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## A donation for the future

Promise Zone receives \$63,000 from University of Michigan

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LAKE COUNTY STAR



**A GENEROUS DONATION:** Earlier this year, the Baldwin Promise Zone received a \$63,230 donation from the University of Michigan School of Education. Pictured (from left to right) are Ayana Richardson, college access center director and promise zone coordinator; Dr. John Burkhardt, professor of higher education; and U of M students Kelly Finzer and Gina Gallagher. (Courtesy photo)

BALDWIN — Making college accessible to students and helping them achieve a degree during their attendance has been the goal of the Baldwin Promise Zone and College Access Center for a number of years. Now, those entities are receiving an extra boost to further that goal from one of the institutions the students strive to attend.

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## Robinson named undersheriff

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BALDWIN — In the days following former Lake County Undersheriff Richard Perrin's resignation in February, long-time officer Dennis Robinson was named the county's new undersheriff.

Perrin presented his letter of resignation to Lake County Sheriff Bob Hilts on Feb. 2 citing "personal reasons." On Feb. 6, Robinson was chosen as his successor, Robinson said.



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Robinson has served the Lake County Sheriff's Department in various roles since 1989. He started as a reserve officer and was most recently the department's chief deputy before he accepted the undersheriff position.



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"I'm excited because a lot of things I'm doing (as undersheriff) I

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## Corrections officer charged in meth operation

Lake County officer faces 30 years in prison

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LAKE COUNTY — A Lake County corrections officer and another individual have been charged with possessing methamphetamine and operating or maintaining a methamphetamine lab after police raided a residence on Friday in Lake County's Webber Township.

Brian Rex Morrissey, 39, and Rebecca Lynn Beachler, 36, both of Webber Township, were arraigned on Monday in Lake County Trial Court. Morrissey, a corrections officer, and Beachler are both charged with one count of operating or maintaining a controlled substance laboratory involving methamphetamine, a felony punishable by 20 years in prison, and one count of possession of methamphetamine, a felony punishable by 10



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years in prison. Last week, an agency which monitors the sale of certain components used in the production of meth notified the Lake County Sheriff's Office that an individual living in the county was purchasing some of the components.

Following a short investigation, a search warrant was obtained and executed on Friday afternoon at 947 W. Bluss Drive.

"Once we gained access to the resi-

dence, we found an active meth lab with meth actually cooking at that time," said Lake County Sheriff Bob Hilts.

Neither Morrissey nor Beachler were at the residence when police entered the home. However, while deputies were waiting for the lab to be properly cleaned up, Morrissey and Beachler returned to the residence and were taken into custody.

Morrissey was hired as a corrections officer in January and completed his training in February, Hilts said. When he was hired, Morrissey was giv-

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**LOG SIDED HOME ON 5+/- ACRES - 9210 S. STAR LAKE ROAD - BALDWIN** - Fantastic two bedroom, one bath log sided home on 5+/- secluded acres. Home features an open floor plan with cedar interior and exposed beams to add to the northern charm. 24x24 garage with cement floors, electric and water. **\$89,900 (KID)**

**WOLF LAKE ACCESS - 1163 WOLF LAKE DRIVE - BALDWIN** - Home, just over half an acre, access to all sports Wolf Lake, 2 bedrooms, 1 full bath, well insulated and for year round use. Completely furnished! Paved driveway, 2-stall garage, large backyard with patio. **\$89,900 (REE)**

**LITTLE SOUTH BRANCH PM RIVER COTTAGE - 2156 W PM LANE - BALDWIN** - Cabin, over 300' frontage on the Little South Branch of the Pere Marquette River, 2 bedrooms, fireplace. **\$89,000 (LIN)**

**2 BEDROOM HOME - 752 OAK STREET - BALDWIN** - This home is located in the Village of Baldwin. This 2 bedroom, 1 bath, home has a large living room, spacious kitchen with dining area, large laundry back entrance area and a large family room. **\$44,900 (HAN)**

**2.89 ACRES - 4438 MAIN STREET - IRONS** - Close to USA land, ride your ORV's from cabin, 2 bedrooms, plus extra bunk area, 1 bath, open living room and kitchen area, 2 sheds, and out house, vinyl siding and vinyl insulated windows! Ready to use cabin! **\$35,000 (VANW)**

**CLOSE TO WOLF LAKE - 1103 N. TIMBERWOLF TRAIL - BALDWIN** - This cabin is located on 2 nicely wooded lots in the Wolf Lake Area. The cabin features a galley style kitchen, large dining area with a sleeping cove off of it and a loft above for added sleeping room. Ride your ORV and snowmobile to the trails. **\$24,000 (BUT)**

# HOROSCOPES

## APRIL 2013

### ARIES - Mar 21 - Apr 20

*Aries, some conflicting signals from a friend this week might seem like trouble is ahead. But it's more likely that your perception of the situation is a little off.*

### TAURUS - Apr 21 - May 21

*Taurus, your imagination has a life of its own this week. You may be thinking of living on the edge a little bit in the next few days but don't overdo it.*

### GEMINI - May 22 - Jun 21

*Gemini, avoid a deep discussion about your feelings with someone at work this week. Now is not the time or the place to share anything personal, so keep it professional.*

### CANCER - Jun 22 - Jul 22

*Cancer, don't get sidetracked this week because coworkers are expecting your full attention and effort at the office. You may need to juggle a few responsibilities for the time being.*

### LEO - Jul 23 - Aug 23

*Leo, make sure you comments are not misinterpreted this week. Someone might take something the wrong way, so choose your words carefully.*

### VIRGO - Aug 24 - Sept 22

*Virgo, you may be feeling great physically, but there is a nagging problem that you simply cannot identify. Give it time and it will come to the surface.*

### LIBRA - Sept 23 - Oct 23

*Libra, you know what you want and do not need anyone's approval, but you can't help checking in with a family member this week to get a second opinion.*

### SCORPIO - Oct 24 - Nov 22

*Scorpio, channel your romantic feelings into action this week. Act sooner rather than later and make the most of your emotions while they're strong.*

### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23 - Dec 21

*Sagittarius, learn from the past but do not allow letdowns from the past to dictate your future. There is no guarantee that things will be repeated.*

### CAPRICORN - Dec 22 - Jan 20

*Capricorn, write things down this week before you say them to be sure you have everything correct. This will help you when you need to make an important announcement.*

### AQUARIUS - Jan 21 - Feb 18

*Aquarius, you may feel like escaping to a fantasy world, but that does not mean the pressing matters will simply disappear. A vacation may recharge your batteries.*

### PISCES - Feb 19 - Mar 20

*You are in much better shape than you think you are. Pisces, so don't be too hard on yourself this week. It is alright to put your feet up.*



**ACCEPTING DONATION:** Ayana Richardson, college access center director and promise zone coordinator, sits inside the college access center. A portion of the \$63,000 donation from the University of Michigan will help fund certain administrative costs and purchase equipment at the college access center. (Star photo/Kyle Leppek)

## MONEY

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As part of a special class project, students at the University of Michigan School of Education recently donated \$63,230 to the Baldwin Promise Zone.

"This helps us financially to be able to support any type of initiatives or programs that we think will help (students) in accessing college," said Ayana Richardson, college access center director and promise zone coordinator. "Not only the access to college, but creating that knowledge in order to access college."

U of M students in Dr. John Burkhardt's "Philanthropy and Higher Education" course received \$100,000 through the Once Upon a Time Foundation to donate to nonprofit organizations of their choice. In addition to the Baldwin Promise Zone, the students chose to donate \$37,000 to All the World's a Stage, a drama-therapy program for at-risk youth.

This is the second year Burkhardt's course has received the opportunity to make a donation. Throughout the semester, the class developed a mission and goals to decide where in the state to donate the money to help underserved youth populations. The class chose the organizations in December, and the Baldwin Promise Zone received the donation in the beginning of the year.

The donation will not only help fund programs already in



place in Baldwin, it will create new initiatives as well. This year's college tour, which starts next week, will be funded through the donation. It also will help cover some administrative costs and purchase equipment at the College Access Center.

The remainder of the funds will support new initiatives like providing transportation for students who wish to retake the ACTs at West Shore Educational Service District or Ferris State University.

"If you don't have a ride to take the test, that becomes another barrier for you trying to complete that," Richardson said.

The funds also will support Decision Day, a celebration of students who applied to college and were accepted; the creation of an "Ask an Expert" series, events that will provide knowledge and awareness on topics about college; and an outreach program for students attending college to provide feedback about the College Access Center.

Because College Access Centers and Networks still are in their relative infancy, Richardson is constantly thinking of new initiatives to benefit Baldwin Community Schools' students. She collaborates with other colleagues to create new practices, but also strengthens the ones currently in place that are working.

"Because (College Access Centers are) not a concept that is mature in age, I think we all are all evolving in trying to find best practices or best ways to help our students in our community," Richardson said. "Every community is different and we have to sometimes tailor whatever it is that we are providing; resources that are available to our students to fit the need of our students."

The district has a class of 17 students graduating this year. Fifteen of those students have applied to higher-education institutions, and all 15 have been accepted to at least one of those institutions. The other two graduating seniors have chosen to enter the armed forces.

