



Area scouts build airplane at Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport

OSCODA — Local Scouts banded together over the summer to construct a real aircraft at the Oscoda Wurtsmith Airport as part of a program.

Scouts involved in the program, including three women, completed the Young Eagle Flights through the Experimental Aircraft Association prior to applying.

Scouts included in the program included Paige Gower from National City, a member of Oscoda's Troop 7.

The other four Venturers from Crew 7, including Nickoli D'Agrella, Rhea Gereau and Jenya Torsch all of Alpena and Edward Klenow of Tawas City.

The program value to each of the four participants was approximately \$3,000. A local business, Aircraft Tool Supply of Oscoda was a big help by allowing a discount on tools that were needed.

The program started on June 17. The first week was learning about fasteners, standards, sheet metal and composite repair.

Scouts learned how to read Cessna service and parts manuals. They constructed a cradle to hold the 1962 Cessna 150B so that the landing gear and engine mount

could be removed and sent out for nondestructive inspection and powder coating.

John Veld, a retired USAF sheet metal technician from Kalamazoo, was the supervising mechanic teaching the Scouts.

During the week starting the June 24, the Scouts worked on wiring the avionics for the aircraft.

Mark Evans joined the Scouts from Traverse City, where he is the proprietor of Evan's Avionics. Evans supervised the Scouts as they measured wire, read schematics, soldered and squeezed pins onto wires.

The Scouts learned about modern digital avionics and built most of the aircraft wiring harness. Evans was recognized by the Federal Aviation administration as Avionics Technician of the Year in 2008 and has more than 40 years experience working in avionics. He supervised the installation of more than \$67,000 worth of high-tech electronics equipment into the aircraft.

During week four, Gary Pietroski of Tawas City taught the Scouts how to make an aircraft interior. The Scouts formed foam

seats, cut Kevlar fabric and used it to cover seats, panels and make a headliner using a commercial sewing machine. Gary and his wife Penny are the proprietors at Tawas Auto and Boat Upholstery.

In week five, starting July 15, Rollin Tomlin supervised general aviation maintenance and repair. Tomlin hails from Clinton County, Ohio where he has taught at the Laurel Oaks Aviation Maintenance School and serves as a Designated Maintenance Examiner (DME) for the Federal Aviation Administration. In his role as a DME, Tomlin administers the practical tests that form the last hurdle prospective mechanics need to master before becoming certified aircraft mechanics. Scouts continued to complete repairs and build systems while also doing nondestructive inspections of various components.

Week six saw a real change of pace for the Scouts. Program focus switched from the airframe to the Continental O-200 aircraft engine. The engine is a four cylinder, horizontally opposed, air cooled engine capable of developing 100 horsepower at sea level. It is a direct drive engine so the crankshaft is connected directly to the propeller and can turn as rapidly as 2,750 revolutions per minute.

Marv Poland, the airport manager at the Iosco County Airport, a retired Air Force Master Sergeant and a licensed FAA Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic, taught the Scouts how to disassemble and inspect the engine. Poland is also a FAA Certified Flight Instructor. Fortunately, the crankshaft was standard and the camshaft required minimal grinding. At the end of the week the engine components were shipped to Kline Aviation in Brooklyn for further



Courtesy photo
ENGINE — Rhea Gereau, left, faces volunteer Paul Kline as they work to assemble an aircraft engine. Also pictured is Nickoli D'Agrella working on assembly

inspection and servicing.

Week 7 saw the Scouts return to general airframe maintenance under the supervision of Dave Young from Tawas City. Young is a retired USAF Chief Master Sergeant with extensive aircraft maintenance experience in the Air Force. Young also used to teach aircraft maintenance at Kalitta Air in Oscoda.

Week 9 was supervised by Sasha Lazic from Wilmington, Ohio. Lazic is a maintenance supervisor at Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky International Airport where he works on aircraft like the Boeing 777, 767 and 737.

He runs a busy general aviation repair business when not at work at Cincinnati. The wings and tail section finally went on the Cessna and the installation of all new, stainless steel control

cables began. The airplane landing gear was reinstalled and the plane came back to the ground off the cradle.

The week of 19 August, Paul Kline of Kline Aviation in Brooklyn came up to teach the Scouts engine assembly. Kline recently retired after spending over forty years in the business of assembling aircraft engines. He is widely considered one of the most experienced general aviation powerplant mechanics in the State of Michigan.

He brought the exchanged case, the inspected crank, the freshly ground camshaft, the engine accessory case and numerous other components. Four new cylinders were waiting at the hangar. Kline taught the four Scouts how to as-

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JUNIOR MECHANICS — Front row from left to right, Scouts Rhea Gereau, Paige Gower and Nickoli D'Agrella, worked with Sasha Lazic (back row) on a summer project to construct a small aircraft. Lazic, a maintenance supervisor at Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky International Airport, was just one of many adult volunteers in the aviation industry to help out on the project. Not pictured is scout Jenya Torsch.

Three-car crash claims life of East Tawas man

by Jenny Haglund

BALDWIN Twp. — Joseph Walter Huckno, 80, East Tawas, died following a three-vehicle collision in Baldwin Township on Aug. 30.

The Michigan State Police (MSP) advise that Huckno, a passenger in one of the involved cars, was not wearing a seat belt. He was taken by ambulance to the hospital, where he later passed away.

He was traveling at the time with David Michael Huckno, 57, Allen Park, who was driving a Hyundai Accent.

According to the MSP, D. Huckno sustained incapacitating injuries and was airlifted to a hospital in Saginaw.

Authorities note that the incident occurred on US-23, near Tac Trail, at 3:16 p.m.

They advise that Stephanie Alice Duff, 57, East Tawas, was sitting stationary on US-23, waiting to make a left turn onto Tac Trail.

Police state that D. Huckno, who was traveling north on US-23, was unable to stop in time and collided with the rear driver's side

of Duff's Chevrolet Impala.

Duff was reported to have sustained non-incapacitating injuries, and was taken via ambulance to the hospital.

As D. Huckno struck Duff's car, his vehicle spun into the southbound lane, and the car ended up facing east.

According to the MSP, another driver was headed south on US-23, was unable to stop and struck D. Huckno's vehicle on the driver's side.

David Albert Schaubroeck, 78, Harrisville, was the operator of the third vehicle involved, a Dodge Caravan. He experienced possible injuries, and was also taken to the hospital by ambulance.

Neither Duff nor Schaubroeck were traveling with any passengers and, like D. Huckno, they were wearing seat belts at the time.

Police note that neither drugs nor alcohol are suspected as having contributed to the incident.

All three vehicles were damaged and had to be towed from the crash site.

by Jason Ogden

TAWAS CITY — The Iosco County Board of Commissioners received highlights on the yearly activities of the Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA) during its regular meeting held Sept. 4.

Frances Whitney, communications and outreach for the agency, gave the annual report to commissioners. She said that as a resident of Iosco County, and presenting to the county where NEMCSA was created, it was always exciting to give the annual report to Iosco commissioners.

Whitney said the service agency, which provides programs for Headstart, social and behavior development, income and asset building, and senior services — among other activities — has an 11-county core area and is one of the largest service agencies in the state.

In Whitney's report she said that more than half of the agency's nearly \$55 million budget was derived from federal sources. She said 38 percent of the fund was from the state and 11 percent was derived from local and in-kind services.

"And that is pretty similar from year-to-year," Whitney explained.

Of those revenues, Whitney highlighted what is spent on what services. In the report early childhood accounts for 47 percent of the agency's budget or just over \$27 million dollars. The second highest program expenditure is community based care, which takes up 24.5 percent of the annual budget, or \$13.4 million. The third highest expenditure on their budget is for aging, which is 9 percent of the budget or \$5 million.



Photo by Jason Ogden

REPORT — Frances Whitney, communications and outreach for the Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, hands out the agency's annual report for 2018 to the Iosco County Board of Commissioners Sept. 4.

Whitney said that with the early childhood services, it actually extends out into more than just the 11-county core service area into 22 counties in Michigan.

"That makes us the largest community action in the state," she said.

One of the highlights of the report, which can be viewed by visiting www.nemcsa.org, that is new this year, explained Whitney, was a timeline of what the agency has done over the decades since it was founded in 1968.

Some of those highlights in-

cluded the creation of the Region 9 Area Agency on Aging in 1973 and the establishment of the Low Income Energy Assistance Program in 1981.

One timeline event that Whitney highlighted during her presentation was the Wurtsmith Housing Project that was approved in 1996. That program relocated some of the unused housing from the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base after its closure in 1993.

"That year the first house was

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moved in the Wurtsmith Housing Project,” Whitney said. “We were trying to get funding so we could relocate some of that base housing; the first house was actually

moved and placed into Arenac County right before Christmas.” Whitney said those residents are still in the house, and there are houses that have been moved



Courtesy photo

SEATING – Rhea Gireau seated on the left, works on constructing seating foam with Paige Gower and Nickoli D’Agrella working on the project as well.

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semble the engine. Each Scout was able to install a cylinder and all worked together on the rest of the engine. At the end of the week, the engine was attached to the aircraft.

In the final week of the program, Lazic returned from Wilmington and led the Scouts in much of the remaining assembly. Since school began during this week, the Scouts could only be present on Friday and Saturday of the Labor Day weekend.

Each Scout had the opportunity to log nearly 400 hours of certified aviation maintenance experience. This is over 20 percent of the experience generally considered necessary to gain certification as an FAA Certified Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic.

Troop 7 and Crew 7 are chartered to Oscoda Post 274 of the American Legion.

Troop 7 is for young women ages 11 through 17. Girls may join when they complete fifth grade or

turn 11, whichever comes first. The Troop meets at Hope-St. John’s Church at Mill Street on the beach in AuSable every Wednesday from 5:15 to 6:45 p.m.

Crew 7 is for young men and women who are 14 thru 20. Interested youth may join when they turn 14 or finish eighth grade.

The Crew meets every other Sunday evening at Hope-St. John’s Church from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. The next meeting is Sept. 22.

Young men interested in Scouts can join Troop 959 at Oscoda Methodist Church. Troop 959 meets Wednesdays from 5 to 6 p.m. Troop 959 is for young men ages 11 thru 17. Boys may join when they complete fifth grade or turn 11, whichever comes first.

Oscoda also has a Cub Scout Pack that also meets at Oscoda Methodist Church. Cub Scout Pack 1300 is currently open to boys ages six thru 10 ½ and meets Tuesdays from 6 to 7 p.m.

into different areas of Iosco and Alcona counties.

One of the things that Whitney said NEMSCA is working on for next year’s report is better data collection to show what benefits from NEMSCA go to what county.

“We are trying to get the county information on a more localized level so we can get the impact on Iosco County,” she said.

Whitney also told commissioners about an upcoming poverty education workshop that will take place in October for community member partners

“What we do is we provide poverty education to community partner members and do a two-hour minimum education workshop to what it is like when we’re working with people in generational poverty,” she said. “It will be a half a day training, I wanted to invite the board to see the event.”

Commissioner Charles Finley said that he had learned about the program through his experience on the NEMSCA board and said it was dynamic.

Other business of the board included:

- Commissioners unanimously approved a resolution to appoint Jame McArdle to the a vacancy on the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission for a term that will expire Dec. 31, 2020. The board also made an appointment to the county’s Economic Development Commission to fill a vacancy and appointed Richard Castle Jr., from Consumers Energy to the commission. The vote was unanimous. Finally, Commissioner Terry Dutcher was unanimously appointed to the county’s Medical Control Board.

- The board also unanimously approved a motion to place Democrat Patti Casey and Republican Susan Flora on the Iosco County Board of Canvassers. Both are incumbents on the board and will fill out new terms, according to Iosco County Clerk Nancy Huebel.

Whitmer takes action to protect kids from vaping

LANSING – Last week Governor Gretchen Whitmer took aggressive action to protect Michigan kids from the harmful effects of vaping. These actions include making Michigan the first state in the nation to ban flavored nicotine vaping products.

After her Chief Medical Executive, Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, made a finding that youth vaping constitutes a public health emergency, Governor Whitmer ordered the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to issue emergency rules to ban the sale of flavored nicotine vaping products in retail stores and online, and ban misleading marketing of vaping products, including the use of terms like “clean,” “safe,” and “healthy” that perpetuate beliefs that these products are harmless. The governor also ordered the Michigan Department of Transportation to enforce an existing statute to prohibit the advertising of vapor products on billboards.

“As governor, my number one priority is keeping our kids safe,” said Governor Whitmer. “And right now, companies selling vaping products are using candy flavors to hook children on nicotine and misleading claims to promote the belief that these products are safe. That ends today. Our kids deserve leaders who are going to fight to protect them. These bold steps will finally put an end to these irresponsible and deceptive practices and protect Michiganers’ public health.”

“Governor Whitmer has taken bold and appropriate action in response to the epidemic of youth e-cigarette use,” said Nancy Brown, CEO of the American Heart Association. On June 4 of this year, Governor Whitmer signed Senate Bills 106 and 155, which clarify that it is illegal to sell e-cigarettes and other non-traditional nicotine products to minors. In her signing

message to the Legislature, Governor Whitmer criticized the legislation for not going far enough to protect Michigan’s kids from nicotine addiction, calling the marketing, packaging, and taste of e-cigarettes a “bait-and-switch” engineered to “create new nicotine addicts.”

“In the past few years, we’ve seen an explosive increase in the number of Michigan kids exposed to vaping products,” said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive for the State of Michigan and chief deputy director for health at MDHHS. “This is a public health crisis. These products can contain harmful chemicals that put our kids’ health at risk. I’m looking forward to working with Governor Whitmer to mitigate these effects and keep our kids healthy.”

From 2017 to 2018, e-cigarette use spiked 78% among high school students and 48% among middle school students. In 2018, more than 3.6 million U.S. kids, including 1 in 5 high school students and 1 in 20 middle school students were regular users. These rates are still climbing, likely fueled by the availability of flavors akin to apple juice, bubble gum, and Nerds.

Dr. Mark Hamed, Medical Director for District Health Department No. 2 (DHD2) supported the governor’s efforts.

“We live in a day and age where public health threats should be prevented and/or mitigated as soon as possible. Any efforts to stop the increased trend we see in teen vaping should be applauded and encouraged. Part of what makes the vaping phenomenon so appealing to minors is the flavoring of the products. These flavors can range from bubblegum to cotton candy, and that can be seen as a direct marketing attempt at our youth.”

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