

1-05-10  
School

**DROPOUT AGE** – The legislation signed yesterday regarding the dropout age changed from 16 to 18 makes Michigan eligible for hundreds of millions of dollars in federal money.

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School

**ENROLLMENT NUMBERS** – NMC is seeing a 20 percent increase in the number of students enrolled for spring semester compared to last year. The college attributes the higher numbers to older people going back to school.

1-14-10  
State Budget

**FUNDING STOPPED** – State funding stopped at the Nokomis challenge center, leaving dozens of employees and residents without a place to work and receive treatment. They will close their doors tomorrow.

- 1-18-10  
School BUCKLEY AWARD – Buckley High School was given a bronze award for being one of the best in the nation.
- 1-21-10  
Unemployment RATES UP – The state unemployment rate is headed in a positive direction for the third straight month.
- 1-22-10  
School NEW SCHEDULE – Kids at a Montmorency County school will only go to school four a days week with extra long days starting Monday.
- 1-28-10  
State Budget ROADS – More than 200 road and bridge projects across the state could be delayed because the state is running low on money.
- 2-01-10  
Tourism February 9&10 News  
CONSTRUCTION- Construction on the Manistee bridge has created inconvenient detours and is hurting local businesses.
- 2-04-10  
Tourism SNOW FEST – The visitor’s bureau in Cadillac is expecting a good turn out for this weekend’s Snow Fest.
- 2-05-10  
School SAFETY – Students in Cadillac got to learn the proper ways to respond to an emergency situation. They learned things like how to use a fire extinguisher and how to react in a disaster scenario.
- 2-09-10  
School TCAPS – Today the Traverse City Area Public Schools decided on more than six million dollars in cuts.
- 2-11-10  
State Budget GOVERNOR’S PLAN – From hundreds of millions in spending cuts to increased taxes, the governor made several recommendations to help chip away the state’s hefty budget shortfall.
- 2-16-10  
State Budget AGRICULTURE – Farmers are worried that cuts made to the department of agriculture could affect food safety and quality.
- 2-17-10  
Tourism AISIAN CARP – The fishing industry is a very large part of tourism in northern Michigan, and the Asian Carp could jeopardize it.
- 2-18-10  
School CMU MED SCHOOL – CMU held a ground breaking ceremony to celebrate the next step for their future medical school.
- 2-25-10  
Unemployment NEW BILL – The US House passed a bill that would extend unemployment benefits until June. If the Senate doesn’t pass it, thousands of people in Michigan will be losing their benefits.
- 3-01-10  
Tourism/  
Unemployment March 9&10 News  
SUMMER – Summer tourism is right around the corner, and so are those summer jobs. To help people get ready for those jobs free, two week hospitality industry training started today in Bay Harbor.

- 3-08-10 Unemployment/  
School LAYOFFS – A new survey shows that 86 percent of public school districts in the state expect to have layoffs in the next academic year.
- 3-09-10 School LEARNING DISABILITIES – A unique learning method is currently being used at NMC School in Mcbain to help kids with learning disabilities. NMC is the only school in the Midwest to offer it.
- 3-10-10 Unemployment JOBS – Michigan added about 6 thousand payroll jobs in January, helping the state’s unemployment rate dip to 14.3 percent.
- 3-11-10 State Budget/  
School FUNDING – Today Senators Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin announced Michigan Schools will receive nearly 429 million dollars in stimulus cash.
- 3-16-10 Tourism/  
State Budget PURE MICHIGAN – The Pure Michigan Campaign only has half of the 30 million dollar’s it needs to run the promotional campaign. If the government can’t find a way to pay for it, the campaign may be over.
- 3-18-10 State Budget FIREWORKS – Some illegal fireworks might be legalized and sold to help bring in money for the state.
- 3-24-10 State Budget SCHOOL FUNDING – Today the State Senate passed a bill that would cut school funding by 118 dollars per student.
- 3-25-10 Tourism PURE MICHIGAN – The Michigan House of Representative just passed a bill paying 15 million dollars for the Pure Michigan Campaign for the rest of the year.