

## Telel-Pharmacy services come to Longville

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By late May, the Longville community will have gotten something it has long-needed — a pharmacy.

GuidePoint Pharmacy, owned by pharmacists Michael and Laura Schwartzwald, will open their new pharmacy in a store next to the Longville Post Office.

Using a combination of technology and three to four employees, the tele-pharmacy will bring new services to a small community that did not have access to pharmacy services and where customers had to travel to Walker or Pine River to get prescriptions filled or order by mail.

The GuidePoint Pharmacy in Longville will be linked to GuidePoint in Nisswa that the Schwartzwalds are opening soon. Customers can order prescription refills by phone or in person. A pharmacist at the Nisswa store will verify and approve the prescription using audio/visual technology.

According to the Cass County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) May newsletter, the EDC provided a \$7,076 loan for purchase and remodeling of the building; a \$17,724 loan to purchase tele-pharmacy equipment; and secured a \$17,548 grant to purchase equipment for leasing to GuidePoint.”

“We wish to thank Blandin Foundation for their assistance in securing the grant and for the EDC to purchase tele-pharmacy equipment,” stated EDC executive Director Gail Levenson. Primary building funding was provided by a loan from First National Bank, Walker.

“The assistance we received from the Cass County EDC was phenomenal,” Michael Schwartzwald said. “They put a lot of time and effort into our project, and I greatly appreciate the quality work and support that I received. I highly recommend corporations, no matter how big or small, to the EDC.”

The Schwartzwalds also own and operate GuidePoint Pharmacies in Brainerd Crosby and other locations.