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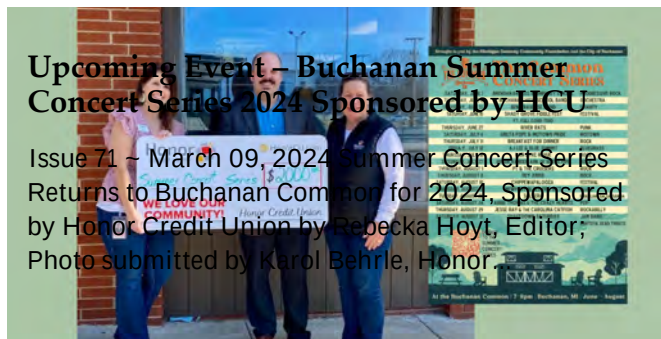


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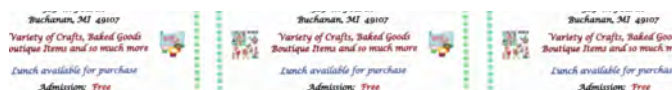
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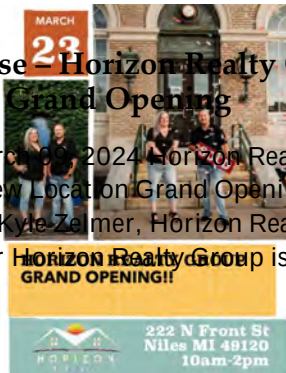


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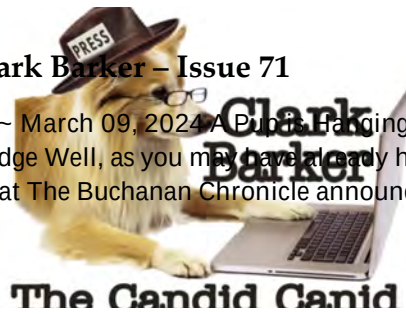
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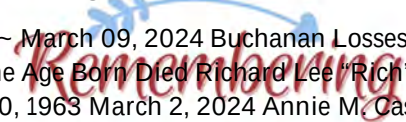
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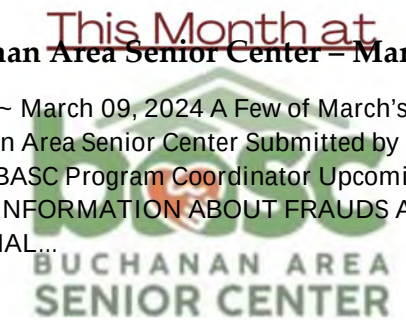
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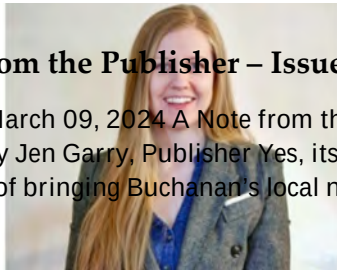
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Nature Notes – Spring 2024



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Phenomenal Nature Events This Spring

by Jill K. McDonald

Get ready to mark your calendars! You won't want to miss some phenomenal events in the great outdoors this spring!

Some events may be once in a lifetime and others once a decade or so. However, other notable events are annual and can often be overlooked due to their normalcy.

Let's dive in and put some things on your radar so you are in the know. You can create memories this spring to last a lifetime!

1 – Tuesday, March 19

Spring Begins!

Officially at 11:06 pm EDT the season of spring begins! Since it's a leap year, it begins early this year.

Celebrate and enjoy the day! Actor Robin Williams even stated, “Spring is nature’s way of saying, “Let’s party!”



Crocus by Jill McDonald

2 – Monday, April 8

“The Great North American Eclipse”

A total solar eclipse will cross North America, hence its nickname. To find out where and what time to view this spectacle, check out NASA's 2024 guided video map at: <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/where-when/>.



2024 Eclipse Map from NASA.gov

Be prepared with eclipse glasses, as safety is priority. For some additional fun and a great science experiment, put on some red and green clothing. According to an article in Florida Today¹, “You can compare how the red clothing seems to fade to a shade of gray as the green clothing seems to get brighter.” It’s a natural phenomenon of how change in lighting affects our perception due to the different rod and cone cells in our eyes.

Enjoy the total eclipse! According to www.nasa.gov, “the next total solar eclipse that can be seen from the contiguous United States will be on Aug. 23, 2044.”

For more eclipse info, read Editor Rebecka Hoyt’s article in this issue [HERE](#).

3 – Mid April

Hummingbirds Return to Michiana

“Tax Day to Halloween,” as stated by Allen Chartier. Chartier is the founder of Great Lakes Hummer Net in southern MI. He says Tax Day to Halloween is the time to have your hummingbird feeders out and ready.



Hummingbird by Jill McDonald

Enjoy witnessing and observing these tiny marvels! To track their migration progression and for more great resources, check out <https://journeynorth.org/hummingbirds>.

To make homemade nectar: 1 part White Granulated Sugar to 4 parts boiling water. Tips: Allow to cool in a refrigerator before using. Do not substitute anything for sugar and do not add red food coloring. Keep your feeders clean.

4 – Late April to Early May

Periodical Cicadas Dual Emergence

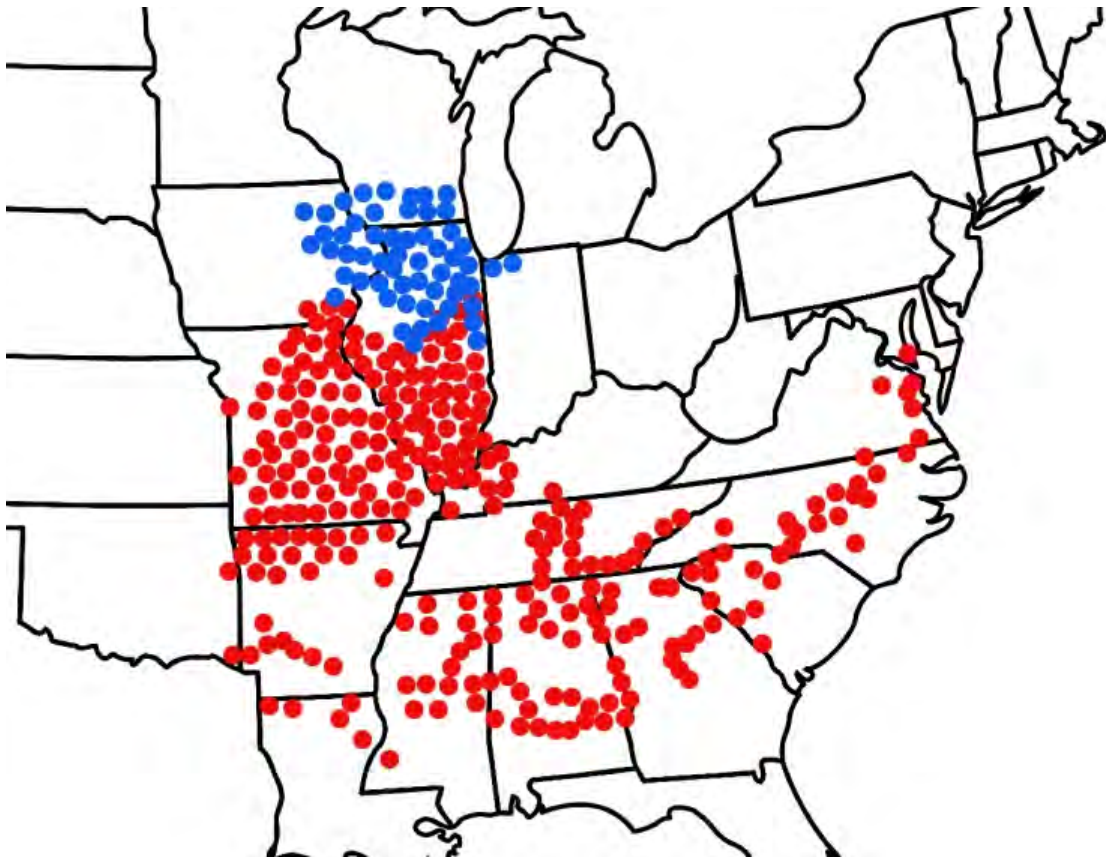
These fascinating insects create beautiful buzzing songs high up in trees, have an amazing 13 or 17-year life cycle, and are a sure sign of spring! This year, two broods will emerge and you can be a witness to both!



Adult cicada with nymphal skin-Photography copyright Gene Kristy and used with permission

According to Dr. Gene Kristy of Mount St. Joseph University, "It is not common to have a dual emergence between Broods XIII and XIX. They occur once every 221 years and the last time these two broods emerged together was in 1803. Thomas Jefferson was President."

If you'd like to participate in a fun citizen science project, download the free Cicada Safari app created by Dr. Kristy to help track and map their emergence. You can use the app to see when sightings start to occur and then enjoy a day trip to nearby Illinois or Indiana to enjoy!



Map of where Broods XIII (blue) and XIX (red) will occur, Photograph copyright Gene Kristy and used with permission

Note: On the provided map, Brood XIII is shown by blue dots, and Brood XIX is shown with red dots.

For more great info on periodical cicadas, check out <https://cicadasafari.org/>.

Roger Tory Peterson, ornithologist, so greatly stated, "Nature has provided us with so much great beauty that its only limitation is our capacity to appreciate it."

If we take time to slow down, even for a few moments here and there, we can better tune in and notice the simple joys and beauty that can be found in the great outdoors. May the season of spring be filled with great adventures and abundant blessings!

Source¹: <https://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/2024/02/22/solar-eclipse-april-florida-path-totality-fun-science-experiments-eclipses/72668228007/>.

Nature Notes

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Upcoming Event – Buchanan Summer Concert Series 2024 Sponsored by HCU

The image shows three people (two women and one man) standing in front of a brick building, holding a large white sign. The sign features the Honor Credit Union logo, the text "Summer Concert Series", a "\$2000" donation amount, and the slogan "WE LOVE OUR COMMUNITY!". To the right of the people is a poster for "The Common Concert Series". The poster lists the schedule for the series from June to August, featuring various musical acts and genres. At the bottom of the poster, it says "At the Buchanan Common | 7-9pm | Buchanan, MI | June - August".

Date	Artist/Band	Genre
SATURDAY, JUNE 1	BRENDAN BAYLESS OF UMPHREY'S MCGEE	PROGRESSIVE ROCK
THURSDAY, JUNE 6	BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL BAND	ORCHESTRA
THURSDAY, JUNE 13	BEN TRAVERSE BAND	SHANTY
SATURDAY, JUNE 15	SHADY GROVE FIDDLE FEST	FESTIVAL
THURSDAY, JUNE 27	FT. FULL CORD TRIO	PUNK
SATURDAY, JULY 6	RIVER RATS	MOTOWN
THURSDAY, JULY 11	GRETA POPE & MOTOWN PRIDE	ROCK
THURSDAY, JULY 18	BREAKFAST FOR DINNER	BLUEGRASS
THURSDAY, JULY 19	AJ LEE & BLUE SUNSHINE	ROCK
THURSDAY, JULY 27	VAN DYKE REVUE	ROCK
THURSDAY, AUGUST 1	BRIAN VANDER ARK OF VERVE PIPE	ROCK
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8	PT & THE CRUISERS	ROCK
THURSDAY, AUGUST 10	HEY ANNIE	ROCK
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10	CHIPPWAPALOOZA	FESTIVAL
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15	NEWPORT BLUES PROJECT	BLUES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20	SALSERA	BRAZILIAN SALSA/SAMBA
THURSDAY, AUGUST 24	ADRIE THOMAS & THE CRAZY HEARTS	POP
THURSDAY, AUGUST 29	JESSE RAY & THE CAROLINA CATFISH	ROCKABILLY
SATURDAY, AUGUST 31	SHAKEDOWN SATURDAY	JAM BAND / GRATEFUL DEAD TRIBUTE

Summer Concert Series Returns to Buchanan Common for 2024, Sponsored by Honor Credit Union

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor; Photo submitted by Karol Behrle, Honor Credit Union Community Development Officer

"We are thrilled to be working with amazing community partners, like Honor Credit Union, to bring free and equitable music to Buchanan. The Common is such a special venue that creates cultural experiences for all walks of life. This season is our most ambitious to date with nationally touring acts like Brendan Bayliss, Brian Vander Ark and AJ Lee & Blue Summit. We also will have three festivals; Shady Grove Fiddle Festival, Chippewapalooza and cap off our year with a community favorite of Shakedown Saturday presented by The Happy Campers. Our hope is that these shows help provide valuable economic opportunities for local businesses, provide financial support for the non profit community, and continue to fulfill our promise of creating a caring, vibrant community," stated Michael Rowland.



Honor Credit Union's Buchanan Member Center Manager Christy Layman and Community Development Officer Karol Behrle, presented Michael Rowland of Buchanan Summer Concert Series with a very nice \$2,000.00 sponsorship in the afternoon of Monday, February 26, 2024, Photo provided by HCU

Honor Credit Union's Karol Behrle states, "Honor Credit Union loves to support our local community events including these live outdoor concerts at the Buchanan Commons. Honor will be present at two concerts this summer: Thursday, August 15 for Newport Blues Project (Blues) and Saturday, July 27 for Brian Vander Ark of Verve Pipe (Rock). Stop by the Honor tent to meet the Buchanan team members and grab some fun swag."

The Buchanan Summer Concert Series starts Saturday, June 1, 2024 with Brendan Bayliss of Umphrey's McGee from 7pm – 9pm on the Buchanan Common stage. Concerts throughout the summer season are on

Thursdays and Saturdays, so be sure to check the schedule, print it out and hang on your fridge!

Brought to you by the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation and the City of Buchanan



The Common CONCERT SERIES

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THURSDAY, JULY 11	BREAKFAST FOR DINNER	ROCK
FRIDAY, JULY 12	AJ LEE & BLUE SUMMIT	BLUEGRASS
THURSDAY, JULY 18	VAN DYKE REVUE	ROCK
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Buchanan Summer Concert Series 2024 flyer

Event Details:

- *Who:* Buchanan Common, brought to you by Michigan Gateway Community Foundation and sponsored by Honor Credit Union
- *What:* [The Common Concert Series 2024](#)
- *When:* **18 Summer Nights, June through August 2024, mostly Thursday / Saturday 7-9pm**
- *Where:* Buchanan Common, 122 Days Ave, Buchanan MI

- *Details:*

Concert Date	Concert Performer	Concert Genre
June 1, Saturday	BRENDAN BAYLISS, OF UMPHREY’S MCGEE	PROGRESSIVE ROCK
June 6, Thursday	BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL BAND	ORCHESTRA
June 13, Thursday	BEN TRAVERSE BAND	SHANTY
June 15, Saturday	SHADY GROVE FIDDLE FEST, FT. FULL CORD TRIO	FESTIVAL
June 27, Thursday	RIVER RATS	PUNK
July 6, Saturday	GRETA POPE & MOTOWN PRIDE	MOTOWN
July 11, Thursday	BREAKFAST FOR DINNER	ROCK
July 12, Friday	AJ LEE & BLUE SUMMIT	BLUEGRASS
July 18, Thursday	VAN DYKE REVUE	ROCK
July 27, Saturday	BRIAN VANDER ARK, OF VERVE PIPE	ROCK
August 1, Thursday	PT & THE CRUISERS	ROCK
August 8, Thursday	HEY ANNIE	ROCK
August 10, Saturday	CHIPPEWAPALOOZA	FESTIVAL
August 15, Thursday	NEWPORT BLUES PROJECT	BLUES
August 20, Tuesday	SALSERA	BRAZILIAN SALSA/SAMBA
August 24, Saturday	ABBIE THOMAS & THE CRAZY HEARTS	POP
August 29, Thursday	JESSE RAY & THE CAROLINA CATFISH	ROCKABILLY
August 31, Saturday	SHAKEDOWN SATURDAY, GRATEFUL DEAD TRIBUTE	JAM BAND



About The Common: The Common is Buchanan's very own outdoor amphitheater. Sitting in the heart of Downtown, it's an ideal spot to stretch out on the lawn and enjoy a play or concert. The common is host to several music concerts during the summer months. Whether you enjoy jazz, country, bluegrass or rock & roll, the Common has something to suit everyone's musical tastes. Stop by on a lunch-hour break when you get a chance and enjoy one of the "Stop, Lunch & Listen" plays put on during the noon-hour throughout the summer.

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Local Business – Goddess of the Moon Leatherworks



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Colorful Custom Leather Bracelet Bar and More at Goddess of the Moon Leatherworks

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor, and Jen Garry, Publisher

Down at The Hometown & Co building at 101 Days Avenue, you can now create a custom leather bracelet at Goddess of the Moon Leatherworks. Owner, Chandra Williams, loves bright colors and simple designs so she offers a rainbow of hand-dyed leathers by her niece, Jaden, and herself, instead of only the normal leather colors of black, brown, tan, and white.

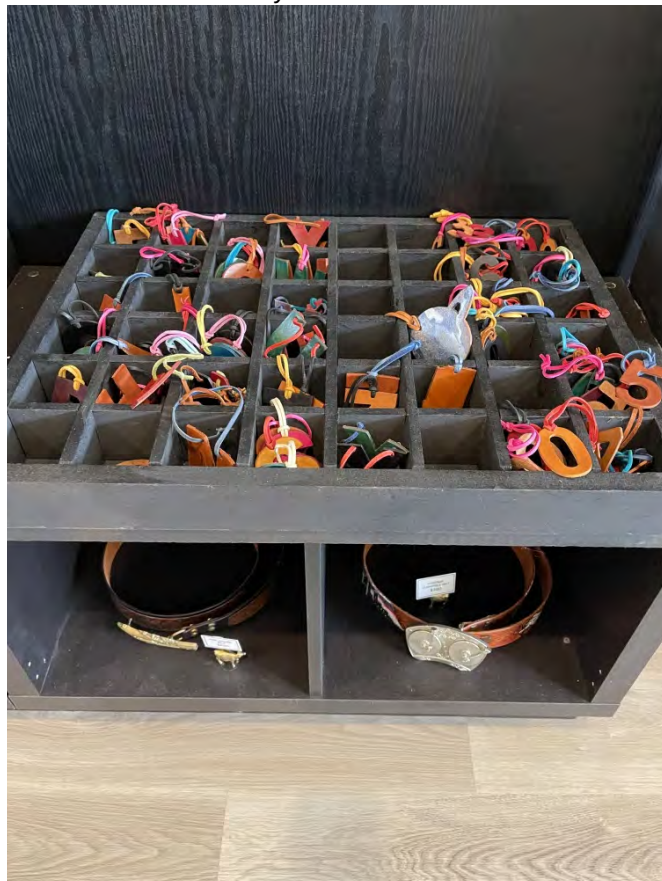


Chandra Williams, Owner of Goddess of the Moon Leatherworks inside Hometown & Co in Buchanan, Photo by Rebecca Hoyt

The Bracelet Bar came about as they are so fun to DIY, totally customizable to your liking, and at a lower cost from \$20 – 30. You can pick out from small to large widths of the bracelet, from tri-color to bright and dark colors, as well as adding a variety of studs and spikes. This would make a great gift for your special someone, friend, or even for yourself! There is a price range from low to high in all of her products and she doesn't want the public to be intimidated by the price range. Goddess of the Moon Leathers has a lifetime warranty on belts.

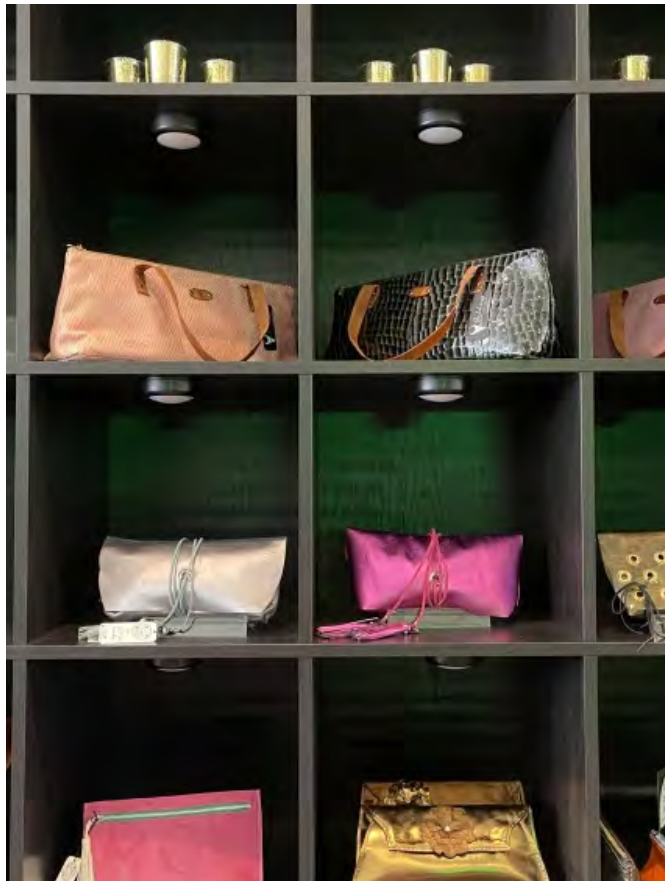
Tote bags are the most popular item. Names of the tote bags are named after strong women in Chandra's life, that range from her mom to cousins, and bosses. A variety of pouches can go inside, and pockets are to hold your glasses, cards, lobster claw for keys. "It's an appreciation for the women around me as they are so strong. Pockets stay in a purse, bags and pouches are what I prefer of different sizes to go with bags," stated Chandra. Pyramid

pouches, and mini leather bowls are cute accessories while looking at some of them they may not look like they are made of leather but they are.



When asked why she chose to come to Buchanan, Chandra said, "I like the direction the town is going in and see a lot of interesting businesses opening, and the energy. Just get in and hope for the best and I am in here and committed to bringing something different to the town. The food is amazing and the shops are fun so I want to be a part of it."

Chandra will be at some festivals and events this summer while someone will man the store here, so stay tuned to her Facebook page to follow her exciting adventures. Her "Grand plan/goal is to grow bigger and be a major employer of people with developmental disabilities, as she has two sons that are on the autism spectrum, and have others work with them while not letting them feel like they cannot do it."



Black and gold is her design aesthetic, which Chandra says draws inspiration from “French boutique meets the enchanted forest”. She will be in this location until the end of February 2025, while having a year to figure out all of the seasons, and take one project a day at a time.

She has received some requests to make chaps and car seats, but has denied some of the more unique asks, depending on the workable level of them. However, matching buckles to her belts, and requests for custom bags is much more popular, but it’s just her and her niece temporarily, so sewing bags takes quite a bit of time but hopes to have a sewing machine here in the store on hand and that will enable her to make them at the store.

You may guess that the selection in the store leans more toward items for women, however there are plenty of items for men, as well as everyone on your gift list: personalizable belts with textures and fun colors/buckles, bracelets that can have spikes and skull heads on them and so much more, etc – there is something here for

everybody at every price range.



About Goddess of the Moon Leatherworks: Leather goods: handbags, wallets, jewelry, barware, belts, bowls, key fobs, etc. One-of-a-kind designs, bright colors, innovative techniques, personalization options. As we grow, so will our ability to hire more people with disabilities.

Hours: Tuesday – Saturday ~ 11:30am-6pm

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Local Clubs – Buchanan Girl Scout Troop, Part 1



Buchanan Girl Scout Troop 1: Doing and Achieving, Part 1

Submitted by Susan Ruth

The Girl Scouts of America celebrate their 112th anniversary on March 12, 2024. When the organization was established in 1912, the population of Buchanan was less than 1,900. In this small village, eight girls in their early teens were busy planning a spring camping trip. They were part of a global movement of women who were organizing for “vigorous, effective activity.”

From the time when the first warrior bold rode away on his prancing steed it has been the lot of the big and little girls to stay at home quietly and wave their farewell, an arrangement that had its advantages as any warrior of modern times will agree; but the maids of this twentieth century are different in some respects from the fair ladies of long ago. They are not content to stand at front windows and applaud. They want to be in the center of activity, too; and men and women, noting their eager eyes and their parted lips and quickening breath, have decided that they, also shall know the glory of doing and achieveing [sic]. [Footnote: “Girl Scouts Movement is Progressing in the World at Large,” Hawaiian Star, March 2, 1912.]

Doris (Dode) Peck, born in 1899, had gathered seven of her best friends to form their own Girl Scout Troop with Dode as the leader. They used the Boy Scout manual as their guide, adding activities that appealed to them. Even as young teenagers, they were clearly interested in the glory of doing and achieving.

One of the Girl Scouts, Marjorie Sparks Gilbert, recalled some of their activities in an article published in the Berrien County Record on November 25, 1992.

Now with a Leader we began Scouting in earnest. We earned badges; walked miles in homemade Indian moccasins following Indian signs; camped out sometimes for a week; learned to erect a tent; to make a bed of boughs; to signal in Morse code; to make a teepee and even to construct a log cabin.

These eight girls formed a special bond at an early age. They relied on each other during their outdoor adventures, but they also demonstrated leadership, a willingness to take chances, and a deep affection for each other that lasted the rest of their lives.



Figure 1: Teenage Girl Scouts. Shown as teenagers, the Girl Scouts, from left to right, are Dode (Peck) Schumacker, Esther (Frederickson) Cook, Helen (Wells) Swartz, Mildred (Merritt) Laskoske, Daisy (Richards) Hill, Marjorie (Sparks) Gilbert, Leta (Boyer) Kent, and Allene Arney. Photo from Buchanan District Library Calendar 2023.

A photograph of the Girl Scouts, as they called themselves, was the cover of the Buchanan District Library's 2022 calendar. See Figure 1: Teenage Girl Scouts. Shown as teenagers, the Girl Scouts, from left to right, are Dode (Peck) Schumacker, Esther (Frederickson) Cook, Helen (Wells) Swartz, Mildred (Merritt) Laskoske, Daisy (Richards) Hill, Marjorie (Sparks) Gilbert, Leta (Boyer) Kent, and Allene Arney.

By the time this photo was taken, several of them had already experienced personal losses at home. Their

close friendships would have been comforting to these young women. Dode's twin brother had died tragically when he was only two years old. Her father, the village doctor, died in 1915. Marjorie lived in Ishpeming, Michigan until she was 12 years old, when her father died. She had spent part of each summer with her grandparents in Buchanan, enjoying the company of the girls who became the Girl Scouts. After her father's death, Marjorie, her mother and sister moved in with her grandparents. Esther was born in Chicago and moved to Buchanan in 1905 where her father became a business executive. Her mother died in 1913, and her father remarried. A half-sister was born in 1915.



Figure 2: The Parade. Photo provided by Susan Ruth, Source: Doris Peck Schumacker's scrapbook.

Marjorie Sparks was the first Girl Scout to graduate from high school in 1917, only two months after the United States entered World War I. There were 13 graduates in her class: nine men and four women. Marjorie is one of the "women behind the men behind the guns" marching in support of the troops. See Figure 2: The Parade. A year later, when Allene Arney and Dode Peck graduated, there were nine graduates, only one of whom was a man. Leta Boyer, Helen Wells, and Daisy Richards graduated in June 1919, the same month that the 19th amendment granting women the right to vote passed in the U.S. Congress and five months before the Armistice ending World War I. We do not know when Esther Fredrickson and Mildred Merritt graduated. Esther is not listed in school records after the 1917-1918 school year, and Mildred moved to Niles with her family after the 1915-1916 school year.

Again and again, these eight Girl Scouts showed how remarkable they were. As late as 1920, fewer than 22 percent of Americans had graduated from high school. Not only did most, and perhaps all, of the Girl Scouts graduate, five of them went on to college. We will pick up the story of their university studies and adult lives and adventures in Part 2 of Buchanan Girl Scout Troop No. 1: Doing and Achieving.

The Buchanan Chronicle wishes to provide a venue for guest writers to be showcased. We may edit but only for typos, language, or length; as we desire to present submissions as received.



Local Clubs – Buchanan Leos & Lions Recent Events



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Write-Ups and Photos Submitted by Alice Krings

Buchanan Leo Club February Volunteering

The Buchanan – Galien Leo Club had an eventful February volunteering at the Buchanan Senior Center, helping members with a little technology.



Buchanan Leo Club February Volunteering, Photo submitted by Alice Krings
The Leo club also did some heavy lifting for the Feeding America program for our neighbors in Galien.



Buchanan-Galien Lions Club Held Annual Trivia Night

The Buchanan-Galien Lions hosted their annual Trivia Night on 2/24/24.

Thanks to all of our participants, business and individual donors, and the American Legion for making the night so successful. The event was a sell out that included a taco bar and online auction.

Congratulations to team Forever Young, this year's champions. Team Camp Eberhart took second place, and team A for Effort came in third.





"We Serve" is our motto – 89+ years strong – and proud to serve in the 2020 Nicest City in America
– Buchanan, MI!

About Buchanan-Galien Lions Club: Buchanan-Galien Lion's Club has been serving the community for more than 75 years. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at the Buchanan American Legion Hall – to learn more about becoming a Lion, contact us. Lions are men and women who volunteer their time to humanitarian causes. Lions extend their commitment beyond sight conservation through countless local efforts that include youth outreach programs, improving the environment, building homes for the disabled, and, through their foundation, provide disaster relief around the world.

[Buchanan-Galien Lions Club Facebook Here.](#)

BCS Spotlight – BHS Awarded CTE Dept. Equipment Grant



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Buchanan High School's CTE Department Awarded \$100,000 Equipment Grant

Press Release February 28, 2024 by Buchanan Community Schools



BHS Students with New Equipment, Photo provided by BCS

Buchanan Community Schools is delighted to announce that Buchanan High School's Career and Technical Education (CTE) Department has been awarded a \$100,000 61C Equipment Grant. This significant grant will empower the CTE Department to make substantial enhancements to its programs, offering students an enriched and hands-on learning experience.

The grant, totaling just over \$100,000, will be allocated towards acquiring essential equipment tailored to specific CTE programs, ensuring that students receive state-of-the-art resources to prepare them for real-world

challenges. The following items are among those slated for acquisition:

- **Automotive Technology:**
 - A new four-post lift for enhanced practical learning and automotive skills development.
- **Business Management Administration:**
 - An Interactive SmartBoard to facilitate dynamic and engaging classroom sessions.
- **CISCO (Computer Information Systems and Networking):**
 - Industry-Specific Smart Racks to provide students with hands-on experience in networking.
- **Cosmetology:**
 - Electrical Kits and Shear Sets to bolster practical training in cosmetology.
- **Digital Multimedia:**
 - Large scale printer to support high-quality and large-format printing for multimedia projects.
- **Sports Medicine:**
 - Interactive Anatomage Table for a cutting-edge learning experience in sports medicine.

This grant is a testament to Buchanan High School's commitment to providing students with access to top-notch resources that will prepare them for success in their chosen career paths. The CTE Department looks forward to implementing these improvements, fostering an environment of innovation and excellence.

Superintendent Patricia Robinson and CTE Director, Mark Frey expressed their gratitude, stating, "This grant is a game-changer for our CTE Department. It allows us to elevate our programs and ensure that our students are equipped with the skills and knowledge needed for success in their future careers."



About Buchanan Community Schools: Public School system for Buchanan, Michigan area.

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About Buchanan High School: Welcome to Buchanan High School where we prepare students for life-long success by developing responsible, resilient, creative citizens capable of succeeding in a global society. At Buchanan High School we believe our graduates will be adaptable, lifelong learners, productive problem solvers, effective life managers, confident communicators, and responsible global citizens.

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Past Event – 2024 Eclipse Talk at BDL



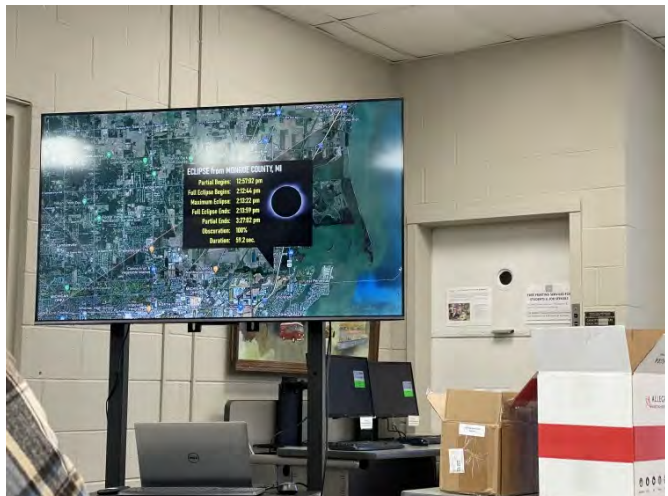
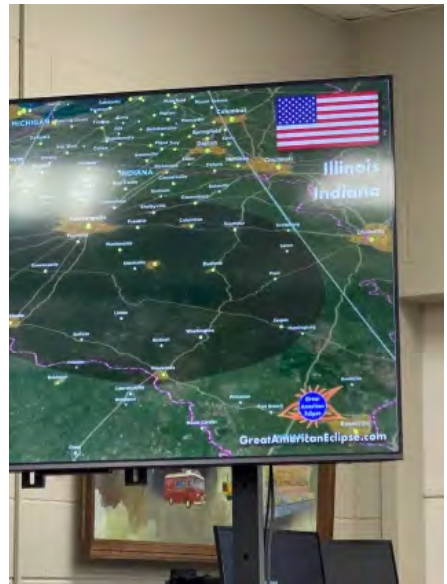
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Buchanan District Library Hosts 2024 Solar Eclipse Presentation

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Buchanan District Library hosted a presentation on this year's 2024 Solar Eclipse by Richard Bell, President of the Kalamazoo Astronomical Society (<https://www.kasonline.org/>) on Saturday, February 17, 2024 at the 2pm hour where the public from young to older generations were eager to listen and ask questions. This year's total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8, 2024 in North America will be "120-miles-wide from Mexico, the United States (from Texas to Maine), and eastern Canada...the duration of totality will be up to 4 minutes and 27 seconds." (The Great North American Solar Eclipse Kalamazoo Astronomical Society information postcard).

Here is a short recap of Mr. Bell's presentation, as you will be able to read more on his presentation in this special issue of the Prime Focus monthly publication for the Kalamazoo Astronomical Society. His advice is, "take a vacation day, you will not regret it. The closest place from Buchanan, MI in the path of totality is just under one minute in the northwest part of Ohio: Union City, Ohio. The eclipse is about a few hours away and if it's going to be clear in Ohio, you should go."



Planning to go see a total solar eclipse is crucial. However, it is good to check the weather three days before you go so there are not many or no clouds to get the full effect of the total solar eclipse. If you know of anyone that lives in the path of totality reach out to them for you to visit them. Getting a hotel now might be hard as some hotels will more than likely increase their rates and could be booked up, you can also check for campsites but those too might be already filled. Yes, this date for the eclipse is on a day that many schools in our area are back in session after the previous week's spring break. There is hope that the weather will be good to try to view it safely.

In addition to planning your trip or if you are viewing it from home, the most important thing to know is to be solar safe. Be sure to have "eclipse solar shades that are 99.999% of the light is blocked. Also, #14 welder's glass you can find at a hardware store. Only totality is safe to view with the unaided eye," (Prime Focus, pg. 48 March/April 2024) There are solar filters for telescopes, special binoculars as well. Indirect and direct methods of

viewing the eclipse can be found in the special issue of the Prime Focus March/April 2024 pdf monthly publication pages 14 & 15 for the Kalamazoo Astronomical Society. The next total solar eclipse in the United States of America will not happen until another twenty years on August 23, 2044. If you end up seeing the eclipse, I hope you will enjoy it safely and may it be an experience of a lifetime.



About Buchanan District Library: Our mission is to provide quality material, superior programming and exceptional services delivered with care and integrity to meet the needs of our diverse community.

Current Leadership: Director Meg Paulette

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About Kalamazoo Astronomical Society: Looking Up Since 1936. The KAS is one of the most active organizations in West Michigan. We hold a wide variety of entertaining and educational events throughout the year. The purpose of the Society is to promote the exchange of information among those with a common interest in all areas of astronomy, to educate the public about astronomical discoveries and events and to cooperate with other amateur and professional astronomical organizations.

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Upcoming Event – Buchanan Restaurant Week 2024



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Annual Buchanan Restaurant Week 2024 Dates Announced

Shared by Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce

The Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to unveil the highly anticipated 2024 Restaurant Week, showcasing the vibrant culinary scene of our community. Running from March 18th to March 24th, this extravaganza promises a delectable array of flavors and experiences for food enthusiasts and families alike.

We're excited to celebrate the diverse culinary talents once again in Buchanan. This year's Restaurant Week will offer a unique opportunity for residents and visitors to explore our local dining scene while supporting our fantastic restaurants.

Participating restaurants will offer special menus, and promotions throughout the week, providing an ideal opportunity for patrons to indulge in exceptional cuisine and discover new favorites. From cozy cafes to upscale dining establishments, Buchanan has something to satisfy every palate.

Continue to watch our Facebook as we announce the specials of our hometown restaurants.

For more information about Buchanan's 2024 Restaurant Week, please contact Kyle Zelmer at 574-302-7111 or via email at kzelmer@moveyourhorizon.com or visit us online at www.buchananareachamber.com.

Don't miss out on this savory celebration of our community's culinary excellence!

Event Details:

- *Who:* City of Buchanan and Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce
- *What:* [Annual Buchanan Restaurant Week 2024](#)
- *When:* **March 18 – March 24, 2024**
- *Where:* City of Buchanan MI
- *Details:* Enjoy specials and deals throughout the week at participating restaurants around Buchanan, supporting

our local businesses.



2020 Reader's Digest Nicest City in America – Buchanan, MI!

About The City of Buchanan: The City operates under the Commission–Manager form of government as prescribed by the City Charter. Under this model the City Manager is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the City, with the Buchanan City Commission's main function being legislative and setting important policies that chart the future course of Buchanan. The City Commission is made up of five (5) members who serve four (4) year terms. The Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem are selected at the first meeting in November following the City election. Current City Manager: Heather Grace ~ Current Mayor: Sean Denison.

www.cityofbuchanan.com

- Typical Hours at City Hall:
 - Monday – Thursday : 9am-4pm
 - Friday : 9am-1pm

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About Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce: Since 1960, the Chamber has promoted a spirit of community in order to enhance the growth, prosperity, and quality of life in the Buchanan area. Life truly is better here!

Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce Membership Annual Dues:

Citizen Supporter/Individual: \$50

Non-Profit Organization: \$100

Single Owner Business/Sole Proprietorship: \$150

Regular Business: \$200; \$4/employee

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Upcoming Event – Mural Initiative Photo Event with BDL and LiveBuchanan



MEET THE ARTIST
ALEX ANN ALLEN
&
I HEART MY LIBRARY
CAMPAIGN KICKOFF!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 AT 4PM

Join us at the library to meet local muralist, Alex Ann Allen and be part of our "I Heart My Library" campaign! This spring, Alex will be creating murals featuring kids and what they "heart" at the library. The murals will then be hung on the library's building along Days Avenue. A special poster will be created to celebrate each participant! To learn more, visit our website.

 **269.695.3681** Visit our website **buchananlibrary.org**

BUCHANAN DISTRICT LIBRARY
128 E Front St.
Buchanan, MI

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Mural Initiative Photo Event with Buchanan District Library and LiveBuchanan

Submitted by Ashley Regal, LiveBuchanan

LiveBuchanan, in partnership with the Buchanan District Library and Roti Roti Art Center, is proud to unveil an ambitious community art project aimed at revitalizing Days Avenue into an immersive cultural destination. This transformative initiative, generously supported by grants from the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation and the Berrien Community Foundation, marks a significant step forward in enhancing the artistic landscape and cultural vibrancy of Buchanan.



Mural Art to Activate Days Ave, Images provided by LiveBuchanan

At the heart of this endeavor lies an interchangeable art framing system, made possible by the generous funding from the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation. This innovative system not only serves to protect the building but also provides a dynamic platform for showcasing a rotating collection of large-scale artworks. This project is launched with the intention of curating a fresh selection of art annually, poising Days Avenue to undergo a continuous evolution, offering residents and visitors an ever-changing visual experience.

Playing a pivotal role in this initiative is the Buchanan District Library, which graciously offers its venue to house the curated art pieces. Library Director Meg Paulette and the library board have been instrumental in bringing this vision to life, aligning with LiveBuchanan's mission to activate Days Avenue and foster community engagement through the arts. Says Paulette, "For years people have told us our building is perfect for murals, and we are excited to have found a way to host an ongoing public art project that will create enthusiasm for our library and give our community a new and exciting art installation every year."



This year the art will be created by local muralist Alex Ann Allen who will center the work on our community and celebrate the library. In conjunction with this project, the library will launch the “I HeART My Library” campaign to showcase the diverse range of interests and passions that your local library is equipped to nurture and support. This portion of the project was generously funded by the Berrien Community Foundation.

Inspired by “A Vision for Buchanan,” a comprehensive document crafted by Andrews University architecture students with extensive community input, this community art project aims to enhance public spaces and cultivate a strong sense of place within Buchanan. Highlighted on pages 20-21 of the vision, the project underscores the collective commitment to creating a vibrant and inclusive cultural landscape.



Artist Alex Ann Allen, Image provided by LiveBuchanan

“We firmly believe in the transformative power of public art to reshape environments and forge connections within communities. This project is particularly exciting because it celebrates the invaluable role the library and art center play in championing arts and culture within our community and invites the community to actively engage in and shape that culture,” says Ashley Regal, Executive Director of LiveBuchanan.

For further information about the community art project, please visit livebuchanan.com or contact: Ashley Regal, Executive Director, LiveBuchanan



Meet the Artist: Alex Ann Allen event graphic

Event Details:

- *Who:* LiveBuchanan and Buchanan District Library with Roti Roti Art Center (RRAC) of Buchanan
- *What:* Meet the Artist: Alex Ann Allen & I HeART my Library Campaign
- *When:* **Wednesday, March 13, 2024 from 4pm**
- *Where:* Buchanan District Library
 - 128 E Front St, Buchanan MI 49107
- *Details:*
 - Join us to meet the artist for the new upcoming mural project to be hung on the library along Days Ave. Be a part of the Art, kids: get your photo taken for the event and perhaps you'll be chosen to be in the mural!



About LiveBuchanan: LiveBuchanan is Buchanan's downtown economic development team dedicated to revitalizing and enhancing the cultural, social, and economic aspects of the community. Through innovative projects and collaborations, LiveBuchanan strives to create a vibrant and inclusive downtown experience for residents and visitors alike.

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About Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan: The mission of the Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan is to provide a place in our community dedicated to nurturing the arts by providing a quality educational program for all ages, as well as gallery exhibits, sales opportunities, and a gift shop that are supportive of class offerings and local artists, thereby enabling the Center to creatively enlist the power of the arts in promoting positive social change. It was founded in 2005 as the Buchanan Art Center, and renamed in 2022 as a result of an endowment from Joseph and Patricia Roti Roti.

www.rotirotiartcenter.com

- Admission is Free
- Hours:
 - Wed-Sun ~ Noon-6
 - Mon-Tue ~ Closed (Classes Only)

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Upcoming Event – St. Anthony's Spring Bazaar 2024

St. Anthony's



and Food Drive

March 9, 2024
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

St. Anthony Parish Hall
509 W. Fourth
Buchanan, MI 49107

Variety of Crafts, Baked Goods
outique Items and so much more

Lunch available for purchase

Admission: **Free**

Please bring a non-perishable food item
Redbud Area Ministries (R.A.M.)
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St. Anthony's Annual Spring Bazaar and Food Drive 2024

Shared by St. Anthony Catholic Church of Buchanan



St. Anthony's Annual Spring Bazaar and Food Drive 2024 flyer

Event Details:

- Who: St. Anthony Catholic Church of Buchanan
- What: Annual Spring Bazaar and Food Drive 2024
- When: **Saturday, March 9, 2024 ~ 9am-2pm**
- Where: St. Anthony Catholic Church
 - 509 W. Fourth St, Buchanan, MI
- Details:
 - Variety of Crafts, Baked Goods, Boutique Items, and so much more.
 - Lunch Available for Purchase.
 - Admission is Free.
 - Please bring a non-perishable food item for Redbud Area Ministries (RAM) Food Pantry.
 - Sponsored by St. Anthony Conference of Catholic Women (C.C.W.).
 - For information or to set up a booth, please call 269-695-3863.



About Knights of Columbus: Together, we're empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community. Unity – None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together...we support one another. As a Knight of Columbus – you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community.

Meets 2nd Thursdays at 7pm

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St. Anthony of Buchanan

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About St. Anthony Parish: St. Anthony invites you to celebrate Mass with us; Please see the times below.

Our pastor, Leo Cartagena, is pleased to welcome guests to our parish. We are located in Buchanan, MI. Mass times for St. Anthony are below. Once again, we welcome you! Diocese of Kalamazoo ~ Rite: Roman-Latin
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- MASS TIMES:
 - **Saturday** ~ 4:00pm
 - **Sunday** ~ 8:30am
- OTHER SERVICES:
 - **Confessions** ~ 3:00-3:45pm

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Upcoming Event – LGBTQ+ Rights Forum with One Buchanan, OutCenter



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LGBTQ+ MI Civil Rights Forum at Buchanan Area Senior Center with One Buchanan and OutCenter SWMI

Shared by Adam Burck, BASC Executive Director

One Buchanan and OutCenter Southwest Michigan are presenting a forum on the state of LGBTQ+ civil rights in Michigan on Saturday, April 6, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Buchanan Area Senior Center, 810

Rynearson Street, Buchanan, Michigan. Registration is required and admission is free.

Featured speakers for this forum are Jay Kaplan, LGBTQ+ Rights Project Staff Attorney with ACLU of Michigan, and Emme Zanotti, Director of Advocacy & Civic Engagement with Equality Michigan. Together, Jay and Emme possess more than 40 years of experience working on behalf of and advocating for LGBTQ+ people. Joining the conversation is MaryJo Schnell, Executive Director of OutCenter Southwest Michigan, who will provide local insights and perspectives from her 10-year tenure at OutCenter.

This forum will be a conversation with Ms. Zanotti, Mr. Kaplan, and Ms. Schnell, and Adam Burck, One Buchanan's representative, will be the morning's moderator.

Recent advances of LGBTQ+ rights in Michigan will be discussed along with an overview of what is at stake in the 2024 elections. In addition, the panel will discuss the importance of local elections including public school boards, county commissions, public libraries and appointments to governmental agencies such as public health departments, etc.

"We are thrilled to present this forum highlighting recent advances in LGBTQ+ civil rights protections in Michigan and how we can all help ensure continued progress towards full equity for the LGBTQ+ community in Michigan. We, the people living in Southwest Michigan, can play an important role through advocacy and elections," says Adam Burck of One Buchanan.

The forum will conclude with an update on significant voting rights advancements in Michigan, where to get information about elections, how to contact and engage with local candidates and elected officials, how to make your voice known, and a call out about voting down ballot. Questions and comments from the audience are encouraged.

Registration is required and admission is free. Please register [here](#). The facility is accessible to people of all abilities.



Event Details:

- *Who:* One Buchanan and OutCenter Southwest Michigan
- *What:* [Michigan LGBTQ+ Civil Rights Forum](#)
- *When:* **Saturday, April 6, 2024 ~ 11am-12:30pm**
- *Where:* Buchanan Area Senior Center
 - 810 Rynearson St, Buchanan, MI
- *Details:*
 - Forum on the state of LGBTQ+ civil rights in Michigan.
 - Registration is required. Admission is free.



About One Buchanan: One Buchanan started in 2016 as a grass roots community organization focused on diversity and inclusion issues and was subsequently adopted by the City of Buchanan as a City Board. One Buchanan Vision is to be the catalyst to create an inclusive community which values and celebrates our diversity so together we can thrive. One Buchanan Mission is to promote awareness of our rich diversity through education, activities and programs that strengthen an inclusive community. One Buchanan Core Beliefs include valuing our diversity of race, culture, ethnicity, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical ability, mental ability, age, socioeconomic status, and housing status; believing in a community that provides equitable resources and opportunities; believing that through listening with empathy we are able to connect and understand our diverse perspectives; and to promote a sense of belonging through acknowledging and celebrating our differences.

www.facebook.com/weareonebuchanan

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About OutCenter Southwest Michigan: OutCenter SWMI provides support services and resources to LGBTQ+ people, their families, and allies. We also work to create change in Southwest Michigan through initiatives based on education and strong strategic partnerships. OutCenter embraces both the work of charity and the work of change – responding to the needs of LGBTQ+ people and their families, helping to make sense of the world we live in now, and mapping the way toward a more equitable, diverse and inclusive future. Visit outcenter.org for more information.

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About Buchanan Area Senior Center: Buchanan Area Senior Center provides a complete facility, a friendly and efficient staff, and active volunteers that enhance the quality of life of seniors in our community. We offer programs and services designed to promote physical, social, and mental well-being, including exercise, recreation, and crafts, as well as Senior Nutrition Services, food commodities, and a Senior Community Garden.

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Upcoming Event – Empty Bowls 2024



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Empty Bowls 2024 – Bowl Making Workshops and Empty Bowls Supper

Shared by Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan

EMPTY BOWLS WORKSHOPS Details:

Try your hand at clay and help feed the hungry! A Great Family Activity!!

Your bowl will be donated to the 29th Annual Buchanan EMPTY BOWLS SOUP SUPPER (see details under UPCOMING EVENTS) unless you choose to pre-purchase it and pick it up at the Supper.

All profits will be donated to the food pantry of Redbud Area Ministries (RAM) in Buchanan.

- Empty Bowls Events Details:
 - All ages welcome (min. 4 students, max. 12 for each workshop)
 - Children and Adults \$5/ bowl plus April 19th Empty Bowls Supper ticket.
 - Create a clay bowl with the assistance of our experienced instructors and return to glaze it.
 - Family, business or Scout groups (min 8) desiring a private session, should call as soon as possible to schedule.
 - REGISTRATION WAS REQUIRED 2 DAYS PRIOR TO EACH WORKSHOP.
 - Please call us ASAP at the Center if canceling.
 - Groups and families must register every participant separately by name!

Choose ONE PAIR OF DATES by time slot, one is to make and one is to glaze.

- *Community Empty Bowls Workshops Time Slots:* REGISTRATION CLOSED!
 - **10-11am** (max. 10 students)
 - Friday, March 9, 2024
 - Saturday, March 16, 2024

- **1-2pm** (max. 10 students)
 - Friday, March 9, 2024
 - Saturday, March 16, 2024
- **3-4pm** (max. 10 students)
 - Friday, March 9, 2024
 - Saturday, March 16, 2024
- **4-5pm** (max. 10 students)
 - Friday, March 8, 2024
 - Saturday, March 15, 2024
- **6-7pm** (max. 10 students)
 - Friday, March 8, 2024
 - Saturday, March 15, 2024

EMPTY BOWLS SUPPER Details:

The Buchanan Community Empty Bowls Soup Supper will again be hosted at Buchanan High School. Pre-registration is not required.

We hope that you will attend and purchase a hand-made ceramic bowl along with a simple soup supper and help end hunger. All profits from the supper and pre-sales, which usually exceeds \$5000, will be donated to Redbud Area Ministries' (RAM) food pantry in Buchanan.

This international philanthropic project was started in 1990 by a group of Detroit Area Public School art educators who were also potters, one of them a 1962 Buchanan High School graduate! Our local project, now 29 years old, is made possible by a partnership of the Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan, Buchanan Community Schools, Redbud Area Ministries, and local potters, as well as the continuing generosity of local merchants, area foundations, and our caring community.

Pre-Buy Tickets to the EMPTY BOWLS 2024 Supper [HERE](#)



Image of past Empty Bowls, Shared by Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan

Event Details:

- *Who:* Roti Roti Art Center (RRAC) of Buchanan
- *What:* Empty Bowls Soup Supper Fundraiser
- *When:* **Friday, April 19, 2024 from 4-7pm**
- *Where:* Buchanan High School
 - 401 W Chicago St, Buchanan MI 49107
- *Details:*
 - Purchase a Bowl, Fill it with Dinner, Support your local Food Pantry (Redbud Area Ministries)! Thank you for your past and continued support of this important fundraising event!!



About Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan: The mission of the Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan is to provide a place in our community dedicated to nurturing the arts by providing a quality educational program for all ages, as well as gallery exhibits, sales opportunities, and a gift shop that are supportive of class offerings and local artists, thereby enabling the Center to creatively enlist the power of the arts in promoting positive social change. It was founded in 2005 as the Buchanan Art Center, and renamed in 2022 as a result of an endowment from Joseph and Patricia Roti Roti.

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- Admission is Free
- Hours:
 - Wed-Sun ~ Noon-6
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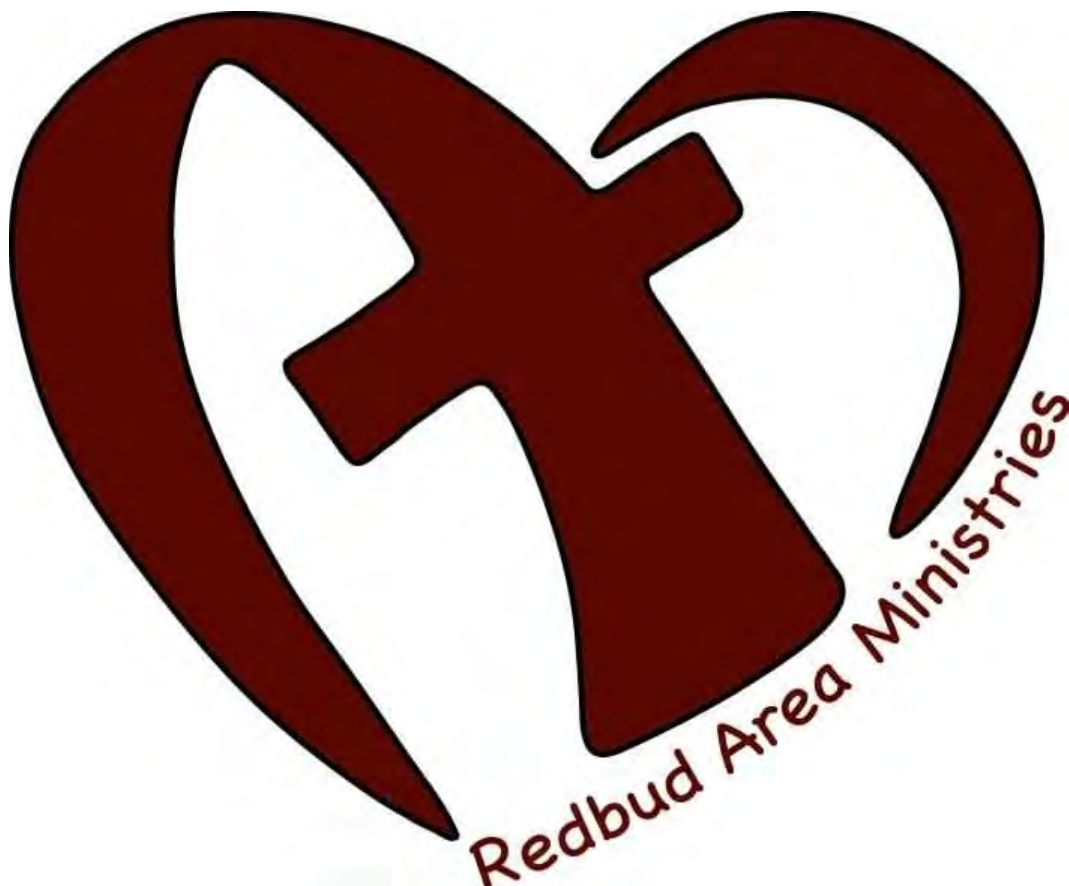
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About Redbud Area Ministries: RAM is an interdenominational and interracial ministry center started

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Upcoming Event – BCS Plow Day 2024



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Buchanan School Farm's 27th Annual Plow Day and Pancake Breakfast

Shared by Buchanan Community Schools

Come One, Come All, to the Annual Old Fashioned Plow Day & Pancake Breakfast at Buchanan School Farm, Saturday, April 20, 2024!



2024 Plow Day flyer

- *Who:* Buchanan Community School Farm
- *What:* 27th Annual Plow Day & Pancake Breakfast
- *When:* **Saturday, April 20, 2024**
- *Where:* Buchanan School Farm
 - 3588 Andrews Road, Buchanan MI 49107
- *Details:*
 - We are always looking for participants with antique farm equipment or traditional/organic farmers who would like to be on display!
 - Interested in participating?
 - Email: schoolfarm@buchananschools.com
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Press Release – Edgewater Automation Presents FIRST Robotics Tournament



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Edgewater Automation Presents “FIRST in Michigan” Robotics Regional Berrien Springs Tournament

Submitted by Julie Anderson, Edgewater Automation Communications and Media Relations

St. Joseph, MI ~ February 29, 2024

Edgewater Automation is the presenting sponsor for the upcoming FIRST Robotics in Michigan competition to be held at the Berrien Springs High School Arts and Athletics Center, 201 Sylvester Avenue, Berrien Springs on March 1, 2, and 3, 2024.

The event pits 34 high school teams against one another in a two-day event where robots go head-to-head in a thrilling game called CRESCENDOSM presented by Haas, where two alliances of three teams each compete to score or play musical notes in three different field elements.



"FIRST Robotics Berrien Springs District Event" presented by Edgewater Automation, Photo shared by Edgewater Automation

Edgewater president Tim Tate said, "As someone who started my career right out of high school as a machine builder apprentice, I want to emphasize the incredible opportunities available in manufacturing. For years, we've been actively engaged in FIRST Robotics, coaching, mentoring, and supporting high school teams. It's truly rewarding to see many FIRST Robotics alumni now thriving as part of our team, some even starting out their careers as apprentices and interns. We provide paid apprenticeships and sponsorships at local colleges, ensuring graduates can enter the workforce debt-free. Manufacturing is not just a job; it's a fulfilling career path with endless possibilities for growth and success."

Longtime FIRST Robotics coach and Edgewater engineer Dave Goodenough added, "I have seen the sport of robotics change a student's life. It gives them the opportunity to obtain and succeed in a high-level job. FIRST Robotics likes to say it is the only sport where anyone can go pro," said Dave, who currently works with 12 FIRST Robotics alumni in the Edgewater workplace.

Tim Tate will kick off the weekend event at the opening ceremony with a greeting and short video featuring Edgewater team members who are FIRST Robotics alumni.

A live stream of activities can be watched at <https://www.twitch.tv/firstinspires33> Event details can be found here: <https://firstinmichigan.us/FRC/berrien-springs/>



About Edgewater Automation: With a staff of 265, Edgewater Automation is an ISO 9001:2015–certified designer and builder of custom advanced automation equipment and manufactured structures and systems, including robotics, machine vision, motion control, automated test and data acquisition, and software control and management solutions for all manufacturing industries. With facilities in Michigan and South Carolina, Edgewater Automation is positioned to support its core customers in life sciences, automotive and commercial vehicles, consumer packaged goods (CPG), general manufacturing, electronics and battery manufacturing, and logistics.

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Press Release – SAM “Dueling Divas” Free Concert



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“Dueling Divas” Free Family Concert with School of American Music

Submitted by Donna Mitchell, School of American Music Executive Director

The School of American Music (SAM) presents a free family concert “Dueling Divas”, featuring sopranos Rebecca Selvidge and Carrie VanDenburgh, spanning jazz, musical theater, and classical. They will be accompanied by Maggie Martin on piano. The concert will be on Sunday, March 17, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. Eastern at the Episcopal Church of the Mediator, 14280 Red Arrow Hwy., Harbert, Mich. Admission to the concert is free, but a food item donation for non-profit Neighbor by Neighbor is requested.

The School of American Music in Partnership with
The Pokagon Fund & the Episcopal Church of the Mediator
Present Free Family Concert

“Dueling Divas”

Singing jazz, musical theater, and classical



Carrie VanDenburgh, Singer



Rebecca Selvidge, Singer



Maggie Martin, Pianist

Sunday, March 17, 2024 3:00 PM EDT

**Episcopal Church of the Mediator
14280 Red Arrow Hwy, Harbert, MI 49115**

***Free Admission * Donations Welcome
Food item donation requested for Neighbor by Neighbor
Info at <https://www.schoolofamericanmusic.com/>***



"Dueling Divas" Free Family Concert with School of American Music flyer, Event Link [HERE](#)

Rebecca Selvidge and Carrie VanDenburgh are members of Three Divas, a singing group that performs throughout the Southwest Michigan area, and they have extensive performance experience in many different venues. Carrie is the choir director at Berrien Springs Middle and High School, where she teaches seven ensembles, and is the choir director at Harbert Community Church. Rebecca is the Director of Choral Music and Music, Lecturer at Lake Michigan College. She also performs as a singer with the Lake Effect Jazz Big Band. Maggie Martin is a classically trained pianist and has extensive experience as an accompanist. She is the choir director of the Harbor Country Singers, SAM's community choir, and is a small business owner in Harbert.

More information can be found at <https://lakeeffectjazz.org/members.html> for Rebecca Selvidge and at <https://berrienspringschoirs.weebly.com/director.html> for Carrie VanDenburgh. Link to Facebook

Event for the concert [HERE](#).

The SAM Family Concert Series is in its sixth season and is made possible by a grant from the Pokagon Fund and donations to the non-profit School of American Music. This is the first of three free family concerts this year. For more information, please contact SAM at 269-409-1191 or schoolofamericanmusic@gmail.com or visit [School of American Music on Facebook](#) or the website <https://schoolofamericanmusic.com/>.



About School of American Music: The School of American Music was founded by D. Garth Taylor to serve as a music resource in Michiana. Currently serving as President of SAM, Taylor has been joined over the years by Executive Director, Donna M. Mitchell and a full Board of Directors. Their mission is to provide education, performance, and audience opportunities in music and the related arts in the Southwest Michigan area. The School of American Music, located in Three Oaks, Michigan, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The school provides education, performance, and audience opportunities in music and the related arts in the Southwest Michigan area.

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Press Release – LMC Fall 2023 Dean's Lists



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Lake Michigan College Students Earn Spots on Fall President's, Dean's Lists

Submitted by Jeremy D. Bonfiglio, LMC Marketing Communications Specialist

Benton Harbor, MI ~ February 27, 2024

Lake Michigan College has announced the names of 797 students recognized for academic achievement during the 2023 Fall semester.

There were 67 students named to the President's List, achieving a 4.0 GPA at full-time status. The Dean's List, meanwhile, includes 160 full-time students and 570 part-time students who achieved a 3.5 GPA or higher.

President's List

- **Allegan**
 - Holly Curtiss, Aleah Putt
- **Bangor**
 - Edvin Alvarado, Jennifer Ventura Garcia
- **Baroda**
 - Cara Ewert, Brooke Gerlach
- **Benton Harbor**
 - Zachary Arrans, Alissa Chen, Evalaya Smith, Catherine Steed
- **Berrien Center**
 - Klaytin Raschke
- **Berrien Springs**
 - Hyunji Lim, Sofia Pate, Emily Tom
- **Bridgman**
 - Max Babcock, Kaylie Kaeding, Kayla Korcek
- **Buchanan**
 - Emily Adams, Landon Mitchell
- **Coloma**
 - Michael Derosa, Eric Gomez, Cali Grenon, Adeline Kimmerly, Ethan Kreitner, Wesley Seabury
- **Covert**
 - Amaria Echols
- **Dorr**
 - Arianna DeGroot
- **Edwardsburg**
 - Dainie Montoya
- **Fennville**
 - Emili Garcia, Autumn Rosencrans, Samuel Solomon
- **Hillside, Illinois**
 - Lillian Viverito
- **Holland**
 - Cara Grimmer
- **Hopkins**
 - Brianna Colegrove
- **Kalamazoo**
 - Hailey Kloosterman
- **Niles**
 - Kevina Clear, Cameron Woodbury
- **Otsego**
 - Delaney Brush, Sarah Selles
- **Plainwell**
 - Amelia Dehring, Ian Meyers, Mikayla Rooseboom
- **Pullman**
 - Victoria Torres
- **Saint Joseph**
 - Greer Armstrong, Marcia Blake, Jeacy Corzine, Dorothy Culwell, Deaglan Dejong, Owen Hein, Molly McVay, Ramandeep Singh
- **Sawyer**
 - Layla Oldenburg
- **Sodus**
 - Courtney Meyer
- **Stevensville**
 - Dylan Dohn, Cody Harmon, Zachery Hildebrant, Danyeil Johnson, Katie Rice, Alyssa Stelter, Kaelee Wilbur

- **Three Oaks**
 - Haley Elrick, Anna-Lynn Waterman
- **Vejle, Denmark**
 - Benjamin Vinter
- **Vicksburg**
 - Erica Macleod
- **Watervliet**
 - Karen Hempel, Anna Stringer

Full-Time Dean's List

- **Allegan**
 - Emelia Perez, Chloe Sunnerville
- **Bangor**
 - Jocelyn Ponce, Jessica Saucedo
- **Beaconsfield, France**
 - Shankar-Michael Balasingam
- **Benton Harbor**
 - Patrick Behnke, Bree Cox, Conner Degraaf, Katarina Easley, Matthew Golladay, Isabella Hamlin, Jessica Jewell, Gabriel Murdock, Magdalene Nicholson, Alison Parker, Dajah Parker, Mckenna Pepple, Jaysa Randle, Shawn Rolfe, Emma Stout, Tyler Stout
- **Berrien Center**
 - Grace Carter
- **Berrien Springs**
 - Nicole Burnham, Alex Butnaru, Joshua Cardenas, Brandon Demarques, Hasinjanahary Rakotondrainibe
- **Bremen, Indiana**
 - Naomi Ayvar
- **Bridgman**
 - James Long, Richard Mabry, Elizabeth Stine
- **Buchanan**
 - Rachel Hauch, Jillian McKean, Chloe Waller
- **Cassopolis**
 - Casey Johnson
- **Chicago, Illinois**
 - Carlos Flores, Kimberly Martinez
- **Coloma**
 - Keegan Adams, Adian Allmon, Tia Caldwell, Branson Donoho, Lilean Dunafin, Christopher Fry, Hannah Grenon, Ashley Lawrence, Jaylie Querfurth, Preston Scott, Grace Teuling, Damien Thornsby, Trevor Vuckovich
- **Columbia City, Indiana**
 - Landyn Iden
- **Covert**
 - Holly Aleman, Maira Ordonez
- **Dorr**
 - Gavin Hall
- **Dowagiac**
 - Breanna Franks
- **Eau Claire**
 - Morgan Shembarger, Riley Stack, Troy Watson
- **Flat Rock**
 - Nicholas Kar
- **Galien**
 - Skylar Haluch
- **Garden City**

- Braden Earle
- **Goshen, Indiana**
 - Victoria Barkey
- **Grand Junction**
 - Lexie Olsen
- **Hamlet, Indiana**
 - Karlie Martin
- **Hartford**
 - Rebecca Bauer, Kelsi Cobb, Diane Goss-Goodrich, Karly Manning, Julianna Reynaga
- **Holland**
 - Layray Paw
- **Jamaica, New York**
 - Caleb Yeboah Damoah
- **Kalamazoo**
 - Sydney Allen, Keegan Brookfield, Maia Phelps
- **Lakeville, Indiana**
 - Emily Hobkirk
- **Lawton**
 - Brady Bornas
- **Martin**
 - Annika-Lies Dillenbeck
- **Mattawan**
 - Morgan Holleman
- **New Buffalo**
 - Dru Larimer, Luke Notorangelo
- **Niles**
 - Evan Borgman, Rachel Brenner, Kiersten Colby, Clara Depriest, Ty Elms, Gavin Jarman, Xin Hwee Athenabelle Lieu, Cameron Listenberger, Malaika Mchopa, Melody Palafox, Onjaniaina Tsiry Christiane Rasamimanana Ep. Herivonjy, Anna Ritchie, Kamaryn Rowe, Dominic Varga
- **Otsego**
 - Chelsea Glessner, Annaliese Podewell, Kennedi Reed, Olivia Xenos
- **Plainwell**
 - Ava Erickson, Andrea Gritter, Lylee Jane Hopkins
- **Portage**
 - Kaylee McDaniel
- **Pullman**
 - Joseline Martinez
- **Raleigh, North Carolina**
 - Aidan Ledoux
- **Richland**
 - Madeleine Rytlewski
- **Saint Clair Shores**
 - Easton Demeulenaere
- **Saint Joseph**
 - Joshua Albright, Sebastian Anthony, Luciano Antonini, Quinn Balfe, Erick Diaz, Meagan Diedrich, Elizabeth Gousetis, Holden Gray, Hunter Hall, Gabriel Kauffman, Ashley Ledin, Ethan Marschner, Kyle Martin, Gideon Maxim, Caitlyn McHugh, Jacob Miller, Bhaumi Patel, Tyler Robbins, Jacob Saad, Ellie Smith, Olivia Still, George Weber
- **Sawyer**
 - Jayden McNabb
- **Sodus**
 - Mackenzie Grau

- **South Bend, Indiana**
 - Anton Johnson, Shane Knoll
- **South Haven**
 - Sydney Arch, Sara Fellows, Grace Fillmore, Kalin Hartmann, Nathan Holt, Jayro Perales, Sabrina Pringle, Yael Vargas-Reyes
- **Stevensville**
 - Adrian Cipriano-Hausmann, Colin Dickey, Shelby Grau, Catherine House, Tynan Lint, Max McConomy, Amber Mealman, Jeffrey Moore, Peyton Oman, David Reisenbichler, Morgan Yonker
- **Sturgis**
 - Aarika Nation
- **Three Oaks**
 - Sarah Mooney, Kendall Smith
- **Vicksburg**
 - Olivia Davis
- **Watervliet**
 - Cassidy Henley, Lauren Laws, Joselin Moron
- **Wayland**
 - Alexandra Chichester
- **Zeeland**
 - Peyton Kaeb

Part-Time Dean's List

- **Allegan**
 - Jason Blik, Courtney Bradshaw, Riley Brown, Erin Chapla, Malynah Kelsey, Aidan Letts, Luna Ruiz, Accalia Tromotola
- **Angola, Indiana**
 - Marina Bussema
- **Ann Arbor**
 - Bintou Conde
- **Augusta**
 - Logann Johnson
- **Bangor**
 - Lilliana Alcauter, Noemi Arevalo, Felix Dodd, Kayley Gorham, Melanie Hernandez, Abigail Moench, Joseph Shafer
- **Baroda**
 - Ellie Brown, Kale Brown, Forrest Curtis, Aaron Fee, Claire Ford, Karna Johnson, Charley Kracker, Vicente Martinez, Brandon Milliken, Travis Pressey, Luis Ramirez Ochoa, Kaylee Shuler, Andrew Wilder
- **Benton Harbor**
 - Fatima Avelino Reza, Harmony Bolen, Alyssa Brown, Sharnise Brown, Audra Cheske, Margaret Claude, Gershon Clay, Kevin Cox, Elijah Dah, Anita Dyson, Tajara Franklin, Boden Genovese, Allison Golladay, Isabella Gonzales, Nia Gorman, Yvonne King, Ingrid Kublick, Tyler Kuehl, Fouzia Lakraa, Maguire Lange, Silvina Lopez, Morgan Lowell, Calista Madsen, Zachary Meisgeier, Torsten Oehling, Julia Pepple, Krystal Perkins, Julie Rudell, Jane Schnell, Marleigh Schultz, Matthew Sewcyck, Katrina Stasiak, Olivia Sutherland, Tiffani Wigent, Kevin Woods Jr.
- **Berrien Center**
 - Lucas Baltazar, Steven Mrazek
- **Berrien Springs**
 - Megan Avery, Einra Leie Baker, Tahiriniaina Bakoliarimanana, Ainsley Cahill, Olivia Constable, Devin Crispin, Colton Dubuque, Olesia Elkin, Alisha Engelkemier, Katie Epps, Matthew Green, Lucimairy Guedes, Kristina Halder, Adison Hildebrand, Celeste Hollis, Abygayle Jacques, Jinyoung Jung, Jake Machiniak, Suzy Markle, Alex Martinek, Adore Mbwambo, Micah McFarland, Charleigh Miller, Christopher Moler, Ropafadzo Muzira, Karina Pastrana Perez, Gabriella Peck, Jade Rogers, Elizabeth Root, Dylan Russell, Jenisca Samuel, Habin Seo, Ana Slavujevic, Crystal Steffey, Joseph Teed, Andrew Tidwell, Yubeira Zapata
- **Bloomingtondale**

- Crystin Hall
- **Bridgman**
 - Katherine Abbott, Allee Bauer, Jeremy Benstine, Edison Brown, Nicholas Eckler, Melissa Jones, Logan Kanous, Kara Kinchen, May Klann, Ada Klint, Gabriele Laukavicius, Abigale Mitchell, John Parra, Madison Rochefort, Monica Scharnowske, Mikayla Walsh, Jennifer Warmbein
- **Bronson**
 - Itzel Sanchez Luna
- **Buchanan**
 - Alyvia Baker, Sarah Brackett, Riley Capron, Christin Cooper, Samuel Donnelly, Kateryna Dzhevaga, Kaitlin Ferrell, Nicholas Finn, Amanda Hansbro, Hannah Herman, Alaina Hickok, Rachel Host, Rose Johnson, Emily Karpinski, Alaina Kehoe, Jarod Lakin, Katelyn Leverton, Audrey Lietz, Sawyer Lundberg, Amanda Manasco, Mykyna Meseraull, Isabella Overmyer, Joel Parker, Heather Poleon, Anna Schnell, Ariel Smith, Geneva Tabor, Cierra Taylor, Destiny Thomas, Lucy Thomas, Addison Warmbein, Madeline Young
- **Caledonia**
 - David Oetman
- **Cassopolis**
 - Jessie Hulett, Hannah Martin
- **Cheshire Township**
 - David Oetman
- **Coloma**
 - Starsha Abdullah, Aidan Bethea, Jasmine Brock, Amber Cheek, Matthew Clayton, Madison Cole, Lindsey Coombs, Elizabeth Davis-Burse, Cindy Diaz, Aaron Dotson, Trent Dowe, Shelby Eastburn, Aaleeah Gales, Madison Hagood-Saunders, Ella Harris, Aubrey James, Desiree Kerr, Clara Kimmerly, Connor Kreitner, Isabelle Mannel, Isabel Marfia, Gavin Morlock, Adan Olivo, Benjamin Olsen, Fernando Rodriguez, Jacob Schaefer, Timothy Schroeder, Mckenzie Sing, Nicole Swisher, Wendy Tarantino, Fletcher Todd, Chase Tremblay, Hannah Wagner, Susannah Weckwerth, Sasha Wilson, Nova Wise
- **Covert**
 - Yoselin Cortez, Loryn Elliott, Landin Fuller, Ma Gonzalez, Lucinda Johnson, Elsa Pérez-Cruz, Yajahira Rodriguez, Dorreon Simmons Gaines, Michael Turchi, Tania Villegas, Krystian Walkosz
- **Decatur**
 - Jessica Neal, Victoria Oliva
- **Dorr**
 - Sydney Degood, Jade Lahaie
- **Dowagiac**
 - Nathaniel Klosinski, William Leonard, Anslie Saylor
- **Eau Claire**
 - Sarah Bennett, Ailsa Davis, Shannon Green, Kyle Johannsen, Phillip Lange, Levi Leitert, Julie Steinke, Sydney Steinke
- **Elkhart, Indiana**
 - Madison Barnett
- **Fennville**
 - Jacqueline Alvarez-Sandoval, Allison Burks, Christy Devol, Liliana Marquez, Christina Mendoza-Canal, Zoe Minaker, Carly Mokma, Lisa Perrin, Renato Recillas, Ashley Voorhees, Kallie Wyman, Natalie Wyman
- **Galien**
 - Katelyn Ailes, Cassidy Clayton, Tina Groshans, Camille Lozmack, Dean Roberts
- **Gobles**
 - Brooklyn Badders, Angel Hannapel
- **Goshen, Indiana**
 - Brooklyn Adkins, Katherine McDonald
- **Grand Junction**
 - Ava Ellis, Loucas Georgiou, Suzanne Kolean, Alejandra Marin-Hernandez, Sandra Smith, Angelina Villanueva-Estrada

- **Grand Ledge**
 - Amelia Hofmeister
- **Harbert**
 - Amber Kennedy
- **Hartford**
 - Martha Alanis, Laura Barcenas-Perez, Kaylee Bradshaw, Stephan Cole, Jacob Hutchins, Ronda Johnson, Olises Perez-Perez, Evelin Ugalde, Rigoberto Zavaleta
- **Holland**
 - Trinidy Chourb, Daniel DeKam, Margarette Dulaney, Madisynn Jefferson, Andrew Lunn
- **Hopkins**
 - Wyatt Harmsen, Lisa Jilek, Lauren Rewa
- **Kalamazoo**
 - Ella Grantham, Florence Hayes-Bowens, Kaylin Hurley, Autumn Norris, Tamara Romero, Ariana Salinas, Jenna Vincenty-Cole, Emily Whitchurch
- **LaPorte, Indiana**
 - Mara Jansen, Joseph Pask, Paige Steele
- **Lawrence**
 - Kayli Dabicci, Ella Gleason, Tristan Hanners
- **Martin**
 - Nicholas Jager, Lily Stocking, Marlene Turner
- **Mattawan**
 - Michelle Koning, Fernanda Tienda
- **Mishawaka, Indiana**
 - Brier Campos
- **New Buffalo**
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- **Newaygo**
 - Annaleese Rasanen
- **Niles**
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- **Otsego**
 - Kecia Bronson, Trevor Johnson, Amarra Kuiper, Anna Moore, Braylon Spanjer, Braeden Vorndran
- **Paw Paw**
 - Olivia Kuiper, Angela Mabus
- **Plainwell**
 - Brooklyn Arnold, Alexa Krywosinski, Isaac Madalinski, Alexis Morehouse, Michaela Null, Zackery Torres
- **Portage**
 - Camila Castillo-Rua, Madeline Lalonde, Michael Shields
- **Pullman**
 - Alexandra Solis-Sarat, Chelsea Stevens
- **Rolling Prairie, Indiana**
 - Angela Young
- **Saint Joseph**
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- **Sodus**
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- **South Haven**
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- **Stevensville**
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- **Three Oaks**
 - Makena Christ, Jayda Kershner, Elizabeth Lumley, Holly Lumley, Dayna Schumm, Sebastian Toriz
- **Union Pier**
 - Gabriella Levine
- **Vicksburg**
 - Lindsey Lantagne
- **Warren**
 - Zoe Wynn
- **Watervliet**
 - Nicole Bender, Melissa Cardozo-Aviles, Taylor Cease, Thalia Cease, Grace Chisek, Carter Crist, Marissa Dickey, Makena Edelberg, Sydnee Enders, Cassie Evans, Tyler Fish, Elizabeth Frizsche, Carlos Gomez-Cruz, Johanna Granados, Tara Halamka, Alyssa Hyska, Cory Imler, Chelsea Lange, Ayana Marshall, Cassandra Medrano, Luz Perez, Eli Pfeiffer, Cory Quinn, Kimberly Romero-Chairez, Calob Shaw, Lyvia Summers, Courtney Van Lente, Abigail Whorton, Ciara Williams, Taylor Woollett, Hailey Yerington, Connor Zwar, Matthew Zyla
- **Wayland**
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- **Zeeland**
 - Madison Brink



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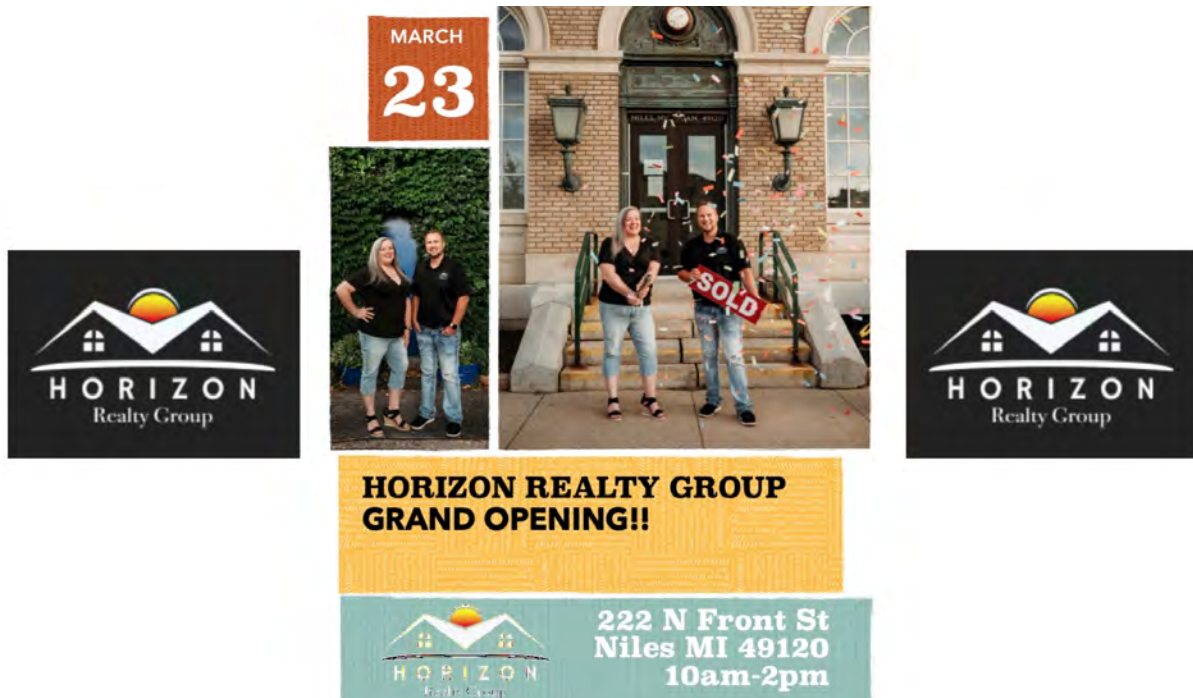
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Press Release – Horizon Realty Group Announces Grand Opening



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Horizon Realty Group Announces New Location Grand Opening Celebration

Submitted by Kyle Zelmer, Horizon Realty Group Broker/Owner

Horizon Realty Group is thrilled to announce the grand opening of its new storefront location in Niles, MI, scheduled for March 23, 2024, from 10 am to 2 pm. The event will take place at 222 N. Front Street, Niles, MI 49120, and promises to be an exciting celebration for the community.

Horizon Realty Group, a leading real estate brokerage, was founded by Kyle Zelmer in 2022 and is dedicated to putting clients, agents, and the community first. The brokerage's commitment to community engagement is unparalleled, with over \$15,000 given back to the community and schools and more than 400 hours of community service contributed since its inception.

The grand opening event will feature live music by various local musicians, art displays by multiple local artists, and a speed painting demonstration from Maya Schuhknecht, the reigning Miss Michigan. The highlight of the day will be the ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11 am, symbolizing the official opening of Horizon Realty Group's new location.

"We're excited to invite the community to join us for our grand opening celebration," said Kyle Zelmer. "This event is not just about opening our doors; it's about welcoming our neighbors and friends to experience the Horizon Realty Group difference. We're committed to helping clients reach their real estate goals and discover new horizons of possibility."

Light refreshments will be served, allowing attendees to mingle and talk real estate with their favorite REALTORS® at Horizon Realty Group. Whether you're interested in residential, commercial, vacation, or investment properties, the team at Horizon Realty Group is ready to provide top-notch service and support throughout West Michigan.

Save the date for Horizon Realty Group's grand opening celebration on March 23, 2024, from 10 am to 2 pm. Don't miss out on this unforgettable event! We invite you to join Kyle Zelmer and Associate Broker, Courtney J Spencer, for a fun filled time. Let's Move Your Horizon!






HORIZON REALTY GROUP GRAND OPENING!!



222 N Front St Niles MI 49120 10am-2pm

Please Join Us for Horizon Realty Group's Grand Opening! Our Open House will be held on Saturday March 23, 2024. This Grand Opening Event will feature LIVE music by various local musicians, art displays by multiple local artists, and a speed painting demonstration from our current reining Miss Michigan, Maya Schuhknecht! Ribbon cutting will be held at 11am. Light refreshments will be served. Come mingle and talk Real Estate with your favorite REALTORS at Horizon Realty Group! Our Celebration will be one you won't wanna miss! What's On Your Horizon?!

Horizon Realty Group Announces New Location Grand Opening Celebration flyer

Event Details:

- *Who:* Horizon Realty Group
- *What:* New Location Grand Opening Event
- *When:* **Saturday, March 23, 2024 ~ 10am-2pm**
- *Where:* 222 N Front St, Niles MI 49120
- *Details:*
 - Live music with local musicians, art displays by local artists, and a speed painting by the current Miss Michigan – Maya Schuhknecht!
 - Ribbon-Cutting at 11am.
 - Light Refreshments will be served.
 - Mingle and talk real estate with your favorite realtors at Horizon Realty Group.



About Horizon Realty Group: Horizon Realty Group is a leading real estate brokerage dedicated to putting clients, agents, and the community first. Horizon Realty Group is here to help guide you from the beginning phases to closing. At Horizon Realty Group, we go by the motto “Move Your Horizon,” reflecting our commitment to helping clients reach their real estate goals and discover new horizons of possibility, whether that’s residential, commercial, vacation, or investment properties. Whether you’re buying or selling, we’re here to provide top-notch service and support throughout West Michigan. Experience the Horizon difference today, and let’s move your horizon!

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Remembering – Issue 71

The word 'Remembering' is written in a large, red, cursive script. Above the word is a decorative blue graphic consisting of a curved line with a heart at the end and a leaf-like shape at the beginning.

Buchanan Losses • 2/14 – 3/2

Name	Age	Born	Died
Richard Lee “Rich” Sailliez	60	Oct 20, 1963	March 2, 2024
Annie M. Cashier	84	May 25, 1939	March 1, 2024
Joyce Grant	85	Dec 22, 1938	February 29, 2024
Dianna Sue Kalus	81	Nov 20, 1942	February 29, 2024
Susan Carol Roberts-Schrumpf	51	Apr 26, 1972	February 29, 2024
James Harvey Vander Kolk	81	Dec 31, 1942	February 28, 2024
Elaine J. Mills	83	Sep 13, 1940	February 27, 2024
Claude Simpson Jr.	71	Apr 23, 1952	February 27, 2024
Brad Lintz	45	Aug 19, 1978	February 25, 2024
Sara E. Jeffery	38	Apr 9, 1985	February 24, 2024
Michael Grimes	71	Jun 26, 1952	February 20, 2024
Venita C. Bishop	73	Jan 21, 1951	February 17, 2024
Lillian “Moonyeen” Lincoln	83	May 31, 1940	February 17, 2024
Donald L. Colpetzer	75	July 17, 1948	February 14, 2024
Esther Pauline (Deckard) Walters	87	Jan 9, 1937	February 14, 2024

We wish to respectfully honor the memory of anyone we lose in the Buchanan community. Please do let us know any corrections or additions to the list.

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Buchanan Area Senior Center – March 2024

This Month at



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A Few of March's Events at Buchanan Area Senior Center

Submitted by Diana Smuda, BASC Program Coordinator

Upcoming Events:

INFORMATION ABOUT FRAUDS AND PERSONAL SAFETY

Come to the Senior Center as Buchanan City Police Officer Brie gives a safety talk! The presentation gives information about new fraud complaints, how to keep safe from frauds, and personal safety in and outside of your home!



Information About Frauds and Personal Safety
Wednesday, March 13, 1:00—3:00 pm
Please call 695-7119 to sign-up for the program.

BASC BOARD MEETING

Attend the BASC Board Meeting
Thursday, March 14, at 3:00-4:00 pm.
Board minutes & agendas are available

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

St Patrick's Day is near!
Join us for a Margarita Mocktail and Play Hangman!



St. Patrick's Party
Friday, March 15, 1:00—3:00 pm
Bring a snack to share with everyone.
Registration is Required. Call 695-7119 to register.
Wear green or get pinched!

A SAFER SPRING FOR A SAFER YOU

"Spring is the time of plans and projects" – Leo Tolstoy.

Join us Wednesday, March 20 at 11:30 am for a Lunch-N-Learn presented by The Rehabilitation Hospital of Northern Indiana. This Inpatient Rehab Hospital specializes in physical, speech, and occupational therapy and wants to share their tips to keep you safe this upcoming spring season!



A Safer Spring for a Safer You
Lunch-N-Learn, Wednesday, March 20, 11:30 am
You must register by March 12. Please call 695-7119 to register.

MEET & GREET WITH LOCAL AUTHOR, MARCY BLESY

The BASC Book Club is not only a place to discuss books, but also a place to discuss life topics. Our Book Club members have deep conversations and we laugh!

At our Book Club meeting on March 21, Marcy Blesy will be our guest. Marcy is the author of over thirty books including her adult romance mystery series, Secret of Blue Lake and the Secret of Silver Beach, set in Michigan. Please join us to learn more about Marcy and her passion of writing books.



Meet & Greet with Local Author, Marcy Blesy
Thursday, March 21, 10:30 am
Registration is Required. Call 695-7119 to register.

GARDEN CLUB MEETING

The BASC Garden Club invites you to join them in planting preparations, harvesting the vegetables and herbs, and attend their luncheons. Being part of the BASC Garden Club offers the opportunity to stay active, soothe your soul with gardening, and gather with friends.

BASC Garden Club Meeting
Thursday, March 21 1:00—3:00 pm
Call 695-7119 to sign-up



GRANDPAD TRAINING

Grand Pads are easy to use and you will be trained how to access emails, messages, video calls, search the internet, and more! To make the Grand Pad even more grand is that the internet is built in the device, no need for internet service in your home! Also, when you are in the comfort of your home and have questions about the use of the Grand Pad, you can access live support for friendly US-based customer support.



Grand Pad Training on
Tuesday, March 26, at 1:00 pm
Call 695-7119 to be added to the training and reserve a Grand Pad. Space is limited.

TIN SHOP THEATRE "SPIRIT"

When 83 year old Clara begins taking hula lessons, holding seances and sending out for pepperoni pizza, the other residents are overjoyed and the manager is dismayed. The play adroitly combines with wisdom as a young aide, a lawyer and a policeman join forces to ensure that Happy Hollow's group spirit is allowed to grow. From the hilarious piker party to the touching final scene, this play offers charm, insight and heart-warming humor.

Play at the Tin Shop Theatre: Spirit
Sunday, April 7 at 4:00 pm
Registration is Required by March 22. \$12/person—
Cash Only
Diana will be in contact with you regarding ticket pick-up.



Buchanan Area Senior Center—March 2024 Calendar

Fitness / Health / Cards & Games / Educational & Informative & Special Programs / Other Programs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tin Shop Theatre "Spirit" Sunday, April 7 at 4:00 pm See page 4 for more information 				9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz 11:00 Fiber Friends
10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda 10:00 Skip-Bo 11:00 Dancing to the Oldies with CeCe 11:00 Euchre 11:00 Mah Jongg 2:00 Qigong Exercise	9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 11:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing 5:30 Powerbeats with Missy	9:00 Coffee Chat Social 9:00 Fasting Blood Sugar Testing 10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe 11:00 Hand & Foot 6:00 Pinochle 6:00 Euchre	11:00 Chair Yoga 11:00 Mah Jongg 12:00 Game Day	9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz 11:00 Fiber Friends 11:00 Movie Matinee: The Hill
10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda 10:00 Skip-Bo 11:00 Dancing to the Oldies with CeCe 11:00 Euchre 11:00 Mah Jongg 2:00 Qigong Exercise	9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 10:00 Eco-Friendly Wreath 11:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing 1:00 Spring Egg Rug Mug 5:30 Powerbeats with Missy	10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe 11:00 Frands & Personal Safety 11:00 Hand & Foot 6:00 Pinochle 6:00 Euchre	9:00 Foot Clinic 10:00—10:30 Blood Pressure Check 10:30 Fireside Chats 11:00 Chair Yoga 11:00 pm Mah Jongg 11:00 Game Day 11:00 Monthly CSFP Commodities 3:00 Board Meeting	9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz 11:00 Fiber Friends 11:00 St. Patrick's Day Party
10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda 10:00 Skip-Bo 11:00 Dancing to the Oldies with CeCe 11:00 Euchre 11:00 Mah Jongg 11:00 2nd Pick-Up Monthly CSFP Commodities 2:00 Qigong Exercise	9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 10:30 Becoming a Senior Companion Volunteer 11:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing 1:00 Spring Egg Rug Mug 2:00 Hearing Aid Check 5:30 Powerbeats with Missy	10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe 11:30 A Safer Spring for a Safer You 11:00 Hand & Foot 12:30 Root Beer Floats 6:00 Pinochle 6:00 Euchre	9:30 Eyeglass Repair 10:30 Book Club 10:30 Meet & Greet Author, Marcy Blesy 11:00 Chair Yoga 11:00 Mah Jongg 11:00 Game Day 11:00 Garden Club Meeting	9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz 11:30 Lunch Bunch 11:00 Fiber Friends 11:00 Movie Matinee: Dog Gone
10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda 10:00 Skip-Bo 11:00 Dancing to the Oldies with CeCe 12:30 Ice Cream Social 11:00 Euchre 11:00 Mah Jongg 2:00 Qigong Exercise	9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 11:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing 1:00 Spring Egg Rug Mug 1:00 GrandPad Training 5:30 Powerbeats with Missy	10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe 11:00 Hand & Foot 11:00 Birthday Bingo 6:00 Pinochle 6:00 Euchre	10:00—10:30 Blood Pressure Check 10:30 Fireside Chats 11:00 Chair Yoga 11:00 pm Mah Jongg 11:00 Game Day	The BASC is closed on Good Friday. 

BASCCalendar – March 2024

Thank you for supporting the Buchanan Area Senior Center!



About Buchanan Area Senior Center: Buchanan Area Senior Center provides a complete facility, a friendly and efficient staff, and active volunteers that enhance the quality of life of seniors in our community. We offer programs and services designed to promote physical, social, and mental well-being, including exercise, recreation, and crafts, as well as Senior Nutrition Services, food commodities, and a Senior Community Garden.

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A Note from the Publisher – Issue 71



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by Jen Garry, Publisher

Yes, its true!!! After three years of bringing Buchanan's local news to our community, The Buchanan Chronicle will cease publication after Online Issue 72 – March 23, 2024 and our Spring 2024 Printed Edition, out before March ends!

It has been our pleasure getting to know all of you through interviews, public interactions at events, communications from our readers far and wide, comments on Facebook, and so so so much more! We had an amazing run and accomplished all we set out to achieve – and now we're so excited to be moving forward with new chapters in each of our lives!

We had a bittersweet realization recently that its time to move on to new things; financially our business was at a turning point, either we find significant funding to continue our work (and pay ourselves to support our families) or we find what new endeavors are in store for each of us as we explore our career and family options. These three years our leadership and team have worked hard without pay, selflessly volunteering their time and talents to benefit their community, funding our efforts with our own money and giving up time with our families – absolutely well worth doing, but after a time as life goes on, the ebb and flow of life takes us in new directions.

We appreciate our readers so much, thank you for following our publications and reading all about Buchanan's latest news with us these three years! We will have published 72 issues online and 4 printed editions, completing 3 years in business as The Buchanan Chronicle – and we're so proud of all we have accomplished! Thank you for reading along and for all the support we have received from our Buchanan Community! And please make sure say hi to any of our team when you see us around town, and fill us in on your news – we're still personally interested, and we won't be publishing it to the public anymore so you can tell us all the details!

It has been our absolute pleasure and privilege to bring you Buchanan's latest news and local stories for these last three years! Thank you to each and every reader, all those who sponsored, donated, and advertised with us, and to everyone who shared and talked about our stories and articles – together all of you have made our efforts possible, without you we could not accomplished all we have, THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!!!!

- Total Website Views:
 - 2021 Mar-Dec: **30,763** (1,619 Average Views Per Issue)
 - 2022 Jan-Dec: **28,153** (1,173 Average Views Per Issue)
 - 2023 Jan-Dec: **48,917** (2,038 Average Views Per Issue)
 - 2024 Jan-Mar: **9,093** (1,819 Average Views Per Issue)
- Total Website Views by Month 2024:
 - January – **5,511** (3,817 in 2023; 2,482 in 2022)
 - February – **3,396** (3,525 in 2023; 1,961 in 2022)
 - March – **480** (4,397 in 2023; 2,486 in 2022)
- Recent Issues:
 - Issue 69 (February 10, 2024) Views: **1,897**
 - Issue 70 (February 24, 2024) Views: **1,117**

~ *The Buchanan Chronicle Recent Subscriber Stats:*

- WordPress:
 - Subscribers: **115**
 - All-Time Views: **116,933**
- Facebook:
 - Total Followers: **2,000**
 - Total Likes: **1,573**
 - All-Time Reach: **46K**
 - All-Time Visits: **10.7K**
 - All-Time Link Clicks: **42,595**
- Instagram Followers: **271**
- Email Subscribers: **144**
- Printed Editions: **4**
 - Subscribers: **19**
 - Pickup Locations: *Special Thanks to these places that host copies of our printed editions for our community to pick up for free.*
 - Buchanan Area Senior Center
 - Buchanan City Hall
 - Buchanan District Library
 - Harding's Market of Buchanan
 - Honor Credit Union of Buchanan
 - Glendora Bookshop
 - Milano's Pizza

Thank you again for reading Buchanan's local news along with us and engaging in our Buchanan Community these last three years!

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The Clark Barker – Issue 71



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A Pup is Hanging Up His Press Badge

Well, as you may have already heard, my humans at The Buchanan Chronicle announced that our last ever online issue will be ready to read on Saturday, March 23, 2024. So, as I have become a senior dog, it is time now for me to announce my retirement from The Buchanan Chronicle and being a news pup. My last write up will of course be in that issue as well as in the spring printed issue. I've had a long, beautiful career here in Buchanan MI.

I am glad that spring has been arriving early this year which allows me to have more time to play outside and go for walks, which doesn't give me much time to write unless there are rainy days and I don't like those days that have thunder and lightning. I have enjoyed the company of Rebecka and Jen along with the team and of course when they get done with their meetings which means I get to go outside! Thank you to my previous owners Mary & Pat from The Paper who let Rebecka and Jen adopt me to write some helpful reminders to the readers.

Woof-Woof!



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