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TOWN TOPICS

Trufant hosted its 41st annual Jubilee festival last weekend and it was a great success. Good job, Jubilee Committee!

This weekend is Wheatland Music Festival in Remus. Sunday tickets are still available. See the article on page 12 for details and plan on spending Sunday at the festival.

The Lakeview Area News office will be closed on Friday, September 6, 2019. Sorry for any inconvenience. We will be open again on Monday, September 9.

Leppink's in Lakeview has reinstated its "Wacky Wednesdays" this week.

Lakeview Community Clean-Up Day, September 12, 8 a.m. - noon. Details on pg. 3



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Summer Forecast

Thurs., mostly sunny with high 73, low 54; Fri., a.m. showers with high 70, low 53; Sat., partly cloudy with high 72, low 46; Sun., partly cloudy with high 65, low 44; Mon., a.m. showers with high 69, low 51; Tues., a.m. showers with high 78, low 61.



Global Land Solutions



President Jay Schwandt

By Linda Huckins

Global Land Solutions, a Land Surveyor company, has relocated to Lakeview. They are in the building that previously housed the movie rental store in the Leppink's strip mall. They have been in business for over 20 years.

This is a family-owned business (dad, cousins, and son). Jay Schwandt is the president, Curtis Schwandt has been with Global for 16 years, Jim Schwandt retired from a surveying company before coming to Global, and Tyler Schwandt is Jay's oldest son. He has been with the company for five years.

Jay graduated from

Ferris State University with a degree in surveying. He is also an attorney. An interesting fact about Jay is that he is the father of 14 children, all boys! They range in age from 27 to 1. "The older ones have worked for me at Global off and on," he said.

Global Land Solutions has been exclusively surveying commercial properties such as hotels, banks, hospitals, restaurants, etc. in different states. "We have several crews that travel to various states within the Great Lakes and East Coast regions," Jay said.

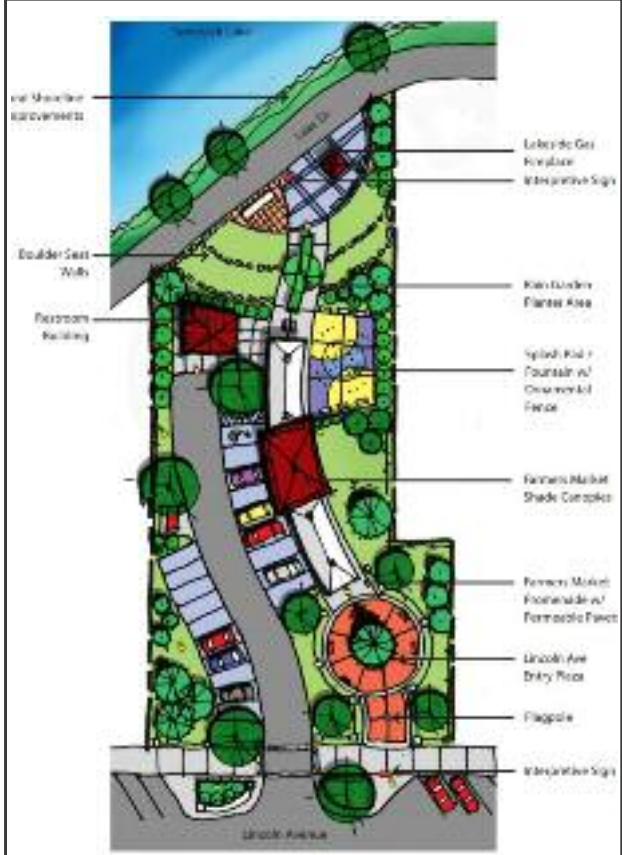
By coming to Lakeview, they plan on expanding into doing lot and boundary surveys for real-

tors and property owners. Jim Schwandt will head up the residential portion of the company.

"We hunt and we survey," Jay said. All one has to do is walk into their spacious office to realize that fact. Mounted on the wall are a few of their hunting trophies.

It is great to see another business come to town. If you have a property boundary dispute or need a survey of your property for whatever reason, visit Global Land Solutions. They are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Their phone number is (989) 352-4000.

Village of Lakeview News



Artist Concept for Bollinger's Lot

By Linda Huckins

Lakeview Village Manager Warren Rothe has been named a finalist for the job of superintendent of the City of St. Clair. Rothe said that all he knows is that he is a finalist. No decision has been made yet. He will let the Lakeview Area News know

when a decision has been made.

In other news, a grant opportunity has come to the Village of Lakeview from the Michigan Economic Development Association to develop the Bollinger lot into something beneficial to the village, such as a Farmers Market. The grant, called a Community Development Block Grant, will finance 90% of the project with 10% matching funds from the village.

The present updating cost for the project is \$1.7 million. There is money in the DDA that can be allocated to the project. That would leave the village with approximately \$10,000 to come up with.

The village has until August 1, 2020 to secure the grant for the project.

Rothe will present the current cost figure and concept to the Village Council meeting on Monday.

SCH Board Fires CEO



On August 28, the Sheridan Community Hospital (SCH) Board announced the separation of its Chief Executive Officer, Randall Flechsig, effective immediately.

In order to ensure continuity going forward, the board has appointed Bobbi McColley, Compliance Officer and Director of Clinical Support, to be SCH's interim Chief Executive Officer. As interim Chief Executive Officer, Ms. McColley will work with the hospital's management team to facilitate an orderly leadership transition, while overseeing the organization's ongoing transformation.

The decision to let Flechsig go was the result of numerous employee complaints about him to the board. Some of those complaints were also brought to the attention of Wood TV 8.

In a recent interview a long-time RN at SCH, Teresa Baker, called Flechsig "a bully" and the environment at the hospital "toxic". She sent a letter to the board in November 2018 but never heard back from them.

Johnnie Vanderhoef, an anesthesiologist who had worked at SCH, called Flechsig "a tyrant". He said that most of the employees at the hospital are caring and patient driven, but it is unfortunate that they have had to work under the management they've had to.

In her letter to the board, Baker wrote that patient care has suffered and supplies are lacking.

However, in a recent SCH press release it states that the hospital continues to meet patient needs.

"The hospital has had multiple successes in the past year," the press release states, "including, but not limited to:

* One of only 125 hospitals nationwide to be

awarded the USDA telemedicine grant of \$284,000 to create technology to focus on primary care and behavioral health through telemedicine

*Awarded Patient Centered Medical Home designation

* Program for Medication-Assisted Treatment of Substance Abuse Disorder achieves growth in excess of 150%

*2019 HFAP Accreditation for Laboratory

*Recipient of 2018 Priority Health Quality Award

* Face-to-face visits at Sheridan Care achieves growth in excess of 24% last quarter

* Establishment of Internal Medicine and pain management services

* Growth of drug and substance abuse program

*24/7 Emergency Department and Walk-In Clinic achieves growth in excess of 31%

"The Board had a vision, even before Randy arrived, to provide employment and local, available, quality healthcare services in Montcalm County and the surrounding communities," stated Marvin Jay Tans, SCH's Board President. "Sheridan Community Hospital is the sixth largest employer in Montcalm County, and as before, we will continue to make a positive economic impact on the community."

"With the recent changes, we have a leadership team in place that is capable of accelerating our growth and I look forward to working closely with them to help execute the next phase of Sheridan Community Hospital," stated Ms. McColley.

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