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LYON TOWNSHIP

Officials pause business tax breaks for some

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When Craig England was looking for a new home for his multi-million dollar company, a 50 percent tax break was a big lure to Lyon Township.

Moba USA, Inc., was hooked and moved in January from Farmington Hills to its new facility on Lakeview Drive with the promise of half off its real property tax bill for seven years.

"We looked at several communities in the I-96 corridor and ended up lean-

ing toward Lyon Township for several reasons, but one was because they offered tax abatements to companies coming into the township," England said.

He anticipates Moba, which is headquartered in the Netherlands and is one

of the world's largest manufacturers of egg-handling equipment, will save at least \$200,000 per year in taxes because of the abatement it was granted by the township.

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Livonia man donates war propaganda collection to museum

Shelby Tankersley Hometownlife.com
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Retired U.S. Army Major Joe Tebor's role in the Vietnam War wasn't about bullets and boots on the ground.

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His targets were the minds of North Vietnamese people. The veteran combat intelligence analyst, who now lives in Livonia, was one of three people choosing where to drop propaganda leaflets in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, in an attempt at convincing enemy soldiers to surrender during the final years of the Vietnam War.

Throughout his tour of duty in Okinawa and Vietnam, Tebor amassed what he believes is one of the largest private collections of those propaganda leaflets. He's now donating his collection to the National Vietnam War Museum in Weatherford, Texas.

"The purpose of propaganda is to change the opinions, viewpoints, ideas of the people," he said.

Upon receiving a brochure for the museum in the mail, Tebor gave the curator a call to see if the museum would be interested in taking his collection. He said his offer was met with excitement, and he'll be driving to Texas to deliver it in-person.

Tebor, a life member of VFW Post 6695 and VVA Chapter 528 in Plymouth, said the little-known

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Whelan's family told to 'make more noise' to bring him home



Elizabeth Whelan, sister of Paul Whelan, speaks during a conference May 4 to launch the Bring Our Families Home Campaign in Washington, D.C., held by family members of hostages around the world. They urged the Biden administration and Congress to take action to bring wrongfully detained Americans home. WIN MCNAMEE/GETTY IMAGES

Michigan man was sentenced to 16 years in a Russian labor camp

Kristen Jordan Shamus Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

A U.S. State Department official told the family of Paul Whelan that they need to "make more noise," and "be a squeakier wheel" in advocating for the Michigan man's release from a Rus-

sian labor camp to get government action to bring him home, his brother said.

"This is a hard message to hear. The family of a wrongful detainee shouldn't be bearing the burden of persuading American government officials to act to secure the release of an American citizen wrongfully detained," David Whe-

lan wrote in an email message to the Free Press and other news outlets.

"It's frustrating. What sort of circus does a family need to put on to make more noise, to squeak louder, to move the immovable levers of government?"

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Teens found dead near pond in White Lake Township

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Two teens were found dead Saturday morning in White Lake Township, and two suspects are in jail, awaiting possible charges.

Township police said in a release they received a report around 8:51 a.m. May 21 that there was an unresponsive person near the pond in the Cedarbrook Estates mobile home community along LeGrand Boulevard.

Police arrived to find two males dead from multiple gunshot wounds near the pond. From Highland Township, they were 16 and 19 years of age.

Kim Root, spokeswoman for Huron Valley Schools, would only confirm that one of the victims was still a student in the district.

Meanwhile, police said the suspects are at Oakland County Jail.

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Tax breaks

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Moba is not the first company to take advantage of the tax abatements that the township has been offering since about 2009.

But it could be one of the last.

Lyon Township will not take any tax abatement requests from businesses looking to locate here for at least the next six months.

Township sets moratorium on abatement requests

Officials are reconsidering their policy that often gives industrial facilities up to a 50% break on their taxes for up to as many as 12 years in order to attract them to the township.

"The problem with these tax abatements are they become something that is an entitlement rather than something that someone comes in and asks us for," Supervisor John Dolan said. "People are even advertising: 'Come to Lyon, you get a tax abatement guaranteed.'"

No more.

The board unanimously agreed in a resolution to stop accepting or processing applications for tax abatements.

Among the reasons cited were no need to offer additional incentives for a township that has experienced significant growth which has also created a large demand for improvements to public services, facilities and infrastructure.

The resolution noted that "many" tax abatements were granted in the past, but concluded that additional tax abatements are "not in the township's best interests."

The township currently has 10 tax abatements in effect for varying terms with two more pending. Three additional tax abatements recently expired.

"If you saw the whole roll, you'd be surprised at how much money we've given away," Treasurer Patricia Carcone said.

Just for this year alone, she said the township gave away \$682,000 in real property taxes and another \$208,000 in personal property taxes to the companies under the tax abatement umbrella.



Moba USA in Lyon Township, left, and Atlas Copco. Both companies were among those receiving tax abatements. PHOTOS JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Need to entice businesses to Lyon Township has passed

Downtown Development Authority Executive Director Amy Allen said the original tax abatement policy in the township was established at a time when different economic conditions existed and there was more of a need to entice businesses to locate in the township.

"Now we're working on limited parcels available and looking at a dire need for road improvements and we don't have the money for it," she said.

The Downtown Development Authority looks at the tax abatements as a good marketing tool and doesn't want them to go away. However, Allen said the policy needs to be reevaluated to encourage retention of businesses rather than to bring in new ones, particularly as the township looks to fund construction of the final section of the ring road between Millford and Grand River.

Trustee Kristofer Enlow said the township didn't need to be offering tax abatements any longer.

"Who are we competing with (for businesses)?" he wondered. "Maybe Novi. Never in Milford or Green Oak, not Salem Township or the City of South Lyon. I don't see it as a need. They are coming to us anyway, why do we need to give that away?"

Moba England, who lives in South Lyon, acknowledged that being given half off their tax bill was not the only reason Moba liked Lyon Township. The new facility in the industrial park was easily renovated to fit its needs and the company felt the area would be attractive to its 64 employees.

The tax savings, however, enabled Moba to add three employees of a higher skill level, England added.

Without a tax abatement, England said Moba would have looked harder at other communities along the I-96 corri-

dor, including Wixom, Walled Lake, Brighton, and Green Oak Township.

He also believes that other Lyon Township businesses are benefiting from Moba's presence in the community, including the retail stores, restaurants, and gas stations his employees and customers frequent.

Carcone looks at it another way.

"Multi-million dollar companies get these tax breaks and not the small mom and pop businesses," she said. "They don't employ hundreds, but they still provide a service or benefit to the township. All these big companies get these breaks, but we should not be giving away any more of our money."

DDA Coordinator Tina Archer said the township's current tax abatement policy was put in place in 2015, but prior to that, some industrial corporations were granted tax breaks, including aerospace company Testek Inc., in 2010, and in 2012 Henrob Corp., (now called Atlas Copco) a maker of Swedish automotive fasteners, as well as Richard Tool & Die, all receiving a 50% tax abatement of real property taxes for multiple years.

The tax abatement policy was started to stimulate development of two business parks that were stagnant in growth and has since used a scorecard system that grants a break on taxes for terms that can be anywhere from 1 year to 12 years.

Allen said as the number of available parcels of land in the township decrease, officials need to target what businesses are brought in and an overhaul to the policy will help in recruitment.

"I think there are positives and negatives to tax abatement. We see both sides of the coin," she said. "Our goal as the DDA Board is to have 6-8 months to present a policy for tax abatements to the township board."

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Whelan

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Paul Whelan, 52, of Novi, was the head of global security for Auburn Hills-based auto parts supplier BorgWarner when he was arrested in December 2018 in Moscow and charged with espionage. He was convicted in a closed-door hearing in June 2020 and sentenced to 16 years in a Russian labor camp.

U.S. government leaders and Whelan's family say the charges were bogus, and that Whelan, a former Marine, went to Russia for the wedding of a friend, not as a spy.

"This suggests that people in the Biden administration need to — still, after 41 months — be persuaded that Paul's case deserves action," David Whelan wrote. "We know that (they) ... are aware of Paul's case. So additional notoriety isn't needed for its own sake. But apparently we need to do more because not everyone is onboard with securing Paul's release."

The Whelan family has done roughly 40 media interviews in recent weeks and was part of a rally in Washington, D.C., earlier this month to demand the release of Americans wrongfully detained abroad, he said. His sister, Elizabeth Whelan, has made more than 20 visits to Capitol Hill.

A State Department spokesperson told the Free Press on Friday that it will not provide details about any private conversations that were had with the Whelan family.

"We remain in regular contact with the families of those held hostage or wrongfully detained; we are grateful for their partnership and feedback," the spokesperson said. "We continue to work to ensure we are communicating and sharing information in a way useful to our families."

"The president has been very clear about the need to see wrongfully detained U.S. citizen Paul Whelan released, and all other U.S. nationals held hostage or wrongfully detained abroad."

U.S. Rep. Haley Stevens, a Democrat from Waterford, took to Twitter on Thursday to express her frustration when she learned of the Whelan family's conversation with State Depart-



Paul Whelan, a former U.S. Marine accused of espionage and arrested in Russia in 2018, is escorted for a court hearing to decide whether to extend his detention in Moscow in 2019.

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David Whelan

ment officials.

"With all due respect, we have been working alongside the Whelan family for 4 years," she wrote. "Two unanimous House resolutions have been passed. Multiple heart wrenching press conferences. Countless radio, print and tv interviews. Hundreds of social media posts. Are we not 'loud' enough?"

U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg, a Republican from Tipton, told the Free Press on Friday that the Whelans have been very vocal and "unwavering in their advocacy for Paul throughout his wrongful imprisonment."

Wayne and Oakland county COVID-19 cases and deaths tracker

From Staff Reports Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

New coronavirus cases increased 5.6% in Michigan in the week ending Sunday as the state added 29,267 cases. The previous week had 27,705 new cases of the virus that causes COVID-19.

Michigan ranked 12th among the states where coronavirus was spreading the fastest on a per-person basis, a USA TODAY Network analysis of Johns Hopkins University data shows. In the latest week coronavirus cases in the United States increased 31.8% from the week before, with 796,108 cases reported. With 3% of the country's population, Michigan had 3.68% of the country's cases in the last week.

Wayne County reported 6,294 cases and eight deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 5,658 cases and 20 deaths. Throughout the pandemic it has reported 422,841 cases and 7,981 deaths.

Oakland County reported 4,740 cases and eight deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 4,686 cases and six deaths. Throughout the pandemic it has reported 305,484 cases and 3,859 deaths.

Within Michigan, the worst weekly outbreaks on a per-person basis were in Washtenaw County with 501 cases per 100,000 per week; Keweenaw County with 425; and Mackinac County with 389. The Centers for Disease Control says high levels of community transmission begin at 100 cases per 100,000 per week.

Adding the most new cases overall were Wayne County, with 6,294 cases; Oakland County, with 4,740 cases; and Macomb County, with 3,180. Weekly case counts rose in 51 counties from the previous week. The worst increases from the prior week's pace were in Wayne, Saginaw and Macomb counties.

Michigan ranked 35th among states in share of people receiving at least one shot, with 67% of its residents at least partially vaccinated. The national rate is 77.7%, a USA TODAY analysis of CDC data shows. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, which are the most used in the United States, require two doses administered a few weeks apart.

In the week ending Wednesday, Michigan reported administering another 89,246 vaccine doses, including 9,262 first doses. In the previous week, the state administered 77,455 vaccine doses, including 6,524 first doses. In all, Michigan reported it has administered 15,906,503 total doses.

Across Michigan, cases fell in 28 counties, with the best declines in Clinton County, with 229 cases from 360 a week earlier; in Calhoun County, with 235 cases from 324; and in Washtenaw County, with 1,843 cases from 1,917.

In Michigan, 78 people were reported dead of COVID-19 in the week ending Sunday. In the week before that, 76 people were reported dead.

A total of 2,501,863 people in Michigan have tested positive for the coronavirus since the pandemic began, and 36,218 people have died from the disease, Johns Hopkins University data shows. In the United States 83,281,329 people have tested positive and 1,002,173 people have died.

Note: In the Johns Hopkins University coronavirus data, cases and deaths for the Michigan Department of Corrections and the Federal Correctional Institution separately from Michigan counties.

Coast Guard: Don't use E15 fuel in boats

Lauren Wethington Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Heading out on the water this week? Be careful when filling up your boat's gas tank, warns the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Detroit.

In a Facebook post last week, the government agency cautioned boaters that new fuel standards allowing the sale of E15 gas could pose safety threats when used in watercrafts.

The fuel, which contains 15% ethanol, was authorized for the summer for use in cars. However, it's federally prohibited for vessel use because of its potential to cause marine engine damage, thus voiding any engine warranties, the U.S. Coast Guard says.

Even more worrying, the Coast Guard says E15 fuel has been proven to make engines run hotter, which increases the likelihood of a boat fire.

The post advised that the new fuel may not be clearly marked at the pump, where it can be sold under typical "regular unleaded" labels.

To keep boaters safe, the Coast Guard recommends filling water crafts with gas containing no more than 10% ethanol.

More information is available on the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Detroit's Facebook page.



Vietnam War veteran Joseph Tebor, of Livonia was part of the Army's 7th Psy-Ops group that helped to create and distribute via airborne methods these counterfeit One and Five Vietnamese Dong notes that looked like real currency but carried messages encouraging the North Vietnamese to lay down their arms. Tebor will donate most of his collection to the National Vietnam War Museum in Texas.

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Collection

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propaganda effort made a significant impact during the war. The U.S. would write messages in the local language and would design them to appear at first as North Vietnamese money. Then, Tebor would decide the best place to drop the leaflets.

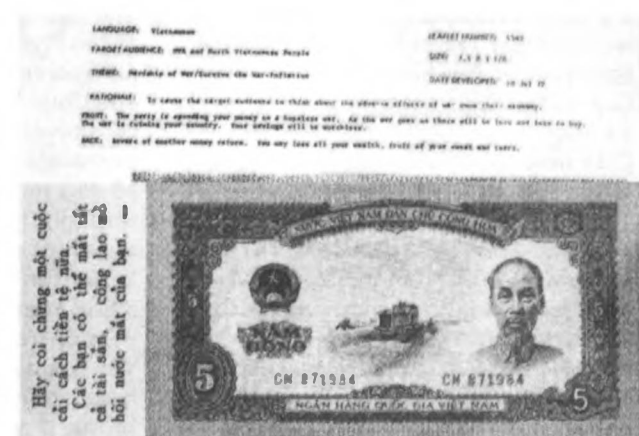
The U.S. used waterproof paper and ink so the leaflets wouldn't get damaged once dropped from the sky. Tebor said he actually keeps one leaflet submerged in a jar of water and it's remained unchanged and untearable since 2015.

"They would have to actually pull troops out of the field to pick those leaflets up," he said. "We had tens of thousands of prisoners turn themselves in using that leaflet. That made it effective."

Also - what I think made it more effective - taking a combat unit out of the field to pick up our leaflets means they can't be fighting our soldiers and killing our soldiers. So, we saved countless lives just from those leaflet drops."

Drop missions would happen daily by plane, helicopter or drone and include roughly 150,000 leaflets, according to Tebor. He'd choose 60 potential drop sights a month, and never had a drop location changed.

"I had more information than you could possibly imagine available to me," he said. "I would just piece



Tebor said that Vietnamese gathered the leaflets, tore off the propaganda messages, seen at left, and tried to use the counterfeit money.

that together and determine, based on the theme of our leaflet, the targets."

Local high school students at John Glenn High School in Westland and other area schools have been treated to presentations on the collection for years. But as he gets older, Tebor said he wants the evidence of a significant time in his life to go somewhere it will be safe and appreciated.

Contact reporter Shelby Tankersley at stankersle@hometownlife.com or 248-305-0448. Follow her on Twitter @shelby_tankk.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

HURON VALLEY SCHOOLS COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN ON THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Education of the Huron Valley Schools, County of Oakland, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Monday, the 6th day of June, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at Milford High School, 2380 S. Milford Road, Highland, Michigan, to consider the approval and adoption of the operating budget of the Huron Valley Schools for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023.

The Board of Education of the Huron Valley Schools may not adopt its proposed 2022/2023 budget until after the public hearing. Copies of the proposed budget are on file with the Secretary of the Board of Education at the offices of Huron Valley Schools, 2390 S. Milford Road, Highland, Michigan for inspection during regular business hours. At the public hearing, all citizens, taxpayers, and property owners in the Huron Valley Schools shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the proposed budget.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education of the Huron Valley Schools, County of Oakland, Michigan.

Lindsay Cotter
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Milford

The Milford Memorial Day parade marches through downtown Milford, starting at 11 a.m. at the American Legion Hall on Commerce Street, then heading south on Main Street to Central Park, where a ceremony will follow at about noon.

Weather permitting, a Bell UH-1 Iroquois (Huey) helicopter from the Yankee Air Museum will be providing short rides for a fee, available on a first come, first serve basis at the Carls Family YMCA on Commerce Street, just west of downtown.

South Lyon

Organized by the South Lyon VFW Post 1224, the Memorial Day Parade is a South Lyon tradition. The parade launches at 9 a.m. from Bartlett Elementary and makes its way east on Lake Street/10 Mile through downtown to Reynold Sweet Parkway. The parade ends in the South Lyon Cemetery with a touching ceremony that commemorates the contributions and sacrifices of all veterans.

Novi

Novi has plenty of Memorial Day events, starting with the 8 a.m. Memorial Day 5K race and 1-mile fun run. This year, a portion of each registration will be donated to the Novi Parks Foundation's Jessica's Splashpad Fund. Jessica was a beloved Fox 2 meteorologist, wife, mother, and daughter. Jessica Starr-Rose was a Fox 2 meteorologist who died by suicide in late 2018. Her family and the Novi Parks Foundation are teaming up to raise money to create a Splashpad in her honor. The Memorial Day Run will also contribute \$5 for every additional donation made over \$5. Click here to register and for more information.

The Novi parade has a new route this year. At 10 a.m., the parade will begin at Meadowbrook Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook Road. It will then proceed south on Meadowbrook, turn right onto Ten Mile Road, and will travel west on Ten Mile Road, ending at the northeast entrance of the Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road.

Northville

The VFW Post 4012 of Northville will



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hold a Memorial Day ceremony at Rural Hill Cemetery, 215 West Seven Mile Road, to honor those that have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Hosted by VFW Post 4012 of Northville.

Plymouth

The Plymouth tradition starts at 9 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. A 9:30 a.m. ceremony at Veteran Park (Main and Church) follows. The veterans procession winds its way through neighborhoods in the city, running roughly 10-11 a.m., winding counterclockwise through the city with the northwest quadrant near Junction, Leicester and Lexington streets before heading south along Blunk, then Evergreen. The procession heads east, using Rose, Harvey, Win, Harding and Hartsough before heading back north along Mill and Holbrook. It ends at the cultural center.

Wayne-Westland

The Wayne-Westland event is among the few that take place before the actu-

al holiday. The parade takes place 1 p.m. Sunday, May 29. It starts at John Glenn High School, heads west on Marquette, then north on Carlson to the Westland Public Library. It ends at Veterans Memorial Garden.

A small ceremony will take place at the garden at the of the parade to pay homage to the fallen men and women who paid the greatest sacrifice for our nation.

Farmington

Farmington Memorial Day parade is happening 10 a.m. Monday, May 30. The American Legion Post 346 and Xemplar Club are teaming up to host the event, which will give people the chance to honor local service members.

The parade route starts near the intersection of Orchard Lake Road and Grand River Avenue, heading West one mile down Grand River. It will end at the Farmington War Memorial in Memorial Park and conclude with a ceremony. A free community luncheon will follow.

People can visit www.memorialdayparade.us to learn more.

Canton

The Canton Fire Department's Honor Guard will be hosting a Memorial Day service to be held 10 a.m. Monday, May 30. The event will take place at the Veteran's Memorial Center located in Heritage Park, behind the Canton administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Representatives from the United States Marine Corps will be present for a ceremonial wreath posting at the 1st Battalion 24th Marine Division Memorial. A roll call will also take place for the "Fallen 22" Marines that were deployed for duty in 2006-07 to Iraq and made the ultimate sacrifice. The Marine Corps honor guard will be unveiling the "Corporal Hoffman Bench" in honor of Corporal Josh Hoffman. Corporal Hoffman was wounded in Iraq while deployed with 1/24 Marines and recently succumbed to his injuries.



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2021 ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT
VILLAGE OF MILFORD

Water Supply Serial Number: 04390

We're pleased to present to you the 2021 Annual Quality Water Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services the Village of Milford delivers to you every day. Our goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of high-quality drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our main water sources are from a 12-inch diameter and a 16-inch water well, both are 114 feet deep, and owned by the Village of Milford. Our wells draw water from an underground aquifer that extends north towards Moore Lake in Milford Township. The water is then pumped from the wells, to the Iron Removal Plant where it is filtered to remove the iron naturally present in the water. Once filtered, Chlorine is added to disinfect the water as it leaves the plant. Fluoride is also added to the water as it leaves the plant to help prevent tooth decay.

The State performed an assessment of our source water to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very-low" to "very-high" based on geologic sensitivity, well construction, water chemistry, and contamination sources. The susceptibility of our source water is moderate. Through our Well Head Protection Plan (WHPP) approved by EGLE, we are making efforts to protect our source water supply. This is an important tool for the protection of our community's drinking water source. Educating the public and our water customers on the proper disposal of chemicals, water conservation, and being informed of the source of our drinking water are important educational tools of a WHPP. One program provided to the residents of our community is the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event (HHWCE) 7 of which are held in the area annually run through RRRASOC. This program helps to reduce the chance of these chemicals contaminating the groundwater.

Contaminants and their presence in water: Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Vulnerability of sub-populations: Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune

systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. U.S. EPA/Center for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Sources of drinking water: The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

• **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

• **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

• **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.

• **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

• **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. EPA prescribes regulations that limit the levels of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Federal Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.

Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2021 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 through December 31, 2021. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All the data is representative of the current water quality however some data listed is more than one year old. The table below represents the most current testing information available.

Terms and abbreviations used below:

- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- **Treatment Technique (TT):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- **N/A:** Not applicable
- **ND:** not detectable at testing limit
- **ppm:** parts per million or milligrams per liter. One part per million is the equivalent of one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- **ppb:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter. One part per billion is the equivalent of one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- **Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	ND	N/A	2021	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.73	0.31-1.43	2021	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Sodium (ppm)	N/A	N/A	75	N/A	2021	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits
TTHM Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	80	N/A	2.8	N/A	2021	NO	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
HAA5 Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	60	N/A	ND	N/A	2021	NO	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine (ppm)	4	4	0.42	0.8-0.88	2021	NO	Water additive used to control microbes
Total Coliform (total number or % of positive samples/month)	TT	N/A	N/A	N/A	2021	NO	Naturally present in the environment
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene (ppb)	70	70	0.975	0.7-1.5	2021	NO	Discharge from industrial chemical factories

Sodium is not a regulated contaminant.

The chlorine "Level Detected" was calculated using a running annual average.

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)							
Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (HFPO-DA) (ppt)	370	N/A	ND	N/A	2021	NO	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities utilizing the Gen X chemical process
Perfluorobutane sulfonic acid (PFBS) (ppt)	420	N/A	ND	N/A	2021	NO	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; stain-resistant treatments
Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS) (ppt)	51	N/A	ND	N/A	2021	NO	Firefighting foam; discharge and waste from industrial facilities
Perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA) (ppt)	400,000	N/A	ND	N/A	2021	NO	Firefighting foam; discharge and waste from industrial facilities
Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) (ppt)	6	N/A	ND	N/A	2021	NO	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; breakdown of precursor compounds
Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) (ppt)	16	N/A	ND	N/A	2021	NO	Firefighting foam; discharge from electroplating facilities; discharge and waste from industrial facilities
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) (ppt)	8	N/A	ND	N/A	2021	NO	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; stain-resistant treatments
Inorganic Contaminant Subject to Action Levels (AL)	Action Level	MCLG	Your Water	Range of Results	Year Sampled	Number of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	15	0	3	ND-5	2021	0	Lead service lines, corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.21	ND-0.36	2021	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Ninety (90) percent of the samples collected were at or below the level reported for our water.

The following list contains 58 additional VOCs (Volatile Organic Chemicals) that the Village of Milford tests for every three months.

The following VOCs were all ND (not detectable at testing limit) and are not found in your drinking water.

Benzene	Dichlorodifluoromethane	1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane
Bromobenzene	1,2-Dichloroethane	1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane
Bromochloromethane	1,1-Dichloroethane	Tetrachloroethene
Bromodichloromethane	1,1-Dichloroethene	Toluene
Bromoform	2,2-Dichloropropane	trans-1,2-Dichloroethene
Bromomethane	1,3-Dichloropropane	trans-1,3-Dichloropropene
Carbon tetrachloride	1,2-Dichloropropane	1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene
Chlorobenzene	1,1-Dichloropropene	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene
Chloroethane	Ethylbenzene	1,1,1-Trichloroethane
Chloroform	Hexachlorobutadiene	1,1,2-Trichloroethane
Chloromethane	Isopropylbenzene	Trichloroethene
4-Chlorotoluene	4-Isopropyltoluene	Trichlorofluoromethane
2-Chlorotoluene	Methylene chloride	1,2,3-Trichloropropane
cis-1,3-Dichloropropene	Methyl(tert-butyl) ether (MTBE)	1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene
Dibromochloromethane	Naphthalene	1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene
1,2-Dibromoethane	n-Butylbenzene	TTHM, Total
Dibromomethane	n-Propylbenzene	Vinyl chloride
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	sec-Butylbenzene	Xylenes (total)
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	Styrene	
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	tert-Butylbenzene	

VOCs are man-made chemicals such as paint thinner, dry cleaning fluid, solvents, and components of gasoline, other petroleum products and plastics.

Information about lead: If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Village of Milford is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you have a lead service line it is recommended that you run your water for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead service line. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Our water supply has no known lead service lines and currently has 56 service lines of unknown material out of a total of 2,481 service lines. Investigation into service line materials located in the system is ongoing.

Monitoring and Reporting to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Requirements: The State of Michigan and the U.S. EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2021.

We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Individual copies of this report will not be distributed; however, copies are available at the Village offices located at 1100 Atlantic Street, Milford, MI 48381 and a copy may also be found on the Village website, www.villageofmilford.org/waterquality. You may also request a copy by calling the Department of Public Services offices at 248-685-3055.

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. Village Council meetings are held monthly on the first and third Monday at 7:30 P.M. at 1100 Atlantic Street, Milford, MI 48381. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact the Department of Public Services at 248-685-3055. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. EPA at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater>.

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Finishing up that final roll of film



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Back in the days of 35 mm film photography you could usually coax about 38 exposures onto a roll of 36 — if you knew how to precisely load the canisters into your Nikon.

In recent years, due to an excessive amount of orthopedic “issues” I feel I’ve been looking at that film counter, and it’s perpetually on 36. Or 37. So after serving as a Hometown Life staff photographer more or less since 1996, it’s time to take that final roll out of the camera and hand it off to the next photojournalist.

Fifty-four thousand photos. 54,000 is approximately how many snaps I’ve selected, toned, cropped, captioned and saved in my 25 years with the Hometown Life.

There’s even more images sent through my 35mm and then digital cameras over the years, which includes stints at the Ann Arbor News and Ypsilanti Press.

I’d guess you could take that big 54K number and multiply that by 15 to get the approximate grand total of images I took before they were edited down, but I’ve never been too good at math and quite honestly I’d rather not type in all those zeros.

I could keep going awhile, I guess, but after four orthopedic surgeries over the last eight years (three times that amount in the last 30 years) and lots of injections and MRIs and physical therapy — the answer isn’t always more of that, but hopefully less. Less wear and tear on my person in retirement as I approach 60 — with an attention to volunteering, a moderate exercise, and a modicum of loafing about thrown in for good measure.

How could I possibly sum up what this past 25 years (and 31 total in my photojournalism career) has meant to me? I can’t really.

So much occurred to this profession, me and the communities I’ve covered to encapsulate it anything less than 300



Leukemia-beater Gioia Masseus smiles as she’s adorned with piles of orange carnations by her Novi Woods classmates April 26, 2013, during a party to celebrate her being in remission. Classmates dressed in orange (a color associated with the disease), ate orange cupcakes and stomped out orange balloons with her family and friends. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

volumes of heavily annotated scholarly research.

I’d like to tell you about all the fascinating, insightful and memorable assignments I’ve had over the past quarter century, but instead I’ll just tell you about two. Two assignments on the same day of April 26, 2013, that just sum up how wonderful my job can be.

On that day I was hanging out at Hillside Middle School after an assignment and was told by principal Jim Cracraft that I should wait a bit through the school’s lunch hour because a special reunion was going to take place. With little time to prep or fanfare I caught in one frame the joyful reunion of two brothers. They’d been separated by thousands of miles, two years, and service in a foreign war but their love for one another beamed from their faces and was easy to capture on my camera’s pixels.

The very next assignment, just two miles up Taft Road, was a life-affirming number on a young student at Novi Woods Elementary who had gotten through chemotherapy and was being feted by her classmates with flowers as they all wore her favorite colors and toasted her health with fruit juices.

I mean, c’mon! Two assignments in a row with brotherly love and reunion and then a young lady who showed her strength battling a tough disease, putting it in remission, and her classmates’ affection as they welcomed her back? I got paid to record those heart-felt moments, people.

The reason I was able to capture such wonderful moments in the community’s history has very little to do with my three decades’ experience as a photojournalist but much more because people welcomed me into their homes, schools, businesses, and churches.



U.S. Army soldier Landon Mueller is reunited with his brother Wolfe Shanna in a surprise visit April 26, 2013 after they hadn’t seen each other in two years. Landon had been overseas, mostly in Afghanistan.

Without the consistent interest and accommodation of the the citizens in our area, welcoming me and my somewhat intrusive camera lens, I’d be spending my time photographing planned urban developments and potholes on Eight Mile: not really interesting stuff, I’d say.

But in the end I’ll let a big gallery of my photos from the last 25 years speak for me. Please take a moment to peruse through them and, if you have the time, go through them and read the captions to the photos in my gallery: They’ll explain why the images and people in them mean something to me.

But in the end, I guess it’s up to you: I get the sense that no one wants to read a photographer’s musings, they want to see them.

John Heider, a Hometown Life photographer since 1996 retires May 27, 2022. He can be contacted at his personal email at jch24water@yahoo.com.

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Two-person play at Northville theater depicts MLK's final hours

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While an opera based on the life of Malcolm X plays in downtown Detroit, Northville's Tipping Point Theatre offers a look at the final hours of Martin Luther King Jr. with "The Mountaintop," opening May 21 and running through June 18.

Pulitzer Prize-winning Playwright Katori Hall's piece depicts King's last night on earth, in room 306 of Memphis' Lorraine Motel, where he would be assassinated the following day. In the hours after his "Mountaintop" speech — his final address — he unwinds for the evening in his room, longing for a cigarette when a young maid arrives at his room.

The conversation that takes place between them as King learns not only her purpose, but ultimately his own, forms the spine of the two-person show.

Hall, a Memphis native, grew up surrounded by King's legacy, and was inspired by her mother in the writing of "The Mountaintop."

At age 15, her mother longed to march with King and planned to see his speech in Memphis that night, but stayed home due to fear of violence. It was one of her biggest regrets, as he died the very next day.

"I wanted to put both of them in the same room and give my mother that opportunity that she didn't have in 1968," Hall told NPR in 2011, when the play first opened on Broadway.

The motel maid character is named after her mother, Carrie Mae.

The play is unique in its examination of King as a man, rather than a legend. It won an Olivier Award for its 2011 Broadway run starring Samuel L. Jackson and Angela Bassett.

Hall said, "By portraying him with his flaws and foibles, we, too, can see — as human beings who have these flaws — that we, too, can be Kings; we, too, can carry on that baton that he has passed down to us."

"The Mountaintop" comes during Tipping Point's first season back in action since 2020.

It is the theater's first show from a Black playwright on the mainstage, and also features its first all-Black cast.

Nigel Tutt (as King) and Faith Berry



Nigel Tutt as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Faith Berry as Carrie Mae in a scene from "The Mountaintop" at the Tipping Point Theatre in Northville. The play runs through June 18. PHOTOS COURTESY OF STEVE FECHT

(as Carrie Mae) are directed by Vincent Ford Jr.

The theater has decided to boost diversity at every level of the organization, with a new mission, core values and the implementation of an anti-racism statement and policies. With those come a focus on producing works that highlight varied shades of the human experience.

"We took the time to reflect on what was going really well for us, but also correct the things that we were falling short on," said producing artistic director James Kuhl.

Tickets for "The Mountaintop" begin at \$33, with discounts available for students, seniors, military and groups.

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Tutt as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in a scene from "The Mountaintop."

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Ability	Fade	Lapse	Sand trap
Anger	Flag	Lost	Shaft
Appleby	Flatter	Miss	Slice
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Ball	Grass	Ogilvy	Stance
Bogey	Green	On par	Talent
Bunker	Grip	Open	Tee off
Cameron	Hard	Outdoors	Tour
Smith	Head	Path	Webb
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Meet you at the clubhouse

On the green

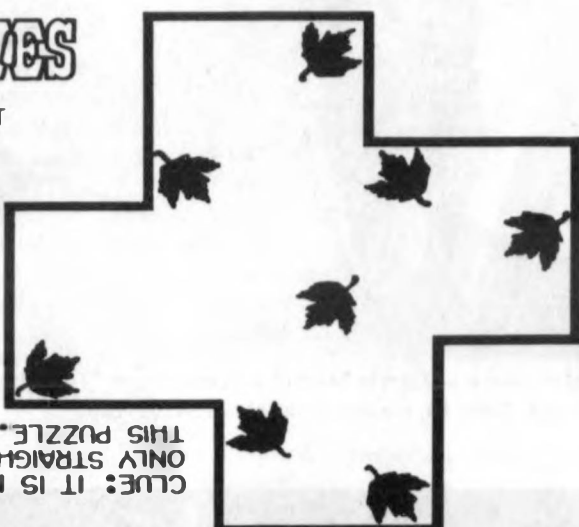
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PUZZLES & POSERS

"T" LEAVES

DIVIDE THIS ABSTRACT FIGURE INTO EIGHT PIECES OF EQUAL SIZE AND SHAPE. THE FINAL SOLUTION MUST REVEAL ONE LEAF IN EACH DIVISION.

CLUE: IT IS NECESSARY TO DRAW ONLY STRAIGHT LINES IN SOLVING THIS PUZZLE. TRY DIVIDING THIS FIGURE INTO A CHECKERBOARD PATTERN.



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Insert numbers 1-9 in each box with every row, column and 3x3 box containing the digits just once. Difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest) **RATING: SILVER**

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NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Angela Merkel's successor
- 11 Does one's part
- 15 Outback, for instance
- 16 Irreparable
- 17 Hammurabi or Nebuchadnezzar
- 18 Combatant in 1990s "console wars"
- 19 Stop for an airborne "hopper"
- 20 Repository of Lost Legends site
- 22 Hooley
- 23 100,000 BTUs
- 25 Name from Old Norse for a little magician
- 26 Camp sight
- 28 Take a dip
- 30 Carry-ons regulated by the FAA
- 32 Don't follow through, with "off"
- 35 Film feline since the '40s
- 37 Seat of an Orange County
- 38 Venerable, so to speak
- 39 Doc bloc
- 40 IQ alternative for Mensa admission
- 41 Range of understanding
- 42 It may suit you
- 44 Non-Scratch Scrubber brand
- 45 ___ chart
- 46 Toothpaste extrusion assistant
- 48 Compunction
- 50 I follower
- 51 See 2 Down
- 53 Something to rest on or reel in
- 57 Like diamonds
- 58 Top with a joke, say

DOWN

- 1 The way of the world
- 2 With 51 Across, biting reducer
- 3 Easy going
- 4 Word from the French for "fireplaces"
- 5 #2 in WS wins
- 6 Top suits
- 7 Co-creator of 35 Across
- 8 Cowbird cousin
- 9 Advances in elevation
- 10 Name on the cover of numerous best-sellers (1915-1924)
- 11 Word in the etymology of a "silly" synonym
- 12 Gorbachev predecessor
- 13 It's in the bag
- 14 "Home on the Range," e.g.
- 21 Increases production
- 24 On which numbers are written
- 27 Chairside instructor app provider
- 29 Another Cinderella Story star
- 31 Human ___

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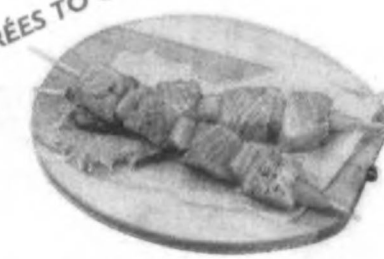
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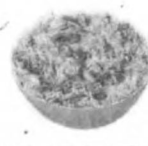
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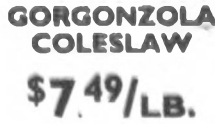
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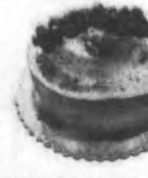
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