

## July 9&10 News – 3rd Quarter 2008

- 7-01-08  
Unemployment      EXTENSION – Those who have used up their benefits for between Nov. '06 and Mar. '09 will qualify for a 13 week extension.
- 7-01-08  
School/  
Unemployment      LEELANAU CO. CUTS – 1 million dollar shortfall for next school year. 10 teaching positions eliminated.
- 7-01-08  
Tourism              TACS(TRAVERSE AREA COMMUNITY SAILING) – Building a new boardwalk, boathouse, and dock.
- 7-01-08  
School                REED CITY CUTS – District school board voted to privatize food and custodial services hoping to save around 300 thousand dollars.
- 7-01-08  
State Budget        MINIMUM WAGE – The state raised minimum wage by a quarter to \$7.40.
- 7-01-08  
Tourism              CHARTER FISHING - Lower turnouts than normal, owners fear that prices at the pump are causing fewer trips up north.
- 7-02-08  
Tourism              ROTHBURY – State troopers are preparing for the hundreds of people who will be attending the music festival in Oceana County.  
CHERRY FESTIVAL - Preparations continue for the festival which begins on Saturday.  
BLUE ANGELS – Starting off the festival is a performance by the Blue Angels  
GREATEST FOURTH IN THE NORTH – The festival began on this day in Lake City.  
LUDINGTON 4<sup>TH</sup> SAFETY – Visitors are urged to be extra careful on the water this holiday weekend.  
4<sup>TH</sup> WEEKEND TRAVEL – Due to high gas prices, fewer people are expected to be on the road.
- 7-02-08  
State Budget        CMU TUITION HIKE – CMU decided to raise tuition costs because of uncertainties with state funds.
- 7-03-08  
Tourism              TC FIREWORK SAFETY – TC Fire Chief wants to remind tourists and locals alike to be safe with fireworks over the holiday weekend.  
TOURISM OUTLOOK – TC visitors bureau say things are looking great for the opening weekend of the Cherry Festival.
- 7-03-08  
State Budget        MI SUFFERING – The state only has 2.8 million dollars left to pay for jobless benefits which are below the recommended level.  
US LABOR DEPARTMENT - MI was awarded 2 million dollars to train people for nursing and other health care provider jobs.

7-04-08 Tourism	MACK. CITY TOURISM - Fourth of July is the kick off to the summer season, when store owners say business picks up 50 percent. HOUGHTON LAKE TOURISM – Despite economic troubles, things have been looking pretty good for Houghton Lake business owners.
7-06-08 Tourism	CHERRY FEST. – Some businesses have tripled their sales over the weekend.
7-07-08 Tourism	TOURIST DEPENDANT TOWNS – Weather and high gas prices has business owners worried, but many enjoyed a much needed, busy holiday weekend.
7-10-08 Unemployment	NUMBER OF JOBLESS CLAIMS FALLING – The number of Americans filing for unemployment fell 58 thousand to 346 thousand.
7-10-08 School	VANDALISM – Vandals caused 3 thousand dollars worth of damage to Sacred Heart Elementary School.
7-14-08 School/ State Budget	MI SCHOOLS – Lawmakers are looking at a proposal that would give schools 55 dollars more per student in state money. CLOSINGS – Kaleva Normal Dickson School District may be deciding to close Kaleva Elementary.
7-16-08 Tourism	NEW CASINO – The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is looking to open a new casino in West Michigan.
7-22-08 School	FOOD – It is going to cost more this year to feed kids at school.
7-23-08 State Budget	BILL PASSED – Both the House and the Senate passed the bill that would give 56-112 more dollars per student to Michigan schools.
7-27-08 School	KINDERGARTEN BILL – The bill would require kindergartners to go to a full day of school. Schools can opt out, but if they choose not to participate they will only receive
7-30-08 School	MESICK BUDGET – Mesick School Board approved their budget for the upcoming school year.
7-31-08 Tourism	HIKING – A local hiking trail needs help being cleaned up. It brings people to northern Michigan since it is part of a national trail.
August 9&10 News	
8-01-08 Unemployment	4 YEAR HIGH – Unemployment numbers have climbed to a four year high, 5.7 percent.

8-05-08 School	HOUGHTON MILLAGE – A millage to raise money for schools that didn't pass in May has been put back on the ballot for August.
8-06-08 School/ State Budget	SCHOOL BUDGETS – Schools are happy to know budget numbers from the state, but it won't be enough to keep some northern Michigan schools from closing.
8-08-08 Tourism	SUTTONS BAY TOURISM – As the summer comes to a close, business owners say it was a slow start, but ended up as a success.
8-13-08 Tourism	LABOR DAY – Business owners are getting ready for Labor Day weekend, which usually marks the end of the tourist season.
8-18-08 School	SCHOOL CHANGES – Students from two elementary schools will now be bussed over to a high school for classes. The change will be saving the schools from hiring another elementary teacher.
8-25-08 School	LOWER GRADUATION RATES – Only 75 percent of students graduated on time (the regular four years) for the class of 2007
Tourism	MACK. ISLAND TOURISM – August has been the busiest month in 121 years. This may be due to their new advertising strategies such as online ads and out of state advertising.
September 9&10 News	
9-02-08 School	TCAPS FIRST DAY BACK – First day procedures and expectations for the year.
9-03-08 Unemployment	JOBLESS – The number of people asking for unemployment benefits went up unexpectedly last week.
9-08-08 School	CADILLAC ENROLLMENT – Cadillac Area Public Schools has had a continuously declining enrollment number and are facing that issue with a lower budget.
9-12-08 Unemployment	RATES FALLING – The number of people filing for unemployment fell for the first time last week.
9-17-08 State Budget	MDOT – Construction could come to an abrupt halt if Lansing doesn't finalize the MDOT budget soon.
9-19-08 Unemployment	HIGHEST IN NATION – Michigan once again has the highest unemployment rates in the nation.
Tourism	COLOR TOUR – Sleeping Bear Dunes and the Visitors Bureau have teamed up to continue tourism in northern Michigan into the fall. They are marketing the first ever color tour.
	9-23-08

School

NEW REQUIREMENTS – The new requirements may be tough on some students. Traverse City West High School says that as long as they stay connected with students the new requirements are do-able.

9-24-08

State Budget

ISABELLA CO. DEPUTIES – One Isabella County deputy will be laid off and one position won't be filled due to the economic struggle.

School

COUNT DAY – Today was count day for Michigan schools, the state needs to know how many students to send money for.