELLING OF EACH WORD. EACH COMPETITOR PAID 5 DOLLARS TO JOIN IN THE SPELLING BEE.

May 9, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT'S A VISION FOR THE FUTURE - FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY IS BREAKING GROUND ON A NEW COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY. UNIVERSITY LEADERS ALONG WITH LOCAL AND STATE REPRESENTATIVES BROKE GROUND FRIDAY ON THE SCHOOL'S NEW COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY AND THE CENTER FOR COLLABORATIVE HEALTH EDUCATION.

May 13, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A SCHOOL DISTRICT IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY IS BEING RECOGNIZED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS A MODEL FOR RUNNING A HEALTHY SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM. SUPERINTENDENT OF GRAND TRAVERSE AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS, MIKE BUELL RECENTLY TRAVELED TO WASHINGTON D-C TO TALK WITH A SENATE OUTREACH COMMITTEE ABOUT SOME OF THE PROBLEMS FACING SCHOOLS TODAY.

May 13, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE IS CONTINUING AN ANNUAL TRADITION -- A DAY OF FOOD AND FUN RAISING MONEY TO IMPROVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS. THE 54-TH N-M-C BARBEQUE IS THIS WEEKEND ON THE COLLEGE'S MAIN CAMPUS IN TRAVERSE CITY.

May 13, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THEY PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE TO PROTECT OUR COUNTRY AND TO GIVE US THE FREEDOM WE ENJOY TODAY. NOW -- SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL SHOWS US HOW A GROUP OF VETERANS ARE HELPING TO BRING HISTORY ALIVE FOR SOME NORTHERN MICHIGAN STUDENTS.

May 17, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IN FACT, WITHIN THE FIRST TWO HOURS OF THE BARBEQUE, 4-THOUSAND PEOPLE HAD ALREADY MADE THEIR WAY TO NMC FOR THE EVENT. 7&4'S MELISSA HAS THE DETAILS.

May 21, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

MORE THAN 40--EMPLOYEES WITH THE TRAVERSE CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL BE WITHOUT A JOB COME JUNE. 6--FULLTIME TEACHERS AND 10 PART-TIME TEACHERS AT BOTH THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY LEVELS HAVE BEEN LAID OFF. SUPERINTENDENT JIM FEIL SAYS THAT'S MAINLY DUE TO THE AMOUNT OF TEACHERS RETIRING. ELEVEN TEACHERS IN THE DISTRICT WILL RETIRE THIS YEAR---FEIL SAYS THAT NUMBER IS DOWN SIGNIFICANTLY FROM 25 TEACHERS WHO RETIRED LAST YEAR.

May 27, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

STUDENTS IN ONE COMMUNITY GOT THEIR HEARTS PUMPING TO RAISE MONEY TO HELP OTHERS. THE GRAND TRAVERSE ACADEMY RANKED # 5 OUT OF OVER 11-

HUNDRED SCHOOLS IN THE STATE PARTICIPATING IN THIS YEARS "JUMP ROPE FOR HEART" EVENT. STUDENTS RAISED NEARLY 14-THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION.

May 29, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

SOME STUDENTS THIS WEEKEND ARE GETTING AN UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL LESSON ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE GREAT LAKES. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL EXPLAINS.

June 1, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A GROUP OF GRAD STUDENTS ARE GETTING HANDS ON EXPERIENCE WORKING TO PRESERVE A HISTORIC SITE IN LEELANAU COUNTY. EARLIER TODAY -- STUDENTS FROM EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM BEGAN CLEARING OUT THE CONTENTS OF THE OLD FARMHOUSE AND WATER WHEEL BUILDING AT THE DEYOUNG NATURAL AREA ON CEDAR LAKE. WORKING WITH HISTORIC EXPERTS THE STUDENTS WILL CONSERVE AND DOCUMENT ARTIFACTS, RESTORE WINDOWS, ANALYZE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES, DO SITE ANALYSIS, TAKE FIELD MEASUREMENTS AND MUCH MORE.

June 1, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

FOR SOME STUDENTS IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN, THE MEAL THEY RECEIVE AT SCHOOL IS THE ONLY MEAL THEY'LL HAVE ALL DAY. NOW WITH SUMMER JUST A WEEK AWAY FOR MANY STUDENTS, SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL SHOWS US HOW ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN SCHOOL DISTRICT IS WORKING TO CHANGE THAT.

June 2, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A NEW TRAINING PROGRAM AT NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE IS HELPING PROPEL STUDENTS INTO THE WORKFORCE. IN 1997 THE SCHOOL GOT A 1953 PIPER CUB FROM THE U-S FOREST SERVICE. OVER 10 YEARS N-M-C STAFF REBUILT IT INTO A FLOAT PLANE. NOW THE SCHOOL USES THE PLANE TO TEACH STUDENTS HOW TO FLY AND MAKE WATER LANDINGS. ACCORDING TO ONE OF THE PROGRAMS INSTRUCTORS -- PILOTS WHO FLY THIS TYPE OF PLANE ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY.

June 2, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE SALVATION ARMY IS PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR KIDS TO ENJOY A WEEK AT CAMP. IT'S CALLED DISCOVERY CAMP -- AND KIDS WILL GET TO GO FISHING, BOATING, LEARN ARCHERY AND MUCH MORE. WHILE ANYONE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 8 AND 12 YEARS OF AGE MAY APPLY, A LOCAL SALVATION ARMY DIRECTOR SAYS THE CAMP IS ALSO GEARED TOWARDS PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY TO KIDS WHO OTHERWISE MAY NEVER HAVE BEEN ABLE TO AFFORD THE CAMP EXPERIENCE.

June 3, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS IN WILLIAMSBURG ARE LEARNING AN IMPORTANT LESSON BY CLEANING UP AN AREA PARK. TODAY THE 4TH AND 5-TH GRADE CLASSES AT MILL CREEK ELEMENTARY WERE AT HIGH PRAISE PARK ON THE CORNER OF OLD M-72 AND ELK LAKE ROAD. THEY SPENT THE MORNING PICKING UP TRASH AND PULLING WEEDS. THEIR TEACHER SAYS THE IDEA IS TO SHOW THE KIDS WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR COMMUNITY.

June 3, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

AN APPARENT SENIOR PRANK HAS A SCHOOL VOLUNTEER OUTRAGED BECAUSE SHE SAYS SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION IS *NOT TAKING LEGAL ACTION AFTER QUESTIONING STUDENTS AND FACULTY SHE FOUND OUT A SCHOOL SCULPTURE WAS STOLEN AS A PRANK AND DAMAGED IN THE PROCESS.7&4'S MELISSA SMITH EXPLAINS HOW THE VOLUNTEER THINKS THIS IS SENDING THE WRONG MESSAGE TO STUDENTS.

June 4, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A PROGRAM FOR SOME AREA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IS GETTING SOME GOOD NEWS - SOME FINANCIAL BACKING THAT WILL KEEP THE PROGRAM ALIVE FOR A FEW MORE YEARS.IT'S CALLED "YOUTH CORPS", AND IT'S A SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAM FOR AT RISK STUDENTS AT TRAVERSE CITY HIGH SCHOOL THE PROGRAM STARTED IN 2003 WITH STATE GRANT MONEY, BUT HAD TO OPERATE ON LOCAL GRANT MONEY THIS PAST YEAR.NOW SCHOOL OFFICIALS HAVE LEARNED THAT THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS AWARDING TRAVERSE CITY HIGH SCHOOL WITH ALMOST 137-THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR TO KEEP THE PROGRAM RUNNING THROUGH THE SUMMER OF 2012.

June 8, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A BENZIE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD WILL MEET TONIGHT AS THEIR DISTRICT FACES A STAGGERING BUDGET DEFICIT FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR.BENZIE CENTRAL IS FACING A MORE THAN 700--THOUSAND DOLLAR SHORTFALL HEADING INTO THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR.IN THE PAST, THE DISTRICT HAS SUCCESSFULLY AVOIDED LAYOFF'S THROUGH ATTRITION---BUT THE SUPERINTENDENT SAYS NEXT YEAR WILL HAVE TO BE DIFFERENT.

June 16, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THIS TIME OF YEAR SCHOOL DISTRICTS ACROSS MICHIGAN ARE FINALIZING BUDGETS FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR.ALL K THROUGH 12 SCHOOLS HAVE UNTIL JUNE 30TH TO PREPARE THEIR FINANCES.7&4'S MELISSA SMITH SPOKE WITH TWO AREA SUPERINTENDENTS ABOUT THEIR PROJECTED BUDGETS.

June 17, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE UNION REPRESENTING TEACHERS AT TCAPS IS FILING AN UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICE COMPLAINT AGASINT THE BOARD, AND SUPERTINDENT JIM FEIL. FOR MONTHS, NORTHERN MICHGIAN'S LARGEST SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS BEEN WORKING ON A NEW CONTRACT...AND THOSE NEGOTOATIONS BETWEEN THE BOARD AND THE UNION HAVE BEEN BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.THAT CHANGED A FEW DAYS AGO...WHEN THE BOARD SAYS IT FELT COMPELLED TO MAKE WHERE BOTH SIDES STAND PUBLIC. THAT DECISION, AND WHERE BOTH SIDES GO FROM HERE, ARE THE SUBJECT OF THIS FACT FINDER.

June 17, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IS UNDERWAY AT TRAVERSE CITY WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL. T-CAPS DIRECTOR OF CAPITAL PROJECTS TELLS US THE WORK WILL CREATE NEW DRIVE-WAYS AND SIDEWALKS OFF OF BARNES ROAD, AND CLOSE OFF ALL EXISTING ENTRIES ON SILVER LAKE ROAD. THERE WILL ALSO BE NEW PARKING LOTS, AND THE GROUNDS WILL BE CONNECTED TO THE TART TRAIL. THE IDEA IS TO MAKE IT SAFER FOR KIDS TO BE DROPPED OFF AND TO MINIMIZE TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

WE'RE TOLD THE PROJECT SHOULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE START OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR.

June 22, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE AREA'S LARGEST SCHOOL DISTRICT IS GETTING READY TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE BUDGET FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR.THE TRAVERSE CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD WILL HOLD A MEETING TONIGHT TO GO OVER THE NUMBERS. THE DISTRICT'S CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER WILL LET PEOPLE KNOW WHERE THE DISTRICT STANDS NOW... AND HOW MUCH NEEDS TO BE CUT FROM THE BUDGET. HE ALSO SAYS FEDERAL BAILOUT MONEY COULD HELP, BUT IT CAN'T BE A LONG TERM SOLUTION.IN FACT, PAUL SOMA SAYS THE FEDERAL MONEY THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO LAST FOR TWO YEARS ... WON'T EVEN LAST THROUGH THE NEXT *SCHOOL YEAR.

June 24, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THIS TIME OF YEAR SUMMER CAMPS ARE NORMALLY FILLED WITH KIDS TAKING PART IN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS.BUT AN AREA Y-M-C-A SAYS ENROLLMENT IS ACTUALLY DOWN AND MORE FAMILIES ARE REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THAN EVER BEFORE.7&4'S MELISSA SMITH EXPLAINS THE DETAILS BEHIND THIS TREND.

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

April 6, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

AFTER MORE THAN A WEEK OF RESCUE MISSIONS IN THE FLOODED REGIONS OF NORTH DAKOTA, A COAST GUARD CREW RETURNS TO TRAVERSE CITY.THE CREW RESCUED 21-PEOPLE AND SAY THE EXPERIENCE IS SOMETHING THEY WILL NEVER FORGET.7&4'S MELISSA SMITH HAS THE DETAILS.

April 7, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

DOCTOR SHOPPING -- IT'S A TREND THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT SAYS IS ON THE RISE AS THE PROBLEM OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE CONTINUES TO PLAGUE NORTHERN MICHIGAN. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL HAS MORE AND HOW LANSING COULD BE STEPPING IN TO HELP.

April 7, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE AREA'S LARGEST SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS HOPING TO GET A LITTLE BIGGER.WITH THE ADDITION OF MORE DEPUTIES. SOME SAY THE PLAN IS A NO BRAINER...A CHANCE TO ADD MORE DEPUTIES...WITHOUT A HUGE IMPACT TO THE BOTTOM LINEBUT OTHERS CONTACTED ME, AND WONDERED WHAT EXACTLY IS THIS

GOING TO COST TAXPAYERS NOW AND IN THE LONG RUN? WHAT I FOUND OUT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS FACT FINDER.

April 7, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

AFTER WE FIRST REPORTED THIS STORY, A LOT OF WONDERED, WHAT PUNISHMENT SOMEONE COULD FACE FOR TREATING AN ANIMAL LIKE THIS. THE ANSWERS ARE THIS FACT FINDER REPORT.

April 8, 2009

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

A VANDALISM INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY IN ISABELLA COUNTY AFTER PARTS OF A MEMORIAL HONORING THE U-S MILITARY ARE STOLEN. POLICE SAY A BRASS RIFLE AND HELMET WERE TAKEN FROM THE MONUMENT IN MOUNT PLEASANT BETWEEN SATURDAY AND TUESDAY AFTERNOON. THE MEMORIAL AT ISLAND PARK WAS DONATED IN MEMORY OF MARINE LANCE CORPORAL JUSTIN ELLSWORTH. THE 20-YEAR-OLD FROM MOUNT PLEASANT WAS KILLED IN 2004 BY A ROADSIDE BOMB IN IRAQ.

April 8, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WE RELY ON RESCUE TEAMS LIKE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND E-M-S FOR OUR SAFETY, BUT WHAT IF THE NUMBER OF EMERGENCY RESPONDERS IS DECREASING? ANTRIM COUNTY IS FACING THAT PROBLEM WITH THEIR EMERGENCY SERVICES AND IT HAS THEM ACTIVELY RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS.

April 8, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A FORMER NORTHERN MICHIGAN SHERIFF'S DEPUTY WAS IN A COURTROOM...AND ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LAW THIS MORNING...FACING MULTIPLE CHARGES. IF CONVICTED OF THE CHARGES HE FACES, THE FORMER EMMET COUNTY DEPUTY COULD SPEND UP TO 7 YEARS BEHIND BARS AND BE FORCED TO PAY THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN FINES.....MANY OF THE CHARGES THE DEPUTY FACES STEM FROM THE FACT THAT HE IS ACCUSED OF COMMITTING THE CRIME WHILE IN UNIFORM ON THE JOB. 7&4'S MARC SCHOLLETT HAS MORE:

April 10, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WITH THE WARMER WEATHER, AND A BIT OF WIND, COMES A WARMER OUT TO THOSE SPRING CLEANERS...TAKE CAUTION BEFORE LIGHTING UP. FIRE OFFICIALS SAY WE'RE NOW ENTERING THE TIME WHEN WILDFIRES BECOME MORE PREVELANT. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL HAS SOME SAFETY TIPS.

April 10, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THIS STORY HAS A LOT OF YOU TALKING. OF THE DOZENS OF COMMENTS ON OUR WEBSITE, MOST OF THEM ARE SYMPATHETIC TO THE PET OWNER, BUT THEY ALSO RAISE SOME IMPORTANT QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PET OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS CASE. THAT'S THE SUBJECT OF TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER FOLLOW UP.

April 13, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

APRIL IS PEAK TIME FOR WILDFIRES IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN AND THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE SAYS THIS SEASON HAS ALREADY BEEN BUSY. SINCE THIS PAST FRIDAY, THERE HAVE BEEN AT LEAST 14 FIRES HANDLED BY THE FOREST SERVICE. 7&4'S JAYNE SMITH SHOWS US HOW THEY'RE PREPARING FOR MORE.

April 13, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A GRASS FIRE THIS WEEKEND IN LEE LANAU COUNTY SHOWS JUST HOW EASY IT IS FOR A FIRE TO SPREAD WHEN IT'S DRY OUT -- IT BURNED AT LEAST EIGHT ACRES AND TOOK THREE DIFFERENT FIRE CREWS TO PUT IT OUT. THE FIRE STARTED AROUND THREE P-M SUNDAY ON A FARM IN SOLON TOWNSHIP. D-N-R AND D-E-Q OFFICIALS SAY IT APPEARS TIRES WERE BEING BURNED ON THE PROPERTY- WHICH MAY HAVE LEAD TO THE FIRE. DRY CONDITIONS FUELED THE FLAMES WHICH SPREAD TO A SMALL MOBILE HOME ON THE PROPERTY. THE MICHIGAN CONSERVATION DISTRICT IS INVESTIGATING THE EXACT CAUSE OF THE FIRE - BUT WANT TO REMIND THE PUBLIC THAT BURNING TIRES IS ILLEGAL.

April 14, 2009

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

TRAVERSE CITY COMMISSIONERS HAVE A PLAN TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF FIREFIGHTERS AT CHERRY CAPITAL AIRPORT. ACCORDING TO CITY MANAGER BEN BIFOSS THE CITY LOST 80-THOUSAND DOLLARS LAST YEAR PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE AIRPORT. RIGHT NOW THERE IS ONE FIRE FIGHTER ON DUTY AT THE AIRPORT 24 HOURS A DAY, AND A SECOND ON DUTY FOR 16 HOURS A DAY. A TOTAL OF 14- THOUSAND 6-HUNDRED HOURS OF SERVICE EACH YEAR. THEY CITY PLANS TO CUT THAT SERVICE TO JUST ONE FIREMAN FOR 24 HOURS A DAY, THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT OF THE F-A-A.

April 18, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT'S NEARLY GRADUATION DAY FOR A GROUP OF FIRE FIGHTERS IN TRAINING. TODAY...23 STUDENTS WORKED THROUGH A DOZEN DIFFERENT TRAINING STATIONS AT THE NORTHWEST REGIONAL FIRE TRAINING CENTER IN TRAVERSE CITY. THIS CREW OF FIREFIGHTERS REPRESENT DEPARTMENTS FROM FIVE DIFFERENT NORTHERN MICHIGAN COUNTIES. TODAY'S PRACTICAL TEST WRAPS UP TRAINING THAT HAS BEEN ON GOING SINCE OCTOBER. INSTRUCTOR'S SAY IT'S ENVIRONMENTS LIKE THIS THAT CREATE THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED FOR WHEN THESE CREWS COME FACE TO FACE WITH REAL LIFE EMERGENCIES.

April 24, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

CHEBOYGAN COUNTY SHERIFF DALE CLARMONT SAYS PRESCRIPTION DRUGS ARE EASILY AVAILABLE AND CAN BECOME HIGHLY ADDICTIVE WHEN NOT USED PROPERLY. WHILE ALL ELSE SEEMS TO HAVE FAILED, SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL SHOWS US HOW CHEBOYGAN COUNTY IS TRYING A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM.

April 28, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

SO HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE NEW ENHANCED MICHIGAN DRIVER'S LICENSE? IF RIGHT NOW YOU ARE WONDERING WHAT I AM EVEN TALKING ABOUT, THEN YOU ARE NOT ALONE. A FRUSTRATED NORTHERN MICHIGAN MAN DIDN'T KNOW THEY WERE EVEN AVAILABLE YET...AND WONDERED WHY NO ONE LET HIM KNOW ABOUT IT UNTIL AFTER HE SPENT THE MONEY TO RENEW HIS STANDARD LICENSE. HE WAS FRUSTRATED AND HAD QUESTIONS...THE ANSWERS I FOUND FOR THEM ARE THE SUBJECT OF THIS FACT FINDER.

May 3, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

DURING A TIME WHEN SWINE FLU CONCERNS ARE GETTING A LOT OF ATTENTION, MANY PEOPLE CAN'T PICK UP THEIR PHONE AND DIAL 2-1-1 FOR INFORMATION - BECAUSE THE NUMBER DOESN'T WORK. MANISTEE COUNTY AND THE ENTIRE UPPER

PENINSULA HAVE THE SERVICE, BUT MOST RESIDENTS IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN - DON'T. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH EXPLAINS HOW THE UNITED WAY IS TRYING TO CHANGE THAT.

May 4, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A FORECAST FOR DRY, WARM, AND WINDY WEATHER WILL LIKELY ELEVATE THE FIRE DANGER. IF CONDITIONS CONTINUE TO GET WORSE, THE WEATHER SERVICE WILL UPGRADE THE WATCH TO A RED FLAG WARNING -- WHICH MEANS THE FIRE WEATHER CONDITIONS ARE AT A CRITICAL STAGE. D-N-R OFFICIALS SAY THE SEASON SO FAR HAS BEEN ABOUT AVERAGE, WITH NO CONSECUTIVE DAYS WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF FIRES -- BUT ARE STILL ASKING PEOPLE TO BE CAREFUL.

May 8, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

RECENT RESEARCH OUT SHOWS THAT 1 IN 5 TEENS HAVE USED PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION THAT WAS NOT PRESCRIBED TO THEM. WHILE NOT NEW, PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE IS A GROWING PROBLEM IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL SHOWS US HOW PEOPLE IN ONE COUNTY ARE WORKING TO INFLUENCE CHANGE AMONG THE YOUTH.

May 9, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

MICHIGAN STATE POLICE POSTS WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE 100 LAYOFFS IN GOVERNOR GRANHOLM'S EXECUTIVE ORDER TO CUT THE BUDGET. HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN -- ONE TROOPER WILL BE LAID-OFF AT EACH OF THE FOLLOWING POSTS ALPENA, CHEBOYGAN, NEWBERRY, PETOSKEY AND TRAVERSE CITY. 2 TROOPERS WILL EFFECTED AT THE CADILLAC, HOUGHTON LAKE, KALKASKA AND MANISTEE POSTS. OF THE 100 TROOPERS CUT -- 82 ARE FROM THE TROOPER RECRUIT SCHOOL THAT JUST GRADUATED IN DECEMBER OF LAST YEAR. THE OTHER 18 GRADUATED FROM THE TROOPER RECRUIT SCHOOL IN 2004.

May 12, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

LAST WEEK IN A FACT FINDER REPORT I TOLD YOU ABOUT A TOWNSHIP'S TROUBLE DEALING WITH TRASH LEFT BEHIND AFTER A FORECLOSURE. IN THIS CASE THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR JUST CLEANED IT UP HIMSELF AFTER GETTING LITTLE RESPONSE FROM THE BANK THAT NOW OWNS THE HOUSE. BUT MANY OF YOU WROTE IN AND OFFERED ANOTHER POSSIBLE SOLUTION: INMATES. I TOOK YOUR SUGGESTION STRAIGHT TO THE SOURCE, WHAT I FOUND OUT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS FACT FINDER REPORT.

May 15, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THIS IS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK AND NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITIES ARE HONORING FALLEN OFFICERS OFFICERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS GATHERED TODAY IN TRAVERSE CITY TO REMEMBER THOSE KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY. A LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL WAS ALSO HELD TODAY IN CRAWFORD COUNTY. NATIONAL POLICE WEEK CONTINUES THROUGH SATURDAY.

May 16, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IN CELEBRATION OF ARMED FORCES DAY PEOPLE IN BENZIE COUNTY WERE TAKING SOME TIME TO HONOR TROOPS TODAY THE CHERRY BOWL GIFTS AND GOODIES NEXT TO THE CHERRY BOWL DRIVE-IN IN HONOR CELEBRATED THE DAY WITH VETERANS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

May 20, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A VIEWER EMAILED US, CONCERNED ABOUT WHO TO CALL IF YOU SEE SOMEONE BURNING DEBRIS ON A RED FLAG DAY- OR A DAY WHEN THE D-N-R IS NOT ISSUING BURN PERMITS.7&4'S MELISSA SMITH SPOKE TO THE D-N-R AND A LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT TO GET THE ANSWERS.

May 20, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT'S EXPECTED TO BE A BUSY WEEKEND FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AS FOLKS BEGIN TO MAKE THEIR WAY UP NORTH FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY. TROOPERS FROM THE MICHIGAN STATE POLICE WILL BE OUT ON REGULAR PATROL KEEPING AN EYE OUT FOR DRUNK DRIVERS, SPEEDERS, AND ANYONE NOT USING A SAFETY BELT. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION IS ALSO BEING GIVEN TO THIS YEAR'S PATROL AS TROOPERS ACROSS THE STATE ARE FACING NEW BUDGET LIMITATIONS, INCLUDING MILEAGE RESTRICTIONS AND LAYOFFS.

May 20, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THIS WEEK, MORE BUDGET CUTS FOR EVERY DEPARTMENT IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.IT'S THE SIGN OF THE ECONOMY...PERHAPS THAT MAKES SENSE...BUT WHAT DIDN'T SIT WELL WITH ONE VIEWER IS WHY THE STATE PAID MILLIONS TO TRAIN NEW TROOPERS ONLY TO TALK ABOUT CUTTING THEM LESS THAN A YEAR AFTER GRADUATION..THE ANSWERS I FOUND FOR HIM ARE THE SUBJECT OF THIS FACT FINDER

May 24, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

TODAY, THE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT IN MANISTEE WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR TOURS THROUGH THE HISTORIC BUILDING. IN BEAR LAKE, THE MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE PATROL OFFERED DEMONSTRATIONS WITH THEIR HORSES AND RIDERS. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH WAS AT THE EVENTS AND HAS THE DETAILS.

May 25, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration

PERHAPS...THE TABLES HAVE TURNED.FOR MOST OF MY LIFE, I HAVE TURNED TO DAD FOR ADVICE AND ANSWERS TO LIFE'S MYSTERIES BUT LAST WEEK...HE CALLED ME WITH A QUESTION.THE ANSWERS I FOUND FOR HIM ARE THE SUBJECT OF THIS SCHOLLETT FAMILY FACT FINDER.

May 26, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration

IT IS JUST THE START FOR A CHARLEVOIX COUNTY FATHER WHO IS SPEAKING OUT TONIGHT.NELSON DUNCAN'S CONCERNS ARE GROWING AFTER NEARLY A MONTH AGO HIS DAUGHTER WAS NEARLY MURDERED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT IN THEIR BOYNE CITY HOME. LIMITED INFORMATION HAS BEEN RELEASED BY POLICE ON THE CASE.TODAY, DUNCAN TOOK HIS CONCERNS TO THE BOYNE CITY COMMISSION AND ALSO SPOKE WITH US ON WHY HE BELIEVES CITIZENS ARE BEING GIVEN A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY.

May 27, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration

IT SEEM EVERY YEAR AROUND THIS TIME...THE MOTORCYCLES START REVING...AND THE RUMORS START SWIRLING.RIDERS START HEARING THAT MAYBE

THIS YEAR LEGISLATION WILL MAKE ITS WAY THROUGH LANSING THAT WILL ALLOW THEM TO CHOOSE FOR THEMSELVES IF THEY WEAR A HELMET OT NOT. A RIDER EMAILED ME..WONDERING IF ANYTHING WAS MAKING THE ROUNDS IN LANSING... THE ANSWERS I FOUND FOR HIM ARE THE SUBJECT OF THIS FAMILY FACT FINDER.

May 27, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration

FOR THE STATE POLICE IN TRAVERSE CITY A NEW MEMBER BRINGS A UNIQUE AND VISUAL TALENT TO THE TEAM.BESIDES BEING THE FIRST FEMALE DETECTIVE AT THE POST, DETECTIVE SERGEANT INGRID DEAN IS ALSO THEIR FIRST FORENSIC ARTIST. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH HAS THE DETAILS.

June 6, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration

DOZENS COME TOGETHER IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY TO HONOR THOSE WHO KEEP OUR STATE ROADS SAFE. THE MICHIGAN STATE POLICE RETIREE'S BREAKFAST WAS HELD IN TRAVERSE CITY FRIDAY MORNING.

June 9, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT WAS A CEREMONY FILLED WITH MIXED EMOTIONS AS ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN COAST GUARD OFFICIAL TURNED OVER HIS RESPONSIBILITIES.THE CHANGE OF COMMAND -- WHICH TAKES PLACE EVERY TWO YEARS -- WAS HELD LAST THURSDAY AT THE U-S COAST GUARD STATION IN TRAVERSE CITY.AS ONE MAN SAID HIS GOODBYES THE OTHER GREETED HIS NEW CREW JONATHAN SPANER TAKES OVER AS COMMANDING OFFICER OF COAST GUARD TRAVERSE CITY REPLACING CAPTAIN STEWART MERRILL.HE SAYS THE BEAUTY, AND UNIQUENESS OF THE AREA IS WHAT DREW HIM TO TRAVERSE CITY.

June 17, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

MANY BOATS ARE ALREADY POPPING UP IN THE WATERS, BUT IN LIGHT OF SOME RECENT TRAGIC EVENTS, BOATERS ARE BEING STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER SAFETY -- NOW, MORE THAN EVER. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL REPORTS.

June 17, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT'S THESE ORDINANCES THAT POLICE WANT TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT. POLICE SAY IF PEOPLE DON'T FOLLOW THE CITY RULES THEY MAY HAVE TO START TAKING LEGAL ACTION.7&4'S MELISSA SMITH HAS THE DETAILS.

June 19, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IF YOU ARE TAKING IN A MOVIE TONIGHT AT THE CHERRY BOWL DRIVE IN ... YOU CAN ALSO MAKE SURE YOUR LITTLE ONE IS SAFE.THE BENZIE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT WILL BE ON HAND OFFERING SAFETY SEAT INSPECTIONS. THE INSPECTIONS WILL START AND 7-30 AND RUN UNTIL 9-30.THERE SHOULD BE PLENTY OF KIDS ON HAND ... TONIGHT'S DOUBLE FEATURE BEGINS WITH DISNEY PIXAR'S "UP" AND STAR TREK.

June 26, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A LAST-DITCH EFFORT TO AVOID THE LAYOFFS OF 100 MICHIGAN STATE POLICE TROOPERS HAS FAILED. MEMBERS OF THE M-S-P TROOPERS ASSOCIATION VOTED AGAINST A PLAN THAT WOULD HAVE MEANT SACRIFICING SOME OF THEIR OWN PAY TO POSSIBLY AVOID LAYOFFS. THE IDEA WAS TO INSTITUTE FURLOUGH, OR UN-PAID DAYS.

PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/DEVELOPMENT

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

Local News

April 1, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IF YOU'VE EVER RAISED A CHILD YOU'RE MORE THAN FAMILIAR WITH THE COST OF FORMULA AND DIAPERS, AND FOR FAMILIES STRUGGLING IN THIS TOUGH ECONOMY IT'S THAT MUCH HARDER. BUT THERE'S AN EFFORT IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY TO RELIEVE SOME OF THAT FINANCIAL STRESS. THE GREAT START GRAND TRAVERSE PRE-NATAL TO 6 WORK GROUP ALONG WITH THE GRAND TRAVERSE BABY PANTRY ARE KICKING OFF A DIAPER DRIVE. THEY WILL BE COLLECTING DISPOSABLE DIAPERS TO HAND OUT TO LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED.

April 1, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

EASTER IS ONLY A WEEK AND A HALF AWAY... BUT FOR SOME FAMILIES SPRINGING FOR THAT HOLIDAY CANDY COULD BE AN EXTRA COST THEY CAN'T AFFORD. SO TO MAKE SURE NO CHILD WAKES UP WITHOUT THAT EASTER BASKET THE FATHER FRED FOUNDATION IS MAKING AND HANDING THEM OUT. TODAY WAS ONLY THE SECOND SAY OF THE DRIVE AND SO FAR VOLUNTEERS HAVE ALREADY HANDED OUT OVER 300 BASKETS. AND WITH SEVERAL DAYS LEFT... FATHER FRED'S DIRECTOR SAYS THEY NEED A LOT MORE SUPPLIES TO KEEP UP WITH THE NEED.

April 2, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE DEFINITION OF A HERO COMES IN ALL SHAPES AND FORMS, BOTH BIG AND SMALL. AND MORE OFTEN THAN NOT IT'S THE SIMPLE GESTURES THAT MEAN THE MOST FOR ONE LOCAL WOMAN IT'S THE PEOPLE SHE WORKS WITH THAT SERVES AS THE BRIGHT SPOT OF HER DAY. SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER HAS MORE IN THIS MONTH'S EXCLUSIVE YOUR TOWN HERO REPORT.

April 2, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

SINCE WE CAN EXPECT THE WINTER LIKE WEATHER TO STICK AROUND FOR AT LEAST ONE MORE WEEK THE SAFE HARBOR SHELTER IN TRAVERSE CITY IS EXTENDING ITS SERVICES. SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER REPORTS.

April 8, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

HELPING HAND AGENCIES IN MANISTEE SAY THE COMMUNITY IS DIRE NEED OF A PROGRAM LIKE SAFE HARBOR TO HELP KEEP ITS RESIDENTS WARM AND SAFE DURING THE WINTER MONTHS. 7&4'S COURTNEY REHMER HAS MORE:

April 12, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IN FACT, OVER 800 MEALS WERE PACKAGED UP AND DELIVERED TO PEOPLE IN COMMUNITIES LIKE BUCKLEY, KINGSLEY AND CADILLAC. BUT THOSE THAT DID ATTEND THE ANNUAL EVENT HAD A CHANCE TO ENJOY THE HOLIDAY WITH OTHER PEOPLE FROM THE AREA- WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT ORGANIZERS WERE HOPING FOR. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH HAS THE DETAILS.

April 15, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT WAS A SIMPLE ACT OF KINDNESS THAT HAS PUT A GREAT MISSION IN PLACE OF A MEAL. WE WERE FIRST INTRODUCED TO THE HARBOR VIEW CAFE IN CHARLEVOIX LAST NIGHT ON N-B-C NIGHTLY NEWS WITH BRIAN WILLIAMS DURING HIS MAKING A DIFFERENCE SEGMENT. THE RESTAURANT IS WHERE ONE GENEROUS PERSON ANONYMOUSLY PAID FOR THE MEALS FOR MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED PEOPLE. RATHER THAN A BILL, EACH GUEST RECEIVED THIS SIMPLE TASK...TO PAY IT FORWARD. TO CONSIDER DOING SOMETHING KIND AND UNEXPECTED FOR SOMEONE ELSE. THE OWNER OF THE RESTAURANT SAYS SHE WAS APPROACHED BY A WOMAN WHO WORKS FOR AN ANONYMOUS BUSINESS OWNER THAT WANTED TO DO THIS AS A WAY TO GIVE BACK AND, SO FAR THE RESTAURANT OWNER SAYS IT'S WORKING.

April 16, 2009

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IT'S AN ANNUAL EVENT THAT HAS AREA FIRE FIGHTERS HOLDING OUT THEIR BOOTS FOR DONATIONS ... BUT FIRST AN EVENT SHOWING THEM JUST HOW IMPORTANT THE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER IS. THE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION IS GETTING THE GRAND TRAVERSE AREA COMMUNITY FIRED UP FOR THE UPCOMING FILL THE BOOT CAMPAIGN. TODAY M-D-A STAFF, DOCTORS, PATIENTS AND FAMILIES GATHERED TO INSPIRE AREA FIREFIGHTERS ABOUT THE FUNDRAISER.

April 16, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A SIMPLE PURPLE BRACELET...IT MAY NOT SOUND LIKE MUCH, BUT SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL SHOWS US HOW IT'S HELPING TO CHANGE ATTITUDES AND HEARTS IN CHARLEVOIX COUNTY.

April 19, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THIS COMING WEEK IS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK BUT RIGHT HERE IN TRAVERSE CITY SOME HARD WORKING VOLUNTEERS ARE BEING RECOGNIZED. THE MUNSON MEDICAL CENTER PAID TRIBUTE TO ITS TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS DURING A LUNCHEON TODAY AT THE WATERFRONT CONFERENCE CENTER. OVER THE PAST YEAR, VOLUNTEERS PROVIDED ONE POINT SIXTEEN MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF TIME AND SERVICES TO THE HOSPITAL. THIS INCLUDES EVERYTHING FROM GREETING VISITORS, TRANSPORTING PATIENTS AND HELPING IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT.

April 20, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

ANOTHER AREA ORGANIZATION HELPING A RECORD NUMBER OF FAMILIES IN NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY IS GETTING READY FOR ITS SPRING FOOD DRIVE. GOODWILL INN'S "SPRING FOOD AND ESSENTIAL DRIVE" WILL KICK OFF NEXT WEEK.

GOODWILL HAS SEEN THREE TIMES AS MANY REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE WITH FOOD BASKETS AND ARE PROVIDING MORE THAN 4-THOUSAND MEALS MONTHLY TO THE HOMELESS. STAFF SAYS THERE IS A CRITICAL NEED NON PERISHABLE FOOD AND HYGIENE ITEMS.

April 20, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

AN ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN FOR FATHER FRED IS EXPECTED TO HELP NORTHERN MICHIGAN FAMILIES IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE. STAFF AND MORE THAN 150 VOLUNTEERS ARE GEARING UP FOR THE SPRING SPECTACULAR GARAGE SALE. THE FATHER FRED FOUNDATION IS HOPING TO RAISE 30-THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM ITS TWO ANNUAL GARAGE SALES. THE MONEY RAISED WILL HELP THE ORGANIZATION CONTINUE TO REACH OUT TO FAMILIES IN NEED IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.

April 21, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ARE A CRUCIAL PART OF OUR COMMUNITY BECAUSE OF WHAT THEY PROVIDE, FROM FAMILY SERVICES TO CRISIS INTERVENTION. TO HELP CONTINUE THESE PROGRAMS, OVER 300-THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF GRANTS WERE AWARDED TO SEVERAL AREA NON-PROFITS. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH HAS THE DETAILS.

April 28, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THIS EXPIRATION HAS THE FATHER FRED FOUNDATION IN TRAVERSE CITY AND THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TEAMING UP TO HELP THOSE REQUESTING UTILITY ASSISTANCE. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH HAS THE DETAILS AND HOW YOU CAN WORK OUT A FINANCIAL PLAN IF YOU NEED IT.

May 4, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

MORE PEOPLE ARE TURNING TO HOMELESS SHELTERS DURING THESE TOUGH FINANCIAL TIMES -- AND THAT HAS ONE AREA SHELTER NOTICING A NEW TREND. THEY SAY A LARGE MAJORITY OF THOSE SEEKING HELP ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE LOST LONG TERM JOBS. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH EXPLAINS.

May 7, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A LOCAL OPTOMETRIST IS USING HIS CRAFT TO HELP LOCAL CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS WHO ARE VISUALLY IMPAIRED GET THE HELP AND TOOLS THEY NEED TO IMPROVE THEIR VISION. SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER HAS MORE IN THIS MONTH'S EXCLUSIVE YOUR TOWN HERO REPORT.

May 12, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

AN OTSEGO COUNTY TEEN IS BEING HONORED WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS' HIGHEST AWARD AFTER SAVING THE LIVES OF HER TWO YOUNGER COUSINS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL WAS AT THE SURPRISE CEREMONY AT GAYLORD HIGH SCHOOL THIS AFTERNOON AND SHOWS HOW SHE BECAME A HERO.

May 12, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE TRAVERSE CITY COMMUNITY HONORS A POLICE OFFICER KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY BY GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE TO OTHERS. THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE IS HELD IN HONOR OF A FORMER TRAVERSE CITY POLICE OFFICER. SERGEANT DENNIS FINCH WAS SHOT AND KILLED IN MAY 19- 98. DOCTORS TRIED TO SAVE HIS LIFE, USING SEVERAL HUNDRED UNITS OF BLOOD. THE BLOOD DRIVE IN SERGEANT FINCH'S HONOR HELPS SHOW THE COMMUNITY THE IMPORTANCE OF DONATING BLOOD.

May 25, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AT THE MEMORIAL GARDENS CEMETARY IN TRAVERSE CITY ALSO TAKES TIME TO RECOGNIZE THOSE CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES AS WELL AS LOCAL VETERANS. MELISSA SMITH WAS AT THE MEMORIAL TRIBUTE AND HAS THE DETAILS.

May 25, 2009

Time:11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

MEMORIAL DAY IS FILLED WITH DIFFERENT MEANINGS FOR DIFFERENT PEOPLE. FOR SOME IT MEANS THE KICKOFF TO SUMMER AND TIME SPENT OUTDOORS---AND FOR OTHERS IT'S A DAY TO REMEMBER. ONE LOCAL FAMILY IS DOING JUST THAT AS THEY SAY GOODBYE TO A LOVED ONE. SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER REPORTS.

May 27, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

SOME OTSEGO COUNTY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ARE GETTING SOME MUCH NEEDED HELP. 13-THOUSAND-DOLLARS IN FEDERAL AID HAS BEEN AWARDED TO THE OTSEGO COUNTY UNITED WAY. IN TURN, THE UNITED WAY HAS DIVIDED THE MONEY UP AMONG SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS. THAT INCLUDES THE OTSEGO COUNTY FOOD PANTRY WHICH RECEIVED 25-HUNDRED DOLLARS. THE DIRECTOR OF THE FOOD PANTRY SAYS THE MONEY WILL GO A LONG WAY, HELPING TO FEED NEARLY 100 FAMILIES IN NEED.

May 29, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

DOZENS OF MOTORCYCLISTS ARE EXPECTED TO HIT THE OPEN ROAD THIS WEEKEND IN HONOR OF A GAYLORD MAN. RYAN'S RIDE WILL TAKE MOTORCYCLISTS FROM GAYLORD UP TO TAQUAMENON FALLS AND BACK TO MACKINAW CITY SATURDAY. THE EVENT IS BEING HELD IN HONOR OF RYAN KEHOE. HE WORKED FOR SEVERAL YEARS AS A MECHANIC AT ZIP'S 45TH PARALLEL HARLEY DAVIDSON DEALER IN GAYLORD. HOWEVER IN 2007 HE WAS KILLED AFTER BEING HIT BY A CAR WHILE RIDING HIS MOTORCYCLE HOME.

May 29, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT WILL TAKE 24 HOURS OF TEAMWORK -- BUT ALL THE EFFORT WILL RAISE THOUSANDS FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER. THE TRAVERSE CITY RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT KICKS OFF TOMORROW MORNING. VOLUNTEERS FORM TEAMS AND COLLECT DONATIONS TO JOIN IN THE RELAY. THEN TEAMS THEN SIGN UP TO WALK VARIOUS SHIFTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY -- TO MAKE SURE THAT SOMEONE IS ALWAYS MOVING. MONEY RAISED BY THE EVENT BENEFITS THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY. ORGANIZERS SAY IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GET INVOLVED.

June 4, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

FOR MANY PEOPLE THERE'S AT LEAST ONE TEACHER THAT STANDS OUT ---ONE YOU'LL NEVER FORGET.MORE OFTEN THAN NOT THAT PERSON IS YOUR VERY FIRST TEACHER.AFTER FOUR DECADES TEACHING IN THE REGION'S LARGEST SCHOOL DISTRICT A BELOVED TEACHER IS SAYING GOODBYE TO KINDERGARTEN AND TO BLAIR ELEMENTARY.SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER HAS MORE IN THIS MONTH'S EXCLUSIVE YOUR TOWN HERO REPORT.

June 16, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A PLACE DEDICATED TO DEVELOPING THE MINDS OF YOUNG CHILDREN IS GETTING A HELPING HAND FROM A LOCAL CHARITY.THIS SPRING ROTARY CHARITIES HANDED OUT GRANTS TOTALING ABOUT 520-THOUSAND DOLLARS. AMONG THOSE RECEIVING FUNDS IS THE GREAT LAKES CHILDREN'S MUSEUM -- THEY'RE GETTING 50-THOUSAND DOLLARS.THE MONEY WILL BE USED TO HELP THE MUSEUM ADVERTISE WHAT IT HAS TO OFFER -- AS WELL AS PAY FOR TRAINING STAFF.THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MUSEUM SAYS THE MONEY IS A HUGE HELP.

June 19, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

VOLUNTEERS ARE BUSY SPRUCING UP AROUND THE FATHER FRED FOUNDATION ... AS THE ORGANIZATION GETS READY TO HOST THE COMMUNITY. NEARLY TWO DOZEN VOLUNTEERS EARNED THEIR GREEN THUMBS PLANTING ABOUT 400 PLANTS AROUND THE ORGANIZATION'S BUILDING TODAY.

June 29, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE GOODWILL INN HOMELESS SHELTER AND HOME-STRETCH NON-PROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION ARE WORKING TO CONSTRUCT A HOUSING COMPLEX FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS.IT WILL INCLUDE 24-LIVING UNITS.7&4'S MELISSA SMITH HAS THE DETAILS BEHIND THE PROJECT.

June 29, 2009

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT'S NOT JUST LIVING SITUATIONS THAT'S BECOME A CHALLENGE WITH THE ECONOMY BUT ALSO THE NEED FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE.THE GOODWILL INN SAYS THE NEED FOR THEIR FOOD PANTRY CONTINUES TO GROW.IN FACT, GOODWILL STAFF SAY PANTRY SHELVES ARE IN URGENT NEED OF CANNED GOODS, CEREAL AND EVEN BABY FOOD.THEY SAY THE RECENT SPRING FOOD DRIVE WAS A BIG HELP -- BUT THE NEED FOR ASSISTANCE IS STILL GOING UP AND DAY-TO-DAY FOOD DONATIONS ARE DOWN.

PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

ECONOMY

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

Local News

April 1, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

THE SINGLE LARGEST FEDERAL TAX HIKE ON TOBACCO WENT INTO EFFECT TODAY. UNTIL TODAY THERE WAS A 39-CENT FEDERAL TAX ON A PACK OF CIGARETTES... THAT JUMPED TO ONE-OH-ONE PER-PACK. BUT THE BIG HIT IS TO O-T-P, OR OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS, LIKE LOOSE TOBACCO, WHICH IS SEEING A MORE THAN 2-THOUSAND PERCENT JUMP IN THE TAX RATE.

April 1, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

A NEW COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED IN CHEBOYGAN TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBLY OF OUT-SOURCING THE CITY LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES TO THE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. THE MOVE IS BEING CONSIDERED AS A WAY TO HELP OFFSET A LOOMING BUDGET DEFICIT. MEANWHILE THE CITY COUNCIL GRANTED PERMISSION TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY TO SEEK A FEDERAL GRANT TO HELP KEEP TWO POLICE OFFICERS. CITY MANAGER SCOTT MCNEIL SAYS THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET CALLS FOR THE ELIMINATION OF TWO OFFICERS. THE GRANT FUNDING WOULD RE-IMBURSE MOST OF THE CITY'S COSTS IN ORDER TO RETAIN THOSE POSITIONS INSTEAD.

April 3, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

PLANS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A NEW HOTEL IN TRAVERSE CITY'S WAREHOUSE DISTRICT ARE BEING DELAYED. THE 130 ROOM HOTEL WOULD BE BUILT ON GRANDVIEW PARKWAY IN THE WAREHOUSE DISTRICT, WHERE BAY WEST ANTIQUES AND GILBERT'S SERVICE OIL COMPANY ARE LOCATED. OFFICIALS SAYS DEVELOPERS HAD CONTRACTS SET FOR THE PROPERTIES BUT ONE OF THOSE CONTRACTS HAS EXPIRED. THEY WILL HAVE TO RENEGOTIATE THAT DEAL TO MOVE FORWARD.

April 7, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL MAY SOON HAVE A NEW TITLE....HE'S ACCEPTED AN OFFER TO HEAD UP BATA. TOM MENZEL WAS OFFERED THE JOB AS DIRECTOR OF THE BAY AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY LAST NIGHT. MENZEL SPENT THREE YEARS AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL - AND RESIGNED LAST YEAR HE SAYS HE LOOKS FORWARD TO HELPING ANOTHER IMPORTANT PART OF THE TRAVERSE CITY AREA COMMUNITY THAT HAS EXPERIENCED FINANCIAL STRAINS.

April 9, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

A FEW BUSINESSES IN DOWNTOWN GAYLORD WILL SOON GET A FRESH LOOK, THANKS TO FUNDING FROM THE STATE. A GRANT TOTTALLING MORE THAN 169-THOUSAND-DOLLARS HAS BEEN AWARDED TO FOUR DOWNTOWN BUSINSSESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPGRADING THE STORE EXTERIORS. NEW FACADE WORK WILL SOON BE SEEN ON THE FRONT OF THE ALPINE CHOCOLATE HAUS, SUGAR BOWL RESTAURANT AND HOGAN'S JEWELERS TO NAME A FEW. THE STATE WON'T BE THE ONLY ONE PICKING UP THE

TAB FOR CONSTRUCTION...THE GRANT REQUIRES PARTICIPATION FROM THE BUSINESS OWNERS AS WELL.

April 14, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

MANUFACTURING ADVANCED BATTERIES COULD CREATE MORE THAN 66-HUNDRED NEW JOBS IN THE STATE. GOVERNOR GRANHOLM ANNOUNCED THE PROJECTS WITH COMPANIES INVESTING MORE THAN ONE AND A HALF BILLION DOLLARS FOR BATTERY MANUFACTURING FOR ELECTRIC AND HYBRID VEHICLES FOUR PROJECTS WERE APPROVED TODAY WITH TWO PLANT LOCATIONS YET TO BE DETERMINED. ONE COMPANY WILL OPEN A LOCATION IN HOLLAND AND ANOTHER IN LIVONIA. THE PROJECTS WERE AWARDED STATE REFUNDABLE TAX CREDITS THAT WILL HELP THE COMPANIES IN THEIR QUEST FOR SOME OF THE 2 BILLION DOLLARS IN FEDERAL GRANTS FOR ADVANCED-BATTERY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

April 16, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

THE OWNER OF THE GRAND TRAVERSE MALL IS FILING FOR CHAPTER ELEVEN BANKRUPTCY PROTECTION GENERAL GROWTH PROPERTIES FILED THIS MORNING AFTER EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE WITH CREDITORS FELL SHORT.THE COMPANY SAYS IT FAILED TO PERSUADE A MAJORITY OF ITS DEBT HOLDERS TO GIVE IT MORE TIME TO REFINANCE 27 BILLION DOLLARS IN DEBT.THE FILING SHOULD *NOT IMPACT SHOPPERS.

April 21, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

A HANDFUL OF CONTRACTORS WHO FILED CONSTRUCTION LIENS ON THE THE PETOSKEY POINTE DEVELOPMENT COULD SOON SEE SOME COMPENSATION. AN AGREEMENT REACHED BY ALL PARTIES, GIVES PETOSKEY POINTE DEVELOPERS LAKE STREET ASSOCIATES 60 DAYS TO SETTLE. IF THE DEVELOPERS MISS THAT DEADLINE, THE PROJECT COULD MOVE INTO FORECLOSURE.MEANWHILE THE CITY OF PETOSKEY HAS PULLED OUT OF THEIR PART OF THE PROJECT AFTER A 3 TO 2 VOTE ON LAST NIGHT BY THE COUNCIL.

April 21, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

A PLAN TO RE-STRIPE EIGHTH STREET IN TRAVERSE CITY IS MOVING FORWARD. LAST NIGHT THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVED A ONE-YEAR TEST PERIOD TO RE-STRIPE THE ROAD BETWEEN GARFIELD AND MUNSON AVENUES. THE RE-STRIPING WILL TAKE EIGHTH STREET FROM FOUR LANES DOWN TO THREE WITH BIKE LANES ON EITHER SIDE OF THE ROAD AND THE CENTER LANE ACTING AS A LEFT TURN LANE. THROUGH-OUT THE ONE-YEAR TEST PERIOD THE COMMISSION WILL BE GATHERING FEED-BACK FROM CITY RESIDENTS.

April 23, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

THE FUTURE OF A DETERIORATING ROAD IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY TAKES CENTER STAGE.EARLIER TONIGHT A GROUP OF CONCERNED COMMUNITY MEMBERS HELD AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING TO DISCUSS THE STEPS INVOLVED IN REPAIRING HOLIDAY ROAD AND THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE.AMONG THE IDEAS BROUGHT UP IS A POSSIBLE ROAD MILLAGE TO REPAVE AND FIX THE ROAD THE COST IS ESTIMATED AT ONE POINT SIX MILLION DOLLARS.

April 23, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS CAME TOGETHER FOR THE 32-ND ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S BREAKFAST THIS MORNING IN CADILLAC -- BUT HER MESSAGE

WAS ALL BUSINESS. SHE SAYS MICHIGAN IS FACED WITH A DOUBLE CHALLENGE -
- FINDING OUR WAY THROUGH A GLOBAL RECESSION AND A TRANSITIONING AUTO
INDUSTRY.SHE SAYS THE FEDERAL STIMULUS MONEY WILL HELP BUT ULTIMATELY
THERE IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE MORE BUDGET CUTS IN THE FUTURE.

April 24, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

A LOCAL NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION IS LOOKING AT PURCHASING NORRIS
ELEMENTARY IN LEELANAU COUNTY. THE SCHOOL SHUT ITS DOORS AT THE END OF
THE 2007 / 2008 SCHOOL YEAR AND HAS BEEN VACANT EVER SINCE.CHILD AND
FAMILY SERVICES IS TALKING TO TRAVERSE CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS ABOUT
BUYING THE SCHOOL TO HOUSE THEIR GROWING SERVICES.THOSE TALKS ARE STILL
IN THE EARLY STAGES.

April 29 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

MEIJER AND TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS REACH A SETTLEMENT IN A BATTLE OVER A
PROPOSED BIG BOX PROJECT IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY.MEIJER WILL DIVIDE
ONE AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS AMONG THE FIVE ACME TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS.
THREE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES AND TWO TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSIONERS SUED
MEIJER, ACCUSING THE GRAND RAPIDS-BASED RETAIL CHAIN OF HARMING THEM
WITH A FRIVOLOUS SUIT AND ILLEGAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY.

April 29 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

4-MILLION IN FEDERAL STIMULUS MONEY IS BEING GIVEN TO THE ARMY CORP OF
ENGINEERS FOR REPAIRS TO THE PETOSKEY HARBOR BREAKWALL.IN 2006 A
STRETCH OF THE BREAK-WALL ON LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY WAS DAMAGED DURING TWO
STRONG STORMS.A TEMPORARY FIX WAS PUT IN PLACE -- BUT AT THE TIME THE
ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH FUNDS FOR A MORE PERMANENT
FIX.

May 5 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

THE STATE BUDGET DIRECTOR PRESENTED CUTS TODAY TO A JOINT SESSION OF
THE HOUSE AND SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES.LEGISLATIVE LEADERS AND
THE GRANHOLM ADMINISTRATION HAVE BEEN SCRAMBLING TO FIND A WAY TO PATCH
A BUDGET SHORTFALL THAT HAS GROWN TO 1-POINT-3 BILLION DOLLARS IN
RECENT WEEKS.AMONG THE CUTS -- A HUNDRED STATE TROOPERS WILL BE LAID
OFF BY THE END OF JUNE -- LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WILL SEE REVENUE SHARING
SLASHED REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES.

May 11 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

THOUSANDS OF SALMON ARE BROUGHT TO A RIVER IN TRAVERSE CITY TO
HELP RE-STOCK THE POPULATION. THIS MORNING THE MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MOVED 50-THOUSAND CHINOOK SALMON
SMOLTS INTO THE BOARDMAN RIVER. FOR THE NEXT MONTH THE GRAND
TRAVERSE AREA SPORT FISHING ASSOCIATION WILL BE RAISING THE FISH
IN PEN NETS. ONCE THEY ARE ACCLIMATED TO THEIR NEW ENVIRONMENT
THEY WILL BE RELEASED INTO THE RIVER.

May 11 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

CONSTRUCTION BARRELS ARE SET UP IN TRAVERSE CITY FOR A MILLION DOLLAR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. THE WORK IS TAKING PLACE ON DIVISION STREET FROM SOUTH AIRPORT ROAD TO FOURTEENTH STREET. IT INCLUDES FIXING THE CURBS, SIDEWALKS AND INSTALLING PUSH BUTTON TECHNOLOGY FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS. ONE LANE OF TRAFFIC IS BEING CLOSED OFF IN EACH DIRECTION. THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETE BY THE END OF JUNE.

May 19 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

DRIVERS RECEIVE A SHOCK AT THE PUMPS AS GAS PRICES JUMP MORE THAN TWENTY CENTS A GALLON. JUST THREE DAYS BEFORE THE START OF THE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AND THE AVERAGE PRICE OF GAS IS SET AT TWO DOLLARS AND 49--CENTS---THATS UP SIGNIFICANTLY FROM TWO DOLLARS AND 23--CENTS FROM YESTERDAY. HOWEVER THE AVERAGE PRICE OF GAS PER GALLON WAS THREE DOLLARS AND 96 CENTS THIS TIME LAST YEAR.

May 21 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

DOW CHEMICAL HAS SIGNED AN AGREEMENT TO SELL A PLANT IN MASON COUNTY. THE DEAL WOULD HAND OVER DOWS CALCIUM CHLORIDE BUSINESS IN LUDINGTON FOR 210 MILLION DOLLARS TO AN UNDISCLOSED BUYER. THE TRANSACTION IS STILL SUBJECT TO CUSTOMARY CLOSING CONDITIONS, INCLUDING REGULATORY APPROVALS. THEY EXPECT TO CLOSE THE DEAL BY THE END OF JUNE.

June 2 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

GENERAL MOTORS SAYS ITS U-S SALES IN MAY FELL 30 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO -- BUT WERE 11 PERCENT BETTER THAN IN APRIL. THE ANNOUNCEMENT COMES A DAY AFTER THE AUTOMAKER FILED FOR BANKRUPTCY PROTECTION. G-M SAID TODAY THAT IMPROVED CONSUMER CONFIDENCE LEVELS LAST MONTH HELPED BUYERS SHRUG OFF CONCERNS ABOUT THE AUTOMAKER'S IMPENDING CHAPTER 11 FILING. THE PONTIAC, HUMMER, SATURN AND SAAB BRANDS WERE THE COMPANY'S WORST PERFORMERS. GM HAS SAID IT PLANS TO GET RID OF THOSE BRANDS AS PART OF ITS RESTRUCTURING.

June 2 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

NEW FEDERAL REGULATIONS ARE FORCING THE OWNER OF THE S-S BADGER TO CLEAN UP HOW THE FERRY OPERATES. THE NATION'S LAST OPERATING COAL-FIRED PASSENGER SHIP DISCHARGES COAL SLURRY INTO LAKE MICHIGAN -- BUT NOW THAT PRACTICE HAS BEEN BANNED. THE E-P-A HAS GIVEN "LAKE MICHIGAN CAR-FERRY", OWNER OF THE S-S BADGER, UNTIL 20-12 TO CHANGE ITS PRACTICES. PREVIOUSLY DISCHARGES FROM SHIPS WERE NOT REGULATED UNDER THE CLEAN WATER ACT -- BUT SEVERAL STATES AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS SUCCESSFULLY SUED TO OVERTURN THAT POLICY AFTER BALLAST WATER WAS BLAMED FOR INTRODUCING INVASIVE SPECIES SUCH AS ZEBRA MUSSELS AND THE ROUND GOBY INTO THE GREAT LAKES.

June 8 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

IMPROVEMENTS TO A BUSY WEXFORD COUNTY ROAD ARE A LITTLE BEHIND SCHEDULE. IMPROVEMENTS TO MITCHELL STREET FROM SOUTH OF PEARL STREET TO NORTH OF RIVER STREET STARTED IN THE BEGINNING OF APRIL. A SPOKESWOMAN WITH THE CITY OF CADILLAC SAYS WHILE CONSTRUCTION IS A LITTLE BEHIND SCHEDULE THEY ARE LOOKING INTO OPTIONS WHERE THEY COULD SAVE SOME TIME -- AND THE PROJECT MIGHT NOT HAVE TO TAKE LONGER THAN EXPECTED. THE ENTIRE ONE POINT SIX MILE PROJECT SHOULD BE COMPLETE IN 20-10.

June 10 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

TRAVERSE CITY LEADERS ARE LOOKING INTO DIFFERENT METHODS ON HOW BEST TO HANDLE ITS TRASH FLOW. CITY MANAGER BEN BIFOSS SAYS THE AREAS SOLID WASTE SERVICES HAVE BEEN UP FOR DISCUSSION FOR SEVERAL YEARS. HE SAYS MANY RESIDENTS BELIEVE THEIR PAYING TOO MUCH FOR TRASH PICKUP. IN THE ATTEMPT TO SAVE MONEY THE COMMISSION APPROVED A FOUR MONTH LONG 56--- THOUSAND DOLLAR FEASIBILITY STUDY THAT WILL MONITOR THE AREA'S WASTE FLOW AND DETERMINE ALTERNATE METHODS OF SERVICE.

June 11 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

A MORE THAN 3 MILLION DOLLAR HARBOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN LEELANAU COUNTY -- THAT'S BEEN IN THE WORKS FOR 7 YEARS -- IS ALMOST FINISHED. THE LELAND HARBOR PROJECT INCLUDES A NEW BOATER SERVICES BUILDING WITH RESTROOMS, SHOWERS, LAUNDRY FACILITIES AND A LOUNGE AREA. NEW FLOATING DOCKS WILL OPEN UP SPACE FOR 22 NEW BOAT SLIPS. ASPHALT FOR A NEW PARKING LOT WAS BEING LAID TODAY. WE'RE TOLD ENOUGH WILL BE PUT DOWN FOR THIS WEEKENDS WINE FESTIVAL. A GRANT FROM THE STATE IS HELPING PAY FOR 75-PERCENT OF THE PROJECT. IT SHOULD BE COMPLETELY WRAPPED UP BY JULY 10-TH.

June 18 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

MOST STATE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW AS EMPLOYEES TAKE THE FIRST OF SIX MANDATORY UNPAID DAYS OFF. INCLUDED IN THE LIST ARE SECRETARY OF STATE BRANCHES. THE FURLOUGHS WERE ENACTED BECAUSE OF GOVERNMENT BUDGET PROBLEMS. CUSTOMERS CAN STILL USE ONLINE SERVICES OFFERED BY THE STATE. MICHIGAN STATE POLICE TROOPERS WILL REMAIN ON THE ROAD. STATE PARKS AND THE MACKINAC BRIDGE WILL ALSO BE OPEN. THE NEXT UNPAID DAY OFF WILL BE JULY SIXTH.

June 19 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

THE CURTAIN IS RISING ON THE FIFTH ANNUAL TRAVERSE CITY FILM FESTIVAL AND ALONG WITH THE MUCH ANTICIPATED FILMS .. WILL BE A BIG BIRTHDAY BASH! THE 2009 FESTIVAL WILL FEATURE AS MANY AS 1-HUNDRED-TEN SCREENINGS AND 80 FILMS. THERE WILL BE SIX VENUES SHOWING FILMS AROUND TRAVERSE CITY. SOME OF THIS YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE A TRIBUTE TO PAUL MAZURSKY, WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE EVENT. A SCREENING OF 'JULIA AND JULIA' BEFORE IT OPENS IN THEATERS NATIONWIDE, A NEW 'KIDS FEST' AND THE DEBUT OF A T-C FILM FESTIVAL SCHOOL.

June 19 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

IF YOU TRIED TO RENEW YOUR DRIVERS LICENSE TODAY YOU WERE GREETED BY LOCKED DOORS! THAT'S BECAUSE TODAY WAS THE STATE GOVERNMENT'S FIRST OF SIX UNPAID FURLOUGH DAYS. MOST STATE OFFICES INCLUDING SECRETARY OF STATE BRANCHES ARE CLOSED. THE FURLOUGHS WERE ENACTED BECAUSE OF GOVERNMENT BUDGET PROBLEMS. MICHIGAN STATE POLICE TROOPERS WILL REMAIN ON THE ROADS. STATE PARKS AND THE MACKINAC BRIDGE ARE NOT AFFECTED BY THE FURLOUGHS. OTHER UNPAID FURLOUGH DAYS ARE SCHEDULED FOR JULY SIXTH, JULY 24-TH, AUGUST SEVENTH, AUGUST 21-ST AND SEPTEMBER 4-TH.

June 25 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

NEXT TIME YOU MAKE THE DRIVE TO TRAVERSE CITY YOU MIGHT NEED TO BRING SOME EXTRA CASH. THAT'S BECAUSE PARKING IN THE LARRY C. HARDY PARKING DECK IN TOWN WILL NO LONGER BE FREE AFTER 5 AT NIGHT, AND ON WEEKENDS. LAST YEAR CITY COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO MAKE PARKING DURING THOSE TIMES FREE, BUT JUST RECENTLY DECIDED TO START CHARGING AGAIN --BUT JUST THROUGH JULY AND AUGUST.FREE EVENING AND WEEKEND PARKING WILL RESUME SEPTEMBER FIRST.

June 26 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

THE MICHIGAN ENERGY FAIR IS GOING ON THIS WEEKEND AT THE MAINISTEE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS.MORE THAN 100 EXHIBITS AND WORKSHOPS ARE SET UP.YOU CAN LEARN MANY WAYS TO BECOME MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT.THAT' ALSO INCLUDES FINDING OUT SIMPLE THINGS YOU CAN DO AROUND THE HOME THAT'LL HELP YOU SAVE MONEY ON YOUR HEATING AND COOLING BILLS. WORKSHOPS AND DISCUSSION FORUMS ABOUT FUTURE AND EXISTING GREEN JOBS ARE ALSO ON THE AGENDA FOR THE ENERGY FAIR.

June 30 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

A DEDICATION CEREMONY WAS HELD TODAY FOR THE START OF A NEW MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR LOCK PROJECT. THE SOO LOCKS HAVE BEEN AWARDED 17-MILLION-DOLLARS TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION ON A LARGER, MORE EFFICIENT LOCK TO REPLACE A PAIR OF WORLD WAR TWO ERA LOCKS.THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PROJECT WILL GET UNDERWAY NEXT MONTH WITH CONSTRUCTION OF TWO COFFER DAMS.THE PROJECT ITSELF IS EXPECTED TO LAST ABOUT 10 YEARS AND COST ROUGHLY HALF-A-BILLION-DOLLARS.

PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

HEALTH

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

Local News

June 24 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

BETTER HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AUTISTIC CHILDREN IN MICHIGAN COULD BE ON THE WAY.A FORUM OF LOCAL RESIDENTS AND LAWMAKERS WAS HELD IN TRAVERSE CITY IN APRIL TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATION IN THE WORKS. TODAY THE HOUSE OVERWHELMINGLY APPROVED THE PLAN. IT NOW HEADS TO THE SENATE.SUPPORTERS OF THE BILL SAY IT'S UNFAIR THAT INSURERS DON'T COVER MORE INTENSIVE BEHAVIORAL THERAPIES FOR AUTISM.OPPONENTS WORRY ABOUT THE COSTS, AND SOME SAY SINGLING OUT ONE DISORDER WOULD BE UN-FAIR.

June 26 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL ESTIMATES 250-THOUSAND AMERICANS HAVE H-I-V AND DON'T EVEN KNOW IT.MUNSON HEALTHCARE AND THE TRAVERSE HEALTH CLINIC ARE TEAMING UP FOR NATIONAL H-I-V TESTING DAY TOMORROW TO RAISE AWARENESS.HAVING H-I-V DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE AIDS, BUT IT CAN DEVELOP

INTO THE DEADLY DISEASE IF YOU DON'T CATCH IT EARLY.THE FREE AND DISCREET H-I-V TESTING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE TRAVERSE HEALTH CLINIC ON LOGAN VALLEY ROAD...THAT'S OFF OF RACQUET CLUB DRIVE ACROSS FROM LOGAN'S LANDING IN TRAVERSE CITY.THE EVENT IS TOMORROW FROM 11 A-M TO 3 P-M.RESULTS CAN BE READY 15 MINUTES AFTER THE TEST.

PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

EDUCATION

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

Local News

May 5 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

MANY LOCAL RESIDENTS WENT TO THE POLLS TODAY ... VOTING ON SCHOOL MILLAGES AND ISSUES FACING THEIR COMMUNITIES.WE'RE KEEPING TRACK OF THESE RACES AS THEY COME IN AND YOU CAN CHECK OUT THE RESULTS BY GOING TO OUR WEBSITE, UP NORTH LIVE DOT COM.

May 8 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

A GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY SCHOOL PROGRAM SHUTS DOWN TODAY AFTER MORE THAN A DOZEN STUDENTS AND SEVERAL STAFF MEMBERS COME DOWN WITH FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS. JANITORIAL STAFF AT TRAVERSE HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPENT THE DAY CLEANING THE SCHOOL'S SPECIAL EDUCATION WING - WHICH IS RUN BY TBA-ISD. OVER THE PAST TWO DAYS, 13 STUDENTS AND FOUR STAFF MEMBERS FROM THE WING HAVE EITHER CALLED IN SICK, OR WERE SENT HOME EARLY. SCHOOL SHOULD RE-OPEN MONDAY.RIGHT NOW THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT DOES *NOT BELIEVE THE STUDENTS AND STAFF ARE AFFECTED BY THE H-1-N-1 VIRUS - OR THE "SWINE FLU."

May 13 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

MAJOR CUTS ARE ANTICIPATED FOR THE BOYNE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AS THEY TRY TO TRIM A MILLION DOLLAR PLUS DEFICIT FOR NEXT YEAR SUPERINTENDENT BOB ALGER SAYS THE SCHOOL BOARD TOOK ACTION MONDAY MAKING TENTATIVE CUTS AMOUNTING TO ROUGHLY 675-THOUSAND-DOLLARS. THE PLAN MEANS CUTS TO SUPPORT STAFF, AND AT LEAST TWO TEACHERS.THE PLAN COULD ALSO MEAN REDUCING HOURS FOR FIVE HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS AND ALSO PUTTING OFF INSTRUCTIONAL PURCHASES.

May 13 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE IS CONTINUING AN ANNUAL TRADITION -- A DAY OF FOOD AND FUN RAISING MONEY TO IMPROVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS. THE 54-TH N-M-C BARBEQUE IS THIS WEEKEND ON THE COLLEGE'S MAIN CAMPUS IN TRAVERSE CITY. BESIDES TONS OF BARBEQUED FOOD, THERE ARE

ALL SORTS OF GAMES AND ACTIVITIES, LIKE AN OBSTACLE COURSE, ROCK CLIMBING, AND A MOBILE SOLAR CLASSROOM. THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE THAT SHOW UP EACH YEAR HAVE HELPED RAISE MORE THAN 1 AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS FOR COLLEGE PROGRAMS AND EQUIPMENT.

May 18 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

THOUSANDS CAME OUT THIS WEEKEND FOR THE 54TH ANNUAL NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE BARBEQUE. WITHIN THE FIRST TWO HOURS OF THE BARBEQUE, FOUR-THOUSAND PEOPLE HAD ALREADY MADE THEIR WAY TO CAMPUS FOR THE EVENT.THE FINAL TALLY ... MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND MEALS WERE SERVED AT THE EVENT. PART OF THIS YEAR'S FESTIVITIES INCLUDED A RAFFLE GOOD FOR TWO-YEARS OF PAID TUITION. TONIGHT THE WINNER WAS ANNOUNCED. MELINDA BURNIAS OF LAKE LEELANAU WON THE SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP.SHE PLANS TO GIVE THE SCHOLARSHIP TO HER DAUGHTER --TIFFANY WHO IS CURRENTLY IN HER FIRST YEAR AT SUTTONS BAY HIGH SCHOOL.

June 4 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

A PROGRAM FOR SOME AREA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IS GETTING SOME GOOD NEWS - SOME FINANCIAL BACKING THAT WILL KEEP THE PROGRAM ALIVE FOR A FEW MORE YEARS. IT'S CALLED "YOUTH CORPS", AND IT'S A SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAM FOR AT RISK STUDENTS AT TRAVERSE CITY HIGH SCHOOL.THE PROGRAM STARTED IN 2003 WITH STATE GRANT MONEY, BUT HAD TO OPERATE ON LOCAL GRANT MONEY THIS PAST YEAR. NOW SCHOOL OFFICIALS HAVE LEARNED THAT THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS AWARDING TRAVERSE CITY HIGH SCHOOL WITH ALMOST 137-THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR TO KEEP THE PROGRAM RUNNING THROUGH THE SUMMER OF 2012.

June 5 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

CUTS TO STAFF AND PROGRAMS AT BENZIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS ARE EXPECTED TO COME SOON. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS FACING A MORE THAN 700--THOUSAND DOLLAR SHORTFALL HEADING INTO THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR.NEXT YEARS PROPOSED BUDGET INCLUDES LAYING OFF SEVEN PARA PROFESSIONALS, TWO FULLTIME TEACHERS , AND THE ELIMINATION OF THE ART PROGRAM IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.THE SCHOOL BOARD WILL MEET ON MONDAY TO DISCUSS THE CUTS. A BUDGET DECISION HAS TO BE MADE BY JULY FIRST.

June 24 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

THIS TIME OF YEAR SUMMER CAMPS ARE NORMALLY FILLED WITH KIDS...BUT THE GRAND TRAVERSE BAY Y-M-C-A SAYS ENROLLMENT IS ACTUALLY DOWN THIS SUMMER- AND THREE TIMES AS MANY FAMILIES ARE REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.YMCA STAFF SAY THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR NUMBERS HAVE DROPPED SO LOW.THEY SAY THE ECONOMY AND JOB LOSS COULD BE TO BLAME.THE YMCA ENCOURAGES FAMILIES TO REQUEST SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE IF THEY NEED IT.

FOR INFORMATION ON THE FINANCIAL HELP YOU CAN CHECK OUR WEBSITE, UPNORTHLIVE.COM.

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

April 8, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

A VANDALISM INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY IN ISABELLA COUNTY AFTER PARTS OF A MEMORIAL HONORING THE U-S MILITARY ARE STOLEN. POLICE SAY A BRASS RIFLE AND HELMET WERE TAKEN FROM THE MONUMENT IN MOUNT PLEASANT BETWEEN SATURDAY AND TUESDAY AFTERNOON. THE MEMORIAL AT ISLAND PARK WAS DONATED IN MEMORY OF MARINE LANCE CORPORAL JUSTIN ELLSWORTH. THE 20-YEAR-OLD FROM MOUNT PLEASANT WAS KILLED IN 2004 BY A ROADSIDE BOMB IN IRAQ.

April 10, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

IT WAS A CLOSE CALL FOR THE OLD READMOND TOWNSHIP HALL BUILDING IN EMMET COUNTY. AROUND 9-30 THIS MORNING, A PASSERBY ALERTED 911 AFTER SEEING SMOKE RISING FROM THE ROOF. A QUICK RESPONSE FROM FIRE CREWS HELPED SAVE THE BUILDING AND KEEP THE FIRE FROM SPREADING. THE BUILDING ITSELF HAD BEEN VACANT, BUT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS USING AN ATTACHED GARAGE AREA OF THE FORMER TOWNSHIP HALL TO STORE ONE OF THEIR FIRE ENGINE TANKERS. THAT TRUCK WAS REMOVED IN TIME AND WASN'T DAMAGED.

April 10, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

AREA FIRE OFFICIALS ARE REMINDING PEOPLE TO BE CAUTIOUS WHEN USING FIRE TO GET RID OF DEBRIS. FIRE CREWS SAY WITH MORE AND MORE DRY VEGETATION BEING EXPOSED, NOW IS THE TIME WHEN WILDFIRES CAN BECOME MORE PREVELANT. THEY ADD ASHES FROM WOOD STOVES OR FIRE PLACES SHOULD BE DISCARDED IN A METAL CONTAINER AND YOU SHOULD NEVER LEAVE A FIRE UNATTENDED BECAUSE EVEN THE SLIGHTEST WIND CAN PICK UP A FIRE AND MAKE IT GROW. AFTER EXSTINGUISHING THE FIRE, OFFICIALS SAY YOU SHOULD DOUSE IT WATER TO MAKE SURE IT'S OUT.

April 20, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

SHERIFF DEPUTIES IN ANTRIM COUNTY ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP TO FIND WHOSE BEHIND A STRING OF CHURCH BREAK INS IN THE PAST WEEK -- FIVE CHURCHES HAVE BEEN BROKEN INTO IN AND AROUND THE CENTRAL LAKE, ELLSWORTH AND EAST JORDAN AREAS. DEPUTIES BELIEVE THE SUSPECT -- OR SUSPECTS -- WERE AFTER CASH BECAUSE THEY SAY LITTLE OF ANYTHING ELSE WAS TAKEN. IN SOME CASES NOTHING WAS STOLEN, HOWEVER A SMALL AMOUNT OF CASH AND A LAPTOP WAS STOLEN FROM THE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH IN CENTRAL LAKE.

April 30, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

FOUR WEXFORD COUNTY CHILDREN ARE RECOVERING IN A GRAND RAPIDS HOSPITAL AFTER BEING OVERCOME BY CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING. FIREFIGHTERS WERE CALLED TO THE SCENE IN CADILLAC JUST AFTER NINE LAST NIGHT THE CHILDREN, AGES 1, 2, 3, AND 4 WERE IN A CAR WHEN THEIR MOTHER REALIZED

THEY WERE UNRESPONSIVE.THEY WERE RUSHED TO CADILLAC MERCY HOSPITAL AND THEN AIR-LIFTED TO SPECTRUM MEDICAL CENTER IN GRAND RAPIDS.ALL 4 CHILDREN ARE IN STABLE CONDITION TONIGHT.POLICE ARE NOW INVESTIGATING TO FIND OUT WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED.

May 1, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING HOW FOUR YOUNG CHILDREN WERE POISONED BY CARBON MONOXIDE IN WEXFORD COUNTY.THE INVESTIGATION BEGAN JUST AFTER NINE WEDNESDAY NIGHT IN CADILLAC WHEN A MOTHER CALLED FOR HELP SAYING HER CHILDREN WERE UNRESPONSIVE.ACCORDING TO POLICE THE CHILDREN, AGES ONE THROUGH FOUR, WERE RIDING IN A CAR WITH THEIR MOTHER WHEN IT HAPPENED.

May 7, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

LAST WEEK WE TOLD YOU ABOUT A CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING CASE SO SEVERE THAT IT ALMOST CLAIMED THE LIVES OF FOUR YOUNG CHILDREN -- NOW THEIR MOTHER NOW FACES FELONY CHARGES. 21 YEAR OLD BRANDY KING OF CADILLAC FACES FOUR COUNTS OF SECOND DEGREE CHILD ABUSE. INVESTIGATORS SAY WHILE KING'S CHILDREN AGES ONE-- TWO-- THREE-- AND FOUR WERE ALL IMPACTED BY THE CARBON MONOXIDE -- KING WAS NOT.INVESTIGATORS SAY THE MOTHER WAS WELL AWARE THAT THE VAN WAS LEAKING THE DEADLY GAS AND THAT IT WAS DANGEROUS.

May 7, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

A FIREARM MISSING FROM A CORRECTIONS FACILITY HAS BEEN FOUND. THE WEAPON WAS REPORTED MISSING FROM THE OAKS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IN MANISTEE. ACCORDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, THE GUN WAS FOUND ON THE FIRING RANGE BY THIRD SHIFT OFFICERS LAST NIGHT.THEY SAY IT'S UNCLEAR WHY THE GUN WAS LEFT THERE AND INVESTIGATORS ARE STILL LOOKING INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCE SURROUNDING THE MATTER.IT WAS NOT BELIEVED THERE WAS A THREAT TO THE SAFETY OR SECURITY OF STAFF OR INMATES.

May 15, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

THIS IS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK AND NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITIES ARE HONORING FALLEN OFFICERS.OFFICERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS GATHERED TODAY IN TRAVERSE CITY TO REMEMBER THOSE KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY. A LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL WAS ALSO HELD TODAY IN CRAWFORD COUNTY. NATIONAL POLICE WEEK CONTINUES THROUGH SATURDAY.

May 19, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

THE U-S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY IN COORDINATION WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND HEALTH AGENCIES, ARE INVESTIGATING WHAT THEY DESCRIBE AS "POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS" AT A WAREHOUSE ON KLEE ROAD IN ROGERS CITY A WEEK AND A HALF AGO THE STATE POLICE AND U-S POSTAL SERVICE SEARCHED THE PROPERTY AS PART OF AN INVESTIGATION INTO ILLEGAL COPYING AND SELLING OF D-V-D'S. DURING THE SEARCH THEY SAW SEVERAL CONTAINERS OF RAW CHEMICALS.TODAY A BOMB SQUAD ENTERED THE SITE TO INVESTIGATE.THEY SAY AT THIS POINT THE CHEMICALS POSE NO THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH. NOW E-P-A OFFICIALS ARE WORKING TO DECIPHER WHAT THE CHEMICALS ARE. WE'RE TOLD THEY WILL RELEASE MORE INFORMATION TOMORROW.

May 20, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

ALL LANES OF I -75 IN NORTHERN CRAWFORD COUNTY ARE BACK OPEN TONIGHT AFTER A WILDFIRE SHUT THE FREEWAY DOWN EARLIER TODAY. THE FIRE BROKE OUT AROUND 3 THIS AFTERNOON IN THE MEDIAN OF THE INTERSTATE JUST SOUTH OF THE OTSEGO COUNTY LINE. POLICE WERE FORCED TO DETOUR TRAFFIC AROUND THE AREA. FIRE INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE IT WAS MOST LIKELY SPARKED BY A BREAK PAD FLYING OFF OF A PASSING VEHICLE.

May 20, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

IT'S EXPECTED TO BE A BUSY WEEKEND FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AS FOLKS BEGIN TO MAKE THEIR WAY UP NORTH FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY. TROOPERS FROM THE MICHIGAN STATE POLICE WILL BE OUT ON REGULAR PATROL KEEPING AN EYE OUT FOR DRUNK DRIVERS, SPEEDERS, AND ANYONE NOT USING A SAFETY BELT. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION IS ALSO BEING GIVEN TO THIS YEAR'S PATROL AS TROOPERS ACROSS THE STATE ARE FACING NEW BUDGET LIMITATIONS, INCLUDING MILEAGE RESTRICTIONS AND LAYOFFS.

May 21, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

LIGHT SHOWERS, COOLER TEMPERATURES AND DIMINISHED WINDS HAVE HELPED FIREFIGHTERS BATTLING TWO LARGE WILDFIRES IN THE UPPER PENINSULA. SO FAR NO INJURIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN THE FIRES THAT BROKE OUT YESTERDAY SOUTHWEST OF ISHPEMING IN MARQUETTE COUNTY AND EAST OF L'ANSE (LAHNS) IN BARAGA (BAIR'-UH-GUH) COUNTY. ABOUT 824 ACRES AND 33 STRUCTURES INCLUDING HOUSES AND OUT-BUILDINGS HAVE BURNED IN THE MARQUETTE COUNTY FIRE. EVACUATION ORDERS FOR AN ESTIMATED 500 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN LIFTED, AND THEY NOW SAY FIRE IS 75 PERCENT CONTAINED. THE BARAGA COUNTY FIRE HAS BURNED ROUGHLY 680 ACRES AND DAMAGED ONE STRUCTURE. A D-N-R FIRE SAYS THEY EXPECT TO HAVE THAT FIRE CONTAINED FRIDAY.

May 22, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

POLICE WILL BE OUT IN FULL FORCE PATROLLING THE ROADS AS PEOPLE MAKE THEIR WAY NORTH FOR THE HOLIDAY. TROOPERS FROM THE MICHIGAN STATE POLICE WILL BE OUT ON REGULAR PATROL KEEPING AN EYE OUT FOR DRUNK DRIVERS, PEOPLE SPEEDING, AND ANYONE NOT WEARING A SEAT BELT. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION IS ALSO BEING GIVEN TO THIS YEAR'S PATROL AS TROOPERS ACROSS THE STATE ARE FACING NEW BUDGET LIMITATIONS, INCLUDING MILEAGE RESTRICTIONS AND LAYOFFS. MARINE PATROLS WILL ALSO BE ON DUTY, KEEPING AN EYE OUT ON THE WATER WAYS.

May 22, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

WHILE IT IS EXPECTED TO BE A FUN AND FESTIVE HOLIDAY WEEKEND FOR MANY, EVERYONE IS STILL BEING REMINDED OF FIRE DANGER. EXTREME FIRE DANGER WARNINGS STILL REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR MUCH OF THE AREA. THAT MEANS NO FIRE PERMITS ARE BEING ISSUED. HOWEVER FOR THOSE PACKING INTO STATE OWNED CAMP GROUNDS---SMALL CAMP FIRES ARE BEING ALLOWED. THE UNIT SUPERVISOR FOR THE OTSEGO LAKE--- STATE PARK SAYS---- THAT'S BECAUSE THERE IS CONSTANT SUPERVISION AT THOSE PARKS. BUT, JUST BECAUSE THERE IS SUPERVISION, DOESN'T MEAN PEOPLE CAN LEAVE COMMON SENSE AT HOME.

May 25, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATIONS TODAY INCLUDED A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO MORE THAN 150---MICHIGAN SOLDIERS WHO GAVE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE.THE VETERANS FOR PEACE GROUP PUT UP DOZENS OF CROSSES AT THE OPEN SPACE IN TRAVERSE CITY TO HONOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE IRAQ WAR. A TOTAL OF 172--CROSSES LINED THE GROUNDS-----ONE FOR EACH SOLDIER.

May 25, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

AN AMBER ALERT HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR A MISSING 5-YEAR-OLD GIRL LAST SEEN IN MONROE.THE MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS SEARCHING FOR NEVIAEH (Ne-vey-yah)BUCHANAN, WHO HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE SUNDAY EVENING. SHE IS 3-FOOT-8 INCHES, WEIGHS 45 POUNDS AND HAS BROWN HAIR AND BROWN EYES. AUTHORITIES FOUND HER BICYCLE IN THE PARKING LOT OF AN APARTMENT AND BELIEVE SHE IS IN EXTREME DANGER.SHE WAS LAST SEEN WEARING A RED, WHITE AND BLUE STRIPED SHIRT WITH BLUE JEANS.

May 26, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS TAKING EXTRA STEPS TO HELP KEEP THE COMMUNITY A LITTLE SAFER.THE DEPARTMENT IS HANDING OUT DOZENS OF FREE GUN LOCKS. WE'RE TOLD THEY WILL BE HANDED OUT ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET ONE OF THESE FREE LOCKS HEAD TO THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE LOCATED AT 8-5-1 WOODMERE AVENUE IN TRAVERSE CITY.

May 28, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

THE CALL TO ACTION WAS REAL...BUT THE STORYLINE OF AN ANTHRAX SCARE IN EMMET COUNTY WAS JUST AN EXERCISE. THE DRILL HELD TODAY AT THE PETOSKEY FIRE DEPARTMENT PUT EMERGENCY PERSONNEL IN ACTION, DISTRIBUTING MEDICATION TO VOLUNTEER VICTIMS FOLLOWING A HYPOTHETICAL ANTHRAX POLLUTION AT A CONCERT. THOSE TAKING PART INCLUDED THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF NORTH WEST MICHIGAN, THE PETOSKEY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BAND OF ODAWAY INDIANS.

June 1, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

A GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY JAIL INMATE WHO WALKED AWAY FROM HIS POST IN THE INMATE WORKER PROGRAM.... IS BACK IN CUSTODY.THE UNDERSHERIFF SAYS 23 YEAR OLD DUSTIN MILLER WAS ASSIGNED TO THE GOODWILL STORE ON SOUTH AIRPORT ROAD WHEN HE WALKED OFF THE JOB ON SATURDAY.THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS MILLER WAS FOUND AT A GROCERY STORE IN KINGSLEY LATER THAT NIGHT... AND WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY WITHOUT INCIDENT.HE WAS SENTENCED BACK IN MARCH ON CHARGES OF RESISTING AND OBSTRUCTING AND WAS A MINIMUM SECURITY INMATE.

June 17, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

AN OFF-DUTY OGEAW COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY WAS KILLED THIS MORNING IN A SINGLE-VEHICLE CAR ACCIDENT.IT HAPPENED AROUND 8 THIS MORNING ON OLD-27 SOUTH IN OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP, THAT'S JUST OUTSIDE OF GAYLORD. POLICE SAY THE CHEVY LUMINA VEERED OFF THE ROADWAY, STRIKING TWO TREES BEFORE LANDING ON IT'S SIDE.47 YEAR OLD MICHAEL GIRARD OF FREDERIC DID NOT SURVIVE.FOR MORE THAN NINE YEARS GIRARD HAS SERVED AS A DEPUTY WITH THE OGEAW COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. THE CRASH REMAINS UNDER INVESTIGATION.

June 17, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

THE CITY IS CRACKING DOWN ON WHERE VISITORS PARK THEIR R-V'S. IF YOU'VE EVER DRIVEN DOWN THE PARK-WAY ALONG WEST BAY YOU MIGHT HAVE NOTICED CAMPERS PARKED ALONG BAY STREET. THIS WEEK THE CITY COMMISSION VOTED TO INCREASE THE FINE FOR PARKING ALONG THE ROAD. FOR YEARS THE PARKING TICKETS WOULD ONLY COST YOU 15-DOLLARS AND POLICE SAY THAT WAS THE BIGGEST PROBLEM. NOW THEY WILL COST 100 DOLLARS AND GO UP 25 DOLLARS EACH TIME you GET CAUGHT.

PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/DEVELOPMENT

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

Local News

April 17, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

YOU CAN MAKE SPENDING TIME AT THE BEACH MORE ENJOYABLE FOR EVERYONE -- BY HELPING KEEP THEM FREE OF TRASH. ALLIANCE FOR THE GREAT LAKES IS ENCOURAGING NORTHERN MICHIGAN RESIDENTS TO JOIN A LOCAL ADOPT-A-BEACH EVENT. LAST YEAR VOLUNTEERS CLEARED 30-THOUSAND POUNDS OF LITTER FROM GREAT LAKES SHORELINES. THE GROUP OFFERS A NEW 22- PAGE DOWN-LOADABLE GUIDE TO BEING A GOOD STEWARD OF OUR LANDS. YOU CAN FIND A LINK TO IT ON OUR WEBSITE UP-NORTH-LIVE DOT COM.

April 23, 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

AND DEVELOPING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS THAT HAVE A DIRECT AND LASTING IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF YOUNG PEOPLE IS VISION OF THE BIG BROTHER'S AND BIG SISTER'S EVERY DAY. THEIR BOWL FOR KIDS SAKE EVENT RUNS MAY 11 THROUGH THE 17-TH. FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO OUR WEBSITE UP-NORTH-LIVE DOT COM.

April 29 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

A PANCAKE BREAKFAST IS SPONSORED BY EAA 234, CIVIL AIR PATROL, SKY HIGH HOPE. FROM 7:30 AM TO 11:30 AT HARBOUR AIR, TC CHERRY CAPITOL AIRPORT THIS SUNDAY. ALL THREE ORGANIZATIONS ARE DOING THIS FOR CHARITY.

April 29 2009

May 22 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

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May 27 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

SOME OTESGO COUNTY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ARE GETTING SOME MUCH NEEDED HELP. 13-THOUSAND-DOLLARS IN FEDERAL AID HAS BEEN AWARDED TO THE OTSEGO COUNTY UNITED WAY. IN TURN, THE UNITED WAY HAS DIVIDED THE MONEY UP AMONG SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS. THAT INCLUDES THE OTSEGO COUNTY FOOD PANTRY WHICH RECEIVED 25-HUNDRED DOLLARS. THE DIRECTOR OF THE FOOD PANTRY SAYS THE MONEY WILL GO A LONG WAY, HELPING TO FEED NEARLY 100 FAMILIES IN NEED.

May 29 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

IT WILL TAKE 24 HOURS OF TEAMWORK -- BUT ALL THE EFFORT WILL RAISE THOUSANDS FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER. THE TRAVERSE CITY RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT KICKS OFF TOMORROW MORNING. VOLUNTEERS FORM TEAMS AND COLLECT DONATIONS TO JOIN IN THE RELAY. THEN TEAMS THEN SIGN UP TO WALK VARIOUS SHIFTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY -- TO MAKE SURE THAT SOMEONE IS ALWAYS MOVING. MONEY RAISED BY THE EVENT BENEFITS THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY. ORGANIZERS SAY IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GET INVOLVED.

May 29 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO A SPECIAL EVENT CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF A MAN WHO PLAYED A MAJOR PART IN OUR 7 & 4 FAMILY. DAVE WALKER PASSED AWAY LAST NOVEMBER AFTER A BRAVE BATTLE WITH CANCER. DAVE SPENT ALMOST 25 YEARS HELPING BRING THE NEWS TO THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITY HE LOVED ... AND A MAJOR PART OF HIS LOVE INCLUDED MUSIC. A CONCERT CELEBRATION WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW AT 3-PM AT TRAVERSE CITY WEST HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM.

June 29 2009

Time: 11:00-11:05pm

Duration :30

THE GOODWILL INN AND HOME STRETCH NON-PROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO DEVELOP A HOUSING COMPLEX IN TRAVERSE CITY. KEYSTONE VILLAGE WOULD INCLUDE 24-UNITS FOR FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HOMELESS AND IN NEED OF SUPPORT SERVICES. THE HOUSING UNITS WILL BE BUILT RIGHT NEXT TO THE GOODWILL INN. CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO START AT THE END OF AUGUST. THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT IS THREE POINT EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS.