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Great Lakes Storm of 1913 (Nov 14, 1913): The Great Lakes Storm of 1913, also known as the “Big Blow,” the “Freshwater Fury,” and the “White Hurricane,” was a blizzard with hurricane-force winds that occurred over the Great Lakes Basin in November of 1913.

The Black Recondos (Mar 27, 1969): The Black Recondos were a group that formed in the 1960s from the local young adult council of the NAACP in Battle Creek, Michigan. The group worked and advocated for the local board of education to hire Black teachers and administrative personnel.

Kellogg Company (May 29, 1956): Battle Creek, Michigan is home to the Kellogg Company. Will Keith Kellogg formed the Kellogg Company in 1922 and they are a major employer in the area.

1971 Tunnel Explosion (Dec 13, 1971): In 1971, a tunnel that was under construction exploded beneath the bed of Lake Huron. The blast killed 22 construction workers and many others were injured. It was one of the worst construction/industrial accidents in Michigan history.

2008 Chrysler and GM Federal Bailout (Dec 20, 2008): In response to the 2008 recession, President Bush granted a $17.4 billion bailout to Chrysler and GM in an effort to curb the more disastrous possible effects of the recession.

Enbridge Kalamazoo River Oil Spill (Jul 28, 2010): In July 2010, a pipeline operated by Enbridge burst and spilled into Talmadge Creek, a tributary of the Kalamazoo River. It was one of the largest inland oil spills in U.S. history. Cleanup took five years to complete.

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