

**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

January 1, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A HEADS UP TO DRIVERS -- IT WILL NOW COST YOU MORE -- TO DRIVE ON THE MACKINAW BRIDGE.STARTING TODAY -- THE "MACKINAW BRIDGE TOLL" INCREASES. CARS AND SUV'S WILL NOW PAY 4 DOLLARS PER TOLL -- WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF 50 CENTS.A VEHICLE WITH A TRAILER WILL BE CHARGED 2 DOLLARS -- PER AXLE. COMMERCIAL TRUCKS AND MOTOR HOMES WILL PAY 5 DOLLARS -- PER AXLE. THE NEW RATES ARE AMONG THOSE THAT WERE APPROVED IN 2007 -- TO HELP MAINTAIN THE FIVE MILE BRIDGE.

January 3, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

GLOBAL-WATT IS MOVING PRODUCTION OF ITS SOLAR GENERATORS TO THE VILLAGE OF COPEMISH IN MANISTEE COUNTY -- AN AREA WHERE MANY PEOPLE ARE DESPERATE FOR JOBS. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ TALKED WITH THOSE INVOLVED WITH THE MOVE -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

January 3, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IF YOU'RE TIRED OF RENTING AND WANT TO GET INTO YOUR FIRST HOME BUT AREN'T SURE WHAT TO LOOK FOR -- THERE IS A WAY TO LEARN. THE NORTHWEST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY IS OFFERING HOME-BUYERS WORKSHOPS EACH MONTH HEADED INTO THE SPRING. SO WHAT DO THESE CLASSES TEACH?

January 3, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IT MAY SEEM LATE IN THE SEASON -- BUT WINE MAKERS AT ONE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY VINEYARD WERE ACTUALLY OUT PICKING GRAPES TODAY.CHATEAU CHANTAL ON OLD MISSION PENINSULA IS MAKING THEIR ICE WINE.

January 3, 2012

Time:11:00-11:35 PM

Duration :30

AFTER YEARS OF DEBATE -- THE FATE OF TRAVERSE CITY'S MINIATURE TRAIN HAS BEEN DECIDED.TONIGHT -- COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO GET RID OF THE "SPIRIT OF TRAVERSE CITY. 7&4'S KATE FOX WAS AT THE MEETING -- AND BRINGS US THE DETAILS NEW AT 11.

January 4, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A PUBLIC HEARING IS BEING HELD TONIGHT -- TO DISCUSS PLANS OF PUTTING A NEW LARGE DRUGSTORE ON A BUSY TRAVERSE CITY STREET CORNER.A ZONING REQUEST HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR A C-V-S PHARMACY ON THE CORNER OF FRONT AND DIVISION -- ON THIS EMPTY PROPERTY.

January 4, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A NEW STUDY BY UNITED VAN LINES HAS BEEN RELEASED SHOWING WHICH STATES PEOPLE ARE MOVING INTO -- AND WHICH ONES THEY'RE MOVING OUT OF. SO WHERE DOES MICHIGAN STAND?THE GREAT LAKES STATE TOOK THE 4-TH SPOT ON THE LIST OF STATE'S PEOPLE ARE LEAVING.

January 4, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

ORGANIZERS OF A STATE SNOW-CROSS EVENT AREN'T TAKING ANY CHANCES WITH THE 16-INCHES OF SNOW GAYLORD RECEIVED IN THE LAST STORM -- AND ARE PREPARING TO MAKE IT LAST UNTIL THEIR RACE AT THE OTSEGO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS THAT'S SCHEDULED NEXT WEEKEND.

January 4, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IT FINALLY LOOKS LIKE WINTER OUTSIDE -- WITH MORE THAN HALF-A-FOOT OF SNOW IN SOME AREAS. AND SKIERS WHO HAVE BEEN WAITING TO HIT THE TRAILS -- ARE IN LUCK. GROOMERS ARE OUT IN FULL FORCE -- GETTING THE VASA PATHWAY READY. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL REPORTS.

January 4, 2012

Time:11:00-11:35 PM

Duration :30

A BENZIE COUNTY DRIED FRUIT MANUFACTURER HAS JUST RECEIVED SOME HELP FROM THE STATE SO THEY CAN CONTINUE TO EXPAND. FRANKFORT BASED GRACE-LAND FRUIT HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR 5-MILLION DOLLARS IN MICHIGAN STRATEGIC FUND LOAN ENHANCEMENTS.

January 4, 2012

Time:11:00-11:35 PM

Duration :30

NEW AT 11... THE WAY IS BEING PAVED FOR A NEW PHARMACY AT A BUSY STREET CORNER IN TRAVERSE CITY. TONIGHT CITY PLANNING COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO RECOMMEND A ZONING CHANGE REQUEST FOR THE VACANT PROPERTY ON THE NORTH-EAST CORNER OF FRONT AND DIVISION.C-V-S PHARMACY HAS PROPOSED A PLAN TO BUILD A 13-THOUSAND SQUARE FOOT STORE ON THE PROPERTY -- BUT NEEDS APPROVAL FOR THE BUILDING DESIGN AND FOR A DRIVE THRU PHARMACY.

January 5, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

EMMET COUNTY IS ONE OF 25 PLACES IN AMERICA TO VISIT IN 20-12 -- BECAUSE OF ITS DARK SKIES AT NIGHT.THAT'S ACCORDING TO A NATIONAL MAGAZINE.THE COUNTY HAS JUST ONE OF NINE DARK SKY PARKS IN THE WORLD -- AND AS ANDREW KELLER EXPLAINS, THE NATIONAL RECOGNITION IS JUST A PART OF THE EXCITEMENT THE DESIGNATED PARK IS RECEIVING.

January 5, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IF YOU HAVE ALWAYS DREAMED ABOUT STARTING YOUR OWN SMALL BUSINESS -- IT COULD BECOME A REALITY SOONER THAN YOU THOUGHT. "SCORE" IS PARTNERING WITH THE TRAVERSE CITY AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY TO OFFER FREE MENTORING ON SATURDAY MORNINGS.

January 5, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TEAM ELMER'S IS GETTING A LITTLE BIGGER. THE COMPANY HAS PURCHASED CORDES EXCAVATING BASED OUT OF HILLMAN. ACCORDING TO ELMERS THE FORMER OWNERS OF CORDES EXCAVATING KEN AND TERESA CORDES WERE LOOKING TO

RETIRE AND WANTED SOMEONE TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR COMPANY AND EMPLOYEES AS WELL AS THEY HAD.

January 5, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE NEW YEAR HAS BROUGHT WITH IT HIGHER GAS PRICES AND ECONOMISTS PREDICT THE COST WILL KEEP RISING PAST 4-DOLLARS A GALLON. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPOKE WITH PETROLEUM AND FINANCIAL EXPERTS WHO ARE WATCHING THE PRICES CLOSELY-- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

January 5, 2012

Time:11:00-11:35 PM

Duration :30

THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS CLOSING IT'S GRAYLING SERVICE CENTER LATER THIS MONTH TO SAVE MONEY. WORKERS WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE M-DOT NORTH REGION OFFICE IN GAYLORD WHICH WILL HOUSE BOTH OPERATIONS.

January 6, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

SOLAR PANEL MANUFACTURING COMPANY GLOBAL-WATT TODAY CONFIRMED THAT IT IS MOVING ITS SAGINAW OPERATION TO A SMALLER FACILITY IN COPEMISH.

January 6, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A NEW LAW -- SIGNED BY GOVERNOR SNYDER -- IS CUTTING THE NUMBER OF JUDGES IN MICHIGAN. AN ESTIMATED 45 JUDGESHIPS ON PROBATE, DISTRICT AND CIRCUIT COURT WILL BE ELIMINATED THROUGH ATTRITION. AND AS 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL EXPLAINS -- ONE OF THE FIRST DISTRICTS FEELING THE PINCH -- IS RIGHT HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN.

January 10, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

FUNDRAISING GOALS FOR THE NEW GRAND TRAVERSE BAY Y-M-C-A HAVE ALL BEEN MET -- AND CONSTRUCTION FOR THE NEW FACILITY IS JUST A FEW MONTHS AWAY. ONE -POINT- FIVE *MILLION DOLLARS WAS RAISED IN JUST TEN DAYS -- TO MEET A MATCHING DONATION OF 2-MILLION DOLLARS. WITH THAT -- THE Y-M-C-A HAS COMPLETED ITS GOAL -- TO RAISE 12 MILLION DOLLARS TO BUILD THE NEW FACILITY. OFFICIALS SAY HUNDREDS OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS STEPPED UP TO HELP THE "Y" MEET THEIR GOAL.

January 10, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

WORK IS COMPLETE TONIGHT ON AN 8-MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT IN EMMET COUNTY. A NEW MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING AT THE PELLSTON AIRPORT IS UP AND OPEN. 7&4'S ANDREW KELLER HAS MORE ON THE PROJECT -- AND THE LOCAL BOOST IT HAS BROUGHT TO THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN ECONOMY.

January 10, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE LACK OF SNOW HAS IMPACTED THE "WAY OF LIFE" HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN -- FROM SKI RESORTS -- TO ICE FISHING -- TO CANCELED WINTER FESTIVALS. IT'S ALSO CAUSING CONCERN WITHIN THE STATE'S FARMING COMMUNITY. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPOKE WITH A LOCAL CHERRY GROWER -- SHE JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

January 11, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

MANY PEOPLE VISIT HOTELS TO "RECHARGE THEIR BATTERIES" -- BUT AT ONE TRAVERSE CITY HOTEL -- THE PHRASE IS TAKING ON A MUCH MORE LITERAL MEANING.

January 11, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THIS WEEK -- A VIEWER WROTE 7&4 NEWS -- ASKING US TO LOOK INTO OUR LOCAL THRIFT STORES. NOT WHAT THEY SELL -- BUT WHAT THEY THROW AWAY. HE TOLD US -- HE HAS PROOF -- THAT THEY ARE GETTING RID OF ITEMS THAT CAN BE PUT TO GOOD USE. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL DID SOME INVESTIGATING -- AND BRINGS US TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT.

January 13, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

BOYNE CITY LEADERS TELL US THEY WANT TO KEEP THE BALL ROLLING. RIGHT NOW, THE CITY IS WORKING ON A SHORT-LIST OF COMMUNITY GOALS FOR ITS FUTURE. AS 7&4'S ANDREW KELLER EXPLAINS -- SEVERAL GOALS BOYNE CITY SET THE LAST TIME -- HAVE BEEN MET -- BUT THERE'S STILL A LOT OF WORK TO DO AS THEY MOVE FORWARD.

January 13, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

ALL THIS SNOW IS GOOD NEWS FOR BUSINESSES IN CADILLAC THAT RELY ON WINTER TOURISM -- HOTELS ROOMS THAT HAVE BEEN EMPTY FOR MOST OF THE WINTER ARE FINALLY STARTING TO FILL UP. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JUST RETURNED FROM CADILLAC -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE NOW IN THE STUDIO LAUREN ARE TOURISTS STARTING TO COME INTO TOWN?

January 17, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

ALL THAT SNOW IS MAKING FOR SLICK ROAD CONDITIONS. CREWS ARE OUT IN "FULL FORCE" -- BUT MOST ROADS ARE STILL DANGEROUS. FOR MORE WE GO LIVE TO 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ...

January 17, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE PROPOSED NEW MEIJER FOR ACME TOWNSHIP IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY GOES UP FOR DISCUSSION AGAIN LATER THIS MONTH. THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAS A MEETING SET FOR JANUARY 30-TH TO DISCUSS CHANGES TO THE PROJECT APPLICATION -- IT'S THE 7-TH MEETING ON THE SUBJECT SINCE AUGUST.

January 17, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THIS COLD WEATHER IS JUST PERFECT FOR ANGLERS ITCHING TO BAIT THEIR HOOK AND GO ICE FISHING SHANTIES ARE STARTING TO POP UP ON LOCAL LAKES -- LIKE OTSEGO LAKE IN GAYLORD. BUT AS 7&4'S ANDREW KELLER EXPLAINS, BEFORE YOU STEP ON THE ICE, THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES WANTS YOU TO KNOW WHAT'S THERE.

January 18, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

SOME GOOD ECONOMIC NEWS TONIGHT -- THE STATE'S JOBLESS RATE HAS FALLEN TO THE LOWEST LEVEL IN MORE THAN THREE YEARS.

January 18, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A LARGE SCALE WIND PROJECT THAT WOULD HAVE CREATED HUNDREDS OF TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION JOBS HAS PULLED OUT OF BENZIE AND MANISTEE COUNTIES. DUKE ENERGY HAS DECIDED IT WILL NO LONGER MOVE FORWARD WITH IT'S GAIL WIND PROJECT.COMMUNITY MEMBERS WERE DIVIDED OVER THE PROJECT THAT WOULD HAVE INCLUDED 112 TURBINES.

January 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE "WEXFORD COUNTY COUNSEL ON AGING" RELIES ON A MILLAGE FOR FUNDING - - BUT THIS YEAR THEY'RE GOING TO GET THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS *LESS -- THAN THEY USUALLY DO FROM IT. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPOKE WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNSEL ON AGING -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

January 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TRAVERSE CITY LEADERS HAVE SCRAPPED PLANS FOR A NEW TUNNEL UNDERNEATH GRANDVIEW PARKWAY BETWEEN HALL AND UNION.. THIS MORNING THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY VOTED NOT TO SEEK ANYMORE FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT-THIS COMES AFTER THE CITY WAS TURNED DOWN FOR FEDERAL MONEY LAST MONTH.THE D-D-A IS NOW TALKING ABOUT MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CASS TUNNEL THAT COULD LEAD TO THE UNDERGROUND WALKWAY BEING OPEN IN THE WINTER TIME.

January 23, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TRAVERSE CITY'S NEW MAYOR IS CALLING FOR MORE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE CITY'S ELECTRIC UTILITY -- AS WELL AS STAFFING CUTBACKS. MAYOR MICHAEL ESTES CALLED A STUDY SESSION TONIGHT -- TO TALK ABOUT INCREASING THE CONTRIBUTION FROM TRAVERSE CITY LIGHT AND POWER -- TO THE CITY-- BY ONE MILLION DOLLARS -- AND HAVING THE CITY ATTORNEY TAKE OVER ATTORNEY DUTIES FOR THE UTILITY. THE COMMISSION ALSO DISCUSSED HAVING T-C-L-P ENGAGE IN AN EFFICIENCY REVIEW... THERE WASN'T AN ACTUAL VOTE TONIGHT -- BUT COMMISSIONERS DID GIVE THEIR GENERAL APPROVAL.

January 23, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TAX SEASON IS UPON US ONCE AGAIN.MANY OF US -- STARTING GET OUR W-2'S AND OTHER TAX INFORMATION IN THE MAIL. 7&4's BRODY O'CONNELL JOINS US FOR A LOOK AT WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW IN 2012.

January 24, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

LAST YEAR -- THE NUMBER OF HOMES SOLD IN MICHIGAN WAS SLIGHTLY DOWN -- ABOUT A HALF-A-PERCENT -- COMPARED TO THE YEAR BEFORE.BUT NEW DATA SHOWS HOME PRICES IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN ARE ON THE UPSWING.7&4'S ANDREW KELLER HAS THE DETAILS.

January 24, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

LEADERS IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY ARE CONSIDERING ASKING VOTERS FOR MORE MONEY TO HELP FIX THE COUNTY'S CRUMBLING ROADS.THE ROAD COMMISSION IS TALKING ABOUT PUTTING A ROAD MILLAGE BACK ON THE BALLOT. THE LAST TIME THE COMMISSION ASKED FOR MORE MONEY WAS 20-10 -- AND VOTERS SHOT THE REQUEST DOWN. TONIGHT -- COMMISSIONERS WILL BRING THE IDEA BACK UP.

January 24, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

PEOPLE GATHERED IN TRAVERSE CITY TODAY -- TO SUPPORT A FAIR "FARM BILL" FOR FOOD PRODUCERS."FOOD AND WATER WATCH" CALLED PEOPLE OUT TO ORYANA FOODS -- TO DISCUSS ISSUES SURROUNDING THE MASS PRODUCTION OF FOOD.ORGANIZERS SAY IN ORDER TO HELP SAVE SMALL AND MID- SIZED FARMS -- THEY ARE PUSHING SENATOR DEBBIE STABENOW TO COME UP WITH A MORE FAIR FARM BILL.

January 25, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

YOU WOULD THINK A NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITY WOULD EMBRACE ANY LOCAL BUSINESS' PLANS TO EXPAND AND CREATE JOBS -- BUT THAT'S NOT THE CASE IN GLEN LAKE TOWNSHIP. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ HAS BEEN FOLLOWING THIS STORY -- AND JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

January 25, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

HOMELESSNESS IS AN ISSUE THAT REACHES ALL PARTS OF OUR STATE -- AND OUR NATION. AND TODAY -- SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES ARE TRYING TO TACKLE THIS PROBLEM -- BUT HOW EXACTLY DO THEY DO IT?7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL BRINGS US TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT.

January 27, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A NORTHERN MICHIGAN ORGANIZATION IS BUILDING AWARENESS -- ABOUT THE STRUGGLES OF LIVING IN POVERTY.THE "SHAR--EM POVERTY REDUCTION INITIATIVE" HOSTED A "SURVIVE A MONTH IN POVERTY" SIMULATION WORKSHOP TODAY.AND AS 7&4'S ANDREW KELLER EXPLAINS -- IT PAINTED A SMALL PICTURE -- OF A VERY BIG PROBLEM.

January 27, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE PUTTING TOGETHER A "PLAN OF ACTION" FOR 20-12.IT INCLUDES GOALS -- OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES -- FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS. BUT SEVERAL CHALLENGES STAND IN THEIR WAY. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL HAS MORE ON THE THREAT OF FUTURE BUDGET CUTS AND EXPENSES -- THAT ARE WEIGHING THE COUNTY DOWN.

January 27, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE TRAVERSE CITY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DINNER IS UNDERWAY AT THE GRAND TRAVERSE RESORT -- AND IT'S DRAWING IN SOME BIG NAMES INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM WASHINGTON AND LANSING. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US NOW LIVE....

January 31, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

ARE YOU LOOKING TO BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME? OR MAYBE JUST LOOKING TO SPRUCE UP YOUR CURRENT DIGS?YOU HAVE THE CHANCE TO DO JUST THAT -- AT THIS YEARS HOME EXPO 20-12 -- HOSTED BY THE HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION IN TRAVERSE CITY. BUILDING PROFESSIONALS WILL BE ON HAND TO ANSWER ALL OF YOUR QUESTIONS ON THE LATEST TRENDS AND CONCEPTS.ORGANIZERS SAY THEY ARE EXCITED FOR THE NEW ADDITIONS THIS YEAR.

January 31, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

MEIJER'S PLAN TO BUILD A NEW SUPER-STORE IN ACME TOWNSHIP -- HAS TAKEN A MAJOR STEP FORWARD. AT A MEETING LAST NIGHT -- THE ACME TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED PHASE ONE OF THE "VILLAGE OF GRAND TRAVERSE PLAN" -- WHICH INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BIG BOX STORE.

February 1, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE I-500 IS THE LARGEST SNOWMOBILE RACING EVENT IN THE WORLD -- AND IT'S A CASH-COW FOR WINTER TOURISM IN SOO SAINT MARIE.THE ONLY PROBLEM -- WINTER IS PLAYING GAMES WITH THE EVENT THIS YEAR.7&4'S ANDREW KELLER HAS MORE ON THE TOLL THE UNSEASONABLY WARM TEMPERATURES ARE TAKING -- AND HOW ORGANIZERS ARE DOING EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO MAKE THE RACE HAPPEN.

February 1, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE SNOW MELT HAS CAUSED ORGANIZERS OF AN ANTRIM COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY SKI RACE TO ACTUALLY CANCEL THE EVENT. THE WHITE PINE STAMPEDE WAS CALLED OFF THIS MORNING. THE CROSS COUNTRY SKI RACES WERE SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEKEND IN ANTRIM COUNTY -- BUT RACE OFFICIALS SAY THE RECORD 52 DEGREE TEMPERATURES YESTERDAY OBLITERATED THE TRAIL AND THE SNOW AROUND THE TRAIL.

February 1, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY -- TART TRAIL OFFICIALS ARE ASKING PEOPLE TO STAY OFF THE GROOMED PORTION OF THE VASA PATHWAY DUE TO THE LIMITED SNOW CONDITIONS.THE 36-TH ANNUAL VASA CROSS COUNTRY SKI RACE IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 10-TH THROUGH THE 12-TH -- AND OFFICIALS SAY MORE WEAR AND TEAR ON THE COURSE BEFORE THAT COULD CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE TRAIL THAT WOULD BE HARD -- OR PERHAPS IMPOSSIBLE TO REPAIR IN TIME FOR THE RACES.

February 1, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THERE MAY BE A BREAK IN THE WEATHER THIS WEEK.BUT THE SNOW -- IS LIKELY TO RETURN -- AND THAT CAN ADD SOME SERIOUS STRAIN TO YOUR DAILY ROUTINE.7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL JOINS US WITH A LOOK AT TONIGHTS' FACT FINDER -- HIGHLIGHTING WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW -- BEFORE CLEARING OFF THE SNOW.

February 2, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

EXCITING NEWS TONIGHT FROM NORTHERN LAKES COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH. THEY'VE HANDED OUT NINE MINI-GRANTS TOTALING TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS -- TO NINE COMMUNITY PROJECTS THE GOAL IS TO HELP PEOPLE RECOVERING FROM MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. WE SPOKE WITH ONE RECIPIENT -- THE TRAVERSE HOUSE CLUBHOUSE -- WHICH PLANS TO PUT IN A RAISED BED GARDEN.

February 3, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

AS TEMPERATURES HOVER ABOVE NORMAL FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR -- WE CONTINUE TO SEE A NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT IN OUR AREA. BUT A MILD WINTER -- IS NOT BAD EVERONE.IN FACT -- THE SUN IN SHINING ON HARDWARE STORES -- AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES -- THAT SAY SALES -- ARE UP. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL EXPLAINS.

February 4, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

ARE YOU LOOKING TO BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME? OR MAYBE JUST LOOKING TO "SPRUCE-UP" YOUR CURRENT DIGS?YOU HAVE THE CHANCE TO DO *JUST THAT -- AT THE 20-12 HOME EXPO IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY THIS WEEKEND.THE EVENT -- WHICH IS HOSTED BY THE "HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION -- KICKED OFF THIS MORNING -- AT THE GRAND TRAVERSE RESORT.MORE THAN 100 BUILDING CONTRACTORS -- RE-MODELERS, LANDSCAPERS, AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION EXPERTS WERE ON HAND -- ANSWERING QUESTIONS AND SHARING THE LATEST CONCEPTS -- AND TRENDS IN THE INDUSTRY. ORGANIZERS SAY IT'S THE PERFECT "ONE-STOP" SHOP.

February 4, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

SOME OF THE NATION'S BEST SNOWMOBILE RIDERS -- HIT THE TRACK THIS MORNING FOR THE I-500 RACE.THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS SHOWED UP AND WATCHED THE SLEDS *SPEED AROUND THE COURSE. THERE WAS ALSO A SPECIAL GUEST THERE -- WHO DROPPED THE GREEN FLAG -- TO START THE RACE. 7&4'S ANDREW KELLER SPOKE WITH THAT SPECIAL GUEST -- GOVERNOR RICK SNYDER -- WHO SAYS THIS RACE -- IS PURE MICHIGAN.

February 6, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FACING A MAJOR BUDGET DEFICIT GOT SOME BIG HELP TODAY FROM THE GRAND TRAVERSE BAND OF OTTAWA AND CHIPPEWA INDIANS. THE TRIBE ANNOUNCED TODAY ALMOST ONE MILLION DOLLARS GOING TO NORTHERN MICHIGAN CITIES, TOWNSHIPS, SCHOOLS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. SUTTONS BAY SCHOOLS WAS GIVEN MORE THAN 150- THOUSAND DOLLARS OF THAT MONEY TO HELP WITH THE DEFICIT -- AND ANOTHER 33- THOUSAND FOR OTHER PROGRAMS.

February 6, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IF YOU'VE BEEN DREAMING ABOUT OWNING YOUR OWN HOME -- BUT CAN'T AFFORD ONE -- HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IS TAKING APPLICATIONS. THE HOME BUILDING CHARITY ORGANIZATION IS HOLDING TWO INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS THIS WEEK FOR FAMILIES LIVING IN GRAND TRAVERSE, LEELANAU AND KALKASKA COUNTIES. THOSE INTERESTED CAN COME OUT AND APPLY -- BUT REMEMBER -- IF YOU WANT TO BE CONSIDERED -- YOU HAVE TO GO TO ONE OF THE MEETINGS. YOU ALSO HAVE TO BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROJECT.

February 7 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

ORGANIZERS OF THE 36-TH ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN VASA MET TONIGHT TO DECIDE WHETHER THE TRAIL WILL BE READY FOR HUNDREDS OF ATHLETES PLANNING TO TRAVEL INTO TOWN FOR THE WEEKEND. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPOKE WITH RACE OFFICIALS TONIGHT -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH THE LATEST.

February 8. 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE PAIR OF BILLS PASSED BY BOTH THE STATE HOUSE AND SENATE ARE NOW HEADING TO GOVERNOR RICK SNYDER TO BE SIGNED.IT'S PART OF A BROADER EFFORT TO SAVE TAXPAYER MONEY BY CONSOLIDATING GOVERNMENT SERVICES -

BUT IS IT WORTH THE SAVINGS? 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO NOW - LAUREN COULD WE SEE ANY CHANGES IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN COUNTIES?

February 8. 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NEW AT 6... LEELANAU COUNTY MAY HAVE FOUND THEIR MAN. IN A SPECIAL MEETING LAST NIGHT -- THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECIDED TO OFFER THE VACANT ADMINISTRATOR JOB TO CHET JANIK.JANIK IS CURRENTLY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC SCHOOLS. TERMS OF THE OFFER, INCLUDING HOW MUCH HE WOULD BE PAID, STILL HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT - SO THIS IS NOT SET IN STONE JUST YET.THE LEELANAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JOB OPENED UP IN OCTOBER WHEN FORMER ADMINISTRATOR ERIC CLINE RESIGNED DURING A CLOSED DOOR SESSION ABOUT HIS JOB PERFORMANCE.

February 8. 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER -- WE TAKE A LOOK AT SOCIAL SECURITY. A LOT OF RECIPIENTS -- HAVE THEIR MEDICARE PREMIUMS DIRECTLY DEDUCTED FROM THEIR CHECK EACH MONTH. BUT AS 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL REPORTS -- THAT CAN BE A COSTLY MISTAKE.

February 9. 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

SET UP FOR SATURDAY'S MICROBREW FESTIVAL HAS BEGUN AT THE COMMONS IN TRAVERSE CITY.VOLUNTEERS WERE OUTSIDE TODAY SETTING UP TENTS, FENCING, AND LIGHTS.THE FESTIVAL FEATURES LIVE MUSIC, DANCING, AND OF COURSE, BEER. EIGHTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE BEER IS FROM MICHIGAN, AND THE REMAINDER IS FROM ACROSS THE U-S. THE FESTIVAL ALLOWS THREE THOUSAND PEOPLE AND HAS SOLD OUT EVERY YEAR SO THE FESTIVAL DIRECTOR ADVISES TO GET YOUR TICKETS NOW.

February 9. 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A LOCAL BEER MAKER HAS HIS EYES SET ON WATERFRONT PROPERTY FOR A NEW PROJECT -- BUT ELK RAPID VILLAGE OFFICIALS AREN'T GIVING THE GREEN LIGHT JUST YET. SHORTS BREW WANTS TO INVEST MORE THAN A MILLION DOLLARS INTO ELK RAPIDS BY TURNING AN OLD MUSTARD FACTORY INTO A BREWERY AND BANQUET HALL -- BUT THE VILLAGE ALREADY HAD THEIR OWN PLANS FOR THE SPACE. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH THE LATEST ON THIS STORY.

February 9. 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

RESIDENTS IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY COULD GET ANOTHER CHANCE TO VOTE FOR A ROAD REPAIR MILLAGE ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT -- A SIMILAR PROPOSAL FAILED IN 20-10. NEXT MONTH ROAD COMMISSIONERS ARE GOING TO ASK THE COUNTY TO ALLOW THEM TO PUT A FOUR YEAR -- ONE MILL PROPOSAL ON THIS YEAR'S BALLOT.

February 9. 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE GOVERNOR SAYS THE REINVENTION OF MICHIGAN REQUIRES CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE JOBS CAN GROW. IN SEVERAL TWEETS TODAY HE BROKE DOWN PART OF THAT PLAN...

February 10, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NEW AT 6... LEADERS WITH ONE EMMET COUNTY TOWNSHIP SAY THE GOVERNOR'S PLAN TO INCREASE REVENUE SHARING WILL HELP WITH THEIR BOTTOM LINE. SPINGVALE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR ART SHAW SAYS HE EXPECTS HIS TOWNSHIP TO RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL 8-THOUSAND DOLLARS WITH THE GOVERNOR'S PLAN TO INCREASE SHARING STATE-WIDE BY TWO PERCENT. IN HIS BUDGET HEARING -- GOVERNOR SNYDER PROPOSED INCREASING REVENUES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THAT MEET SPECIFIC STANDARDS AND ADOPT BEST PRACTICES TO COMBINE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS TO STREAMLINE THE SYSTEM.

February 10, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THREE MILLION DOLLARS IN IMPROVEMENTS WERE DEDICATED AT CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN TODAY. MEMBERS FROM TRAVEL MICHIGAN -- THE TRAVERSE CITY CHAMBER AND BENZIE CHAMBER WERE ON HAND THIS MORNING FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE SKI RESORT'S NEW QUAD CHAIR LIFT. IN ADDITION TO THE NEW CHAIR ON LOKI -- THEY RESHAPED THE TERRAIN ON THE HILLS AND INSTALLED SNOW-MAKING EQUIPMENT.

February 10, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

AFTER A COUPLE NERVE RACKING WEEKS -- THE 36-TH ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN VASA GETS UNDERWAY TOMORROW -- AND ORGANIZERS ARE WELCOMING THE NEW SNOW. THE TART GROOMING CREW WAS OUT STARTING AT ABOUT 9 THIS MORNING MIXING THE NEW SNOW WITH THE FROZEN GRANULAR SNOW UNDERNEATH. STILL -- RACE OFFICIALS SAY THERE WILL BE SOME CHANGES TO THE COURSE THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF THE RECENT WARM UP. RACERS WILL BYPASS THE HEADWATERS ON THE FIRST LAP OF THE 27-K AND 50-K RACES. EITHER WAY EVERYONE IS GETTING EXCITED.

February 13, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A MIGRANT LABOR PROBLEM IS HITTING NORTHERN MICHIGAN -- AND THIS YEAR IT'S GOING TO BE MORE DIFFICULT TO GET FRESH LOCAL STRAWBERRIES. INDUSTRY EXPERTS ARE ALSO WORRIED THE ISSUE WILL HAVE A TRICKLE DOWN EFFECT TO OTHER CROPS LIKE APPLES AND CHERRIES. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE ON THIS STORY.

February 14, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

VALENTINE'S DAY -- IT'S A DAY TO REMIND YOUR LOVED ONE HOW MUCH THEY MEAN TO YOU -- AND LOCAL BUSINESSES WERE HELPING PEOPLE TO EXPRESS THEIR LOVE. SINGING VALENTINE'S LIKE "QUAD-PRO-QUO" WERE BUSY ALL DAY BRINGING MESSAGES OF ROMANCE TO PEOPLE'S DOORSTEPS. AREA FLORISTS WE SPOKE WITH SAY IT WAS NON-STOP ALL DAY -- WITH PEOPLE COMING IN TO FIND THAT PERFECT BOUQUET.

February 16, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

AREA FARMERS GOT THE CHANCE TO LEARN SOME TRICKS OF THE TRADE TODAY. THE 28-TH ANNUAL BUCKLEY FARM SHOW WAS HELD AT HANNAH SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL. EXPERTS IN AGRICULTURE, LAW AND WEATHER WERE THERE TO TALK ABOUT THE THINGS THE INDUSTRY WILL FACE IN THE UPCOMING YEAR.

February 17, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TWO MORE BUSINESSES IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY'S GARFIELD TOWNSHIP WILL SOON BE ABLE TO START SERVING ALCOHOL. BECAUSE OF A GROWING POPULATION -- THE TOWNSHIP EARNED TWO NEW LIQUOR LICENSES FROM THE STATE -- SOMETHING SEVERAL AREA BUSINESSES WANT TO GET THEIR HANDS ON. . 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH THE DETAILS.

February 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

LEGISLATION WORKING ITS WAY THROUGH LANSING COULD BRING NEW LIFE AND NEW JOBS TO THE GEO PRISON IN BALDWIN -- BUT NOT EVERYBODY IS SUPPORTING THE PROPOSAL. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE ON THE PLAN -- LAUREN.

February 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE LOTTERY CAN MAKE EVERYDAY PEOPLE -- MILLIONAIRES OVERNIGHT.BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THOSE PRETTY PENNY PRIZES GO UNCLAIMED? 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL HAS THE ANSWERS -- IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER.

February 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

ICE AND SNOW BROUGHT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TO DOWNTOWN TRAVERSE CITY THIS WEEKEND. THE TRAVERSE CITY WINTER WOW FEST WAS HELD -- INCLUDING EVENTS LIKE THE CARD-BOARD CLASSIC. FRONT STREET WAS LINED WITH ICE SCULPTURES -- WHILE GIANT SNOW SCULPTURES DREW CROWDS TO THE OPEN SPACE. THE FAMILY FUN EVENT HAD DOWNTOWN STREETS SWARMING WITH SHOPPERS WHO PACKED LOCAL BUSINESSES. RESTAURANTS AND STORES WE SPOKE WITH SAY THEY SAW LONG LINES THAT KEPT THEIR CASH REGISTERS BUSY. WOW FEST ORGANIZERS SAY THIS WEEKEND WAS A HUGE SUCCESS.

February 21, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE KALKASKA COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER SAYS THEY ARE IN DIRE NEED OF A NEW FACILITY -- AND TONIGHT THEY'RE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP. NORTH-WOODS ANIMAL COALITION IS PLANNING AN EVENT CALLED "RAISE THE WOOF" -- A DINNER AND DANCE PARTY TO EARN MONEY FOR A NEW SHELTER BUILDING.ORGANIZERS SAY THE CURRENT SHELTER IS NOT BIG ENOUGH.THEY SAY CATS ARE HAVING TO BE KEPT IN CAGES-- WHILE SOME DOGS ARE SPENDING DAYS OUTSIDE IN THE SNOW AND COLD.

February 23, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE MADE A MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY -- WHICH WILL AFFECT CLOSE TO 70 EMPLOYEES AT THE GAYLORD PROCESSING PLANT.MAIL PROCESSING OPERATIONS WILL BE MOVED TO TRAVERSE CITY IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE MONEY.7&4'S ANDREW KELLER HAS MORE ON THE DEVELOPMENTS.

February 23, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NEW NUMBERS OUT TODAY SHOW THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY. SEVERAL OF THE COUNTIES WITH THE HIGHEST POVERTY RATES -- ARE RIGHT HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN. WE SENT 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ TO SEE WHAT'S BEING DONE TO BRIDGE THAT GAP -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE....

February 23, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

AFTER SEVEN HOURS OF DISCUSSION -- PLANS FOR A NEW MEIJER IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY'S ACME TOWNSHIP ARE ALL BUT SET IN STONE. THE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING WAS MORE OF A MARATHON THAN A SPRINT LAST NIGHT -- LASTING UNTIL NEARLY 1 IN THE MORNING.THEY READ THROUGH THE ENTIRE 21 PAGE MEIJER PLANS -- MAKING ADJUSTMENTS ALONG THE WAY. IN THE END -- THE BOARD GAVE PRELIMINARY APPROVAL FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR PHASE ONE OF THE PROJECT. A FINAL APPROVAL VOTE IS EXPECTED ON MARCH 6-TH.

February 23, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE ELK RAPIDS VILLAGE COUNCIL HAS CHOSEN A COMMITTEE OF THREE PEOPLE TO EXPLORE OPTIONS WITH SHORTS BREWERY ON THE PIECE OF PROPERTY AT THE OLD MUSTARD FACTORY THE COMMITTEE MET WITH SHORTS BREWERY THIS AFTERNOON TO GET INITIAL IDEAS ON POSSIBLY ALLOWING SHORTS TO LEASE THE LAND. WE'RE TOLD THIS IS JUST EXPLORING OPTIONS RIGHT NOW AND THE COMMITTEE WILL BRING THESE OPTIONS BACK TO THE VILLAGE COUNCIL.

February 24, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A MAJOR WORLD WINDSURFING CHAMPIONSHIP IS BACK IN THE U-S THIS YEAR AFTER 17 YEARS -- AND IT'S HAPPENING IN SAINT IGNACE!THE WORLD ICE AND SNOW SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS HAS BROUGHT NEARLY 100 OF THE BEST ATHLETES ON ICE TO NORTHERN MICHIGAN.7&4'S ANDREW KELLER REPORTS.

February 29, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE VOTERS HAVE SPOKEN -- AND MITT ROMNEY IS MICHIGAN'S TOP CHOICE -- TO REPRESENT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. BUT THE VICTORY COMES WITH A HEFTY PRICE TAG. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL EXPLAINS.

March 1, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

GOOD NEWS TONIGHT ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION -- THE LATEST RIDERSHIP NUMBERS SHOW MORE PEOPLE ARE RIDING BENZIE BUS. THE BUS SYSTEM SAYS THEY HAD A RECORD 71-THOUSAND 590 ONE-WAY PASSENGER TRIPS IN 2011. THAT'S A 3-PERCENT INCREASE FROM 20-10 AND THE FIRST TIME THAT ANNUAL RIDERSHIP BROKE THE 70-THOUSAND MARK. BENZIE BUS OFFICIALS ATTRIBUTE THE JUMP IN RIDERS TO HIGH GAS PRICES AND CAR COSTS.

March 1, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAVE VOTED TO ELIMINATE CAR ALLOWANCES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS. LAST NIGHT THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO END THE ALLOWANCES FOR THE COUNTY TREASURER, DRAIN COMMISSIONER, REGISTER OF DEEDS, CLERK, AND PROSECUTOR. INSTEAD THEY WILL BE REIMBURSED FOR MILEAGE LIKE OTHER COUNTY EMPLOYEES. THE COUNTY HAD SPENT ABOUT TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS A MONTH ON THE PERK.

March 1, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IN A NEWS RELEASE SENT OUT LATE THIS AFTERNOON -- HOSPITAL OFFICIALS SAY THE DECISION HAD TO BE MADE IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE.

CHAPTER ELEVEN BANKRUPTCY WILL ALLOW CHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL TO CONTINUE WITH OPERATIONS -- WHILE RESTRUCTURING AND FOR ITS EVENTUAL SALE. FLINT-BASED MCLAREN HEALTH CARE HAS AGREED TO GIVE THE HOSPITAL A LOAN AS THE HOSPITAL GOES THROUGH THE PROCESS.

March 2, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

GAS PRICES ARE TAKING ANOTHER BIG JUMP -- UP NOW TO 3-99 A GALLON AT MANY STATIONS AROUND THE TRAVERSE CITY AREA. THE RISING PRICES HAD MANY DRIVERS FIGHTING FOR A SPOT AT THE PUMPS THIS AFTERNOON -- TRYING TO FILL UP AT THE FEW STATIONS THAT HADN'T ALREADY RAISED PRICES. YESTERDAY A GALLON OF REGULAR UNLEADED AT MOST STATIONS WAS IN THE 3-77 TO 3-85 RANGE -- AND EARLY LAST WEEK PRICES WERE AT 3-30 A GALLON.

March 2, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

GOVERNOR RICK SNYDER WAS IN TRAVERSE CITY TODAY TALKING ABOUT EVERYTHING FROM THE ECONOMY TO EDUCATION. IT ALL STARTED THIS MORNING AT THE HAGERTY CENTER FOR THE 2012 REGIONAL ECONOMIC SUMMIT. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ WAS THERE - SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE ON THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT.

March 2, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

CHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL HAS FILED FOR CHAPTER 11 BANKRUPTCY -- AND TONIGHT, WE'RE LEARNING MORE ABOUT HOW CLOSE HOSPITAL OFFICIALS WERE TO HAVING TO PULL THE PLUG COMPLETELY. 7&4'S ANDREW KELLER HAS MORE ON WHAT THE FILING MEANS -- AND THE HOSPITAL'S HOPE THEY'VE FOUND THE RIGHT SOLUTION WITH A POTENTIAL PURCHASER.

March 5, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

WHILE MANY PEOPLE HAVE TURNED TO SHELTERS TO STAY WARM -- OTHERS ARE STAYING HOME -- BUYING A GENERATOR TO KEEP THE LIGHTS ON. THE GAYLORD HOME DEPOT TELLS US THEY'VE SOLD CLOSE TO 60 GENERATORS SINCE FRIDAY - AND THEY EXPECT A SHIPMENT OF 80 ADDITIONAL GENERATORS TONIGHT. THE GENERATORS - PROPERLY NAMED "STORM RESPONSE" - COST ABOUT 650 DOLLARS AND ARE A HOT COMMODITY.

March 6, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NEW AT 6 -- THE POWER OUTAGES AREN'T JUST BIG BUSINESS FOR THOSE SELLING GENERATORS -- AREA HOTELS WE SPOKE WITH SAY THEY'VE BEEN PACKED! THE HOLIDAY INN ON WEST BAY IN TRAVERSE CITY SAYS 95-PERCENT OF ALL THE PEOPLE STAYING THERE DON'T HAVE POWER AT HOME.

March 7, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THIS STORM LEFT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN THE DARK -- CAUSED SEVERE DAMAGE AND LEFT MANY PEOPLE INCONVENIENCED. THAT HAS A LOT OF OUR VIEWERS WONDERING WHAT THEY CAN CLAIM ON THEIR INSURANCE -- AND WHAT THEY'LL HAVE TO PAY FOR OUT OF POCKET. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL HAS ANSWERS IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT.

March 8, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

BUSINESS AND EDUCATION LEADERS ACROSS NORTHERN MICHIGAN ARE WORKING ON AN INNOVATIVE PROJECT THAT WOULD PROVIDE SERVICES TO DEVELOP INTELLIGENT, HEALTHY CHILDREN.IT WOULD ALSO GIVE WORKING PARENTS A HELPING HAND. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE ON WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED.

March 8, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IF YOU ARE DREAMING OF STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS -- THERE'S A PROGRAM THAT CAN HELP YOU LAY OUT A PLAN FOR FREE!THE SENIOR CORP OF RETIRED EXECUTIVES -- OR SCORE -- HAS PARTNERED WITH THE TRAVERSE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY TO PROVIDE LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS WITH ADVICE FOR STARTING A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS. THE WORKSHOPS TAKE PLACE EACH MONTH -- AND ORGANIZERS SAY THEY'RE AN OPPORTUNITY YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS OUT ON IF YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT BEING YOUR OWN BOSS.

March 12, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

FARMERS ACROSS LEELANAU COUNTY ARE ASSESSING DAMAGE TO TART CHERRY TREES BROUGHT ON BY LAST WEEK'S VIOLENT SNOW STORM. LEELANAU COUNTY OFFICIALS HAVE FILED PAPERWORK TO HAVE DAMAGED ORCHARDS DECLARED AN AGRICULTURAL DISASTER -- A MOVE THAT COULD BRING SOME FINANCIAL RELIEF TO FARMERS. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPENT THE DAY ON ONE OF THE WORST HIT FARMS -- SHE JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE ON THIS STORY, LAUREN.

March 12, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TEMPERATURES ARE SLOWLY WARMING -- A SIGN THAT SPRING BREAK IS ON THE WAY. BUT AS TEMPERATURES RISE -- GAS PRICES FOLLOW -- MAKING IT MORE EXPENSIVE TO PLAN THAT SPRING VACATION. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL REPORTS.

March 13, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

WITH THE WARMER WEATHER IT'S TIME TO HARVEST A SEASONAL FAVORITE - MAPLE SYRUP!PRODUCERS ARE WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK TO COLLECT AS MUCH SYRUP AS THEY CAN. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL TAKES AN INSIDE LOOK -- AT THIS STICKY BUSINESS.

March 19, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THESE UNUSUALLY HOT TEMPERATURES HAVE FARMERS ACROSS NORTHERN MICHIGAN SCRAMBLING TO GET READY FOR AN EARLY CROP. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPOKE WITH LOCAL GROWERS AND AGRICULTURE EXPERTS -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

March 19, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE DIRECT FLIGHT FROM PELLSTON REGIONAL AIRPORT TO DETROIT WILL CHANGE COURSE STARTING NEXT WEEK.IN AN EFFORT TO FILL SEATS, DELTA WILL PICK UP PASSENGERS IN PELLSTON -- AND THEN STOP IN ALPENA BEFORE HEADING SOUTH. 7&4'S ANDREW KELLER HAS MORE.

March 19, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

JUST TWO WEEKS AGO NORTHERN MICHIGAN WAS BLANKETED WITH SNOW -- BUT NOW THAT IT HAS ALL MELTED -- MANY OF US ARE DISCOVERING DAMAGE THAT WAS LEFT BEHIND, SOME CAUSED BY THE PLOWS THAT DUG US OUT. MAILBOXES ARE FLATTENED -- YARDS DAMAGED -- AND YOU MAY BE WONDERING -- WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING REPAIRS? 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL WENT LOOKING FOR THE ANSWER.

March 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE ODAWAS WOULD JOIN JUST A HANDFUL OF STATES AND TWO OTHER TRIBES THAT ALLOW SAME-SEX MATRIMONY IF A PROPOSAL MOVES FORWARD.AS 7&4'S ANDREW KELLER EXPLAINS, IT'S IN ITS INFANCY STAGE NOW -- AND THE REALITY OF THIS BEING PASSED NOW LIES IN THE HANDS OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL.

March 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS FOR CHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ARE SET TO PICK UP AGAIN LATER THIS WEEK.DISCUSSIONS BEGAN YESTERDAY IN BAY CITY COURT AND WERE RECESSED UNTIL THURSDAY.CHEBOYGAN HOSPITAL OFFICIALS SAY TALKS SO FAR HAVE FOCUSED ON PRESERVING LONG TERM CARE AT THE HOSPITAL AS PART OF THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT. EARLIER THIS MONTH LETTERS WERE SENT OUT TO 3-HUNDRED EMPLOYEES ABOUT THE POSSIBLE SALE OF C-M-H-- BUT IT'S UNCLEAR HOW MANY-- IF ANY WOULD LOSE THEIR JOBS.

March 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING MET THIS AFTERNOON -- HOPING TO COME UP WITH A PLAN TO BRING IN MORE MONEY, OR CUT EXPENSES. RIGHT NOW THEY ARE AROUND 25 TO 30-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THE RED -- BECAUSE DECLINING PROPERTY VALUES IN THE AREA CUT THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING THE COUNCIL RECEIVES. THE ORGANIZATION HAS ALREADY DECIDED NOT TO FUND MEALS ON WHEELS, SENIOR COMPANION SERVICES, AND THE CADILLAC AND MANTON SENIOR CENTERS. NOW THEY'RE LOOKING FOR OTHER PLACES TO FIND SAVINGS.

March 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

HOSPITAL OFFICIALS TELL 7&4 NEWS THEY HAD NO OTHER CHOICE -- MONEY HAS DRIED UP -- THEIR BANKRUPTCY PROCESS IS AT A STAND-STILL -- AND SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE IMMEDIATELY.7&4'S ANDREW KELLER HAS MORE ON WHAT THIS CLOSURE MEANS -- WHERE THE PATIENTS WILL GO -- AND THE JOB LOSS IMPACT IT'LL HAVE ON THE COMMUNITY.

March 22, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

CHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL FILED FOR CHAPTER ELEVEN BANKRUPTCY EARLIER THIS MONTH.JUST YESTERDAY -- WE WERE THERE AS HOSPITAL OFFICIALS WERE FORCED TO CLOSE THE LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY TO CUT COSTS. THE HOPE NOW IS THAT MCLAREN HEALTH CARE SYSTEM WILL BUY THE STRUGGLING FACILITY -- SAVING IT FROM CLOSURE. THAT'S WHAT'S BEING DISCUSSED IN BAY CITY COURT -- WHERE 7&4'S ANDREW KELLER HAS BEEN ALL DAY.

March 26, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

AFTER MORE THAN A WEEK OF RECORD BREAKING WARM TEMPERATURES -- CROPS IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN ARE NOW AT RISK OF BEING DAMAGED -- BY A HARD FREEZE.

TEMPERATURES HIT AROUND 20 DEGREES LAST NIGHT -- PUTTING FRUIT TREES AND OTHER PLANTS IN DANGER. IN A NORMAL YEAR -- TREES AND PLANTS DON'T BLOOM UNTIL AROUND APRIL OR MAY -- BUT THEY STARTED BUDDING OUT EARLIER THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF THE WARM UP FARMERS SAY THESE COLD TEMPERATURES *COULD DEVASTATE THIS YEAR'S HARVEST.

March 26, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A BRAND NEW MAGAZINE COMING OUT THIS SUMMER WILL SHOWCASE NORTHERN MICHIGAN'S LIFESTYLE TO HELP RECRUIT TALENT FOR BUSINESSES IN THE AREA. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPOKE WITH THE CHAMBER ABOUT THIS NEW PUBLICATION -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

March 27, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

HUNDREDS LINED UP TODAY -- HOPING TO LAND A JOB -- AT THE GRAND TRAVERSE RESORT. TODAY -- THE RESORT HELD A "JOB'S FAIR" TO TRY AND FILL MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED POSITIONS -- INCLUDING PART TIME SEASONAL WORK AND FULL TIME "YEAR ROUND" CAREERS. POSITIONS RANGE FROM FOOD AND GROUNDS SERVICE -- TO MANAGEMENT.

March 30, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION AND FIVE STATES INCLUDING MICHIGAN HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT TO SPEED UP APPROVAL OF OFFSHORE WIND FARMS IN THE GREAT LAKES. 7&4'S LAUREN ASMTUTZ TALKED WITH THE GREAT LAKES COMMISSION AND GOVERNOR'S OFFICER TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS DEAL..

March 30, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ENFORCING THE BAN OF CERTAIN TYPES OF PIGS IN MICHIGAN -- THIS SUNDAY. THE D-N-R CLAIMS IT'LL HELP WITH THE FERAL AND WILD PIG THREAT IN THE STATE -- BUT AS 7&4'S ANDREW KELLER REPORTS -- A MISSAUKEE COUNTY FARMER WENT ALL THE WAY TO LANSING THURSDAY TO FIGHT THE BAN.

March 30, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMPANY IS GETTING BIG-TIME RECOGNITION. IN FACT -- IT'S BEING CALLED ONE OF THE TOP COMPANIES IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN. 7&4'S BRODY REPORTS TAKES AN INSIDE LOOK -- AT TWIN-BAY MEDICAL.

PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

HEALTH

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

Local News

January 3, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

FOR SOME PEOPLE KIDNEY DIALYSIS IS A WAY OF LIFE, ESPECIALLY WHEN A KIDNEY TRANSPLANT IS NOT POSSIBLE. THIS IS THE CASE FOR ALLEN BUSH OF TRAVERSE CITY. HE HAS KIDNEY DISEASE AND HAS BEEN ON DIALYSIS FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS. HE GOES TO THE KIDNEY DIALYSIS CENTER AT MUNSON IN TRAVERSE CITY FOR HIS TREATMENTS.

January 5, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IT'S THE LEADING CAUSE OF BLINDNESS IN THE U-S -- WE'RE TALKING ABOUT GLAUCOMA. BUT THERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT YOUR EYESIGHT. ACCORDING TO THE MICHIGAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION OR M-O-A -- EARLY DETECTION AND TREATMENT IS CRITICAL TO MAINTAINING HEALTHY VISION.

January 5, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

MUNSON MEDICAL CENTER'S NEW CANCER CENTER PROJECT HAS JUST RECEIVED A BIG SHOT IN THE ARM. TRAVERSE CITY RESIDENT CASEY COWELL DONATED 5-MILLION DOLLARS TO THE PROJECT! COWELL IS THE FORMER CHAIRMAN AND CEO OF U-S ROBOTICS -- AND GAVE THE MONEY TO ENSURE GREAT CARE FOR AREA RESIDENTS.

January 5, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A BENZIE COUNTY DRIED FRUIT MANUFACTURER HAS JUST RECEIVED SOME HELP FROM THE STATE SO THEY CAN CONTINUE TO EXPAND. FRANKFORT BASED GRACE-LAND FRUIT HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR 5-MILLION DOLLARS IN MICHIGAN STRATEGIC FUND LOAN ENHANCEMENTS.

January 5, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE WAY IS BEING PAVED FOR A NEW PHARMACY AT A BUSY STREET CORNER IN TRAVERSE CITY. LAST NIGHT CITY PLANNING COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO RECOMMEND A ZONING CHANGE REQUEST FOR THE VACANT PROPERTY ON THE NORTH-EAST CORNER OF FRONT AND DIVISION. C-V-S PHARMACY HAS PROPOSED A PLAN TO BUILD A 13-THOUSAND SQUARE FOOT STORE ON THE PROPERTY -- BUT NEEDS APPROVAL FOR THE BUILDING DESIGN AND FOR A DRIVE THRU PHARMACY.

January 6, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

DURING TIMES OF CRISIS -- FAMILIES ACROSS NORTHERN MICHIGAN TURN TO THIRD LEVEL IN TRAVERSE CITY FOR COUNSELING AND HOPE. NOW A 45-THOUSAND DOLLAR GRANT IS GOING TO HELP THE ORGANIZATION REACH OUT IN A WAY THEY NEVER COULD BEFORE -- AND IT COULD SAVE YOUR TEEN'S LIFE. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

January 9, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

FIGHTING CHILDHOOD OBESITY AND HELPING KIDS FORM HEALTHY HABITS. THESE ARE SOME GOALS OF THE YMCA "YOUTH WORKING OFF WEIGHT" PROGRAM.

THE GROUP HAS A NEW SESSION STARTING THIS WEEK.AND AS 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL EXPLAINS -- ORGANIZERS HOPE PARENTS WILL GET THEIR KIDS INVOLVED.

January 11, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE DEAL PARTNERING NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL WITH MCLAREN HEALTH CARE OF FLINT IS IN PLACE TONIGHT.FOR SEVERAL YEARS, NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL HAS SEARCHED FOR A SOLUTION OR A PARTNER.TO HELP ITS FINANCIAL SITUATION.AS 7&4'S ANDREW KELLER EXPLAINS, THE PRESIDENT BELIEVES MCLAREN IS THE BEST FIT FOR THE FUTURE.

January 12, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

AN ISABELLA COUNTY SCHOOL HAS SHUT DOWN FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK -- AFTER A VIRUS SICKENED HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS.MOUNT PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS CLOSED UNTIL MONDAY -- SO THAT CLEANING CREWS CAN DISINFECT THE BUILDINGS.

January 12, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A GROUP OF DENTISTS ARE TAKING A BITE OUT OF POVERTY -- AND DONATING THEIR SERVICES TO THE LESS FORTUNATE. TRAVERSE DENTAL SERVICES AND THE TRAVERSE HEALTH CLINIC ARE GOING TO GIVE TWENTY UNINSURED PATIENTS NEW DENTURES.

January 16, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IT'S AN ANCIENT FORM OF EXERCISE THAT CAN HELP THOSE SUFFERING FROM ARTHRITIS.YOU CAN LEARN TAI CHI THROUGH NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE'S EXTENDED EDUCATION - LIFE ACADEMY PROGRAM. THE CLASS IS DESIGNED TO MAXIMIZE THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF SUN STYLE TAI CHI -- AND TEACHES A VARIETY OF GENTLE MOVEMENTS AND EXERCISE THAT CAN RELIEVE PAIN AND IMPROVE POSTURE, CIRCULATION, CONCENTRATION, BALANCE, AND STABILITY.

January 16, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THIS TIME OF YEAR -- PEOPLE ARE STOCKING UP ON SALT -- TRYING TO MELT THE ICE. BUT CAN THE PRODUCTS YOU USE -- CAUSE HARM YOUR PETS?7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL SPOKE TO THE EXPERTS -- AND BRINGS US TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT.

January 17, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

FOR PEOPLE WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES -- IT CAN BE A CHALLENGE TO TAKE PART IN CERTAIN SPORT ACTIVIITES. THAT'S WHY THE "NORTHERN MICHIGAN ADAPTIVE SPORTS PROGRAM" -- OFFERED THROUGH MUNSON HEALTHCARE -- WAS CREATED.

January 18, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A SIGN THAT THE TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES ARE STILL AROUND -- DOZENS OF PEOPLE LINED UP AT A LOCAL DENTIST'S OFFICE TODAY HOPING TO GET FREE WORK DONE ON THEIR TEETH. DEER-HAVEN FAMILY DENTISTRY IN TRAVERSE CITY OPENED IT'S DOORS TO THOSE IN NEED TODAY FOR THEIR "DOCTORS WITH A HEART" PROGRAM.OFFICE STAFF -- HYGIENISTS -- AND THREE DENTISTS ALL DONATED THEIR TIME.

January 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IF YOU ARE BATTLING THE BULGE IT CAN BE TOUGH TO PICK THE RIGHT PRODUCTS ON THE STORE SHELVES.THE GOOD NEWS -- THERE'S A PROGRAM THAT CAN TEACH YOU *HOW TO CHOOSE HEALTHY."ORYANA FOODS" IN TRAVERSE CITY OFFERS "FREE STORE TOURS" -- SO YOU CAN LEARN *WHAT FOODS TO BUY -- TO IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH.

January 24, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

LOOKING TO BEAT BED BUGS? WELL YOUR BEST BET -- MIGHT BE MAN'S BEST FRIEND.THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CANINE PEST INSPECTORS IS IN MANISTEE THIS WEEK.THEY'VE TEAMED UP WITH THE "ACTION CANINE INSTITUTE" -- TO TRAIN DOGS AND HANDLERS --TO FIND BED BUGS -- AND EXTERMINATE THEM. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL HAS THE STORY.

January 26, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA ANNOUNCED SOME BIG CHANGES YESTERDAY FOR THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA.MEALS -- INCLUDING PIZZA -- WILL HAVE TO DECREASE SODIUM -- WHILE INCREASING WHOLE GRAINS, FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. FOR SOME SCHOOLS -- THAT WILL BE A CHALLENGE.OTHER DISTRICTS -- ARE WAY AHEAD OF THE CURVE.7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL HAS MORE.

January 31, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

COLO-RECTAL CANCER IS THE THIRD LEADING CAUSE OF CANCER DEATHS IN AMERICA --BUT IF DETECTED EARLY -- IT'S CURABLE. NORMAN HAYES IS A JUDGE IN ANTRIM COUNTY -- AND TWO YEARS AGO HE WAS BATTLING COLO-RECTAL CANCER.HE UNDERWENT RADIATION FOR 30 DAYS BEFORE HAVING DA VINCI ROBOTIC SURGERY -- TO REMOVE A TUMOR.

February 1, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NEW AT 6 -- MUNSON MEDICAL CENTER IS TALKING ABOUT MOVING ITS KIDS CREEK -- TO MAKE WAY FOR FUTURE EXPANSION PROJECTS. THE HOSPITAL PLANS TO BUILD A NEW CANCER CENTER IN THE COMING YEARS -- AND BOUGHT A FORMER CREDIT UNION ALONG BEAUMONT PLACE FOR PART OF THE EXPANSION. THEY PLAN TO USE THAT PROPERTY TO REROUTE THE CREEK -- AND CONTINUE THEIR OUTDOOR BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT. HOSPITAL C-O-O KATHLEEN MCMANUS SAYS THEY DO PLAN TO TALK WITH THE FOLKS WHO LIVE NEARBY FIRST.

February 3, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IF YOU SAW A LOT OF WOMEN WEARING RED TODAY -- IT WASN'T JUST "BY CHANCE."TODAY IS "NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY" TO PROMOTE "HEART DISEASE AWARENESS" AMONG WOMEN. STATISTICS SHOW THAT HEART DISEASE KILLS ONE WOMAN -- EVERY MINUTE.MUNSON MEDICAL CENTER PARTICIPATED IN WEARING RED, AND SUPPORTS SPREADING AWARENESS, SHARING KNOWLEDGE, AND ENCOURAGING WOMEN TO PUT THEIR HEALTH FIRST.

February 7 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEART HEALTH MONTH. SO, WE'RE INTRODUCING YOU TO ONE WOMAN WHO IS NOT ONLY A HEART ATTACK SURVIVOR BUT IS NOW BEATING THE ODDS.NANCY JOHNSON OF TRAVERSE CITY DEVOTES MOST OF HER

TIME TO BEING ACTIVE WITHIN IN HER COMMUNITY. SHE'S THE COORDINATOR OF A LOCAL FOOD PANTRY AND STRIVES TO BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE.14 YEARS AGO RIGHT AFTER NANCY BIKED FROM LANSING TO SAINT IGNACE SHE HAD A HEART ATTACK. NOW SHE IS WARNING OTHER WOMEN TO BE PRO-ACTIVE AND GET SCREENED ON A REGULAR BASIS.

February 21 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

PART OF A HEART-HEALTHY LIFESTYLE INVOLVES MAINTAINING A REASONABLE WEIGHT AND STAYING PHYSICALLY ACTIVE. FOR ONE TRAVERSE CITY MAN -- MAKING SOME POSITIVE CHANGES MAY HAVE JUST SAVED HIS LIFE. A FEW MONTHS BACK KEN RILEY FELT THAT SOMETHING WASN'T QUITE RIGHT.HIS LIVER ENZYMES HAD GROWN TO NINE TIMES THE NORMAL RATE -- HE WAS ON BLOOD PRESSURE MEDICATION AND HAD PROBLEMS WITH HIS CHOLESTEROL LEVELS. THAT'S WHEN HE STARTED GOING TO THE HEALTHY WEIGHT CENTER THROUGH MUNSON MEDICAL CENTER.THE PROGRAM HELPED HIM MAKE LONG-TERM LIFESTYLE CHANGES.

February 21 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

YOU CAN GET ALL THE DETAILS YOU NEED ON HOW TO KEEP YOUR HEART HEALTHY! NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL IN PETOSKEY IS HOSTING A HEART HEALTH EXPO NEXT WEDNESDAY. THERE WILL BE SEVERAL FREE EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS, HEALTH SCREENINGS, INFORMATIONAL EXHIBITS AND EXERCISE CLASSES!

February 23 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

STATE LAWMAKERS ARE TALKING ABOUT MAKING CHANGES TO THE STATE'S MEDICAL MARIJUANA LAW TO CLOSE UP LOOPHOLES. THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MET TODAY FOR THE FIRST OF SEVERAL HEARINGS ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA. ONE PROPOSAL AIMS TO BETTER DEFINE THE TYPE OF DOCTOR-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP THAT WOULD BE NEEDED BEFORE SOMEONE CAN BECOME A CARD HOLDER. ANOTHER BILL WOULD REQUIRE MEDICAL MARIJUANA I-D CARDS TO HAVE PHOTOS. THE CHANGES ARE BEING PUSHED BY STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL BILL SCHUETTE WHO SAYS THE LAW HAS QUOTE -- "MORE HOLES THAN SWISS CHEESE."

February 23 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

YOUR HANDS CAN BE HEALING -- A LOCAL HOSPITAL IS TRAINING PEOPLE TO HELP RELIEVE PAIN WITH THE POWER OF TOUCH. MERCY HOSPITAL GRAYLING IS OFFERING A WORKSHOP IN HEALING TOUCH. THE CLASS WILL SHOW YOU HOW TO INFLUENCE THE HUMAN ENERGYFIELD TO ENHANCE HEALING AND WELL-BEING.

February 24 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

WHEN BUYING GROCERIES -- NUTRITION LABELS CAN BE AN IMPORTANT GUIDE TO HELPING YOU KEEP ON TRACK WITH YOUR DIET. BUT SOME COMPANIES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PUT NUTRITION LABELS ON THEIR PRODUCTS. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL EXPLAINS WHY.

February 24 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NEW AT 6 -- MICHIGAN HEALTH OFFICIALS HAVE ISSUED A HEALTH ALERT -- DON'T EAT RAW CLOVER SPROUTS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THE WARNING COMES AFTER TWO CONFIRMED AND FIVE SUSPECTED E. COLI CASES IN THE STATE. STATE OFFICIALS SAY THOSE WHO WERE SICKENED ATE RAW CLOVER SPROUTS AT

SANDWICH SHOPS IN MID-MICHIGAN AND SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN. LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES ARE ALL WORKING TO DETERMINE THE SOURCE OF THE SPROUTS.

February 27 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TAKING CARE OF MOM AND DAD CAN BE DIFFICULT -- AND EXPENSIVE. FAMILIES WHO PAY OUT OF POCKET -- CAN SPEND THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS A MONTH ON ADULT FOSTER CARE OR NURSING HOMES. BUT WHAT ABOUT SENIORS ON MEDICAID? THEIR COVERAGE TYPICALLY ONLY COVERS THE COST OF A NURSING HOME. THAT COST FALLS ON THE BACKS OF TAX PAYERS -- AND ITS MORE EXPENSIVE THAN FOSTER CARE. WE WANTED TO KNOW WHAT FAMILIES ARE SUPPOSED TO DO.... 7&4's BRODY O'CONNELL HAS MORE IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER.

February 28 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IT'S A DISORDER THAT ABOUT 1-PERCENT OF CHILDREN IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH -- AUTISM -- BUT THERE IS HOPE AND THAT'S THE MESSAGE A LOCAL DOCTOR PLANS TO BRING TO TRAVERSE CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS. DOCTOR SANDER WECKSTEIN WITH NORTHERN MICHIGAN PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES WILL BE SPEAKING TO PARENTS AND TEACHERS NEXT TUESDAY EVENING AT TRAVERSE CITY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL. HE WILL DISCUSS A RANGE OF TOPICS FROM HOW TO DETECT EARLY SIGNS OF AUTISM -- TO THE MOST RECENT TREATMENT OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS.

March 1, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOUR CHILD WAS DIAGNOSED WITH A DISORDER, BUT YOUR INSURANCE WOULDN'T COVER TREATMENT? PARENTS OF KIDS WITH AUTISM SHOWED THEIR SUPPORT TODAY AS A HEARING ON THE THREE-BILL AUTISM INSURANCE REFORM PACKAGE BEGAN THIS AFTERNOON. THE BILLS WOULD REQUIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES TO PROVIDE COVERAGE OF AUTISM DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT, AND ALSO CREATE A PROGRAM FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF PAID CLAIMS.

March 10, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

YOU HAVE THE CHANCE TO HELP SAVE A YOUNG BOY'S LIFE -- WHO HAS BATTLED CANCER FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS. MEET ARDEN FAST -- THIS 13 YEAR-OLD BOY IS FULL OF LIFE.HE'S AN ENERGETIC SOUL -- WHO LOVES FISHING, COOKING, AND TAKING CARE OF ANIMALS.WHEN ARDEN WAS JUST 3 YEARS OLD -- HE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH LEUKEMIA -- AND AFTER UNDERGOING MANY ROUNDS OF CHEMO TREATMENTS -- ARDEN IS STILL BATTLING THE DISEASE.RIGHT NOW -- HE IS IN ANOTHER ROUND OF AGRESSIVE CHEMOTHERAPY AND RADIATION HE'S ALSO IN "GREAT NEED" OF A BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT. IN A FEW WEEKS -- FAMILY MEMBERS WILL HOST A BONE MARROW DRIVE IN BENZIE COUNTY -- IN HOPES OF FINDING HIM A MATCH.

March 13, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

INSURANCE COMPANIES IN MICHIGAN MAY SOON BE REQUIRED TO COVER SOME TYPES OF TREATMENT OR THERAPY FOR AUTISM. THE STATE SENATE APPROVED BILLS TODAY THAT WOULD PUT THE REQUIREMENTS INTO LAW. DEMOCRATS SUPPORTED THE BILLS AND REPUBLICANS WERE SPLIT.THE BILLS ADVANCE TO THE REPUBLICAN-LED MICHIGAN HOUSE.ONE BILL SETS UP A FUND TO HELP REIMBURSE SOME COMPANIES FOR PAID CLAIMS RELATED TO DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF AUTISM.

March 13, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

WE TAKE A LOOK AT NUTRITION AND HOW IT AFFECTS YOUR DAILY DIET. 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH AND PHOTO-JOURNALIST BOB RHODES MET WITH REGISTERED DIETICIAN WITH MUNSON MEDICAL CENTER, LAURA MCCAIN, TO TALK ABOUT WHAT IS CONSIDERED A BALANCED MEAL. MCCAIN WENT THROUGH A TYPICAL DAY'S WORTH OF RECOMMENDED HEALTHY FOOD THAT INCLUDES: PROTEIN, WHOLE-GRAINS AND FRESH PRODUCE.

March 14, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IT'S A DISEASE THAT AFFECTS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ACROSS THE COUNTRY -- INCLUDING RIGHT HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN. AND THIS WEEK IS DEDICATED TO RAISING AWARENESS. MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS IS A NEUROLOGICAL DISEASE THAT AFFECTS THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM -- AND THERE IS CURRENTLY *NO CURE. THIS MORNING ON 7&4 NEWS TODAY -- 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH SAT DOWN WITH A GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY WOMAN WHO WAS DIAGNOSED WITH M-S IN 2005 -- TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DISEASE.

March 15, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

RISING HEALTH CARE COSTS ARE HAVING A DRAMATIC IMPACT ON FAMILIES ACROSS THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN. BUT NOW -- MEIJER IS DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT. THE RETAILER IS OFFERING FREE ANTIBIOTICS AND VITAMINS TO FAMILIES WHO NEED THEM. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL REPORTS.

March 19, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NEW AT 6... A LOCAL HEALTH CLINIC THAT ASSISTS ABOUT 25-HUNDRED LOW INCOME PATIENTS EACH MONTH IS LOSING MORE THAN A MILLION DOLLARS IN FEDERAL FUNDING. THE TRAVERSE HEALTH CLINIC HAS ALREADY HAD TO MAKE LAYOFFS AND REDUCE WORKFORCE HOURS BECAUSE OF THE REVENUE DECREASE. THE REASON IS BECAUSE OF THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE ACT. IN 2014 -- A REQUIREMENT GOES INTO EFFECT THAT EVERYONE HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE, EITHER THROUGH PRIVATE PROVIDERS OR GOVERNMENT INSURANCE EXCHANGES.

March 22, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IF THE GAS PRICES AREN'T ENOUGH TO PUT A DENT IN YOUR WALLET -- AN INCREASE IN AUTO INSURANCE MAY DO THE TRICK. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE ON THESE CHANGES...

March 22, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

CANCER CAN STRIP MANY THINGS FROM A PERSON - ONE OF THE MOST NOTICABLE BEING THEIR HAIR. A LOCAL WOMAN MAY HAVE LOST THAT - BUT HER ENGAGING AND UNWAVERING SPIRIT HAS INSPIRED FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO CUT THEIR HAIR AND DONATE IT TO GET SASSY FOR KASSIE.

March 30, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

MORE THAN 2-HUNDRED RED CROSS BLOOD WORKERS IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION HAVE GONE ON STRIKE -- CAUSING SEVERAL BLOOD DRIVES AROUND THE REGION TO BE CANCELLED OR RESCHEDULED. THE WORK STOPPAGE WENT INTO EFFECT AT 8 THIS MORNING -- THE THIRD TIME THESE UNIONS HAVE GONE OUT ON STRIKE IN

THE PAST TWO YEARS.THE TEAMSTERS UNION SAYS STAFFING CONCERNS AND HEALTH CARE BENEFITS ARE AMONG THE REASONS FOR THE LABOR ACTION.THE RED CROSS SAYS THIS COULD IMPACT SERVICES.

March 30, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

MEMBERS OF A LOCAL AUTISM SUPPORT ORGANIZATION ARE REJOICING TONIGHT -- AFTER A BILL EXTENDING INSURANCE COVERAGE TO CHILDREN WITH AUTISM PASSED THE STATE LEGISLATURE. THE BILL MADE ITS WAY THROUGH THE MICHIGAN HOUSE AND SENATE YESTERDAY -- NOW IT'S ON THE GOVERNOR'S DESK TO BE SIGNED INTO LAW. TODAY 7&4 NEWS SPOKE WITH A LOCAL AUTISM RESOURCE NETWORK TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WHAT THIS BILL WILL DO FOR LOCAL CHILDREN WITH AUTISM AND THEIR FAMILIES.

PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

EDUCATION

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

Local News

January 3, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

DOZENS OF SCHOOLS CLOSED TODAY AFTER THE FIRST BIG SNOW STORM OF THE SCHOOL YEAR -- BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOUR CHILDREN HAVE TO SIT AROUND THE HOUSE. THE GRAND TRAVERSE BAY Y-M-C-A OFFERS A SNOW DAY PROGRAM FOR KIDS TO STAY ACTIVE WHEN CLASSES ARE CANCELLED.

January 4, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

CHEBOYGAN MIDDLE SCHOOL INSTALLED NEW SECURITY CAMERAS OVER THE HOLIDAY BREAK TO RECORD WHAT HAPPENS IN ITS HALLS.7&4'S ANDREW KELLER HAS MORE ON WHY THEY DID IT -- AND WHAT THEY HOPE IT BRINGS.

January 9, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A GROUP OF JAPANESE MIDDLE SCHOOL EXCHANGE STUDENTS GOT TO SEE UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL HOW THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD WORKS.

January 9, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

SOME NORTHERN MICHIGAN STUDENTS ARE HOPING TO PUT THEIR FIRST STAMP ON THEIR PASSPORT -- BUT THEY'RE GOING TO NEED A LITTLE SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY.A HANDFUL OF FOREST AREA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM FIFE LAKE ARE HOPING TO TAKE THEIR LEARNING EXPERIENCE OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM INTO COSTA RICA. THE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN HOLDING A NUMBER OF FUNDRAISERS -- FROM WORKING IN A RESTAURANT -- TO HAVING A BEAUTY COMPETITION.

January 12, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A DEVELOPING PROPOSAL IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE WOULD ALLOW MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES TO GET THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN GRANTS.THE PROPOSAL BY SENATE DEMOCRATS WOULD ALLOW STUDENTS UP TO 95-HUNDRED DOLLARS A YEAR.THE GRANTS COULD BE USED TO PAY TUITION OR ASSOCIATED COSTS FOR ATTENDING PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN THE STATE.

January 16, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

WHILE MANY SCHOOLS HAVE THE DAY OFF TODAY -- ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN DISTRICT IS USING MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY AS A LEARNING OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS. AT PINE RIVER SCHOOLS IN LEROY -- TODAY WAS THE FIRST DAY THAT THE SCHOOL HAS OFFICIALLY CELEBRATED M-L-K DAY.

January 16, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

AT HIGH SCHOOLS ACROSS THE COUNTRY TODAY...PENCILS WERE BEING PUSHED ACROSS PAPERS...STUDENTS TAKING TESTS, TAKING NOTES...DOING THEIR WORK.BUT AT ONE SCHOOL, ONE STUDENT HAS BEEN PUSHING THAT PENCIL TO MAKE TRIBUTE FOR THE MAN RECOGIZED TODAY...MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. IT'S A VISUAL EXPRESSION OF A MESSAGE THAT MANY OF US MIGHT NEED A REMINDER OF.

January 18, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

ACCORDING TO A RECENT STUDY -- MICHIGAN'S PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES ARE AMONG THE MOST EXPENSIVE IN THE COUNTRY.WE WANTED TO KNOW WHY -- AND WHAT LAWMAKERS PLAN TO DO ABOUT IT.7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL BRINGS US TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER.

January 19, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

SUTTONS BAY SCHOOL LEADERS MET WITH PARENTS AND THE PUBLIC LAST NIGHT TO LAY OUT THE SHAPE OF THE STRUGGLING DISTRICT'S FINANCES. BECAUSE OF DECLINING ENROLLMENT THE DISTRICTS DEFICIT COULD REACH 550-THOUSAND DOLLARS BY THE END OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR. THAT WOULD LIKELY LEAD TO A STATE EMERGENCY MANAGER TAKING OVER THE SCHOOL DISTRICT -- BUT COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE NOW PLEDGING THEIR OWN MONEY TO MAKE SURE THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN.

January 21, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

STUDENTS AND PARENTS GOT A "HEAD-START" ON PLANNING FOR GRADUATION TODAY -- AND IT WAS ALL FOR A GOOD CAUSE!TRAVERSE CITY WEST HIGH SCHOOL HOSTED IT'S FIRST-EVER "GRADUATION EXPO 20-12." LOCAL VENDORS WERE ON-HAND -- FEATURING EVERYTHING THAT GRADUATES NEED FOR THEIR BIG DAY. PARENTS AND STUDENTS COULD BROWSE THRU A NUMBER OF SERVICES LIKE PHOTOGRAPHY, CATERING, CAKES, INVITATIONS, MUSIC AND SO MUCH MORE.

January 22, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NATIONAL "SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK 20-12" KICKS OFF TODAY -- ACROSS THE COUNTRY. GOVERNOR SNYDER -- ALONG WITH 11 OTHER STATE GOVERNORS -- SIGNED A PROCLAMATION -- THAT RECOGNIZES JANUARY 22ND THRU THE 28TH --

AS "NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK."THE PURPOSE OF THIS WEEK IS TO SHINE A SPOTLIGHT ON THE NEED -- FOR EFFECTIVE EDUCATION OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN.

January 23, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

FREEZING RAIN SHUT DOWN MANY SCHOOLS ACROSS NORTHERN MICHIGAN TODAY. 135 DISTRICTS MADE THE CALL TO CLOSE SCHOOL FOR THE DAY. ONE OF THE FEW THAT STAYED OPEN -- GLEN LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS. THE SUPERINTENDENT SAYS GLEN LAKE HAD *LESS "SNOW-PACK" THAN SURROUNDING AREAS -- AND THE ROADS WERE NOT AS BAD.

January 23, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

BUT FOR THE SCHOOLS THAT *DID CLOSE -- IT CAN CREATE PROBLEMS FOR WORKING-PARENTS -- ESPECIALLY WHEN SNOW DAYS PILE UP -- IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.7&4'S ANDREW KELLER TALKED WITH PARENTS AND EMPLOYERS TODAY-- WHO SAY ITS IMPORTANT TO HAVE A "BACK-UP" PLAN IN PLACE -- WHEN THEIR KIDS ARE HOME FROM SCHOOL.

January 27, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A LOCAL COLLEGE IS HELPING STUDENTS TAKE FLIGHT.INSTRUCTORS AT NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE ARE TRYING TO PROMOTE AVIATION CAREERS -- TO A YOUNGER GENERATION. THE "NEW EXPLORERS PROGRAM" THAT TAKES OFF IN MARCH-- WILL GIVE STUDENTS A HANDS ON EXPERIENCE -- WITH ALL KINDS AERO SPACE TECHNOLOGY.THEY SAY WITH THE RECENT MOVES -- TO PRIVATIZE THE AERO SPACE INDUSTRY -- ITS *NOT GETTING THE ATTENTION IT USED TO GET.

January 30, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TODAY -- A LETTER WAS SENT OUT TO T-CAPS PARENTS -- UPDATING THEM ABOUT THE CHARGES AGAINST LISA PLACEK.7&4 NEWS SPOKE TO THE SCHOOL'S SUPERINTENDENT -- WHO SAYS HE IS OUTRAGED BY THE ALLEGED CRIME.

February 2, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

HAVE YOU EVER HAD A TEACHER THAT INSPIRED YOU TO BE A BETTER STUDENT? MAYBE YOU HAD A TEACHER WHO MADE LEARNING FUN AND HELPED YOU TO GRASP THE SUBJECT IN A WAY YOU NEVER KNEW YOU COULD. TONIGHT WE'RE TAKING A LOOK AT A LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER FROM SUTTONS BAY MIDDLE SCHOOL WHO SAYS NOW IS THE BEST TIME TO BE AN EDUCATOR.

February 9, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TONIGHT -- WE CONTINUE OUR SPECIAL SERIES "TEACHERS YOU SHOULD MEET." THIS WEEK WE INTRODUCE YOU TO A HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER WHO USES TECH TOOLS THE KIDS KNOW AND UNDERSTAND TO MAKE HER EVERYDAY LESSONS COME ALIVE.7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL HAS THE STORY.

February 10, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TWO LOCAL TITLE-ONE SCHOOLS ARE BEING CALLED THE BEST IN THE STATE - AND BOTH ARE PART OF BENZIE COUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOLS. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL SHOWS US WHY THEY'RE BEING CELEBRATED - AND THE CHALLENGES THEY FACE.

February 14, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A LETTER SENT BY EIGHT LOCAL CHAMBERS URGES GOVERNOR RICK SNYDER TO BE FAIR IN FUNDING SCHOOLS. THE LETTER SUPPORTS THE GOVERNOR'S PLAN TO RE-INVEST IN THE EDUCATION OF MICHIGAN STUDENTS -- BUT THE CHAMBER ALLIANCE WANTS LOWER-BASED FUNDED SCHOOLS HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN TO BE ON A MORE-LEVEL PLAYING FIELD WHEN *FUNDS ARE HANDED OUT 7&4'S ANDREW KELLER HAS MORE.

February 15, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADERS IN PETOSKEY HAVE SOMETHING NEW TO READ TONIGHT. EACH STUDENT RECEIVED A NEW BOOK FILLED WITH SHORT ODAWA TALES -- THANKS TO THE COMMUNITY ENCOURAGING LOCAL HISTORY. 7&4'S ANDREW KELLER HAS MORE.

February 15, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN BRACING FOR THE RESULTS OF THE MICHIGAN EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM TEST, ALSO CALLED MEAP. ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS TOOK THE TESTS IN THE FALL -- AND THIS YEAR WERE SCORED ON A TOUGHER GRADING SCALE. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO TO BREAK DOWN THE NUMBERS...

February 16, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A NORTHERN MICHIGAN SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS A NEW PLAN FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE TOO MANY ABSENCES OR MESS AROUND IN SCHOOL -- AND THAT'S BRINGING BACK AN OLD PROGRAM THAT HAD ITS FUNDING DRY UP 10 YEARS AGO. CHEBOYGAN IS ROLLING OUT THE RED CARPET SATURDAY MORNINGS AS ADDED DISCIPLINE -- AND AS 7&4'S ANDREW KELLER EXPLAINS -- SCHOOL OFFICIALS THINK IT JUST MIGHT BE ENOUGH TO DETER BAD BEHAVIOR.

February 16, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THEY'RE THE ONES WHO EDUCATE OUR CHILDREN AND HELP MOLD OUR FUTURE LEADERS. THAT'S WHY ALL MONTH LONG WE'RE FEATURING "TEACHERS YOU SHOULD MEET" AROUND NORTHERN MICHIGAN WHO GO ABOVE AND BEYOND IN THE CLASSROOM. TONIGHT IN A SPECIAL REPORT -- 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH INTRODUCES US TO A THIRD GRADE TEACHER FROM CHARLEVOIX ELEMENTARY WHO'S IN THE RUNNING FOR MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR.

February 17, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THEY MAY BE TOO YOUNG TO PROTECT AND SERVE -- BUT THAT IS NOT STOPPING FIRST GRADERS AT FRANKFORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BENZIE COUNTY FROM SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS -- ONE LETTER AT A TIME. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL SHOWS US HOW THESE YOUNGSTERS ARE SPREADING JOY -- HALF WAY AROUND THE WORLD.

February 17, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

ABOUT 15 AREA SUPERINTENDENTS MET AT THE OTSEGO CLUB IN GAYLORD FOR THEIR MONTHLY MEETING THIS MORNING -- THE MAIN TOPIC -- DEVISE A PLAN TO HAVE THE VOICE OF LOWER-FUNDED SCHOOLS HEARD IN LANSING. 7&4'S ANDREW KELLER WAS THERE -- AND BRINGS US MORE.

February 20, 2012

Time: 11:00-11:35 PM

Duration :30

IN RESPONSE TO OVERWHELMING INTEREST FROM PARENTS -- TRAVERSE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS OFFERING A NEW MONTESSORI PROGRAM -- AT ONE OF IT'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. 7&4'S KATE FOX HAS MORE ON THE PROGRAM -- THAT AIMS TO INSPIRE -- SUPPORT -- AND CHALLENGE STUDENTS.SHE BRINGS US ALL THE DETAILS -- NEW AT 11.

February 21, 2012

Time: 11:00-11:35 PM

Duration :30

STATE POLICE INSPECTORS SAY 1-HUNDRED PERCENT OF T-CAPS BUSES PASSED THEIR SAFETY INSPECTIONS.TROOPERS HAVE BEEN INSPECTING THE BUSES THROUGHOUT THE LAST MONTH -- LOOKING AT BUS CONDITIONS AND MECHANICS. ALL OF THE BUSES THAT STUDENTS RIDE ON WERE DEEMED SAFE -- AND THE STATE INSPECTOR EVEN GAVE HIS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DISTRICT.

February 23, 2012

Time: 11:00-11:35 PM

Duration :30

TONIGHT -- WE CONTINUE OUR SERIES "TEACHERS YOU SHOULD MEET." JOE FITZPATRICK IS A PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER AT MESICK CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS IN WEXFORD COUNTY. WHAT MAKES HIM UNIQUE -- HE'S ALSO A CERTIFIED ARCHERY INSTRUCTOR.NOW -- HE'S COMBINING HIS TALENTS -- GIVING KIDS AN EARLY SHOT AT A BOW-AND-ARROW.7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL REPORTS.

February 24, 2012

Time: 11:00-11:35 PM

Duration :30

SOME QUICK THINKING BY A SCHOOL AIDE-- SAVED THE LIFE OF A COLLEAGUE. EARLIER THIS MONTH CUSTODIAN DEE FOSTER WAS TALKING WITH JODI {POI-KEY} POIKEY-- WHEN ALL OF A SUDDEN THE HARD CANDY DEE WAS EATING BECAME LODGE IN HER THROAT. SHE TRIED TO COUGH THE CANDY BACK UP BUT WAS UNABLE TO GET IT FREE.DEE SAYS SHE GOT SCARED AND STARTED SEEING BLACK. THAT'S WHEN JODI SAYS HER INSTINCTS KICKED IN -- AND SHE GAVE DEE THE HEIMLICH.

February 27, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TONIGHT -- PIZZA FEEDS AND PIZZA PAYS.NINE DIFFERENT PIZZA COMPANIES IN PETOSKEY ARE TOSSING DOUGH FOR DOUGH -- GIVING A PORTION OF THE PIES THEY SELL TO THE PETOSKEY EDUCATION FOUNDATION.7&4'S ANDREW KELLER HAS MORE.

February 27, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

WHILE MANY VOTERS WILL HEAD TO THE POLLS TO CHOOSE THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE THEY FEEL SHOULD TAKE-ON PRESIDENT OBAMA -- THAT'S NOT THE ONLY ITEM THEY'LL SEE ON THE BALLOT.MORE THAN FIFTY COUNTIES IN MICHIGAN WILL BE HOLDING SPECIAL ELECTIONS TOMORROW -- ASKING VOTERS TO CONSIDER A VARIETY OF BALLOT QUESTIONS -- INCLUDING SCHOOL FUNDING. FOR MORE ON WHAT THAT MEANS IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN -- WE'RE JOINED NOW BY 7&4'S KATE FOX.

February 28, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IN THE WAKE OF THIS DEADLY SHOOTING -- WE WANTED TO KNOW WHAT NORTHERN MICHIGAN SCHOOLS DO TO PREPARE FOR SITUATIONS LIKE THIS ONE. TRAVERSE

CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATORS TELLS US EVERY BUILDING IN THE DISTRICT HAS BOTH A PLAN AND A CRISIS LEADERSHIP TEAM. PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS MEET ANNUALLY TO DISCUSS THE PLAN -- AND STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN TWO LOCKDOWN DRILLS EACH YEAR.

February 29, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A TRAVERSE CITY SCHOOL IS TRYING TO "GROW" ITS ENROLLMENT -- BY SHOWING OFF ITS ENVIRONMENTALLY FOCUSED SCHOOL CLASSROOM.OPEN HOUSES ARE BEING HELD AT THE GREEN-SPIRE SCHOOL AT THE GRAND TRAVERSE COMMONS. THE IDEA IS TO ACQUAINT FAMILIES WITH THE SCHOOL -- WHICH IS A PROJECT-BASED, MONTESSORI INSPIRED PROGRAM OFFERED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH T-CAPS.

March 5, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

MARCH IS NATIONAL READING MONTH -- AND THERE ARE SOME EASY WAYS YOU CAN FIND A GOOD READ.ONE WAY -- JOIN A BOOK CLUB!IN TRAVERSE CITY THERE'S THE BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB THAT MEETS EACH MONTH AT THE TRAVERSE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY. THE GROUP MEETS THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT NOON -- WHICH MEANS THEY'LL BE THERE THIS WEEK. RIGHT NOW THEY'RE READING THE COOP BY MICHAEL PERRY. IF YOU WANT TO JOIN IN BE THERE AT NOON AND BRING A BAGGED LUNCH.

March 7, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

HUNDREDS IN NEED OF A JOB VISITED A CAREER FAIR TODAY WITH THE HOPE OF FULFILLING THAT GOAL.THE CAREER FAIR, WHICH IS SPONSORED BY N-M-C, TOOK PLACE AT THE HAGERTY CENTER EARLIER THIS AFTERNOON. EIGHTY-FOUR BUSINESSES HAD REPRESENTATIVES THERE TODAY, AND IN THE PAST THE FAIR DREW OVER FIVE HUNDRED JOB APPLICANTS. WE HAD A CHANCE TO SPEAK WITH A JOB SEEKER WHO APPRECIATES THE JOB FAIR AND ALL IT HAS TO OFFER.

March 9, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE FIRST ROBOTICS COMPETITION IS TAKING PLACE AT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL TODAY AND TOMORROW.FIRST ROBOTICS HELPS TO TEACH STUDENTS ABOUT MATH AND SCIENCE IN A VERY HANDS ON MANNER BY BUILDING ROBOTS THAT THAT CAN COMPETE AGAINST OTHER TEAMS AROUND THE STATE, COUNTRY AND IF THEY'RE GOOD ENOUGH EVENTUALLY WORLD.

March 9, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NEXT WEEK IS NATIONAL ANTI-BULLYING WEEK-- AND TRAVERSE CITY IS HELPING TO GET THE WORD OUT.MONDAY THE STATE THEATRE WILL BE SHOWING A DOCUMENTARY ON BULLYING.TUESDAY WILL BE A TEEN BOOK TALK.WEDNESDAY T-CAPS IS HOLDING SCHOOL PROGRAMS.THURSDAY THE MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS WILL HOLD A MEETING AT THE HAGERTY CENTER.AND FRIDAY-- ALSO AT THE HAGERTY CENTER - THERE WILL BE A CONFERENCE FEATURING LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

March 9, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY OF SERVICE FOR FRONTIER AIRLINES AT MANISTEE BLACKER AIRPORT -- AND RIGHT NOW, THE CARRIER THAT WILL REPLACE FRONTIER IS STILL UP IN THE AIR. AIRPORT OFFICIALS SAY THEY'RE IN TALKS WITH ANOTHER CARRIER THAT WOULD LIKELY CONNECT OUT OF CHICAGO INSTEAD OF MILWAUKEE.A DECISION SHOULD BE MADE BY MAY FIRST.UNTIL THEN, THE AIRPORT WILL BE SEEMINGLY EMPTY.FRONTIER BROUGHT MUCH NEEDED LIFE AND BUSINESS TO THE SMALL AIRPORT -- THEY HAD 67-HUNDRED PASSENGERS IN 2010 AND MORE 22-THOUSAND LAST YEAR.

March 11, 2012

Time:11:00-11:35 PM

Duration :30

THIS UPCOMING WEEK -- IS NATIONAL "ANTI-BULLYING WEEK" -- AND TRAVERSE CITY IS HELPING TO GET THE WORD OUT.MONDAY -- THE STATE THEATRE WILL BE SHOWING A DOCUMENTARY ON BULLYING.TUESDAY -- WILL BE A TEEN BOOK TALK.WEDNESDAY -- T-CAPS IS HOLDING SCHOOL PROGRAMS.THURSDAY -- THE "MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS" WILL HOLD A MEETING AT THE HAGERTY CENTER.AND ON FRIDAY -- ALSO AT THE HAGERTY CENTER -- THERE WILL BE A CONFERENCE FEATURING LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

March 12, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THIS WEEK IS BULLYING AWARENESS WEEK -- AND SOME LOCAL STUDENTS ARE WORKING HARD TO HELP PROMOTE TOLERANCE.A GROUP OF FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADERS AT EASTERN ELEMENTARY IN TRAVERSE CITY HAVE PUT TOGETHER A SERIES OF PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS TOUCHING ON A VARIETY OF SOCIAL ISSUES.

March 12, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

"ANIT-BULLYING WEEK" EVENTS CONTINUE TONIGHT AT THE STATE THEATRE IN TRAVERSE CITY -- WITH A SNEAK PEEK OF THE DOCUMENTARY "BULLY.THE FILM HAS BEEN FEATURED IN RECENT NATIONAL NEWS STORIES -- AFTER A 17 YEAR OLD GIRL FROM MICHIGAN -- PROTESTED THE FILM'S RATING.SHE'S ASKING THE MOTION PICTURE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA'S OFFICE IN CALIFORNIA TO CHANGE THE FILM'S RATING FROM "R" TO P-G 13 -- SO THAT TEENS WILL BE ALLOWED TO WATCH IT. STATE THEATRE EMPLOYEES SAY REGARDLESS OF THE CONTROVERSY -- "BULLY" REALLY SHINES LIGHT ON THE BULLYING CRISIS IN AMERICA.

March 13, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IN ITS FIRST YEAR OF COMPETITION -- THE PETOSKEY MIDDLE SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM WILL GO UP AGAINST THE WORLD AFTER WINNING SEVERAL COMPETITIONS, THE 10 MEMBER TEAM IN PETOSKEY WILL MAKE A TRIP TO SAINT LOUIS AT THE END OF APRIL TO DISPLAY THEIR ROBOT'S ACTION IN THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS.THEIR TEAM IS CALLED "GEEKS, GEARS, AND GADGETS" AND

THEIR ROBOT WAS CONSTRUCTED FROM A BOX OF GEARS, SWITCHES, AND METAL TO PICK UP ITEMS AND PUT THEM IN A BOX.

March 14, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NEW AT 6 -- STUDENT'S AT ONE AREA SCHOOL GOT A SPECIAL LESSON TODAY -- ABOUT USING MUSIC -- TO BOOST SELF-ESTEEM. ROB THE DRUMMER -- A NATIONAL ANTI-BULLYING SPOKESMAN -- VISITED JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON SCHOOLS TODAY AS PART OF ANTI-BULLYING WEEK. HE USES MUSIC AND DRUMS AS A MEDIUM TO HELP PROMOTE ANTI-BULLYING AND THE DANGERS OF ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES.

March 14, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

FACING BUDGET CUTS -- AND STRAPPED FOR CASH -- TCAPS FACED SOME TOUGH DECISIONS LAST YEAR. ONE OF THEM -- HOW TO FUND ATHLETICS. THEY DECIDED TO CREATE A "LEAP PROGRAM" -- WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY A "PAY-TO-PLAY" SYSTEM FOR STUDENTS. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL CHECKED IN WITH SCHOOL OFFICIALS -- TO SEE HOW THE PROGRAM IS WORKING.

March 15, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

RIGHT NOW -- HUNDREDS OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS, EDUCATORS, AND VICTIMS OF BULLIES HAVE GATHERED AT THE HAGERTY CENTER IN TRAVERSE CITY FOR A FORUM. IT'S ALL PART OF NATIONAL BULLYING WEEK. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ IS LIVE AT THE EVENT...

March 16, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS, EDUCATORS, AND STUDENTS CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS ON HOW TO PREVENT BULLYING TODAY AT THE HAGERTY CENTER. MORE THAN 350- PEOPLE PACKED IN TO RAISE AWARENESS ON A PROBLEM PREVALENT IN SCHOOLS. TRAVERSE CITY WEST HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMERS PUT ON A SKITS FOR FELLOW STUDENTS TACKLING REAL SCENARIOS. ADULTS GATHERED IN A MEETING ROOM NEXT DOOR TO DISCUSS CYBERBULLYING. THOSE WHO ATTENDED SAY THEY WILL NOT BE A BYSTANDER TO BULLYING ANY LONGER.

March 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THEY MAY BE THE THREE MOST IMPORTANT WORDS WHEN IT COMES TO EDUCATING OUR KIDS. YOU READY... HERE THEY ARE... PER PUPIL FUNDING. THE AMOUNT OF TAXPAYER MONEY EACH SCHOOL GETS TO HIRE TEACHERS, MAINTAIN BUILDINGS, AND GET RESOURCES TO MAKE SURE OUR KIDS CAN LEARN. BUT WHEN IT COMES TO PER PUPIL FUNDING... WE ARE STATE DIVIDED... AND MOST NORTHERN MICHIGAN SCHOOLS ARE GETTING THE SHORT OF END OF THE STICK. TONIGHT WE CONTINUE OUR SCHOOLS IN CRISIS... WITH A LOOK BEHIND THE NUMBERS... AND AN EFFORT TO LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD FOR OUR KIDS.

March 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

ROSCOMMON SCHOOLS ARE FACING SOME BUDGET TROUBLES. THE DISTRICT'S SUPERINTENDENT TELLS 7&4 NEWS THAT THEY ARE FACING A DEFICIT OF ROUGHLY 2 MILLION DOLLARS FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR. TONIGHT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ARE TALKING ABOUT WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO BALANCE THE BUDGET. A

MEETING IS UNDERWAY RIGHT NOW AT THE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA.ONCE THEY'VE COME UP WITH A PLAN WE'LL SHARE THAT INFORMATION WITH YOU.

March 22, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IS FACING SOME STIFF OPPOSITION FROM PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON PART OF ITS PLAN.THE ROSCOMMON BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD A MEETING LAST NIGHT TO DISCUSS THEIR TWO MILLION DOLLAR DEFICIT FACING THIS UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR -- AND ABOUT 3-HUNDRED PEOPLE CAME OUT. TO SAVE A QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS -- THE DISTRICT IS CONSIDERING CLOSING THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND MOVING STUDENTS TO THE MIDDLE school.IT'S AN IDEA NOT SITTING WELL WITH MANY.

March 23, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

T-CAPS STUDENTS WILL GET THE CHANCE TO TEST OUT OF SOME OF THEIR CLASSES AND MOVE TO THE NEXT LEVEL. IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE A BACKGROUND OR CAN DEMONSTRATE COMPETENCY IN ANY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS THEY CHOOSE.STUDENTS WILL HAVE TO SCORE A 78 PERCENT OR BETTER TO TEST OUT OF A CLASS.THEY WILL NOT GET A GRADE FOR THE CLASS -- JUST A "PASS". THE SCORE WILL NOT BE CALCULATED INTO THE STUDENTS G-P-A.

March 23, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE TRAVERSE CITY WEST EURO CHORALE IS GETTING READY TO HEAD OFF TO EUROPE TOMORROW.THEY'LL SPEND TWO WEEKS TOURING THE CONTINENT - PERFORMING CONCERTS, MASSES AND COMPETING AGAINST 39 OTHER INTERNATIONAL CHOIRS.THE LAST TIME THE SCHOOL TRAVELED OVERSEAS - THEY PLACED 19TH IN THE WORLD FOR FOLK MUSIC.THEY'RE EXCITED TO REPRESENT TRAVERSE CITY IN THIS ELITE COMPETITION ONCE AGAIN.

March 23, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TOMORROW THE TRAVERSE CITY SAINT FRANCIS GLADIATORS PLAY FOR A SCHOOL FIRST -- A STATE TITLE IN BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL. WE TALKED TO PLAYERS AND COACHES TODAY -- AND AS 7&4'S ANDREW KELLER EXPLAINS -- IT'S BEEN A GREAT JOURNEY TO THE BRESLIN CENTER ANDREW REPORTS FROM EAST LANSING.

March 29, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

SPRING BREAK GIVES STUDENTS THE CHANCE TO GET AWAY -- AND RELAX. BUT NOT EVERY FAMILY CAN AFFORD TO GO ON VACATION. THAT'S WHY THE MARITIME HERITAGE ALLIANCE TEAMED UP WITH CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES -- GIVING AT-RISK KIDS THE CHANCE TO LEARN NEW SKILLS -- LIKE TEAMWORK AND LEADERSHIP. 7&4's BRODY O'CONNELL REPORTS.

PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

CRIME & SAFETY

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

Local News

January 1, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE NEW YEAR IS UPON US -- AND THAT MEANS SOME NEW LAWS TAKE EFFECT IN MICHIGAN.THE BIGGEST CHANGES DEAL WITH THE "STATE'S TAX SYSTEM."BUSINESS TAXES WILL BE LOWERED OVERALL -- WHILE SOME FORMS OF "RETIREMENT INCOME" WILL BE TAXED FOR THE FIRST TIME.ALSO A WIDER RANGE OF FIREWORKS WILL NOW BE LEGAL -- IN PLENTY OF TIME FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY. AND LICENSES -- ALLOWING CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 10 TO HUNT -- WITH AN ADULT MENTOR -- SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN MARCH.GOVERNOR SNYDER'S ADMINISTRATION COMBINED TO APPROVE 323 NEW LAWS IN 20-11.

January 2, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

HERE'S WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE OUTSIDE RIGHT NOW IN TRAVERSE CITY.YOU'RE TAKING A LIVE LOOK ALONG GARFIELD AVENUE -- WHERE CONDITIONS ARE SLIPPERY.CONTINUING OUR WEATHER COVERAGE TONIGHT WE GO NOW TO 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ.AND LAUREN -- YOU'VE BEEN TALKING WITH COUNTY ROAD CREWS ABOUT THEIR PLANS.

January 2, 2012

Time:11:00-11:35 PM

Duration :30

ALL THAT SNOW AND THOSE HIGH WINDS HAVE CREATED SOME DANGEROUS CONDITIONS FOR DRIVERS. SLIPPERY ROADS AND POOR VISIBILITY MEAN ROAD CREWS AND TOW TRUCKS ARE BUSY. 7&4'S KATE FOX SPENT TONIGHT OUT IN THE ELEMENTS AND BRINGS US A LOOK AT WHAT DRIVERS ARE FACING.

January 3, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE SNOW HAS PUT SOME FRESH POWDER ON SNOWMOBILE TRAILS IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN -- AND PEOPLE ARE STARTING TO FIRE UP THEIR SLEDS THE FIRST TIME.AS 7&4'S ANDREW KELLER EXPLAINS, THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES WANTS YOU TO THINK SAFETY, ESPECIALLY AFTER TWO RIDERS WERE KILLED THIS LAST WEEKEND.

January 4, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

BENZIE COUNTY HAS REACHED A TENTATIVE SETTLEMENT WITH THE FAMILY OF AN INMATE WHO KILLED HIMSELF IN HIS JAIL CELL. EDWARD {BAUFF-MAN} BAUGHMAN WAS FOUND DEAD IN A BENZIE COUNTY CELL IN 2009.A LAWSUIT ALLEGES JAIL OFFICERS FAILED TO GIVE HIM HIS ANTI-DEPRESSANTS AND MONITOR HIM REGULARLY.

January 4, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS ACROSS NORTHERN MICHIGAN USE DRUG DOGS TO HELP FIGHT CRIME -- AND BRING CRIMINALS TO JUSTICE. BUT IS A SNIFF

OUTSIDE A HOME LEGAL -- OR DOES IT INVADE YOUR PRIVACY? 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ EXPLAINS WHY A CASE IN FLORIDA IS GAINING ATTENTION FROM LOCAL ATTORNEYS.

January 4, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE OWNER OF THREE BOATS SITTING IN A CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BAY SINCE AUGUST OF 20-10 HAS TWO MONTHS TO REMOVE THEM -- OR THE COST COULD BE ON THE BACKS OF TAX PAYERS. SCOTLUND STIVERS WAS GIVEN SIX MONTHS TO REMOVE THE BOATS THIS PAST AUGUST AS PART OF A DELAYED SENTENCING DEAL.

January 6, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

YOU CAN HELP FAMILIES DEALING WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. IN ADVANCE OF THE UPCOMING MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR DAY -- PLANNED PARENTHOOD IS CELEBRATING DOCTOR KING'S LEGACY OF NON-VIOLENCE BY COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS.

January 7, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A "HELICOPTER PILOT" RESCUED A MAN -- FROM THE FREEZING COLD WATERS OF LAKE CADILLAC THIS AFTERNOON. WEXFORD COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE SAYS JOHN SMITH -- FROM CADILLAC -- WAS SAILING HIS "ICE BOAT" ON LAKE CADILLAC -- WHEN IT ACCIDENTLY ENTERED OPEN WATER NEAR THE MIDDLE OF THE LAKE. FORTUNATELY -- WILLIAM PAUL FROM CADILLAC -- WAS FLYING IN HIS HELICOPTER AT THE TIME AND WITNESSED THE EVENT. PAUL WAS ABLE TO HOVER THE AIRCRAFT ABOVE SMITH -- WHO HELD ONTO THE SKI OF THE HELICOPTER -- AND WAS BROUGHT TO SHORE.

January 7, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

STATE LAWMAKERS ARE LOOKING AT A BILL -- THAT WOULD WARN SWIMMERS OF LAKE CONDITIONS -- ON MICHIGAN PUBLIC BEACHES.

January 11, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY WOMAN FROM FIFE LAKE HAS BEEN CHARGED AFTER HER SEVEN HORSES WERE FOUND STARVING AND SICK. (DUH-NELL) DANELLE ROUND IS FACING A ONE YEAR MISDEMEANOR FOR ABANDONING OR BEING CRUEL TO ANIMALS. TWO MALNOURISHED HORSES HAD TO BE EUTHANIZED AT ROUND'S HOME-- THE OTHERS ARE NOW RECOVERING AT LOCAL RESCUE SHELTERS.

January 12, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A BIG CONCERN FOR MANY TONIGHT AND TOMORROW MORNING -- WHAT ARE THE ROADS GOING TO BE LIKE AFTER ALL THIS SNOW? 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US LIVE AT THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION.

January 12, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A SCAM ALERT TONIGHT FOR SENIORS. CRIMINALS -- POSING AS EMPLOYEES FOR A PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY -- ARE OFFERING FREE PRESCRIPTIONS OVER THE PHONE. ALL THEY WANT IN RETURN -- YOUR BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL HAS MORE.

January 16, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

61-YEAR-OLD BRIAN DONNELLY DIED FROM CARDIAC ARREST WHILE CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING ON THE VASA TRAIL IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY THIS WEEKEND 7&4'S ANDREW KELLER JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE ON THE COMMUNITY REMEMBERING DONNELLY.

January 18, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

SOME MAJOR INTERNET SITES PROTESTED NEWLY PROPOSED FEDERAL REGULATIONS TODAY THAT WOULD REQUIRE MORE INTERNET CENSORING.7&4'S ANDREW KELLER EXPLAINS WHAT THE LEGISLATION WOULD DO -- AND HOW IT COULD IMPACT LOCAL BUSINESS

January 19, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IT'S THE START OF A NEW YEAR -- BUT SCAM ARTISTS -- ARE UP TO THEIR OLD TRICKS -- DOING ANYTHING THEY CAN TO GET THEIR HANDS ON YOUR MONEY. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL HAS DETAILS OF A SCAM THAT'S TARGETING PEOPLE WHO ARE ALREADY STRUGGLING.

January 19, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A LEELANAU COUNTY WOMAN HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FROM A CHARITY IN TRAVERSE CITY THAT HELPS THE POOR -- AND NOW SHE IS FACING SEVERAL YEARS BEHIND BARS. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPOKE WITH INVESTIGATORS TODAY -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

January 19, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE SNOW IS A WELCOME SIGHT TO THOSE WHO LOVE WINTER.BUT, IT CAN STILL BE A PAIN WHEN YOU WAKE UP AND SEE WHAT YOU HAVE FACE OUTSIDE7&4'S ANDREW KELLER VISITED THE NORTHERN TIP OF THE MITT REGION TO FIND PEOPLE WITH THEIR SNOW BLOWERS FIRED UP.

January 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE DELTA FLIGHT WAS ON ITS WAY FROM TORONTO TO MINNEAPOLIS -- WHEN IT WAS DIVERTED TO CHERRY CAPITOL AIRPORT -- WITH MECHANICAL PROBLEMS. THIS IS VIDEO SHOT FROM OUR AIRPORT CAMERA AS THE PLANE WAS LANDING SHORTLY BEFORE 5PM TONIGHT

January 21, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A STAFF MEMBER -- WITH TRAVERSE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS BEING INVESTIGATED BY *TWO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. *THIS LETTER WAS EMAILED TO PARENTS -- OF STUDENTS AT TRAVERSE CITY WEST SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL TODAY -- EXPLAINING THE SITUATION.THE LETTER WAS SENT BY THE SCHOOL'S PRINCIPAL -- JOE TI-BALDI THE EMAIL STATES THAT ALLEGATIONS AGAINST A STAFF MEMBER AT THE SCHOOL -- HAVE LED TO A JOINT INVESTIGATION -- BY THE LEELANAU COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

January 23, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE NEWS BROKE OVER THE WEEKEND -- AN EMPLOYEE AT TRAVERSE CITY WEST SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL WAS PUT ON A LEAVE OF ABSENCE WHILE BEING

INVESTIGATED BY THE GRAND TRAVERSE AND LEE LANAU COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICES. TODAY WE'VE LEARNED THAT CHARGES ARE EXPECTED IN THIS CASE THIS WEEK -- ALTHOUGH SPECIFICS OF THE ALLEGED CRIME HAVE NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY RELEASED.

January 23, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

MICHIGAN STATE POLICE SAY THEY'RE SEEING MORE AND MORE SCHOOL EMPLOYEES COMMITTING CRIMES IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN -- MOSTLY CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT. SO WHAT STEPS DO SCHOOL DISTRICTS TAKE TO MAKE SURE ONCE THEY'RE CONVICTED -- THEY CAN'T WORK WITH STUDENTS AGAIN? AND WHAT IF THEY GO TO ANOTHER STATE TO TEACH? 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ TALKED WITH BOTH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

January 24, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

AROUND 9-30 LAST NIGHT THE GLEN LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO THE CORNER OF M-22 AND COUNTY ROAD 6-75 AFTER A WOMAN LOST CONTROL OF HER CAR AND ENDED UP IN CRYSTAL RIVER. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPOKE WITH THE FIRE CHIEF -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

January 24, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

8 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN NAMED IN A FEDERAL INDICTMENT -- IN CONNECTION WITH AN ILLEGAL HEALTHCARE "KICKBACK SCHEME." THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FILED AN INDICTMENT TODAY AGAINST "BA-BUB-HA" RATHOD OF INGHAM COUNTY-- AND 7 OF HIS EMPLOYEES. RATHOD IS THE OWNER OF "LAKESHORE SPINE AND PAIN" -- AND "U-S REHABILITATION SERVICES" -- BOTH IN LUDINGTON. THE INDICTMENT CLAIMS -- THE GROUP TRIED TO GET RICH -- BY PAYING AND RECEIVING "KICK-BACKS" FOR REFERRING MEDICARE AND MEDICAID PATIENTS -- FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY AND HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

January 25, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE NEXT TIME YOU FLY OUT OF CHERRY CAPITOL AIRPORT -- YOU MAY BE ASKED TO WALK THROUGH A FULL BODY SCANNER -- BEFORE BOARDING YOUR FLIGHT. THE T-S-A HAS INSTALLED A NEW ADVANCED IMAGING TECHNOLOGY SCANNER AT THE AIRPORT'S SECURITY CHECKPOINT. THE SCANNER IS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE SECURITY -- BY SAFELY SCREENING PASSENGERS FOR METALLIC AND NON-METALLIC THREATS -- LIKE WEAPONS, EXPLOSIVES AND OTHER OBJECTS THAT COULD BE SEALED UNDER LAYERS OF CLOTHING. T-S-A OFFICIALS SAY THE IMAGES ARE ONE-SIZE-FITS ALL -- AND DO NOT VIOLATE PERSONAL PRIVACY.

January 26, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

STATE POLICE ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHO'S ROBBING BUSINESSES AT GUN POINT ALONG U-S 31 IN MANISTEE -- IT'S THE THIRD ARMED ROBBERY THIS MONTH -- AND THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN OTHER BREAK-INS IN THE AREA. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JUST RETURNED FROM MANISTEE -- SHE JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH THE LATEST.

January 26, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE COAST GUARD HAS SPENT THE LAST THREE DAYS ON THE GREAT LAKES DOING DISASTER TRAINING. IT FOCUSED ON HOW TO CONTAIN AN OIL SPILL IN THE

WINTER TIME 7&4'S ANDREW KELLER SPENT THE DAY ON THE WATER AND GOT A RARE UP CLOSE LOOK AT HOW THE GUARD TRAINS.

January 28, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE OLD CHARLEVOIX HOTEL IS COMPLETELY DESTROYED -- AFTER A FIRE RIPPED THRU IT -- EARLIER THIS MORNING. THIS IS "YOU-TUBE" VIDEO OF THE FIRE... JUST BEFORE 4 AM -- CHARLEVOIX FIREFIGHTERS ARRIVED AT THE HOTEL -- OFF OF ANTRIM STREET -- TO FIND IT FULLY ENGULFED WITH FLAMES. THE HOTEL IS NOW USED AS APARTMENTS -- AND FIREFIGHTERS HAD TO RESCUE ONE RESIDENT -- FROM A SECOND STORY WINDOW -- EVERYONE ELSE WAS ABLE TO EVACUATE THE BUILDING ON THEIR OWN.

January 30, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

ACCORDING TO COURT DOCUMENTS -- LISA PLACEK IS CHARGED WITH FIRST DEGREE CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT. PLACEK WAS ARRAIGNED VIA VIDEO CAMERA FROM HER JAIL CELL -- JUST A FEW HOURS AGO. SHE'S BEING CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT -- WITH A 15 YEAR OLD MALE STUDENT. COURT DOCUMENTS ALLEGE THAT SHE PERFORMED A SEX- ACT ON THE TEEN. THE CONTACT HAPPENED OFF SCHOOL GROUNDS -- IN LEELANAU COUNTY -- DURING CHRISTMAS BREAK. THE PRELIMINARY HEARING IS SET FOR FEBRUARY 10-TH -- AT ONE P-M. SHE IS BEING HELD IN JAIL WITHOUT BOND.

January 30, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NEW DETAILS ARE BEING RELEASED TONIGHT -- ON THE DOUBLE MURDER INVESTIGATION -- IN MASON COUNTY. AN AUTOPSY ON BOTH VICTIMS IS COMPLETE -- AND NOW TWO SUSPECTS HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH THE CRIMES. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPOKE WITH INVESTIGATORS -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH THE LATEST.

January 31, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

ANTHONY LANE OF TRAVERSE CITY IS BEHIND BARS TONIGHT -- CHARGED WITH A FELONY COUNT OF WRITING A CHECK TO A CLOSED ACCOUNT. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPOKE WITH INVESTIGATORS AND BUSINESS OWNERS TODAY -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

February 1, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

FOR THE PAST MONTH -- NORTH HORSE RESCUE HAS BEEN NURSING A GROUP OF HORSES FOUND STARVING AT A FIFE LAKE HOME -- BACK TO HEALTH. DANELLE ROUND WAS CHARGED WITH ANIMAL CRUELTY IN THE CASE -- BUT NOW THE HORSES -- MAY END UP BACK AT HER HOME. THAT NEWS -- COMES AS A SHOCK TO THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING TO REHABILITATE THE ANIMALS. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ HAS BEEN WORKING ON THIS STORY ALL DAY -- LAUREN WHY ARE THE HORSES GOING BACK THERE?

February 2, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TENSE MOMENTS THIS MORNING AS MICHIGAN STATE POLICE CHASE A CAR THROUGH DOWNTOWN GAYLORD REACHING SPEEDS OF MORE THAN 90 MILES AN HOUR. THE CHASE HAPPENED AROUND 2-20 THIS MORNING. IT ALL STARTED WITH A BREAKING AND ENTERING THAT HAPPENED JUST A FEW HOURS BEFORE. 7&4'S ANDREW KELLER HAS THE DETAILS ON THIS STORY OF GUNS, CASH AND A CHASE CAUGHT ON TAPE.

February 3, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS "STEPPING UP" ITS EFFORTS -- TO TRACK DOWN PARENTS -- WHO REFUSE TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT. MORE AND MORE PARENTS ARE NOT PAYING THEIR CHILD SUPPORT -- IT'S A PROBLEM ACROSS THE NATION INCLUDING RIGHT HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN. NOW A NEW PROGRAM CALLED "PROJECT SAVE OUR CHILDREN" IS PUTTING NATIONWIDE FACES TO THE NAMES OF DEADBEAT PARENTS. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ TALKED WITH THE AUTHORITIES ABOUT CRACKING DOWN ON THESE TYPES OF CASES.

February 6, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

AFTER MONTHS OF INVESTIGATING -- MICHIGAN STATE POLICE SAY THEY'VE CAUGHT THE LEADERS OF AN ORGANIZED CRIME RING IN WEXFORD COUNTY. INVESTIGATORS SAY JENNIFER SANBORN AND JEREMIAH GROSE REPEATEDLY STOLE EXPENSIVE ITEMS FROM A BIG BOX STORE IN THE AREA -- NOW POLICE ARE TRYING TO CONNECT THEM TO OTHER THEFTS IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPOKE WITH INVESTIGATORS -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH THE LATEST.

February 6, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

LAST SUMMER -- GOVERNOR SNYDER SIGNED HOUSE BILL 45-65. IN SHORT -- IT OUTLAWED CERTAIN CHEMICALS -- FOUND IN BATH SALTS." THESE SUBSTANCES WERE SOLD TO USERS -- SEEKING AN "ECSTASY" OR "COCAINE-LIKE" HIGH. FOR PARENTS -- THE NEW LAW -- MEANT THE NIGHTMARE WAS OVER. NO MORE LATE NIGHT TRIPS TO THE E-R -- TRYING TO SAVE THEIR KIDS -- WHO INGESTED THESE CHEMICALS. BUT NO SO FAST. AS 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL EXPLAINS -- BATH SALTS ARE STILL *LEGALLY BEING SOLD.

February 6, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

WE'VE PUT HIM IN THE WILD, IN THE CLASSROOM - AND THIS TIME, WE TAKE IT TO THE NEXT NOTCH. 7&4'S ANDREW KELLER SUITS UP -- TO TRAIN WITH COAST GUARD AIR STATION TRAVERSE CITY.

February 8, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE'S A DEVICE THAT LINKS YOU TO HELP - WITH A SIMPLE PUSH OF A BUTTON?THE COAST GUARD SAYS IT COULD BE A LIFE SAVER. 7&4'S ANDREW KELLER HAS MORE ON PERSONAL LOCATOR DEVICES.

February 9, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THERE HAVE BEEN THREE BIG BUSTS RECENTLY WITH MEN ACCUSED OF DOWNLOADING CHILD PORN -- TONIGHT, WE HAVE AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT HOW INVESTIGATORS ARE LED TO THE SUSPECTS.LIEUTENANT PATRICK AVERY IS SPECIALIZED IN COMPUTER FORENSICS AND SAYS HIS COMPUTER IS TIPPED OFF WHEN A KNOWN CHILD PORNOGRAPHY PICTURE IS SHARED AND DOWNLOADED.THAT STARTS AN INVESTIGATION -- AND THE SUSPECT COMPUTERS ARE SEIZED AND A DIGITAL COPY OF THE HARD-DRIVE IS MADE.

February 9, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CASES HAVE BEEN IN THE NEWS LATELY -- THREE MAJOR BUSTS OCCURRED WITHIN THE LAST MONTH. TONIGHT, 7&4'S ANDREW KELLER TALKS WITH A COMPUTER FORENSICS OFFICER WHO GIVES US A LOOK AT HOW HE CATCHES THE ILLEGAL ACTS -- AND GIVES A PROMISE THAT IF SOMEBODY IS DOWNLOADING THE PORN, HE'S GOING TO CATCH THEM.

February 10, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TONIGHT POLICE ACROSS THE STATE ARE LOOKING FOR TWO CHILDREN WHOSE FATHER FAILED TO DROP THEM OFF WITH THEIR MOTHER AS PLANNED IN A CUSTODY ARRANGEMENT. THE FAMILY IS FROM LUDINGTON -- AND RIGHT NOW AUTHORITIES THERE ARE WORRIED FOR THE CHILDREN'S SAFETY. 7&4's LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPOKE WITH INVESTIGATORS TODAY -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH THE LATEST.

February 11, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

WE'VE PUT HIM IN THE WILD -- WE'VE PUT HIM IN THE CLASSROOM -- AND THIS TIME -- WE TAKE IT TO THE NEXT NOTCH. 7&4'S ANDREW KELLER SUITS UP -- TO TRAIN WITH COAST GUARD "AIR STATION TRAVERSE CITY."

February 13, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

WILL REDDIE WAS KILLED ON FEBRUARY THIRD AT HIS HOME WHEN A CRAWFORD COUNTY DEPUTY, A GRAYLING CITY OFFICER, AND TWO SOCIAL WORKERS SHOWED UP TO SERVE A CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES ORDER AUTHORITIES SAY REDDIE CAME AT AN OFFICER WITH A POCKET-KNIFE - AND THAT'S WHEN THE DEPUTY FIRED.7&4'S ANDREW KELLER TALKS TO REDDIE'S PARENTS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AND THE SHERIFF - WHO STANDS BEHIND HIS OFFICER.

February 13, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THIS MONTH -- 7&4 NEW'S COVERED A UNIQUE CASE OF SEXUAL ABUSE. A BENZIE COUNTY MAN PLED GUILTY TO FIVE COUNTS OF SECOND DEGREE CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT. BECAUSE OF MICHIGAN'S STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS -- HIS VICTIMS COULD NO LONGER BRING CIVIL ACTION AGAINST HIM. BUT AS 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL EXPLAINS -- THAT COULD ALL CHANGE IF A NEW BILL IS PASSED IN LANSING.

February 13, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE GAYLORD POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL LOSE A ROAD-PATROL OFFICER AND SHARE DUTIES WITH ITS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT THIS SUMMER AS CITY LEADERS WORK TO BATTLE WHAT CONTINUES TO BE A DWINDLING BUDGET.IN AN EFFORT TO CUT MORE THAN 150-THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE POLICE OPERATIONS BUDGET, THE CHANGES WILL GO IN EFFECT THIS JUNE.THE CUT WILL LEAVE EIGHT ROAD OFFICERS TO PATROL STREETS.THIS COULD CAUSE LONGER RESPONSE TIMES ON NON-EMERGENCY CALLS.

February 14, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IT'S A NATIONAL PROGRAM CREDITED WITH THE SAFE RECOVERY OF MORE THAN 920 MISSING CHILDREN OR ELDERLY -- AND NOW POLICE RIGHT HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN ARE JOINING THE HIGH TECH SYSTEM TO HELP WITH LOCAL CASES. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE ON THIS LIFE-SAVING PROGRAM.

February 15, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IN JANUARY -- 7&4 NEWS LEARNED THAT A FIFE LAKE WOMAN IS FACING CRIMINAL NEGLECT CHARGES. SEVEN STARVING HORSES WERE FOUND ON (DUHNELL) DANELLE ROUND'S PROPERTY -- TWO HAD TO BE EUTHANIZED. A MONTH LATER COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE A DIFFERENT COMPLAINT -- THE BODIES HAVE NOT BEEN PROPERLY DISPOSED OF. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL REPORTS..

February 16, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IT'S A PROGRAM ALREADY BEING USED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN TWENTY-TWO COUNTIES ACROSS THE STATE TO HELP FIND ALZHEIMER'S, DEMENTIA, AND AUTISTIC PEOPLE WHEN THEY WANDER OFF. NOW BENZIE COUNTY IS ALSO IMPLEMENTING IT -- THEY HOPE IT WILL SAVE LIVES. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US NOW WITH MORE ON THE PROGRAM. LAUREN.

February 16, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY MAN HAS BEEN ARRESTED AFTER POLICE SAY HE WAS HAVING A SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 13.19-YEAR-OLD ALEXANDER BUCHANAN IS ALREADY A REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER FOR A SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH A CHILD UNDER 13 WHEN HE WAS 17.NOW HE FACES TWO COUNTS OF FIRST DEGREE CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT AND ONE COUNT OF THIRD DEGREE.

February 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A SAULT STE. MARIE MOM WHO LOST HER DAUGHTER IS ON A MISSION -- SHE WANTS TO KEEP INEXPERIENCED DRIVERS SAFE -- AND SHE THINKS THE KEY IS TO KEEP THEM OFF THEIR PHONES.SHE'S TELLING HER STORY TO LAWMAKERS TOMORROW.7&4'S ANDREW KELLER HAS MORE.

February 21, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

BACK TO OUR TOP STORY -- DANELLE ROUND PLEADED GUILTY TO ANIMAL NEGLECT AFTER POLICE FOUND SEVEN MALNOURISHED HORSES ON HER FIFE LAKE PROPERTY. TWO OF THOSE HORSES HAD TO BE PUT DOWN.TODAY -- ROUND AND HER DAUGHTER WERE BACK IN COURT TRYING TO GET THE REST OF THE HORSES BACK. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ WAS AT TODAY'S HEARING -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH DETAILS ON WHAT UNFOLDED.

February 21, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

STATE SENATOR HOWARD WALKER INTRODUCED LEGISLATION TODAY TO THE ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD BAN BEGINNER DRIVERS FROM USING A CELL PHONE BEHIND THE WHEEL. TESTIFYING IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL -- BONNIE RAFFAELE (RAFF-AYE-ELL). 7&4'S ANDREW KELLER WAS IN LANSING -- AND HAS MORE.

February 22, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A WARNING TONIGHT FOR BUSINESS OWNERS IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN -- NIGERIAN CRIMINALS INFAMOUS FOR TEMPTING PEOPLE WITH GET-RICH-QUICK SCHEMES ARE USING A NEW SCAM THAT TARGETS SMALL STORES. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ

SPOKE WITH A VICTIM WHO OWNS A GUITAR SHOP IN DOWNTOWN TRAVERSE CITY-- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

February 22, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A BIZARRE CASE IS REVVING UP IN GAYLORD -- THIEVES STOLE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN CASH AND REMOTE CONTROL RACING VEHICLES FROM A *HOBBY SHOP JUST OUTSIDE OF CITY LIMITS.7&4'S ANDREW KELLER HAS MORE ON THE INVESTIGATION.

February 29, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TONIGHT IN A SPECIAL REPORT -- IT'S SOMETHING YOU NEVER WANT TO EXPERIENCE. BUT WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENS IF YOU GET ARRESTED AND BOOKED IN JAIL? 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ TAKES AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE PROCESS.

March 1, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A MOTORIST'S ALERT HELPED POLICE LAND AN ESCAPED CONVICT BACK IN PRISON.WE HAVE NEW DETAILS TONIGHT ON HOW A PRISONER WALKED OUT OF AN UPPER PENINSULA PRISON -- AND 7&4'S ANDREW KELLER EXPLAINS HOW A MOTORIST'S CALL PLAYED A BIG PART IN THE CAPTURE.

March 1, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IN HIS LATEST BUDGET PROPOSAL - PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS SUGGESTED CUTTING THE MUSKEGON COAST GUARD STATION.THAT WOULD FORCE TRAVERSE CITY TO WIDEN ITS COVERAGE AREA -- AND WORK LOAD. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE ON THE POSSIBLE IMPACT.

March 2, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THIS SEVERE WINTER WEATHER HEADED IN HAS ROAD COMMISSIONS ON HIGH ALERT. ALTHOUGH THEY USUALLY RUN A SMALL CREW ON THE WEEKENDS, MANY AREAS HAVE BEEN WATCHING THE INCOMING SNOW STORM AND HAVE CALLED IN ALL WORKERS TO BEGIN PLOWING TONIGHT.WE SPOKE WITH THE GRAND TRAVERSE AND EMMET COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONS TO FIND OUT WHAT THEIR PLANS ARE FOR TACKLING THE STORM.

March 3, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THESE DANGEROUS CONDITIONS -- ALSO KEPT DISPATCHERS SWAPPED TODAY -- BUSY ANSWERING THE CALL FOR HELP.FROM FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT 3 O'CLOCK -- TO 8 AM THIS MORNING -- GRAND TRAVERSE DISPATCH HAS RESPONDED TO MORE THAN 11-HUNDRED CALLS.OF THOSE CALLS -- 90 PERCENT WERE WEATHER RELATED EMERGENCIES -- THINGS LIKE ACCIDENTS -- DOWN WIRES -- AND VEHICLES STUCK IN THE SNOW."GRAND TRAVERSE DISPATCH" DIRECTOR JAMEL ANDERSON SAYS THIS IS THE BUSIEST HER STAFF HAS BEEN THIS WINTER

March 4, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE DAMAGE HAS CAUSED WIDESPREAD POWER OUTAGES -- AND MANY PEOPLE ARE STILL IN THE DARK TONIGHT. CONSUMERS ENERGY REPORTS MORE THAN 147-THOUSAND CUSTOMERS ACROSS THE STATE HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THE STORM -- AND CREWS HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD TO GET THE ELECTRICITY BACK ON FOR 2 DAYS NOW. RIGHT NOW 51-THOUSAND CUSTOMERS ARE WITHOUT POWER.

March 6, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

CONSUMER'S ENERGY IS REPORTING THAT 76-HUNDRED CUSTOMERS REMAIN WITHOUT POWER TONIGHT. THIS MAP SHOWS A BREAKDOWN OF CONSUMERS CUSTOMERS WITHOUT POWER RIGHT NOW-- COUNTY BY COUNTY. LEELANAU HAS THE MOST WITH 26-HUNDRED PEOPLE STILL IN THE DARK. BENZIE COUNTY HAS 18-HUNDRED OUTAGES WHILE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY HAS 7-HUNDRED AND 90. AT ONE POINT 170-THOUSAND CONSUMERS CUSTOMERS WERE WITHOUT POWER.

March 6, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

NORTHERN MICHIGAN FIRE DEPARTMENTS DEPEND ON EACH OTHER FOR MUTUAL AID -- AND WHEN RESPONDING TO A SCENE BEING ABLE TO COMMUNICATE IS A KEY. 7&4'S ANDREW KELLER HAS MORE ON A LARGE GRANT THAT WILL EQUIP ALMOST 30 FIRE DEPARTMENTS WITH BETTER COMMUNICATION TOOLS.

March 6, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

GOVERNOR SNYDER IS SET TO ANNOUNCE A PLAN HE HOPES WILL MAKE MICHIGAN A SAFER PLACE TO LIVE -- AND ATTRACT NEW FAMILIES. IN A SPEECH TOMORROW MORNING AT THE FLINT CITY HALL -- THE GOVERNOR IS EXPECTED TO TALK ABOUT SPENDING AN ADDITIONAL 15 MILLION DOLLARS TO ENHANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT. THAT PLAN MAY INCLUDE BEEFING UP THE STATE FORENSICS LAB SO CRIMES CAN BE SOLVED MORE QUICKLY -- AND EQUIPPING STATE POLICE WITH BETTER TECHNOLOGY. WE CAUGHT UP WITH THE GOVERNOR LAST WEEK DURING HIS STOP IN TRAVERSE CITY AND ASKED HIM ABOUT THIS PLAN.

March 8, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

BUT TONIGHT THE NUMBER OF THOSE WITHOUT POWER IS GETTING SMALLER...CREWS EXPECT TO HAVE EVEN MORE UP AND RUNNING BY THE END OF THE NIGHT. 7&4'S ANDREW KELLER TALKS TO GREAT LAKES ENERGY ABOUT THE STRUGGLES -- TO GET THERE CUSTOMERS OUT OF THE DARK

March 9, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A FORMER PRINCIPAL AT SAINT MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CHARLEVOIX AGREED TO A PLEA BARGAIN TODAY -- ADMITTING SHE EMBEZZLED FUNDS FROM THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN A THREE-AND-A-HALF YEAR SPAN.7&4'S ANDREW KELLER WAS IN COURT TODAY AND HAS MORE.

March 12, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

AN ANTRIM COUNTY HOME IS DESTROYED BY FIRE --AND A FAMILY OF NINE IS LEFT WITH NOTHING THE FIRE RIPPED THROUGH THE MANCELONA TOWNSHIP HOME EARLY SUNDAY MORNING.7&4'S ANDREW KELLER TALKED WITH THE FAMILY TODAY.

March 13, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IT'S A LINE OF DEFENSE THAT WAS PUT IN PLACE TO PREVENT INMATE ESCAPES AT STATE PRISONS -- BUT NOW THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS HAS DECIDED TO ELIMINATE PERIMETER SECURITY VEHICLE PATROLS TO SAVE MILLIONS. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE ON HOW THE CHANGES WILL IMPACT THE FACILITIES.

March 14, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

MICHIGAN STATE POLICE ARE CALLING IT AN EPIDEMIC...THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE BEING ARRESTED FOR ILLEGALLY TRAFFICKING MARIJUANA HAS DRAMATICALLY INCREASED IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS7&4'S ANDREW KELLER REPORTS TALKED TO TROOPERS TODAY TO SEE WHAT IS BEHIND THE TREND.

March 15, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A REALTOR HAS A WARNING ABOUT OVERSEAS SCAM ARTISTS ACTING LIKE LANDLORDS -- AND TRYING TO RIP OFF POTENTIAL RENTERS.THE SCAMMERS ARE USING REAL HOMES AND REAL ADS -- JUST CHANGING A FEW DETAILS.7&4'S ANDREW KELLER EXPLAINS..

March 16, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A HERO -- THE NEXT TIME A DISASTER HITS? WELL THE AMERICAN RED CROSS IS GIVING YOU THAT CHANCE. DURING THE THE MARCH SNOW STORM OF 2012 -- SEVERAL SHELTER -- LIKE THIS ONE -- WERE OPERATED BY VOLUNTEERS -- TRAINED TO HANDLE EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. NOW THE RED CROSS IS OFFERING COURSES -- HOPING TO TRAIN NEW MEMBERS OF THEIR DISASTER REACTION TEAM.

March 17, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

STARTING MONDAY, THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION WILL BEGIN TESTING A NEW, MORE LAX SCREENING PROCESS FOR TRAVELERS 75 AND OLDER. THE PROGRAM WILL BE TESTED AT AIRPORTS IN PORTLAND, ORLANDO, CHICAGO AND DENVER. TRAVELERS OVER THE AGE OF 75 WILL BE ALLOWED TO KEEP THEIR SHOES AND LIGHT JACKETS ON AND SKIP PAT-DOWNS. INSTEAD, PASSENGERS WILL BE SENT THROUGH METAL DETECTORS OR WALK-THROUGH IMAGING MACHINES. THE TSA SAYS IS PART OF AN EFFORT TO MOVE AWAY FROM ITS ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL SECURITY PROCEDURES AND SPEED LOWER-RISK PASSENGERS THROUGH WHILE FOCUSING ON THOSE WHO MAY NEED MORE SCRUTINY.

March 18, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE WARM TEMPERATURES AND BLAZING SUN DO COME AT A COST...OUR FIRE DANGER IS INCHING HIGHER EVERY DAY WE DON'T GET RAIN. FIREFIGHTERS TELL US THE CONDITIONS ARE DETERIORATING...DRIVING THE RISK OF A WILDFIRE HIGHER.TODAY'S GUSTY WINDS AND HIGHER THAN NORMAL TEMPERATURES ARE DRYING ANY MOISTURE WE MIGHT HAVE IN DEAD GRASS, LEAVES, AND DEBRIS.

March 19, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE CONTINUOUS HIGH TEMPERATURES DO COME WITH THEIR DOWNSIDE - AS FIRE DANGER AROUND THE AREA IS ON THE RISE.GUSTY WINDS, DRY CONDITIONS AND LOW HUMIDITY HAS CREATED PERFECT CONDITIONS FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF A WILDFIRE. OVER THE WEEKEND TEN FIRES WERE REPORTED TO THE U-S FOREST SERVICE INCLUDING ONE THAT BURNED 23 ACRES.DNR OFFICIALS IN CADILLAC WANT TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE'S BEING SAFE TO HELP PREVENT DEVASTATING FIRES.

March 19, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A FORMER TRAVERSE CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER AND VOLLEYBALL COACH IS HEADING TO PRISON FOR SEXUALLY ASSAULTING A STUDENT IN HER CAR. LISA PLACEK {PLACE-IK} PLED GUILTY TO ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO COMMIT SEXUAL PENETRATION LAST MONTH -- AND RESIGNED FROM HER JOBS AT TRAVERSE CITY WEST HIGH SCHOOL.7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ WAS IN COURT THIS MORNING -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH THE LATEST.

March 23, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

AN ALANSON WOMAN IS FACING SEVERAL FELONY CHARGES AFTER POLICE SAY SHE STOLE MORE THAN 124-THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM HER EMPLOYER. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ TALKED WITH INVESTIGATORS -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/DEVELOPMENT

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

Local News

January 1, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IT WAS ONE OF THE "HOTTEST SPOTS" IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN TO RING-IN 20-12 -- THOUSANDS PACKED THE STREETS OF TRAVERSE CITY LAST NIGHT -- TO COUNTDOWN THE "CHERRY T- BALL DROP."THIS IS VIDEO FROM LAST NIGHT -- AS YOU CAN SEE FRONT STREET AND CASS WAS ABSOLUTELY PACKED WITH FOLKS CELEBRATING THE NEW YEAR. FROM A FEW THOUSAND PEOPLE TWO YEARS AGO -- TO MORE THAN 10-THOUSAND LAST YEAR -- THE EVENT HAS QUICKLY GROWN INTO A TRUE NORTHERN MICHIGAN -- HOLIDAY TRADITION. THE FUN STARTED AT 9 -- WITH LIVE ENTERTAINMENT. THE BALL DROP WAS COMPLETELY FREE TO ATTEND --

BUT MANY PEOPLE DONATED MONEY OR NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO LOCAL PANTRIES

January 2, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THOUSANDS FLOCKED TO TRAVERSE CITY SATURDAY NIGHT TO RING IN THE NEW YEAR. IT'S CALLED THE CHERRY-T BALL DROP AND THIS YEAR BROKE RECORDS. ORGANIZERS SAY PARTY GOERS DONATED 15- HUNDRED POUNDS OF FOOD AT THIS YEAR'S BALL DROP... BUT THAT'S NOT ALL... THEY ALSO DONATED MORE THAN NINE -THOUSAND DOLLARS GOODWILL INDUSTRIES SAYS THE MONEY FROM THE BALL DROP WILL PROVIDE MORE THAN 10-THOUSAND POUNDS OF FOOD TO THEIR CLIENTS -- A HUGE HELP DURING A TOUGH SEASON.

January 4, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

7&4 NEWS WANTS TO TAKE A MOMENT -- AND RECOGNIZE A FRIENDLY FACE -- YOU MAY HAVE SEEN ON OUR MORNING SHOW."SENIOR CORRESPONDENT" JOHN ROBSON IS CELEBRATING A BIG BIRTHDAY TODAY.HE TURNED 99-YEARS-OLD.

January 5, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

TONIGHT IS YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE PLANS FOR A NEW DOG PARK IN TRAVERSE CITY. CITY COMMISSIONERS APPROVED A PROPOSAL FOR THE DOG PARK LAST MONTH. THE PARK WILL BE LOCATED ON CITY LAND AT DIVISION AND BAY STREETS.

January 5, 2012

Time: 11:00-11:35 PM

Duration :30

NEW AT 11... AT A TRAVERSE CITY PARKS AND RECREATION MEETING TONIGHT -- CITY OFFICIALS UPDATED WHERE THINGS STAND ON THE NEW DOG PARK PLANS. WE'RE TOLD SO FAR 7-HUNDRED DOLLARS HAS BEEN RAISED TOWARD OPENING THE PARK -- THEY NEED 15-THOUSAND.CITY COMMISSIONERS GAVE APPROVAL FOR THE DOG PARK LAST MONTH TO BE PUT IN AT THE CORNER OF DIVISION AND BAY STREETS -- BUT SAID THE MONEY TO PAY FOR IT HAS TO BE RAISED PRIVATELY.

January 11, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

YOU CAN TAKE YOUR FAMILY TO A FREE INTERACTIVE MUSICAL PERFORMANCE WHERE YOU WON'T HEAR "SHHHHH".THE TRAVERSE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IS PRESENTING A CONCERT CALLED "COMPOSE YOURSELF" DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR YOUNG LISTENERS. MEMBERS OF THE ORCHESTRA WILL FORM AN INTERACTIVE SYMPHONIC GROUP MADE UP OF 15-DIFFERENT INSTRUMENTS.

January 12, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE BODY OF U-S AIR FORCE TECHNICAL SERGEANT MATTHEW SCHWARTZ ARRIVED TODAY AT CHERRY CAPITAL AIRPORT. SCHWARTZ DIED LAST WEEK -- IN A BOMB BLAST IN AFGHANISTAN. THIS MORNING -- COMMUNITY MEMBERS GATHERED TO HONOR HIS LIFE -- AND OFFER SUPPORT TO HIS FAMILY.

January 12, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

BEING ON HER OWN IS NOTHING NEW FOR ONE CRAWFORD COUNTY WOMAN -- HER HUSBAND IS ON HIS SECOND TOUR OF DUTY -- THE FIRST TIME IN IRAQ, THIS TIME, IN AFGHANISTAN.AS ANY MILITARY WIFE WILL TELL YOU, IT DOESN'T GET EASIER.BUT AS 7&4'S ANDREW KELLER EXPLAINS, THE WOMAN YOU ARE ABOUT TO

MEET HAS FOUND A WAY TO SUPPORT HER HUSBAND AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A FAR AWAY COUNTRY.

January 14, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IT WAS AN EMOTIONAL DAY IN TRAVERSE CITY. THIS AFTERNOON -- FAMILY AND FRIENDS SAID GOODBYE TO "U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL SERGEANT" MATTHEW SCHWARTZ. HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE ATTENDED HIS FUNERAL -- AND REFLECTED -- ON THE KIND OF PERSON HE WAS. A DECORATED WAR HERO -- A LOVING HUSBAND -- AND A CARING FATHER.

January 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THANKS TO GENEROUS DONATION -- THE "UNITED WAY OF NORTHWEST MICHIGAN" -- IS PREPARING FOR A YEAR OF POSITIVE COMMUNITY PROJECTS. AT AN EVENT THIS AFTERNOON -- C-E-O OF GRAND TRAVERSE RESORT RICHARD BAILEY PRESENTED A CHECK -- FOR MORE THAN 4 THOUSAND DOLLARS -- TO THE UNITED WAY OF NORTHWEST MICHIGAN.

January 28, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A BRAND NEW EVENT IN TRAVERSE CITY -- IS FIGHTING HUNGER -- ONE *CAN AT A TIME. IT'S THE FIRST EVER "CAN-STRUCTION COMPETITION" -- HOSTED BY THE FATHER FRED FOUNDATION. CAN-STRUCTION IS A NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT SUPPORTS LOCAL CITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY -- BY HOSTING COMPETITIONS TO BUILD GIANT STRUCTURES -- MADE ENTIRELY OUT OF CANNED FOOD.

January 28, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A LOCAL GROUP TOOK-OFF ON A JOURNEY TO THE MIDDLE EAST TODAY -- WHERE THEY WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE FIRST EVER "RUN ACROSS PALESTINE." THE TEAM IS MADE UP OF PEOPLE FROM HIGHER GROUNDS COFFEE -- AND "ON THE GROUND" -- WHICH IS A LOCAL NON-PROFIT. THIS MORNING -- THE TEAM LEADERS MET AT CHERRY CAPITOL AIRPORT IN TRAVERSE CITY -- EXCITED TO BOARD THE PLANE -- AND GET THE TRIP STARTED. ON FEBRUARY 4TH THEY WILL BEGIN THEIR RUN -- TRAVELING FROM ONE FARMING COMMUNITY -- TO ANOTHER.

February 2, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

PARTS OF A SHIP THAT LOCAL HISTORIANS BELIEVE SUNK ABOUT 140-YEARS AGO HAS BEEN FOUND ON A STRETCH OF BEACH ON LAKE MICHIGAN IN THE SLEEPING BEAR DUNES NATIONAL LAKESHORE. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ HIKE THE DUNES TODAY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS NEW DISCOVERY.

February 3, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

THE 18-TH ANNUAL FATHER FRED FROSTBITE FOOD DRIVE KICKED OFF TONIGHT -- AND THIS YEAR YOU CAN HAVE YOUR DONATION DOUBLED! ANONYMOUS DONORS HAVE OFFERED TO MATCH UP TO 100-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN FOOD, PERSONAL CARE ITEMS AND CASH! THIS YEAR FATHER FRED HAS SET A GOAL OF FILLING AT LEAST THREE SEMI TRUCKS. THESE ITEMS WILL FILL PANTRY SHELVES TO HELP FAMILIES IN NEED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

February 11, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

SOME BRAVE VOLUNTEERS -- TEAMED UP WITH LIONS QUARTERBACK DREW STANTON -- FOR TRAVERSE CITY'S ICE COLD POLAR PLUNGE. STANTON -- ALONG WITH HUNDREDS OF BRAVE PLUNGERS -- JUMPED INTO THE CHILLY WATERS -- AT THE GRAND TRAVERSE RESORT TODAY. DRESSED IN SOME WACKY COSTUMES -- THESE FOLKS WERE ALL ABOUT LETTING LOOSE -- AND HAVING FUN -- TO SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE.

February 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

IT'S A NEW RECORD! THIS YEAR'S FROSTBITE FOOD DRIVE BROUGHT IN MORE DONATIONS THAN EVER BEFORE. THE FATHER FRED FOUNDATION DIRECTOR SAYS THE FEBRUARY CAMPAIGN FILLED CLOSE TO THREE SEMI TRUCKS WITH FOOD -- THAT WILL STOCK THE SHELVES AT THE FOUNDATION'S PANTRY. THE FOUNDATION ALSO MET A MATCH CHALLENGE OF ONE-HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS OF CASH AND FOOD DONATIONS. THE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE FRESH FOOD AND SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS TO ROUND OUT THE PANTRY.

March 9, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

SEVERAL LOCAL BUSINESSES ARE TEAMING UP TO HELP COLLECT FOOD FOR FAMILIES IN NEED. IT'S THE KAMP-OUT FOR KAIR FOOD DRIVE. RIGHT NOW -- BILL MARSH AUTO, NORTHLAND FOODS AND GLEN'S MARKETS IN KALKASKA ARE JOINING FORCES TO COLLECT DONATIONS FOR THE KALKASKA AREA INTERFAITH RESOURCE COUNCIL. 7&4 STORM TEAM CHIEF METEOROLOGIST MARK WATKINS IS THERE -- MARK HOW ARE THINGS GOING SO FAR -- AND HOW CAN PEOPLE HELP OUT?

March 16, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

VETERANS FROM THE WAR ON TERROR NOW HAVE AN "UP-NORTH" GET-AWAY -- FREE TO STAY, AND NO STRINGS ATTACHED.THE RETREAT IN PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY BECAME A REALITY AFTER THE PARENTS OF A SOLDIER WANTED THEIR SON'S LEGACY TO LIVE ON.7&4'S ANDREW KELLER REPORTS.

March 19, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

A WEXFORD COUNTY NON- PROFIT IS OPENING A NEW RESTAURANT TO PROVIDE A GOOD PLACE TO EAT AND SOME SPECIAL JOBS.THE AFTER-26 PROJECT WILL SOON BE OPENING THE DOORS OF A RESTAURANT IN CADILLAC CALLED THE AFTER 26 DEPOT CAFÉ & UNIQUE GIFTS.THE EATERY WILL EMPLOY 30 SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS IN WEXFORD, MISSAUKEE AND OSCEOLA COUNTIES. ORGANIZERS SAY IT'S AN IMPORTANT PROJECT BECAUSE IN MICHIGAN, AFTER 26 YEARS OF AGE, SPECIAL NEEDS INDIVIDUALS CAN NO LONGER ATTEND PUBLIC SCHOOL LEAVING THEIR OPTIONS LIMITED.

March 20, 2012

Time: 6:00-6:30 PM

Duration :30

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IN WEXFORD COUNTY IS CELEBRATING TWO AND A HALF DECADES OF BUILDING HOMES FOR THOSE IN NEED.TODAY PEOPLE GATHERED AT THE CADILLAC HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RESTORE TO CELEBRATE THEIR 25-TH ANNIVERSARY.LEADERS, VOLUNTEERS AND HABITAT HOMEOWNERS MET TO RECOGNIZE ALL THE EFFORTS THEY HAVE MADE TO GET LOW INCOME FAMILIES INTO AFFORDABLE HOMES. OFFICIALS SAY IT'S GREAT TO SEE ALL THE PEOPLE TOGETHER WHO WORKED TO MAKE HABITAT A SUCCESS.