

# Holland Construction begins senior living project in Glen Carbon

Holland Construction Services has begun construction on Keystone Place at Magnolia Commons, a new senior living community in Glen Carbon.

The 180,000-square-foot project will be located at 245 Magnolia Ave., just off Illinois Route 157 in an area known for its medical, senior living, and professional service facilities.

“We are excited to offer a new rental housing option for adults seeking a safe, secure, maintenance-free, service-rich lifestyle,” said Brent Kingen, chief operating officer for Keystone Senior Management Services. “Keystone Place at Magnolia Commons’ ultra-inclusive service package will provide meals, housekeeping, transportation, and life enrichment opportunities that will allow residents to engage, explore and maximize their personal wellness.”

As a Rental Continuing Care Senior Living Community, the operation



A rendering of the Keystone Place at Magnolia Commons.

will provide independent living, assisted living and memory care apartments, accommodations and services, he said. The four-story building will feature 79 independent living units,

43 assisted care units and 20 memory care units. Amenities will include a full kitchen and dining room, movie theater, salon, bistro and fitness center.

The development is the sec-

ond Keystone Senior Living facility Holland has built. Last year, Holland completed Keystone Place at Richland Creek in O’Fallon, Ill.

“Having the past experience of building a facility like this, which includes three different types of care levels, is very helpful on this project,” said Holland Senior Project Manager Tim Simon. “It’s an advantage because we understand the ‘why’ for why the client designed things a certain way. We understand their goals from a residential amenities standpoint and we’re able to ensure the building will provide a quality living environment for each resident, regardless of their needs.”

The architect on this project is Gori and Associates, based in Minneapolis, Minn.

The project is expected to be completed in spring 2023.

# Granite City teacher develops ‘phone locker’ for classroom

Educators continued to battle the distraction of cellphones in the classroom, but one teacher may have a system to help.

Bill Henricks, a teacher in the Granite City School District, has developed a solution to help maintain the privacy of the student but cut back on the distraction they bring to the learning process.

Henricks founded Jordiam, a company that manufactures phone lockers, to help solve a problem he has seen in his own classroom.

The electronic storage device is designed with the student, teacher, administrator and parent/guardian in mind. The devices are clear and controlled remotely by the teacher by the push of a button. They can be mounted to any wall, desk or table.

Teens spend an average of seven hours and 22 minutes on their phones a day, kids ages 8 to 12, are not far behind, at four hours and 44 minutes daily, according to a report by Common Sense Media.

“After a case study I did during my classes, I found that students average around 100 notifications per 1.5 hour class. In a normal school day, they can average over 400 notifications. I like to call them “distractifications,” said Henricks. These notifications can pull focus from the learning process.

The phone lockers allow for the

phones to be out of reach during instructional time but accessible when the proper time to retrieve or use phones arrives. There is no contact, touching or possession of phones by administrators or teachers since students can place the device in the locker and shut the door. The teacher can release them with the press of a button. The process maintains the student’s privacy and keeps the phones secure from anything happening to them.

“The ultimate goal for teachers and administrators is to improve student outcomes. By separating students from their cell phones we are helping teach students soft skills and allow them to focus without distraction on their work,” Henricks said.

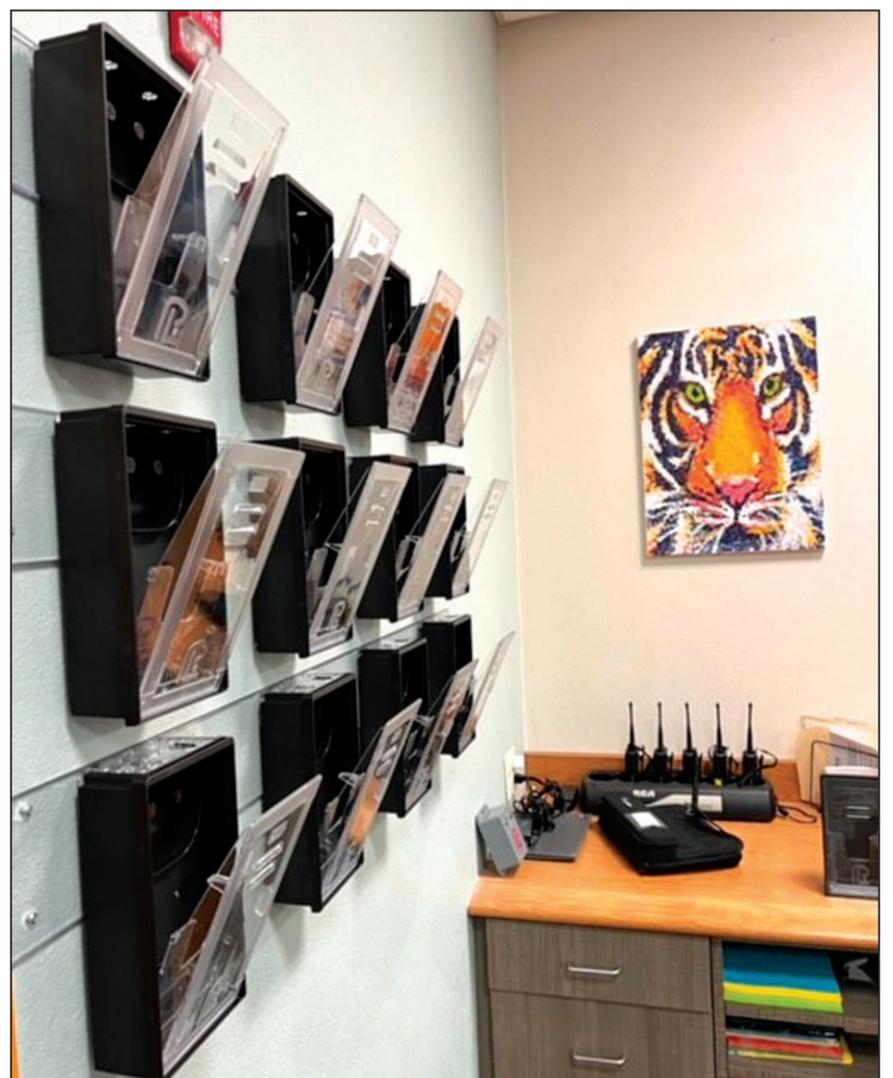
Other cellphone holding devices are not made specifically for schools and do not provide the same safety and accessibility needed, he said.

Jordiam Phone Lockers come with a lifetime warranty.

The phone lockers are being implemented in schools throughout the St. Louis area.

For more information go to [www.phonelocker.org](http://www.phonelocker.org)

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