

**DESCRIPTION OF WPBN-TV PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT
TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES
3rd Quarter 2008**

Program	Day	Time
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

July 1, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

TOUGH FINANCIAL TIMES ALL AROUND ARE CAUSING ONE ORGANIZATION TO EXTEND A WINTER FUNDRAISING PROGRAM INTO THE SUMMER. THE MANISTEE COUNTY SALVATION ARMY IS HAVING BELL RINGERS THAT ARE USUALLY SEEN AROUND CHRISTMAS OUT DURING THE MONTH OF JULY TO MAKE UP FOR A 30-THOUSAND DOLLAR DEFICIT. ALTHOUGH EXTENDING THE BELL RINGING PROGRAM INTO THE SUMMER MAY SEEM UNUSUAL, THE SALVATION ARMY SAYS SO FAR THEY ARE SEEING A LOT OF DONATIONS SO FAR. SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON HAS THAT STORY.

July 1, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WITH THE FOURTH OF JULY WEEKEND JUST AROUND THE CORNER, NORTHERN MICHIGAN IS BECOMING A PRIME LOCATION FOR HOLIDAY CAMPERS AND TOURISTS. BUT SOME AREA CAMPGROUNDS SAY ALTHOUGH THEY'RE SEEING FULL CROWDS, *THIS SUMMER CAMPERS ARE STAYING CLOSER TO HOME. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH REPORTS.

July 1, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF MICHIGAN WORKERS WHO MAKE AT--OR JUST ABOVE-- THE MINIMUM WAGE GOT A RAISE TODAY. THE STATE'S HOURLY MINIMUM WAGE WENT FROM \$7.15 TO \$7.40. THE RAISE IS THE LAST OF THREE PUT IN PLACE UNDER A 2006 LAW THAT BUMPED THE MINIMUM WAGE FROM \$5.15 AN HOUR. THE BIGGEST EFFECT WILL BE ON SERVICE BUSINESSES SUCH AS HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS. BUSINESSES WARN THE HIGHER WAGES MEAN THEY'LL HAVE TO LAY PEOPLE OFF, CUT BACK EMPLOYEES' HOURS, RAISE PRICES AND PUT OFF PLANNED RENOVATIONS.

July 1, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

WITH THE TOURISM SEASON IN FULL SWING AND PARKING SPACES IN HIGH DEMAND TRAVERSE CITY IS RESUMING STANDARD PARKING PRICES AT ONE DOWNTOWN LOCATION. STARTING TODAY THE LARRY C- HARDY PARKING DECK WILL NO LONGER BE OFFERING FREE PARKING AFTER FIVE P-M. STANDARD PARKING RATES ARE ONE DOLLAR FOR TWO HOURS AND FORTY CENTS FOR EACH ADDITIONAL HOUR. THE PRICES WILL BE IN EFFECT UNTIL AUGUST 30-TH.

July 2, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A PLAN FOR A NEW METAL RECYCLING PLANT IS IN THE WORKS, BUT SOME KALKASKA COUNTY RESIDENTS FEEL IT'S TOO CLOSE TO HOME. K AND M RECYCLING IS PROPOSING THE PROJECT THAT WOULD BE LOCATED OFF OF U-S 131 JUST OUTSIDE OF KALKASKA. COMPANY OFFICIALS SAY THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BRING IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO THE AREA AND CREATE JOBS. BUT, AS

SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELIZE SHOWS US, SOME RESIDENTS FEEL IT WOULD BRING IN MUCH MORE THAN THAT.

July 2, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THERE'S A NEW PROPOSAL BEING DISCUSSED - FOR WHAT TO DO WITH CONTAMINATED WATER FROM EMMET COUNTY. THE WATER IS CONTAMINATED FROM LEACHATE FROM OLD CEMENT KILN DUST PILES ALONG THE BAY HARBOR PROPERTY. CMS HAS APPROVAL TO OPERATE AN INJECTION WELL IN ALBA ... IN ANTRIM COUNTY.WHILE THAT IDEA HAS GENERATED SOME CONTROVERSY FROM RESIDENTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS.NOW THERE IS A NEW IDEA THAT *COULD BE GAINING TRACTION. 7 &4'S BILL FROEHLICH EXPLAINS HOW A PLANT IN CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COULD BE JOINING IN ON THE DISCUSSION.

July 2, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

AN EMMET COUNTY COMMUNITY WILL HAVE TO PAY EXTRA FOR LIBRARY CARDS AFTER LEADERS DECIDE AGAINST MAKING THE ANNUAL PAYMENT FOR THE SERVICE. SPRINGVALE TOWNSHIP HAD BEEN PAYING 11-THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR FOR IT'S RESIDENTS TO USE THE PETOSKEY PUBLIC LIBRARY. THE TOWNSHIP ALSO PAID FIVE DOLLARS FOR EACH OF THE NEARLY 5-HUNDRED RESIDENTS USING THE CARDS.BUT TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS SAY PETOSKEY LIBRARY OFFICIALS DIDN'T COMPLY WITH REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ON LIBRARY USAGE OF ITS RESIDENTS AND DECIDED TO PULL THE FUNDING.ANY SPRINGVALE TOWNSHIP RESIDENT WANTING TO USE THE LIBRARY SERVICE WILL NOW HAVE TO PAY 85 DOLLARS A YEAR FOR A LIBRARY CARD.

July 2, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A RIVER IN CHEBOYGAN COUNTY IS BREAKING GROUND IN AN EFFORT TO HELP STURGEON POPULATIONS.THERE WAS A GROUNDBREAKING JUST NORTH OF TOWER ON THE BLACK RIVER FOR A STURGEON REARING FACILITY.THE EVENT TOOK PLACE AT THE KLEBER DAM AND IS PART OF THE LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OWNER AND THE D-N-R.THE FACILITY WILL HELP IN ON GOING EFFORTS TO ENHANCE THE BLACK LAKE STURGEON FISHERY.

July 2, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

FROM THE GAS WE USE TO THE TRASH WE THROW AWAY IT SEEMS AS THOUGH PEOPLE ARE BECOMING MORE CONSCIOUS ABOUT OUR IMPACT ON THE LAND WE LIVE ON. AND IT'S NOW EXTENDING TO THE PLACES WE STAY WITH THE POPULARITY OF SO CALLED "ECO-TOURISM" ON THE RISE, AREA HOTELS ARE NOW 'TURNING GREEN' SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL EXPLAINS.

July 3, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE BATTLE OVER MOORING BOATS NEAR THE BEACH IN TRAVERSE CITY MAY GO TO COURT. CITY OFFICIALS MAY MOVE FORWARD WITH A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.THE CITY IS APPEALING A DECISION FROM THE D-N-R AFTER THE D-N-R REJECTED A REQUEST BY THE CITY TO ESTABLISH TWO NO- BOAT ZONES IN WEST GRAND TRAVERSE BAY. THE CITY HAD TO OFFICIALLY FILE THE APPEAL IN CIRCUIT COURT TO MEET A DEADLINE, BUT MONDAY THE CITY COMMISSION WILL MEET AT SEVEN TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO ACTUALLY PROCEED WITH A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE D-N-R.

July 3, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

DESPITE A SLOWING ECONOMY AND SKY HIGH GAS PRICES, BUSINESS OWNERS IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY SAY THINGS ARE LOOKING GOOD.WITH THE START OF THE CHERRY FESTIVAL IN TRAVERSE CITY JUST ONE DAY AWAY THE CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU SAYS TOURISM IS UP.AFTER NUMBERS WERE SLIGHTLY DOWN LAST YEAR ACCORDING TO LOCAL HOTELS, THIS YEAR SEEMS TO BE A DIFFERENT STORY.

July 4, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

MONEY MATTERS TONIGHT...IF YOU PLAN TO TAKE A UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT ANYTIME SOON GET READY TO PAY A LITTLE MORE FOR YOUR TICKET. IT'S THE LATEST MOVE BY THE TROUBLED AIRLINE INDUSTRY TO OFF-SET THE COST OF DOING BUSINESS. AND PASSENGERS AREN'T THE ONLY ONES ON THE EDGE OF THEIR SEATS, AIRLINE EMPLOYEES ARE ALSO FEELING THE PINCH. WENDY RIEGER REPORTS:

July 6, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

GOVERNOR GRANHOLM IS ASKING PRESIDENT BUSH TO DECLARE A MAJOR DISASTER FOR PARTS OF MICHIGAN FOLLOWING SEVERE STORMS IN MID-JUNE.THOSE STORMS HIT A 12-COUNTY AREA, HIGHLIGHTED ON YOUR SCREEN THEY INCLUDE SEVERAL IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN: LAKE, MANISTEE, MASON, MISSAUKEE, OSCEOLA, AND WEXFORD.GRANHOLM ASKED FOR FEDERAL AID TO PARTIALLY COVER THE COSTS TO THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ... IN RESPONDING TO THE STORMS THE HEAVY RAINS AND STRONG WINDS CAUSED EXTENSIVE FLOODING AND WIND DAMAGE.THE ESTIMATED COST FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO THE CLEAN UP EFFORTS NOW STANDS AT MORE THAN NINETEEN MILLION DOLLARS.

July 6, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

SOME VENDORS AT THIS YEAR'S CHERRY FESTIVAL SAY THE FIRST WEEKEND IS BRINGING IN RECORD SALES.AND WITH CROWDS IN THE TENS OF THOUSANDS AND FAVORABLE WEATHER, BUSINESSES SAY THEY'RE HOPING IT ONLY GETS BETTER THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.IT'S ONLY THE SECOND FULL DAY OF THE NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL IN TRAVERSE CITY, BUT ALREADY BUSINESSES SAY SALES ARE UP FROM PREVIOUS YEARS.SEVEN AND FOUR'S MELISSA SMITH WAS AT THE FESTIVAL OPEN SPACE AND JOINS US LIVE WITH MORE...MELISSA?

July 7, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A MEETING IS BEING HELD THIS EVENING ABOUT A METAL RECYCLING PLANT IN KALKASKA COUNTY.MANY RESIDENTS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT A PROPOSED RECYCLING PLANT NEAR THEIR HOMES NEAR KALKASKA.K- AND M- RECYCLING HAS PROPOSED BUILDING THE RECYCLING PLANT.K- AND M- SAYS IT WOULD BRING JOBS TO THE AREA AND THEY MAY LOOK AT OTHER LOCATIONS IF RESIDENTS CONTINUE TO OPPOSE THE PLAN. THE MEETING STARTED AT 6 O'CLOCK AT THE KALKASKA COUNTY ANNEX BUILDING.

July 7, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A BATTLE OVER BOAT MOORING CONTINUES IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY.ON THURSDAY THE TRAVERSE CITY COMMISSION FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.THE CITY IS ATTEMPTING TO APPEAL A DECISION BY THE D-N-R TO REJECT THE CITY'S ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH NO-BOAT ZONES IN WEST GRAND TRAVERSE BAY.THE CITY HAD TO OFFICIALLY FILE THE APPEAL TO HAVE THE OPTION.THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING IS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE CITY WILL CONTINUE WITH THE APPEAL.THE MEETING

WILL TAKE PLACE TONIGHT AT SEVEN.WE'LL HAVE THE RESULTS ON SEVEN AND FOUR NEWS AT ELEVEN.

July 7, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

IT'S A FESTIVAL FAVORITE FOR TRUE FANS ... A FESTIVAL PIN! IN YEARS PAST THIS PIN WAS YOUR TICKET TO THE BAYSIDE ENTERTAINMENT STAGE ... AND A WAY TO WIN PRIZES - BUT WITH NEW RULES IN PLACE FOR THE CONCERTS WE WERE WONDERING HOW THE PIN SALES ARE FARING THIS FESTIVAL.7 AND 4'S MELISSA SMITH HAS MORE ON THE FESTIVAL PIN SALES ... AND THIS YEAR'S TOP SELLER.

July 8, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

AN APPLICATION TO BUILD A RECYCLING PLANT IN KALKASKA COUNTY HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN.K- AND M- RECYCLING WITHDREW THEIR APPLICATION AT A MEETING YESTERDAY ... PULLING THEIR PLANS TO BUILD A METAL RECYCLING PLANT IN A COMMERCIAL ZONED AREA NEAR KALKASKA. A REPRESENTATIVE FOR K- AND M- SAID AT THE MEETING THEY WITHDREW THE APPLICATION AFTER COMMUNITY CONCERN.CITY OFFICIALS SAY K- AND M- IS LOOKING FOR OTHER POTENTIAL SITES...AND SAYS THE ONLY REASON THAT THERE WAS A PUBLIC HEARING WAS BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO BUILD IN A COMMERCIAL ZONE.BUILDING A RECYCLING PLANT IN AN INDUSTRIAL ZONE WOULD NOT REQUIRE A COMMUNITY MEETING.

July 8, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

CITY COMMISSIONERS CONTINUE TO BATTLE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES OVER WHO CAN USE BEACH SPACE.THE TRAVERSE CITY COMMISSION FILED AN APPEAL AGAINST THE D-N-R AFTER THEIR REQUEST TO ESTABLISH TWO *NO BOATING AREAS* WAS DENIED. THE CITY REQUESTED THAT BOATS BE PREVENTED FROM ANCHORING TWO- HUNDRED FEET OFF THE SHORELINE IN WEST GRAND TRAVERSE BAY NEXT TO CLINCH PARK.SOME OF THE MAJOR ISSUES VOICED AT LAST NIGHT'S MEETING WERE SAFETY CONCERNS FOR SWIMMERS ... BUT ALSO THE LOSS OF POSSIBLE REVENUE TO DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES IF BOATS ARE FORCED TO MOVE FURTHER FROM THE SHORE.THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO CONTINUE WITH THE APPEAL WAS TABLED LAST NIGHT.... MEANING IT MOVES FORWARD FOR NOW.COMMISSIONERS SAY THEY WILL DISCUSS THE ISSUE AGAIN AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING.

July 8, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT'S THE FRUIT BEHIND THE FESTIVAL AND TODAY IT'S EVERYTHING CHERRIES AS FESTIVAL GOERS GET A BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK. RESEARCHERS SHOWED FESTIVAL GOERS EXACTLY WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE SOME OF THE CHERRY FESTIVALS FAVORITE TREATS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE JOINS US LIVE WITH THE DETAILS.

July 8, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

ALL WEEK LONG WE ARE CELEBRATING ALL THINGS CHERRY.... BUT EARLIER TODAY THE INDUSTRY HONORED ONE OF ITS BEST.RON PRENTICE FROM CHERRY GROWERS IS THIS YEAR'S INDUSTRY PERSON OF THE YEAR.THE AWARD HONORS SOMEONE WHO HAS HELPED THE CHERRY INDUSTRY GROW. PRENTICE HAS WORKED IN CHERRIES FOR FIFTY YEARS... BUT WINNING THIS AWARD TAKES MORE THAN JUST TIME.

July 8, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

THE WEXFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION IS KEEPING THEIR FINGERS CROSSED THAT THEY WILL GET FEDERAL DISASTER RELIEF FUNDING THAT'S BECAUSE THE ROAD COMMISSION SAYS THEY DON'T HAVE THE MONEY TO FIX THE HUNDREDS OF ROADS THAT WERE DAMAGED IN THE JUNE STORMS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON HAS THAT STORY.

July 8, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IN MONEY MATTERS TONIGHT...DURING THESE TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES, EVERYONE IS FEELING THE PINCH. CONSUMERS ARE CUTTING BACK AND MANUFACTURERS AREN'T TOO FAR BEHIND; SLASHING THE SIZE OF THEIR PRODUCTS, WITHOUT REDUCING THE PRICE. BOB FAW REPORTS.

July 8, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

TOO MANY ROADS AND NOT ENOUGH MONEY TO GO AROUND--- A PROBLEM ALL ACROSS NORTHERN MICHIGAN BUT LUCKILY ONE LOCAL COMMUNITY IS ABOUT TO GET MORE BANG FOR ITS BUCK. IN MAY THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED A MOTION TO PLEDGE UP TO TWO MILLION DOLLARS IN MATCHING FUNDS WITH THE ROAD COMMISSION. NOW THAT MONEY WILL BE USED TO REPAIR PRIMARY ROADS THAT THE COUNTY FEELS IS IN THE NEED OF THE MOST WORK. BUT AS SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER FOUND OUT. A LOW BID TO COVER THE WORK IS ACTUALLY ALLOWING FOR MORE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE.

July 13, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

NOW ORGANIZERS LOOK TO IMPROVE THE FESTIVAL FOR NEXT YEAR NOW, AS THEY BEGIN TO CALCULATE FESTIVAL REVENUE AND RE-EVALUATE SOME EVENTS, ORGANIZERS ARE LOOKING TO IMPROVE THE FESTIVAL FOR NEXT YEAR. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL SAYS THIS WAS ONE OF THE BEST FESTIVALS IN HISTORY. 7 & 4'S MELISSA SMITH TALKED WITH TOM MENZEL, WHO SAYS THE FESTIVAL BOARD IS CONSIDERING SOME MAJOR CHANGES WITH ONE OF ITS PROGRAMS FOR NEXT YEAR.

July 14, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A LAKE MICHIGAN COMMUNITY WILL SOON BE HOME TO A NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CITY LEADERS HOPE WILL BRING IN MORE YOUNG FAMILIES. THE PROPOSED SITE IS IN FRANKFORT IN BENZIE COUNTY AT M-22 AND DAY AVENUE. 7 & 4'S MELISSA SMITH HAS MORE ON THE PROJECT.

July 14, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

RELIEF ON THE WAY FOR SOME PEOPLE HAVING A HARD TIME PAYING THE BILLS. A STATE GRANT WILL BE GIVEN TO AGENCIES THAT HELP PEOPLE IN BENZIE, LAKE, MASON, MECOSTA, OCEANA, OSCEOLA, MISSAUKEE, NEWAYGO, WEXFORD AND MANISTEE COUNTIES. SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE SPENT THE DAY IN MANISTEE WHERE THE NEED IS ON THE RISE.

July 14, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

GOOD WEATHER, THE BLUE ANGELS AND THE FOURTH OF JULY MAY HAVE ADDED UP TO A GREAT YEAR FOR THE NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL! DESPITE HIGH GAS AND A SLUGGISH ECONOMY NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TOM MENZEL SAYS THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL WAS ONE OF THE BEST IN HISTORY. MENZEL DOES SAY THAT PIN SALES WERE DOWN THIS YEAR AND THEY WILL HAVE TO LOOK AT MAKING MAJOR

CHANGES FOR NEXT YEAR.WHEN IT COMES TO THE *SPECIFICS* OF THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL FINANCES, MENZEL SAYS THE CHERRY FESTIVAL BOARD EXPECTS TO RECEIVE THOSE NUMBERS WITHIN THE NEXT 2 MONTHS.

July 14, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A PROJECT THAT COULD BOOST TOURISM IN ONE AREA COMMUNITY IS FINALLY COMPLETE.THE REED CITY DEPOT THAT COMMEMORATES THE CROSSROADS WAS UNVEILED ON SATURDAY.THE DEPOT PROVIDES CYCLISTS WITH A PICNIC AREA, PUBLIC BATHROOMS, INFORMATION ABOUT LOCAL EVENTS AND EVEN A PLACE TO REST AND TAKE COVER IN BAD WEATHER.THE DEPOT IS LOCATED AT THE CROSSROADS OF THE PERE MARQUETTE AND WHITE PINE TRAILS IN REED CITY.

July 14, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

FOR MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN FARMERS THE START OF THE HIGHLY ANTICIPATED CHERRY HARVEST IS DAYS AWAY---BUT THE BIG QUESTION IS--- HOW DOES THIS YEAR'S CROP MEASURE UP? THE CROPS FACED HIGH WINDS, FREEZING TEMPERATURES, AND POLLINATION ISSUES THIS SPRING. RECENT HIGH WINDS AND THE THREAT OF RAIN LOOMING IN THE UPCOMING FORECAST AREN'T HELPING THINGS.LOCAL FARMERS HAVE FACED SOME MAJOR CHALLENGES THIS YEAR-- AND AS SEVEN AND FOURS COURTNEY REHMER FOUND OUT..WITH THE CHERRY HARVEST RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER EVEN MORE CHALLENGES MAY BE ON THE HORIZON? COURTNEY!

July 14, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

TODAY PEOPLE LINED UP TO FIND OUT THE FATE OF THEIR FINANCIAL FUTURES, AS THE U.S. WITNESSED THE THIRD LARGEST BANK FAILURE IN ITS HISTORY. AS WASHINGTON TRIES TO CALM FEARS THAT THE NATION'S TWO LARGEST MORTGAGE COMPANIES COULD BE NEXT. TRACIE POTTS HAS MORE.

July 15, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

AS RIDERS ARE PREPARING FOR THE BIG DAY, BUSINESSES ARE PREPARING FOR A BIG BOOST. LOCAL BUSINESS ARE GETTING READY FOR EXTRA VISITORS AND EXTRA DOLLARS FROM HORSE SHOWS BY THE BAY PARTICIPANTS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE TAKES A CLOSER LOOK AT THE POTENTIAL ECONOMIC IMPACT.

July 16, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

AS THEY DO THIS TIME EVERY YEAR DOWNTOWN GAYLORD IS LOOKING A LITTLE MORE LIKE A SWISS TOWN IT'S ALL PART OF THIS YEAR'S ALPENFEST...AND THAT'S WHERE WE FIND SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL LIVE WITH A LOOK OF THINGS GOING ON.

July 16, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE FATE OF A CONTROVERSIAL POWER SUBSTATION IN LEELANAU COUNTY WILL NOW BE IN THE HANDS OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.THE WOLVERINE POWER AND CHERRYLAND ELECTRIC SUBSTATION WOULD BE LOCATED AT M-72 AND BUGAI ROAD.AFTER SEVERAL PUBLIC MEETINGS AT THE TOWNSHIP LEVEL, WOLVERINE OFFICIALS ARE NOW TAKING THEIR PLANS TO THE M-P-S-C FOR APPROVAL.ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS SAY THEY REQUESTED MORE INFORMATION ON THE NEED OF A SUBSTATION AT THE LOCATION BEFORE MOVING

FORWARD, WHICH WOULD FURTHER DELAY THE PLANS.OFFICIALS WITH THE ELECTRIC COMPANIES ARE NOW SEEKING A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION.A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ISSUE WILL BE HELD JULY 22-ND AT 6 P-M AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL ON SOUTH WEST BAYSHORE DRIVE.

July 17, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A NORTHERN MICHIGAN CITY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS PART OF THE COOL CITIES MICHIGAN MAINSTREET PROGRAM ... ONE OF ONLY THIRTEEN CITIES IN THE STATE.THE CITY OF MANISTEE WAS DESIGNATED FOR THE MAINSTREET PROGRAM ON TODAY.THE PROGRAM WHICH IS RUN THROUGH THE MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY HELPS CITIES REVITALIZE THEIR DOWNTOWNS.7 & 4'S ROB PRESTON HAS MORE ON WHAT THE DESIGNATION MEANS FOR MANISTEE.

July 17, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

THINGS ARE LOOKING UP FOR THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL.... ORGANIZERS SAY ALL EVENTS LAST WEEK EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS.THE VISITORS CENTER SAYS FOOT TRAFFIC WAS BY BY 6 PERCENT THE FESTIVAL WENT THROUGH A RECORD BREAKING AMOUNT OF CONCESSIONS... IN FACT THEY WENT THROUGH A WEEK'S WORTH OF CHERRY TOPPING IN THE FIRST THREE DAYS! BRATS, HOT DOGS AND BEVERAGES WERE SOLD IN RECORD NUMBERS.EVEN RECYCLING WAS A THIRD HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR! ORGANIZERS HOPE TO HAVE THE GROSS INCOME NUMBERS NEXT WEEK.

July 21, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT IN BENZIE COUNTY IS ON HOLD ... AFTER YEARS OF PLANNING. THE COMMERCIAL PROJECT FOR CONDOS AND A MARINA ON BETSIE BAY IN ELBERTA WAS PROPOSED IN 2000 AND CONSTRUCTION WAS SUPPOSED TO BEGIN IN 2005, BUT DIDN'T AFTER PERMIT DELAYS.NOW ... YEARS LATER, DEVELOPERS SAY THEY ARE PUTTING IT ON HOLD AGAIN. 7 & 4'S MELISSA SMITH EXPLAINS

July 21, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THESE DAYS, IF YOU ARE LIKE ME, EVERYTIME YOU FILL UP YOUR GAS TANK...YOU CAN HELP BUT FEEL AS IF YOUR GETTING RIPPED OFF!AT 4.30 A GALLON HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU ARE ACTUALLY GETTING THE AMOUNT OF GAS YOU ARE PAYING FOR?VIEWERS CALLED AND WROTE WITH THEIR CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS.THE ANSWERS I FOUND ARE THE SUBJECT OF TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER

July 22, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

FOUR WINNS IN CADILLAC HAS TEMPORARILY LAID OFF SOME OF IT'S EMPLOYEEES AND HALTED THEIR SMALL BOAT PRODUCTION.THAT'S BECAUSE THE COMPANY SAYS THEIR BOAT ORDERS FROM DEALERS ARE DOWN DUE TO THE ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN. AN EMPLOYEE TELLS 7 AND 4 NEWS IT WAS HUNDREDS OF EMPLOYEEES THAT WERE LAID OFF...THE COMPANY PRESIDENT COULDN'T CONFIRM THAT.ACCORDING TO THE COMPANY, THE EMPLOYEEES WERE LAID OFF FOR TWO WEEKS .HOWEVER THIS UNCERTAINTY IS HARD ON THE EMPLOYEEES BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO FIND ODD JOBS TO MAKE ENDS MEET.

July 22, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WITH MORE AND MORE FILM COMPANIES PLANNING TO TURN NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITIES INTO MOVIE SETS BUSINESS LEADERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE INDUSTRY WITH THE FIRST EVER 'FILM SUMMIT'. AN ORGANIZATION CALLED "FILM FRIENDLY MICHIGAN" MET WITH THE GROUP AT BLACK STAR FARMS IN SUTTONS BAY TODAY.THE PANEL DISCUSSIONS CENTERED AROUND HELPING BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN NORTHERN MICHIGAN AND HOLLYWOOD TO TRY AND WOO MORE BUSINESS TO THE AREA.AND A RECENT STATEWIDE INCENTIVE ALREADY HAS HOLLYWOOD KNOCKING.

July 22, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY IS FIGHTING TO STOP A PUBLIC ACCESS SITE PLAN FROM MOVING FORWARD.THE CONTROVERSY INVOLVES THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PLAN TO PUT A NEW BOAT LAUNCH AND PARK ON IDELWILD LAKE.SOME COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE LAUNCHED A COALITION AND ARE GATHERING SIGNATURES ON A PETITION TO STOP THE PROJECT. A THIRD MEETING WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS BEGAN ABOUT AN HOUR AGO. COALITION MEMBERS TELL 7 & 4 NEWS THEY ARE PRESENTING THEIR PETITIONS TO THE D-N-R BUT WILL CONTINUE TO COLLECT SIGNATURES.

July 22, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A PUBLIC HEARING IS NOW UNDERWAY IN LEELANAU COUNTY ON THE FATE OF A CONTROVERSIAL POWER SUBSTATION.THE WOLVERINE POWER SUPPLY COOPERATIVE AND CHERRYLAND ELECTRIC SUBSTATION WOULD BE LOCATED AT M-72 AND BUGAI ROAD.THE FATE OF THE SUBSTATION IS NOW IN THE HANDS OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION. AFTER SEVERAL PUBLIC MEETINGS AT THE TOWNSHIP LEVEL, WOLVERINE OFFICIALS AND CHERRYLAND ELECTRIC ARE NOW TAKING THEIR PLANS TO THE M-P-S-C FOR APPROVAL. OFFICIALS WITH THE ELECTRIC COMPANIES ARE NOW SEEKING A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION.

July 22, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE COMMISSION ALSO DECIDED TO CONTINUE WITH AN APPEAL TO ADD NO BOAT ZONES IN WEST GRAND TRAVERSE BAY.THE TRAVERSE CITY COMMISSION VOTED 5 TO 2 LAST NIGHT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH AN APPEAL TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION. LAST MONTH THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DENIED A REQUEST TO MAKE NO BOAT ZONES NEAR CLINCH PARK AND THE VOLLEYBALL COURT BEACHES. THE COMMISSION IS SEEKING THE APPEAL TO TRY AND OVERTURN THE D-N-R'S DECISION.

July 22, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

TRAVERSE CITY COMMISSIONERS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A LAND USE PERMIT FOR A CONSTRUCTION SITE IN THE CITY.A BUILDING PERMIT FOR THE CORNER OF FRONT AND PARK STREET IN TRAVERSE CITY WAS APPROVED LAST NIGHT. THE TRAVERSE CITY COMMISSION APPROVED THE PERMIT FOR A 61 FOOT MIXED USE BUILDING.THE DEVELOPER SAYS HE HOPES TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION WITHIN THE NEXT 30 DAYS.

July 22, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

IT'S BEEN A CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE WITH A PROPOSED SUBSTATION IN LEELANAU COUNTY AND TONIGHT THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE POWER ARE TAKING A NEW APPROACH TOWARDS APPROVAL. THE SUBSTATION HAS BEEN AT THE CENTER OF A BATTLE BETWEEN RESIDENTS, THE TOWNSHIP, AND THE POWER COMPANIES FOR

MONTHS.BUT TONIGHT THE ELECTRIC COMPANIES ARE SEEKING A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IF GRANTED THAT WOULD ALLOW THEM TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF THE ELMWOOD SUBSTATION ON M-72 AND BUGAI ROAD. SEVEN AND FOUR'S MELISSA SMITH JOINS US LIVE FROM THE TRAVERSE CITY NEWSROOM WITH MORE. MELISSA!

July 23, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

SOME NORTHERN MICHIGAN POWER BOAT DEALERS SAY GAS PRICES ARE AFFECTING THEIR SALES WHILE OTHERS SAY THEY HAVEN'T SEEN IT.BUT ONE BOAT DEALER SAYS THE GAS PRICES ARE ACTAULLY HELPING HIS BUSINESS.SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON HAS THAT STORY.

July 23, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

DRIVERS IN ONE EMMET COUNTY COMMUNITY ARE GETTING SOME PARKING PERKS ... THEY NO LONGER HAVE TO STRUGGLE TO FIND CHANGE AT THE METERS! 7 AND 4'S GREG ANGEL SHOWS US HOW FEEDING THE METERS IS NOW JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY.

July 25, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

THE FUN, FOOD, GAMES, AND MUSIC CONTINUE TONIGHT AT THE VENETIAN FESTIVAL IN CHARLEVOIX.THIS WEEK'S EVENTS HAVE BROUGHT MANY A VISITOR... AND A BOOST TO LOCAL BUSINESSES. 7&4'S JAYNE SMITH EXPLAINS.

July 25, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A LOCK IS NOW BACK OPEN IN EMMET COUNTY FOLLOWING EMERGENCY REPAIRS. THE CROOKED RIVER NEAR ALANSON THAT LEADS TO LAKE HURON WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC LAST WEEK SO THAT CREWS COULD FIX A THREE FOOT TALL GEAR. A GEAR BOX WEIGHING NEARLY SIX HUNDRED POUNDS WAS ALSO REPLACED.AS OF NOON TODAY THE LOCK WAS UP TO FULL OPERATION.

July 25, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

AN ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL THAT TAKES PLACE EVERY SUMMER IN ONE LEELANAU COUNTY COMMUNITY HAS ONE RESIDENT OUTRAGED- - - AND NOW TAKING LEGAL ACTION.THE 16TH ANNUAL SLEEPING BEAR DUNEGRASS FESTIVAL WILL KICK OFF JULY 31-ST IN EMPIRE ON THE CORNER OF LACORE AND FISHER ROADS.7&4'S MELISSA SMITH HAS MORE ON THE CONTROVERSY ITS CAUSING.

July 25, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

GOVERNOR GRANHOLM MAKES A STOP IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN TO TALK ABOUT JOBS, WORKER TRAINING, AND THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE 'NO WORKER LEFT BEHIND' INITIATIVE."NO WORKER LEFT BEHIND" BEGAN IN AUGUST OF 2007- WITH THE GOAL OF TRAINING 100-THOUSAND MICHIGAN WORKERS OVER THREE YEARS. AND WHILE THE PROCESS IS WELL UNDERWAY - THERE IS STILL A WAYS TO GO. 7 &4'S BILL FROEHLICH JOINS US LIVE WITH MORE ON THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT.

July 27, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE RESIGNATION AND REPLACEMENT OF TRAVERSE CITY'S CITY MANAGER IS ON THE AGENDA IN A SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW. CITY MANAGER RICHARD LEWIS ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION EARLIER THIS MONTH.

LEWIS SAYS HE WAS NOT ASKED TO STEP DOWN, BUT CHOSE TO AND IS MOVING ON TO WORK FOR ANOTHER COMPANY. LEWIS'S LAST DAY AS CITY MANAGER IS SEPTEMBER 19TH. TOMORROW'S SPECIAL MEETING WILL ADDRESS WHAT HAPPENS NEXT. THE MAYOR IS HOPEFUL TO HAVE A CANDIDATE IN MIND BY THE TIME LEWIS LEAVES. THE MEETING BEGINS TOMORROW AT 7 P-M AT THE GOVERNMENTAL CENTER. WE'LL UPDATE YOU ON THEIR DECISIONS.

July 28, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE FORECLOSURE CONCERNS LOOMING OVER THE COUNTRY HAS WASHINGTON TAKING ACTION. CONGRESS HAS APPROVED A BILL AIMED AT HELPING THOUSANDS OF STRUGGLING HOMEOWNERS FIGHT OFF FORECLOSURE. THE SENATE GAVE THE MEASURE FINAL APPROVAL DURING A RARE WEEKEND SESSION, AND PRESIDENT BUSH IS EXPECTED TO SIGN IT INTO LAW. THE BILL WOULD GIVE AN ESTIMATED 400 THOUSAND HOMEOWNERS THE CHANCE TO REFINANCE INTO MORE AFFORDABLE LOANS BACKED BY THE FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION. IT WILL ALSO GIVE THE GOVERNMENT POWER TO HELP MORTGAGE COMPANIES FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC. SO WE WANTED TO KNOW, HOW WILL THIS MEASURE IMPACT STRUGGLING HOMEOWNERS IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN. 7& 4'S SHEEN ELZIE REPORTS.

July 28, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WITH THE TRAVERSE CITY FILM FESTIVAL GEARING FOR OPENING DAY ... A STATE TAX FOCUSING ON THE FILM INDUSTRY CONTINUES TO CREATE A BUZZ. THE FILM INCENTIVE PACKAGE SIGNED INTO LAW LAST APRIL, IS ALREADY BRINGING IN MORE WORLD WIDE INTEREST. TODAY STATE LAWMAKERS HELD A PUBLIC HEARING IN TRAVERSE CITY GETTING INPUT ON HOW TO CONTINUE THE MOMENTUM. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH HAS THE DETAILS.

July 28, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT'S ONLY MONDAY BUT ALREADY SOME FOLKS ARE COUNTING DOWN TO THE WEEKEND. AND WITH APPROVAL FROM EMMET COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, SOON ENOUGH COUNTY EMPLOYEES WILL BE GETTING A JUMP START ON THEIR WEEKENDS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL EXPLAINS.

July 28, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

LESS THAN 24--HOURS UNTIL THE KICK OFF OF TRAVERSE CITY'S HIGHLY ANTICIPATED FILM FESTIVAL AND WITH BIG MOVIE STARS LIKE MADONNA AND TALK SHOW HOST PHIL DONAHUE TOPPING THE GUEST LIST THIS YEAR'S EVENT PROMISES TO BE A *BIG* ONE. ENTERING INTO ITS FOURTH YEAR THE FESTIVAL'S POPULARITY AND ATTENDANCE CONTINUES TO GROW FROM YEAR TO YEAR--- WHICH ULTIMATELY MEANS SOME EXTRA MONEY FOR LOCAL CASH REGISTERS. MOVIES AT THE BOX OFFICE AREN'T SCHEDULED TO HIT THE BIG SCREEN UNTIL TOMORROW--BUT AS SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER FOUND OUT... THAT'S NOT STOPPING MOVIE GOERS FROM LINING THE STREETS TODAY. COURTNEY!

July 29, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A PLAN IS IN THE WORKS FOR NEW COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN WEXFORD COUNTY. IT WOULD BE LOCATED IN CLAM LAKE TOWNSHIP NEAR CADILLAC. DEVELOPERS SAY IT COULD BRING IN STORES, RESTAURANTS, EVEN A HOTEL. BUT SOME NEARBY RESIDENTS AREN'T LOOKING FORWARD TO IT. SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE EXPLAINS

July 29, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE FOURTH ANNUAL TRAVERSE CITY FILM FESTIVAL KICKED OFF TODAY-- BRINGING IN PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON REPORTS.

July 29, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

YOUR WEEKLY TRIP TO THE GROCERY MORE IS PROBABLY COSTING YOU MORE THESE DAYS, BUT THE RISE IN FOOD COSTS IS PROVIDING NEW CHALLENGES FOR AREA SCHOOL DISTRICTS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL EXPLAINS.

July 31, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN THE GRAND TRAVERSE BAY AREA WILL COST A LITTLE MORE TOMORROW. TOMORROW THE RATE HIKE FOR THE BAY AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY IS GOING INTO EFFECT. LAST MONTH BATA ANNOUNCED AN INCREASE OF 50 PERCENT ACROSS THE BOARD. THE RATE HIKE TAKES EFFECT AUGUST FIRST WHICH IS TOMORROW. PASSES PURCHASED BEFORE THE OFFICIAL RATE HIKE WILL STILL BE HONORED.

July 31, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

AN AMUSEMENT PARK IN CRAWFORD COUNTY COULD BE ONE STEP CLOSER TO BEING A REALITY. THE SALE OF 18- HUNDRED ACRES OF LAND NORTH OF FOUR MILE JUST OFF OF I- 75 IN GRAYLING. AXIOM ENTERTAINMENT IS PLANNING ON BUILDING A MAINSTREET AMERICA INCORPORATED THEME PARK ON THE PROPERTY. THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE PROJECT MANAGER PATRICK CROSSON ON HOW TO ENSURE THE DEVELOPMENT WILL BE COMPLETED. THE D-N-R IS STIPULATING THAT THERE IS FINANCING IN PLACE FOR THE ENTIRE PROJECT IN ADDITION TO A FOUR PHASE CONSTRUCTION PLAN. THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION WILL BE MEETING ON AUGUST FOURTEENTH IN HOPES OF COMPLETING THE DEAL.

July 31, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

MORE THAN 17-HUNDRED-ACRES OF PRIVATELY OWNED LAND IN KALKASKA COUNTY COULD SOON BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. THE D-N-R IS WORKING WITH A LOCAL CONSERVATION GROUP TO ACQUIRE THE LAND LOCATED NEAR M-72. THE GROUPS WANT TO OBTAIN THE LAND TO STOP ANY FUTURE DEVELOPMENT, BUT ALSO OPEN IT UP TO THE PUBLIC FOR HUNTING, FISHING, AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL HAS MORE.

July 31, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS THREE MAJOR BUSINESSES WITH TIES TO CADILLAC HAVE FACED LAYOFFS. FOUR WINNS ANNOUNCED LAYOFFS LAST WEEK. AND TODAY CADILLAC CASTING INCORPORATED ANNOUNCED 70 PEOPLE WOULD BE LAID OFF ... AND BORG WARNER ANNOUNCED RESTRUCTURING WOULD LEAD TO 1-THOUSAND LESS JOBS IN NORTH AMERICA ... BUT IN THIS ROUND OF CUTS THE CADILLAC BASED BORG WARNER PLANT WAS SPARED. 7 & 4'S ROB PRESTON HAS MORE ON THE IMPACT OF THE CUTBACKS TO THE CADILLAC COMMUNITY.

August 1, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE FIRST WIND FARM IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN IS BEING INSTALLED. IT WILL BE LOCATED ON STONEY CORNERS ROAD NEAR MCBAIN. TODAY, CREWS WERE HAULING

HUGE PIECES OF THE TURBINES TO THE BUILDING SITE THROUGH THE CITY OF CADILLAC. SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON REPORTS

August 1, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE FILM FESTIVAL IS THE BUZZ OF TRAVERSE CITY THIS WEEK, AND A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT MICHIGAN'S NEW FILM INCENTIVE PACKAGE. THE GOAL IS TO GIVE THE STATE A FINANCIAL BOOST FROM AN UNDEREXPLORED INDUSTRY. BUT HOW WILL THE PLAN REALLY WORK? THAT'S THE SUBJECT OF TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT.

August 2, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL THE TRAVERSE CITY FILM FESTIVAL WELCOMES A MEGA STAR...WHICH MEANS PREPARATIONS HAVE BEEN UNDERWAY ALL DAY LONG. THE CHERRY CAPITAL IS GETTING READY FOR THE MADONNA TO ARRIVE AT THE STATE THEATER THIS EVENING SHE IS EXPECTED TO PROVIDE THE INTRODUCTION FOR HER DOCUMENTARY "I AM BECAUSE WE ARE" BEFORE A SCREENING AT THE STATE THEATRE. GEARING UP FOR THE MAIN GUEST INVOLVES PREPARATION AND PLANNING FOR FILM FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS WITH CROWDS EXPECTED TO FILL THE AREA AROUND THE STATE THEATER ALL TO GET A GLIMPSE OF THE STAR, VOLUNTEERS SAY ORGANIZATION IS KEY. SEVEN AND FOUR'S MELISSA SMITH REPORTS

August 4, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A CITY IN CHIPPEWA COUNTY WILL BE RECEIVING A 100- THOUSAND DOLLAR GRANT TO REVITALIZE AN HISTORIC BUILDING. THE GREAT LAKES HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND THE CITY OF SAULT SAINT MARIE WERE PRESENTED WITH A CHECK FROM LIUETENANT GOVERNOR JOHN CHERRY. THE 100- THOUSAND DOLLAR GRANT WILL HELP IN A THE RESTORATION OF THE WEATHER BUREAU BUILDING, WHICH WAS BUILT IN 18-99. THE BUREAU REPORTS THE WEATHER TO PASSING SHIPS.

August 5, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR DAM RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN CHEBOYGAN COUNTY IS NEARING AN END. THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THEY WILL BE RE-FILLING THE PLUNGE POOL AT THE CHEBOYGAN DAM NEXT MONDAY. THE NEARLY 3-MILLION DOLLAR RENOVATION PROJECT IS BEING PAID FOR BY THE MICHIGAN STATE WATERWAYS FUND AND FROM SPORT FISH RESTORATION PROGRAM FUNDS. D-N-R OFFICIALS SAY THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO COME SEE THE WATER RE-ENTER THE PLUNGE POOL DURING THE EVENT WHICH STARTS AT 8 A-M. THEY SAY THE ENTIRE PROJECT SHOULD BE FINISHED BY THE END OF OCTOBER.

August 5, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WE SEE A LOT OF PEOPLE RIDING THEIR BIKES THIS TIME OF YEAR, ON THE SIDEWALKS, BIKE PATHS AND EVEN STREETS. IF YOU THINK THERE ARE MORE BIKES ON THE ROADS, YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT. AS 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH REPORTS - AS IT TURNS OUT - BIKE SALES ARE ON THE RISE.

August 5, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

SOME DRIVERS IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN ARE FEELING A BIT OF RELIEF SEEING GAS PRICES BEGIN TO DROP, BUT NOT EVERYWHERE CAN YOU FIND THOSE PRICE SIGNS DROPPING AS QUICKLY AS OTHERS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL EXPLAINS.

August 6, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

PLANS TO BRING A MAJOR HOTEL CHAIN TO DOWNTOWN TRAVERSE CITY GO BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION...AND TONIGHT, THEY MAKE A DECISION! THE PROPOSAL IS TO BUILD THE FOUR STORY HIGH--- 130--ROOM HIGH END HOTEL RIGHT IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN TRAVERSE CITY... BUT BEFORE CONSTRUCTION CAN BEGIN, THE DEVELOPER NEEDS APPROVAL.THE PROPOSED 44--FOOT HIGH BUILDING COULD MAKE ITS HOME ...ON A HALF AN ACRE PIECE OF LAND STRETCHING FROM HALL STREET ALL THE WAY DOWN TO GARLAND STREET..JUST OFF OF GRAND VIEW PARKWAY.TONIGHT, THE DEVELOPERS TOOK THEIR CONCEPT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, THE FIRST STEP IN THE PROCESS.AND IT WONT BE THE LAST, BECAUSE THE PLANNING COMMISSION VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE IT.BUT NOT WITHOUT SOME CONCERNS.SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER JOINS US LIVE FROM THE TRAVERSE CITY NEWSROOM WITH MORE. COURTNEY!

August 8, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

NOW THAT YOU KNOW WHAT THE PROPOSED PLANS ARE FOR THE MULTI-PHASE PROJECT--- WE WANTED TO KNOW HOW LOCAL BUSINESS FEEL ABOUT THE PROJECT AND WHAT TYPE OF EFFECT IT MIGHT HAVE. SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER HAS MORE.

August 8, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

SUMMER MAY BE WINDING DOWN, BUT FOR ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN TOWN THIS SEASON BROUGHT IN A LOT OF BUSINESS- AND IT'S STILL GOING STRONG. BUSINESS OWNERS ALONG M-22 IN SUTTONS BAY SAY WITH THIS SUMMER'S WEATHER AND RECENT ART AND JAZZ FESTIVALS, CROWDS SEEM TO BE BUZZING AROUND TOWN.ONE OWNER SAYS HIS SALES ARE STEADY AND HE'S SEEING A CONSTANT FLOW OF TRAFFIC THROUGH HIS DOORS.

August 10, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

AN AREA MUSIC FESTIVAL IS WINDING DOWN, BUT NOW IT'S TIME TO COUNT UP THE CASH. BUSINESSES ARE PREDICTING AN INCREASE IN SALES BECAUSE OF ALL THE EXTRA TRAFFIC AFTER A WEEKEND OF RIVER FESTIVAL FUN IN EMMET COUNTY. FROM FOOD TO MUSIC THERE WAS PLENTY TO DO IN ALANSON AT THE FESTIVAL. AND IT'S KEEPING BUSINESSES BUSY WITH DOZENS OF EXTRA CUSTOMERS.SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE SPENT THE DAY AT THE RIVER FESTIVAL, WHERE SOME OWNERS SAY BUSINESS HAS NEARLY DOUBLED AT THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL.

August 10, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

AFTER CLOSING JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS - THEN REOPENING - THE CROOKED RIVER LOCK IN ALANSON WILL AGAIN BE CLOSED FOR REPAIRS STARTING ON MONDAY. THE LOCK WILL CLOSE FOR 24 HOURS STARTING AT 8 AM MONDAY MORNING.

August 11, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A ONE BILLION DOLLAR LOSS AT THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE IS CREATING SOME NEW FINANCIAL CHALLENGES LOCALLY. SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE EXPLAINS WHAT SOME AREA BRANCHES ARE DOING TO MAKE UP THE LOSS

August 11, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A LAKE MICHIGAN CAR FERRY WILL REMAINED DOCKED UNTIL TUESDAY. THE S-S BADGER RUNS BETWEEN LUDINGTON AND MANITOWOC WISCONSIN. ON SATURDAY EVENING THE STERN BEARING FAILED AND THE FERRY HAD TO BE TAKEN TO STURGEON BAY FOR THE REPAIR.THE REPAIR IS SUPPOSED TO BE COMPLETE BY TODAY, BUT THEY DO NOT EXPECT TO RESUME LAKE CROSSINGS UNTIL TUESDAY. CUSTOMERS WHO ALREADY PURCHASED TICKETS ARE RECEIVING A FULL REFUND.

August 11, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

MORE THAN FIFTY WORKERS AT A NORTHERN MICHIGAN CASINO RESORT ARE OUT OF WORK TONIGHT EMPLOYEES OF ODAWA CASINO AND RESORT IN PETOSKEY IN EMMET COUNTY SAY THEY WERE NOTIFIED THIS MORNING.THEY SAY MORE THAN FIFTY FULL TIME POSITIONS AND SEVERAL PART TIME AND SEASONAL POSITIONS WERE AFFECTED BY THE LAYOFFS.ODAWA OFFICIALS HAVE NOT RETURNED OUR PHONE CALLS.

August 12, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

NEW NUMBERS TONIGHT FROM A NORTHERN MICHIGAN CASINO WHEN IT COMES TO THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WILL BE OUT OF WORK.YESTERDAY WE WERE TOLD THAT MORE THAN FIFTY FULL TIME POSITIONS AND SEVERAL PART TIME AND SEASONAL POSITIONS WERE AFFECTED BY THE LAYOFFS.TODAY WE SPOKE WITH THE ODAWA CASINO AND RESORT GENERAL MANGER SEAN BARNARD AND HE TOLD US -- IT ACTUALLY ADDS UP TO 100 JOBS...HOWEVER HE SAID SOME OF THOSE ARE SEASONAL WORKERS AND WERE ALREADY EXPECTED TO LEAVE.BARNARD ALSO SAID THAT THERE HAS BEEN A REDUCTION DUE TO RESIGNATIONS, BUT HE WOULD NOT TELL US WHEN THEY TOOK PLACE OR HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE RESIGNED.

August 12, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

THE TRAVERSE CITY MAYOR PROPOSES LONG TERM PLANS FOR REPAIRING AREA ROADS. AT A COMMISSION STUDY SESSION--MAYOR MICHAEL ESTES OUTLINED HIS PLANS TO SPEND 6 MILLION DOLLARS OVER THE NEXT SIX YEARS TO REPAIR ROADS IN TRAVERSE CITY.IF APPROVED THE MAYOR SAYS FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT WOULD COME FROM THE CITY'S OPERATIONAL FUNDS AND SAVINGS ACCOUNT.

August 12, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

NORMALLY, YOU TEND TO HEAR ABOUT PEOPLE LEAVING THE STATE BECAUSE OF JOB LOSS AND A SLUGGISH ECONOMY.BUT ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN COUNTY IS ACTUALLY SEEING A MUCH DIFFERENT SIDE TO THE ISSUE.ACCORDING TO CENSUS POPULATION COUNTS, BETWEEN 2000 AND 2007, GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY HAS SEEN A STEADY INFLUX OF RETIREES *AND PEOPLE STILL IN THE WORKFORCE. IN FACT, COMPARED TO OTHER COUNTIES IN THE STATE, GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY RANKS FIFTH WHEN IT COMES TO NET MIGRATION OR PEOPLE MOVING INTO THE COUNTY.AND STUDIES ARE SHOWING THAT SURROUNDING COUNTIES ARE ALSO SEEING SIMILAR GROWTH RATES.7&4'S MELISSA SMITH HAS MORE ON THIS REPORT AND WHAT'S CAUSING THIS POPULATION INCREASE.

August 12, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A LAKE MICHIGAN CAR FERRY IS NOW HOPING TO BE UP AND RUNNING BY THE END OF THE WEEK. THE S-S BADGER RUNS BETWEEN LUDINGTON AND MANITOWOC WISCONSIN. ON SATURDAY NIGHT THE STERN BEARING FAILED AND HAD TO BE TAKEN TO STURGEON BAY TO GET FIXED.RIGHT NOW THE FERRY IS STILL BEING

REPAIRED. THE DIRECTOR OF MEDIA RELATIONS FOR LAKE MICHIGAN CAR FERRY SAID THAT THEY ARE OPTIMISTIC REPAIRS WILL BE COMPLETE BY FRIDAY. CUSTOMERS WHO PURCHASED TICKETS FOR CANCELLED TRIPS WILL RECEIVE A FULL REFUND.

August 12, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

A NORTHERN MICHIGAN ENERGY COMPANY IS REPORTING A HIGHER NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS QUESTIONING THEIR ELECTRIC BILL. CONSUMERS ENERGY SAYS DURING THE WINTER IS WHEN THEY TYPICALLY SEE AN INCREASE IN CUSTOMERS STRUGGLING TO PAY THEIR BILL-- BUT DUE TO THE CURRENT ECONOMIC STATE THE COMPANY SAYS MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE IN NEED OF HELP. AND ITS NOT JUST CONSUMERS ENERGY FIELDING CONCERNS--- A VIEWER RECENTLY EMAILED US WANTING TO KNOW WHERE THEY CAN TURN TO FOR HELP AFTER THEY RECEIVED AN ELECTRIC BILL THATS MORE THAN WHAT THEY BUDGETED FOR. SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER HAS SOME POSSIBLE CONCERNS.

August 13, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE SAYING GOES, "THE GRASS IS GREENER," BUT THESE DAYS, IT'S ACTUALLY LOOKING BROWNER IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN. DESPITE SOME SPOTTY THUNDERSTORMS, AUGUST IS TURNING OUT TO BE A DRY MONTH. PLACES LIKE TRAVERSE CITY, SAULT STE. MARIE, AND HOUGHTON LAKE ARE BELOW AUGUST RAINFALL AVERAGES BY MORE THAN AN INCH. AREAS EAST OF I-75 ARE FARING BETTER, BUT NOT BY MUCH. ALPENA IS NOW SHORT NEARLY HALF AN INCH. THE STORM TEAM IS FORECASTING DRY WEATHER TO CONTINUE THIS WEEK. AS METEOROLOGIST JAYNE SMITH EXPLAINS, THE OUTLOOK HAS SOME FARMERS WORRIED.

August 13, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

A NORTHERN MICHIGAN FAVORITE IS READY TO BRING THE PAST TO LIFE. IN ITS 41ST YEAR BUCKLEY'S OLD ENGINE SHOW IS EXPECTED TO PLAY HOST TO A PACKED CROWD-- AND VOLUNTEERS SAY THEY'VE BEEN BUSILY PREPARING. SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER TAKES A CLOSER LOOK.

August 14, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A CADILLAC MANUFACTURER IS ADDING A NEW PRODUCT TO THE LINE... AND CELEBRATING A 10-YEAR, 500 *MILLION DOLLAR MILITARY CONTRACT TO GO ALONG WITH IT. IT'S HAPPENING AT AVON PROTECTION SYSTEMS, WHERE EMPLOYEES WILL MAKE A NEW RESPIRATORY MASK FOR PROTECTION FROM BIOLOGICAL OR CHEMICAL WEAPONS. AS 7 & 4'S BILL FROEHLICH REPORTS, IT WILL BE USED BY ALL BRANCHES OF MILITARY SERVICE.

August 14, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A NORTHERN MICHIGAN DIVORCED MOTHER CALLED ME, OUTRAGED BY WHAT SHE FOUND IN HER MAILBOX. IT WAS THIS LETTER FROM THE STATE'S DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TELLING HER SHE 25 DOLLARS WAS GOING TO BE TAKEN DIRECTLY OUT OF HER KIDS CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS. SHE DIDN'T WANT TO GO ON CAMARA...BUT SHE HAD QUESTIONS.... THE ANSWERS I FOUND ARE THE SUBJECT OF TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER

August 14, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A CHEBOYGAN LANDFILL WILL REOPEN WITH TOUGHER RULES AND NEW HOURS OF OPERATION. THE CHEBOYGAN COMPOST LANDFILL OFF EASTERN AVENUE SHUT DOWN TEMPORARILY SO THAT WORKERS COULD CLEAN UP ILLEGALLY DUMPED GENERAL TRASH AT THE SITE.

August 14, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

TRAVERSE CITY OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO LOOK AT A PARKING DECK PLAN BUT NOW HAVE A NEW PIECE OF PROPERTY IN MIND.CITY MANAGER, RICHARD LEWIS, TELLS 7 AND 4 NEWS DEVELOPER GERRY SNOWDEN MAY BE WILLING TO SELL A PIECE OF PROPERTY AT WEST FRONT AND PINE STREETS FOR A CITY PARKING DECK.

August 15, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

MANY PEOPLE ARE CUTTING BACK ON SPENDING ... AND THAT'S ACTUALLY HAVING A POSITIVE EFFECT IN SOME PLACES.IN FACT ITS IMPACTING THE NUMBERS AT AREA LIBRARIES.THE TRAVERSE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY SAYS CIRCULATION WAS UP SEVEN PERCENT IN MAY, BOTH AT THE MAIN TRAVERSE CITY BRANCH AND THE LIBRARY ON THE OLD MISSION PENINSULA.IN KINGSLEY THEIR NUMBERS WERE UP 20% !IN FACT ALL OF THE BRANCHES SAW SOME GROWTH.7 &4'S BILL FROEHLICH HAS MORE ON THE CUSTOMER INCREASES AT LIBRARY BRANCHES ACROSS GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY.

August 18, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY WOMAN IS HOPING TO WARN OTHERS OF A HELP WANTED AD THAT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE.INSTEAD OF OFFERING YOU A PAYING JOB ... THE COMPANY WANTS YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION AND "YOUR" MONEY. SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE HAS THE DETAILS:

August 19, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

LEXAMAR MANUFACTURING IN BOYNE CITY IS EVALUATING PLANS FOR RESTRUCTURING IT'S OPERATION.A COMPANY SPOKESPERSON WON'T SPECIFY WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT BUT SAYS THEY ARE EVALUATING ALL POSSIBILITIES TO GET THE COMPANY BACK ON TRACK.SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL HAS THE LATEST ON THIS STORY AND WHAT IT COULD MEAN FOR EMPLOYEES.

August 21, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

SOME FARMERS ARE GOING BEYOND HARVESTING CROPS TO TURN A PROFIT... FROM CORN MAZES, FARM MARKETS, AND PETTING ZOO'S... IT'S ALL AN EFFORT TO BRING IN MORE VISITORS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE HAS MORE ON THE AGRI-TOURISM TREND.

August 21, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IN JULY GOVERNOR GRANHOLM SIGNED A BILL THAT LEFT IT UP TO LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO MAKE THEIR OWN LAWS ABOUT WHERE OFF ROAD VEHICLES COULD AND COULD NOT BE DRIVEN.NOW THE WEXFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE CONSIDERING ALLOWING O-R-V USE ON SOME COUNTY ROADS.SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON REPORTS.

August 25, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY WILL SOON GIVE PEOPLE A NEW VIEW OF MEETINGS AND OTHER ISSUES FACING THE COMMUNITY--BY BECOMING THE FIRST IN THE STATE

TO OFFER WEB STREAMING. STARTING IN JUST A FEW WEEKS, COUNTY MEETINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE BOTH LIVE AND ON DEMAND THROUGH THE INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY.THE INFORMATION CAN BE ACCESSED ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTRY 24 HOURS A DAY SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. WEB STREAMING IS A DIGITAL VERSION OF AUDIO AND VIDEO THAT IS SENT OVER THE INTERNET.OFFICIALS SAY LAUNCHING THE NEW PROGRAM WILL GIVE PEOPLE NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO STAY IN TOUCH:

August 25, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE CLOCK IS TICKING FOR WEXFORD COUNTY OFFICIALS TO BALANCE THE COUNTY'S BUDGET A BUDGET THAT IS MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THE RED.WEXFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL MEET TONIGHT TO DISCUSS THE BUDGET CONCERNS AND A POSSIBLE MILLAGE REQUEST.7 & 4'S ROB PRESTON HAS MORE ON THE BUDGET TROUBLE AND WHY A PLAN MUST BE IN PLACE IN TWO DAYS.

August 26, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

PEDESTRIAN RAMPS HELP WALKERS, BIKERS AND THOSE IN WHEELCHAIRS SAFELY GET FROM THE STREET TO THE SIDEWALK. BUT RAMPS AT ONE BUSY INTERSECTION IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY ARE LEADING TO SOME DEAD ENDS.7&4'S MELISSA SMITH REPORTS.

August 26, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

NORTHERN MICHIGAN HUNTERS RESPOND TO THE D-N-R'S BAN ON BAITING AND FEEDING DEER AND ELK IN THE LOWER PENINSULA.THE DNR IMPLEMENTED THE BAN AFTER A DEER IN KENT COUNTY TESTED POSITIVE FOR CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE. THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SAYS BAITING ATTRACTS A LARGE GROUP OF DEER OR ELK TO AN AREA WHICH COULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE TO SPREAD. THE DNR HAS ALSO PLACED RESTRICTIONS ON DEER, ELK AND MOOSE FARMERS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON REPORTS.

August 27, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

MORE INFORMATION HAS COME OUT TONIGHT ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DEER BAITING BAN.THE D-N-R TELLS SEVEN AND FOUR NEWS THAT THEY HAVE NOT YET WORKED OUT A PLAN TO ENFORCE THE DEER FEEDING BAN. HOWEVER THEY SAY THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IS WORKING WITH DEER BAIT SUPPLIERS TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO SELL THE BAIT FOR OTHER PURPOSES.RIGHT NOW UNDER THE DEER BAITING BAN, IT IS STILL LEGAL FOR BUSINESSES TO SELL THE DEER FEED ... BUT ILLEGAL FOR HUNTERS TO USE THE BAIT ON DEER IN THE LOWER PENINSULA.SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON HAS MORE ON HOW THIS BAN IS CONFUSING DEER FEED BUSINESSES.

August 27, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE LEVEL OF POVERTY IN MICHIGAN IS INCREASING AND FAMILY INCOME IS DECREASING--THAT'S ACCORDING TO NEW NUMBERS RELEASED BY THE U-S CENSUS BUREAU. 14 PERCENT OF MICHIGAN RESIDENTS WERE BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL IN 2007, THAT IS UP FROM 13.5 PERCENT IN 2006.THE STATES MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE STATE WAS DOWN 1.2 PERCENT. BUT AS THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET RISES, SO ARE THE AMOUNT OF NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TRYING TO HELP.7 & 4'S SHEENA ELZIE EXPLAINS WHY THERE ARE NEW EFFORTS TO HELP THE GROWING NEED IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN.

August 27, 2008

Time 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

SOME ENERGY COMPANIES ARE LOOKING CLOSER TO HOME FOR NEW SOURCES. THE TRAVERSE CITY BASED PRESIDUM ENERGY HAS JUST FINISHED UP AT A TEST DRILLING SITE ON BUGAI ROAD AND M-72 IN LEELANAU COUNTY. PRESIDUM HAS PERMITS FOR ROUGHLY A DOZEN OTHER SITES AROUND THE AREA, BUT OFFICIALS SAY THIS AREA DOES NOT LOOK PROMISING. THE DRILLING THAT WAS JUST COMPLETED AROUND FIVE O'CLOCK THIS EVENING WAS A TEST TO SEE THE GEOLOGICAL MAKE UP OF THE AREA AND DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE CONDITIONS ARE RIGHT FOR PRODUCING NATURAL GAS.

August 27, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

WHETHER YOU LIVE, WORK OR VISIT NORTHERN MICHIGAN'S LARGEST CITY..... PARKING THERE AFFECTS EVERYONE. BUT NOT EVERYONE SUPPORTS THE IDEA OF BUILDING ANOTHER PARKING DECK. BUT PLANS ARE MOVING FORWARD TO BUILD A MULTI MILLION DOLLAR PARKING FACILITY IN THE OLD TOWN NEIGHBORHOOD NEXT TO HAGERTY INSURANCE. WE'VE BROUGHT YOU STORIES ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THE PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY LEADERS THINK THE PARKING DECK IS NEEDED IN THE AREA, BUT TONIGHT WE WENT STRAIGHT TO THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE PROJECT TO LEARN THE DETAILS OF THE PLANS AND EXACTLY "WHO" WILL FOOT THE BILL. SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER SAT DOWN WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. SHE JOINS US NOWLIVE FROM THE TRAVERSE CITY NEWSROOM WITH MORE. COURTNEY!

August 28, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

TRAVERSE CITY LIGHT AND POWER HAS A NEW LEADER TODAY. LAST NIGHT THE T-C-L-P BOARD NAMED EDWARD RICE AS ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. HE'S BEEN SERVING AS THE INTERIM DIRECTOR SINCE APRIL. PREVIOUSLY, HE WORKED 32 YEARS AT CONSUMERS ENERGY UNTIL HE RETIRED IN 2002. T-C-L-P HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR A NEW DIRECTOR SINCE THE FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RICHARD SMITH RESIGNED AMID ACCUSATIONS OF A PHYSICAL ALTERCATION WITH A LEELANAU COUNTY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER.

August 28, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

PLANS ARE MOVING FORWARD TO BUILD A THREE STORY PARKING DECK IN TRAVERSE CITY'S OLD TOWN NEIGHBORHOOD. LAST NIGHT THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THE BROWNFIELD AUTHORITY'S COMMITMENT TO THE PROJECT. THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO COST 11--MILLION DOLLARS. FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE NEEDED BY THE CITY COMMISSION BEFORE THE PLAN CAN BE SUBMITTED TO THE STATE.

August 28, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

95 WORKERS FROM A CHARLEVOIX COUNTY MANUFACTURING PLANT ARE WITHOUT WORK, AND THAT COULD BE JUST THE BEGINNING LAST WEEK LEXAMAR'S PARENT COMPANY MAGNA INTERNATIONAL UNVEILED RESTRUCTURING PLANS, BUT THEY'VE BEEN TIGHT LIPPED ABOUT ANY DETAILS. THE COMPANY BLAMES THE CURRENT AUTOMOTIVE MARKET CONDITIONS AND A REDUCTION IN CUSTOMER PRODUCTION VOLUMES.

August 28, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WE NOW KNOW THE RESTRUCTURING PLAN INCLUDES JOB CUTS, AND SEVERAL SOURCES TELL 7-AND-4 NEWS THAT ADDITIONAL CUTS HAVE BEEN MADE PRIOR TO LAST NIGHT'S ANNOUNCEMENT. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL HAS THE LATEST ALONG WITH HOW THESE LAYOFFS COULD IMPACT THE BOYNE CITY AREA.

August 29, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IN 2005, THE POVERTY RATE FOR GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY WAS EIGHT POINT TWO PERCENT...NEW CENSUS NUMBERS SHOW FOR 2007 IT'S JUMPED TO EIGHT- POINT-EIGHT PERCENT... OR MORE THAN SEVEN THOUSAND PEOPLE LIVING BELOW THE POVERTY LINE. AND FOR THE GREATER GRAND TRAVERSE REGION, OF GRAND TRAVERSE, BENZIE, KALKASKA AND LEELANAU COUNTIES, THE POVERTY RATE IS EVEN HIGHER AT NINE- POINT TWO PERCENT. 7&4'S SHEENA ELZIE SHOWS US THE IMPACT ON AREA FAMILIES AND THOSE TRYING TO HELP.

August 31, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

NOW THAT LABOR DAY WEEKEND IS HERE, THE SUMMER SEASON OFFICIALLY COMES TO A CLOSE.AND AREA BUSINESSES REFLECT ON THE PAST THREE MONTHS SEVERAL BUSINESSES IN DOWNTOWN TRAVERSE CITY SAY DESPITE THE WEAK ECONOMY, THEIR SALES WERE STRONG THIS SUMMER.WITH MANY PEOPLE STAYING CLOSER TO HOME THIS SUMMER, MICHIGAN TOURISTS FILLED SHOPS AND RESTAURANTS ON A REGULAR BASIS.7&4'S MELISSA SMITH SPOKE WITH AREA BUSINESSES AND HAS THE DETAILS.

September 1, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

WARM WEATHER AND PLENTY OF SUNSHINE GREET THOUSANDS OF BRIDGE WALKERS. THE ANNUAL LABOR DAY TRADITION OF TREKKING ACROSS THE MACKINAC BRIDGE CONTINUED TODAY AS THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE LACED UP THEIR SHOES TO MAKE THE 5-MILE HIKE.SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL WAS THERE AND HAS MORE.

September 2, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT'S A CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE BETWEEN THE TRAVERSE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY AND TRAVERSE COMMUNITY TELEVISION CHANNEL 2, A PUBLIC ACCESS STATION. TC-TV-2 USED TO OPERATE OUT OF THE DISTRICT LIBRARY FROM JULY OF '99 UNTIL THIS PAST JULY.THE STATION HAS MOVED, BUT SINCE THE LIBRARY DID *NOT CHARGE RENT UNTIL THE LAST TWO YEARS THE STATION OPERATED OUT OF THEIR BUILDING, THEY'RE NOW SEEKING PAYMENT. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH REPORTS.

September 2, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITY IS PULLING OUT ALL THE STOPS IN THE SEARCH FOR ITS NEW CITY MANAGER.IN JULY WE TOLD YOU THAT TRAVERSE CITY MANAGER RICHARD LEWIS WILL RESIGN EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 19TH. SINCE THEN DOZENS OF RESUMES HAVE BEEN POURING IN.RIGHT NOW THE CITY COMMISSION SAYS THERE ARE MORE THAN 30 PEOPLE VYING FOR THE CITY MANAGER SEAT AND PLENTY MORE RESUMES ARE EXPECTED TO COME IN.NOW THAT NUMBER WILL EVENTUALLY BE NARROWED DOWN TO SIX...AND AS SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER FOUND OUT THE BIG QUESTION IN FRONT OF BOARD MEMBERS TONIGHT IS WHETHER OR NOT THE CITY SHOULD PAY FOR THE CANDIDATES TRAVEL EXPENSES. COURTNEY!

September 3, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A SNOWMOBILE TRAIL FROM GAYLORD TO MACKINAW CITY WILL REMAIN OPEN. THE D-N-R DIRECTOR MADE THE DECISION TO KEEP CURFEWS AND SPEED RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE MEAN THE MULLET LAKE TRAIL WILL CONTINUE TO BE OPEN.THE ELEVEN MILE TRAIL WAS OPENED IN 2006. THE D-N-R SAYS ALL THE INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE MATTER WERE COMPILED AND PRESENTED TO THE DIRECTOR.ACCORDING TO THE D-N-R THE OVERVIEW PERIOD FOR THE TRAIL IS NOW COMPLETE.

September 3, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WHO'S RESPONSIBILITY IS IT TO TAKE CARE OF SIDEWALKS? THE CITY'S OR HOMEOWNERS?THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN IS WORKING ON A SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND CITY LEADERS ARE NOW LOOKING INTO A RESOLUTION THAT WOULD CHANGE WHOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING FOR THE WORK. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL EXPLAINS.

September 3, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE CHERRY CAPITAL AIRPORT IS SEEING A LOT OF EXTRA TRAFFIC WITH THE ARRIVAL OF HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE FOR THE ANNUAL T-B-M OWNERS AND PILOTS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION.THE CONVENTION IS EXPECTED TO BRING IN SEVERAL HUNDRED PEOPLE WHICH WILL MEAN ADDITIONAL BUSINESS FOR THE AIRPORT AND TRAVERSE CITY. IN FACT THE CHERRY CAPITAL AIRPORT DIRECTOR IS ESTIMATING THE ECONOMIC IMPACT AT SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE T-B-M CONVENTION IS A CHANCE FOR PILOTS TO SHARE THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND LEARN HOW TO FLY SAFER.SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON HAS THE STORY.

September 4, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

PLANS FOR A THEME PARK IN CRAWFORD COUNTY ARE BEING SCALED BACK.AXIOM ENTERTAINMENT WANTS TO BUILD AN AMUSEMENT PARK OFF OF EYE-75 NEAR GRAYLING.AXIOM ORIGINALLY REQUESTED THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO SELL NEARLY 18-HUNDRED ACRES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT.STATE OFFICIALS SAY THE COMPANY IS NOW REQUESTING 14-HUNDRED ACRES. THE D-N-R GAVE THE COMPANY A SIX MONTH DEADLINE TO GET THE FINANCING TOGETHER FOR THE ENTIRE PROJECT.THE DEADLINE IS UP IN FEBRUARY.

September 4, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

AN OSCEOLA COUNTY COMMUNITY IS GETTING SOME POSITIVE ECONOMIC NEWS - WITH ONE OF ITS LARGEST EMPLOYERS PLANNING A MULTI MILLION DOLLAR EXPANSION.THE GENERAL MILLS YOPLAIT YOGURT PLANT BROKE GROUND ON THE NEW BUILDING THIS WEEK.THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO CREATE MORE THAN 50 JOBS FOR THE AREA.THE EXPANSION COMES WITH A PRICE TAG OF 32 MILLION DOLLARS AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETE BY 20-10.WITH THE BUILDING PLANS, REED CITY IS ALSO WORKING ON AN EXPANSION OF ITS WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY.

September 5, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A PLAN TO BREATHE NEW LIFE INTO A CLOSED FACTORY ... AND BRING HUNDREDS OF JOBS TO OTSEGO COUNTY CONTINUES TO RAISE QUESTIONS TONIGHT.THE GEORGIA PACIFIC PLANT CLOSED ITS DOORS IN FEBRUARY OF 2006 ... LEAVING 2-HUNDRED AND TEN PEOPLE WITHOUT A JOB.LATER THAT YEAR INTEREST IN THE PLANT BROUGHT NEW HOPE TO THE COMMUNITY.IN NOVEMBER 2006 A WOOD PELLET MANUFACTURE TARGETED THE PLANT TO MAKE ITS ALTERNATIVE HEATING PRODUCTS.AT THE TIME OFFICIALS SAID WITHIN ONE YEAR THEY WOULD BE

EMPLOYING ONE HUNDRED PEOPLE AT THE PLANT NOW NEARLY TWO YEARS LATER, THERE IS STILL A FOR SALE SIGN ON THE FRONT LAWN ... AND GROWING CONCERN IN THE COMMUNITY. 7 & 4'S GREG ANGEL REPORTS:

September 10, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IN FEBRUARY, BROADCAST TELEVISION WILL BE SWITCHING TO A DIGITAL SIGNAL, WHICH FOR SOME PEOPLE MAY MEAN SWITCHING TO A NEW T-V. SO WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THE OLD ONE? 7&4'S JAYNE SMITH HAS THE ANSWER.

September 10, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WE'VE RECEIVED SEVERAL CALLS AND EMAILS IN THE PAST 24 HOURS WITH DRIVERS QUESTIONING A RECENT INCREASE AT THE GAS PUMP.YESTERDAY MORNING THE GAS PRICES AROUND THE TRAVERSE CITY AREA WERE ABOUT 3-68 A GALLON ... BUT BY NOON THOSE PRICES JUMPED TO ABOUT 3-98.THE INCREASE RAISES A LOT OF QUESTIONS, LIKE WHAT IS FUELING THE SURGE WHEN OIL PRICES ARE LOWER THAN THEY'VE BEEN IN MORE THAN A MONTH. AT THE END OF JULY OIL PRICES REACHED A HIGH OF ONE-HUNDRED AND 47 DOLLARS A BARREL. THIS MORNING OIL WAS SELLING FOR ONE-HUNDRED AND FOUR DOLLARS A BARREL. IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT, WE SENT 7&4'S ROB PRESTON TO GET ANSWERS FROM INDUSTRY LEADERS ABOUT WHY DRIVERS ARE SHELLING OUT MORE AT THE PUMP.

September 10, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A PROPOSED PARKING DECK IN TRAVERSE CITY'S OLD TOWN HAS BEEN AN ONGOING ISSUE THERE'S A PUBLIC MEETING THIS COMING MONDAY TO DISCUSS THE PLAN. BUT RECENTLY, THE TRAVERSE CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS MADE A NEW METHOD TO GATHER PUBLIC SUPPORT THEY SAY THIS TIME AROUND THEY'RE USING A MUCH DIFFERENT APPROACH, AFTER A PARKING DECK PROPOSAL FAILED IN 2006. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH REPORTS.

September 11, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

TASTE BUDS IN TRAVERSE CITY ARE GETTING INTO HIGH GEAR FOR THE ANNUAL EPICUREAN CLASSIC.THE FOOD AND WINE EVENT STARTS THIS EVENING WITH A RECEPTION DINNER, AND THAT'S ONLY THE BEGINNING. 7&4'S JAYNE SMITH GIVES US A FIRST TASTE.

September 11, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

SOME PEOPLE IN OTSEGO COUNTY ARE UPSET WITH A NEW PROJECT PLANNED BY A HOMELESS SHELTER. THE FRIENDSHIP SHELTER IN GAYLORD WANTS TO REFURBISH AN EXISTING FOUR UNIT COMPLEX ON PETOSKEY STREET AND THEN BUILD ANOTHER FOUR UNIT BUILDING NEXT TO IT.PEOPLE WHO OPPOSE THE PLAN SAY THEY'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THE CLOSE PROXIMITY OF THE APARTMENTS TO AREA SCHOOLS AND PLAYGROUNDS.THAT'S BECAUSE THEY SAY THEY'RE WORRIED ABOUT PEOPLE LIVING THERE WHO MAY HAVE A HISTORY OF DRUG ADDICTION OR CRIMINAL RECORD.

September 11, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE WINDS OF CHANGE WILL SOON BE BLOWING THROUGH MISSAUKEE COUNTY... AT LEAST WHEN IT COMES TO GENERATING POWER. THE STONEY CORNERS WIND FARM NEAR MCBAIN IS IN ITS FINAL STAGES OF TESTING... AND SOON COULD BE

GENERATING ENOUGH ELECTRICITY FOR HUNDREDS OF HOMES..SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON REPORTS.

September 11, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT TO HELP THE HOMELESS MOVE INTO A MORE PERMANENT SHELTER IS NOT SITTING WELL WITH SOME OTSEGO COUNTY RESIDENTS. THE FRIENDSHIP SHELTER WANTS TO BUILD A NEW APARTMENT COMPLEX ON PETOSKEY STREET IN GAYLORD.BUT THAT PLAN HAS SOME NEARBY HOMEOWNERS CONCERNED FOR THEIR SAFETY. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL EXPLAINS.

September 12, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

MICHIGAN FARMERS WON'T BE GETTING AS HIGH A YIELD FROM THIS YEARS CROP AS PREVIOUSLY EXPECTED ACCORDING TO A NEW REPORT. THE U-S AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT REDUCED ITS FORECAST FOR THIS YEARS CORN AND SOYBEAN HARVESTS. OFFICIALS SAY DRY WEATHER IN THE LATE SUMMER IS TO BLAME. EARLY PROJECTIONS PREDICTED 12-POINT-THREE BILLION BUSHEL OF CORN IN THE U-S THIS YEAR --- THEY HAVE NOW REDUCED THAT NUMBER BY 200-MILLION BUSHEL. SIMILAR PROJECTIONS ARE SHOWN FOR SOYBEANS. THE U-S-D-A SAYS BECAUSE OF AN AUGUST DRY SPELL AS MANY AS 30-PERCENT OF CORN AND SOYBEANS IN MICHIGAN, OHIO AND WISCONSIN ARE CONSIDERED IN VERY POOR TO POOR CONDITION.

September 12, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

DOZENS OF WORKERS WHO LOST THEIR JOBS AT AN EMMET COUNTY CASINO ARE BEGIN ASKED TO RETURN.LAST MONTH MORE THAN A HUNDRED EMPLOYEES WERE LAID OFF AT THE ODAWA CASINO AND RESORT IN PETOSKEY.OFFICIALS WITH THE LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT 60-PERCENT OF AFFECTED EMPLOYEES ARE BEING RECALLED.THE CASINO BLAMED A STRUGGLING ECONOMY FOR ITS AUGUST ELEVENTH CUTS.

September 12, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A MANISTEE COUNTY MANUFACTURER COULD BE JUST DAYS AWAY FROM DOUBLING IT'S WORKFORCE... AND PLANNING AHEAD FOR MORE THAN 100 NEW JOBS. THE MANISTEE PLANT COULD BE ADDING SMALL WIND TURBINES TO IT'S PRODUCT LINE... AND IT COMES WITH A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR INVESTMENT.THE PROJECT IS IN THE WORKS AT MAS-TECH MANUFACTURING IN MANISTEE. THEY'RE HOPING TO FINALIZE PLANS NEXT WEEK WITH A NEVADA COMPANY - TO BRING A WIND TURBINE PROJECT TO NORTHERN MICHIGAN. 7 &4'S BILL FROEHLICH HAS MORE ON THE FAST-TRACK OF THE PROJECT - AND HOW IT'S HIT SOME ROADBLOCKS ALONG THE WAY.

September 12, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IN A LITTLE OVER A WEEK LOCAL FARMERS WILL HEAD TO THE FIELDS TO HARVEST THE HIGHLY ANTICIPATED APPLE CROP. FOR ONE LEELANAU COUNTY ORCHARD THINGS ARE LOOKING PRETTY GOOD... THAT IS AS LONG AS THE WEATHER HOLDS UP SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER REPORTS.

September 13, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

AS HURRICANE IKE PUSHES TOWARDS THE GOLF SHUTTING DOWN OIL REFINERIES, GAS STATIONS ARE PUSHING UP THE PRICE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN. PRICES

INCREASED TODAY BY NEARLY 30 CENTS A GALLON. SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE REPORTS.

September 13, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

TRAVERSE CITY LIGHT AND POWER HELD A PUBLIC FORUM TODAY ABOUT THEIR CURRENT ENERGY PLAN. THE T-C-L-P BOARD TALKED ABOUT HOW THEY'LL BE SPENDING THEIR 28-MILLION DOLLAR 2008-2009 BUDGET - - AND HOW IT WILL AFFECT THEIR CUSTOMERS. THE MEETING INCLUDED TIME FOR PUBLIC INPUT AND A BRIEF DEMONSTRATION OF ELECTRIC SAFETY FOR A TYPICAL HOUSEHOLD.

September 15, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

TRAVERSE CITY MAY BE THE HOME OF THE NEXT BIG THING IN WEB HOSTING, E-MAIL SERVICE AND DATA PROTECTION. IT ALL STARTED IN A COLLEGE COMPUTER LAB. IT'S BLOSSOMED INTO A BUSINESS THAT SERVES THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUAL CUSTOMERS. 7&4'S ADAM BARTELMAY HAS THEIR STORY IN THIS EDITION OF MADE IN YOUR TOWN.

September 15, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A NORTHERN MICHIGAN FRUIT MARKET IS FORCED TO LAYOFF MORE THAN HALF OF ITS EMPLOYEES AFTER THE DEER BAITING BAN PUT INTO EFFECT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. THE BAN WAS INITIATED AFTER THE D-N-R FOUND A DEER WITH CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE AT A DEER FARM NEAR GRAND RAPIDS. THE D-N-R SAYS DEER BAIT CAUSES LARGE NUMBERS OF DEER TO CONGREGATE IN ONE AREA - WHICH CAN MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE DISEASE TO SPREAD. SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON HAS MORE ON HOW THE BAN IS IMPACTING ONE MAN'S BUSINESS.

September 15, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE TRAVERSE CITY MANAGER IS CALLING IT QUITS, BUT BEFORE HIS LAST DAY, WE CAUGHT UP WITH RICHARD LEWIS TO SEE WHAT HE FELT WAS MOST MEMORABLE ABOUT HIS SEVENTEEN YEARS IN OFFICE. LEWIS SAYS HE CHOSE TO MOVE ON TO SPEND TIME WITH HIS FAMILY AND ENTER A NEW PROFESSION IN ATLANTA WITH A MULTINATIONAL CORPORATION. THE COMPANY OVERSEES LARGE ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS FOR MANY CLIENTS. BUT LEWIS SAYS THESE PAST YEARS IN TRAVERSE CITY HAVE BEEN SPECIAL TO HIM.

September 15, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

SOME NORTHERN MICHIGAN CITY OFFICIALS ARE ASKING STORES TO PITCH THE PLASTIC.... IT'S PART OF A NEW PROPOSAL UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE TRAVERSE CITY COMMISSION. UNDER THE PROPOSAL BUSINESSES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS SHOULD TRY TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS. THE MAYOR SAYS BUSINESSES WOULD NOT BE *REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE, BUT BE *ENCOURAGED TO USE ALTERNATIVES. SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE MET UP WITH THE MAYOR AND SOME AREA GROCERS TO SEE IF THEY THINK THE PROPOSAL WOULD REALLY WORK.

September 15, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

A PROPOSED BOND ISSUE OF UP TO 8 POINT 3 MILLION DOLLARS WOULD FUND THE OLD TOWN PARKING DECK, AND TONIGHT THE CITY COMMISSION HAD THE CHANCE TO SEE IF THE PUBLIC SUPPORTS THE IDEA. SEVEN AND FOUR'S MELISSA SMITH JOINS US LIVE FROM THE TRAVERSE CITY NEWSROOM WITH MORE. MELISSA!

September 16, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A NORTHERN MICHIGAN COUNTY IS CUTTING POSITIONS TO TRY AND BALANCE ITS BUDGET. BENZIE COUNTY IS FACING A MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR DEFICIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS IN OCTOBER. TODAY COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THE NEW BUDGET WITH SEVERAL COST CUTTING MEASURES. THE BUDGET CUTS INCLUDE A LOSS OF TWO FULL TIME POSITIONS AND ONE PART TIME POSITION-- THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR, BUILDING DEPARTMENT SECRETARY, AND A PART TIME ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR. THREE MORE STAFF POSITIONS WERE SWITCHED FROM FULL TIME TO PART TIME INCLUDING THE SECRETARY IN THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE AND TWO BUILDING INSPECTORS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE SHOWS US WHAT THIS COULD MEAN FOR THE BENZIE COUNTY RESIDENTS

September 16, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A SPECIAL MEETING TONIGHT IN WEXFORD COUNTY FOCUSES ON THE COUNTY'S 2009 BUDGET AND WAYS COME UP WITH IDEAS AND STRATEGIES TO MINIMIZE CUTS. THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WEXFORD COUNTY FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ALLOWED COMMISSIONERS TO SIT DOWN AND WORK THROUGH BUDGET CONCERNS- AND WAYS THEY HOPE TO AVOID CUTTING COUNTY EMPLOYEE'S JOBS. THE COUNTY IS CURRENTLY TRYING TO WORK THROUGH A DEFICIT OF ABOUT 250-THOUSAND DOLLARS. AND TONIGHT DURING A FOUR HOUR WORK SESSION ... PLENTY OF SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS WERE BROUGHT TO THE TABLE. SEVEN AND FOUR'S MELISSA SMITH JOINS US LIVE FROM THE TRAVERSE CITY NEWSROOM WITH MORE. MELISSA!

September 17, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A DAY AFTER MAJOR CUTS WERE PUT INTO PLACE FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL BUDGET IN BENZIE COUNTY ... OFFICIALS WARN RESIDENTS OF THE IMPACT THEY COULD SOON FEEL AS A RESULT. THE BUDGET CUTS INCLUDE THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR, BUILDING DEPARTMENT SECRETARY, AND ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR. THREE MORE STAFF POSITIONS WERE SWITCHED FROM FULL TIME TO PART TIME INCLUDING THE SECRETARY IN THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE AND TWO BUILDING INSPECTORS. THE CHANGES WILL BE EFFECTIVE STARTING OCTOBER FIRST. THE ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR POSITION WILL BE ELIMINATED JANUARY FIRST. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SAY THE CUTS WERE THE ONLY WAY TO BALANCE THE 100- THOUSAND DOLLAR DEFICIT, BUT OTHERS ARE CONCERNED. 7 & 4'S SHEENA ELZIE HAS MORE ON THE IMPACT RESIDENTS WILL LIKELY FEEL WHEN THE CHANGES TAKE EFFECT IN JUST TWO WEEKS.

September 17, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

MAKING NEWS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, THE IMPACT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S BAIL OUT OF INSURANCE GIANT A-I-G IS CREATING CONCERN RIGHT HERE TO NORTHERN MICHIGAN. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL SPOKE WITH A LOCAL EXPERT TO FIND OUT WHAT THIS ALL MEANS.

September 17, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE GRAND TRAVERSE RESORT IS GETTING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN STATE MONEY FOR ROAD AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS THIS WEEK THE RESORT WILL BEGIN A PROJECT TO REPAVE ITS DRIVEWAY. THE RESORT RECEIVED MONEY FROM THE STATE THAT WAS SET ASIDE FOR TRIBAL IMPROVEMENTS. THEY HAVE ALLOCATED MORE

THAN TWO- MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS. THE RESORT PLANS TO WORK ON THE ROOF ONCE THE DRIVEWAY IS FINISHED.

September 17, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

THE VIEWER WANTED TO KNOW IF THE CITY WAS TRULY MAKING THE ATTEMPT TO BE MORE "GREEN" - -WHY IS THERE A NEED TO HAVE MEETING AGENDAS PRINTED OUT AND DELIVERED TO EACH COMMISSIONERS' HOME BEFORE EVERY MEETING.SEVEN AND FOUR'S MELISSA SMITH SAT DOWN WITH THE MAYOR TO GET SOME ANSWERS...AND JOINS US LIVE FROM THE TRAVERSE CITY NEWSROOM WITH MORE. MELISSA!

September 18, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

A NEW PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN T-V SEVEN AND FOUR AND 29 AND 8 IS BRINGING NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO NORTHERN MICHIGAN VIEWERS.THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TUCKER BROADCASTING, WHICH IS THE NEW OWNER OF W-G-T-U/W-G-T-Q WAS FINALIZED EARLIER THIS YEAR WITH BARRINGTON BROADCASTING, OWNER OF W-P-B-N/W-T-O-M.TODAY THE OPERATIONS OF 29 AND 8 OFFICIALLY MOVED TO THE 7 & 4 STUDIOS OFF OF M-72 IN LEELANAU COUNTY.THE STAFF OF 29 AND 8 HELD A CEREMONY MARKING THE NEW MOVE THIS MORNING AT THE LOCATION THEY'VE HELD FOR 37 YEARS.THE MOVE MARKS THE END OF AN ERA ... BUT ALSO A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR VIEWERS OF BOTH STATIONS.

September 18, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

AIRPORTS HELP BRING BUSINESS TO A COMMUNITY.MOST SMALL AIRPORTS HAVE AN ECONOMIC IMPACT OF A FEW MILLION DOLLARS.BUT THE MICHIGAN AVIATION ASSOCIATION SAYS THE EVART AIRPORT, IN OSCEOLA COUNTY HELPED BRING 518 MILLION DOLLARS IN BUSINESS TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY IN 2007. SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON REPORTS.

September 18, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A SEARCH COMMITTEE IS IN PLACE TO PICK THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TOM MENZEL ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION AFTER THE NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL WRAPPED UP THIS YEAR. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL FIND A NEW LEADER WITH THE HELP OF "SEARCH-WIDE."IT'S A NATIONWIDE FIRM WITH OFFICES IN TRAVERSE CITY THAT WILL RECRUIT CANDIDATES. WITH THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL TURNING A PROFIT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SEVERAL YEARS-- THE SEARCH COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SAYS FINDING A NEW DIRECTOR TO KEEP UP THE MOMENTUM IS A PRIORITY.

September 18, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE SALE OF ONE OF THE LARGEST BUSINESSES IN CHEBOYGAN COUNTY COULD BE FALLING THROUGH.A GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN COMPANY N-P-S IS BACKING OUT OF A DEAL TO PURCHASE THE GREAT LAKES TISSUE PLANT IN CHEBOYGAN.IN MARCH N-P-S SIGNED A MANAGEMENT AND FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH GREAT LAKES TISSUE WHILE TRYING TO FINALIZE THE SALE.N-P-S WAS UNABLE TO GET FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE.THE OWNER OF GREAT LAKES TISSUE CLARENCE ROZNOWSKI SAYS HE IS NOW DOING EVERYTHING HE CAN TO WORK WITH GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESSES AGENCIES TO SAVE THE COMPANY. ONE AVENUE ROZNOWSKI IS INVESTIGATING IS GETTING A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF MICHIGAN TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS UNTIL ANOTHER BUYER CAN BE FOUND.CURRENTLY THE PLANT IS WORKING WITH A REDUCED STAFF OF 65 EMPLOYEES.

September 18, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A NEW HOME LOAN PROGRAM COULD BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SAVING YOUR HOME AND FORECLOSURE. THE SAVE THE DREAM INITIATIVE IS A STATE-FUNDED PROGRAM. BANKS ARE USING IT TO HELP REFINANCE MORTGAGES FOR HOMEOWNERS WITH LOW CREDIT SCORES OR MISSED MORTGAGE PAYMENTS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE HOW ONE AREA LENDER HELPED KEEP HOMEOWNERS FROM LOSING THEIR HOMES.

September 18, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

MORE PEOPLE ARE FACING TOUGH FINANCIAL TIMES... THAT'S WHY MORE PEOPLE ARE ASKING FOR HELP FROM LOCAL CHARITIES AREA FOOD PANTRY ORGANIZERS SAY THEY'RE SEEING A STEADY INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE COMING IN FOR SOME OF THE BASIC ESSENTIALS. AND WHILE MANY AREA PANTRIES ARE ONLY OPEN A FEW DAYS A WEEK, VOLUNTEERS SAY THEY'RE HAVING A TOUGH TIME KEEPING THE SHELVES STOCKED.... AND THEY EXPECT THE SITUATION TO WORSEN. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL REPORTS.

September 19, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

SOME STATE LEADERS THINK DRIVERS SHOULD 'STEER CLEAR' OF ADDED POINTS ON THEIR DRIVING RECORD BY TAKING A SAFETY COURSE FOR CERTAIN INFRACTIONS. THE BILL WAS PASSED IN THE STATE SENATE YESTERDAY AND HEADS TO THE HOUSE.MOTORISTS COULD AVOID POINTS ONLY IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES, USUALLY FOR LOWER-LEVEL OFFENSES SUCH AS SPEEDING AND RUNNING A RED LIGHT.BACKERS OF THE LEGISLATION SAY MICHIGAN COURTS ARE CLOGGED WITH CASES WHERE MOTORISTS CONTEST TRAFFIC TICKETS.

September 19, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE FIRST ANNUAL CHERRY- {ROO- BAY} ROUBAIX WILL BE HELD TOMORROW IN DOWNTOWN TRAVERSE CITY.THE RACE GETS ITS NAME AS A HOMAGE TO THE PARIS-ROUBAIX WHICH IS KNOWN FOR ITS ROUGH TERRAIN AND COBBLESTONE ROADS. LIKE WISE THE CHERRY ROUBAIX WILL INCLUDE A COBBLE STONE SECTION ON SIXTH STREET IN OLD TOWN THE RACE WILL START AT THE HAGERTY BUILDING, AND GO AROUND LAKE STREET, SEVENTH, PINE, SIXTH, UNION, AND CASS.

September 19, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A POPULAR FALL TRADITION THAT'S BEEN GOING ON FOR ABOUT FIFTEEN YEARS IS CANCELLED THIS YEAR.THE LAKE CENTRAL RAIL TOURS COMPANY WON'T BE DOING THEIR ANNUAL FALL COLOR TOURS IN CADILLAC - BECAUSE THEY HAVE GONE OUT OF BUSINESS.SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON HAS MORE ON THE IMPACT THIS COULD HAVE.

September 19, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

ALL THIS WEEK WE'VE BEEN BRINGING YOU A SERIES OF STORIES ABOUT HOW THE SLUMPING ECONOMY IS IMPACTING PEOPLE RIGHT HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN. FOR MANY COMMUNITIES TOURISM IS THE BREAD AND BUTTER OF THE LOCAL ECONOMY.SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL WENT TO EMMET COUNTY TODAY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE IMPACT ON BUSINESSES THERE.

September 22, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT WAS A BUSY WEEKEND FOR TRAVERSE CITY HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS WITH EVENTS LIKE THE CHERRY ROUBAIX BIKE RACE AND THE RED WINGS TRAINING CAMP BRINGING LOTS OF PEOPLE TO TOWN.7&4'S MELISSA SMITH SPOKE WITH AREA BUSINESSES TO SEE IF THE ECONOMIC BOOST IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE THIS WEEK.

September 23, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

A VOTE BY THE GAYLORD CITY COUNCIL HAS STOPPED PLANS FOR BUILDING OF A HOUSING SHELTER.THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT BY THE FRIENDSHIP SHELTER WAS FOR A NEW APARTMENT COMPLEX ON 7-HUNDRED BLOCK OF PETOSKEY STREET IN GAYLORD.LAST NIGHT THE GAYLORD CITY COUNCIL VOTED DOWN THE FRIENDSHIP SHELTER'S REQUEST OF A TAX ABATEMENT FOR A PROPOSED HOUSING COMPLEX. THE VOTE MEANS THE PLAN WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CONTINUE.NEIGHBORS ON PETOSKEY STREET GATHERED SIGNATURES AGAINST THE PROJECT WHICH WOULD HAVE PROVIDED PERMANENT HOUSING FOR UP TO EIGHT PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS. OFFICIALS WITH THE FRIENDSHIP SHELTER SAYS THEY WILL SEARCH FOR AN ALTERNATIVE LOCATION FOR THE PROJECT.

September 23, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT'S A DAY FOR "GIVING BACK" TO THOSE WHO LENDED THEIR TIME AND ENERGY TO THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL.THE ANNUAL GIVING BREAKFAST PROVIDED A CHANCE FOR THE FESTIVAL TO SAY 'THANK YOU' TO OVER 60-NON PROFITS WHO HELPED MAKE THE FESTIVAL A SUCCESS. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH HAS THE DETAILS.

September 23, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

PLANS ARE IN THE WORKS TO ADD IN A NEW TRAILWAY FOR HIKERS AND BIKERS IN LEELANAU COUNTY -- ONE THAT COULD MEAN A SAFER TRIP ALONG A POPULAR ROUTE.THE PROPOSED TRAIL WOULD RUN BETWEEN 25 TO 27 MILES LONG... .IT WOULD START AT MANNING ROAD STRETCHING ALONGSIDE M-22, M-109, AND THROUGH SLEEPING BEAR DUNES, ALL THE WAY NORTH TO GOOD HARBOR TRAIL. SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE EXPLAINS.

September 23, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

COMMUNITIES ACROSS NORTHERN MICHIGAN ARE ALREADY GEARING UP FOR A ROUGH WINTER WITH ROAD SALT SHORTAGES AND SKY ROCKETING PRICES. AT THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION PILES OF SAND ARE STARTING TO FILL THE PARKING LOT.OFFICIALS SAY THEY WILL ADD MORE SAND TO THE SALT MIXTURE IN AN EFFORT TO CUT DOWN ON SALT USAGE THIS WINTER.GRAND TRAVERSE ROAD COMMISSION IS LOOKING TO SPEND SALT SIX- HUNDRED- THOUSAND DOLLARS ON SALT THAT MAKES UP TEN PERCENT OF THE BUDGET.

September 23, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A 54 MILLION DOLLAR PRISON EXPANSION IS UTILIZING DOZENS OF LOCAL WORKERS ... AND THAT PROJECT IS NOW WELL UNDERWAY IN ONE AREA COMMUNITY.THE PROJECT IN LAKE COUNTY INCLUDES A 14-HUNDRED BED EXPANSION AT THE GEO PRISON.SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON HAS THE STORY FROM BALDWIN.

September 23, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT REMAINS AN ATTITUDE OF OPTIMISM FOR SEVERAL FORMER EMPLOYEES OF THE GREAT LAKES TISSUE COMPANY IN CHEBOYGAN. AT LEAST FIVE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN LAID OFF FROM THE COMPANY AS THE PAPER MANUFACTURER ANNOUNCES IT HAS FILED FOR CHAPTER ELEVEN BANKRUPTCY. FOR SIX MONTHS NOW NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN GOING ON TO SELL THE COMPANY, BUT LESS THAN A WEEK AGO IT WAS UNVEILED THAT THOSE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE FALLEN A PART. NOW COMPANY LEADERS ARE WORKING THROUGH A FINANCIAL STORM TO GET THE FACILITY BACK ON THE RIGHT TRACK. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL HAS MORE.

September 23, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

A MEASURE AIMED AT PROTECTING THE GREAT LAKES IS ON ITS WAY TO THE PRESIDENT'S DESK. EARLIER TODAY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PASSED THE GREAT LAKES COMPACT-- A MEASURE DESIGNED TO PROTECT AREA WATERS FROM DIVERSION. AND WHILE IT PASSED WITH LITTLE OPPOSITION THOSE AGAINST IT SAY ITS SET UP TO FAIL. SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER JOINS US LIVE FROM THE TRAVERSE CITY NEWSROOM WITH MORE. COURTNEY!

September 24, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE AREA'S LARGEST BUS SYSTEM IS MAKING MORE CHANGES TO HELP BALANCE THE BUDGET. THE BAY AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY WAS FACING A MORE THAN SIX MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET SHORTFALL. EARLIER THIS YEAR BATA RAISED RATES FOR RIDERS. NOW BATA IS CUTTING 15 THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM ITS TRAVEL BUDGET. MUCH OF BATA'S TRAVEL EXPENSES WENT TOWARD TRADE ORGANIZATION RELATED TRIPS.

September 24, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THIS WEEK GOVERNOR GRANHOLM ANNOUNCED SEVEN THOUSAND NEW JOBS FOR THE STATE OF MICHIGAN AND A CHANGES TO THE STATE'S JOB WEBSITE... I WANTED TO KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS FOR PEOPLE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN LOOKING FOR WORK. THAT'S THE SUBJECT OF TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER.

September 24, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IN 2005 THE GAYLORD COMMUNITY CHURCH TOOK OUT A CONSTRUCTION LOAN FOR A NEW ADDITION TO THEIR BUILDING. HOWEVER, JUST BEFORE THEY WERE READY TO MOVE IN A PROBLEM WAS DISCOVERED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION, AND AS SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL REPORTS, THAT IS JUST THE BEGINNING.

September 24, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

AFTER WEEKS OF SIFTING THROUGH APPLICATIONS TRAVERSE CITY IS ONE STEP CLOSER TO FILLING ITS CITY MANAGER POSITION. DURING A SPECIAL MEETING TONIGHT THE TOP CANDIDATES WERE CHOSEN TO COME IN FOR AN INTERVIEW. BUT AS SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER FOUND OUT THE REAL TASK IS JUST BEGINNING. COURTNEY!

September 25, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

RIISING ENERGY COSTS MEAN IT COULD COST YOUR MORE TO HEAT YOUR HOME THIS WINTER. BUT BEYOND THAT IT COULD ALSO MEAN LESS HELP FOR THOSE WHO MAY NEED ASSISTANCE TO PAY THEIR HEATING BILLS IN THE COMING MONTHS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL EXPLAINS THE IMPACT THE RISING COSTS HAVE ON LOCAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS.

September 25, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WEXFORD COUNTY OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO LOOK AT WAYS TO BALANCE THE NEXT FISCAL BUDGET ... WORKING THROUGH A DEFICIT OF ABOUT 250-THOUSAND DOLLARS.THE FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MET THIS AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES AND HEAR FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON THE PLANS.OFFICIALS ARE HOPING TO AVOID CUTTING COUNTY EMPLOYEE'S JOBS. ONE OF THE ISSUES CAUSING THE MAJOR DEFICIT INVOLVES THE WEXFORD COUNTY LANDFILL,

September 25, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT'S A HEAVILY DEBATED ISSUE CENTERING AROUND WHETHER OR NOT THERE'S ENOUGH ROOM IN GRAND TRAVERSE BAY FOR BOTH BOATERS AND SWIMMERS TO COEXIST NEAR THE BEACH. THIS HAS BEEN AN ONGOING ISSUE BETWEEN TRAVERSE CITY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND TONIGHT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD GIVING BOTH PARTIES THE CHANCE TO EXPRESS THEIR CONCERNS.SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER JOINS US LIVE FROM THE GOVERNMENTAL CENTER IN TRAVERSE CITY WITH MORE ON TONIGHT'S MEETING. COURTNEY!

September 26, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

OVER THE NEXT NINE MONTHS MORE THAN 4-HUNDRED PEOPLE WILL LOSE THEIR JOBS AFTER AN AUTOMOTIVE PLANT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT IT WILL CLOSE ITS DOORS.7 & 4 NEWS WAS FIRST TO BREAK THE STORY ABOUT TOWER AUTOMOTIVE. THE PLANT LOCATED OFF OF HAMMOND ROAD IN TRAVERSE CITY HAS FACED FINANCIAL STRUGGLES IN THE PAST, AND FILED FOR BANKRUPTCY IN 2005. OFFICIALS MET WITH EMPLOYEES THIS MORNING AND ANNOUNCED THE PLANT WILL CLOSE IN JUNE OF 2009, AND MOVE WORK TO OTHER PLANTS AROUND THE COUNTRY IMMEDIATELY. 7 & 4'S COURTNEY REHMER JOINS US LIVE OUTSIDE THE TOWER PLANT WITH THE LATEST DETAILS.

September 26, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

THE LIST OF CANDIDATES IS BEING NARROWED DOWN FOR TRAVERSE CITY'S CITY MANAGER POSITION.SIX PEOPLE WILL SOON TAKE PART IN THE NEXT PHASE OF THE INTERVIEW PROCESS.CITY COMMISSIONERS CHOSE THEIR TOP CHOICES OUT OF ABOUT 70 APPLICANTS.

September 26, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE FUTURE OF THE WEXFORD COUNTY CIVIC CENTER IS UNCERTAIN RIGHT NOW. THAT'S BECAUSE THE WEXFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO MAKE UP A 300-THOUSAND DOLLAR DEFICIT IN THE 2009 BUDGET AND CLOSING THE WEX IS ONE OF THE OPTIONS THAT IS BEING LOOKED AT. SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON HAS THE STORY.

September 29, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPLEX IN CHARLEVOIX COUNTY IS GETTING A COMPLETE MAKEOVER.THE APARTMENTS LOCATED IN EAST JORDAN INCLUDE A SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY AS WELL AS A BUILDING WITH FAMILY UNITS. AND DEVELOPERS SAY THE TIMING IS JUST RIGHT FOR THESE UPGRADES. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH REPORTS.

September 29, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

TEN JOBS HANG IN THE BALANCE AS ONE COUNTY LOOKS TO BALANCE THEIR BUDGET.THE MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD IS LOOKING AT POSSIBLY CUTTING AS MANY AS TEN JOBS FROM THE COUNTY STAFF.CURRENTLY THE COMMISSION SAYS THEY ARE FACING A 300- THOUSAND DOLLAR DEFICIT.THEY SAY THEY ARE LOOKING AT POSSIBLY CUTTING UP TO THREE POSITIONS AT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE REST FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS.COMMISSIONER MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER EIGHTH AND TWENTY- SECOND... AND THE FINAL DECISION WILL BE MADE ON NOVEMBER FIRST.

September 29, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

AREA BUS SERVICES ARE GETTING A BOOST THANKS TO THREE AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS IN FEDERAL GRANT MONEY.THE BIGGEST RECIPIENT IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN IS THE OTSEGO COUNTY BUS SYSTEM - WHICH WILL GET TWO GRANTS WORTH ALMOST 325-THOUSAND DOLLARS.THE MONEY IS EARMARKED TO REPLACE FIVE AGING BUSES.LAST SPRING FIVE OTHER BUSES WERE REPLACED. OFFICIALS SAY THE NEW WHEELS ON THE ROAD COME AT A PERFECT TIME ... WHEN MORE RIDERS ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION DUE TO THE HIGH COST OF GASOLINE.

September 29, 2008

Time; 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

WITH THE BAILOUT TAKING CENTER STAGE IN WASHINGTON AND ON WALL STREET, WE WANTED TO KNOW THE AFFECT ON MAIN STREET. WHAT AFFECT IS THE CURRENT ECONOMIC STATE AND THE FAILED 700-- BILLION DOLLAR ATTEMPT TO RECTIFY THE SITUATION--- HAVING RIGHT HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN? SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER HAS MORE... COURTNEY!

September 30, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WITH THE HIGH COST OF FUEL THESE DAYS MOST OF US WOULD DO ANYTHING TO PAY LESS AT THE PUMP...ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN MECHANIC SAYS HE HAS A WAY TO DO THAT BY TRADING IN GAS FOR WATER. SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE SHOWS US HOW HE SAYS IT WORKS.

September 30, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY IS ALSO BEING FACED WITH BUDGET DILEMMAS OF ITS OWN--- A PROJECTED LOSS OF OVER 600- THOUSAND DOLLARS.ACCORDING TO THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY COMMISSION----- BETWEEN 2007 AND 2009 THE COUNTY CAN EXPECT A LOSS OF 607- THOUSAND DOLLARS TO KEEP THE COUNTY'S CIVIC CENTER A FLOAT.IN THE MIDST OF THE FINANCIAL WOES COUNTY COMMISSIONER CHRISTINE MAXBAUER IS SPEAKING OUT ON THE ISSUE. MAXBAUER SAYS THE REASON BEHIND THE PROBLEM IS DUE TO POOR SCHEDULING AND LACK OF KNOWLEDGE ON HOW TO RUN TRAVERSE CITY'S ONLY POOL. THE COUNTY IS LOOKING INTO HIRING AN AQUATICS EXPERT TO GET A BETTER GRASP ON HOW TO MANAGE THE FACILITY. WE'LL HAVE MORE ON THIS ONGOING ISSUE COMING UP TONIGHT AT 11PM.

September 30, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

SEVERAL NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMPANIES WERE GIVEN DEFENSE CONTRACTS THAT WILL BRING IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO MICHIGAN.THOSE COMPANIES INCLUDE A-A-R MOBILITY SYSTEMS AND AVON PROTECTION IN CADILLAC.SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON HAS MORE ON WHAT THESE CONTRACTS MEAN FOR THE ECONOMY.

PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

HEALTH

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

Local News

July 1, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

THE FDA SAID THIS AFTERNOON IT STILL HAS NO IDEA WHAT CAUSED THAT SALMONELLA OUTBREAK THAT'S SICKENED HUNDREDS OF AMERICANS. INVESTIGATORS THOUGHT TOMATOES WERE TO BLAME, BUT NOW THEY AREN'T SO SURE. MEANTIME, THE FOOD INDUSTRY'S LOSING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. TRACY POTTS REPORTS.

July 3, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IF YOU WEAR CONTACTS LISTEN UP... INFECTION OUTBREAKS HAVE PROMPTED RECALLS OF CLEANING SOLUTIONS IN THE PAST, BUT THE RISKS CONTINUE. REPORTER DIANA GONZALEZ TELLS US ABOUT NEW PRECAUTIONS.

July 4, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IT'S THE FOURTH OF THE MONTH AND THAT MEANS ITS TIME TO CALL YOUR BUDDY AND REMIND HER TO DO A SELF BREAST EXAM. WHEN I TALK WITH WOMEN FOR BUDDY CHECK--MANY OF THEM TELL ME ABOUT ALL THE DECISIONS THAT COME WITH A BREAST CANCER DIAGNOSIS. INCLUDING WHETHER OR NOT TO HAVE BREAST RECONSTRUCTION. SO HERE IS AN ENCORE OF A REPORT THAT FOCUSES ON NORTHERN MICHIGAN WOMEN AND THE DECISIONS THAT PROVED TO BE RIGHT FOR THEM.

July 7, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

MORE THAN ONE-POINT-FOUR-MILLION NEW CASES OF CANCER WERE DIAGNOSED IN THE UNITED STATES LAST YEAR. JUDY FORTIN SHARES SOME WAYS TO OFFER COMFORT TO CANCER PATIENTS.

July 15, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE CITY OF MANISTEE HAD TO SHUT DOWN THEIR FIRST STREET BEACH ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY AFTER TRASH WAS FOUND PILED ON THE SAND. SOME MASON COUNTY AND MANISTEE BEACHES ON LAKE MICHIGAN WERE AFFECTED BY THIS UNWELCOME INCIDENT. NOW THE BIG QUESTION IS WHERE DID IT COME FROM AND HOW LONG WILL SOME OF THESE BEACHES BE CLOSED. AN INVESTIGATION IS

UNDERWAY TO DETERMINE WHY SEVERAL HUNDRED POUNDS OF TRASH WASHED UP ONTO THE SHORES OF LAKE MICHIGAN.ACCORDING TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD, THAT TRASH WASHED UP ON LAKE MICHIGAN BEACHES IN MASON AND MANISTEE COUNTIES.

July 16, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

A NEW WELLNESS CENTER IN CHEBOYGAN OPENS ITS DOORS TO THE PUBLIC. CHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IS HOSTING AN OPEN HOUSE FROM 3:30 TO 6 TONIGHT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE HEALTH CENTER AT 7-40 SOUTH MAIN STREET. YOU CAN GO SEE THE NEW CARDIAC REHAB EQUIPMENT, THE TEACHING KITCHEN AND CHECK OUT THE VIEW OF THE CHEBOYGAN RIVER.

July 17, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

TWO COUNTIES HAVE FOUND BATS THAT TESTED POSITIVE FOR RABIES.TODAY HEALTH OFFICIALS FOUND TWO RABID BATS IN ANTRIM AND CHARLEVOIX COUNTY. THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL SAY IF A PERSON OR ANIMAL HAS BEEN BITTEN BY AN ANIMAL SUSPECTED OF HAVING RABIES TREATMENT IS CRUCIAL. ACCORDING TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF NORTHWEST MICHIGAN, BATS, DOGS, RATS, AND FERRETS ARE THE MOST COMMON SOURCES OF RABIES.FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO KEEP YOURSELF AND YOUR PETS SAFE YOU CAN LONG ONTO OUR WEBSITE- TV- SEVEN- DASH- FOUR- DOT- COM.

July 17, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

THE WEXFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WANTS PEOPLE TO KNOW THEY HAVE BICYCLE HELMETS AVAILABLE TO THOSE IN NEED. AS PART OF THE COUNTYWIDE BIKE SAFETY PROGRAM--THE SHERIFF HAS RECEIVED A SHIPMENT OF HELMETS FOR KIDS. ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS--MORE THAN 800 CYCLISTS ARE KILLED AND 55-THOUSAND INJURED EACH YEAR IN BICYCLE ACCIDENTS. MORE THAN HALF OF THE INJURIES ARE DUE TO IMPROPER EQUIPMENT. IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF A HELMET CONTACT THE WEXFORD COUNTY SHERIFF TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT. KIDS WHO ARE SPOTTED WEARING THEIR HELMETS BY DEPUTIES WILL RECIEVE A SPECIAL REWARD.

July 19, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

BACTERIA FOUND IN A CREEK IN LEELANAU COUNTY IS BRINGING SOME NEW CONCERNS FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS. NOW OFFICIALS ARE LOOKING TO FIND THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM BEFORE IT SPREADS. OFFICIALS SAY RECENT FINDINGS OF HIGH AMOUNTS OF ECOLI COULD ALSO BE AN INDICATOR OF EVEN MORE BACTERIA.SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE JOINS US LIVE TO EXPLAIN WHAT OFFICIALS ARE DOING TO TRY AND STOP THE PROBLEM SHEENA?

July 19, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

STATE REGULATORS SAY THEY WILL ALLOW BLUE CROSS- BLUE SHIELD OF MICHIGAN TO INCREASE RATES FOR SOME INDIVIDUAL MARKET HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES BY ABOUT FIFTEEN- POINT- FIVE PERCENT.THE RECALCULATED RATE INCREASE WAS APPROVED FRIDAY BY THE MICHIGAN OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE REGULATION.BLUE CROSS HAD SOUGHT A *24 PERCENT* RATE INCREASE ALMOST TWO YEARS AGO. SINCE THEN, MORE OF ITS NON-GROUP CUSTOMERS HAVE SHIFTED INTO PRODUCTS THAT REQUIRE ENROLLEES TO SHARE MORE OF THE COSTS.THE POLICIES WITH RATE INCREASES COVER ABOUT 18,000 CUSTOMERS UNDER AGE 65. BLUE CROSS SAYS MOST OF ITS INDIVIDUAL MARKET CUSTOMERS

WILL NOT HAVE A RATE INCREASE UNDER THIS RULING.THE RATE INCREASE DECISION BY STATE REGULATORS COULD BE APPEALED IN COURT.

July 26, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A MEMORIAL RIDE WITH AT LEAST TWO-HUNDRED MOTORCYCLISTS -- ALL OUT IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN TODAY TO HONOR THE LIFE OF A YOUNG WOMAN.IT WAS A DAY FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO REMEMBER ... AND TO RAISE FUNDS AND AWARENESS OF THE DISEASE THAT TOOK A LOCAL WOMAN'S LIFE ASHLEY SEXTON OF MANCELONA WAS ONLY 22- YEARS OLD WHEN SHE DIED LAST FALL DURING A SURGERY TO REMOVE TUMORS FROM THE DISEASE. SHE HAD AN UNCURABLE DISEASE CALLED NEUROFIBROMATOSIS{NURO-FIBRO-MATOSIS} 7&4'S MELISSA WAS AT THE EVENT AND HAS THE DETAILS.

August 4, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IT'S THE FOURTH OF THE MONTH, AND THAT MEANS ITS TIME TO CALL YOUR BUDDY AND REMIND HER TO DO A SELF BREAST EXAM. YOU MAY HAVE HEARD OF THE "BREAST CANCER GENE"--SOMETHING PASSED ON FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION THAT HAS BEEN LINKED TO AN INCREASED CHANCE OF DEVELOPING THE DISEASE.TESTING FOR THAT GENE IS NOW TAKING PLACE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN.BACK IN APRIL--I TALKED TO AN AREA WOMAN WHO UNDERWENT THAT TESTING--AND WHEN I RAN INTO HER THIS SUMMER--SHE SAYS SHE WAS HAPPY TO REPORT THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE CAME TO HER WITH QUESTIONS.SO--HERE IS AN ENCORE PRESENTATION OF THAT PIECE TO GIVE YOU INSIGHT INTO WHETHER OR NOT THE PROCESS IS RIGHT FOR YOU.

August 4, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

WE ALL KNOW FAST FOOD ISN'T ALWAYS THE BEST CHOICE FOR OUR KIDS - BUT A NEW STUDY OUT TODAY SHOWS *JUST* HOW FATTY AND HIGH-CALORIE EATING OUT CAN BE. THERE *WAS* ONE RESTAURANT CHAIN, THOUGH, THAT SEEMED TO BUCK THE TREND. JINAH KIM TELLS US ABOUT IT.

August 5, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

PATIENTS OF MUNSON MEDICAL CENTER HAVE NOTICED SOME RECENT BIG ADDITIONS--LIKE A RE-VAMPED EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AND A NEW BREAST HEALTH CENTER.THERE'S ANOTHER ONE THAT MAY BE A LITTLE HARDER TO SPOT-- BUT COULD MAKE A VISIBLE DIFFERENCE IN PATIENT CARE.

August 11, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

FOR YEARS WE'VE BEEN TOLD "DRINK MILK FOR STRONG BONES." NOW THERE'S MORE RESEARCH SUGGESTING VITAMIN D MAY ALSO LOWER YOUR RISK OF DEATH FROM HEART DISEASE, CANCER, AND DIABETES. TRACIE POTTS REPORTS...

August 13, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

YOU OFTEN HEAR THAT THE BEST WAY TO START THE DAY IS WITH A GOOD BREAKFAST-- AND THIS MORNING PROVED IT'S ALSO THE BEST WAY TO KICK OFF AN EVENT 7&4 HAD THE PLEASURE OF HELPING WITH THE MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER KICKOFF BREAKFAST AT THE PARK PLACE HOTEL IN TRAVERSE CITY.

August 14, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

THE MEDICAL LEADERS OF TOMORROW COULD GET THEIR START IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN. THIRD AND FOURTH YEAR MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL STUDENTS WILL WORK AT HOSPITALS IN THE TEN NORTHERN MICHIGAN COUNTIES HIGHLIGHTED ON YOUR SCREEN. IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF A PARTNERSHIP WITH MUNSON MEDICAL CENTER--THAT WILL FORM MSU'S FIRST NEW MEDICAL EDUCATION COMMUNITY CAMPUS IN THIRTY YEARS.

August 14, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER - OR A-D-H-D IS A MENTAL DISORDER USUALLY ASSOCIATED WITH CHILDREN -- BUT IT ACTUALLY AFFECTS MILLIONS OF ADULTS AND CAN TAKE A TOLL ON DAILY ACTIVITIES LIKE WORK. DAVID USHERY REPORTS.

August 17, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

AN EVENT TAKING PLACE THIS EVENING AIMS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR BREAST CANCER PREVENTION. IT'S A 2-DAY EVENT CALLED THE ANTRIM COUNTY HIGH TEA FOR BREAST CANCER PREVENTION. TONIGHT'S EVENING RECEPTION IS BEING HELD AT THE A-GA-MING GOLF RESORT IN KEWADIN. ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE EVENT STAY IN ANTRIM COUNTY AND WILL GO TOWARDS MAMMOGRAMS, DIAGNOSTIC TESTING AND BREAST CANCER EDUCATION FOR UNINSURED MEN AND WOMEN.

August 18, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IN HEALTH NEWS TONIGHT...FOOD ALLERGIES ARE PRETTY COMMON AMONG BABIES AND YOUNG CHILDREN, BUT SOME DANGEROUS FOOD ALLERGIES MIGHT BE MORE COMMON THAN PEOPLE KNOW. DOREEN GENTZLER EXPLAINS.

August 18, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT'S A TEA PARTY WITH A MISSION. 7&4'S KRISTIN MACIOROWSKI SHOW US HOW THIS ELEGANT AFFAIR WILL IMPACT MANY PEOPLE IN ANTRIM COUNTY.

August 28, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

7&4 NEWS IS ONCE AGAIN A PROUD SPONSOR OF THE ANNUAL JERRY LEWIS MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION TELETHON. IT BEGINS SUNDAY NIGHT AT 9 PM ON 7&4 ...AND RUNS THROUGH MONDAY. WE WILL BE BROADCASTING LIVE AT THE GRAND TRAVERSE MALL AND WE INVITE YOU TO STOP BY TO MAKE A DONATION AND WATCH SOME OF THE BIG EVENT. NOW REMEMBER THE MONEY RAISED IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN HELPS PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY...AND FOR KIDS LIVING WITH M-D...YOUR MONEY GOES FAR-- ALLOWING THEM DO TAKE PART IN SPECIAL EVENTS TO BRING JOY TO THEIR LIVES.

August 28, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

ONE GRAND TRAVERSE BEACH HAS BEEN ISSUED A LEVEL TWO E- COLI WARNING. RECENT HEALTH DEPARTMENT TESTS OF BRYANT PARK IN TRAVERSE CITY SHOWS HIGHTENED LEVELS OF E- COLI THE E- COLI LEVELS RANGE BETWEEN 300 AND ONE- THOUSAND PARTS PER MILLION. MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIORNMENTAL QUALITY SAY LOCAL BECH GOERS ARE ADVISED TO NOT HAVE CONTACT WITH THE WATER ABOVE THEIR WAIST. THE LEVEL TWO STATUS OF THE BEACH WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL TESTS COME BACK BELOW THE 300 LEVEL MARK.

September 4, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IN HEALTH NEWS TONIGHT....TODAY IS THE FOURTH OF THE MONTH--AND THAT MEANS IT IS TIME TO CALL YOUR BUDDY AND REMIND HER TO DO A SELF BREAST EXAM.I'VE GOTTEN A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT SELF EXAMS--AFTER A RECENT STUDY SAID THERE IS NO REAL EVIDENCE THAT THEY SAVE LIVES--AND SOME ORGANIZATIONS ARE NOT PUSHING THEM LIKE THEY USE TO.I TOOK THAT RESEARCH TO MUNSON MEDICAL CENTER--WHERE EXPERTS DISAGREE WITH THAT STUDY.HERE'S WHY--AND DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO DO A SELF BREAST EXAM.

September 5, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IT'S WHERE MEDICINE MEETS MYSTICISM. COULD SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS HUMAN CONTACT HELP CANCER PATIENTS FIGHT OFF THE DEBILITATING EFFECTS OF CHEMO? MARIANNE FAVRO TAKES A CLOSER LOOK AT "HEALING TOUCH."

September 5, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

EACH YEAR CANCER KILLS MORE THAN HALF A MILLION PEOPLE IN THE U.S. ALONE...THAT'S ONE PERSON EVERY MINUTE.NBC, ABC AND CBS ARE TEAMING UP IN HOPES OF MAKING CANCER A THING OF THE PASTTHE 3 MAJOR NETWORKS WILL SIMULCAST A SPECIAL FUNDRAISING EVENT "STAND UP TO CANCER".THE MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO FAST TRACK CANCER RESEARCH TO HELP PUT A STOP TO THE DISEASE.YOU CAN CATCH THE SPECIAL "STAND UP TO CANCER" TONIGHT AT 8 ON T-V 7&4. YOU CAN ALSO FIND A LINK TO THE STAND UP TO CANCER WEBPAGE BY LOGGING ONTO OURS AT T-V SEVEN DASH FOUR DOT COM.

September 5, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

TWO WEEKS...TWO DIFFERENT NORTHERN MICHIGAN BEACHES HAVE SHOWN ELEVATED ECOLI LEVELS.THAT RAISED QUESTIONS, WHAT I FOUND OUT IS THE SUBJECT OF TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT.

September 10, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

SENIORS IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY ARE ENJOYING THE OUTDOORS AND GETTING SOME EXERCISE AT THE SAME TIME. THE 29-TH ANNUAL SENIOR GAMES PUT ON BY THE Y-M-C-A AND THE TRAVERSE CITY SENIOR CENTER ARE TAKING PLACE THIS WEEK IN TRAVERSE CITY. AMONG TODAY'S SCHEDULED EVENTS--THE 5-K RUN. DOZENS OF PARTICIPANTS - ALL 50 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER -- LACED UP THEIR RUNNING SHOES AND PUT THEIR FEET TO THE PAVEMENT. PRIZES ARE AWARDED IN EACH EVENT BASED ON AGE GROUP CATEGORIES.

September 11, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

STATE HEALTH INSPECTORS SAY THE FORMER ELK RAPIDS SPORTSMAN'S CLUB POSES A PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARD.THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH RELEASED ITS FINAL CONSULTATION TODAY.IN 2006 THE FORMER SHOOTING RANGE WAS CLOSED AND THE TOWNSHIP PROPOSED TURNING IT INTO A PUBLIC PARK.THE SITE HAD BEEN A SHOOTING RANGE FOR MORE THAN 70 YEARS AND THERE WERE CONCERNS ABOUT SOIL TOXICITY. STATE HEALTH INSPECTORS RECOMMEND PROVISIONS TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH INCLUDING LEAD INSPECTIONS IN ALL SITE BUILDINGS AND ACTIONS TO ADDRESS LEAD CONTAMINATION IN SOIL. THE TOWNSHIP WILL NOW COME UP WITH A NEW PLAN TO COMPLY WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS.

September 12, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

A NORTHERN MICHIGAN HOSPITAL IS HOLDING AN EVENT TO TEACH AREA FAMILIES ABOUT HEALTH AND SAFETY. IT'S THE FIFTH ANNUAL JUST IN CASE COMMUNITY AWARENESS EVENT AT SPECTRUM HEALTH IN REED CITY. PEOPLE OF ALL AGES CAN COME AND LEARN ABOUT A VARIETY OF HEALTH ISSUE TOPICS FROM LEAD TESTING TOYS TO THE NEW BOOSTER SEAT REQUIREMENTS OR PERFORMING THE HEIMLICH MANEUVER. THERE WILL ALSO BE A NUMBER OF FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS AVAILABLE. YOU CAN MEET HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND AREA LAW ENFORCEMENT. THE EVENT IS TAKING PLACE FROM NOON UNTIL 4 THIS SUNDAY IN THE SPECTRUM HEALTH HOSPITAL PARKING LOT.

September 13, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

IT WAS A WALK TO REMEMBER THIS AFTERNOON - REMEMBERING BABIES WHO DIED THROUGH MISCARRIAGE, STILL BORN DEATH OR NEW BORN DEATH.THE R-T-S BEREAVEMENT SERVICES WHICH IS A GRIEF BASED PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES THAT HAVE LOST BABIES THROUGH THESE TYPES OF INCIDENTS HOSTED THE EVENT AT THE TRAVERSE CITY LIBRARY. ORGANIZERS SAY IT GIVES PARENTS A CHANCE TO GRIEVE AND SPEAK WITH OTHER FAMILIES ABOUT THEIR LOSSES.

September 15, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

CHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IS ANNOUNCING A NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH MUNSON HEALTH SYSTEMS.IT'S A PARTNERSHIP C-M-H OFFICIALS SAY WILL BRING SOME BIG CHANGES TO HEALTHCARE IN THE AREA. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL REPORTS.

September 16, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

GETTING YOUR DRIVERS' LICENSE IS A RITE OF PASSAGE FOR MOST TEENAGERS. BUT AS JUDY FORTIN REPORTS , THE LEARNING PROCESS MAY BE MORE COMPLICATED FOR TEENS WITH ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER.

September 18, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

EVERY YEAR IN THE U-S, ELEVEN- THOUSAND WOMEN ARE DIAGNOSED WITH CERVICAL CANCER. FOUR THOUSAND WILL DIE FROM IT. JUDY FORTIN TELLS US WHY EDUCATION AND EARLY DETECTION ARE SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART OF PREVENTION.

September 30, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

HEALTH WORKERS IN ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITY ARE INVESTIGATING AN E-COLI OUTBREAK WHICH HAS SENT FOUR PEOPLE TO THE HOSPITAL.DOCTORS IN EMMET COUNTY DIAGNOSED THE RESIDENTS WITH A SEVERE CASE OF E-COLI LAST WEEK.HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE TRYING TO DETERMINE IF THE CASES ARE RELATED TO AN E-COLI OUTBREAK DOWNSTATE WHICH SICKENED ABOUT THIRTY PEOPLE. RESULTS OF THE CULTURES SHOULD DETERMINE IF IT IS THE SAME STRAIN BY THE END OF THIS WEEK.

September 30, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

CONSUMERS WILL NOW BE ABLE TO LOOK AT A CUT OF MEAT OR A PIECE OF FRUIT, AND KNOW WHERE IT CAME FROM. A NEW FEDERAL LAW THAT TAKES EFFECT TOMORROW REQUIRES FOOD MANUFACTURERS AND GROCERY STORES TO PROVIDE COUNTRY OR ORIGIN LABELS ON A NUMBER OF FOOD ITEMS. LEANNE GREGG REPORTS FROM DENVER.

PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

EDUCATION

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

Local News

July 1, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE SUTTONS BAY SCHOOL DISTRICT IS FACING A MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET SHORTFALL...SO IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE MONEY THE SCHOOL BOARD VOTED TO MAKE SOME CHANGES. LAST NIGHT THE BOARD VOTED TO MAKE CUTS AND REDUCE OPERATING COSTS. THEY DECIDED TO REDUCE SPENDING ON DESKS, FURNITURE, BOOKS, MAGAZINES AND TEACHING SUPPLIES. ALSO--ELIMINATE 23 POSITIONS AND SLASH THE SUBSTITUTE TEACHING BUDGET. CUTS WERE MADE IN THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT--WITH 9TH GRADERS NOW PLAYING ON JUNIOR VARSITY TEAMS TO SAVE MONEY.

July 2, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

DIABETIC KIDS WHO HAVE TO CONSTANTLY MONITOR THEIR CONDITION AND MEDICATE, OFTEN FIND THEMSELVES DEALING WITH INSECURITY. BUT KRISTI NELSON TAKES US TO A TEXAS CAMP WHERE NO ONE FEELS LIKE THEY'RE ON THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN.

July 2, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT:THE SUMMER MONTHS ARE OFTEN SET ASIDE FOR CLASS REUNIONS, AND WITH THE PLANNING COMES SPECIAL CHALLENGES, ESPECIALLY WITH A TWENTIETH REUNION FOR A CLASS OF 800!NEXT MONTH MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 19-88 FROM TRAVERSE CITY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL WILL CATCH UP WITH ONE ANOTHER, BUT THAT SPECIAL NIGHT HAS BEEN TWO YEARS IN THE MAKING!

July 3, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A SCULPTURE THAT HAD BEEN PROPOSED FOR TRAVERSE CITY'S OPEN SPACE MAY NOW HAVE A MORE ARTISTIC HOME AFTER PUBLIC OUTCRY.SOME PEOPLE FELT THE 19 FOOT SCULPTURE WOULD BLOCK THE VIEW OF WEST GRAND TRAVERSE BAY SO THE "TIME MYTH" SCULPTURE MAY NOW BE HEADED TO THE INTERLOCHEN CENTER FOR THE ARTS.THE PIECE WOULD BE DONATED FROM THE FORMER KMART HEADQUARTERS DOWNSTATE INTERLOCHEN LEADERS ARE CURRENTLY WORKING OUT THE DETAILS OF HAVING THE STATUE DELIVERED. THEY HOPE TO HAVE IT FINALIZED IN ABOUT SIX WEEKS.

July 3, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm Duration :30
IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT:KNOWLEDGE IS POWER, BUT SOME PEOPLE ARE SAYING WHEN IT COMES TO WIKIPEDIA, THE KNOWLEDGE IT GIVES ISN'T ALWAYS RIGHT. HANK TESTER HAS THE DETAILS.

July 4, 2008
Time: 5:00-6:00pm Duration :30
IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT: A LEELANAU COUNTY COMMUNITY IS HOPING TO HELP ITS COLLEGE FUND FOR ITS STUDENTS WITH A WEEKEND FUND RAISING EVENT. THE NORTHPORT PROMISE GIVES STUDENTS WHO ATTEND NORTHPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS THROUGH OUT THEIR ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL YEARS FULL TUITION TO THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL OF THEIR CHOICE.A PLEDGE PICNIC AND SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER IS TAKING PLACE AT THE MARINA PARK IN NORTHPORT. THE FUN GETS UNDERWAY TOMORROW AT NOON AND CONTINUES UNTIL THREE.

July 4, 2008
Time: 5:00-6:00pm Duration :30
PROBLEMS WITH DROUGHT IN GEORGIA HAVE BROUGHT OUT AN INVENTIVE STREAK IN ONE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT. MARC PICKARD HAS THE STORY.

July 10, 2008
Time: 5:00-6:00pm Duration :30
IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT:THE ECONOMY IS TAKING ITS TOLL ON THE STUDENT LOAN INDUSTRY. SO MUCH SO, SOME STUDENTS WON'T BE GOING BACK TO THE SAME SCHOOL IN THE FALL. TRACY DAVIDSON HAS MORE.

July 15, 2008
Time: 6:00-6:30pm Duration :30
MANISTEE COUNTY PARENTS CONCERNED THAT THEIR CHILDREN'S SCHOOL WOULD CLOSE--BROUGHT THEIR QUESTIONS TO US.WE CALLED THE SUPERINTENDENT OF KALEVA NORMAN DICKSON SCHOOLS TO GET THE ANSWERS.MIKE (MA TESS ICK) TELLS US THAT AT THIS TIME, THERE ARE NO DEFINITE PLANS TO CLOSE KALEVA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.HE SAYS IT WOULD NOT SAVE MONEY SINCE THE LONGER DISTANCES WOULD MEAN INCREASING FUEL COSTS. RISING GAS PRICES ARE ALREADY AFFECTING THE DISTRICT--AS ARE STAFF LAYOFFS AND DECLINING ENROLLMENT.THE BOARD IS LOOKING AT WAYS TO MEET THOSE CHALLENGES. THE SUPERINTENDENT SAYS THEY ARE CONSIDERING DIFFERENT WAYS TO EVEN OUT CLASS SIZES AT BOTH KALEVA AND WELLSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS--INCLUDING RESTRUCTING BUS ROUTES AND COMBINING TWO GRADES INTO ONE CLASSROOM. SCHOOL LEADERS ARE BRAINSTORMING RIGHT NOW--WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THIS STORY AND BRING YOU THE LATEST INFORMATION.

July 16, 2008
Time: 5:00-6:00pm Duration :30
IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT:FOR MILLIONS OF KIDS, 'SUMMER CAMP' MEANS LOTS OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ... SWIMMING, CAMPING, FISHING. BUT FOR SOME SUMMER CAMPERS IN FLORIDA, THEIR TIME AWAY FROM SCHOOL IS STILL SPENT LEARNING ... ABOUT A POSSIBLE CAREER IN CRIME FIGHTING. ASHLEY COLEMAN REPORTS.

July 17, 2008
Time: 5:00-6:00pm Duration :30
IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT:REBUILDING IS UNDERWAY AFTER A POWERFUL TORNADO RIPPED THROUGH IOWA TWO MONTHS AGO, AND IT DOESN'T INVOLVE JUST HOMES AND BUSINESSES. STEVE KARLIN REPORTS ON A GROUP OF COLLEGE

STUDENTS USING THEIR COMPUTER SKILLS TO DO THEIR PART IN HELPING A HIGH SCHOOL RECOVER.

July 22, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT:WITH FOUR DOLLAR A GALLON GAS AND RISING FOOD COSTS, FAMILIES ARE CUTTING BACK ON BACK-TO-SCHOOL SPENDING THIS YEAR. A NATIONAL SURVEY FINDS 71 PERCENT OF CONSUMERS WILL SPEND LESS ON SCHOOL ITEMS THIS YEAR THAN LAST. 83 PERCENT SAY THEY'LL CUT BACK ON BACK-TO-SCHOOL CLOTHES SPENDING. WHILE A FULL 90 PERCENT PLAN TO CHANGE THE WAY THEY SHOP. MANY WILL BE SHOPPING AT DOLLAR STORES... RATHER THAN DEPARTMENT STORES AND OFFICE SUPPLY STORES.

July 24, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT:SOME STUDENTS DREAD THE IDEA OF SUMMER SCHOOL... BUT 7&4'S KRISTIN MACIOROWSKI VISITED A TRAVERSE CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROGRAM AND LEARNED THAT THERE IS A BRIGHT SIDE.IT CAN HELP STUDENTS GET WHAT THEY WANT, WITH LESS STRESS.

July 24, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

THE SYSTEM IS DESIGNED TO REACH OUT TO FACULTY, STAFF, PARENTS, AND EVEN STUDENTS FOR ANY NUMBER OF REASONS - FROM EMERGENCIES TO SCHOOL CLOSINGS TO ATTENDANCE ISSUES. THE PROGRAM WILL BE UTILIZED BY TRAVERSE CITY SCHOOLS - AND A DOZEN DISTRICTS IN THE FIVE-COUNTY GRAND TRAVERSE REGION.SEVEN AND FOUR'S BILL FROEHLICH JOINS US LIVE FROM THE TRAVERSE CITY NEWSROOM WITH MORE. BILL!

July 25, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

THE SCOUT MASTERS IN CHARGE OF CAMP GREILICK OPENED IT'S DOORS TO THE MEDIA TODAY.SPECTATORS GOT TO SEE THE HISTORY OF THE CAMP AS WELL AS THE MANY OPPORTUNITIES THE CAMP OFFERS TO BOTH BOY SCOUTS AND CUB SCOUTS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON HAS MORE ON THE FAMOUS GREILICK CAMP.

July 25, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A UNIQUE PLAYGROUND IS GIVING CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES THE CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE SENSATIONS--- LIKE SLIDING DOWN A SLIDE--- FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME.THE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND IS LOCATED IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY'S BLAIR TOWNSHIP AND THERES NOT ANOTHER ONE LIKE IT NORTH OF GRAND RAPIDS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER HAS THE DETAILS.

July 28, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT:TUITION AND FEES WILL BE INCREASING NEARLY NINE PERCENT AT LAKE SUPERIOR STATE UNIVERSITY THIS FALL.THE DETROIT FREE PRESS SAYS AN IN-STATE UNDERGRADUATE AT LAKE SUPERIOR STATE WILL PAY \$7,894 FOR 30 CREDIT HOURS AND FEES FOR TWO SEMESTERS.MICHIGAN UNIVERSITIES SAY THEY ARE RAISING TUITION IN PART BECAUSE THE LEVEL OF STATE TAXPAYER AID ALLOCATED TO COLLEGES HAS STAYED FLAT OR DECLINED IN RECENT YEARS.

July 28, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

SHOPPING AROUND FOR THE BEST DEAL COULD BE BAD NEWS FOR YOUR CREDIT SCORE ...WHEN TRYING TO BORROW MONEY FOR COLLEGE.. A REPORT IN THE NEW YORK TIMES SAYS PARENTS AND STUDENTS WHO COMPARISON SHOP FOR A PRIVATE STUDENT LOAN COULD DAMAGE THEIR CREDIT SCORE. THE TIMES REPORTS FAIR ISAAC, THE COMPANY THAT HELPS CALCULATE CREDIT SCORES, DOES NOT EXTEND THE SAME BREAK TO PRIVATE STUDENT LOAN APPLICANTS. FAIR ISAAC SAYS THERE'S LITTLE TO NO DAMAGE TO CREDIT SCORES... BUT SOME LENDERS DISAGREE.. SAYING EVEN A SMALL DECLINE CAN LEAD TO A MORE COSTLY INTEREST RATE.

July 28, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

AND SPEAKING OF COLLEGE STUDENTS...MORE OF THEM ARE TURNING TO FOOD BANKS TO HELP DEAL WITH RISING FOOD PRICES. THE DIRECTOR OF A FOOD PANTRY NEAR THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SAID HE'S SEEN AN INCREASE IN USAGE AND DEMAND FROM STUDENTS WHO HAVE NEVER USED THE FOOD PANTRY BEFORE. OTHER COLLEGES REPORT SIMILAR TRENDS. OFFICIALS AT A DENVER RUN COLLEGE FOOD-ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SAID DEMAND AMONG STUDENTS THERE HAS DOUBLED IN THE PAST YEAR. MOST COMMUNITY FOOD BANKS ONLY REQUIRE IDENTIFICATION THAT PROVES USERS LIVE IN THE AREA.

July 30, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A NORTHERN MICHIGAN SCHOOL DISTRICT IS FACING SOME MAJOR BUDGET CUTS BEFORE THE START OF THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR.RIGHT NOW THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MESICK SCHOOLS SAY THE DISTRICT IS LOOKING AT CUTTING 700-- THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE BUDGET. THIS WILL BE DONE THROUGH REDUCTIONS TO THE STAFF, NOT REPLACING RETIRING TEACHERS, AND A CUT TO THE DISTRICT'S BUS ROUTES. THE SUPERINTENDENT SAYS THE BOARD HAS BEEN WORKING ON THE BUDGET FOR THE PAST THREE MONTHS.A SPECIAL MEETING WILL BE HELD TONIGHT AT 7PM AT THE HIGH SCHOOL'S LIBRARY. WE'LL HAVE THE LATEST FROM THE MEETING AT SEVEN AND FOUR NEWS AT 11.

July 31, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT:RED-SHIRTING: A TERM THAT MEANS HOLDING COLLEGE ATHLETES BACK A YEAR TO GAIN EXPERIENCE FOR THE FIELD. NOW, PARENTS ARE DOING THE SAME WITH KINDERGARTNERS HEADING TO SCHOOL. BUT COULD MAKING THE WRONG DECISION NOW PUT THEM AT A DISADVANTAGE YEARS FROM NOW. DEBORAH FEYERICK TAKES A LOOK.

July 31, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT MAY BE THE LAST DAY OF JULY, BUT IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY FOR SOME 'JINGLE BELLS'. THIS WEEK FOR SOME AREA STUDENTS, IT'S ALL ABOUT THE ORCHESTRA. 22 KIDS HAVE SPENT THEIR WEEK IN GAYLORD LEARNING ALL ABOUT MUSIC AND HOW TO PLAY VARIOUS INSTRUMENTS. FOR MANY OF THE KIDS THIS WAS THEIR VERY FIRST TIME EVEN PICKING UP AN INSTRUMENT AND THE CAMP INSTRUCTOR'S SAY THE STUDENTS ARE LEARNING QUICKLY.

August 4, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT:A FREE COLLEGE EDUCATION? SCHOLARSHIP COACH BEN KAPLAN SAYS IT'S POSSIBLE. KAPLAN LET TRACY DAVIDSON IN ON SOME OF THE MOST COMMON SCHOLARSHIP MYTHS AND MISTAKES.

August 6, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

GOVERNOR GRANHOLM SIGNED THE SCHOOL AID BUDGET TODAY--THAT INCREASES PER PUPIL FUNDING AND AIMS TO IMPROVE GRADUATION RATES.THE BUDGET IS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR THAT STARTS IN OCTOBER.IT INCLUDES 15 MILLION DOLLARS FOR HER SMALL SCHOOLS INTIATIVE--WHICH COULD EVENTUALLY MEAN 70 SMALLER, STUDENT-FRIENDLY HIGH SCHOOLS CREATED IN THE STATE. BUT SCHOOLS WILL HAVE TO COME UP WITH MATCHING FUNDS TO GET THAT STATE MONEY.THE K THROUGH 12 SCHOOLS BUDGET ALSO PROVIDES BETWEEN 56 AND 112 DOLLARS MORE PER STUDENT FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR.

August 6, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

SO WE WANTED TO KNOW JUST HOW THE INCREASED FUNDING WOULD IMPACT THE AREA'S LARGEST SCHOOL DISTRICT?SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE SHOWS US WHY TRAVERSE CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL LEADERS SAY THE EXTRA FUNDING STILL WON'T COVER COSTS.

August 7, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT:THE STATE SAYS SCORES IMPROVED SLIGHTLY THIS YEAR ON MICHIGAN'S STANDARDIZED TEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. THE STATE RELEASED THE LATEST ROUND OF MICHIGAN MERIT EXAM SCORES EARLIER TODAY. THE PERCENTAGE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO SCORED AT THE PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED LEVELS IMPROVED SLIGHTLY IN READING, WRITING AND SCIENCE COMPARED TO LAST YEAR. SOCIAL STUDIES SCORES DECLINED. MATH SCORES HELD STEADY.TO SEE THE FULL REPORT -- LOG ON TO OUR WEBSITE TV 7 DASH 4 DOT COM.

August 7, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

JUST A FEW MORE WEEKS UNTIL THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS AND A FEW TRAVERSE CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ARE GETTING MILLION DOLLAR RENOVATIONS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE, SHOWS US WHY STUDENTS WILL BE WALKING INTO A NEW PART OF SCHOOL IN THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR.

August 8, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT:IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR--BACK TO SCHOOL FOR THE LITTLE ONES AND THE COLLEGE GROWN UPS. A SHOPPING SEASON SECOND ONLY TO CHRISTMAS IN OVERALL SALES. WHILE KIDS WORK ON GETTING THE LOOK FOR THE SEASON ...PARENTS ARE HOLDING OUT FOR BARGAINS. AND RETAILERS ARE HOPING IT WILL BE A GOOD MONTH FOR PROFITS, FOLLOWING A ROUGH JULY. MICHELLE FRANZEN HAS THE STORY.

August 12, 2008

Time 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

SUMMER VACATION IS WINDING DOWN IN MANY PARTS OF THE COUNTRY... AND FOR MANY STUDENTS THAT MEANS GETTING USED TO AN EARLIER BEDTIME. JUDY FORTIN REPORTS...

August 14, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT:SUMMER VACATION MAY BE COMING TO AN END-- BUT IT WASN'T A TOTAL BREAK FOR MANY TEACHERS--WHO TOOK TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR. I SAT IN ON ONE SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY--THAT

BROUGHT A NATIONALLY RENOWNED PROGRAM TO TRAVERSE CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

August 15, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

FROZEN DINNERS, RAMEN NOODLES, AND LEFTOVER PIZZA. THE MENU OF COLLEGE STUDENTS! BUT WITH HIGH GAS AND FOOD PRICES, STUDENTS ARE FEELING THE PINCH IN THEIR BUDGETS MORE THAN EVER. WHAT'S A STUDENT TO DO? HOW ABOUT SIGN UP FOR FOOD STAMPS. AMARA SOHN REPORTS.

August 16, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A MUCH ANTICIPATED NATURE CENTER IN TRAVERSE CITY FINALLY OPENED ITS DOORS TO THE PUBLIC.THE GRAND TRAVERSE CONSERVATION DISTRICT HAS BEEN RAISING FUNDS FOR THE BOARDMAN RIVER NATURE CENTER FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS.AS 7 & 4'S MELISSA SMITH REPORTS, ALL OF THEIR HARD WORD PAID OFF AS THE PUBLIC TOOK THEIR FIRST LOOK TODAY.

August 18, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT:MORE THAN A DOZEN EMMET COUNTY STUDENTS WILL BE GETTING A FINANCIAL BOOST FOR HIGHER EDUCATION. THE PETOSKEY-HARBOR SPRINGS AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HAS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS TO GRADUATES FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS. THIS YEAR SIXTEEN STUDENTS WERE GIVEN CHECKS RANGING FROM 500 TO SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE THIS YEAR ADDS UP TO 30-THOUSAND DOLLARS.

August 18, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

SCHOOL STARTS IN A FEW WEEKS, AND TEACHERS ARE BUSY GETTING THEIR CLASSROOMS READY. BUT MANY OF THOSE TEACHERS ARE BUYING SUPPLIES WITH THEIR OWN MONEY. SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON REPORTS.

August 19, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT: IF YOU'RE A "STARVING COLLEGE STUDENT" OR KNOW ONE, HERE ARE SOME WAYS TO CUT DOWN ON THOSE EXPENSIVE TEXTBOOK COSTS. REPORTS SAY BE FIRST TO THE CAMPUS BOOKSTORE, SO YOU CAN BUY USED, CHEAPER COPIES. GET YOUR BOOK'S "I-S-B-N" NUMBERS SO YOU CAN COMPARISON SHOP ONLINE FOR BETTER PRICES. SOME SITES EVEN RENT BOOKS. AND AS A LAST RESORT, CHECK YOUR CAMPUS LIBRARY. SOME STOCK COPIES OF THE TEXTBOOKS, AND USING THOSE COULD BE FREE.

August 19, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

ITS NO SECRET, TO KICK A NEW SCHOOL YEAR OFF RIGHT, A FEW DAILY NECESSITIES LIKE PAPER, PENCILS, AND OF COURSE A BOOK BAG ARE A MUST. AND WITH THE START OF THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR WEEKS AWAY--- ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITY IS MAKING SURE EVERY STUDENT HAS WHAT HE OR SHE NEEDS.SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER HAS MORE ON THE LOCAL EFFORTS.

August 20, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

STUDENTS ACROSS NORTHERN MICHIGAN ARE GEARING UP TO HEAD BACK TO CLASS ... AND WITH THE RINGING OF THE SCHOOL BELL ... ALSO COMES HEAVY

BACKPACKS.JUDY FORTIN HAS SOME TIPS ON AVOIDING INJURIES FROM THE EXCESS WEIGHT.

August 20, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THERE WILL BE SOME CHANGES TO SCHOOL START TIMES AND BUSSING FOR CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC SCHOOLS.THE DISTRICT IS IMPLEMENTING A "ONE BUS RUN" THAT WILL CHANGE THE SCHEDULE FOR SCHOOL START AND END TIMES.THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WILL START AT 8-08 A-M AND END AT 3- 20 P-M. MIDDLE SCHOOL WILL START AT 7-50 A-M AND END AT 3 P-M.AND THE HIGH SCHOOL DAY WILL START AT 8 A-M AND END AT 3 P-M.ACCORDING TO THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT STUDENTS OUTSIDE OF THE CHARLEVOIX CITY LIMITS SHOULD START WATCHING FOR BUSES AT 6-50 AND THOSE INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS SHOULD START LOOKING OUT FOR BUSES AROUND 7-10.

August 22, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT: MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY IS GETTING A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR GIFT TO HELP FILL THE NEED FOR NURSES.M-S-U'S COLLEGE OF NURSING IS GETTING A SEVEN MILLION DOLLAR GIFT FROM PHILANTHROPISTS TIMOTHY AND BERNADETTE MARQUEZ.IT WILL HELP FUND A NEW NURSING ADDITION TO THE LIFE SCIENCES BUILDING ON THE UNIVERSITY'S EAST LANSING CAMPUS.

August 22, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

SCHOOL BELLS AROUND NORTHERN MICHIGAN WILL BE RINGING SOON ENOUGH... AND AS KIDS PREPARE TO HEAD BACK TO THE CLASSROOM, IN ONE DISTRICT, GETTING THERE WILL COME WITH A FEW CHANGES. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL EXPLAINS.

August 25, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT:AS KIDS ACROSS THE COUNTRY HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL--IT MAY COST MORE TO BUY THEIR LUNCH. THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTS SCHOOLS ARE FACING HIGHER DELIVERY FEES BECAUSE OF RISING GAS PRICES. MANY SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE RAISING PRICES BY AN AVERAGE OF 25 CENTS PER MEAL. OTHER DISTRICTS ARE COMBATING THE HIGHER PRICES BY CUTTING MORE EXPENSIVE ITEMS OFF THE MENU OR TRYING TO GET BETTER DEALS BY BUYING IN BULK.

August 25, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

LESS POLLUTION AND CLEANER AIR FOR KIDS. THAT'S WHAT ONE WISCONSIN SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ITS BUS COMPANY SAYS FAMILIES CAN EXPECT THIS SCHOOL YEAR. MONICA LANDEROS HAS THE DETAILS

August 25, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

DOZENS OF SENIORS LEARNED HOW TO PROTECT THEMSELVES--FROM PHYSICAL DANGER TO SCAMS TARGETING THEIR MONEY. CAMP 9-1-1 TOOK PLACE AT THE TRAVERSE CITY SENIOR CENTER TODAY.14 DIFFERENT AGENCIES PARTICIPATED IN THE EVENT.THE PROGRAM STARTED AT 9 A-M THIS MORNING.THE GROUP LEARNED EVERYTHING THEY NEEDED TO KNOW ABOUT SAFETY IN ALL ASPECTS OF THEIR LIVES.

August 25, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

LOCAL COLLEGE STUDENTS IN ONE SPECIALIZED PROGRAM MAY SOON SEE A HIKE IN TUITION. COME 2009 STUDENTS AT THE GREAT LAKES MARITIME ACADEMY COULD HAVE TO PAY NEARLY 50--PERCENT MORE FOR THEIR EDUCATION.EVERY YEAR NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE STUDENTS SEE AN INCREASE IN TUITION --WHILE THE RISE IN COST FOR THE MARITIME ACADEMY COULD BE SUBSTANTIALITY HIGHER, COLLEGE LEADERS TELL ME IT WOULD PUT THE MARITIME ACADEMY IN LINE WITH THE TYPE OF EDUCATION THOSE CADETS RECEIVE.

August 26, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT: A SUMMER PROGRAM IN NEW YORK CITY IS TEACHING CHILDREN A GROWN-UP LESSON ... HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR MONEY. CAROL ANNE RIDDELL HAS THE STORY.

August 27, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT: FEWER AND FEWER STUDENTS IN MICHIGAN ARE TAKING THE S-A-T'S IN THEIR GRADUATING YEAR. ACCORDING TO THE COLLEGE BOARD -- ONLY ABOUT 6 PERCENT OF MICHIGAN'S MOST RECENT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS TOOK THE S-A-T THIS YEAR.THEY SAY THAT'S ONE OF THE LOWEST PARTICIPATION RATES IN THE NATION FOR THE CLASS OF 2008. THAT NUMBER IS DOWN FROM LAST YEAR WHEN ABOUT 9 PERCENT TOOK THE TEST. THE PERCENTAGE HAS BEEN DROPPING AS THE A-C-T HAS BECOME THE STATE'S MOST POPULAR COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM.THE S-A-T IS MOST POPULAR IN EASTERN STATES.

August 27, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

COLLEGES ARE STARTING UP ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR BARGAINS... YOU MAY BE TOO LATE.SMART STUDENTS HIT THE BOOKSTORES WEEKS BEFORE CLASSES START. BUT IF YOU'RE JUST NOW LOOKING AT YOUR BOOK LIST... THERE ARE STILL WAYS TO SAVE MONEY. BOB HANSEN REPORTS.

August 27, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE PRESSURES OF HIGHER ENERGY AND GAS PRICES ARE IMPACTING THE TRAVERSE CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM'S BUDGET.AND WITH THE SCHOOL YEAR JUST ABOUT ABOUT TO BEGIN, THE SCHOOL SYSTEM IS TAKING A CLOSE LOOK AT THE ISSUE.T-CAPS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER SAYS THIS WILL BE THE FIRST TIME THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT PLANS TO SPEND MORE THAN ONE- MILLION DOLLARS JUST IN BUS TRANSPORTATION COSTS.IT'S NOT JUST DIESEL PRICES THAT ARE PUTTING A STRAIN ON THE BUDGET.HEATING COSTS ARE ALSO A CONCERN.THESE TWO FACTORS HAVE ADMINISTRATORS TRYING TO CREATE STRATEGIES THAT WILL ADDRESS THE CHALLENGE.7&4'S MELISSA SMITH REPORTS.

August 28, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT:NOTHING SYMBOLIZES SCHOOL LIKE THE BIG YELLOW SCHOOL BUS.MORE THAN A HUNDRED DRIVERS IN OUR AREA'S LARGEST SCHOOL DISTRICT HAVE BEEN PRACTICING THEIR ROUTES ALL THIS WEEK-- PREPARING FOR THE BIG DAY.I MET WITH TCAPS TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR TO FIND OUT WHAT IT TAKES TO TO MAKE THE DEPARTMENT TICK.

August 29, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

A SCHOOL DISTRICT IN LEELANAU COUNTY BRINGS FIFTEEN PREVIOUSLY LAID OFF EMPLOYEES BACK TO CLASS--DAYS BEFORE THE START OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR. THE SUTTONS BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD VOTED THIS WEEK TO REINSTATE HALF OF THE THIRTY EMPLOYEES LAID OFF DUE TO A ONE MILLION DOLLAR DEFICIT. A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER TELLS SEVEN AND FOUR NEWS THEY DECIDED IT WOULD BE BEST TO DIP INTO THEIR FUND EQUITY TO GET THE ESSENTIAL STAFF BACK FOR STUDENTS. SCHOOL LEADERS ARE WORKING WITH STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS TO RECOUP SOME OF THE COST BY TRYING TO FIX WHAT THEY BELIEVE IS A MISTAKE ON FUNDING RECEIVED THROUGH THE IMPACT AID PROGRAM. THAT PROGRAM GIVES DISTRICTS EXTRA MONEY FOR NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS WHO LIVE ON FEDERALLY PROTECTED LAND IN THE DISTRICT.

August 29, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

PARENTS MAY WANT TO LOG ONLINE AND DOUBLE CHECK THEIR CHILDS BUS ROUTES AS THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL GETS CLOSER. THE TRAVERSE CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULE DISTRIBUTED EARLIER THIS WEEK MAY HAVE CHANGED FOR SOME STUDENTS. OFFICIALS WARN BUS ROUTES CAN CHANGE UP TO SIX WEEKS AFTER SCHOOL STARTS DUE TO NEW STUDENTS ENROLLING IN THE DISTRICT. TO MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD HAS THE RIGHT BUS NUMBER LOG ONTO OUR WEBSITE AT T-V SEVEN DASH FOUR DOT COM. THERE YOU'LL FIND A LINK TO THE T-CAPS BUS ROUTE INFORMATION.

August 29, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT: A CHIPPEWA COUNTY SCHOOL GETS THE CHANCE TO PUT ITS MARK ON THE COMMUNITY AND LEARN ABOUT LOCAL HISTROY WITH THE HELP OF A STATE GRANT. RUDYARD AREA SCHOOLS WAS AWARDED 15-THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE MICHIGAN HUMANITIES COUNCIL EARLIER THIS WEEK. STUDENTS AT THE SCHOOL WILL CREATE A SERIES OF 300 BOOKS SHOWCASING NORTHERN MICHIGAN HISTORY AND HERITAGE. BOTH MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE WORKING TOGETHER WITH THE HELP OF A LOCAL AUTHOR TO CREATE THE BOOKS. THE SERIES SHOULD BE READY TO READ BY THIS NOVEMBER.

August 29, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

AN AREA YOUTH PROGRAM IS ALSO GETTING A FINANCIAL BOOST TO HELP GET MORE KIDS INVOLVED IN HEALTHY ACTIVITIES. THE GRAND TRAVERSE BAY Y-M-C-A HAS BEEN AWARDED 10-THOUSAND 2-HUNDRED DOLLARS FROM THE J-C PENNEY AFTERSCHOOL FUND. THE MONEY IS INTENDED TO GIVE FINANCIAL AIDE TO CHILDREN WHO AREN'T CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING IN AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS BECAUSE THEIR FAMILIES LACK THE NECESSARY RESOURCES. THE J-C PENNEY AFTERSCHOOL FUND HAS GIVEN MORE THAN 3-MILLION DOLLARS TO PROGRAMS ACROSS THE NATION THIS YEAR.

September 3, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

GRADUATES FROM ONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HAVE THE CHANCE TO GET THEIR HANDS ON A PIECE OF THEIR HISTORY. T-CAPS WILL BE SELLING BRICKS FROM CHERRY KNOLL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS FORMER STUDENTS FROM THE ELEMENTARY HAD BEEN COLLECTING BRICKS FROM THE CONSTRUCTION SITE. NOW THE BRICKS WILL BE AVAILIBLE WITHOUT RUMMAGING THROUGH THE CONSTRUCTION SITE.

September 3, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONALS ARE COMING TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE MORE STUDENTS STAY IN CLASS. DROP OUT RATES IN THE TRAVERSE CITY AREA ARE BELOW THE STATE AVERAGE OF 15-PERCENT, BUT SCHOOL LEADERS SAY IT'S A NUMBER THEY WANT TO IMPROVE. THE MICHIGAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION AND COMMUNITY LEADERS ARE HOSTING A HEARING TOMORROW TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE. IT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE TRAVERSE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY FROM FOUR UNTIL SEVEN P-M. INFORMATION WILL BE FORWARDED ONTO GOVERNOR GRANHOLM AND OTHER STATE OFFICIALS WHO ARE ATTENDING THE DROPOUT PREVENTION LEADERSHIP SUMMIT IN OCTOBER.

September 3, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

ONE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY IS WORKING OUT THE KINKS WITH ITS NEW BUS ROUTES. WE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF CALLS AND EMAIL YESTERDAY FROM VIEWERS WHO SAY THEY WERE HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THEIR KID'S BUSSING IN THE TRAVERSE CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT. THE ISSUES INCLUDED EVERYTHING FROM ARRIVAL AND DROP OFF TIMES TO OVERCROWDING. THE TCAPS TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR SAYS A NUMBER OF ROUTES CHANGED THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF DISTRICTING CHANGES..... WHICH INCLUDED MOVING SIXTH GRADERS TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND CLOSING SEVERAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

September 5, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A MANISTEE COUNTY SCHOOL IS HOPING A CHANGE IN CLASSROOM HOURS WILL HELP KIDS CONCENTRATE. SEVERAL RECENT STUDIES HAVE SHOWN STUDENTS LEARN BETTER WHEN SCHOOL STARTS LATER ...7 & 4'S ROB PRESTON HAS MORE ON ONE SCHOOL THAT IS PUTTING THAT THEORY "TO THE TEST."

September 8, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF A GRAND TRAVERSE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL SPEAK IN FRONT OF STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ABOUT THE SUCCESS OF THE SCHOOLS LUNCH PROGRAM. MIKE BUELL THE SUPERINTENDENT OF GRAND TRAVERSE AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WAS INVITED TO TESTIFY IN FRONT OF THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE OF THE MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON WEDNESDAY. THE SCHOOLS LUNCH PROGRAM IS PART OF IT'S "LIFE BALANCE INITIATIVE" WHICH WAS LAUNCHED AT THE SCHOOL LAST YEAR. BUELL WILL SHARE IDEAS ON THE VALUE OF FRESH, LOCAL, HEALTHY MEALS FOR STUDENTS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF SIMILAR PROGRAMS IN MICHIGAN.

September 8, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN NEW YORK STATE ARE SEEING AN UPTICK IN ENROLLMENT. WHAT'S ATTRACTING STUDENTS? AS STEVE O'BRIEN FINDS OUT, REASONABLY PRICED TUITION IS A BIG DRAW.

September 8, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE GRAND TRAVERSE ACADEMY IS TRYING SOMETHING NEW THIS SCHOOL YEAR. THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL HAS MADE TWO OF ITS ALGEBRA CLASSES EITHER ALL MALE OR ALL FEMALE TO SEE IF IT HELPS KIDS LEARN. SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON HAS THE STORY.

September 9, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

GRANT MONEY WILL HELP GROW KIDS' INTEREST IN GARDENING.TODAY WAS THE GROUDBREAKING FOR NEW ADDITIONS TO THE GRAND TRAVERSE AREA CHILREN'S GARDEN. VISITORS TO THE GARDEN WILL SOON BE ABLE TO ENJOY A PAVILION AND PATIO AREA--AS WELL AS A SMALL GREENHOUSE, AND A GRILL AND PIZZA OVEN WHERE CHILDREN WILL BE ABLE TO TASTE THE FRESH PRODUCE GROWN IN THE GARDEN. THE DIRECTOR OF THE CHILDREN'S GARDEN SAYS THE ADDITIONS WILL CREATE NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN TO LEARN.

September 10, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT:A SPECIAL VISITOR WALKED THE HALLS OF TRAVERSE CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS TODAY--LOOKING TO TAKE THE DISTRICT'S SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES BACK TO WASHINGTON.TODD ZOELLICK (zell-ick) IS THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. HE COVERS 6 MIDWESTERN STATES--VISITING SCHOOLS TO MEET WITH ADMINISTRATION, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS.THIS IS HIS FIRST VISIT TO TRAVERSE CITY TO CHECK OUT THE DISTRICT'S CLASSROOMS AND PROGRAMS. TOMORROW HE'LL BE AT CADILLAC AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

September 10, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

AFTER JUST A FEW DAYS OF CLASSES A TRAVERSE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM IS CUT. T-CAPS DECIDED TO CANCEL IT'S YOUNG FIVES PROGRAM, WHICH WAS HELD AT LONG LAKE ELEMENTARY, SEPTEMBER FIFTH DUE TO LACK OF ENROLLMENT. FIFTEEN CHILDREN WERE ORIGINALLY SIGNED UP FOR THE CLASS WHICH IS FOR STUDENTS THAT MAY NOT BE READY TO START A FULL KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM.BUT AFTER ONLY NINE STUDENTS ACTUALLY ATTENDED CLASSES THE FIRST WEEK THE DECISION WAS MADE TO SHUT IT DOWN. THE DECISION COMES JUST A FEW WEEKS AFTER THE DISTRICT CANCELLED ITS CHINESE IMMERSION PRESCHOOL PROGRAM FOR THE SAME REASON.

September 10, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

ITS THAT TWO MINUTE VIDEO THAT HAS THE PRINCIPAL OF ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN SCHOOL SPEAKING OUT.PARENTS CONTACTED US ABOUT A VIDEO POSTED ON THE WEBSITE YOUTUBE. THEY DESCRIBE IT AS AN INAPPROPRIATE DANCE BETWEEN A TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL--- AND ITS PERFORMED DIRECTLY *IN FRONT* OF STUDENTS. THE INCIDENT HAPPENED AT LAST YEAR'S END OF THE YEAR TALENT SHOW AT TRAVERSE CITY COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY.... IT'S FIRST YEAR IN EXISTENCE. THE SCHOOL LEADER SAYS HE DEALT WITH THE ISSUE WITHIN THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMMEDIATELY AFTER IT TOOK PLACE, BUT NOW THAT THE VIDEO HAS RESURFACED ON "YOU TUBE" ITS BRINGING WITH IT SOME NEW CONCERNS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER SAT DOWN WITH THE SCHOOL LEADER THIS AFTERNOON.SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE FROM THE TRAVERSE CITY NEWSROOM WITH MORE. COURTNEY!

September 11, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT:WASHINGTON WAS THE HOT TOPIC IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN CLASSROOMS THIS WEEK.NOT JUST DURING HISTORY LESSONS OR DISCUSSIONS OF THE UPCOMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION--BUT BECAUSE OF A SPECIAL VISITOR.

September 12, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

SOME NORTHERN MICHIGAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE CLOSING SCHOOLS TO HANDLE A DECREASE IN ENROLLMENT, BUT ONE NEEDS MORE SPACE. THE KINGSLEY

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HAS SEEN AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS THIS YEAR WHICH HAS MADE THE PROBLEM WORSE. SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON HAS MORE ON HOW THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS DEALING WITH THE SITUATION.

September 15, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT: ABOUT ONE IN THREE COLLEGE STUDENTS WILL HAVE TO TAKE CLASSES THEY SHOULD HAVE HAD IN HIGH SCHOOL BECAUSE THEY ARE UNDER-PREPARED. THAT'S ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY FROM THE GROUP "STRONG AMERICAN SCHOOLS". THE REPORT SHOWS THAT ABOUT 30 PERCENT OF 4 YEAR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND 40 PERCENT OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS NEED SOME SORT OF REMEDIAL COURSE WORK WHEN THEY GO TO COLLEGE. THE STUDY SAYS COLLEGES AND TAXPAYERS ARE SPENDING AS MUCH AS 2.9 BILLION DOLLARS EACH YEAR TO SUPPORT CLASSES THE STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE TAKEN IN HIGH SCHOOL.

September 16, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A RECENT CRIME AT A NORTHERN MICHIGAN SCHOOL IS FORCING OFFICIALS TO LOOK AT ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES. THE BREAK-IN HAPPENED WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT THE KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN MANISTEE. WHILE THE SEARCH CONTINUES FOR POSSIBLE SUSPECTS ... SCHOOL LEADERS ARE TAKING A CLOSER LOOK AT SECURITY. SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON REPORTS:

September 16, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

AN ANTRIM COUNTY SCHOOL WAS DISMISSED EARLY AFTER AN ODOR WAS REPORTED ... NOW DEPUTIES ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT CAUSED THE PROBLEM. MANCELONA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WERE DISMISSED FROM CLASSES AROUND TEN THIS MORNING. INVESTIGATORS ON THE SCENE SAY THE ODOR HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO NOT BE HAZARDOUS. OFFICIALS ARE NOT RULING OUT A POSSIBLE PRANK AND SAY IF IT IS DETERMINED TO BE INTENTIONAL CRIMINAL CHARGES MAY BE FILED IN THE CASE. SCHOOL OFFICIALS SAY THE EVACUATION EFFORT TOOK PLACE AS PLANNED.

September 18, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT: A NEW GRADING POLICY IS SPARKING WIDESPREAD CRITICISM FROM TEACHERS AND PARENTS. WHILE SCHOOL OFFICIALS IN THE TEXAS DISTRICT SAY THE PLAN IS TO HELP STUDENTS SUCCEED--CRITICS SAY THE POLICY IS DUMBING DOWN THE EDUCATION SYSTEM. ED LAVANDERA HAS MORE.

September 18, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A CAMERA WAS FLASHING AT A LEELANAU COUNTY SCHOOL TODAY. A FIFTH GRADER AT SUTTONS BAY SCHOOL WILL BE FEATURED IN A NATIONAL MAGAZINE - FOR HER UNIQUE STYLE OF DANCE.

September 19, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT: CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY WILL SOON HAVE A MEDICAL SCHOOL. C-M-U'S BOARD VOTED YESTERDAY TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT, WITH THE GOAL OF ACCEPTING THE FIRST CLASS OF 100 WOULD-BE DOCTORS AS EARLY AS FALL 20-11. PROJECTIONS OF A GROWING SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS IN MICHIGAN PROMPTED THE PLAN. SCHOOL LEADERS SAYS PRIVATE DONATIONS AND TUITION WILL COVER THE COSTS OF THE MEDICAL SCHOOL.

September 22, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

STUDENTS IN INTERLOCHEN ARE MOVING INTO THEIR NEW SEVEN MILLION DOLLAR DIGS.EVERYONE PITCHED IN TO HELP MOVE INTO "HERBERT H AND BARBRA C DOW CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS" TODAY.THE STATE OF THE ART FACILITY IS 36 THOUSAND SQUARE FEET AND SCHOOL LEADERS SAY IT'S A HUGE ADVANTAGE HAVING ALL OF THE VISUAL ARTS UNDER ONE ROOF.

September 22, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

A TRAVERSE CITY AREA BUSINESS MAKES A BIG DONATION OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR AREA STUDENTS ORGANIZERS SAY CHARTER MEDIA AND CHERRY STOP'S OPERATION SCHOOL SUPPLIES WAS A HUGE SUCCESS, WITH COLLECTION BOXES OVERFLOWING WITH PAPER, PENCILS AND OTHER ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES. MORE THAN 2-THOUSAND ITEMS WERE COLLECTED THROUGH THE DRIVE.A PORTION OF THOSE WERE DELIVERED TODAY TO TRAVERSE HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

September 22, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

SOME MICHIGAN COLLEGES HAVE BEEN RETOOLING THEIR CURRICULUM AS HOLLYWOOD HEADS TO THE STATE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LUCRATIVE TAX BREAKS FOR FILMMAKERS.DEARBORN'S HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE STARTED CLASSES TODAY TO RETRAIN WORKERS FOR TECHNICAL JOBS IN THE FILM INDUSTRY. OTHERS INCLUDE WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND DETROIT'S WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY.MICHIGAN FILM OFFICE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER TONY WENSON SAYS THE OFFICE EXPECTS TO ADD A MANAGER OF JOB TRAINING, EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT BY NEXT MONTH.THAT PERSON WOULD COORDINATE WITH THE STATE'S HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS TO MEET NEEDS. MICHIGAN'S FILM INDUSTRY HAS GROWN SINCE APRIL, WHEN GOVERNOR GRANHOLM SIGNED THE FILM INCENTIVE PACKAGE OF BILLS INTO LAW.

September 22, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

SOME PARENTS ARE UPSET WITH STATE REQUIREMENTS ... THAT THEY SAY COULD MAKE IT TOUGHER FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS TO GET A DIPLOMA. ONE CHEBOYGAN COUNTY FAMILY IS WORRIED THE NEW REQUIREMENTS COULD MEAN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DIPLOMA AND A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION. SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE EXPLAINS.

September 24, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

A PHOTOJOURNALIST WITH THE WASHINGTON POST WAS BACK IN CLASS AT HIS ALMA MATER TODAY, SPEAKING TO PHOTOGRAPHY STUDENTS ABOUT THE EMOTIONAL IMPACT OF HIS PICTURES.JERRY MARTINEAU (MARTIN-OW) IS A 19-64 GRADUATE OF SAINT FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL IN TRAVERSE CITY. HE TOOK TIME TODAY TO VISIT WITH CURRENT STUDENTS ABOUT WHY HE CHOSE TO MAKE PHOTOGRAPHY A CAREER AND SHOWED THEM SOME OF HIS WORK IN WASHINGTON D-C.

September 24, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT: TODAY IS 'COUNT DAY' FOR STUDENTS ACROSS THE STATE.SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN MICHIGAN USED INCENTIVES SUCH AS PIZZA PARTIES, RAFFLES AND OTHER PRIZES TO MAKE SURE STUDENTS CAME TO CLASS. THE DAY'S ATTENDANCE IS USED TO HELP DETERMINE HOW MUCH MONEY EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT GETS FROM THE STATE.COMING UP IN JUST A FEW MINUTES ON

7 & 4 NEWS AT SIX ... HEAR HOW ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN SCHOOL IS MAKING SURE STUDENTS COME TO CLASS ON THE IMPORTANT COUNT DAY.

September 24, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

THE NATION'S CREDIT CRUNCH IS ALSO EXPANDING TO INCLUDE STUDENT LENDERS..AND WITH SOME COLLEGES NOW COSTING MORE THAN 40-THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR, HOW DO YOU PAY FOR SCHOOL? LYNDA BAQUERO ASKED ONE GUY WHO WENT TO HARVARD UNIVERSITY ALMOST FOR FREE.

September 24, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

TODAY IS A VERY IMPORTANT DAY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.... IT'S COUNT DAY.THAT'S WHEN THE STATE FIGURES OUR HOW MANY STUDENTS EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS AND ALLOCATES THE FUNDING BASED ON THAT NUMBER. SOME SCHOOLS DOWNSTATE HELD RAFFLES ONE SCHOOL EVEN GAVE AWAY A CAR. IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN ONE DISTRICT USED A FAMILY INCENTIVE. SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON HAS MORE ON HOW SCHOOLS ARE MAKING SURE THEIR STUDENTS SHOW UP FOR CLASS TODAY.

September 24, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT WILL COST MORE TO ATTEND THE GREAT LAKES MARITIME ACADEMY.THE NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOTED TO RAISE RATES TO 318 DOLLARS PER CREDIT HOUR FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR.THAT'S A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE FROM THE CURRENT 142 DOLLARS PER CREDIT HOUR. TRUSTEES ALSO APPROVED ALMOST A QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE NMC FOUNDATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS TO HELP CADETS ALREADY IN THE PROGRAM OFFSET THE INCREASE.

September 25, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

YESTERDAY WAS COUNT DAY AND NOW SCHOOLS ARE RELEASING THE RESULTS FOR MANY STUDENTS THEY WILL RECEIVE FUNDING FOR.TRAVERSE CITY SCHOOL REPORTED TODAY THAT THEY HAVE JUST OVER 10- THOUSAND STUDENTS THIS YEAR.THAT IS ACTUALLY DOWN BY ROUGHLY 3- HUNDRED- EIGHT STUDENTS FROM LAST YEAR.THE STATE OF MICHIGAN PAYS SCHOOLS ON A PER PUPIL BASIS... THE COUNT ESTABLISHES HOW MANY STUDENTS THEY WILL RECEIVE FUNDING FOR.

September 25, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT:STUDENTS HAVEN'T BEEN IN SCHOOL FOR EVEN A MONTH . . .MANY ARE STILL GETTING SETTLED INTO NEW BUILDINGS WITH NEW CLASSES, TEACHERS AND FRIENDS. BUT A SPECIAL ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK--WAS MEANT TO SHAKE THINGS UP EVEN MORE--GETTING TRAVERSE CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS TO THINK FOUR YEARS AHEAD--NOW.

September 25, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE LEONA GROUP, THE COMPANY THAT MANAGES THE SCHOOL, ANNOUNCED THAT OWENS WOULD BE REASSIGNED AT LAST NIGHT'S SCHOOL BOARD MEETING. THE LEONA GROUP'S VICE PRESIDENT SAYS THE DECISION TO MAKE THE SWITCH WAS TO SET A NEW DIRECTION FOR THE SCHOOL AS WELL AS INCREASE ENROLLMENT NUMBERS, NOT IN RESPONSE TO A RECENTLY POSTED VIDEO ON YOU TUBE.HE SAYS THIS YOUTUBE VIDEO SHOWING OWENS GETTING WHAT SOME PARENTS CALLED AN INAPPROPRIATE DANCE FROM A TEACHER HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE DECISION.

HE SAYS THE REASON FOR THE DECISION WAS ENROLLMENT HAS INCREASED BUT NOT TO THEIR EXPECTATIONS..SOME PARENTS AND STUDENTS DISAGREE WITH THE DECISION AND TOOK TO THE STREETS TO PROTEST TODAY. SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE SHOWS US WHY SOME SAY THEY'LL BE THERE AS LONG AS IT TAKES.

September 27, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

AN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT IS RECOGNIZING SOME OF IT'S GREATEST MOTIVATORS, HIGH-ACHIEVERS, AND OTHER HEROES.THE GRAND TRAVERSE AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ARE HONORING EIGHT INDIVIDUALS DURING THIS WEEKEND'S HALL OF FAME CEREMONY.EACH OF THE EIGHT ARE CONNECTED TO THE SCHOOL OR THE COMMUNITY, EITHER AS ALUMS OR VOLUNTEERS.SCHOOL LEADERS SAY NOT ONLY IS IT A WAY TO HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED THE SCHOOL AND THE COMMUNITY, BUT IT'S A WAY FOR CURRENT STUDENTS TO LEARN ABOUT THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS.

September 30, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

IN EDUCATION MATTERS TONIGHT: STRAP ON THE TENNIS SHOES AND STRETCH THOSE LEGS...TOMORROW IS WALK TO SCHOOL DAY. STUDENTS FROM ALL OVER NORTHERN MICHIGAN AND THE WORLD WILL JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION. SCHOOLS IN 36 COUNTRIES TAKE PART IN THE ANNUAL EVENT.THE IDEA IS TO ENCOURAGE ROUTINE DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND MORE ACTIVE, "WALKABLE" COMMUNITIES. SO PARENTS TALK TO YOUR KIDS TO SEE IF YOUR SCHOOL IS PARTICIPATING AND MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THEIR INDIVIDUAL PLAN SO YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABLE TO JOIN IN THE HEALTHY FUN.

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

July 1, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IN JUST THE PAST FEW WEEKS WE HAVE SEEN FIRST HAND WHAT KIND OF DAMAGE STORMS CAN LEAVE BEHIND, BUT NOW ONE COMMUNITY IS A LITTLE BETTER PREPARED FOR IT. THIS AFTERNOON THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICED ACKNOWLEDGED OTSEGO COUNTY AS BEING STORM READY. A FIRST FOR A COMMUNITY IN THE NORTHERN LOWER PENINSULA REGION. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL HAS THE DETAILS.

July 1, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

LAST MONTH WE TOLD YOU ABOUT A SERIES OF UNAUTHORIZED BIKE RAMPS ON STATE LAND IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY.TODAY WE HAVE ANOTHER FACT FINDER FOLLOW UP TO THAT CONTROVERSIAL STORY.HIKERS CALLED US SEVERAL WEEKS AGO..WONDERING WHY THESE UNAPPROVED RAMPS WERE BUILT IN THE WOODS NEAR THE OLD STATE HOSPITAL GROUNDS.WHEN THE DNR SAW OUR VIDEO OF THE RAMPS, THEY SAID SOMETHING NEEDED TO BE DONE. WE TOLD YOU WE WOULD FOLLOW UP ON THIS AND WE HAVE...TODAY WE CALLED THE DNR AND IN FACT ALL OF THE RAMPS THAT WERE VERIFIED TO BE ON STATE LAND WERE REMOVED.THE REMAINING RAMPS, INCLUDING THE LARGEST JUMP REMAIN WHILE OFFICIALS DETERMINE THE PROPERTY LINES OF STATE OWNED LAND.

July 1, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THERE WILL BE MORE POLICE ON THE ROADS NOW THROUGH NEXT WEEK BECAUSE OF THE FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY WEEKEND. OFFICERS WILL BE KEEPING AN EYE OUT FOR ANYONE WHO APPEARS TO BE DRIVING DRUNK.ACCORDING TO RESEARCH-- NEARLY THIRTY PERCENT OF ALL TRAFFIC-RELATED ACCIDENTS THAT HAPPEN DURING THE FOURTH OF JULY WEEKEND INVOLVED ALCOHOL. AND THAT IT IS THE SECOND DEADLIEST DAY OF THE YEAR FOR ALCOHOL-RELATED TRAFFIC DEATHS.

July 1, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS ARE PLAYING WITH FIRE TONIGHT.DEPARTMENTS FROM CHARLEVOIX AND SURROUNDING AREAS TOOK PART IN A SIMULATION TRAINING SESSION TO BETTER PREPARE THEMSELVES IN THE EVENT THE REAL THING SHOULD HAPPEN.

July 2, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IS LAUNCHING A NEW OBSERVATION PROGRAM IN THE STATE... AND THEY NEED YOUR HELP TO MEASURE RAIN AND SNOWFALL. METEOROLOGIST JAYNE SMITH EXPLAINS.

July 2, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

IN THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS ABOUT HALF A DOZEN HOMES IN THE WILD WOOD RESORT NEIGHBORHOOD HAVE BEEN BROKEN INTO... WITH ONE OF THOSE HOMES

HIT FOUR TIMES IN THREE WEEKS.WHILE NEIGHBORS WE SPOKE WITH CHOSE TO HIDE THEIR IDENTITY--THEIR FRUSTRATION AND CONCERN FOR THEIR SAFETY IS COMING THROUGH LOUD AND CLEAR.

July 3, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

STATE OFFICIALS ARE STILL ANALYZING DATA IN OTSEGO COUNTY AFTER WATER RELEASED FROM A DAM KILLED HUNDREDS OF FISH.A RESIDENT ON THE PIGEON RIVER NEAR VANDERBILT, RELEASED A DAM ON HIS PROPERTY LAST WEEK WHICH STIRRED UP A HEAVY AMOUNT OF SEDIMENT.THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STILL HASN'T DETERMINED HOW MANY FISH WERE KILLED. THE DNR AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ARE BOTH INVESTIGATING BY ANALYZING DATA FROM PREVIOUS YEARS.THE AGENCIES ARE ALSO CONTINUING FIELD RESEARCH TO DETERMINE THE LONG TERM IMPACT.THE INVESTIGATION COULD TAKE MONTHS AND THE OWNER OF THE LAND COULD FACE CIVIL OR CRIMINAL PENALTIES.

July 3, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

TRAFFIC IS PICKING UP AROUND NORTHERN MICHIGAN AS MANY VISITORS MAKE THEIR WAY TO THEIR HOLIDAY DESTINATIONS.AND MICHIGAN STATE POLICE TROOPERS ARE PREPARING TO BUMP UP PATROLS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL REPORTS.

July 3, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IN ORDER TO GAIN COMPLETE CONTROL ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN FIRE DEPARTMENT IS BRANCHING OUT ON ITS OWN.SINCE 1996-- BLAIR TOWNSHIP HAS CONTRACTED WITH THE GRAND TRAVERSE RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT--BUT DURING A RECENT MEETING BOARD MEMBERS VOTED TO CUT TIES WITH THE DEPARTMENT. NOW THE RECENT DECISION DIDN'T COME EASILY, IN FACT THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR SAYS BOARD MEMBERS HAVE BEEN GOING BACK AND FORTH ON THE ISSUE FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS.SO WHAT WILL THE DECISION MEAN FOR BLAIR TOWNSHIP? AS SEVEN AND FOURS COURTNEY REHMER FOUND OUT IT'LL PUT COMPLETE CONTROL OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT INTO THE HANDS OF THE TOWNSHIP.

July 4, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

TODAY MARKS THE START TO THE BUSIEST SUMMER WEEKEND OUT ON THE WATERS. IN FACT, THE ANTRIM COUNTY MARINE PARTOLS ARE IN FULL FORCE FOR THE HOLIDAY TO HELP KEEP BOATERS SAFE.7&4'S MELISSA SMITH WAS OUT ON ONE OF THE PATROLS EARLIER TODAY AND SHE HAS THE DETAILS.

July 4, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

HIGGINS LAKE IN ROSCOMMON COUNTY IS ALSO A POPULAR SPOT FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY WEEKEND.HOWEVER RECENTLY THE POLICE SAY IT'S ALSO BECOME A FAVORITE SPOT FOR UNDERAGE DRINKING.SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON TELLS US HOW LAW ENFORCEMENT IS TRYING TO CHANGE THAT.

July 7, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A SERIES OF BREAK IN'S OVER THE WEEKEND HAVE POLICE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP TO CATCH THOSE RESPONSIBLE. FIVE BUSINESSES IN ALANSON ALONG WITH SEVERAL STORES, CHURCHES AND EVEN A SCHOOL IN THE PETOSKEY AREA HAVE BEEN VICTIMIZED SO FAR.7 & 4'S GREG ANGEL HAS MORE ON THE INVESTIGATIONS UNDERWAY IN EMMET COUNTY.

July 8, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

KALKASKA COUNTY'S UNDERSHERIFF REMAINS ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE TONIGHT AS AUTHORITIES LOOK INTO ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL HAS THE DETAILS.

July 8, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IS SEEKING PUBLIC INPUT ON PROPOSED PLANS FOR FOREST MANAGEMENT FOR THE YEAR 20-10. EACH YEAR THE D-N-R EVALUATES PORTIONS OF STATE FOREST LOOKING AT THE HEALTH OF THE WOODS AND WILDLIFE. THE PROPOSALS INCLUDES TIMBER HARVESTING, REPLANTING AND OTHER MANAGEMENT TO HELP SUSTAIN THE FORESTS. THE DNR IS HOSTING AN OPEN HOUSE TONIGHT AND TOMORROW WHERE THE PUBLIC WILL BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO PROVIDE INPUT ON THE FINAL DECISIONS.

July 9, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THREE NORTHERN MICHIGAN BUSINESS OWNERS ARE PICKING UP THE PIECES LEFT BEHIND, AFTER A CRIME SPREE.THE BUSINESSES WERE ALL IN CADILLAC AND INCLUDE THE KOUNTRY KITCHEN, C AND E MARKET AND AN AUTO REPAIR BUSINESS.THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SAYS A TRUCK WAS USED TO BREAK INTO AT LEAST TWO OF THE BUSINESSES EARLY THIS MORNING.SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON HAS THAT STORY.

July 9, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A STATE POLICE TROOPER IS BEING REMEMBERED TONIGHT AFTER A BRAVE BATTLE WITH CANCER. TROOPER BLAIR DUVALL OF THE HONOR STATE POLICE DETACHMENT DIED LATE MONDAY NIGHT.SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE SHOWS US WHAT TROOPER DUVALL MEANT TO THE ONES WHO KNEW HIM BEST.

July 9, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

A WARNING TO BOATERS TONIGHT IN ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITY AFTER MONSTROUS LOGS AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT DEBRIS CREATE NEW PROBLEMS ON THE WATER. LAST MONTH'S SEVERE WEATHER BROUGHT WITH IT MORE THAN JUST FLOODING.IN FACT THE SIGNIFICANT RAINFALL COMBINED WITH THE STRENGTH OF THE STORMS IS BELIEVED TO HAVE CAUSED LARGE LOGS AND OTHER DEBRIS IN MASON COUNTY'S LAKE HAMLIN TO BEGIN TO SURFACE.HAMLIN LAKE WAS ORIGINALLY FORMED TO MOVE LUMBER.AND WHILE SOME OF THOSE LOGS HAVE BEEN SAFELY SUBMERGED FOR DECADES... THEY ARE NOW CREATING COME SERIOUS SAFETY CONCERNS SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER JOINS US LIVE FROM THE TRAVERSE CITY NEWSROOM WITH MORE. COURTNEY!

July 10, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A 16 YEAR OLD JUVENILE FROM CADILLAC HAS BEEN ARRESTED FOR THE RECENT STRING OF BREAKING AND ENTERINGS AT LOCAL BUSINESSES.THE BREAKING AND ENTERINGS HAPPENED DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS ON WEDNESDAY IN THE CITY OF CADILLAC. ACCORDING TO POLICE THE TEENAGER STOLE A TRUCK AND THEN DROVE IT INTO TWO BUSINESSES THAT HE THEN ROBBED.SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON HAS THAT STORY.

July 14, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A BILL AIMED AT PROTECTING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS NOW LAW. THE NEW LAW SETS UP A FRAMEWORK TO ALLOW COURTS AND VICTIMS KEEP AN EYE ON THEIR ABUSERS.LAST WEEK GOVERNOR GRANHOLM SIGNED "MARY'S LAW". IT'S IN HONOR OF MARY BABB WHO WAS MURDERED BY HER ESTRANGED HUSBAND EARLY LAST YEAR IN FRONT OF HER WORK IN ISABELLA COUNTY. 7 & 4'S GREG ANGEL HAS MORE ON HOW THIS NEW LAW COULD CHANGE THE WAY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRIMES ARE HANDLED.

July 15, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

CRAWFORD COUNTY EMERGENCY CREWS SAY A LACK OF SPACE IS HAMPERING THEIR ABILITY TO RESPOND EFFECTIVELY.... NOW OFFICIALS ARE HOPING TO CHANGE THAT. CRAWFORD COUNTY LEADERS ARE LOOKING TO OBTAIN FEDERAL FUNDING TO EXPAND THEIR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL EXPLAINS WHAT THE EXPANSION MEANS.

July 15, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

AFTER WEEKS OF DEALING WITH TIME CONSUMING DETOURS AND DOZENS OF WASHED OUT ROADS SOME MUCH NEEDED RELIEF IS HEADED TO NORTHERN MICHIGAN. PRESIDENT BUSH ANNOUNCED FEDERAL RELIEF FOR A TOTAL OF ELEVEN COUNTIES DEVASTATED BY LAST MONTHS STORMS INCLUDING MANISTEE, MASON, MISSAUKEE, WEXFORD, OSCEOLA, AND LAKE . BUT AS COURTNEY REHMER FOUND OUT ITS NOT GOING TO BE A QUICK FIX. COURTNEY!

July 16, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE WATER IS SAFE TO DRINK AGAIN FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN ONE LEELANAU COUNTY VILLAGE EMPIRE HAS BEEN UNDER A WATER BOIL ADVISORY SINCE LAST FRIDAY.OFFICIALS SAY THEY HAVE COLLECTED SEVERAL BACTERIA SAMPLES AND FOUND NO BACTERIA IN THE SYSTEM. AS A RESULT THE WATER BOIL HAS BEEN LIFTED.

July 16, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WITH MORE PEOPLE TRYING TO TURN METAL INTO MONEY, LOCAL SCRAP YARDS ARE TAKING A CLOSER LOOK BEFORE THEY HAND OVER THE CASH.SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE HAS THE DETAILS

July 16, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

MICHIGAN STATE POLICE INVESTIGATORS SAY SEVERAL BUSINESS IN ANTRIM, KALKASKA, MISSAUKEE AND WEXFORD COUNTIES HAVE HAD CATALYTIC CONVERTERS TARGETED BY THIEVES.THE CRIMES ARE COSTLY FOR CAR DEALERSHIPS.THE SWAFFER TOYOTA DEALERSHIP IN CADILLAC SAYS THE COST TO REPLACE THE FIFTEEN CATALYTIC CONVERTERS TAKEN ON THEIR LOT WILL COST ABOUT 32- THOUSAND DOLLARS SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON REPORTS:

July 16, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

WHAT STARTED OUT AS A SPEEDING TICKET, HAS TURNED INTO A CHANGE IN THE SPEED LIMIT ON ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN ROAD.SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER JOINS US LIVE FROM THE TRAVERSE CITY NEWSROOM WITH MORE ON ONE LOCAL FAMILY'S BATTLE. COURTNEY!

July 17, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN CITY IS TAKING A CLOSER LOOK AT ITS POLICE DEPARTMENT. AT ISSUE, IS THE PERFORMANCE OF A *NEW POLICE OFFICER, AND ONE WHO WAS LAID OFF IN 2003. SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER JOINS US LIVE FROM THE TRAVERSE CITY NEWSROOM WITH THE STORY. COURTNEY!

July 18, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

AS THE CLEAN-UP OF TRASH CONTINUES ALONG THE LAKE MICHIGAN SHORELINE... LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES WANT TO KNOW WHERE IT CAME FROM. A HELICOPTER FROM THE COAST GUARD STATION IS HELPING SEVERAL OTHER AGENCIES FIGURE OUT JUST HOW MUCH POLLUTION STRETCHES FROM BENZIE COUNTY THROUGH PARTS OF OTTAWA COUNTY. EARLIER THIS WEEK TRASH HAD WASHED ASHORE IN MANISTEE, AND NOW THAT GARBAGE HAS HIT ELBERTA BEACH, MUSKEGON, AND EVEN HOLLAND. 7 & 4'S BILL FROEHLICH HAS MORE ON THE CONCERNS THAT SEEM TO BE FAR REACHING ALONG THE LAKE MICHIGAN SHORELINE:

July 18, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THREE THOUSAND ARMY AND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD SOLDIERS FROM MICHIGAN ARE TRAINING IN CAMP GRAYLING UNDER CONDITIONS SIMILAR TO THE ONES THEY WOULD SEE IN IRAQ OR AFGHANISTAN. THE ANNUAL TRAINING WILL TAKE TWO WEEKS AND WILL INVOLVE NEWER SOLDIERS WHO FOR THE MOST PART HAVEN'T BEEN INVOLVED IN CONFLICT OVERSEAS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON HAS THAT STORY.

July 20, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED AROUND 12:30 THIS MORNING WHEN A TANKER FUEL TRUCK TIPPED OVER ON COUNTRY ROAD 42 JUST WEST OF GAYLORD THE TANKER WAS CARRYING ABOUT 13-THOUSAND GALLONS OF FUEL AND ALMOST 2-THOUSAND OF THAT SPILLED OUT ONTO THE ROADWAY. RESIDENTS IN A NEARBY SUBDIVISION WERE EVACUATED FOR THE NIGHT AS CLEAN UP CREWS TRIED TO CONTAIN THE SPILL. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH WAS AT THE SCENE AND HAS THE DETAILS.

July 21, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HONORED TWO YOUNG HEROINES THIS MORNING. MARGEAUX LEAKAS AND LACEY FLANIGAN WERE PRESENTED THE SHERIFF'S LIFE SAVING AWARD FOR THEIR HEROIC ACTIONS LAST MONTH. THE GIRLS WERE WORKING AT THE BELVEDERE CLUB IN CHARLEVOIX WHEN A WISCONSIN MAN FELL OFF HIS WATERCRAFT INTO ROUND LAKE. THE MAN WAS NOT WEARING A LIFE VEST AND WAS IN DANGER OF DROWNING WHEN THE GIRLS SWAM OUT TO RESCUE HIM. THE SHERIFF AND ACTING UNDERSHERIFF PRESENTED THE AWARD TO THE TWO HEROS TODAY.

July 21, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

DETERIORATING BUDGETS COULD MEAN DETERIORATING ROADS. BEFORE IT ALL FALLS APART--THE GOVERNOR HAS ASSIGNED A STATE TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE TO REVIEW OPTIONS TO INCREASE FUNDING. BUT THAT COULD MEAN MORE FROM MONEY FROM *YOUR* POCKETS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE HAS THE DETAILS.

July 21, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A MAJOR ROAD IN OTSEGO COUNTY REMAINS CLOSED WHILE CREWS CONTINUE TO CLEAN UP AFTER A FUEL SPILL THAT HAPPENED OVER THE WEEKEND. PEOPLE WHO WERE EVACUATED HAVE RETURNED HOME. AS CREWS SPENT MUCH OF TODAY DIGGING UP AREAS WHERE THE FUEL HAD BEEN SEEPING INTO THE GROUND. IT ALL HAPPENED EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING AROUND 12-30 WHEN A FUEL TRUCK TIPPED OVER AT THE M-32 AND C-42 INTERSECTION IN GAYLORD. THE TANKER WAS CARRYING ABOUT 13-THOUSAND GALLONS OF FUEL. D-E-Q OFFICIALS ESTIMATE ALMOST 2-THOUSAND OF THAT SPILLED OUT ONTO THE ROADWAY. 7 & 4'S GREG ANGEL HAS MORE ON THE CLEAN UP EFFORTS STILL UNDERWAY:

July 21, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

AN ATTEMPT TO FIX SOME WEXFORD COUNTY ROADS, MADE THE DRIVE EVEN HARDER FOR SOME THIS WEEKEND ... THAT'S BECAUSE TRUCKLOADS OF CLAY WERE DROPPED OFF BY THE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION ... BUT MOTHER NATURE STEPPED IN BEFORE IT COULD BE SPREAD OUT. FOLKS WHO LIVE NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF '15 AND A HALF' MILE ROAD AND PINEDALE ROAD NEAR CADILLAC, SAY THEY HAD TROUBLE GETTING 'TO AND FROM' THEIR HOMES AFTER THE RAIN MADE A MESS. 7 & 4'S ROB PRESTON REPORTS.

July 21, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

ROADS AND BRIDGES MAY BE CRUMBLING WITH THE BUDGET, AND EXPERTS TAKING A CLOSER LOOK AT THE ISSUE, SAY THE STATE SHOULD *DOUBLE IT'S SPENDING TO FIX THE PROBLEM. THAT'S WHY THE GOVERNOR HAS ASSIGNED A STATE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING TASK FORCE TO REVIEW FUNDING OPTIONS. TODAY IN TRAVERSE CITY THE TASK FORCE MET WITH TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES LIKE ROAD COMMISSIONS THAT DEPEND ON STATE MONEY. THEY ARE LOOKING AT WAYS TO INCREASE FUNDING AND SAY A HIGHER GAS TAX IS NOT OUT OF THE QUESTION.

July 21, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT NOW HAS A K-9 UNIT THANKS TO A DONATION FROM A PRIVATE CITIZEN. THE WEXFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT INTRODUCED TITAN TO THE PUBLIC ON TODAY TITAN IS A BEAU SHERON A FRENCH BREED OF DOG. THE SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS THAT IT IS COSTING THE WEXFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO HAVE TITAN WAS DONATED BY CADILLAC RESIDENT TED WERNER IN MEMORY OF HIS WIFE MARY WHO DIED ABOUT 4 AND A HALF YEARS AGO.

July 21, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

CLEANING UP AN OLD SCRAP YARD IN ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITY IS WHAT MANY PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN--BUT AT WHOSE EXPENSE? THE AREA IN QUESTION IS LOCATED ALONG COUNTY ROAD 669 IN BENZIE COUNTY BUT DUE TO BACK TAXES THE BANK RECENTLY FORECLOSED ON THE PROPERTY--- WHICH NOW BELONGS TO THE COUNTY. BENZIE COUNTY OFFICIALS SAY THEY WOULD LIKE TO CLEAN--IT UP. BUT AS SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER FOUND OUT THE PROCESS COMES WITH A HEFTY PRICE TAG. COURTNEY!

July 22, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

SOME NORTHERN MICHIGAN RESIDENTS ARE ANSWERING A CALL TO HELP FIGHT WILDFIRES ON THE WEST COAST. ALMOST 15-HUNDRED SQUARE MILES OF LAND HAS BEEN BURNED BY WHAT'S CONSIDERED THE LARGEST FIRE EVENT IN CALIFORNIA'S HISTORY. TWO PEOPLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, ONE BASED

IN TRAVERSE CITY AND ONE IN KALKASKA ARE HELPING RIGHT NOW IN CALIFORNIA. SEVERAL PEOPLE FROM THE SLEEPING BEAR DUNES ARE ALSO HELPING OUT.OFFICIALS WITH THE D-N-R SAY THEY POST AVAILABLE PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT ON A NATIONAL REGISTRY AND WHEN HELP IS NEEDED THEY SEND A CREW.

July 23, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A DISTURBING NEW STATE REPORT SHOWS CHILD ABUSERS, SEX OFFENDERS... EVEN THOSE WHO SERVED TIME IN PRISON, ARE SOME OF THE FELONS APPROVED TO BE DAYCARE PROVIDERS. THE AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES REVEALED BETWEEN 2003 AND 2006... 46-HUNDRED MICHIGAN CHILDREN WHOSE FAMILIES GET FEDERAL FUNDS TO HELP PAY FOR DAYCARE WERE PUT AT RISK... BECAUSE THE STATE LICENSED OR ENROLLED 19-HUNDRED DAYCARE PROVIDERS IT SHOULDN'T HAVE. DHS SAYS THE AGENCY HAS FIXED THE PROBLEM AND MADE CHANGES TO KEEP IT FROM HAPPENING AGAIN. BUT MANY PEOPLE ARE ASKING, IS IT ENOUGH? SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER REPORTS.

July 23, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

WITH ANOTHER INCIDENT OF TRASH WASHING UP ON SHORE ALONG NORTHERN MICHIGAN BEACHES... HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL ABOUT *WHAT YOU'RE TOUCHING WHEN TRYING TO HELP CLEANUP THE MESS. ANOTHER CASE OF TRASH WASHING ONSHORE - THIS TIME IN LEELANAU COUNTY. WE TOLD YOU ABOUT THIS LAST NIGHT - A FAMILY DISCOVERING WHAT APPEARS TO BE MORE 'MEDICAL WASTE' *BUT NOW* MORE QUESTIONS ARE BEING ASKED. A VIEWER EMAILED ME AFTER OUR STORY ... CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT PEOPLE SHOULD DO WHEN THEY'RE CLEANING UP THE TRASH... AND CONCERNED FOR THEIR SAFETY IF THEY'RE COMING IN CONTACT WITH MEDICAL WASTE.SEVEN AND FOUR'S BILL FROEHLICH SET OUT TO FIND THE ANSWERS HE JOINS US LIVE FROM THE TRAVERSE CITY NEWSROOM WITH MORE. BILL!

July 24, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

EARLIER THIS MONTH THE PRESIDENT DECLARED ELEVEN MICHIGAN COUNTIES DISASTER AREAS FROM LAST MONTHS SEVERE STORMS.THAT MEANS THOSE AREAS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE, BUT THAT CAN BE TRICKIER THAN IT SOUNDS.TODAY THOSE COUNTIES WERE LEARNING THE IMPORTANT PROCESS SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON REPORTS.

July 27, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

EMERGENCY RESPONSE IS A SERVICE MOST PEOPLE HOPE THEY NEVER HAVE TO USE. BUT ONE AREA EMERGENCY RESCUE IS IN NEED OF FUNDING AND IS NOW REQUESTING A MILLAGE THAT *COULD CHANGE THE WAY PEOPLE PAY FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES THE MESICK VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD IN WEXFORD COUNTY ALONG WITH BUCKLEY RESCUE ARE PRESENTING THE ISSUE TO THE TOWNSHIP VOTERS THEY SERVE. THEY'RE REQUESTING A MILLAGE THAT WILL RUN FOR FOUR YEARS GOING TOWARD RESCUE TRAINING, AND REPLACEMENT OF AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT.AND WITH THE MILLAGE THERE WOULDN'T BE *ANY OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES FOR RESIDENTS WHO NEED AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION.SEVEN AND FOUR'S MELISSA SMITH SPOKE WITH ONE OF THE RESCUE SQUAD MEMBERS AND HAS THE DETAILS...MELISSA?

July 29, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

IN 8 NORTHERN MICHIGAN COUNTIES, --- WHEN IT COMES TO THE AUGUST 5TH PRIMARY--- PERHAPS THE MOST HEATED RACES OF ALL WILL BE THOSE FOR SHERIFF. TONIGHT THE FOUR CANDIDATES VYING FOR THE POSITION IN BENZIE COUNTY HAD A CHANCE TO SPEAK. SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER WAS AT THE PUBLIC FORUM SHE JOINS US LIVE FROM THE TRAVERSE CITY NEWSROOM WITH MORE. COURTNEY!

July 30, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A NORTHERN MICHIGAN COURT IS OFFERING A ONE TIME BREAK TO THOSE WITH ANY OUTSTANDING FINES OR WARRANTS. IT PART OF THE SAFE SURRENDER PROGRAM THAT WILL BE TAKING PLACE DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST IN CHEBOYGAN. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL EXPLAINS.

July 30, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

SOME KALKASKA COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE UPSET AFTER SOMEONE DUMPED OIL ON STATE FOREST LAND. NOW THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY IS TRYING TO CLEAN UP THE MESS AND FIND OUT WHO DID IT. THE D-E-Q SAYS THE SPILL HAS KILLED SEVERAL TREES AND LEFT AN OIL SMELL AROUND THE AREA. THE OIL WAS FOUND ON STATE FOREST LAND NEAR SOUTH BOARDMAN IN KALKASKA COUNTY. THE D-E-Q SAYS THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THIS SUMMER THAT OIL HAS BEEN FOUND SPILLED IN KALKASKA COUNTY. SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON HAS THE LATEST.

July 31 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A ROAD PROJECT JUST OUTSIDE TRAVERSE CITY WILL TAKE LONGER THAN EXPECTED AFTER DRIVERS DISREGARD CLOSURE SIGNS. THE RESURFACING PROJECT IS ON SILVER LAKE ROAD BETWEEN SOUTH AIRPORT AND WYATT. TUESDAY SILVER LAKE WAS SHUT DOWN TO TRAFFIC. IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE COMPLETED BY THIS MORNING BUT ROAD CREWS SAY DRIVERS ARE DISOBEYING THE ROAD CLOSURE SIGNS AND CAUSING MORE PROBLEMS.

August 1, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

HARBOR DAYS FESTIVAL IS IN FULL SWING, AND ANTRIM COUNTY MARINE PATROLS ARE OUT IN FULL FORCE. THEY SAY IT'S ONE OF THEIR BUSIER WEEKENDS AND THEY PLAN TO KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON BOATERS. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH REPORTS.

August 1, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A MAN ARRESTED FOR INTOXICATION LATER TURNED UP DEAD AT THE CHEBOYGAN COUNTY JAIL. DEPUTIES ARE NOW LOOKING INTO THE MATTER TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN THE TIME WHEN THE MAN WAS BROUGHT INTO THE JAIL AND WHEN HIS BODY WAS FOUND IN HIS CELL THE FOLLOWING MORNING. AND IT ALSO NOW HAS THE MAN'S FAMILY ASKING QUESTIONS OF WHY MORE WASN'T DONE. 32-YEAR-OLD CLINTON TODD WAS ARRESTED TUESDAY AFTERNOON AT HIS TOWER HOME IN CHEBOYGAN COUNTY. THE ARREST CAME FOLLOWING A COMPLAINT FROM HIS PAROLE OFFICER THAT TODD WAS INTOXICATED. LATER ON THE MAN'S BODY WAS FOUND IN HIS CELL AT THE JAIL. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL HAS THE LATEST.

August 1, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY SHERIFF IS SUING THE RECORD EAGLE FOR LIBEL

THIS AFTERNOON, SHERIFF SCOTT FEWINS, ALONG WITH HIS HIS ATTORNEY CHRISTOPHER COOKE, ANNOUNCED THEY HAVE SERVED THE NEWSPAPER WITH A LAWSUIT FOR QUOTE-- DEFAMING THE SHERIFF'S GOOD NAME--END QUOTE. THE ORIGINAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED IN BENZIE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT APRIL 17TH, BUT THE SHERIFF WAITED UNTIL JULY 17TH TO SERVE THE PAPER WITH THE LAWSUIT. THE NEXT DAY THE CASE WOULD HAVE BEEN AUTOMATICALLY DISMISSED. I ASKED FEWINS' ATTORNEY WHY THEY WAITED SO LONG TO SERVE THE SUIT. COOKE TOLD ME THEY WAITED BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO GIVE THE RECORD EAGLE TIME TO RETRACT THEIR STATEMENTS. THE RECORD EAGLE HAS NOT YET COMMENTED ON THIS LAWSUIT ONLY SAYING THEY WERE WORKING ON A RESPONSE.THE SHERIFF IS UP FOR RE-ELECTION TUESDAY.

August 4, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT WAS A BUSY WEEKEND FOR PARTY GOERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ALIKE IN ROSCOMMON COUNTY.EVERY YEAR, BUD BASH ON HOUGHTON LAKE DRAWS A LARGE CROWD AND THIS PAST WEEKEND WAS NO EXCEPTION. LAST WEEK, OFFICERS SAID THEY WOULD BE CRACKING DOWN ON UNDERAGED DRINKERS, DRUNK DRIVERS AND INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR.STATE POLICE ARE REPORTING 89 ALCOHOL RELATED ARRESTS THE ROSCOMMON SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS DEPUTIES ARRESTED MORE THAN 30 PEOPLE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICERS ARRESTED MORE THAN 10 AND THE DENTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRESTED 9. SEVERAL NEIGHBORING COUNTIES AND TOWNSHIPS ALSO HELPED WITH PATROLS.

August 4, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE FILM FESTIVAL IS ALL WRAPPED UP, BUT THERE ARE STILL SOME LOOSE ENDS THAT NEED TO BE TIED UP TO KEEP THE STATE THEATRE SAFE FROM FLAMES SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE REPORTS.

August 5, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IN SEVERAL COUNTIES ACROSS NORTHERN MICHIGAN THE SHERIFF'S SEAT IS UP FOR GRABS.IN SOME CASES THE INCUMBENT SHERIFF IS FIGHTING TO KEEP HIS POSITION.SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER IS LIVE IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY WITH A LOOK AT SOME OF THE MOST CONTESTED SHERIFF RACES ACROSS NORTHERN MICHIGAN. COURTNEY!

August 8, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE GRAND TRAVERSE BAND TRIBAL POLICE CHIEF SAYS A COMMUNITY COORDINATED RESPONSE TEAM THAT INCLUDES SPECIFIC POLICE TRAINING AND DOMESTIC ABUSE RESOURCES WAS DEVELOPED ABOUT A YEAR AGO. NOW SOME POSITIVE EFFECTS OF THE PROGRAM ARE SHOWING THROUGH. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH REPORTS.

August 11, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

ONE PERSON'S QUICK THINKING LEADS TO SAVING ANOTHER PERSON'S LIFE. A LOCAL HOTEL EMPLOYEE IS BEING CALLED A HERO--- AFTER SHE SAVES A TEENAGED BOY FROM DROWNING. IT HAPPENED AROUND ONE O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON AT A BEACH NEAR THE HOLIDAY INN IN TRAVERSE CITY SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER HAS MORE ON THE RESCUE EFFORTS.

August 12, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

BUT THIS IS NOT THE FIRST SERIES OF SMALL CRIMES LIKE THIS THAT AUTHORITIES IN EMMET COUNTY HAVE HAD TO DEAL WITH RECENTLY. JUST LAST MONTH POLICE ARRESTED TWO MEN RESPONSIBLE FOR NEARLY A DOZEN BUSINESS BREAK INS OVER A TWO WEEKEND PERIOD AND JUST LAST WEEK SHERIFF PETE WALLIN WARNED CITIZENS ABOUT SOME HOME INVASIONS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL TAKES A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SMALL CRIME TREND TO LEARN IF THIS IS A GROWING PROBLEM.

August 14, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

DESPITE THEIR FAILURES AT THE POLLS LAST WEEK, TWO MILLAGE PROPOSALS IN EMMET COUNTY WILL BE BACK ON THE BALLOT COME NOVEMBER. SPRINGVALE TOWNSHIP WILL AGAIN ASK VOTERS FOR THEIR APPROVAL FOR TWO MILLAGES. THE FIRST WOULD BE AN EXTRA MILLAGE FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS. BUT, TOWNSHIP LEADERS SAY MORE IMPORTANTLY THEY'LL BE SEEKING THE APPROVAL OF THE FIRE MILLAGE THAT PROVIDES FUNDING FOR THE OPERATION AND UPKEEP OF THE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT.

August 18, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

STOLEN CREDIT CARDS HAVE PUT ONE PERSON IN JAIL WHILE POLICE LOOK FOR ANOTHER BELIEVED TO BE BEHIND A SERIES OF FAILED FRAUD ATTEMPTS AT SOME AREA BANKS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL EXPLAINS.

August 18, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

A MAN IS RESCUED FROM LAKE MICHIGAN AFTER FALLING FROM HIS BOAT. AROUND 2 THIS MORNING... RESCUERS ON A U-S COAST GUARD HELICOPTER FROM TRAVERSE CITY SPOTTED THE 57-YEAR-OLD MAN USING NIGHT VISION GOGGLES NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO THE FOX RIVER. THE MAN WAS AIRLIFTED TO THE GREEN BAY AIRPORT AND TAKEN BY AMBULANCE TO THE HOSPITAL. COAST GUARD BOATS FROM GREEN BAY AND STURGEON BAY ASSISTED IN THE RESCUE.

August 19, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, THREE CHILDREN HAVE DIED IN A RIVER THAT RUNS THROUGH ONE AREA CITY... BUT COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE WORKING TO KEEP THAT FROM HAPPENING AGAIN. THEY'VE ADDED CALL BOXES AND THROW RINGS AT HEMLOCK PARK IN BIG RAPIDS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON HAS MORE ON HOW THIS EQUIPMENT COULD SAVE LIVES.

August 19, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THIEVES TARGET A STORE THAT HELPS SEND DISABLED CHILDREN TO SUMMER CAMP. INVESTIGATORS SAY SOMEONE BROKE INTO CHALLENGE MOUNTAIN RESALE SHOP IN BOYNE CITY LAST NIGHT. THE STORE HELPS FUND CHALLENGE MOUNTAIN, A CAMP REACHING OUT TO THE DISABLED ACROSS THE AREA FOR MORE THAN TWO DECADES. THE THIEF BROKE INTO A SAFE CONTAINING NEARLY 900 DOLLARS AND DAMAGED SEVERAL DOORS. THE STORE MANAGER SAYS CHALLENGE MOUNTAIN WILL NOT SHUT DOWN DUE TO THE CRIME BUT IT WILL BE IMPACTED WITH THE LOSS OF SUCH A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY.

August 20, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE ARE CRACKING DOWN ON DRUNK DRIVERS. BUT AGENCIES IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY ARE ALSO TRYING TO

HELP REPEAT D-U-I OFFENDERS GET TREATMENT SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON HAS THE STORY.

August 20, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

ABOUT 10-30 THE FRESHMAN CADETS-- FINISHED UP A NUMBER OF DISTRESS SIGNAL EXERCISES-- GIVING THOSE ON BOARD A FIRST HAND LOOK AT WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY. SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER WAS THERE AND HAS MORE ON THE LIVE SAVING DRILLS.

August 21, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

BETWEEN THE ARMED ROBBERY OF BOTH A GAS STATION AND ICE CREAM SHOP TO A LOCAL PIZZERIA AND VIDEO STORE--- IT'S BEEN A BUSY MONTH FOR POLICE INVESTIGATORS. EARLIER THIS SUMMER, WE TOLD YOU LOCAL SHERIFF DEPARTMENTS WERE CONCERNED THAT SKY ROCKETING GAS PRICES AND RISING FOOD COSTS COULD LEAD TO AN INCREASE IN CRIME.AND AFTER FOUR SEPARATE ROBBERIES AROUND TRAVERSE CITY IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS OFFICERS SAY THEY ARE FEELING THE EFFECTS.SO FAR THIS MONTH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS FIELDDED CLOSE TO 18--HUNDRED CALLS---AMONG THOSE-- SEVERAL ARMED ROBBERY CASES-- BEHAVIOR POLICE SAY IS UNUSUAL FOR THE AREA.SO WE WANTED TO KNOW... IS CRIME ON THE RISE? AND IF SO, WHY? SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER TAKES A CLOSER LOOK.

August 22, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WHETHER IT'S AN APPROACHING TORNADO, FLOODING, OR A BLIZZARD, A LITTLE DEVICE IS KEEPING MORE AND MORE SCHOOLS SAFE. METEOROLOGIST JAYNE SMITH EXPLAINS HOW THE NOAA SCHOOL RADIO PROGRAM WORKS.

August 22, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SITUATION IN TRAVERSE CITY THIS AFTERNOON AFTER SOMEONE BROUGHT A MORTAR SHELL INTO THE STATE POLICE POST. SEVERAL ROADS WERE SHUT DOWN FOR HOURS AND SOME NEARBY RESIDENTS WERE WARNED TO STAY IN THEIR HOMES. SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER WAS ON THE SCENE ALL AFTERNOON AND HAS THE DETAILS.

August 25, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IF YOU DRIVE THROUGH TRAVERSE CITY YOU'RE PROBABLY FAMILIAR WITH RED TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT SOME INTERSECTIONS THAT CAN LAST FOR AT LEAST A MINUTE.... WHILE GREEN LIGHTS MAY LAST FOR ONLY A FEW SECONDS.WE CONTACTED THE ROAD COMMISSION AND MDOT TO SEE IF THEY WERE TRYING TO FIX THIS CONCERN THAT MOTORISTS FACE ON A DAILY BASIS.7&4'S MELISSA SMITH REPORTS.

August 28, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

MORE THAN A MILLION MICHIGANIANS ARE EXPECTED TO TRAVEL THIS LABOR DAY WEEKEND, ACCORDING TO TRIPLE-A. BUT JOINING THOSE DRIVERS ON THE ROADS WILL BE PLENTY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.TROOPERS FROM THE MICHIGAN STATE POLICE SAY THEY'LL BE ADDING PATROLS THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND. TROOPERS SAY THEY'LL BE KEEPING THEIR EYE ON DRIVERS TO MAKE SURE THIS LABOR DAY HOLIDAY IS A SAFE ONE.

August 28, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

TWO OF THOSE CAR ACCIDENTS HAPPENED JUST YESTERDAY.SO WHAT DO THE POLICE WHO PATROL THE ROADS THINK IS BEHIND ALL OF THIS?SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE SOUGHT OUT ANSWERS FROM A STATE TROOPER WHO SPECIALIZES IN TRAFFIC INVESTIGATIONS.

August 29, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

AN UNDERCOVER OPERATION LEADS TO THE ARREST OF 4 PEOPLE AFTER COMPLAINTS OF INAPPROPRIATE ACTIVITY IN A PARK. MOUNT PLEASANT POLICE ALONG WITH THE BAY AREA NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TEAM WENT UNDERCOVER TO ADDRESS CITIZEN COMPLAINTS. WITNESSES TOLD POLICE THEY HAD BEEN BOTH SOLICITED FOR AND HAD SEEN "INAPPROPRIATE ACTS" WHILE VISITING MISSION CREEK PARK. THE UNDERCOVER OPERATION LASTED TWO HOURS AND LED TO THE ARREST OF FOUR MEN.

August 29, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A CHARLEVOIX COUNTY DEPUTY IS RECOGNIZED FOR HIS ROLE IN SAVING THE LIVES OF SIX FAMILY MEMBERS.IT ALL STARTED WHEN THEY WERE ON A BOAT IN LAKE MICHIGAN. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL HAS THE DETAILS.

August 29, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS IN WEXFORD COUNTY WANT TO GET THE WORD OUT THAT THEY ARE TESTING THE WARNING SYSTEM FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS.THE WEXFORD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE AND CENTRAL DISPATCH WILL TEST THE EMERGENCY WARNING SYSTEM EVERY SATURDAY AT TEN A-M THROUGH OCTOBER.THE AUDIBLE SYSTEM CONSIST OF SIRENS AND WILL BE ACTIVATED ON CLEAR DAYS ONLY.

August 29, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

THE COAST GUARD PAYS TRIBUTE TO ONE OF ITS OWN, WHO DIED WHILE SWIMMING IN WEST GRAND TRAVERSE BAY.MEMBERS OF THE COAST GUARD AIR STATION TRAVERSE CITY HELD A MEMORIAL SERVICE AT THE OPEN SPACE THIS AFTERNOON. 21 YEAR OLD AIRMAN CHARLES KRAUSE DROWNED ONE YEAR AGO TOMORROW.KRAUSE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE AIR STATION IN MAY OF 2007 AND WAS UNDERGOING TRAINING TO BECOME AN AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN.HE WAS ORIGINALLY FROM WISCONSIN.

September 2, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

COAST GUARD CREWS ARE ALSO SENDING HELP TO THE GULF COAST.COAST GUARD AIR STATION TRAVERSE CITY IS DEPLOYING ITS DOLPHIN HELICOPTER TO JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA.SEVERAL OTHER UNITS FROM THE GREAT LAKES ARE ALSO TAKING PART, HELPING IN RELIEF EFFORTS.OFFICIALS WITH THE COAST GUARD SAY MANY OF THE UNITS ARE THE SAME ONES DEPLOYED TO HELP WITH HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF EFFORTS.

September 4, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

SOME GRAND TRAVERSE FIRE FIGHTERS GOT THE CHANCE TO DO SOME HANDS ON TRAINING PUTING OUT AN AIRCRAFT FIRE.THE AIRCRAFT RESCUE FIRE TRAINING HELD A AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING TRAINING PROGRAM TODAY AT THE CHERRY CAPITAL AIRPORT.THE A-R-F-F TRAINING USES PROPANE FUEL CONNECTED TO A MOBILE AIRCRAFT TO SIMULATE A REAL AIRCRAFT FIRE.THE TRAINING

LASTED EIGHT HOURS WITH THE *HOT DRILL* STARTING AT 10 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING.

September 5, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

LOCAL RESIDENTS IN ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITY SAY SHARP CURVES AND AN INCONSISTENT SPEED LIMIT IS MAKING FOR DANGEROUS DRIVING CONDITIONS. DURING A RECENT PUBLIC HEARING GLEN ARBOR RESIDENTS HAD THE CHANCE TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS TO COMMUNITY LEADERS. THE STRETCH OF M-22 RAISING THE CONCERNS IS FROM GLEN ARBOR TO THE NORTH OF THE CARL OLESON JUNIOR MEMORIAL BRIDGE. SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER HAS MORE ON THE CHANGES LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE HOPING FOR.

September 8, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

DOZENS OF FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL AGENCIES WILL BE CONDUCTING EMERGENCY DRILLS STARTING TOMORROW. THE FULL SCALE MARITIME EMERGENCY EXERCISES WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE STRAITS OF MACKINAC THROUGH THURSDAY. THE DRILLS CALLED "OPERATION DIRE STRAITS" WILL HELP THE AGENCIES COORDINATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS IN THE EVENT OF REAL DISASTERS. THE DRILLS INCLUDE A MASS WATER RESCUE, FUEL OIL SPILLS, AND RESPONDING TO TERRORIST ATTACKS.

September 8, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A RECENT DRUG SWEEP HAS TAKEN MORE THAN ONE MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF DRUGS OFF THE STREETS. THE STRAIGHTS AREA NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TEAM SEIZED THE MARIJUANA PLANTS FROM THIRTEEN PIECES OF PROPERTY IN CHARLEVOIX, CHEBOYGAN, LUCE, MACKINAC, AND OTSEGO COUNTIES. 7 AND 4'S GREG ANGEL HAS MORE ON THE DRUG SWEEP WITH SEARCHES FROM THE AIR AND ON THE GROUND.

September 8, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

POLICE SAY FORGED PAYROLL CHECKS WERE CASHED AT GROCERY STORES IN KALKASKA, MANCELONA, BOYNE CITY AND PETOSKEY. AN ATTEMPT WAS ALSO MADE AT A HOUGHTON LAKE STORE, BUT THE SUSPECTS WERE TURNED AWAY. OFFICIALS SAY THE THE SAME CRIMES MAY BE CONNECTED TO TWELVE OTHER INVESTIGATIONS ACROSS THE STATE. 7 AND 4'S MELISSA SMITH HAS MORE ON THE INVESTIGATION ... AND HOW THE AGENCIES ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO SOLVE THE CRIME.

September 9, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WITH MICHIGAN'S FILM INCENTIVE PACKAGE UNDERWAY, FILM MAKERS RECEIVE A REFUNDABLE TAX CREDIT FOR 40% OF PRODUCTION COSTS SPENT HERE IN THE STATE. THIS OFFER WHICH WAS SIGNED INTO LAST APRIL, CAUGHT THE ATTENTION OF ONE LOS ANGELES PRODUCER WHO MOVED HIS FAMILY TO NORTHERN MICHIGAN. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH REPORTS.

September 9, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A PROPOSED PRICE HIKE FOR TUITION COSTS IS CAUSING NEW CONCERNS AND NEW CHALLENGES FOR EMPLOYERS. AT THE GREAT LAKE MARITIME ACADEMY IN TRAVERSE CITY CADETS PAY AROUND 142--DOLLARS PER CREDIT HOUR. IF THE INCREASE IS APPROVED THE ESTIMATED COST FOR THOSE SPECIALIZED CLASSES WOULD BE RAISED TO AROUND 318 DOLLARS FOR ALL MARITIME COURSEWORK.

THAT'S MORE THAN A 50 PERCENT JUMP. AND FOR ONE EMPLOYER HIGHER TUITION COULD HAVE A HIGH IMPACT ON BUSINESS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE SHOWS US WHY THE PRICE HIKE COULD AMOUNT TO FEWER EMPLOYEES.

September 9, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES ACROSS NORTHERN MICHIGAN ARE HAVING A MAJOR IMPACT ON AN AREA ANIMAL SHELTER. THE MISSAUKEE COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER IS STRUGGLING WITH A CROWDING CONCERN AND A SHORTAGE OF SUPPLIES. 7 AND 4'S ROB PRESTON HAS MORE ON THE CONCERN.

September 9, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE NUMBERS ARE IN AND NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL LEADERS SAY THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL IS TURNING AROUND THE ORGANIZATION'S FINANCIAL FUTURE. OFFICIALS SAY THE 2008 FESTIVAL SHOWED RECORD ATTENDANCE THROUGHOUT THE WEEK INCLUDING THE JULY FOURTH HOLIDAY. THEY SAY THAT'S ONE INDICATION THIS YEAR COULD BE THE TURNING POINT FOR THE ORGANIZATION - POSTING THE FIRST PROFIT IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS. THE FESTIVAL POSTED REVENUES OF MORE THAN 1 POINT SIX MILLION DOLLARS YEAR TO DATE. FESTIVAL RELATED EXPENSES YEAR TO DATE STAND AT JUST OVER ONE POINT TWO MILLION DOLLARS. OFFICIALS EXPECT TO END THE YEAR WITH A RESERVE CASH FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

September 9, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A BIG BOX RETAILER IS ASKING THE MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT TO BLOCK LAWSUITS FILED BY FIVE OFFICIALS IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY'S ACME TOWNSHIP. THE STATE COURT OF APPEALS RECENTLY UPHELD A COUNTY JUDGE'S RULING ALLOWING THE TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS TO SUE MEIJER. THEY CLAIM THE COMPANY HARASSED THEM OVER A PROPOSED SUPERSTORE IN THE TOWNSHIP. AN ATTORNEY FOR MEIJER HAS FILED A MOTION ASKING THE SUPREME COURT FOR A STAY WHILE THE JUSTICES CONSIDER AN EMERGENCY APPEAL. THE LOCAL OFFICIALS AGREED TO RELEASE MEIJER FROM FUTURE LITIGATION UNDER A SETTLEMENT LAST YEAR. BUT THAT WAS BEFORE THE COMPANY ACKNOWLEDGED ILLEGALLY SPENDING MORE THAN 100-THOUSAND DOLLARS TO INFLUENCE TOWNSHIP ELECTIONS.

September 9, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE NUMBERS ARE IN FOR A NORTHERN MICHIGAN FESTIVAL FAVORITE. AFTER FIVE YEARS OF BEING IN THE RED THE 83---RD NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL IS SHOWING A PROFIT. THE FESTIVAL'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SAYS THE RECORD BREAKING YEAR IN ATTENDANCE HAS A LOT TO DO WITH THE INCREASE IN REVENUE--- BUT AS SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER FOUND OUT--- GETTING---- TO WHAT ORGANIZERS HOPE WILL BE A TURNING POINT FOR THE ANNUAL EVENT ---HASN'T BEEN EASY AND HAS MORE TO DO WITH THAN JUST THE EXTRA FOOT TRAFFIC. COURTNEY!

September 10, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

ON THE STRAITS OF MACKINAC TODAY A PASSENGER FERRY COLLIDED WITH A BARGE SPILLING FUEL INTO THE WATERS. THAT SCENARIO IS JUST PART OF A SIMULATION EXERCISE CALLED OPERATION DIRE STRAIT. THE TRAINING IS BEING CONDUCTED BY VARIOUS FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL AGENCIES. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL HAS MORE ON THE EXERCISE AND WHY FIRST RESPONDERS SAY THIS TRAINING IS SO IMPORTANT.

September 11, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

A GAS MAIN BREAK IN ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITY LEAVES MORE THAN A HUNDRED HOMES AND BUSINESSES WITHOUT SERVICE. IT HAPPENED AROUND 10--30 THIS MORNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF M-72 AND M-22 IN THE VILLAGE OF EMPIRE. CREWS HAVE BEEN OUT WORKING SINCE TO REPAIR THE GAS MAIN AND RESTORE SERVICE TO THOSE AFFECTED--- BUT AS SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER FOUND OUT --- A JOB LIKE THIS TAKES TIME. COURTNEY!

September 12, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

KALKASKA COUNTY'S UNDER SHERIFF IS BACK TO WORK, AFTER A JURY HANDED DOWN A 'NOT GUILTY' VERDICT IN AN ASSAULT CASE YESTERDAY. BRUCE {GALL-TEE- AIR} GUALTIERE WAS CHARGED WITH ONE COUNT OF ASSAULT AGAINST HIS 17 YEAR OLD STEP SON AFTER DELIBERATING FOR ABOUT 45 MINUTES, GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY JURY FOUND GUALTIERE NOT GUILTY ON THE MISDEMEANOR CHARGE. KALKASKA SHERIFF BILL ARTRESS SAYS THE SYSTEM WORKED IN HIS UNDERSHERIFF'S CASE AND HOPES NOW THAT THE ISSUE IS RESOLVED THE DEPARTMENT CAN MOVE FORWARD.

September 14, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THIS IS JUST ONE OF MORE THAN A THOUSAND RESCUES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN STORM SURGE AREAS OF TEXAS. RESCUE CREWS ARE GOING DOOR-TO-DOOR IN HOUSTON AND GALVESTON, TEXAS TODAY... WHILE THE COAST GUARD HELPS OVERHEAD...LOOKING FOR STRANDED VICTIMS OF HURRICANE IKE. HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN - THE AMERICAN RED CROSS CHAPTERS ARE ALREADY WORKING ON WAYS TO HELP. SEVEN AND FOUR'S MELISSA SMITH JOINS US LIVE FROM THE TRAVERSE CITY NEWSROOM WITH MORE. MELISSA?

September 16, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FROM ACROSS THE STATE ARE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN THIS WEEK AT CAMP GRAYLING FOR SOME SPECIAL TRAINING. BUT IT'S THEIR FOUR LEGGED LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS WHO ARE RUNNING THROUGH THE POTENTIALLY LIFE SAVING DRILLS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL REPORTS.

September 17, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A DISTRICT COURT JUDGE IS ACCUSED OF TRESPASSING AND USING STATE LAND FOR HIS OWN PERSONAL USE. BUT IT MAY JUST BE THE LATEST VOLLEY IN A ON GOING FEUD BETWEEN NEIGHBORS IN CHARLEVOIX COUNTY. THE LAND IS IN THE FISHERMAN'S ISLAND STATE PARK NEAR NORWOOD IN CHARLEVOIX COUNTY. THE PERSON WHO ADMITS TO MOWING THE TRAILS AND RIDING HIS HORSES ON THEM IS SITTING 33RD CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE RICHARD {PIE- tosh} PEJTAS. THAT LEFT NEIGHBORS WITH QUESTIONS... THE ANSWERS 7 AND 4'S MARC SCHOLLETT FOUND ARE THE SUBJECT OF TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER.

September 17, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS IS USING A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO SOLVE CONFLICTS AND STOP CRIME. IT'S CALLED THE PEACEMAKERS PROGRAM AND IT FOCUSES ON RESOLVING ISSUES AND HEALING WRONGDOERS RATHER THAN JUST PUTTING OFFENDERS BEHIND BARS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON EXPLAINS HOW IT WORKS.

September 19, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

AN AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT IS EXPANDING THEIR SERVICES TO RESPOND FASTER TO EMERGENCIES. CREWS ARE TURNING WHAT USED TO BE A MEETING ROOM INTO LIVING QUARTERS FOR TWO FULL TIME FIREFIGHTERS AT THE GLEN LAKE FIRE STATION. THE GLEN LAKE FIRE STATION IS MADE UP OF TWO SEPARATE CREWS -- --THE FIRE HALLS IN EMPIRE TOWNSHIP AND GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP.THEY HAVE RECENTLY TEAMED UP TO EXPAND SERVICES AND UPGRADE THE STATION IN EMPIRE.IT'S ALL TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE TWO PAID FIRE FIGHTERS WHO WILL MOVE INTO THE NEW LIVING QUARTERS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE SHOWS US WHY FIRE OFFICIALS SAY IT IS A NEEDED UPGRADE.

September 20, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT WAS A DAY OF SAFETY FOR SOME AREA CHILDREN WHO MADE IT OUT TO THE GREAT LAKES CHILDREN MUSEUM.THE MUSEUM HOSTED THE SECOND ANNUAL KIDS SAFETY DAY WITH SPECIAL DEMONSTRATIONS AND FUN HANDS- ON ACTIVITIES TO HELP FAMILIES AND KIDS LEARN ABOUT SAFETY.THE KIDS WERE ABLE TO EVEN CLIMB INSIDE EMERGENCY VEHICLES LIKE FIRE TRUCKS AND AMBULANCES. ORGANZERS IT'S THIS TYPE OF EVENT THAT HELPS CHILDREN BECOME MORE AWARE OF EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONDERS.

September 22, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

A HUNTER IS SAFE TONIGHT AFTER BEING RESCUED BY THE COAST GUARD. THE 61 YEAR OLD HUNTER WAS REPORTED MISSING AROUND 7 PM FRIDAY NIGHT IN INDIAN RIVER. THE COAST GUARD SAYS HE SEPARATED FROM HIS PARTY TO GET THEIR VEHICLE, BUT GOT LOST. THE STATE POLICE AND THE CHEBOYGAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BEGAN THE SEARCH, THEN CALLED FOR A COAST GUARD HELICOPTER FROM TRAVERSE CITY. AFTER SEARCHING A SWAMPY AND HEAVILY WOODED AREA, ONE OF THE CREW MEMBERS SPOTTED THE HUNTER AROUND FOUR THIRTY SATURDAY MORNING.HE WAS HOISTED UP IN THE HELICOPTER AND LATER TAKEN BY AMBULANCE TO THE HOSPITAL.

September 24, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

NEW PROBLEMS ARE SURROUNDING A SINK HOLE NEAR A LEELANAU COUNTY DAM. PLANNERS WORRY THE SINKHOLE NEXT TO THE LELAND DAM COULD THREATEN THE STRUCTURE, SO THEY'VE COME UP WITH A PLAN. SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE HAS THE DETAILS.

September 28, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

TODAY OFFICERS FROM BENZIE COUNTY, SURROUNDING COUNTIES, AND STATE POLICE WERE AMONG THOSE PAYING THEIR RESPECTS AT A VISITATION AND FUNERAL AT BENZIE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL.SEVEN AND FOUR'S MELISSA SMITH JOINS US LIVE FROM THE TRAVERSE CITY NEWSROOM WITH MORE. MELISSA!

September 30, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THREE STUDENTS FACE EXPULSION AFTER OFFICIALS FIND THREE GUNS IN DIFFERENT CARS DURING A SECURITY DRILL AT THE GRAYLING HIGH SCHOOL. THE LOCK DOWN DRILL TOOK PLACE MONDAY MORNING, JUST AFTER SCHOOL BEGAN. THE DRILL IS REQUIRED TO TAKE PLACE TWICE A YEAR AND IS A SURPRISE FOR STUDENTS.DURING THE SWEEP A STATE POLICE K-9 UNIT SEARCHED THE BUILDING ... WHILE OFFICERS SEARCHED SURROUNDING AREAS.WHILE SWEEPING THE PARKING LOT A GUN CASE WAS SEEN IN ONE STUDENT'S CAR, PROMPTING THE

SEARCH OF ALL VEHICLES IN THE LOT. DURING THE SEARCH TWO OTHER GUNS WERE FOUND IN DIFFERENT CARS. ALL WERE HUNTING TYPE FIREARMS AND SECURED IN CASES. WHILE SCHOOL LEADERS ARE CONFIDENT THE GUNS WERE ACCIDENTALLY LEFT IN THE CARS AFTER A WEEKEND OF HUNTING, LAW ENFORCEMENT IS TREATING IT AS A SERIOUS SITUATION. THE THREE STUDENTS WERE REMOVED FROM SCHOOL AND FACE EXPULSION. THE SITUATION IS BEING REVIEWED BY BOTH SCHOOL LEADERS AND THE CRAWFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/DEVELOPMENT

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

Local News

July 1, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

AN AREA SAILING GROUP IS BREAKING GROUND ON A NEW PROJECT THEY HOPE WILL HELP FAMILIES ENJOY NORTHERN MICHIGAN'S GREAT OUTDOORS. TRAVERSE AREA COMMUNITY SAILING HAS STARTED CONSTRUCTION AT THE NORTH END OF BOARDMAN LAKE. THEY PLAN TO BUILD A NEW BOATHOUSE, BOARDWALK, AND DOCK THAT EVERYONE CAN USE--FROM PARENTS WITH STROLLERS, TO SENIORS, TO THOSE IN WHEELCHAIRS. THE GRAND TRAVERSE AREA CHILDREN'S GARDEN AND THE TART TRAIL HELPED MAKE THE PROJECT POSSIBLE.

July 1, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A NORTHERN MICHIGAN SOLDIER IS TAKING A SHORT BREAK FROM THE WAR AND COMING HOME TO DO SOMETHING HE HASN'T DONE IN SEVEN MONTHS. FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE HIS DEPLOYMENT--PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BOBBY HOOSE OF CENTRAL LAKE WILL GET TO SEE HIS FRIENDS AND FAMILY SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE SHOWS US WHAT MADE THIS A SPECIAL HOMECOMING AS LOVED ONES WAITED FOR HIS ARRIVAL EARLY THIS MORNING.

July 3, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

101-- AND STILL GOING STRONG. FOR ONE LOCAL GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY WOMAN ITS HER STRONG DEDICATION TO HELPING OTHERS THAT KEEPS HER MOVING. PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST HAS ALWAYS BEEN A WAY OF LIFE FOR MARGARET DUNN AND FOR THE PAST THREE DECADES MUNSON HOSPICE HAS BEEN HER OUTLET. SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER HAS HER STORY IN THIS MONTH'S EXCLUSIVE YOUR TOWN HERO REPORT.

July 3, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A FUNDRAISING EFFORT IS UNDERWAY IN CHEBOYGAN COUNTY TO FIX A POPULAR TOURIST ATTRACTION.THE CROSS IN THE WOODS IS LOCATED IN INDIAN RIVER, WHICH IS ABOUT 20 MILES SOUTH OF CHEBOYGAN.REVEREND RICHARD BARANSKI IS ACTING PASTOR AT THE INDIAN RIVER SHRINE AND SAYS THE CROSS NEEDS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN REPAIRS FOR WOOD ROT.ORGANIZERS WANT TO RAISE 500- THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE PROJECT BY THE NEXT SUMMER. THE 55-FOOT WOODEN CROSS IS FASHIONED FROM A SINGLE REDWOOD TREE AND WAS PUT UP IN 19-54.

July 4, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

FOR MANY FOLKS THE FOURTH OF JULY MARKS A WEEKEND OF BARBECUES AND TRIPS TO THE BEACH. BUT FOR OTHERS IT'S A TIME TO HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES SO THAT WE CAN CELEBRATE THE FREEDOMS WE ENJOY. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL HAS MORE.

July 5, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WITH THE 82ND ANNUAL NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL OFFICIALLY UNDERWAY IN TRAVERSE CITY, THOUSANDS CONTINUE TO POUR IN FOR ALL OF THE EVENTS, AIR SHOWS AND CHERRY EXTRAVAGANZA THAT'S GOING ON FOR THE NEXT WEEK.THE OPENING CEREMONIES FOR THE CHERRY FESTIVAL KICKED OFF EARLIER THIS MORNING AT THE OPEN SPACE WITH INTRODUCTIONS OF THE CHERRY QUEEN AND HER COURT.SPEAKERS INCLUDING MAYOR MICHAEL ESTES AND CHERRY FESTIVAL PRESIDENT TOM MENZEL ALSO HELPED TO RING IN THE EIGHT DAY FESTIVAL. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH WAS AT THE CEREMONY AND HAS MORE ON THE OFFICIAL START TO THE FESTIVITIES.

July 6, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A PRO-BASEBALL PLAYER IS GIVING UP HIS HAIR...AND IT'S ALL FOR A GOOD CAUSE. TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS HITTER JAKE WHITESIDES IS CUTTING HIS LONG HAIR AND DONATING IT TO WIGS FOR KIDS. HIS HAIR WILL THEN BE USED TO HELP CREATE A WIGS FOR YOUNG CANCER PATIENTS AND CHILDREN WITH SIMILAR ILLNESSES. WHITESIDES SAYS HE'S BEEN GROWING HIS HAIR OUT ALL SEASON FOR THIS MOMENT.

July 7, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

TWO NORTHERN MICHIGAN VETERANS WERE RECOGNIZED TODAY IN LAKE CITY FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY.U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DAVE CAMP ISSUED SERVICE METALS TO ALBERT STEPHENS FOR HIS SERVICE DURING THE KOREAN CONFLICT WHERE HE REPAIRED DIESEL ENGINES.THEN U.S. REPRESENTATIVE CAMP ALSO ISSUED METALS TO THE FAMILY OF RICHARD MINZEY.MINZEY WAS IN THE NAVY DURING THE END OF WORLD WAR TWO AND ALSO DURING THE KOREAN CONFLICT.

July 7, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WE ARE HAVING A BALL AT THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL.TODAY SENIORS WERE HONORED BY THE NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL AT THE VERY CHERRY DISTINGUISHED SENIORS BREAKFAST. THE SPECIAL BREAKFAST WAS HELD THIS MORNING AT THE ELKS LODGE IN TRAVERSE CITY. THE AWARD RECOGNIZES ANYONE 65 OR OLDER WHO HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OR HAS A POSITIVE INFLUENCE IN THE COMMUNITY. THIS IS THE EIGHTH YEAR THE AWARD HAS BEEN GIVEN OUT... THIS YEAR'S WINNER is BEATRICE HOUGHTON.

SHE SAID SHE NEVER EXPECTED TO WIN BUT IS EXCITED. YOU CAN CONGRATULATE BEATRICE ON HER AWARD WHEN SHE TAKES PART IN THE CHERRY ROYALE PARADE THIS SATURDAY.

July 7 ,2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

BEHIND ALL OF THE CHERRY FESTIVAL EVENTS ARE SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME, BUT THIS YEAR ORGANIZERS SAY THEY'RE FACING NEW CHALLENGES TRYING TO GET MORE VOLUNTEERS HELP. 7 & 4'S SHEENA ELZIE JOINS US LIVE A LOOK AT WHY MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.

July 7, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

NORTHERN MICHIGAN VETERANS WHO SERVED THEIR COUNTRY DURING THE KOREAN CONFLICT WERE FINALLY GIVEN SERVICE MEDALS IN LAKE CITY TODAY. SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON HAS MORE ON WHY IT TOOK SO LONG FOR THESE VETERANS TO BE RECOGNIZED.

July 9, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

PLANS TO TRANSFORM THE NOW ABANDONED CAMP PELLSTON CORRECTIONAL FACILITY INTO A NEW REHABILITATION CENTER COULD NOW BE IN JEOPARDY. THE D-N-R HAS REJECTED ONE GROUP'S PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE THE LAND. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL HAS MORE.

July 10, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE CHERRY FESTIVAL IS ABOUT FUN - BUT IT'S ALSO POSSIBLE TO DO SOMETHING FOR A GOOD CAUSE. IF YOU'VE BEEN DOWN ON THE OPEN SPACE YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THE BIG RED SEMI TRUCK. BUT INSIDE - THERE'S A SPECIAL MESSAGE ABOUT HELPING THOSE IN NEED. IT'S CALLED THE "THRIVENT BUILDS WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY." AND IT'S AN EFFORT TO SHOW THE NEED FOR DECENT, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND TO SHOW PEOPLE HOW THEY CAN HELP.

July 10, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS TONIGHT AS THOUSANDS CAMP OUT ALONG FRONT STREET FOR THE ANNUAL JUNIOR ROYALE PARADE. SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER JOINS US LIVE FROM THE TRAVERSE CITY NEWSROOM WITH MORE. COURTNEY!

July 12, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE STATES LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR MADE A SPECIAL STOP AT THE CHERRY ROYALE PARADE TODAY AS A PART OF HIS TOUR ACROSS GREAT LAKES CITIES. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JOHN CHERRY SAYS HE FELT RIGHT AT HOME DURING TODAY'S CHERRY FESTIVAL PARADE, BUT THE REASON BEHIND THE VISIT IS MUCH MORE DOWN TO EARTH. CHERRY IS IN TRAVERSE CITY AS A PART OF THE GREAT LAKES TOUR WHERE HE'S TRAVELING ACROSS THE STATE TO RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING AND RESTORING THE GREAT LAKES.

July 12, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

DONATIONS ARE STARTING TO PICK UP FOR THE MANISTEE SALVATION ARMY AFTER A 30-THOUSAND DOLLAR BUDGET SHORTFALL. THE SALVATION ARMY MANISTEE OFFICE COMMANDER SAYS THEY ARE SHORT ON MONEY BECAUSE DONATIONS HAVE BEEN DOWN AND MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE LOOKING FOR ASSISTANCE. THAT'S

WHY BELL RINGERS THAT YOU USUALLY SEE DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY HAVE BEEN OUT COLLECTING DONATIONS ALL MONTH. SO FAR THE CHRISTMAS IN JULY CAMPAIGN HAS HELPED TO BRING IN ABOUT FIVE-THOUSAND DOLLARS. ORGANIZERS SAY THE GOAL IS TO RAISE AT LEAST 10-THOUSAND DOLLARS BY THE END OF THE MONTH.

July 14, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THERE ARE BIG PLANS FOR A NEW YMCA IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY... AND ORGANIZERS ARE GETTING THE WORD OUT WITH "THE BIG SPLASH" THE FREE COMMUNITY EVENT WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY AT THE YMCA'S FUTURE SITE ON SILVER LAKE ROAD. YOU CAN LEARN ALL ABOUT NEW PROGRAMS AND PLANS FOR THE FACILITY THAT INCLUDE A SWIMMING POOL. Y-M-C-A STAFF HOPE THE POOL WILL BE A BIG HELP TO CHILDREN IN THE COMMUNITY.

July 14, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

MEANWHILE, THE CADILLAC YMCA IS TRYING TO RAISE MONEY FOR ITS NEW BUILDING IN HARRING TOWNSHIP. THAT'S WHY THEY ARE HAVING A RAFFLE WITH THE WINNER GETTING A NEW 21 THOUSAND DOLLAR SPORT BOAT DONATED FROM FOUR WINNS. THE CADILLAC AREA YMCA IS HOPING TO GET ABOUT 30-THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE RAFFLE TO GO TOWARDS THE BUILDING COSTS..SO FAR THE YMCA HAS ABOUT 92 PERCENT OF THE FUNDING NEEDED FOR THE NEW BUILDING. SO FAR ABOUT 200 TICKETS HAVE BEEN SOLD AND ANOTHER 400 ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT 50 DOLLARS A PIECE THE TICKETS CAN BE BOUGHT AT SEVERAL CADILLAC BUSINESSES INCLUDING THE MARATHAN STATION AND THE SWEET SHOP, OR ONLINE YOU CAN FIND A LINK BY GOING TO OUR WEBSITE TV7-4.COM

July 16, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30

Duration :30

FOLKS IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY ARE GETTING A NEW LOOK AT PLANS FOR A NEW YMCA! TODAY THE COMMUNITY WAS INVITED THE Y-M-C-A'S BIG SPLASH CELEBRATION TO LEARN ABOUT THE FUTURE Y-M-C-A FACILITY. THE NEW SITE WILL BE LOCATED ON SILVER LAKE ROAD NEAR TRAVERSE CITY AND THE FORMER HOME OF OLESON'S BUFFALO HERD. ONE OF THE EXCITING NEW FEATURES BEING BUILT AT THIS Y-M-C-A IS THEIR SWIMMING POOL. STAFF MEMBERS HOPE IT WILL HELP THE COMMUNITY. SO FAR THE Y-M-C-A HAS RAISED 4- POINT- 7 MILLION OF THE DOLLARS NEEDED FOR THE 12 MILLION DOLLAR GOAL.

July 17, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE FATHER FRED FOUNDATION, WHICH SERVES PEOPLE IN NEED THROUGHOUT THE GRAND TRAVERSE REGION... IS ALSO IN NEED OF SOME HELP. WHILE THEY'RE MORE THAN HALFWAY THROUGH THE CAPITAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN - THEY STILL NEED 600-THOUSAND DOLLARS. 7 & 4'S BILL FROEHLICH EXPLAINS WHY.

July 18, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

AT ONE SPECIAL YARD SALE TODAY, IT WASN'T JUST OLD CLOTHES AND KNICK-KNACKS FINDING HOMES, BUT SHELTER ANIMALS TOO. PRUDENTIAL PREFERRED PROPERTIES NETWORK OF GAYLORD HELD THEIR SECOND ANNUAL YARD SALE TODAY. ALL OF THE ITEMS FOR SALE WERE DONATED AND THE MONEY GOES TO HELP "FRIENDS FOR LIFE." THE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION OFFERS FREE OR LOW-COST SPAYING AND NEUTERING FOR AREA PETS. DURING TODAY'S SALE, STAFF FROM THE OTSEGO COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER WERE THERE, ALONG WITH SOME OF THE ANIMALS LOOKING FOR HOMES. PRUDENTIAL CONTRIBUTED FORTY DOLLARS TOWARD EACH ADOPTION TODAY.

July 18, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IS STARTING A NEW PROJECT IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN. THIS MORNING HABITAT FOR HUMANITY KICKED OFF THE START OF A NEW HOME IN TRAVERSE CITY. VOLUNTEERS AND EXECUTIVES MET AT THE SITE TO GET STARTED AROUND NINE O'CLOCK THIS MORNING. EXIT REALTY RAISED THE MONEY AND PROVIDED MUCH OF THE MAN POWER FOR THIS PROJECT. THEY HAVE RAISED OVER ONE MILLION DOLLARS NATIONALLY DURING THE LAST YEAR BY DONATING TEN DOLLARS FROM EACH HOME SALE TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.

July 20, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

HUNDREDS OF MOTORCYCLISTS ARE HELPING TO RAISE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS BY DOING WHAT THEY LOVE ... HITTING THE OPEN ROAD. THE 16TH ANNUAL NORTHERN CHAPTER HARLEY OWNER'S GROUP MOTORCYCLE FUNDRAISER KICKED OFF THIS WEEKEND. THE EVENT IS KNOWN AS THE "RIDE FOR FATHER FRED"... AND IT GOT UNDERWAY WITH A RIDE FROM TRAVERSE CITY UP OLD MISSION PENINSULA. THE PROCEEDS ARE DONATED TO THE FATHER FRED FOUNDATION TO HELP AREA RESIDENTS IN NEED WITH FOOD, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AND OTHER AID.

July 20, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT'S SOMETHING THAT COULD HELP SAVE A LIFE, BUT THE AMERICAN RED CROSS IS STRUGGLING TO MEET HOSPITAL REQUESTS FOR BLOOD. THE GREAT LAKES REGION FOR BLOOD SERVICES OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS SAYS THEY ARE FACING A BLOOD SHORTAGE WITH ALARMINGLY LOW BLOOD LEVELS. OFFICIALS SAY THEY NEED AT LEAST THREE DAYS WORTH OF BLOOD IN THEIR BLOOD BANKS FOR EMERGENCIES AND TO MEET THE NEEDS IN 70 HOSPITALS STATEWIDE. OFFICIALS SAY SIX OF THE EIGHT BLOOD TYPES NEEDED ARE BELOW MINIMUM INVENTORY STANDARDS WITH JUST A LITTLE OVER A ONE DAY SUPPLY. THE NORTHWEST MICHIGAN CHAPTER OF THE RED CROSS IN TRAVERSE CITY SAYS WHEN BLOOD LEVELS DECREASE LIKE THIS IT BECOMES MORE DIFFICULT TO BE PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES.

July 20, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT'S BEEN IN THE WORKS FOR FOUR YEARS AND IT'S A NORTHERN MICHIGAN FIRST, CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES NOW HAVE A SAFE PLACE TO PLAY. AFTER 200-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN DONATIONS, THE NEW PLAYGROUND IS NOW OPEN FOR VISITORS IN GRAWN. THE PLAYGROUND IS SET UP WITH SOFT EQUIPMENT TO PROTECT CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. THE PLAYGROUND ALSO INCLUDES HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE AREAS AND SWINGS. THE BLAIR TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR SAYS THEY ARE ALSO WORKING ON A SECOND HALF TO THE PLAYGROUND THAT SHOULD OPEN UP IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

July 20, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A FUNDRAISER FOR THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS HAS SOME VOLUNTEERS RIDING THE WAVES FOR FIVE DAYS! MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE ON PERSONAL WATERCRAFT WILL TAKE OFF TOMORROW FROM MACKINAW CITY ... ENDING 400 MILES AWAY AT HARSENS ISLAND IN SAINT CLAIR COUNTY. THIS IS THE 18TH YEAR THE WATER WARRIORS ARE TAKING PART IN THE ENDURANCE RIDE TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS TEAMS IN MICHIGAN. AFTER THE GROUP BEGINS THE RIDE MONDAY IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN THEY WILL MAKE DAILY STOPS ALONG THE LAKE HURON SHORELINE. THE GROUP PLANS TO END THE TRIP FRIDAY ON HARSENS

ISLAND.FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE WATER WARRIORS OR TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS, LOG ONTO OUR WEBSITE AT T-V SEVEN DASH FOUR DOT COM AND CLICK ON LINKS IN THE NEWS.

July 23, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

AN AREA BUSINESS WANTS MORE CHILDREN TO ENJOY A GOOD BOOK AND IS HOPING CUSTOMERS PITCH IN ON THE PLAN!BORDERS BOOKSTORE IN TRAVERSE CITY IS TAKING PART IN A BOOK DRIVE FOR FAMILIES WHO WORK WITH THE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER.MANY TIMES DOMESTIC ABUSE VICTIMS ARE PLACED IN AN EMERGENCY SHELTER OR TRANSITION HOME AND MOST OF THEIR BELONGINGS ARE LEFT BEHIND.THE BOOKS WILL HELP CHILDREN DEALING WITH THIS CRISIS SITUATION.CUSTOMERS ARE ASKED TO DONATE A NEW CHILDREN'S BOOK FOR THE EFFORT AND SAY A SIMILAR BOOK DRIVE LAST SPRING WAS MET WITH OVERWHELMING SUCCESS.

July 24, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT LOCAL MUSICIANS AND CHILDREN IN NEED BY TAKING PART IN A C-D RELEASE PARTY IN TRAVERSE CITY.MIKE MORAN IS RELEASING HIS THIRD C-D AND TOMORROW NIGHT WILL BE CELEBRATING ON STAGE WITH THE OTHER MUSICIANS THAT HELPED MAKE IT HAPPEN.WHILE PERFORMING FOR THE CROWD FANS CAN ALSO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY.THE TRAVERSE CITY SINGER AND SONGWRITER WILL BE DONATING THE PROCEEDS FROM HIS FIRST TWO C-D'S TO THE MICHIGAN YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES INITIATIVE.

July 25, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A MAJOR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT IS UNDERWAY IN OTSEGO COUNTY WHERE MORE THAN A HUNDRED VOLUNTEERS ARE WORKING TO GIVE A LOCAL SERVICE BUILDING A FRESH LOOK.SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL HAS MORE.

July 25, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

ONE AREA SHELTER IS IN GREAT NEED OF FOOD FOR NEEDY FAMILIES.THE GOODWILL INN IN TRAVERSE CITY IS PUTTING A CALL OUT TO LOCAL RESIDENCE FOR ASSISTANCE WITH FOOD AND BASIC NEEDS.ACCORDING TO THE GOODWILL INN THEIR NEED HAS INCREASED 50 PERCENT OVER THE LAST THREE MONTHS. THEY SAY THEIR STOCK HAS DIMINISHED TO JUST NOODLES AND CANNED VEGTABLES.

July 26, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A NORTHERN MICHIGAN SOLDIER KILLED WHILE FIGHTING IN IRAQ IS BEING HONORED TODAY IN CHEBOYGAN. THE FALLEN HEROES MEMORIAL FOUNDATION DEDICATED THE LEST THEY BE FORGOTTEN MEMORIAL HONORING PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JUSTIN PATON. (PAY-TON)PATON HAD ONLY SERVED IN IRAQ FOR A FEW MONTHS BEFORE HE WAS KILLED IN FEBRUARY OF 2007. THERE HAD BEEN A YEAR LONG CONTROVERSY ON HOW THE COMMUNITY WOULD HONOR THE FALLEN SOLDIER BUT HIS NAME HAS SINCE BEEN ADDED TO A VFW MEMORIAL... AND TODAY HIS FAMILY HELD A MEMORIAL IN HONOR OF HIS SERVICE.

July 31, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY FAMILY IS WELCOMED HOME THANKS TO A COMMUNITY BUILDING EFFORT.CONSTRUCTION WAS STARTED ON THE PROJECT EARLIER THIS MONTH.THE HOME IS JUST ONE OF A NUMBER BEING BUILT WITH MONEY RAISED BY

EXIT REALTY.IN ADDITION TO FINANCIAL DONATIONS TO BUILD THE HOME EXIT REALTY DONATED TIME AND MAN POWER TO HELP MAKE THIS HOME A REALITY.

August 1, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

OFFICER MINOR CUDIHEE, {CUD-A-HEE} ORIGINALLY FROM JACKSON MICHIGAN WAS SERVING ON THE POLICE FORCE IN TACOMA WASHINGTON WHEN HE WAS SHOT AND KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY THIS WEEK IN 18-92.NOW MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED YEARS LATER HE IS REMEMBERED WITH A SPECIAL CEREMONY ... AND SOME LONG LOST RELATIVES LIVING IN TRAVERSE CITY GET A CHANCE TO TAKE PART.CUDIHEE'S GREAT GREAT NIECE KATE SCHICHEL OF TRAVERSE CITY FOUND OUT ABOUT THE SERVICE THROUGH A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE AND TOOK THE TRIP DOWNSTATE WITH HER 92 YEAR OLD MOTHER, TO HONOR A LONG LOST RELATIVE.

August 1, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL WALL WILL SOON BE IN KALKASKA ... AND THIS COMMUNITY HAS RALLIED TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE A CHANCE TO HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY.VOLUNTEERS GATHERED LAST NIGHT TO PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEKS SERVICES.THE COMMUNITY HAS WORKED FOR MONTHS MAKING SURE THE MEMORIAL SERVICES GIVE EVERYONE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN A CHANCE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THOSE THAT HAVE DIED SERVING ... AND THOSE WHO CURRENTLY SERVE OUR COUNTRY.

August 1, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

ROTARY CLUBS IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN ARE ROLLING UP THEIR SLEEVES FOR A LIFESAVING CONTEST.THROUGH OUT THIS MONTH, SIX ROTARY CLUBS IN ANTRIM, GRAND TRAVERSE, KALKASKA AND LEELANAU COUNTIES ARE PARTICIPATING IN A BLOOD DRIVE COMPETITION.THEY ARE HOPING TO COLLECT MORE THAN 60 PINTS OF BLOOD.

August 1, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE GOOD WILL INN IS SAYING THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED IN THEIR TIME OF NEED.A WEEK AGO GOODWILL WORKERS SAID THEIR NEED FOR FOOD AND SUPPLIES WAS CRITICAL.SINCE THEY PUT THE CALL OUT FOR HELP THE SAY THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT HAS BEEN TRULY AMAZING AND THEIR PANTRY SHELVES HAVE STARTED TO BE RESTOCKED.BUT THEY SAY TO KEEP IN MIND THEY CAN ALWAYS USE DONATIONS ALL YEAR ROUND.

August 7, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

FOR ONE LOCAL WOMAN IT'S A BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT THAT ULTIMATELY SAVED HER LIFE--- A PRECIOUS GIFT THAT THANKS TO HER SISTER HAS GIVEN HER A SECOND CHANCE. SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER HAS MORE ON ONE WOMAN'S FIGHT TO SURVIVE AND--- ANOTHER'S SELFLESS ACT--- IN THIS MONTH'S EXCLUSIVE YOUR TOWN HERO REPORT.

August 7, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

THROUGH THE WEEKEND PEOPLE CAN SEE THE VIETNAM MOVING WALL UP CLOSE AND IN PERSON. A MOMENT THAT FOR MANY TAKES THEM WORLDS AWAY AND BRINGS BACK MEMORIES OF THOSE WE'VE LOST.SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER WAS AT TONIGHTS OPENING CEREMONIES SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE FROM THE TRAVERSE CITY NEWSROOM WITH MORE. COURTNEY!

August 8, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE CITY OF LUDINGTON IS ANXIOUSLY AWAITING THE START OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES BECAUSE ONE OF THEIR OWN IS COMPETING. SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON HAS THAT STORY.

August 8, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

IT'S A GROUP STARTED BY A VETERAN FROM NORTHERN MICHIGAN - WITH THE GOAL OF HELPING DISABLED VETS ENJOY THE GREAT OUTDOORS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S BILL FROELICH WAS AT THE KICKOFF OF THE WEEKEND CELEBRATION AND HAS THE DETAILS.

August 9, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

IT'S AN EFFORT TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND IT MEANS SOME STATE OFFICIALS WILL BE GOING TO WORK SOMEWHERE OTHER THAN LANSING. STATE REPRESENTATIVES AND STATE SENATORS ARE WORKING WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ORGANIZATIONS ALL OVER MICHIGAN... TO BUILD HOMES FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES. VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEXFORD COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WERE BUSY BUILDING A HOUSE TODAY IN CADILLAC. AMONG THOSE VOLUNTEERS - STATE REPRESENTATIVE DARWIN BOOHER FROM EVART. REPRESENTATIVE BOOHER WAS HELPING OUT WITH THE BUILDING BECAUSE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PARTNERED UP WITH STATE OFFICIALS FOR THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVOCACY PROGRAM. IT'S A PROGRAM WHERE BOTH PARTIES TRY AND RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOWER INCOME FAMILIES.

August 12, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THERE MAY BE SOME RELIEF ON THE WAY FOR PEOPLE IN NEED THAT HAVE BEEN LEFT WITHOUT A HOME. PLANS ARE IN THE WORKS TO HELP TURN PART OF A MANCELONA PANTRY AND RESALE STORE INTO A HOMELESS SHELTER. SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE HAS THE DETAILS.

August 13, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

WATCH OUT! SOMEONE MAY BE WATCHING YOU. PEOPLE ARE OUT ON THE STREETS LOOKING TO CATCH SOMEONE... DOING SOMETHING GOOD FOR OTHERS. BUT THIS TIME--YOU COULD SAVE MONEY FOR SAVING SOMEONE ELSE THE TROUBLE. SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE EXPLAINS.

August 17, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

FRIENDS OF A GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY MAN SEVERELY INJURED IN A MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT EARLIER THIS MONTH ARE RAISING MONEY TO HELP FAMILY MEMBERS VISIT HIM. ON AUGUST 7TH JESSE DEEMER DROVE INTO A CAR THAT TURNED IN FRONT OF HIM ON SECOR ROAD NEAR EAST LONG LAKE ROAD. NOW CREW 72 -- A TRAVERSE CITY BASED MOTORCYCLE GROUP IS HOLDING A SUNDAY AFTERNOON BIKE RIDE TO RAISE MONEY FOR HIS FAMILY.

August 20, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A BRAND NEW HOME MEANS A NEW START FOR ONE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY FAMILY. BUT NOT WITHOUT THE HELP OF VOLUNTEERS, HARD WORK AND A LITTLE SWEAT TO BACK IT UP. CREWS FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AND UNITED WAY ARE

BUILDING WAY TO THE NEW HOME. BUT THIS TIME, VOLUNTEERS HAVE JUST FOUR DAYS TO GET IT DONE. SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE EXPLAINS.

August 22, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A WHEELCHAIR BOUND 15 YEAR OLD BOY HAD THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME WHEN HE MET HIS HERO CARL EDWARDS AT THE MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY LAST WEEKEND.BUT WHAT MADE THIS EXPERIENCE EVEN MORE AMAZING WAS WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THE RACE.SEVEN AND FOUR'S ROB PRESTON HAS THE STORY.

August 23, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE UNITED WAY IN CRAWFORD COUNTY IS KICKING OFF THEIR "LIVE UNITED" CAMPAIGN THIS WEEKEND. IT'S AN EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO HELP OUT HELPING OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY. VOLUNTEERS STARTED OFF THE CELEBRATION TODAY WITH FUN EVENTS FOR THE FAMILY.ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR EVENTS WAS THE DUNK TANK, AND THE LOCAL SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER WAS A FAVORITE TARGET FOR SCHOOL KIDS.THERE'S ALSO LIVE MUSIC AND TASTY TREATS. ORGANIZERS SAY THEY'RE HOPING THE EVENT WILL BRING MORE VOLUNTEERS TO THE COMMUNITY.

August 24, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

THE FAVORABLE WEATHER AND RAIN CLOUDS THAT DECIDED TO HOLD OFF TODAY- PROVIDED A PERFECT DAY FOR ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN FAIR WHERE THE CANVAS FOR THESE ARTISTS ARE A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN YOU MAY THINK. 7&4'S GREG ANGEL REPORTS.

August 27, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

VOLUNTEERS IN ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITY ROLLED UP THEIR SLEEVES ALL TO HELP MAKE A FIELD OF DREAMS COME TRUE FOR SOME LOCAL LITTLE LEAGUERS. SEVEN AND FOUR'S GREG ANGEL EXPLAINS WHAT MAKES THIS BALLFIELD MAKE OVER SO SPECIAL.

August 28, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

7&4 NEWS IS ONCE AGAIN A PROUD SPONSOR OF THE ANNUAL JERRY LEWIS MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION TELETHON.THE MONEY RAISED IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN HELPS PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY.AND FOR KIDS LIVING WITH M-D...YOUR MONEY WILL ALLOW THEM TO SPEND AN UNFORGETTABLE WEEK WITH OTHER KIDS JUST LIKE THEM.7&4'S STACEY SKRYSAK TRAVELED DOWNSTATE TO EXPERIENCE THE ONE OF A KIND CAMP.

August 28, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN OLYMPIAN IS COMING HOME.MATT HUGHES COMPETED IN THE U-S QUADRUPLE SCULLING TEAM AT THE BEJING OLYMPICS.TONIGHT THE HUGHES FAMILY WILL BE CELEBRATING HIS RETURN IN LUDINGTON.THE CELEBRATION ACTUALLY KICKED OFF AT SIX AND WILL GO UNTIL EIGHT O'CLOCK THIS EVENING.HUGHES' FAMILY SAY THE EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND THEY WOULD LOVE TO SEE A HUGE TURN OUT.IF YOU WANT TO SEE THE RETURNING OLYMPIAN YOU STILL HAVE SOME TIME TO MAKE IT DOWN TO THE LUDINGTON WATERFRONT PARK.

August 29, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A HIGHLIGHT FOR MANY OF THE KIDS LIVING WITH M-D IS SUMMER CAMP. IT'S AN UNFORGETTABLE WEEK..AND IT WOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT SOME SPECIAL HELPERS.7&4'S STACEY SKRYSAK HAS MORE.

August 29, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

7&4 IS ONCE AGAIN A PROUD SPONSOR OF THE ANNUAL JERRY LEWIS LABOR DAY TELETHON FOR THE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION.THE MONEY RAISED HELPS FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITIES.AREA FIRE FIGHTERS HIT THE STREETS TODAY IN AN EFFORT TO HELP RAISE MONEY TO FIGHT THE BATTLE AGAINST MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY.THE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER IS CALLED THE "FILL THE BOOT CAMPAIGN" AND HAS SEVERAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE TEAMING UP IN THE EFFORT.IF YOU HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO DROP OFF YOUR DONATION YOU CAN STILL FILL THE BOOT. FIRE FIGHTERS WILL BE COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AT VARIOUS INTERSECTIONS IN THE TRAVERSE CITY AREA.

September 1, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

THIS YEAR'S 43 RD ANNUAL MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY TELETHON IS OFFICIALLY IN THE BOOKS.THE LIVE BROADCAST RAKED IN MORE THAN 65-- MILLION DOLLARS-- A RECORD BREAKING YEAR FOR THE FUNDRAISER.NORTHERN MICHIGAN DID ITS PART TOO. THROUGHOUT THE DAY SEVEN AND FOUR NEWS BROADCASTED LIVE FROM THE GRAND TRAVERSE MALL TO HELP RAISE AWARENESS FOR M.D.THE LOCAL TELETHON REACHED A GRAND TOTAL OF ONE-HUNDRED AND SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND 77 DOLLARS..ALL OF WHICH WILL GO TOWARDS THE ASSOCIATION. IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT THIS WEEKEND DON'T WORRY, YOU CAN STILL MAKE A DONATION. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS CONTACT THE M-D-A OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN THE TELECAST HAS RAISED MORE THAN A BILLION DOLLARS TO FIGHT THE DISEASE SINCE IT BEGAN IN 19-66.

September 2, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

HURRICANE GUSTAV HAS NOW WEAKENED AND MOVED OUT OF LOUISIANA WHILE THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS WAS SPARED--THERE IS A LOT OF DAMAGE IN THE LOW-LYING PARISHES ACROSS LOUISIANA'S SOUTHEASTERN AND CENTRAL COAST. HOMES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED AND AREAS FLOODED.SOME PEOPLE FROM NORTHERN MICHIGAN ARE DOING THEIR PART TO HELP THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE GUSTAV. THREE PEOPLE FROM THE TRAVERSE CITY AREA TRAVELED TO THE GULF REGION TO HELP IN THE AFTERMATH. THEY'VE BEEN DOWN THERE FOR THE LAST 5 DAYS. DONATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY BY THE SALVATION ARMY AND NATIONAL RED CROSS.

September 2, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A FRIENDLY COMPETITION TO HELP BOOST SUPPLIES AT AN AREA BLOOD BANK ENDS WITH ONE ROTARY GROUP WALKING AWAY WITH BRAGGING RIGHTS.FOR THE PAST MONTH SIX ROTARY CLUBS ACROSS NORTHERN MICHIGAN RECRUITED TEAM MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO ROLL UP THEIR SLEEVES AND DONATE TO THE MICHIGAN COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTER IN TRAVERSE CITY.THE RESULTS ARE IN AND THE TRAVERSE CITY SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB OF TRAVERSE CITY IS BOASTING THE MOST BLOOD DONATIONS.THE GROUP WILL RECEIVE A PLAQUE IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE SAVING DONATIONS.THIS IS THE THIRD ANNUAL ROTARY BLOOD CHALLENGE WHICH EXCEEDED ITS GOAL BY COLLECTING MORE THAN 80 PINTS OF BLOOD.OFFICIALS HOPE TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM NEXT YEAR TO INCLUDE EVEN MORE ROTARY CLUBS.

September 4, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

AN ORGANIZATION NEEDS YOUR HELP TO CONTINUE TO REACH OUT TO PEOPLE NEEDING URGENT MEDICAL CARE. "WINGS OF MERCY" HELPS FLY PATIENTS TO DIFFERENT HOSPITALS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.MORE THAN 200 PILOTS IN MICHIGAN ALONE DONATE THEIR TIME AND PLANES TO THE PROGRAM ... BUT THE ORGANIZATION NEEDS HELP IN BUYING FUEL ... A COST THAT CONTINUES TO RISE.

September 4, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

A NORTHERN MICHIGAN CHARITY KNOWN FOR IT'S ELEGANT TEA PARTY FUNDRAISER IS TAKING A RIDE ON THE WILD SIDE WITH IT'S LATEST ENDEAVOR. THIS SATURDAY IS A 90-MILE MOTORCYCLE RIDE IN ANTRIM COUNTY THAT WILL BENEFIT BREAST CANCER PATIENTS.THE GOAL IS TO RAISE MONEY FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT AFFORD A MAMMOGRAM.ORGANIZERS OF THE ANTRIM COUNTY HIGH TEA FOR BREAST CANCER PREVENTATION SAY THE FIRST TIME EVENT HIGHLIGHTS THE FACT THAT THE DISEASE AFFECTS EVERYONE.

September 4, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

AN ANTRIM COUNTY MAN WHO IS A LONG TIME VOLUNTEER OF THE MUNSON HOSPICE HOUSE, IS TURNING HIS LOVE FOR HOMEMADE COOKING INTO HOPE FOR OTHERS--- AND HE'S NOT DOING IT ALONE.SEVEN AND FOUR'S COURTNEY REHMER HAS MORE IN THIS MONTH'S EXCLUSIVE YOUR TOWN HERO REPORT.

September 5, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

ONE NINETY- TWO YEAR OLD WOMAN GOT A SURPRISE TODAY... SHE IS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR. MARGARET TARE WAS HONORED TODAY AS THE 2008 PRIORITY HEALTH SENIOR IMPACT AWARD.FOR THE LAST SEVENTEEN YEARS TARE HAS BEEN MAKING HER WAY TO THE FATHER FRED FOUNDATION ONCE A WEEK FROM EMPIRE. THE FATHER FRED FOUNDATION WANTED TO RECOGNIZE TARE'S CHEERFUL SPIRIT AND DEPENDABILITY.

September 5, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

A TRAVERSE CITY WOMAN IS ON A MISSION TO HELP BUILD SCHOOLS FOR GIRLS IN AFGHANISTAN, THE IDEA WAS SPARKED BY A MAN WHO BEGAN THE PROJECTS MORE THAN FIFTEEN YEARS AGO AND WROTE A BOOK CALLED "THREE CUPS OF TEA."THE AUTHOR, GREG MORTENSON, WILL BE TRAVELLING TO TRAVERSE CITY TO SPEAK TO A GROUP ABOUT HIS MISSION.THE PRESENTATION IS A PART OF "T-C-READS" WHICH HIGHLIGHTED "THREE CUPS OF TEA" THIS SUMMER.SALLY STILWILL, WHO FIRST MET MORTENSON LAST YEAR, STARTED RAISING FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOLS ... AND TO DATE HAS ACCUMULATED MORE THAN 22-THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE CAUSE. STILWILL IS EXCITED THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITY WILL SOON HEAR HIS MESSAGE IN PERSON.

September 6, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

A BENEFIT DINNER HELPED ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN FAMILY RAISE FUNERAL FUNDS FOR A LITTLE BOY WHO SUFFERED CHILD ABUSE THAT ULTIMATELY LEAD TO HIS DEATH. As 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH EXPLAINS, TODAY'S EVENT FOCUSED ON THE MEMORY OF CODY CROSS.

September 6, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IS WORKING ON ITS NEXT HOME IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY.... AND LOOKING AHEAD TO A NEW PROJECT.VOLUNTEERS WERE OUT TODAY AT THE NEWEST HOME ON RASHO ROAD IN SOUTHEASTERN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY. BUT HABITAT ORGANIZERS ARE STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS. HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SAYS THOSE VOLUNTEERS CAN EITHER HELP BUILD THE HOMES ... OR PROVIDE FOOD, SNACKS, AND DRINKS TO CONSTRUCTION WORKERS ON SITE. VOLUNTEERS ARE ALSO NEEDED WHO CAN PROVIDE DAYCARE FOR FAMILIES WHO ARE PUTTING IN THEIR SWEAT EQUITY HOURS ON BUILDING THEIR OWN HOMES. HERE AT THIS HOUSE IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY, THE FUTURE HOMEOWNER SAYS SHE'S EXCITED TO SEE THE PROGRESS ON WHAT WILL BE HER NEW HOME.

September 8, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

YOU CAN HAVE A DIRECT IMPACT ON HELPING CHILDREN ACROSS NORTHERN MICHIGAN BY TAKING PART IN AN UPCOMING FUNDRAISER AND KEEPING THE BIG BROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS PROGRAM GOING STRONG. THE BIG BROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS OF NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN IS HOLDING ITS 'BIG SOIREE' IN HOPES OF GIVING MORE CHILDREN POSITIVE ROLE MODELS. MORE THAN HALF OF THE PROGRAMS BUDGET COMES FROM FUNDRAISERS LIKE THIS EVENT.

September 9, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

RESEARCHERS ARE LOOKING FOR HELP FROM THE PUBLIC TO IDENTIFY AVIAN BOTULISM CASES IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN. VOLUNTEERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO BECOME BEACH RANGERS CAN ATTEND ONE OF THREE WORKSHOPS AND LEARN HOW TO SPOT CASES IN DEAD BIRDS. ONE SUCH CLASS IS BEING HELD TONIGHT AT THE TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING. THAT'S LOCATED ON U.S. 31 JUST SOUTH OF TORCH LAKE VILLAGE IN ANTRIM COUNTY. IT'S FROM 7 UNTIL 8-30.

September 11, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

MANY ARE STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE AND FIXING UP THE COMMUNITY IN ONE OF THE BIGGEST VOLUNTEER EVENTS OF THE YEAR.IT'S ALL A PART OF UNITED WAY OF NORTHWEST MICHIGAN'S DAY OF CARING.NEARLY ONE THOUSAND VOLUNTEERS SHOWED UP TO DO EVERYTHING FROM BUILDING TO GARDENING. SEVEN AND FOUR'S SHEENA ELZIE CAUGHT UP WITH VOLUNTEERS IN TRAVERSE CITY TO TALK ABOUT THEIR MISSION.

September 12, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

HISTORY IS MADE ON THE MIGHT MAC ... WITH HUNDREDS OF TRACTORS LINING UP FOR A ONE OF A KIND CROSSING.7 AND 4'S GREG ANGEL SHOWS US THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS FROM THE PARADE ACROSS THE MACKINAC BRIDGE.

September 12, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

VOLUNTEERS ARE STARTING A TRAIL EXPANSION IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY ... A PROJECT THAT WILL GIVE CROSS COUNTRY SKIERS AN EDGE DURING THE POPULAR VASA RACE.THE TRAIL WILL CONNECT A 12-K LOOP WITH A CURRENT 27-K LOOP NEAR TIMBER RIDGE IN EAST BAY TOWNSHIP. ABOUT A DOZEN PEOPLE ARE CLEANING UP THE AREA TO MAKE IT SAFER FOR SKIERS.THE EXPANSION WILL MEAN ATHLETES WILL BE ABLE TO GO IN THE SAME DIRECTION DURING THE VASA, ELIMINATING A SAFETY CONCERN. THE WORK WAS GIVEN APPROVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILL MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE THIS WINTER.

September 15, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

YOU CAN NOW TURN IN YOUR SCRAP METAL ... FOR A GOOD CAUSE.THE MARITIME HERITAGE ALLIANCE IS NOW COLLECTING SCRAP METAL TO RAISE MONEY TO HELP REPAIR ONE OF THEIR SHIPS.THE ALLIANCE RESTORES WOODEN VESSELS IN ORDER TO PRESERVE AND PROMOTE HISTORY.ACCORDING TO THE MARITIME HERITAGE ALLIANCE ONE THEIR SHIPS, THE *WELCOME* ... NEEDS A NEW PROPELLER. THEY ARE HOPING TO RAISE ENOUGH MONEY TO PURCHASE A NEW PROPELLER AND PROVIDE FUNDING FOR SOME OF THEIR PROGRAMS.

September 16, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEERS ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN TWO NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITIES FOR THE ANNUAL DAY OF CARING FOR UNITED WAY.VOLUNTEERS TOOK PART IN DOZENS OF PROJECTS IN EMMET AND CHARLEVOIX COUNTIES TODAY.THIS GROUP SPENT THE AFTERNOON FIXING UP SOCCER FIELDS NEAR CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP HALL.31 PROJECTS TOOK PLACE ACROSS CHARLEVOIX COUNTY.26 PROJECTS WERE SET ASIDE FOR VOLUNTEERS IN EMMET COUNTY.

September 18, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

A PROGRAM IS LOOKING TO HELP CONNECT TROOPS FIGHTING OVERSEAS WITH THEIR FAMILIES BACK HOME. IT'S CALLED CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS. THE PROGRAM WAS FOUNDED BY TWO TEENAGERS IN MASSACHUSETTS AND HAS BEEN SPREADING ACROSS THE COUNTRY. HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN YOU CAN HELP BY DONATING YOUR OLD CELL PHONES TO THE AMVETS POST 1988 OR ANY LAKE OSCEOLA STATE BANK LOCATIONS. DONATED PHONES ARE SOLD TO A COMPANY WHICH REFURBISHES THEM FOR RESALE -- EACH DONATION REDEEMS ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY FOR ABOUT 1-HOUR OF TALK TIME FOR SOLDIERS. FOR A MORE DETAILED LIST OF LOCAL DONATION SPOTS LOG ON TO OUR WEBITE T-V 7 DASH 4 DOT COM AND CLICK ON THE LINKS IN THE NEWS TAB.

September 18, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

TAKE A BREAK FROM BROWN-BAGGING IT AND THE GUILT OF BUYING LUNCH--SINCE ALL THE MONEY GOES TO A GOOD CAUSE!BRATS, BURGERS AND OTHER COOK OUT CLASSICS ARE ON THE MENU TOMORROW FOR A BREAST CANCER FUNDRAISER CALLED "LUNCH ON THE RUN." HAGERTY INSURANCE AND BILL MARSH AUTOMOTIVE GROUP IN TRAVERSE CITY ARE HEATING UP THE GRILLS--GETTING LUNCHES READY FOR PICK UP OR DELIVERY THE MEALS COST BETWEEN 7 TO 10 DOLLARS AND ALL THE PROCEEDS GO TO THE WOMEN'S CANCER FUND--TO HELP PATIENTS RIGHT HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN.

September 18, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

ONE ORGANIZATION IS BUILDING UP THEIR DONATIONS ONE CENT AT A TIME. THE RED CROSS IS RUNNING A PENNY DRIVE TO HELP COLLECT DONATIONS. THEY ARE HOPING TO RAISE 32- THOUSAND DOLLARS WITH THE DRIVE TO RAISE MORE FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS.MANY PEOPLE IN LOUISIANA AND TEXAS WERE AFFECTED GUSTAV AND IKE AND NOW THE RED CROSS IS LOOKING FOR HELP FROM NORTHERN MICHIGAN.

September 20, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Duration :30

IT WASN'T A RACE- BUT INSTEAD A WALK TO RAISE FUNDS AND AWARENESS FOR A COMMON DISEASE.THE 19TH ANNUAL MEMORY WALK AT TRAVERSE CITY'S F&M PARK TOOK PLACE THIS MORNING THE EVENT AIMS TO RAISE MONEY FOR ALZIEMER'S

RESEARCH AND FOR PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE CARE FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM THE DISEASE.THE FUNDS RAISED ALSO GO TOWARD PROGRAMS THAT TEACH PEOPLE HOW TO CARE FOR THOSE THAT HAVE ALZEIMERS.

September 24, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

THE ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DRIVE FOR THE UNITED WAY IS NOW UNDERWAY.THE KICK-OFF CELEBRATIONS TAKE PLACE EVERY FALL AT UNITED WAY CHAPTERS ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY.MOST WORKPLACES BEGIN THEIR EMPLOYEE CAMPAIGNS THIS TIME OF YEAR, COLLECTING PLEDGES FROM WORKERS. LIKE IT'S DONE HERE AT MEIJER IN TRAVERSE CITY, IN MOST CASES THE PLEDGES ARE COLLECTED THROUGH A PAYROLL DEDUCTION STARTING IN JANUARY.

September 24, 2008

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Duration :30

THE RED CROSS IS HOPING YOU WILL GIVE YOUR SPARE CHANGE TO HELP THOSE DEALING WITH NATURAL DISASTERS.THE CHANGE DRIVE OFFICIALLY KICKS OFF FRIDAY AND WILL CONTINUE FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS.LARRY GERCHBACKER {gersh-bahker}, HAS BEEN A VOLUNTEER WITH THE RED CROSS FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS--AND IS NOW HELPING THE DRIVE BY BUILDING A LARGE 'RED CROSS' COIN BANK.AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF WORKING ON THE PROJECT ... IT'S JUST A FEW HOURS FROM COMPLETION.

September 27, 2008

Time: 11:00-11:35pm

Duration :30

ALL ACROSS THE NATION TODAY, THOUSAND OF AMERICANS ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE-NATION CAMPAIGN.... A WAY THAT PEOPLE CAN BECOME INVOLVED IN VOLUNTEER PROJECTS RIGHT HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN, MEMBERS OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ARE TAKING ON A SERVICE PROJECT FOR ONE ONE OF THEIR NEIGHBORS...7&4'S MELISSA SMITH WAS THERE ON THIS "DAY OF ACTION".