



# GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

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**MEETING DATE:** March 18, 2020

**DEPARTMENT:** Administration

**SUBMITTED BY:** Nate Alger, County Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Administrator's Report

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**RECOMMENDATION:**  
Information

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**SUMMARY:**  
Following is the Administrator's Report for this month.

**ATTACHMENTS:**  
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## **Administrator Report**

### **March 18, 2020**

#### **Census 2020**

The Senior Center Network and Commission on Aging are working collaboratively to assure all seniors in our community are counted. Ads will be placed in various print publications. Print flyers are being distributed throughout the community. We will be working with BATA to have signs on the buses. Important talking points include: Bags will be left on the door of each household in Grand Traverse County in March - the bags will have the paper census form and instructions for completing it by paper, phone or online. Households that do not respond, will be further contacted by mail or in person. The form has nine questions and is expected to take less than 10 minutes to complete, depending on the size of the household. All information collected is kept confidential and can not be used against us in any way. Those who reside in Michigan for at least six months out of the year are being asked to use their Michigan address when completing the census to assure an accurate count in Michigan. All Senior Center locations will be available to assist citizens with online registration if needed. Count day is April 1st and the census bureau will be collecting counts through July.

#### **MSU Extension 4-H Exploration Days**

Registration is now open for Exploration Days, the premier MSU precollege program which welcomes youth ages 11-19 to explore their future, try new things and experience college life on campus at MSU! During this three-day event in June, youth will gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning and make friends for a lifetime. The Grand Traverse County 4-H program sends a delegate of 30 or more youth every year and always welcomes anyone who is interested. Registration books are available in the MSU Extension office or [online here](#). Not a 4-H member? No problem! Contact our office at 231-922-4825 for more information on how youth can get involved in this amazing opportunity!

#### **High Great Lakes Water Levels**

Mark Breederland, Michigan Sea Grant Educator at MSU Extension in Grand Traverse County, will be presenting an update on high water levels at the Northern Michigan Counties Association on March 16, 2020. Last month Mark presented to the Michigan State Waterways Commission and participated in the Governor's High Water Coordinating Summit, and was featured on the TV9&10 News piece "[Rising Waters, Rising Concerns: How We Got Here](#)" which aired on February 24.