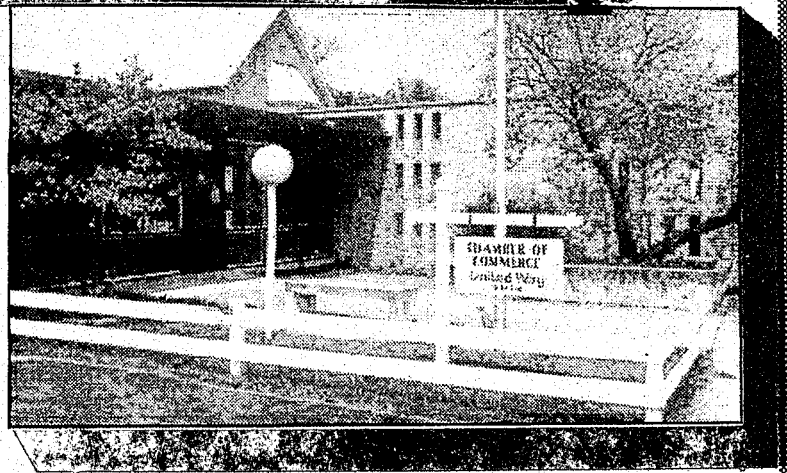
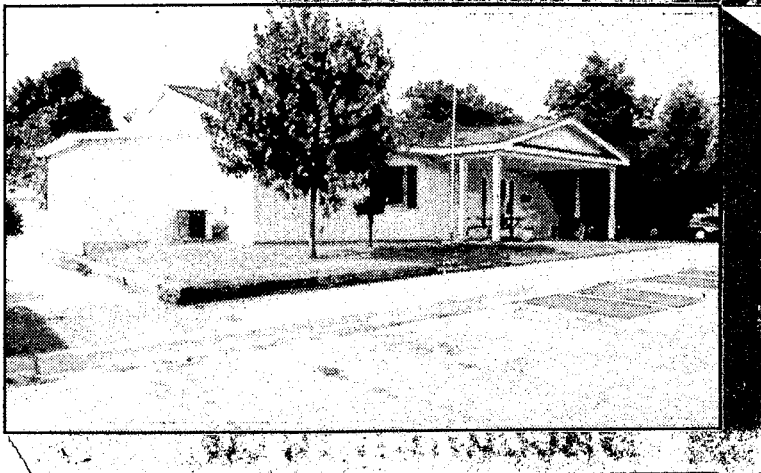
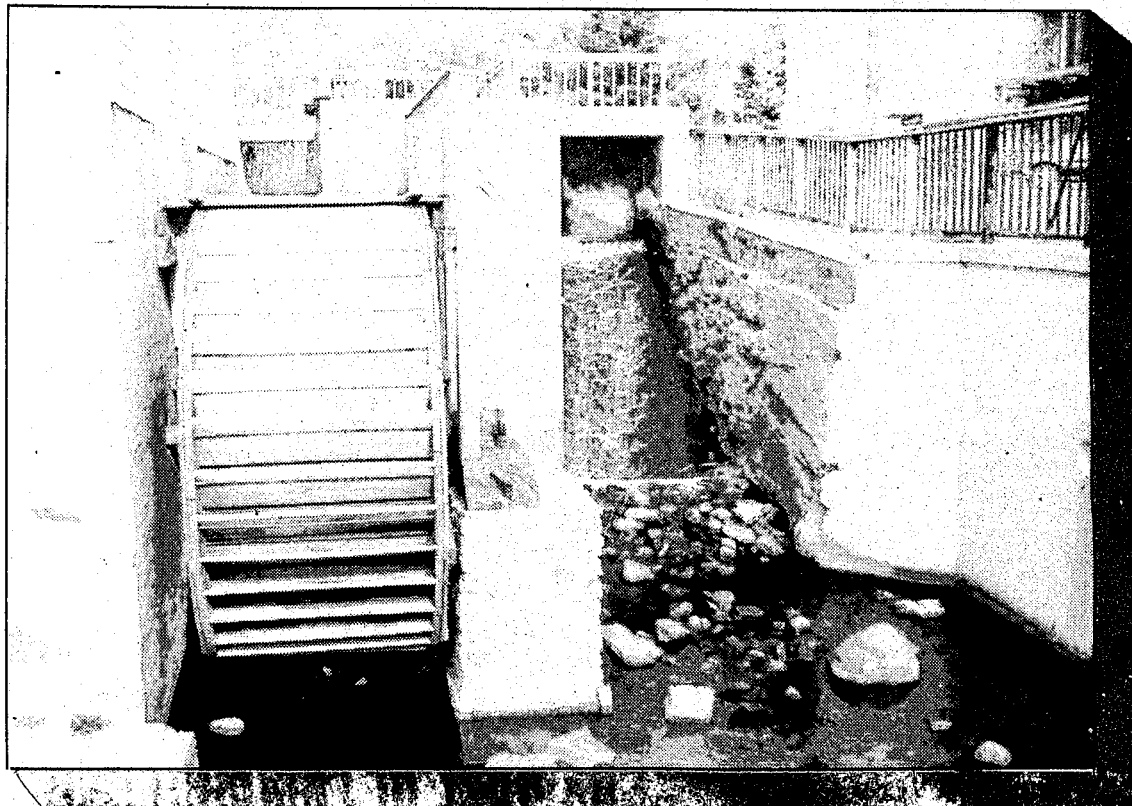


# Buchanan, Michigan

## The Redbud City



# Newcomers Guide

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# Colorful history of the Redbud City

By Darla Bilton Powell

Buchanan, also known as the Redbud City was first named after Reverend Isaac McCoy, founder of Carey Mission located just north of Niles. He claimed the stream that runs through Buchanan today as his private fishing hole. It was soon known to all as McCoy's Creek. After the final treaties established in 1833 with the settlements of the Potawatomi Indians along the St. Joseph river, the white man soon settled into the area.

In 1833 Charles Cows, from Vermont constructed the first shingle mill along the creek's banks. This original site was believed to be owned years later by Mrs. Bert Spafford. She donated the land to the city of Buchanan to be used as a historical park.

Cowl, soon joined by Russell McCoy (no relation) and his partner Hiram Wary, set up another shingle mill on the banks along the creek. Many more mills followed, taking advantage of the stream's water flow by harnessing water wheels to grind grain. Pears Mill is the only original mill still standing

and in working order. The city offers tours to see the mill stones in action.

By the 1840s, McCoy's Creek was a community made up of New Englanders and Virginians, boosting the population to 264. When the thriving city was incorporated in 1858, it was named after Senator James Buchanan. This was due to his support in Congress in aiding the territory of Michigan to become a state in 1837.

Michigan had been excluded for years due to a boundary dispute with Ohio over a small area of land known as the Toledo strip. This dispute was finally settled when Congress, with Buchanan's recommendations, offered the western three-quarters of the Upper Peninsula in exchange for the disputed land.

John Hamilton, who platted and named the county seat at Berrien Springs, thought the honor of having the town named after the senator in 1858. Buchanan, Michigan is the largest city of several named after the Senator from Pennsylvania; others were named after he became president of the United States.

The advent of the Michigan Central Railroad reaching Buchanan in 1849 then reaching Chicago in 1858 played a major part in the growth of the town. Often, the fate of a town was determined by railroad.

The nearby village of Glendora, then known as Hill's Corners, missed the railroad passing through their town by one short mile. By moving the majority of the town along the tracks and renaming it Glendora, they hoped this would ensure the success of this small burg.

Unfortunately, Glendora is little more than a crossing since its post office removal in 1966.

With the expansion of the railroad in the late 1850s, the city set up a local government to ensure a peaceful, orderly expansion to their town. Attention was turned to utilities, street and sidewalk development, fire control and bridges. This same direction from elected city officials was maintained until 1949 when Buchanan added a city manager to its local politics.

When the Buchanan Electric Dam was constructed in 1893,

it brought with it two instrumental industries that insured the town's success. The Lee Porter Axleworks was established in Buchanan in 1895 and the George Rich Manufacturing Company in 1904. The Rich company was known for a short time as the Ceflor Tool Company. Ceflor, meaning strong and fast, opened up a second firm called the Buchanan Electric Steel Company. The two firms merged in 1917 to form the Clark Equipment Company.

Clark Equipment was best known for the manufacturing of fork-lift trucks and other mechanical parts. It was also famous for its drive axles, making a major contribution to lowering the cost of transportation in the car industry. With the prosperity of the plant, a theater and other businesses supported or built by the Clark company, Buchanan continued to grow.

The city board offered to build a huge plant for Clark. Knowing what growth would come to the city by industrial expansion, the board agreed to deed the plant over to Clark when the company had paid its employees twice as much in

wages as the plant cost to build.

At its peak, Clark was one of Berrien County's major employers and made Buchanan internationally famous. However, aging factories and strong competition led to closure of all its Michigan plants in the 1980s.

Another business that contributed to the city's economy growth was F. S. Carbon Company—a malted pancake factory. Nationally known Electro-Voice, Inc. made professional recording equipment and numerous metalworks firms kept Buchanan's industrial wheels turning.

The first official school was established in 1838. By 1842 the first church, Methodist Episcopal, was organized. This led to a boom of churches in Buchanan. In its early days it was known to have more churches in relation to its size than any other town in the county. It could be this fact that helped produce one of Buchanan's most colorful, eccentric individuals. Joseph Coveney, a carpenter, baffled Buchanan residents for more than sixty

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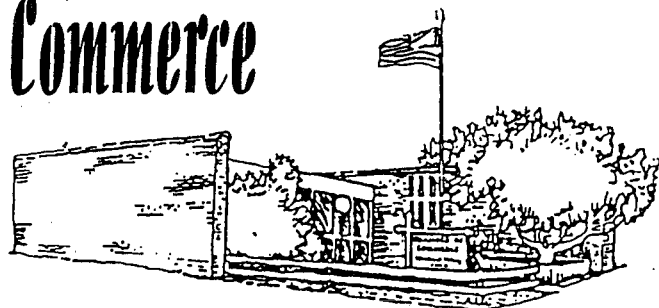
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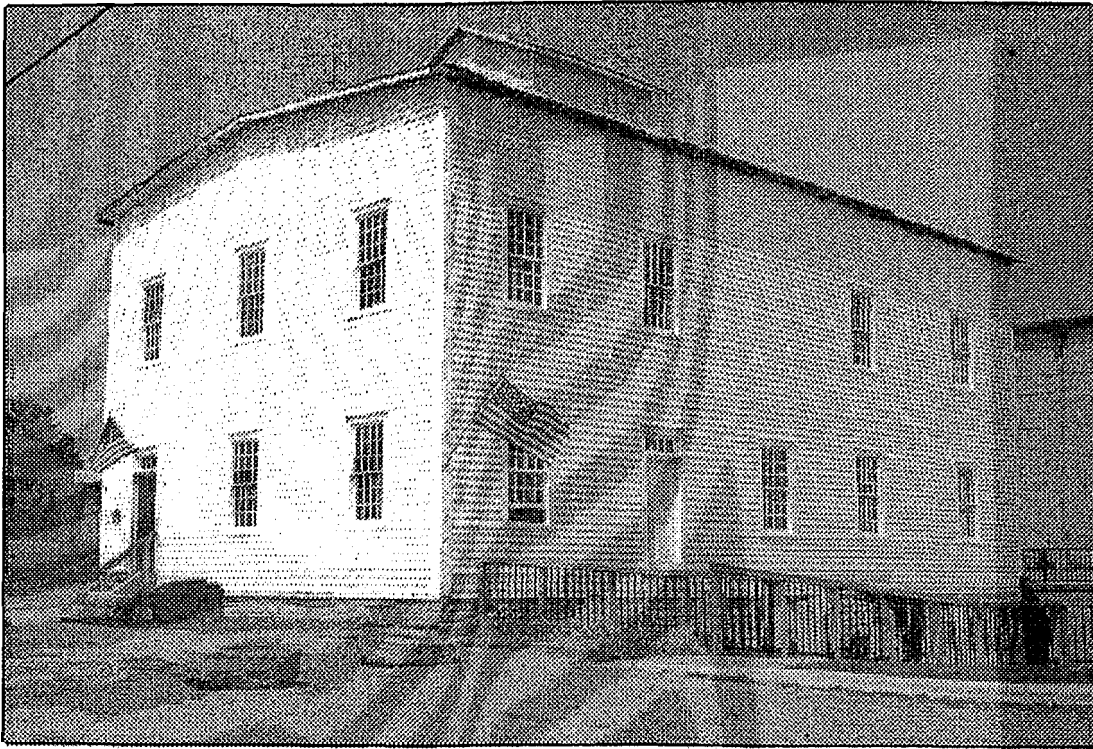
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Just outside the city limits, rolling hills, thick woods and family farms make a pleasant ambience for cyclists and nature lovers. Fernwood Botanical Gardens and Nature Center provides a pleasant place for a Sunday walk, while families may find a welcome spot for picnics and

frisbee games at McCoy Creek Park.

While Buchanan has a small, but diverse, industrial base, its proximity to South Bend and St. Joseph (25 minutes), Elkhart and Michigan City (40 minutes) and Chicago (85 minutes) make it a perfect home town for commuters seeking to escape the hectic pace of the urban scene after work.

Buchanan's housing values range from modest \$30,000 homes in well-kept neighborhoods to \$250,000 homes in some of the more recent developments in the surrounding townships.

tally outraging the christian sensibilities of the community. Despite his views on religion, Coveney was known to be a generous man, the type of person who would reach deep into his pocket to support a worthy cause.

One of Buchanan's more famous "sons" was WWI pilot James "Sky" Knight. His most noted, among many accomplishments, was his historic night airmail flight from Cheyenne, Wyo. to Chicago, Ill.

When stopping in Omaha, Neb., his relief pilot didn't show

up. By choosing to continue the long flight, he held the world record for aerial time and mileage for years.

Today, Buchanan is a thriving community with a rich, colorful history. Buchanan is nestled in one of Michigan's more beautiful valleys. Close to many nearby highways, airports and interstate, it has the convenience of being close to the "action" while still maintaining its small town charm.

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years with his intense anti-religious beliefs. He is best known for the massive marker he donated to the Oak Ridge Cemetery proclaimed his adamant theological views.

It was so unusual to have such heated anti-religion beliefs in that day, he was listed as an noted atheist in the New York Times.

Coveney also created controversy by naming his team of horses "Jesus" and "Christ", to-

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**Clipper Ship Gallery, Paintings of the Sea**, 116 N. Whitaker, New Buffalo, 616-469-2590.

**Fernwood**, 13988 Range Line, Niles, has a gallery featuring works of area artists in a variety of media. 616-683-8653.

**Ferry Street School**, 620 Ferry St., Niles, 616-683-2585.

**Fort St. Joseph Museum**, 508 E. Main St., Niles, admits by appointment only, 616-683-4702.

**The Gardner School**, northwest of Buchanan on Andrews Rd., admits by appointment only, 695-8400.

**Krasl Art Center**, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, has three galleries and seven studios where traditional fine arts, folk art, museum treasures and collections from local artists share the stage with annual art and photography competitions. Free admission. 616-983-0271.

**Lake Michigan College Art Gallery**, the library of LMC's Benton Township campus, is a gallery featuring exhibits throughout the year.

**The Natural History Museum**, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, 616-471-3322.

**The New Buffalo Railroad Museum**, 530 S. Whittaker St., New Buffalo, 616-469-2090.

**Niles Historical District**, N. Front St., Niles, 616-683-3720.

**Pioneer Log Cabin Museum**, 14 miles northeast of Niles, 616-445-3087.

**Siegfried H. Horn Archaeological Museum**, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, 616-471-3273.

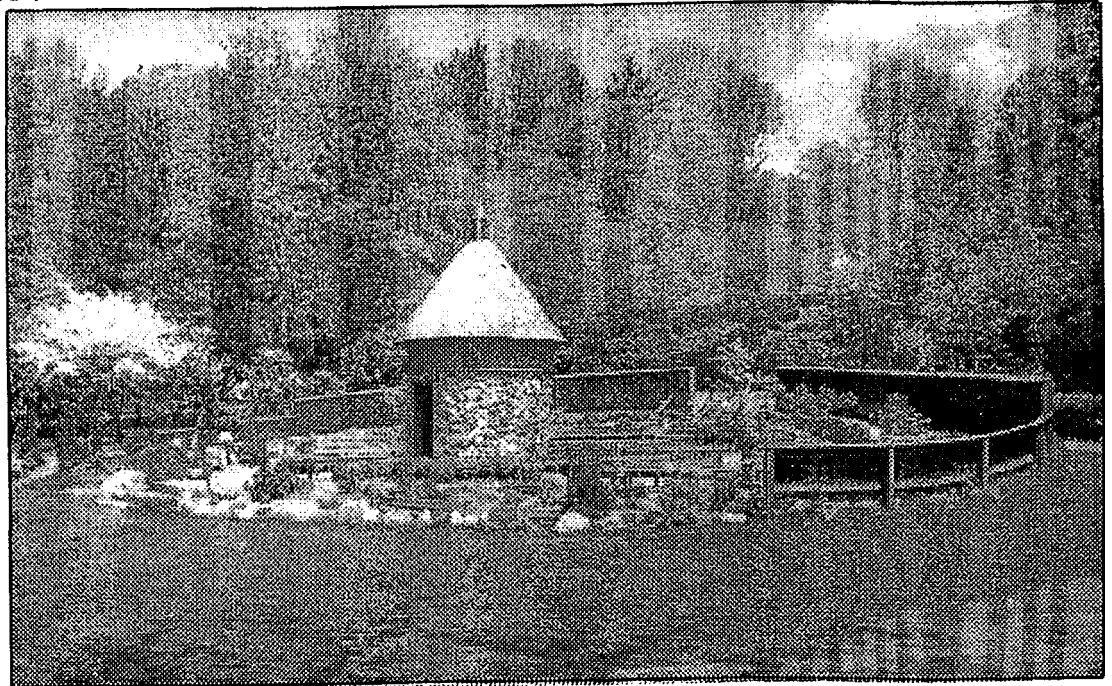
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E.B. Clark Woods, adjacent to Schirmer Parkway, sits on 12

acres consisting of a nature trail winding through a heavily wooded area.

Fernwood Botanic Garden, 13988 Range Line Rd., Niles, began as the home of Kay and Walter Boydston. In 1964 the Boydstons were joined by Mary and Larry Plym to make Fernwood a public not-for-profit institution. Fernwood Founders dreamed of making a place of



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North End Park, the corner of Victory and Arctic Streets, is a neighborhood playground with a basketball court on one-half acre.

McCoy Creek Recreation Area, south of W. Front St., is a major park encompassing 20 acres. Divided by McCoy Creek, the park offers two fully-enclosed softball diamonds, picnic tables, grills, a 60 foot-by-40 foot picnic shelter, and playground equipment. The shelter can be reserved by calling Buchanan City Hall, 695-3844.

Memorial Field Complex, between Smith and Chicago Streets, is a 16 1/2 acre area with a baseball, football and softball field, a track, two tennis courts, and a restroom facility.

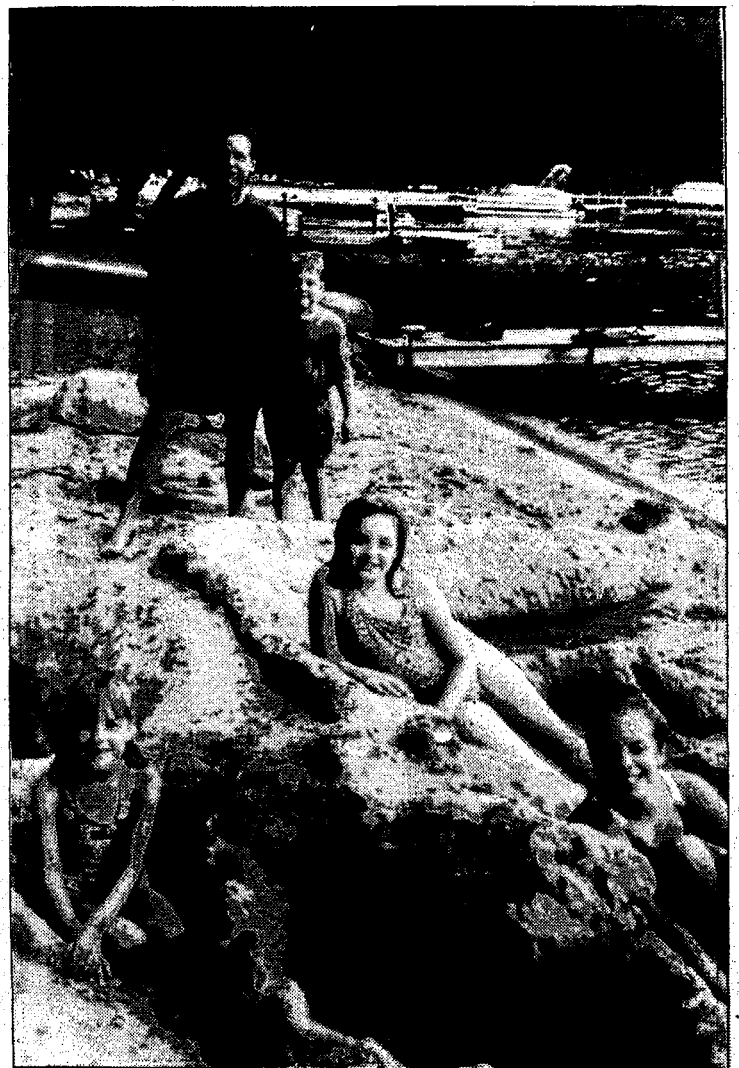
Ravish Park, at Fulton St. between Main, Redbud Trail North, and Fifth St., has playground equipment, a picnic shelter, and two basketball courts on a 5 1/2 acre lot.

Redbud Riverfront Park, off Redbud Trail and adjacent to the St. Joseph River, is a 14 1/2 special purpose park equipped with a boat ramp, ample parking, restrooms, and picnic area with grills.

Robinson Preserve, the north side of East Rd., about one mile east of Red Arrow Highway near Lakeside, is owned by the Michigan Chapter of the Nature Conservancy. No phone available.

Sarett Nature Center, off Red Arrow Highway on Benton Center Rd., northeast of Benton Harbor, 616-927-4832.

Smith Park, corner of Liberty and Carrol, contains five acres. This neighborhood playground



Steve Searfoss and the above-pictured children constructed this gator on Clear Lake. (Brenda Beadenkopf photo)

has two newly resurfaced tennis courts, playground equipment and two baseball fields.

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Grand Mere State Park, Red Arrow Highway, Sawyer, includes more than 1,000 acres along Lake Michigan and three inland lakes. Study the sand dunes, beach woods, old lake bed, a hemlock swamp, or a cranberry bog. A 371-acre natural area, too, is a favorite spot for birders and cross-country skiers. 616-426-4013.

Love Creek Nature Center, east of Berrien Springs in Berrien Center off Old 31 and Deans Hill Rd., is a plant and wildlife sanctuary in an unspoiled setting.

Natural history programs and workshops are featured at various time year-round. 616-471-2617.

Madeline Bertrand County Park, is at Staline Rd. and Adams Rd. south of Niles on the east bank of the St. Joseph River. Open year-round, this park includes absolutely everything. 616-683-8280.

Van Buren State Park, 23960 Ruggles Rd., South Haven, has 434 campsites as well as picnic areas. The state has added an undeveloped 67 acres, complete with trails that are moderately difficult. As a point of interest, mysterious stones and carvings dot the dunes and stands of trees in this area. 616-637-2788.

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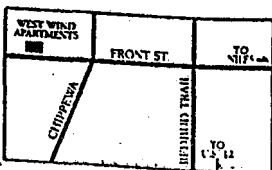
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**The Berrien Springs Pickle Festival**, running at the Fourth of July and at Christmas, celebrates Berrien Springs distinction as the official pickle capitol of the world. The many events surrounding the festival involve the pickle in unique and original ways.

**The Blossomtime Festival** is held the first week of May, and traditionally includes the Miss Blossomtime contest, where 26 area queens compete for the title. The Grand Floral Parade runs in Benton Harbor/St. Joseph, with the Grand Floral Ball that follows. This 89 year-old festival is the oldest still held in Michigan.

**The Buchanan In Bloom Garden Walk**, hosted by the Buchanan Federated Garden Club, holds a day long event including tours of several local gardens, Pears Mill, and Fernwood. Plant sales, lectures and art displays also highlight the event.

**The Cherry Festival** in Eau Claire is famous for its international Cherry Pit Spit Contest. Local dignitaries face off in the celebrity contest, followed by the real competition where the world record pit spit has been recorded.

**Community Garage Sales** are held in Buchanan and Bridgman. Residents have the opportunity to make some money off their spring cleaning efforts.

**The Downtown Buchanan Christmas Tree Lighting** ceremony, held in December by Old

City Hall, includes performances by high school choirs, bands and a community Christmas carol sing-along, the tree lighting, a parade featuring Santa and the old St. Nick photos at the senior Center with cookies and hot chocolate.

**Discover Stevensville** invites area residents to see what this Lake Michigan community is all about. This festival includes food, fun and fireworks.

**Elkhart Jazz Festival**, Elkhart, Ind., is held yearly in July. The nationally reknown weekend festival features many of the top names in jazz today.

**Flag Day** in Three Oaks holds a celebration each year with a parade and other activities.

**The Four Flags Apple Festival** celebrates this versatile fruit by holding parades, contests, tournaments and a carnival in September.

**Gallen Americans Together Days**, held in July, focuses on its community members by holding a hog roast, parade, talent show and other family-oriented activities.

**The Harbor Country Ship and Shore Festival** in New Buffalo includes a Blessing of the Boats ceremony, parade, children's activities and a craft fair.

**Harbor Fest** is Benton Harbor's June celebration along the St. Joseph River.

**The Harvest Festival**, hosted by the Baroda Business Association, celebrates local assets in the farming industry.

**Log Cabin Day**, traditionally the last Sunday in June, gives southwest Michigan folks the opportunity to tour many of the log cabins still existing in the area.

**The St. Joseph Venetian Festival** takes place in St. Joseph every July. Music, a Taste of Southwestern Michigan and a boat parade on the river are just a few features that attract thousands of visitors each year.

**The Tri-State Regatta** is held on Labor Day Weekend in St.



Buchanan loves an old-fashioned parade with floats, pageant queens, classic cars and its high school band, led by the flag corps, marching down Front Street.

Joseph and is one leg on the Chicago-St. Joseph-Michigan City race.

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**Dune Lake Campground**, 80739 CR 376, Coloma, 616-764-8941.

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**Shady Shores Resort**, 51256 Garret Rd., Dowagiac, 616-424-5251.

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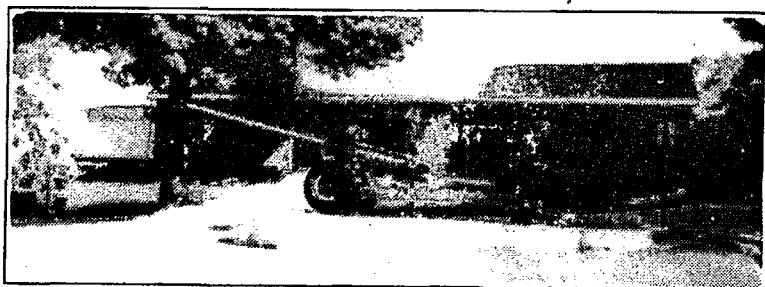
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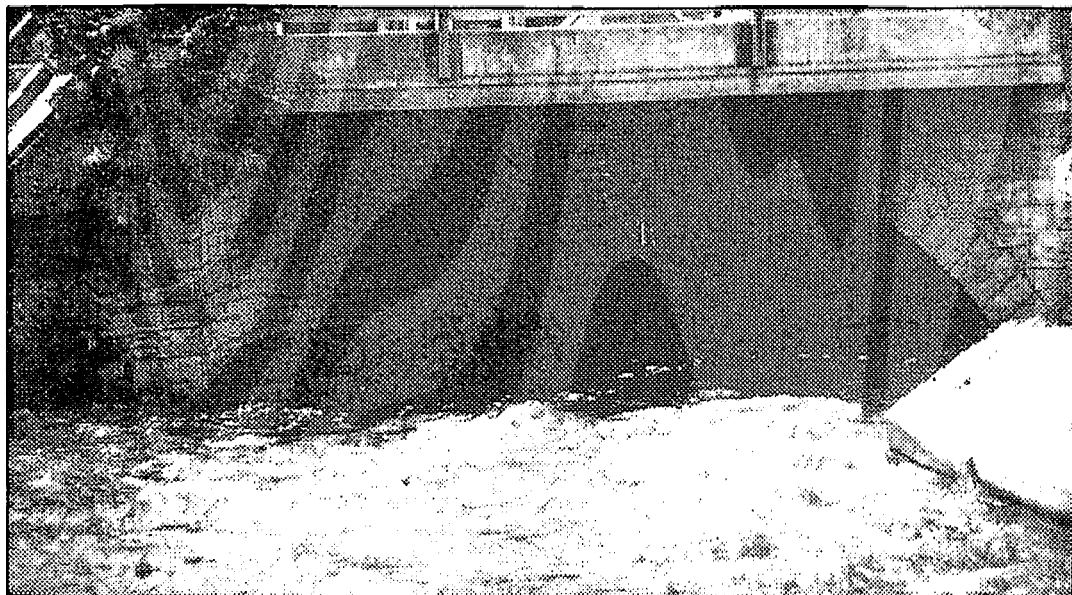
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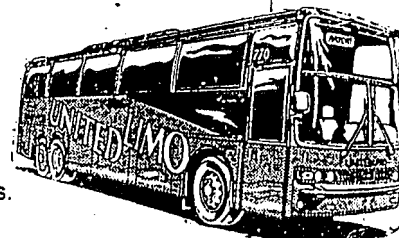
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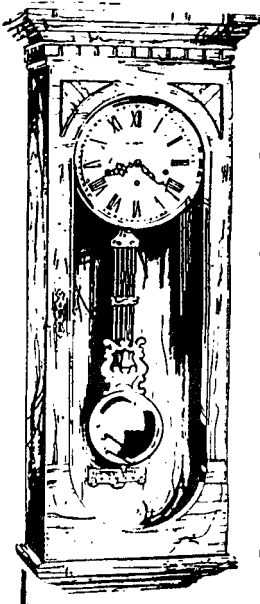
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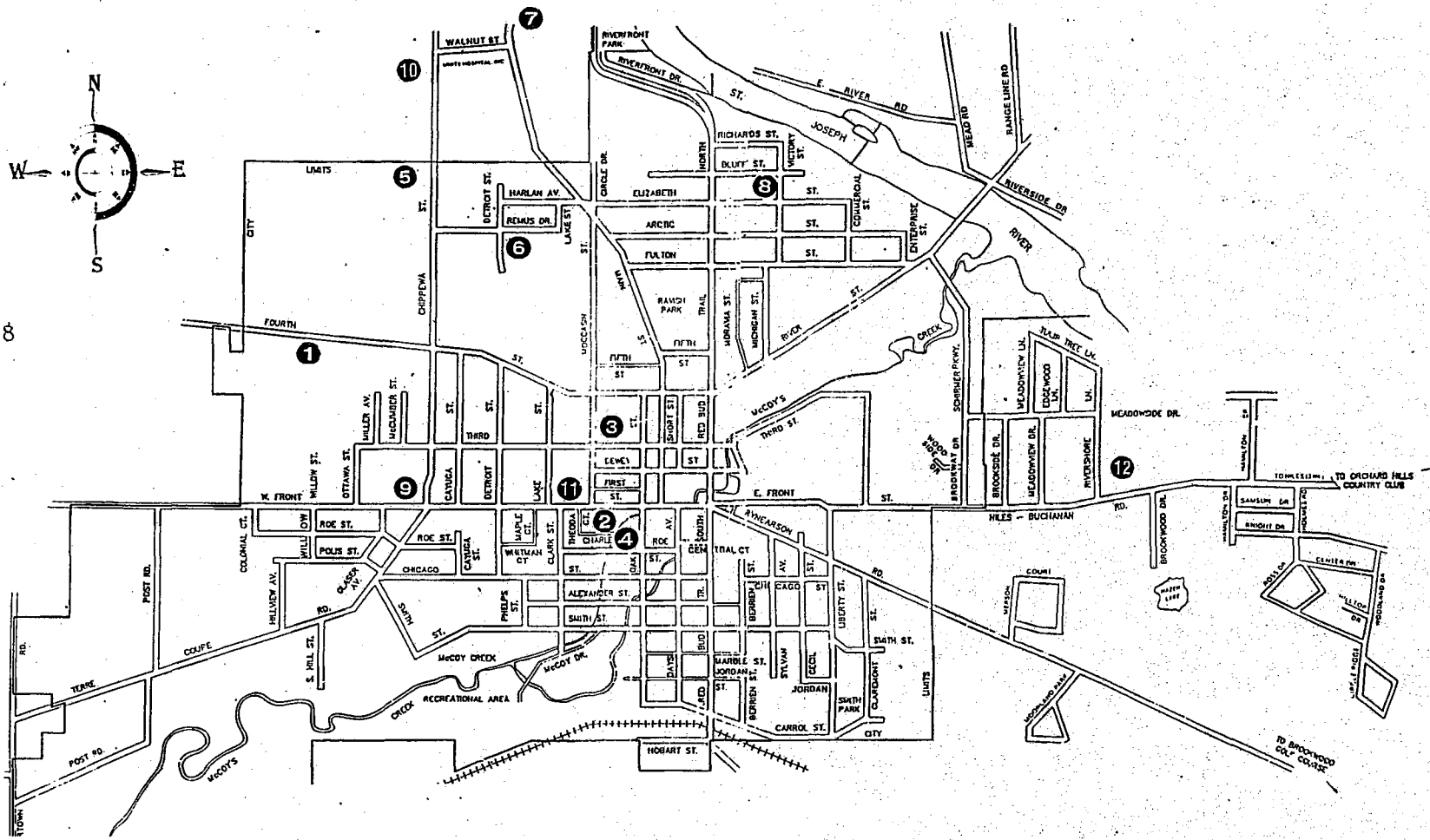
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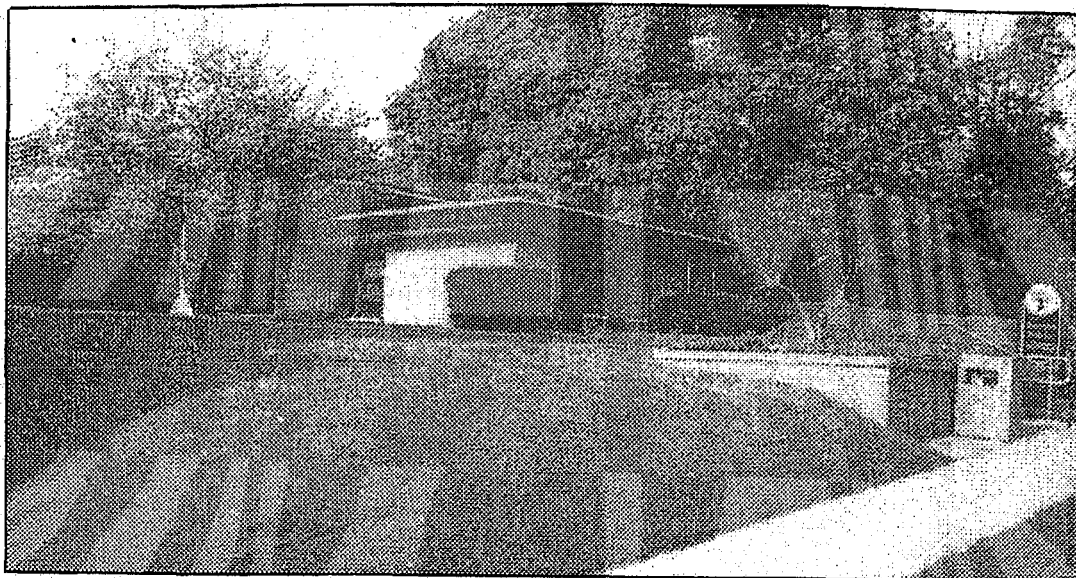


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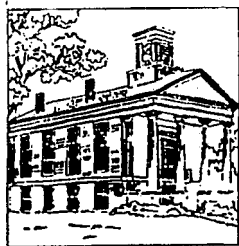
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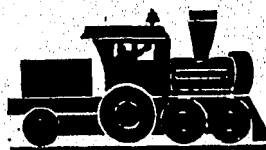
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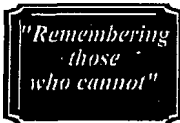
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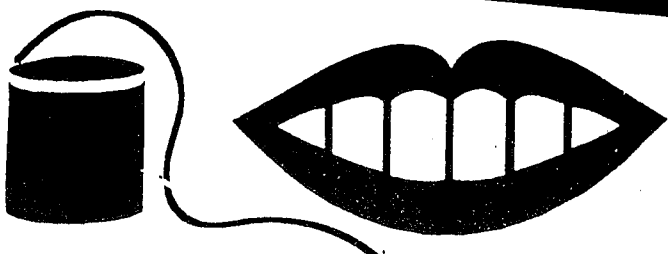
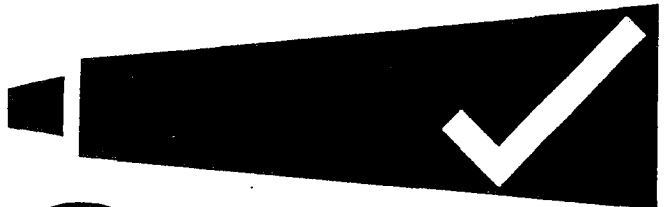
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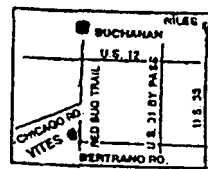
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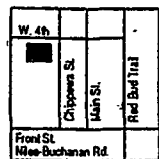
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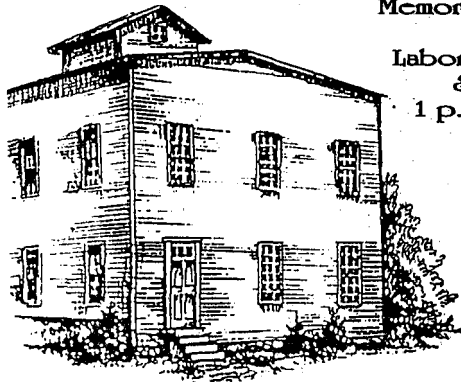


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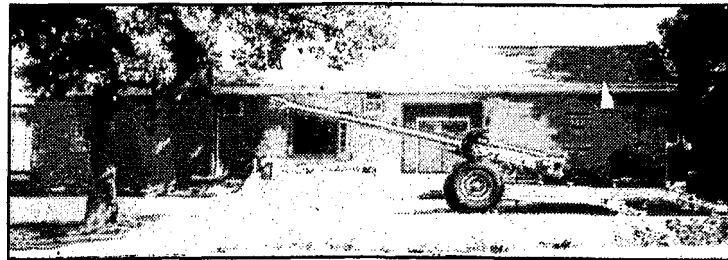
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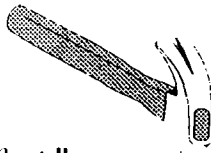
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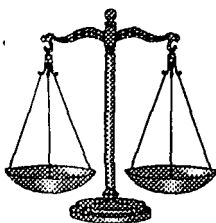
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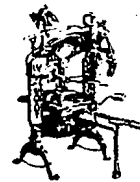
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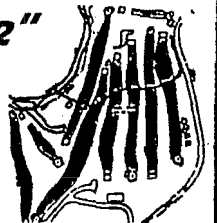
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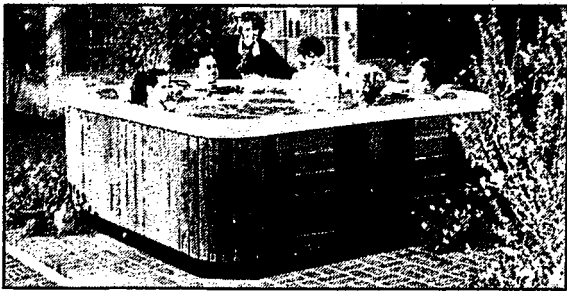
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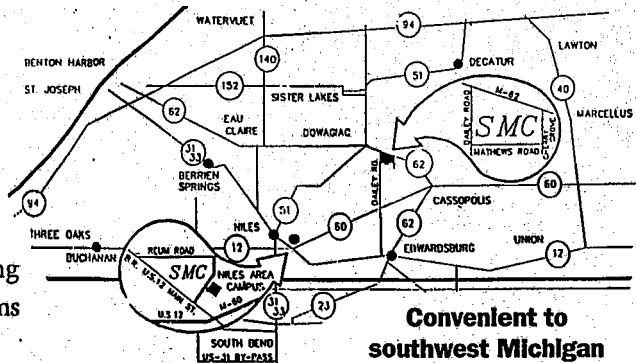
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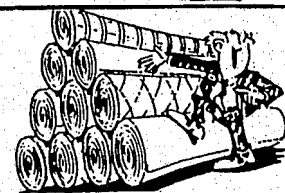


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For more information about Buchanan Community School's Kidcare program, call 695-8436 for the Stark School fall program and 695-8437 for the Moccasin School fall program. For the summer program, call 695-8415.

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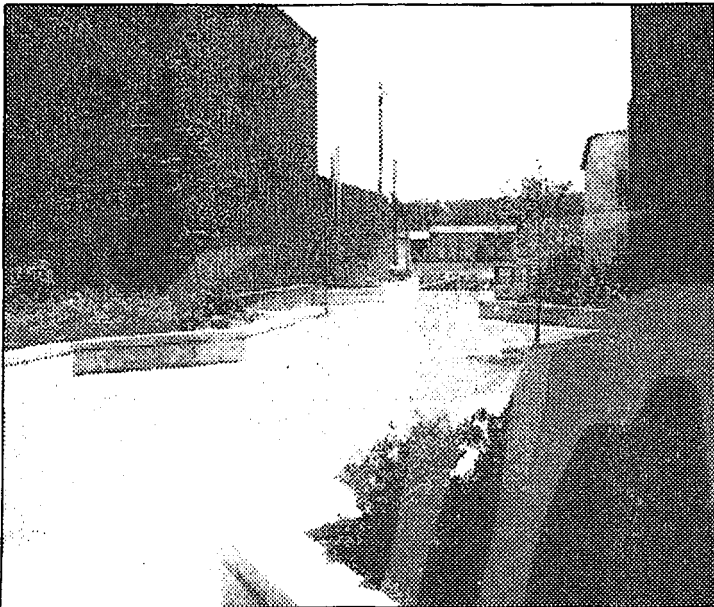
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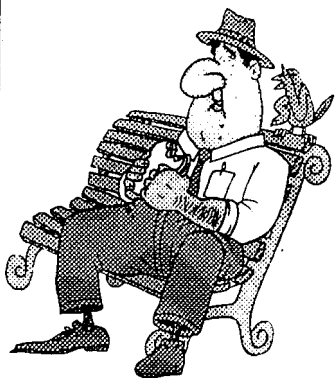
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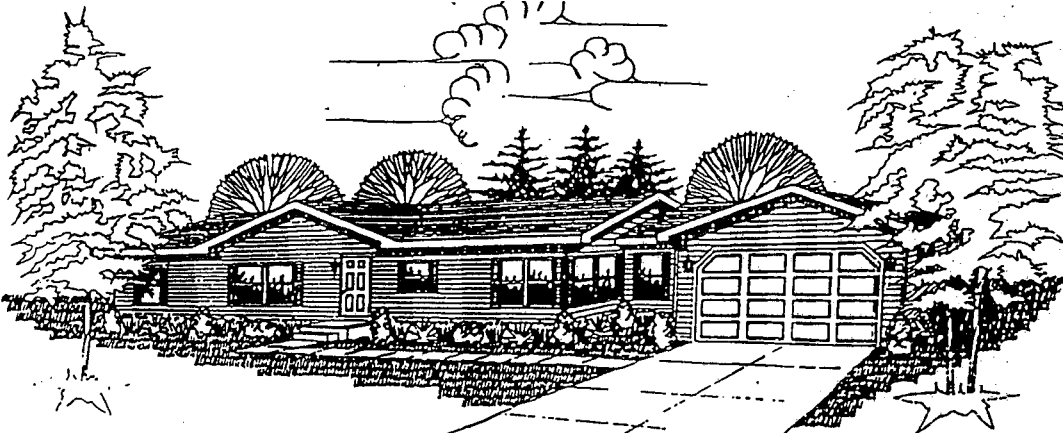
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