

## SCHEURER BREAKS GROUND IN BAD AXE

After completing more than 14 months of planning, the latest Scheurer addition has officially broken ground in Bad Axe. On June 12<sup>th</sup>, dignitaries from the City of Bad Axe joined members of the Scheurer Hospital Board of Trustees, administration and contractors for the project for the official groundbreaking. Terrance E. Lerash, President & CEO of Scheurer Hospital, said at the event, "This day has been a long time in the making. At Scheurer, we demand excellence from ourselves; and with that, we do things the right way. This facility is a perfect example of providing our community with the best possible care in the best possible way."

The property, located on Buschlen Road adjacent to Walgreens and Ashley Home Store, was purchased in May of 2018 after an extensive search for the most suitable property. The 250,000 square foot lot can be accessed from North Van Dyke Road as well as Buschlen Road. As many Bad Axe-goers have been experiencing this spring, Buschlen Road provides an alternative route from the east side of the city. "For years, we have had our patients and customers ask us to be located closer to their home. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated customer base that stretches across our entire county. When we began this project, we asked ourselves the question, 'where can we best serve our customers?' and this location checked off every box," added Lerash.

Collins and Associates is the general contractor for the construction project and was designed by Case Architecture, which will exceed 15,000 square feet when complete. The facility will provide enough space to house four primary care providers with the necessary resources and workspaces needed. Additionally, a laboratory is planned so that patients do not need to traverse the entire county for bloodwork or other tests, along with x-ray capabilities on-site. A 30-plus person conference room is in the works so educational classes such as health, wellness, cooking and lifestyle can also be taught.

Teresa Gascho, Vice President of Corporate Services at Scheurer, is extremely pleased with the progress that has been made thus far. "What excites me is the opportunity for Scheurer to serve another Thumb community. This facility will allow us to have many services under one roof with a focus on customer experience," noted Gascho. The new facility will feature some of the latest technologies and innovations in healthcare, making for a more efficient and valued experience.

Lerash added that the community of Bad Axe has been very welcoming so far, "Having grown up just north of here on North Van Dyke, I remember when this part of town was still farm fields. To be part of the growth of our community and adding services in Bad Axe is definitely a rewarding experience. I want to thank everyone that has personally reached out to us and welcomed Scheurer to town."

Construction is aimed to be completed by early 2020, in the first quarter of the year. Updates will be added on the project's homepage, [www.scheurer.org/BadAxe](http://www.scheurer.org/BadAxe).

