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## Local student pilot sticks his landing

Bamberger wins contest at Eastern Michigan University

**Jordan Phelps**  
Correspondent

An aviation student from Plymouth won the landing contest this fall during Eastern Michigan University's annual Poker Run, which had student pilots flying across Michigan's skies.

A poker run involves players who travel to several destinations and draw a playing card at each one, then compete to see who drew the best poker

hand. The EMU students' poker run had them flying from Willow Run to Cadillac, Traverse City and, finally, to Woolsey Memorial Airport, which is in Northport on the Leelanau Peninsula.

Student Jason Dickinson drew the best poker hand, but Josh Bamberger of Plymouth won the landing contest at Woolsey that followed the poker run.

"I had never done something like this before, but it

was valuable to me because it showed how far I have come since I started flying," said Bamberger, an aviation flight technology major.

The poker run is part of EMU's Venture Learning Program, which is designed to introduce aviation students to different flight scenarios and challenges, such as weather conditions that require pilots to rely heavily on instruments, cross-country flight planning, mountainous terrain and night flying.



**Josh Bamberger of Plymouth (right) won the landing contest during the Eastern Michigan University flight school's annual Poker Run this fall. Fellow student Jason Dickinson won the Poker Run itself, drawing the best hand of the journey.**

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The crowd was a little smaller than usual, due to the weather.

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## COMPASSION TRUMPS SNOW AS VIGIL HONORS CHILDREN

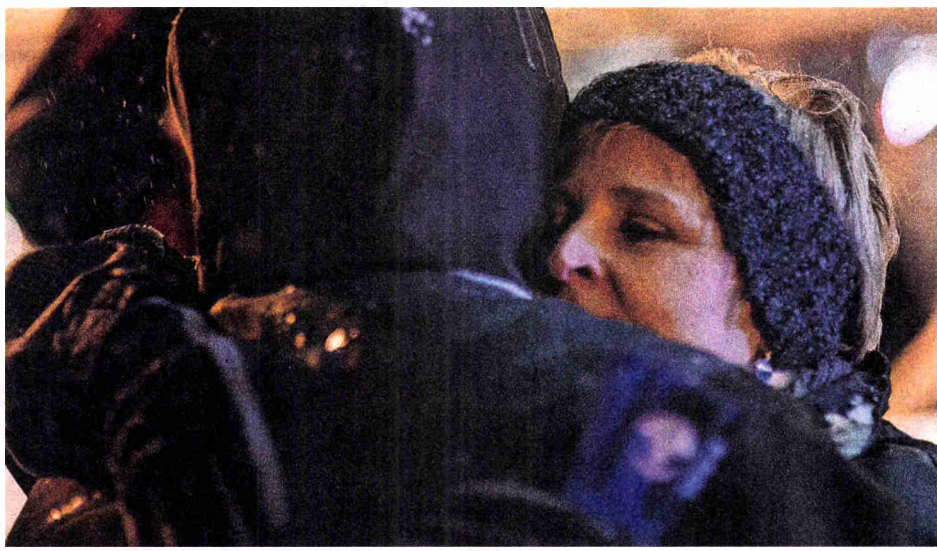
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Mother Nature made it pretty tough, but the folks who turned out Sunday for the 20th annual Compassionate Friends candlelight vigil have been through way tougher stuff than 10 inches of snow.

While the crowd was down a little, the occasion wasn't dimmed at all as a large crowd gathered in Plymouth's Kellogg Park for the annual vigil that honors the memories of sons, daughters, brothers, sisters and grandchildren who've left too soon.

"The event went well, even though the snow just kept coming down," said Gail Lafferty of The Compassionate Friends, Livonia chapter. "It was beautiful and the Memory Trees were exceptionally pretty with all the snow."

The event was part of the 20th annual



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See VIGIL, Page A3 Hugs, after the names of the children are read, and the ceremony ends.

## A second career takes her to a first love: animals

**Jill Halpin**  
Correspondent

The fact that Plymouth resident Judi Hales grew up to become a dog trainer would surprise no one who knew her as a child.

While her playmates dressed their Barbies and nursed baby dolls, Hales was busy tending to her own flock — of stuffed animals.

"I don't know exactly what it is, but I've always been drawn to animals ever since I was a child," Hales said, "My family had dogs when I was growing up. I have always had a soft spot for animals."

Hales is owner of Trust and Obey Pawsitive Dog Training in Northville, a dog obedience business that specializes in a positive reinforcement method of training dogs.

The positive reinforcement method of training uses praise and/or treats to reward your dog for doing something you want him to do. According to the Humane Society of the United States, it is one of your most powerful tools for shaping or changing your dog's behavior.

In sharp contrast to other methods of dog training, Hales focuses on "teaching your dog with love, not harshness," she said.

In business since 2010, Hales rented space in various locations throughout Wayne and Oakland counties before opening her permanent location in Northville in August 2014. She currently runs a variety of classes, including Puppy Basics; basic Obedience; Fun with Fido, Advanced Behaviors; and Leash Manners, five days a week at her location at 43145 W. Seven Mile. She is also beginning to offer hour-long seminars designed to familiarize pet owners with their new and potential furry family members. Information regarding classes is available at <http://www.trustandobeydogtraining.com/>.

Offering classes in both the daytime and evening throughout the week has been her advantage.

"There are lots of stay-at-home moms and dads and people working evening shifts or

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# ANIMALS

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non-traditional hours that find it easier to attend training sessions with their dog in the daytime," she said.

Earlier this month, she was completing paperwork when she realized the number of dogs she has trained topped 1,000, with canine students coming not just from Plymouth and Northville, but Canton, Livonia, South Lyon and other surrounding areas.

"I didn't realize I had touched so many dogs' lives," she said.



Judi Hales, owner of Trust and Obey Pawsitive Dog Training in Northville, with husband Patrick Hales and their dog Lydia, a Catahula leopard dog.

Hales' path to dog training has been a circuitous one.

Trained as a graphic designer, she worked in the field for some 30 years before she decided she needed a new career. As it happened, it was a

chance encounter with a dog that led her to her new vocation.

"I had been unhappy in the field on and off and I never really liked what I was doing," she said. "One day, I was having just the worst day. I think I was actually near tears. A customer came into the lobby of the building in which I worked with their golden retriever and I came around the counter to greet the dog. Instantly, I felt better and it really changed my entire day."

Hales said it came to her then that working with animals was the path she needed to pursue.

"When I was 18 and deciding my career path, it was between art or working with animals," she said. "At that time, there weren't many animal-type careers. Dog training methods were more harsh back then and I knew I did not want to be a vet."

Hales attended California-based Animal Behavior College for more than a year before emerging as a credentialed ABCDT (Animal Behavior College dog trainer).

In the six years since graduating from the program, Hales has continued her education, with additional training



Beagle-Basenji mix Sugarbaby of Plymouth (left) is a graduate of Trust and Obey Pawsitive Dog Training. Here, she is greeting a playmate at Northville's Maybury State Park.

through the Association of Professional Dog Trainers and the Pet Professionals Guild. She also serves as a mentor for Animal Behavior College, sharing her knowledge with student trainers.

The opportunity to help guide student trainers in the positive reinforcement method has been particularly rewarding, Hales said.

"I have really enjoyed working with students," she said. "This is not a well-regulated business – you don't have to be certified to call yourself a 'dog trainer.' It is so important that trainers are properly instructed."

Citing the lack of oversight in the dog obedience field is a concern, Hales said, "Anyone can

call themselves a dog trainer and there are some people promoting very harsh methods of training. The cruelty to animals astounds me."

Hales recommends trusting your intuition when seeking a training method: "You need to trust your gut instinct that is what it is there for. If it doesn't feel right to you, it most likely is not."

She is reminded of this time and again when new clients share tales of attempts at dog training gone awry.

"I have had people tell me that they did not feel comfortable when someone yanked on their dog's collar harshly, but they just thought it must be the proper way to train a dog. They just didn't

know any better," she said.

Force-free training, using the positive reinforcement method, offers many benefits both to the animal and the owner, she said.

Hales cites studies by animal behavioral scientists indicating that employing harsh physical corrections with dogs can cause fear and anxiety. Most aggression in dogs is fear-based and "when dogs have fear issues, they are more likely to be aggressive," she said. "Humans are the same way."

Some may question the wisdom of using food-based rewards for good behavior, but Hales espouses its effectiveness.

"A lot of people have issues with giving dogs treats for training, but you have to do what motivates them. Remember, they are dogs and we are trying to teach them to do things that are not natural to them," she said.

In addition to myriad dogs she has trained, Hales counts her 10-year-old Catahula leopard dog Lydia among those who have successfully passed through her classes.

With the holidays approaching, Hales reminds that it is not just shoppers feeling the stress.

"It is such a busy time of the year and dogs are so sensitive to everything that goes on around them," she said.

While some dogs may enjoy holiday company, others may not be quite as enthusiastic about visitors invading their territory.

Hales recommends keeping an eye out for specific behaviors in your dog that may indicate stress, including panting, drooling, lip licking, eyes darting and fleeing.

She also advises taking caution not to force your dog to do something uncomfortable and instead help them feel at ease when company visits by giving them a toy to keep them entertained.

"Take time throughout the holiday to enjoy your pets. They are part of the family, after all. The more positive interaction you have with them during the hubbub, the better they will adjust each year," she said.

## PILOT

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"Students have been participating in Venture Learning Poker Run flights for almost nine years," said Tom Simon, director of marketing and recruitment at the Eagle Flight Center. "It's great flight experience for students."

The EMU aviation program offers bachelor of science degrees in aviation flight technology and aviation management, plus a certification in aviation dispatch. Students in the program fly in technologically sophisticated aircraft out of the Eagle Flight Center, located at Willow Run.

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Joe and Shelia Klock look at one of the Memory Trees in Kellogg Park. The Klocks were honoring the memory of their son Joseph Klock Jr. They are from Farmington Hills.

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# Should Plymouth celebrate as a 'greater community?'

As a regular watcher of all the fuss in city of Plymouth lately with the planning of a celebration for the 150th anniversary next year — a celebration of the legal status of Plymouth's incorporation as a village/city — I often ask myself, as have many community leaders and as did my grandfather in decades past, should the Plymouth community be celebrating its legal status as a village and later a city? Or should it be celebrating its actual history as the greater "Plymouth community"? Or both?

I will reference an April 15, 1927, front page article that Karl Starkweather wrote for the Plymouth Mail for discussion purposes. If you believe the latter, then might I suggest, that instead of — or in addition to — celebrating Plymouth's 150th next year, the Plymouth "community" should celebrate its 200th anniversary as April 11, 2027.

On that day, early settlers of the "Plymouth community" came together and agreed to name their little portion of the beautiful Michigan wilderness "Plymouth." Maybe on April 11 2027, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville, Northville Township and Canton Township, all of which were once part of Plymouth Township, should jointly have a celebration of two centuries as a greater community.



Dan Sabo

GUEST COLUMNIST

Nearly two centuries ago, as today, northwest Wayne County residents, businesses and elected leaders considered the area a cohesive community. There truly are very few communities in Michigan that can lay claim that they have been a cohesive community for two centuries. Northwest Wayne County is unique in that regard. And if you are a business owner, consider the possibilities such a celebration could garner for the bottom line.

I hear Mayor Dan Dwyer and newly elected Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise speaking much of unity lately and fostering better relations between city and township. This would be a good way to get started and extend that offering to Northville and Canton. The good, positive thing about such an idea is that local leaders would have 10 years to plan the celebration. And what better time to first propose it than during the Christmas holiday season?

Taylor resident Daniel Sabo grew up in Old Village in the home his great-grandfather G.A. Starkweather built, attended Starkweather School and graduated from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.



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Compassionate Friends, gathering in Kellogg Park, for the global candle lighting to honor children who died too soon.

## VIGIL

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Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting, which unites family and friends around the globe in lighting candles for one hour to honor the memories of those who died at a young age.

Now believed to be the largest mass candle-lighting on the globe, the annual Worldwide Candle Lighting, a gift to the bereavement community from The Compassionate Friends, creates a virtual 24-hour wave of light as it moves from time zone to time zone.

In Plymouth, the event usually crowds Kellogg Park with hundreds of participants. This year, the huge snowfall limited the crowd to about 100. The event included the reading of names, including Lafferty's own son Max. There was poetry and song, and two Memory Trees were decorated with ornaments dedicated to the children.

"I'm sure the weather played a big part in people coming," Lafferty said. "We read 730 names and there were the same amount of ornaments split up between the two Memory Trees."

Started in the United States in 1997 as a small Internet observance, the event has since swelled in numbers as word has spread throughout the world of the remembrance.

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# Finding Dani: Missing woman's family, friends gather

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More than a week after her daughter disappeared, Ann Stislicki cloaked herself in the warmth and comfort of friends and family on a cold night in Southfield and made something of a surprising request.

"I would love to hear some laughter," she told a crowd of a couple of hundred people gathered Saturday evening for a candlelight vigil in honor of her daughter Danielle, last seen leaving this same complex more than a week earlier.

The details haven't changed: Danielle Stislicki, a 28-year-old Farmington Hills resident, was last seen around 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, leaving the Met Life Office building on Telegraph, north of 10 Mile, in Southfield. Her car, a 2015 Jeep Renegade, was found in front of her apartment building in the Independence Green Apartment Complex on Lincoln Court around 6 p.m. the next day.

Police called her disappearance "out of character and a concern to the family and police." They are asking the public for help with:

» Anyone who may have observed Stislicki and/or her vehicle leaving the Met Life office building/parking lot Dec. 2.

» Anyone who may have observed Stislicki and/or her vehicle arriving at her residence between 5 p.m. Dec. 2 and 6 p.m. Dec. 3.

» Anyone who may have observed her any time between 5 p.m. Dec. 2 and 6 p.m. Dec. 3, when her car was located.

» Anyone who may have seen or found a Samsung Galaxy Core Prime cellphone in a rose-colored case and key chain with a charm

and two keys.

But Saturday's vigil wasn't about the details of the case, as Ann Stislicki made clear from the outset.

"I'm not here to talk about the investigation or what is happening with that," she said. "(The vigil) is about people comforting each other and helping (Danielle) to come home. This is not a solemn event. It's a joyous event. It's important we focus on the unity of everyone who is gathered here to keep the light of Danielle shining."

The response to Danielle's disappearance has been amazing. A GoFundMe page was set up to establish a reward for information leading to her whereabouts. It started with a modest \$10,000 goal; the total reward is more than \$120,000 and climbing.

Family members talked Saturday about how important a role social media — Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat — has played in keeping Danielle's story alive and visitors to the vigil were urged to take a few moments to tweet or Snapchat about the event, using the hashtags #finddani and #lightthewayfordani.

West Bloomfield resident Elizabeth Knight called the week since Danielle's disappearance "kind of a crazy week" and said Saturday's gathering was about "people being here to support the family."

"It's hard when someone you care about ... you don't know if they're safe," said Knight, who is Danielle's cousin. "We've been trying to do as much as we can through social media and traditional media, to keep her story out there. We hope someone has seen her and it's just a matter of getting to the right person."



A couple of hundred friends and family took part Saturday in a candlelight vigil for missing Farmington Hills resident Danielle Stislicki.

In some ways, the vigil resembled any other. The Rev. Jamey Authier, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Shelby Township, offered prayers and scripture readings. Parents Ann and Richard Stislicki addressed the crowd, candles were lit and tears were shed.

In other ways, it was more upbeat. Chris Paliewicz, Danielle's uncle, played an upbeat version of "This Little Light of Mine" and got the crowd to join in interactively.

"This isn't a typical candlelight vigil song, but Danielle isn't a typical girl," Paliewicz said to the crowd, inducing some of that laughter Ann Stislicki wanted to hear. "I think she would love this."

Cousin Mason Paliewicz agreed, pointing out that Danielle was pretty much always smiling.

"Danielle is always upbeat and happy," Mason said. "She's definitely had her share of problems, like everyone has, but she's always been able to keep a smile on her face."


Ann Stislicki acknowledged how difficult the week has been, but was determined not to dwell on it, at least not at the vigil. She said she's found tremendous support from many sources, often right when she needed it.

"When you become weak and don't think you can push on any farther, there's someone there, there's a Facebook post or a message," Ann said. "There's someone who's saying, 'We're going to help you.'"



Parents Richard and Ann Stislicki welcomed the crowd to the vigil. Said Richard: "We want everyone to know this light is not only for Danielle, but it's for all those who are missing."


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As I examine the data from these highly respected studies and the "boots on the ground" reports from more than 2,900 agencies that our seven regional food banks distribute food through, I perceive there to be three distinct groups that comprise the population we serve.

First, there is the generationally impoverished, who live below the national poverty level.



**Phillip Knight**

GUEST COLUMNIST

Second, there is the working poor, who are trapped between minimum and moderate wage. They fall off the benefits cliff and are ineligible for any assistance, yet always have more month than money. They are trapped ... forced to make brutal choices between food and other necessities for their families. Third, there is the underemployed, who have faced a difficulty in their life and need short-term, temporary help in order to rebound.

Confucius said, "In a country well-governed, poverty is something to be ashamed of. In a country badly governed, wealth is something to be ashamed of."

I sense that the culture of America is at war with itself and attempts to grow, develop and yet preserve its soul. America, in its essence, values people, rich or poor. The divides, prejudices and bias we have developed on our own. While America's history is rooted in the Christian heritage, all faiths command benevolence to the poor.

What do we do with the first group, the generationally impoverished?

Morally, ethically, spiritually and civically, I believe we have a responsibility to ensure they have access to a regular supply of healthy, nutritious foods. I am certain that just because someone is poor does not mean they have to be hungry. After all, Michigan is the second most diverse agricultural state in the country. Food is a part of the solution to hunger, but it is not an

answer unto itself.

The second group, the working poor who are trapped by circumstances, choices and despair, is a group I am convinced we can help if we could talk. Could we have conversations about livable wage, extension of benefits to reward those who are working to help themselves rather than dropping them off the benefits cliff?

Department of Health and Human Services studies conclude that once a worker reaches \$11.50 per hour, they fall off the benefits cliff and are no longer eligible for any assistance. The trap is sprung and they must struggle to increase their wages to \$17.50 per hour in order to be at the same level they were prior to \$11.50. Despair kicks into a person who is working when they realize they were "wealthier" when they were making \$11 per hour and on benefits!

Our current set-up devalues work. Our system traps the people who are striving to survive and have a vision for their future.

Can we talk about how we structure benefits to reward work? Can we discuss how to help people keep and leverage benefits so they can accumulate some wealth and, thereby, not need assistance any longer?

As people who work go up the wage scale, they have a steady climb out of the valley of despair. When they become ineligible for any benefits, however, it is an immediate drop-off; there is no gradual descent. Could we talk about creating gradual slopes on both ends of this valley of despair?

Our third group of underemployed needs a little help and not for a very long time. Can we structure a program that addresses their needs? I

think we can impact this group immediately. The food banks and our network are the ones standing in the gap for these folks. They are ineligible for assistance, but we are able to provide the necessary temporary relief they need.

I will echo President John F. Kennedy when he said, "I look forward to a great future for America — a future in which our country will match its military strength with our moral restraint, its wealth with our wisdom, its power with our purpose."

I look forward to a day in the near future when those of us in leadership, public or private, profit or charity, can sit together, talk and find a solution to this stubborn — yet solvable — problem of hunger in Michigan.

*Dr. Phillip Knight is executive director of the Food Bank Council of Michigan.*

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Laura Ungar and Mark Nichols  
USA TODAY

RANGER, Texas - The leaders of this former oil boomtown never gave 2-year-old Adam Walton a chance to avoid the poison.

It came in city water, delivered to his family's tap through pipes nearly a century old. For almost a year, the little boy bathed in lead-tainted water and ate food cooked in it. As he grew into a toddler — a time when he should have been learning to talk — he drank tap water containing a toxin known to ravage a child's developing brain.

Adam's parents didn't know about the danger until this fall.

Officials at City Hall knew long before then, according to local and state records. So did state and federal government regulators who are paid to make sure drinking water in Texas and across the nation is clean. Ranger and Texas officials were aware of a citywide lead problem for two years — one the city still hasn't fixed and one the Waltons first learned about in a September letter to residents. The city and state even knew, from recent tests, that water in the Walton family's cramped, one-bedroom rental house near the railroad tracks was carrying sky-high levels of lead.

Destiny and John Walton got their first inkling of a problem when blood tests in June detected high levels of lead in their son's growing body. They first learned that their tap water contained lead — about 28 times the federal limit — when a USA TODAY Network reporter told them in early November.

Millions of Americans face similar risks because the nation's drinking-water enforcement system doesn't make small utilities play by the same safety rules as everyone else, a USA TODAY Network investigation has found.

Tiny utilities — those serving a few thousand people or less — don't have to treat water to prevent lead contamination until after lead is found. Even when they skip safety tests or fail to treat water after they find lead, federal and state regulators often do not force them to comply with the law.

USA TODAY Network journalists spent 2016 reviewing millions of records from the Environmental Protection Agency and all 50 states, visiting small communities across the country and interviewing more than 120 people stuck using untested or lead-tainted tap water.

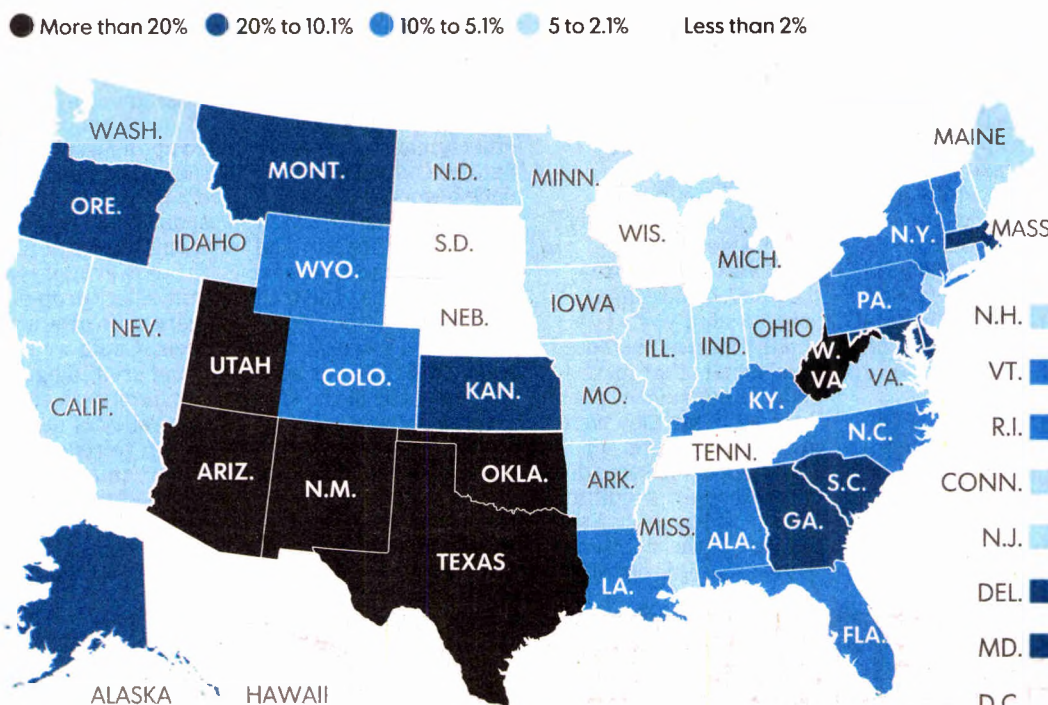
The investigation found:  
» About 100,000 people get their drinking water from utilities that discovered high lead but failed to treat the water to remove it. Dozens of utilities took more than a year to formulate a treatment plan and even longer to begin treatment.

» Some 4 million Americans get water from small operators who skipped required tests or did not conduct the tests properly, violating a cornerstone of federal safe drinking water laws. The testing is required because, without it, utilities, regulators and people drinking the water can't know if it's safe. In more than 2,000 communities, lead tests were skipped at least twice. Hundreds repeatedly failed to properly test for five or more years.

» About 850 small water utilities with a documented history of lead contamination

## CUSTOMERS DRAWING WATER FROM UTILITIES WITH FAILED LEAD TESTS

Percentage of each state's small water-utility customers who draw water from a system that has failed to properly test for lead since 2010:



SOURCE EPA Safe Drinking Water Information System database reports, Q3, 2016.  
ISABELLA LUCY, USA TODAY



Adam Walton, 2, has high levels of lead in his blood and lives in a house in Ranger, Texas, where the water tested high for lead.

— places where state and federal regulators are supposed to pay extra attention — failed to properly test for lead at least once since 2010.

This two-tiered system exists in both law and practice. State and federal water-safety officials told USA TODAY Network reporters that regulators are more lenient with small water systems because they lack resources, deeming some lost causes when they don't have the money, expertise or motivation to fix problems. The nation's Safe Drinking Water Act allows less-trained, often amateur, people to operate tiny water systems even though the risks for people drinking the water are the same.

Officials in West Virginia, for example, labeled more than a dozen systems "orphans" because they didn't have owners or operators. Enforcement efforts for those utilities amounted to little more than a continuous stream of warning letters as utilities failed to test year after year. All the while, residents continued drinking untested — and potentially contaminated — water.

"At the end of the day, it creates two universes of people," said water expert Yanna Lambrinidou, an affiliate faculty member at Virginia Tech.

"One is the universe of people who are somewhat protected from lead. ... Then we have those people served by small water systems, who are treated by the regulations as second-class citizens."

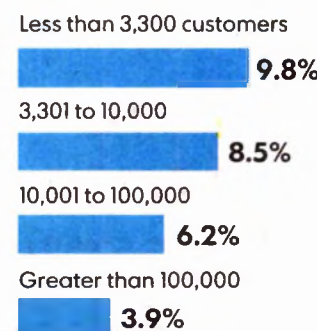
All of this endangers millions of people across the country, mostly in remote and rural communities. Utilities like East Mooringsport Water, serving part of abayou town of about 800 people, where drinking water went untested for more than five years. Or Coal Mountain, W.Va., a remote 118-person outpost where a retired coal miner pours bleach into untested water at the system's wellhead in hope of keeping it clean. Or Orange Center School outside Fresno, Calif., where for more than a decade regulators let about 320 grade-school kids drink water that had tested high for lead.

Individually, the communities served by small utilities seem tiny. But together, the number of people getting lead-contaminated drinking water, or water not properly tested for lead, since 2010 is about 5 million.

Virginia Tech's Marc Edwards, one of the nation's top experts on lead in drinking water who helped identify the crisis in Flint, Mich., laments that people in America's forgot-

## TINY UTILITIES, BIG PROBLEMS

Percentage of customers with lead in their drinking water by utility size. (Testing done January 2010 to June 2016)



SOURCE EPA Safe Drinking Water Information System database reports, Q3, 2016.  
ISABELLA LUCY, USA TODAY

*"Some days, it's more brown than green. It smells sort of like a sewer. We don't even give the dogs tap water."*

Vietnam veteran Bill Brister

ten places — rural outposts, post-industrial communities and poor towns — are most at risk from the dangers of lead exposure, such as irreversible brain damage, lowered IQ, behavioral problems and language delays.

Edwards said the effects of lead poisoning could make it even more difficult for families in these communities to climb out of poverty. "I'm worried about their kids," he said. "The risk of permanent harm here is horrifying. These are America's children."

The Waltons fear lead has already harmed their son. At an age when other kids use dozens of words, Adam says just three: "mama," "dada" and "no." Destiny and John wish they would have known about the lead earlier so they could have protected him.

"What's going to happen if my son's lead levels keep rising? What if the kid next door gets way sicker than my son? What's Ranger going to do then?" Destiny asked. "They've known about it for years now. ... Are they going to fix it?"

## 'Tiny Flint'

Perhaps the best illustration of what can happen when everything breaks down at once is Ranger, where high lead and government inaction have converged in a pervasive contamination problem experts

compared to a "tiny Flint."

Ranger's water system dates to the city's heyday nearly 100 years ago, when the discovery of oil attracted a population that historians say reached 30,000. Ranger is now a barren place with 2,500 people, abandoned buildings and a lonely Main Street where a mural of a steer-wrangling cowboy near an oil well fades away like the city.

With ever-shrinking tax rolls and median household income at about half the national average, there's little money to shore up a decaying infrastructure. Leaks spring daily.

Many residents rely on bottled water. They've heard through the grapevine that the city's water might be unhealthy. They can see for themselves it's not clean. While lead is colorless and odorless, algae in the water is not.

"Some days, it's more brown than green. It smells sort of like a sewer," said Vietnam veteran Bill Brister, who spends about \$70 a month on bottled water. "We don't even give the dogs tap water."

Three years ago, the city found excessive levels of copper. Nine months after that, three of 20 sites tested over the limit of 15 parts per billion of lead. Under federal law, both required immediate action, but documents show the city waited until this fall to start planning to control corrosion. Testing this September found five sites above the limit for lead, the Walton home topping the list at 418 parts per billion. The federal limit is 15.

Ranger is one of about 130 water systems since 2010 that failed to take timely action, and one of dozens that took a year or more to start the treatment process.

City Manager Chad Roberts said Texas environmental officials pushed hard this fall after USA TODAY Network reporters visited Ranger and began asking questions. State officials insist the push came after a weekly review found that Ranger met EPA criteria for the state to take formal enforcement action.

Ranger took its first step toward reducing lead in November — nearly three years late — by giving the state a corrosion-control study that called for adjusting the pH of the water. State officials deemed the plan insufficient, however, and are working with the city to improve it.

As the city formulates its plan, residents continue to drink water that might be dangerous.

A boil notice was in effect in early November when Kay Hodges, 23, said she drank straight from the tap because she was nine months' pregnant, dehydrated and out of bottled water. "I got really sick. I was throwing up all night," she said.

Hodges lives with her fiancé and young children in a low-income housing complex called Austin Acres. A tap at the complex has repeatedly tested high for lead, most recently at more than twice the federal limit. Hodges figures she should now get checked for the toxin.

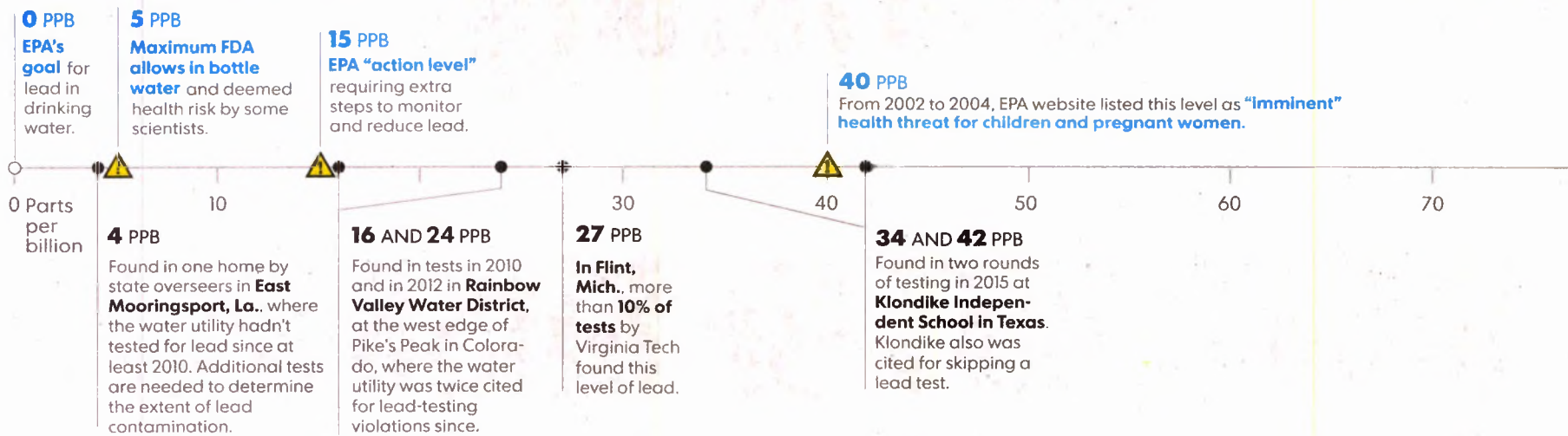
Others fear lead exposure, too. Anita Baker, a 79-year-old colon cancer survivor in Austin Acres, has been using city water for cooking and making coffee but plans to stop after learning from a reporter that boiling the water concentrates the lead.

The Waltons — who squeeze into their one-bedroom home by putting the master bed in the living room — also drank lots of city water, in iced tea, Kool-Aid, diluted juice and by itself. Adam's highest blood lead reading was more than three times the federal cutoff to be considered elevated, and his 1-year-old brother, Andrew, also had slightly elevated lead levels.

Texas environmental offi-

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## BY THE NUMBERS LEAD IN DRINKING WATER



# WATER

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cials say they have taken steps to speed Ranger's response. They sent experts to Ranger, referred the city to the EPA for formal enforcement in March, issued new citations in October and fined the city about \$3,000.

The city raised water rates to pay for improvements and now promises to replace more of the old water lines, increase testing and seek grants for more upgrades.

"We are good with the state right now," Mayor Joe Pilgrim said, "and that's all that matters."

Still, residents may have to wait years for clean water. After the state approves a re-worked corrosion-control study, Ranger has two years before it must start treating its water. By then, Adam Walton will be almost ready for kindergarten.

## Two standards

It's easy to see why a place like Ranger winds up with toxic water when you compare it to a typical large water system like the one in Louisville, Ky.

Louisville Water has about 435 full-time staffers, including a director of water quality and production with a Ph.D. in environmental engineering. Ranger has seven public works employees.

Louisville Water has an operating and maintenance budget of \$127 million. Ranger's entire city budget is \$3.2 million.

Some small utilities are even worse off.

In Colorado, near Black Canyon, the man in charge of providing safe water to 335 people is a farmer who spends most of his time tending to livestock, wheat, oats and barley.

In West Texas, at Klondike Independent School District, water safety is handled by Superintendent Steve McLaren, whose first job is running a one-building school system serving 260 students. He wears many hats in the district amid cotton fields; he's been known to drive a school bus from time to time.

McLaren acknowledged he skipped required testing for lead and copper in fall 2014 because "some things just slip by." When Klondike did test last year, it found excessive lead in both rounds of testing.

Generally, the bar for running tiny utilities is low. Certification for hands-on operators varies by state and typically involves passing an exam and getting continuing education credits. Some states require licensing but with varying qualifications. Minimum requirements in Texas are a high school diploma or GED and a training course in basic water operations. No experience necessary.

"You might have to get more training to run a hot dog stand than a small water system," said Paul Schwartz of the Campaign for Lead Free Water, a group of people and organizations working to rid drinking water of lead.

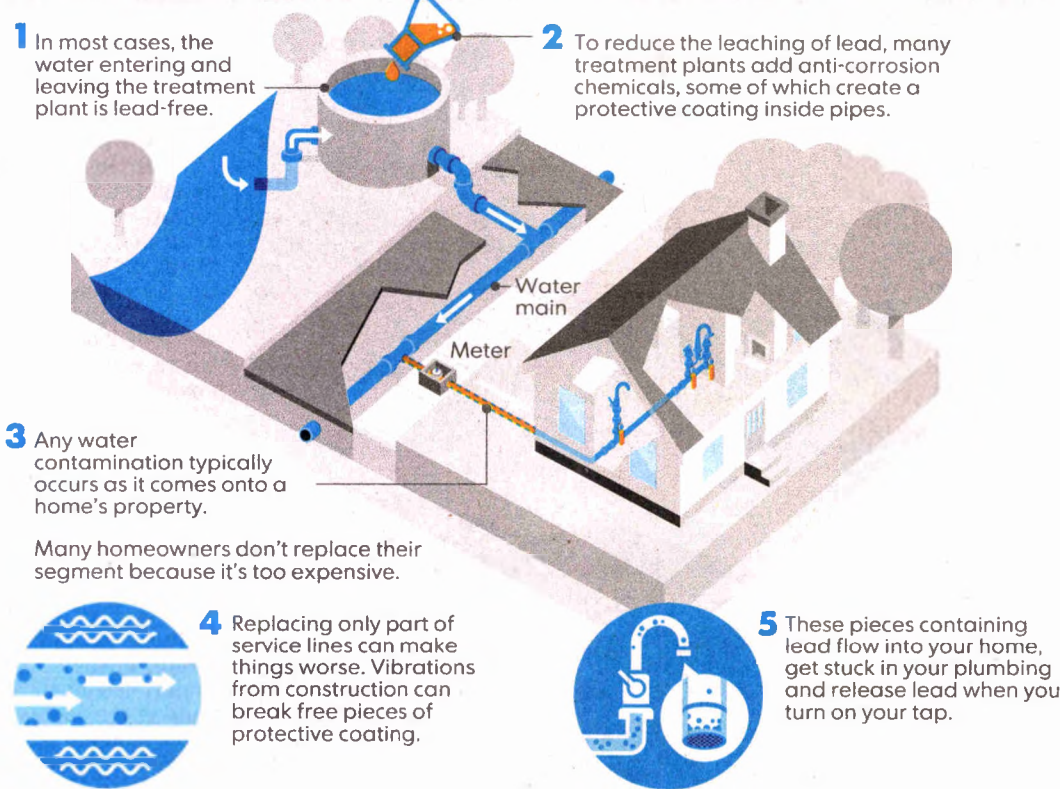
Many states, and the EPA, offer extra guidance and instruction. But not everyone avails themselves of this help, leaving many small operators with "a complete lack of training," Lambrinidou said. "Sometimes, they're cheating and they don't know they're cheating."

Some government funding is available for struggling utilities. EPA's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, which includes a state contribution, has provided \$32.5 billion through 2016 to water systems that applied for help. Another EPA program awards millions each year to non-profit organizations that provide training and technical assistance to small, public water systems. The U.S. Department of Agriculture also offers loans and grants.

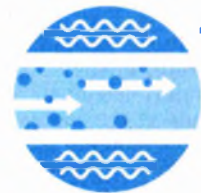
Edwards and others say the need far outstrips the money, and loans don't help utilities that can't pay them back. A 2013 EPA assessment estimates infrastructure needs for small water systems will total \$64.5 billion over 20 years. The revolving fund's 2016 allocation, for systems of all sizes, was less than \$1 billion, and a

## HOW DOES LEAD GET INTO YOUR DRINKING WATER?

More than 7 million U.S. homes are estimated to have service lines made of lead that can leach into water. Millions more homes built before 1986 have solder and fixtures that can leach lead.



Many homeowners don't replace their segment because it's too expensive.



Source USA TODAY NETWORK research  
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## "You might have to get more training to run a hot dog stand than a small water system."

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Congressional Research Service report on the fund in November concluded that "a substantial gap remains between financing needs and available funds."

Recognizing resource constraints, the federal government lets small water systems play by more lenient rules.

Scattered throughout EPA regulations on lead and copper are specific provisions for small water systems. While utilities serving 50,000 or more people must always control corrosion, for example, smaller systems don't have to even plan for such treatment when lead is below the federal limit for two consecutive six-month periods. And they can discontinue treatment once lead drops below the limit.

Utilities serving 3,300 or fewer can, if they meet certain criteria, test for lead as little as once every nine years.

Experts say such regulations make it easy for lead problems to go undetected and uncorrected in the very places that are most vulnerable to contamination.

"You might think we have a lead in water law," Edwards said. "What we have is a national joke."

## Untested water

A cornerstone of those 25-year-old lead regulations is testing. But the USA TODAY Network found that 9,000 small water systems together serving almost 4 million people failed to test properly for lead in the past six years, meaning the toxin could be there without anyone knowing. More than a quarter of those systems had repeat lead-testing violations.

EPA said it gives higher priority to immediate public health issues like acute contamination than testing violations.

Money is a factor in skipping lead tests, which can cost around \$50 per tap. Utilities must test from five to 20 locations, depending on how many customers they serve. A USA TODAY Network analysis found it would cost about \$1.2 million to check the water served by every small utility that failed to test twice since 2010. Lead testing for every small water utility that missed even one test would cost about \$5 million.

Ranger admits in a letter to residents to three years of skipped or incomplete tests. Roberts, who started as city manager in the spring, blamed lack of expertise and past neglect, saying "the ball got dropped for sure."

It also got dropped at Orange Center School in California, which skipped testing for nine years even after finding excessive lead in 2003. In the rural neighborhood outside

McCauslin, 75, hopes things will change when Blanchard, which has a new, \$17 million treatment plant, acquires her community's utility. As she waits for the merger, she keeps doing what she's done for years — paying the bill for untested tap water and shelling out extra money for bottled water to drink and filtered, purified water for bathing.

## Giving up

Residents in remote Coal Mountain, W.Va., have gone as long as anyone can remember with untested, questionable water. No one knows what contaminants it might contain.

Their wellhead is housed near a church, in a shed cluttered with empty bleach bottles. They've been left behind by Ravin Kennedy, a 65-year-old with a salt-and-pepper mustache and a baseball cap, who pours bleach into his community's water once in a while to keep it clean.

"It's just stuff I've learned down through the years," he said from his front-porch swing as his granddaughter sipped bottled water.

He's no water expert, he concedes. "Someone's got to do it."

State and federal governments have pretty much given up enforcing drinking-water rules here and similarly tough cases, leaving residents to fend for themselves.

Coal Mountain's tap water comes from a coal company well abandoned in the 1980s. Water is pumped up the mountainside to an old storage tank hidden amid tangled trees, then flows down to homes. It's the subject of 19 water-testing violations since 1988, the most in the nation.

"We don't know what's in it," said Mila Darnell, 62, who is raising two 17-year-old grandsons with her retired miner husband. "I'm very concerned about lead or whatever else could be in there."

No doubt something is awry; the water stains the Darnells' clothes, stops up their shower head and sometimes smells like fish. Although they won't drink it, they do cook with it — boiling it first and hoping no one gets sick.

West Virginian officials say they can't do much beyond sending out advisories and issuing notices about water-testing violations because Coal Mountain has no owner or operator. The state labels Coal Mountain and about 15 other utilities "orphan systems."

"This happens, actually, across the country. We try to

work with them, but the problem is finding someone who's responsible," said Walter Ivey, director of West Virginia's Office of Environmental Health Services.

One option is for states to test the water. But Jon Capacasa, director of EPA's Region 3 Water Protection Division, said the law calls for utilities to monitor for lead and report results to states, and the obligation lies with them.

When utilities can't or won't, however, they often face little if any real punishment.

Notices and orders were EPA's weapons against Coal Mountain's testing violations for five years, after which nothing changed and West Virginia asked that no further federal action be taken.

Water-quality advocates say residents deserve better.

Government "owes it to these people to at least provide clean drinking water," said Wyoming County Clerk Mike Goode, adding that the county is working on a proposal to help Coal Mountain. "It's bad. These people live in America. They have a right to good water."

But Mila Darnell laments that such rights don't always extend to poor, rural Americans like her.

"We're a forgotten people," she said. "It hurts to feel ... like you just don't count."

## Minimizing risk

Roberts, the city manager, downplayed the danger from Ranger's water. Roberts said small children and pregnant women probably shouldn't drink it (as the city said in a letter to residents). He said overall, "I drink it. ... I don't think it's a health alert serious enough for an emergency."

Roberts blamed homeowners' pipes, although he acknowledged the city's distribution system contains lead as well.

Pilgrim, Ranger's mayor, agreed the water isn't unsafe, saying his city "has never put any of their people in danger. ... It's not an ongoing medical disaster to anyone in town for any reason."

They are far from the only officials to minimize water problems.

Kentucky's Peter Goodmann, who directs the division of water there, used a similar rationale to defend many years of inaction when a tiny water system without an owner refused to test for contaminants. "There's not much we could do because there's no responsible party," Goodmann said of Kettle Island Water, which was recently downgraded from a public water system because it's gotten so small. "Nobody's dying there, and there doesn't seem to be any public health effects."

The EPA would not allow senior officials including Peter Grevatt, director of the Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, to be interviewed. The agency would respond only in writing to questions, saying it's revising lead regulations, working with states to strengthen protections and oversight, and remains committed to "vigorous civil and criminal enforcement to protect public health." On Nov. 30, the EPA released a drinking water "action plan" that includes proposed steps to help tiny water utilities comply with drinking water laws, such as guidance to find money for improvements and new certification guidelines for operators.

For now, lead continues to taint tap water in places like Ranger. Katelyn Peters, who lives next door to the Waltons, doesn't see anything changing soon.

"This is where I was raised. This is where I was planning on raising my kids," she said, watching three of her four kids chase each other in the front yard. "Now, I'm terrified. I would live anywhere else."

Contributing: Lex Talamo and Caitlin McClade.

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Americans get water from small operators who skipped required tests or did not conduct the tests properly

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The cost to test every small water utility that missed even one test

Fresno, officials in charge let kids keep drinking the water for more than a decade.

State officials threatened to fine the school, but records show no more lead tests were done until 2012 and no action was taken. Three of those tests again found high lead. Two more years went by before California officials ordered the school to stop using the water and began shipping bottled water to students, while the school waits to be connected to the Fresno water system.

Ninety customers of East Mooringsport Water in Louisiana, are also waiting to hook up to a larger water system after at least five years of skipped tests.

"Honestly, we just didn't have the money to do (testing)," said Edward "Pat" Turnley, who distributes monthly water bills to East Mooringsport customers.

The state cracked down several times, ordering the district to test three years ago and fining the community more than \$43,500. But little changed. Finally, in late June, the state tested nine homes itself, and found lead contamination in two. More testing will need to be done to determine the extent of the problem.

East Mooringsport buys treated water from the nearby town of Blanchard, then stores it in old tanks. Resident Gladys McCauslin suspects sediment in the tanks is what makes her tap water brownish and gritty. Residents are warned to boil it before drinking or cooking.

"It makes me feel like I'm in a Third World country," she said.



JAY CALDERON, USA TODAY NETWORK

80 Parts per billion 90

100

110

120

130

**104 PPB TO 13,200 PPB**

Levels of lead in parts per billion in the tap water of a home in Flint, Mich., in early 2014.

**124 PPB**  
Found at **Lawrenceville School in New Jersey**, where the water utility is run by the school maintenance staff.

**130 PPB**

Found in 2014 at **Orange Center School Fresno, Calif.**, where officials hadn't tested for lead in almost a decade. That fall, officials shut the system down and shipped in bottled water.

**418 PPB**

Detected in September test at home of **2-year old Adam Walton in Ranger, Texas**, which has twice exceeded the federal limit for lead contamination in 2014 and 2016. Ranger has yet to start treating its water to reduce the lead.

LAURA LINGAR, USA TODAY NETWORK



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# Felician Sisters go solar at Livonia sites

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The Felician Sisters of North America are so committed to renewable energy that one sister, Mary Jean Sliwinski, is assigned specifically to ensure that they walk the walk.

"We are concerned about the future of our planet and our environment," said Sliwinski, Felician Provincial Sustainability coordinator.

That concern is being addressed locally at Felician Sisters' properties in Livonia, including the Montessori Center of Our Lady and the Franciscan Center at Madonna University. The Livonia properties are part of the Felician Sisters of North America's nationwide solar power project that will include a series of solar installations in the coming months at six sites across the country.

At the Livonia properties, 1,032 solar panels have been installed. A ground-mounted array, consisting of 600 solar panels situated on the Felician Sisters' campus adjacent to Newburgh Road, is expected to generate nearly 98 percent of the electric power at the Montessori Center of Our Lady.

The top of the Franciscan Center at Madonna University features a roof array of 432 solar panels, directly supplying to the university a portion of the campus' total electric power. Madonna University plans to incorporate the solar array into the university's larger sustainability program, offering students first-hand insight into the practical application of sustainable solutions.

"This solar power project represents the next chapter in our ongoing efforts to care for and repair the earth," Sliwinski said. "The vast



Solar panels are mounted on the roof of the Franciscan Center, Madonna's newest, LEED-certified building.

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scope of this project represents a new level of commitment by the sisters, enabling us to sustainably generate a significant amount of electricity. An initiative that helps protect the environment, it is also a wonderful opportunity to educate the larger com-

munity about renewable energy."

Even with Michigan's overcast days, Sliwinski expects the solar panels will be successful because of radiation coming through the clouds.

The seed for the solar panels was planted when Sliwinski attended an

energy symposium in April 2014. "I began to think of our properties and dream of solar panels in our buildings," she said.

"The Felician Sisters serve as prophetic witness to a world in need of healing — the poor and marginalized of our

society, as well as the very Earth which sustains us," said Sister Mary Christopher Moore, CSSF, provincial minister, Our Lady of Hope Province.

"Our Holy Father depicts an increasingly impoverished environment in his encyclical, 'Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home,'" saying, "The Earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of the poor. ... We have forgotten that we are ourselves dust of the Earth; our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters."

It is expected that the multimillion-dollar cost of purchasing and installing the panels will allow the Felician Sisters of North America to break even in about 35 years. But savings in energy costs will be seen long before that. Sliwinski said she expects a 25-percent cost savings in energy across all of their properties.

But what is really important is that the sisters are taking care of their part of the planet. "And our neighbors can see that," Sliwinski said.

As educators, the Felician Sisters want to not only teach caring for the planet and its environment but, as Sliwinski said, "we have to walk the walk."

The Rev. Charles Morris, Madonna University associate professor of religious studies and Sustainability Task Force chair, agreed.

"By using renewable energy, we not only are strengthening our relationship with the Earth, we also are educating our neighbors," he said.

"Through this unprecedented solar power installation, we are demon-

strating how natural resources, such as the sun with which God has blessed us, are in turn blessing others — now and for generations to come."

The Felician Sisters' nationwide initiative includes additional solar installations at Felician convents and Felician-sponsored ministries in Buffalo, N.Y.; Lodi, N.J.; Chicago; Coraopolis, Pa.; and the Beaver Falls, Pa.-based Provincial House of the Felician Sisters, the administrative and canonical center for the nearly 600 Felician Sisters across North America.

Total power generation from all combined sites will produce an estimated 3.3 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity in the first year of operation. The nationwide project is expected to avoid more than 110 million pounds of CO2 emissions over its 35-year operating life — the equivalent CO2 emissions from burning more than three million pounds of coal every year for 35 years.

The sisters have historically been committed to environmental justice and are actively making an effort to lessen their dependence on fossil fuels by integrating new sources of sustainable energy, Sliwinski said.

She referred to existing projects, such as the sisters' installation of solar panels for water heating in convents in Pennsylvania, Illinois and New Mexico, the creation of a LEED-certified convent and high school in Coraopolis, Pa., the installation of geo-thermal heating in Buffalo, N.Y., and the preservation of green space on their properties.

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# Time running out for end-of-year housekeeping

The time for procrastination is over. If you plan to make any financial moves before the end of the year, the time is now. You no longer have any time to delay and, in fact, for certain transactions, it already may be too late. If you're doing any end-of-the-year moves for tax reasons, it is important to keep in mind that you don't want to let the tax tail wag the dog. You don't want to do anything for tax reasons and tax reasons alone; the transaction should also make good economic sense. One of those transactions that can save you in taxes and, at the same time, be a good economic move is a Roth IRA conversion.

I've talked about this many times in the past, but Roth IRAs are something that more and more people should be explor-



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ing. The benefit of a Roth IRA is the fact the money grows tax-free, as opposed to tax-deferred in a traditional IRA. In addition, Roth IRAs are not subject to the minimum required distribution. Therefore, you can let the money grow tax-free for as long as you choose.

There is always confusion about who is eligible for a Roth IRA conversion and the simple answer is, anyone is eligible. If you have a traditional IRA, you can convert it to a Roth IRA. The one exception deals with those of you who are over 70½ and are taking minimum required distributions. You cannot convert

your minimum required distributions, but you can convert anything above and beyond that. If you haven't looked at your tax situation to see if a Roth IRA conversion makes sense, you should do so immediately.

For those who are working, you may have a flexible spending plan at work and, in many of those plans, if you don't use the money before the end of the year, you lose it. Therefore, if you have one of those plans, you should make sure to use the money before the end of the year. Most plans are very flexible and you have a whole variety of items you can use your plan for. Whether it's visiting the doctor or even buying prescription sunglasses, you want to make sure you use the money before it's too late. As a side note, many

plans do allow a grace period, so you don't necessarily lose the money if you don't spend it by the end of the year. I recommend you talk to your plan administrator so you know exactly what type of plan you have.

For those who are generous in nature and make charitable contributions, if you want to deduct your contribution on your 2016 tax return, the contributions have to be made before the end of the year. Remember, in making charitable contributions, even though writing a check is the easiest way, it may not be the best way. Particularly, for those of you who have appreciated securities; in other words stocks or mutual funds where you have a gain, there is a double tax benefit by contributing those shares. When you

contribute appreciated securities to a charity, you avoid paying capital gains tax on those shares. In addition, your contribution is the fair market value of the securities. Most charities accept appreciated securities, but the transaction must be completed before the end of the year. You have no time to delay.

A couple of notes about donating appreciated securities. First, you don't have to worry that somehow the charity will have to pay tax or something of that nature. Charities will sell the stock or mutual fund and there will be no tax consequences. Second, you do not want to donate securities that you have a loss in. In those situations, it would be much better to sell the investment and then contribute the cash, so you can write

off your losses. Many tax advisers recommend you accelerate your deductions into the current year; that strategy doesn't work for everyone. With all tax situations, you need to look at your individual circumstances and make sure it makes sense for you. If you're not going to itemize your deductions this year, then accelerating your deductions doesn't make sense. The bottom line, whenever it comes to taxes, you need to look at your own individual situation. Good luck!

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# Suburban women are 'derby strong'

Jill Halpin  
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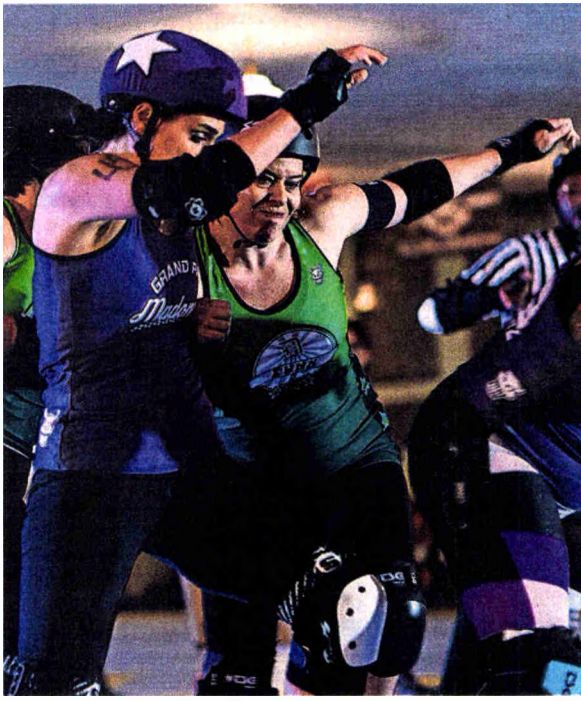
Northville resident Lisa Harthun is "derby strong."

It is a term she uses to describe not only the physical, but also the mental, strength she has developed as a member of the "D-Funk All-stars," a local roller derby team that is part of the Detroit Roller Derby League.

Since joining the league just two years ago, the 48-year old Harthun has gained an increased resilience that carries through both on and off the derby track.

"Roller derby has shown me that I can push myself to accomplish a great deal more than I ever thought possible. A few years ago, I never would have thought that I would call myself an athlete," said Harthun, who had never participated in a contact sport prior to joining the roller derby league.

Roller derby is a fast-paced contact team sport that requires speed, strategy and athleticism, according to the Wom-



Martha Goldberg of the D-Funk All-Stars gives it her all.

en's Flat Track Derby Association, governing body of the sport. Played on a flat track, it can be done on any flat surface that is suitable for skating, such as roller rinks, basketball courts, park-

ing lots — even airplane hangars.

The game itself involves players for each team scoring points during two 30-minute periods. Each team is allowed five players on the track



Jennifer "Nuke Town" McIntosh in action.

at once: four "blockers" and one "jammer." The blockers are responsible for attempting to stop the opposing team's "jammer," who scores points for the team by passing opposing blockers on the track, Harthun said.

## A special event

Harthun will join other women athletes Saturday, Dec. 17, when the Detroit Roller Derby Winter Wonderland event will feature a match-up between the undefeated Detroit Pistoffs and the D-Funk All-Stars. Working in partnership with Operation Care Package, the group will be collecting non-perishable items, like beef jerky, hard candy and crackers, as well as donations of baby wipes, Chapstick and bug spray, for troops overseas.

Scheduled for 6 p.m. at the Masonic Temple in Detroit, ticket prices are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. The event will also feature Santa mingling with the crowd and an ugly sweater contest.

The Detroit Roller Derby Winter Wonderland is testament to a sport that is gaining enthusiasm among participants and spectators alike. The WFTDA contends that the flat track version of the sport evolved in 2001. It has quickly grown to encompass more than 400 leagues worldwide, including the Detroit Roller Derby League, which currently includes nine teams: four home teams, three travel teams, a recreation team and a junior roller derby team that will begin in 2017.

Harthun is one who made the conversion from spectator to participant.

"I was a fan of roller derby before I joined it. A few of my friends and I used to go out for a ladies night to watch them play at the Masonic. It looked like so much fun," she said.

Now an experienced player, Harthun goes by the name of "Brazen Kane" when she is one the derby track — a nickname she terms as an inverse correlation to her "soft-spoken, nice girl personality."

"This has been a very rewarding experience for me. I've gained a lot of friendships, lost a lot of weight and it has built up my self-confidence so much in the process," she said.

## A positive impact

Other local Detroit Roller Derby League players echo her sentiments.

Jennifer McIntosh of Milford and West Bloomfield's Martha Goldberg both credit the sport with having a positive impact on their lives.

"Roller derby builds you up; it helps develop mental toughness. You get knocked down time and time again and it doesn't feel very good and pretty soon you realize that you want to be the one doing the knocking down. It makes me want to be strong," said McIntosh, 40.

Growing up in Traverse City, McIntosh said she has always been athletic and enjoyed participating in team

sports, including playing catcher on her prep varsity softball team. She has always been a fan of competition and likes hobbies that help keep her both mentally and physically healthy.

"I have always believed that you need to set goals for yourself to keep moving through life successfully," said McIntosh, who goes by the moniker "Nuke Town," when playing with her team, the Grand Prix Madonna's.

"Roller derby helps me to set goals for myself. I drink more water, I eat better ... it makes me want to be healthier overall," she said.

## 'Improving yourself'

For Goldberg, 43, the mother of three school-aged children, roller derby has provided a rare opportunity for Zen-like concentration.

Playing roller derby "takes you out of your everyday experience. It is one of the few times in life that you are completely focused on others and improving yourself," she said. "When I am on the track working on derby, all of the things that I am worrying about fall away."

While practice times vary from player to player, Goldberg said she practices four to six hours per week and participates in games about once a month.

Goldberg said she has been playing for four years. Currently a member of the D-Funk All-Stars, she points out that roller derby is one of the rare sports that allows for competition among vast age ranges.

"The community is very diverse. It's an exciting thing. There are not many sports where you can have a 19-year-old and a 47-year-old playing against one another," she said.

Roller derby is also very empowering, noted Goldberg, who serves as coordinator of the Teen Foundation Board for The Jewish Fund. "It is important for me that my daughter sees me working at something that I enjoy and helps make me stronger," she said.

Although she had roller-bladed in her youth, she had never played roller derby prior to joining her team in her late 30s. "My children were in school full time and I finally had a little free time to squeeze in for myself. I was looking for something fun," she said.

She said she was drawn to roller derby in part by the spirit of camaraderie among team members. "I like the idea of women working together to accomplish a common goal," she said.

## Support from everyone

McIntosh said that she, too, was drawn in by the friendly companionship of the league. She and her husband co-own a six-acre farm in Milford, complete with a horse, two dogs and three cats. A manufacturing engineer by trade, she now serves as a consultant in the manufacturing industry.

Despite her busy lifestyle, "as soon as I

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MARTHA GOLDBERG

learned that they were forming a league, I knew I had to join," she said.

Although she had skated "when I was 9 years old at birthday parties," it took her almost two years to learn to be completely comfortable in roller skates.

"I had to learn it all from scratch," she said, adding that "with new learners, everyone is so supportive and encouraging."

Harthun agrees. "I have never in my life that you are completely focused on others and improving yourself," she said. "When I am on the track working on derby, all of the things that I am worrying about fall away."

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To purchase tickets for the Detroit Roller Derby League match-up Dec. 17 between the Detroit Pistoffs and the D-Funk All-Stars, go to [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com).

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## GOOD



**EDWIN C.** passed away December 9, 2016 at the age of 89. He was born June 30, 1927 in Dearborn, Michigan to Clarion W. and Flora Marie (Sternberg) Good. He is deeply loved and will be missed by his wife Mary Jane, his children Deborah Lynn (Marcell) Madonna, Edwin D. (Theresa) Good and Jeffrey W. (Heidi) Good, his grandchildren Andrew (Justine) Madonna, John Madonna, Mark Madonna, Katie (Zak) Pyle, Casey Good, Jacob (Emily) Good, Elizabeth Good and Hannah Good and his great grandchildren Teddy, Virginia, Roxanne and Tabitha. Edwin lived most of his life in Plymouth. After retirement he lived in Brighton, Michigan and Florida. He owned Good's Nursery in Plymouth from 1968 until 2003. The nursery occupied property that is now the intersection of I-275 and Ann Arbor Rd. In the 50's and 60's he also worked for his father's company Railroad Express which was a precursor to such companies as UPS and FedEx. He was a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church and a Life Member of the V.F.W., Plymouth Post 6695. Edwin served his country in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He served on the USS General William Mitchell in the Pacific Theater. Edwin loved to work but also enjoyed model railroading and sailing after his retirement. He loved spending time with his family, he will be dearly missed by many. A Funeral Service was held Thursday, December 15, 10 a.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth. Burial followed in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Memorials may be made to St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1309 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170

## LANSING

**RICHARD E.** Age 86. December 10, 2016. Beloved husband of the late Elaine for 63 years. Loving father of Cheryl (James) York and John Lansing. Cherished grandfather of Evan York. Dear brother of Harold (Nina) Lansing. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Private arrangements entrusted to Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. [www.thayer-rock.com](http://www.thayer-rock.com)

## RIBAR

**DIANE** A longtime Plymouth resident, passed quietly December 10, 2016 in Florida; her home for the last 28 years. Born in Plymouth, Michigan, in 1942, she was preceded in death by parents, Stephen and Annabelle. She will be missed by sister, Angie (Larry) Ford; brothers Orin (Patt), Robert, Stephen (Pat) and several nieces and nephews. She was very much a people person, loved gardening and her many cats. Online guestbook memories may be shared at [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

## PARKER



**ANN MARIE** age 97, of Libertyville, Illinois and formerly of Beverly Hills, Michigan, passed away October 17, 2016. Ann was born and raised in Gilbert, Minnesota, and after graduating high school moved to Detroit, MI. Ann worked for Burroughs Corporation (now Unisys) where she met her husband Erwin Frank Parker. Ann was active all of her life and enjoyed meeting people. Her friendly personality helped her succeed in everything she did from office work to real estate to estate sales. Ann also enjoyed investing in the stock market. Ann was preceded in death by her parents, Steve and Josephine (Kokal) Stefanich; husband, Erwin; brother, John Stefanich of Royal Oak, MI; and sister, Rose Marie (Stefanich) Brula of Gilbert, MN. Ann was a loving mother to son, James "Jim" (Valerie) Parker of Libertyville, IL, granddaughters, Elizabeth and Jennifer Parker, and numerous nieces and nephews. A private gravesite funeral will be held in Washington Township Cemetery near Applegate, MI. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to B-cell lymphoma cancer research, Department of Development, Mayo Clinic, 200 First St. SW, Rochester, MN 55905, 855-852-8129. Visit [www.kristanfuneralhome.com](http://www.kristanfuneralhome.com) or call 847-566-8020.

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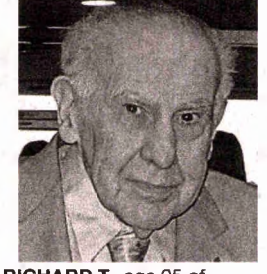
**WILLIS M. "BILL"** of Redford Twp, passed away December 11, 2016 at age 81. Bill was the cherished husband of Betty née Davis for 62 years. Loving father to Debbie (David) Sroggie, Kathy (Robert) Veresh, Bill (Joan) Dalrymple III, and Beth Ann Dalrymple. Dear Grandfather to six. Bill a long time Redford Township Resident, was a Master Plumber for Local 98 in Detroit for 58 years. After retiring from the Union, he was a Plumbing Inspector for Township of Redford. Mr. Dalrymple's life will be celebrated with a Memorial Service on Friday December 16, 2016 at 3 p.m., with a gathering beginning at 1:30 p.m., at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd. (east of Newburgh and I-275) in Livonia. In lieu of flowers the family suggests a memorial donation to the charity of your choice.

## WILLIAMS



**ROBERT C.** age 71, of Birmingham, Michigan, August 26, 1945 – December 10, 2016. Bob was predeceased by his parents, Charles W. and Mary Helen Williams, and is survived by his longtime partner, Lisa Varnier, his brother, Jim, sister-in-law, Marva, nephews, Jim Jr. (Maria) and David (Debby) and great-nephews and nieces, Jack, Ben, Helena, Eleanor, and Soleil and many other loved and loving friends. Bob was a graduate of Princeton University, and the University of Michigan Law school. After law school, Bob taught at Catholic University and clerked for Michigan Supreme Court Justice G. Mennen "Soapy" Williams and then enjoyed a long and distinguished career in the Oakland County Prosecutors Office. Bob was devoted to and very supportive of charitable and social causes including Birmingham Youth Assistance. Per his wishes, Bob has been cremated and a memorial service will be held at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 171 W. Pike Street, Pontiac, Michigan on Saturday December 17, 2016, at 11 a.m. All are invited to a luncheon following the service. Memorial contributions may be made in Bob's name to Birmingham Youth Assistance, All Saints Episcopal Church, or a charity of your choosing.

## WOLFF



**RICHARD T.** age 95 of Farmington, passed away Thursday, December 8, 2016. He was born March 24, 1921 in Detroit, MI, the son of Bernard and Theresa (Brzyski) Wolff. Beloved husband of Barbara (Bremiller) Wolff whom he married June 17, 1950 in Detroit. Dear father of Diana (Carl) Visconti of Howell, Cynthia Richard of Rochester Hills, Karen (David) Noble of New Jersey and Theresa Smith of Florida. Loving grandfather of eleven and great-grandfather of six. Also survived by his brother, Arnold (Shirley) Wolff of Clinton Township. Richard was a WWII Marine Corp veteran, serving in the Pacific Campaign. He had graduated from Cass Tech High School and Wayne State University; then received his masters degree in Fine Arts from Cranbrook, developing an avant-garde painting style. Later through self study and perseverance, he acquired his architectural license. Private family services will take place at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. Please sign the family's online guestbook at [macdonaldsfuneralhome.com](http://macdonaldsfuneralhome.com)

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U.S. WOMEN'S HOCKEY

## Keller glad to mentor younger players

Clinic at local arena gives player from Farmington the chance to give back

Tim Smith  
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U.S. Women's National Team player Megan Keller stripped away the puck from a player in her end of USA Hockey Arena near the end of Tuesday's Blue-White scrimmage and got to the other end in a flash.

All with a smile on her face. Keller, a 20-year-old defenseman and North Farmington graduate who attends Boston College, is among 37 players vying for a spot on Team USA's roster for Saturday's exhibition game against Canada. The team will be announced Friday.

"You're never too comfortable at these camps, because there's a lot of great talent here from all around the country," Keller said. "So it's always up in the air and everybody has a chance of making this team. So you just got to give your best effort and see what happens."

She also still has a blast whenever she's on the ice and that was apparent both during the scrimmage and a subsequent clinic with 175 girls ages 8-17 from

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RENA LAVERTY  
Megan Keller of Team USA's women's hockey team shares a smile with girls players during Tuesday's clinic.

GIRLS HOCKEY



Celebrating with teammates after scoring a goal recently is PCS Penguins senior forward Cathryn VandenBosch.

JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

## UNITED THEY SKATE

Penguins pool players from three Park schools, but they mesh as singular unit

Tim Smith  
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Three paths merge at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton, coming from the three high schools several miles away at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

But the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins varsity girls hockey team has a singular identity as a hard-working, all-for-one unit, even with all three schools funneling players onto the roster.

And with a strong leadership group — talent helps, of course — the Penguins already are wreaking havoc on rivals in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League with lopsided 8-0 and 10-2 victories among four contests so far. After a tough 3-2 loss Friday to Cranbrook, the team was 2-2 entering games this week against Regina and Detroit Country



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO  
Winning a faceoff during a recent game at Arctic Edge Arena is PCS Penguins forward Michelle Cirino (left).

Day. "Our strength will come from our leadership," head coach Jenna Donnelly said. "Having lost our captain from the past two seasons, Megan Brace, we felt the best choice would be Brianna Waggoner. She was an assistant last year and learned a lot about leadership from Brace."

"Her assistants, Michelle Cirino, Alexis Pheeney and Cathryn VandenBosch, have helped provide strong leadership in our locker room. Their work ethic alone sets an example for the rest of the team to follow."

"We lean heavily on our captains to lead by example for the team and for younger players to step up into those roles after these kids graduate."

Seven Penguins attend Plymouth and another seven go to Salem. Five players are from Canton High School.

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BOYS HOCKEY

## Olepa saves day for Plymouth

Goaltender bounces back after giving two quick goals, backstops Wildcats' 3-2 overtime win over Northville.

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Hockey coaches like Plymouth's Gerry Vento have seen it happen many times. A goaltender gives up one goal and then another, in the blink of an eye.

How the goalie — and his team — responds after that is anybody's guess. But Friday night against KLAA Kensington Conference varsity boys hockey rival Northville, Vento and the Wildcats got the best possible response.

Junior goalie Brenden Ole-

pa bounced back in a big way after Northville's Daniel McKee and Ty Kilar scored within a 12-second span in the third, turning a 2-0 Plymouth lead into a 2-2 contest. Olepa made a number of key stops the rest of regulation and overtime, buying time for teammate Tim Baldwin's OT goal to give the Wildcats a 3-2 victory.

"It was a great game to watch and be a part of," said Vento, whose team is 5-0-0 in the KLAA South Division. "Neither team backed down and the compete level was

high. "I thought Olepa was the best player on the ice and, when your goalie was is the best player on the ice, you always have a chance to win."

Olepa stopped 30 of Northville's 32 shots, to win the excellent goaltending match-up against the Mustangs' Brett Miller (31 saves).

Baldwin's winner was a snapshot from between the circles, ripping the puck past Miller's blocker. Assisting on the deciding goal was Nick

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Plymouth players mob each other after Tim Baldwin scored the overtime winner Friday against Northville at Novi Ice Arena.

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BOYS SWIMMING

# Novi edges Canton despite only three wins

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Senior Phillip Billiu earned his first individual state cut of the season by winning the 100-yard backstroke as Novi recently pulled out a highly-contested 96-90 dual meet victory over Canton.

The Wildcats won despite winning only three of the 12 events, as Billiu posted an MHSAA Division 1 qualifying time of 54.56.

Novi's other two individual winners were Adam Carozza in

the 200 individual medley (2:09.66) and Jack McClure in the 1-meter diving (177.20 points).

"I'm grateful for the challenge that Canton provided us in our first meet," Novi coach Brent Pohlonski said. "Every event was highly contested. This meet helped us see the weak areas that we need to work on if we are going to achieve our goals this year. I'm proud of how our team found a way to win after being challenged."

Canton's Dan Mullen figured

in four first-place finishes, including sweeping the 200 and 500 freestyles in 1:47.45 and 5:00.26 (edging Novi's Joey Berman by 0.013 seconds).

Mullen also teamed with Kyle Amick, Derek Goderis and Caleb Styles for a win in the 200 freestyle relay (1:32.13). The foursome of Amick, Goderis, Tristen Shao and Mullen was first in the 400 freestyle relay (3:20.74).

Canton's 200 medley relay team of Shao, Richard Ling, Isaac Fong and Goderis was also victorious (1:42.68).

Other individual winners for the Chiefs included Amick, 50 freestyle (23.18); Shao, 100 butterfly (55.47); Goderis, 100 freestyle (49.81); and Ling, 100 breaststroke (1:05.81).

**DUAL MEET RESULTS  
NOVI 96, CANTON 90  
Dec. 6 at Canton**

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Canton (Tristen Shao, Richard Ling, Isaac Fong, Derek Goderis), 1:42.68; 2. Novi (Phillip Billiu, Alexander Yuan, Brian Son, Adam Carozza), 1:43.90; 3. Novi (Maxwell Williams, Daniel Chung, Nitin Kinra, Seung Jae You), 1:47.13.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Daniel Mullen (C), 1:47.45; 2. Joey Berman (N), 1:47.80; 3. Caleb Styles (C), 1:55.56.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Carozza (N), 2:09.66; 2. Fong (C), 2:09.69; 3. Ling (C), 2:10.94.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Kyle Amick (C), 23.18; 2. Yuan

(N), 23.19; 2. Williams (N), 23.90.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Jack McClure (N), 177.20 points; 1. Charles Carey (C), 166.30; 3. Tobias Artman-Chance (C), 132.60.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Shao (C), 55.47; 2. Billiu (N), 55.52; 3. Carozza (N), 58.89.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Goderis (C), 49.81; 2. Yuan (N), 50.18; 3. Amick (C), 50.23.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Mullen (C), 5:00.26; 2. Berman (N), 5:00.39; 3. Son (N), 5:12.51.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Canton (Amick, Goderis, Styles, Mullen), 1:32.13; 2. Novi (Yuan, Joel Kotyk, Williams, Berman), 1:33.23; 3. Novi (Stephen Sitar, You, Max Robbins, Preston Harrell), 1:37.06.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Billiu (N), 54.56; 2. Shao (C), 55.90; 3. Chung (N), 1:01.0.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Ling (C), 1:05.81; 2. You (N), 1:08.89; 3. Samuel Stefanek (N), 1:12.07.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Canton (Amick, Goderis, Shao, Mullen), 3:20.74; 2. Novi (Berman, Son, Robbins, Billiu), 3:21.20; 3. Novi (Carozza, Sitar, Harrell, Kotyk), 3:33.73.  
**Dual meet records:** Novi, 1-0 overall; Canton, 0-1 overall.

## KELLER

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various youth organizations such as Compuware, Honeybaked, the Livonia Hockey Association, Little Caesars, Kensington Valley and several others.

**Still fun**

Youngsters went from station to station, working on fundamentals such as skating, stick-handling and shooting. At each stop, they worked with the U.S. players and shared wide grins through it all.

Keller worked in one of the face-off circles with a handful of players from different organizations. They turned sticks upside down — using handles instead of blades

Keller

— to maintain possession of hard-rubber doughnuts in one-on-one drills.

Judging by her smile and those of the girls, it was nothing but pure fun.

"I remember being their age growing up and looking up to all these girls that I now get to play with," Keller said before stepping onto the ice for the clinic. "To be able to give back to these younger girls is something special."

Keller said she patterned her style of play after "unbelievable" offensive-minded U.S. defenseman Angela Ruggiero. Another favorite growing up around Detroit was legendary Red Wings player Nick Lidstrom.

She added that this week's USA Hockey camp is the first one she's been able to attend in her home state.

But she hasn't had the chance to visit with parents Greg and Lynn Keller just yet. "I've mostly been living at the rink and the hotel, finishing up finals and school work," she said.

One of the groups on the ice



RENA LAVERTY

Enjoying a spirited game of keepaway Tuesday are U.S. Women's Hockey Select Team defenseman Megan Keller (left) and some youth players.



RENA LAVERTY

Girls hockey players from several area organizations take part in Tuesday's clinic with members of the U.S. Women's Hockey Select team.

for the post-scrimmage clinic was Compuware's U12 AAA girls team, which will not be able to attend Saturday's U.S.-Canada exhibition game because of a tournament in Chicago.

Eight players from that

team were out on the ice for the second half of the clinic (it was divided between ages 8-11 and 12-17), including goalie Katie Nowak of Livonia. Her dad, U12 assistant coach Jim Nowak, said the experience to skate and mingle with players

like Keller is something they'll never forget.

"They were all crowded down the tunnel waiting to go and they were like ready to spring," Jim Nowak said. "They could not wait to get on the ice, when the little kids

were out, the 8-11s.

"As soon as that door opened, they came pouring out. There's lots of excitement. The girls put a lot of work in, but they love it. As they get older, I think the enjoyment of the game and the love of the game is only going to grow."

**All about dedication**

Nowak said the team watched Tuesday's scrimmage and talked about how fast and skilled the U.S. players are.

"They watched the speed and excitement," he said. "Like I told the girls, this stuff just doesn't happen. Those skills they develop, they don't just wake up and be hockey players like that. So it's hard work, it's dedication."

"So for the USA Hockey players to come out and be role models for our 12-year-old girls, it really helps them identify where they may want to be and where they may want to go."

"But then, the big thing is, they have to know it's all about the hard work they put in and the dedication to the sport. And it could be any sport."

Kristen Wright, manager of girls player development for USA Hockey, said the clinic is all about giving back.

"It's about being part of something that's bigger than yourself," Wright said. "So we wanted to get our national team players out with the youth girls and just to motivate them to be better every day."

Meanwhile, Keller said fans at Saturday's game will like the brand of hockey on display between the longtime international rivals.

"Over the past few years, so many people have helped build the women's game," Keller said. "And it's gotten so much faster and more physical over the years."

"So I hope young girls and families will be surprised and be able to look forward to maybe join their daughters in hockey someday."

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## PENGUINS

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Yet when they congregate for practices and games at Arctic Edge, they aren't necessarily Wildcats, Rocks or Chiefs. They all are Penguins and proud of it.

Waggoner, from Salem, is a top forward. So are Cirino and VandenBosch, who both attend Plymouth High School. Pheeney is a senior defenseman and one of seven players who go to Salem.

**Plenty of talent**

"We have 15 returning players this season and added four new players," Donnelly said. "Our core is strong and our new players add even more talent to our roster. This is my third season with this team and I believe this is the most talented team we've had thus far."

The Penguins have potential to be a high-scoring team. One just has to look at a score sheet to know that is the case. For example, during a recent game, VandenBosch scored five goals and now has eight in four games; Cirino has six goals so far.

Meanwhile, Pheeney, senior defenseman Bryanna Lanzilotti (Salem) and junior blue liners Morgan Gagnon (Plymouth) and Paige Sweet (Canton) provide experience that should help sophomore goalie Savina Osann (Canton) who takes over the top spot created by the graduation of Nat-



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Protecting the front of her team's net is PCS Penguins defenseman Bryanna Lanzilotti. Also shown is goalie Savina Osann.

alie Nowicki.

"Losing Nat was a tough pill to swallow," Donnelly said. "Easily one of the hardest-working players I've ever coached. This season, we're relying heavily on Savina Osann, who played her freshman year last year with Nat."

"We're expecting big things from her this season, as she has some pretty big shoes to fill. Having spent a year work-

ing with Nat, we're hoping she'll have gained the similar work ethic and bring along her own style as well to the team."

PCS forwards include Cirino, VandenBosch, Brianna Waggoner, senior Jessica Marek (Plymouth), senior Serina Eadeh (Canton), sophomore Anna Otte (Salem), sophomore Piper Keranen (Plymouth), sophomore Brooke Gauthier

(Canton), sophomore Marnie Waggoner (Salem), sophomore Rachel Lanzilotti (Salem), freshman Rachel Verhines (Salem) and freshman Rebecca Demers (Canton).

On defense are Pheeney, Bryanna Lanzilotti, Gagnon, Sweet, sophomore Grace Balch (Plymouth) and freshman Dayna Wilsher (Plymouth). Osann is the lone goaltender listed on the roster.

Donnelly said Otte, Verhines, Demers and Wilsher form a group of sophomores and freshmen that already are showing they will bring plenty to the mix, whether this season or in future years. "There is a lot of potential yet to be tapped among our new players," she said.

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BOYS HOCKEY

# Rocks stymied by red-hot Broyles

Livonia Churchill senior goaltender frustrates Salem in 5-1 victory

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Goalie Andrew Broyles stood tall in and around his crease long enough Saturday night for the rest of his Livonia Churchill boys hockey teammates to break free on offense at Plymouth Cultural Center.

The 5-9 senior goaltender was a force against Salem, frustrating the Rocks and making 29 saves as Churchill registered a 5-1 victory.

"The key tonight was just staying big, playing for my teammates," Broyles said. "They played for me. ... I was in the zone, I was seeing everything well. I knew this game was going to be a dogfight. We wanted to win it."

His coach, Jason Reynolds, had an idea before the game that Broyles would be tough for the host Rocks to beat just by his body language before the KLAA South Division match-up.

"I think this is really a milestone game for Drew," Reynolds said. "This is his third year here, he has been a big foundation on this team for all the years he's been here. But you could just tell, even coming into the locker room today, how bad he wanted to win this game."

Also coming up big for Churchill (5-1 overall, 2-0-0 KLAA South Division) was junior forward Tyler Haydu, with two goals and an assist.

Broyles was at his best in the second period, when Salem held a 14-7 edge in shots on goal.

**Gripping it**

The Rocks' only goal, with 6:31 in the game by sophomore forward Colin Goleniak, made it 3-1, but Churchill got it back just 36 seconds later.

"We just can't find the back of the net," Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher said.

"When you do that, you grip the stick a little tighter and your mistakes are magnified.

"You're not going to win games scoring one goal. So when you press, you tend to try and do too much and it shows.

"Every game has been the



Salem's Colin Goleniak (right) skates into the Livonia Churchill zone, while Michael Papaioannou gives chase.

KELLY DOBSON

same, it's a tight game through the first half, first two periods or so, then we get down and it's tough to fight back because we're just not scoring enough goals."

Saturday's game followed the season's script for the Rocks, now 1-1-1 in the KLAA South.

Churchill got on the board with 13:26 to go in the first, on a power play.

Junior forward Josh Friend sent an in-close shot past Salem sophomore goalie Austin Goleniak (setting up the goal was junior defenseman Willis Wuebben).

But the Rocks outshot Churchill by a 23-15 margin going into the third period; the game remained 1-0 at that point.

**Compete level**

Broyles was equal to the task to keep his team ahead. He thrust a pad to kick out a slap shot taken by freshman forward Alex Schaumburger — who niftily stepped around a Churchill defender at the Chargers' line and went in to scorch a shot from above the left circle.

Later in the period, senior forward Matt Schaumburger cut in from the right wing, but Broyles took away the angle and snuffed out the attempt.

"I was just coming out big, paying attention to what options he had and make the initial save," Broyles said about how he shut down the Rocks' captain and top offensive performer.

That kind of intensity helped light a fire under the rest of the team and the Chargers took care of business with four goals in the third (the final one into an empty net).

"(Broyles) really has a competitive prowess about him," Reynolds said. "He comes mentally and physically prepared for every game. ... We know he's battling and in a big way they wanted to win this one for him."

Churchill finally padded its slim lead with 12:16 to go in the third, with forechecking and persistence paying off.

Sophomore forward Zack Venditelli cut in from the right half-wall in Salem's zone and went directly at the goalie, only to be denied.

But following up on the play and chipping the second rebound past Goleniak (26 saves) was sophomore forward Zach Flynn. Also assisting was freshman line mate Cameron Greener.

"That's one of those special moments for Zach (Flynn)," Reynolds said. "Because he's a young player in our lineup, he's been a depth player. That was his first high school goal."

"He really did a nice job of following up on some of the things we've been trying to reinforce over the last couple weeks. That's getting those second and third opportunities at the net."

The Chargers opened up a 3-0 edge with 9:06 to go. Haydu and junior forward Jordan Venegoni went in on a two-on-one rush. After Venegoni was stopped on the first shot, Haydu ripped home the rebound.

**On the board**

Salem finally broke the scoring drought at 10:29. Colin Goleniak took a feed from senior forward Shawn Weldon and drove a one-timer from the left circle inside the far

post. Any shot of adrenaline for the Rocks didn't last, thanks to Haydu's first goal with 5:55 remaining. He broke in and scored on a backhand from the low slot.

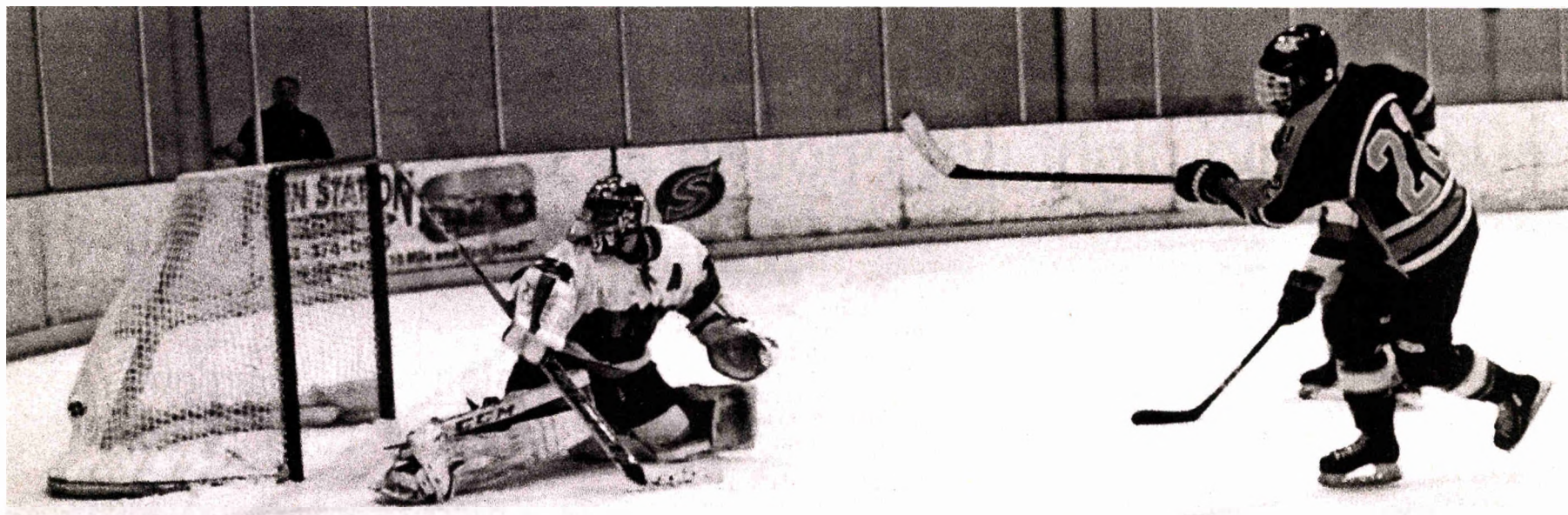
Earning his first of two assists was senior John Doyle, with senior defenseman Joe Wozniak also earning one.

Ossenmacher pulled his goaltender with 5:42 left, down by three. The strategy backfired a minute later, when Haydu recorded an empty-netter.

Salem is off until hosting Canton at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the first of back-to-back games against Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rivals. The Rocks then host Plymouth on Saturday, Dec. 17.

"We'll have to get back after it, work hard, stop playing a light game ... and get ready for Canton on Friday," Ossenmacher said. "These Park games are what everybody looks forward to. Hopefully, we're ready to go by Friday."

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Plymouth's James Baldwin buries the winning goal in overtime against Northville goalie Brett Miller on Friday night at Novi Ice Arena.

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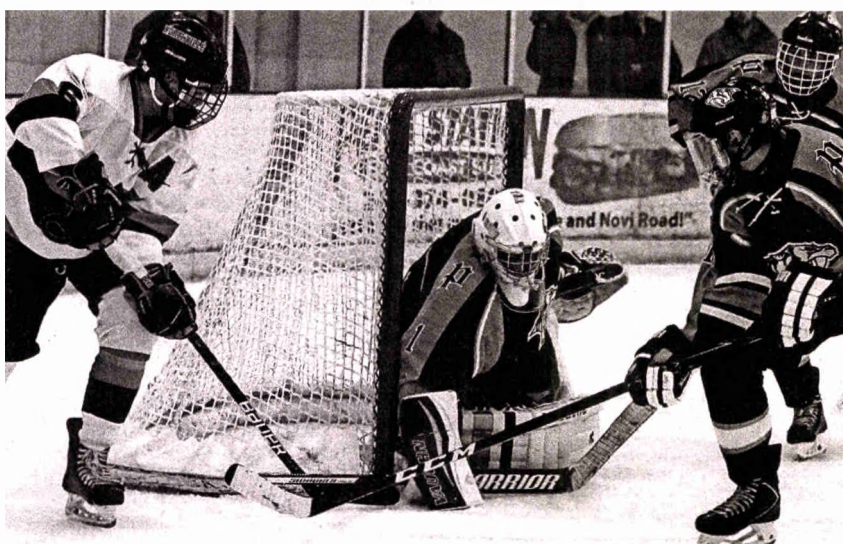
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Yankee. But Vento stressed that the way Olepa and his teammates hung tough after McKee and Kilar scored was something for the Wildcats to build off of.

"I was really impressed with the way we responded after giving up those two quick goals that tied the game," Vento said. "It would have been easy to pack it in and call it a night, but the boys dug deep and continued to battle."

Plymouth opened the scoring with about two minutes left in the second period, on an unassisted goal by Jacob Balch.

The Wildcats then made it 2-0 with 15:04 to go in the third, with Jack VanDenBeurgery taking a feed from Na-



MICHAEL VASILNEK  
Plymouth goalie Brenden Olepa denies Northville's Jack Sargent, who is trying to jam the puck in at the left post during Friday's game at Novi Ice Arena.

than Stoneburg and finding the back of the Northville net. The two-goal lead was very short-lived, however. McKee got one back with 13:51 remaining, from Nick Bonofiglio

and Josh Mitchell. Just 12 seconds later, the Mustangs (2-3-0) were celebrating again following the equalizer by Kilar (from McKee and Nate Czarnota.

For the final 13:39 of regulation, it was back and forth with goalies Olepa and Miller standing tall. That led to Baldwin's winner, which sparked a happy

mob scene along the boards.

**Alumni game Dec. 28**

Plymouth will hold its annual alumni game 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, at Arctic Edge Arena (preceding the 8 p.m. varsity game between the Wildcats and Canton). Wildcats' alums will square off against each other.

Admission is \$25 for the alumni and varsity games, with that price including a post-game meal.

Vento said several players have signed up, but there is room for more to participate. Plymouth's hockey program began in 2002-03.

Interested alums should email Pat Smiatacz at pdsmiata@oakland.edu or follow the Wildcats on Twitter @PlymouthPucks.

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## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Gritty Wildcats post victory over Northville

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Finally, the Plymouth Wildcats varsity boys basketball time is in the win column.

It took three tries, but Plymouth earned a hard-fought 59-56 win Tuesday night at Northville.

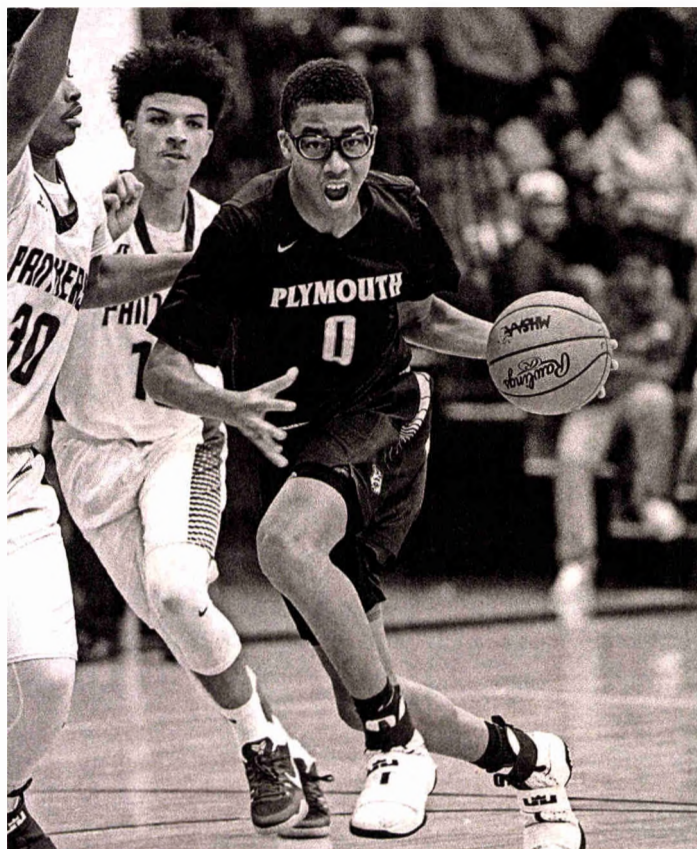
"We were able to outlast a tough Northville squad down the stretch," said Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup, whose team improved to 1-2 overall.

The Wildcats jumped out to a 19-12 lead and then built a 34-25 halftime advantage, much of it thanks to the strong, all-around play of Tariq Woody. He finished the night with 17 points and 11 rebounds.

Other solid contributors for Plymouth included Joey Robb (12 points, six rebounds), Anthony Crump (11 points), Zach Beadle (nine points) and A.J. Neal (six points).

For the Mustangs, Kevin Morrissey scored 15 points, while Jake Justice and Robert Johnson III added 13 each.

Next for Plymouth is Friday's home game against crosstown rival Salem.



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One of three Plymouth players to reach double figures in scoring Tuesday night was Anthony Crump (right), shown last week against RU.

## Late woes foil GC

Garden City went into the second half Tuesday tied 19-19 with Taylor Truman, but the wheels fell off after that as the Cougars dropped a 47-39 decision.

Cameron Walter led Garden City (1-2) with 12 points and 12 rebounds, while Jake Sadowski chipped in nine points and six boards.

But the Cougars only made four trips to the free-throw line, making just one.

"We are not going to win many games scoring 39 points," Garden City coach Rick Morton said. "I thought we had a very strong defensive performance. We need to take the energy from the last five minutes and carry that forward."

## Wayne trips Novi

Rashad Williams scored 13 of his game-high 25 points in the third quarter as Wayne Memorial (3-0) rallied from a 32-30 halftime deficit to beat host Novi (1-1) in a match-up of KLAAs teams.

Keion Epps added 20 for the Zebras, who outscored Novi 44-26 in the second half.

Traveon Maddox Jr. and Jiovanni Miles led the Wildcats with 20 and 14 points, respectively.

## Crestwood edges RU

Malik Rogers scored 15 points as Dearborn Heights Crestwood (3-0) scored the final six points to pull out a 51-45 win Tuesday over visiting Redford Union (1-1).

Chris Copeland added 13 points for the Chargers, who led 27-24 at halftime and 37-33 after three quarters.

Christian Montgomery and Levon Hudson paced RU with 11 and nine points, respectively.

## Warriors top C'ville

On Tuesday, Kory Barikmo scored 16 points and Luke Smith added 12 as Lutheran High Westland (3-0) spoiled visiting Livonia Clarenceville's season opener, 65-41.

The Warriors led 34-8 at halftime and stretched their lead to 53-20 after three.

Ty Lakner and Logan Calimazzo paced the Trojans with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

For the Warriors, Kory Barikmo poured in 16 points (and grabbed eight rebounds). Other top scorers included Luke Smith (12 points, 10 boards) and Drew Burk (10 points).

"This was a very lopsided game from the get-go," Lutheran Westland coach Jim Hoeft said. "We played a nice team game tonight. I was able to get a lot of minutes for everyone. Hopefully, we can come back on Friday night and get another win entering Christmas break."

## Franklin falls

Johnny Cantrell poured in 22 of his 27 points in the second half Tuesday, but it wasn't enough as Livonia Franklin (2-1) fell to host South Lyon (1-2) in a match-up of KLAAs schools, 63-44.

Cantrell made five triples and was 6-of-7 from the foul line, but it couldn't offset the Lions, who led 29-16 at halftime and 47-31 after three quarters.

Staff writer Brad Emons contributed to this report.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

# PCA rides hot start to victory; LeDoux's big night not enough

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Sparked by a 10-0 run to open the game, Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity girls basketball team rolled to a 55-17 victory Tuesday over Bradford Academy.

The host Eagles (3-0) built leads of 16-2 after one quarter and 26-5 at halftime.

Sarah Fernandez led all scorers with 10 points, making three triples to account for most of that offense.

Helping the cause with seven points and seven rebounds was Lydia Chapel.

## Plymouth falls

A 20-point performance by Chantal LeDoux was not enough Tuesday night, as Plymouth dropped a 48-34 decision to Northville.

With the loss, the Wildcats are 0-4 entering Friday's home match-up against campus rival Salem.

"I like the fight and resolve my ball club showed tonight," Plymouth coach Ryan Ballard said. "Northville is an elite eight team and I felt like we competed all night long. We need to continue to work on being consistent in everything we do."

According to LeDoux, the Wildcats "played hard until the end."

Adding five points for Plymouth was Alexa Ebeling.

## Spartans top Churchill

Livonia Stevenson entered Tuesday's game against Livonia Churchill minus a key player.

Suffering from the flu was

Grace Lamerson, but the Spartans were able to hang tough and post a 42-31 victory over the host Chargers. Stevenson went up 20-8 halftime and took care of business the rest of the way.

"We were flying all over the place and I couldn't be more happy with their performance defensively," Stevenson coach Karen Anger said. "We just need to clean up our offensive end. But I'm very happy with everyone's performance."

Without Lamerson, the Spartans were bolstered by the play of Diane Senkowski (eight steals), Elisa LeBron (seven points, eight rebounds, five steals), Sarah Tanderys (nine points, five steals) and Jackie Green, who led Stevenson scorers with 11 points.

Leading Churchill with 14 points was Anne Yost.

## Thurston trips HVL

Bryanna Burton and Naudia Jackson both scored 17 points as Redford Thurston (3-2) stormed back from a 30-27 first-half deficit to earn a 56-38 non-conference victory Tuesday at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-2).

Megan Abela and Gillian Drak both added 10 points for the Eagles, who outscored the Hawks 29-8 over the final 16 minutes. Samantha Golchuk scored 12, while Rosemary Runstadler added eight for Huron Valley.

## Ladywood edged

Abbey Reppen had 11 points and yanked down 17 rebounds, but it wasn't enough Tuesday as visiting Livonia

Ladywood (1-5) fell 37-36 to fellow Catholic League foe Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (3-1).

Maggie Shirk scored a team-high 13 points for the Blazers, who led 21-18 at halftime before being outscored 19-15 in the second half.

Erin MacDonald led the Fighting Irish with 10 points.

"We didn't come out ready to play and spotted them a 12-2 lead," Ladywood coach Sam Lamb said. "I'm glad our girls battled back and stayed composed early. Both teams struggled to score the ball and defensively we did some really nice things. Ultimately, you have to give Gabriel Richard credit for playing hard down the stretch and making the necessary plays to get a win."

## Warriors beat C'ville

Rachel Reddeman scored a game-high 18 points to carry Lutheran High Westland (2-1) to a 46-20 non-league victory Tuesday at Livonia Clarenceville (2-1). Myla Hoskins-King scored nine points for the Trojans, who trailed 25-13 at halftime.

## Chargers stop RU

Demi Rodriguez scored a game-high 23 points Tuesday as visiting Dearborn Heights Crestwood (4-0) downed turn-over-plagued Redford Union (2-2) in match-up of Western Wayne Athletic Conference teams, 51-45. Johnnie Steele scored a team-high 19 points to lead the Panthers, who led 24-21 at halftime.

Staff writer Brad Emons contributed to this report.

## PREP WRESTLING

# Rocks, Wildcats wrestle tough at tournaments

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Saturday's Waterford Mott wrestling tournament turned into a three-team race for the top spot as Livonia Churchill, Salem and the host Corsairs each won four of five dual meets in the round-robin event.

Ultimately, the Chargers were awarded the tourney championship trophy due to a tie-breaking criteria after they defeated Mott in a head-to-head match-up.

"With strong leadership on and off the mat from senior captains Nick Dlugos, Ethan Englehart, Josh Mussen and Brian Walrad, the Chargers were able to come out on top," Churchill assistant coach Jake Meadows wrote in an email to the Observer. "Anthony Marchione (103), Englehart (119), Mussen (125) and Walrad (135) all remained undefeated on the day.

"The real hero was freshman Dan Bragiel, who remained tough and was able to get a come-from-behind pin to seal the win over Waterford Mott."

Bragiel, with his pin of Mott's Marcos Cruz in 2:40, finished undefeated at 112.

Churchill posted a 47-33 victory over the Corsairs, with other wins by Drew Bush (140), Christian Haddad (285) and Ethan Englehart (119).

Salem did knock off the Chargers 42-33, but lost to the Corsairs to hurt chances for the outright championship.

Enjoying big showings at the tournament were Bruce Haslitt, who went 5-0 at 160/171, and 145-pounder Tyler Knop (4-1).

"I was pretty happy with our results today," Salem coach Jeremy Henderson said. "I have only four returning varsity wrestlers in the lineup, so this was a big boost to their confidence. Bruce Haslitt had five pins today and he was up a couple weight classes."

Posting three wins each were Mason Opie (112), Nate Gaubatz (119), Dom Valdivia

(140), Brodie Saincome (171/189), Jake Kirkpatrick (189) and Grant Schils (215).

Heavyweight Jake Giorgi won both of his matches on the day.

"Dom is one of the hardest working kids in our room and has no wrestling experience," Henderson said. "He was able to fight off his back for over three minutes to come back and win his first ever varsity match."

## 'Cats wrestle strong

Jezean Sukhadia was outstanding for Plymouth at Saturday's Northville Team Tournament, registering four pins at 125 pounds and one at 130.

The Wildcats went 3-2 on the day, including a 48-27 win over Northville, 57-18 over South Lyon East and 72-0 over Detroit Mumford. Plymouth did fall to Caro (39-28) and Novi (39-33).

Plymouth head coach Josh Leee noted that, in the victory over Northville, Tyler Campbell and Zach Lundberg "both showed persistent endurance and good technique" in 4-2 wins.

The triumph over South Lyon East featured Ethan Shulaw's hard-fought 9-6 win over Anthony Cavotta and Sukhadia's pin against Dominic Albanys, in just eight seconds.

In the first period against Novi, pins by Tyler Campbell, Sukhadia and Zach Lohrmann helped the cause with Lundberg wrestling well in a 5-3 win over Matt George.

"(We) wrestled well against Caro and South Lyon East,"

Leee said. "But it was made aware just how important the full lineup can be when going into these team tournaments. Wrestling for first place was not out of reach for this team."

**JOHN GLENN DUALS:** Westland John Glenn, after being soundly defeated by Clinton (72-3) Saturday, came back to earn a 65-10 win against Southgate Anderson. Rockets wins were secured via pin by Kyle Borthwell (112), Caleb Meekins (119), Michael Mars (125), Anthony Gibson (135), Brenten Polk (152), Lionel Comish (215) and Javuan Peete (285).

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The Salem wrestling team went 4-1 at Saturday's Waterford Mott tournament.

## PREP WRESTLING

# Canton first at Garden City tourney; Cougars solid

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Canton won Saturday's annual Garden City Christmas Wrestling Tournament with 245 points, topping Napoleon (206) and Brighton (190).

The complete team standings from the tourney were: 1. Canton, 245.00 points; 2. Napoleon, 206.00; 3. Brighton, 190.00; 4. Flat Rock, 179.50; 5. Ann Arbor Skyline, 179.00; 6. Garden City, 137.50; 7. Waterford Kettering, 93.00; 8. Redford Thurston, 69.00; 9. Grosse Ile, 63.50; 10. Ann Arbor Skyline B, 11.00.

But the host Cougars, sixth out of 10 teams with 137.50 points, had several strong performers — including 10 medalists.

Garden City wrestlers to collect medals were John Benbow, Hunter Childress, David Gausden, John Martin, Robert Ujkaj, Tony Ujkaj, Johnny Ransom, Keith Tompkins, Dillon York and Nick Zube.

Among that group of Cougars, Robert Ujkaj won in the 125 finals with a 36-second pin against Skyline B's Isaac Daragah; Ransom reached the third round at 103 before Napoleon's Nolan Jones pinned him in 5:47. Tony Ujkaj pinned Flat

Rock's Kurtis Ford in 0:23 in the third round at 130 and then posted a 6-1 decision over Canton's Ben Samoy. In the fifth-round match-up against Canton's Alex Nesovski, Ujkaj prevailed with a pin in 5:13. Also in the 130-pound division, Garden City's York reached the fifth round with pins over Kurtis Ford (Flat Rock) and Nesovski.

Childress took the head-to-head bout with Grosse Ile's Chris Griffin at 135; Zube won his pool at 140, highlighted by a pin over Zack Dehnke of the Chiefs in 47 seconds.

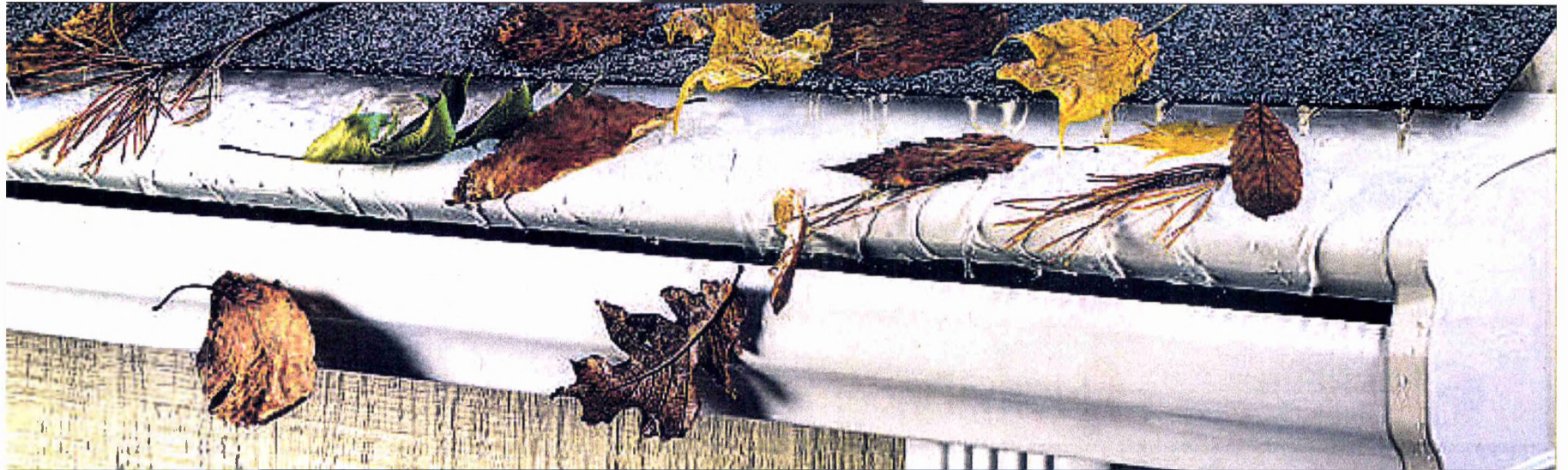
At 152, Gausden pinned Waterford Kettering's Ben Renger in 1:42 to finish fifth; Martin needed just 19 seconds to pin teammate Benbow in the fifth/sixth-place matchup at 171; Tompkins lost in the fifth/sixth bout at 189;

For the Chiefs, Mitchell Winnie won the championship bout at 135 with a 52-second pin of Napoleon's Cody Wahl.

Also winning the title match at 160 via pin was Canton's Christopher Little. He defeated Napoleon's Dewy Stowe, in 2:48.

Other Canton performers of note included Robert Laird (145), Dylan Slowik (145), Austin Rosenau (189) and Gabriel Di-Cola (103).





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  - 25 "That is to say..."
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  - 32 Riddle, — for
  - 38 Jailbird
  - 39 Poet's "always"
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  - 56 Clumsy sort
  - 58 Dollar pts.
  - 60 He beat Romney
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  - 118 Merit the best score, maybe
  - 119 Half of hexa-
  - 120 See
  - 45-Down
  - 121 Lacking width and depth, for short
  - 122 Eis of golf
  - 125 Riddle's answer
  - 129 Baseball team count
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  - 132 Borscht vegetable
  - 133 Anti-DUI org.
  - 134 More sneaky
  - 135 Flirty laugh
  - 136 Probability
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  - 2 Like free banking
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  - 4 Rock's Perry
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  - 6 Chapel seat
  - 7 Hotel's kin
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  - 10 "No need to share all that," in texts
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  - 12 School pupil, in France
  - 13 Actresses Bloom and Danes
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  - 34 Bart Simpson, to Marge
  - 35 With a sharp image, briefly
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**Crossword Answers**

1 Santa (desert winds) SANTA  
5 Heroic tales HEROIC TALES  
10 "Zombie" network ZOMBIE NETWORK  
15 Marathoner's statistic MARATHONER'S STATISTIC  
19 Promote PROMOTE  
20 Horror, e.g. HORROR  
21 Prefix with gram or liter GRAM  
22 Strong — ox OX  
23 Start of a riddle RIDDLE  
25 "That is to say..." THAT IS TO SAY  
26 Piper's garb PIPE  
27 AWOL part AWOL  
28 Pat lightly PAT  
30 Short literary sketch SKETCH  
32 Riddle, — for RIDDLE  
38 Jailbird JAILBIRD  
39 Poet's "always" ALWAYS  
40 German's "one" ONE  
41 Suffix with suc- or lact- SUCROSE  
42 Riddle, part 3 RIDDLE  
51 Starting point STARTING POINT  
52 Ike's inits. IKE  
53 Cell stuff CELL  
54 Government loan agcy. GOVERNMENT LOAN AGENCY  
55 Runway user RUNWAY USER  
56 Clumsy sort CLUMSY SORT  
58 Dollar pts. DOLLAR  
60 He beat Romney ROMNEY  
64 Riddle, part 4 RIDDLE  
70 "Look, I did it!" LOOK, I DID IT  
74 Ostrich kin OSTRICH  
75 Bohea, e.g. BOHEA  
76 That, in Chile CHILE  
77 Oil gp. OIL  
78 Riddle, part 5 RIDDLE  
83 '90s-'00s boy band BOY BAND  
84 Thrice-spun TV show THRICE-SPUN TV SHOW  
85 Wimbledon unit WIMBLEDON  
86 Swimming (in) SWIMMING  
91 Sue Grafton's — for SUE  
93 Mind-reading ability MIND-READING ABILITY  
95 Lilted syllable SYLLABLE  
97 "Hagar the Horrible" creator Dik HAGAR THE HORRIBLE  
98 Riddle, part 6 RIDDLE  
104 Pitching whiz PITCHING WHIZ  
105 Ballpark fig. BALLPARK FIGURE  
106 Prefix meaning "equal" EQUAL  
107 Syllable after "Mao" MAO  
108 End of the riddle END OF THE RIDDLE  
118 Merit the best score, maybe MERIT  
119 Half of hexa- HEXA-  
120 See SEE  
45-Down  
121 Lacking width and depth, for short SHALLOW  
122 Eis of golf GREEN  
125 Riddle's answer ANSWER  
129 Baseball team count COUNT  
130 Actress TIERNEY  
131 Plants used in first aid PLANTS  
132 Borscht BORSCHT  
133 Anti-DUI org. ANTI-DUI ORGANIZATION  
134 More sneaky SNEAKY  
135 Flirty laugh LAUGH  
136 Probability PROBABILITY  
**DOWN**  
1 Slanting SLANTING  
2 Like free banking FREE BANKING  
3 Acoustic ACOUSTIC  
4 Rock's Perry PERRY  
5 "I" problem I  
6 Chapel seat SEAT  
7 Hotel's kin HOTEL  
8 Set of beliefs BELIEFS  
9 Roomy car ROOMY CAR  
10 "No need to share all that," in texts SHARE  
11 That bloke THAT BLOKE  
12 School pupil, in France SCHOOL PUPIL  
13 Actresses Bloom and Danes ACTRESSES  
14 Fancy shoes FANCY SHOES  
15 George of "Star Trek" GEORGE  
16 "... true statement, correct?" TRUE STATEMENT  
17 Dog or cat breed DOG OR CAT BREED  
18 Went inside WENT INSIDE  
24 Ida, borderer IDA  
29 British TV network, with "the" BRITISH TV NETWORK  
31 Tiny self-propelled machine TINY SELF-PROPELLED MACHINE  
33 Clicked-on graphic CLICKED-ON GRAPHIC  
34 Bart Simpson, to Marge BART SIMPSON  
35 With a sharp image, briefly SHARP IMAGE  
36 — do-well DO-WELL  
37 Long ditch LONG DITCH  
42 Marge Simpson, to Bart MARGE SIMPSON  
43 — Magnon day or week MAGNON  
44 Prefix with day or week PREFIX  
45 With 120-Across, 65 and older, e.g. OLDER  
46 Sledding site SLEDDING SITE  
47 Work like — WORK LIKE  
48 Cherished by CHERISHED BY  
49 Flamble on FLAMBLE ON  
50 Verboten act VERBOTEN ACT  
59 Cubs hero CUBS HERO  
61 Galaxy buy GALAXY BUY  
62 Pal of Larry and Curly PAL OF LARRY AND CURLY  
63 Jets' gp. JETS' GROUP  
65 Conifer with toxic seeds CONIFER  
66 Apple choice APPLE CHOICE  
67 Sipped on SIPPED ON  
68 Sex cell SEX CELL  
69 Down vote DOWN VOTE  
70 Earthy color EARTHY COLOR  
71 Muscies below pecs MUSCLES  
72 Handyman's initialism HANDYMAN'S INITIALISM  
73 Nixon's veep NIXON'S VEEP  
79 Actress ANNABELLA  
80 Not make the event in time, say NOT MAKE THE EVENT IN TIME  
81 Other, in Chile OTHER  
82 Delhi wear DELHI WEAR  
87 Concave pan CONCAVE PAN  
88 Stupefy STUPEFY  
89 NBC skit show since '75 NBC SKIT  
90 Kin of "Pssst!" KIN OF "PSSST!"  
92 Secondary details SECONDARY DETAILS  
94 Elegant ELEGANT  
96 Voting VOTING  
69-Down  
97 Cordon — (chicken dish) CORDON  
98 Particles composed of quarks PARTICLES  
99 South Pacific region SOUTH PACIFIC REGION  
100 Soho locale SOHO LOCALE  
101 Left-leaning LEFT-LEANING  
102 Ring around a castle RING AROUND A CASTLE  
103 Pa. hours PA. HOURS  
109 Surrendered SURRENDERED  
110 Listless feeling LISTLESS FEELING  
111 Yummy morsel YUMMY MORSSEL  
112 Edge shyly EDGE SHYLY  
113 Abbr. at LAX LAX  
114 1990s fitness fad 1990S FITNESS FAD  
115 — a drink! — A DRINK!  
116 Looked at provocatively LOOKED AT PROVOCATIVELY  
117 Swift homes SWIFT HOMES  
123 Wrath WRATH  
124 Acoustic organ ACOUSTIC ORGAN  
126 "So fancy!" "SO FANCY!"  
127 Peace gesture PEACE GESTURE  
128 Nationality suffix NATIONALITY SUFFIX

**Word Search Answers**

ACADIA  
ARCHES  
BADLANDS  
BITSAYNE  
BRYCE CANYON  
CARLSBAD  
CONGAREE  
CRATER LAKE  
CUYAHOGA VALLEY  
DENALI  
DRY TORTUGAS  
EVERGLADES  
GLACIER BAY  
GRAND CANYON  
GRAND TETON  
GREAT BASIN  
HALEAKALA  
HOT SPRINGS  
ISLE ROYALE  
JOSHUA TREE  
KATHAI  
KENAI FJORDS  
KINGS CANYON  
KOBUK VALLEY  
LAKE CLARK  
MAMMOTH CAVE  
MOUNT RAINIER  
OLYMPIC  
PETRIFIED FOREST  
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SEQUOIA  
WRANGELL  
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ZION

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