

**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

July 1, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

HOLIDAY TRAVELERS THIS WEEK SHOULD BE PAYING A LESS AT THE PUMP..GAS PRICES ARE MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION DRIVERS IN TRAVERSE CITY WERE PAYING AROUND 3.21 A GALLON. THAT'S ACTUALLY BELOW TRIPLE A'S NATIONAL AVERAGE OF 3.38 TO PUT THAT IN CONTEXT, THAT'S DOWN 67 CENTS A GALLON FROM THE YEAR'S HIGH WHICH HAPPENED IN APRIL.

July 2, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

ANOTHER THING THAT'S GOING TO IMPACT YOUR TRAVELS -- GAS PRICES TOOK A BIG JUMP TODAY. IN TRAVERSE CITY THIS MORNING -- GAS WAS SETTLED RIGHT AROUND 3-19 A GALLON -- BY MIDDAY IT HAD CLIMBED TO MORE THAN 3-50 A GALLON -- A 30-CENT HIKE!IN HIGGINS LAKE ONE VIEWER TELLS US PRICES JUMPED TO 3-69.

July 2, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

HOT DOG STANDS, PALM READERS, AND OTHER BOOTHS MAY HAVE TO START PAYING MORE MONEY TO SET UP SHOP IN DOWNTOWN TRAVERSE CITY. TONIGHT CITY COMMISSIONERS ARE EXPECTED TO VOTE ON A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO INCREASE THE FEE FROM 50-DOLLARS A DAY TO 100-DOLLARS A DAYS.

July 2, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

AN UPDATE TONIGHT -- NORTHERN MICHIGAN FARMERS HIT HARD THIS WINTER AND SPRING ARE NOW ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL DISASTER RELIEF DOLLARS.THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ISSUED A DISASTER DECLARATION FOR 72 OF OUR COUNTIES DUE TO EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS.FRUIT FARMERS WERE HIT HARD AFTER EXTREME WARM WEATHER WAS FOLLOWED BY A COLD SPELL AND DAMAGING FROST.

July 3, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

WITH THE FOURTH IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WEEK THIS YEAR -- LOCAL BUSINESSES EXPECTED TO SEE LESS OUT-OF-TOWNERS STOPPING IN -- BUT THIS IS NOT THE CASE ACCORDING TO THE TRAVERSE CITY VISITOR'S BUREAU -- MORE PEOPLE ARE TAKING TRIPS TO THE BAY FOR THE HOLIDAY THIS YEAR THE BUREAU SAYS SINCE MOST PEOPLE ARE OFF FOR THE FOURTH -- THE WEDNESDAY CELEBRATION ALLOWED FOR PEOPLE TO TAKE A LONG WEEKEND.THE MID-DAY HOLIDAY IS ALSO GIVING THE CHERRY FESTIVAL A BOOST AS WELL-- THE BUREAU SAYS THEY EXPECT MORE PEOPLE TO TAKE THE WEEKEND AND HEAD TO THE FESTIVAL -- WHICH STARTS THIS SATURDAY.

July 3, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

FOR HOMEOWNERS IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN HAVING A VIEW OF THE WATER IS NOT ONLY A BIG DRAW -- BUT IT ADDS VALUE TO THE HOME. NOW IMAGE ONE DAY YOUR VIEW IS GONE! THAT'S JUST WHAT HAPPENED TO A MANISTEE COUNTY FAMILY. THEIR NEIGHBORS REBUILT THEIR BEACH HOUSE -- BLOCKING THEIR VIEW. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ WAS THERE -- AND SPOKE WITH BOTH SIDES OF THE CONTROVERSY. SHE JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH THE DETAILS.

July 4, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO LIVE -- AND WANT TO RENT -- YOU MIGHT HAVE NOTICED TWO THINGS. IT'S EXPENSIVE. AND THERE IS NOT A LOT OUT THERE. IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT -- 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL SPOKE TO THE EXPERTS ABOUT THE RENTING MARKET HERE IN NORTH-WEST MICHIGAN.

July 6, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

LOCAL MICRO-BREWERIES HAVE BECOME A POPULAR DESTINATION IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN. IN FACT -- TWO NEW MICRO-BREWERIES WILL BE OPENING UP THIS SUMMER IN PETOSKEY. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS TOURED THEM TODAY -- AND SHOWS US HOW THE INCREASED POPULARITY IN LOCAL CRAFT BEER MADE THEM POSSIBLE.

July 7, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IT'S THE OLDEST -- BIGGEST CELEBRATION IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN -- AND AFTER 86 YEARS -- IT'S STILL THE CHAMPION. I'M TALKING ABOUT THE NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL IN TRAVERSE CITY. THE SIGNATURE EVENT KICKED OFF TODAY -- AND WILL DRAW CROWDS OF MORE THAN 500-THOUSAND PEOPLE FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY. "DAY ONE" OF THE EIGHT-DAY EXTRANAGANZA -- STARTED OFF WITH A TASTY PANCAKE BREAKFAST.

July 10, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE TRAVERSE CITY LIGHT AND POWER BOARD IS MEETING RIGHT NOW -- TO VOTE ON WHETHER OR NOT TO MOVE FORWARD ON PLANS -- FOR LOCAL SOLAR GENERATION. 7&4'S KATE FOX SPOKE WITH BOARD MEMBERS BEFORE THE MEETING TONIGHT -- AND HAS MORE ON THE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT ON THE TABLE -- AND WHAT IT WOULD MEAN FOR T-C-L-P CUSTOMERS.

July 11, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT -- A BAZAAR STRETCH OF COLD SPRING WEATHER AND OVERNIGHT FROST -- DEVASTATED NORTHERN MICHIGAN'S CHERRY ORCHARDS. ON A TWIST OF FATE -- JULY HAS BROUGHT RECORD HEAT TO NORTHERN MICHIGAN. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL SHOWS US HOW THAT'S HELPING AREA VINEYARDS -- AND WHY WINE MAKERS ARE PREPARING TO BOTTLE SOME OF THEIR BEST WINE EVER.

July 12, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IF YOU ARE A CONSUMERS ENERGY CUSTOMER -- THERE'S A NEW WAY YOU CAN SAVE SOME CASH. THE POWER PROVIDER IS OFFERING ITS CUSTOMERS A 50-DOLLAR INCENTIVE TO RECYCLE OLD INEFFICIENT REFRIGERATORS AND FREEZERS. THE CONSUMERS APPLIANCE RECYCLING PROGRAM IS GOING ON THROUGH AUGUST. THEY SAY SWAPPING OUT AN OLD APPLIANCE COULD CUT YOUR ENERGY BILL BY AS MUCH AS 150-DOLLARS A YEAR! CONTACT CONSUMERS TO LEARN MORE.

July 16, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IT IS AN IMPORTANT WEEK FOR THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN WINE INDUSTRY. EXPERTS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND WORLD ARE IN LEELANAU COUNTY GETTING THEIR FIRST TASTE OF OUR LOCAL WINES.7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ MET UP WITH THEM TODAY AND JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

July 16, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

AFTER A LONG WEEK OF EVENTS AND TOURISM -- TONIGHT WE'RE GETTING A LOOK AT JUST HOW MUCH MONEY THE NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL BROUGHT IN THIS YEAR. THE OFFICIAL NUMBERS WON'T BE OUT UNTIL SEPTEMBER -- BUT CHERRY FESTIVAL OFFICIALS SAY THEY EXPECT ATTENDANCE AND SALES TO BE UP FROM LAST YEAR.ORGANIZERS SAY THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT IS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT 26 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY, INCLUDING 450 JOBS.

July 17, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THIS DRY, HOT WEATHER IS HAVING A MAJOR IMPACT ON THE STATE'S SECOND LARGEST INDUSTRY -- AGRICULTURE.RIGHT NOW WE'RE SEEING ONE OF THE WORST DROUGHTS IN OVER 50 YEARS AND IT'S BURNING UP MUCH OF THE STATE'S CROPS. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPENT THE DAY WITH FARMERS -- AND EXPLAINS HOW THIS IMPACTS YOUR FAMILY.

July 17, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IT'S BEING CALLED A "BIG WIN" FOR SEVERAL BUSINESS RIGHT HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN. A BILL HAS BEEN SIGNED INTO LAW THAT WILL ALLOW TRUCKS TO CARRY MORE GOODS FROM PLANTS TO STORE SHELVES.7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

July 17, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

DOZENS OF JOB SEEKERS MADE THEIR WAY TO PETOSKEY TODAY -- FOR A MASS HIRING EVENT BEING PUT ON BY A MAJOR RETAILER. MARSHALL'S PLANS TO HIRE MORE THAN 50 PART TIME SALES ASSOCIATES AND 6 FULL TIME MANAGEMENT POSITIONS FOR ITS NEW STORE ON ANDERSON ROAD IN THE BEAR CREEK PLAZA. THE RETAILER TEAMED UP WITH MICHIGAN WORKS TO TAKE APPLICATIONS THROUGH FRIDAY -- AND TODAY MORE THAN 90 PEOPLE SHOWED UP.

July 17, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL MEET TONIGHT TO TALK ABOUT THE FUNDING OF HICKORY HILLS SKI AREA. THE SKI AREA IS CURRENTLY PAID FOR UNDER TRAVERSE CITY'S GENERAL FUND BUDGET -- BUT SOME CITY LEADERS WANT TO SHIFT THAT COST TO THE JOINT TRAVERSE CITY - GARFIELD TOWNSHIP RECREATIONAL AUTHORITY.

July 20, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

AFTER 20 YEARS, A VISION TO PAVE A 15-MILE TRAIL CONNECTING TRAVERSE CITY TO SUTTONS BAY IS NOW A REALITY.THE LEELANAU TRAIL BETWEEN LAKEVIEW HILLS AND REVOLD ROAD IS NOW COMPLETELY PAVED THIS MORNING IN SUTTONS BAY THERE WAS A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY TO CELEBRATE THE PAVING OF THE TART TRAIL AS WELL AS A BICYCLE RIDE.

July 24, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

RIGHT NOW THERE ARE ABOUT 200-THOUSAND JOB OPENINGS NATIONWIDE FOR SEMI-TRUCK DRIVERS.COMPANIES SAY THEY CAN'T FIND ENOUGH PEOPLE WHO WANT TO FILL THOSE JOBS. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPOKE WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES SEEING THE SAME TREND -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

July 24, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

VISITING BOATERS FROM THE CHICAGO TO MACKINAC RACE ARE GIVING A BOOST TO MACKINAC ISLAND'S ECONOMY.EVERY HOTEL ROOM ON THE ISLAND IS OCCUPIED AND HORSES ARE GETTING THEIR WORKOUT WITH VISITORS HOPPING ON THEIR CARRIAGES AT EVERY STOP. NEARLY 350 BOATS MAKE THE TRIP THAT STARTS OUT IN CHICAGO. AND MOST OF THE SAILORS STICK AROUND AFTER THE RACE TO ENJOY THE COMMUNITY AND PARTAKE IN VARIOUS EVENTS.THE NUMBER OF BOATERS THIS YEAR HAS INCREASED.

July 25, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

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BIG BLOW FOR A SMALL OSCEOLA COUNTY COMMUNITY -- ONE OF IT'S LARGEST EMPLOYERS IS LAYING OFF DOZENS OF WORKERS. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ HAS BEEN WORKING ON THIS STORY ALL DAY -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

August 1, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

WE HAVE A STORY TONIGHT ABOUT A NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMPANY WHICH IS IN A VERY UNUSUAL BUSINESS. IT IS ALSO GROWING AT A RAPID PACE -- ADDING JOBS -- AND WINNING AWARDS. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPENT THE DAY WITH THE COMPANY'S PRESIDENT AND JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE ON THEIR SUCCESS.

August 3, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IF YOU WERE FILLING UP YOUR GAS TANK TODAY YOU WERE PROBABLY SHOCKED TO SEE A DRAMATIC HIKE IN PRICES.THIS STATION IN TRAVERSE CITY HAD UNLEADED GAS FOR 3 DOLLARS AND 95 CENTS.PRICES IN NORTHERN MICHGIAN ARE CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN THE REST OF THE COUNTRY.

August 5, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

MOVIE LOVERS FROM NEAR AND FAR TRAVELED TO TRAVERSE CITY THIS WEEK FOR THE FILM FESTIVAL. AND AN *INCREASE IN VISITORS -- MEANT HUGE REVENUES FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES. NO VACANCY -- THAT WAS THE STORY FOR MANY HOTELS IN THE AREA THIS PAST WEEK. RON ROBINSON OVERSEES OPERATIONS AT THE CAMBRIA SUITES -- BEST WESTERN AND COMFORT INN LOCATIONS IN TRAVERSE CITY. HE SAYS -- OF THE HOTELS COMBINED 200 ROOMS -- 100 PERCENT WERE BOOKED ENTERING THE FILM FESTIVAL WEEK.

August 7, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH A MILLION DOLLARS?THAT'S WHAT AT LEAST ONE PERSON IS GOING TO HAVE TO FIGURE OUT SOON. A MILLION DOLLAR LOTTERY

TICKET FROM THIS WEEKEND'S POWERBALL DRAWING WAS PRINTED AT A PETOSKEY GAS STATION...AND SO FAR NO ONE HAS CLAIMED THE MONEY.7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS HAS THE STORY.

August 8, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

WE ALL KNOW THE DRY CONDITIONS THIS SUMMER HAVE HAD A HUGE IMPACT ON CROPS AND FRUIT FARMERS -- BUT NOW WE'RE LEARNING THAT ANOTHER INDUSTRY IS SUFFERING. AREA CHRISTMAS TREE FARMS SAY THEY'RE AFRAID THAT HUNDREDS OF THE YOUNG TREES THEY PLANTED THIS YEAR WILL BE DEAD IF THE DRY CONDITIONS CONTINUE. AT THIS TREE FARM IN ANTRIM COUNTY -- FARMERS HAVE PUT IN EXTRA TIME TO MAKE SURE THEIR TREES ARE SURVIVING THEY SAY THAT MANY OF THE OLDER ONES WILL BE FINE BECAUSE THEY HAVE MATURED AND CAN TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES -- BUT THE YOUNG TREES AREN'T DOING VERY WELL.

August 8, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE ANNUAL CENTER FOR AUTOMOTIVE RESEARCH CONFERENCE IS GOING ON THIS WEEK AT THE GRAND TRAVERSE RESORT. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ WAS THERE THIS MORNING -- AND JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE...

August 13, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

APPLE PRICES WILL LIKELY DOUBLE AFTER MICHIGAN FARMERS LOST 90 PERCENT OF THEIR CROP THIS YEAR.IN MARCH -- EARLY WARM WEATHER FOLLOWED BY FROSTS DEVASTATED MOST OF THE APPLE TREES DOWN STATE.7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS JOINS US LIVE FROM LEELANAU COUNTY WITH HOW LOCAL CROPS ARE DOING -- NATHAN?

August 14, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

YOU MAY BE PAYING MORE TO HAVE AN EVENT IN A TRAVERSE CITY PARK. A COMMITTEE MET TODAY TO DISCUSS A POSSIBLE FEE HIKE -- THE GROUP'S DECISION WILL EVENTUALLY GO TO THE FULL CITY COMMISSION FOR A VOTE. RESIDENTS WOULD PAY 15-DOLLARS TO USE CITY PARKS FOR EVENTS LIKE RACES, WEDDINGS OR REUNIONS -- WHERE SET-UP IS REQUIRED -- NON-RESIDENTS WOULD PAY 25-DOLLARS.

August 15, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE THOUSAND FOOT SHIP IS STILL BLOCKING CHANNELS NEAR NEEBISH ISLAND. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS WAS IN CHIPPEWA COUNTY TODAY TO SEE HOW CREWS ARE WORKING TO MOVE THIS GIANT VESSEL.

August 17, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

CONGRESS PASSES AGRICULTURE LEGISLATION EVERY FIVE YEARS KNOWN AS THE FARM BILL. IT SETS NATIONAL FARMING, NUTRITION, AND CONSERVATION POLICIES.BUT THIS YEAR -- MAJOR REFORM TO THE PROPOSED BILL IS SLOWING DOWN THE PROCESS AND THAT HAS NORTHERN MICHIGAN FARMERS CONCERNED. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ'S SPOKE WITH SOME OF THEM THIS AFTERNOON AND JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH THE LATEST.

August 20, 2012

11:00-11:35pm

Time :30

TONIGHT -- WE'RE GETTING A DETAILED UPDATE ON OUR REGION'S CURRENT ECONOMIC STATE -- AND A FORECAST FOR WHAT TO EXPECT FOR THE FUTURE. 7&4'S KATE FOX MET WITH THE TOP EXECUTIVES AT THE BANK OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN -- AND JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

August 20, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

NEW AT 6 -- A NATIONAL GROCERY STORE CHAIN KNOWN FOR HAVING INEXPENSIVE FOOD IS COMING TO TRAVERSE CITY. ALDI IS GOING TO BE OPENING A STORE NEAR THE HOME DEPOT OFF OF SOUTH AIRPORT. THE STORE WILL BE PUT INTO THE EMPTY SPACE THAT USED TO BE THE CIRCUIT CITY. A HIRING EVENT IS BEING HELD IN SEPTEMBER TO FILL ABOUT 20 POSITIONS AT THE STORE.

August 21, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE RIGHT HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN WILL HAVE TWO MILLION DOLLARS RETURNED TO THEM THIS FALL. AT CHERRY-LAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, MEMBERS ARE THE OWNERS -- AND EXCESS PROFITS ARE RETURNED EACH YEAR. WITH EXTRA MONEY ON HAND THIS YEAR -- CHERRY-LAND CUSTOMERS CAN EXPECT A CREDIT ON THEIR BILL - OR A CHECK IN THE MAIL IN OCTOBER. THE TWO MILLION DOLLAR AMOUNT IS UP MORE THAN 500-THOUSAND DOLLARS COMPARED TO LAST YEAR'S PAYOUTS. MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO GET UP TO THIRTY DOLLARS BACK.

August 21, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IT'S AN ORGANIZATION THAT HELPS OTHERS IN NEED, BUT TONIGHT IT NEEDS THE HELP. THE SALVATION ARMY IN TRAVERSE CITY IS EXPERIENCING A SEVERE SHORTAGE OF FOOD DONATIONS THIS SUMMER. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

August 22, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

AS OF TODAY -- 95 PERCENT OF PEOPLE IN CHARLEVOIX COUNTY HAVE ACCESS TO BROADBAND INTERNET. THAT HAS STATEWIDE GROUPS USING THE COUNTY AS A MODEL FOR OTHER COMMUNITIES TO FOLLOW -- WHEN IT COMES TO PROVIDING INTERNET ACCESS. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS SHOWS US HOW BEING THE MOST CONNECTED COUNTY IN AMERICA HAS HELPED IT GROW.

August 22, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

MICHIGAN'S AGRICULTURE BUSINESSES ARE HIRING -- BUT INDUSTRY LEADERS SAY FINDING THE RIGHT PEOPLE TO FILL THOSE JOBS -- IS A CHALLENGE. AGRICULTURE GENERATES MORE THAN 91-BILLION-DOLLARS A YEAR FOR MICHIGAN'S ECONOMY -- SO WHY IS THERE A SHORTAGE OF WORKERS? 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL HAS THE ANSWER -- IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT.

August 23, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

NEW HOMEOWNERS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS TO LEARN THE BASICS OF HOME OWNERSHIP. THE NORTHWEST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY IN PETOSKEY IS OFFERING FREE WORKSHOPS TO ANYONE WHO WANTS TO BE EDUCATED ABOUT BUYING A HOME THEY WILL TEACH YOU THE PROCESS OF BUYING, HOW TO FINANCE, AND HOW TO PERFORM BASIC

MAINTENANCE FOR A HOME.IT'S ALL SO YOU CAN WALK AWAY A RESPONSIBLE HOMEOWNER.

August 23, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A NEW BIG BOX CLOTHING STORE HAD OPENING UP IN PETOSKEY -- BRINGING DOZENS OF NEW JOBS TO THE AREA. MARSHALLS OPENED ITS DOORS THIS MORNING AT ITS NEW BEAR CREEK PLAZA LOCATION. THE STORE HAS HIRED MORE THAN 50 PART TIME SALES ASSOCIATES AND 6 FULL TIME MANAGEMENT POSITIONS -- WELCOME JOBS TO A COUNTY WITH AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AROUND 10-PERCENT.

August 24, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

NEW AT 6 -- A DOWNTOWN TRAVERSE CITY BAR THAT SOLD ALL MICHIGAN WINE, BEER AND LIQUORS IS SHUTTING DOWN. UNCORKED -- THE BAR THAT OPERATED INSIDE OF CHERRY STOP ON FRONT STREET IS CLOSED. THE OWNERS TELL 7&4 NEWS THAT THEY DECIDED THEY NEED TO RE-FOCUS THEIR ENERGIES ON CHERRY STOP -- AND SPEND MORE TIME WITH FAMILY.

August 24, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE STATE THEATRE IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED -- CANCELLING SEVERAL MOVIE SHOWINGS.A THEATRE SPOKESWOMAN SAYS THE DIGITAL PROJECTOR HAS GONE DOWN AND IS IN NEED OF MAJOR REPAIRS THAT CANNOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL TOMORROW. ALL OF TODAY'S SHOWINGS WERE CANCELLED -- AS WELL AS THE KIDS MATINEE TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

August 26, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A REMINDER FOR ALL YOU "BOOK WORMS" OUT THERE -- THE WOODMERE LIBRARY IN TRAVERSE CITY IS NOW CLOSED -- FOR LOBBY RE-CONSTRUCTION. THE WORK WILL LAST UNTIL SEPTEMBER 3RD -- AND IS FOCUSED ON INCREASING THE LIBRARY'S "SELF-SERVICE" CAPABILITIES. THE RENOVATIONS INCLUDE AN UPDATED WELCOME DESK AND 4 EXPRESS "DO IT YOURSELF" CHECK-OUT STATIONS.

August 27, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

12 DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES IN CHARLEVOIX SENT A PETITION TO CITY COUNCIL TODAY HOPING TO STOP CONSTRUCTIONEARLIER TODAY THEY LOOKED TO RALLY MORE COMMUNITY SUPPORT BY GATHERING ADDITIONAL SIGNATURES IN AN EFFORT TO PRESERVE THE VIEW OF THE HARBOR THAT THEY FEEL IS BEING THREATENED. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS HAS THE STORY.

August 27, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

FOR A VERY FEW LUCKY HUNTERS, ELK SEASON HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN STARTS TOMORROW AND FOR MANY OF THOSE WHO WERE DRAWN TOOK TAKE PART -- TODAY WAS FULL OF LAST MINUTE PREPARATIONS. AT THE NORTHLANDS SPORTSMAN CLUB IN GAYLORD -- THE ONE HUNDRED HUNTERS THAT WERE GRANTED EARLY PERMISSION FOR ELK SEASON HAD TO REGISTER AND SIT THROUGH AN EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION. 200 TOTAL LICENSES WERE GRANTED THIS SEASON OUT OF THE THOUSANDS OF HUNTERS WHO ENTERED THE LOTTERY. THE GOAL OF THE HUNT IT TO KEEP THE HERD AT HEALTHY LEVELS FOR THE UPCOMING WINTER. THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES HELD THE EVENT TO MAKE SURE THAT HUNTERS ARE PREPARED AND ARE TAKING THE RIGHT STEPS IN THEIR HUNTING TRIPS.

August 27, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A LOCAL SKI RESORT IS HONORING A YOUNG MAN BY OPENING A NEW TOW ROPE. THE CONSTRUCTION FOR TUCKERS TOW WILL BEGIN TONIGHT ON MOUNT HOLIDAY -- WITH A GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY. THE BYL FAMILY WANTED TO HONOR THEIR SON TUCKER BY HAVING A TOW ROPE BUILT IN HIS NAME.

August 28, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

WITH THE STORM QUICKLY APPROACHING THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE U-S -- MICHIGAN ATTORNEY GENERAL BILL SCHUETTE REMINDED FOLKS THAT GAS GOUGING IS ILLEGAL -- HE RELEASED A STATEMENT TODAY SAYING: "AS LABOR DAY WEEKEND NEARS, TROPICAL STORM ISAAC, COMBINED WITH OTHER FACTORS, WILL LIKELY RESULT IN HIGHER PRICES AT THE PUMP... THESE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE NOT A FREE PASS FOR PRICE GOUGING.

August 28, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A DRY SUMMER IN SOME PARTS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN HAS DRAMATICLY IMPACTED THE LOCAL HAY CROP -- FARMERS ARE NOW EXPECTING THIS TO AFFECT THE COST OF DAIRY PRODUCTS STARTING THIS WINTER.7&4's NATHAN EDWARDS IS LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE ON THIS STORY.

August 28, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A PROPOSAL TO LET MICHIGAN RESIDENTS VOTE ON EIGHT NEW CASINOS FAILED TO WIN A NOVEMBER BALLOT SPOT.THE PROPOSAL TO BLOCK CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BRIDGE TO CANADA ALSO FAILED TO MAKE THE BALLOT. THE STATE BOARD OF CANVASSERS HELD A SEPARATE VOTE ON MONDAY TO APPROVE PLACING THE ITEMS BEFORE VOTERS ON NOVEMBER SIXTH -- BUT TO GET THE ISSUES ON THE BALLOT -- AT LEAST ONE OF THE "YES" VOTES ON EACH PROPOSAL NEEDED TO BE DEMOCRAT AND REPUBLICAN. BOTH "YES" VOTES WERE BY DEMOCRATS ON THE FOUR-MEMBER BOARD.

August 28, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

CREWS WERE WORKING HARD ON THE BOARDMAN RIVER TODAY -- REMOVING PARTS OF THE BROWN BRIDGE DAMN. REMOVING THE DAM WILL RESTORE 1-POINT-5 MILES OF RIVERFRONT, WETLANDS AND WILDLIFE HABITAT. THE FIRST PART OF THE PROJECT COSTS ALMOST THREE MILLION DOLLARS -- A LARGE PERCENT OF THE FUNDING IS COMING FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THE SABIN AND BOARDMAN DAMS WILL ALSO EVENTUALLY NEED TO BE REMOVED THE 2-POINT-9 MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETE BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

August 29, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

AS WE SAY GOODBYE TO SUMMER -- AND HELLO TO FALL -- FISHERMEN ARE GEARING UP AND GETTING READY TO HOOK A TROPHY SALMON. BUT WHAT ARE THE EXPERTS SAYING ABOUT THE 20-12 RUN?AND WHAT RULES DO YOU NEED TO KEEP IN MIND?7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL HAS THE ANSWERS IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT.

August 29, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

AN OSCEOLA COUNTY COMMUNITY IS DEALING WITH A NEW ROUND OF JOB CUTS FROM ONE OF ITS LARGEST EMPLOYERS AND MORE CUTS MAY BE ON THE WAY. DEAN FOODS ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK THAT AN ADDITIONAL 54 EMPLOYEES WOULD BE LOSING THEIR JOBS FROM THE LIBERTY DAIRY PLANT IN EVART. THE NEW LAYOFFS ARE IN ADDITION TO THE 43 JOBS CUT EARLIER THIS MONTH.

August 29, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

TONIGHT WE'RE TAKING A LOOK AT WHAT'S BEHIND THIS LATEST JUMP IN PRICES AT THE PUMP. PRICES AROUND NORTHERN MICHIGAN JUMPED FROM ABOUT 3-95 A GALLON TO AS MUCH AS 4-10 YESTERDAY. WE SPOKE WITH A SENIOR PETROLEUM ANALYST AT GAS BUDDY DOT COM TO GET A CLEARER LOOK AT WHAT'S DRIVING UP THE PRICES. HE SAYS THAT ON MONDAY WHOLE SALE PRICES ROSE 32 CENTS A GALLON, WHICH IS THE LARGEST SINGLE DAY INCREASE IN MORE THAN A YEAR. THERE'S ALSO PROBLEMS IN THE GULF.

August 29, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A LOCAL WINERY IS EXPANDING ITS OPERATION BY OPENING UP A NEW LOCATION NEAR PETOSKEY. THE MACKINAW TRAIL WINERY BROKE GROUND TODAY ON A BRAND NEW 28 ACRE LOCATION JUST OFF OF STATE ROUTE 131 IN BEAR CREEK TOWNSHIP. THIS NEW LOCATION WILL INCLUDE 15 ACRES OF VINEYARDS AND 5 ACRES OF FRUIT TREES TO BE PLANTED NEXT SPRING. THERE WILL ALSO BE A BRAND NEW TASTING ROOM AND AN AREA FOR FAMILY PICNICS. THE OWNERS CHOSE PETOSKEY BECAUSE OF THE GROWING LOCAL WINE INDUSTRY.

August 29, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IN TRAVERSE CITY -- THE BAY-FRONT AREA WILL SOON BE GETTING A NEW LOOK. THE CLINCH PARK REVITALIZATION PROJECT WILL FINALLY GET UNDERWAY NEXT WEEK. IT'S A PROJECT THAT'S BEEN IN THE WORKS FOR YEARS. NEXT TUESDAY -- HALLMARK CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PROJECT. THAT INCLUDES THE INTERACTIVE WATER-SCAPE, NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, TUNNEL IMPROVEMENTS, A SMALL BOAT LAUNCH, A TERRACED LAWN WITH STONE SITTING WALLS, RE-ROUTING THE TART TRAIL AND OTHER WORK. THE ENTIRE PROJECT -- INCLUDING THE NEW BATH-HOUSE AND CONCESSION BUILDING IS EXPECTED TO BE DONE BY MAY 24-TH.

August 30, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE HAS DECLARED THE ENTIRE STATE OF MICHIGAN A NATURAL DISASTER AREA. THE ANNOUNCEMENT CAME YESTERDAY WHEN ALL 83 COUNTIES WERE UPGRADED DUE TO LOSSES CAUSED BY THE DROUGHT AND EXCESSIVE HEAT THAT BEGAN IN MARCH. IT'S GOOD NEWS FOR LOCAL FARMERS WHO MAY HAVE LOST CORN OR OTHER CROPS. THEY ARE NOW ELIGIBLE FOR EMERGENCY LOANS FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S FARM SERVICE AGENCY.

August 30, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THERE IS FEDERAL MONEY ON THE WAY TO FIX TWO PROBLEM BEACHES IN CHIPPEWA COUNTY. AS 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS TELLS US AN ECOLI PROBLEM OVER THE SUMMER FORCED THE OFFICIALS TO CLOSE THE POPULAR BEACHES DOWN MULTIPLE TIMES. .

August 31, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THIS LABOR DAY WEEKEND NEARLY EVERYONE WILL BE ENJOYING THEIR FINAL DAYS OF SUMMER. TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WILL WRAP UP THE WEEKEND BY WALKING ACROSS THE MACKINAC BRIDGE. MONDAY MORNING WALKERS WILL START THE 55-TH ANNUAL BRIDGE WALK IN ST. IGNACE. THEY WILL WALK 5 MILES OVER THE STRAITS OF MACKINAC -- TO MACKINAW CITY. THE ROMNEY CAMPAIGN SAYS SOME OF THE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE'S FAMILY COULD BE THERE. GOVERNOR RICK SNYDER *WILL BE THERE LEADING A CROWD OF WHAT'S EXPECTED TO BE MORE THAN 40 THOUSAND PEOPLE ACROSS THE BRIDGE.

September 3, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

FOR MANY -- LABOR DAY IS THE FINAL HOORAH OF THE SUMMER. BUSINESSES OWNERS REPORTED GREAT SALES OVER THE WEEKEND -- MANY TRUMPING THE SALES THEY HAD A YEAR AGO. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ TAKES A LOOK AT HOW THE WARM SUMMER HAS HELPED THEIR BOTTOM LINE.

September 3, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

BUSINESS IS ALSO BOOMING IN MACKINAW CITY DOWNTOWN SHOPS HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE IN FOOT-TRAFFIC THIS ENTIRE SUMMER.MANY STORE OWNERS SAY THE PURE MICHIGAN CAMPAIGN REALLY HELPED TO ATTRACT THOUSANDS OF NEW VISITORS TO THE AREA. AT TYSEN'S GIFT SHOP -- THE OWNER SAYS THAT LOCAL TOURISM IS UP AND VISITORS ARE MORE WILLING TO SPEND MONEY -- COMPARED TO LAST SUMMER.

September 3, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

ACME TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS ARE ASKING FOR *YOUR IDEAS -- TO IMPROVE THE SHORELINE.BACK IN JUNE -- THERE WAS A "COMMUNITY VISION SESSION" -- WHICH ALLOWED RESIDENTS TO COME TOGETHER AND SHARE THEIR INPUT ABOUT HOW TO IMPROVE THE SHORE ALONG THE US-31.NOW NEIGHBORS ARE BEING ASKED TO COME BACK FOR A "COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE" TO LOOK AT THE PROGRESS OF THE PLAN.

September 3, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE BAY-FRONT AREA IN TRAVERSE CITY IS GETTING ABOUT TO GET A BIG MAKEOVER!THE "CLINCH PARK" PROJECT IS SET TO START THIS WEEK! IT'S BEEN IN THE WORKS FOR YEARS -- AND HALLMARK CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN THE FIRST PHASE TOMORROW MORNING.THAT INCLUDES THE INTERACTIVE WATER-SCAPE -- NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT -- TUNNEL IMPROVEMENTS -- A SMALL BOAT LAUNCH -- A LAWN WITH STONE-WALLS -- RE-ROUTING THE TART TRAIL AND OTHER WORK. THE ENTIRE PROJECT -- INCLUDING THE NEW BATH-HOUSE AND CONCESSION BUILDING IS EXPECTED TO BE DONE BY MAY 24-TH.

September 4, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

AS THE SUMMER COMES TO AN END -- A NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITY SAYS IT WAS A GREAT SEASON FOR BUSINESS. OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS -- 9 NEW BUSINESSES OPENED THEIR DOORS IN BOYNE CITY. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS SHOWS US WHAT'S HELPING FUEL THE TREND.

September 4, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

AFTER YEARS OF TALKS -- WORK IS FINALLY UNDERWAY TONIGHT ON THE NEW BAY-FRONT PROJECT AT CLINCH PARK IN TRAVERSE CITY. CREWS PUT UP FENCING TO BLOCK OFF THE CONSTRUCTION AREA -- AND MARKED TREES. HALLMARK CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN HIRED TO BUILD AN INTERACTIVE WATER-SCAPE -- INSTALL NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT -- MAKE TUNNEL IMPROVEMENTS -- PUT IN A SMALL BOAT LAUNCH -- A LAWN WITH STONE-WALLS -- RE-ROUTE THE TART TRAIL AND MORE. THE MAYOR SAYS THE PROJECT IS A LONG TIME COMING.

September 4, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A FIERY DEBATE ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BAYSIDE FIREPLACE CONTINUES IN CHARLEVOIX.WORK ON THE FIREPLACE ALONG BRIDGE STREET ON THE EDGE OF EAST PARK IS ALREADY IN MOTION -- BUT MANY ARE UNHAPPY ABOUT IT. SOME WANTING IT STOPPED -- OTHERS WANTING IT SHORTENED BY 3 FEET. DOZENS PILED IN FOR A CITY COUNCIL MEETING TONIGHT -- TO SHARE THEIR TWO-CENTS.7&4'S KATE FOX WAS AT THE MEETING -- AND JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

September 5, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE TRAVERSE CITY DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND A LOCAL RESTAURANT ARE TRYING TO WORK OUT A DEAL TO CREATE A BETTER PARKING SITUATION FOR CUSTOMERS. THE NEWS COMES AFTER THE D-D-A MADE CHANGES TO A NEARBY LOT THAT NOW PREVENT CUSTOMERS FROM PARKING THERE. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE ON THE ISSUE.

September 5, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

NEW AT 6 -- PEOPLE IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY'S ACME TOWNSHIP ARE GETTING A LOOK AT THE VISION FOR THE NEW SHORE-LINE CORRIDOR A PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE IS BEING HELD RIGHT NOW FOR THE ACME SHORELINE PROJECT. THE ENGINEERING FIRM HIRED TO DRAW UP PLANS -- BECKET AND RAEDER -- IS SHOWING OFF ITS CONCEPT DESIGNS FOR THE PROJECT -- AND TAKING COMMUNITY INPUT RIGHT NOW AT THE WILLIAMSBURG DINNER THEATER.

September 5, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

HUNDREDS OF BABY BOOMERS AND SENIOR CITIZENS FILLED THE OTSEGO SPORTS PLEX TODAY FOR THE 2-012 SENIOR EXPO. 70 VENDORS ARE SET UP TO EDUCATE SENIORS ABOUT THE SERVICES AND PRODUCTS AVAILABLE TO THEM IN THE REGION. THERE ARE ALSO EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS SET UP TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE CAN PLAN EFFECTIVELY FOR THEIR FUTURE. THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S EVENT IS CHOOSE YOUR PATH FOR LIVING, AND ORGANIZERS HOPE THAT VISITORS CAN SEE THE WIDE ARRAY OF CHOICES IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

September 5, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

FALL CAN BE THE PERFECT TIME TO SAVE ON A CARIBBEAN GET-AWAY -- BUT IT CAN ALSO BE A GAMBLE. HURRICANE SEASON DOESN'T END UNTIL THE START OF NOVEMBER. AND IF YOU DON'T HAVE TRAVEL INSURANCE -- YOU CAN END UP SPENDING THOUSANDS ON A VACATION -- YOU DON'T EVEN GET TO ENJOY. IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT -- 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL FOUND WAYS YOU CAN PROTECT YOURSELF -- AND YOUR WALLET.

September 6, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A DISPUTE THAT'S BEEN GOING ON SINCE THE 19-80S MAY FINALLY BE COMING TO AN END. NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS, A DECISION NEEDS TO BE MADE REGARDING THE FUTURE OF THE CASS ROAD BRIDGE.

September 6, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

GOOD NEWS FOR WINE LOVERS -- 2 LADS WINERY IN OLD MISSION SAYS THIS SEASON'S HARVEST MAY BE THEIR BEST YET. 2007 WAS A GREAT YEAR FOR THE WINE INDUSTRY -- AND THE OWNER AT TWO LADS SAYS THIS YEAR'S HARVEST WILL MATCH THAT YEAR'S CROP -- IF NOT BEAT IT. TODAY WORKERS AT THE VINEYARD HAND-PICKED TEN TONS OF GRAPES FOR THEIR SPARKLING PINOT GRIGIO. WINE-MAKERS SAY THIS YEAR'S WARM WEATHER HELPED PRODUCE GOOD FRUIT.

September 7, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FELL IN AUGUST -- BUT A BIG PART OF THE REASON IS BECAUSE MORE PEOPLE STOPPED LOOKING FOR WORK. THE JOBLESS RATE IS NOW 8-POINT-1 PERCENT -- DOWN 2-TENTHS OF A POINT FROM JULY. U-S EMPLOYERS ADDED 96-THOUSAND JOBS LAST MONTH -- WELL BELOW THE 2011 AVERAGE OF 153-THOUSAND NEW JOBS A MONTH. HOURLY PAY ALSO FELL BECAUSE MANUFACTURERS CUT THE MOST JOBS IN TWO YEARS AND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE WORK FORCE DROPPED TO ITS LOWEST LEVEL IN 31 YEARS.

September 7, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THIS SUMMER HAS BEEN A CHALLENGING ONE FOR LOCAL FARMERS.NOW THEY ARE PREPARING TO MEET WITH LEGISLATORS TO DISCUSS SOME OF THE ISSUES FACING THEIR INDUSTRY.LAW MAKERS AND FARMERS WILL MEET AT THE VISION OF VICTORY RANCH IN OTSEGO COUNTY FOR THE ANNUAL NORTHERN MICHIGAN AGRICULTURE DAY.

September 8, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A SUE SAINT MARIE MANUFACTURING COMPANY CELEBRATED THE OPENING OF A NEW LOCATION IN BOYNE CITY TODAY.DOZENS GATHERED THIS MORNING FOR A SPECIAL RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY IN BOYNE CITY'S BUSINESS PARK. THIS IS THE SECOND LOCATION FOR "PRECISION EDGE" -- WHICH IS A MEDICAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURING COMPANY.THE NEW LOCATION COST 5 POINT 8 MILLION DOLLARS TO BUILD. IT CURRENTLY HAS 27 NEW EMPLOYEES WORKING THERE -- AND IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS -- THE COMPANY HOPES TO ADD 200 MORE WORKERS.

September 10, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

PAST BUDGET CUTS HAVE LEFT THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT IN A DIFFICULT SITUATION -- UNABLE TO PROPERLY SERVE THE NEED IN THE AREA. NOW -- SEVERAL GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE WORKING TOWARD A SOLUTION. THEY'RE LOOKING TO ADD ADDITIONAL STAFF -- BUT TO DO SO -- THEY MUST FIND THE PROPER FUNDING.7&4'S KATE FOX MET WITH COMMISSIONERS TODAY -- AND HAS MORE ON ISSUE.

September 11, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE WEATHER HAS BEEN JUST ABOUT PERFECT FOR PUMPKIN FARMERS. AS THE LEAVES ARE SLOWLY CHANGING COLORS, THIS YEAR'S PUMPKINS ARE READY FOR HARVEST.7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS FOUND OUT WHY THIS YEAR'S CROP IS ONE OF THE STRONGEST IN YEARS.

September 12, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A COUNTY AUDITOR ESTIMATES THE OVER-PAYMENTS TOTAL MORE THAN 100-THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE MONEY WAS OVERPAID BY FORMER DIRECTOR ROSIE STEFFENS -- WHO REIMBURSED 14-HOUSEKEEPERS MORE MONEY THAN THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE FOR MILEAGE WHEN THEY HAD TO DRIVE PLACES. THE WORKERS INVOLVED WILL NOW HAVE TO RESUBMIT TAX FORMS FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS. THE COUNTY WILL PAY 15-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN ADDITIONAL TAXES.STEFFENS RETIRED LAST MONTH - NO CRIMINAL CHARGES WILL BE FILED AGAINST HER.

September 12, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE FIERY DEBATE OVER A COMMUNITY FIREPLACE WILL CONTINUE TONIGHT IN CHARLEVOIX.A LARGE CROWD IS EXPECTED AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING WHERE

THEY WILL DISCUSS THE PROJECT.7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS GIVES US A LOOK AT WHAT'S AHEAD TONIGHT.

September 12, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IT'S THE LARGEST DAM REMOVAL PROJECT IN THE HISTORY OF OUR STATE. THE BROWN BRIDGE, SABIN AND BOARDMAN DAMS -- ALL SET TO BE TORN DOWN. MANY FEEL THIS PROJECT WILL STRENGTHEN THE LOCAL ECOSYSTEM -- BUT OTHERS WORRY THE DAM REMOVAL WILL ALLOW NEW SPECIES TO ENTER THE RIVER SYSTEM. WHAT IMPACT COULD THESE NEW SPECIES HAVE -- AND CAN ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING? 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNEL HAS MORE IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT.

September 13, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

GET READY TO PAY A LOT MORE THIS YEAR FOR A FAVORITE FALL DRINK. THE COST OF APPLE CIDER IS EXPECTED TO TAKE A HUGE JUMP BECAUSE OF A BAD YEAR FOR CERTAIN APPLES. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS HAS MORE ON THE 2012 JUICE SHORTAGE.

September 14, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE STATE APPEALS COURT SAYS MANISTEE COUNTY CAN BE SUED OVER THE CONDITION OF A GRAVEL ROAD NEAR COPEMISH THAT CONTRIBUTED TO A TEENAGE GIRL'S DEATH. IN 2010 -- 17-YEAR-OLD DEBRA HAGERTY-KRAEMER SMASHED HER CAR INTO A TREE AND DIED AFTER SHE WAS APPARENTLY BLINDED BY DUST THAT WAS STIRRED UP BY A PASSING VEHICLE ON LITZEN ROAD. MANISTEE COUNTY OFFICIALS SAY THE COUNTY SHOULD BE IMMUNE TO THE LAWSUIT BECAUSE ROAD DUST IS NOT A ROAD DEFECT. BUT THE APPEALS COURT DISAGREED -- SAYING THE DUST MADE THE ROAD UNSAFE.THIS IS A CASE ROAD COMMISSIONS AROUND THE STATE ARE FOLLOWING CLOSELY -- BECAUSE IT COULD IMPACT THE WAY THEY MAINTAIN THEIR GRAVEL ROADS. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS EXPLAINS.

September 14, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

WATCHING THE DETROIT RED WINGS TRAIN AT CENTER ICE IN TRAVERSE CITY IS A YEARLY TRADITION FOR MANY FAMILIES AND HOCKEY FANS ACROSS THE STATE. BUT WITH THE N-H-L LOCKOUT LOOMING -- IT COULD COST FANS THEIR FUN -- AND LOCAL BUSINESSES BIG MONEY. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE ON THE IMPACT THIS LOCKOUT COULD HAVE ON THE AREA.

September 14, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

LEGISLATORS AND FARMERS ARE MEETING TOMORROW IN OTSEGO COUNTY TO TALK ABOUT MARKET ACCESS, REGULATIONS AND GROWING THE WORK-FORCE.IT'S THE ANNUAL NORTHERN MICHIGAN AGRICULTURE DAY.THE GROUPS WILL MEET AT THE VISION OF VICTORY RANCH -- HOPING TO HELP BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE FARMING INDUSTRY.THEY WILL ALSO TALK ABOUT THE RECENT DROUGHT AND THE LONG TERM EFFECTS OF THIS SUMMER'S WEATHER. COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE ALSO INVITED TO COME TO THE RANCH FROM 1-30 TO 5 TO EXPERIENCE LIFE ON A FARM.

September 17, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

YOU COULD GET A JOB AND HELP OTHERS. A LOCAL CHARITY IS HOSTING A JOB FAIR JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON.THE SALVATION ARMY IN GAYLORD NEEDS TO FILL 30 POSITIONS FOR ITS NEW FAMILY THRIFT STORE. THOSE HIRED WILL HELP SET UP THE STORE LOCATED ON OTSEGO AVENUE IN GAYLORD. IT WILL BE PART-TIME WORK FOR ABOUT A MONTH -- BUT THERE IS A CHANCE TO GET HIRED ON LONG TERM.

September 19, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

TRAVERSE CITY PLANNERS ARE LOOKING AT A NEW OPTION FOR LOW COST HOUSING IN THE CITY. AT A MEETING TONIGHT -- THE CITY WILL TALK ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF ALLOWING ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS -- ALSO KNOWN AS "GRANNY FLATS".THESE ARE SMALL HOMES BUILT ON A LOT WITH AN EXISTING HOUSE.THOSE HOMES CAN THEN BE RENTED OUT -- PROVIDING LOW COST HOUSING FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES -- AND ADDITIONAL INCOME FOR THE HOMEOWNERS. CITY PLANNERS SAY IT'S AN IDEA THAT NEEDS TO BE DISCUSSED -- CONSIDERING THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY.

September 19, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IT'S A GROWING TREND -- IPADS FINDING THEIR WAY INTO THE CLASSROOM. ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN SCHOOL DISTRICT IS THE FIRST IN THE STATE TO PUT AN IPAD INTO THE HAND OF EVERY SINGLE STUDENT.7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS SHOWS US HOW THEY ARE USING THEM TO IMPROVE THE CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE.

September 20, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

AN EMMET COUNTY TOWN IS SECURING LAST MINUTE MONEY TO RESTORE A PARK THAT HAS ONE OF MICHIGAN'S MOST MEMORABLE VIEWS.7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS TELLS US HOW THE CITY'S EFFORTS ARE CRUCIAL TO OVERCOMING A FINAL OBSTACLE

September 20, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

SOME BAD NEWS FOR LOCAL FARMERS -- CONGRESS HAS DELAYED A VOTE ON A NEW FARM BILL THAT COULD HAVE PROVIDED RELIEF DURING TOUGH YEARS LIKE THIS ONE. A NEW BILL WILL SET POLICY FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. REFORMS TALKED ABOUT INCLUDE ELIMINATING SUBSIDIES THAT HAVE ACTUALLY PAID FARMERS FOR THINGS THEY DON'T GROW ANYMORE. INSTEAD MONEY WOULD BE SPENT ON CROP INSURANCE TO HELP FARMERS WHEN THEY SUFFER A LOSS LIKE WE'VE SEEN THIS YEAR OF CHERRIES AND CORN. BUT NOW -- THIS BILL HAS BECOME HUNG UP IN THE HOUSE.

September 21, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

LOCAL EMPLOYERS ARE LOOKING TO FILL HUNDREDS OF SEASONAL JOBS BEFORE THE BUSY WINTER-AND THEY ARE STARTING TO LOOK NOW. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS TAKES A LOOK AT THE SEASON'S JOB OUTLOOK AND WHERE YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND WORK..

September 21, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IT'S THE LAST DAY OF SUMMER -- AND THE FALL TEMPERATURES ARE ALREADY HERE.IN THE MONTHS TO COME -- KEEPING YOUR HOME AND FAMILY WARM BECOMES MORE OF CHALLENGE. 7&4'S BROY O'CONNELL TALKED WITH EXPERTS AT ACE

HARDWARE -- TO GET SOME TIPS ON HOW YOU CAN KEEP COMFORTABLE THIS WINTER.

September 25, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE ODAWA TRIBE IS LOOKING TO OF ITS CASINO IN MACKINAW CITY. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS EXPLAINS HOW THIS ADDITION COULD PROVIDE THE REGION WITH AN ECONOMIC BOOST.

September 25, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IF YOU LIKE NORTHERN MICHIGAN RED WINES -- SOME GREAT NEWS FOR YOU TONIGHT. VINEYARDS SAY THE HOT DRY SUMMER HAS LED TO A BANNER SEASON FOR THEIR RED GRAPES. 7&4 NEWS VISITED BLACK STAR FARMS VINEYARD THIS AFTERNOON -- WHERE CREWS ARE BUSY ON WEEK 2 OF HARVESTING. RIGHT NOW THEY'VE ALREADY PICKED TWO EARLY VARIETIES OF HYBRID RED GRAPES -- AND TODAY -- THEY STARTED THEIR "PINOT NOIR" GRAPE HARVEST.

September 27, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

HAGERTY INSURANCE HAS EXPANDED ITS OPERATION IN TRAVERSE CITY. THE COMPANY HAD A GRAND OPENING CEREMONY TODAY AT THEIR NEW BUILDING ON LAKE STREET. C-E-O MCKEEL HAGERTY SAYS THE EXPANSION WAS BUILT TO HELP MEET THE NEEDS OF THE GROWING COMPANY -- AND HE HOPES IT WILL KEEP GROWING.HAGERTY EMPLOYS 5-HUNDRED PEOPLE WORLDWIDE AND 450 IN DOWNTOWN TRAVERSE CITY.

September 27, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IT'S NO SURPRISE THAT IT'S BEEN A BANNER WINE SEASON FOR THE REGION...THAT'S WHY 7&4 NEWS TODAY HAS BEEN FEATURING AREA WINERIES IN ITS SUMMER WINE TOUR THIS MORNING 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH AND PHOTO-JOURNALIST BOB RHODES, VISITED GOOD HARBOR WINERY WHERE THE SIMPSON FAMILY WAS HARD AT WORK AND AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

September 28, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

ONE NIGHT EACH FALL -- THE FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS SHINE A LITTLE BRIGHTER ON TRAVERSE CITY. THE TRAVERSE CITY WEST TITANS AND TRAVERSE CITY CENTRAL TROJANS BATTLE IT OUT ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD. AND WHILE THERE'S NO DOUBT THE GAME IS WHAT EVERYONE'S PUMPED UP FOR -- THERE ARE SEVERAL SPECIAL THINGS GOING ON OFF THE FIELD AS WELL. 7&4'S HARRISON BEEBY IS LIVE AT THIRLBY FIELD.

PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

HEALTH

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

Local News

July 2, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

NEW AT 6 -- IF YOU'RE FAMILY IS GOING TO BE SPENDING TIME OUTSIDE THIS SUMMER - THE GRAND TRAVERSE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS A WARNING FOR YOU -- PUT ON SOME BUG SPRAY. HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY WEST NILE VIRUS HAS BEEN DETECTED IN MICHIGAN AGAIN THIS SUMMER. SO FAR THERE HAVE BEEN NO HUMAN CASES -- BUT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAYS THEY EXPECT TO SEE CASES SOON. WEST NILE IS A SERIOUS INFECTION OF THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM THAT CAUSES SYMPTOMS RANGING FROM FLU-LIKE ILLNESS TO DELIRIUM, COMA AND EVEN DEATH. THE BEST WAY TO AVOID GETTING IT -- AVOID MOSQUITO BITES.

July 5, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

TODAY'S HOT TEMPERATURES FORCED MANY OF US TO LOOK FOR WAYS TO COOL OFF. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US NOW WITH HOW EVERYONE IS BEATING THE HEAT.

July 10, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

WE'RE TAKING A CLOSE LOOK AT THE NORTH FLIGHT BIKE MEDICS WHO PROVIDE RAPID RESPONSES DURING AN EMERGENCY.WITH LARGER CROWDS IN THE AREA DURING THE SUMMER SEASON, THE BIKE MEDICS ARE ABLE TO GET THROUGH MUCH FASTER THAN AMBULANCES AT SOME TIMES.THE PROGRAM STARTED 15 YEARS AGO AND INCLUDES A TEN MEMBER TEAM WITH TWO PEOPLE ALWAYS ON A SHIFT DURING THE BIG SUMMER EVENTS.THEIR MAIN FOCUS IS ALWAYS BEING AT THE SCENE AS SOON AS AN EMERGENCY CALLS

July 24, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

SEVERAL NORTHERN MICHIGAN HOSPITALS ARE ELIMINATING THEIR O-B MATERNITY UNITS -- AND THAT MEANS MORE PEOPLE ARE TURNING TO THE NEO-NATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT AT MUNSON MEDICAL CENTER.MUNSON IS THE ONLY HOSPITAL NORTH OF GRAND RAPIDS THAT HAS THE N-I-C-U AND WITHIN THE PAST TWO YEARS, THE HOSPITAL HAS HIRED FOUR NEO-NATAL NURSE PRACTITIONERS. THEY WORK HAND IN HAND WITH TWO PHYSICIANS TO PROVIDE A HIGHER LEVEL OF CARE FOR N-I-C-U PATIENTS.

July 26, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THERE WILL SOON BE A NEW OPTION FOR NORTHERN MICHIGAN VETERANS IN NEED OF QUALITY HEALTH CARE SERVICES. A NEW V-A OUTPATIENT CLINIC IS SET TO OPEN IN GRAYLING THIS OCTOBER. IT WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE, MENTAL HEALTH CARE, AND SPECIALTY CARE THROUGH TELE-HEALTH TECHNOLOGY.

July 27, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD IS MOVING ITS SERVICE CENTER TO DOWNTOWN TRAVERSE CITY.THE NEW OFFICES WILL MOVE FROM THEIR CURRENT LOCATION ON GARFIELD TO STATE STREET DOWNTOWN.THEY ARE EXPECTED TO BE UP AND RUNNING IN EARLY OCTOBER BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MICHIGAN VICE PRESIDENT JEFF CONNOLLY SAID THE MOVE WILL HELP THE COMPANY MEET FUTURE BUSINESS NEEDS.

July 28, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

DOZENS OF CANCER SURVIVORS SPENT 24 STRAIGHT HOURS THIS WEEKEND -- WALKING.WALKING -- TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR BATTLE TO CANCER -- AND TO CELEBRATE THE SURVIVORS WHO HAVE BEATEN THE ODDS. ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY-- COMMUNITIES WERE TAKING PART IN "RELAY FOR LIFE" WALKS THIS WEEKEND. AND THIS YEAR -- NEARLY 18 TEAMS -- AND MORE THAN 100 SUPPORTERS CAME OUT TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY INSTALLMENT OF THE WALK -- WHICH WAS HELD ON THE TRACKS OF SUTTONS BAY HIGHSCHOOL.

August 2, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

CANCER PATIENTS IN THE OSCEOLA COUNTY AREA WILL SOON BE ABLE TO GET ALL THE CARE THEY NEED UNDER ONE ROOF. SPECTRUM HEALTH IN REED CITY IS GOING TO BE ADDING A MAJOR EXPANSION. THE HOSPITAL ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT IT WILL BREAK GROUND THIS FALL ON A NEW CANCER CENTER.

THE SUSAN P. WHEATLAKE REGIONAL CANCER CENTER WILL COST 8-POINT-9 MILLION DOLLARS.

August 6, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

WHILE WE HAVEN'T HEARD MUCH ABOUT THE SWINE FLU THIS SUMMER -- HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY IT'S SHOWING UP AGAIN -- AND THERE SEEMS TO BE A COMMON LINK -- FAIRS. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPOKE WITH THE C-D-C TO LEARN MORE -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH THE LATEST.

August 11, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE SECOND ANNUAL "HEART CHASE" EVENT KICKED OFF IN TRAVERSE CITY THIS MORNING -- AND IT WAS ALL ABOUT A LITTLE FRIENDLY COMPETITION AND SUPPORTING A GREAT CAUSE. THE EVENT -- WHICH IS SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION -- IS BEST DESCRIBED AS "THE AMAZING RACE" MEETS "MINUTE -- TO WIN IT."

August 15, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THERE WAS A CROWD OUT ON THE LAWN IN FRONT OF THE MUNSON MEDICAL CENTER TODAY FOR THE WELLNESS FAIR. THE FOLKS AT MUNSON WANTED THEIR STAFF TO SEE HOW TO GET WELL AND STAY WELL.THEY HAD EVERYTHING FROM YOGA, ZUMBA AND PILATES -- TO NUTRITION, REHABILITATION SERVICES AND TIPS ON GROWING YOUR OWN FOOD. THE DAY WAS FULL OF DEMONSTRATIONS FROM OTHER MUNSON STAFF MEMBERS, THE Y-M-C-A, YEN YOGA AND MANY MORE.

August 15, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

PEOPLE WERE HOPING TO GET HIRED IN PETOSKEY AT THE HEALTHCARE CAREER AND JOB FAIR.MORE THAN 12 LOCAL COMPANIES WERE THERE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR MORE THAN 40 OPEN POSITIONS IN THE FIELD.POSITIONS INCLUDED RADIOLOGY TECHNICIANS, LAB ASSISTANTS, PHARMACY TECHS, REGISTERED NURSES AND MANY MORE.

August 19, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A LOCAL DENTIST IS PREPARING TO TAKE A BITE OUT OF YOUR TROUBLED TEETH -- FREE OF COST! NEXT WEEK IS THE ANNUAL THE "DENTISTRY FROM THE HEART

EVENT" -- PUT ON BY BEACON DENTAL IN CHARLEVOIX.THIS IS VIDEO FROM THE FIRST EVENT IN DECEMBER OF 20-11 -- WHERE MORE THAN 28-THOUSAND DOLLARS OF FREE DENTAL CARE WAS PROVIDED TO THE LESS FORTUNATE. NEXT FRIDAY - - IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN DOCTOR MICHAEL SULLIVAN AND HIS TEAM WILL PROVIDE MORE THAN 50 ADULT PATIENTS WITH FREE CARE -- EVERYTHING FROM EXTRACTIONS AND FILLINGS -- TO SIMPLE CLEANINGS.

August 20, 2012

5:00-6:00pm

Time :30

LOCAL GOLFERS WERE GIVING BACK TODAY -- PLAYING 9-HOLES TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER. "RALLY FOR A CAUSE" WAS HELD TODAY AT ELMBROOK GOLF COURSE IN TRAVERSE CITY.FOR 50-DOLLARS PARTICIPANTS PLAYED A SCRAMBLE TOURNAMENT. THE MONEY RAISED SUPPORTING LOCAL WOMEN WITH CANCER THROUGH THE MUNSON WOMEN'S CANCER FUND.

August 21, 2012

5:00-6:00pm

Time :30

IN YOUR HEALTH MATTERS TONIGHT: FOR SOME PEOPLE, HAVING WEIGHT LOSS SURGERY CAN LITERALLY ADD YEARS TO THEIR LIFE.7&4'S MELISSA SMITH AND PHOTO-JOURNALIST BOB RHODES INTRODUCE US TO ONE TRAVERSE CITY WOMAN WHO HAD BARIATRIC SURGERY AND SAYS IT CHANGED HER LIFE AND WELL-BEING FOR THE BETTER

August 22, 2012

11:00-11:35pm

Time :30

THE LATEST NUMBERS ON WEST NILE DISEASE HAVE BEEN RELEASED -- AND INDICATE THIS COULD BE THE WORST YEAR ON RECORD. STATES FROM CALIFORNIA TO MICHIGAN TO THE CAROLINAS HAVE REPORTED CASES... WITH TEXAS HIT HARDEST. ERIKA EDWARDS HAS THE LATEST.

August 23, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

MICHIGAN IS AMONG THE NATION'S TOP 10 STATES WITH REPORTED CASES OF THE DEADLY VIRUS. SO -- WHAT ARE HEALTH OFFICIALS IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN DOING TO HELP KEEP US SAFE?7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS FOUND OUT HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THE VIRUS.

August 24, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

MORE THAN 70 PEOPLE RECEIVED FREE DENTAL WORK TODAY AT A CHARLEVOIX DENTAL OFFICE.VOLUNTEERS FROM BEACON DENTAL WORKED ON SMILES ALL DAY LONG FOR THEIR DENTISTRY FROM THE HEART PROGRAM.PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER NORTHERN MICHIGAN WAITED FOR THEIR CHANCE AT FREE DENTAL WORK -- SOME PEOPLE EVEN SHOWED UP LAST NIGHT -- CAMPING OUT TO BE IN THE FRONT OF THE LINE. THIS MORNING THEY WERE ABLE TO GET A CLEANING, EXTRACTION OR FILLING AT NO COST.AN OPPORTUNITY THAT BEACON DENTAL SAYS IS HARD TO RESIST IN THESE TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES.

August 24, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

ANOTHER DEADLY CASE OF THE WEST NILE VIRUS HAS BEEN REPORTED HERE IN MICHIGAN. MICHIGAN OFFICIALS HAVE NOW CONFIRMED THREE DEATHS FROM THE WEST NILE VIRUS ALONG WITH NEARLY 50 OTHER CASES ACROSS THE STATE. EARLIER THIS MONTH AN ELDERLY WOMAN DIED IN WASHTENAW COUNTY. JUST A FEW DAYS AGO -- AN 84-YEAR-OLD MAN DIED NEAR DETROIT -- AND NOW A THIRD PERSON IS REPORTED DEAD AS WELL.

August 24, 2012

11:00-11:35pm

Time :30

A MARQUETTE MAN HAS BEEN DOING HIS PART TO HELP SAVE LIVES FOR A LONG TIME. FORTY-NINE-YEAR-OLD MARK JOHNSON HAS BEEN DONATING BLOOD AND PLATELETS TO THE U-P REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER. TODAY JOHNSON GAVE HIS 600TH DONATION! HE DONATES AS OFTEN AS HE CAN EACH YEAR WHICH ADDS UP TO SIX BLOOD DONATIONS AND 24 PLATELET DONATIONS A YEAR. NO ONE HAS GIVEN MORE AT THE BLOOD CENTER. HIS NEXT DONATION IS IN TWO WEEKS.

August 27, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

SICK AND STRAPPED FOR CASH -- SOME PATIENTS CAN'T AFFORD TO TRAVEL AND GET THE MEDICAL TREATMENT THEY NEED. IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT -- 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL TAKES A LOOK AT A PROGRAM THAT'S MAKING A DIFFERENCE -- FLYING PATIENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY FOR FREE -- AND SAVING LIVES.

August 29, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A LOCAL HOSPITAL IS OFFERING A NEW APPROACH TO GRIEF SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY LOST A LOVED ONE. MUNSON HOSPICE IS OFFERING BOTH IN-PERSON AND ONLINE GRIEF SUPPORT FOR ADULTS. ALL SERVICES ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND FREE OF CHARGE. STAFF MEMBERS ARE FULLY LICENSED, REGISTERED AND CERTIFIED THERAPISTS. THERE IS A SUPPORT GROUP ON TUESDAY MORNINGS AT 10 AT THE TRAVERSE CITY SENIOR CENTER. ANOTHER GROUP MEETS THURSDAY'S AT 11 AT FRIENDS CHURCH. TO LEARN MORE --CONTACT MUNSON HOSPICE

August 30, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

MICHIGAN HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY THE STATE IS EXPERIENCING AN EPIDEMIC OF WEST NILE VIRUS ACTIVITY. THE NEWS COMES AS A 5-TH PERSON IN MICHIGAN HAS DIED FROM THE VIRUS. THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CONFIRMED TODAY THAT AN 87-YEAR-OLD WOMAN FROM KENT COUNTY IS THE LATEST TO SUCCUMB TO THE DISEASE. THERE HAVE BEEN 87 HUMAN CASES OF WEST NILE THIS YEAR IN THE STATE -- MOST IN THE GRAND RAPIDS AND DETROIT AREAS.

August 31, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO CANOE OR KAYAK -- BUT ARE LIMITED BY PHYSICAL HEALTH ISSUES -- THERE'S A NEW DEVICE THAT COULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE. AT BEULAH BEACH IN BENZIE COUNTY -- THERE IS A SPECIAL LAUNCH THAT HELPS STABILIZE YOUR CANOE OR KAYAK TO MAKE IT EASIER TO CLIMB IN, OR OUT. DEMONSTRATIONS ARE BEING HELD OVER THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND SO THAT YOU CAN LEARN HOW TO USE IT.

September 1, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

LABOR DAY WEEKEND MEANS A LOT OF TIME SPENT OUTDOORS -- AND THAT'S WHY HEALTH EXPERTS ARE URGING YOU TO TAKE SIMPLE PRECAUTIONS -- TO PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST THE WEST NILE VIRUS. THE LATEST REPORTS -- SHOW THERE ARE 80 CONFIRMED CASES OF WEST NILE VIRUS IN THE STATE -- 4 OF THOSE RESULTING IN DEATH. TO PROTECT YOURSELF -- THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH IS OFFERING UP SOME TIPS.

September 4, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A NEW WELLNESS PROGRAM THROUGH MUNSON MEDICAL CENTER IS AIMING TO MAKE PEOPLE HEALTHIER. MUNSON CREATED THE PROGRAM TO HELP THEIR OWN EMPLOYEES BE BETTER HEALTH STEWARDS FOR THEIR PATIENTS AND COMMUNITY. THE MUNSON WELLNESS COORDINATOR SAYS THE WELLNESS PROGRAM INVOLVED PLANNING AND RESEARCH TO PROPERLY IMPLEMENT THE INITIATIVE FOR CARE PROVIDERS. THE IDEA IS THAT A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE WILL REFLECT ON THEIR JOB PERFORMANCES.

September 13, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

WE KNOW WHAT A BIG MAC IS MADE OF -- TWO ALL BEEF PATTIES, SPECIAL SAUCE, LETTUCE, CHEESE PICKLES, ONIONS ON A SESAME SEED BUN -- BUT HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED HOW MANY CALORIES THAT ADDS UP TO? SOON YOU CAN FIND OUT -- BEFORE YOU ORDER!

September 13, 2012

11:00-11:35pm

Time :30

MICHIGAN SCHOOLS COULD SOON HAVE NEW RULES TO FOLLOW WHEN IT COMES TO HOW TO DEAL WITH SPORTS RELATED CONCUSSIONS. A STATE HOUSE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED LEGISLATION TODAY THAT WOULD REQUIRE COACHES TO IMMEDIATELY REMOVE AN ATHLETE FROM PLAY IF A CONCUSSION IS SUSPECTED. THAT PLAYER WOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO RETURN ONLY AFTER GETTING A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL'S WRITTEN APPROVAL. THE MEASURES WOULD ALSO REQUIRE THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH TO DEVELOP EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND TRAINING FOR ATHLETES, PARENTS AND COACHES ON CONCUSSION-RELATED INJURIES AND TREATMENTS. THE BILLS NOW HEAD FOR THE HOUSE FLOOR.

September 13, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THEY COULD BE A TREND OF THE FUTURE -- PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS. P-As ARE NOT CONSIDERED AN ALTERNATIVE TO A PHYSICIAN -- BUT INSTEAD THEY ARE IN THE HOSPITALS TO ENHANCE CARE FOR PATIENTS. MUNSON CURRENTLY HAS 55 P-As ON STAFF AND EACH OF THEM HAVE A SPECIALTY. THEY CAN PROVIDE PREVENTATIVE MEASURES, VACCINATIONS AND ROUTINE LAB DATA.

September 13, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A NEW REPORT SAYS NEARLY 60 PERCENT OF MICHIGAN RESIDENTS COULD BE OBESE BY 20-30. HEALTH CARE COSTS COULD SOAR IF THE STATE DOESN'T START SHEDDING POUNDS. THE REPORT BY "TRUST FOR AMERICA'S HEALTH" AND "THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION" SAYS THE NUMBER OF OBESE ADULTS IN MICHIGAN EXPANDED FROM 30-POINT-5 PERCENT TO 31-POINT-3 PERCENT.

September 19, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE WEST NILE VIRUS HAS HIT CLOSER TO HOME. A 65-YEAR-OLD MAN FROM OGE MAW COUNTY DIED THIS WEEK FROM THE VIRUS. THAT'S THE 8-TH DEATH IN THE STATE THIS YEAR. 20-12 WILL LIKELY BE THE DEADLIEST YEAR FOR WEST NILE IN U-S HISTORY -- WITH 183 REPORTED CASES IN MICHIGAN ALONE. IN 20-11 THERE WERE 34 WEST NILE CASES -- WITH ONLY 2 DEATHS. THE C-D-C SAYS THERE HAVE BEEN MORE THAN 26-THOUSAND CASES OF WEST NILE THIS YEAR ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

September 28, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

AN EVENT THIS WEEKEND WILL CELEBRATE THOSE WHO HAVE BEATEN BREAST CANCER -- AND REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR BATTLE.THE MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER WALK IS TOMORROW AT THE OPEN SPACE IN TRAVERSE CITY. I WILL BE EMCEEING THE EVENT. THIS EVENT RAISES MONEY FOR THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY AND BREAST CANCER RESEARCH.

September 30, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE EMPTIED OUT THEIR MEDICINE CABINETS THIS WEEKEND -- IN HOPES OF STOPPING PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE. SATURDAY WAS NATIONAL "DRUG-TAKE-BACK" DAY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ACROSS NORTHERN MICHIGAN -- JOINED FORCES WITH THE D-E-A TO COLLECT OUTDATED AND UN-USED MEDICATIONS.THE GRAND TRAVERSE SHERIFF'S OFFICE STARTED IT'S "DRUG-DROP-OFF" EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING AND BY 3 O'CLOCK -- THEY HAD COLLECTED 96 POUNDS THEY SAY IT WAS REALLY REFRESHING TO SEE SUCH A "HIGH PARTICIPATION" LEVEL FROM THE COMMUNITY.

PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

EDUCATION

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

Local News

July 5 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A DEAL HAS BEEN STRUCK THAT'S GOING TO CREATE A NEW BASEBALL FIELD FOR PETOSKEY PUBLIC SCHOOL ATHLETES.THE PETOSKEY CITY COUNCIL APPROVED THE NEW BALLFIELD THAT WILL REPLACE TURCOTT FIELD -- WHICH IS MORE THAN 50 YEARS OLD. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS SPOKE WITH CITY OFFICIALS TODAY ABOUT THE NEW FIELD.

July 9 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THREE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS ARE MAKING BIG BUDGET DECISIONS TONIGHT. CADILLAC, KINGSLEY AND MANTON ARE ALL TALKING CUTS. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPOKE WITH SCHOOL LEADERS AND JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE, LAUREN.

July 9 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

MANTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS HAVE ALREADY VOTED ON 600-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CUTS FOR NEXT YEAR -- AND TONIGHT THEY MAY ADD TO THAT LIST. THE SCHOOL BOARD VOTED TO ELIMINATE PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ART AT THE ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL -- ALONG WITH TECHNOLOGY IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL. TEACHERS WILL TEACH THOSE SUBJECTS.THERE WILL BE NO TRANSPORTATION ON SATURDAYS FOR SPORTS -- AND ALL THE ADMINISTRATORS WILL TAKE A 4-PERCENT DECREASE IN SALARY.

July 9 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

LASTLY -- KINGSLEY SCHOOLS IS ALSO SET TO VOTE ON ITS BUDGET TONIGHT -- WHICH MAY INCLUDE OUT-SOURCING JOBS.A DECREASE IN STATE FUNDING AND A DROP IN STUDENT ENROLLMENT HAS LEFT KINGSLEY SCHOOLS WITH A 585 *THOUSAND DOLLAR DEFICIT FOR NEXT YEAR.TO FILL THE HOLE -- SCHOOL BOARD OFFICIALS ARE CONSIDERING ELIMINATING BUS DRIVERS -- CUSTODIANS AND FOOD SERVICE EMPLOYEES ONE PROPOSAL COULD HAVE T-CAPS TAKING OVER BUSING SERVICES -- DRIVERS WOULD KEEP THEIR JOBS BUT GET PAID LESS. LIVE IN THE STUDIO, LAUREN AMSTUTZ, 7&4 NEWS.

July 10 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IN JUST ABOUT A MONTH -- DOZENS OF CADILLAC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES WILL BE LAID OFF.THE SCHOOL BOARD VOTED LAST NIGHT TO OUT-SOURCE FOOD AND CUSTODIAL SERVICES -- LEAVING NEARLY 40 WORKERS WITHOUT JOBS. 22 FOOD SERVICE EMPLOYEES -- AND 17 CUSTODIANS WILL BE CUT.A BUSINESS CALLED CHARTWELL'S WILL TAKE OVER FOOD SERVICES AND A COMPANY ENVIRO-CLEAN SERVICES WILL NOW HANDLE JANITORIAL WORK -- SAVING THE DISTRICT 400 THOUSAND DOLLARS PER YEAR. THE LAYOFFS GO INTO EFFECT AUGUST 8-TH.

July 19 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A BILL THAT WOULD END STATE PROVIDED HEALTH CARE COVERAGE IN RETIREMENT FOR NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES WILL SIT ON THE BACK BURNER FOR AT LEAST A FEW MORE WEEKS.THE NEWS HAS DISTRICTS LIKE T-CAPS PLANNING FOR THE WORST POSSIBLE SCENARIO. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US NOW LIVE FROM THE STUDIO -- WITH EXACTLY WHAT IS AT STAKE.

July 24 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A LOCAL COLLEGE IS REACHING NEW HEIGHTS -- EXPANDING ITS AVIATION PROGRAM -- AND IN TURN -- ATTRACTING MORE STUDENTS. NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE'S FLIGHT PROGRAM IS EXPECTING A 60 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS FOR THE INCOMING 20-12 FALL CLASS -- GROWING FROM 24 STUDENTS -- TO ABOUT 45.

July 28 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

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July 30 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

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August 6, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

FOOTBALL SEASON IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER -- AND 7&4 SPORTS IS GOING TO BE GIVING YOU A PREVIEW OF THE SEASON TO COME -- TALKING WITH SEVERAL SCHOOLS ABOUT THEIR PRACTICES AND WHAT THEY EXPECT FOR THE SEASON. THIS WEEK WE VISITED A SCHOOL THAT'S HOME OPENER WON'T ONLY BE ABOUT STARTING OUT THE YEAR STRONG -- BUT ABOUT REMEMBERING A FORMER STUDENT WHO GAVE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE.

August 6, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS JUST WEEKS AWAY FOR MOST KIDS -- AND SOME SCHOOLS IN CHARLEVOIX COUNTY ARE WORKING TO CREATE SAFER PATHS TO SCHOOL. THE HOPE IS TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO GET MORE EXERCISE BY WALKING OR RIDING A BIKE. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS HAS THE STORY.

August 7, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A NATIONAL PROGRAM THAT HELPS YOUNG PEOPLE EARN THEIR G-E-D'S IS RECRUITING STUDENTS IN PETOSKEY.LOW INCOME HIGH SCHOOL DROP-OUTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 AND 24 ARE ELIGIBLE.THE 36 WEEK PROGRAM TRAINS STUDENTS IN CONSTRUCTION TRADES, WORK READINESS AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS.

August 8, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

YOUNG ARCHAEOLOGISTS SPENT THE DAY UNCOVERING PIECES OF THE PAST HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN THEY ARE DIGGING TO DISCOVER THE HISTORY BEHIND AN OLD BARN IN MACKINAW CITY.7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS DUG UP THE REASON WHY AND HAS MORE ON THE PROJECT.

August 8, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

ANOTHER ELECTION DAY HAS COME AND GONE -- AND SEVERAL AREA SCHOOLS NOW KNOW IF THEY'LL BE GETTING MORE FUNDING. OF THE SEVEN SCHOOL MILLAGES ON YESTERDAY'S BALLOT -- ONLY ONE FAILED.THE BOND ISSUE FOR THE CRAWFORD AUSABLE SCHOOL DISTRICT WAS VOTED DOWN.SUPERINTENDENT JOE POWERS TELLS 7&4 THAT THE LOSS WAS DISAPPOINTING.THE DISTRICT PLANNED TO USE THE MONEY TO REPLACE ONE THIRD OF ITS SCHOOL BUSES, REPAIR BOILERS, RE-PAVE PARKING LOTS AND BUY NEW TECHNOLOGY.

August 13, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE START TO A NEW SCHOOL IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER AND FOR SOME STUDENTS THAT CAN BE A MAJOR TRANSITION.THIS MORNING 7&4'S MELISSA SMITH SAT DOWN WITH PAM ALFIERI {AL-FE-ARY} THE PRINCIPAL AT TRAVERSE CITY WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL TO TALK ABOUT HELPING CHILDREN EASE INTO THE SCHOOL YEAR.

August 16, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS ARE REACTING TO THE BILL THAT WOULD END STATE-PROVIDED HEALTH COVERAGE IN RETIREMENT FOR NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.SOME DISTRICTS LIKE SUTTONS BAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE HOPING THIS BILL PASSES TO HELP BALANCE THEIR BUDGET.SUPERINTENDENT MIKE MURRAY SAYS THAT THE MONEY GOING TOWARDS TEACHERS PENSIONS COULD BE USED TO HELP STUDENTS.BUT HE ALSO WANTS TO MAKE SURE TEACHERS ARE GETTING THE BENEFITS THEY DESERVE.IF PASSED -- THE BILL WILL REQUIRE CURRENT WORKERS TO PAY MORE OUT OF POCKET TOWARDS THEIR PENSIONS.

August 17, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

KIDS ARE GATHERING THEIR PENCILS, PENS AND BOOK-BAGS -- GEARING UP FOR ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR.AND THAT MEANS THE ROADS WILL SOON BE FLOODED WITH BIG YELLOW BUSES. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL TALKED TO TRANSPORTATION LEADERS -- ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN DO TO KEEP THE ROADS AND YOUR CHILDREN SAFE THIS SCOOOL YEAR.

August 20, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

MANISTEE RESIDENTS WILL SOON HAVE MORE CHOICES IN HEALTH CARE -- AS THREE MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS JOIN FORCES -- TO BUILD A NEW WELLNESS CENTER. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ WAS AT TODAY'S GROUND-BREAKING -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH DETAILS.

August 20, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE CHARLEVOIX EMMET COUNTY EARLY COLLEGE ALLIANCE WANTS TO HAVE 60 PERCENT OF LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN COLLEGE CLASSES BY THE YEAR 20-25.AND THIS IS GOOD NEWS FOR FAMILIES LOOKING TO WIPE AWAY THE FUTURE BURDEN OF DEBT.7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS, EXPLAINS HOW THIS PROGRAM WILL PUT THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS BACK IN STUDENTS WALLETS.

August 21, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

FOUR LOCAL PEOPLE GRADUATED FROM SAILING CLASSES TODAY, SAILING PAST THE DIFFICULTIES LIFE THREW THEIR WAY. DESPITE BEING PHYSICALLY DISABLED STEVE RUTKOWSKI AND SAILING GRADUATE KAREN ALLEN HAVE BEEN SAILING THE OPEN WATER ALL SUMMER LONG...RUTKOWSKI SAID HE USED TO SAIL ALL THE TIME BEFORE HIS DIVING ACCIDENT YEARS AGO WHICH LEFT HIM PARALYZED...

August 22, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

BOYNE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE TRYING A NEW PROGRAM TO HELP KIDS GET BACK IN SCHOOL.THE NEW I-SCHOOL PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE FOR 6TH TO 12TH GRADE STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN SCHOOL.THOSE STUDENTS MAY BE HOME-SCHOOLED, TEEN PARENTS OR MAY HAVE DROPPED OUT IN YEAR'S PAST.

August 24, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

WE'VE REACHED THE FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT FULL OF PREP FOOTBALL THIS SEASON. ACROSS THE COUNTRY - THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WILL CHEER ON THEIR LOCAL TEAM. TONIGHT IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN - AN EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE

KINGSLEY - TRAVERSE CITY ST. FRANCIS GAME THAT IS MUCH BIGGER THAN THE GAME ITSELF.7&4'S MARC SCHOLLETT HAS MORE.

August 27, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

SOME BIG DECISIONS ARE BEING DICUSSED TONIGHT THAT WILL IMPACT THE FUTURE OF NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE IN TRAVERSE CITY. OFFICIALS ARE REVIEWING THE DETAILS OF A NEW MASTER PLAN -- WHICH WILL IMPACT THE OVERALL CAMPUS-EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS. 7&4'S KATE FOX JOINS US WITH MORE ON WHAT IS ON THE TABLE.

August 27, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A TRAVERSE CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS HELPING A NEED FOR BLOOD DONATIONS -- WHILE RAISING MONEY FOR SCHOOL PROGRAMS. THE MICHIGAN BLOOD BUS WAS PARKED OUTSIDE WILLOW HILL ELEMENTARY TODAY FOR A BLOOD DRIVE. ALL BLOOD TYPES ARE NEEDED -- BUT THERE'S AN URGENT NEED FOR "O" NEGATIVE.THE DRIVE IS A PART OF THE SUMMER STEP UP PROGRAM -- WHERE MICHIGAN BLOOD TEAMS UP WITH VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AROUND THE STATE TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THOSE PROGRAMS FOR EVERY PERSON WHO CAME OUT TO TRY TO GIVE BLOOD -- MICHIGAN BLOOD DONATED 10-DOLLARS TO WILLOW HILL. THE MONEY WILL GO TO SPECIAL PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL.

August 27, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

WESTWOODS ELEMENTARY IS ASKING FOR YOUR HELP IN A UNIQUE WAY. THAT'S RIGHT -- THEY WANT YOU TO GET BEHIND THE WHEEL TO HELP THE STUDENTS GET CLASSROOM I-PADS.

August 29, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

STUDENTS AT ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL GET TO SLEEP IN AN EXTRA HOUR ONCE A MONTH THIS COMING SCHOOL YEAR.7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH DETAILS ON A NEW SCHOOL INITIATIVE.

September 7, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

NEW AT 6 -- AN EXCITING DAY FOR THE WILLIAMSBURG COMMUNITY, AS BERTHA VOS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL CELEBRATED IT'S GRAND OPENING WITH A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY.THE AFTERNOON INCLUDED REMARKS FROM THE DIRECTOR, T-CAPS SUPERINTENDENT, AND THE ACME TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR.IT ALSO FEATURED A PERFORMANCE FROM SOME OF THE SCHOOL'S CURRENT STUDENTS AND A PRESENTATION OF ARTIFACTS FROM THE ORIGINAL SCHOOL.THE SCHOOL'S DIRECTOR SAYS THE SCHOOL WILL OFFER A NEW KIND OF LEARNING EXPERIENCE.

September 7, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A LOCAL COLLEGE IS OFFERING FREE BUSINESS WORKSHOPS FOR ANYONE TO LEARN DURING THEIR LUNCH BREAK.NORTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE IN PETOSKEY WILL OFFER FOUR SESSIONS THAT INTRODUCES LOCAL PROFESSIONALS TO A VARIETY TOPICS IN THE BUSINESS WORLD. THE SESSIONS WILL BE FOCUSED ON NEW TECHNOLOGY AND HOW YOU CAN EFFECTIVELY USE IT IN YOUR EVERYDAY LIFE.ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS BRING YOUR LUNCH AND LEARN.

September 10, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A BIG CHANGE IN THE FOOD THEY ARE SERVING IN YOUR CHILDS SCHOOL CAFETERIA THIS YEAR.NEWS HEALTHIER OPTIONS ARE ON THE LUNCH MENU 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS SAYS THIS IS ALL PART OF A NATIONWIDE PROGRAM THAT EDUCATORS ARE EMBRACING.

September 11, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

TEACHERS IN THE ROSCOMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT HAVE VOTED TO DE-CERTIFY FROM THE MICHIGAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION AND FORM THEIR OWN LOCAL UNION. THE PRESIDENT OF THE NEW ROSCOMMON TEACHERS ASSOCIATION SAYS IT MADE SENSE TO MAKE THIS MOVE BECAUSE THE TEACHERS ALREADY DO MUCH OF THEIR OWN LABOR WORK. BY FORMING THEIR OWN UNION - TEACHERS WERE ALSO ABLE TO CUT THEIR DUES IN HALF.

September 13, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

STUDENTS FROM TRAVERSE CITY WEST HIGH SCHOOL MAY SEE THEIR SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS IN SPACE.THEY HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE "SPACE-FLIGHT EXPERIMENTS PROGRAM -- MISSION 3 TO THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION." HERE'S HOW IT WORKS -- BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY STUDENTS AT T-C WEST WILL WORK IN TEAMS TO WRITE EXPERIMENT PROPOSALS. STUDENTS FROM WEST HIGH SCHOOL AND STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTY WILL BE SUBMITTING THEIR IDEAS TO THE SPACE-FLIGHT PROGRAM.OUT OF ALL THAT ARE ENTERED ONE EXPERIMENT WILL BE CHOSEN -- AND IT WILL BE COMPLETED ON THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION.

September 17, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION -- AND STUDENTS ARE BACK ON CAMPUS. BUT LIKE MANY COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN OUR STATE -- NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE'S ENROLLMENT NUMBERS ARE DOWN. SO -- WHY THE LOSS OF STUDENTS?AND *WHO ARE THEY TARGETING -- TO BRING INTO THE CLASSROOM?7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL HAS THE ANSWERS IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT.

September 18, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A ROUTINE SCHOOL BUS RIDE TO SCHOOL -- TOOK AN UNEXPECTED TURN WHEN TWO WHEELS CAME LOOSE AND FELL OFF THE BUS.IT ALL HAPPENED LAST WEEK AT INLAND LAKE SCHOOLS IN CHEBOYGAN COUNTY 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS TELLS US WHAT THE DISTRICT IS DOING ABOUT IT.

September 19, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

NORTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE IS OPENING A NEW STATE OF THE ART EDUCATION CENTER IN CHEBOYGAN. THE NEW CENTER HAS 8 CLASSROOMS -- INCLUDING A SCIENCE AND COMPUTER LAB WITH NEW TECHNOLOGY AND NEW FURNITURE.IT'S LOCATED AT THE OLD CHEBOYGAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL -- WHICH WAS COMPLETELY REFURBISHED.

September 19, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

AN ENTIRE STUDENT BODY WALKED TO SCHOOL TODAY IN AN EFFORT TO GET SAFER WALKING PATHS IN THE COMMUNITY.MORE THAN 2-HUNDRED CHARLEVOIX MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS MADE THE HALF MILE WALK.THE DISTRICT IS WORKING WITH

THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM TO GET NEW SIDEWALKS TO MAKE IT EASIER TO GET TO SCHOOL.THEY ARE STILL WAITING FOR A FEDERAL GRANT TO HELP BUILD NEW PATHS.IN THE MEANTIME THEY ARE USING THIS NEW OPPORTUNITY AS A WAY TO MOTIVATE STUDENTS TO ADOPT HEALTHIER DAILY HABITS.

September 20, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A LOCAL CREDIT UNION IS BEING RECOGNIZED BY A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION -- FOR HELPING CHILDREN LEARN ABOUT SAVING MONEY AND INVESTING. THE TRAVERSE BAY AREA CREDIT UNION WAS AWARDED AN HONORABLE MENTION BY THE MICHIGAN CREDIT UNION LEAGUE FOR T-B-A'S STUDENT RUN CREDIT UNION PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM ALLOWS STUDENTS THE CHANCE TO ACTUALLY RUN THEIR OWN CREDIT UNION.

September 24, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

KIDS AT WESTWOODS ELEMENTARY IN TRAVERSE CITY ARE LACING UP THEIR RUNNING SHOES -- TO EARN SOME NEW TECHNOLOGY.THE STUDENTS ARE TRYING TO RAISE MONEY TO BUY I-PADS --BY HAVING A "MOVE-A-THON"THEY HOPE TO RAISE 20-THOUSAND DOLLARS TO BUY 30 I-PADS FOR ALL STUDENTS -- AND 10 EXTRA I-PADS TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE PER CLASSROOM.HERE HOW IT WORKS -- STUDENTS ASK FOR PLEDGES FROM FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS FOR EACH LAP THEY WALK.

September 24, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

CREATING A STRATEGY TO FIGHT AGAINST BULLYING WAS FRONT IN CENTER TODAY IN CHEBOYGAN COUNTY.7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS EXPLAINS HOW STUDENTS FROM FOUR DIFFERENT SCHOOLS ARE WORKING TO CHANGE THE CULTURE IN THEIR STUDENT BODIES.

September 26, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A NEW NATIONWIDE LUNCH PROGRAM IS LEAVING SOME LOCAL STUDENTS HUNGRY. SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAD TO IMPLEMENT UPDATED NUTRITION GUIDELINES AND LOWER THE PORTIONS THAT THEY OFFER TO STUDENTS.7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS FOUND OUT WHAT STUDENTS THINK OF THIS NEW PROGRAM.

September 27, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

YOU MAY WANT TO GET SOME TISSUES FOR THIS STORY.SERGEANT FIRST CLASS DARIN SCHULTZ JUST RETURNED HOME FROM AFGHANISTAN AND DECIDED TO SURPRISE HIS LITTLE BOY IN FRONT OF ALL HIS CLASSMATES. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ WAS THERE AS THIS PRECIOUS MOMENT UNFOLDED - SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE..

September 28, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

ALL WEEK 7&4 NEWS HAS BEEN TELLING YOU ABOUT WHITNEY KROPP -- AN OGEMAW HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORE WHO WAS THE CENTER OF A CRUEL HOMECOMING PRANK. TONIGHT SHE'LL TAKE A STAND AGAINST BULLYING AT HALFTIME AS SHE REPRESENTS HER SCHOOL ON THE HOMECOMING COURT. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS JOINS US LIVE ON THE PHONE FROM WEST BRANCH TONIGHT...

September 30, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A LEELANAU COUNTY SCHOOL CELEBRATED A BIG MILESTONE THIS WEEKEND -- 40 YEARS OF INDEPENDENT EDUCATION AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY! A MIX OF ALUMNI -- CURRENT STUDENTS -- TEACHERS -- FAMILIES AND FRIENDS GATHERED AT THE UPPER CAMPUS OF THE PATHFINDER SCHOOL SATURDAY AFTERNOON -- TO "RING-IN" THE BIG OCCASION!

PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

CRIME & SAFETY

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

Local News

July 1, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE 4TH OF JULY AND THE ALL THE FESTIVITIES THAT COME ALONG WITH IT ARE ALMOST HERE. THE PATRIOTIC TRADITIONS OF THE PAST ARE SURE TO BE A PART OF IT...BUT HERE IN MICHIGAN, THANKS TO A CHANGE IN THE LAW, SOME NEW TRADITIONS WILL BE SEEN, HEARD, AND EXPLODED...AND THAT COULD HAVE A MULTI MILLION DOLLAR IMPACT ON THE STATE'S BOTTOM LINE.

July 2, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THANKS TO THE QUICK ACTION OF A GOOD SAMARITAN -- A CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER IS BEHIND BARS AFTER POLICE SAY HE GOT HIGH ON SPICE AND SCARED AN ELDERLY WOMAN. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ TALKED WITH THE 84-YEAR OLD VICTIM AND JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

July 2, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

AS THE SUMMER HEATS UP -- CRIME IS BECOMING MORE COMMON ON TRAVERSE CITY BEACHES. POLICE ARE REPORTING AN INCREASE IN CALLS TO THE WEST-END AREA. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL SPOKE TO OFFICERS ABOUT WHAT'S BEHIND THIS TREND -- AND HOW THE CITY IS HANDLING IT.

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6:00-6:30pm

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July 3, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IF YOU'RE HEADING TO TRAVERSE CITY TO CELEBRATE THE FOURTH -- THERE'S SOMETHINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW, BEFORE YOU START SETTING OF SOME FIREWORKS

THE CITY CHANGED IT'S ORDINANCE THIS SPRING BANNING FIREWORKS FROM CITY PARKS AND BEACHES. THE ORDINANCE ALSO MAKES IT ILLEGAL TO SHOOT OFF FIREWORKS WITHIN 5-HUNDRED FEET OF CITY BEACHES.

July 3, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE CITY COMMISSIONERS MET TODAY TO CONTINUE TALKS ABOUT COMBINING FIRE SERVICES FOR THE CITY. ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS -- THE CITY CAN NOT CONTINUE TO FUND THE FIRE SERVICES AS THEY ARE SET UP NOW THEY HAVE ASKED METRO FIRE DEPARTMENT WHAT THEY SUGGEST IN AN EFFORT TO CUT COSTS .

July 4, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

SHOP OWNERS SELLING K-2, SPICE, AND OTHER SYNTHETIC DRUGS HAVE BEEN PUT ON NOTICE - REMOVE THESE PRODUCTS FROM SHELVES OR FACE PROSECUTION. MICHIGAN STATE POLICE STARTED A "K-2 IS NOT OK" CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE STATE. TROOPERS VISITED STORES IN THEIR AREA THAT ARE SELLING SYTHETIC DRUGS TO LET THEM KNOW THAT AS OF JULY 1ST -- IT'S ILLEGAL.

July 11, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

WHEN YOU THINK OF THE NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL YOU PROBABLY THINK ABOUT AIR SHOWS AND FAMILY FUN, BUT BEHIND THE SCENES A LOT IS BEING DONE TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE SAFE. AND THIS YEAR ORGANIZERS ARE TAKING EXTRA MEASURES.7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ TALKED TO FESTIVAL SECURITY TODAY AND JOINS US LIVE AT THE OPEN SPACE WITH MORE..

July 12, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

TWO TRAVERSE CITY BROTHERS ARE FACING MULTIPLE CHARGES TONIGHT INCLUDING INCITING A RIOT AND ASSAULT ON A POLICE OFFICER.POLICE SAY IT ALL STARTED WHEN A SUSPECT SELLING CD'S IN THE 100 BLOCK OF NORTH UNION REFUSED OFFICERS REQUEST TO STOP USING VULGAR LANGUAGE. OFFICERS SAY WHEN THE SUSPECT REFUSED THEIR REQUEST - THEY STARTED TO ARREST HIM AND HE RESISTED.A STRUGGLE BEGAN AND THE SUSPECT WAS TASERED.AS EVERYTHING UNFOLDED - THE CROWD BEGAN TO GROW.

July 12, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THIS AFTERNOON -- THE MICHIGAN NATIONAL GUARD HELD THE LARGEST TRAINING EVENT EVER CONDUCTED IN THE STATE. NINETEEN AIR NATIONAL GUARD UNITS FROM SEVEN DIFFERENT STATES PARTICIPATED IN NORTHERN STRIKE 20-12 AT CAMP GRAYLING. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ WAS AT THE TRAINING AND JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE -- LAUREN?

July 13, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A PIECE OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER IS ABOUT TO HAVE A PERMANENT HOME IN TRAVERSE CITY. GROUNDBREAKING WILL TAKE PLACE MONDAY -- FOR THE GRAND TRAVERSE AREA 9-11 MEMORIAL PARK. THIS STEEL BEAM -- FROM THE NORTH TOWER OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER -- WILL BE THE CENTER-PIECE FOR THE MEMORIAL. THE PARK IS GOING IN BEHIND THE GRAND TRAVERSE METRO FIRE DEPARTMENT -- ON PARSONS ROAD IN TRAVERSE CITY.

July 17, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IF YOU'RE HEADED ACROSS THE MACKINAC BRIDGE TOMORROW YOU COULD SEE A SMALL PLANE FLYING CLOSE BY. THE MACKINAC BRIDGE AUTHORITY SAYS THE PLANE WILL BE TAKING PICTURES OF A ROUTINE SAFETY INSPECTION. THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION REQUIRES AN UNDERWATER BRIDGE INSPECTION ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS. THE PLANE IS EXPECTED TO FLY BY THE BRIDGE BETWEEN 1 AND 2 TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

July 19, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE RED CROSS IS ASKING FOR YOUR HELP TONIGHT. THE ORGANIZATION NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH DISASTER RELIEF. THE RED CROSS RESPONDS TO MORE THAN 70-THOUSAND DISASTERS EACH YEAR HELPING PROVIDE VICTIMS WITH SHELTER, FOOD, HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. THAT'S ALL MADE POSSIBLE WITH THE HELP OF A NETWORK OF VOLUNTEERS. TO GET INVOLVED YOU NEED TO TAKE PART IN A FREE TRAINING COURSE.

July 20, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE COLORADO SHOOTING HAS RAISED A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT GUN CONTROL. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS SPOKE WITH A SHERIFF TODAY ABOUT THE ISSUES SURROUNDING GUN LAWS AND JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO NOW WITH THE DETAILS. NATHAN?

July 25, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IN AUGUST -- GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY VOTERS WILL BEGIN THE PROCESS OF CHOSING A LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADER. TOM BENSLEY IS WRAPPING UP HIS FIRST TERM AS COUNTY SHERIFF AND IS HOPING TO GET RE-ELECTED -- BUT BENSLEY HAS SOME COMPETITION. IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER -- 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL INTRODUCES YOU TO BOTH REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES -- RUNNING FOR SHERIFF.

July 27, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

AN AMAZING RESCUE CAUGHT ON VIDEO -- U-S AIR STATION TRAVERSE CITY SAVED A FAMILY OF FOUR EARLY THIS MORNING AFTER THEY GOT LOST ON A CANOE TRIP. THIS ALL HAPPENED ALONG THE CARP RIVER FROM M-123 TO THE EAST LAKE ROAD BRIDGE NEAR SAINT IGNACE. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ TALKED WITH COAST GUARD CREWS -- SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH THE STORY.

August 1, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IF YOU CAN PROVE YOU'RE POOR -- YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET OUT OF PAYING CHILD SUPPORT. THAT'S THE CONTROVERSIAL RULING THAT CAME YESTERDAY FROM THE MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT - IN A 4 TO 3 DECISION PROVING YOU CAN'T PAY WON'T BE EASY THOUGH. REPUBLICANS JUSTICES - WHO WERE IN THE MAJORITY - SAY ALL AVENUES MUST BE EXPLORED.

August 1, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A DISTURBING STORY OUT OF GRAYLING TONIGHT. A MAN'S PITBULL WAS SHOT AND DECAPITATED WHEN A FAMILY FUED TOOK A TURN FOR THE WORSE. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS SPOKE WITH THE OWNER OF THE DOG TODAY AND HAS THE STORY.

August 8, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

INVESTIGATORS NEED YOUR HELP TONIGHT IDENTIFYING A WOMAN SUSPECTED OF STEALING FROM PEOPLE'S BANK ACCOUNTS. THESE ARE PICTURES CAPTURED AT AN A-T-M IN PRUDENVILLE. ROSCOMMON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DETECTIVES SAY THEY BELIEVE THIS WOMAN USED STOLEN A-T-M CARDS TO WITHDRAW MONEY.

August 9, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

HEAVY HEARTS TONIGHT AT THE NORTHWEST MICHIGAN FAIR... A PROUD MEMBER OF THE 4-H COMMUNITY -- ZEKE GOODWIN -- HAS PASSED AWAY -- JUST ONE DAY BEFORE HIS 7TH BIRTHDAY.THE LITTLE BOY WAS HIT BY A TRUCK YESTERDAY -- WHILE RIDING HIS BIKE THROUGH THE FAIRGROUNDS.7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL WAS THERE TODAY -- AND SPOKE TO THOSE CLOSE TO THE GOODWIN FAMILY.

August 9, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A DISTURBING CASE TONIGHT OUT OF OSCEOLA COUNTY. THREE MEN HAVE BEEN CHARGED AND A FOURTH IS ON THE RUN -- AFTER POLICE SAY THEY MOLESTED THREE LITTLE GIRLS. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ TALKED TO INVESTIGATORS - SHE JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH THE LATEST.

August 10, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE GRAND TRAVERSE SHERIFFS OFFICE SAID TODAY THAT CHARGES ARE BEING CONSIDERED IN THE ACCIDENT THAT LED TO THE DEATH OF THE 6 YEAR OLD. ZEKE GOODWIN WAS RIDING HIS BIKE ON A SERVICE ROAD IN THE FAIR GROUNDS WEDNESDAY WHEN HE WAS STRUCK BY A TRUCK THAT WAS BACKING UP ZEKE - WHO WAS SHOWING HIS HORSE AT THE FAIR - DIED THURSDAY MORNING FROM HIS INJURIES.THE DRIVER OF THE TRUCK INVOLVED IS A 39 YEAR OLD MAN FROM KINGSLEY.

August 12, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

INVESTIGATORS ARE LOOKING FOR A GROUP OF TEENAGERS -- WHO WERE THROWING ROCKS AT CARS ALONG U-S-31 EARLY THURSDAY MORNING.AS 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS TELLS US -- THE ATTACK TURNED INTO A VERY SCARY RIDE FOR A GROUP OF FRIENDS FROM PETOSKEY.

August 13, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IN JANUARY -- THERE WAS A RECALL ON EXCEDRIN AND THE PRODUCT WAS PULLED FROM STORE SHELVES. NOW -- IT'S BECOME A HOT ITEM ONLINE - SELLING FOR MORE THAN 100 DOLLARS ON SITES LIKE AMAZON. SO WHY ARE PEOPLE FORKING OVER THE BIG BUCKS?AND WHAT DOES THE LAW SAY ABOUT RE-SELLING RECALLED ITEMS?7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL HAS THE ANSWERS IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER.

August 13, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

WE FIRST TOLD YOU ABOUT THE CRIME LAST NIGHT -- AND TODAY SHERIFF'S INVESTIGATORS ARE WORKING TO FIGURE OUT WHO DREW THE DISTURBING IMAGES. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPOKE WITH NEIGHBORS AND POLICE -- SHE JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH THE LATEST.

August 14, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

STATE POLICE SAY THEY ARRESTED KALKASKA POLICE SERGANT GLEN ARTRESS ON ASSAULT CHARGES MONDAY NIGHT.WE ARE TOLD ARTRESS POSTED BOND AND THE CASE HAS BEEN SENT TO THE ANTRIM COUNTY PROSECUTOR FOR REVIEW. THE KALKASKA VILLAGE MANGER SAYS ARTRESS, AN ALMOST 20 YEAR VETERAN ON THE FORCE IS SUSPENDED WITH PAY UNTIL FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

August 14, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IF YOU HAVE ANY FIREWORKS LEFTOVER FROM JULY FOURTH - YOU MIGHT WANT TO SET THEM OFF SOON.TRAVERSE CITY COMMISSIONERS ARE LOOKING AT BANNING FIREWORKS IN THE CITY - AFTER COMPLAINTS CAME POURING IN FROM CITIZENS. THE ORDINANCE WOULD BAN THE USE OF ALL FIREWORKS THAT WERE RECENTLY AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE.IF THE BAN PASSES -- YOU COULD STILL SET OFF FIREWORKS IN THE THREE DAYS SURROUNDING ANY FEDERAL HOLIDAY. CITY MANAGER BEN BIFOSS BELIEVES THE BAN COULD BE FINALIZED WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

August 14, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A FIRE COMMITTEE MET AGAIN TODAY IN TRAVERSE CITY TO DISCUSS COMBINING FIRE SERVICES THE COMMITTEE IS MADE UP OF SEVERAL COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ESTES MET WITH FIRE OFFICIALS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS.THE GROUP LOOKED AT COMBINING THE TRAVERSE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH THE METRO FIRE DEPARTMENT -- AND ADDRESSED CONCERNS SURROUNDING THE POSSIBILITY.

August 14, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

CHET JANIK -- THE COUNTY'S NEW ADMINISTRATOR SAYS COMMISSION ON AGING WORKERS INFLATED MILEAGE EXPENSES FOR SEVERAL YEARS -- AND NOW HE'S TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPOKE WITH HIM TODAY -- AND JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH THE VERY LATEST.

August 16, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

SHOULD YOU LET YOUR CHILDREN FLY BY THEMSELVES?IT'S A QUESTION MANY PARENTS ARE ASKING TONIGHT AFTER ONE FAMILY'S NIGHTMARE OF A TRIP FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO TRAVERSE CITY. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH THE DETAILS -- LAUREN, WHAT HAPPENED?

August 19, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

FIRE CREWS ARE BUSY TONIGHT -- BATTLING A MASSIVE "WOODCHIP PILE" FIRE -- AT A BUSINESS IN GARFIELD TOWNSHIP. THE FIRE STARTED AROUND 7-30 LAST NIGHT -- RIGHT BEHIND LEONARDO'S TREE SERVICE OFF U-S ONE-31 -- ON PO-LARIS CRESCENT DRIVE.TODAY -- THE MICHGAN D-N-R WILDLIFE SERVICE AND FIRE CREWS WERE STILL ON THE SCENE -- BULLDOZING A FIRE LINE AND SECURING THE FIRE PERIMETER.RIGHT NOW -- FIRE OFFICIALS ARE WORKING ON A PLAN TO FULLY EXTINGUISH THE FIRE. THE FIRE IS CONTAINED -- BUT IS STILL BURNING DEEP WITHIN THE WOOD-CHIP PILE -- AND IT COULD BURN FOR WEEKS.

August 20, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IN TONIGHT'S FACT FINDER REPORT...THE CLARE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS A NEW WEAPON AGAINST CRIME -- YOUR CELL PHONE. THE COUNTY RECENTLY LAUNCHED A NEW FREE APP -- COMPATIBLE WITH BOTH I-PHONES AND ANDROID DEVICES. 7&4's BRODY O'CONNELL SAT DOWN WITH THE SHERIFF TO SEE HOW IT

WORKS -- AND HOW IT WILL HELP THE DEPARTMENT KEEP A CLOSER EYE ON CRIMINALS.

August 21, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

FOR PARENTS -- THERE'S NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD. BUT IT MIGHT SURPRISE YOU THAT ONE OF THE DEVICES ALL PARENTS RELY ON TO PROTECT THEIR CHILDREN OUT ON THE ROAD -- IS BEING USED INCORRECTLY 80-PERCENT OF THE TIME! CAR SEAT TECHNICIAN NIKI SCHULTZ SAYS ONLY ABOUT 1 IN 5 PEOPLE PUT THEIR CAR SEATS IN PROPERLY. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL TALKED WITH HER THIS MORNING TO LEARN MORE

August 21, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE IS AN ONGOING PROBLEM ALL AROUND THE COUNTRY. IN OTSEGO COUNTY -- LOCAL AGENCIES ARE EDUCATING SENIORS SO THEIR PRESCRIPTIONS DON'T FALL INTO THE WRONG HANDS. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS, FOUND OUT WHAT STEPS SENIORS CAN TAKE TO PROTECT THEIR MEDICATIONS.

August 21, 2012

5:00-6:00pm

Time :30

A HEADS-UP TO RESIDENTS ALONG THE MANISTEE RIVER ... CONSUMERS ENERGY WILL BE CONDUCTING SOME SIREN TESTS THIS WEEK. THE EMERGENCY PUBLIC WARNING SIREN AND SPEAKER SYSTEMS WILL BE TESTED AT THE TIPPY AND HODENPYL HYDROELECTRIC GENERATING PLANTS. THE TEST WILL TAKE PLACE THURSDAY AT 9-30 A-M. THE SIRENS ARE LOCATED NEAR TIPPY DAM, HIGH BRIDGE U-S FOREST SERVICE BOAT LAUNCH, HODENPYL DAM, AND RED BRIDGE U-S FOREST SERVICE BOAT LAUNCH.

August 23, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

AN INMATE WHO ESCAPED FROM JAIL IN TRAVERSE CITY IS BACK BEHIND BARS TONIGHT... THE MAN TOOK OFF FROM THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY JAIL AROUND 2 THIS AFTERNOON. DEPUTIES AND TROOPERS SEARCHED FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF BEFORE CATCHING HIM. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ JOINS US LIVE WITH THE DETAILS.

August 23, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

TODAY -- SHERIFF TOM BENSLEY SAYS NICHOLAS YODER POSED AS ANOTHER INMATE WHO WAS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED AND WAS MISTAKENLY LET GO BY A JAIL OFFICER. AFTER AN HOUR AND A HALF SEARCH IN THE AIR AND ON FOOT -- DEPUTIES SPOTTED HIM AT CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WHERE HE WAS TAKEN BACK INTO CUSTODY.

August 27, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

NEW AT 6 TONIGHT -- POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING AN UNUSUAL CASE OUT OF CLARE COUNTY. POLICE SAY PHILIP MANNERS WAS ARRESTED FOR "FAILING TO INFORM" A SEXUAL PARTNER THAT HE HAD H-I-V. THIS IS A FELONY CHARGE. MANNERS HAS BEEN RELEASED ON BOND.

August 28, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

AS MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN THE PATH OF HURRICANE "ISAAC" BRACE THEMSELVES FOR THE WRATH OF THE STORM -- RESCUE CREWS HERE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN ARE PREPARING TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE.7&4'S KATE FOX MET WITH RED CROSS OFFICIALS AND COAST GUARD AIR STATION TRAVERSE CITY -- AND JOINS US NOW WITH MORE.

August 28, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A STUDENT AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY IS RECOVERING FROM A BROKEN JAW -- AFTER AN ATTACK HIS FAMILY IS CALLING A BRUTAL HATE CRIME.

19-YEAR-OLD ZACHARY TENNEN SAID HE WAS ASKED BY TWO MEN AT A PARTY NEAR THE M-S-U CAMPUS IF HE WAS JEWISH - AND THEN HE WAS KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS.ROGER WEBER REPORTS:

August 29, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE CHEBOYGAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS RESTRUCTURING -- SO IT CAN PUT MORE PATROLS OUT ON THE ROADS TO FIGHT CRIME A PLAN TO PUT MORE OFFICERS ON THE STREETS WAS APPROVED TUESDAY NIGHT.BUT AS 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS TELLS US THE COUNTY STILL HAS A LOT LESS MANPOWER THAN IT ONCE DID TO FIGHT THE BAD GUYS.

August 30, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A STORY TONIGHT THAT HAS OFFICIALS IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY SCRATCHING THEIR HEADS. DOZENS OF PEOPLE HAVE SPOTTED MYSTERIOUS LOW-FLYING HELICOPTERS -- BUT NO ONE SEEMS TO KNOW WHO THEY BELONG TO. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ WENT LOOKING FOR ANSWERS.

August 30, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

SEVERAL FAMILIES HAD TO BE EVACUATED FROM THEIR HOMES FOR A SHORT TIME TODAY AS A WILDFIRE BURNED NEARBY. THE EMMET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS THE FIRE BROKE OUT BY ISLAND VIEW NEAR CROSS VILLAGE. 30 TO 40 ACRES BURNED -- BUT LATE THIS AFTERNOON CREWS TOLD US THE FIRE WAS 90-PERCENT CONTAINED. NO ONE WAS HURT AND NO HOMES WERE DAMAGED. NO WORD YET ON A CAUSE.

August 31, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IF YOU DRINK AND DRIVE PLAN ON WAKING UP IN A JAIL CELL -- THAT'S THE MESSAGE FROM THE STATE POLICE. STATE POLICE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ACROSS THE STATE ARE RAMPING UP EFFORT TO CRACK-DOWN ON DRINKING AND DRIVING OVER THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND. LAST YEAR -- OFFICERS ARRESTED 230 PEOPLE FOR DRUNK DRIVING DURING A SIMILAR CRACK-DOWN. ACCORDING TO STATE RECORDS 4 PEOPLE DIED LAST YEAR IN ALCOHOL RELATED CRASHED OVER THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND -- A NUMBER POLICE HOPE SHRINKS THIS YEAR.

August 31, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A DEADLY DAY ON LAKE MICHIGAN AS DIVERS RECOVER THE BODY OF LOCAL TEENAGER WHO DROWNED. THE LELAND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WENT MISSING YESTERDAY AFTERNOON -- WHILE SWIMMING AT VAN'S BEACH IN LELAND. TODAY SHERIFF'S DIVE TEAMS FOUND HIS BODY. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ WAS THERE AND HAS THE DETAILS.

August 31, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE U-S COAST GUARD AND SHERIFF'S DIVE TEAMS ARE SEARCHING FOR A FISHERMAN WHO WENT MISSING IN WEST GRAND TRAVERSE BAY. THE LEELANAU COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS DIVE TEAMS ARE LOOKING NEAR POWER ISLAND - - AS A COAST GUARD HELICOPTER PROVIDES AERIAL SUPPORT. THE MAN WENT MISSING AROUND 11 THIS MORNING. WITNESSES SAY THEY SAW THE MAN'S BOAT SPINNING IN CIRCLES AND THEN HE WAS GONE. SHERIFF'S INVESTIGATORS HAVE RECOVERED THE MAN'S BOAT -- BUT SO FAR HE REMAINS MISSING.

September 3, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IN HONOR OF LABOR DAY -- THE TRAVERSE CITY FIRE STATION GOT A NICE SURPRISE FROM OLIVE GARDEN -- A FREE LUNCH! EVERY YEAR -- ACROSS THE COUNTRY -- OLIVE GARDEN CHAINS TEAM UP TO SERVE THOSE -- WHO SERVE US ON LABOR DAY. LOCAL FIRE STATIONS -- POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOMS WERE TREATED TO A FREE LUNCH THIS AFTERNOON. THIS IS THE 11-TH YEAR -- THAT THE RESTAURANT HAS DELIVERED FREE FOOD ON THE HOLIDAY.

September 4, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

TWO ADMINISTRATORS WITH NORTHERN MICHIGAN'S LARGEST SCHOOL DISTRICT ARE SUSPENDED WITHOUT PAY IN THE WAKE OF A SEX ABUSE CASE. THE DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOLLOWS THE ARREST OF MARC MORRIS -- A FORMER T-CAPS CUSTODIAN CHARGED WITH STARTING A SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH A 13-YEAR OLD EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPOKE WITH THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT -- SHE JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE.

September 5, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A FORMER CHEBOYGAN FIRE CADET WHO AGED OUT OF THE PROGRAM IS NOW FACING CHARGES FOR STARTING FIRES. THE PROGRAM IS MEANT TO SHOW TEENS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A FIRE-FIGHTER. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS TALKED WITH THE SHERIFF TO LEARN MORE.

September 6, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

after a woman says she was assaulted in the traverse city pedestrian tunnel -- many people are now re-thinking how safe and secure the community really is. this is just one incident of violent or sexual based crime that's happened recently in the downtown area. traverse city police say these types of offenses are on the rise. 7&4's lauren amstutz spoke with police today to dig deeper into this alarming trend.

September 6, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR SOMEONE THEY SAY ROBBED A CHEBOYGAN GAS STATION. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS SHOWS US THE SURVEILLANCE VIDEO THAT REVEALS HOW QUICK THIS ROBBERY HAPPENED.

September 6, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE BUILDING WHERE TRAVERSE CITY TEEN CARLY LEWIS WAS MURDERED IN JUNE OF LAST YEAR HAS NOW BEEN COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED. TEAM ELMERS FINISHED THE TEAR DOWN TODAY TO HELP REMOVE THE PAINFUL MEMORY OF THE CRIME. ALL THE WORK AND LABOR WAS DONATED.THE TEAR DOWN STARTED LAST SPRING BUT RAN INTO PERMITTING ISSUES.THOSE PERMITS WERE FINALLY OBTAINED AND THE WORK COMPLETED. ROBERT JENSEN SCHWANDER KILLED CARLY INSIDE THE BUILDING.

September 7, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

OFFICIALS IN ONE LEELANAU COUNTY COMMUNITY ARE TRYING TO COME UP WITH WAYS TO MAKE THE BEACHES SAFER -- AFTER ROUGH WATERS TOOK THE LIFE OF A LOCAL TEEN. A WEEK AGO -- EMERGENCY OFFICIALS RESPONDED TO THREE SEPARATE INCIDENTS ON VAN'S BEACH WITHIN MINUTES EACH OTHER.THE LACK OF WARNING SIGNS ON THE BEACH HAVE SOME OFFICIALS CONCERNED. 7&4's LAUREN AMSTUTZ HAS MORE

September 7, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

AT LEAST ONE PERSON HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH A METH BUST IN PETOSKEY. AROUND NOON TODAY OFFICERS ARRESTED THE MAN NEAR A DUMPSTER AT THE CORNER OF RUSH STREET AND ELIZABETH STREET. INVESTIGATORS FOUND COMPONENTS OF A METHAMPHETAMINE MAKING OPERATION INSIDE THE DUMPSTER. CREWS WERE AT THE SCENE FOR MUCH OF THE AFTERNOON -- AND AT LAST REPORT WERE WAITING FOR A CLEANUP CREW TO ARRIVE ON SCENE. DETAILS ARE LIMITED AS THIS INVESTIGATION IS ONGOING.

September 10, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

NOW -- SEVERAL GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE WORKING TOWARD A SOLUTION. THEY'RE LOOKING TO ADD ADDITIONAL STAFF -- BUT TO DO SO -- THEY MUST FIND THE PROPER FUNDING.7&4'S KATE FOX MET WITH COMMISSIONERS TODAY -- AND HAS MORE ON ISSUE.

September 10, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

AN EMMET COUNTY MAN IS FACING FELONY DRUG CHARGES AFTER POLICE SAY THEY FOUND A METH LAB AT HIS HOME.WILLIAM SNETHKAMP THE THIRD, WAS CHARGED TODAY WITH OPERATING A METHAMPHETAMINE LAB, DELIVERY OF METH AND POSSESSION OF METH AND ECSTACY. POLICE WERE CALLED TO THE HOME AT THE CORNER OF RUSH AND ELIZABETH IN PETOSKEY FRIDAY.

September 10, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A LEELANAU COUNTY COMMUNITY WILL DISCUSS SAFETY CONCERNS AT A POPULAR BEACH.THE LELAND TOWNSHIP BOARD WILL DISCUSS PLACING WARNING SIGNS AND RESCUE RINGS AT VAN'S BEACH. LAST MONTH 16-YEAR-OLD BRIAN ROLSTON OF LELAND DIED WHILE SWIMMING IN LAKE MICHIGAN NEAR THE BEACH.THE SAME DAY SEVERAL OTHERS HAD TO BE RESCUED AFTER GETTING CAUGHT IN RIP CURRENTS.THE MEETING STARTS AT 7:30P.M. AT THE LELAND TOWNSHIP LIBRARY.

September 10, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

YOU MAY SEE AN INCREASE IN ACTIVITY ALONG THE LAKESHORE THROUGHOUT THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AS AIR STATION TRAVERSE CITY TAKES PART IN SOME TRAINING EXERCISES. COAST GUARD CREWS WILL BE CONDUCTING ANNUAL STANDARDIZATION

AND CERTIFICATION EXERCISES. THE TRAINING WILL INCLUDE IN-FLIGHT EMERGENCIES AS WELL AS WATER RESCUES. INSTRUCTORS FROM THE COAST GUARD HELICOPTER TRAINING BRANCH IN MOBILE, ALABAMA WILL BE IN TRAVERSE CITY TO APPROVE OF THE CREWS PERFORMANCE.

September 10, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

LUCE COUNTY LANDOWNERS AFFECTED BY THE DUCK LAKE WILDFIRE CAN NOW APPLY FOR SOME FINANCIAL HELP. THE DUCK LAKE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A LIGHTNING STRIKE IN LATE MAY AND BURNED ALMOST 22-THOUSAND ACRES. THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT LANDOWNERS CAN SIGN UP FOR THE EMERGENCY FOREST RESTORATION PROGRAM. THE APPLICATION PERIOD WILL RUN THROUGH OCTOBER NINTH. SITE EVALUATIONS WILL OCCUR ONCE LANDOWNERS HAVE FORMALLY SIGNED UP FOR THE PROGRAM. YOU CAN GET ALL OF THE DETAILS ON OUR WEBSITE UP NORTH LIVE DOT COM.

September 11, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

FIRE CREWS ARE WARNING US ALL TO BE CAREFUL OUTSIDE RIGHT NOW -- BECAUSE THE WILDFIRE DANGER IS CLIMBING. FOR MORE DETAILS WE'RE JOINED BY 7&4 STORM TEAM CHIEF METEOROLOGIST MARK WATKINS.

September 12, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE LETTER OBTAINED BY WOOD T-V -- 7&4'S SISTER STATION IN GRAND RAPIDS -- IS ALLEGEDLY WRITTEN BY SEAN PHILLIPS WHILE IN PRISON -- TO BABY KATE'S MOTHER ARIEL COURTLAND. THIS LETTER DETAILS THE DAY PHILLIPS TOOK BABY KATE -- AND EXPLAINS HOW SHE SUPPOSEDLY DIED. LEON HENDRIX REPORTS.

September 12, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

CARS AT PLATTE VALLEY AUTO SALES IN BENZIE COUNTY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE LOT -- AS A FRAUD INVESTIGATION PLAYS OUT. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS PUT NOTICES ON THE CARS DETAILING THAT THEY CAN'T BE MOVED. 7&4 NEWS BROKE THIS STORY LAST NIGHT AT 11. THE CAR DEALER IS ACCUSED OF TAKING IN VEHICLES TO SELL ON CONSIGNMENT -- AND THEN TAKING OUT MULTIPLE LOANS ON THOSE VEHICLES FROM SEVERAL BANKS. INVESTIGATORS CALL THE CRIME DOUBLE FLOORING.

September 17, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A STATEWIDE POLICE INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY TONIGHT -- AFTER THIEVES TARGETED A NORTHERN MICHIGAN CAR DEALERSHIP IT'S THE SECOND DEALERSHIP TO GET HIT -- IN LESS THAN A WEEK. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPOKE WITH INVESTIGATORS AND JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH THE DETAILS.

September 17, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITIES ARE COMING TOGETHER THIS WEEK -- TO SUPPORT EARLY EDUCATION FOR "AT RISK" KIDS. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS WAS IN EMMET COUNTY TODAY -- TO SEE HOW LOCAL LEADERS ARE WORKING TO PROVIDE BETTER EDUCATION TO THE AREA'S CHILDREN.

September 18, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE FIRST INCIDENT HAPPENED EARLIER THIS MONTH. A TRAVERSE CITY WOMAN SAYS A MAN GRABBED HER IN THE TUNNEL NEAR CLINCH PARK -- SHE FOUGHT HIM OFF WITH PEPPER SPRAY. THEN ON SUNDAY -- ANOTHER WOMAN SAYS SHE WAS GRABBED BY A MAN ON THE TART TRAIL -- NEAR LOGAN'S LANDING. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ IS LIVE -- WHERE THE LATEST ATTACK TOOK PLACE.

September 20, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

KURT BARD SAYS A TRAVERSE CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUS DROPS HIS 13-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER OFF AT THE SAME SPOT EACH DAY... ALONG FOREST LODGE ROAD IN TRAVERSE CITY. CLOSE TO HOME -- BUT CLOSER TO A MAN WHO'S COMMITTED SERIOUS CRIMES AGAINST A CHILD. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ HAS MORE.

September 25, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A STATE WORKER -- WHO'S JOB IS TO PROTECT MICHIGAN'S NATURAL RESOURCES -- IS ACCUSED OF BEING CRUEL TO ANIMALS. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ IS LIVE OUTSIDE THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE...

PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/DEVELOPMENT

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

Local News

July 4, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

WHILE MANY OF US ARE CELEBRATING THE 4TH OF JULY WITH AN OLD FASHION PICNIC OR A SWIM AT THE BEACH -- ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN SOLDIER IS SPENDING IT MILES AWAY FROM HOME IN A WAR ZONE. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ SPOKE WITH LIEUTENANT EDWARD BEYNE (by-knee) FROM AFGANISTAN ABOUT THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM, AND THE PURE MICHIGAN SUMMERS HE'S MISSING SO MUCH.

July 5, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE STATE THEATRE IN TRAVERSE CITY IS ALL ABOUT GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY -- BUT THEY ARE ALSO ABOUT HELPING OUT OTHER THEATERS SO WHEN HARRY CLARK, THE OWNER OF THE CHERRY BOWL DRIVE-IN -- IN HONOR -- GOT INTO AN ACCIDENT LAST WINTER -- VOLUNTEERS AT THE THEATRE KNEW EXACTLY WHAT TO DO.

July 12, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

8-THOUSAND MILES -- IN 33 DAYS. THAT'S HOW FAR ONE LOCAL VETERAN IS WILLING TO GO -- TO SUPPORT TYPE TWO DIABETES RESEARCH. THE CADILLAC

COMMUNITY WAS ON HAND TO WISH BIKER AND VIETNAM VETERAN BILL BRADFIELD A SAFE JOURNEY ACROSS THE COUNTY. HE AND 15 OTHER BIKERS ARE NOW ON THEIR WAY TO TOLEDO.A HANDFUL OF THEM WILL CONTINUE-ON TO BOSTON -- THEN ALL THE WAY OUT TO THE WEST COAST -- AND BACK TO MICHIGAN. BRADFIELD WILL TRAVEL EVERY MILE -- AND HOPES TO HELP FIND A CURE FOR TYPE TWO DIABETES.

July 19, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

YOU HAVE THE CHANCE TO FIRE UP YOUR HOG AND TAKE A RIDE FOR A GOOD CAUSE. THE NORTHERN CHAPTER "HARLEY OWNERS GROUP" IS HOSTING ITS ANNUAL RIDE FOR FATHER FRED THIS WEEKEND. IT'S THE 20-TH YEAR FOR THE RIDE WHICH RAISES MONEY FOR THE FATHER FRED FOUNDATION. RIDERS WILL TAKE-OFF SATURDAY FROM TRAVERSE CITY -- AND CRUISE 120- MILES THRU BENZIE AND LEELANAU COUNTIES. SUNDAY WILL FEATURE A RIDE ON OLD MISSION PENINSULA.

July 19, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THERE WAS A LOT OF TRAFFIC ON THE INDIAN RIVER TODAY-- AS A DIVE TEAM CARRIED OUT AN INTERESTING MISSION.THIS EFFORT WAS PART OF THE ANNUAL "BIG SPLASH EVENT" 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS HAS MORE ON WHAT THIS PROJECT IS ALL ABOUT AND WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT FOR THIS CHEBOYGAN COUNTY WATERWAY.

July 31, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

LOVE INC OF GRAND TRAVERSE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING NEW REQUESTS FOR FULL-TIME ASSISTANCE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST.THE OFFICE WILL USE THE MONTH TO EXPAND OFFICE SPACE AND REORGANIZE SERVICES TO PREPARE FOR NEW MINISTRIES.LOVE INC WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THOSE ALREADY USING THE PROGRAM.

August 2, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

WE HAVE ALL HEARD OF THE TERM PAY IT FORWARD -- AND A KIDS SUMMER CAMP IN MANCELONA IS GIVING TRUE MEANING TO THAT PHRASE. ALL WEEK LONG THEY'VE BEEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT HOMES OF PEOPLE IN NEED. 7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS CAUGHT UP WITH THE CAMPERS TODAY TO SEE THE IMPACT OF THEIR SERVICE.

August 3, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

AN AIRPLANE CARRYING THE BODY OF MARINE SERGEANT JUSTIN HANSEN LANDED AT CHERRY CAPITOL AIRPORT AT 10 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING. 7&4'S BRODY O'CONNELL WAS THERE -- AS HUNDREDS OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS WELCOME HOME A HERO.

August 7, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A LOCAL CHARITY THAT HELPS PROVIDE SUPPLIES FOR NEW PARENTS HAS A NEW HOME TONIGHT. THE GRAND TRAVERSE BABY PANTRY HAS JUST MOVED INTO BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH ON PENINSULA DRIVE. THE CHURCH IS LETTING THE CHARITY OPERATE OUT OF THEIR BUILDING FOR A YEAR -- AND IF EVERYTHING GOES WELL, THEY'LL MAKE IT A PERMANENT HOME.

August 7, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

YOU CAN HELP SOME LOCAL DERBY GIRLS BY DONATING BLOOD! TRAVERSE CITY ROLLER DERBY IS HOSTING A SUMMER STEP-UP BLOOD DRIVE FUNDRAISER THIS THURSDAY AT JIMMY JOHNS ON FRONT STREET. THE GIRLS WILL EARN TEN DOLLARS FOR EVERY PERSON WHO ATTEMPTS TO DONATE. ORGANIZERS SAY IT'S A GREAT WAY TO HELP TWO GROUPS OF PEOPLE AT ONCE.

August 8, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IT WAS A SPECIAL MORNING AT THE NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN FAIR -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES GOT TO ENJOY THE FAIR GROUNDS FOR FREE.IT'S THE ANNUAL SPECIAL KIDS DAY. THE CHILDREN GOT TO CHECK OUT THE PETTING ZOO -- AND TAKE PART IN A SCAVENGER HUNT.

August 9, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THIS WEEK WAS A HUGE ONE FOR NASA AND AMERICA'S SPACE PROGRAM..WITH THE SUCCESSFUL LANDING OF THE MAR'S ROVER ON THE RED PLANET.AN EIGHT MONTH VOYAGE FOR THE NEWEST ROVER CURIOSITY ENDED SUNDAY NIGHT WITH AN ACROBATIC LANDING. A NAIL BITING MOMENT WATCHED FROM NEW YORK'S TIMES SQUARE TO NASA'S MISSION CONTROL IN CALIFORNIA.MOMENTS LATER CURIOSITY SENT BACK THE FIRST IMAGES FROM MARS.

August 10, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS ARE "KICKING OFF" AN ANNUAL FUNDRAISER. THE TRAVERSE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT LOCAL 6-4-6 MEMBERS ARE STATIONED ALONG THE SIDEWALKS OF UNION STREET AND FRONT STREET THIS EVENING HOLDING OUT THEIR BOOTS - COLLECTING MONEY FOR THE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION AS PART OF THEIR "FILL THE BOOT" CAMPAIGN.

August 12, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE PEDALS WERE SPINNING AND THE CYCLISTS WERE SPEEDING AROUND NORTHERN MICHIGAN THIS WEEKEND -- FOR THE FIFTH ANNUAL CHERRY {RUE-BAY} BIKE RACES.THE POPULAR CYCLING TRADITION WRAPPED UP WITH SOME PROFESSIONAL RACES TODAY IN CEDAR -- BUT NOT BEFORE 2 DAYS OF JAM-PACKED COMPETITION. IT KICKED OFF FRIDAY NIGHT WITH THE "TIME TRIAL EVENT" ON THE TIP OF OLD MISSION PENINSULA.

August 14, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR IS A COMMON PHRASE PRACTICED IN MANY COMMUNITIES. A GROUP OF CHURCH VOLUNTEERS IN BENZIE COUNTY ARE TAKING THIS PHRASE ONE STEP FURTHER.THEY'RE WORKING HARD TO IMPROVE NEARLY 20 HOMES AROUND THE AREA THIS WEEK.7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS VISITED ONE OF THE PROJECTS TODAY AND HAS THE STORY.

August 15, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

VOLUNTEERS ARE DOING WHATEVER THEY CAN TO HELP LOCAL VETERANS. 45 VOLUNTEERS FROM CONSUMERS ENERGY TRAVELLED FROM ACROSS THE STATE TO CHARITY HILL RANCH THE GROUP IS HELPING WITH THE HORSES FOR HEROES PROGRAM WHICH HELPS VETERANS DEALING WITH POST TRAUMATIC STRESS. VOLUNTEERS DID EVERYTHING FROM PLANTING TREES -- TO PAINTING THE BARN AND CLAENING UP THE GROUNDS.

August 16, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

500 BAGS OF FOOD WILL BE HANDED OUT TOMORROW TO LOCAL VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES. THOUSANDS OF NON-PERISHIBLE FOOD ITEMS HAVE BEEN DONATED AND BAGGED RIGHT HERE IN TRAVERSE CITY. COMPASSIONATE CARE HOME HEALTH SYSTEMS ALONG WITH OTHER COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS HAVE BEEN GATHERING THE GOOD FOR THE LAST 3 WEEKS. LOCAL VETERANS AND MILITARY RECRUITERS ALSO HELPED GATHER ITEMS FOR THE BAGS TO HELP SUPPORT THE VETERANS.

August 16, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IT'S NO SECRET THAT MANY OF OUR NORTHERN MICHIGAN TOWNS AND VILLAGES HAVE RICH AND INTERESTING HISTORIES -- BUT NOT ALL OF THEM ARE WIDELY KNOWN... TONIGHT, WE'RE TAKING YOU TO A PLACE THAT MADE FAMOUS BY A SET OF HORNS, PIG IRON, AND LOTS OF RUNNING WATER.. TONIGHT, WE BRING YOU THE STORY OF ELK RAPIDS.

August 20, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

PET OWNERS IN TRAVERSE CITY HAVE A NEW PLACE TO LET THEIR 4-LEGGED FRIENDS RUN FREE. AND WHILE A GRAND OPENING IS STILL A MONTH AWAY -- ANIMAL LOVERS ARE ALREADY GETTING AN EARLY TASTE OF THE NEW LEASH-FREE DOG PARK. IT'S LOCATED IN THE MIDDLE OF DIVISION -- BAY AND CYPRESS STREETS IN TRAVERSE CITY. AND THAT'S WHERE 7&4'S KATE FOX RIGHT NOW -- JOINING US LIVE WITH MORE ON THE POOCH PARK.

August 21, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

FRIENDS OF A MASON COUNTY MAN WHO DIED WHILE BOATING LAST WEEK ARE RAISING MONEY TO SUPPORT HIS FAMILY. RAY "FINNY" FINHOLM WAS ONE OF TWO MEN WHO DIED WHILE OUT FISHING IN LAKE MICHIGAN LAST THURSDAY. NOW FRIENDS ARE HOSTING A BENEFIT FISHING TOURNAMENT AND FISH FRY TO RAISE MONEY TO HELP FINNY'S WIFE SHIRLEY WITH FUNERAL COSTS.

August 21, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IT'S AN ANNUAL EVENT THAT'S PUTTING THINGS ON THE AUCTION BLOCK TO HELP HOMELESS PETS. HOWL AT THE MOON TAKES PLACE THIS THURSDAY -- RAISING MONEY FOR THE LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY HUMANE SOCIETY. SOME OF THE ITEMS UP FOR AUCTION INCLUDE A TRIP TO THE 2013 WESTMINSTER DOG SHOW AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN AND A 2 NIGHTS STAY IN THE WINDY CITY. THIS YEAR ORGANIZERS HOPE TO RAISE 125-THOUSAND DOLLARS TO PROVIDE A SAFE HAVEN FOR ABANDONED CATS AND DOGS.

August 22, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

DOZENS OF LITTLE BOOK WORMS GATHERED AT DEPOT PARK IN DOWNTOWN ALDEN THIS AFTERNOON. UNITED WAY DISTRIBUTED LITERACY KITS FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES TO TAKE HOME WITH THEM FOR THE SUMMER. FAMILIES PARTICIPATED IN GAMES, FACE PAINTING AND OTHER FUN ACTIVITIES TO GET THOSE IMAGINATIONS FLOWING.

August 24, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A GROUP OF LOCAL VETERANS IS TRYING TO PIECE TOGETHER A VIETNAM WAR MEDAL MYSTERY A SHADOW BOX FULL OF WAR MEDALS MADE IT'S WAY TO TRAVERSE CITY AFTER A FELLOW VETERAN BOUGHT THEM AT AN OUT OF STATE PAWN SHOP. 7&4'S LAUREN AMSTUTZ HAS MORE ON MISSION TO FIND THE RIGHTFUL OWNER.

August 24, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE CHAR-EM UNITED WAY WANTS YOU TO JOIN THEM TO HELP OUT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.THE DAY OF CARING IS A DAY WHERE PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES WORK ON VARIOUS PROJECTS TO HELP LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS. LAST YEAR'S EVENT HAD MORE THAN 500 VOLUNTEERS THAT WORKED 43 DIFFERENT PROJECTS.THIS YEAR THEY WILL BE DOING SERVICE PROJECTS WITH THE BERGMANN CENTER IN CHARLEVOIX, THE PETOSKEY LIBRARY AND MANY OTHER LOCAL GROUPS.

August 30, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A PIECE OF STEEL FROM THE WORLD TRADE CENTER IS NOW RESTING AT IT'S PERMANENT HOME IN TRAVERSE CITY. WITH THE HELP OF TEAM ELMER'S -- THE STEEL ARTIFACT WAS HOISTED AND WELDED INTO PLACE THIS MORNING AT THE GRAND TRAVERSE 9-11 MEMORIAL PARK. THE 3-THOUSAND 3-HUNDRED POUND BEAM FROM THE NORTH TOWER WAS FIXED IN PLACE LEANING 111-DEGREES TOWARD NEW YORK CITY. IT HONORS THE LIVES LOST ON SEPTEMBER 11-TH -- AND THE SACRIFICES MADE EVERYDAY BY FIRE-FIGHTERS ACROSS THE NATION.

August 30, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

SOME SPECIAL PUPS ARE BRINGING SMILES TO THE FACES OF PEOPLE WHO NEED LOVE THE MOST. BOWSERS BY THE BAY IN ELK RAPIDS HAS A PROGRAM CALLED "PALS WITH PAWS". HEY TAKE TRAINED THERAPY DOGS TO NURSING HOMES OR TO PEOPLE WHO ARE HOME-BOUND. IT GIVES THE PEOPLE THE CHANCE TO PET THE PUPS, PLAY WITH THEM.. AND GET INTERACTION THAT THEY DON'T GET ON A NORMAL DAY.

August 31, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A LOCAL ANIMAL HOSPITAL IS HELPING THOSE IN NEED GET THEIR PETS FIXED. IN A COUPLE WEEKS -- V-C-A CHERRY BEND ANIMAL HOSPITAL IS HOSTING ITS 2-ND ANNUAL SPAY AND NEUTER A-THON. IT'S A 12-HOUR EVENT IN WHICH VETERINARIANS AND STAFF DONATE THEIR TIME TO SPAY AND NEUTER CATS AND DOGS FOR FREE. THE HOSPITAL SAYS THEY WANT TO HELP FAMILIES WHO CAN'T OTHERWISE AFFORD TO GET THEIR PETS FIXED.

September 3, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IN FACT -- THOUSANDS CAME INTO TOWN -- JUST TO WALK ACROSS THE MACKINAC BRIDGE. AND FOR MANY -- THIS LABOR DAY ACTIVITY WAS THEIR FINAL DESTINATION OF THE SUMMER.7&4'S NATHAN EDWARDS WAS AT THE STARTLING LINE THIS MORNING -- AND HAS THE DETAILS.

September 3, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

SOME GOOD NEWS FOR ALL YOU "BOOK WORMS" OUT THERE -- THE WOODMERE LIBRARY IN TRAVERSE CITY WILL REOPEN THIS WEEK -- AFTER BEING CLOSED FOR LOBBY RE-CONSTRUCTION.WORK STARTED BACK ON AUGUST 30TH -- AND WILL WRAP UP TODAY.THE PROJECT WAS FOCUSED ON INCREASING THE LIBRARY'S

"SELF-SERVICE" CAPABILITIES. THE RENOVATIONS INCLUDE AN UPDATED WELCOME DESK AND FOUR EXPRESS "DO IT YOURSELF" CHECK-OUT STATIONS.

September 5, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL WILL COME BACK AROUND FASTER THAN YOU THINK -- THE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE HAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THE DATES FOR NEXT YEAR'S EVENT -- AND THIS YEAR IT'S BEEN MOVED UP. THE 20-13 FESTIVAL WILL RUN FROM JUNE 29-TH THROUGH JULY 6-TH. THE COMMITTEE SAYS THE MOVE SEEMED "LOGICAL" FOR THE EVENT TO INCLUDE THE FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY. IN YEARS PAST - THE FESTIVAL RAN FROM THE FIRST WEEKEND IN JULY TO THE SECOND WEEKEND. THE FESTIVAL'S DIRECTOR SAYS THEY MADE THE DECISION AFTER BEING CONTACTED AND URGED BY THE CITY TO MAKE THE CHANGE.

September 6, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE AROUND THE TRAVERSE CITY AREA ROLLED UP THEIR SLEEVES TO HELP OTHERS. TODAY IS THE UNITED WAY DAY OF CARING. A KICKOFF PANCAKE BREAKFAST WAS HELD AT THE OPEN SPACE TO THANK THE VOLUNTEERS BEFORE THEIR DAY OF HARD WORK. THE COAST GUARD WAS ALSO THERE AND A BLOOD DRIVE WAS HELD. AFTER GETTING A BITE TO EAT THEY HEADED OFF TO HELP CLEAN UP COMMUNITY TRAILS, PAINT NON-PROFITS AND A NUMBER OF OTHER PROJECTS.

September 7, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

AN UPCOMING FUNDRAISER WILL RAISE MONEY TO HELP MAKE SURE PEOPLE IN NEED HAVE CLEAN CLOTHES. SOUP FOR SUDS INVITES PEOPLE IN THE GRAND TRAVERSE AREA TO COME OUT FOR A NIGHT OF SOUP, WINE AND MUSIC. THE MONEY RAISED AT THE EVENT GOES TO HELP PAY FOR THE GRAND TRAVERSE LAUNDRY PROJECT. IT'S A PROGRAM THAT WAS STARTED IN 2004 TO HELP STRUGGLING FAMILIES PAY FOR LAUNDRY NEEDS SINCE ITS CREATION - THE PROGRAM HAS TAKEN OFF.

September 10, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE AFTER 26 PROJECT - WHICH PROVIDES JOBS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS IN WEXFORD, MISSAUKEE AND OSCEOLA - IS GETTING ALMOST 37-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN GRANT MONEY FROM THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. THE MONEY WILL BE USED TO PAY FOR TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT FOR THE NEW AFTER 26 DEPOT CAFE AND UNIQUE GIFTS IN DOWNTOWN CADILLAC. ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS WILL WORK IN THE CAFE, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. THE U-S-D-A HAS AWARDED MORE THAN 100-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN GRANTS TO THIS PROJECT.

September 10, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

YOU CAN HELP FILL THE SHELVES OF AREA FOOD PANTRIES WITH A FUNDRAISER THROUGH MEIJER IN TRAVERSE CITY. THE GOODWILL INN IN TRAVERSE CITY IS TRYING TO MEET THE GROWING DEMAND FOR HELP. YOU CAN HELP BY BUYING A "SIMPLY GIVE" FOOD PANTRY CARD AT MEIJER.

September 11, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THE HORRIFIC DAY IS FOREVER BURNED IN OUR MEMORIES -- AND TODAY MANY OF US ARE TAKING TIME TO REMEMBER THE NEARLY 3-THOUSAND PEOPLE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES.AND WHILE THE ENTIRE COUNTRY STOPS TO REFLECT -- ONE NORTHERN MICHIGAN WOMAN IS SHARING HER PERSONAL STORY -- OF LOSING HER BROTHER ON SEPTEMBER 11TH 2001.

September 11, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

IN TRAVERSE CITY -- A DEDICATION CEREMONY WAS HELD AT THE NEW 9-11 MEMORIAL PARK -- BEHIND THE GRAND TRAVERSE METRO FIRE DEPARTMENT. COAST GUARD COMMANDER JOE BUZZELLA -- FROM AIR STATION TRAVERSE CITY -- WAS ONE OF SEVERAL SPEAKERS. THERE WAS ALSO A PRAYER SERVICE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE FIRST RESPONDERS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES ON 9-11.

September 11, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

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TODAY ISN'T ONLY A DAY TO REMEMBER THE LIVES LOST -- BUT ALSO A DAY TO HONOR THOSE LOCAL HEROES WHO PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE TO PROTECT US EACH DAY. COVELL FUNERAL HOME IN TRAVERSE CITY HAD ITS ANNUAL LUNCH FOR LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS, POLICE OFFICERS AND VETERANS.ORGANIZERS SAY THEY PUT ON THE LUNCH AS A WAY TO GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE WHO SERVE.

September 11, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THIS WEEKEND YOU HAVE THE CHANCE TO GET RID OF SOME OF YOUR UNWANTED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS -- AND IT WON'T COST YOU ANYTHING.EMMET COUNTY IS HOLDING THE FINAL WEEKEND OF ITS CLEAN UP, GREEN UP, FREE UP CAMPAIGN. COUNTY RESIDENTS CAN GET RID OF PLANT PLASTICS AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR FREE YOU CAN PAY ONE DOLLAR PER CAN TO GET RID OF LATEX PAINT. AND THEY WILL OFFER DOCUMENT SHREDDING FOR ONLY FIVE DOLLARS A BOX. THE COUNTY HOPES THAT RESIDENTS COME OUT AND RECYCLE INSTEAD OF JUST THROWING THESE ITEMS IN THE TRASH.

September 12, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

THERE ARE TWO NEW OPTIONS FOR PEOPLE IN NEED IN THE MANISTEE AREA. THE MANISTEE SALVATION ARMY HAS STARTED TWO NEW PROJECTS -- A CLOTHING CLOSET AND A CLIENT CHOICE FOOD PANTRY -- AND THEY NEED MORE DONATIONS TO FILL SHELVES. FOR THE CLOSET -- THEY ARE LOOKING FOR NOT ONLY CLOTHING -- BUT BEDDING, DISHES, POTS AND PANS, AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD GOODS.NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED FOR THE FOOD PANTRY - AS ARE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP ITEMIZE THE SHELVES.ORGANIZERS SAY THESE PROGRAMS LET CLIENTS CHOOSE THEIR OWN ITEMS - RESULTING IN MORE DIGNITY AND LESS WASTE.

September 14, 2012

6:00-6:30pm

Time :30

A LOCAL ANIMAL HOSPITAL DEDICATED IT'S DAY -- TO HELPING PROTECT OUR FURRY FRIENDS.IT'S THE SECOND ANNUAL "SPAY AND NEUTER-A-THON" HOSTED BY V-C-A CHERRY BEND ANIMAL HOSPITAL IN TRAVERSE CITY.DURING A 12 HOUR TIME SPAN -- DOCTORS AND STAFF DONATE THEIR TIME TO SPAY AND NEUTER CATS AND DOGS -- AT NO CHARGE TO THE OWNERS.LAST YEAR -- THEY SUCCESSFULLY STERILIZED 45 DOGS AND CATS -- AND THIS YEAR THEY BEAT THAT NUMBER -- REACHING 57! ORGANIZERS SAY IT'S SO IMPORTANT WE TRY TO

PREVENT AN OVER-POPULATION OF CATS AND DOGS -- BECAUSE IT CAN LEAD TO AN INCREASE IN HOMELESS ANIMALS.