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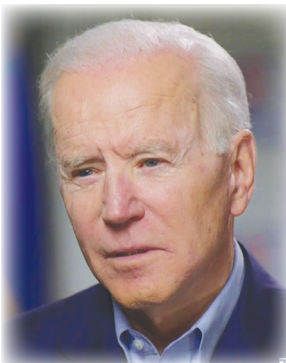
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Even Lowell effected by coronovirus crisis



Grocery stores around the world, including the Lowell Meijer, (pictured here) are running out of staples such as toilet paper. Especially toilet paper! People are stocking up on essentials because they might be ordered to stay indoors for an extended period of time.

Story on pages 2-3!

Lowell planning commission tables fill ordinance after questions remain

by Cindy M. Cranmer contributing reporter

The Lowell Township planning commission tabled and will continue to review the fill ordinance at a future meeting in April when questions still remained after a March 9 public hearing.

The ordinance would classify exemptions, uses and guidelines based on property and project size. The purpose of this is to try and meet several needs by regulating filling and stockpiling activities. This would lessen impacts to existing drainage patterns and land topography, monitor the amount and type of fill being hauled into the township, prevent hazardous conditions, stop nuisances from activities and prevent conflicts related to future developments, underground utilities and residential uses.

Basically, the township must come up with a fill ordinance that will balance the needs of businesses and residents. Therefore, since the fill ordinance covers the entire township, it must apply to other uses and

potential future issues. Most of the recent issues relate to businesses operated by John Timpson, a long-time area business owner.

About 24 individuals attended the March 9 meeting, which lasted approximately three hours. Several residents stated their concerns or voiced support for the ordinance during the public hearing.

Heidi Olesko, a resident and committee member, said multiple people had concerns so she collected some comments so the planning commission would not hear the same concerns 10 times

"I have been one consistent voice representing many in respect to Timpson Transport activities and [their] effect on the ability to enjoy a reasonable quality of life for surrounding property owners," Olesko said. "I requested to be part of the fill ordinance committee."

The fill ordinance committee is compromised of township board or

planning commission members, township residents and area residents who have professional expertise in excavating. Olesko stated she is trying to have trust in the township leadership as the ordinance goes forward with many things she does not like, including Section O.

"I refer to this as the 'Oh My God' section of the ordinance," Olesko said.

Section O outlines that any fill ordinance operation or activity that exists as a lawful nonconforming use when the ordinance becomes effective will have one year to complete its activities before it loses that lawful nonconforming status. This also applies if an operation increases by more than 50 percent in size.

Much debate and discussion occurred, dealing with lawful nonconforming uses. Some felt a current fill operation would not follow lawful nonconforming use, but others stated it has not been determined which

things are unlawful.

"I would put to you that the people against this Section O are wasting their time opposing it," Olesko said. "It only applies to legal fill operations."

Olesko said that part of her research when she was a member of the fill ordinance committee was to have conversations with more than seven municipalities and a zoning and planning consultant firm.

"They all [told] me filling and dumping activity is completely illegal according to the documents I just gave you," Olesko said. "This ordinance needs to pass through to the board with Section O in place for future legal activities. Protect this township. Follow the law. Do what you know is right."

Others questioned over-regulation and how that would impact the township with the development of ordinances for everything.

"Down the road, nobody will be able to do anything," said resident Jerry Roth.

"I am taking an unusable piece of property and it is going to be a usable piece of property," John Timpson said. "Clay is a very hard product to get rid of. That is what I am taking in."

John Timpson said that in six decades with the family business on that property, they have not had an issue for many years.

"There was never no law being broken," John Timpson said. "Now, all of a sudden, I keep hearing that I am breaking the law. There is no law written. I don't know that I have broken a law."

Resident Mary Beth Reed said the impact on residents needs to be considered and hoped the ordinance would provide an element of fairness for residents and business owners.

"We came here for the peace, the quiet, the tranquility, the birds, the animals, et cetera," Reed said. "There has to be a limit somewhere. We have a

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Coronavirus not in Lowell yet, but effects felt here

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Whatever you want to call it - COVID-19, SARS-CoV-2, 2019 novel coronavirus or severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 - the coronavirus outbreak has caused chaos around the world.

The virus originated in Wuhan, China and quickly spread to Europe, the United States and eventually West Michigan. As of Monday, March 16, there have been five confirmed cases of the disease in Kent County.

Countless events and gatherings nationwide have been canceled or postponed due to the new concept of "social distancing." Stores are running out of essential items - especially toilet paper for some reason - and the number of customers allowed into stores has been severely limited.

Here in Lowell, city hall is closed to visitors, restaurants like Big Boiler Brewing, Sneaker's and Main Street BBQ have announced they are going take-out only, comedian Ralph Harris's LaughFest show at Larkin's was canceled, Dery Physical Therapy announced they're suspended all non-essential

appointments, all classes and programs at the Lowell YMCA have been canceled, the Englehardt Library is closed to patrons indefinitely but the employees are working a regular 9 to 5 schedule, parent/teacher conferences were canceled at Alto, Cherry Creek, Murray Lake and Bushnell Elementary Schools, Creative Party Bug owner Ashley Dunn donated some of her homemade hand sanitizer to the Green Acres assisted living facility when they were running low, remaining performances of the "Freaky Friday" musical at Lowell High School were canceled, Lowell Area Schools in general are closed until April 13 and all athletic-related activities are indefinitely suspended, GED and ESL classes at Alpha Family Center are canceled and their March 19 ladies luncheon is postponed.

Main Street BBQ is creating small food orders for \$2 to help parents feed their kids while they are away from school. According to their Facebook post, Keiser's Kitchen was going to provide free breakfast to



children, but they have since closed. Now they will offer take-out chicken strips, fish and fries from 4 pm until 7 pm. Larkin's is also offering take-out meals during those same hours and a limited menu on Saturday and Sunday from 9 am to 1 pm.

According to a Facebook post on the district's page, Lowell Area Schools will still feed area children during the crisis: "Packaged foods for breakfast and lunch for all seven days of the week will be available free for pick up for youths 18 and under. Students receiving special education services can receive meals up to age 26."

Flat River Outreach Ministries remains open, including the food pantry and "Lunch Buddies" during spring break.

LowellArts canceled all live events for 30 days, but the art gallery will stay open.

"We will continue to keep the gallery open and will continue with our plans for future events subject to the conditions at that time,"

said LowellArts board chair Gary Eldridge. "Our staff and volunteers are making sure that all precautions are being taken including disinfecting door knobs and surfaces daily and providing hand sanitizer in our open spaces. We know that this action places a financial and emotional burden on the many artists, performers, and patrons who count on us and we are exploring ways to support them during this time."

The March 28 Lowell Expo has been postponed due to the outbreak. Interviewed on Wednesday, March 11, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Liz Baker said they would go ahead with the event as planned, but with the addition of hand sanitizer throughout the high school and signs with various pro-hygiene messages. The next day, however, after a meeting of the chamber board, Baker announced the event was postponed.

"The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce,

Lowell Area Schools and Betten Baker Automotive have reached a determination to postpone the 2020 Lowell Expo," Baker said. "We are saddened, however, we feel it necessary to take every precaution to protect our community members who are most susceptible, such as our elderly and those with compromised immune systems. Our primary focus always is on the safety and well-being of our business and community members. A reschedule date is yet to be determined and that information will be shared with you soon."

On Monday, March 16, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed an executive order temporarily closing restaurants, cafes, coffee houses, bars, taverns, brewpubs, distilleries, clubs, movie theaters, indoor and outdoor performance venues, gymnasiums, fitness centers, recreation centers, indoor sports facilities, indoor exercise facilities, exercise studios, spas, and casinos and limiting restaurants to carry-out and delivery

orders. "This disease is a challenge unlike any we've experienced in our lifetimes," Gov. Whitmer said. "Fighting it will cause significant but temporary changes to our daily lives. By practicing social distancing and taking aggressive action now, the state is working to mitigate the spread of coronavirus so we reduce the risk that our health care system becomes overwhelmed. This is about saving lives. Michiganders are tough and we are going to get through this, but it will require everyone doing their part. That means making smart choices and not putting yourself or others at risk by going out in public unless it is absolutely necessary."

To keep up with the latest news and information about coronavirus, visit one of these websites:

Kent County: <https://www.accesskent.com/Health/coronavirus.htm>

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LAS Superintendent Greg Pratt

Local school district working to make sure students stay safe and don't fall behind during crisis

The COVID-19 (corona-virus) is a rapidly-evolving situation with cases now identified and numbers growing in the State of Michigan. I want to assure you that we are continuing to work with the Kent County Health Department, the Michigan Department of Education and the State of Michigan to help guide us on the actions that we must take as a district. Those actions started as helpful hygiene tips, limiting events and group meeting sizes and now the closure of the school district for the next three weeks.

Since Thursday night we have been working to organize a safe orderly closure of buildings and programs. The shutdown is leaving some of our most vulnerable families in difficult situations. The district has established food distribution for families in need of assistance. The information below is an outline of the program:

WHO

Youths 18 and under can receive meals. Students receiving special education can receive meals up to a age 26.

WHAT

Packaged foods for breakfast and lunch for all seven days of the week available for pickup

WHERE

Alto Elementary parking lot
Impact Church parking lot

WHEN

Tuesdays (meals for three days)
Friday (meals for four days)

TIMES

11 am - 12 pm
6 pm- 7 pm

There will be no distribution during the scheduled spring break. FROM's lunch buddy program will be available for the week of April 6.

During this school closure, we would like to encourage students to play outside, to continue to read, write and record observations about the world around them. Below are links to resources you may want to use with your child over this closure. If you do not have access to the resources below, please do what you can with reading and experiences.

There are MANY ways to facilitate learning at home with your child, below are just a few of the many possible methods. Please use what works best for your family.

- Play outside if parents say it's ok
- Keep a journal
- Read a book
- Make scientific observations

While the Kent District Library will also be closed, they do offer electronic books for checkout.

• Online Resources used In LAS Classrooms

AR - Accelerated Reader

- AR is usually locked for testing outside of the school building. During this break, we have opened up this resource for families. Students use their regular username and password.

IXL

Math, Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies

- All students use their normal username and password
- See graphic about IXL scores and how to choose lessons

Reflex Math (mostly grades 2-5)

- Math students have been using Reflex Math in their classrooms to practice math fluency skills.
- Class names usually follow this pattern = lastname of teacher + las Example: Smithlas
- You can encourage your student to earn their "green light"

Typing Pal (Grades 2 and up)

Lowell Area Schools has a resource called Typing Pal which allows students to practice keyboarding skills. This is designed for 2-8 students. All students have accounts and the proper links can be found here

Additional On-line Resources:

Prodigy

- This is a math site that some teachers have used, if your child enjoys this site, this is a great way to practice math skills in a game format. Students use the log in with Google option while logged into their Lowell Education Accounts

Khan Academy

It truly is too early to tell how events such as the State standardized testing program may be impacted. Many of our typical spring activities may change with time. While I know that this is a difficult time for many, it is important to remember that some simple steps will help slow the transmission of the virus and help keep you healthy:

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. If not available, use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or upper sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- If you are sick, stay home, and avoid contact with others.

Please visit the school website for the latest information regarding the impact on schools by COVID-19. The district will continue to keep parents and students informed of any changes that we encounter.

Making your life easier at SocialSecurity.Gov

We offer many online tools and services to save you time. Here are five that can make your life easier:

Open your own personal my Social Security account, which will enable you to request a replacement Social Security card, verify your earnings, get future benefit estimates, obtain benefit verification letters, and more at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. We've recently added some new features like the Retirement Calculator to make doing business with us easier than ever.

Need answers to your Social Security-related questions? Visit our Frequently Asked Questions page at www.ssa.gov/faq.

You can complete and submit our online application for retirement benefits in as little as 15 minutes at www.ssa.gov/benefits/retirement.

Access our publications library — we have online booklets and pamphlets (including audio versions) on key subjects at www.ssa.gov/pubs.

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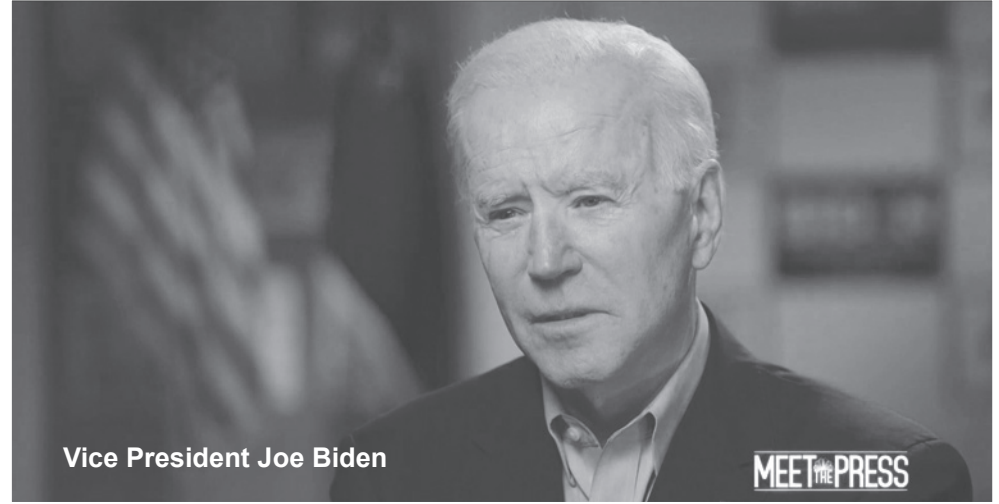



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Results from March 10 primary election

Michiganders go with the safe candidate.



Former vice president Joe Biden handily won the Tuesday, March 10 Michigan primary election, and seems to be on his way to the Democratic nomination for President of the United States.

Michiganders decided it was too risky to back Sen. Bernie Sanders, a Democratic Socialist whose plans would instigate drastic changes throughout American culture, commerce and industry.

In the city of Lowell, there were 276 votes for Sanders, 241 votes for Biden, 232 votes for Donald Trump, 35 votes for Michael Bloomberg, 16 votes for Pete Buttigieg, six votes for Elizabeth Warren, three votes for Amy Klobuchar, two votes for Andrew Yang and one each for Michael Bennet, John Delaney, Tulsi Gabbard and Marianne Williamson. Five people on the Democratic side and 18 on the Republican side voted for “uncommitted.”

In Lowell Township, there were 477 votes for Trump, 469 votes for Biden, 341 votes for Sanders, 32 for Bloomberg, 20 for Buttigieg, 16 for Warren, seven for Gabbard, six votes for Bill Weld, five for Klobuchar, two votes for Joe Walsh, three each for Bennet and Cory Booker and one vote each for Delaney, Yang and Mark Sanford. Five on the Democratic side and 25 on the Republican side voted “uncommitted.”

In Vergennes Township, there were 377 votes for Trump, 328 votes for Biden, 266 votes for Sanders, 25 votes for Warren, nine votes for Buttigieg, five votes for Gabbard, four votes for Klobuchar, three votes for Walsh, two votes each for Delaney and Sanford and one vote for Yang. Four on the Democratic side and 15 on the Republican side voted “uncommitted.”

In Ada, there were 47,504 votes for Biden, 46,231 votes for Sanders, 38,191 votes for Trump, 3,640 votes for Warren, 1,706 votes for Buttigieg, 770 votes for Klobuchar, 675 votes for Gabbard, 618 votes for Weld, 397 votes for Sanford, 340 votes for Walsh, 166 votes for Yang, 103 votes for Tom Steyer, 77 votes for Bennet, 45 votes for Joe Sestak, 43 votes for Booker, 36 votes for Williamson, 31 votes for Delaney and 28 votes for Julián Castro. On the Democratic side, Ada had 864 “uncommitted” votes and 31 write-ins; on the Republican side they had 2,147 “uncommitted” and 116 write-ins.

In Bowne Township, there were 402 votes for Trump, 152 votes for Biden, 137 votes for Sanders, 12 votes for Bloomberg, 11 votes for Warren, three votes for Gabbard and one each for Williamson and Yang. Three on the Democratic side and 18 on the Republican side voted “uncommitted.”

The Grattan Township road millage proposal was defeated, 544 “no” votes to 493 “yes.” Also in Grattan Township, there were 470 votes for Trump, 287 votes for Biden, 194 votes for Sanders, 34 votes for Bloomberg, 14 votes for Warren, nine votes for Buttigieg, seven votes for Gabbard, four votes each for Klobuchar and Weld, three votes for Walsh, two votes for Steyer and one each for Sestak and Sanford. There were three “uncommitted” votes on the Republican side and 21 on the Democratic side, plus one write-in on the Republican side.

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Today in history

Retired race car driver Andy Granatelli, born on March 18, 1923, pours champagne over himself and others after Richard Petty drove his car to victory in the 1973 Daytona 500. [photo by Steve Chawkins, AP]

viewpoint



125 years ago Lowell Ledger March 22, 1895

Thomas Daniels of Keene lost his capacious residence by fire last week Friday night. The old people, who were sick with the grippe, were alone, the young folks having gone out for the evening. About 9:30, just as he was thinking of going to bed, Mr. Daniels discovered fire in the post over the kitchen or woodshed at some distance from the chimney. He made futile efforts to drown the flames and when ten of the neighbors arrived they set about removing the furniture. This was accomplished in good shape, very little damage being done, and almost everything was removed except the contents of the kitchen and cellar. The latter was well stocked, containing 160 bushels of potatoes and 20 bushels of apples. Some insurance was carried by Ionia Mutual.

Ada wants Grand Rapids to help her build a bridge across Grand river. A bill was sent to Granam, at Lansing, for building such a bridge and apportioning the cost of the same to townships of Cannon, Grattan, Vergennes and Grand Rapids. The representatives from Grand Rapids and Senator Barnard absolutely refuse to have anything to do with the measure, arguing that their city has taxation enough of its own, without reaching out for burdens for Ada's benefit.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger March 18, 1920

The Ypsilanti-Reed Furniture company, or Ionia, will establish a branch factory in Lowell, and will own and occupy the brick factory, known as the Auto Body building, according to an agreement entered into by Fred Green, secretary-treasurer of the Ypsilanti-Reed company, and Messrs A. G. and P. C. Peckham for the Lowell Cutter company.

On a wager for a suit of clothes, Ruben Lee, of Boston township, raised with his teeth a sack of wheat weighing 161 pounds. Mr. Lee performed this feat March 8 at the King Milling company's elevator in Lowell.

Delegates from 1,600,000 union railroad shopmen, representing every railroad line in the country, are in Washington demanding immediate strike action. They declare some railroad companies already are preparing to return to pre-war conditions in their relations to the men. They voice strong resentment against the president's failure to give immediate relief in their wage demands.

75 years The Lowell Ledger March 22, 1945

B-5, C-5, E-1, and R-1 gasoline ration coupons and all D Coupons that are not serially numbered will be invalid for consumer use after March 31, 1945, the Office of Price Administration announced today. At the same time 1st quarter 1945 T coupons will expire for use by commercial motor vehicle operators.

A plan of high finance which Paul Baxter, 24-year-old Keene township man, who made his home with Alfred Laux, and which Baxter is said to have thought would work without being noticed, got him into deep trouble at Ionia, when the checks which he willingly gave quickly led him into a cell. Baxter went to Ionia Mar. 12 and made a purchase of some goods and then gave a check on the Lowell bank for \$50, which was made out to himself. When told that the amount of his purchase came to more than the \$50, Baxter promptly produced another check in the amount of \$200. Store employee who saw the man write the second check, quietly put in a call to the bank at Lowell and were informed that they had no account with any man by the name of Paul Baxter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Woodhead of Detroit, formerly of Vergennes-tp., received word last week that their son, Pfc. Thomas Woodhead, had arrived overseas, and is somewhere in France. He says he's well and O. K. Thomas has been in the service 19 months. He has always been a frequent summer visitor here with his grandmother, Mrs. John DeVries.

50 years The Lowell Ledger March 19, 1970

A quarter-million dollar increase has pushed Lowell Township over the \$4,000,000 mark in assessed valuations, Supervisor Elmer Smith reported today. Smith said the past year gained substantially from installation of the Cumberland Leisure Estates Mobile Home Park and 10 new homes.

Police officials of Lowell and Kent County are expected to seek extradition of a Peoria, Ill. man arrested earlier this week on a charge of issuing fraudulent checks in the city amounting to \$5,185. Held in Peoria is Glenn Arthur Neal, 46, who was arrested Monday in connection with the shooting death of a Peoria woman. Neal was not charged in the shooting.

It's a good thing for Jenny that spring is at hand. Jenny, the pet donkey of Margaret Milanowski, 18-year-old Lowell High senior, is only alive and kicking today because of quick-thinking Cascade Township firemen.

25 years The Lowell Ledger March 22, 1995

Lowell Charter Township's on-going battle with resident G. M. Ross took a turn in Ross's direction when Kent County Circuit Judge George Buth ruled the township's political sign ordinance was unconstitutional.

The Lowell Charter Township Board hopes to enlist the service of residents near Eastgate to help track vandals who damaged a township pump station on March 10.

Besides sharing the same birth date, the most compelling trait which fraternal twins Kerry and Kevin Nugent share may very well be their ability in taking advantage of experiences available to them. "They are a unique pair of twins," Lowell FFA advisor Pete Siler said. "They are both industrious, hard-working and very organized. They are also unique in that if you give them a job to do, it gets done. There's no need to check."

outdoors

grow your own

Dave Stegehuis

Spring brings a rush of new opportunities to be enjoyed when the weather turns mild and summer is not far off. Part of this new beginning is the season for planting and new growth.

A flower garden is an attractive addition to the landscape and supports pollinators such as bees and birds. Planting a few flowers is a rite of spring for many, but some folks do extensive research and spend hours tending large remarkable gardens.

For a variety of reasons, home vegetable gardens are not as common today as in times past, although home grown fruits and vegetables are still a welcome addition to the family dinner table. Farm markets have filled the gap, but for some doing it yourself may be a viable alternative.

At a time when our culture draws us away from the land, gardening can provide a direct connection with nature. One becomes more aware of weather conditions when frost and rainfall affect plant growth. Rodents and sometimes bigger game like deer become a concern for gardeners protecting their crop. Closer monitoring is required to detect smaller game such as insects. These challenges may seem annoying, but it's at the same time an incentive

to be more aware of the natural world.

There is work involved with tending a garden. Many who do grow things view the process as therapeutic for a more balanced life. We had a big garden when our kids were around. There were more mouths to feed, but we had more hands to share the work. Gardening can provide children with the opportunity to relate to nature and learn the value of productive work and self-sufficiency. Both of our children continue to plant and tend backyard gardens and have passed on the interest and skills to our grandchildren. Our daughter has expanded into a serious bee keeping hobby.

If the garden yields more than just garden to table production, preserving produce for future meals requires another set of skills. Friends and co-workers will ensure that no fresh fruits or vegies will go to waste. Sharing with others is always appreciated.

Home gardens can be a pot of tomato plants on the deck or a large diversified tilled plot. Regardless of the level of participation, gardening provides an activity which is interesting and productive. Start small and work up. This outdoor adventure is just the other side of your back door.

We love to hear from you!

The Lowell Ledger welcomes letters to the editor from readers, but there are a few conditions that must be met before they will be published.

The requirements are:

- All letters must be signed by the writer, with address and phone number provided for verification. All that will be printed is the writer's name and community of residence. We do not publish anonymous letters, and names will be withheld at the editor's discretion for compelling reasons only.
- Letters that contain statements that are libelous or slanderous will not be published.
- All letters are subject to editing for style, grammar and sense.
- Letters that serve as testimonials for or criticisms of businesses will not be accepted.
- Letters serving the function of "cards of thanks" will not be accepted unless there is a compelling public interest, which will be determined by the editor.
- Letters that include attacks of a personal nature will not be published or will be edited heavily.
- "Crossfire" letters between the same two people on one issue will be limited to one for each writer.
- In an effort to keep opinions varied, there is a limit of one letter per person per month.
- We prefer letters to be printed legibly or typed, double-spaced.

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At Your Local Library

Kent District Library closed to the public due to COVID-19, but online services continue

In response to COVID-19, Kent District Library is taking several steps to protect our staff and the general public – in particular the high-risk populations we serve and the high-risk populations who work and volunteer for the library.

In the interest of mitigating the impact of the virus, the library is closed to public access. Programs, outreach visits, bookmobile visits and book sales are cancelled. We are planning to reopen when public schools reopen. At this point, schools are planning to reopen Monday, April 6.

The situation will be closely monitored and we are exploring alternate ways to continue providing service. For updates, visit KDL.org/coronavirus and our social media pages.

We will continue to communicate any further impacts to the library system as a result of coronavirus. In the meantime, the library continues to provide many digital services available to you remotely and for free, such as eBooks and eAudiobooks; streaming TV, movie and music services; and digital subscriptions to newspapers and magazines. These are all available online:

- Audiobooks, movies, music and more at KDL.org/downloads
- Magazines, databases and other online resources at KDL.org/research
- Online reading clubs: Download the Beanstack application for your smartphone (search for “Beanstack” in your online app store)

You can contact library staff via online chat at KDL.org or call 616.784.2007 for assistance.

- sunscreen

With many of us traveling south for Spring Break in the next month or two, we are already purchasing sunscreen. This may be a little more confusing than in the past with recent information in the news. There are different types of sunscreens, offering both physical and chemical sunscreen ingredients. Some of the chemical ingredients have recently come under question for safety.

Physical sunscreen ingredients (including the minerals titanium dioxide and zinc oxide) block and scatter the rays before they penetrate your skin.

Chemical sunscreen ingredients (like oxybenzone, avobenzone, and octisalate) absorb UV rays before they can damage your skin.

At this time, the FDA has requested further research on some of the chemicals used in chemical

based sunscreens as the absorption of these ingredients into the body supported the need for additional safety data. These chemicals have been used in sunscreens for several years. At this time, they do not recommend avoiding the use of the chemical agents called into question.

If you prefer to use a sunscreen that is generally known to be safe at this time, consider using a physical sunscreen with the ingredients of titanium dioxide and zinc oxide.

Remember, it's recommended to use at least SPF 30. It's important to apply 15-30 minutes before sun exposure and reapply every two hours, or right after swimming or excessive sweating. Apply at least one ounce (about one shot glass) to your entire body. If you are traveling, enjoy your spring vacations.

college news

More than 1,200 Grand Valley State University students participated in commencement ceremonies this past December at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids. A list of the names of Grand Valley's most recent graduates follows.

Local students who graduated at the conclusion of the Fall 2019 semester in December include: of Ada: Philip G. Bennett, BS; Cornelius W. Boerkoel, BBA; Marshal J. Brummel, BS; Mowgli J. Crosby, BSE MSE; Marcus S. Deja, MED; Zachary A. Derylo, BBA; Molly C. Dlugos, BA; Rachel M. Fetterhoff, MS; Samantha

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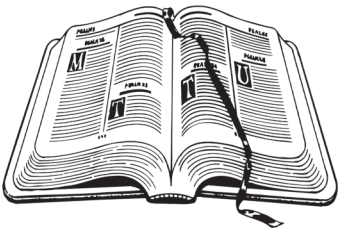
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right as well. It is a kind of balancing act here.”

Timpson stated moving locations on his property this year could lessen the sound individuals are hearing.

“I think you are not going to hear near the noise you have heard in the past,” John Timpson said.

Concerns were also raised that an ordinance trying to control one business is going to impact everyone and how the ordinance could impact their projects.

“This is not a Timpson fill ordinance,” Batchelor said. “We are not here for the Timpson matter, we are here for a general ordinance.”

Greg Forde, committee member and Lowell Township resident, suggested revisions be “reasonable” to avoid huge expenses for other businesses in the township that will be impacted.

“This ordinance was written not for the Timpsons but because of the Timpsons,” Forde said. “You cannot make a zoning ordinance that impacts one person in a township.”

Colleen Timpson stated that a property conforming six months ago will now be nonconforming and subject to regulations.

“We are going to be overregulating ourselves,” Colleen Timpson said. “Think about beyond us.”

“My business is going to be impacted too,” said an individual from Tip Top Gravel.

“We are scaring people right now and I hate scaring people,” said planning commission member Scott Edwards.

Carlton Blough, who serves on the township’s board and planning commission, questioned whether there are other fill operations currently in Lowell Township.

John Timpson replied that the Kent County Road Commission is filling “all the time.”

Eventually, Colleen Timpson proposed a compromise of three years to finish. She said she did not like to have a definite time to meet the needs of their customers, but asked for three years.

“I am putting a number on it right here and right now,” Colleen Timpson said. “I just stood up here and gave you a deadline. Here is a compromise.”

The Timpsons’ attorney suggested that while fill operations have been tied to

other things in the past, they are doing it as an end use of the land.

The new fill ordinance came out of the work put in by a committee created in September 2019 by the township board. The committee was comprised of board or planning commission members, Lowell Township residents and area residents who had professional expertise in excavating.

The committee’s work was sent to attorney Cliff Bloom, and the township board reviewed his suggested revisions in January, then

decided that it was a zoning ordinance and referred it to the planning commission for further work and review.

David Simmonds, planning commission chair, acknowledged the amount of work that many people, including the committee, put into the ordinance.

“Everyone has spent a great deal of time on this,” Simmonds said. “We are here to gather public input and move forward.”

The comments from the public, the wording of parts of the ordinance and the planning commission’s concerns resulted in the decision to table the matter.

Gov. Whitmer expands unemployment benefits

Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-10 to temporarily expand eligibility for unemployment benefits. This executive order is effective immediately and until Tuesday, April 14 at 11:59 pm.

Under the governor’s order, unemployment benefits would be extended to:

- Workers who have an unanticipated family care responsibility, including those who have childcare responsibilities due to school closures, or those who are forced to care for loved ones who become ill.

- Workers who are sick, quarantined, or immunocompromised and who do not have access to paid family and medical leave or are laid off.

- First responders in the public health community who become ill or are quarantined due to exposure to COVID-19.

“While we work together to mitigate the spread of coronavirus, we must do everything we can to help working families,” said Governor Whitmer. “This executive order will provide

immediate relief to those who can’t go to work, and who rely on their paycheck to put food on the table for themselves and their families. I urge everyone to make smart choices at this time, and to do everything in their power to keep themselves and their loved ones safe.”

“We know that many families are and will experience economic pain as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Jeff Donofrio, Director of the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity. “Our expansion of unemployment and workers’ compensation benefits is designed to help provide emergency support to Michigan’s working families.”

The State is also seeking solutions for self-employed workers and independent contractors who traditionally do not have access to unemployment insurance.

Access to benefits for unemployed workers will also be extended:

- Benefits will be increased from 20 to 26 weeks.

- The application eligibility period will be

increased from 14 to 28 days

- The normal in-person registration and work search requirements will be suspended.

Eligible employees should apply for unemployment benefits online at Michigan.gov/UIA or 1-866-500-0017. A factsheet on how to apply for benefits can be found here.

Under the order, an employer or employing unit must not be charged for unemployment benefits if their employees become unemployed because of an executive order requiring them to close or limit operations.

The order also expands the State’s Work Share program. Employers are encouraged to implement the program that permits employers to maintain operational productivity during declines in regular business activity instead of laying off workers. More information about Work Share can be found here.

Additional unemployment resources for employees can be found here and for workers here.

Governor Whitmer is also seeking additional solutions

for small businesses impacted by COVID-19. Earlier this month, Congress passed legislation that makes \$1 billion available to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to provide low-interest loans to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, and nonprofits that have suffered substantial economic losses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The governor has informed SBA that she is seeking an Economic Injury Disaster Loan Declaration for the state and has initiated the process to receive the declaration from SBA. Once granted, small businesses in qualifying areas will be able to access low-interest loans through the SBA. In the interim, we are encouraging small businesses that

could benefit from SBA loans to start collecting the information they’ll need to complete and submit their application. Examples of information needed can be found here. For additional information or to obtain help preparing the loan application in advance of the declaration, please contact the Michigan SBA offices in Detroit or Grand Rapids.

The governor has requested that President Trump issue a Major Disaster Declaration so that Individual Assistance and Disaster Unemployment Assistance through FEMA may be made available to additional Michiganders affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation’s (MEDC) call center stands ready to support

businesses looking for assistance through other available state programs. For more information, visit MEDC’s website: www.michiganbusiness.org or call 888.522.0103. The Michigan Small Business Development Center can also provide resources for small businesses impacted by COVID-19. Visit their website <https://sbdcmichigan.org/small-business-covid19/> for additional information.

The latest information is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

For those who have questions about the state’s actions to mitigate the spread of coronavirus, please call the COVID-19 Hotline at 1-888-535-6136 between 8 am - 5 pm daily.

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Over 100 stand in line at opening of marijuana store

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Meds Café, the first adult use recreational marijuana store in Kent County, opened at 4:20 pm on Friday, March 13. It is located in the old Family Video store at 1965 W. Main.

The weather was partly cloudy, cold and very windy. The line outside the door grew steadily throughout the day, partially filling the lawn in front of the store. By the time the doors opened there were over 100 people waiting. The crowd of marijuana enthusiasts appeared to be primarily composed of white people in their 30s and older. Relatively few minorities or young people were observed, and there were many people who appeared to be in their 60s and older.

While the customers lined up outside in the cold, the staff of more than 20 "budtenders" finished stocking the shelves and ran back and forth dealing with numerous last minute details.

"We feel like we've got a really cool, solid crew of people that are excited to work in this industry," said store manager Kyle Miller during a brief lull in the rush.

Security was tight, there were at least two guards and, once they opened, only a few people were allowed in at a time.



"When they walk in the front door, they will get ID'd at the front window," Miller said. "The person behind the counter will verify they're 21. We'll hold onto their ID and serve them in order. They'll enter the back once they're called. When it's their turn, they'll call your name, you'll come in and retrieve your ID at the register from the budtender when you make your purchases."

Large glass jars lined the shelves with the 16 different strains of marijuana that were available for sale. Depending on the type and quantity, prices for a portion of "flower"



A sample of the marijuana "flower" for sale at the store on opening day.

ranged from \$20 for one gram of "value" bud to \$630 for one ounce of "premium" reefer. Pre-rolled joints were \$18 each, and they also stocked paraphernalia, concentrates, vape cartridges and different types of edibles. The maximum amount of marijuana one can legally purchase is two and a half ounces.

"Off the top of my head, we have many different strains of flower, we have several different kinds of pre-rolls, various kinds of edibles, dabs, vape cartridges, plenty of glass pipes, rolling papers, rolling trays, dab accessories, containers to hold products and a

variety of CBD products," Miller said.

For marijuana first-timers or those who haven't indulged for a few years, Miller suggested starting slow with hemp, a pre-rolled joint, a small amount of flower or a portion of an edible.

"If it's your first time ever or the first in many years, I would recommend just grabbing a pre-rolled joint or maybe a device to use if you're not good at rolling joints," Miller said. "I know that a lot of people say they don't know how to roll because it's been many years. It can be difficult, but once you learn it's not so difficult anymore. But the pre-rolls are definitely a great option and the edibles are as well. [We also have] several different kinds of hemp flower and hemp pre-rolls. Both of those are made locally in the Grand Rapids area. Hemp has less than .3 percent THC, so it's able to be sold over the counter, you can usually find it in

smoke shops in pre-rolled form or in small bags. It does provide a user with a very small dose of THC, but mainly it is for CBD intake. To try smoking anything for the first time or the first time in many years, or for people who are not as experienced with THC and who want to try it, maybe [they should] try a hemp pre-roll."

The first person make a purchase on opening day was David Overholt, a Sidney Township marijuana activist and former medical marijuana caregiver.

"The first purchase is going to go to a gentleman named David Overholt, who is a marijuana advocate from the Sheridan/Stanton area in Montcalm County," Miller said. "He is one of the leaders of the West Michigan Cannabis Guild, which has been very active with the opt-in ordinances for both medical and recreational in the city of Grand Rapids, as well as the cannabis industry in general. He did a lot of work for the Michigan legalization campaign, to get it onto the ballot and to get it to the vote for people. He is a true advocate and a longtime warrior in this area, so that's why we wanted to offer him that opportunity."

"I'm excited as hell, there is a big crowd out front," Overholt said. "This has been a 12, 13 year journey. It's great to finally see all of that hard work from everybody come full circle and into the light of reality. If people like me weren't felons, would this be here today? I don't know,



The first person to make a purchase on opening day was Sidney Township resident David Overholt, a long-time local marijuana activist.



Jars of marijuana, 16 different strains, were available for sale, in various quantities and quality, ranging from \$20 to \$630.

Over 100 stand in line at opening of marijuana store



A historic moment: the first customers entering the store at 4:20 pm.



Racks full of pre-rolled marijuana joints for sale, \$18 each.

maybe. But somebody had to do it, and there were a few other people in this state who have really stuck their hearts out and put their compassion into this industry, I'm not the only one by any means. This has been my passion

since I was at least 16 years old, and it ain't a pipe dream anymore, it's a pipe reality. At the end of the day, the right thing is the right thing. This is for the greater good of the community and the greater good of all. I was

just with a group at the barbecue place, and all the restaurants on Main St. are packed. The leaders of the city of Lowell made the right choice.”

Fredrick Miller,

aka “The Stoner from Michigan,” star of a viral video and “Jimmy Kimmel Live,” was on hand to entertain the opening day crowd. Miller said he was only there for fun, he was too broke to actually make any purchases. Also, he’s actually from Indiana.



“If you Google ‘stoner from Michigan,’ you’ll find my videos right there, my face is all over,” Miller said. “It’s cool, but pretty stupid. About a month ago, the dispensary in Niles, the dispensary in Niles was opening up. When I was standing in line I did an interview with WSBT, which is South Bend’s local news station. I don’t know what I did, but people really liked the interview. Then like a week later, somebody posted it on Twitter, then Jimmy Kimmel found it and he liked it a lot so they got ahold of me. I talked to his producers and they said they wanted to do an interview with me and Jimmy. I was just sitting at home unemployed. I didn’t really watch a lot of Jimmy Kimmel until about a month ago. Turns out, he’s really funny! Jimmy is just a

comedian, so he brought me on and more or less made fun of me, but it’s totally cool. You know, he’s a stoner too! He made fun of me because I couldn’t remember my Twitter handle. One of the employees had to explain it to me. He was like, ‘Do you know how many people are gonna watch this?’ I said, ‘Um, a hundred thousand?’ He was like, ‘No, ten million.’ I was like,

‘Mmmmm.....!’ But so far it has been really groovy, man.”

The store will be open from 9 am until 9 pm Monday through Saturday and 10 am until 6 pm on Sundays.

For more information or to keep track of their inventory, visit their website, medscape.com send a message to info@medscape.com or find them on social media.



Fredrick Miller, aka “The Stoner from Michigan,” star of a viral video and Jimmy Kimmel Live, was on hand to entertain the opening day crowd, but he was too broke to actually buy anything.

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LHS athletics impacted as COVID-19 shuts down the sports world

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

At 9 pm on Wednesday night, the Utah Jazz were about to host the Oklahoma City Thunder. The teams were out, ready to play. Thousands of fans were in attendance, when before tip-off a Thunder trainer sprinted from the locker room to notify that Jazz big man Rudy Gobert had tested positive for coronavirus. Even as the coronavirus outbreak was declared a pandemic earlier in the day, it was that moment that was the turning point for many Americans. Within an hour the NBA had suspended their season and the dominos began to fall around the country. By Thursday, every major sports league in America had announced the postponement, or even cancellations of their seasons including the NHL, MLS, NCAA Basketball Tournament, Masters Tournament, and the MLB's ongoing spring training.

The pandemic's

implications on the sports world were huge both nationally and here in Michigan.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association's stance changed drastically as events unfolded last week. Wednesday at 12 pm, all events were on as scheduled. Attendance restrictions were in place Thursday morning, and by Thursday afternoon all events were postponed. "By suspending all sports activities for the next three weeks, we are taking an additional step to maintain safety and minimize risk first, and also keep a level playing field for our schools and teams during this time of uncertainty," MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl states.

In addition Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer ordered all K-12 schools to be closed through at least April 6. This served a potentially decisive blow to the rest of the state's athletic tournaments, including the MHSAA gymnastics state

finals, which Lowell was slated to compete in last Friday and Saturday.

"I feel so bad if this is the way our season ends, but I feel even worse for seniors that this is the way their career might end. The majority of students don't continue sports after high school and for those students, I feel awful. To make it to the final competition of the season and then have that cancelled for reasons beyond all of our control is just very sad." LHS Gymnastics head coach Michele DeHaan told us.

It isn't only gymnastics being affected. Spring sports can't start, nor can winter sports complete end-of-year banquets.

In an announcement distributed through the Lowell High School's athletics website and athletics social media accounts, the school states that "Beginning now until further notice, all athletic-related activities are suspended. This includes games, practices, scrimmages, banquets, team



Lowell's Bob Perry Field will sit empty until further notice.

dinners, workouts, etc. There is to be no face-to-face player contact and no use of athletic facilities by coaches or players either on-site or off-site. Player-led workouts ("captains practices") of multiple students is not allowed. We will continuously

re-evaluate when more information is made available from the MHSAA, the State of Michigan, Kent ISD and Kent County Health Department."

The suspension of athletic events, made in the best interest of keeping the public safe, is just part of a

worldwide effort to slow and eventually stop COVID-19. The good news is that the situation could change in the coming weeks and the suspensions don't mean cancellations yet. Time will tell just how big of an impact this will have.

Douma earns honorable mention all-state honors

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

Lowell High School junior Austin Douma earned honorable mention all-state honors from the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches' Association for his part in the Lowell Caledonia hockey team's season. The forward was a key part of the team's season which concluded with a 13-14 record. The team is young, only graduating five seniors from this year's team and finished fifth in the OK conference's challenging Baum division.

In the first

round of regionals, Lowell beat Grand Haven 3-0. Douma, Nick Lockhart and Alex Skibinski all scored goals in the win with Lockhart, Skibinski, Ethan Riley and Owen Carpenter all recording assists.

The team's season concluded with a 2-1 loss to Traverse City West in the regional semifinals. TC West eventually lost to Reeths-Puffer in the regional championship game.

In addition to earning honorable mention all-state honors, Douma earned all-conference honors as well.



Lowell Caledonia's Austin Douma against FHNE earlier this year.

Esports team doing well in local tournaments

by Peter Kooi

The Lowell Esports team, located at Lowell High School, has been around since February of 2019. Esports is an organized form of competitive gaming.

Recently they have been placing very well in local tournaments against several other high schools in the area such as East Grand Rapids, East Kentwood, Sparta, Catholic Central, and Godfrey-Lee. The Super Smash Bros. Ultimate team claimed a big win over East Grand Rapids, Catholic Central, and Godfrey-Lee at the Smash Bros. Invitational held at Lowell High School. Devin Nelson (LHS) placed first, and Alex

Rummelt (LHS) placed second against some tough competition.

The Esports Fortnite team has claimed big wins over several other schools. Logan Smith (LHS), and Landon Burgess (LMS) showed up big at an Aquinas College High School Fortnite Invitational, claiming first place over the always-tough East Grand Rapids duo, 39 to 34.

The Esports team is currently looking for sponsors to help fund their efforts to purchase equipment. If you are interested, call Al Eckman at 616-450-4332, or email him at aeckman@lowellschools.com



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Lowell basketball season wrap up

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

Both of Lowell's basketball teams were able to complete their seasons. Normally, 100 percent of schools in Michigan can say that. This year, that wasn't the case.

With the MHSAA's suspension of winter tournaments due to the recent coronavirus pandemic, there will be no champion crowned in this year's MHSAA basketball tournaments. Both Lowell teams fell in their first games in districts, prior to the cancelation.

The ladies' season concluded with an 8-13 record, after falling to FHC in the first round of districts 45-38. The Red Arrows put up an impressive fight against the Rangers, who finished the season 15-7.

Lexi Howell and

Aubreigh Oswald led the team with 12 and 13 rebounds respectively. Seniors Molly Frederickson and Kyleigh Rau each scored 11 points to lead the way on the offensive end. Frederickson earned all-conference honors this winter for the Lady Arrows.

After receiving a bye in the district quarterfinals, the boys team lost to Forest Hills Northern to conclude their season. The team put up a strong effort on senior night against Ottawa Hills, falling in overtime by a score of 86-84. It was the highest output of the season for the Red Arrows. The team finished with a 4-17 record. Brett Spanbauer, who will return to the team next year for his senior season, earned all-conference honors for the varsity boys team.



Faith Stepek shakes hands with an FHC player as Lowell concluded their season with a loss to FHC.

Braiden Hamilton commits to Olivet

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

Lowell senior dual-sport student-athlete Braiden Hamilton announced his commitment to Olivet College for soccer this past weekend. He will officially sign with the program in the next few weeks. Hamilton has participated in soccer and basketball during his time at Lowell and is a member of the LHS Class of 2020.

"Hamilton's work rate, experience, and skill made him a natural leader and captain his senior year. Olivet is getting a tremendous student-athlete, that will make an impact the first day he steps on campus." Lowell varsity boys soccer head coach Dan Lipon told us.

During his senior soccer

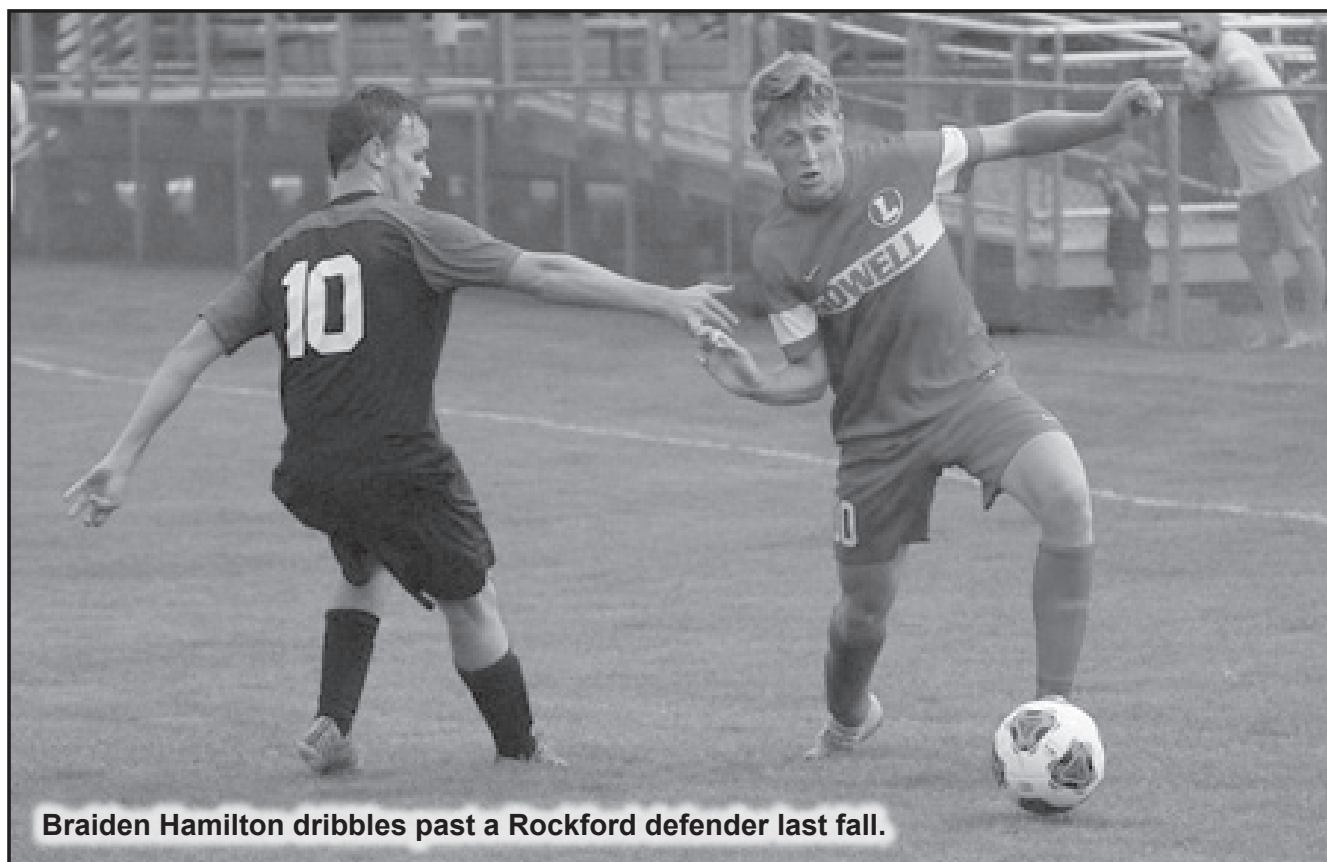
season, Hamilton played as a midfielder, captain, and earned all-conference honors. It also included Hamilton's favorite moment playing for Lowell soccer, which was scoring the game-winning goal in the 2019 Pink Arrow game against FHC. Hamilton scored in the 72nd minute on an assist by Ezra Stadt to secure a 3-2 win.

"I went to one of Olivet's soccer camps in the summer, had some good visits there, and really liked the coach," Braiden said of his commitment to Olivet. The Comets went 4-12-1 last year and participates in Division III of the NCAA in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. They compete with teams around

the Michigan area like Hope, Calvin, Albion, Adrian, and Alma.

The boy's soccer team finished with a 9-7-1 record last fall, earned team academic all-state honors from the MIHSSCA, and will graduate 11 seniors in 2020 including Hamilton. "My favorite part of playing

soccer for LHS was playing with my best friends and working with our amazing coaches," Hamilton concluded.



Braiden Hamilton dribbles past a Rockford defender last fall.



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BRINKS




Buell E. Brinks, 74, of Lowell, passed away on Sunday, March 15, 2020. He was preceded in death by his brother, Bruce Brinks; brothers-in-law, Art Zaborski, Everett Vandenboss, Fred Wright; sisters-in-law, Lois Couwenhoven, Faye Sanderson. He is survived by his wife, Gloria; children Dan (Karyn) Brinks, Ryan (Keli) Brinks, Alison (Josh) Proctor; brothers, Bryan (Arla) Brinks, Bill (Nadine) Brinks; sister-in-law, Linda (Jerry) Klein; grandchildren, Baylee (Cody) Oppewal, Lennox Brinks, Brodey Brinks, Emma Proctor, Aiden Proctor; great-grandchildren, Avery Oppewal, Jax Oppewal; brother-in-law, Mike Couwenhoven, Dale Sanderson, Randy (Kathy) Tacoma; sisters-in-law, Carole (Virgil) Bopp, Marilyn Vandenboss, Sharon Wright. Buell graduated from Michigan State University then was drafted into the US Marines Corp, serving in the Vietnam War. He was a teacher at Saranac Public Schools. After retiring from teaching, he owned a small painting/construction business and spent many winters in Florida. Visitation will be Friday, March 20, 2020 at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Private memorial services will be held Saturday, March 21, 2020 at Calvary CRC, 1151 W Main St, Lowell, MI 49331. Rev. Ryan Landt officiating. Interment Merriman Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Mission French Africa, 221 Ridgewood Ave, SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 or Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton St E, Lowell Charter Township, MI 49331.



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CONRAD

Ann Marie Conrad, 52, of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, March 11, 2020. She was preceded in death by her mother, Bonnie Meehan & her father, Larry Conrad. She is survived by her daughter, Brittany (Corey Johnson) Balyeat; brother, Larry Conrad; sister Tressa Conrad. Ann really loved music, her daughter and her cats. Celebration of life will be held by the family at a later date. Memorial contributions can be made to Spectrum Health Hospice, 100 Michigan St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49502.




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DOANE

IRENE M. DOANE
1931 - 2020
Irene May Doane was born on March 16, 1931, to Laverne and Ethel (Labadie) Stull. Irene was raised and attended school in the small village of Millet, Michigan on the outskirts of Lansing. In her youth, she was a daredevil and few things frightened her, except water. She took swimming lessons as an adult and was able to enjoy the beach with her children. Irene loved to dance, whether it be social, tap or on her roller skates. She was also a talented artist who enjoyed painting and ceramics. Irene met her husband, John, at the Methodist Church youth group. Their friendship started in 8th grade when John bid on her boxed lunch at the church social. That relationship continued until their wedding day on July 3, 1948 and continued for the next 68 years of their marriage. For the first six years of their life together, Irene and John lived in a 16-foot camping trailer, with two small children, traveling around the state of Michigan as John pursued his career with the Michigan Department of Transportation. In 1954 they settled in Lowell Township. Many times, Irene would say about her home in Lowell, "that was the first house I lived in that had running water". Irene raised five children and was a committed wife and hard-working mother and homemaker. Irene and John enjoyed traveling throughout the U.S. and Canada in during retirement years. Irene was preceded in death by her husband, John; a son, John; her parents, a brother, Richard Stull; and a sister-in-law, Mary Lou Stull. Irene is survived by her children, Vickie (Dennis) Drougel of Grandville, Ann (Louis) Switlik of Kentwood, Jim (Linda) Doane of Lowell, and Bill (Heather) Doane of Lowell; 14 grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren. Private family memorial services are being held. Those wishing to express sympathy are welcomed to consider a contribution in Irene's memory to Faith Hospice, 8214 Pfeiffer Farms Dr., SW, Byron Center, Michigan 49305, faithhospicecare.org/donate, or The Cure Starts Now, Pediatric Cancer Center, 10280 Chester Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45215, thesurestartsnow.org/donate or Lowell Pink Arrow Pride, c/o Lowell Community Wellness, P.O. Box 246, Lowell, Michigan 49331. For additional information, please contact Verdun Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services at (616) 794-1300 or verdunfh.com, who is caring for the arrangements.



GRUMMET



Donald James Grummet, 85, of Saranac, passed away February 25, 2020. Donald was a Veteran of the Korean War. He is survived by his children, Loretta Buckley of Newaygo, Debra (Steve) Hopkins of Howard City, Donald (Janet) Grummet of Howard City, and Terri Erfourth of Howard City; several grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Graveside services will be held July 11, 2020 at 2 pm at the New Cemetery in Saranac.



RYDER

Alice Louise Ryder, 84, of Lowell, passed away Monday, March 9, 2020. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rowland Samuel Ryder; brother, Robert (Mary) Peterson; sisters, Doris (Mike) Ryan & Glennis (Bob) Ryan. She is survived by her children, Alan & Marcia; grandsons, Seth & Ethan Ryder; also, nieces, nephews, & cousins. Mrs. Ryder was a member of the Eastern Star Lowell. Funeral Services were held last Friday, March 13th at 11 a.m. with visitation one-hour prior at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, 621 E. Main. Rev. Brad Brillhart officiating. Interment Bailey Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to Spectrum Health Hospice, 100 Michigan St. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or First United Methodist Church.



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YOUNG

Marceline G. Young, 92, of Lowell, passed away on Thursday, March 12, 2020. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hugh Young & her son, Michael Gness. She is survived by her children, David (Dianne) Gness, Gale Fonger, Deborah (Brent) Warren; brothers, Neal Bennett & Robert (Denise) Bennett; sister, Connie (Al) Crouse; 15 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren & great-great-grandchildren; along with several nieces & nephews. A former member of The Eastern Stars, Marcie was artistic, enjoyed music, but above all was thankful for her family and a fun, good life. She loved being with friends camping, snowmobiling and spending her winters in Florida. Celebration of Life was held Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at Noon at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell with visitation one-hour prior. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton St E, Lowell Charter Township, MI 49331 or a Charity of your choice.



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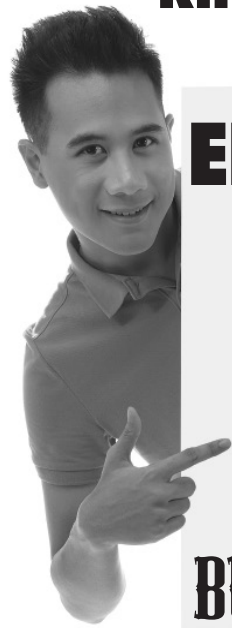
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Jaron DeVito
Hannah Diamond
Bernie Diekevers
Devin Dietz
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Miles Droski
Delaney Duimstra
Brett Evink
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Sidney Gordon
Braiden Gould
Evan Groeneweg
Alexis Haines
Aubrie Halbert
Madison Halfmann
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Zander Hamilton
Emma Hancock
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Gabriel Hare
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Khloe Hayes
Roy Hoyn
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Jacob Hough
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Jessica Hull
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Dawson Jankowski
Willem Jewell
Adrienne Johnson
Katelyn Johnson
Jacob Kanoza
Addison Karp
Sophia Katsul
Collier Kaufman
Mya Kaywood
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Benjamin Kinnucan
Benjamin Klein
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Connor Kleinedler
Kambry Kloosterman
Kara Korcek
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Lucas Kramer
William Kuhns
Brianna Lachowski
Luke Landman
Tyler Lange
Keegan Laux
Grant LeBarre
Renee LeFebre
Phoebe Looman
Jenavieve Lyon
Luke Maksymetz
Karissa Mansfield
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Matthew Martin
William Martin

Jennifer Martinez
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Grady McDonald
Abigail McMillian
Mitchell McMillian
Grace McNaughton
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Meghan Meyer
Alyssa Miles
Benjamin Miller
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Isiah Persyian
Samantha Peterson
Reina Placr
Alexander Pollock
Sierra Post
Grant Pratt
Julia Pytlik
Breyden Race
Gibson Raimer
Kaitlyn Rankin
Judi Reagan
Alexis Reedy
Madeline Revere
Logan Riffle
Elizabeth Rios Soriano
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Paige Romig
Taeghan Ronchetti
Abigail Sandborn
Kyla Sanders
Elianna Sandman
Lark Sawyer
ShiLeigh Shepard
John Sherman
Katelynn Sikkenga
Ryan Sikkenga
Tyler Sikkenga
Dylan Smit
Austin Smith
Nolan Smith
Mitchel Snarski
Cade Solomonson
Everardo Soriano Lopez
Quan Sprague
Ezra Stadt
Donald Staley
Arianna Stedman
Shi Steinberg
Matthew Stephens
Madison Stevens
Hayden Stickney
Caleb Swart
Zachary Swart
Jared Sweet
Sebastian Szymanski
Isabelle Tackmann
Christian Teachworth
Cassandra Thomas
Matelyn Torline
Zachary Treadwell
Ethan VanDerWarf
Sean VanHeulen
Carson VanNoy
Carson VanVeelen
Malcolm Venema
Elizabeth Vredevelt
Jenner Willard
Zachary Williams
RaeAnne Woody
Skylar Young
Joshua Yowais
Stephanie Zalis
Kaia Zimmerman



FUN PAGE

SUDOKO

1			6		5	4		3
6		7		2				1
	4			7		2		
				5	3			4
		4		8	1	9		7
7			9					
	9							
4		3						5

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

LAWN CARE WORD SEARCH

S W H A V L U P G R H S K H G Y S T T C
 E D C C W U O H V O R R E K P R G H N N
 D K T U L C K P I N D S Y R W R N A A P
 R S A L A A O V D I S E A S E S O L L I
 N H H T U P I G R O W T H E R Y I E P O
 I V T I D M L Y O I T N N V K H T R W Y
 D U L V A M E N D M E N T A R O A M N T
 P Y E A L R P W D N O E V H P K R A W C
 E W G R I K H L R O R I I U K E E D C O
 S A N S R E N N U R N O S S I E A V I M
 T H W G Y A N I L E U A P T M M R A D P
 S U G N D M N A I H G E C R U C C R I A
 G I P I N U T R I E N T S E E R O I C C
 E S D P I I G O I N M S C D N G E E A T
 C D O P C K W D P Y Y N E A U I D T K E
 V M U I L D R R S S A R G E T E L Y U D
 E W G L L Y R E V O L C L R M O U D E U
 P P Y C C L U M P I N G C P M M O R O T
 C C U O E P S E R S N A L S R O V L I V
 V N D C Y K G P A L K A L I N E W M S W

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

Puzzle solutions on page 13

LAWN CARE WORD SEARCH

ACIDIC
 AERATION
 ALKALINE
 AMENDMENT
 CLIPPINGS

CLOVER
 CLUMPING
 COMPACTED
 CULTIVAR
 DISEASES
 GRASS
 GREEN
 GROWTH

MOISTURE
 MOW
 NUTRIENTS
 PESTS
 PLANT
 RUNNERS
 SOIL
 SPREADER

THATCH
 TOOLS
 VARIETY

Guess Who?

I am a movie director born in Georgia on March 20, 1957. Shortly after receiving a degree in film and television from NYU, I made my first feature film. I have since made many thought-provoking and celebrated films.

Answer: Spike Lee

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to lawns & gardens.

R A T A E E S

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Answer: Aeration

			1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9		
	10	11							12				13	
	14							15					16	17
18						19				20		21		
22					23				24		25			
26					27				28		29		30	
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38					39				40					
41				42		43		44				45	46	47
48			49		50		51					52		
53				54		55						56		
57			58		59				60	61	62			
	63	64							65					
		66							67					

CLUES ACROSS

- Currency of Guinea
- Of she
- Temporary living quarters
- Alabama football team
- Avert something bad
- Immediate dangers
- Legendary Tar Heels coach
- Work standards government dept. (abbr.)
- Coastal Scottish town
- Triangular lower back bones
- Trouble
- A way to smile
- Something that is not what it seems
- Of she
- Temporary living quarters
- Bag-like structure in a plant or animal
- Indicates near
- Spiritual leader
- Soup dish
- Philippine island
- No longer fashionable
- Peaks
- King Cole
- Digital audiotape

CLUES DOWN

- Not naturally outgoing
- Exclamation of pain
- Polynesian garland of flowers
- Surrounded by water
- Church towers
- Hot beverage
- Body parts
- Travel documents
- Railway
- Gradually wear away
- Measuring instrument
- Minor dust-ups

- Strongly alkaline solution
- Extreme scarcity of food
- Dash
- Philly culinary specialty
- Popular lager ___ Adams
- Snitch
- Trimmed
- Greek god of desire
- Take to the limit
- Cool!
- Sound mental health
- Native American group
- Test for high schoolers
- Rocky peak
- Preferences
- Bother
- Call attention to (slang)
- Snake-like fish
- Bulgarian capital
- Don't know when yet
- Italian Seaport
- Brooklyn hoopster
- Where to bathe
- Equal, prefix
- Beverage container
- Denotes openness

Be counted! US Census Day is April 1

Every ten years, residents of the United States are constitutionally required to participate in the census - the national headcount. At some point this month, every Michigan household will receive an invitation from the US Census Bureau to complete the census. This year, it will be possible to complete the census online, by phone or through the mail.

“Census numbers impact everyone in our state,” said Kerry Ebersole Singh, executive director of the Michigan Census. “They affect every family, every individual and every child. They affect businesses and local communities. Our census count determines funding for public safety, including police and fire, health care, education and infrastructure, and impacts other essential services. Our census count shapes our congressional representation, impacts legislative districts and much, much more. That’s why we want everyone in

other programs, Michigan received more than \$2.3 billion for the WIC and SNAP programs in 2016; and hospitals and clinics across Michigan received nearly \$13 billion in Medicaid funding in 2016 to treat residents. All of this funding was based on the census count. Michigan could also lose a congressional seat and see a reduction in electoral college votes if the census data is incomplete or inaccurate.

“Accurate census numbers are critical because they determine how much federal funding is dispersed to states for

your information will not be shared with anyone.”

The census form asks questions about the number of people that are living in each household as of April 1, 2020, including their name, age, gender, race, ethnicity, date of birth, relationship status, phone number and whether the home is owned or rented. Information collected through the census is confidential and will not be shared with anyone. It is against the law for the US Census Bureau to publicly release responses in a way that could identify an individual or household. By law, people’s responses

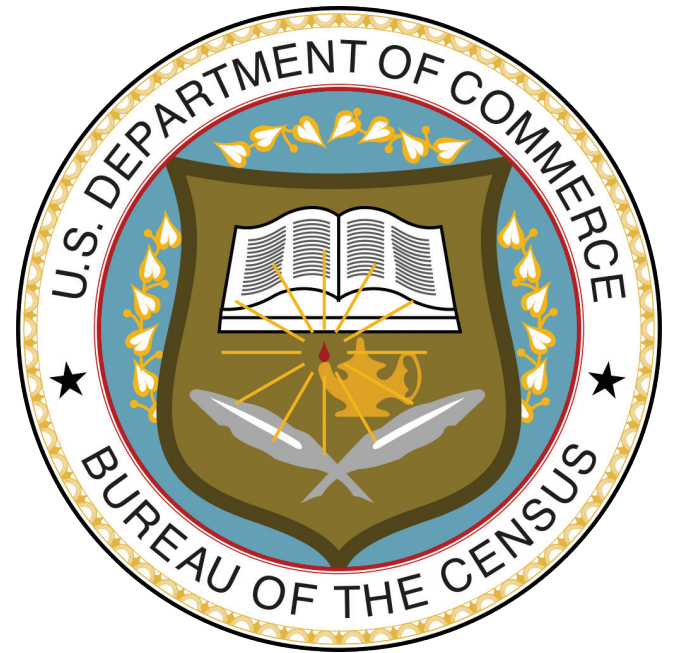
citizens are especially undercounted, and this is something we are working to change in Michigan,” Singh said. “We will be working with our nonprofit, state and local government partners to get our message out and help ensure everyone in Michigan is counted. The Complete Count Committee, a bipartisan group of leaders who recognize the importance of the census, will be getting the word out and reminding residents, business owners, employers and community leaders about the importance of being counted.”

To ensure an accurate count, people should count themselves where they live and sleep most of the time. Only one person per household needs to fill out the census, but they must count everybody in the household. For example, if six people are living in the household on April 1, 2020, the person filling out the form should count all six people. If you have children, including newborns, who usually live and sleep at your home, be sure to count them. If they split time evenly between two households, count them where they are on April 1. If you recently moved, count yourself at your new address if you moved in by April 1, 2020. If you rent, count yourself where you live. If you’re a college student who doesn’t live in a dorm,

count yourself at your off-campus address. If you’re a service member who doesn’t live in military barracks and you aren’t deployed or stationed outside the United States, count yourself where you live and sleep most of the time. If you live in a

seniors and students, kids and parents, businesses and communities. Being counted in the census is as important as voting to our democracy, and it is part of our responsibility as residents of the United States.

“Census Day is April 1, 2020, and invitations to respond will begin hitting mailboxes on March 12,” Singh said. “Our effort will reach a large [area] and we will develop materials using multiple languages to help decrease barriers to completing the census. In order to show our growth and economic opportunity, it will take participation from all Michigan residents, including



group living facility such as college dorms, military barracks, nursing homes, group homes, shelters, psychiatric facilities or correctional facilities, a representative from your living facility will help make sure you get counted. If you live in another state during winter but spend at least 50 percent of your time in Michigan, use your Michigan address when completing your census form.

It is imperative that everyone in Michigan be counted, because census numbers affect everyone -

neighbors, business owners, employers and community leaders to make sure everyone is counted.”

The first federal census in the US took place in 1790, when the population of the US was 3,929,326. Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson was in charge of the first one, and there have been 22 censuses since then. The population count of 308,745,538 from the 2010 census was the first time the number exceeded 300 million residents.



Michigan to say, ‘Count me in.’”

Demographic information collected by the census is used to determine taxation, federal educational funding, health care, food programs, infrastructure, congressional representation, federal funding for local communities, federal funding for essential services and much more. Approximately \$30 billion in federal funding and one congressional seat are at stake for Michigan. For example, based on census data, public schools across Michigan received more than \$510 million in 2016 for education grants for tutoring, textbooks and

public safety, schools, housing, health care and much more,” Singh said. “The census plays a significant role in the future of our state, and our goal is to raise awareness, encourage participation and dispel any myths to ensure everyone in Michigan is counted. As census director, I’m working to address several challenges and myths about the census to maximize participation through a program we are calling the Three C’s: Convenient, Confidential and Critical. Responding to the census is convenient and people can respond by mail, phone or online. The census is 100 percent confidential and secure and

cannot be used against them, the information harvested can only be used to produce statistics.

Representatives of the US Census Bureau will never ask for your full social security number or bank or credit card account numbers, and they will never ask for money, donations or anything related to a political party. Every census worker will have a photo ID badge with a “Department of Commerce” watermark and expiration date and a laptop or bag with a “US Census Bureau” logo.

“Research shows low-income citizens, communities of color, rural communities, young children and non-

