

10-02-09
Unemployment

WEXFORD – Unemployment rates are nearly 20 percent in Wexford County, and at the Michigan Works in Cadillac, advisors say they're seeing more people opting to go back to school and be retrained for other careers.

State Budget

ROADS – The state told road commissioners to expect 5 percent less funding next year.

10-05-09
School

BANDS – Schools around the state are suffering some hefty cuts, which usually affect extra curriculars. For band programs schools are relying more heavily on band boosters.

- 10-09-09
State Budget/
School STATE AID – Governor Granholm is set to sign a budget providing state aid to Michigan’s K-12 schools.
- 10-16-09
State Budget PARKING TICKETS – A bill passed in the House Thursday would allow cities to collect unpaid parking tickets sooner.
- 10-20-09
State Budget BUDGET BILLS – Six budget bills are finally making their way to the governor’s desk, 20 days after they were passed.
- 10-21-09
School ILLNESS – Several schools in our viewing area will be closed today and for some, the rest of the week due to illnesses.
- 10-22-09
Tourism FREE – Beginning at midnight on November 1, travelers won’t have to pay to cross the Mackinac Bridge for one whole day.
- 10-28-09
State Budget DOCTOR TAX – The Michigan Senate killed the plan to tax doctors as a way to make money for the state.
- 10-30-09
State Budget BILLS SIGNED – Governor Granholm signed the six remaining budget bills on her desk but is not pleased with the deep cuts in the bills.

November 9&10 News

- 11-02-09
School KALKASKA VOTE – Voters in Kalkaska will vote on an 18.7 million dollar school bond tomorrow. The bond will pay for improvements throughout the school district.
- 11-05-09
Tourism FESTIVALS – Festivals play a vital role for Northern Michigan tourism and with the economic situation many have had to cut back, but some say that hasn’t affected their turnout.
- School STIMULUS MONEY – The Michigan House voted to tap into federal stimulus money set aside for next year to help out schools now.
- 11-10-09
School/
State Budget SCHOOL CLOSING? – The Mt. Pleasant School District is considering closing Rosebush Elementary by January if the state keeps its current education budget.
- 11-13-09
State Budget DEER CHECK STATIONS – Nearly two thirds of the deer check stations around the state will be closed because of budget cuts.
- 11-18-09
State Budget MI PROMISE – Governor Granholm met with lawmakers today, asking them to revive the Michigan Promise Scholarship.
- 11-19-09
Tourism SKI TOURISM – Mild temperatures are keeping slopes from making snow which creates a waiting game for winter tourism.

- 11-25-09
Unemployment
- FALLING NUMBERS – The labor department says the number of US workers filing for applications for jobless insurance fell to the lowest level since September of last year.
- 11-30-09
State Budget
- FEDERAL MONEY – State Senators plan to act this week on bills that would help Michigan compete for up to 400 million dollars in federal recovery act money.
- December 9&10 News
- 12-09-09
Tourism
- SNOW BUSINESS – The more snow the better is what many local businesses are saying as it brings in skier/snowmobiler tourists.
- 12-10-09
School/
State Budget
- CUT AVOIDED – The \$127.00 per student cut has been avoided because apparently the state has more money then expected from commercial property taxes so the cut can be delayed.
- 12-11-09
School
- CHALLENGE DAY – Cadillac Junior High Students learned about acceptance and understanding as a part of challenge day, which is an effort to end bullying.
- 12-15-09
Tourism
- WIND TURBINES – Many are worried that possible wind turbines off the shore of Lake Michigan could negatively impact tourism.
- 12-18-09
Tourism
- CULINARY TOURISM – Thanks to a 24 thousand dollar grant from the department of agriculture, Michigan is launching a new initiative to promote culinary tourism.
- 12-24-09
State Budget
- BUDGET UPD. – The grim state budget situation is likely to continue into the next fiscal year. The Senate fiscal agency says tax revenue will keep falling because of Michigan’s struggling economy.