

7-02-09
Unemployment

K-MART – K-Mart is offering a discount program for laid off workers in states like ours with high unemployment rates.

7-06-09
Unemployment

PREDICTIONS – Economists at the University of Michigan predict that our states economic hard times will stick around for the rest of the year, into next year

Tourism

BUSINESS – Businesses in Mackinaw City said business from the holiday weekend was on par with last years.

7-10-09
State Budget

SACRIFICES – 26 of Michigan’s 147 state lawmakers are giving up part of their pay for this summer because of the state’s budget crisis.

7-13-09
School

CAPS CUTS – Cadillac Area School board members voted to layoff eight teachers and nine paraprofessionals in an effort to cut costs.

7-21-09 Unemployment	ALTERNATIVE ENGERGY – The governor says alternative energy is the fastest growing economic sector in a state with high unemployment and she announced her plan to offer incentives to companies producing alternative energy products.
7-24-09 Tourism	BENZIE COUNTY – Businesses in Benzie County credit the tourism boost to features in major news papers like the Chicago Sun, and modern techniques like blogging.
7-25-09 School	BALDWIN – Two men who have been successful on and off the football field came back to talk to kids that education and athletics go hand in hand.
7-29-09 State Budget	FILM INCENTIVE – The film incentive program has helped bring filmmakers to Michigan, but is costing the state money, now it is an easy target to lawmakers struggling to fill a huge deficit.
7-31-09 Unemployment	WEBCASTS – Unemployed workers can now watch a series of how to webcasts that could make filing for benefits easier.
August 9&10 News	
8-03-09 School	G-I BILL – A new G-I bill will make it easier for veterans to go back to school.
8-05-09 School	NEW SCHOOL – When Traverse City Elementary students head back to the classroom this year, they’ll be stepping inside a brand new state of the art building.
8-07-09 State Budget	STATE AGENCIES – 27 agencies that serve low income families and the elderly came together to say they can’t handle the cuts the governor is proposing.
8-17-09 Tourism	SLEEPING BEAR DUNES – The Park is seeing more than 1.2 million visitors this year, that’s a 10 percent increase over last year.
8-19-09 Unemployment	STABILIZING – The state says the unemployment rate is stabilizing slightly because of hiring in hotels and in the nursing and health care industry.
8-20-09 School/ Unemployment	JOBS – This may be the best time to look for work in the fall because many workers will be leaving town or heading back to school.
8-24-09 School/ State Budget	SCHOOL BUSES – School districts across the U-S are looking to save money by ending their bus services.

- 8-25-09
Tourism TC TOURISM – Hotels in Traverse City say that June and July were very successful, but August has been disappointing.
- 8-28-09
Tourism MACK. BRIDGE – Tourism up north has kept the Mackinac Bridge busy, with many tourists heading to Sault Ste. Marie who says their business is up at least 10 percent from last year
- September 9&10 News
- 9-02-09
State Budget MARATHON TALKS – Marathon talks are on the schedule for tomorrow between state lawmakers and Governor Granholm in hopes of figuring out the state budget.
- 9-03-09
Tourism NATIONAL ATTENTION – Michigan is getting national attention for its Pure Michigan campaign, especially its use of social media.
- 9-08-09
School REOPENING – The Tahquamenon Area School District reopened Curtis Elementary this year after closing it in 2008 with some help from a state grant and the community.
- 9-09-09
State Budget BUDGET HOLE – The governor plans to fill Michigan’s 2.7 billion dollar budget hole with more than 600 million dollars in budget cuts and 550 million in new taxes.
- 9-10-09
State Budget HEALTH CENTERS – More than 70 health centers around Michigan are waiting to see if the state budget crisis will cut their funding.
- 9-22-09
Unemployment EXTENSION – Lawmakers are expected to approve a 13 week extension of benefits since economists are saying jobs will be tough to find.
- 9-23-09
State Budget STATE POLICE – The Michigan State Police found out today they could rehire 55 of the 104 troopers that were laid off earlier this year.
- 9-28-09
LIBRARIES – The conference committee voted Sunday to cut state aid to local libraries by 40 percent.