

**DESCRIPTION OF WPBN-TV PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT
TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES
4th Quarter 2011**

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

April 2, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TONIGHT -- STATE LAWMAKERS ARE PREPARING BUDGET PROPOSALS WITH HOPES OF MAKING FINAL DECISIONS BY MAY. PART OF THE HOUSE RECOMMENDATION IS TO GIVE MORE MONEY TO FOSTER PARENTS -- A RAISE THESE FAMILIES HAVEN'T SEEN FOR YEARS. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ REPORTS.

April 2, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER.GETTING A LOAN IS NOT ALWAYS EASY -- ESPECIALLY IN THIS ECONOMY. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL JOINS US NOW WITH A LOOK AT A POPULAR TYPE OF LENDING THAT'S HELPING PEOPLE THROUGH TOUGH TIMES...

April 2, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A BANK IS CHALLENGING A STATE LAW SIGNED BY GOVERNOR SNYDER THAT ALLOWS A FORMER TRAVERSE CITY MALL OWNER TO DEFAULT ON HIS LOANS WITHOUT PAYMENT. THE MICHIGAN APPEALS COURT ORDERED DAVID SCHOSTAK PAY 2-POINT-4 MILLION DOLLARS AFTER CHERRYLAND CENTER DEFAULTED ON A MORTGAGE TO WELLS FARGO.THE COURT RULED THAT SCHOSTAK WAS PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AMOUNT OWED. AS IT TURNS OUT -- SCHOSTAK'S BROTHER BOBBY IS THE STATE G-O-P CHAIRMAN.WELLS FARGO ARGUES THE LAW OVERTURNING THE APPEALS COURT DECISION IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

April 3, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

MORE THAN 4-HUNDRED PEOPLE ARE EMPLOYED AT CHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL -- EFFECTIVE 11:59 TONIGHT -- THOSE EMPLOYEES WILL BE TERMINATED. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPOKE WITH HOSPITAL OFFICIALS WITH CHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL AND MCLAREN TO FIND OUT MORE.

April 3, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE HOSPITAL SHUTDOWN WILL HAVE AN OBVIOUS IMPACT ON HEALTH CARE IN THE CHEBOYGAN AREA.AND IT WILL LIKELY HAVE SERIOUS BUSINESS RAMIFICATIONS AS WELL EARLIER TODAY -- I SPOKE WITH CITY LEADERS ABOUT HOW THE HOSPITAL LEAVING -- CAN IMPACT THEIR LOCAL ECONOMY.

April 4, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

WITH SEVERAL COLD NIGHTS EXPECTED THIS WEEK -- FRUIT GROWERS ARE ON EDGE TONIGHT. A HARD FREEZE COULD DEVASTATE THIS YEAR'S CROP. 7&4'S CHRISTINA BURKHART SPOKE WITH AN AGRICULTURE EXPERT WITH THE LOCAL MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OFFICE -- TO FIND OUT WHAT

KIND OF IMPACT THESE COLD TEMPERATURES CAN HAVE. SHE BRINGS US THIS STORY NEW AT 11.

April 5, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TONIGHT'S FREEZING TEMPERATURES ARE THREATENING ALL TYPES OF CROPS IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN -- LOCAL GROWERS WILL BE KEEPING A CLOSE EYE ON THOSE OVERNIGHT LOWS. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ IS LIVE IN THE STUDIO -- LAUREN -- IS THERE ANYTHING FARMERS CAN DO TONIGHT TO PROTECT THEIR CROPS?

April 6, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

GOODWILL RETAIL CUSTOMERS IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN COULD HAVE A NEW PLACE TO DO THEIR SHOPPING.THE ORGANIZATION IS PLANNING TO EXPAND -- WITH A NEW FACILITY IN ACME TOWNSHIP. THIS WOULD MARK GOODWILL'S FIFTH STORE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN -- AND PROVIDE CUSTOMERS WITH A NEW OPPORTUNITY -- FOR AFFORDABLE SHOPPING.

April 6, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

FOR THOSE LOOKING FOR CAREERS IN THE FIELD OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY-- NEXT WEEK THERE'S A CAREER FAIR FOR YOU.IN TRAVERSE CITY-- NORTHWEST MICHIGAN WORKS WILL BE HOSTING A JOB FAIR AT THE HAGERTY CENTER. AT LEAST NINE LOCAL BUSINESSES WILL BE THERE LOOKING FOR NEW TALENT. THE CAREER FAIR RUNS FROM FOUR UNTIL SEVEN ON TUESDAY.

April 9, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A FARMERS PLAN TO IMPROVE HOUSING FOR HIS MIGRANT WORKERS IN BENZIE COUNTY HAS SPARKED A LAWSUIT -- AND CHARGES OF RACISM.LOY PUTNEY -- A FRUIT GROWER IN BENZIE COUNTY -- WANTS TO REUSE A VACANT MOTEL IN VILLAGE OF ELBERTA AND TRANSFORM IT INTO NEW LIVING SPACE FOR HIS WORKERS.BUT VILLAGE COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE DENYING HIS REQUESTS.7&4'S KATE FOX JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH THE DETAILS.

April 9, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

GREAT WOLF RESORTS INCORPORATED SAYS A PRIVATE INVESTMENT FIRM HAS SWEETENED THE DEAL TO ACQUIRE THE COMPANY.GREAT WOLD LODGE OPERATES ELEVEN WATER PARKS IN THE U-S AND CANADA INCLUDING ONE IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY.K-S-L CAPITAL IS OFFERING SEVEN DOLLARS PER SHARE-- THAT'S 75- CENTS MORE PER SHARE THAN THE INITIAL UNSOLICITED OFFER THAT WAS REJECTED.THE BID IS MORE THEN 230- MILLION TOTAL-- TOPPING A BID BY APOLLO GLOBAL MANAGEMENT OF ROUGHLY 222- MILLION DOLLARS.

April 9, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

HERE IS SOME GOOD NEWS THAT WILL MAKE YOU A HAPPY CAMPER.THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES HAS LOWERED CAMPGROUD FEES. IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER -- 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL TAKES A LOOK AT THE CHANGES.

April 10, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE LEELANAU CONSERVATION DISTRICT IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR "PHASE TWO" OF THEIR FARM-ABILITY PROGRAM. THE GOAL -- CONSERVE FARMLAND -- AND PRESERVE THE ART OF AGRICULTURE. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL REPORTS.

April 10, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

BUSINESSES IN TRAVERSE CITY ARE SCOPING OUT NEW TALENT. RIGHT NOW - AND UNTIL SEVEN O'CLOCK - AN I-T CAREER AND JOB FAIR IS GOING ON AT THE HAGERTY CENTER. FOURTEEN LOCAL BUSINESSES ARE LOOKING FOR QUALIFIED WORKERS TO FILL POSITIONS IN NETWORK ADMINISTRATION, WEB DEVELOPMENT, TECH SUPPORT AND DATABASE MANAGEMENT.

April 11, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

CLEAN UP FROM THE MARCH WINTER BLAST IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN CONTINUES. ITS BEEN MORE THAN A MONTH SINCE THE POWERFUL STORM HIT AND CREWS ARE STILL WORKING TO CLEAN UP THE MESS OF DOWN TREES AND BRANCHES. 7&4'S KATE FOX JOINS US LIVE -- WITH MORE DETAILS ON THE EFFORT.

April 12, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE DEPARTMENTS OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ESTIMATES THERE ARE MORE THAN 67-THOUSAND HOMELESS VETERANS LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES. TODAY -- THERE ARE NEW EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOWER THAT NUMBER. AND IT IS ALREADY MAKING A BIG IMPACT RIGHT HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL HAS MORE ON THE PROGRAM THAT'S HELPING REACH OUT TO THOSE WHO FOUGHT FOR OUR FREEDOM.

April 12, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

MORAN IRON WORKS IN ONAWAY IS JOINING FORCES WITH AN ALABAMA COMPANY TO LEARN ABOUT THE SHIPBUILDING TRADE. MORAN IRON WORKS HAS SIGNED A TEAMING AGREEMENT WITH B-A-E SYSTEMS SOUTHEAST SHIPYARDS IN MOBILE. B-A-E IS THE LARGEST NAVAL DEFENSE CONTRACTOR IN THE WORLD. WHILE B-A-E TEACHES MORGAN IRON WORKS ABOUT SHIPBUILDING - IT IS HOPING TO LEARN FROM MORAN ABOUT STEEL FABRICATION.

April 17, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NEW AT 6 -- A LOCAL THRIFT STORE CHARITY THAT WAS EMBEZZLED FROM IS NOW TEMPORARILY SHUTTING DOWN. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL IN TRAVERSE CITY HAS VOTED TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE THE THRIFT STORE AND FOOD PANTRY.

April 17, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A POPULAR BOAT CRUISE -- SHOWCASING A SHORELINE -- RECENTLY NAMED THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PLACE IN AMERICA -- HAS BEEN CANCELED FOR THE SUMMER. SLEEPING BEAR DUNES BOAT CRUISE L-L-C -- BASED OUT OF FRANKFORT -- SAYS CRUISES ARE A "NO-GO" FOR 20-12. 7&4'S KATE FOX WENT TO FIND OUT WHAT'S BEHIND THE CANCELLATION -- AND WHAT KIND OF IMPACT THIS WILL HAVE ON THE LOCAL ECONOMY AND TOURISM. SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

April 17, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IT'S TAX DAY! HAVE YOU FILED? IF YOU HAVEN'T -- THE I-R-S WILL GIVE YOU MORE TIME TO FILE -- BUT NOT MORE TIME TO PAY... UNCLE SAM WILL GRANT YOU A SIX-MONTH EXTENSION TO FILE YOUR TAX FORMS -- BUT YOU MUST MAKE THE REQUEST BY MIDNIGHT TONIGHT.. BEWARE THAT FILING FOR AN EXTENSION DOESN'T SPARE YOU FROM PAYING YOUR TAX BILL BY TONIGHT'S DEADLINE THOUGH. IF YOU FAIL TO PAY -- YOU'LL INCUR INTEREST CHARGES AND FEES IN ADDITION TO WHAT YOU ALREADY OWE. LOCAL TAX PREPARED SAY - - THOSE WHO PAID ON TIME -- CAN ALWAYS GO BACK AND AMEND THEIR TAX RETURN -- AFTER THE DEADLINE.

April 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NEW AT 6... A RALLY IS PLANNED FOR NEXT WEEK TO SHOW COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE SHUTTERED CHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. THE HOSPITAL CLOSED EARLY THIS MONTH AFTER A DEAL TO SELL THE HOSPITAL TO MCLAREN HEALTH SYSTEM FELL THROUGH BECAUSE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS. MORE THAN 3-HUNDRED HOSPITAL WORKERS LOST THEIR JOBS AS A RESULT. MONDAY NIGHT AT 6 -- MORE THAN A THOUSAND PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO RALLY AT THE HOSPITAL -- PUSHING FOR MORE TO BE DONE TO SAVE IT.

April 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A TRAVERSE CITY MUSIC STORE IS HOPING A FUNDRAISER WILL KEEP THEM FROM SINGING THE BLUES. IN FEBRUARY WE TOLD YOU ABOUT "ZAMAR GUITAR." THE BUSINESS BECAME THE VICTIM OF A NIGERIAN FRAUD SCHEME.NOW -- THE STORE IS OUT NEARLY 12-THOUSAND DOLLARS -- AND THEY ARE HOPING A COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER WILL HELP THEM STAY IN BUSINESS. THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO A CHARITY CONCERT AT LIL BO'S IN MAY.

April 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

ROSCOMMON COUNTY HAS THE SECOND HIGHEST POVERTY RATE IN THE STATE. IT IS A MASSIVE PROBLEM THAT HAS GOTTEN WORSE OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS. BUT A GROUP OF MIDDLE SCHOOLERS ARE ATTACKING THE PROBLEM AT GROUND ZERO.&4'S ANNALISE KRANSZ WAS IN ROSCOMMON TODAY AND HAS MORE.

April 23, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE HOSPITAL CLOSED EARLIER THIS MONTH -- AFTER A DEAL TO SELL IT TO "MCLAREN HEALTH SYSTEM" FELL THROUGH BECAUSE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS. BUT TONIGHT COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE GATHERING -- DETERMINED TO SAVE THE HOSPITAL.&4'S KATE FOX IS AT THE HOSPITAL RIGHT NOW -- SHE JOINS US LIVE ON THE PHONE WITH MORE. KATE, WHAT DO THE PEOPLE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH WITH THIS RALLY?

April 23, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

EARLIER IN THE BROADCAST WE TOLD YOU ABOUT TRAVERSE CITY'S BUDGET TALKS FOR NEXT YEAR. THEY NEED TO COME UP WITH ABOUT A HALF MILLION DOLLAR IN CUTS -- AND THE CITY MANAGER WANTS TO MAKE UP SOME OF THAT MONEY BY CUTTING FUNDING TO HICKORY HILLS SKI AREA. BUT TRAVERSE CITY MAYOR MICHAEL ESTES HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN -- HE WANTS TO CONTINUE FUNDING FOR HICKORY HILLS AND CHANGE THE WAY FIRE SERVICE IS PROVIDED TO THE CITY. TO LEARN MORE -- I SAT DOWN WITH THE MAYOR THIS AFTERNOON.

April 25, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

GROUND HAS BEEN BROKEN IN THE UPPER PENINSULA FOR A BUILDING THAT WILL WORK TO BREED BUSINESS LAKE SUPERIOR STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE CITY OF SAULT SAINTE MARIE'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION STARTED WORK ON THE BUILDING.

April 25, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

AFTER ALMOST A DECADE OF WORK -- A GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY MAN IS JUST A FEW PERMITS AWAY FROM OPENING A BIO-DIESEL PLANT.EIGHT YEARS AGO BILL KOUCKY-- A LOCAL TEACHER AND BUSINESS MAN STARTED A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON PRODUCING BIO-DIESEL IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN.

April 30, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

BUSINESS OWNERS IN LELAND TOWNSHIP HAVE RAISED THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS -- TO DREDGE THEIR MONEY-MAKING HARBOR -- IN HOPES OF ENSURING A PROSPEROUS SUMMER SEASON. RIGHT NOW THE HARBOR IS FULL OF SAND -- MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR MOST BOATS TO ENTER.AND BECAUSE NO STATE OR FEDERAL FUNDING IS AVAILABLE -- TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS -- BUSINESS LEADERS -- AND FISHERIES HAVE FORMED A PLAN 7&4'S KATE FOX HAS MORE ON THEIR EFFORTS -- AND WHY THEY'RE ASKING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO STEP UP.

April 30, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A PROGRAM RUN THROUGH THE TRAVERSE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY THAT PROVIDES READING MATERIAL FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED MAY BE CHANGING. THE LIBRARY IS ONE OF TEN SUB-REGIONAL LIBRARIES FOR THE MICHIGAN COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND. RIGHT NOW THE LIBRARY HAS 2 EMPLOYEES THAT RUN THE LOCAL PROGRAM -- SPENDING MUCH OF THEIR TIME MAILING OUT BOOKS TO PEOPLE SIGNED UP.IF THE TRAVERSE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD GIVES ITS APPROVAL -- THE LIBRARY WILL CHANGE ITS MODEL TO BECOME WHAT IS DESCRIBES AS AN ADVOCACY AND OUTREACH CENTER.

May 1, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

AFTER RECENT HEARINGS IN BANKRUPTCY COURT -- THE JUDGE SIGNED OFF ON AN ORDER -- THAT ALLOWS THE SALE OF C-M-H TO MCLAREN HEALTH SYSTEM TO MOVE FORWARD.7&4'S KATE FOX SPOKE WITH HOSPITAL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES TODAY TO LEARN MORE -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH THE LATEST.

May 1, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IT'S A NEW TREND IN VACATIONING -- AND SOME LOCAL BUSINESSES HAVE COOKED UP THE PERFECT RECIPE TO CASH IN. ACCORDING TO GOOGLE SEARCH DATA -- CULINARY TOURISM IS GROWING IN POPULARITY AND POPULAR FOOD PLACES AROUND THE TRAVERSE CITY AREA ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE. IN RESPONSE TO THIS INTEREST -- THE INN AT BLACK STAR FARMS IN LEELANAU COUNTY IS OFFERING A HARVEST DINNER SERIES. ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH -- DIFFERENT FOODS WILL BE FEATURED.

May 2, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

HUNTINGTON ANNOUNCED A PARTNERSHIP WITH MEIJER TODAY -- THAT IS BRINGING THREE NEW BRANCHES AND 20 NEW JOBS TO NORTHERN MICHIGAN.

HUNTINGTON IS TEAMING UP WITH MEIJER FOR A STATE WIDE EXPANSION -- THAT WILL ULTIMATELY CREATE MORE THAN 5-HUNDRED JOBS IN MORE THAN 80 LOCATIONS.THE BANK WILL OPEN A BRANCH IN AUGUST AT THE MEIJER STORES IN GAYLORD AND PETOSKEY.

May 4, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IT WAS AN EVENTFUL DAY IN CADILLAC AS THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOSTED THEIR 35-TH ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S BREAKFAST. GOVERNOR RICK SNYDER ADDRESSED HUNDREDS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN RESIDENTS INSIDE THE WEXFORD COUNTY CIVIC CENTER. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ TALKED WITH THE GOVERNOR AT THIS MORNING'S EVENT AND HAS REACTION FROM THOSE WHO ATTENDED.

May 4, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THERE'S A NEW TREND THAT BANKS SAY COULD BE A SIGN THE ECONOMY IS GETTING STRONGER.THE BANK OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN IS REPORTING A SHIFT IN HOW SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION LOANS ARE USED.7&4's BRODY O'CONNELL EXPLAINS.

May 5, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

SEVERAL STATE LAWMAKERS WERE IN TRAVERSE CITY TODAY -- SPEAKING OUT ABOUT THE RE-OPENING OF THE FORMER CHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. THIS WEEK -- ADMINISTRATORS ANNOUNCED THAT THE HOSPITAL WILL NOW BE KNOWN AS MCLAREN NORTHERN MICHIGAN -- CHEBOYGAN CAMPUS.EMERGENCY SERVICES ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO THE HOSPITAL -- NEXT MONDAY MAY 14TH -- AND SURGICAL SERVICES ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN THE WEEK OF MAY 29-TH. TODAY -- 7&4 NEWS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK LAWMAKERS ABOUT THE RE-OPENING OF THE HOSPITAL -- SPECIFICALLY HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT THE FACT THAT ONLY *HALF OF THE 300-PLUS EMPLOYEES -- WILL BE GETTING THEIR JOBS BACK.

May 7, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

UNUSUALLY WARM MARCH TEMPERATURES CAUSED LOCAL CHERRY TREES TO BLOSSOM EARLY THIS YEAR -- AND THEN A HARD FREEZE CAME THAT WIPED OUT MOST OF THE BLOOMS BEFORE THEY COULD BE POLLINATED. NOW FARMERS ARE PROJECTING A HUGE DROP IN THE CHERRY CROP -- CREATING BIG PROBLEMS FOR MANY LOCAL BUSINESSES. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE ON THE IMPACT.

May 8, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THIS IS A STORY 7&4 NEWS HAS BEEN FOLLOWING CLOSELY ALL SPRING -- AFTER A HARD FREEZE WIPED OUT THIS YEAR'S CHERRY BLOSSOMS. YESTERDAY -- WE FOUND OUT THAT THE CROP IS EXPECTED TO TAKE A SEVERE HIT -- AND LOCAL PROCESSORS WILL LIKELY HAVE LITTLE OR NO WORK THIS SUMMER. TONIGHT WE'RE LOOKING DEEPER INTO THIS ISSUE. WE'RE JOINED NOW BY 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ WHO HAS BEEN FOLLOWING THIS STORY. LAUREN - IF THERE'S NO WORK HOW WILL THESE BUSINESSES SURVIVE?

May 9, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

HIS MORNING FOR A BREAKFAST CELEBRATION. BUSINESS OWNERS AND CHAMBER MEMBERS JOINED AT THE HAGERTY CENTER. THE BREAKFAST GAVE JUDGES THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE TEN SMALL BUSINESS FINALISTS -- BEFORE MAKING THEIR TOP PICK.

May 11, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

BENZIE COUNTY HAS ITS FIRST LEED CERTIFIED "PLATINUM" HOUSE. IN FACT -- THERE ARE ONLY 28 OF THESE SUPER-ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY HOMES IN THE ENTIRE STATE. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL TAKES AN INSIDE LOOK - - AT ONE OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN'S "GREENEST" HOMES.

May 14, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

DOZENS OF PEOPLE GATHERED OUTSIDE MCLAREN NORTHERN MICHIGAN CHEBOYGAN CAMPUS THIS MORNING -- FOR A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY -- THAT MARKED THE RE-BIRTH OF THE HOSPITAL'S EMERGENCY SERVICES. 7&4'S KATE FOX WAS THERE -- SHE HAS MORE ON WHAT THIS MEANS FOR THE COMMUNITY -- AND WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR THE RESTORED HOSPITAL.

May 15, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A BRAND NEW WATER-PARK AND HOTEL IN MOUNT PLEASANT IS LOOKING TO MAKE A BIG SLASH -- AS IT PREPARES FOR ITS UPCOMING GRAND OPENING. AFTER MORE THAN A YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION -- THE SOARING EAGLE WATER-PARK AND HOTEL WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN UP TO THE PUBLIC WITH A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY ON MAY 21-ST. THE PROPERTY IS COMPLETE WITH A 42-THOUSAND SQUARE FOOT WATER-PARK -- 243 HOTEL ROOMS AND SUITES -- AN ARCADE, RESTAURANT -- AND AN 18-HOLE GOLF COURSE. SOARING EAGLE OFFICIALS SAY THEY WANT TO ATTRACT A DIFFERENT CROWD THEN THEIR MOUNT PLEASANT CASINO.

May 17, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

GAS MASKS HAVE ALWAYS HAD A STARRING ROLE AT AVON PROTECTION -- THE CADILLAC-BASED COMPANY WAS AWARDED A HUGE CONTRACT WITH THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IN 2000 -- AND SUPPLIES MASK TO OVER 50-COUNTRIES. BUT IN RECENT YEARS -- YOU MAY HAVE SEEN THEIR PRODUCT WITHOUT EVEN REALIZING IT. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE. MARC -- FROM CADILLAC TO THE BRIGHT LIGHTS OF HOLLYWOOD -- AVON PROTECTION IS GETTING A LOT OF ATTENTION FROM BIG-TIME MOVIE MAKERS. IN FACT -- THEIR MASKS HAVE BEEN USED AS PROPS IN SEVERAL HIT MOVIES.

May 17, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NEW AT 6 -- DEMOLITION WILL SOON BEGIN TO MAKE WAY FOR THE FUTURE HOTEL INDIGO IN TRAVERSE CITY. AS SOON AS THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY GIVES CLEARANCE, DEMOLITION CAN BEGIN ON THE CORNER OF GRANDVIEW AND HALL FOR THE NEW BUILDING. ATTENTION HAS ALSO BEEN FOCUSED ON MAKING THE CASS STREET TUNNEL BRIGHTER AND OPEN YEAR ROUND. TONIGHT AT 11 -- HEAR FROM THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ABOUT THIS PROJECT.

May 17, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

MICHIGAN ATTORNEY GENERAL BILL SCHUETTE SAYS DON'T BET ON A NEW LANSING CASINO. THE SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS WANTS TO OPEN A 245-MILLION-DOLLAR (KA-WADE-IN) KEWADIN CASINO NEAR THE LANSING CENTER -- THEY SAY IT COULD CREATE AS MANY AS 22-HUNDRED JOBS.

May 27, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

"RETIREMENT" USED TO MEAN TRADING IN THE DAY-TO-DAY WORK GRIND -- FOR A NEW CHAPTER OF LIFE -- SPENT WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.BUT FOR MANY SENIORS TODAY -- THE RECENT DOWNTURN IN THE MARKET PAIRED WITH THE ROCKY ECONOMY IS CHANGING THAT PICTURE OF RETIREMENT. I SPENT TIME WITH TWO NORTHERN MICHIGAN SENIORS -- WHO ARE STILL IN THE WORKFORCE -- BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO RETIRE. THIS IS THEIR STORY -- CALLED "MY THIRD CAREER."

May 28, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

MEMORIAL DAY MARKS THE UNOFFICIAL START OF SUMMER -- AND THIS WEEKEND AREA CAMPGROUNDS WERE PACKED -- WITH "OUT-OF-TOWNERS" AND LOCALS -- LOOKING TO ENJOY THE GREAT OUTDOORS!AND WHILE CAMPERS GOT TO EXPERIENCE THE INCREDIBLE BEAUTY OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN -- CAMP-GROUNDS GOT A NICE BOOST TO BUSINESS.

May 29, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND IS THE UNOFFICIAL START OF SUMMER.FOR NORTHERN MICHIGAN BUSINESSES -- IT MEANS THE START OF THE BIG TOURIST SEASON. 7&4'S KATE FOX SPENT THE DAY IN DOWNTOWN TRAVERSE CITY -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO. KATE -- WERE PEOPLE SPENDING THIS HOLIDAY WEEKEND?

May 30, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A SMALL NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITY IS LOOKING TO MAKE SOME *BIG CHANGES TO HELP BRING JOBS TO THE AREA. THE VILLAGE OF MESICK IN WEXFORD COUNTY IS WORKING ON A MASTER PLAN 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ TALKED WITH VILLAGE OFFICIALS -- AND JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH THE STORY.

May 31, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

MICHIGAN'S BEAUTIFUL SHORELINES MAKE THE STATE AN ATTRACTIVE PLACE TO WORK AND LIVE. BUT NEW LEGISLATION COULD CHANGE THE WAY THOSE COASTAL AREAS ARE MAINTAINED. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL HAS MORE IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT.

June 1, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THERE'S SOME DISMAL ECONOMIC NEWS AS THE MAY JOBS REPORT IS RELEASED. U-S EMPLOYERS CREATED 69-THOUSAND JOBS IN MAY - POSTING THE FEWEST IN A YEAR. THIS AS THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WENT UP - FUELING FEARS THE ECONOMY IS FALTERING. THE LABOR DEPARTMENT REVISED THE NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED IN THE PREVIOUS TWO MONTHS - THE NEW FIGURES ARE *DOWN* TO SHOW 49-THOUSAND FEWER JOBS CREATED. ADDITIONALLY, THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ROSE IN APRIL - THE FIRST INCREASE IN TWO MONTHS.

June 1, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

GOVERNOR SNYDER HAS REQUESTED FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR FARMERS ACROSS MICHIGAN WHO ARE FACING SUBSTANTIAL CROP LOSSES BECAUSE OF EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS. A RARE EXTENDED PERIOD OF SUMMER-LIKE TEMPERATURES IN MARCH CAUSED TREES TO BLOSSOM EARLY, ONLY TO BE HIT BY APRIL FROSTS AND FREEZES. FARMERS AND EXTENSION AGENTS SAY THE ONE-TWO PUNCH HAS ALL BUT WIPED OUT THE TART CHERRY CROP, WHILE OTHER ORCHARD FRUITS SUCH AS SWEET CHERRIES, APPLES, PEARS AND PEACHES HAVE SUFFERED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE. THE GOVERNOR'S REQUEST IS BEING SENT TO U.S. AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT SECRETARY TOM VILSACK. THE CROP LOSSES ARE ESTIMATED AT MORE THAN 223 MILLION DOLLARS.

June 4, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

AFTER MONTHS OF SOMETIMES HEATED DEBATE -- TRAVERSE CITY WILL MAKE A FINAL DECISION TONIGHT ON HOW TO BALANCE A MORE THAN HALF A MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET DEFICIT. TRAVERSE CITY LEADERS ARE MAKING BIG DECISIONS TONIGHT THAT COULD IMPACT EMPLOYEES AND FUTURE PROJECTS. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ IS LIVE AT THE TRAVERSE CITY GOVERNMENTAL CENTER -- WHERE THE MEETING WILL BEGIN IN AN HOUR.

June 4, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

HOME FORECLOSURE IS A MAJOR PROBLEM IN THE UNITED STATES. LAST WEEK -- REALTY-TRAC REPORTED THE NUMBER OF HOMES IN SOME PHASE OF FORECLOSURE COUNTED FOR 26 PERCENT OF OVERALL HOME SALES IN THE FIRST QUARTER. IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT -- 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL TAKES A LOOK AT WHAT HELP IS AVAILABLE FOR NORTHERN MICHIGAN FAMILIES -- FIGHTING FORECLOSURE.

June 7, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NEW AT 6 -- AN AGREEMENT WOULD SET GUIDELINES FOR MACKINAC ISLAND FERRY SERVICE AND AVOID THE PROSPECT OF NEW STATE OVERSIGHT. LAST NIGHT THE ISLAND'S CITY COUNCIL AGREED TO GIVE FERRIES SOME FREEDOM TO SET PRICES IN SUMMER -- THE CITY HAS THE ABILITY TO ASSURE COMPETITION AND WINTER TRAVEL. THE DEAL FOLLOWS DISAGREEMENTS IN RECENT YEARS ABOUT FERRY FRANCHISES. IT AVOIDS THE PROSPECT OF LEGISLATION THAT COULD END MACKINAC ISLAND'S ABILITY TO REGULATE FERRY SERVICE.

June 7, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NORTHERN MICHIGAN FARMERS MAY BE GETTING SOME FINANCIAL HELP AFTER AN UNSEASONABLY WARM WINTER AND COLD SPRING. THE MICHIGAN HOUSE APPROVED THE FRANZ FARMER BILL. THE BILL WILL CREATE A LOAN PROGRAM FOR FARMERS IN AGRICULTURAL DISASTER AREAS...AREAS DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNOR. THE STATE WILL DECIDE WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR A LOW-INTEREST LOAN OF UP TO ONE-MILLION-DOLLARS. TO QUALIFY FOR A LOAN... FARMERS MUST HAVE SUFFERED A LOSS OF 25-PERCENT OR MORE IN ENTERPRISES...OR A LOSS OF 50-PERCENT OR MORE IN ANY ONE CROP ON THE FARM.

June 12, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TWO TEENAGE BROTHERS ARE DEVELOPING AN IDEA THAT IS GAINING LOCAL SUPPORT.THEIR PRODUCT HAS WON THE TRAVERSE CITY BOOST INNOVATION COMPETITION -- AND NOW THEIR BUSINESS IS EVEN GAINING SOME GLOBAL ATTENTION.7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS MET THESE YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS -- AND JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO.

June 14, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TRAVERSE CITY BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS MET TODAY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW ENERGY EFFICIENCY CAN BOOST THE LOCAL ECONOMY. THE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP SUMMIT WAS HELD TODAY AT THE HAGERTY CENTER. THE MICHIGAN LAND USE INSTITUTE AND SEEDS PRESENTED STUDIES THAT SHOWED HOW AN AGGRESSIVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY WOULD RAISE REVENUE. PANELS ALSO SHARED SUCCESS STORIES FROM OTHER COMMUNITIES.

June 15, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE CROSSING -- WHICH HAS BEEN THE CENTER OF MUCH CONTROVERSY AND DEBATE -- WILL GO FROM DETROIT TO WINSOR, ONTARIO.7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS SPOKE WITH LOCAL BUSINESS LEADERS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LOCAL IMPACT.HE JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

June 15, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

WE ALL KNOW THE DEVASTATING AFFECT THE SPRING FROST HAD ON THE CHERRY CROP HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN.FARMERS ARE LEFT WITH ALMOST NOTHING TO HARVEST-- AND MANY ARE LOOKING TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE FUNDS.BUT WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER FRUIT CROPS IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN? DID THEY SURVIVE THE FROST? I MET WITH LOCAL STRAWBERRY AND BLUEBERRY FARMERS TO FIND OUT THE HARVEST OUTLOOK FOR THE SUMMER -- AND HOW IT WILL AFFECT WHAT YOU PAY THIS SEASON.

June 18, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IN ONE HOUR - TRAVERSE CITY COMMISSIONERS WILL CONTINUE HEATED TALKS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF FIRE SERVICES IN THE CITY. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ IS LIVE AT THE GOVERNMENTAL CENTER...

June 18, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NEW AT 6...IT'S OFFICIAL -- MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER IN LUDINGTON HAS STARTED CONSTRUCTION ON IT'S 14 MILLION DOLLAR EXPANSION.HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS AND EMPLOYEES GATHERED TOGETHER THIS AFTERNOON FOR A SPECIAL "GROUND BREAKING" CEREMONY -- CELEBRATING A PROJECT THAT PROMISES TO ENHANCE PATIENT CARE AND CREATE JOBS.

June 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NEW AT 6 -- DEMOLITION IS UNDERWAY TO CLEAR THE WAY FOR A NEW PHARMACY ON A BUSY TRAVERSE CITY STREET CORNER.CREWS WERE BUSY TODAY CLEARING THE LOT ON THE CORNER OF DIVISION AND FRONT STREETS.BACK IN FEBRUARY COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THE LOT AS A COMMUNITY CENTER DISTRICT C-V-S PHARMACY PLANS TO MOVE INTO THE LOT THAT HAS BEEN VACANT FOR NEARLY 20 YEARS.

June 21, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

VERIZON WIRELESS CUSTOMERS SHOULD NOW BE ABLE TO GET FASTER SERVICE IN THE TRAVERSE CITY AREA. THE MOBILE GIANT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE 4-G-L-T-E NETWORK HAS EXPANDED TO TRAVERSE CITY.

June 21, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NORTHERN MICHIGAN IS GETTING A NEW WINERY AND TASTING ROOM. OWNERS OF THE HAWTHORNE VINEYARD ON OLD MISSION PENINSULA ARE CONSTRUCTING A TASTING ROOM AND WINERY FOUR MILES NORTH OF TRAVERSE CITY. THE WINERY WILL SIT IN A SECLUDED AREA WITH VIEWS OF FORESTS AND WEST GRAND TRAVERSE BAY.

June 22, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TRAVELERS NOW HAVE A QUICK WAY TO GET FROM NORTHERN MICHIGAN -- DOWN TO THE SOUTHEAST. STARTING SATURDAY -- THE CHERRY CAPITOL AIRPORT IN TRAVERSE CITY WILL OFFER A DAILY NON-STOP DELTA FLIGHT TO ATLANTA. THE INCOMING FLIGHT TO TRAVERSE CITY ON SATURDAY IS ALREADY SOLD OUT. AIRPORT OFFICIALS SAY THEY'VE HAD GOOD FEEDBACK ABOUT OFFERING THE FLIGHT AND DELTA IS PREDICTING GOOD NUMBERS FOR THE SUMMER.

June 27, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

LESS THAN 3 MONTHS AGO IT LOOKED LIKE THE HOSPITAL IN CHEBOYGAN MAY CLOSE FOR GOOD -- BUT NOW HOSPITAL LEADERS SAY THEIR FUTURE IS LOOKING UP. CHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL CLOSED ITS DOORS ON APRIL THIRD AMID BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS -- MORE THAN 3-HUNDRED PEOPLE LOST THEIR JOBS. A MONTH LATER MCLAREN HEALTHCARE IN FLINT PURCHASED THE HOSPITAL AND REOPENED IT AS MCLAREN NORTHERN MICHIGAN CHEBOYGAN CAMPUS -- 150 NURSES, DOCTORS AND OTHER WORKERS WERE RE-HIRED. THIS MORNING -- MCLAREN EXECUTIVES MET WITH LOCAL BUSINESS LEADERS -- TO BRING A POSITIVE MESSAGE ABOUT THE FUTURE.

June 28, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO TAKE SOME TIME OFF OF WORK, BUT CAN'T AFFORD TO TRAVEL VERY FAR -- YOU CAN FIND A NICE GETAWAY -- CLOSE TO HOME. NORTHERN MICHIGAN HAS SEVERAL VACATION RENTAL BUSINESSES THAT CAN OFFER YOU A STAY-CATION IN A HOME, COTTAGE OR CONDO. THERE ARE RENTALS ALL OVER THE AREA. VISIT UP NORTH IN TRAVERSE CITY SAYS BUSINESS HAS BEEN INCREASING OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS -- SO YOU'LL WANT TO PLAN AHEAD.

June 28, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TRAVERSE CITY BUSINESS LEADERS SPOKE OUT TODAY AGAINST THE FORCED USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY. THE MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE IS PROPOSING A REQUIREMENT THAT 25 PERCENT OF MICHIGAN'S ELECTRICITY COMES FROM RENEWABLE SOURCES - LIKE WIND, SOLAR OR BIOFUELS - BY 20-25. RIGHT NOW - 10 PERCENT OF ELECTRICITY IN THE STATE MUST COME FROM RENEWABLE SOURCES BY 20-15. LOCAL LEADERS SAY THEY SUPPORT THE CURRENT REQUIREMENTS BUT EXPANDING THE MANDATE WOULDN'T BE AFFORDABLE.

PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

HEALTH

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

Local News

April 2, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE MACKINAC BRIDGE IS GOING BLUE TONIGHT -- LIGHTING UP FOR A GOOD CAUSE. TODAY IS WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY -- AND THE KICKOFF TO NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH. TONIGHT AT ABOUT 9-15 MIGHTY MAC WORKERS WILL LIGHTS THE BRIDGE BLUE AS PART OF THIS EFFORT TO "SHED LIGHT" ON THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES DEALING WITH THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER.

April 4, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

CHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL'S SUDDEN CLOSURE IS LEAVING RESIDENTS WITH QUESTIONS -- AND EMERGENCY CREWS LEFT SCRAMBLING TO COME UP WITH A NEW PLAN TO TAKE CARE OF THOSE LIFE AND DEATH SITUATIONS.7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPOKE WITH AN AMBULANCE COMPANY TODAY -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

April 4, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

WITH THE SHUTDOWN OF CHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL MANY PATIENTS HAVE BEEN LEFT TO WONDER -- WHERE'S MY DOCTOR?MCLAREN HEALTH CARE OFFICIALS SAY THE PRIMARY AND SPECIALTY CARE PHYSICIANS OF CHEBOYGAN ARE NOW AFFILIATED WITH MCLAREN-NORTHERN MICHIGAN HOSPITAL IN PETOSKEY.THEY SAY THOSE DOCTORS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO CONTINUE TO SERVE THEIR PATIENTS IN SELECT CHEBOYGAN LOCATIONS. TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT SETTING UP APPOINTMENTS -- CALL THE PHYSICIAN REFERRAL LINE -- THE NUMBER IS ON YOUR SCREEN, IT'S 877-568-5598.

April 4, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

SEVERAL NORTHERN MICHIGAN COUNTIES ARE SCORING HIGH ON HEALTH. A NEW REPORT FROM COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS PUTS LEELANAU COUNTY AS THE HEALTHIEST IN THE STATE. EMMET COUNTY CAME IN AT NUMBER SEVEN -- AND GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY AT NUMBER TEN. THE REPORT IS BASED ON THE LENGTH OF LIFE AND QUALITY OF LIFE. RESEARCHERS LOOK AT A VARIETY OF HEALTH FACTORS INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, SOCIAL FACTORS, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE, TOBACCO USE AND DIETARY BEHAVIORS.

April 5, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

DESPITE CHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL'S CLOSURE EARLIER THIS WEEK -- THE HOSPITAL'S SLEEP CENTER IS GOING TO REOPEN. THE PRIVATELY OWNED FACILITY -- WHICH HAS BEEN OPERATING UNDER CONTRACT FOR THE HOSPITAL -- WILL REOPEN AS LIFE CARE SLEEP AND HEALTH CENTER NEXT MONDAY. THAT WILL

ALLOW THE CENTER TO CONTINUE PROVIDING THE SLEEP DISORDER TESTING IT HAS OFFERED SINCE 2007. NO EMPLOYEES WILL BE IMPACTED BY THIS TRANSITION.

April 5, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

AS FOR CHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL -- OFFICIALS ARE STILL WORKING TO MAKE THE TRANSITION AS EASY AS POSSIBLE ON PATIENTS. TODAY THEY ANNOUNCED THEIR PLAN FOR THOSE WHO NEED URGENT PRESCRIPTION REFILLS. THEY SAY YOU SHOULD CONTACT YOUR PHARMACY -- THE PHARMACY WILL FAX A REQUEST TO YOUR PHYSICIAN -- AND THE PHYSICIAN WILL WRITE AN ORDER TO YOUR PHARMACIST. HOSPITAL OFFICIALS SAY ALL MEDICAL RECORDS HAVE BEEN SECURED AT THE HOSPITAL AND A PROCESS FOR RETRIEVING A COPY OF THESE RECORDS IS BEING DEVELOPED.

April 6, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TWO HEALTH CLINICS -- PREVIOUSLY AFFILIATED WITH CHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL -- RE-OPENED TODAY AS PART OF THE MCLAREN NORTHERN MICHIGAN. THE CLINICS ARE ON NORTH MAIN AND ON SOUTH HURON IN CHEBOYGAN. A THIRD FAMILY MEDICINE PRACTICE FOR INDIAN RIVER PATIENTS WILL OPEN UP IN PETOSKEY ON ARLINGTON AVENUE TUESDAY. CHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL WHICH CLOSED ITS DOORS LAST TUESDAY CONTINUES TO WIND DOWN OPERATIONS. ALL MEDICAL RECORDS HAVE BEEN SECURED AND A PROCESS FOR PATIENTS TO GET ACCESS TO THEIR RECORDS IS STILL BEING DEVELOPED.

April 10, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THIRTY-PERCENT OF THE POPULATION IN THE AREA IS 65 YEARS OR OLDER. BECAUSE OF THIS, MERCY HOSPITAL GRAYLING RECOGNIZES THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF THE AGE GROUP AND PROVIDES AN EXTRA LAYER OF CARE. THE FACILITY STARTED OFFERING THE EXTRA FEATURES INCLUDING SPECIAL TOOLS FOR THEIR SENIOR PATIENTS IN MAY 20-11. SUZANNE {PA-NELL} PENNELL RUSHED HER HUSBAND TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM LAST JULY -- WHEN HE STARTED HAVING SEVERE PAIN.

April 11, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

AN EMMET COUNTY COMMUNITY IS CELEBRATING A NEW CHAPTER FOR A STUDENT HEALTH FACILITY. THE HORNET HEALTH CENTER LOCATED AT THE PELLSTON MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL MARKED ITS GRAND REOPENING TODAY! THE RENOVATIONS ADDED AN ADDITIONAL EXAM ROOM, NEW EQUIPMENT, A CONFERENCE ROOM AND A LARGER WAITING AREA. IN 20-11 THE HEALTH CENTER HAD MORE THAN 15-HUNDRED VISITS FOR HEALTH CARE. THE EXPANSION MEANS THEY ARE READY TO HELP EVEN MORE PATIENTS ... AND WITH THE RECENT CLOSURE OF NEARBY CHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL THAT WILL LIKELY HAPPEN.

April 12, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A STATUS HEARING ON THE SALE OF CHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL TO MCLAREN HEALTH CARE IS SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW IN U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT. MEANWHILE MCLAREN IS OFFERING NO INFORMATION ON A CONFERENCE CALL BETWEEN INTERESTED PARTIES YESTERDAY. CHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL CLOSED ITS DOORS ON APRIL THIRD AFTER A PROBLEM WITH FEDERAL RE-CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND LICENSURE FOR ITS EMERGENCY SERVICES AND OUTPATIENT

SURGERY AREA. THE CLOSURE CAME JUST DAYS AFTER A BANKRUPTCY JUDGE APPROVED THE SALE OF CHEBOYGAN TO MCLAREN.

April 12, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS STRIKE INTO ITS SECOND WEEK - BLOOD DRIVES ARE BEING CANCELLED - BUT ANOTHER BLOOD BANK IS MAKING SURE THOSE WANTING TO DONATE CAN STILL HELP WITH THE BLOOD NEED.MICHIGAN BLOOD ON AERO PARK DRIVE IN TRAVERSE CITY OPENS ITS DOORS TO BLOOD DONORS AND ALSO HOSTS BLOOD DRIVES AROUND THE AREA.MICHIGAN BLOOD SUPPLIES MUNSON MEDICAL CENTER AND ITS AFFILIATES AND IS ALWAYS IN NEED OF SUPPLY. THE BANK HAS SEEN A SLIGHT INCREASE IN DONORS SINCE THE RED CROSS STRIKE BEGAN.

April 12, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

DOZENS OF PEOPLE GATHERED AT A GRAND TRAVERSE HIGH SCHOOL TO GET A HAIR CUT ... BUT IT WAS ALL FOR A GOOD CAUSE!MORE THAN 30 PEOPLE TOOK PART IN A HAIR FOR HOPE EVENT AT TRAVERSE CITY CENTRAL TODAY. THE EVENT WAS ORGANIZED BY A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR WHO GOT THE PROJECT STARTED IN MEMORY OF HER AUNT WHO PASSED AWAY FROM BREAST CANCER.

April 12, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE NINTH ANNUAL MUNSON HOSPICE GIFT BASKET SILENT AUCTION.THE AUCTION HAS RAISED MORE THAN NINETY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THE PAST EIGHT YEARS, AND MUNSON IS HOPING THIS YEAR WILL BE EVEN BIGGER.EACH ITEM HAS A THEME, AND MAY BE A SMALL BASKET WITH GOODIES TUCKED INSIDE TO A WHEELBARROW FULL OF SUPPLIES OR EVEN A GETAWAY TRIP.

April 14, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A FAMILY-FUN SCAVENGER HUNT TOOK OVER THE STREETS OF DOWNTOWN TRAVERSE CITY TODAY -- IN HOPES OF RAISING MONEY AND AWARENESS FOR AUTISM! HUNDREDS CAME OUT FOR THE FIRST-EVER -- "TRAVERSE TRAVELER" SCAVENGER HUNT -- WHICH IS DESIGNED TO USE SOCIAL MEDIA -- FOR SOCIAL GOOD.

April 16, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

MUNSON MEDICAL CENTER IS GETTING READY TO PRESENT IT'S CASE FOR VACATING TWO CITY ALLEYS-- FOR ITS NEW CANCER CENTER.MUNSON PLANS TO BUILD A NEW CANCER TREATMENT CENTER-- THE TWO ALLEY WAYS IN QUESTION ARE TO THE NORTH OF SIXTH STREET.CURRENTLY MUNSON HAS ALREADY STARTED TO REROUTE KIDS CREEK AND PURCHASED A FORMER CREDIT UNION BUILDING. OFFICIALS SAY THEY NEED APPROVAL TO USE THE ALLEYS WHERE PART OF THE BUILDING WILL BE GOING.

April 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

WHAT YOU COOK FOR DINNER COULD BE THE RECIPE FOR HEALTHY LIVING -- AND EVEN PREVENTING OR REVERSING DIABETES. A NEW SERIES OF NUTRITION AND COOKING CLASSES IS BEING OFFERED IN TRAVERSE CITY.THE SIX WEEK SET OF CLASSES WILL HELP FAMILIES CHOOSE THE RIGHT FOODS AND SHOW THEM HOW A HEALTHY DIET CAN REVERSE THE EFFECTS OF TYPE TWO DIABETES.

April 24, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

WE TAKE A LOOK AT THE CLOSE TO HOME SPECIALIZED CARE THAT KALKASKA MEMORIAL HEALTH CENTER PROVIDES FOR PEOPLE IN THE AREA. THE HEALTH CENTER WHICH PARTNERS WITH MUNSON HEALTHCARE HAS SPECIALISTS INCLUDING PEDIATRICIANS AND FAMILY PHYSICIANS WHO VISIT AND SEE PATIENTS IN KALKASKA FOR OUTPATIENT CARE.THE WHOLE FOCUS IS TO MAKE IT MORE CONVENIENT FOR PEOPLE IN THE AREA BY NOT HAVING TO TRAVEL FAR FOR ROUTINE CHECK-UPS.ONE MOTHER SAYS IT'S THIS TYPE OF CARE THAT IS VITAL FOR HER 4-MONTH OLD SON.

April 24, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IT'S AN INSPIRATIONAL STORY OF TRUE LOVE -- A TRAVERSE CITY WOMAN IS PREPARING TO GIVE HER HUSBAND OF NEARLY 35 YEARS -- AN ANNIVERSARY GIFT OF A LIFETIME -- HER OWN KIDNEY. 7&4'S KATE FOX HAS MORE ON THIS TOUCHING TALE OF PASSION AND COMMITMENT.

April 24, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS IS IN THE MIDST OF ITS ANNUAL HEROES CAMPAIGN -- RAISING MONEY TO HELP PEOPLE IN TIMES OF DISASTER. TO HELP IN THAT EFFORT 7&4 NEWS IS HOSTING A PHONE BANK TOMORROW -- DURING 7&4 NEWS AT 5 AND 6... AND DURING UP-NORTH-LIVE TONIGHT ON OUR SISTER STATION ABC 29 AND 8. THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SIMPLY PICK UP THE PHONE AND HELP SUPPORT THE LOCAL CHAPTER AND ITS MANY PROGRAM WHICH HELPS PEOPLE RIGHT HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN.

April 27, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

ON MARCH 11-TH -- CENTRAL LAKE SENIOR, AND SOFTBALL STAR MARIS SPAULDING WAS DIAGNOSED WITH LEUKEMIA. THE VERY NEXT DAY SHE STARTED 9 MONTHS OF TREATMENT -- THAT WILL INCLUDE CHEMOTHERAPY AND A BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT.MARIS IS GETTING TREATED AT DEVOS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN GRAND RAPIDS -- AND THAT MEANS SHE'LL MISS PROM AND PROBABLY GRADUATION. UT AS SPORTS DIRECTOR GIACOMO ACCARDO FOUND OUT -- THAT HAS CHANGED HER ATTITUDE AND OUTLOOK ON LIFE...

April 28, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

SOME STATE LAWMAKERS ARE TRYING TO BURN HOLES IN MICHIGAN'S TWO-YEAR-OLD SMOKING BAN -- WHICH HAS CLEARED THE AIR IN PUBLIC PLACES -- BUT HAS CONTRIBUTED TO "CASH-FLOW PROBLEMS" AT SOME BARS.THIS PAST WEEK -- AN AMENDMENT WAS ADDED TO A BUDGET BILL -- THAT WOULD STOP THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE "SMOKING BAN" AT LONG-TIME CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING EVENTS. THERE WAS ALSO A SENATE BILL INTRODUCED LAST YEAR -- THAT WOULD ALLOW SMOKING IN PRIVATE ROOMS AND OUTDOOR PATIOS OF RESTAURANTS. RIGHT NOW -- BOTH PROPOSALS HAVE *NOT RECEIVED APPROVAL.

April 28, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE EMPTIED OUT THEIR MEDICINE CABINETS TODAY -- IN HOPES OF STOPPING PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE. IT'S "DRUG-TAKE-BACK" DAY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ACROSS NORTHERN MICHIGAN -- JOINED FORCES WITH THE D-E-A TO COLLECT OUTDATED AND UNUSED MEDICATIONS.

April 29, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A "FIRST OF IT'S KIND" SCAVENGER HUNT FOR AUTISM -- RAISED SOME SERIOUS MONEY -- THAT WILL NOW BE USED TO BUY NEW I-PADS FOR STUDENTS WITH AUTISM IN THE AREA. BACK ON APRIL 14TH -- HUNDREDS CAME OUT FOR THE FIRST-EVER -- "TRAVERSE TRAVELER" SCAVENGER HUNT -- WHICH IS DESIGNED TO USE SOCIAL MEDIA -- FOR SOCIAL GOOD.USING THE "TRAVERSE TRAVELER" SMART-PHONE APP -- MORE THAN 80 TEAMS NAVIGATED FROM PLACE TO PLACE -- COMPLETING TASKS AND COLLECTING PRIZES ALONG THE WAY.ORGANIZERS SAY MORE THAN 14-THOUSAND DOLLARS WAS RAISED -- WHICH WILL GO TO SUPPORT TCAP'S "I-PAD FOR AUTISM" PILOT PROGRAM -- WHICH WAS LAUNCHED IN 20-11.

April 30, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A REPORT ON MICHIGAN MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH SAYS THE NUMBER OF LOW-BIRTH-WEIGHT BABIES AND BABIES BORN TO UNMARRIED WOMEN STATEWIDE IS INCREASING.THE STATE SAW *LOWER RATES OF TEENAGE BIRTHS AND FEWER PREMATURE BIRTHS BETWEEN 2000 AND 2010.THE DATA COMES FROM THE MICHIGAN LEAGUE FOR HUMAN SERVICES' KIDS COUNT REPORT -- THAT WAS RELEASED TODAY.

May 1, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

WE'RE TAKING A CLOSE LOOK AT THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF A STROKE. JO ROCHELEAU {RUSH-LOW} FROM TRAVERSE CITY HAD A MASSIVE STROKE EIGHT YEARS AGO WHEN SHE WAS 44-YEARS OLD AND ENDED UP LAYING ON HER BEDROOM FLOOR FOR TWO DAYS UNTIL HELP ARRIVED.SHE SAYS SHE NEVER EXPECTED THE STROKE TO HAPPEN, ESPECIALLY SINCE SHE DIDN'T HAVE WHAT SHE CONSIDERS TYPICAL SYMPTOMS. NOW SHE WANTS OTHER PEOPLE TO BE AWARE OF THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

May 1, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A FUNDRAISER HELD FOR A TRAVERSE CITY MAN IN NEED OF A KIDNEY TRANSPLANT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS -- BRINGING IN MORE THAN 4-THOUSAND DOLLARS. LAST WEEK WE TOLD YOU ABOUT DALE CASTO WHO IS SUFFERING FROM STAGE FOUR RENAL FAILURE AND NEEDS A NEW KIDNEY. HIS WIFE KATHY IS GIVING HIM HERS AS AN ANNIVERSARY GIFT BUT THEY NEEDED MORE MONEY FOR SURGERY.LAST FRIDAY THEY RAISED 42-HUNDRED DOLLARS.

May 1, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH SAYS MILLIONS OF AMERICANS ARE LIVING IN FEAR...IN FEAR OF WHAT?WELL -- THEIR PHOBIA CAN BE ANYTHING FROM THE FEAR OF FALLING TO THE FEAR OF FLYING. IN TONIGHT'S SPECIAL REPORT -- 7&4's BRODY O'CONNELL TAKES A LOOK AT PHOBIAS -- AND HOW YOU CAN SUCCESSFULLY FACE YOUR FEARS..

May 2, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THERE'S SOME ALARMING NEWS TONIGHT -- RELATED TO THE HEALTH OF BABIES AND MOTHERS IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN.SEVERAL COUNTIES IN THE REGION RANK THE *LOWEST IN THE STATE.THE "KIDS COUNT REPORT" WAS RELEASED EARLIER THIS WEEK -- BUT TONIGHT WE'RE TAKING A CLOSER LOOK AT THE COUNTY THAT

RANKED THE *WORST IN OUR AREA. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH REACTION FROM A LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIAL.

May 5, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE GOT THEIR MORNING OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT -- BY RAISING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS -- TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH OF NEWBORN BABIES. MORE THAN 300 PEOPLE SHOWED UP FOR THE ANNUAL "MARCH FOR BABIES" EVENT AT THE GRAND TRAVERSE CIVIC CENTER THIS MORNING -- READY TO WALK 5 MILES -- FOR A GREAT CAUSE.

May 15, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

WE TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT NEW KIDNEY DIALYSIS CENTER AT PAUL OLIVER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN FRANKFORT.THE CENTER OPENED A FEW MONTHS AGO AND PROVIDES CLOSE TO HOME CARE FOR PEOPLE IN THE AREA WHO UNDERGO THE LENGTHY ROUTINE TREATMENTS.THE FACILITY WAS ABLE TO OPEN BECAUSE OF COMMUNITY DONATIONS, SO THAT PATIENTS WOULD NOT HAVE TO TRAVEL FAR FOR THEIR DIALYSIS.SOME PATIENTS SAY THE LOCAL CENTER IS A BREATH OF FRESH AIR AND MAKES TREATMENTS MUCH MORE STRESS-FREE.

May 15, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IF YOU HAD A RELATIVE WHO WAS DYING AND NEEDED AN ORGAN TRANSPLANT - HOW FAR WOULD YOU GO TO SAVE THEM?WHAT IF THE PERSON WHO NEEDED THE TRANSPLANT WAS YOU?IT TURNS OUT - SOME PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO GO AS FAR AS BUYING ORGANS ON THE BLACK MARKET - AND A MICHIGAN STATE PROFESSOR IS WORKING TO EXPOSE THEM.

May 29, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

WHEN IT COMES TO A MEDICAL EMERGENCY, EVERY SECOND COUNTS. THAT'S WHERE NORTH FLIGHT PARAMEDICS COME INTO PLAY.LUKE GOODWIN IS A PARAMEDIC FOR NORTH FLIGHT AIR. THE AIR DIVISION THROUGH MUNSON HEALTHCARE HAS BEEN TRANSPORTING PATIENTS THROUGHOUT NORTHERN MICHIGAN FOR THE PAST 26 YEARS. COMPLETE WITH A NURSE AND PARAMEDIC ON BOARD, THE FLIGHT PROVIDES A MOBILE CARE UNIT.

May 29, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE STATE SENATE HAS THEIR HANDS FULL.... A SERIES OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE BILLS ARE UNDER HOT DEBATE IN LANSING. SUPPORTERS SAY THE LEGISLATION WILL BETTER PROTECT DOCTORS.CRITICS ARGUE IT CLOSES THE DOOR TO THE COURTROOM -- AND OFFERS IMMUNITY TO DOCTORS. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL EXPLORE THIS ISSUE.

May 28, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THERE'S WORD TODAY THAT THE STATE OF MICHIGAN HAS ISSUED MEDICAL MARIJUANA CARDS TO MORE THAN 44 MINORS.ACCORDING TO THE DETROIT FREE PRESS -- THE MAJORITY OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE BETWEEN 15 AND 17 YEARS OLD.HOWEVER A 7-YEAR-OLD AND TWO 9-YEAR-OLDS HAVE ALSO RECEIVED THE CARDS. THE STATE ISN'T DISCLOSING THE MEDICAL CONDITIONS THAT ALLOW THE

CHILDREN TO USE MARIJUANA.OFFICIALS SAY MOST OF THE 17 STATES THAT ALLOW MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA DO NOT RESTRICT IT TO ADULTS.

June 5, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A TRAVERSE CITY TEEN IS FIGHTING A FORM OF CANCER DOCTORS CALL "AS RARE AS A UNICORN". 13-YEAR-OLD JAKE MELVIN -- A STUDENT AT TRAVERSE CITY WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL -- WAS RECENTLY DIAGNOSED WITH HISTOCYTIC SARCOMA. IT'S A FORM OF CANCER SO RARE THAT ONLY A FEW HUNDRED CASES HAVE EVER BEEN RECORDED. JAKE'S FAMILY SAYS HE LOVES THE OUTDOORS -- AND ENJOYS SKIING, HIKING AND FLY FISHING.BUT THE TUMOR ON HIS HIP IS CAUSING JAKE INTENSE PAIN -- AND NOW HIS FAMILY IS ASKING FOR YOUR HELP IN THE FIGHT.

June 5, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

12-YEAR-OLD ALLEE ROMEO CONTRACTED PNEUMOCOCCAL MENINGITIS THAT STARTED AS A STREP INFECTION IN HER EAR. SHE DIED SUNDAY. TODAY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS TRYING TO CALM PARENTS FEARS. AND STUDENTS PREPARE TO HONOR THEIR LOST CLASSMATE AND FRIEND.7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS HAS THE STORY.

June 6, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

GRAND TRAVERSE INDUSTRIES SPECIALIZES IN PLASTIC BAG MANUFACTURING -- VENDING -- JANITORIAL AND INTERPRETER SERVICES -- EMPLOYING MORE THAN 300 PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.7&4'S KATE FOX JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE ON IT'S EXPANSION -- AND WHAT IT COULD MEAN FOR THE LOCAL ECONOMY.

June 7, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

AMBULANCES WILL SOON BE ABLE TO GET TO RESIDENTS IN ACME TOWNSHIP FASTER THAN EVER BEFORE. NORTH FLIGHT WILL SET UP SERVICE AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL BUILDING STARTING IN AUGUST.THE AMBULANCE WILL BE DEDICATED TO 911 CALLS ONLY. THE PERSON ON CALL FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO STRUCTURE FIRES OR OTHER EMERGENCIES AS WELL.AMBULANCE SERVICE IS SOMETHING THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN ASKING FOR AND THE PARTNERSHIP WITH NORTH FLIGHT WAS THE BEST WAY TO MAKE IT HAPPEN WITH MINIMAL COST TO TAXPAYERS.

June 7, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE IS A GROWING CONCERN FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, HOSPITALS, AND SCHOOL LEADERS ACROSS NORTHERN MICHIGAN. TONIGHT -- ONE LOCAL REHAB CLINIC IS EXPANDING TO MEET THE INCREASING NUMBER OF RESIDENTS ADDICTED TO PILLS. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE ON THIS EXPANSION.

June 8, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

HUNDREDS GATHERED IN TRAVERSE CITY THIS AFTERNOON TO RALLY AGAINST PRESIDENT OBAMA'S ACT THAT REQUIRES ALL EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE FREE BIRTH CONTROL METHODS.THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES MANDATE WAS SIGNED IN

JANUARY.TODAY, RELIGIOUS GROUPS AND OTHER OPPOSITION TO THE ACT GATHERED TO HOLD UP SIGNS AT THE OPEN SPACE.

June 12, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

WE'RE LOOKING AT A COMMON PROBLEM THAT MANY PEOPLE HAVE BUT SOMETIMES IT'S DETERMINING HOW TO TREAT THE PROBLEM THAT CAN BE AN ISSUE. DOLORES THORMAN STARTED EXPERIENCING THE PROBLEM IN HER LOWER BACK ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO. SHE SAYS THE PAIN WAS SO EXCRUCIATING, SHE COULD BARELY GET IN AND OUT OF HER CAR.SHE TRIED EVERYTHING FROM PHYSICAL THERAPY TO PAIN INJECTIONS. HER DOCTOR FINALLY DID A CAT-SCAN ON HER PELVIC AREA AND REALIZED SHE WAS HAVING PROBLEMS WITH HER S-I JOINT AND WOULD NEED A FUSION.THE PROCEDURE IS SOMETHING SHE SAYS CHANGED HER LIFE FOR THE BETTER.

June 13, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

POP WARNER -- WHICH GOVERNS ABOUT 280-THOUSAND PLAYERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY INCLUDING RIGHT HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN ANNOUNCED NEW GUIDELINES TODAY. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPOKE WITH A COACH AND DOCTORS -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

June 19, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IF YOUR KIDS ARE ITCHING TO ENJOY THE SUMMER...MAKE SURE BUG BITES DON'T STEAL THEIR FUN.7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL HAS A GUIDE FOR PARENTS -- HELPING YOU FIND THE PRODUCTS THAT WILL KEEP YOUR FAMILY SMILING ALL SUMMER LONG.

June 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THIS HIGH HEAT ISN'T JUST ABOUT FUN IN THE SUN -- IT CAN ALSO POSE SOME SERIOUS HEALTH RISKS FOR THE ELDERLY. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS MADE A VISIT TO THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER TODAY TO FIND THE BEST WAY FOR SENIORS BEAT THE HEAT.HE JOINS US NOW LIVE OUTSIDE OF OUR STUDIOS IN LEELANAU COUNTY..

June 22, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE "MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH" IS INVESTIGATING THE MYSTERIOUS ILLNESS OF A FAMILY -- WHO STAYED AT A NORTHERN MICHIGAN RENTAL PROPERTY. WE'RE TOLD EARLIER THIS WEEK -- THE FAMILY STAYED AT TIMBER RIDGE LODGE NEAR BOYNE CITY AND AFTER RETURNING HOME -- THEY BECAME VERY ILL. SOME OF THE FAMILY MEMBERS HAD TO BE HOSPITALIZED. THE RENTAL AGENCY FOR THE LODGE SAYS THEY HAVE *NOT FOUND ANY EVIDENCE OF A PROBLEM BUT ARE NOT RENTING THE LODGE UNTIL THEY GET MORE ANSWERS. THE NORTHWEST MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH VISITED THE LODGE TO DO TESTING TODAY.

June 24, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NATIONAL "H-I-V TESTING DAY" IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER -- AND STARTING TOMORROW -- PLANNED PARENTHOOD IS OFFERING A WEEK OF FREE TESTING TO THE COMMUNITY. NATIONAL H-I-V TESTING DAY IS THIS WEDNESDAY -- AND TO RECOGNIZE THE DAY -- PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF WEST AND NORTHERN MICHIGAN

WILL OFFER FREE TESTING -- AT ALL OF IT'S 8 HEALTH CENTERS -- ON JUNE 25TH THRU JUNE 29TH.

June 25, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IF YOU ARE THE MOM OR DAD OF A NEW-BORN BABY -- LISTEN UP. THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS IS CAUTIONING PARENTS ABOUT THE USE OF BABY POWDER. EXPERTS SAY IT CAN BE HARMFUL TO YOUR INFANT'S LUNGS. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL REPORTS.

June 25, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

WE'VE GOT DETAILS OF A FUN WAY TO STAY IN SHAPE, WHILE ENJOYING THE SCENERY.A LOCAL GROUP IS TEACHING YOGA AT SEVERAL LEELANAU COUNTY BEACHES. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS BRING A TOWEL OR A MAT AND JUST SHOW UP. THE IDEA IS TO COMBINE THE RELAXATION OF YOGA WITH THE RELAXATION OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN'S WATERFRONT. EVERYONE IS INVITED.

June 28, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

GOVERNOR RICK SNYDER HAS SIGNED AN ORDER ESTABLISHING AN AUTISM COUNCIL WITHIN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH.THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE SAID TODAY'S ORDER IS A STEP TO IMPLEMENT MICHIGAN'S AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS STATE PLAN. THE COUNCIL WILL HAVE 12 GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTEES. LEGISLATION REQUIRING INSURANCE COMPANIES TO OFFER COVERAGE FOR AUTISM TREATMENTS WAS SIGNED INTO MICHIGAN LAW IN APRIL.

June 28, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A LANDMARK DECISION TODAY FROM THE SUPREME COURT ON THE HEALTH CARE REFORM BILL -- THAT'S GOING TO DIRECTLY IMPACT YOUR LIFE. THE HIGH COURT UPHELD THE HEALTH COVERAGE MANDATE -- AND SOON EVERY AMERICAN WILL HAVE TO BUY HEALTH INSURANCE OR PAY A PENALTY -- UNLESS THEY MEET CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ TALKED WITH A LOCAL HOSPITAL AND CLINIC TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LOCAL IMPACT.

PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

EDUCATION

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

Local News

April 3, 2012 June 8, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

YOU CAN ENJOY THE WATER AND TEACH OTHERS ABOUT THE GREAT LAKES BY BECOMING A TEACHER ON THE SCHOOL SHIP!THE INLAND SEAS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION IS HOLDING AN INTENSIVE ALL DAY TRAINING CLASS TO PREPARE

PEOPLE FOR TEACHING ON THEIR SCHOONER. YOU'LL LEARN HOW TO TEACH KIDS ABOUT PLANKTON, FISH, BENTHOS AND WATER CHEMISTRY -- AS WELL AS SEAMANSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP.

April 4, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TRAVERSE CITY WEST'S HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM WAS OUT SHOWING OFF THEIR HARD WORK TODAY.THIS AFTERNOON STUDENTS HEADED OUT TO THE COMMUNITY SAILING DOCKS NEAR THE TRAVERSE CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY TO TAKE THEIR ROBOTS FOR A SPIN. STUDENTS GAVE PEOPLE A CHANCE TO TAKE A SHOT WITH THEIR "FIRST" ROBOTICS BASKETBALL SHOOTING ROBOT.

April 6, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

INTERLOCHEN CENTER FOR THE ARTS ASKED CONTESTANTS TO MAKE A VIDEO OF THEMSELVES AND SUBMIT A VIDEO OF THEIR TALENTS ONLINE.NOW YOU CAN GO AND VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE AND WHO YOU THINK FREE WIN THE SCHOLARSHIP. THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF STUDENTS SHOWING OFF ALL SORTS OF MUSICAL TALENTS.

April 9, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

PARENTS AND ADMINISTRATORS WILL BE DISCUSSING CUTS TO THE DISTRICTS ART PROGRAMS TO HELP FUND WORLD LANGUAGES.TRAVERSE CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROPOSED A TWO-YEAR PLAN TO IMPLEMENT WORLD LANGUAGES INTO THE KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SECOND GRADE CURRICULUM. NEXT SCHOOL YEAR - KINDERGARTENERS WOULD TAKE WORLD LANGUAGES AND ART FOR 30 MINUTES TWICE A WEEK.THE FOLLOWING YEAR - FIRST AND SECOND GRADERS WOULD CONTINUE THEIR WORLD LANGUAGES CLASS WITH AN ADDITIONAL 30 MINUTES OF ART PER WEEK.

April 11, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

LEELANAU HELD A COUNTY-WIDE TORNADO DRILL TODAY -- MAKING SURE THEY HAVE A PLAN IN PLACE IF A TWISTER HITS. AT NORTHPORT SCHOOLS -- A MASS CASUALTY INCIDENT WAS STAGED.STUDENTS WERE GIVEN FAKE INJURIES -- AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS HAD TO TREAT THEM ACCORDINGLY.THEIR GOAL -- TO KEEP THE VICTIMS ALIVE.

April 12, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

SOME TRAVERSE CITY STUDENTS ARE REACHING OUT TO PEOPLE WHO RESCUE HORSES AS A PART OF THEIR HEROES IN OUR COMMUNITY PROGRAM.THE STUDENTS AT EASTERN ELEMENTARY CHOOSE ORGANIZATIONS THEY WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT.A SECOND GRADE AND FOURTH GRADE CLASS CHOSE "PEOPLE AND ANIMALS" AS THEIR TOPIC.

April 13, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A PILOT PROGRAM IN THE TRAVERSE CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT IS AIMING TO HELP STUDENTS WITH AUTISM LEARN THROUGH I-PADS.THERE IS A PUSH RIGHT NOW TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM SO THAT EVERY STUDENT WITH AUTISM WILL HAVE AN I-PAD IN THE CLASSROOM.7&4'S MELISSA SMITH EXPLAINS WHY TEACHERS THINK THE TECHNOLOGY IS CRUCIAL FOR THEIR STUDENTS AND HOW IT'S IMPACTING THEIR LEARNING.

April 13, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

AN OTSEGO COUNTY SCHOOL IS HITTING THE BULLS EYE IN A STATE COMPETITION. GAYLORD ST. MARY CATHEDRAL PLACED SECOND FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION IN MICHIGAN'S SIXTH ANNUAL VIRTUAL ARCHERY TOURNAMENT. THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME STUDENTS OF THIS SCHOOL HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED WITH THE SPORT ... THIS VIDEO IS FROM 20-10 WHEN ST. MARY CATHEDRAL FIRST BECAME STATE CHAMPS THE STUDENTS AT SAINT MARY CATHEDRAL WILL HEAD TO THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT IN LOUISVILLE KENTUCKY IN MAY.

April 13, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

STUDENTS IN ONE HIGH SCHOOL HAVE A MORE DISCREET AND INSTANT WAY TO REPORT BULLYING. TRAVERSE CITY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL HAS TEAMED UP WITH "BE THE SOLUTION" TO PROVIDE AN OUTLET FOR STUDENTS TO REPORT AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR FROM THEIR PHONES. THE TEXTS ARE RECEIVED BY THE SCHOOL'S SOCIAL WORKER. IT'S A PROGRAM THAT MADE SENSE TO SCHOOL LEADERS.

April 14, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A NEW STATE LAW WOULD ALLOW MICHIGAN CHARTER SCHOOLS TO EXPAND AT A MUCH FASTER RATE THIS FALL. MICHIGAN HAS ABOUT 255 CHARTER SCHOOLS OR PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMYS OPERATING THIS SCHOOL YEAR.

April 16, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

AS WE CONTINUE TO FOLLOW-- SCHOOLS IN CRISIS-- MESICK SCHOOLS WILL BE PRESENTING THE LATEST ON IT'S FINANCES. TONIGHT THE MESICK SCHOOL BOARD WILL BE LOOKING AT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S BUDGET THIS EVENING. LESS THAN AN HOUR FROM NOW THE SCHOOL BOARD WILL START IT'S MEETING AT THE MESICK HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY. WE'LL HAVE MORE INFORMATION ON THIS YEAR'S REPORT-- WHICH IS EXPECTED TO PRESENT A NUMBER OF CUTS-- COMING UP ON SEVEN AND FOUR NEWS AT ELEVEN.

April 17, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF CADILLAC PUBLIC SCHOOLS HAS ANNOUNCED HE WILL BE RETIRING AT THE END OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR. PAUL LIABENOW MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT AT LAST NIGHT'S BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING. LIABENOW HAS WORKED IN FOR CAPS SINCE 19-82 AND AS SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE LAST EIGHT YEARS. HE PLANS TO NOW GO WORK FOR THE MICHIGAN ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S ASSOCIATION IN LANSING.

April 17, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IT'S SUMMER-TIME FUN -- BUT DON'T TELL YOUR KIDS -- IT'S ALSO EDUCATIONAL! NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE IS NOW ENROLLING STUDENTS -- AGES 4-17 -- INTO THEIR SUMMER COLLEGE FOR KIDS PROGRAM. CLASSES ARE DESIGNED FOR HIGHLY MOTIVATED STUDENTS -- LOOKING TO EXPAND THEIR INTERESTS IN THE ENVIRONMENT -- THE ARTS -- LITERATURE -- AND MUCH MUCH MORE.

April 18, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NEW AT 6 -- PEOPLE IN TRAVERSE CITY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE A DEMONSTRATION BY THE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM. THE TEAM -- CALLED THE RAPTORS -- GAVE A PRESENTATION AS PART OF THE TRAVERSE HEIGHTS ROADRUNNER ACTIVITIES CLUB. THEY ENCOURAGED THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS TO JOIN THE LEGO LEAGUE. THEY MOVED THE ROBOTS AROUND THE GYM FLOOR, EXPLAINED HOW SOME THINGS WORKED, AND TALKED ABOUT WHAT BEING INVOLVED WITH ROBOTICS HAS TAUGHT THEM.

April 30, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

CONTINUING OUR COUNT TO SEE HOW LONG IT TAKES OUR LAWMAKERS TO PASS A FIX -- FOR INEQUITABLE SCHOOL FUNDING. IT'S NOW BEEN 40 DAYS SINCE WE FIRST TOLD YOU ABOUT THE PROBLEM -- AND STILL NO FIX.

April 30, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A GROUP OF YOUNG ATHLETES ARE CHEERING THEIR WAY TO A NATIONAL COMPETITION -- BUT THEY NEED YOUR HELP TO GET THERE. TRAVERSE CITY ALL-STARS ELITE CHEER-LEADING TEAM IS HOPING TO GET ENOUGH TEAM SPIRIT FROM THE COMMUNITY BY PURCHASING A COOKBOOK TO HELP PAY FOR THE COSTS OF HEADING TO THE NATIONALS IN INDIANAPOLIS. THE CHEER MOMS AND TEAM MEMBERS PUT TOGETHER 3-HUNDRED OF THEIR PERSONAL RECIPES FOR THE COOKBOOK.

May 2, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

SEVERAL SCHOOLS IN THE FIVE-COUNTY REGION ARE HELPING TEACH KIDS THAT GREEN IS NOT JUST A COLOR -- BUT A WAY OF LOOKING AT HOW WE LIVE. STUDENTS FROM 13 SCHOOLS ACROSS THE TRAVERSE BAY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAVE COMMITTED TO VARIOUS GREEN PRACTICES THIS SCHOOL YEAR -- AND HAVE EARNED OFFICIAL "GREEN CERTIFICATION" -- FROM THE STATE -- THRU THE MICHIGAN GREEN SCHOOLS PROGRAM.

May 2, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

ALL ACROSS THE STATE -- SCHOOL BUDGETS ARE TIGHT -- AND THE MANISTEE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT'S BUDGET IS NO EXCEPTION. THAT'S WHY THEY'RE ASKING TAXPAYERS FOR MORE HELP. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL EXPLAINS -- IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT.

May 4, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IN HIS SPEECH THE GOVERNOR TOUCHED ON INEQUITABLE SCHOOL FUNDING -- BUT SAID IT'S A TOPIC HE LIKELY WON'T ADDRESS UNTIL AT LEAST NEXT YEAR. INEQUITABLE SCHOOL FUNDING IS A BIG PROBLEM IN OUR STATE AND A BIG REASON MANY SCHOOLS IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN ARE FACING FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY. TO HELP YOU BETTER UNDERSTAND THE ISSUE -- 7&4 NEWS HAS PUT TOGETHER A 30-MINUTE SPECIAL. SCHOOLS IN CRISIS, FUNDING OUR SCHOOLS AIRS TOMORROW AT 7 RIGHT HERE ON 7&4 NEWS. WE ARE ALSO CONTINUING OUR COUNT TO SEE HOW LONG IT TAKES LAWMAKERS TO PASS A FIX FOR INEQUITABLE SCHOOLS FUNDING -- IT'S NOW BEEN 44 DAYS SINCE WE FIRST TOLD YOU ABOUT THE PROBLEM -- AND THERE'S STILL NO FIX.

May 4, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

HOW MUCH DID YOU MOVE TODAY?THE ANSWER IS "A LOT" IF YOU'RE A STUDENT AT T-CAPS MONTESORRI AT GLENN LOOMIS. STARTING BRIGHT AT EARLY THIS MORNING, EVERY CLASS TOOK THEIR TURN RUNNING LAPS ON THIRLBY FIELD TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL'S PTO.THE 4TH ANNUAL EVENT STARTS WITH STUDENTS COLLECTING PLEDGES FOR EACH LAP COMPLETED, AND ENDS TODAY WITH THEM RUNNING, SKIPPING, OR MOVING ANYWAY THEY CHOOSE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

May 9, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT -- WE TAKE A LOOK AT A PIECE OF LEGISLATION KNOWN AS SENATE BILL 315. IN SHORT -- IT SEEKS TO INCREASE AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING KINDERGARTEN. 7&4 BRODY O'CONNELL BREAKS DOWN THE BILL.

May 9, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

FIRST IMPRESSIONS CAN SOMETIMES BE LASTING ONES...SO WHEN VISITORS FIRST ROLL INTO PETOSKEY, AND THE FIRST THING THEY SEE IS A CITY BLOCK SIZED DEEP HOLE, WRAPPED BY CHAIN LINK FENCE...KIND OF MAKES YOU WONDER WHAT'S YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE TOWN?THAT WAS ONE OF THE MOTIVATING FACTORS FOR A NORTHERN MICHIGAN TEACHER WHEN SHE MADE AN UNUSUAL ASSIGNMENT TO HER CLASS.

May 11, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE GAYLORD ST. MARY'S ARCHERY TEAM IS ONE OF SEVEN TEAMS IN MICHIGAN HEADING TO NATIONALS. THIS IS THE FIFTH YEAR IN A ROW THAT THE TEAM HAS BEEN ABLE TO GO. 7&4'S ANNALISE KRANSZ TALKED TO THE STUDENTS TO HEAR THEIR STORY - SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

May 14, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

STUDENTS AT TRAVERSE CITY WEST HIGH SCHOOL GOT TO LEARN ABOUT BEING A PROFESSIONAL WRITER FROM TWO BEST SELLING AUTHORS. STUDENTS HAD THE CHANCE TO ASK ANNA QUINDLEN AND SUSAN CASEY QUESTIONS ABOUT MAKING IT AS A WRITER. QUINDLEN IS A JOURNALIST AND NOVELIST -- CASEY WROTE THE NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER "THE WAVE" AND IS EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF "O" MAGAZINE. ONE THING STUDENTS LEARNED -- TELLING STORIES FOR A LIVING CAN BE A LOT OF HARD WORK.

May 16, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

MANCELONA HIGH SCHOOL IS CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ITS BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM.BUT THIS CELEBRATION ISN'T ABOUT THE ATHLETES PERFORMANCE ON THE COURT -- RATHER THEIR HARD WORK AND INCREDIBLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE CLASSROOM.RECENTLY -- THE 20-11 20-12 BASKETBALL TEAM RECEIVED "ALL-STATE HONORS" FOR HAVING THE HIGHEST CUMULATIVE G-P-A IN THE ENTIRE STATE.7&4'S KATE FOX WAS THERE TODAY -- AS THE SCHOOL GATHERED TO HONOR THE TEAM.

May 16, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE TRIP IS PART OF THE GREAT LAKES MARITIME ACADEMY PROGRAM AT NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE IN TRAVERSE CITY. THE CADETS ARE

CONTINUING THEIR EDUCATION AND EMBARKING ON A FORTY- FIVE DAY ADVENTURE THRU THE GREAT LAKES. THEY WILL BE EXPLORING THE WATERS AND PORTS OF LAKE MICHIGAN AND HURON. CADETS SAY THIS ADVENTURE DEVELOPS THE SKILLS THEY HAVE LEARNED IN THE CLASSROOM.

May 16, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IN LESS THAN AN HOUR -- SCHOOL LEADERS IN SUTTONS BAY ARE MEETING TO TALK ABOUT THE BUDGET. THEY'RE HOLDING A COMMUNITY FORUM -- TO UPDATE PARENTS AND OTHERS ON HOW THE DISTRICT IS DOING FINANCIALLY. RECENTLY - SUTTONS BAY MADE SEVERAL MONEY MAKING MOVES INCLUDING SELLING IT'S BALL FIELDS TO THE VILLAGE AS A LOAN. THE DISTRICT IS CURRENTLY IN THE BLACK -- BUT ITS LONG TERM CHALLENGES ARE NOT OVER.TONIGHT'S FORUM STARTS AT 7 IN THE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM.

May 17, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

CONTINUING OUR SERIES SCHOOL IN CRISIS...A NORTHERN MICHIGAN DISTRICT HAS SOLD ONE OF ITS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.THE ROSCOMMON SCHOOL BOARD AGREED TO SELL SAINT HELEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO CHARLTON HESTON ACADEMY FOR 270-THOUSAND DOLLARS. IT WILL BECOME A CHARTER SCHOOL.THE DISTRICT IS TRYING TO BALANCE A 700-THOUSAND DOLLAR DEFICIT.ROSCCOMMON ELEMENTARY WILL REMAIN OPEN WITH POSSIBLY ONLY THE FIFTH GRADE BEING SHIFTED TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL. THE BOARD WILL CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS NEXT MONTH.

May 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A GROUP OF UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGISTS ARE PREPARING FOR A PROJECT -- OFF THE SHORES OF EMPIRE.THE GOAL IS TO DISCOVER CLUES ABOUT THE VILLAGE'S BOOMING HISTORY -- A HISTORY THAT CURRENTLY LIES SEVERAL FEET BELOW LAKE MICHIGAN. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ HAS THE STORY.

May 21, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THERE IS A NEW CAP ON HOW MANY K-12 STUDENTS CAN ENROLL IN CYBER SCHOOLS.LAST WEEK -- GOVERNOR SNYDER SIGNED SENATE BILL 619 INTO LAW. 7&4's BRODY O'CONNELL JOINS US WITH A LOOK AT THIS LEGISLATION.

May 22, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

ENROLLMENT NUMBERS AT NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE ARE DECLINING -- AND COLLEGE OFFICIALS SAY THE ECONOMY IS TO BLAME. THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AT N-M-C SAYS THAT SINCE THE ECONOMY IS TURNING AROUND -- LESS STUDENTS ARE HEADING BACK TO THE CLASSROOM. ENROLLMENT FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER WAS DOWN AROUND FIVE PERCENT -- AND ONLY 14- HUNDRED STUDENTS ARE SIGNED UP FOR SUMMER CLASSES -- THAT'S COMPARED TO OVER 16- HUNDRED STUDENTS LAST SUMMER.

May 23, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NORTHERN MICHIGAN'S LARGEST SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY BE ASKING VOTERS TO GIVE THEIR BOTTOM LINE A 100 MILLION DOLLAR BOOST. THE T-CAPS SCHOOL BOARD MET LAST NIGHT TO TALK ABOUT POSSIBLY PUTTING A MILLAGE REQUEST ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT WHILE NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE ON

SPECIFICALLY WHERE THE MONEY WOULD GO -- SOME OPTIONS INCLUDE RENOVATIONS AND REMODELS OF UP TO 4 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, AND POSSIBLY BUILDING A NEW PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, .

May 25, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IT'S THE FIRST COLLEGE COURSE OF ITS KIND IN THE STATE AND THIRTEEN STUDENTS RIGHT HERE AT NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE ARE TAKING PART. 7&4'S ANNALISE KRANSZ SPENT THE DAY WITH STUDENTS SEARCHING THE DEEP BLUE WATER OF GRAND TRAVERSE BAY.

May 30, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

STUDENTS AT CHERRY-LAND MIDDLE SCHOOL IN ELK RAPIDS GOT TO LEARN ABOUT POLITICS TODAY -- FROM A SPECIAL VISITOR. U-S SENATOR CARL LEVIN VISITED THE SCHOOL TODAY -- TO TALK TO THE STUDENTS ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A LAWMAKER. LAST FALL THE SCHOOL STARTED ITS "YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAM" -- ALLOWING STUDENTS TO VISIT THE STATE CAPITOL AND BECOME LEGISLATORS IN A MOCK GOVERNMENT. THEY WROTE SENATOR LEVIN A LETTER ASKING HIM TO COME OUT AND VISIT -- AND TODAY HE DID.

May 31, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IT LOOKS LIKE THE STATE IS GOING TO COME UP WITH MORE MONEY FOR THE MOST FINANCIALLY STRUGGLING SCHOOLS. A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE TODAY VOTED TO RAISE THE MINIMUM PER-PUPIL GRANT BY 120 DOLLARS PER STUDENT. DISTRICTS THAT ARE ALREADY AT THE MINIMUM OR GETTING MORE WOULD SEE NO PER-PUPIL INCREASE.

May 31, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TONIGHT WE'RE LEARNING NEW DETAILS ABOUT WHY TRAVERSE CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS CONSIDERING ASKING VOTERS FOR A 1-HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR MILLAGE. THE PROPOSED INCREASE WOULD BE USED TO RENOVATE CENTRAL GRADE SCHOOL, THE COMMUNITY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, AND OTHER BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT. SUPERINTENDENT STEVE COUSINS SAYS THE DISTRICT NEEDS TO IMPROVE FOR THE LONG TERM.

May 31, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THIS AFTERNOON T-CAPS HONORED THE TEACHERS AND OTHER STAFF MEMBERS WHO ARE RETIRING AT THE END OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR. THE CELEBRATION WAS MEANT TO PAY RECOGNITION TO THE YEARS OF HARD WORK AND TIME SPENT HELPING OUR YOUTH GROW. IN ALL 42 EMPLOYEES ARE RETIRING THIS YEAR -- 22 OF THEM ARE TEACHERS. SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT WAS PROVIDED BY THE T-CAPS MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

June 1, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

YOU'VE HEARD IT BEFORE -- A DECREASE IN STATE FUNDING AND A DROP IN STUDENT ENROLLMENT IS DRIVING SOME MAJOR BUDGET DECISIONS. THIS TIME IT'S KINGSLEY AREA SCHOOLS . THE DISTRICT IS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW

TO BALANCE A 519-THOUSAND DOLLAR BUDGET SHORTFALL WITH AS LITTLE STUDENT IMPACT AS POSSIBLE. ONE POSSIBILITY -- PRIVATIZING BUS DRIVERS, JANITORS, AND FOOD SERVICE EMPLOYEES. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ HAS MORE.

June 7, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IT'S A SPECIAL CELEBRATION FOR MANY STUDENTS ACROSS NORTHERN MICHIGAN AS THEY GROW UP .. THE START OF SUMMER VACATION IT'S FUN AND 'FREEDOM' FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS FOR THESE STUDENTS AT SILVER LAKE ELEMENTARY WITH THE TRAVERSE CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS.FIFTH GRADERS WHO WILL BE HEADING TO MIDDLE SCHOOL NEXT YEAR TOOK THE WALK OF FAME THROUGH THE HALLS AS THE YOUNGER STUDENTS HIGH FIVED THEM AND WISHED THEM WELL!AFTER THE WALK STUDENTS BOARDED THE BUSES WHERE DRIVERS TOOK AN EXTRA LOOP AROUND THE PARKING LOT BEEPING THE HORN AS STUDENTS WAVED FAREWELL TO TEACHERS AND STAFF!

June 18, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A BILL IN THE STATE SENATE WOULD FORCE ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS TO MAKE SURE MORE STUDENTS ARE ATTENDING CLASS -- OR RISK LOSING FUNDING.IF PASSED - - FUNDING WOULD BE BASED ON MONTHLY ATTENDANCE CHECKS RATHER THAN THE CURRENT COUNT DAYS THAT TAKE PLACE TWICE A YEAR.THE CHANGES WERE PROPOSED BECAUSE OF LOW GRADUATION RATES FOR ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

June 18, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE MAY BE RAISING THE PRICE OF TUITION. A PROPOSAL ANNOUNCED TODAY WOULD INCREASE TUITION FOR IN-DISTRICT STUDENTS BY 3-PERCENT -- OR ABOUT 2-DOLLARS AND 50-CENTS PER CONTACT HOUR. THAT MEANS A FULL-TIME STUDENT TAKING 12 CONTACT HOURS WOULD PAY 30-DOLLARS MORE PER SEMESTER. THE PRICE FOR OUT-OF-DISTRICT STUDENTS WOULD INCREASE BY 4-PERCENT -- OR ABOUT SIX AND A HALF DOLLARS PER CONTACT HOUR.

June 18, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TONIGHT N-M-C IS SPONSORING WORKSHOPS TO TEACH FEMALE STUDENTS HOW TO NEGOTIATE SALARIES.THE SESSION IS LEAD BY THE WAGE PROJECT, WHICH SETS OUT TO ELIMINATE THE GENDER WAGE GAP IN THE U-S.STUDENTS GATHERED TODAY TO LEARNED FINANCIAL SKILLS TO REASSURE THAT THEY GET PAID FAIRLY.

June 19, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

FOREST AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS CONSIDERING ASKING TAXPAYERS FOR A PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE TO HELP ITS BUDGET. A PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD NEXT MONDAY TO GO OVER THE PROPOSED 2012-2013 BUDGET.

June 21, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NEW AT 6... AFTER ALMOST THIRTY YEARS IN THE DISTRICT AND EIGHT AS SUPERINTENDENT, PAUL LIABENOW IS LEAVING CADILLAC AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS.CAPS HELD A PUBLIC PARTY FOR LIABENOW THIS AFTERNOON. THE EVENT INCLUDED REFRESHMENTS, POSTER SIGNINGS, GIFT GIVING, AND RECOGNITION OF HIS WORK IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

June 21, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE PETOSKEY SCHOOL BOARD IS PROPOSING ITS BUDGET AT TONIGHT'S BOARD MEETING -- AND WHILE MANY DISTRICTS ARE TALKING CUTS THEY'RE TALKING SURPLUS. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS WAS IN PETOSKEY TODAY AND TALKED WITH THE DISTRICTS SUPERINTENDENT.

June 24, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

BOARD MEMBERS FROM NORTH-WESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE ARE MEETING TOMORROW -- TO VOTE ON A PROPOSAL -- THAT WOULD INCREASE THE PRICE OF TUITION. THE PROPOSAL WAS ANNOUNCED LAST MONDAY -- AND WOULD RAISE TUITION FOR "IN-DISTRICT" STUDENTS BY 3-PERCENT -- OR ABOUT 2-DOLLARS AND 50-CENTS PER CONTACT HOUR. THAT MEANS A FULL-TIME STUDENT TAKING 12 CONTACT HOURS WOULD PAY 30-DOLLARS *MORE PER SEMESTER.

June 26, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

STUDENTS AT TRAVERSE CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS COULD HAVE RENOVATED CLASSROOMS AND A NEW PERFORMING ARTS CENTER -- IF VOTERS ARE WILLING TO PAY FOR IT. LAST NIGHT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVED A PLAN TO PUT A MILLAGE REQUEST ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. THEY'RE ASKING FOR UP TO AN ADDITIONAL POINT-9 MILLS TO RAISE 1-HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS. THAT MONEY WOULD PAY FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF INTERLOCHEN, EASTERN AND MONTESSORI AT GLEN LOOMIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. RECONSTRUCTION OF CENTRAL GRADE SCHOOL AND THE NEW ARTS CENTER AT CENTRAL HIGH.

June 26, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NORTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE JUST RECEIVED 5 MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE STATE THIS WEEK TO HELP BUILD A NEW HEALTH AND SCIENCES BUILDING. THE MONEY CAME FROM A BILL THAT GOVERNOR SNYDER SIGNED TO HELP FUND LOCAL COLLEGE PROJECTS. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS WAS AT THE SCHOOL IN PETOSKEY TODAY TO FIND OUT HOW THE FUNDS WILL IMPROVE STUDENTS OVERALL EDUCATION.

PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

CRIME & SAFETY

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

Local News

April 1, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

PUGLSEY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IN KINGSLEY -- AND 26 OTHER STATE PRISONS ARE REMOVING "PERIMETER SECURITY" TODAY -- TO SAVE MORE THAN 13-MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR. RIGHT NOW -- A VEHICLE -- WITH ONE "ARMED" CORRECTIONS OFFICER IS DRIVEN AROUND THE PRISONS -- 24-HOURS A DAY -- SEVEN DAYS A

WEEK. STARTING TODAY -- THOSE CORRECTIONS OFFICERS WILL BE ASSIGNED JOBS *INSIDE THE PRISON.THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SAYS IT HAS MADE SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS AT MANY PRISONS -- LIKE ELECTRIC "STUN" FENCES -- AND MOTION SENSORS.UNION LEADERS ARE *NOT SUPPORTING THIS CHANGE.

April 2, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A NEW SURVEY SHOWS MANY MICHIGAN DRIVERS CONSIDER TEXTING AND TALKING BEHIND THE WHEEL AS DANGEROUS AS DRUNK DRIVING.THE PHONE SURVEY WAS DONE BY GLEN-GARIFF GROUP IN ADVANCE OF APRIL BEING NATIONAL DISTRACTED DRIVING MONTH ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY 42-PERCENT OF THOSE POLLED FEEL THAT TEXTING AND DRIVING IS AS DANGEROUS AS DRUNK DRIVING, WHILE 33-PERCENT FEEL THAT SIMPLY TALKING ON THE PHONE IS AS DANGEROUS.

April 5, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

ANOTHER WEATHER CONCERN TONIGHT -- A HIGH FIRE DANGER. THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SAYS HIGH WINDS AND LITTLE RAIN -- HAVE INCREASED THE DANGER OF WILDFIRES ALREADY THIS WEEK -- CREWS HAVE RESPONDED TO MORE THAN 10 FIRES IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN!ALREADY THIS WEEK -- CREWS HAVE RESPONDED TO MORE THAN 10 FIRES IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN! D-N-R OFFICIALS IN CADILLAC SAY AREAS EAST OF I-75 MAY BE IN THE MOST DANGER RIGHT NOW -- LIKE OTSEGO -- MCBAIN -- CRAWFORD AND CLARE COUNTIES. CREWS SAY SOME OF THE FIRES THEY'VE BATTLED IN THE LAST 4 DAYS HAVE SPANNED NEARLY 15 ACRES.

April 5, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IN CHIPPEWA COUNTY -- A WILD GRASS FIRE HAS SPREAD -- BURNING MORE THAN 40 ACRES AND DESTROYING A HOME. THE FIRE STARTED LAST NIGHT -- NEAR THE LOWER HAYLAKE AREA AND SHORELINE OF THE SAINT MARY'S RIVER SYSTEM -- IN BRUCE TOWNSHIP.STRONG WINDS FUELED THE WILDFIRE AND WITHIN MINUTES -- ONE HOME WAS DESTROYED -- AS WELL AS A VEHICLE AND TWO SHEDS. OTHER HOMES WERE THREATENED -- BUT CREWS WERE ABLE TO GET THE FIRE OUT BEFORE ANY MORE DAMAGE WAS DONE.

April 5, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

CORRECTIONS OFFICERS ARE PROTESTING TONIGHT -- ABOUT WHAT THEY SAY ARE "DANGEROUS CUTS" TO THE DEPARTMENT.THIS AFTERNOON -- THE PRISON WORKERS GATHERED ALONG FRONT STREET IN DOWNTOWN TRAVERSE CITY -- FOR AN INFORMATIONAL PICKET.THEY SAY "BUDGET DRIVEN POLICIES" REPRESENT HARMFUL CUTS -- THAT COULD PUT THE PUBLIC AT RISK.THE PROTESTORS ARE TALKING WITH PEOPLE ABOUT THEIR CONCERNS OVER THE ELIMINATION OF "PERIMETER PATROL" POSITIONS AND GETTING RID OF "RESIDENT UNIT OFFICERS."

April 6, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A BRUSH FIRE BROKE OUT TODAY NEAR THE EASTERN EDGE OF KALKASKA COUNTY. FIREFIGHTERS WERE CALLED TO THE DOCKERY AND ISLAND LAKE INTERSECTION EARLIER THIS AFTERNOON AND MANAGED TO HAVE THE FIRE UNDER CONTROL

WITHIN HALF AN HOUR. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS STILL UNKNOWN -- BUT IT BURNED ABOUT FIVE ACRES.

April 6, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TONIGHT WE HAVE NEW SURVEILLANCE VIDEO OF THE ARMED ROBBERY SUSPECT JUST MOMENTS BEFORE HE HELD UP GANDER MOUNTAIN ON U-S 31 IN TRAVERSE CITY. NOW AUTHORITIES NEED YOUR HELP -- THEY'RE HOPING SOMEONE WILL RECOGNIZE THE SUSPECT AND GIVE INVESTIGATORS THE TIP THEY NEED TO MAKE AN ARREST.

April 11, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

MICHIGAN STATE POLICE ARE IN NORTHPORT TODAY -- EXECUTING DIVE TEAM TRAINING EXERCISES IN THE GRAND TRAVERSE BAY. TROOPERS GATHERED FROM ALL ACROSS THE STATE. USING SONAR EQUIPMENT AND STATE OF THE ART DIVING MATERIALS -- THEY ARE MAKING SURE THEY ARE PREPARED FOR THEIR NEXT SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSION. DIVE TEAM MEMBERS SAY THE TRAINING IS CRITICAL FOR COMMUNITIES LIKE NORTHPORT -- BECAUSE THEY ARE SURROUNDED BY WATER.

April 11, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IN LIFE-AND-DEATH SITUATIONS -- ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS PEOPLE DO -- IS CALL 9-1-1. NOW -- THERE IS NEW RESEARCH THAT SHOWS THE DISPATCHERS ANSWERING -- ARE SUFFERING FROM POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER -- EVEN THOUGH THEIR INVOLVEMENT IS CONFINED TO THE PHONE. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL REPORTS

April 12, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE EMMETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WANTS DEPUTIES TO START CARRYING TASERS.SHERIFF WALLIN ASKED COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO APPROVE 10-THOUSAND DOLLARS TO PURCHASE THE WEAPONS.THE MONEY WOULD COME FROM THE LOCAL REVENUE SHARING BOARD, WHICH RECEIVED 2-PERCENT OF THE SLOT MACHINE PROCEEDS FOR THE ODAWA CASINO IN PETOSKEY.THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS ALSO PLANNING TO APPLY FOR A RISK AVOIDANCE GRANT THROUGH THE MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY.

April 13, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A TRAVERSE CITY WOMAN IS ACCUSED OF GATHERING MORE THAN 40-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN DONATIONS -- IN THE NAME OF WOUNDED VETERANSINVESTIGATORS -- SAY IT WAS FRAUD 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL JOINS US LIVE WITH MORE ON THIS INVESTIGATION.

April 14, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

MOTORCYCLE RIDERS CAN NOW HIT THE STREETS --*WITHOUT WEARING A HELMET. A DECADE-LONG FIGHT TO ELIMINATE "MICHIGAN'S HELMET LAW" ROARED INTO THE "VICTORY LANE" YESTERDAY-- WHEN GOVERNOR SNYDER SIGNED THE REPEAL - - INTO LAW. THE BILL MAKES MICHIGAN THE 31ST STATE TO GIVE RIDERS A CHOICE -- ON WHETHER THEY WANT TO WEAR PROTECTIVE HEAD-GEAR.NOW -- PEOPLE AGES 21 AND OLDER ARE ALLOWED TO RIDE *WITHOUT HELMETS IF THEY'VE HAD A MOTORCYCLE LICENSE FOR TWO YEARS -- OR IF THEY'VE PASSED A SAFETY COURSE. THESE BIKERS ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO BUY ADDITIONAL INSURANCE.

April 17, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

SEAN PHILLIPS IS BEING TRIED FOR UNLAWFUL IMPRISONMENT -- A 15-YEAR-FELONY. INVESTIGATORS SAY HE WAS THE LAST ONE SEEN WITH BABY KATE BEFORE SHE WENT MISSING IN JUNE. YESTERDAY THE JURY WAS SEATED -- TODAY OPENING ARGUMENTS AND TESTIMONY GOT UNDERWAY.

April 18, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT RULING TONIGHT INVOLVING THE 2008 LAW THAT ALLOWS MARIJUANA USE FOR MEDICINAL PURPOSES. THE MICHIGAN APPEALS COURT RULED TODAY THAT MEDICAL MARIJUANA PATIENTS CANNOT DRIVE HIGH.7&4'S KATE FOX IS LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE ON THE RULING AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR PATIENTS. THIS RULING CAME IN A GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY CASE -- WHERE PROSECUTOR AL SCHNEIDER CHARGED RODNEY KOON WITH DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE. YOU MAY REMEMBER -- HE WAS CHARGED WITH HAVING DRUGS IN HIS SYSTEM UNDER MICHIGAN'S "NO-TOLERANCE LAW" -- BUT TWO COURTS DISMISSED THE CHARGE -- CITING THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA LAW. NOW -- THE "COURT OF APPEALS" SAYS THERE'S NOTHING IN THE LAW THAT GIVES IMMUNITY TO PEOPLE -- WHO USE MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND DRIVE.

April 18, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

ARIEL COURTLAND UNDERWENT SEVERAL MORE HOURS OF QUESTIONING FROM BOTH THE DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION TODAY.THE DEFENSE WORKING TO PUT HOLES IN HER STORY -- THE PROSECUTION PORTRAYING HER AS A VICTIM.7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US NOW LIVE AT THE COURTHOUSE WHERE SHE'S BEEN ALL DAY.

April 19, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

MORE TESTIMONY TODAY IN THE TRIAL OF SEAN PHILLIPS -- THE MAN CHARGED IN LUDINGTON WITH UNLAWFUL IMPRISONMENT IN THE DISAPPEARANCE OF HIS DAUGHTER -- BABY KATE. WE'RE JOINED NOW LIVE BY 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ WHO'S BEEN FOLLOWING THIS TRIAL ALL WEEK...

April 19, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

POLICE IN CADILLAC TONIGHT ARE LOOKING FOR TWO SUSPECTS WHO THEY SAY TRIED TO ABDUCT TWO YOUNG CHILDREN.7&4's ANNALISE HAS MORE:

April 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE PROSECUTION CONTINUED IT'S CASE AGAINST SEAN PHILLIPS TODAY -- HE'S ACCUSED IN THE DISAPPEARANCE OF HIS BABY DAUGHTER KATE.ARIELL COURTLAND WAS RECALLED TO THE STAND TO IDENTIFY HER BABY'S CLOTHING. THE PROSECUTOR ASKED HER TO PULL THE OUTFIT OUT OF A PAPER BAG -- WHEN COURTLAND HELD THE CLOTHES SHE BECAME UPSET AND STORMED OUT.COURTLAND'S ACTIONS PROMPTED THE DEFENSE TO CONSIDER A RETRIAL.

April 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND A CHEBOYGAN COUNTY RANCHER SQUARED OFF IN COURT TODAY. IT IS ALL OVER THE STATES NEW INVASIVE

SPECIES LAW AND A CERTAIN TYPE OF HOG 7&4'S CHRISTINA BURKHART WAS IN COURT TODAY AND HAS MORE.

April 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TWO MEN HAVE BEEN CHARGED ON FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS IN CHIPPEWA COUNTY FOR ILLEGAL TRANSPORTATION OF A LARGE AMOUNT OF EXPLOSIVES. JOHN LECHNER AND KENNETH KASSAB ARE CHARGED WITH TRANSPORTING AMMONIUM NITRATE AND FUEL OIL, COMMONLY KNOWN AS ANFO - SIMILAR TO WHAT WAS USED IN THE 1995 OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING.

April 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

YOU MAY SOON BE ABLE TO CARRY A TASER AROUND WITH YOU AS PROTECTION. LEGISLATION ALLOWING PEOPLE TO CARRY TASERS AS A CONCEALED WEAPON PASSED THE STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES YESTERDAY AND NOW GOES TO THE SENATE FOR FINAL APPROVAL. GOVERNOR SNYDER WOULD THEN NEED TO SIGN OFF ON THE BILL. MICHIGAN IS ONE OF ONLY SEVEN STATES THAT PREVENTS RESIDENTS FROM USING TASERS.

April 23, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TESTIMONY CONTINUED TODAY IN THE CASE AGAINST SEAN PHILLIPS. PHILLIPS IS CHARGED WITH UNLAWFUL IMPRISONMENT FOR THE DISAPPEARANCE LAST YEAR OF BABY KATE PHILLIPS. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ IS LIVE AT THE MASON COUNTY COURTHOUSE...

April 23, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TRAVERSE CITY LEADERS ARE MEETING IN LESS THAN AN HOUR TO TALK ABOUT WHERE TO MAKE CUTS FROM NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. CITY MANAGER BEN BIFOSS HAS PROPOSED CUTTING ABOUT HALF A MILLION DOLLARS -- 1-HUNDRED THOUSAND OF THAT BY ENDING FUNDING FOR HICKORY HILLS SKI AREA.

April 24, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

EMOTIONAL TESTIMONY TODAY IN THE SEAN PHILLIPS TRIAL PHILLIPS IS FACING 15 YEARS FOR UNLAWFUL IMPRISONMENT OF HIS BABY, KATE WHO WAS LAST SEEN IN JUNE OF LAST YEAR. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ WAS IN COURT TODAY -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH A RECAP.

April 24, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

STATE CORRECTIONS OFFICERS HELD ANOTHER PROTEST TODAY OVER WHAT THEY CALL DANGEROUS CUTS AT OUR PRISONS. DOZENS OF PRISON WORKERS PICKETED AT THE CORNER OF U-S 31 AND RIVER STREET IN DOWNTOWN MANISTEE THIS AFTERNOON. THEIR MAIN CONCERNS ARE OVER THE RECENT ELIMINATION OF RESIDENT UNIT OFFICERS, OTHER STAFF AND PERIMETER PATROL VEHICLE POSITIONS.

April 25, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

LAST WEEK -- THE MICHIGAN APPEALS COURT RULED THAT MEDICAL MARIJUANA PATIENTS CAN BE PROSECUTED FOR DRIVING WITH MARIJUANA IN THEIR SYSTEM.

THE RULING OPENED A FLOOD-GATE OF QUESTIONS.WE SENT 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL TO FIND OUT MORE.

April 25, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NOW TO TONIGHT'S TOP STORY... DAY 8 IN THE SEAN PHILLIPS TRIAL. HE'S CHARGED WITH UNLAWFUL IMPRISONMENT IN THE DISAPPEARANCE OF HIS DAUGHTER BABY KATE. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ WAS BACK IN COURT TODAY -- SHE'S LIVE NOW OUTSIDE THE COURTHOUSE.

April 26, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THIS MORNING BOTH THE PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE RESTED THEIR CASES -- CLOSING ARGUMENTS WERE HELD AND NEXT THE JURY WILL DELIBERATE. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ WAS BACK IN COURT TODAY - SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE OUTSIDE THE COURTHOUSE.

April 26, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

AS WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWING THE TRIAL - SO HAS LOCAL PSYCHIC MEDIUM TAMMY SCHUSTER SHE'S BEEN IN COURT ALMOST EVERY DAY - FOLLOWING THE PROGRESS OF THE TRIAL TONIGHT - WE ASK HER TO SHARE HER THOUGHTS ABOUT THE CASE, AND ASK HER THE QUESTION: WHERE IS BABY KATE?

April 27, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

BABY KATE WENT MISSING IN JUNE -- AND AFTER EXTENSIVE SEARCHES TURNED UP NO TRACE OF THE THEN 4-MONTH OLD GIRL -- HER FATHER SEAN PHILLIPS WAS CHARGED WITH UNLAWFUL IMPRISONMENT IN HER DISAPPEARANCE. TODAY THE JURY REVEALED HIS FATE. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ WAS THERE -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

April 28, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

JUST AFTER 7 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING -- THE MICHIGAN STATE POLICE ALONG WITH A K-9 UNIT FOUND ROBINSON IN AN ELEVATED DEER BLIND. HE'D BEEN HIDING IN THE WOODS FOR THE LAST WEEK -- AFTER OVERPOWERING AN ARENAC COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY AND TAKING THE DEPUTY'S GUN.

7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPOKE WITH THE STATE POLICE TODAY -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH THE DETAILS.

April 29, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

WHEN A HOME OR BUSINESS CATCHES ON FIRE -- WE RELY ON FIREFIGHTERS TO SPRING INTO ACTION. BUT LIKE ANYTHING -- FIRE-FIGHTING TAKES PRACTICE. AND THIS WEEKEND -- SEVERAL FIRE CREWS TOOK PART IN SOME HANDS-ON TRAINING.

April 30, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A TERRIFYING EVENT IN CLARE COUNTY -- AS A 13-MONTH OLD CHILD IS RUN OVER BY A VAN IN A DRIVEWAY. THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED JUST AFTER 9 O'CLOCK SUNDAY MORNING WEST OF HARRISON ON ROBIN STREET. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ

SPOKE WITH THE SHERIFF THIS AFTERNOON - SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH THE DETAILS.

May 2, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NEW AT 6... A BENZIE COUNTY CORRECTIONS OFFICER HAS BEEN PLACED ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE WITHOUT PAY -- PENDING THE OUTCOME OF A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION. THE STATE POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING THE OFFICER FOR "OFF DUTY" AND "ON DUTY" CONDUCT VIOLATIONS -- REPORTED BY ANOTHER STAFF MEMBER.

May 3, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TONIGHT -- A FIFE LAKE MAN IS IN CUSTODY AFTER POLICE SAY HE ROBBED A BANK AND TOLD TELLERS THERE WAS A BOMB. A FEW HOURS LATER INVESTIGATORS TRACKED HIM DOWN AT A CASINO. THE ROBBERY HAPPENED AT 9 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING AT NORTHWESTERN BANK IN KINGSLEY. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPOKE WITH BANK STAFF AND INVESTIGATORS -- AND JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH THE DETAILS.

May 4, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IF YOU HAD A LOVED ONE LOST, WOULDN'T YOU WANT AS MUCH HELP AS POSSIBLE WORKING TOGETHER TO FIND THAT PERSON? THE BENZIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MOUNTED DIVISION HELD A STATEWIDE SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING THIS AFTERNOON IN INTERLOCHEN - TO WHICH SEVEN COUNTIES AND THE TORONTO MOUNTED POLICE ATTENDED. THE SESSION STARTS WITH AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING, THEN THE VOLUNTEERS ARE GIVEN A SET-UP SCENARIO AND SET LOOSE TO FIND THE "LOST" PERSON OR OBJECT. THE TRAINING CONTINUES TOMORROW WITH A FEW PEOPLE "MISSING."

May 5, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IT'S NOT YOUR AVERAGE POLICE RESCUE SQUAD -- BUT IT'S *JUST AS EFFECTIVE. THIS WEEKEND -- THE "MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE UNIT" FROM THE BENZIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT -- TEAMED UP WITH THE TORONTO MOUNTED POLICE -- TO HOST A 2-DAY TRAINING SESSION. THE MEMBERS PRACTICED REAL LIFE RESCUE SCENARIOS -- SO WHEN AN ACTUAL EMERGENCY HAPPENS -- THEY'RE READY. 7&4'S CHRISTINA BURKHART HAS THE STORY.

May 7, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

FIRE-FIGHTERS ACROSS NORTHERN MICHIGAN ARE MOURNING THE LOSS OF ONE OF THEIR OWN -- WHO WAS KILLED IN A CAR ACCIDENT. FRANK RUTHERFORD OF TRAVERSE CITY WAS KILLED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON IN A THREE CAR CRASH ON M-72 EAST. A MINIVAN DRIVEN BY A 40-YEAR-OLD KALKASKA MAN CROSSED THE CENTERLINE AND HIT RUTHERFORD'S TRUCK HEAD ON -- RUTHERFORD DIED AT THE SCENE. RUTHERFORD SERVED SEVERAL NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITIES AS A FIREFIGHTER THROUGHOUT HIS 48-YEARS OF SERVICE.

May 8, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

MAJOR CHANGES TO TRAVERSE CITY'S FIRE DEPARTMENT COULD COME AS EARLY AS NEXT WEEK. LAST NIGHT DOZENS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT SUPPORTERS MARCHED IN FRONT OF THE GOVERNMENTAL CENTER TO VOICE FRUSTRATION ABOUT BUDGET-CUTTING PROPOSALS. TRAVERSE CITY'S MANAGER AND MAYOR HAVE BOTH

RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY CUT SOME FUNDING TO THE DEPARTMENT...WITH SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 2 AND 8 FIREFIGHTERS POTENTIALLY LOSING THEIR JOBS. LAST NIGHT THE CITY COMMISSION GATHERED PUBLIC INPUT...AND MANY OF THE RESIDENTS VOICED THEIR FRUSTRATIONS.

May 15, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

FLOOD PLAIN MAPS BECAME EFFECTIVE ON APRIL 17TH -- AND NOW RESIDENTS NEAR THE AUSABLE AND MANISTEE RIVERS ARE RECEIVING LETTERS FROM THEIR MORTGAGE COMPANIES LETTING THEM KNOW THEY HAVE 45-DAYS TO GET FLOOD INSURANCE -- BECAUSE OF FEMA. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPOKE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

May 16, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER -- WE FOCUS ON THE MEN AND WOMEN -- POLICING OUR NATIONAL PARKS. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL BREAKS DOWN THE EXTENT OF THEIR AUTHORITY -- AND JURISDICTION.

May 18, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE FIRE DANGER IS VERY HIGH ACROSS THE VIEWING AREA. A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS IN EFFECT FOR MOST OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN.7&4 STORM TEAM METEOROLOGIST CHRISTINA BURKHART HAS BEEN KEEPING AN EYE ON THE FIRE DANGER ALL DAY SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN LEELANAU COUNTY..

May 18, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

DOG BITES ARE COSTING MICHIGANDERS MILLIONS. STATE FARM RELEASED THEIR FINDINGS THIS WEEK.MICHIGAN -- RANKS SIXTH IN THE COUNTRY IN REPORTED DOG BITE CLAIMS. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL TAKES A CLOSER LOOK THIS STUDY -- AND WHY MICHIGAN IS SO HIGH ON THE LIST.

May 22, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A NEWS CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT THE ANTRIM COUNTY COURTHOUSE THIS AFTERNOON DETAILING A THREE YEAR LONG DRUG INVESTIGATION. POLICE HAVE CHARGED 20 PEOPLE -- MOSTLY ANTRIM COUNTY RESIDENTS -- WITH CRIMES RANGING FROM DELIVERY OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES TO MAINTAINING A DRUG HOUSE. TWO OF THOSE CHARGED ARE ON THE RUN TONIGHT. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ WAS THERE -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH THE DETAILS.

May 23, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

MOST PEOPLE WOULD CALL IT HELPING YOUR FELLOW MAN... BUT THERE IS AN ORDINANCE ON THE BOOKS IN TRAVERSE CITY -- THAT PUNISHES PEOPLE FOR A SIMPLE ACT OF KINDNESS. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL EXPLORES THE ISSUE -- IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER.

May 30, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

INVESTIGATORS SAY ONE THING THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEATHS -- BOTH VICTIMS WERE *NOT WEARING LIFE JACKETS. THAT HAS STIRRED UP A LOT OF EMOTION ON OUR "FACEBOOK PAGE" -- WITH PEOPLE WONDERING -- WHAT IS THE LAW ON LIFE JACKETS?WE TALKED WITH THE U-S COAST GUARD AND D-N-R MARINE PATROL -- TO FIND OUT.

May 31, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NEW AT 6...A TRAVERSE CITY CHURCH IS INVITING THE PUBLIC TO LEARN MORE ABOUT LOCAL IMMIGRATION.THE CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS HOLDING A FORUM WHERE YOU CAN ASK QUESTIONS TO THREE FEDERAL CITIZENSHIP AGENCIES.REPRESENTATIVES FROM UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT AND CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION WILL ALL BE THERE. THIS IS PART OF THE CHURCHES ONGOING STUDY OF IMMIGRATION NEEDS.

June 1, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

FIRE-CREWS CONTINUE TO MAKE PROGRESS CONTAINING THE DUCK LAKE FIRE IN LUCE COUNTY.THE MASSIVE WILDFIRE IS NOW 63-PERCENT CONTAINED.THE SOUTH END OF THE FIRE IS 14 MILES NORTH OF NEWBERRY AND 7 MILES WEST FROM TAHQUAMENON FALLS STATE PARK CAMPGROUNDS. THE FIRE IS LONG AND NARROW AND STRETCHES 11 MILES TO THE NORTH TO LAKE SUPERIOR. CREWS HAVE A FIRE LINE SET UP AROUND MUCH OF THE PERIMETER. OFFICIALS SAY THE NUMBER OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED REMAINS AT 132 -- INCLUDING 46 HOMES AND CABINS.

June 6, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

MICHIGAN LAWMAKERS ARE TRYING TO BAN A SYNTHETIC DRUG THAT'S GROWING IN POPULARITY. THE STATE OUTLAWED CERTAIN CHEMICALS THAT MAKE UP K-2 OR SPICE -- BUT MANUFACTURERS HAVE ALTERED THE RECIPE -- AND ARE STILL LEGALLY SELLING IT. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE ON THE BAN EFFORT -- AND WHY SOME SAY THIS DRUG IS PUTTING LIVES AT RISK.

June 7, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

ALLAN KULLMAN WAS CHARGED LATE THIS AFTERNOON. KULLMAN IS PRINCIPAL OF EVART HIGH SCHOOL. THE DISTRICT'S SUPERINTENDENT SAYS KULLMAN HAS NOT BEEN ON DUTY AT THE SCHOOL SINCE HE REQUESTED A LEAVE OF ABSENCE LAST TUESDAY.7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS WAS IN THE COURTROOM THIS AFTERNOON -- HE JOINS US ON THE PHONE.

June 11, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT... WILL YOUR FAMILY BE READY WHEN SEVERE WEATHER HITS?IF YOU OWN A CELL PHONE -- THE ANSWER WILL SOON BE -- YES. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL IS DIALED INTO A NEW ALERT SYSTEM -- THAT USES CELL PHONES TO WARN PEOPLE ABOUT DANGEROUS WEATHER.

June 11, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A MEDICAL EQUIPMENT SALES REP FROM TRAVERSE CITY COULD FACE JAIL TIME.

HE TRIED TO SCAM A LOCAL HOSPITAL OUT OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF SUPPLIES. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPOKE WITH INVESTIGATORS -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

June 14, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE MICHIGAN STATE POLICE HAS A PLAN TO CRACKDOWN ON SYNTHETIC DRUGS LIKE K-2 AND SPICE. AT A STRATEGY MEETING TODAY IN HOUGHTON LAKE -- THE STATE POLICE SAID THAT THEY AREN'T GOING TO WAIT FOR THE GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE TO GET STARTED.A BILL TO BAN THE SYNTHETIC DRUGS -- THAT HAVE SICKENED PEOPLE ACROSS THE STATE -- HAS STILL NOT BEEN SIGNED INTO LAW. SO THE STATE POLICE SAYS THEY ARE GOING TO DO THE BEST THEY CAN TO EDUCATE KIDS, PARENTS, RETAILERS, HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND HOSPITALS ABOUT THE DANGEROUS EFFECTS OF THESE DRUGS.

June 19, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TRAVERSE CITY IS MOVING FORWARD WITH A PLAN THAT COULD LEAD TO COMBINED FIRE SERVICES TO SAVE MONEY. LAST NIGHT CITY COMMISSIONERS VOTED SIX TO ONE IN FAVOR OF ASKING THE GRAND TRAVERSE METRO FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR A BID TO TAKE OVER CITY SERVICES. 24 JOBS ARE ON THE LINE.

June 19, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

AN IMPORTANT SAFETY LESSON FOR SWIMMERS TONIGHT -- LOOK OUT FOR RIP CURRENTS IN THE GREAT LAKES, ESPECIALLY LAKE MICHIGAN. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ TALKED WITH THE COAST GUARD AND JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

June 19, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE HEAVY RAIN AND HIGH WINDS SWEEP THROUGH NORTHERN MICHIGAN JUST ABOUT 24 HOURS AGO.7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS VISITED ONE OF THE HARDEST HIT AREAS. HE JOINS US NOW LIVE OUTSIDE OUR STUDIOS IN LEELANAU COUNTY....

June 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A NATIONALLY RANKED GOLF CLUB IS CLEANING UP AFTER A TORNADO SWEEP THROUGH NEARBY STATE LAND. THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TODAY CONFIRMED THAT THE E-F-ONE TORNADO WITH WINDS UP TO 100 MILES PER HOUR TOUCHED DOWN IN SOUTHEASTERN CRAWFORD COUNTY DURING MONDAY NIGHT'S STORMS. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

June 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE GREAT LAKES ARE HOME TO HUNDREDS OF DOCUMENTED SHIPWRECKS -- BUT WHAT ARE THE RULES IF YOU STUMBLE UPON ONE?IS IT FINDERS KEEPERS -- OR IS IT ILLEGAL TO REMOVE UNDERWATER ARTIFACTS?7&4's BRODY O'CONNELL WENT DIVING FOR THE ANSWERS.

June 21, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE KALKASKA POLICE DEPARTMENT IS SEARCHING FOR A MAN THEY SAID USED FAKE MONEY AT A POPULAR PIZZA JOINT -- AND GOT AWAY. IT'S THE SECOND COUNTERFEIT CASE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN IN A WEEK -- AND POLICE SAY ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES SHOULD BE ON ALERT.7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPOKE WITH INVESTIGATORS AND JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH DETAILS.

June 22, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

JUST AFTER 9-30 THURSDAY NIGHT -- POLICE SAY CARNELL CHAMBERLAIN WONDERED FROM HIS HOME ON THE SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN RESERVATION IN ISABELLA COUNTY. THE CHILD'S MOTHER CALLED 9-1-1 A SHORT TIME LATER. CREWS SPENT THE DAY SEARCHING THE AREA AROUND HIS HOME -- WHICH IS ON TOMAH ROAD. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ MET WITH SEARCH TEAMS -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH THE LATEST.

June 22, 2012

Time:11:00-11:35 PM

Duration :30

THE COAST GUARD IS KICKING OFF ITS ANNUAL CAMPAIGN -- TO CRACK DOWN ON DRINKING ON THE WATER.7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS WAS IN CHARLEVOIX TODAY -- TO GET AN "UP CLOSE LOOK" AT HOW THE COAST GUARD WILL SPEND THIS WEEKEND -- PATROLLING THE WATERS OF MICHIGAN. HE BRINGS US THIS STORY -
- NEW AT 11.

June 23, 2012

Time:11:00-11:35 PM

Duration :30

AUTHORITIES HAVE SEIZED MORE THAN 27-HUNDRED CONTAINERS OF SYNTHETIC MARIJUANA AND "BATH SALTS" FROM SEVERAL NORTHERN MICHIGAN BUSINESSES. ALPENA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SEIZED THE SYNTHETIC MARIJUANA -- KNOWN AS K-2 SPICE -- AND THE BATH SALTS ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON -- FROM FOUR AREA STORES.THESE INCLUDE "Z'S CROSSROADS" -- "WHISPERS" -- "CONCERT CONNECTIONS" -- AND ONE OTHER RETAIL STORE -- ALL WITHIN ALPENA COUNTY.

June 24, 2012

Time:11:00-11:35 PM

Duration :30

THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IS REACHING OUT TO VICTIMS OF THE DUCK LAKE WILDFIRE -- TO HELP THEM APPLY FOR FINANCIAL RECOVERY ASSISTANCE. A PUBLIC MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THIS UPCOMING TUESDAY. THE D-N-R HAS ALREADY SENT MORE THAN 130 PERSONAL INVITATIONS TO LANDOWNERS AFFECTED BY THE FIRE -- WHICH BURNED MORE THAN 21-THOUSAND ACRES AND 136 STRUCTURES. LANDOWNERS WHO ARE SEEKING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OR ADVICE ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

June 26, 2012

Time:6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

CITY MANAGER BEN BIFOSS EMAILED A MEMO OVER TO THE GRAND TRAVERSE METRO FIRE DEPARTMENT LATE YESTERDAY ASKING THEM IF THEY WOULD CONSIDER MEETING TO DISCUSS A PARTNERSHIP. IT'S THE LATEST IDEA IN AN ATTEMPT TO CUT COSTS. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE ON THIS DEVELOPING STORY...

June 27, 2012

Time:6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

WE ARE LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE INVESTIGATION INTO LITTLE CARNEL'S DISAPPEARANCE AND THE LOCATIONS OF WHERE INVESTIGATORS ARE SEARCHING. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ. WAS IN ISABELLA COUNTY ALL DAY TALKING TO POLICE AND PEOPLE CLOSE TO THE THE FAMILY.

June 27, 2012

Time:6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THIS WEEK -- THE SUPREME COURT WEIGHED IN ON HOW STATES CRACK-DOWN ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION. THEY RULED AGAINST A PROVISION THAT WOULD ALLOW POLICE TO ARREST SUSPECTED ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS -- WITHOUT WARRANTS. HOWEVER -- THE COURT UPHELD A REQUIREMENT THAT POLICE -- WHILE ENFORCING OTHER LAWS -- QUESTION IMMIGRATION STATUS -- IF OFFICERS HAVE REASONABLE SUSPICION THEY'RE IN THE COUNTRY ILLEGALLY.7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL SPOKE TO IMMIGRATION EXPERTS ABOUT MICHIGAN'S LAWS -- AND HOW THE SUPREME COURT'S RULING EFFECTS OUR STATE.

PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/DEVELOPMENT

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

Local News

April 3, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TWO TRAVERSE CITY AREA AUTO DEALERSHIPS ARE SQUARING OFF IN A COMPETITION -- RAISING MONEY TO HELP AT RISK KIDS IN OUR AREA. FOX MOTORS AND BILL MARSH AUTO ARE TAKING PART IN A BOWLING FOR KIDS SAKE EVENT -- TO SUPPORT BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS.THE TWO DEALERSHIPS ARE WORKING TO GATHER THE MOST COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND DONATIONS -- WHICHEVER TEAM RAISES THE MOST MONEY WINS. A SPOKESPERSON FOR THE LOSERS WILL HAVE TO DELIVER PIZZA TO THE WINNING TEAM DRESSED IN THEIR UNIFORM.

April 3, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A LOCAL GROUP THAT'S BEEN FIGHTING TO SAVE THE SPIRIT OF TRAVERSE CITY -- SAYS THEY'RE HOPING TO MOVE IT TO THE GRAND TRAVERSE COMMONS. THE GRASSROOTS GROUP ALSO CALLED THE "SPIRIT OF TRAVERSE CITY" -- UNVEILED ITS PLAN THIS MORNING AT THE HISTORY CENTER. THEY WANT TO PUT THE TRAIN ON A SOUTHERN SECTION OF PARKLAND AT THE COMMONS AND DEVELOP A PARK THAT WOULD CELEBRATE THE AREA'S RAILROAD HISTORY.

April 4, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IT'S A NIGHT FOR FATHERS AND DAUGHTERS AND IT RAISES MONEY FOR A GOOD CAUSE!ZONTA CLUB OF TRAVERSE CITY IS SPONSORING A FATHER-DAUGHTER DINNER DANCE AT THE TRAVERSE CITY GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB. THE EVENING IS MEANT TO CELEBRATE THE SPECIAL BOND FATHERS AND GRANDFATHERS HAVE WITH THEIR DAUGHTERS AND GRAND-DAUGHTERS OF ALL AGES. MONEY RAISED WILL SUPPORT ZONTA'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM THAT HELPS YOUNG WOMEN WHO WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE BUT CAN'T AFFORD IT.

April 6, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A DRIVE IS UNDERWAY -- TO HELP STRUGGLING FAMILIES IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN -- WITH THE COST OF HAVING A BABY.THE "GREAT START PARENT COALITION" IS HOLDING AN AREA WIDE DIAPER DRIVE -- TO HELP FAMILIES IN WEXFORD,

MISSAUKEE AND OSECOLA COUNTIES -- THAT ARE TIGHT ON CASH. RIGHT NOW -- DOZENS OF STORES AROUND THE AREA ARE TAKING DONATIONS OF DIAPERS AND BABY SUPPLIES -- WHICH WILL GO TO "THE BABY CLOSET" TO BE DISTRIBUTED. ORGANIZERS SAY THAT THE GOAL OF THE DRIVE IS TO MAKE SURE EVERY CHILD - IS HAPPY AND HEALTHY.

April 7, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE 20TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY EASTER DINNER GETS UNDERWAY TOMORROW AFTERNOON IN TRAVERSE CITY.BUT TODAY -- VOLUNTEERS WERE BUSY *PREPARING FOR THE BIG MEAL.DOZENS OF VOLUNTEERS GATHERED THIS AFTERNOON AT THE "V-F-W HALL" IN TRAVERSE CITY -- AND SPENT THE DAY GETTING READY TO FEED MORE 300 HUNGRY PEOPLE -- THAT ARE EXPECTED AT TOMORROW'S DINNER. THEY WERE BUSY UNLOADING TABLES -- PACKING EASTER BASKETS AND GETTING READY TO START COOKING.

April 13, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY FAMILY WILL SOON HAVE A HOME TO CALL THEIR OWN ... AND IT'S A FIRST OF ITS KIND WALL RAISING FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. HABITAT IS TEAMING UP WITH THRIVENT BUILDS FOR THE HOME PLANNED FOR BASS LAKE ROAD.THRIVENT IS COVERING THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION WHILE THE DEIK FAMILY WILL PUT IN SWEAT EQUITY AND PAY BACK A NO-INTEREST MORTGAGE. THIS HOME WILL ALSO HAVE SOME UNIQUE COST SAVING FEATURES.

April 14, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

SPRING IS FINALLY HERE AND THAT MEANS THE TART TRAILS NEED A GOOD SPRUCE UP -- FOR ALL THE ACTION THEY'RE ABOUT TO GET. TART TRAIL OFFICIALS ARE ASKING YOU TO JOIN THEM AS THEY CELEBRATE EARTH DAY NEXT WEEKEND -- AND SPEND THE DAY CLEANING THE TRAIL SYSTEM.

April 15, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THANKS TO THE HARD WORK OF SOME LOCAL GIRL SCOUTS -- THOUSANDS OF COOKIES ARE READY TO BE SHIPPED OFF TO OUR SOLDIERS FIGHTING OVERSEAS. TROOP NUMBER 10037 HELD A PACKING PARTY AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST NUMBER 35 TODAY IN TRAVERSE CITY. MORE THAN 15-HUNDRED BOXES OF GIRL SCOUT COOKIES WERE COLLECTED FOR THE EVENT.THE CARE PACKAGES WILL BE SENT TO SOLDIERS FROM THE NATIONAL GUARD -- WHO ARE CURRENTLY STATIONED IN AFGHANISTAN MORE PACKAGES WILL ALSO GO TO SOLDIERS WHO ARE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN -- LIVING WITHOUT ANY FAMILY MEMBERS.

April 16, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY ART MUSEUM IS LOOKING TO GET MORE PEOPLE VOLUNTEERING THEIR TIME.TODAY AT THE DENNOS MUSEUM ON THE CAMPUS OF NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE PEOPLE GOT A CHANCE TO CHECK OUT ALL THEY DIFFERENT WAYS THEY CAN HELP. WITH ALL THE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES GOING ON AT THE DENNOS-- OFFICIALS SAY THERE'S WAYS FOR EVERYONE TO HELP OUT.

April 18, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THERE WAS AN UNUSUALLY LARGE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE BEING ARRESTED AND LOCKED UP TODAY IN TRAVERSE CITY.IT WAS THE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION'S

ANNUAL LOCK UP FUNDRAISER."PRISONERS" WERE ARRESTED AND DRIVEN TO THE PARK PLACE HOTEL BY TRAVERSE CITY FIREMEN - HAVING TO MAKE CALLS FOR "BAIL MONEY". CHERRY CAPITOL DONATED CARS FOR THE DAY. EACH PRISONER STAYS IN LOCKUP FOR ABOUT AN HOUR AND RAISES AS MUCH MONEY AS THEY CAN FOR THEIR "RELEASE" -- THAT MONEY GOES TO THE M-D-A.

April 19, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

RIGHT NOW YOU CAN GET A CLOSE UP LOOK AT WHAT THE WAR IN IRAQ WAS REALLY LIKE -- FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF A MAN WHO FOUGHT THERE FOR SEVERAL YEARS.THE DENNOS MUSEUM HAS A NEW EXHIBIT CALLED ART IN WAR. BENJAMIN BUSCH WAS A COMMANDING OFFICER IN THE "MARINE CORPS LIGHT ARMORED RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY" DURING THE LIBERATION OF IRAQ BETWEEN 2003 AND 2005.DURING THAT TIME HE TOOK HUNDREDS OF PICTURES. MUSEUM COORDINATORS SAY THOSE PICTURES TELL HIS STORY AND GIVE A UNIQUE INSIGHT INTO THE OCCUPATION OF IRAQ.

April 21, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

SPRING IS FINALLY HERE.AND THAT MEANS THE TART TRAILS NEED A GOOD SPRUCE-UP!AND THAT'S JUST WHAT HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEERS DID TODAY. THEY MET SEVERAL TRAIL LOCATIONS TO CELEBRATE EARTH DAY -- BY LENDING A HELPING HAND. ARMED WITH BROOMS AND TRASH BAGS -- PEOPLE WENT TO WORK - - HOPING TO CLEAN UP THE TRAILS -- THAT THEY LOVE TO USE DURING THE SPRING AND SUMMER MONTHS.

April 21, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE LACED UP THEIR RUNNING SHOES THIS MORNING -- AND HIT THE STREETS FOR A GREAT CAUSE. IT WAS THE FOURTH ANNUAL "RUN FOR SHELTER EVENT" -- HOSTED BY THE GOODWILL INN. PEOPLE OF ALL AGES LINED UP ON THE "STARTING LINE" BRIGHT AND EARLY -- HOPING TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE LARGEST HOMELESS SHELTER IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN. THE RUN IS A SPECIAL EVENT -- ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE THAT HAVE BENEFITED FROM THE GOODWILL INN -- AND ARE NOW RUNNING TO SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION. ORGANIZERS SAY THAT IT'S A GREAT WAY FOR THE COMMUNITY TO GET OUT AND SUPPORT THE GROWING HOMELESS POPULATION IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN.

April 23, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

WE ARE SLOWLY BUT SURELY GETTING CLOSER TO THE 86-TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL. FESTIVAL ORGANIZERS HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS MORNING AT THE TRAVERSE CITY HAGERTY CENTER TO PREVIEW ALL OF THE NEW FEATURES FOR THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL.

April 27, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

AN AREA BUSINESS IS TEACHING WOMEN BUILDING BASICS -- SO THEY CAN HELP BUILD HOMES FOR STRUGGLING FAMILIES. IT'S CALLED THE "WOMEN AT WORK" HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VOLUNTEER PROGRAM.A SERIES OF CLINICS IN HONOR OF NATIONAL WOMEN BUILD WEEK WILL HELP WOMEN LEARN SKILLS SO THAT THEY CAN HELP HABITAT FOR HUMANITY -- AS WELL AS FIX THINGS AROUND THEIR OWN HOME.

May 2, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

SET-UP IS UNDERWAY FOR ONE OF THE FATHER FRED'S BIGGEST ANNUAL FUNDRAISERS. VOLUNTEERS WERE OUT TODAY PRICE-TAGGING ITEMS FOR THE FATHER FRED FOUNDATION SPRING GARAGE SALE. THE SALE TAKES PLACE THIS SATURDAY -- AND WILL INCLUDE THINGS LIKE ANTIQUES, SPORTING GOODS, TOYS, JEWELRY, LINENS, AND FURNITURE.

May 14, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NEARLY 6-THOUSAND NATIONAL CHAMPION WILLOW SAPLINGS WERE PLANTED TODAY IN MANISTEE COUNTY. THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS IS HOPING THEY WILL HELP CLEAN CONTAMINATED LAND. VOLUNTEERS STARTED PLANTING THE TREES THIS MORNING ON A PIECE OF TRIBAL LAND KNOWN AS THE "EAST-LAKE SITE." TRIBAL LEADERS SAY AS THE TREES GROW -- THEY WILL LIKELY REMOVE TOXINS FROM THE SOIL AND MANISTEE LAKE WATERS.

May 14, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

AFTER YEARS OF PLANNING -- THE FIRST LEG OF THE SLEEPING BEAR HERITAGE TRAIL IS ALMOST COMPLETE. THE HARD-SURFACED PATHWAY WILL USE HIGHWAYS, RAIL BEDS, SEASONAL ROADS AND EXISTING TRAILS TO PROVIDE SAFE PASSAGE THROUGH ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PLACES IN AMERICA -- THE SLEEPING BEAR DUNES NATIONAL LAKESHORE.

May 15, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

AFTER OPENING NEW GROUNDS IN TRAVERSE CITY -- CHARITY HILL RANCH IS HELPING A WHOLE NEW SET OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. THE THERAPEUTIC HORSE RANCH OFFERS PEOPLE WITH PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES A WAY TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVES. RIDING HORSES IMPROVES BALANCE, MUSCLE TONE, RANGE OF MOTION AND STRENGTH. TODAY VETERANS WERE OUT TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE HORSES FOR HEROES PROGRAM AND VETERANS GARDEN.

May 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE MADE THEIR WAY TOWARD THE BAY TODAY -- FOR THE 57TH ANNUAL N-M-C BARBEQUE. AND THANKS TO THE BEAUTIFUL WEATHER -- THIS YEAR'S EVENT WAS ANOTHER BIG SUCCESS. MORE THAN 10-THOUSAND PEOPLE TOOK PART IN THE CHARITY CELEBRATION. AND THAT MEANS -- A WHOLE LOT OF FOOD. MORE THAN 3-THOUSAND POUNDS OF BUFFALO BURGER -- A COUPLE HUNDRED POUNDS OF HOT DOGS -- AND 3-THOUSAND POUNDS OF COLE SLAW -- POTATO SALAD AND BEANS WERE USED AT THE B-B-Q.

June 1, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IT'S A SPECIAL WEEKEND IN MICHIGAN AS SPECIAL OLYMPIC ATHLETES REACH FOR THE GOLD. OPENING CEREMONIES WERE HELD LAST NIGHT AND AS THEY SAY... LET THE GAMES BEGIN! JANE PARK HAS MORE.

June 4, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THERE WILL SOON BE A NEW PLACE FOR CHILDREN TO PLAY IN THE COMMUNITY OF FRANKFORT. CONSTRUCTION ON A NEW PLAYGROUND AT MINERAL SPRINGS PARK BEGINS THIS WEEK. SOME OF THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT WAS DROPPED OFF AT

THE SITE TODAY.CONSTRUCTION WILL START WEDNESDAY. THE CITY OF FRANKFORT HAS RAISED 50-THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR PHASE ONE OF THE PROJECT. THEY ARE HOPING TO RAISE A NEW TOTAL OF 125-THOUSAND DOLLARS TO FINISH IT.

June 15, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NORTHERN MICHIGAN HAS BEEN HIT HARD OVER THE PAST DECADE -- MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN -- KILLED WHILE SERVING OUR COUNTRY. THIS MONTH -- A SPECIAL EVENT IS TAKING PLACE IN MANISTEE -- MAKING SURE THEIR SACRIFICES ARE NEVER FORGOTTEN.7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL SPOKE TO A LOCAL MOTHER -- WHO LOST HER SON IN BATTLE -- AND ORGANIZERS OF THE THIRD ANNUAL "THUNDER AT THE RIVER."

June 21, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

DOZENS OF LITTLE BOOK WORMS GATHERED AT THE CHILDREN'S GARDEN AT BIRCH STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN KALKASKA THIS MORNING. UNITED WAY DISTRIBUTED LITERACY KITS FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES TO TAKE HOME WITH THEM FOR THE SUMMER.FAMILIES PARTICIPATED IN GAMES, FACE PAINTING AND OTHER FUN ACTIVITIES TO GET THOSE IMAGINATIONS FLOWING.

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MORE THAN 1-HUNDRED CLASSIC CARS HIT THE STARTING LINE THIS MORNING IN TRAVERSE CITY -- AND TOOK OFF ON A 23-HUNDRED MILE-LONG ADVENTURE -- CALLED THE "GREAT RACE." NEARLY 7-THOUSAND PEOPLE GATHERED ON FRONT STREET IN DOWNTOWN TRAVERSE CITY -- TO CHECK OUT SOME OF THE FINEST VINTAGE CARS IN THE STATE -- AND GET AN UP-CLOSE VIEW OF THE START OF THE RACE. THE GREAT RACE IS A 23 HUNDRED MILE LONG RACE -- THAT CIRCLES THE GREAT LAKES AND COVERS 19 CITIES -- 2 COUNTRIES -- AND 4 STATES -- OVER A 9 DAY SPAN.GOVERNOR RICK SNYDER EVEN MADE THE TRIP UP TO NORTHERN MICHIGAN TO CELEBRATE THE EVENT -- HE HAD THE HONOR OF WAVING THE GREEN FLAG TO OFFICIALLY START THE RACE.

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A GROUP OF LOCAL RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS ARE PREPARING TO TRAVEL TO MINNESOTA TO HELP FLOOD VICTIMS -- WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN TURNED UPSIDE DOWN BY THE TORRENTIAL RAINFALL -- AND MASSIVE FLOODING. THE DU-LUTH AREA HAS BEEN SOAKED THIS WEEK BY 12-INCHES OF RAIN -- CAUSING SEVERE FLOODING. MINNESOTA GOVERNOR MARK DAYTON DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND MOBILIZED THE NATIONAL GUARD.