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A FEW MINUTES WITH . . . A SCOUT WHO MERITS EVERY HONOR

Some of us skip through life, doing just enough to succeed. Andrew Schigelone, 18, of Lincoln Park wanted to get the most out of Boy Scouts, and attaining the highest rank, Eagle Scout, just wasn't enough. So he went way past the usual requirements and earned every single merit badge - 121 in all. The feat, very rare in scouting, took him six years. **QUESTION:** What was the hardest merit badge to get? **ANSWER:** The hardest one physically was probably either hiking or...

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12. **UPI NewsTrack** - February 1, 2009

Boy Scout earns all 121 available badges

An 18-year-old Boy Scout member in Lincoln Park, Mich., says he has earned all of the youth organization's 121 honorary badges. Andrew Schigelone said when he joined the youth group, he decided he would work as hard as he could at Boy Scout activities to make the most out of the experience, The Detroit Free Press reported Sunday. Six years later, that personal drive has resulted in Schigelone possessing every possible Boy Scout badge. I wanted to do it because I wanted...

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13. **Charleston Daily Mail (WV)** - January 26, 2009

Nation & world

Monster truck promoter killed MADISON, Wisconsin - A promoter for the Motor Sports Monster Truck & Thrill Show has died from injuries after an accident at the Dane County Coliseum, just over a week after a 6-year-old boy was killed in a monster truck event in Tacoma, Wash. The Dane County Coroner said 41-year-old George Eisenhart Jr. of Chardon, Ohio, died after an accident Saturday night in Madison. A witness told the Wisconsin State Journal that Eisenhart walked in...

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14. **Detroit Free Press (MI)** - January 25, 2009

LINCOLN PARK: SCOUT REACHES GOAL OF 121 MERIT BADGES

When Andrew Schigelone was a 12-year-old Boy Scout, he had this grand idea: He was going to earn all 121 merit badges offered by the group before the deadline - his 18th birthday. "I kind of set this goal, but I wasn't too serious about it," Schigelone, a senior at Gabriel Richard High in Riverview, told the Free Press. Six

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years later, Schigelone of Lincoln Park received his final badge - for archaeology - on Dec. 11, becoming the first Boy Scout...

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15. **National Public Radio** - January 25, 2009

The Answer Is A Car

LIANE HANSEN, host: From NPR News this is Weekend Edition. I'm Liane Hansen. And joining us is puzzle master Will Shortz. Hey, Will.WILL SHORTZ: Hi, Liane.HANSEN: You know, I'm suffering a little post-inauguration letdown. I don't have anything to talk about. Do you?(Soundbite of laughter) SHORTZ: Well, do you know this is our 22nd anniversary of the program?HANSEN: Yes, it is. January 1987.SHORTZ: That's it....

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LeRoy family excels in Scouting program

Jan. 24 LEROY You might be forgiven for thinking that Scouting is in the Schroeder family's DNA. The oldest son, Kevin, excelled at Scouting. He not only earned the 21 merit badges necessary to reach the rank of Eagle the highest award in Scouting, reached by only 2 percent of Boy Scouts. But he went on to acquire all 121 merit badges offered by the Boy Scouts a feat accomplished by fewer than one-tenth of 1 percent of Scouts, Scouting officials say. Now comes Bradley,...

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18. **Deseret News, The (Salt Lake City, UT)** - January 15, 2009

Maximum merit: Boy earns all 121 badges

SOUTH OGDEN — Perseverance and hard work paid off for Garrett Weeks, 16, who recently earned the last of the 121 merit badges offered by the Boy Scouts of America. Only a handful of Scouts have ever accomplished such a goal. "Now when I face hard times and challenges, I know I can handle them because I've had the experience of other challenging things," Garrett said. "By setting goals and taking things a step at a time, I have been..."

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19. **Press & Sun-Bulletin (Binghamton, NY)** - January 14, 2009

Local Boy Scouts earn major honors; After promise to his ill grandmother, Goldsmith earned all 121 merit badges

By Vanessa Ebbeling vebbeling1@gannett.com Staff Writer Shawn Goldsmith can apply a splint and sort out insects. He's dabbled in archery, he's a novice in water sports and he's up on the basics of cinematography. He's comfortable speaking in front of groups. He can solve minor plumbing problems. Also, he plays a mean bugle. The Binghamton University freshman credits his vast knowledge to one thing: being a Boy Scout....

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20. **Gainesville Daily Register (TX)** - January 12, 2009

Area Eagle Scout Earns All 121 Scouting Merit Badges

For the Register After numerous summer camps, merit badge colleges, troop meetings, and thousands of hours of work, Eagle Scout Parker Luke has completed the very last merit badge that the Boy Scouts of America has to offer-number 121.

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