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Wayne-Westland fire merger to end

Agreement ends Feb. 1, about five months early

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The merger of the Wayne and Westland fire departments will be ending Feb. 1 – about five months ahead of the merger agreement expiration date.

That means Wayne and Westland firefighters will work in their own cities unless there is a call out for Mutual or Automatic Aid by either de-

partment. The two departments will continue the cost-saving measure of sharing the services of Fire Chief Michael Stradtner.

“I kind of understand. What we do operationally works. But Wayne understands that there would be no fire authority with Westland,” said Stradtner. “They need a new partner.”

Wayne Mayor Susan Rowe requested that the resolution adopted by the Wayne Council be prepared and brought forward. It exercises the 60-notice provision for either of the

cities to opt out of the merger. The five-year agreement, aimed at sharing services and reducing expenses, would have expired June 30, 2017.

Both Wayne and Westland have added firefighters using a two-year federal SAFER grant. In Westland, that meant funding for 13 firefighters, four in Wayne. Having those additional firefighters – three have been hired – gives financially-strapped Wayne some breathing room while exploring options. Unfortunately, as Wayne hired its fourth firefighter

under the grant, Stradtner said one of the earlier hired grant-funded firefighters left for another department.

“When we originally merged, our response area maps were revised. We will be working with CLEMIS (Court Law Enforcement Management Information System) and dispatch to put it back to how it was,” said Stradtner. “Wayne will respond to Wayne runs only. Westland will respond only to Westland runs.”

Rowe is slated to attend the Westland City Council meeting

Monday while Westland Mayor William Wild plans to attend the Wayne City Council meeting the following day.

“They passed the resolution asking to terminate the agreement. It will give them a few months to look for an authority partner. They need to make changes in how they deliver fire services,” said Wild.

“That’s hard to do if they are partnered with us. We (he and Rowe) will go to the meetings so we can make sure this ends

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Miracle on Helen Street gives to kids

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It’s kind of like that “Don’t Open ‘til Christmas” tag. The first thing to know about an upcoming Christmas celebration planned for students at Hicks Elementary School is that it’s a surprise for students and, hopefully, for most parents also.

At the same time, Principal Amy Gee is asking for help in collecting toys and all kinds of clothing to be given as gifts to her 450 students. Located in Inkster and part of the Wayne-Westland School District, about 90 percent of Hicks students receive free or reduced school lunches based on their family income. But Gee said the party isn’t entirely need-based.

“There are a ton of students who will have a Christmas at home. This will go to every child, whether they have a Christmas at home or not,” Gee said. “We provide Christmas to all the students. It’s more to show them that we love them. We talk a lot about our Hicks family. This will give them a positive exit into the holidays.”

Using the school’s location, Gee calls the event “Miracle on Helen Street.” It includes a catered lunch for all the students with tablecloths and decorations and gifts that will be wrapped by school staff. The party is provided entirely through donations — no school

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

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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Hugs, after the names of the children are read, and the ceremony ends.



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Hicks Elementary Principal Amy Gee, with some of the gifts for her students.



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on a positive note.”
That’s important, he said, since Westland and Wayne have other partnerships such as sharing the multi-city emergency dispatching center housed at the Westland Police Department, sharing the services of Department of Public Services Director Ramzi El-Gharib and possibly, a merged district court. Currently, Westland 18th District Court and Wayne 29th District have concurrent jurisdiction.
“We’re meeting with the courts this week,” said Wild, a discussion about an eventual merger of the two courts.

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Westland resident Ryan Walker, pictured with his family, is the first winner in the United Way for Southeastern Michigan’s 2016 Triple Sweepstakes.

Westland man wins United Way sweepstakes

Ryan Walker of Westland is the first winner of United Way for Southeastern Michigan’s 2016 Triple Sweepstakes. Walker and his family claimed the prize Tuesday at United Way headquarters in downtown Detroit. The prize is a Detroit Lions VIP ticket package that included four tickets to the Jan. 1 game, an autographed helmet signed by Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford, four sideline passes and one parking pass.

The sweepstakes is part of United Way’s month-long, end-of-year campaign kicked off earlier this month on Giving Tuesday. For a minimum suggested donation of \$50, two more promotional periods with associated prizes are also up for grabs, including an Ultimate Cloud 9 Experience (donate Dec. 12-18) or a Romantic Date Night for Two (donate Dec. 19-26).

Entrants may enter once during each promotional period, so everyone has a chance to win both prizes. No donation is required to enter the United Way 2016 Triple Sweepstakes and all donors will automatically be entered to win. For complete sweepstakes rules, go to <http://liveunitedsem.org/2016sweepstakes>.

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district money is used. Donations of clothing, coats, hats and gloves for youngsters ages 5-10 are being collected at the school, as well as the Wayne-Westland district board office on Marquette in Westland.

“It’s amazing to live in such a community. I have a wonderful network of family and friends. A friend teaches in Dearborn. The students got extra credit for bringing in hats and gloves. The kids really embraced it,” Gee said, noting word about the party and the need for donations has been spreading on social media.

At the school only since September, Gee successfully organized this type of party for students at her previous school, Trix Performance Academy, on Detroit’s east side.



Hicks Elementary Principal Amy Gee, with some of the gifts for her students.

“I’ve never heard of this (kind of party) before. We hired Amy from another district. She brings her flavor and ideas with her,” Wayne-Westland Schools Superintendent Michele Harmala said. “I hope to attend.”

Serving students in kindergarten through fourth grade, Hicks is a priority school, meaning students are struggling

academically. “Working with at-risk youth is my passion. I was aware Hicks was a priority school when I applied to work here,” Gee said. “I wanted to lead the school in their turnaround.”

Part of that turnaround is building the Hicks family, including a special party for the students, she said. “This will be a very positive,

exciting event,” Gee said. “I’m so excited. These children deserve the world.”

Donations can be dropped off at the school or at the administration office weekdays. For more information, call the school at 734.419.2660.

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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.

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.

Anyone who has lost a child, or would simply like more information, can call 734-778-0800 or email tcfcandlelight@yahoo.com.



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

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE NEWS BRIEFS

Main Street Cafe has holiday gifts

Schoolcraft's Main Street Cafe is now offering dozens of edible holiday gifts through Dec. 16. The cafe features specialty items that are prepared by the students and chefs from the college's Culinary Arts program. Holiday shoppers can find such edible gift items as freshly baked holiday cookies, holiday theme flavored and decorated cupcakes, fudge samplers, charcuterie trays, savory gift baskets, and other specialty desserts and more. Gifts range from \$1.75 to \$48.

Main Street Cafe is in the VisTaTech Center on the Livonia campus and is open from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday and 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday. In addition to the special holiday sale items, Main Street Cafe also provides delicious carry out food prepared by Schoolcraft College chefs and students, including full meals, side dishes, breads and desserts.

On-site advising for students

Many students at Schoolcraft College plan to transfer to a four-year institution, but their busy school and work schedules make it hard to visit the college or university they want to transfer to and meet with an academic advisor. However, a unique program enables students to meet with advisors from colleges and universities on the Schoolcraft College campus to get the information they need about the transfer process and requirements.

According to Laurie Kattuah-Snyder, associate dean of advising and partnerships at Schoolcraft College, the on-site advising model

that brings representatives from four-year institutions to Schoolcraft's main campus in Livonia to meet with students is unique and is a real benefit for students interested in transferring.

"The visits were slow for most of the colleges during the first couple of weeks of the fall term, but now it's picked up as word has spread about this service," Kattuah-Snyder said. She said the colleges that had the most students visiting with them on campus included the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and Dearborn and Eastern Michigan University.

"This is long overdue and I'm very happy that we now have the space on the campus to do this," Kattuah-Snyder said. The schedule of upcoming university advising visits is available at www.schoolcraft.edu/ advising or by calling 734-462-4429.

Winter registration now available

Registration is open for community members interested in taking winter 2017 classes available through Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education and Professional Development program. CEPD classes are offered in a variety of areas, including computers and technology, cooking, entrepreneurship, event planning, financial planning, meditation, painting, senior fitness and yoga, to name a few.

Online registration is encouraged and continues until the day before the class meets. Registration is also available by walking in to the Registration Center located in the McDowell Center on the main campus in Livonia. For more information about registration, visit www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd or call 734-462-4448.



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Police nab robbery suspects

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Jackson Kennedy

Westland police say two people have been arrested in connection with a string of armed robberies within the city and surrounding communities.

Police say Robert Kennedy, 51, of Inkster was arrested Dec. 8 less than 24 hours after police put out information asking the public to help identify him. Kennedy was arrested under the suspicion of committing several robberies of stores in Westland and other communities. Police say he was arrested after information from the community aided their search. After an investigation, he was taken into custody.

Kennedy was charged Monday with four counts of armed robbery in Westland's 18th District Court. He was given a \$500,000 cash or surety bond. His name did not appear in the Wayne County Jail's online database as of Monday afternoon.

A second suspect was also arrested in these cases. Westland police say they believe Quatrice Jackson, 41, of Inkster was also involved in aiding Kennedy in his

activity. She was also arraigned Monday on four counts of armed robbery and was given a \$250,000 cash or surety bond.

Both suspects are due back in court Dec. 22 for a probable cause conference in Westland. "The Westland Police Department would like to thank the community for sharing this information on social media and submitting tips which led to these arrests," police said in a statement. "This information helped make not only Westland, but numerous other communities safer for everyone."

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Vehicle broken into

A resident who lives in the 31600 block of Lonnie came into the Westland police station Dec. 6 to report that someone had broken into his vehicle.

The resident said sometime overnight that his vehicle had been broken into while at his residence. He said his doors were unlocked overnight and his wallet containing his driver's license and some credit cards were taken from the center console, as well as a container for a prescription.

Locked punched out on car

A resident who lives in the 7700 block of Ritz came into the police station Dec. 6 to report some damage done to his vehicle.

He said someone had used a rock and a screwdriver overnight to punch out the lock on his

vehicle. He said the car had been rummaged through, but nothing appeared missing. Some damage was reportedly done to the driver's side door handle.

Cash, headphones stolen from car

A motorist whose vehicle was parked in the 8500 block of Hix came into the police station Dec. 7 to report a broken window on his car.

The man said he parked and locked his vehicle the night of Dec. 6. The next morning, he discovered the rear passenger side window had been smashed out and his vehicle been rummaged through. He said the only things that appeared missing were some cash and a pair of Bluetooth headphones.

Backpack stolen from vehicle

Police were called Sunday evening to a home in the 1600 block of Berkshire on the report of a backpack that had been stolen from inside a

parked vehicle.


The resident said someone had broken into the car and taken the backpack, which contained some items belonging to her parents, including her father's bank card and Social Security card. She told police she did not know who would have taken the backpack.

Speakers stolen

A resident who lives in the 37700 block of Lakewood Circle came into the police station Dec. 8 to report that someone had broken into his vehicle and stolen some speakers.


The resident said he parked his car the night of Dec. 6 at the residence and came out the next morning to find several windows on the car shattered. He discovered a pair of vehicle speakers had been taken. No suspect information was available.

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Wayne agrees to adding deputies for traffic patrol

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Wayne County Sheriff's deputies will do some additional traffic and misdemeanor enforcement under a recently approved agreement with the City of Wayne.

"They are strictly writing tickets. It's a plus for us. There will be another patrol car in town. They can back up our road officers if something big happens," said Wayne Police Chief Alan Maciag. "Some people have misunderstood. They are not replacing us or taking calls for service. They are not coming to police our town."

The agreement approved by the Wayne City Council with the sheriff's department calls for the department and city to split revenues from tickets after mandatory state fees have been paid.

Due to budget cuts, the police department has been short-handed so the additional traffic patrol will be beneficial, Maciag said. Having additional traffic enforcement, in particular,



FILE PHOTO
William Managan and police dog Zeto have left the Wayne Police Department.

would be expected to generate additional revenue for 29th District Court.

"A lot of people in the community say, 'Why can't Wayne County or the state police do this (police the city)?' The city is responsible for providing that," said Maciag. "They've got a grant-funded position. I expect they will be here maybe one day a week."

The agreement is the same approved by other neighboring communities, including Westland, Garden City and Inkster. The deputies could always write tickets under state law, but the cities see no share of the revenues. The agreement calls for tickets to be

written under city ordinance.

The contract runs through Jan. 1, 2022, but can be canceled with 48 hours written notice by either the city or the county.

In the agreement, there is a breakdown on splitting forfeiture proceeds if a sheriff's department canine is used when the city's police dog isn't available. That became a moot point as during the same meeting when council approved this agreement, they also approved selling Wayne Police narcotics dog Zeto to his handler, William Managan, for \$1.

The department had been without a canine for about two years until obtaining Zeto — short for zero tolerance — in early 2013. Managan has accepted a position with another department and the dog goes with the handler, although Maciag said rules regarding the canines prohibits Managan from using the dog at another department.

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Package stolen

A resident who lives in the 34400 block of Sims filed a police report Dec. 5, saying something had been stolen from his front porch.

The resident said someone had taken a package from his front door. He said UPS had delivered the package to the home, but he could not locate it.

Car broken into

A resident filed a police report Dec. 8 of her vehicle being broken into

while in the 4000 block of Gloria.

The resident said someone had broken into her vehicle taken some cash and a GPS unit. Those were the only two items she believed to be missing.

Items taken from rec center

A patron at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, filed a police report Dec. 5 regarding the theft of some items.

The patron said he went to the center to play basketball. He said he left some of his items next to the court and discovered some were missing when

he came back to them. He said his wallet and cell-phone were missing and said others at the center had their phones taken as well.

Vehicle window damaged

A resident who lives in the 4400 block of Niagara filed a police report Dec. 2 over some damage done to a vehicle.

The resident said someone had thrown a brick through her car window. No other information was available.

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Dangerous drinking water afflicts rural US

Broken system puts millions of Americans at risk with poisoned or untested water

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.

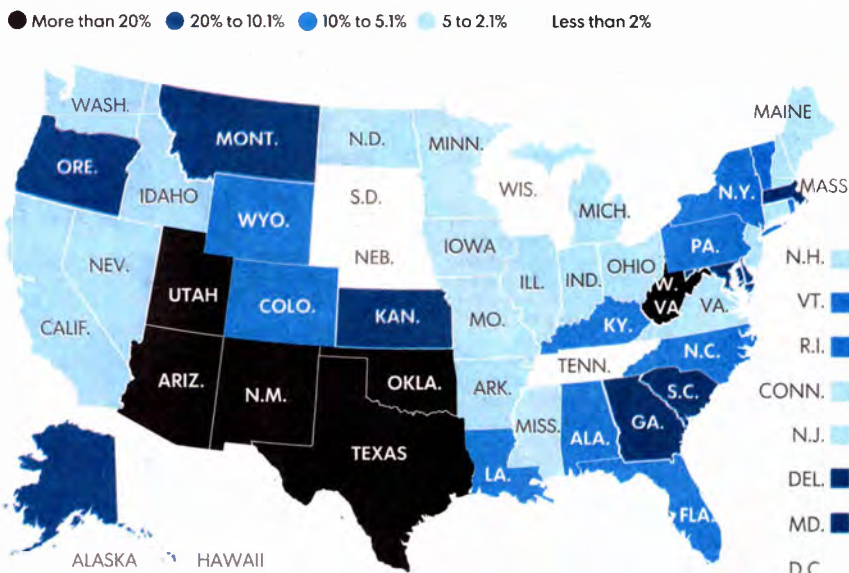
The investigation found: » About 100,000 people get their drinking water from utilities that discovered high lead but failed to treat the water to remove it. Dozens of utilities took more than a year to formulate a treatment plan and even longer to begin treatment.

» 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.

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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."

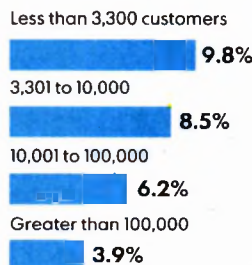
All of this endangers millions of people across the country, mostly in remote and rural communities. Utilities like East Mooringsport Water, serving part of a town of about 800 people, where drinking water went untested for more than five years. Or Coal Mountain, W.Va., a remote 118-person outpost where 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.

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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.

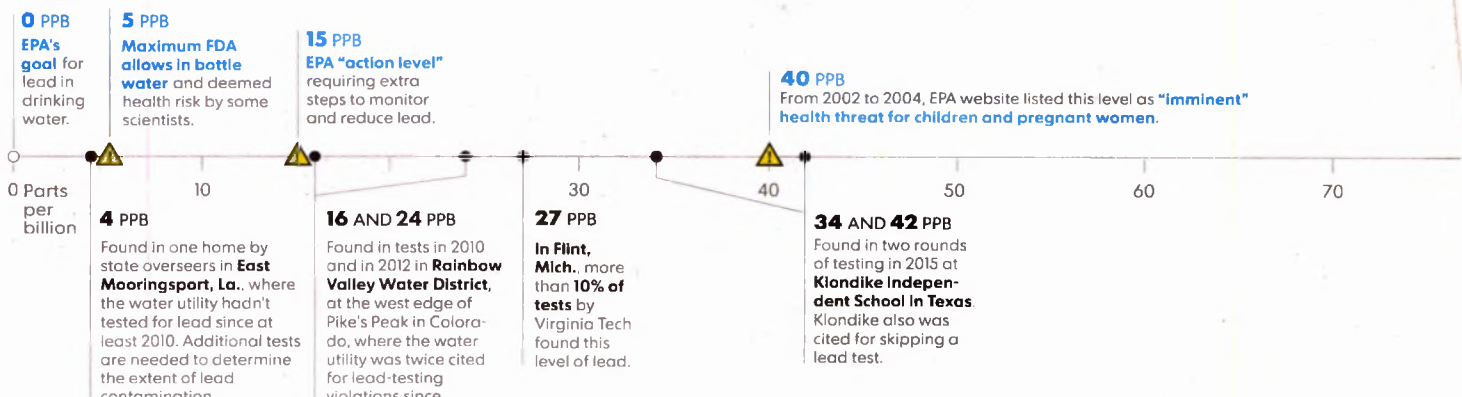
Others fear lead exposure, too. Anita Baker, a 79-year-old colon cancer survivor in Austin Acres, has been using city water for cooking and making coffee but plans to stop after learning from a reporter that boiling the water concentrates the lead.

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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Officials 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 rooms 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 with varying qualifications. Minimum requirements in Texas are a high school diploma or GED and a training course in basic water operation. 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.

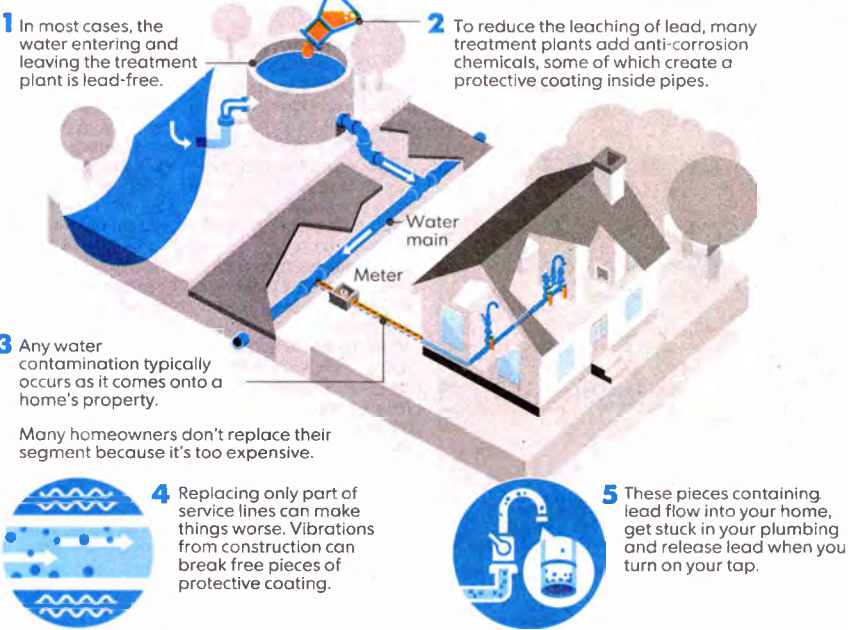
Many states, and the EPA, offer extra guidance and instruction. But not everyone avails themselves of this help, leaving many small operators with "complete lack of training," Lambrinidou said. "Sometimes they're cheating and they don't know they're cheating."

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.



Source: USA TODAY NETWORK research
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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

100,000

people get their drinking water from utilities that discovered high lead but failed to treat the water to remove it

4 MILLION

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

\$5 MILLION

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.

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 Goodman, 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," Goodman 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."

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."

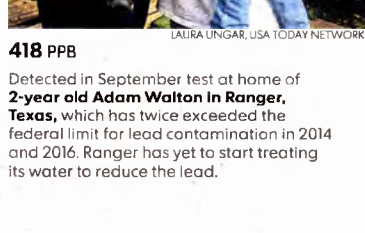
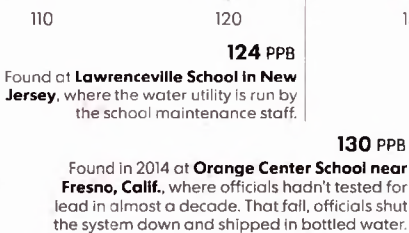
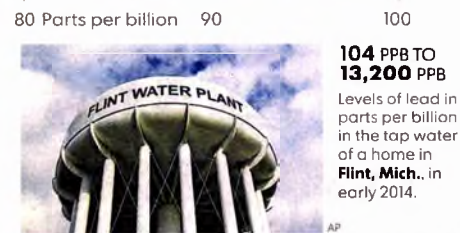
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Detected in September test at home of 2-year old Adam Walton in Ranger, Texas, which has twice exceeded the federal limit for lead contamination in 2014 and 2016. Ranger has yet to start treating its water to reduce the lead.

SUBURBAN WOMEN ARE 'DERBY STRONG'

Jill Halpin
Correspondent

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 Women'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, parking 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 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



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Roller derby is pretty athletic, as evidenced by a recent women's game.

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 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 encountered anything like this group of women. Someone is always there to help you up or give you a hug. It is absolutely amazing," she said.

"I would not have gotten to where I am now without so much help from my teammates. They nurtured me and encouraged me as I progressed along."

While the playing the sport has been personally rewarding, equally rewarding is the opportunity to participate in the fundraising and community outreach activities that are an integral part of the Detroit Roller Derby league, she said.

The way Harthun sees it, it is just one more way that roller derby is brightening the lives of those connected to it. "Roller derby really is special," she said.

As Goldberg said, "It is not like anything else other people do."

To purchase tickets for the Detroit Roller Derby League match-up Dec. 7 between the Detroit Pistoffs and the D-Funk All-Stars, go to www.brownpapertickets.com.

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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 (Dan-



Friends and family gathered Saturday in Southfield for a vigil to shine the light for Danielle Stislicki.

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ielle) 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



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

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someone has seen her and it's just a matter of getting to the right person."

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.'"

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

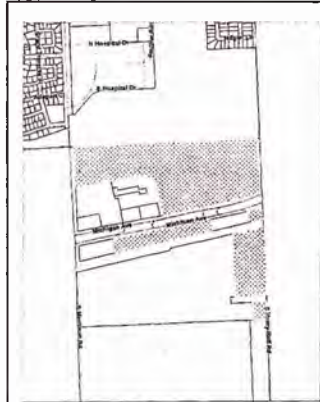
Case #2202, Proposed Land Division, Parcel #072-89-0003-705, North and South of Michigan, West of Henry Ruff, Warren C. Evans

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning

Commission will be held at City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 4, 2016.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission



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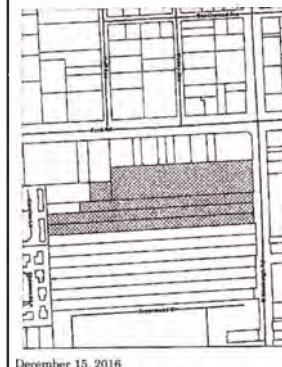
A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #2196C, Final Site Plan Approval for Proposed Cienna Health Senior living Center, Ford/Newburgh PUD, Parcels # 049-01-0011-301,-0012-301,-0013-303,-0013-002,-0014-304,-0014-305,- SW Corner of Ford Road and Newburgh Road, Mohammad Qazi

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Westland Planning Commission



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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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Case #2196B, Proposed land Division, Ford Newburgh Planned Unit Development, Parcels #049-01-0011-301,-0012-301,-0013-303,-0013-002,-0014-304,-0014-305, #049-05-0981-001,-0982-001,-0983-001,-0984-001,-0985-001,-0986-002, SW Corner of Ford Road and Newburgh Road, Tami Hunt

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NOTICE OF SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD DURING THE 2017 CALENDAR YEAR

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of Westland, Michigan will hold its regular meetings on the following dates during the calendar year of 2017, in the Council Chambers of the Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of the month, except when a holiday falls on that Monday, in which case the meeting will be held on the next secular day that is not a holiday.

| Scheduled Meeting | Mon. Cut-Off Date | Scheduled Meeting | Mon. Cut-Off Date |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| January 3, 2017 (Tues) | Dec. 26 | July 3, 2017 | June 26 |
| January 17, 2017 (Tues) | Jan. 13 | July 17, 2017 | July 10 |
| February 6, 2017 | Jan. 30 | August 7, 2017 | July 31 |
| February 21, 2017 (Tues) | Feb. 13 | August 21, 2017 | Aug. 14 |
| March 6, 2017 | Feb. 27 | September 5, 2017 (Tues) | Aug. 28 |
| March 20, 2017 | March 13 | September 18, 2017 | Sept. 11 |
| April 3, 2017 | March 27 | October 2, 2017 | Sept. 25 |
| April 17, 2017 | April 10 | October 16, 2017 | Oct. 6 (Fri) |
| May 1, 2017 | April 24 | November 6, 2017 | Oct. 30 |
| May 15, 2017 | May 8 | November 20, 2017 | Nov. 13 |
| June 5, 2017 | May 26 (Fri) | December 4, 2017 | Nov. 27 |
| June 19, 2017 | June 12 | December 18, 2017 | Dec. 11 |

January 2, 2018 Dec. 26, 2017

Proposed minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan, not more than eight business days after the date of said meeting and approved minutes will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, at the same location, not more than five business days after the meeting at which the minutes are approved. This notice is given in compliance with Act. 267 of Public Acts of Michigan, 1976.

RICHARD LEBLANC
WESTLAND CITY CLERK

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF GARDEN CITY Wayne County, Michigan

To all residents and interested parties: The following legal notices are available for review on our website.

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ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2016-33 December 6, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. Presentation to Angie Jarman 2016 Main Street Volunteer of the Year. APPROVED: minutes of Regular City Council meeting from Nov. 15, 2016; appointments of K. White-Jenkins to DDA and L. Allen to Nankin Transit; reappointments of J. Rhaesa to Nankin Transit and V. Law to DDA; employment agreement with Youth Services Dir.; terminate Fire Agreement with Westland; RFP for City Attorney; 2017 retiree healthcare; transfer of Police K-9; sale of City property to Metro Storage; Wayne County Sheriff traffic enforcement; consent calendar; Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at: 9:30p.m.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 24 12/5/16

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Cicirelli Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Herzberg, Johnson, Kehrer
214: Minutes of regular meeting on 11/21/16.
- Appr. to revise Council Resolution No. 2016-11-207 re. JORY Children's Foundation of Romulus for a "Special License" as follows: 37550 Ford Road to 37550 Cherry Hill Road.
- Ext. of deadline for payment of 2016 winter taxes until 2/28/17.
- 2017 Schedule of Meetings for City Council.
215: Appr. checklist: \$ 2,285,788.30.
Mtg. adj. 7:31 at p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout
Council President

Richard LeBlanc
City Clerk

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Stop shouting! Let's talk how to help people

The Food Bank Council of Michigan is tasked with creating food security for all of our residents. We base our initiatives on data from our own studies in conjunction with Grand Valley State University and the recently initiated Self Sufficiency Study at the University of Washington. These reports help us define reality for those who deal with the toxic stress of hunger on a regular basis in our state.

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. 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 assis-



Phillip Knight
GUEST COLUMNIST

tance, 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 the benefits to reward work? Can we discuss how we best help people keep and leverage benefits so they can accumulate some wealth and, thereby, not need our 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 bene-

fits, 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?

When I listen to representatives of both parties, conservatives and liberals alike, I am often amazed how similar they sound. I think each wants to help people achieve, accumulate wealth and not need any benefits in their lives. I think we can get there if we talk, not shout, not recite tired ideological platitudes. But if those of us in leadership will talk, own the challenge of food security for Michigan and realize we can't fix it alone, we might surprise ourselves and, in the meantime, reinvent the future for many Michiganders.

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 and know 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.

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 exploring. 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



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

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.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

14 new bills introduced, but no chance of passage

Kathleen Gray
Detroit Free Press Lansing Bureau

Because of rules established in the Legislature, new bills had to be taken up in the House or Senate last week in order for them to have any chance of passage before the legislative session ends today.

Even though there is no chance of getting the bills passed, lawmakers still introduced 14 bills that will die by year-end. They can be reintroduced next year. Included on the list are more rights for crime victims and new rules on property condemnation.

House bills

HB 6098-6100: Impose requirement to evaluate government property condemnation and takings on the state Department of Agriculture and Rural Devel-

opment and impose court costs and attorney fees on state agencies that violate policy. Sponsor: Rep. Ray Franz, R-Onekama.

HB 6101-6102: Establish Michigan crime-survivor trauma-recovery centers. Sponsors: Reps. Martin Howrylak, R-Troy and Robert Kosowski, D-Westland.

HB 6103: Modify the permissible uses for the crime victim's rights fund. Sponsor: Rep. Hank Vaupel, R-Handy Township.

HB 6104-6107: Require hospitals, emergency medical personnel, law enforcement, prosecuting attorneys, judges and state Department of Health and Human Services to provide crime victim survivors with certain information. Sponsors: Reps. Frank Liberati, D-Allen Park; Klint Kesto, R-

Commerce Township; Harvey Santana, D-Detroit, and Peter Lucido, R-Shelby Township.

HB 6108: Modify the license eligibility for insurance providers. Sponsor: Rep. Brandt Iden, R-Kalamazoo.

HB 6109-6110: Create a division and commission on behavioral health for people who are deaf, deaf-blind or hard of hearing. Sponsors: Reps. Phil Phelps, D-Flushing and Martin Howrylak, R-Troy.

HB 6111: Establish the definition of consent in the crime against elderly people. Sponsor: Rep. Lauren Plawewski, D-Dearborn Heights.

Senate bills

SB 1188: Provide exemptions from vehicle weight limits for natural gas vehicles. Sponsor: Sen. Tom Casperson, R-Escanaba.

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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

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

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 or call 847-566-8020.

DALRYMPLE



WILLIS M. "BILL" of Redford Twp. passed away December 11, 2016 at age 81. Bill was the cherished husband of Betty nee Davis for 62 years. Loving father to Debbie (David) Scroggie, 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.

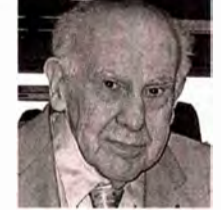
May you find
comfort in family
and friends

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 macdonaldfuneralhome.com



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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS HOCKEY

Red-hot Broyles sparks Churchill

Chargers 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 netminder was a force against Salem, frustrating the Rocks and stopping 29 of 30 shots 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 that Broyles would be tough for the host Rocks to beat just by his body language before the KLAAs South Division matchup.

"I think this is really a milestone game for Drew," Reynolds said. "This is his third year here, he is 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 in the KLAAs 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.



KELLY DOBSON

Livonia Churchill's John Doyle (No. 11) gains a step on Salem defenseman Chase Kee during Saturday's game at Plymouth Cultural Center.

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL



Going up for a basket is Churchill's Trajan Stinson (left), while Stevenson's Jeremiah Eason defends.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Wayne backcourt torches Novi

Wayne's Jeanae Terry scores 29 points

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It's tough to stop a Division I caliber backcourt, especially when you're still only in high school.

That's what Novi found itself up against Tuesday night in its early season girls basketball showdown at Wayne Memorial.

The Wildcats were faced with the task of trying to slow down the Zebras' potent guard combination of sophomore Jeanae Terry,



Terry

who was recently offered a scholarship by Illinois, and junior Camree Clegg, who is a Clemson commit.

And the two showed why their big time recruits as they combined for 46 points in Wayne's 57-42 victory.

The 5-foot-9 Terry, who scored 32 in the season opener, finished with a game-high 29, while the 5-foot-5 Clegg, who runs the point, added 17 as the host Zebras improved to 2-1 overall.

"Camree Clegg attacks a lot, but I'm just ready and cocked when she gives the ball away," Terry said. "I do like playing with her as a guard because she is explosive and she does pass the ball. I'm happy that she finds me open and she found me open tonight."

Terry had eight points in the first quarter and had 12 by halftime as Wayne led 27-19.

Novi, meanwhile, struggled against Wayne's three-quarter

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SPARTANS SLAM CHARGERS

Livonia Stevenson gets upper hand on cross-town rival in 73-50 win

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The electricity crackled inside the gym at Livonia Stevenson when tip-off time arrived for the Spartans' KLAAs varsity boys basketball tilt against cross-town rival Livonia Churchill.

But the Spartans took the air out of Churchill's balloon with a 23-11 smackdown in the first quarter, setting the tone for a 73-50 victory.

Leading the way for 2-0 Stevenson were Nader Kanda-laft and Devin Dunn, with 17

and 14 points, respectively. Chipping in with eight points each were Ian Knoph and Jeremiah Eason.

Churchill (1-2) was paced by Evan Cummins (12 points), Genesis Barnes (11 points) and Trajan Stinson (eight points).

"Overall, it was a pretty sloppy game in terms of turnovers and unforced errors," Stevenson assistant coach Chris Haldane said. "But everyone on our team played, which is always nice to be

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Stevenson's Ian Knoph (No. 10) tries to shoot around Churchill's Evan Cummins (No. 4) during Tuesday's contest.



HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Chargers prevail at Mott tournament

KLAAs rivals finish in tie, Churchill awarded top spot due to tiebreaker

Tim Smith
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Saturday's Waterford Mott boys 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 that they defeated Mott in a head-to-head matchup.

"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," noted Churchill assistant coach Jake Meadows in an e-mail 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 Bragieli, who re-

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Livonia Churchill celebrates after winning Saturday's Waterford Mott Team Wrestling Tournament.

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BOYS HOCKEY

Brighton holds off Novi, 3-1

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Top-ranked Brighton made a three-goal lead after two periods stand up in a 3-1 KLA Central Division boys hockey victory Dec. 7 over host Novi at Novi Ice Arena. The Bulldogs (5-1, 1-0), ranked No. 1 in Division 1, jumped out to a 1-0 lead at 10:56 of the opening period on Jake Crespi's goal from Joey Martini.

Brighton added two more in the second period, with Jake Demski scoring from

Brody White and Keith Wikman at 9:38, followed by Adam Conquest's goal at 10:25 from Crespi and Will Jentz. The Wildcats (3-2-1, 1-2-1) got their lone goal at 5:28 of the final period, as Ryan Fonda scored from Brandon Kour and Zach Perpich. But Brighton goalie Logan Neaton (23 saves) blanked the Wildcats the rest of the way to preserve the victory. Novi goaltender Manny Legace Jr. made 22 saves.

DETROIT CC 7, PORT HURON NORTHERN 0: Seven different players scored Dec. 7 as Novi Detroit Catholic Central (4-3-1, 4-1-1) rolled to a Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League North

Division victory over Port Huron Northern (2-4-1, 0-4) at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth. The three-time defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion Shamrocks, ranked No. 7 in Division 1, jumped out to a 3-0 first-period lead on goals by Carter Korpi at 3:37 (from Rylan Clemons), Greg McQuade at 12:50 (from Brendan West and Zachary Sprys-Tellner) and Sprys-Tellner at 16:06 (unassisted). Ethan Ervin's goal at 10:03 of the second period from Kory McCullough made it 4-0. The Shamrocks added three more in the final period, starting with Dylan Monte's goal at 6:32 (from Erin and Ryan Hausman), McCullough at 8:08 (from Nicco Zervos) and Zervos at 12:18 (from John Zielsnik and Jared Lee) also scored. CC goalie Sean Finstrom had to make just nine saves to post the shutout, while Chad Kreda had 23 saves for the Huskies.

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court pressure during the second period committing 10 turnovers while shooting only 2-of-11 from the floor. And it didn't help matters that junior point-guard Ellie Mackay, the team's leading scorer coming in averaging 20 points per game, went to the bench with her third foul.

"I knew coming in that Novi was a team that was going to fight," Wayne coach Jarvis Mitchell said. "This was going to be one of the games I've been looking forward to because they're very well coached, well disciplined and I think their point guard (Mackay) is phenomenal. And that was our main focus for this game is don't let Mackay get going because she can get on a real roll when she gets going. Our game plan was to neutralize her and make sure she doesn't get loose. Our guards and our post players stuck to the game plan and they were able to convert."

Wayne stretched its lead to 42-30 after three quarters getting a triple from Terry from the wing with only two seconds left after Clegg penetrated to the basket and dished off a perfect pass.

"Camree' Clegg... she's just special," Mitchell said. "A lot of times Jeanae would be able to feed off that because most of the attention goes to Camree'. But they are both very interchangeable and on any given night I expect that kind of output."

Novi couldn't get any closer than nine the rest of the way and fell to 3-1 on the season.

Mackay finished with a team-high 11 points, but all came from the foul line as she went 11-for-12. She was held without a field goal.

Julia Lalain added 10 points, while Jessie Bandyk added seven.

"I just think the biggest thing was that we just fell into the trap of trying to play fast against a fast team," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "When we did break it (the press), we took quick shots, took bad shots. We played exactly the way they wanted to play the



Wayne's Jeanae Terry (center) tries to split the Novi defenders Ellie Mackay (left) and Julia Lalain (right) in Tuesday's matchup.

game. We didn't shoot good, but I also think that's because we were playing in a hurry and taking too quick of shots and not being set, and not being squared up."

Terry scored 11 of Wayne's 15 points in the third quarter with a pair of three-pointers, an and-one and another basket.

"She's a good player, no question about it," Kelp said of the Wayne sophomore. "She made some very difficult shots and you got to give her credit for that."

Terry's transformation from her freshman to sophomore year is already turning heads.

"To be honest, she's just been in a really good groove," Mitchell said. "Last year I

didn't get to see the best of her because she was a little young and impressionable, but now she's just become full grown. She had a great summer on the circuit. Just was just recently offered a full-ride scholarship by Illinois. She's found herself. That's who I saw tonight is who I expect to see for the remainder of her career."

And it took a lot of hard work during off season by Terry.

"I shot a lot," the guard said. "I really worked on speed because I know last year I wasn't as fast and as athletic, so I really wanted to base the summer on getting my speed together."

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able to say at the end of a game.

"Despite the lack of focus and attention to detail throughout all four quarters, it was still a good win against a cross-town rival."

Stevenson's early lead enabled the team to overcome those lapses. It was a 35-25 Spartans lead at half-time and the edge was up to 54-37 entering the final stanza.

According to Haldane, one of the top Stevenson performers was Eason.

"Jeremiah Eason's play stood out tonight as he played a complete game and really set the defensive tone for us with his on-the-ball pressure," he noted.

Both teams struggled to find any consistency at the free-throw line, with the Spartans making just six of 12 attempts and the Chargers just seven of 18 tries.



Throwing down a slam is Livonia Stevenson's Ian Knoph.

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Gripping it

The Rocks' only goal, with 6:31 in the game by sophomore forward Colin Goleniak, with 6:31 to go in the game, made it a 3-1 game 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 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 KLA 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 D-man at the Chargers' line and went in to scorch a shot from above the left circle.

Later in the frame, 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," said Broyles, 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).

"He (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 Vendittelli 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 linemate 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 2-on-1 rush. After Venegoni was stopped on the first shot, Haydu ripped the rebound home.

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 a help.

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

Next up for Churchill is Wednesday's 6 p.m. game at Eddie Edgar Arena against Livonia Franklin.

Salem, meanwhile, is off until hosting Canton 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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Sparring for a loose puck Saturday night are Salem's Shawn Weldon (middle) and Livonia Churchill's Cameron Greener (right). At left for the Chargers is Zach Flynn.

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mained 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 (9285) 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."

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. Rocket wins were secured via pin by Kyle Borthwell (112), Caleb Meekins (119), Michael Mars (125), Anthony Gibson (135), Brenten Pulk (152), Lional Comish (215) and Jawuan Peete (285).

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U.S. WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Team USA's Keller glad to mentor girls

Clinic gives her chance to give back

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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.



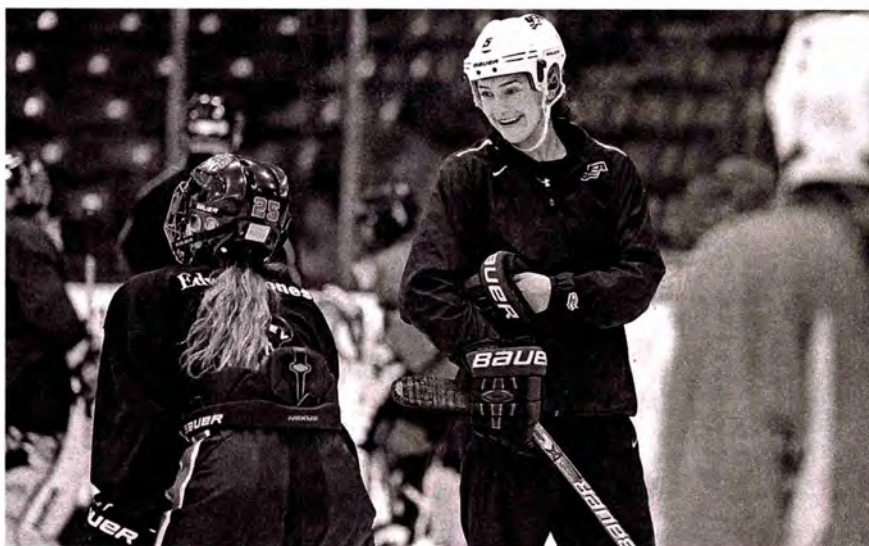
"You're never too comfortable at these camps, because there's a lot of great talent here from all around the country," Keller said. "So it's always up in the air and everybody has a chance of making this team. So you just got to give your best effort and see what happens."

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 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



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



Goalie Katie Nowak of Compuware's U12 AAA girls team works on her stance during the clinic. Katie and her teammates wanted to meet the U.S. players because they'll miss Saturday's exhibition game due to a tourney.

instead of blades — 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 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 piling 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."

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."

GOT HEALTH?

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

High school players get scoop on eating right from Wings nutritionist

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In the name of chocolate milk, what's happening here?

During the days of the National Hockey League's Original Six, legend is Detroit Red Wings players such as Gordie Howe, Ted Lindsay and Terry Sawchuk prepped for games at Olympia Stadium with thick, juicy steaks.

Parched players from that era often made ice cold beer the beverage of choice, sometimes right after pulling off sweat-soaked jerseys.

Beer league players of today might protest, but in 2016, it's all about sweet potatoes, chia seeds and bottled water. Lots of it.

And for pros and high school athletes alike, the chaser is chocolate milk (low-fat, of course). In fact, almost as soon as Salem Rocks hockey players reach the locker room, they reach for the cold, sweet elixir after receiving a \$1,000 grant from the United Dairy Industry of Michigan.

"It's available, it (gets) sugar and protein to the cell," Red Wings nutritionist Lisa McDowell said following a Nov. 28 presentation in the Salem High School auditorium. "The combination it's 4-to-1 or 3-to-1, carbohydrate-to-protein ratio. It allows the recovery process to start."

Whatever it takes to maximize performance, hasten recovery and get elite athletes ready for the next morning's skate.

"She's fantastic," said Salem varsity boys hockey coach Ryan Ossennmacher, a former college player who remembered always eating piles of pasta before games. "I've listened to professional coaches, college coaches, junior coaches. All different sports and models."

"Her message is more applicable to our students than any X's and O's, any other type of presentation, because it's something they can take with them. Not only now, but in their life in general."

About the basics

McDowell — who regularly talks to high school and youth hockey teams about nutritional do's and don'ts — discussed the meaty subject to Salem hockey players, parents and other varsity athletes.

Second-year Red Wings forward Dylan Larkin, a Waterford native who played in the USA Hockey National Team Development Program, isn't much older than Salem players. He's heeding McDowell's words of advice about healthy choices.

"One of our guys, Dylan Larkin, he doesn't like sweet potatoes," McDowell said. "But now, he eats them. You have to find a way to make it acceptable."

One veteran Red Wings player's smoothie is, unbeknownst to him, tampered with the addition of spinach. Gulp. No worries.

During a recent game at New Jersey, McDowell was preparing peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for players to consume before heading into overtime. Even for NHL players who earn salaries in the millions, nutrition can be pretty basic.

And so was her overall message, which also dealt with proper rest.

"Put the (cell) phones away, the girls will be there," McDowell said. "Sleep is as important as training. Sleeping is working, sleeping is recovering. There's a 68-percent reduction in injuries when you get a good night's sleep."

Don't be that guy

Moreover, McDowell emphasized the importance of having enough energy to kick it into higher gear down the stretch of a close game.

That means eating a good, balanced meal some four hours before hitting the ice. And, don't skip breakfast or think grabbing a bagel on the run is sufficient to get the day started.

"You're eating for the team, not just yourself," McDowell said. "If you're trying to get to that puck in overtime, you don't

want to be the guy who can't skate because you didn't eat breakfast."

Her message gave players such as senior defenseman Austin Marthaler something to chew on.

"I thought it was really cool. It was a great experience to have someone like the Detroit Red Wings nutritionist to come and talk to us," Marthaler said. "It was very valuable."

"Everyone seemed (like) they were really interested in it and I hope it can help our team."

Marthaler smiled about getting so much information about the need to eat, sleep and live right in about 90 minutes.

"Yeah, it's a lot, but we all got a little packet to go along with the information," Marthaler said. "We'll go over it. Our team is really engaged in that kind of thing, so I think we'll figure out what we need to do."

Taking responsibility

For Salem hockey moms such as Anne Driscoll, senior son Joey will get as much help from her as possible. Having the breakdown as served up by McDowell will help get the right choices on the table.

"It is a lot of responsibility, not only to have the right foods available for him to eat, but at the right times," Driscoll said in a series of text messages. "A good meal an hour after practice and four hours before a game, plus pregame snacks."

"At our house, I supply the snacks and it's Joey's responsibility to make sure he has what he needs at practice and games. I find her information very interesting. We try to incorporate Lisa's suggestions in hopes that Joey will be able to perform at a high level on game day."

But it shouldn't be up to parents to bear all the responsibility, McDowell emphasized following her PowerPoint presentation (which she also has taken to other schools, including Plymouth, Birmingham Brother Rice and Ann Arbor Pioneer).

"I want them to be empow-



Salem senior hockey players (from left) Robbie Hermes, Joey Driscoll, Matt Visel, Shawn Weldon, Tristan Rehling, Alex Schaumburger, Austin Marthaler and Marty Mills are glad to have chocolate milk around the locker room all season. They are all smiles after receiving a \$1,000 grant from the United Dairy Industry of Michigan.

ered," McDowell said. "They're of the age where mom and dad shouldn't have to make all the decisions. They need to start making decisions. They need to look at products, they need to look at labels and understand what they're putting into their body. Garbage in, garbage out. "If you fuel well with foods that are more alive, you feel alive. If you have a great game, pay attention to what you did the night before."

Drink it in

The Rocks already are all-in on nutrition and those efforts received a boost when they were one of more than 80 Michigan high school sports teams to receive the UDIM Chocolate Milk: Nature's Sports Drink grant.

"According to the 2015 dietary guidelines, Americans of all activity levels over the age of 8 should include three servings of low-fat or fat-free milk or milk products in their diet every day," UDIM dietitian Melissa Gerharter noted in a press release. "Chocolate milk is a nutritious option to help meet these recommendations. And what's really great about chocolate milk is that it packs a powerful nutrient punch, it's affordable and it tastes great."

Ossennmacher, who graduated from Detroit Catholic Central but did not play for the Shamrocks, tipped his cap to parents Anne Driscoll and Pam Homrich (mom of Salem junior Matthew Homrich) for making the grant application on behalf

of the team.

"It really is a benefit, because now we don't have to worry about, 'Are we going out to get it every week, how is it being supplied to us?'" Ossennmacher said. "We just have it. It gets delivered, we bring it in the locker room and we go through a week's worth of supply and then we replenish it at the end of the week. It makes it easier on our players."

With a laugh, Ossennmacher remembered his own playing days in the 1990s and early 2000s, including at the University of Dayton.

"It was way different then; the only thing you thought of was eating pasta, right? That was the idea," he said. "Before a game, you wanted to eat pasta. We know now that that's not true, that's not really what you want to eat. You want to eat a balanced meal. For me, everything I knew and learned is out the window."

Of course, he added the caveat that life and hockey were much different back then.

"At the same time, the knowledge wasn't there, it wasn't expected, at least at the levels I played," Ossennmacher said. "Even in the NHL, you look back in the '80s and the '90s and the way those guys handled themselves."

"But it was a different game, too. The players now are expected to do more, the game's faster. It's played at a harder rate than it was 20 years ago."

BOYS WRESTLING

Canton first at GC tourney; Cougars solid

Chiefs prevail, but holiday tournament host Garden City amasses 10 medals

Tim Smith
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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 as follows: 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 Daragh; Ransom reached the third round at 103 before Napo-



Attached is a pic of the Garden City medalists L to R in the picture Robert Ujkaj Johnny Ransom Dillon York John Martin Tony Ujkaj David Gausden Nick Zube Hunter Childress Keith Tompkins John Benbow

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leon's Nolan Jones pinned him in 5:47.

Tony Ujkaj pinned Flat Rock's Kurtis Ford in 23 seconds 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;

Meanwhile, 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 DiCola (103).

Thurston's Hassan Alatabi and Robert Bell each reached the third round, at 189 and 285, respectively, only to then fall short.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

More late woes for Cougars in 47-39 loss

Garden City can't overcome tough third quarter

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Garden City went into the second half Tuesday tied 19-19 with Taylor Truman.

But then the wheels fell off as the Cougars dropped the varsity boys basketball matchup by a 47-39 score.

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

Morton pointed to the tough third quarter, when his team was outscored by a 17-7 margin. "I can't fault the effort. We played hard."

How the game unfolded was similar to last week's loss to Livonia Churchill, when the Chargers outscored Garden City 27-11 in the third.

Wayne trips Novi

Rashad Williams tallied 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 matchup of KLAAs teams.

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

Traveon Maddox, Jr. and Giovanni 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 victorious 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.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Going in for a layup during a recent game is Garden City's Eian Castonguay (No. 35).

Warriors defeat 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 stretch their lead to 53-20 after three quarters.

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) with other top scorers including 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 matchup 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.

Nick Flynn and Josh Riehle paced South Lyon with 17 and 14 points, respectively.

Franklin was 13-of-19 from the foul line, while South Lyon was 16-of-26.

Plymouth prevails

The big-game efforts of Tariq Woody, who registered 17 points and 11 rebounds, spearheaded Plymouth to a 59-56 victory against host Northville. The Wildcats jumped out to a 19-12 lead after one quarter and held a 34-25 edge at halftime.

Also strong for the Wildcats (1-2) were Joey Robb (12 points, six rebounds), Anthony Crump (11 points), Zach Beadle (nine points) and AJ Neal (six points). Kevin Morissey tallied 15 points for Northville and Jake Justice and Robert Johnson each scored 13.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Spartans stymie Chargers, 42-31

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Livonia Stevenson entered Tuesday's varsity girls basketball 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.

Cougars prevail

Garden City, after suffering four close losses to open the season, broke into the victory column Tuesday night with a 34-26 triumph over Taylor Truman.

A balanced attack sparked the Cougars (1-4), who were led by Brittany Radtke (eight points, nine rebounds) and Alicia Ascencio (eight points). Also helping the cause were Alea Montgomery (six points, 14 boards) and Tatum Spears (four points).

The Cougars were up 11-6 after one quarter and padded the lead to 19-10 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 matchup 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 before being outscored 30-21 in the second half.

"We did not play very good tonight we had a team-high 38 turnovers that led to a lot easy baskets for Crestwood," RU coach Scott Purdy said. "We still need a lot of work and being patient on offense and seeing the floor we have our first conference game this Tuesday (Dec. 20) against (Livonia) Clarenceville hope-

fully we'll be ready as a coach I made a few mistakes that didn't help my team, so I look forward for both my team and myself to move on and get better with each game."

Thurston trips HVL

Bryanna Burton and Naudia Jackson each tallied 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 each 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 in a losing cause for the Trojans, who trailed 25-13 at halftime.

East defuse Rockets

Junior Mackenzie Mallory returned to the lineup Tuesday to tally a game-high 19 points as South Lyon East (1-2) earned a 53-45 victory over host Westland John Glenn (1-2).

Glenn's Jasmine Edwards led all scorers with 20 points, while Sharen Woodward added 11.

Staff writer Brad Emons contributed to this report



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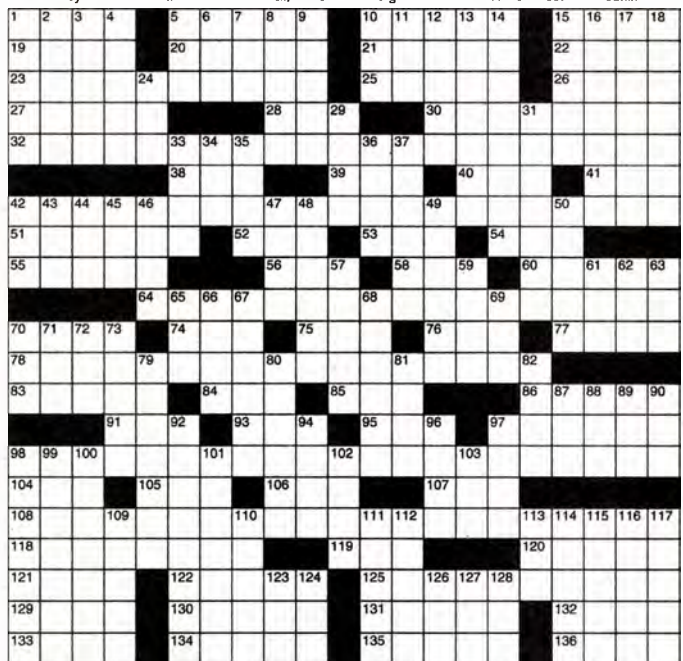
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| Dearborn Federal Savings Bank | 399721 | (313) 565-3100 | 4.125 | 0 | 3.375 | 0 |
| Fifth Third Bank | 403245 | (800) 792-8830 | 4.125 | 0 | 3.5 | 0 |
| Lenderful.com | 1326443 | lenderful.com | 3.875 | 0.375 | 3.375 | 0 |
| Ross Mortgage | 107716 | (248) 282-1602 | 4.25 | 0 | 3.5 | 0 |
| Zeal Credit Union | 408356 | (734) 466-6113 | 4.125 | 0.25 | 3.375 | 0 |

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SUDOKU

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| | | 4 | | | 8 | | | |
| | | 3 | | 5 | 6 | | | |
| 6 | 8 | | 3 | | | | | |
| | 9 | | | 3 | | 7 | 1 | |
| | 5 | | | | | | 4 | |
| 4 | 1 | | 9 | | | 2 | | |
| | | | | 7 | | 9 | 3 | |
| | | 4 | 2 | | 8 | | | |
| | | 8 | | | 7 | | | |

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 5 |
| 9 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 1 |
| 6 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| 8 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 1 |
| 4 | 9 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 6 |
| 1 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| 7 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 9 |
| 2 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 9 |
| 5 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 4 |

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EVERGLADES
GLACIER BAY
GRAND CANYON
GRAND TETON
GREAT BASIN
HALEAKALA
HOT SPRINGS
ISLE ROYALE
JOSHUA TREE
KATMAI
KENAI FJORDS
KINGS CANYON
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MOUNT RAINIER
OLYMPIC
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ZION

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

Crossword Answers

ANAS EPIC THECW TIME
TOUT ENRE MILLI ASAN
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LEAV DAB VIGNETTE
TELEVISI ENERTAINER
MOMONABE SPOTTED
ORIGIN LAFEN SBA
MODEL LAF CTS OBAMA
LADLY INRIGH TONTOPOF
TADA EMU TEAESA OPEC
ABIGSWARMOCFMORAYS
NSYNICSTI SET AWASH
NEISRSP TRAFROWNE
HOWWOULD SOME NELIKELY
AGE RBT TSE
DESCRIBETHATSI TITATION
RATEATEEN TRI CRAIGE
ONED MARLE BOWE BELS
NE SAUR ALLOES BELS
NE SAUR TETHER ORE

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