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Measure how the volume of local news coverage in Ottawa County has changed through the 21st century by looking at stories from the publications below for the month of January of 2000, 2010, 2020, and 2024.

Use the GVSU Library [Subject Guide for Journalism, Broadcasting, and Digital Media, Newspapers](#) tab

Online access to Publications: can count the articles available in text but may not have the “image” (exact replica) of articles

[Lanthorn](#)

[GR Press](#)

[Holland Sentinel](#)

[Grand Haven Tribune](#)

[Muskegon Chronicle](#)

Search example: ottawa or holland or “grand haven” or zeeland or coopersville or “grand valley state”

Specify dates: January 1-31 of 2000, 2010, 2020, 2024

The [Zeeland Record](#) and [Coopersville Observer](#), along with other West Michigan community and business newspapers, are in the [Special Collections](#) at Seidman House, [Regional and Historical Publications](#) collection in paper form and do not leave that building.

[Policies:](#)

- Contact them before going over (see emails below): The staff gets items for you and notifying them of a visit in advance ensures they can have the materials ready.
- Know what you want to see. Make sure you've noted the newspaper title and the month and year you'd like to view (use the links above).
- Bring the right supplies. Pencils, paper, laptop, phone and/or camera are all recommended for taking notes and non-flash photographs. Don't forget any charging cords if your visit will be lengthy. Dress for the archives: archives are kept at a cooler temperature year-round, so consider wearing layers or bringing a sweater or jacket along.
- Because the materials are unique, we also require that you sign an agreement to abide by the policies (use pencil, don't bring food or drink, etc.)
- [Virtual tour](#): Start at beginning; Regional History starts at 1:29.

Get Help:

- [CLAS Center for Experiential Learning](#): Dr. Debbie Herrington, Director, herringd@gvsu.edu - FUNDS for undergraduate students!
- Ask your librarian [Kim Ranger](#) (email rangerk@gvsu.edu)
- Seidman House archivists:
 - Leigh Rupinski (email rupinski@gvsu.edu)

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- This map shows Zeeland Charter Township, Michigan, highlighted in light green. The township is bordered by Fruitport Charter Twp to the north, Polkton Charter Twp to the northeast, Allendale Charter Twp to the east, and Zeeland Charter Township to the south. To the west is Grand Haven, and to the southwest is Holland. Major roads include I-96 running north-south through the center, I-31 running east-west through the middle, and I-196 running east-west at the bottom. Other roads shown include 104, 231, 45, and 6. The Grand River flows through the eastern part of the township. Surrounding areas include Sullivan, Ravenna, Conklin, Wright, Marne, Agnew, Kirk Park, West Olive, Port Sheldon, Borculo, Noordeloos, Zeeland, Zeeland Charter Township, Jamestown, Hudsonville, Georgetown Twp, and Macatawa. Landmarks include PJ Hoffmaster State Park and Windmill Island Gardens. The map is credited to Google, with data from 2024.