

January 9&10 News – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2009

1-05-09  
Unemployment

PLANT CLOSES – Another Charlevoix plant is planning to close in April, leaving nearly two dozen people unemployed.

1-21-09  
Unemployment

UNEMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS – With high unemployment rates, department and agency leaders said they will be expanding hours and adding service options to deal with long lines and delays.

School

MT. PLEASANT BUYOUTS – This school district is offering buyouts for senior staff members with 10 or more years of experience.

1-22-09  
State Budget

INMATES – The state could parole low risk inmates who have served their minimum sentence as a way to save money.

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2-02-09  
State Budget/  
Unemployment

STATE CUTS – Governor Granholm says more cuts are necessary and is putting her hope on the President's stimulus plan

2-05-09  
School/  
Unemployment

JOB FAIR – Ferris State seniors in the job market noticed a smaller turnout to the job fair this year compared to last.

2-06-09  
Tourism

SNOW – Snow is a good thing for northern Michigan tourism, but some business owners with large parking lots are having a hard time keeping up with the snowfall.

- 2-09-09  
State  
Budget/School      TRANSPORTATION – One proposal is to cut the transportation budget by a half million. That would mean cutting about 10 busses and eliminating several bus stops.
- 2-12-09  
State Budget      GRANHOLM ANNOUNCES – Governor Granholm announced 670 Million dollars is cuts today.
- 2-16-09  
Tourism      PURE MICHIGAN – This is the first winter season in more than 15 years that the state has been advertising cold weather recreation.
- 2-27-09  
School      ROBOTICS – Schools from all over the state came to Traverse City to compete in a robotics competition.
- March 9&10 News
- 3-02-09  
School      LOANS – With the economic situation, many students are worried about how to pay for college.
- 3-06-09  
School      ONAWAY – Onaway school district will be ending the contracts for four teachers, laying off two paraprofessionals, and closing one elementary school.
- 3-10-09  
Unemployment      VOLUNTEERS – The high unemployment rate has actually increased volunteer activity at a local volunteer center.
- 3-18-09  
School      PRESCHOOL – Preschools are becoming more popular due to higher standards for kindergarten.
- 3-20-09  
Tourism      TOURISM TRANSITION – Many northern Michigan cities are preparing for the transition from winter tourism to summer tourism.
- 3-23-09  
State Budget      CUTS – Republicans on the Michigan house are calling for a five percent cut on state employee’s salaries.
- 3-31-09  
Tourism      REPAIRS – The state transportation director wants the first sum of money from the stimulus funded road project to go towards patching up a spot on I-75 near Grayling before the summer tourist season begins.