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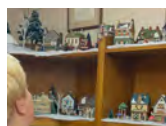


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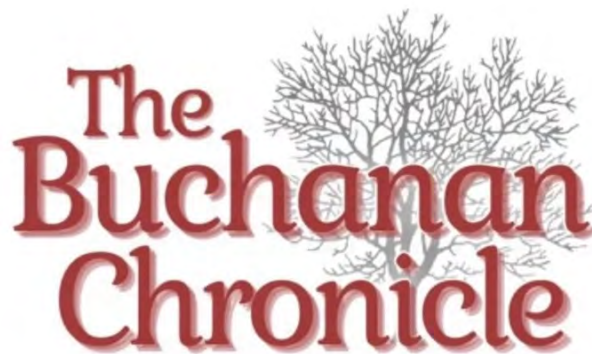
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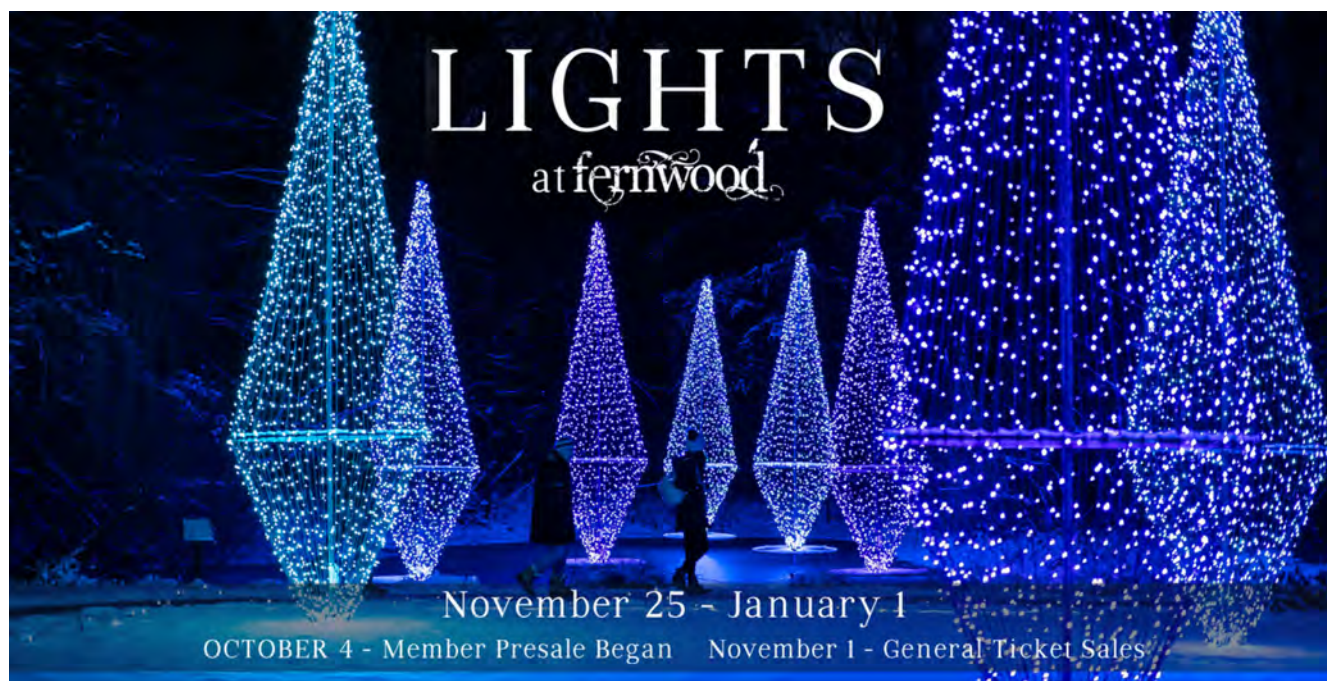
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Local Business – LIGHTS at Fernwood



LIGHTS at Fernwood Returns for 2022

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer and Jen Garry, Publisher

A year-long project is now on display known as “Lights at Fernwood” at Fernwood Botanical Garden on 13988 Range Line Rd., Niles, MI 49120. So bundle up and take a nice stroll with your family, friends, a date night, or just yourself to experience this once a year event.



Fernwood, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

They have 21 nights this year for you to experience more light and music during the holiday season. Some changes have been made as in extending the trail, and adding more lights. Thursday – Sunday nights are the times you can come starting at 5:30pm till 9pm through January 1, 2023. You can access a FAQ sheet on their [website](#) as well as purchase presale tickets. The time slots are indicated so there is enough parking for everyone. So, buy your tickets online as they are highly encouraging everyone to do so.



Fernwood, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

There is one in and one out for the trail. The education center has a craft prepared and a huge 239 – poinsettia tree inside designed by horticulturist Steve Bornell and Tracy Dippo, and some light concessions hot cocoa and merch for sale. You will make your way through tunnels of lights and many trees with lights on them or hanging down from them. Be sure to look up and when you turn around you will see a different lighting area. There is a great spot for you to take a photo with your family or friends to remember this event.



Fernwood, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

You will make your way back into the building to check out an art display and all things Fernwood. We hope that this will add some great memories for you during this time. Let us know if you had the chance to experience the

Lights at Fernwood this season. And maybe we will see you there. Brownie points to those who say, "We read about it in The Buchanan Chronicle!"

- Ticket Prices, Thursday Family Nights:
 - Adult \$10
 - Children (3-12) \$5
 - Children 2 and under FREE
- Ticket Prices, Friday-Sunday:
 - Adult \$15 [\$12 for Adult Members]
 - Children (3-12) \$8
 - Children 2 and under FREE





About Fernwood Botanical Garden: Fernwood's mission is to enrich people's lives by awakening and deepening their appreciation of nature and the possibilities of harmony. Now more than ever, public gardens play an important role in offering a safe place of beauty and healing. We look forward to welcoming you to Fernwood's 105 acres of gardens and natural areas.

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- Garden Hours:
 - Tues-Sat 10a-5p
 - Sunday noon-5p
- Cafe Hours:
 - Fri-Sun noon-3pm
- Garden Admission:
 - **Members** – Free
 - Adults – \$10
 - Seniors (65+) – \$7
 - Student (with ID) – \$7
 - Military & First Responders – \$5
 - Children (ages 5-17) – \$5
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Local Business – 370pc Winter Village at Redbud Insurance



Amazing 370-Piece Winter Village at Redbud Insurance

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

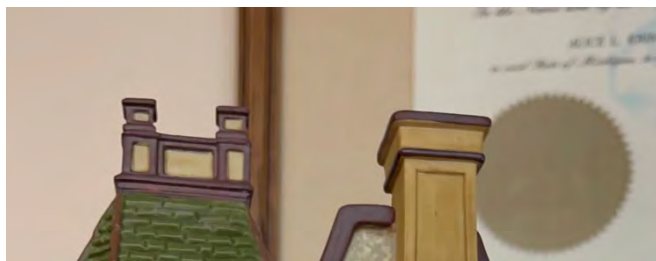
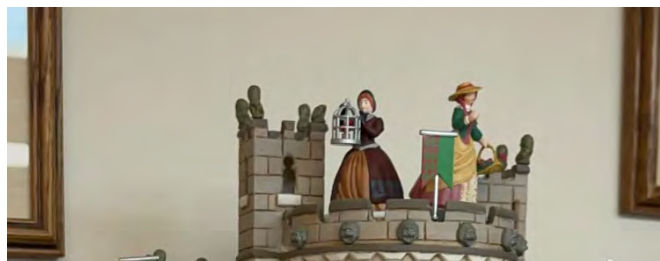
Head into Alice Kring's office at Redbud Insurance and you will be taken back to the mid – late 1800's of an England Winter Village Wonderland that consists of 123 houses and approximately 245 accessories. Alice welcomes everyone into her office even if you're not a customer of theirs to see her magnificent village, as well as the many Christmas decorations throughout the rest of Redbud Insurance at 110 Main Street, Buchanan, MI 49107.



As you walk into Redbud Insurance, you are welcomed by Santa's crew and a spiral swag tree with ornaments from the Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce back in the 1990's that display area businesses like Carbon's Malted Pancake and Waffle Flour, Pears Mill, Buchanan Schools buildings, and the Tin Shop Theatre. Throughout the rest of the office, you will see her Nutcracker and Mickey Mouse Christmas collection as well.

Turn into her office, and this almost 370-piece winter village will cause your eyes to widen. It was started by her husband, Joe, getting her a piece or two of Dept 56 Dickens' Village. Each year after that, her collection grew and grew and made it into her office. Even family members started gifting her these items. To fit her whole collection in the office, Joe made her some tables specifically to fit in her office and put upon other tables that have a blanket of snow on them. The tables on top also have the snow drooping down the edges as well as a waterfall made from blue plastic saran wrap that she reuses year after year. Alice said, "I used to buy two to three rolls a year,

but now I can't find it so I reuse it and we use styrofoam to build up the village."



To maintain her collection, she uses a can of air to dust them and puts them back in their original boxes with the styrofoam. A lot of prep work happens before the 6 – 7 hours of setup time that consists of a crew of 5-6 girls who help and she lets them decide where to put each item "which gives them good decision making and design," stated Alice. This year she had more girls help and it was a record of 5 hours to set up.

"The girls always have such a good time doing this. The office cat, Jasper, likes to take strolls around the village. However, I close the door when I leave for the day not knowing what he would do," said Alice happily.



Among the pieces, you will see: a steak and kidney pie shop, basket shop, oil lamp shop, chocolates, brew house, curiosity shop, coal shop, newspaper stand, the Globe Theatre (which is part of the landmark series), food stands, two Scotland Yard Stations, the London Bridge which goes up and down, a Christmas market, Buckingham Palace (which is Alice's favorite item), 12 Days of Christmas items that are spread throughout and most of the animals are by the farm area and many more.

There are a couple of pieces of artwork by Hargroves which she believes are based in Wisconsin like Fox River, as it fits well with her collection. She puts it up the weekend before Thanksgiving, and then takes it down about the last week of January. If you would like to come and experience this, her office is open Monday – Friday from 8:30am – 5pm and closed on the 23rd and 26th of December. May this add some joy to your holiday as you go back in time before automobiles.



About Redbud Insurance: What makes us different from other agencies is our people — plain and simple. We've built our team with individuals who truly care about our clients well being. With Redbud Insurance Services, you're dealing with real humans who care. We're constantly looking for ways to improve coverage while reducing cost. When you purchase your insurance with us, it's never just a transaction. You're getting a life-long advisor who is there for you when you need them most. At Redbud Insurance Services, we represent multiple insurance carriers, allowing us to shop the market for the best possible coverage package at the best cost. The proof is in the pudding — we routinely find better rates than many of the "big brand" insurance companies you see on TV, and not just by a few dollars.

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**2022 MHSFCA
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Coach Mark Frey Named Regional Coach of the Year for Region 6

Submitted by Jodie Lollar

2022 MHSFCA REGIONAL COACHES OF THE YEAR – Region 6:

Paul Jacobson	Negaunee	6	1
Dave Suttle Jr	Boyne City	6	1
Craig Ness	Gladstone	6	1
Marty Malcom	Standish Sterling	6	2
Jason Germain	Millington	6	2
Shawn Griffith	Constantine	6	3
Mark Frey	Buchanan	6	3
John Webb	Durand	6	3
Casey Randolph	Clinton	6	4
Brian Barnes	Madison Heights Bishop Foley	6	4

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Past Event – Shop With A Cop 2022



Big Hearts at Shop With A Cop 2022

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

On a cold, and early Saturday, December 3 2022, kids from Buchanan were paired up with local Buchanan City Police Officers, Firefighters from Buchanan City, Township and Bertrand Fire Departments, along with Buchanan City Mayor Sean Denison, City of Buchanan workers and Laura Henkel guidance counselor of Ottawa Elementary School at Walmart in Niles, MI for "Shop With a Cop." As each kid arrived, they were greeted with hearts, smiles and excitement while telling their shopping partner(s) what they wanted to buy. Then after a group photo, they were "off to the shopping races" as Buchanan City Police Chief Harvey Burnett said.



Shop with a Cop 2022, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

For this event to be made possible, donations came into the Buchanan City Police Department by the Buchanan-Galien Lions Club, Buchanan Scarecrow Charities, Buchanan American Legion Post #51, Walmart, and private donors and other local businesses that wish to remain anonymous. Some kids went to the clothing

departments first for some common everyday items and a Christmas Day shiny outfit. Then, it was the electronics and toy departments! Kids in grades kindergarten – sixth grade had probably the most fun Saturday morning picking out items that brought them joy.

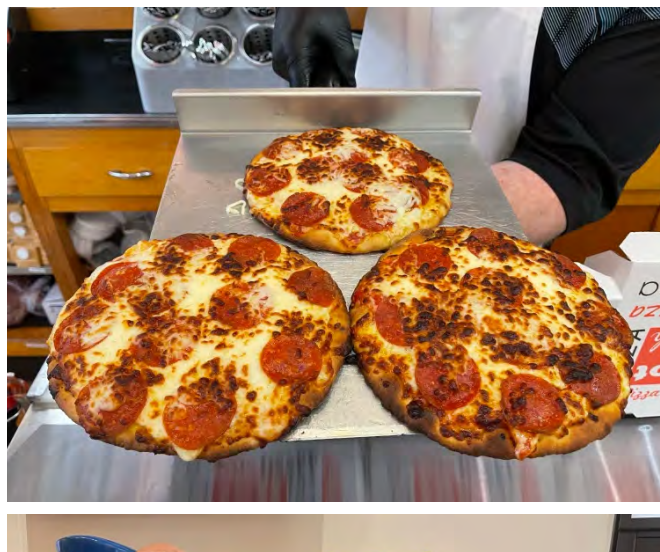
One of the youngest girls, “knew what she wanted, picked it out, put it in the cart, and was done in 30 minutes. Other kids in the past can really take their time,” stated Buchanan City Safety Director Tim Ganus. Each kid had \$225 to spend. Shopping carts were filled with: games, toys, clothes, dinosaurs, skateboard, bike helmets, baby dolls, light sabers, laptops, candy, etc....



As they reached their budget, they headed up to the two dedicated “Shop with a Cop” checkout lanes. The kids handed the cashier the payment, carts were loaded up, and then they were treated to a donut and juice from Walmart as well as a cookie and water from Subway at the other end of the store as they rested their feet and waited

for their families to pick them up.

The excitement did not stop there as a couple of kids got to see what it was like in the cop car! Owners Joe Paolucci & Tom Hitchcock of Buchanan Sweet Shop – Italiano Cafe in Buchanan treated them to ice cream, phosphates and pizza. What a treat late in the morning or say an early lunch! After they were done enjoying their goodies, they were able to pick out some sweets from the candy stands filled with chocolate bars, rock candy and gummy candy. Tom gave the kids this advice while telling them about the rock candy, “now don’t eat all of your candy at once as you will get sick, but make sure we get some candy for Mom too.”



Big smiles and hearts of the kids and community members were present throughout the whole morning. As Laura Henkel, Guidance Counselor of Ottawa Elementary School said, “I look forward to this every year and have to attend it.” And it added more joy to their Christmas season. There were some tears, but lives were changed and

hearts were big! Merry Christmas!

Lions Club 2022 Donation to Buchanan Police Department

THANK YOU to the Buchanan-Galien Lions Club for their generous donations of \$200 to our annual Shop with a Cop and \$500 to assist the Buchanan Police Department in purchasing Kevlar vests.

We have 13 children that will be shopping with police and fire heroes from the Buchanan community area. Based on the donations provided, each child will be provided \$200 each to shop for Christmas.

Thank you for all you give to our community!



Donation to BPD from Buchanan-Galien Lions Club, Photo provided by Buchanan-Galien Lions Club



About Buchanan City Police Department: The Buchanan City Police Department's fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard life and property; to protect the innocent against deception; the weak against oppression or intimidation; the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional Rights of all persons to liberty, equality, and justice. The Buchanan Police Department proudly serves the citizens of the City of Buchanan by providing twenty-four hour, seven days a week, full service police coverage.

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"We Serve" is our motto – 87+ years strong – and proud to serve in the 2020 Nicest City in America
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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.](#)

Past Event – A Not-So-Silent Night 2022 at BDL



A Not-So-Silent Night 2022 Annual Holiday Event at Buchanan District Library

On behalf of the Buchanan District Library, we would like to extend to you a sincere thank you for your participation in our 2022 Not-so-Silent Night at the Library! Whether you were a bidder in our online silent auction or a guest at the event, your participation contributed to a successful fundraiser for the library and a very enjoyable evening. Thanks to all of you, we raised more than \$9,700 for the library!

By contributing to the library this holiday season, you have truly made a difference in the lives of your friends and neighbors in Buchanan. Your generosity helps the library continue our mission to enrich your life and empower our community. We look forward to next year's event and to seeing you around the library in the new year!

With Gratitude,

Meg Paulette Perez

Library Director

Wendy Chapman

Library of Things (and silent auction!) Coordinator





Dancing Fun at the Not-So-Silent Night event, Photo by BDL



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Cans for Veterans Annual Drive Donations Given to Local Veterans

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor, and Garrick Stubblefield, Writer, and Jen Garry, Publisher and Photographer

Amazing News: The Buchanan Chronicle raised over \$700 in this year's Cans for Veterans donation drive, and each veteran at the American Legion Post 51 monthly meeting December 2022 received a \$25 gift card (or two) from one of these local Buchanan businesses: Harding's, Rite Aid, Gary Z's Sub Shop, BP, Citgo, Marathon, and Phillips 66 gas stations. Remaining gift cards were then passed along to Veteran Judge Advocate Larry Money to give to RAM for when veterans are in need. Funds from the drive also covered the costs for the Korean Vets Annual Chicken Dinner that is coming up soon. We hope that this will brighten up their holidays.



Presentation of Donations to Veterans, Photo by Jen Garry

We would like to thank everyone for their support in donating your returnable cans/bottles this year. The Cans for Veterans Donation Drive will return next year so be on the lookout for when the collection boxes will be out again (late summer 2023). Also, thank you to each business that hosted a donation collection box for us: Buchanan Area Senior Center, Harding's, Do It Best Redbud Hardware, and Buchanan District Library. We really appreciate your participation in helping us make this happen!

One more HUGE thank you goes to our writer and veteran, Garrick Stubblefield who has spent many hours making the boxes, picking up and returning all the cans/bottles, and turning in the money. Your work does not go unnoticed and thank you for your service to our country. We appreciate all that you do!



Presentation of Donations to Veterans, Photos by Jen Garry

In his address to our local Veterans at the American Legion Post 51 monthly meeting on Thursday, December 01, 2022, Garrick spoke with emotion stating the following:

"I and my fellow team members of The Buchanan Chronicle stand before you and showing us your great honor to us by serving our country. I and you made that sacrifice to protect our great country. No matter if you barely made it past boot camp to a possible war, we tip our hats to you for going that extra mile to make us free. You veterans need the deserving respect and gratitude to where no one should ever take away from you. Just remember you were the ones that helped us stay free. In my closing remark I want to salute and say thank you for your service."



Cans for Veterans 2022 Donation Boxes, Photo by Garrick Stubblefield

The Buchanan Chronicle is so grateful for all the community support to help us make this donation drive happen. Our whole purpose for the drive is to give back to our local veterans and to show them our eternal gratitude, especially during the holidays. Small tokens though they may be, we will forever be appreciative for our freedoms and those who ensure and protect them.

Thank You Veterans, we are ever grateful!



About American Legion Ralph Rumbaugh Post 51: Buchanan Auxiliary is a volunteer program, gives back hours to its communities and to veterans, and raises dollars to support its own programs, as well as other worthwhile charities. The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness.

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Meetings 1st Thursday each month at 7pm

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Local Opinion – Grateful for Our Local Clerks

OPINION

Those Who Serve Aren't Always In Uniform

Submitted by Kenneth Peterson, MAJ USA (Ret.), Buchanan MI

Editor,

Those who serve aren't always in uniform.

The Buchanan City Clerk and Buchanan Township Clerk offices did an excellent job during our recent midterm election. I along with several other poll watchers were privileged to observe processes firsthand at the 3-polling places in the Buchanan Area.

Buchanan Clerks spent many nights and weekends ahead of the election working to ensure we all had safe and well-functioning voting processes and accurate tabulation of our votes. They provided leadership to the polling teams for long hours on election day and they ran into a few curveballs along the way

In an incident on election day, a software problem prevented Buchanan Township poll watchers from using computers for automated assistance. The Clerk, her staff, and the poll workers shifted to a slower manual process to allow people to vote. The line initially backed up, but the poll workers were able to keep things moving. The Clerk got quick assistance from Berrien County to repair the software issue. There was, however, one effort to create problems by attempting to focus the local TV news on this computer issue. By the time the TV news personnel arrived, the problem had been solved and the voter lines were back to reasonable wait times.

Staff and poll workers worked all day and into the evening on election day without much of a break because they truly cared about helping all of us have a quality, non-partisan election process.

If you get the chance, you might want to pass on a "Thank You for your Service" to our town Clerks and their staff: (Wendy Heyliger, at Buchanan Township and Kalla Langston, at Buchanan City).

~ Ken Peterson, MAJ USA (Ret.), Buchanan

The Buchanan Chronicle wishes to provide a venue for public opinion to be heard. We may edit but only for typos, language, or length; as we desire to present submitted opinions as received.

OPINION

Past Event – BASC Holiday Party



BASC Holiday Party 2022

by Garrick Stubblefield

On December 13, 2022 I was invited to the holiday party at by the Buchanan Area Senior Center. Even though I am not at that age myself yet, I'm a volunteer for them by transporting seniors to their doctor appointments. This has been a great addition to my things I do for the city. There was plenty of food to go around and afterwards there were many full bellies. Soon after everyone got their dessert done, it was time for BINGO. Along with BINGO they also had door prizes.

I was asked to pass a couple of notes along to you of some typical activities at the BASC, and here is a list of them. Oh by the way if you're 55 and older, you're welcome to the center.

- Monday: Euchre from 1pm to 4pm (card game)
- Tuesday: exercise class, pinochle, and quilting/sewing

- Wednesday: exercise and cards
- Thursday: yoga and game day
- Friday: exercise and fiber friends



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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BCS School Spotlight – Moccasin Elementary December 2022



Moccasin December Update

Submitted by Moccasin Elementary School Principal Michael Babcock

Emphasis on Writing in the Classroom

Over the past few years, Moccasin teachers have worked extremely hard to develop standard based pacing guides for math and reading. Pacing guides help align grade levels both vertically and horizontally. This year, Moccasin will focus on the integration of writing across all academic areas. On our professional development day, November 11th, Moccasin teachers began the process for developing grade level writing pacing guides. Thank you to Kasey McBeth and Moccasin teachers for getting us off to a great start.



December at Moccasin, Photo provided by Michael Babcock, Moccasin Elementary Principal

Roller Skating PE lessons

The atmosphere in the gym lately has looked and sounded like a roller skating rink. Students are all smiles as they listen to music and skate around the gym. Bravo to Ms. Leenhouts and all Moccasin students for creating and participating in a positive learning environment.



December at Moccasin, Photo provided by Michael Babcock, Moccasin Elementary Principal

Teacher Spotlight – Ms. Amiel and Mrs. Staup’s Students Collaborate

We love to see our students working together and we especially love to see 2nd and 4th grade students

working on an engineering project. A few weeks ago, students from Ms. Amiel and Mrs. Staup's classes worked together to build catapults. The project was for students to build a catapult, launch items, and then measure the distance launched.

According to Mrs. Staup, "The 4th graders practiced skills already learned and then used that knowledge to help teach the 2nd graders. The 2nd graders are just beginning their science journeys and maintain stamina and confidence to solve problems. The 4th grade students were excited to help with this process."

Thank you for the great lesson!!



December at Moccasin, Photo provided by Michael Babcock, Moccasin Elementary Principal

Moccasin Artwork



December at Moccasin, Photo provided by Michael Babcock, Moccasin Elementary Principal



About Moccasin Elementary School: Welcome to Moccasin! Our Vision is to create a safe and positive learning environment where students will achieve grade level proficiency skills. We serve students in grades 2 through 4. Please contact the school office at 269-695-8408 for any of your questions or needs.

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Upcoming Event – Soul Shop at BCC



Soul Shop™ for Communities

January 23, 2023
6:00pm – 7:30pm Eastern Time

Details
Who Should Attend?
Community Members
Location:
Buchanan Christian Church
112 W. 3rd St.
Buchanan, MI 49107
Cost: \$0
Registration:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/soul-shop-for-communities-tickets-388344618207>
Questions?
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The goal of Soul Shop for Communities is to begin working in the larger community beyond the church to create a network of support for those who are impacted by suicide. This community-oriented program is designed to increase awareness of the dangers of suicide and discuss the steps that can be taken to reduce risks. This could be offered to parents, police, nurses, teachers and any other concerned citizens who might want to learn how to ask the question of suicide, learn about the prevalence of suicide in the community and get more engaged with how to be a part of the solution.



Soul Shop™ for Leaders

January 24, 2023
8:00am – 4:30pm Eastern Time

Details
Who Should Attend?
Faith Leaders
Location:
Buchanan Christian Church
112 W. 3rd St.
Buchanan, MI 49107
Cost: \$35 (lunch and snacks provided)
Registration:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/soul-shop-for-leaders-tickets-388359803627>
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This is a one-day workshop designed to equip faith community leaders to minister to those impacted by suicide. This includes the creation of worship resources, training congregation members in suicide awareness and basic conversation skills, and how to extend the invitation to those who have been suicidal in the past to share their stories. This workshop engages the question of how to cultivate a soul-safe culture within your congregation.

Soul Shop Suicide Prevention Trainings

Greetings Ministry and Community Colleagues,

I am writing to share with you once again about Soul Shop, which Buchanan Christian Church is privileged to bring to Buchanan in January 2023. Soul Shop is faith based suicide prevention. I have participated in several Soul Shop trainings over the last few years, and they have all been excellent.

Suicide is a grim reality which none of us want to think about, but it is also a reality we need to be equipped to respond to in our congregations and communities. I am passionate about training in this area because I lost my brother to suicide in December 2015.

According to statistics from the American Foundation For Suicide Prevention ([Suicide statistics | AFSP](#)), suicide is the 12th leading cause of death in the United States. Significantly, it is the 3rd leading cause of death for people aged 10-19, the 2nd leading cause of death for people aged 20-34, and the 4th leading cause of death for people aged 35-44. Further, 10 % of American adults have thought about suicide, 1.2 million Americans attempted suicide in 2020, and 54% of Americans have been affected by suicide in some way. These statistics mean that you have people in your congregations and organizations who have been impacted by suicide in one way or another. This is why the training Soul Shop provides is so important.

Buchanan Christian Church will host:

- **Soul Shop for Communities** on Monday January 23 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. This event is free and is designed to “to begin working in the larger community beyond the church to create a network of support for those who are impacted by suicide.” You can register for Soul Shop for Communities by following this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/soul-shop-for-communities-tickets-388344618207>.
- **Soul Shop for Leaders** on Tuesday January 24 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. This seminar is “designed to equip faith community leaders to minister to those impacted by suicide.” The cost is \$35.00, which covers lunch, refreshments, and materials. You can register for Soul Shop for Leaders by following this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/soul-shop-for-leaders-tickets-388359803627>. Continuing Education Credits are available for attending Soul Shop for Leaders!

Thank you! – Nate Babcock, Buchanan Christian Church Pastor

- *Who:* Buchanan Christian Church
- *What:* Soul Shop Suicide Prevention Trainings
- *When:*
 - Soul Shop for Communities – **Monday, January 23, 2023 from 6-7:30pm**
 - Soul Shop for Leaders – **Tuesday, January 24, 2023 from 8am-4:30pm**
- *Where:* Buchanan Christian Church
 - 112 W Third St, Buchanan MI 49107



January 23, 2023

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About Buchanan Christian Church: BCC is an independent congregation of people whose mission is to be and make disciples of Jesus who serve God by serving others. We believe that the Bible is the word of God. We believe in the deity of Christ, his atoning death, and bodily resurrection. We attempt to follow the pattern of the New Testament church in faith and practice.

Pastor Nate Babcock

Services at 10:30am Sundays

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Community Press Release – MI DNR Grant for Trail Extension



McCoy's Creek Trail Extension Funded by Michigan DNR, Trail to be Built in 2023

Submitted by Richard Murphy, Buchanan Community Development Director

Buchanan, MI – December 16, 2022

The City of Buchanan announced today that it has received a commitment of an additional \$300,000 from the Michigan DNR Natural Resources Trust Fund which is the last necessary piece of funding in order to move the McCoy Creek's Trail Extension to River St. Joe Brewery to implementation. Buchanan's grant application was ranked in scoring as 3rd out of 100 submittals submitted from across the state.

Community Development Director Rich Murphy said of the grant award, "The City of Buchanan is thrilled to receive this last piece of funding which will make our vision of an extended trail into a reality, and deliver more health, quality of life, and economic benefits to our community and the region. Everybody loves this project." Murphy continued, "The trail extension will take you from our beautiful historic downtown, through the wilderness, across the river, to a trail head at the only organic brewery in Michigan, River St. Joe Brewery at Flatwater Farms," Murphy said.



A rendering of the project created during the Andrews University/Buchanan project, A Vision for Buchanan, depicts a section of the McCoy's Creek Trail Extension to River St. Joe Brewery.. Image provided by Rich Murphy

The McCoy's Creek Trail Extension project is being led by a coalition of community leaders including Jerry Flenar and Don Brooks of Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail, Suzannah Deneau of Wightman & Associates, Brian Dougherty of River St. Joe Brewery, and Kris Martin and Brandon Kovnat of the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission with support of the Buchanan City Commission and the Buchanan Township Board. Multiple funding sources on the federal, state, and local level are being pursued for the project.

The successful grant application states: We believe our project is highly competitive and will be a catalyst to spur other economic and quality of life benefits and opportunities. What other project with just one new half mile trail extension can "knit together" so many high quality and significant cultural assets and experiences into one? With the connections this trail extension creates between historic and architecturally significant assets, walkable arts and culture experiences, special experiences in adjacent natural resources, and organic, farm to table dining and leisure activities, as well as Flatwater Farm's sustainable program of Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) – the McCoy's Creek Trail Extension Project essentially elevates the existing trail into "Cultural Trail Status" and creates a "Walkable Treasure Trove" that will be of regional significance.

Murphy further cited the benefits of the project. "The trail extension will allow Historic Downtown Buchanan to leverage itself as a conduit to Pure Michigan by creating a non-motorized connection to high quality "green and blue trails activities" including fishing, boating, kayaking at Buchanan public access areas on the river as well as destination dining and leisure experiences at River St. Joe Brewery and the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program at Flatwater Farms. Further, Downtown Buchanan will connect itself to "the Gateway to Michigan Wine Country" and other burgeoning agro-tourism opportunities. The "Big Picture" is that the trail extension sets up the opportunity for a trail connection all the way to Niles, Michigan, taking a large leap forward to the vision of a regionalized trail system," he said.



Photo of St. Joseph River Public Access point with view of Walton Bridge where McCoy's Creek Trail Extension will cross river, Image provided by Rich Murphy

"We are so happy and thankful to see that Michigan DNR partners support our vision with this large investment in Buchanan," Jerry Flenar of Friends of McCoy's Creek said today. Flenar has led a robust campaign to solicit funders in order to implement the project. "There has been overwhelming support by community and stakeholder groups for the trail," Flenar said. "In addition to these grant commitments, the funding team has secured pledges of support from the following community entities: Michigan Gateway Foundation, Buchanan Township, McCoy's Creek Trail Committee, River St. Joe Brewery, Honor Credit Union, Cannavista Wellness, RMC Corporation, The Buchanan Scarecrow Charities, County Heritage Credit Union, McCarty Well Drilling, Hilltop Restaurant, Red Bud Hardware, State Farm Insurance, Buchanan Lions Club, United Federal Union, and the City of Buchanan. We also acknowledge the sizeable easement that will be provided by Fran Tuite, owner of Flatwater Farms, required for this project," Flenar said.

"This was the last piece we needed. Now it's time to build a trail!" Mayor Sean Denison said on Tuesday. "This is an investment in future generations. We are honored to be working with our state and local partners to achieve this vision. We estimate that 75% of the City of Buchanan's 4,500 residents live within walking distance of the existing trail. More trail users result in more community health benefits as well as significant added value to economic opportunities and quality of life enhancements," he said.

The existing McCoy's Creek Trail is an approximately five-mile improved shared use path that runs along McCoy's Creek, through prairie, downtown Buchanan, and E.B. Clark Woods. It includes historical markers and natural elements that tell the history of Buchanan and the region. The McCoy's Creek Trail Extension Project would extend the existing McCoy's Creek Trail a half-mile along Schirmer Parkway, down River Street across River Street Bridge and into Buchanan Township. This extension would not only provide recreational opportunities, but also much needed alternative transportation options for residents and visitors to the region. Additional benefits include healthy lifestyle promotion, handicap accessibility, tourism/economic development, improved air quality, stronger community connections, and a great enhancement to our region's overall quality of life.

This Extension Project is the necessary first step down the path to connect Buchanan, MI – the southern and eastern gateway to a tourism center in Southwest Michigan – to the extensive and developed regional trail system, the Indiana Michigan River Valley Trail ("IN-MI River Valley Trail"). The project is planned for construction in 2023-24.

Buchanan Granted MNRTF Funds for Trail Extension

Submitted by Jerry Flenar, Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail Chairman**Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund****Program objective**

The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) projects provide for natural resource protection and outdoor recreation. By law, no less than 25 percent of the Trust Fund amount available for annual appropriation can be used for acquisition of public land and no less than 25 percent of the Trust Fund can be used for development of public recreation facilities. Final grant recommendations are made by the MNRTF Board to the state legislature for final approval.

2022 Board Recommendations

This year, the board recommended \$15,003,500 for acquisition grants and \$8,302,700 for development grants:

- 8 acquisition grants to local units of government for a total of \$4,305,500
- 7 acquisition grants to the Michigan DNR for a total of \$10,698,000
- 30 development grants to local units of government for a total of \$8,302,700

Application Number	Applicant	Project Title	Project County	Grant Award
TF22-0097	City of Buchanan	McCoy's Creek Trail Extension to River St. Joe Brewery	Berrien	\$300,000

Development Grant Recommendations 2022

On Wednesday, December 14, 2022, representatives of Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail attended the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund meeting in Lansing in December 2022 to accept the grant for \$300,000 awarded to Buchanan's McCoy's Creek Trail Extension project.



Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail representatives accept grant in Lansing. Photo submitted by Jerry Flenar

The application by the City of Buchanan scored 3rd out of 100 grant applications, at 410 points out of a possible 500. Our representatives were encouraged to apply for Phase 2 to meet the Ind/Mich Trail in next year's grant cycle. Jerry Flenar was at the meeting and has expressed the gratitude of the Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail Board to Buchanan's Community Development Director Rich Murphy for all his help with the application and process to receive this grant.



About Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail: The Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail was established by Resolution of the City of Buchanan in April 2004 as a subcommittee of the Buchanan Area Recreation Board. Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail have gathered in unity to develop and pursue a trail through the City of Buchanan. They have developed pathways through E. B. Clark Woods on the south side of McCoy's Creek and have continued

the trail to downtown Buchanan along the Creek. They host events such as a 5k Extreme held in August and Trek-or-Treat for Halloween. Public can walk, run or just enjoy a stroll through the woods.

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Community Press Release – BDL and Thomas Jolly Antiques Donation Challenge



Thomas Jolly Antiques Donation Challenge for Buchanan District Library Fundraising Campaign

Submitted by Meg Paulette, Buchanan District Library Director

Buchanan, MI – December 15, 2022

Local business owner Tom Jolly of Thomas Jolly Antiques has been a friend and downtown neighbor of the Buchanan District Library for many years. This giving season, Tom has set up a matching challenge with the library to encourage support for the library's building campaign to fund construction of a large community room on their second floor.



Thomas Jolly Antiques, Photos by BDL

"Buchanan is very fortunate to have such a strong library and what an asset it is to the downtown," said Tom.

Tom is challenging his fellow community members to contribute to the campaign, and will match up to \$2,500 in donations given before the end of the year.

"This project will directly benefit the entire community," said library director, Meg Paulette Perez. "Our new community room will be available for individuals, groups, and businesses to use. We are also exploring the idea of having a makerspace and small business incubator, with resources such as design software, recording equipment, crafting tools, and more."

Gifts can be made by check to the Buchanan District Library, or on the library's website, at www.buchananlibrary.org/support-us/building-campaign.



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.

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About Thomas Jolly Antiques: Thomas Jolly Antiques specializing in 18th century through select mid-century furnishings!

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Community Press Release – BCSO 2022 Holiday



Berrien County Sheriff's Office 2022 Holiday – Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over

Berrien County, MI – December 13, 2022

As the busy holiday season begins, a reminder to drivers to “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over”
Berrien County, Michigan

During the Christmas and New Year's holiday, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is working alongside the law enforcement community in Berrien County to decrease impaired driving.

From December 16, 2022, through January 1, 2023, the Berrien County Sheriff's Office, Chikaming Township Police Department, and Saint Joseph City Department of Public Safety will be participating in the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” enforcement period. In support of the law enforcement community's dedication to protecting the lives of local residents, you will see officers working together to take impaired drivers off the roads. Officers will be on the lookout for motorists under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol throughout the enforcement period. In Michigan, it is illegal to drive with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher, although motorists can be arrested at any BAC level if an officer believes they are impaired.

In 2021, nearly 47 percent of fatalities on Michigan roadways involved alcohol and/or drugs, according to the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute. Over the Christmas and New Year's holiday periods from 2017 to 2021, there were 78 drivers killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes in Michigan. In those crashes, 27 of the drivers killed were alcohol-impaired.

“We want to support our community by keeping it safe from impaired drivers,” said Berrien County Sheriff L. Paul Bailey. “The bottom line is that no matter what the substance is, if it has impaired you, you should not be driving. We want everyone to enjoy the holidays. Please commit to yourself and your community members that you'll drive sober each and every day.

Also, in Michigan:

- Over the 2021 Christmas and New Year's holiday period, 11 people died in crashes.
- In 2021, 32% of fatal crashes involved a drinking motor vehicle operator, pedestrian, or bicyclist, and 24 percent of fatal crashes involved drugs.
- In 2021, one person was killed in an alcohol-involved crash every 25 hours.

The "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign is supported with federal traffic safety funds provided by the United States Department of Transportation and NHTSA and coordinated by the OHSP.



SHERIFF'S OFFICE
BERRIEN COUNTY, MI

About Berrien County Sheriff's Office: The Mission of the Berrien County Sheriff's Office is to enforce the laws of the state and county, safeguard life and property, prevent and detect crime, preserve the peace, and protect the rights of all citizens. We will serve all citizens with fairness, integrity, respect and compassion with out discrimination of any persons or groups.

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Community Press Release – A Vision for Buchanan Wins Award



A Vision for Buchanan Wins Prestigious Urban Guild Award

Submitted by Richard Murphy, City of Buchanan, Community Development Director

Buchanan, MI – December 14, 2022

The community project, A Vision for Buchanan, which has been turning heads in the development world over the last year was awarded the prestigious national award by the Urban Guild for Student Work in an awards presentation ceremony on Wednesday.

The Vision was created throughout a six-month partnership between the City of Buchanan and Andrews University School of Architecture and Design. The Urban Design Studio of 5th Year Architectural students under the leadership of Professor Andrew von Maur challenged the community to reimagine development opportunities in Buchanan. Several of the recommendations are already in the implementation stage.



A Vision for Buchanan, Photo provided by Rich Murphy

Buchanan Community Development Director Richard Murphy described how this serendipitous opportunity arose.

“On my first day in Buchanan, I sat down at my new desk and began making calls to colleagues letting them know where I landed. My first call was to Professor Andrew von Maur of Andrews University with whom I worked in 2007 on a project called The North End Plan, which drove transformational change in Michigan City. I asked him to put me on his radar with his urban design studio for a project in Buchanan. To my surprise he called me back and said, “We may have a project.” He explained that a long-anticipated project overseas had been cancelled due to COVID.

Professor von Maur and Murphy quickly realized that an equally relevant and compelling opportunity existed right here in the small town of Buchanan, Michigan, just down the street from Andrews University and in our own backyard. The script was writing itself. Buchanan was a small town asking big questions.

A Vision for Buchanan was a community wide effort led by the Buchanan City Commission. The steering committee led by Mayor Sean Denison and City Manager Heather Grace worked alongside the students and the community. The process challenged stakeholders to think in ways that highlight Buchanan’s unique strengths while remaining true to its community identity. Central themes include placemaking, pedestrian-oriented design, family friendliness, historic preservation, and inclusive economic development. The ultimate goal of the project is to provide a roadmap for the next wave of revitalization in Buchanan. It is also a celebration of the future of the city and a tool for city leaders to facilitate implementation in the marketplace



Andrews students start work with the City of Buchanan, Photo provided by Rich Murphy

Mayor Denison said on Wednesday, "Working with these students was an awesome experience. It was a joy to work with the community to produce this exceptional work product. The City of Buchanan has stepped up to the challenge of forging a vision for the future. I am inspired and ready to continue our work on implementation" he said.

The Vision is meant to be practical and to immediately take action on implementation. It is a menu of possibilities that can happen in Buchanan. Many of the projects are already underway in Buchanan. The project can be accessed in its entirety at <https://www.nicestplacetowalk.com/>

Professor Andrew von Maur praised the work of his students on Wednesday. "This is a talented group of students who has done a deep dive into Buchanan in order to forge a consensus on community priorities and redevelopment opportunities," von Maur said. "Big questions were asked by a small town throughout this project. How can Buchanan be better for the next generation? How can Buchanan grow and become a stronger community? How can Buchanan compete in the marketplace with its compelling self in order to create jobs, invite more businesses and residents to choose Buchanan?" he said.

The Andrews University student team includes Ronesto Pineda, Juston Foote, Joel Soto, Jaysung Choi, Reu Avellona, and Ornella Gregorotti. Ronesto Pineda summed up well the benefits of the project for both the students and the City. "Working with Buchanan has been a riveting experience. It was eye opening to see the passion that these citizens have for their small town, and it makes me excited for the future of Buchanan and my future career as an architect."



Murphy and von Maur with A Vision for Buchanan, Photo provided by Rich Murphy

This isn't the first time that Murphy and von Maur have partnered on a student project that reeled in a national award. In 2007, they collaborated on The North End Plan of Michigan City that won a charter award for the Congress for the New Urbanism. "The plan didn't sit on a shelf," Murphy said. In fact, most or all of the recommendations were implemented including regionally transformational projects. The work from The North End Plan laid the foundation to the \$600 Million Double Track Northwest Indiana that is currently under construction that will create a 66-minute South Shore Line commute time from downtown Michigan City to downtown Chicago.

Residents of Buchanan and potential new residents and investors are encouraged to visit the A Vision for Buchanan website that the Andrews University students created at <https://www.nicestplacetowalk.com/> where they can see the illustrative concepts put forth by the community and have

a direct avenue of communication to express their feedback to the City. The website is also intended to be an economic development tool to direct potential investors to City resources including Community Development Director, Richard Murphy, who is the conduit to the city leadership to direct the implementation effort.” We are excited by the amount of interest that this project has generated for the City of Buchanan,” Murphy said.

Murphy emphasized that the project is a work in progress but that the concepts put forward are the result of community consensus from a broad diversity of voices. “A Vision for Buchanan is a menu of redevelopment opportunities that the community can prioritize and go after. “Things aren’t going to happen overnight. But the fact that we have community consensus behind feasible concepts puts us in a more redevelopment ready position and allows us to begin to seek state and local partnerships and grants to get projects off the ground,” Murphy said. We are excited that this excellent work product has been recognized on the national level, Murphy said.

The Urban Guild Awards program celebrates projects that exemplify the Guild’s unique mission of respecting the wisdom of the principles of architecture and urbanism that have succeeded over time, and collaboration for the continued innovation and advancement of the principles, techniques and tools for great design. The Guild awards exist to increase public awareness of this approach to design and works are designated in three distinct categories: Design Excellence, Design Exploration, and Student Work. Learn more about the Urban Guild at <https://www.urbanguild.org/>.



About A Vision for Buchanan: In Spring of 2021, a steering committee appointed by the City and led by Mayor Sean Denison worked with the Andrews University School of Architecture & Interior Design to reimagine redevelopment opportunities in Buchanan. The process challenged stakeholders to think in ways that highlight Buchanan’s unique strengths while remaining true to its community identity. Central themes include placemaking, pedestrian oriented design, family-friendliness, historic preservation, and inclusive economic development.

www.cityofbuchanan.com/comm-dev/page/vision-buchanan

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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.

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Buchanan Losses • 11/29-12/11

Name	Age	Born	Died
Lorraine Marie Markward	93	February 19, 1929	December 11, 2022
Charles "Charlie" R. Stark	98	September 26, 1924	December 11, 2022
Thomas J. Hamilton	62	March 1, 1960	December 9, 2022
Reatha Joan Base	92	December 7, 1930	December 8, 2022
Milton "Bud" E. Mitchell	87	March 23, 1935	December 7, 2022
Howard "Pat" Gene Patzkowsky	94	August 15, 1928	December 6, 2022
Luther Allen Baker, Sr.	69	August 10, 1953	December 4, 2022
Doris L. Schrumpf	85	December 29, 1936	December 3, 2022
Jean M. Templeton	70	February 7 1952	December 1, 2022
Judy Ann Weiser	66	January 18, 1956	November 29, 2022

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.

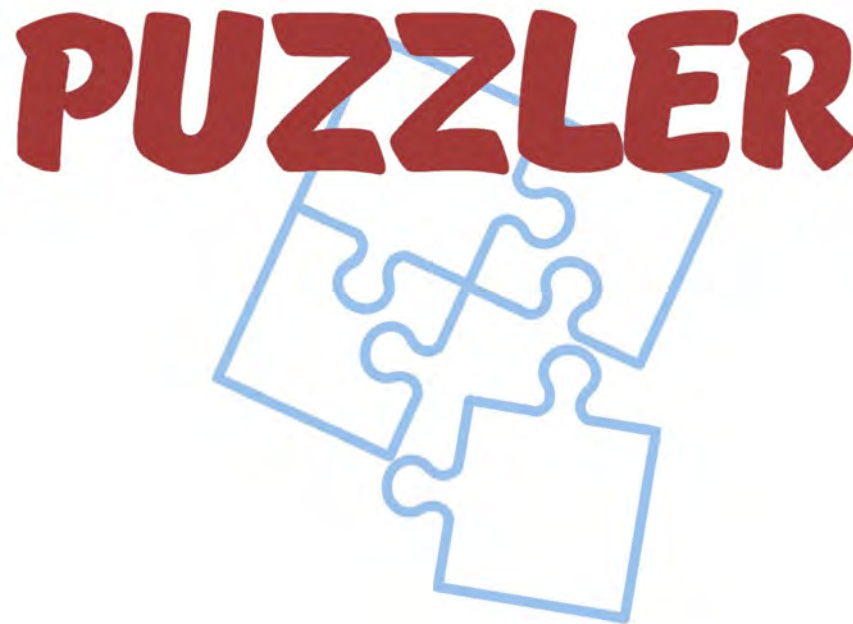
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Starks Family Funeral Homes – Swem
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Puzzler Page – Issue 42



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by Garrick Stubblefield

Hello everyone that is viewing this page. I started doing puzzles for about 6-7 months in The Buchanan Chronicle. Just remember that all these puzzles came from my head.

By the way if you're interested in getting some books of puzzles to pass around for any occasion, feel free to

give me a call any day out of the week. My number is 269-259-0547 (before 1:30pm). I'm selling my puzzle books as follows: 1 for \$1.50, 3 for \$4.00, 6 for \$7.50, 12 for \$10. A portion will go to the following 3 distributions: 40% will go to The Buchanan Chronicle, 40% will go to veterans of our local Buchanan community, and 20% to offset the supplies. I hope that you enjoy them as much as I enjoyed making them. When I have yours done then I will meet you somewhere for delivery. Just be sure to call me and leave your name and phone number.

Thank you again for enjoying the puzzles and I will try my best to continue to make them.

Puzzler Page

PUZZLE 1 – REDUCING THE WORD

- Puzzle Instructions:
 - You'll be given a 3, 4, 5, or 6 letter word.
 - The object of the puzzle is to remove one letter each step, making a new word each time.
 - After a letter is removed you cannot reuse it.
 - Abbreviations do count. As in the English dictionary, there are 2 letter words that count, such as PI, AR, KA, KI, ER; however acronyms do not count.
 - You may rearrange the letters each step to create your new word.
- THIS ISSUE Puzzles:
 - 6 Letter –
 - LIGHTS
 -
 -
 -
 -
 -
 - 5 Letter –
 - STARS
 -
 -
 -
 - 4 Letter –
 - BABY
 -
 -
 -
 - 3 Letter –
 - HAY
 -
 -

As this puzzle could have many answers, you can email your possible answers to Garrick at garrickstubblefield@gmail.com. He will check and respond as quickly as he can.

PUZZLE 2 – KNOWING YOUR STATES AND CAPITALS

Riddles below are clues to State or Capital names.

- STATES:
 - This State has a Country Rock Band named after it.
- CAPITALS:
 - This Capital has many PALMS but no fingers.

PUZZLE 3 – CRACK THE CODE

- Instructions:
 - Beginning with a given three digit number, you will follow along each step and end with a different three digit number as your answer.

753

1. CHANGE THE 7 TO A 9;
2. CHANGE THE 5 TO A 1;
3. CHANGE THE 3 TO A 1;
4. THE FINAL 3 DIGIT CODE IS: EMERGENCY.

PUZZLE 4 – WORDS IN A QUOTE

- INSTRUCTIONS:
 - See if you can find the 4-letter words I found:
 - 3-4 you're doing good
 - 5-6 catching up to me
 - 7-more fantastic
- Quote:
 - ITS A WONDERFUL LIFE

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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- 6.

- 7.
- 8.
- 9.

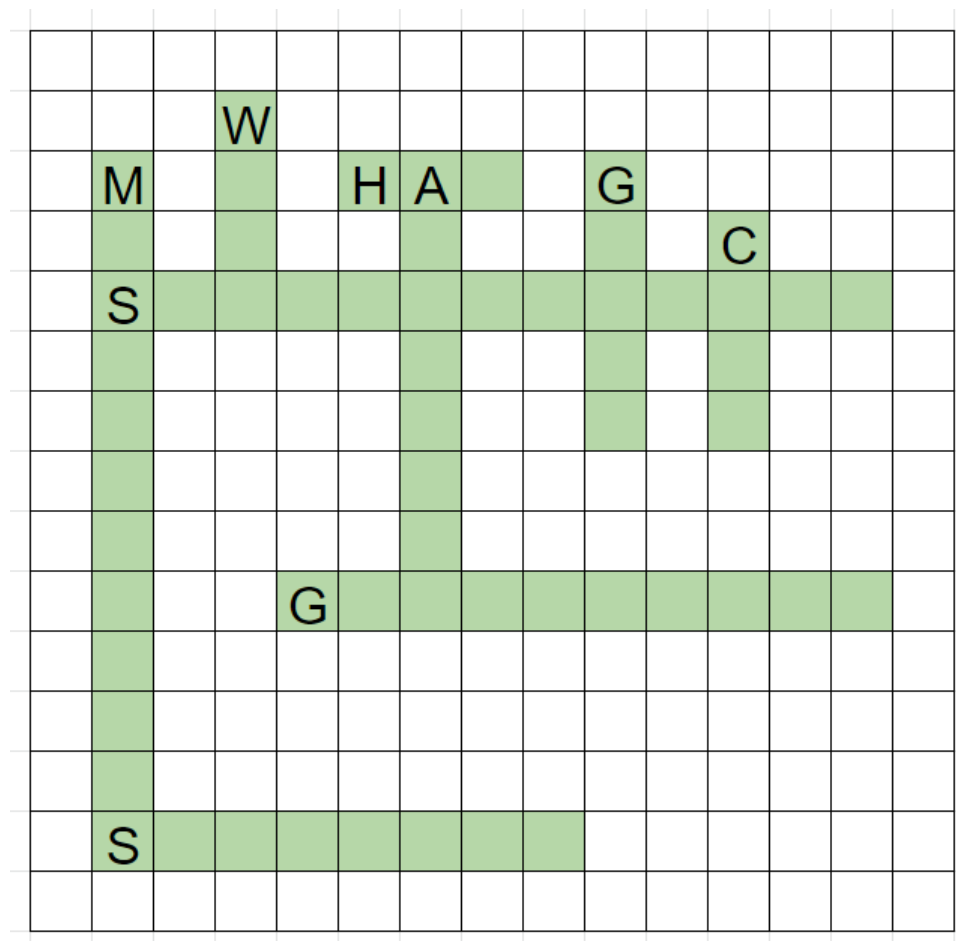
- 10.
- 11.
- 12.

PUZZLE 5 – WORD WITHIN A QUOTE WITH CLUES

- Quote:
 - IS IT TIME TO OPEN THE PRESENTS
- 1. Not closed, but ____.
- 2. Something you see on a Christmas Tree.
- 3. When you take a nap, you're at ____.
- 4. Pro-football has a ____time for viewers to watch them play.
- 5. Cruise ships have many different ____ where they dock.

PUZZLE 6 – BOXGRAM

- Fill the shaded boxes to complete all the answers that go with the clue.
 - Clue: TYPES OF FOOD AT CHRISTMAS TIME
 - We've given you the beginning letters of each answer.



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A Note from the Editor – Issue 42



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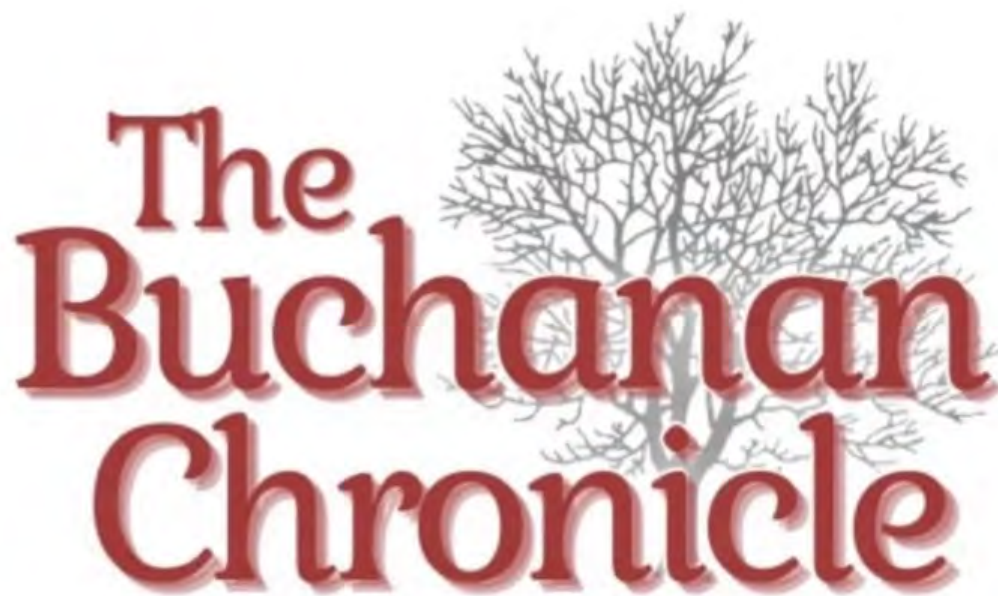
by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor

It is hard to believe that this is the last "Note From the Editor" for 2022! Each year keeps moving faster whether I am staying busy with my family and friends, The Buchanan Chronicle, my other job, groups that I'm in, etc.... However, I enjoy all of them! I hope that your year has been one of great things. If not, I wish for you to have more happiness throughout the rest of the year and next year.

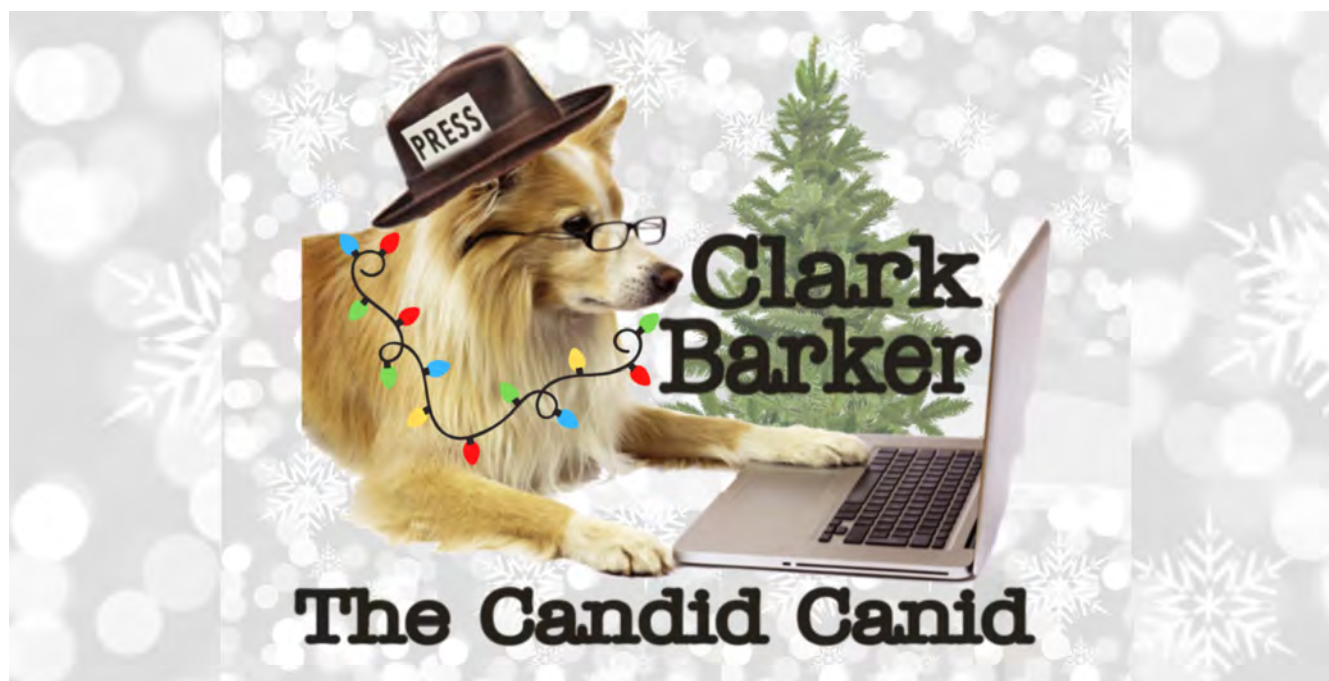
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May I also remind you that we can advertise your event, celebration of an anniversary, births, birthdays, full-length obituaries. Enjoy the issue and look for some more exciting articles coming in the new year. Our next issue will be January 7, 2023. Stay safe and have a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

Happy Reading,
Rebecka Hoyt



The Clark Barker – Issue 42



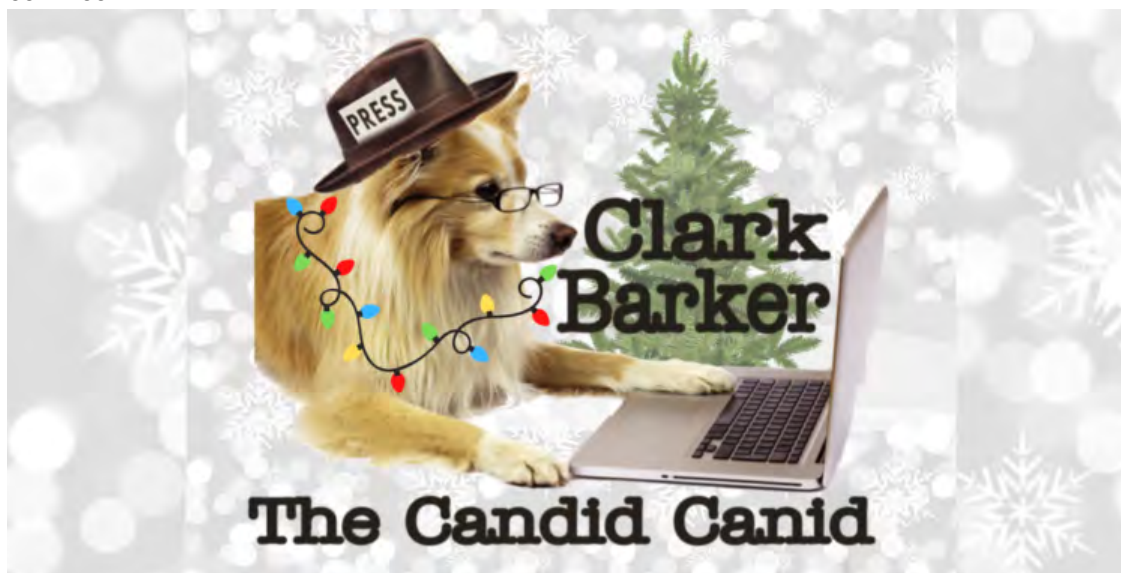
Happy Holidays 2022 from The Clark Barker

First a reminder, my owner tells me that you can receive a citation if your sidewalk isn't clear of snow and ice in the city limits of Buchanan. While I do like snow, my paws can only handle it so much that my owners have to put on these doggie snow boots on my feet. They're okay, but I really wish that I didn't have to wear them, but with the colder temperatures, my paws don't tolerate it well.

The city ordinance says that 24 hours after a snow event comes through, that sidewalks must be clear of snow/ice. It sure is nice for my human to walk on a clear sidewalk (even though I like to smell everyone's foot/paw prints), as well as the kids and parents going to and from school, the mail/delivery people who bring us our mail and precious packages.

Lastly, this holiday pup wants to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I hope all my furry friends will receive some pet-friendly gifts in their stockings! Also a gift to all pets, please be courteous to our sensitive ears by not setting off fireworks on New Years Eve. Thanks! Cheers!

Woof-Woof!



City Commission Regular Meeting Agenda • November 14 2022



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Agenda by City Clerk Kalla Langston

Please note that the City Commission Meeting Agenda is posted below. At the end of the agenda, click on the link to take you to more detailed minutes of the meeting. Also, the meeting minutes may not be published in each issue of The Buchanan Chronicle (probably once a month) due to rules that minutes are approved at the next City Commission meeting.

THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BUCHANAN in compliance with Michigan's Open Meetings Act, as amended, B2103192 of 2021, hereby gives notice of a regular meeting of the Buchanan City Commission to be held in the Chamber of Buchanan City Hall, 302 N Redbud Trail, Buchanan MI.

- *Requests to be added to the agenda as a "Scheduled Matter from the Floor" should be submitted in writing to the City Clerk at least 5 business days prior to the scheduled meeting during which the speaker wishes to appear, and the approval of such requests remain within the discretion of the Mayor. If denied, the speaker may nonetheless speak during the "non-agenda items only" public comments section of the agenda.*
- *Those who are unable to appear during a meeting but who still wish to share public comment may submit such comments in written form to the City Clerk at least 4 hours in advance of the meeting.*
- *Individuals with disabilities may request necessary reasonable accommodations by submitting requests to the City Clerk, preferably at least 24 hours in advance.*
- *Written requests and comments may be submitted to the City Clerk either in person or via mail to Buchanan City Hall, 302 N. Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI 49107, or via email to clerk@cityofbuchanan.com*

The Buchanan City Commission met for this regular meeting Monday, November 14th 2022 at 7:00 pm, in person, Buchanan City Hall Chamber, 302 N Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI 49107.

MONDAY, November 14, 2022 – 7:00 PM

Begin Meeting Agenda:

I. Call to Order

– City Manager Grace called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

II. Recognition

[–Special Note– City Manager Heather Grace shall lead the meeting until such time as a Mayor is selected amongst and by the City Commissioners later in the agenda.]

II.A. Recognition #1– On behalf of the City of Buchanan, City Manager Heather Grace hereby recognizes and thanks our City Clerk Kalla Langston, along with her Team of dedicated Election Workers. Their hard work work is appreciated, and I hope that you will all join me in congratulating them on a well-run election.

II.B. Recognition # 2– City Manager Heather Grace hereby recognizes and congratulates our newly elected, and re-elected, City Commissioners: Sean Denison, Mark Weedon, and Dan Vigansky. You have been selected by members of your community to join Commissioners Larry Money and Patrick Swem to makeup our new Commission for the City of Buchanan. As such, you are now entrusted with the sacred duty of leadership through service to your City and its People. May truth and wisdom guide you, as you chart the course for Buchanan's bright future!

– City Clerk Kalla Langston will now administer your Oaths of Office:

Oaths of Office

Clerk Langston administered the Oaths of Office to Sean Denison, Daniel Vigansky, and Mark Weedon.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

– City Manager Grace led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

– City Manager Grace asked for roll call.

– Present: Commissioner Sean Denison, Commissioner Mark Weedon, Commissioner Dan Vigansky, Commissioner Patrick Swem, Commissioner Larry Money

– City Staff: City Manager, Heather Grace; City Clerk, Kalla Langston; City Treasurer, Deborah Perez; Community Development Director, Rich Murphy; Director of Public Services, Mike Baker; Director Public Safety, Tim Ganus; Chief of Police Harvey Burnett; Fire Chief Mike Adams, Clerk Cashier, Jill Mondschein; Bookkeeper, Courtney Baham; Administrative Assistant; Emma Lysy

V. Approve Agenda

– Motion made by Weedon, supported by Denison to amend the agenda to remove the notation in section VIII., as the City Attorney now recommends that nominations and appointments for the offices of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem be conducted via nomination and vote, with no requirement for a formal motion and support.

– Roll call carries unanimously.

– Motion made by Denison, supported by Money to approve the amended agenda, as presented.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

VI. Public Comment – Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

– Dr. Patricia Moore thanked all the candidates that ran for City Commission and congratulated those that were successful. Thanked Mayor Denison for the helping hand with the tree planting that was held on Saturday.

– Tony Houser, congratulated the candidates that won. Recommends that the Mayor should have more than two years in his position.

– Monroe Lemay, thanked all the voters. The two of us that did not win will continue to support and work with the current commissioners. Lemay has petitioned for a recount due to only losing by 1 vote. Recommends that Sean Denison stay as Mayor. Lemay invited everyone to the Stephens Memorial Sunroom Dedication on November 17 from 4-6 p.m. at the Buchanan Area Senior Center.

– Chief Burnett, introduced new police officer Cory Reed.

VII. Public Comment – Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

VII.A. Nominations and Appointments

– Consider nominating, via motion and support, and then voting, on the following nominations and appointments:

VII.A(A) Currently Existing Boards:VII.A(A)(1) Mayor (1 seat)

- Grace called for Nominations for Mayor.
- Commissioner Weedon nominated Commissioner Patrick Swem
- Commissioner Money nominated Commissioner Sean Denison
- Nominations closed with two nominations.
- Votes were read aloud by Langston.
- Commissioner Patrick Swem received two (2) votes from Commissioner Mark Weedon & Commissioner Patrick Swem.
- Commissioner Sean Denison received three (3) votes from Commissioner Larry Money, Commissioner Sean Denison, and Commissioner Dan Vigansky.
- Majority has spoken, Grace welcomed Newly Elected Mayor Sean Denison.

VII.A(A)(2) Mayor Pro Tem (1 seat)

- Denison called for Nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.
- Commissioner Money nominated Commissioner Mark Weedon.
- Commissioner Dan Vigansky nominated Commissioner Patrick Swem.
- Nominations were closed with two nominations.
- Commissioner Mark Weedon received four (4) votes from Commissioner Money, Commissioner Patrick Swem, Commissioner Mark Weedon, Mayor Sean Denison.
- Commissioner Patrick Swem received one (1) vote from Commissioner Dan Vigansky.
- Majority has spoken, Denison welcomed newly elected Mayor Pro Tem Mark Weedon.

VII.A(A)(3) Planning Commission (1 seat)

- [as per Act 33 of 2008, state statute dictates that members of the Planning Commission must be appointed by the Mayor, subject to approval of a majority vote of the City Commission. Also, one member of the Planning Commission shall be the mayor, or the Mayor's designee, who may be another City Commissioner].
- Motion made by Denison, supported by Money to appoint Denison to Planning Commission.
- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

VII.A(A)(4) Zoning Board of Appeals (1 seat, with alternate- or five seats—see below)

- [Pursuant to Public Act 110 of 2006, state statute dictates that members of a Zoning Board of Appeals must be approved by a majority vote of the City Commission – OR – the entire City Commission may choose to serve as the Zoning Board of Appeals].
- Motion made by Denison, supported by Vigansky to appoint Denison to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

VII.A(A)(5) Joint Water/Sewer Board (2 seats)

- Motion made by Money, supported by Denison to appoint Swem and Vigansky to the Joint Water/Sewer Board.
- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

VII.A(A)(6) Buchanan Area Recreation Board (1 seat)

- Motion made by Denison, supported by Swem to appoint Weedon to Buchanan Area Recreation Board.
- Yea: Weedon, Money, Swem, Denison
- Nay: Vigansky
- Motion carries.

VII.A(A)(7) Landfill Board (1 seat)

- Money motioned, supported by Weedon to appoint Swem to Landfill Board. Vigansky asked for discussion, there are 2 seats one currently filled by Grace. Vigansky would like to take Graces place to allow her more time.
- Money amended his motion to appoint Grace and Swem to the Landfill Board.
- Yea: Money, Swem, Weedon
- Nay: Denison, Vigansky
- Motion carries.

VII.A(A)(8) One Buchanan (1 seat)

- Motion made by Swem, supported by Denison to appoint Money to One Buchanan.
- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

VII.A(A)(9) Buchanan Area Fine Arts Committee (1 seat)

- Motion made by Denson, supported by Swem to appoint Denison to Buchanan Area Fine Arts Committee.
- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

VII.A(A)(10) Common Committee (1 seat)

- Currently Ashley Regal sits as the city rep.
- Commission agrees to keep that placement.

VII.A(A)(11) Board of Review (1 seat)

- Motion made by Vigansky, supported by Swem to appoint Money to Board of Review.
- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

VII.A(A)(12) Election Board/Commission (1 seat)

- [should include Mayor, as per Buchanan City Charter Sect. 3.13]
- Mayor Denison will continue as Mayor.

VII.A(A)(13) Cemetery Committee (1 seat)

- Motion made by Swem, supported by Weedon to appoint Money to Cemetery Committee.
- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

VII.A(A)–OPTIONAL, BUT RECOMMENDED:

- City Manager Heather Grace recommends the formation of the following

Boards/Commissions/Committees/Task Forces:

[Note that Manager Grace recommends that at least one, but no more than two, Commissioners serve on each of the following Committees. Also note that the following recommended committees are not intended to be “standing committees” in violation of Charter Sect. 6.7 because they are intended to only meet ‘as needed’ and also not be permanent, and only exist as long as is deemed necessary—and shall cease operations once their assigned task is completed].

VII.A(B) Recommended to Be Created Boards:VII.A(B)(1) Compensation Commission (2 seats)

- As noted in the Buchanan City Charter, at Sec. 4.4, the Home Rule City Act, Public Act 279 of 1909, allows for the creation of a Compensation Commission by ordinance. Manager Grace strongly recommends creating this Commission to assess the compensation given to members of City Boards/Commissions/Committees to ensure that we are continuing to attract the talent necessary to have well-functioning boards and committees, which is vital for the City's operations. This Committee shall meet as needed and cease operations once the City Commission has voted upon any recommendations related to committee compensation created by said committee.

VII.A(B)(2) Finance Committee

- In conjunction with the City's Auditor, Manager Grace also strongly recommends the creation of a Finance Committee. While not required by statute, a Finance Committee would be an ideal way to further improve the City's financial oversight, as well as provide an additional mechanism for enhanced transparency. This committee shall only meet as needed, and will cease operations once the committee is comfortable with the City's financial oversight processes, as presented to the entire City Commission during regular meetings.

VII.A(B)(3) Board of Public Works

- Pursuant to Buchanan City Charter, Manager Grace also strongly recommends the creation of a Board of Public Works, to include one to two members from the City Commission, plus three other members (five members total), with the three other members being “freeholders and electors of the City” [aka, a registered voter who owns property in the City], as per the Charter—in addition to seeking out members with experience in construction or related fields. The Charter also indicates that the Board of Public Works, if created, shall be charged and entrusted with the following duties, powers and responsibilities subject to the direction of the Commission:

- (1) The construction, management, supervision, and control of the City water works.
- (2) The construction, management, supervision, and control of any municipal electric system [doesn't apply in our situation].
- (3) The construction, management, supervision, and control of such other public improvements or works as are designated by ordinance. This Board would only meet as needed, and would cease operation upon a vote of the City Commission, once the City Commission believes that the City has completed the majority of its needs related to construction and capital improvements.

- It is worth noting that if a Board of Public Works is created, such Board would still need approval from the City Commission to make expenditures—So, in essence, the Board of Public Works would review issues related to Public

Works and then make recommendations to the full City Commission for review and requested approval. Manager Grace thinks that this would be a great benefit, given the many large construction projects in the City's near future.

VII.A(B)(4) Community Development Implementation Committee

– Manager Grace also recommends the creation of a Committee to help guide and oversee our Community Development Department's implementation of the the City's stated goals and visions related to community development, including certification in the Redevelopment Ready Communities Program, creation of a successful Main Street program, creation of an updated zoning code, and implementation of the Andrews University 'Vision for Buchanan' plan. This committee would meet as needed and would cease after it achieves the above stated goals, as decided by either the Committee itself, or by the City Commission.

VII.A(B)(5) Economic Development Committee

– Manager Grace also recommends the creation of an Economic Development Committee to help guide City staff regarding items pertaining to economic development, such as façade grant programs, tax incentive programs, the sale of City-owned property, marihuana permit-related matters, and other issues relating to economic development.

VII.A(B)(6) Compliance Committee

– Manager Grace also recommends the creation of a Compliance Committee, which would be charged with providing additional oversight in the areas of legal and ethical compliance. Manager Grace believes that this Committee will be important to help ensure that all City officials, including members of staff and all members of City boards and committees, are meeting all legal and ethical compliance standards. This committee would be charged with creating recommendations for best practices, would meet as needed, and would cease to exist once it has accomplished its stated goals, as decided by either the Committee itself, of the City Commission.

VII.A(B)(7) Public Safety Committee

– Manager Grace also strongly recommends the creation of a Public Safety Committee, which would be charged with all matters related to Public Safety, including the creation and implementation of a new blight remediation and code enforcement program—to include rental inspections, etc. The Committee would meet as needed and would cease to exist once it achieves its stated goals, as determined by either the Committee itself or the City Commission.

VII.A(B)(8) Governance & Administration Committee

– Manager Grace also recommends the creation of a Governance & Administration Committee, which would be charged with the development of best practices related to matters pertaining to governance and administration, including things such as elections, public communications, interactions with the public, social media policies, and much more. This Committee would meet as needed, and would cease to exist once it achieves its goals, as decided by the Committee itself or the City Commission.

– Motion made by Weedon, supported by Vigansky to postpone all items under VII.B.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

VIII. Consent Agenda (can be approved all in one motion, for general housekeeping items)

VIII.A. Minutes

– Consider approving the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 24, 2022.

VIII.B. Expenditures

– Consider approving the expenditures for November 14, 2022, in the amount of \$143,046.11

VIII.C. Street Closure

– Consider approving a Street Closure requested by the Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce for the Christmas Parade being held on November 26, 2022, from 5-6:30 p.m.

– Motion made by Vigansky, supported by Money to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

IX. Scheduled Matters from the Floor (if any)

IX.A. Audit Presentation

– Representatives from Kruggel Lawton will provide a brief presentation related to the City's most recent financial audit.

– Kruggel Lawton gave a presentation of the Audit and gave the Commissioners its final draft.

X. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards

X.A. Clerk Report

– Clerk Langston will give the public and commission a brief update on the November 8th, 2022, General Election.

- Langston updated the Commission on election turnout with the City of Buchanan having a 41.62% turnout. Langston also explained recall and recount procedures. Langston also thanked all the election workers for their hard work.
- Motion made by Denison, supported by Vigansky to allow Clerk and City Manager to explore other ways for the Election of Mayor to give the choice to the voters and not the Commission.
- Yea: Denison, Vigansky
- Nay: Weedon, Swem, Money
- Motion does not carry.

X.B. Community Development Report – Director Murphy

X.B.1. Resolution #2022.11/432

- Consider approving a Resolution to approve the Spark Grant Application for the St. Joseph River Access Project.
- Motion made by Vigansky, supported by Weedon to approve Resolution 2022.11/432.
- Roll call vote carries unanimously.

X.B.2. Façade Grant for 101-103 Days

- Consider approving a Façade Grant Application from Rowland Property Group for 101-103 Days Ave.
- Motion made by Money, supported by Weedon to approve the Façade Grant for 101-103 Days, as presented.
- Yea: Denison, Weedon, Vigansky, Money
- Nay: None

X.B.3. Restaurant Improvement Grant

- Consider approving a Restaurant Improvement Grant Application from Rowland Property Group for 101-103 Days Ave.
- Motion made by Denison, supported by Money to approve the Façade Grant for 101-103 Days, as presented.
- Yea: Denison, Weedon, Vigansky, Money
- Nay: None
- Abstain: Swem (business interest)

X.B.4. City-Owned Properties

- Murphy will provide an update on where we stand regarding the potential sale of City-Owned Properties.
- Murphy will be bringing a full plan and list of properties to the Commission for recommendation.

X.B.5. Zoning Ordinance Project

- Murphy will provide an update regarding our Zoning Ordinance project.
- The Zoning Ordinance Project is underway with 1st draft revisions. The group will be having round table discussions all day on December 6th with a Joint meeting at 5 PM on that day, between City Commission, Planning Commission and BARB.

X.B.6. Grants Update

- Murphy will provide a general status update regarding some of the many grant opportunities the City is currently exploring.
- Murphy gave the Commission an update on where some of the grants he has applied for and working on stand.

X.C. Public Services Report – Director Mike Baker

- Baker updated the Commission with concerns about more failing equipment. Sweeper is still being looked at, the baler is currently out of order now. They are prepped for snow as of today.

X.D. Public Safety Report – Director Tim Ganus

- Fire Chief Mike Adams gave the commission an update on some of the Community events that were held in October between doing school practice drills, Trek or Treat, Trick or Treat, as well as library events.

X.E. Finance Department Report – Director Deb Perez

- Perez offered her support for any commissioner needing help deciphering the audit. She is continuing with the update of the chart of accounts.

XI. Unfinished Business

- None

XII. New Business

– None

XIII. Communications (informational only, formal board action is not necessary for these items, unless so desired)

– None

XIV. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

– Don Ryman talked about changes in the city charter, doesn't think it should be messed with and believes it has held up well.

– Stacy Denison gave thanks to the Fire Department for the programs that they bring to the school. Also made some comments about Leadership; while it can be fantastically rewarding it can also be a very lonely and thankless positions. Most people do not realize the sacrifices the commission puts into representing the community. Thanked them for all they do and the families of the commissioners.

XV. Executive Comments

XV.A. City Manager Comments

– Thanked everyone in attendance, for the people that participated in the elections as well as for being a citizen and a community member. We have a great community; everyone is a neighbor to each other. Thank you to the commissioners re-elected and newly elected. Would like everyone to keep in mind when the commission is asked to make difficult decisions that they are difficult and that we can respectfully disagree with each other but that bottom line of being respectful and being a neighbor needs to stay in our hearts.

XV.B. Commissioner Comments

– Weedon : Congratulations to the individuals that won. To the individuals that ran but did not get a seat, you did a great job running, by putting their name out there. They could have easily been sitting up here. Looking forward to the next 4 years. Congratulations to Officer Reed. Chief Adams, thank you for your work with the school. Thanks to everyone that attended tonight's meeting and the comments that were made about leadership.

– Swem : Congratulations to the election winners, looking forward to working with this group. Let's get more accomplished next year.

– Vigansky : Thanked his wife and family for handing out doorhangers during campaign time. Thanked Joe and Alan for their time. Thanked city hall for making him so mad that against all odds he won a seat. Thanks to the city staff for coming to the meeting on their own dime.

– Money : Congratulations to Denison, Weedon, Vigansky, Houser and Lemay on a job well done. Hope we keep working in agreement as time goes on. Thanks to Langston for a well-run election. And for all the city staff. Thanked Baker and DPW for all their hard work. As well as Police and Fire Departments. Congratulations to Officer Reed. Appreciate this Commission and everyone that comes out to supports us.

XV.C. Mayor Comments

– Denison : The Buchanan City app that will alert you about things going on in the city will hopefully be up and running in the next few weeks. Thanked the Tree Friends for their hard work. Thanked Clerk Langston and the election worker team for their hard work. Wished good luck to his other commissioners and looks forward to working with them.

XVI. Adjourn

– Motion made by Vigansky, supported by Money to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 P.M.

– Roll call vote carries unanimously.

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Board of Education Regular Meeting Agenda • November 21 2022



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Submitted by Michelle Munyon, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Buchanan
Community Schools



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- **Regular Meeting**
- **11/21/2022 6:00 PM**
- **Buchanan High School Auditorium**
- **401 W. Chicago Street**
- **Buchanan, MI 49107**

Begin Agenda:
Call to Order

- **PRESIDENT:** Dr. Burnett opened the meeting at 6:03pm

Pledge of Allegiance

- Dr. Burnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

- **PRESENT:** C. Lee, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- **ABSENT:** K. Berry
- **OTHERS PRESENT:** Superintendent Patricia Robinson, Phil Place, Carrie Brunsting, Mark Kurland, Michelle Munyon, Brian Brown, Shelby Beasley, Rachel Carlson, Stacey Denison and Ottawa staff, Michael Babcock and Moccasin staff; Cindy Bowerman, Kris Rettig, Clarissa Lolmaugh, Laura Henckel, Robin Staup, Kathy Paturalski, Lisa Sears, Jessica Monsma, Beka Marschke, Heidi Holloway, Erica Amiel, Jane Mitchell, Melissa Seddon, Lisa Traeger, Shelley

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Adoption of Agenda

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member R. Writer the agenda for the board meeting of November 21, 2022 be adopted as written.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Recognition of Visitors

- Dr. Burnett and Mrs. Robinson welcomed all.
- D. Ryman, J. Brackett, A. Schaeffer

Points of Pride

- Buck Staff Recognition November Winner: Rachel Carlson, BHS Teacher & BHS Advisor. Mrs. Laesch recognized Mrs. Carlson as this month's winner.
- Nominees included:
 - Deanna Russell, BMS & BHS Music Teacher
 - Derrick Dorton, Operations Utility Staff
 - Jessica Elliott, BHS Teacher & BHS Advisor
 - Josh Wegener, BHS Social Studies Teacher
 - Julie Raducha, BMS Spanish Teacher
 - Lisa Holok, BHS Teacher & BHS Advisor
 - Marilyn Harmon, Moccasin Paraprofessional
 - Melissa Prestine, Ottawa & Moccasin Music Teacher
 - Paula Tucek, BMS English Language Arts Teacher
 - Rebecca Dey, Ottawa Paraprofessional
 - Sarah Frazier, BMS Social Studies Teacher
 - Shannon Jeffries, BMS Science Teacher
 - Sondra Staggs, BMS Math Teacher
 - Tammy Holmer, BMS Administrative Assistant & District Registrar
- Successful Implementation of MTSS at Ottawa
- Moccasin MSTEP Achievement

Superintendent / Department Reports

- Updates for BHS & CTE, BMS, Moccasin, Ottawa, Athletics & BVA, Business Office, Food Service, Information Technology, Transportation, and Assistant Superintendent

Presentations

- School Highlight – Mrs. Shelby Beasley, Buchanan Middle School Principal shared with the board the Magic happening within BMS.
- Audit – Alex Schaeffer from Kruggel Lawton CPA, presented their audit findings to the board.
- Superintendent Robinson presented the district's spring 2022 data and testing scores.

Information/Reports & New Business

- Finance Committee, October 25th Meeting – Mr. Lee stated they reviewed the audit findings.

- Curriculum & Programming Committee, November 1st & 14th Meetings – Mrs. Writer updated the board their November 1st meeting they reviewed policy regards to materials, discussed BHS class size, reviewed Mrs. Robinson's data presentation, curriculum review of Wonders, and overnight field trips for athletics. The November 14th meeting Mr. Pruett and Mr. Flowers joined the committee focusing on BHS 8th grade electives and AP courses among others.
- Human Resources Committee, November 2nd Meeting – Mrs. Writer informed the board they spoke of job transfers, resignations, 2nd grade teacher, Mr. Place teaching CISCO, and review of staffing.
- Facilities Planning Committee, November 9th Meeting – Mr. Carlson said they hosted three presentations from three different companies for possible services with BCS regarding bond work.
- Farm Advisory Committee, November 16th Meeting – Mrs. Laesch updated the board that winter came early, there are equipment repairs, and communication with advisory members.

Public Comment

- Don Ryman

Adoption of Consent Agenda

- MOTION by C. Lee, SECONDED BY Member R. Writer, the Board of Education approves the consent agenda for the regular board meeting of November 21st, 2022 be adopted as written:

1. Minutes:

- 10-17-2022 Regular Meeting
- 11-3-2022 Special Meeting

2. Warrants:

- Treasury & Expenditure Reports – October 2022

3. Recommendations to Hire as submitted by:

- Ottawa Elementary Principal, Mrs. Stacey Denison
- Moccasin Elementary Principal, Mr. Michael Babcock

Recommended Employee	Title
Kristy Schlutt	Ottawa Paraprofessional
Amy Leddy	Ottawa Paraprofessional
Jeni Rahrig	Moccasin Paraprofessional

4. Recommendations for Parent Representatives to the Berrien RESA Parent Advisory Council 2022-24 as submitted by the District Special Education Supervisor, Mrs. Karin Falkenstein:

- Dina Manderson – Primary Category: CI – Cognitive Impairment
- Britney Martin – Primary Category: OHI – Otherwise Health Impaired

5. Coaching Recommendation for Winter 2022-23 submitted by Assistant Athletic Coordinator, Mr. Ryan Frontczak:

Coach	Position	Class/Level	Step
Derek Anglero	7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	7	1
Jeff Griffin	8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	7	1

6. Employment Departures:

Name	Position	Date upon which wages will terminate
Christine Ewell	Moccasin Sped Teacher	October 28, 2022
Robert Bruce	Moccasin Paraprofessional	November 9, 2022

- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Buchanan Virtual Academy Graduation

- MOTION by R. Writer, SECONDED BY Member C. Lee, upon satisfactory completion of district requirements for high school graduation, the Board of Education hereby approves:
 - Buchanan Virtual Academy Students:
 - Tyisha Whitfield
 - Paige Hudson
 - Adrianna Andrade
 - Shawntanik Mabone
 - Buchanan Step Up Student:
 - John Gonzales
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Certified Staff Maternity Leave

- MOTION by K. Laesch, SECONDED BY Member R. Writer, the Buchanan Board of Education grants maternity leave to Shelly Bossert, Buchanan Middle School 5th grade teacher, for 6 weeks (30 days) beginning from approximately January 26, 2023 in accordance with Article VIII, Section A.1.b. using accumulated sick days. Barring any complications, she would return to her position as Buchanan Middle School 5th grade teacher.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Donation Approvals Over \$1000

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member K. Laesch, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the following donations:
 - TO HELP WITH COSTS ASSOCIATED TO MOCCASIN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS' ROLLER SKATING SESSIONS:
 - Buchanan Lodge #68 Free & Accepted Masons, \$2,100.00
 - BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT:
 - From Jeff Letcher in honor of his parents, Joe & Betty Letcher, \$10,00.00
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED
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NEOLA Board Policies – Second Reading

- MOTION by R. Writer, SECONDED BY Member K. Laesch, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the second reading of the following NEOLA new and revised policies:

POLICY	Description
0144.1	Compensation
6108	Authorization to Use Electronic Fund Transfers and Automated Clearing House Arrangements (new)
6460	Vendor Relations
6700	Fair Labor Standards Act
7440.03	Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems
9150	School Visitors

- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

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School Farm Land Lease

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member R. Writer, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the attached farm land lease agreement with Shane Masten for the rental of land at the school farm for a three (3) year period ending November 30th, 2025. The President and Secretary are hereby authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

2022-23 Extracurricular Assignments

- MOTION by C. Lee, SECONDED BY Member R. Writer, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the Buchanan Community Schools extracurricular assignments for the 2022-23 school year.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- ABSTAINED: C. Carlson
- MOTION ADOPTED

RFP – BCS Snow Plowing

- MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED BY Member C. Lee, the Buchanan Board of Education approves Assistant Superintendent, Mark Kurland’s, recommendation to accept the bid from Affordable Asphalt & Bulldozing for snow removal and salting for the Buchanan Community School District.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Closed Session – Student Discipline

- MOTION by R. Writer, SECONDED BY Member C. Lee, the Buchanan Board of Education moves into closed session for a hearing on student discipline – Student 7300997342. Time 7:07pm
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Return to Open Session

- MOTION by R. Writer, SECONDED BY Member C. Carlson, the Buchanan Board of Education resolves to return to open session. Time 7:45pm
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Student Discipline – Expulsion Hearing

- MOTION by H. Burnett, SECONDED BY Member C. Lee, the Buchanan Board of Education adopts the following resolution:
 - WHEREAS, the administration has presented to the Board of Education, a recommendation concerning the expulsion of a student who was in violation of Buchanan School Board Policies #5772 and #5610 on Wednesday, November 9th, 2022; and
 - WHEREAS, the administration has notified the student and parents involved of the accusations against the student, the recommendation of expulsion, and their rights to a hearing on this date;
 - NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
 - The Buchanan Board of Education chooses to expel Student #7300997342 from attendance in Buchanan Community Schools with the following conditions to be met for possible reinstatement to Buchanan High School for first semester of the 2023-2024 school year:
 1. Through the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year we request that student 7300997342 successfully complete the current grade level while attending BVA, the Step Up Program, or another alternative setting.
 2. The student must have six sessions of counseling completed with an outside the school district professional (responsibility of parent/guardian) prior to re-admittance meeting with the Superintendent of the Buchanan Community Schools.
 3. Upon the completion of the first two steps the student and parents/guardians must contact the Superintendent of Buchanan Community Schools to schedule a readmittance hearing back into Buchanan Community Schools.
 4. Any recommendation will be reviewed by the Buchanan School Board before a decision to reinstate student #7300997342 will be made. (Student may be readmitted if all Board policies have been met.)
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None
- MOTION ADOPTED

Questions & Comments from Board Members

- Dr. Carlin congratulated Harvey Burnett and Jennie Brackett on the school board election.
- Mrs. Laesch wished students and staff a Happy Thanksgiving. She also invited all to Moccasin PTO Fundraiser at Michigan Gateway Foundation Saturday for some hot chocolate.
- Mrs. Writer mentioned that yesterday was the official 100th Anniversary of BHS.
- Dr. Burnett congratulated Jennie Brackett and welcomed her to the school board. He also gave a shout out to Laura Henckel and wished everyone a good Thanksgiving.

Next Board Meeting

- Monday, December 19th at 6pm.

Adjournment

- 7:52 pm

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Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education

Mission: Educating students for life-long success in their civic, academic, physical and social/emotional lives.

Vision: To develop responsible, resilient, creative citizens capable of succeeding in a global society.

Beliefs: We Believe in providing a safe, supportive, respectful environment, opportunities for all students (options), student growth and achievement, and cooperative relationships among students, families, stakeholders and community members.

"We welcome you to a meeting of the Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education.

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There is a time for regular public participation during the meeting as indicated in agenda item H. If you wish to make a presentation to the Board, please fill out the Speaker Card and pass it to the Board President before item H on the agenda.

Thank you for your support of Buchanan Community Schools!"

Members of the public may contact members of the school board to provide input or ask questions on any business that will come before the board. These items will also be shared with the Superintendent.

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Upon request to Michelle Munyon, the District shall make reasonable accommodations for a person with

disabilities to be able to participate in the meeting.

Now That's Funny! with Garrick – Issue 42



Christmas Vacation

by Garrick Stubblefield

So I was about nine years old and we were off to Denver for vacation. This of course was during Christmas break and got to see the grandparents. As we got things in the car and getting our seat belts on, things were all in check. Dad stopped to fill the car up with gas.

As dad pulled away from the gas station he asked my mom, "Did you turn the coffee maker off?" and mom replied back, "Not that I recall". So we had to go back home to make sure the coffee maker was turned off. We get there and dad gives me the keys to do the task.

So I had no problem with it. I went and opened the door, went to check the coffee maker to see if it was off. Yes it was off, as I turned around I saw a pair of snow skis that read "from Santa" and it wasn't even Christmas yet. I get back in the car being quiet. Later in the trip I finally asked mom and dad if there really was a Santa. They said only you can believe in him.

Now That's Funny! – Issue 42



Now That's Funny! – Issue 42

by Thomas Hoyt, Writer

If we all think back to when we were in high school, we all can remember the different cliques or groups of people. You have your nerds, band geeks, athletes or jocks, and the list goes on. After high school and you become all grown up, you'd think there would not be those cliques anymore. As it turns out, we never seem to outgrow them. As we enter into college, the cliques are present. They are not the same as in high school, but they are present. As we graduate from college and enter into the workforce, the cliques are present. The cliques are essentially groups of people who share the same interests or even the same job function at work. You will have those in a purchasing department, or an engineering department, or out on the shop floor. During events at work like a holiday lunch or an employee/associate recognition, you see these people sitting together.

When do bakers share their secret bread recipes? On a knead-to-know basis! 🤔🤔🤔

Keep laughing folks! 😊
