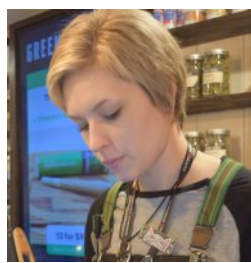




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LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN CORONAVIRUS

MARCH MADNESS

The NCAA canceled all its men's and women's basketball tournaments Thursday. The news came after the Big Ten and other college athletic conferences had ended their respective tournaments. **PAGE B1**

NO BALLS, PUCKS

The NHL postponed the remainder of its regular season on Thursday. The XFL also announced it would suspend its season. Meanwhile, MLB said it is delaying the start of its season by two weeks. **PAGE B1**

NO STATE TOURNEYS

The MHSAA canceled postseason games. Ice hockey, gymnastics, and swimming and diving championships had been scheduled for this weekend. Basketball tournaments were already underway. **PAGE B1**

STOCKS SLIDE

On Wall Street, stocks fell so fast at the opening bell that they triggered an automatic, 15-minute trading halt for the second time this week. Until this week, the so-called circuit breaker hadn't been activated since 1997. **PAGE A10**

FIGHTING VIRUS

Michigan's Legislature passed a \$25 million spending package to combat the spread of the infection. The bill allocates \$10 million to state agencies for preparedness and response to COVID-19. **PAGE A5**

STAGES GO DARK

All Broadway theaters have been closed Thursday just as New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo banned gatherings of 500 people or more in New York City. Shows are expected to resume April 13. **PAGE A8**

America lurches into new era

Surreal reality: Seriousness of virus 'finally sinking in' for everybody

By **Ted Anthony**
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So this is where we are: Major League Baseball's opening day postponed. Broadway and Hollywood grinding to a halt, and March Madness canceled. Universities from Harvard to UCLA telling students to stay away. Most travelers from Europe banned. Tom Hanks, Hollywood's embodiment of everyday American-

ness, felled by the new virus. And the speaker of the House of Representatives taking this question Thursday morning: "How prepared is Congress to work from home?"

This, in mid-March 2020, is now the very abnormal normal in the new United States of Purell — a nation that watched for weeks as the coronavirus erupted in China, South Korea, Iran and Italy before starting down the path of figuring out

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More infected: Michigan health officials confirm ten new cases

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Michigan health officials have confirmed 10 new cases of Coronavirus, bringing the statewide total to 12.

All of these new presumptive positive cases were tested in Lansing by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Bureau of Laboratories. The specimens will be sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-

vention (CDC) for confirmation testing.

The new cases include:

- An adult female from Ingham County with history of travel on a cruise.
- Two adult females from Kent County and one adult male, all with history of international travel.
- An adult female from Montcalm with history of international travel.
- Two adult males from Oak-

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Celebrating Women's History Month

Profile No. 5: Tatiana Grant

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March is Women's History Month. To celebrate, The Oakland Press is looking to give voice to women across the county.



Grant
Online: For previous profiles of women of Oakland County, visit THEOAKLANDPRESS.COM
This week, we'll be presenting six responses from women in different industries and from different walks of life to explore what it means to them to be a woman in this day and age—professionally and personally.

Here's the fifth:

Tatiana Grant

Q. What is your industry and job title? How long have you been in the industry?

A. This is an interesting question as it is always fun, for me, as a serial entrepreneur. I am in the marketing and on-demand logistics industries. I have been in the marketing and PR industry for 16 years, and the on-demand logistics industry for six years. I am the...

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HALF HER LIFE



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Wixom resident Phyllis Stafford, 90, has worked at the 52-1 District Court in Novi since 1975. She works part time as a court clerk, showing up every day. Her co-workers held a birthday celebration at the courthouse Tuesday.

Phyllis Stafford turns 90, celebrates 45 years working at 52-1 District Court

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Phyllis Stafford doesn't let anything stop her from driving to work every day, not even a little snow.

For the past 45 years, the 90-year-old Wixom resident has worked at the 52-1 District Court in Novi. Although she retired from her fulltime duties in 1993, she transitioned to a parttime court clerk position and still works Monday through Friday.

On Tuesday, she strolled into the courthouse as she usually does (not a minute late), but this time was instantly showered with confetti by her co-workers all wearing purple shirts, her favorite color.

"I was totally speechless and truly, truly honored," said Stafford, a mother of two, grandmother of eight, great-grandmother of 50, and great-great-grandmother of 26 (with six more on the way).

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Election Day sees different obstacle

Clerks: Same-day voter registration challenged us

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Same-day voter registration was a unique challenge for clerks across Oakland County.

Although Election Day ended just a few days ago, many local clerks are starting to take proactive steps to prepare for the next round of elections in May, August, and November. Much of these discussions are focused on how to learn from Tuesday's election experience, another anticipated surge in absentee ballots, and how to deal with the large amount of people wanting to register to vote on Election Day.

The significant increase in absentee ballots was expected for months, following the passage of the no-reason absentee law in November 2018. In order to adapt, clerks hired more staff and purchased additional high-speed tabulators to process and count the ballots.

Over 1 million absentee ballots were issued statewide, with over 800,000 ballots being returned, according to the Michigan Secretary of State's Office. Of that total, over 170,000 absentee ballots were issued in Oakland County, with over 130,000 being returned. Both were significant increases over the

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