

Opinion

It was an honor to cover the graduation events again this year

By the time you get to this page you should have read and looked over all of the pictures I have published from the Leslie High School graduation on Friday evening. This was the third graduation in a row that I've covered for The Leslie Weekly Guardian and I'm still honored as this is one of the most exciting events of the year for me.

This year I didn't have any relatives or close friends graduating, but for some reason this commencement was one of my favorites. I referred to it as "short and sweet." With only 85 students graduating this year, that resulted in a gym that wasn't quite as full with spectators as in years past. The weather was pleasant this year when compared to the thunderstorm that rocked gradu-



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ation last year. But most of all, I think the speeches given by the three students who spoke this year were amazing. They weren't long, drawn out and full of typical sorrow. The

speeches were unique and insightful, each in their own way.

It was quite apparent that these students have received a top-notch education at LHS. I'm proud of them even though I barely know them. They are now among my fellow alumni who will always be able to say that they are true Black-hawks. No matter where life will take them, they always know their hometown is Leslie.

Congrats to the entire LHS Class of 2011! Life has lots of wonderful things in store for all of you. Enjoy!

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Byrum reminds readers about propane grill safety

The following is an editorial written by State Representative Barb Byrum (D-Onondaga). If you have questions about this commentary, please contact Rep. Byrum's office by calling (517) 373-0587.

It has been a long winter, and lately it seems the rain would never stop! Thankfully, as we enter June, the sun is shining and the weather is finally getting warmer. As the weather warms and more and more families enjoy cooking on the grill, it is important to remember some tips to keep you and your family safe while grilling.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends the following routine safety checks to reduce the risk of fire or explosion:

- Check the tubes that lead into the burner for any blockage from insects, spiders, or food grease. Use a pipe cleaner or wire to clear blockage and push it through to the main part of the burner.



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- Check grill hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes, and leaks. Make sure there are no sharp bends in the hose or tubing.

- Move gas hoses as far away as possible from hot surfaces and dripping hot grease. If you can't move the hoses, install a heat shield to protect them.

- Replace scratched or nicked connectors, which can eventually leak gas.

- Check for gas leaks, following the manufacturer's instructions, if you smell gas or when you reconnect the grill to the LP gas container. If you detect a leak, immediately turn off the gas and don't attempt to light the grill until the leak is fixed.

- Keep lighted cigarettes, matches, or open flames away from a leaking grill.

- Never use a grill indoors. Use the grill at least 10 feet away from your house or any building. Do not use the grill in a garage, breezeway, carport, porch, or under a surface that can catch fire.

- Do not attempt to repair the tank valve or the appliance yourself. See an LP gas dealer or a qualified appliance repair person.

- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions that accompany the grill.

I hope you have a safe summer, full of great cook-outs and fun with family and friends. Please feel free to contact me if I may ever be of any assistance to you and your family.

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