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## TOWN TOPICS

This Friday, we remember the events of September 11, 2001. In Lakeview, the Blue Star Mothers is holding a silent parade to honor first responders, law enforcement, military and those people lost on 9, 11, 2001. See the back page for details.

Winfield Township is holding its Clean Up Day this Saturday, September 12. Please note the day is different than what ran in Upcoming Events last week. It will be at the Larsen Keller Park, 8 a.m.-12 noon.

Sunday, September 13, is Grandparents' Day. Do something nice for grandma and grandpa and remember to shop locally.

The temps lately may feel like fall, but the official first day of fall this year is September 22.

## Two Decades of Kindness, Compassion, and Respect



Stephen Brigham and Jodie Brigham Nowak

By Linda Huckins

Brigham Funeral Chapel has been servicing families for 20 years in Lakeview and surrounding communities. Stephen Brigham, his wife Sheila, and his daughter Jodie Brigham Nowak opened their first funeral home in Six Lakes on March 1, 2000. In 2007, they were ready to expand into Lakeview.

"The Living Waters Pentacostal Church was available," Stephen said. They purchased the church building on the corner of

M-46 and Youngman Road and have been there ever since.

"We didn't do much to the sanctuary," Stephen said. "People expressed that they wanted it to stay just like it was. I have found that people like having a service in a chapel."

They did make some changes to the building, however. One major change was to add a banquet hall to the west end of the building for families to use for funeral lunches or other functions.

Jodie, who is also a funeral director, works

with her father and has made her residence in Lakeview. "I am happy here," she said. "I love the people." She has raised her five children here. Two of them are married and Jodie now has two grandchildren.

Besides Six Lakes and Lakeview, the Brighams opened funeral homes in Edmore and Vestaburg. However, they currently only use the Lakeview and Edmore chapels.

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## From Livery to Workshop



By Linda Huckins

Have you noticed the old white barn building on Third Street is no more? It has been transformed from a dilapidated old building into a stylist, beautiful structure in charcoal gray steel with white trim. The transformation is thanks to Bob Huttinga who purchased the building to use as a workshop/storage facility.

"I kept looking at the old barn thinking it would make a great workshop," Huttinga said.

The building has quite a history. It started out as a livery, than was a veterinarian's office. In the 1960s and 1970s, it was a small engine and snowmobile repair shop, owned by a Mr. Nielsen. After that, it housed a flower shop. Then it remained empty for about 10 years, slowly getting more and more in disrepair.

Huttinga said that he owned the building across from the Fire Department where he had a workshop and storage area. When he sold the building to Clark Newell, he needed a new workshop. Because he and his wife Barb live in an apartment on the top floor of The Healing Center building, he became more and more interested in the old white barn.

"It is very convenient, right out the back

door," he said, "so I bought it." The building is approximately 1500 square feet and is made of brick that has been painted many times. Whether than paint it yet again, Huttinga decided to cover the building in steel siding and the outcome is beautiful and easier to maintain.

Huttinga says he likes to putter and make things. He has a lathe and has made bowls and plates, furniture and even a soap box derby car. He also made an ice boat that he has sailed on Tamarack Lake during the winter. He is currently working on another ice boat.

Barb Huttinga will also use the workshop to refinish furniture and do some painting.

"I am semi-retired and only work in The Healing Center two days a week," he said. The implication is that he will now have more time to putter.

Bob Huttinga is a physician assistant-certified (PA-C) and has served the Lakeview community's medical needs through his practice out of The Healing Center since 2005. He uses traditional and alternative medicine to treat his patients. We wish him many happy hours puttering away in his newly refurbished workshop and we appreciate the renovations; they enhance our little village.

## LCWC Reopening!

By Luann Koester

We are happy to announce that after being closed for the past 6 months due to the COVID19 pandemic, we will reopen LCWC soon!

We would like to thank those of our members who continued to pay their membership fees throughout this time. Every dollar received was needed. This helped us to be able to pay bills that continued to come due throughout the six-month closure. We are also grateful for our business relationship with Spectrum Health. As an essential part of good health, Spectrum Physical Therapy remained open to serve those recovering from surgery or injuries and continues to do so.

The ball is now in OUR court. We must do everything we can to keep our membership safe so we can stay open and help

our community stay in good health.

To provide a safe reopen/ stay open of LCWC we will follow the guidelines recommended by the CDC and State of Michigan Health Department. To do this we will need to implement some new steps in our regular process. These may be similar to changes you have experienced elsewhere in the past three months but there will be a few additional steps and changes to our regular operation.

Upon entering the building all guests/members will be asked basic questions regarding their health and recent contact with others.

We ask you to PLEASE stay home if you: \* have you been outside the state or country in the past 14 days

\* have had contact with anyone with confirmed COVID-19 in the past 14

days

\* if you have had ANY of the following,

- Fever greater than 100 degrees
- Difficulty Breathing
- Cough
- Sore Throat
- Diarrhea/Digestive Issues
- Engaged in risky group situations

Everyone must wear a mask into the building.

We need to maintain 25% capacity or less and so initially members only will be allowed until we can gauge the number of folks who will participate in gym activity at this time. This will assure that regular members have the first opportunity to attend LCWC and get their workout in.

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## Summer Forecast

Thurs., mostly cloudy, high 66, low 45; Fri., partly cloudy, high 68, low 50; Sat., cloudy, high 69, low 58; Sun., partly cloudy, high 71, low 45; Mon., sunny, high 69, low 46; Tues., sunny, high 73, low 51.



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