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Lakefront living on All sports Byram Lake. Great room with open ceiling, big windows and glass door leading out to large deck. Wood burner for those cold winter nights, which is able to switch to Gas very easily. Three bedrooms, 2.5 baths, storage galore in home and in top of 3 car garage. Fenced in yard. $289,000
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**FLINT TOWNSHIP**
19107 Hickory Ridge
Contemporary home on 10 heavily wooded acres. Home has gorgeous wood floors throughout the living area. Open floor plan is great for entertaining. Beautifully landscaped yard. Pond and pole barn will be available in approx. 6 months. $360,000
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**FLINT TOWNSHIP**
4410 Lahring
Lovely Handcrafted Home built by the owner. This bright home offers a Cathedral Living Room/Kitchen and Dining Room, as well as a 3 Season Sunroom with a full view of the acreage. 3 spacious bedrooms, family room, and a LL recreation room. Pole barn and separate workshop with LL garage. $185,000
Call Lynn Rosato 810-625-7399

**FLINT TOWNSHIP**
1714 Nebraska
Come see this beautiful home with old Flint charm! Classic architecture with updated utilities such as recently re-wired electrical and a new furnace. Very close to both Mott Community College and UM Flint. This is the perfect place for a family with students! $29,900
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**GRAND BLANC**
9488 Timber Ridge
Wonderful condo located in high demand Timber Ridge. Plenty of room with 2 bedrooms, master bath and second full bath. Downstairs you will find a 3rd bedroom, half bath, and a great entertaining place complete with a wet bar. $109,400
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Why fight up north traffic when you can live right on secluded, all sports Cardinal Lake? This 4 bedroom home was taken down to the studs in 2004 and completely remodeled. Roomy kitchen, living room, and dining room. Grab your water toys and picnic basket and move right in just in time to enjoy summer. $210,000
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**FENTON**
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This beautiful colonial has 4 bedrooms & 2.5 baths. Huge living room with fireplace gives everyone plenty of space to spread out. Full basement waiting to be finished. Pretty yard and 2 car attached garage. Home is located close to Clover Beach, AYSO soccer fields, and in highly sought after Preserve of Riverside. Well manicured lawn, large deck, and side entry garage. Inside you’ll find 4 bedrooms, living room & family room, and a beautifully finished basement with ½ bath. First floor laundry and spacious kitchen with island. This home has it all! $215,000
Call Diana Beckemeyer 810-877-2167

**FENTON**
11017 Lee
Unique home in ideal location in the City of Fenton. Home features nearly 600 square feet, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Completely remodeled in the last 5 years, new furnace within the last year. Priced to sell, listed below appraisal. $54,900
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This beautiful colonial has 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. Huge living room with fireplace gives everyone plenty of space to spread out. Full basement waiting to be finished. Pretty yard and 2 car attached garage. Home is located close to Clover Beach, AYSO soccer fields, and close to US 23 for an easy commute. $184,900
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**GAINES**
7015 Smith Road
Nature lovers dream home on over 12 private acres. Beautiful 1/2 log cedar home with Open log beams. Stone fireplace and large windows. First floor master suite which has the open log beam ceiling. Two bedrooms and bath upstairs with additional living room that could be used as another bedroom. Full walk out basement. $379,000
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**FLINT**
1400 Longfield
100 feet of sandy shoreline on peaceful McCaslin Lake. Contemporary 5 bedroom home offers lots of living space. Functional kitchen with plenty of cabinets and counter space. Roomy living room with great views or sit outside on your large deck and soak in the tranquility of living on the water. $217,000
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Fabulous opportunity to renovate this huge historic home!! Enclosed porch, hardwood floors, huge kitchen, attached wooden garage and additional outbuilding plus a very large almost half acre city lot with an almost fully fenced back yard! House needs TLC but roof is new in the last 2 years! $49,900
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**NEW LISTING**
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2A Sunday, August 14, 2016
Summer recess keeps crews busy at schools

Projects include repaved parking lots, plumbing repairs, technology upgrades

By Hannah Ball
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As the new school year looms ahead, school districts are working on finishing some over-the-summer construction projects.

Fenton

According to Fenton Area Public Schools Superintendent Adam Hartley, construction workers are finishing multiple projects.

“The sinking fund is paying for infrastructure upgrades to the aging ceiling tiles and gym ceilings at State Road and North Road elementary schools. The cost for that project is $85,496 for both buildings which was bid out in May and approved at the June (school board) meeting,” Hartley said.

Other sinking fund projects include enclosing the visitor bleachers at the football stadium, upgrading underground storage tank pumps and monitoring systems, repairing the ductwork in the AGS middle school gym, repairing concrete, sidewalks and drains, replacing windows throughout the district, upgrading the lighting, and repairing and resurfacing the parking lot at State Road Elementary.

The grounds department worked out the kinks for the athletic irrigation systems, and mulched all playgrounds and several flowerbeds.

“The custodial staff has worked hard all summer cleaning the buildings, stripping and waxing tile floors, burnishing terrazzo floors, and refinishing the gym floors throughout the district,” Hartley said.

A few of the projects the maintenance staff has worked on include replacing all steam traps at North Road Elementary, several plumbing repairs, and remodeling a couple outbuildings. They will drain, repair the filter system and

See SUMMER on 10A

SUMMARY

Robocalls to your cell phone are reportedly illegal unless that company has written consent from you.
Refuse to be shark bait

During my annual summer week up north, I saw a T-shirt that said “The Great Lakes — no salt, no sharks, no problems.” I could have written that myself. I’ve always thought the Great Lakes — in fact, all freshwater lakes — are vastly superior to the ocean.

A big part of it is fear, I’ll admit. Oceans have all sorts of creatures that want to eat you, bite you or sting you. Remember the poor Crocodile Hunter? He was zapped in the heart by a stingray and died. That would never happen in a lake. A snapping turtle mistaking your toes for a snack is the worst thing that can happen to you in a lake.

Sharks are by far my biggest fear. I was 14 when “Jaws” came out and the words “I think we’re gonna need a bigger boat” have been stuck in my brain ever since, along with that scene where Quint slides down the deck of the Orca and becomes an apetizer.

I’ve been in the ocean five or six times without incident. But the last time was still the last time I’ll ever venture into the sea past my ankles. I was standing in waist deep water off Sanibel Island, Florida, being very brave indeed, while my kids swam around me. Just as I was beginning to relax and enjoy the warm ocean water, I heard shouting from down the beach and saw people pointing at two fins headed straight for us.

“Aaaaaaagh, sharks!” is what I thought before leaping clear out of the water with my legs spinning cartoon-style.

When I looked back from the safety of the beach, everyone else — the kids, the lovely yet formidable Marcia and others who were in the water at the time — was pointing and saying things like, “Isn’t it beautiful?” and “I hope they make another pass.”

Another pass? Are you crazy, I thought?

Then it dawned on me they were dolphins, not sharks.

OK, it was embarrassing. And Marcia made fun of me later for not dragging her and the kids out with me. But in my defense, I was the mosteattractive meal of the bunch, so the sharks were bound to come after me first, and I was simply drawing them away from the others.

That’s my story and I’m sticking to it.

But even if that weren’t the case, could you blame me for being leery of the ocean? I didn’t grow up on the Gulf of Mexico around sharks, stingrays and jellyfish. I grew up on Lake Michigan around minnows, trout and bass.

I swam in the lake every day during the summer (which, in the U.P., is the very best week of the year) without ever having a single fear that something was going to rise from the depths and have me for lunch. The worst thing that can happen to you in Lake Michigan is getting a glob of seaweed in your mouth.

You can have the ocean. I’ll stick to my lakes. Call me crazy but I’ve never wanted the last thing anyone says about me to be “Hey, where’d Andy go?”

Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST
Usewick to spend 28 months in federal prison

Sentence result of deal to plead guilty

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Edward Frank Usewick III, 36, formally of Fenton Township, has been sentenced to spend 28 months in federal prison, after having pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit bank fraud.

Usewick was sentenced Tuesday, Aug. 9, in the Flint federal court by United States District Judge Linda V. Parker.

According to Usewick’s plea agreement, the maximum penalty he could receive is 30 years in prison, with up to five years mandatory supervision upon his release.

He was originally charged in Flint’s U.S. District Court on Nov. 19, 2015 with 20 counts of federal bank fraud and conspiracy charges.

Count 1 was for attempt and conspiracy to commit fraud, and counts 2-20 are for bank fraud.

He has been lodged at the Midland County Jail since being picked up by federal marshals last December, after violating conditions of his bond release that he not commit any criminal acts.

Usewick’s federal troubles began a few years ago, when he and an unidentified co-conspirator entered into an agreement with the owners of Suski Chevrolet-Buick in Birch Run to operate several used car dealerships around the Flint area using the Suski name.

Two of the five Suski dealerships were located briefly in Fenton on Silver Parkway and Holly on North Holly Road. President Andy Suski announced in January 2014 that he was shutting down his five used car dealerships in the Flint area because of internal problems.

Federal prosecutors alleged Usewick used the Suski Used Car dealerships to secure a revolving line of credit from Ally Financial. That line of credit was supposed to be used to purchase vehicles for later re-sale.

Court records show the financing company’s loan officers releasing additional funds to the dealerships once it received a title showing the dealership had purchased a vehicle.

According to the federal indictment, Usewick allegedly began submitting vehicle titles to Ally Financial in September 2013 for cars he claimed to have purchased in exchange for money that was deposited into a bank account operated by Usewick.

Prosecutors say Usewick never actually purchased the vehicles, however, and the titles contained fraudulent title numbers.

The Secretary of State decided to take action after receiving some consumer complaints regarding title work.

This is not the first time Usewick has been in trouble for auto-related fraud. In February 2011, he pleaded guilty to six misdemeanor counts of producing fraudulent titles.

He was sentenced to two years of probation and ordered to pay restitution. That case was closed in September 2013.

Shooter of two remains jailed as court hearings begin

Attorney says both sides sitting through hundreds of pages of police files, evidence

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The probable cause conference on Thursday, Aug. 11 for Jacquelyne Faye Tyson, 54, the women who has been charged with fatally shooting Lyric Work, 20, and Tamara Johnson, 45, was adjourned.

When asked about the adjournment, Tyson's attorney, Michael Ewing, said police handed over more evidence. He said he was handed a couple hundred pages of police reports he didn’t have before, and the prosecutor was given photographs he hadn’t yet seen.

“Early on in these cases for homicide, it’s not uncommon to have an adjournment or two,” he said.

Another probable cause conference has been scheduled for Sept. 7, and a preliminary exam has been scheduled for Sept. 7.

“It still very preliminary, we’re just getting started,” Ewing said.

Tyson is charged with first-degree, premeditated murder, assault with intent to murder and two counts of felony firearm. She is lodged in the Genesee County Jail on $1 million bond.

Work was formerly of Linden and Johnson lived in Mt. Morris. They both worked as leasing agents with Grand Oaks Apartment complex in Grand Blanc.

On Tuesday, July 26, according to Grand Blanc Police Chief Brian Lipe, police officers responded to 11284 Grand Oak Dr., the leasing office of Grand Oaks Apartments, for reports of two females being shot.

Police arrested Tyson, who was a resident of the apartment complex, immediately and without incident.

The two victims — Work and Johnson — were located inside the leasing office and transported to Hurley Medical Center. Johnson was pronounced dead shortly after arriving at the hospital.

Work, who was pregnant at the time, was put on life support. An emergency C-Section was performed to save her baby. Work was later removed from life support and died Friday, July 29.
FLOSSING

As most of you are now aware, the Associated Press and the US News and World Reports released an article stating that according to their investigative research there is no scientific evidence to support the ongoing recommendation by US dentists that daily flossing has any positive effect on the health of your mouth. They are dead wrong. It must have been a really slow week in the news business. Their investigation is flawed because they only looked at short term studies of a year or less. The problem is that dental disease such as gum disease takes years to progress and a short study probably won’t show much improvement in the test subjects gum health after such a short period of time. It’s like doing a research study on the benefits of fertilizer for plants that lasts for only one week. At the end of one week the researcher notices no difference between the fertilized and unfertilized plants and reports there is no benefit for using fertilizer on your plants. Unfortunately, the AP did their own, independent investigative search of the dental literature without any input from true dental experts such as the ADA. So, research or no; I can’t help but notice those people in my practice such as the ADA. So, research or no; I can’t help but notice those people in my practice who brush and floss on a regular basis tend to have better teeth than those who don’t. Bottom line: “If you want to keep them, floss if ya got um”.

I welcome your questions and comments. Feel free to e-mail me drsulfaro@comcastnet

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FORWARD4WEST SPAGHETTI DINNER AND FAMILY FUN RUN/WALK SET FOR AUG. 19-20

The fourth annual Forward4West Family Fun Run/Walk and Spaghetti Dinner will have special meaning this year as West would have celebrated his 16th birthday this year on Sept. 5. West passed away July 1, 2012. To remember West, family and friends are holding a Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, Aug. 19 at 5:30 p.m. at Linden Presbyterian Church. A Walk/Run event will start out on Saturday, Aug. 20 for both a two-mile and timed 5K events. Fireworks will follow on Saturday evening at dusk. A scholarship is given each year to a Linden High School graduate chosen by the Special Education Department. His family will continue to expand the West Frescura sections of the libraries in the Linden school district. For more information, visit the Forward 4 West Facebook page.
CORNERSTONE
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dropped a bombshell that was met with
dead silence — they need $400,000 from
the city for the project.

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Saab, “This is the first time I’ve heard of
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DDA Chairman Craig Schmidt asked
Markland if it was possible to look at
a loan.

Markland responded, “I’ll have to
check. Maybe this is not the best time
to do this.”

The Corlin Group is proposing a four-
story building covering an area of
154 by 70 feet. Each floor will feature 10,780
square feet, with the excep-
tion of the fourth floor, which
will be slightly smaller to
accommodate outdoor bal-
conies. Total square footage
will be 41,880 and the build-
ing will be 52 feet high.

The first floor will be
intended for retail tenants, the
second floor for offices and the
third and fourth floors for con-
dominiums, much like the original
Cornerstone building.

As a result, the DDA
loaned $200,000 to the Cor-
lin Group. Although it was a five-year
loan with 2-percent interest, they paid it
back in full around Christmas of 2015.

“I have the same kind of agree-
ment, we would break even,” said Saab.

Chip Beltinck, who owns Sawyer
Jewelers with his wife, Mary Ann, spoke
to the council about the problems with
parking at the first Cornerstone building,
where the store is now located.

“Parking has always been an issue,”
said Beltinck. “I’m already losing cus-
tomers because there is no parking. The
tenants now use up all the spots.”

He also addressed another year-long
construction project in downtown Fen-
ton. “The longer we have construction,
I lose everyday business,” he said.

Mayor Sue Osborn told the Corlin
Group representatives, “We can’t make a
decision tonight. There are things the
council and DDA did not realize. We
will take this under advisement and reconvene
at another meeting.”

The council and DDA voted to
approve Osborn’s recommendation.

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ROBOCALLS
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Unless you gave express written permission to call your cell phone, those telemarketers are breaking the law and you can report their number. (see sidebar)

Written consent doesn’t necessarily mean writing letters to companies saying, “Please send me robocalls” or “I consent to receiving robocalls.”

This type of consent may be obtained by email, audio recording, web opt-in and a few other ways, often hidden in the terms and agreements of many online contracts, according to robocalllaw.com.

If you accidentally give permission, you can take it back any time.

These rules also apply to texting.

You can register your number on the “Do Not Call” list at donotcall.gov.

According to the FCC, a calling company cannot require a consumer to fill out a form and mail it as the only way to revoke that consent.

Telling the telemarketer over the phone to lose your number should do the job. Keep a record of that number, and if they contact you again, report them.

Robocalls must contain an automated opt-out mechanism that allows the recipient to make a do-not-call request that can be chosen by voice or keypress, according to robocalllaw.com.

Moreover, an existing commercial relationship also does not qualify as consent to be robocalled or texted.

Calls or texts that are allowed without prior consent are urgent ones specifically for health or fraud alerts. These calls and texts are free and consumers can “stop” anytime.

Many consumers can ask their phone company to provide robocall-blocking technology, if it isn’t already provided. The FCC has approved this technology.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) regularly works to protect Americans from robocalls.

Last summer, the FTC held a contest to see who could build the best robocall-blocking mobile app, according to the FTC. The first place winner received $25,000.

The winners created RoboKiller, which relies on call forwarding that works on landline and mobile phones, and uses audio-fingerprint technology to identify robocalls. It blocks and essentially forwards robocalls to a spam folder.

The FTC also pushed to hold three of the largest robocall companies to account. By now we’ve heard the stories: Van that’s only capable of moving 4,000 feet. Must present coupon.

In addition to the $25,000 paid to the contest winner, the three companies have been ordered to pay $5.3 million in penalties and lose $7 million in revenue.

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Social News

WEDDING

Nathan and Janice Weed are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter, Nadine Beatrice Weed to James Mathew Sherman, son of Linda Stewart Clark of Rochester, Michigan and Dale Sherman of Gaylord, Michigan. The marriage took place at the home of the bride’s parents in Fenton Township on July 23, 2016. The ceremony was officiated by the bride’s aunt, Anne Walter of Scotland. The tradition of hand-fasting was incorporated in the ceremony. The bride wore a stunning ivory lace dress with a mid-length veil. Bridesmaids wore cream, floral with lace strapless tea length dresses. Elizabeth (Weed) Erickson was matron of honor, Nastassja Kotlensky was maid of honor and Kyla Waller was bridesmaid. Julia Huot, the flower girl, wore a cream dress with a tartan overlay. Violinist was Brett McDowell, and the bagpipe was Brad Wright, and the Ketos was Chad Brennan. The ceremony was officiated by the Reverend. Attendants were Steven Church in 1991 with Fr. David Harvey officiating. Attendants were Steven Doyle and Karen Lucius. The couple has four children, Kyle, Cassandra, Kristian and Kaleb. Sean’s parents are Clarence and Delores Doyle and Karen Lucius. The couple has four children, Kyle, Cassandra, Kristian and Kaleb. Sean’s parents are Joe and Betty Doyle, and Joy’s parents are Beni and Maria, and DJ. John Davis provided the music for the ceremony and reception. The meal was of Scottish fare. A haggis was served for the ceremony. Fireworks over the lake at dusk added to the evening’s festivities. The bride and groom reside in Argentine Township. Photo by AMB photography.

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Lake Fenton

According to Lake Fenton Superintendent Wayne Wright, the school completed three summer construction projects. Construction workers are putting a new roof on Torrey Hill Intermediate School and replacing the metal fascia. The entire project costs $227,600.

The boiler at the high school is being upgraded with a larger heat expectancy unit for efficiency purposes, Wright said. The base bid for this project was $72,900.

The middle school track is being reconditioned, and the base bid was $77,389.

Linden

According to Linden Interim Superintendent Russ Ciesielski, their summer maintenance projects are underway. The school used sinking fund dollars to reseal and strip the student parking lot at the high school, as well as fix the Argentine Elementary roof, and expand the north parking area at Central Elementary, and the sidewalks.

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North Road Elementary resurfaced some curbs and approaches ahead of the school year.

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“summertime projects are going well thanks to the hard work of our custodial, mechanical, technology, and operations staff. We often forget that it takes a great team in the summer to prepare for the upcoming school year. These dedicated team members continue to work throughout the summer heat to make our buildings safe and clean,” he said.

Lake Fenton

According to Lake Fenton Superintendent Wayne Wright, the school completed three summer construction projects.

Construction workers are putting a new roof on Torrey Hill Intermediate School and replacing the metal fascia. The entire project costs $227,600.

The boiler at the high school is being upgraded with a larger heat expectancy unit for efficiency purposes, Wright said. The base bid for this project was $72,900.

The middle school track is being reconditioned, and the base bid was $77,389.

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North Road Elementary custodian Scott Breckenridge strips a hallway floor to add a new coat of wax Tuesday morning.
Excitement grows for 16-mile pathway that would connect Argentine to Holly and beyond

By Hannah Ball
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The Fenton Township Board of Trustees made the latest move in making the 16-mile non-motorized Linden, Argentine, Fenton, and Fenton Township (LAFF) pathway a reality.

At its July 25 meeting, in a 6-1 vote, the board adopted a resolution to add an amendment to the existing Fenton Township Parks and Recreation Plan to incorporate a non-motorized pathway.

Clerk Bob Krug cast the dissenting vote.

“I believe there are more important projects. It’s a major project but nobody has talked about where the funding will come from,” he said. Krug also expressed concerns about not having the money for the pathway.

At the meeting, Victor Lukasavitz, chairman of the LAFF Steering Committee, thanked the board for moving forward with the amendment, and that a non-motorized pathway network will be a great benefit to the community.

“We appreciate all the community support, and that they’re working towards getting the last one signed.”

Lukasavitz said they’ve been working with Southern Lakes Park and Recreation, the county parks, and the Genesee County Planning Commission to establish the path between Linden and Fenton.

People interested in supporting the trailways project can make donations toward the bike-a-thon through www.laffpathways.org, or give a tax-deductible gift online at www.cfgf.org.

“The residents need to stay in contact with their representatives on boards and councils,” Lucasvitz said. He hopes the topic won’t cast the dissenting vote.

“It’s nice they stepped up finally,” Lucasvitz said. He said they have to consider it when they set their budgets, he said.

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Lukasavitz said they’re coordinating with the Michigan Department of Transportation about the bridges that pass over expressways.

The LAFF group has been working closely with Argentine Township recently.

On Monday, Aug. 8, representatives from LAFF, Argentine Township, Linden schools, the Genesee County Road Commission, property owners, and some parents and students went through a walkthrough of where the path will be.

The Argentinceton pathway will start on the west side of Linden on Silver Lake Road, go through the Linden school’s campus, and go up to Lobdell Road and Glen Hatt Drive.

“We got one of two remaining easements signed,” he said, adding that they’re working on getting the last one signed.

Lukasvitz said the community needs to stay in contact with their representatives on boards and councils, even bumping in them at coffee shops or at church or just going to a formal meeting.

However, the work isn’t over yet.

“This isn’t over. The community has won an opportunity to include trials with grant money,” Lukasvitz said. “LAFF is going to continue to work.

The residents need to stay in contact with their representatives on boards and councils.

“It has to be considered on a yearly basis when they set their budgets,” he said. “They have to consider it when they review site plans.”

On Monday, Aug. 8, representatives from LAFF, Argentine Township, and other outlying areas.

The 16-mile pathway would connect the cities of Linden and Fenton to Grand Blanc, Mundy Township, Swartz Creek, Argentine Township and other outlying areas.

It will run from Lobdell Lake Road at Glen Hatt Drive through Fenton Township, Linden City, Fenton City, Seven Lakes State Park, Holly Township and Holly Village to Water Works Park.

All local municipalities have passed resolutions in favor of trails, and Fenton Township is the latest municipality to include the pathway in their park plan.

“It’s nice they stepped up finally,” Lukasvitz said. He hopes the topic won’t become a desk study — something that just sits on a desk and doesn’t come to fruition.

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VICTOR LUKUSAVITZ
LAFF Pathway Steering Committee chairman

SUMMARY

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved an amendment to its existing parks plan to include a non-motorized pathway.

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According to Joe Bruz of Milford Salvage & Iron, the house is being taken apart manually with the goal of preserving all of the salvageable old-school lumber so that it may be repurposed into furniture and other items.

Milford Salvage & Iron is being paid $16,450 to tear down the house, which includes asbestos abatement and demolition. The project will take about two weeks to complete.

“They will be re-using the wood, either for making tables, chairs or other furniture,” said Bruz, a Groveland Township resident formerly of Fenton.

“They” is Bob Bloomingdale of Bloomingdale Construction in Rochester. Bloomingdale, who is onsite with Bruz’s crew, said that in addition to the lumber, they will be trying to preserve all of the windows, doors, trim, flooring — basically every-thing of architectural significance, he said. They also are taking care to remove the original siding for re-use, which is intact under the current aluminum siding.

Bloomingdale said the work to repurpose the items removed from the house will be done by places like The Work Shop in Detroit, who specialize in creating new products from repurposed materials.

“We will do some of it ourselves, too,” said Bloomingdale.

“What we do that we think is unique is we’re going to brand the lumber with the address that it came from,” said Bloomingdale. “We asked them to keep it as a keepsake.”

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Old signage was used in some places of the former home at 106 W. Shiawassee.

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“We’ve been building homes for years, and have demolished a lot,” said Bloomingdale. “I always felt bad about disposing of material that we’re never going to find again. Slow-growth lumber doesn’t exist anymore and here we are throwing it away.”

That’s why Bloomin-gdale decided to get himself a warehouse and start dismantling and reusing materials out of these homes.

“Portland, Oregon has just passed the first ordinance in the country that all pre-1917 homes be deconstructed and not demolished,” said Bloomingdale. “They’re demolishing 300 homes a year in Portland and a third are pre-1917.”

Bloomingdale said if such an ordinance were entertained in Michigan, he would shoot for pre-1925 or 1930.

In Rochester, Bloomingdale is demolishing some homes and building new homes on those sites. “We are using some of the material from the old homes in the new homes, so there is some continuity,” he said. For the new homeowners it’s a conversation piece, he added.

On Tuesday, Stewart Melrose who lives in the house next door to 106 West Shiawassee, became excited about a piece of a very old sign found in the attic roof on the north side of the house. The sign however, fell apart during removal.

Melrose is a historic preservationist by profession. (Visit tctimes.com and search for an article about Melrose’s work posted on Jan. 16, 2015.)

The sign reads “Feed & Stables” and appears to be an item dated in the 1800s from an old business around here, either Fenton, Linden or Holly.

The Milford Salvage crew has been instructed to watch for and save other pieces of the sign.

“This is groundbreaking,” said Melrose. “It’s an important piece for Fenton. It’s not just an old sign; it’s very ornately done with artist brushes, hand-carved and chiseled. It should go to the historical society for the museum.”

Melrose said he is going to continue researching the sign.

THE COMMUNITY BECAME INVOLVED EARLIER THIS SPRING

Since it became public earlier this spring that the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) intended to demolish the house, community members have spoken against the plan. They want to preserve the house and what’s left of the history of downtown Fenton.

The age of the home and its historic nature came into question and became a topic of controversy. It was origi-nally believed that it was a hotel built by Judge Daniel LeRoy and William Fenton in 1837.

It was later revealed that the house, af-ter being dismantled and changed over the years, may have been torn down in 1901 and a short time later rebuilt to what it is today.

Involved earlier this spring...
Cindy Peel (center) lives approximately four miles from where the incident occurred on Fish Lake Road. She is concerned that the murder was a random attack.

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Alvarado feels like the community, to feel safe again, needs to be assured that this was not a random incident. “It’s just unbelievable for this area,” she said.

F/Lt. Michael Shaw of the Michigan State Police (MSP) Metro Post did his best to alleviate these fears and also offer guidance to residents in an informal question and answer session during the regular Rose Township Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday night.

Shaw wanted the residents to be vigilant, to report anything that feels out of place, but added, “you don’t have to live in fear.”

He fielded questions from residents who wanted to know how the investigation was going, and whether certain rumors they heard were true. Some things he could comment on, others he couldn’t.

He did confirm that there were five shots fired during the incident.

“We do not know who killed her,” he said. “I do not have a suspect.”

Tony Micallef lives on Parker Road, east of Milford Road. He’s a road runner, and just wanted to hear what’s going on. He said his habits haven’t changed since the murder. “It sounds like they’re just being thorough,” he said, referring to the MSP investigation.

To drive home how safe their area really is Shaw asked them how many crimes they thought had been committed in their township in 2016 so far. The answer was 60.

He rattled off a few examples. The worst being domestic assault or drunk driving, “There’s not a heck of a lot of crime in your town,” he said, adding that high crime areas can have that many incidents in an eight-hour shift.

“We’ve had one incident that’s pissed us all off,” he said. He again asked for help with any information they may have.

Overall, new information was not revealed, and Alvarado didn’t necessarily feel better after hearing Shaw speak.

Most of the audience members left after the presentation ended.

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Women and girls are often too trusting by nature, which is often the reason they are targeted by male predators.

In September 1991, sisters Michelle, 16, and Merinda, 14, of Urbin of Tyrone Township, were abducted. They were often seen walking together along Hartland Road, where their family home was located.

The Urbin sisters’ strangled bodies were found in a shallow grave at the back of Oakwood Cemetery in Fenton about nine months after their disappearance. Until then, people thought they were runaways.

Leslie Allen Williams, the serial killer, who got his start by killing a total of four young girls, got them, is serving multiple life sentences without possibility of parole.

A few years later, another trusting young lady lost her life to a predator. Christine O’Brien, 24, of Deerfield Township went missing in July 1995. She trusted and got into a vehicle with a stranger who claimed to share her love of horses.

Her badly decomposed remains were found in 1996, eight months after her disappearance, under the roof of a collapsed duck blind at the south end of Bennett Lake, just north of Cohoat Road in Deerfield Township.

Her killer, Timothy Watkins, also is in prison. His earliest possible release date, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections, is March 25, 2059. Watkins is currently 70 years old.

Today, area residents are fearing there is another killer on the loose.

Alexandra "Ally" Brueger of Rose Township was killed Sunday.

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Members of the Holly Area Runners group run together for support, but also safety. Here, they run in memory of Alexandria Brueger last Sunday.

Trust your instincts

If you feel something weird about a situation, get out of it. If you have a sense of dread about walking into a dark area, don’t go there. If a person is giving you cause to be concerned, excuse yourself from the conversation or cross the street to get away from them.

This is not paranoia. This is about the gut instinct we all have that we tend to push aside — the hair raising on the back of your neck, goose bumps on your arms — all those things telling you to flee.

Don’t make yourself a target

Wearing flashy jewelry says you have something valuable to steal. Wearing restrictive clothing says you can’t run. Wearing bright colors makes it easier for someone to see you. Wearing shiny glasses makes it easier for someone to knock out the glass. Wearing your purse and run. Keep it out of plain sight instead of on the seat next to you.

Lock the door behind you

When you get into your car, lock the door immediately. When you come from outside, lock the door immediately. When you go into a bathroom stall — lock first, then find a place to put your bag. Too often bad guys don’t get you when you walk into the building or car, but will wait until you think you’re safe and relax your guard. Then open that door and you’re stuck.

Speak up

Don’t be afraid to tell someone not to come any closer if approaching you in a parking lot. Do not be afraid to yell for help if they don’t stop. Do not be afraid to speak loudly to someone so that you can get the attention of others nearby. Do not be afraid to let people know that you do not want to be harmed.

An understanding might be embarrassing, but it’s better than the alternative of being physically harmed.

Park safely

Choose parking spots that are well-lit, away from other vehicles, and as close to the main entrances of a building as you can. Lock your car quickly, but keep your keys handy in case you have to get back in. Be aware of someone loitering near your car and always check inside and around your car, including the backseats, before getting in. When loading your trunk, do so as quickly as you can and always keep aware of what’s going on behind you.

Answer the door, but don’t open it

We’ve often been told that if we’re home alone and someone knocks, not to answer and they will go away. However, recent events are showing that more burglars are doing home invasions assuming that if no one answers, it’s safe to go in.

When someone knocks on your door or rings the bell, ask who it is but let them know you’re either on the phone or make up some other reason that tells them the door is not going to be opened (i.e. we’ve all got the flu in here, our dog is not the friendliest, something like that). Never actually answer the door even for a service person you are expecting until you’ve been able to confirm that they are actually who they say they are.

Do not run alone

Two people are harder to control than one, so attackers are less likely to strike and if they do, you’ve just doubled your chance of survival.

If you don’t have someone to run with, get a big dog, or borrow a big dog. Not only does it make you a less attractive target, dogs can sometimes sense danger before we can.

Do not run with earphones

When you have loud music blaring in your ears, you can’t hear a potential attacker come up behind you and it also slows your reaction time.

Most runners have the bad habit of tuning everything out while they run. But when we dull our senses, we are less effective in the case of a surprise attack. If you must run with music, only use one earpiece, and switch ears during your run.

Alter your route

When people run the same route, or the same two routes, day after day, it not only makes them easy targets for stalkers, they also have a tendency to zone out.

Altering your route makes you harder to track and keeps you more alert during your run because you are navigating unfamiliar terrain. The more alert you are, the more likely you are to escape an attack.

Lose the ponytail

It may be hot; but if you have long hair and tie it into a ponytail for your run, you give a potential attacker an easy “handle” to pull you into a vehicle before you know what happened.

Putting your hair up into a tight, well- secured bun on the top of your head will not only take away the easy handle, but keep you cooler at the same time.

Sources: mwwhitepaper.com and Gavin Debecker’s “The Gift of Fear”

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HOT LINE CONTINUED
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TO THE PERSON complaining about the mopeds. Posted speed limits are not minimum speed limits, they’re maximum. As long as he’s not exceeding it, he’s legal.

IN LOUISIANA, it was $35 for a license plate for my Suburban and that was good for three years. In Michigan, it’s $250. They’re going to raise it more. I think I’ll keep mine registered in Louisiana.

THEY GOTTA SUCK money out of the hard working people to fix the roads, but Genesee County can build a brand new salt barn. Whose pocket is that coming from?

WHO DECIDES WHAT businesses are going to be built? There is going to be another dollar store in the area, right across the street from Alpine, and one is going in at the intersection of Linden and Grand Blanc roads. Is this the new economy?

Surprise — you lie more than you think you do

Sixty percent of adults can’t have a 10-minute conversation without lying

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People lie in many ways. One popular way is lying by omission. If someone has only told you half the truth, or a version of the truth, that’s considered lying.

If you’re trying to lose weight by counting calories, and only count certain foods you eat and leave out the Starbucks and chocolate snacks, you’re lying to yourself by omission.

Lying by omission is similar to lying by controlling a story. If your coworker made you angry one day, and there were problems at work, you’ll probably vent to your friends or family when you get home.

As you’re talking about it, you’re more likely to only tell your side and not include how you might have contributed to the problem.

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**LOOKING BACK at this week in NATIONAL HISTORY**

**Compiled by Vera Hogan**

**AUG. 14**

2003: A major outage knocked out power across the eastern United States and parts of Canada. Beginning at 4:10 p.m. Eastern Time, 21 power plants shut down in just three minutes. Fifty million people were affected, including residents of New York, Cleveland and Detroit, as well as Toronto and Ottawa, Canada. Although power companies were able to resume some service in as little as two hours, power remained off in other places for more than a day. The outage stopped trains and elevators, and disrupted everything from cellular telephone service to operations at hospitals to traffic at airports.

**AUG. 15**

1969: The Woodstock Music Festival opens on a patch of farmland in White Lake, a hamlet in the upstate New York town of Bethel. Despite their relative inexperience, the young promoters managed to sign a roster of top acts, including the Jefferson Airplane, the Who, the Grateful Dead, Sly and the Family Stone, Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix, Creedence Clearwater Revival and many more. Plans for the festival were on the verge of foundering, however, after both Woodstock and the nearby town of Wallkill denied permission to hold the event. Dairy farmer Max Yasgur came to the rescue at the last minute, giving the promoters access to his 600 acres of land in Bethel, some 50 miles from Woodstock.

1977: Popular music icon Elvis Presley dies in Memphis, Tennessee. He was 42. The death of the “King of Rock and Roll” brought legions of mourning fans to Graceland, his mansion in Memphis. Doctors said he died of a heart attack, likely brought on by his addiction to prescription barbiturates. Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi, on Jan. 8, 1935. His twin brother, Jesse, died during the birth.

1933: New York Yankees first baseman Lou Gehrig plays in his 1,308th consecutive game, breaking former Yankee Everett Scott’s record for consecutive games played. Gehrig would go on to play in 2,130 games in a row, setting a record that would stand for over half a century.

1991: Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev is placed under house arrest during a coup by high-ranking members of his own government, military and police forces. Since becoming secretary of the Communist Party in 1985 and president of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) in 1988, Gorbachev had pursued comprehensive reforms of the Soviet system.

**Correction**

In the article, “Pickell defeats Argentine’s top cop, published on Sunday, Aug. 7, the Times incorrectly listed Genesee County Sheriff Republican Candidate Matthew Krol as Michael Krol. Krol’s first name is Matthew.

**AUG. 19**

1909: The first race is held at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, now the home of the world’s most famous motor racing competition, the Indianapolis 500. Built on 328 acres of farmland five miles northwest of Indianapolis, Indiana, the speedway was started by local businessmen as a testing facility for Indiana’s growing automobile industry. In that first five-mile race, 12,000 spectators watched Austrian engineer Louis Schweitzer win with an average speed of 57.4 miles per hour.

1930: Seven men, including legendary all-around athlete and football star Jim Thorpe, meet to organize a professional football league at the Jordan and Hupmobile Auto Showroom in Canton, Ohio. The meeting led to the creation of the American Professional Football Conference (APFC), the forerunner to the hugely successful National Football League.

**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

**ONLY A LIBERAL** How can someone take an oath to ‘support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic’ but not defend the second amendment? 

**NOW THAT TOURISTS** Have Fenton businesses booming. It’s time for those businesses that benefitted from local tax money to repay that tax money to Fenton.

**TO THE YOUNG** man in the small black car on Sixth and Lemen. Come on, we get it, your car has a loud stereo system. Turn it down.

**SAW ON THE** news today that Bernie just purchased an $800,000 summer home. Wow, now we know there was an actual buyout for his relinquishing himself and supporting Hillary.

**NEXT TIME YOU’RE** looking for things in Google try checking out Clinton body count. It’s quite interesting to read.

I SEE WHERE the American Communist Party has endorsed Hillary Clinton. Makes sense. Birds of a feather.

**DOES ANYONE ELSE** find it strange the way the city of Fenton falls all over itself to cater to certain business owners?

**WE SURE MISSED** the horses on Torrey Road this year. I hope you bring them back next year. They are so beautiful to look at.

**LINDEN ADMINISTRATION,** WE have a basketball guy building a program and you let him go? Obviously, you have an agenda that doesn’t include the welfare of the students.

**WHY DOES IT** take people dying on rides before amusement parks have to do safety checks?
Compiled By Vera Hogan
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Grant Cislo, 20, of Fenton will be a junior at Michigan State University this fall. He is a 2014 graduate of Powers Catholic High School.

What is your major at MSU, and is there a minor?

I am majoring in journalism with a concentration in sports reporting and electronic news. I am minoring in public relations. I will be graduating this fall. He is a 2014 graduate of Powers Catholic High School.

What is your career goal?

I want to become a talk show host for ESPN on one of their shows such as First Take, His & Hers, SportsNation, Pardon the Interruption (PTI), etc.

I definitely want to get into sports broadcasting. It has always been a passion of mine since I was little. I have always wanted to be on ESPN since I can remember. It is a competitive field so I am definitely going to have to work hard for it. One thing I keep telling myself is ‘I won’t stop until I get on that TV.’

What market would you eventually like to work in?

I am looking to work at the national level. That is where the money is in this business. Like I said before though, in order to get to the national level I will have to work hard for it. So starting off, yes I may have to work at a state level, but eventually I want to get to the national level.

What is your favorite sport?:

My favorite sport to play is lacrosse. My favorite sport to watch is either football or basketball.

Are these the sports you would like to announce?

A sport that I would like to announce would be either college football or college basketball. In my opinion, these two sports are the most exciting to watch. The difference between the college and pro level is obviously the money. In college, these kids have nothing else to play for other than to try to win for their team and to make it to the next level, so these kids are always going to give it their all, which makes college sports more exciting to watch and talk about.

Who is your favorite sportscaster?

My favorite sportscaster iscrasti. The guy is just entertaining in every aspect of what he does. All to make your service experience exceptional.

-Duane Curto
Director, Service Operations

You guys did a great job. I gave you the best grade you could get, perfect. Thank you very much.

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-Aaron was very helpful. Duane Curto (Service Director) oversaw and went out of the way to get involved. He is the reason I continue to give service business to Vic Canever!-

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Stephen A. Smith, no question about it. He is a co-host for ESPN’s First Take. The guy is just entertaining. In my opinion, he is one of the best in the business. He knows how to deliver sports in an entertaining way and that can be hard to do at times.

What would you like to bring to the profession?

I want to deliver sports in a fun and unique way so that everyone can enjoy them. It is boring to listen to or watch. I want to change that and make sports more enjoyable for those who do not find it enjoyable right now.

What has working as the Tri-County Times intern this summer helped you?

This was my first time writing for a newspaper, so this internship really helped improve my writing skills and I feel comfortable writing for a newspaper now. I would feel comfortable taking an internship for any other newspaper and that is because of how Tri-County Times prepared me. I now feel a lot more confident in reaching out to people for interviews, especially strangers.

Doing Street Talk questions every week was the main reason for this and has made me feel a lot more confident in approaching strangers for interviews.

I would like to thank Tri-County Times for everything that they have done for me this summer. It has been a great experience and I have learned some things that I will use for the rest of my career.

What do you like to do in your free time?

Typical stuff really, hang out with my friends, spend time with my family, go to the gym, play some golf, go out on the lake or hang by the pool during the summer, nothing too special. I also like to ski in the wintertime.

What are your future personal plans?

Right now, the only thing that is really on my mind is graduating from college and securing a job as soon as I can. Marriage and kids have not been on my mind. The time will come for that, but I do not see that time being anytime soon. I want to enjoy myself for a bit after I graduate from MSU.

Name one thing people don’t know about you?

One thing that a lot of people may not know about me is that I am starting my own podcast this fall semester at MSU with one of my buddies from school. It will cover a majority of sports that are happening in the Big Ten with football being the main topic this fall. The name of the podcast is going to be BigTen Sports Den, so you can look for that on iTunes this fall.

I want to make sports more enjoyable for everyone. I want to deliver sports in a fun and unique way so that everyone can enjoy them. There are a lot of people who have no interest in sports because they think it is boring to listen to or watch. I want to change that and make sports more enjoyable for those who do not find it enjoyable right now.
Scott Staley is one of three Staley brothers to co-own their 75-year-old family business.

New office for Staley’s Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning

75-year-old company makes commitment to tri-county area

By Sally Rummel
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Successfully operating a family business for 75 years puts Staley’s Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc. in a category all its own.

Headquartered in Flushing, the Staley family has opened an office/showroom at 2740 Grange Hall Rd., between Fenton and Holly. “We’ve been getting more work in this area, and we’re a firm believer in having a brick and mortar presence where we do business,” said Scott Staley.

Scott works with his brother, Paul, in the heating and cooling side of the business, while another brother, Greg, is a master plumber. Together, they are one of the owners of the company,” said Scott.

Staley’s is the oldest Lennox Dealer in Genesee County, having carried the brand since 1946. They also carry reputable American-made brands including Mansfield, Sterling Water Systems and Michigan-based Bradford White.

Staley’s Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning is located at 2740 Grange Hall Rd., Suite F, in the plaza at the corner of Fish Lake and Grange Hall roads. Office hours in Holly are Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., telephone (248) 634-0676.

Kenneth Ackley, DDS now owns Oak Tree Dental

He is sole owner of Fenton practice which opened in 2013

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Kenneth Ackley, DDS, has assumed sole ownership of the Oak Tree Dental practice, which opened in June 2013 at 500 North LeRoy St. in Fenton.

Ackley takes pride in offering exceptional care to local patients. As one of the top graduates of his 2005 class from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, he is dedicated to expanding his knowledge through continuing education and using these skills to benefit his patients.

Oak Tree Dental offers a complete range of full-service cosmetic and family dentistry, most of which can be handled on-site in the Fenton office. Using state-of-the-art equipment and providing a friendly and caring staff, Ackley’s priority is always the health and well-being of his patients.

Ackley and his wife, Patty, a dental hygienist, have two sons, Jakob and Eden, and a daughter, Liliana.

To make an appointment, call (810) 629-8272.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

YOU DO REALIZE that if you choose not to vote, or vote for a third-party candidate, you are watering down the whole voting process, which could benefit Hillary. She will be indicted on several charges by the end of the year. With her in prison, her VP will then be in charge.

THIS MORNING, AUG. 5, President Obama ordered another 10,000 Syrian refugees to be admitted to the U.S. Even our FBI director believes this poses a significant amount of risk.

HILLARY CLINTON SAID she plans to take the millions of illegals in our country and give them amnesty and turn them loose on our streets. They will commit crimes and rob American citizens of their jobs and homes. The whole system will continue to spiral downward.

With her in prison, her VP will then be in charge.

TODAY, AUG. 12, HILLARY CLINTON SAID on ABC’s This Week that she is no longer in charge.

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Linden — Down by two holes in a match play format, Linden’s Julie Guckian was facing a five-foot par putt with a chance to cut her deficit into half during Wednesday’s 100th Michigan Women’s Amateur held at Spring Meadow Country Club.

However, she missed it and as she did, she mumbled a quiet comment that could barely be heard by those following her’s best partner (Linden Community Schools interim superintendent) Russ Ciesielski and (past community schools interim superintendent) Cathy North has given me throughout the last four years,” Wright said. “As former high school basketball program has gotten better every year and finally put itself in a position to be successful for the next few years.

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Holly — It was cool, sunny and just about the best conditions anyone could ask for a first official practice of the 2016 prep football season.

While the rest of the week promised hotter temperatures, the Bronchos’ first session on Monday morning couldn’t have been any better. “It was absolutely great but it is supposed to get hotter,” Holly varsity football coach Ryan Culloty said after Monday’s first session. “But you expect that in August. It’s been warm all summer and the kids have been conditioning. They had a good morning and I suspect we will have a good week.”

“Mornings are the best,” Holly senior Paris Partee said. “There is no place I’d rather be in the morning, and today is nice. It’s a great experience to be with these guys. Not everybody is coming up in the summer to do this. Only a select few can do it.”

Holly’s “select few” on for the varsity team extend to about 40 players. Just as with any other sport, there are some strong players gone due to graduation. A couple of graduated names that stick out immediately are Christian Diaz, Javon Barr and Adam Tooley. However, when Holly varsity football coach lists his returning offensive players, he actually lists 12 players. That’s because many players started games last season while other starters nursed injuries. And on defense he has eight back. He even has his kicker back.

So, for the most part, the Bronchos were fielding an experienced team during their first day of practice on Monday. See BRONCHOS on 23A

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Anthony Wright spent four years at Linden. It became his new home and he’s experienced some great personal highs while here. For example, he’s getting married in October. He’s also experienced some great basketball relationships as well. However, now Wright is moving on. On Thursday Wright sent a letter of resignation involving his varsity boys basketball coaching position, ending tenure at Linden.

“I can’t say enough about the amount of support (Linden Community Schools interim superintendent) Russ Ciesielski and (past athletic director) Cathy North has given me throughout the last four years,” Wright said. “As former high school athletes they understand what it means to build a program. The Linden basketball program has gotten better every year and finally put itself in a position to be successful for the next few years.

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“I came back and won 13, 15, 16 and 17,” Guckian said. “We both bogeyed and tied 11 and 12, and coming off those two holes, I was asking myself, ‘Why can’t I just two-putt?’ Then I on 13 I parred and I got some confidence after that.”

Guckian was playing in one of the state’s most prestigious amateur women’s tournaments the Golf Association of Michigan (GAM) hosts during the year, it was a tournament Spring Meadows Country Club eagerly sought after because this was the 100th version of the tourney. Guckian, along with fellow tri-county residents Amelia Gavulic, Donna Benford and Samantha Moss qualified to play in the tourney and had to compete in two 18-hole rounds on Monday and Tuesday, competing to finish in the top 32 and earn a spot in the match play bracket. Guckian, easily qualified for the final, placing in a tie for 15th with a 77-76-153 on Spring Meadows’ par-72, 5,927-yard layout.

“The first day I was hitting the ball pretty well, but I made a couple of mistakes resulting in two double-bogeys. I was five–over with two double-bogeys. I caught a couple of bad breaks and I didn’t play them like I should’ve. The second day I kept the mistakes to a minimum. My irons have not been bad but they’ve not been good. They are not leaving me with birdie opportunities but they are not flying out of bounds either.”

Donna Benford, a Spring Meadows Country Club member, came agonizingly close to earning a spot in the final 32, posting a score of 81-79-160, two strokes out of a bracket position. It’s likely Benford, 56, may have played more rounds of golf at Spring Meadows than the rest of the field combined considering she’s a 23-time women’s member champion at the club. She’s also had a fine career in GAM events, winning the GAM Women’s Senior Championship in 2012 and 2013.

Tri-County performers
Here is a list of other tri-county performers who competed at the 100th Michigan Women’s Amateur held at Spring Meadows Country Club last week:

- **Donna Benford:** Benford finished the 36-hole portion of the event with a 38th-place finish and a score of 81-79-160, just missing the 32-player match play field by two strokes.
- **Samantha Moss:** Moss shot an 82-79-161, finishing in a tie for 39th place.
- **Amelia Gavulic:** Gavulic shot a 96-95-191 score during the 36-hole portion of the tourney.

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“We are going to miss guys like Adam Tooley, Christian Diaz and Javon Barr, but we have some good talent back, so I think we can do a lot of damage,” Partee said. “I think this team will do just as good as last year’s team did and go even further.”

Culloty likes the work his team put into the season during the summer. He said preparations for this fall’s season should go smoother since the Bronchos are running much of the same systems they ran last year.

It’s football time!
The prep football season has started with practices all around the state. Soon teams will be going to scrimmages and then playing their first games starting on Aug. 26. Another tradition is the Tri-County Times’ annual football special section. We’ll preview all four of our area squads and provide all of the fall athletic schedules within our publication. Also included will be our annual Take Five question and answer features and a year-by-year look back at each team’s previous four seasons of records. Look for it in the Aug. 21 edition.
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