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City of Buchanan to Host Bucktown Christmas 2023

STOREFRONT DECORATING CONTEST PARADE at 5:30PM
TREE LIGHTING at 6PM
ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

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experience our downtown holiday market. Followed
VENDOR DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES SANTA

by...



Mayor's Memo - Open Letter from Mayor Denison

Mayor Denison's Open Letter, as stated at City Commission Meeting November 13, 2023 Submitted by City of Buchanan for Mayor Sean Denison Mayor Sean Denison addressed the people in attendance...





117 W Front St, Buchanan, MI 49107
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Local Arts – The Roti Roti Art Center Artisan Market 2023

The Roti Roti Art Center Artisan Market 2023 Shared by Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan Handmade items make the best gifts! The Roti Roti Art Center Artisan Market, features..

Saturday November 25th, 2023
10am - 4pm ET

Handmade items make the best gifts!



BCS Spotlight – BMS Teachers Accepted into Iconic Fellowship

Buchanan Middle School Teachers Accepted into the 2023-24 Iconic Michigan Teacher Fellowship Project Press Release November 13, 2023 by Buchanan Community Schools Buchanan Community Schools is thrilled to announce that...



Local Opinion – Bullying and the Need for Collaboration

Bullying & The Need for Collaboration Submitted by Heather Foster Bullying is an unfortunate reality that affects countless children worldwide. These acts leave emotional scars that persist throughout adulthood. As...

Local Clubs – Friends of McCoy Creek Trail Update

Friends of McCoy Creek Trail Update Submitted by Jerry Flenar, Friends of McCoy Creek Trail This has been a busy and productive year for the Board. Jerry Flenar – Chairperson...





Past Event – Faith and Blue Weekend 2023

Faith and Blue Weekend 2023 by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer. Faith and Blue Weekend was held this year October 6-9, 2023 nationwide but was enjoyed in our community too.

BCS Superintendent's Note – November 2023

A November Note from our BCS Superintendent by Paul ... in session for almost three months and teachers have established routines and...



Press Release – LMC Cross Country National Champion Olivia Ippel

Lake Michigan College's Olivia Ippel Wins NCCCA Division II Cross Country National Championship
Submitted by Jeremy D. Bonfiglio, LMC Marketing Communications Specialist
November 14, 2023



Press Release – AARP Foundation Tax-Aides Needed at BASC

AARP Foundation Tax-Aides Needed at Buchanan Area Senior Center. Submitted by Maxine Brown, AARP Tax-Aide Local Coordinator. BASC AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is looking for compassionate, friendly people to join...

Upcoming Event – Senior Holiday Sing with Greta Pope

BASC Senior Holiday Sing with Greta Pope and Cultural Arts Everywhere Shared by Dr. Greta Pope, Cultural Arts Everywhere Bringing the art of singing to Buchanan this holiday season! Discover...



Press Release – HCS Holiday Concert 2023

Harbor Country Singers to Perform Holiday Concert to Celebrate the Season Submitted by Pat Lutham Harbor Country Singers conductor The Harbor Country Singers community choir will perform its annual holiday...



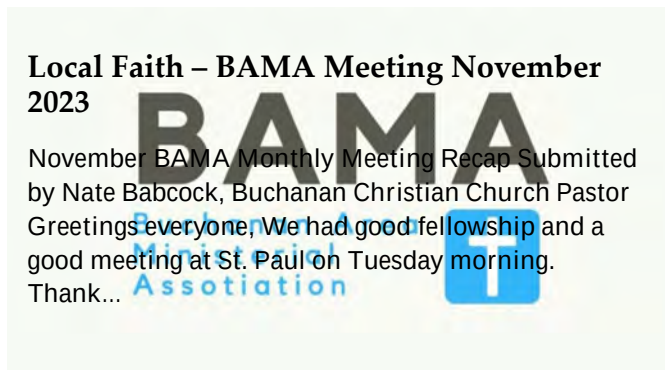
Local Charity – Salvation Army Bell Ringers

Call for Salvation Army Bell Ringers 2023 Submitted by Timothy Douglas, Niles Salvation Army Office Manager We are happy to announce that for the first time ever, Martin's Supermarket in...



Local Faith – BAMA Meeting November 2023

November BAMA Monthly Meeting Recap Submitted by Nate Babcock, Buchanan Christian Church Pastor Greetings everyone, We had good fellowship and a good meeting at St. Paul on Tuesday morning. Thank...



City Commission Regular Meeting Agenda • 11/13/23

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Agenda by City Clerk Kalla Langston All completed
City Commission Meeting Minutes available to read
on the City of Buchanan website [HERE](#). Please...



Remembering – Issue 64

Remembering – Issue 64 Buchanan Losses • 11/03 –
11/12 Name Age Born Died Leon Benjamin
Hollingsworth 65 March 25, 1958 November 12, 2023
Jerry Allen Lausch 84 November 14,...

Now That's Funny! – Issue 64

Now That's Funny! – Issue 64 by Thomas Hoyt,
Writer We all get older in life. The older we get, the
more it seems there is to complain about. I...

A Note from the Editor – Issue 64

A Note from the Editor – Issue 64 by Rebecka Hoyt,
Editor Happy early Thanksgiving everyone! I am sure
all of you have been watching the sales on



Thanksgiving-filling-your-belly-foods as...

The Clark Barker – Issue 64

It's Raining Leaves! We all know that a leaf pick up time! However, when those leaves are wet, it's a pain and more and more comes down. Thankfully it's been...



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Upcoming Event – Bucktown Christmas 2023

A festive poster for Bucktown Christmas 2023. The background is white with decorative elements: a large blue cloud-like shape on the left, a large pink cloud-like shape on the right, and various red and white Christmas ornaments and pine branches scattered throughout. The text is centered and reads: "November 25th" in white on the blue shape. Below it, "The City Of Buchanan Proudly Presents" in black. Then "Bucktown Christmas" in large, bold black letters. Underneath, "Saturday after Thanksgiving in Downtown Buchanan" in black. The event details are listed in two columns: "STOREFRONT DECORATING CONTEST", "EVENTS at LIBRARY & ART CENTER", "VENDORS IN DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES" on the left; and "PARADE AT 5:30PM", "TREE LIGHTING AT 6PM", "ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS", "REINDEER", "SANTA" on the right. At the bottom, a purple banner contains the text: "Downtown market and kids activities at the Library – 1–5pm, Parade – 5:30pm, Tree Lighting – 6pm".

November 25th

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City of Buchanan to Host Bucktown Christmas 2023

Shared by City of Buchanan

Join us for Bucktown Christmas! A Buchanan tradition. From 10am-5pm experience our downtown holiday market. Followed by our Christmas parade, holiday lighting, and pictures with Santa! Be sure to stop by our local businesses for fun events like visiting with live reindeer, making ornaments, or enjoying yummy treats! Also you definitely must stop in to two new businesses in downtown Buchanan who are opening their doors on this special day, Glendora Bookshop (110 E Front St) and Hometown & Co (101 Days Ave).



Bucktown Christmas 2023 flyer

- DOWNTOWN BUCHANAN SHOPPING AND EVENTS
 - 1:00-5:00pm: Experience our downtown holiday market, with holiday vendors inside businesses downtown and Lehman's Farmhouse! Stop in to your favorite stores and shop while checking out local vendors.
 - Be sure to stop by our local businesses for fun events like visiting with live reindeer, making ornaments, or enjoying yummy treats!
 - 10:00am-5:00pm: Christmas Market at First Presbyterian Church of Buchanan featuring local vendors!
 - 1:00-5:00pm: The Pears Mill will be open, come on in and tour the mill and see our historic sign collection as well as other Buchanan artifacts!
 - 3:00-5:30pm: Visit Santa at the Buchanan Sweet Shop
- BUCHANAN DISTRICT LIBRARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
 - 1:00-2:30pm: Visit with Santa
 - 1:00-1:30pm: Storytime with Santa & Mrs. Claus
 - 1:00-5:00pm: Write letters to Santa & make a kid's craft
 - 1:00-5:00pm: Drop-in craft for adults
 - 4:00-5:00pm: Visit the LIVE REINDEER
- ART CENTER EVENTS
 - 10:00-4:00pm: Holiday Artisan Market
 - 1:00-5:00pm: Paint ornaments and other craft projects
- PARADE & TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY
 - 5:00pm: Parade lineup. Costumes and light up outfits encouraged!
 - 5:30pm: Parade
 - 6:00pm: Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Common, featuring Buchanan Choir & Band, and music by Greta Pope
- WHEN IT'S TIME FOR DINNER
 - 5:00pm-9:00pm: Cameron's Restaurant has generously agreed to donate a portion of their sales made during this time to Buchanan Scarecrow Charities! Come on up to Cameron's (1021 W. Front St) after the Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony for a delicious dinner and you will be supporting our community. Thank you Cameron's!



**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER
25TH**

Join us at
Bucktown Christmas's
 Parade & Tree Lighting Ceremony
CALLING ALL KIDS!
We need you in the parade!

- ✦ Parade lineup starts @ 5pm in the Veteran's Memorial Park Driveway by the duck feeders, parade will start at 5:30pm
- ✦ Dress in the holiday spirit and walk or ride your bike in the parade
- ✦ Parents: Decorate a wagon or stroller for the little ones to ride along
- ✦ Floats, Decorated Golf Carts, Dressed up Dogs - all welcome!
- ✦ Community Members - Join us downtown along Front St. and enjoy the show!

Bucktown Christmas Events

1-5pm DOWNTOWN SHOPPING & EVENTS

- 1-5pm Holiday Market Vendors @ Downtown Businesses and @ Lehman's Farmhouse
- 3-5:30pm Visit Santa @ Buchanan Sweet Shop
- 1-5pm Downtown specials, firepits, and holiday fun!

AT THE ART CENTER

- 10-4pm Holiday Artisan Market
- 1-5pm Paint ornaments and other craft projects!

AT THE LIBRARY

- 1-2:30pm Visit with Santa
- 1-1:30pm Storytime with Santa & Mrs. Claus
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5:30 PARADE (Participants report by 5pm)

6:00 TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY
Featuring Buchanan Choir & Band

It will start to get dark by 5:30pm, so try to include LIGHTS in your holiday wear and decorations!

Event Details on the City of Buchanan Facebook Page

Bucktown Christmas 2023 flyer

Event Info:

- **When:** **Saturday, November 25, 2023 ~ 10am-7pm**
- **Who:** City of Buchanan MI, Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce, and Buchanan District Library
- **Where:**
 - 10am-5pm ~ Holiday Market throughout Downtown Buchanan MI
 - 5:30pm ~ Parade starts from corner of Red Bud Trail and Front St, west through downtown to Oak St, then south to Buchanan Common

- 6pm ~ Holiday Lighting Ceremonies in Buchanan Common
- *Details:* Link to Event Page on Facebook [HERE](#)



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Buchanan, MI 49107

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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.

Contact: Meg Paulette, Director

www.buchananlibrary.org

m.paulette@buchananlibrary.com

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128 E Front St

Buchanan, MI 49107

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

and enjoy one of the "Stop, Lunch & Listen" plays put on during the noon-hour throughout the summer.

www.facebook.com/TheCommonConcertSeries

www.cityofbuchanan.com/community/page/common

122 Days Ave

Buchanan, MI 49107

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Local Events – Upcoming Holidays 2023



Buchanan Holiday Events 2023

Events Compiled by Jen Garry, Publisher

Events List, Find More Details Below:

- **Annual Holiday Open House with Flowers by Anna:** Saturday, November 18, 2023 ~ 9am-3pm
- **LIGHTS at Fernwood 2023:** November 24, 2023 – January 6, 2024
- **Bucktown Christmas 2023:** Saturday, November 25, 2023 ~ 10am-7pm
- **Bucktown Christmas at Bucktown Boutique:** Saturday, November 25, 2023 ~ 10am-5pm
- **Artisan Market at Roti Roti Art Center:** Saturday, November 25, 2023 ~ 10am-4pm
- **Buchanan Area Senior Center Holiday Bazaar:** Saturday, December 2, 2023 ~ 9am-2pm
- **Wreath Making Buchanan College Club Fundraiser at Lehman's Farmhouse:** Saturday, December 2, 2023 ~ 10am-12pm or Wednesday, December 6, 2023 ~ 6:30-8:30pm
- **Buchanan Community Christmas Concert 2023:** Sunday, December 3, 2023 ~ 6:30pm
- **Choral Holiday Showcase at Roti Roti Art Center:** Wednesday, December 6, 2023 ~ 7pm
- **A Not-So-Silent Night at Buchanan District Library 2023:** Saturday, December 9, 2023 ~ 6-8pm
- **Christmas on the Main Stage with Southshore Concert Band:** Sunday, December 10, 2023 ~ 2pm

Annual Holiday Open House with Flowers by Anna



- **When:** **Saturday, November 18, 2023 ~ 9am-3pm**
- **Who:** Flowers by Anna
- **Where:** Only at our Buchanan location, 4796 Niles Buchanan Rd, Buchanan MI 49107
- **Details:** It's that time to mark your calendar for our Annual Holiday Open House!! Join us to kick off the holiday season. We will have the best sales of the year!!! Lots of new Christmas decor and gifts will now be available and on display throughout the whole store.
- Enjoy mimosas, appetizers, and desserts! We will have lots of our new products available for you to sample as well. Not to mention great door prizes and giveaways all day long!! Please join us to celebrate the holiday season, and come see all the new merchandise that we have to offer!
- If you haven't been to our shop yet, we are wayyy more than just a florist! You can find all your holiday gifts and decor under our roof! Come join us for a fun day of shopping! Our Dowagiac store will have a holiday open house on a different weekend and is posted as a separate event....BUT you won't want to miss out on that one either, as this year each shop will have all different products!! 🎉🥂🎄 Remember to SHOP LOCAL 📍 Hope to see you there!!
- Link to Event Page on Facebook **HERE**

LIGHTS at Fernwood 2023



- **When:** **November 24, 2023 – January 6, 2024**
- **Who:** Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve
- **Where:** Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles MI 49107
- **Details:** LIGHTS at Fernwood will return to the garden for the 2023 winter season. November 24, 2023 – January 6, 2024 LIGHTS will magically illuminate evenings at Fernwood once again with a professionally designed show featuring two extraordinary light tunnels, three warm fire pits, a fun winter craft station, nature-inspired light sculptures, festive music, and sounds, and more!
- Visitors will make bright memories during the most magical garden lights Southwest Michigan offers this holiday season while enjoying hot chocolate, other seasonal drinks, snacks, and festive light-up merchandise for all ages! Advance ticket purchase is strongly encouraged, as each available time slot is limited. Several nights were fully sold out in 2021 and 2022. Parking is included in the ticket price. General ticket sales for nonmembers begin on November 1, 2023.
- **BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023:** Fernwood Members receive their 20% discount on regular adult tickets using a special promo code. If you are currently an active Fernwood member and have not received the promo code sent on October 1 – give us a call! After verifying your membership, we will share the code with you. Not a Member? No problem! Sign up today and we'll get the code to you!
fernwoodbotanical.org/membership
- We also need volunteers each evening! For more information, please go to **fernwoodbotanical.org/lights-volunteers**
- Still have questions? Check out our LIGHTS FAQ page at **fernwoodbotanical.org/lights-faq**
- Link to Event Page on Facebook **[HERE](#)**

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- Link to Event Page on Facebook **[HERE](#)**



Bucktown Christmas at Bucktown Boutique

- **When:** **Saturday, November 25, 2023 ~ 10am-5pm**
- **Who:** Bucktown Boutique & Impressive Lettering
- **Where:** Bucktown Boutique, 109 E Front St, Buchanan MI
- **Details:** Come experience the magic of Christmas in Buchanan on Saturday, November 25. This event is for the whole family. Throughout the city, there will be crafts for kids, shopping for everyone yummy treats, Santa and so much more! Our store will have giveaways, special discounts, snacks, and lots of Christmas cheer! Make sure to stop in and grab some amazing gifts for all the special people on your list!
- Link to Event Page on Facebook [HERE](#)



Artisan Market at Roti Roti Art Center

- **When:** **Saturday, November 25, 2023 ~ 10am-4pm**
- **Who:** Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan
- **Where:** Roti Roti Art Center, 117 W Front St, Buchanan MI
- **Details:** A variety of artists will feature their creations, perfect for the gift-giving season.
- Link to Event Page on Facebook [HERE](#)



BASC Annual Holiday Bazaar

- **When:** **Saturday, December 2, 2023 ~ 9am-2pm**
- **Who:** Buchanan Area Senior Center
- **Where:** Buchanan Area Senior Center, 810 Ryneerson St., Buchanan, MI
- **Details:** Grab your family/friends and shop for the holiday! Make sure you get something special for you! There will be 20 vendors selling their homemade items! Buy your door prize tickets for a chance to win! There will be 20 prizes! The BASC will be selling yummy baked goods! On your way out pick up a BBQ Chicken or BBQ Pork lunch!
- Link to Event Page on Facebook [HERE](#)



Wreath Making Buchanan College Club Fundraiser at Lehman's Farmhouse

- **When:** **Saturday, December 2, 2023 ~ 10am-12pm or Wednesday, December 6, 2023 ~ 6:30-8:30pm**
- **Who:** Buchanan College Club
- **Where:** Lehman's Farmhouse, 204 N Redbud Trail, Buchanan MI
- **Details:** Fundraiser event for Buchanan College Club. Cost is \$25 per Wreath. All supplies provided. Payment required in advance. Please RSVP to collegeclubbuchanan@gmail.com.
- Link to Event Page on Facebook [HERE](#)

Buchanan Community Christmas Concert 2023



- **When:** **Sunday, December 3, 2023 ~ 6:30pm**
- **Who:** Buchanan Christian Church with Buchanan Area Ministerial Association
- **Where:** Buchanan Christian Church, 112 Third St, Buchanan MI
- **Details:** We are looking for music from our area churches. This can be a solo, small group or if you are so blessed a full choir. Instrumentalists are also welcome and if we have enough they could play together. If there is interest we can also resume singing the Hallelujah Chorus at the end of the concert. We will follow our tradition of singing a couple verses of Advent or Christmas carols and hymns between each vocal number and of a Scripture reading before the song.
- Contact at buchsmpp@gmail.com for more information.



Choral Holiday Showcase at Roti Roti Art Center

- **When:** **Wednesday, December 6, 2023 ~ 7pm**
- **Who:** Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan and Southwestern Michigan College Select Voices
- **Where:** Roti Roti Art Center, 117 W Front St, Buchanan MI
- **Details:** Southwestern Michigan College Select Voices perform under direction of David Carew. Arrive early (6pm) for mingling and light refreshments.

A Not-So-Silent Night at Buchanan District Library 2023



- **When:** **Saturday, December 9, 2023 ~ 6-8pm**
- **Who:** [Buchanan District Library](#)
- **Where:** Buchanan District Library, 128 E Front St, Buchanan MI
- **Details:** Enjoy hors d' oeuvres, drinks, a silent auction, and live music from Redbud Ramblers. Adults 21+ are welcome. All proceeds benefit Buchanan District Library. Celebrate the season and support the library!
- Our popular holiday event returns for another year! Combining the best of live and virtual events, this fundraiser features a week-long online silent auction that will end at our festive holiday party on December 9. This year's live music will be provided by Buchanan's own Redbud Ramblers! Don't miss this opportunity to dress in your holiday best and celebrate the season, all while supporting the Buchanan District Library.
- This year's event features LIVE music from Buchanan's own Redbud Ramblers! www.facebook.com/RedbudRamblers
- Tickets can be purchased in the library or on our website: www.buchananlibrary.org/support-us/not-so-silent-night
- Anyone can participate in the online silent auction, even if you are not able to attend the event. The silent auction starts on December 1 and ends on December 9.
- Link to Event Page on Facebook [HERE](#)



Christmas on the Main Stage with Southshore Concert Band

- **When:** **Sunday, December 10, 2023 ~ 2pm**
- **Who:** [Southshore Concert Band](#)
- **Where:** Mendel Center at Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor, MI
- **Details:** Annual Christmas concert with Southshore Concert Band.
- Link to Event Page on Facebook [HERE](#)



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About Fernwood Botanical Garden: Established in 1964, Fernwood is a unique property in southwest Michigan with 105 acres of cultivated gardens and natural areas with woodlands, ravines, wetlands, and river frontage on the St. Joseph River. The property is minutes from Lake Michigan, a short distance north of the University of Notre Dame, and 90 minutes from Chicago. Fernwood follows its mission to enrich people's lives by awakening and deepening their appreciation of nature. Fernwood is a member of the Alliance of Nature Center Administrators, the American Public Gardens Association, the American Alliance of Museums, Botanic Gardens Conservation International, Chicago Wilderness, The Garden Conservancy, and The Nature Conservancy. The garden is open year-round Tuesday through Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm and is located in Buchanan Township at 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Michigan.

www.fernwoodbotanical.org

info@fernwoodbotanical.org

[269-695-6491](tel:269-695-6491)

[13988 Range Line Rd](#)

[Niles, MI 49120](#)

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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
- Children (4 and under) – Free
- *An additional or separate fee may apply for some special events including LIGHTS.

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www.freshflowersbyanna.com

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Buchanan: [269.409.6090](tel:269.409.6090)

Buchanan Location:

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[Buchanan, MI 49107](#)

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Dowagiac: [269.782.9100](tel:269.782.9100)

Dowagiac Location:

[111 Commercial St](#)

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About St. Anthony Parish: St. Anthony invites you to celebrate Mass with us; Please see the times below. Our pastor, Leo Cartagena, is pleased to welcome guests to our parish. We are located in Buchanan, MI. Mass times for St. Anthony are below. Once again, we welcome you! Diocese of Kalamazoo ~ Rite: Roman-Latin

discovermass.com/church/st-anthony-buchanan-mi/

office@stanthonybuchanan.com

[269-695-3863](tel:269.695.3863)

- MASS TIMES:
 - **Saturday** ~ 4:00pm
 - **Sunday** ~ 8:30am
- OTHER SERVICES:

- **Confessions** ~ 3:00-3:45pm

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About St. Paul Lutheran Church: SPLC's Mission is to magnify God's Name, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to bring people to Jesus and membership in His family, to know God more fully, develop them to Christlike maturity, to make God more fully known, and to equip them for their ministry in the church and their mission in the world.

www.stpaulbuch.org

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Sunday Services start at 9:30am, Sunday Bible Study begins at 8:30am

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Buchanan

212 West Front Street

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About Buchanan Area Ministerial Association: This group is made of different churches in Buchanan. Their page is a great way to stay up to date on different events BAMA is hosting, but more importantly it is a great way to see how God is moving in Buchanan.

BAMA Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BAMACHurches/>

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Upcoming Event – Bucktown Christmas 2023



November 25th

The City Of Buchanan Proudly Presents

Bucktown Christmas

Saturday after Thanksgiving in Downtown Buchanan

STOREFRONT DECORATING CONTEST	PARADE AT 5:30PM
EVENTS at LIBRARY & ART CENTER	TREE LIGHTING AT 6PM
VENDORS IN DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES	ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS
	REINDEER
	SANTA

Downtown market and kids activities at the Library – 1–5pm, Parade – 5:30pm, Tree Lighting – 6pm

City of Buchanan to Host Bucktown Christmas 2023

Shared by City of Buchanan

Join us for Bucktown Christmas! A Buchanan tradition. From 10am-5pm experience our downtown holiday market. Followed by our Christmas parade, holiday lighting, and pictures with Santa! Be sure to stop by our local businesses for fun events like visiting with live reindeer, making ornaments, or enjoying yummy treats! Also you definitely must stop in to two new businesses in downtown Buchanan who are opening their doors on this special day, Glendora Bookshop (110 E Front St) and Hometown & Co (101 Days Ave).



Bucktown Christmas 2023 flyer

- DOWNTOWN BUCHANAN SHOPPING AND EVENTS
 - 1:00-5:00pm: Experience our downtown holiday market, with holiday vendors inside businesses downtown and Lehman's Farmhouse! Stop in to your favorite stores and shop while checking out local vendors.
 - Be sure to stop by our local businesses for fun events like visiting with live reindeer, making ornaments, or enjoying yummy treats!
 - 10:00am-5:00pm: Christmas Market at First Presbyterian Church of Buchanan featuring local vendors!
 - 1:00-5:00pm: The Pears Mill will be open, come on in and tour the mill and see our historic sign collection as well as other Buchanan artifacts!
 - 3:00-5:30pm: Visit Santa at the Buchanan Sweet Shop
- BUCHANAN DISTRICT LIBRARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
 - 1:00-2:30pm: Visit with Santa
 - 1:00-1:30pm: Storytime with Santa & Mrs. Claus
 - 1:00-5:00pm: Write letters to Santa & make a kid's craft
 - 1:00-5:00pm: Drop-in craft for adults
 - 4:00-5:00pm: Visit the LIVE REINDEER
- ART CENTER EVENTS
 - 10:00-4:00pm: Holiday Artisan Market
 - 1:00-5:00pm: Paint ornaments and other craft projects
- PARADE & TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY
 - 5:00pm: Parade lineup. Costumes and light up outfits encouraged!
 - 5:30pm: Parade
 - 6:00pm: Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Common, featuring Buchanan Choir & Band, and music by Greta Pope
- WHEN IT'S TIME FOR DINNER
 - 5:00pm-9:00pm: Cameron's Restaurant has generously agreed to donate a portion of their sales made during this time to Buchanan Scarecrow Charities! Come on up to Cameron's (1021 W. Front St) after the Parade and

Tree Lighting Ceremony for a delicious dinner and you will be supporting our community. Thank you Cameron's!



**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER
25TH**

Join us at
Bucktown Christmas's
 Parade & Tree Lighting Ceremony
CALLING ALL KIDS!
We need you in the parade!

- ✦ Parade lineup starts @ 5pm in the Veteran's Memorial Park Driveway by the duck feeders, parade wil start at 5:30pm
- ✦ Dress in the holiday spirit and walk or ride your bike in the parade
- ✦ Parents: Decorate a wagon or stroller for the little ones to ride along
- ✦ Floats, Decorated Golf Carts, Dressed up Dogs - all welcome!
- ✦ Community Members - Join us downtown along Front St. and enjoy the show!

Bucktown Christmas Events

1-5pm DOWNTOWN SHOPPING & EVENTS
 1-5pm Holiday Market Vendors @ Downtown Businesses and @ Lehman's Farmhouse
 3-5:30pm Visit Santa @ Buchanan Sweet Shop
 1-5pm Downtown specials, firepits, and holiday fun!

AT THE ART CENTER
 10-4pm Holiday Artisan Market
 1-5pm Paint ornaments and other craft projects!

AT THE LIBRARY
 1-2:30pm Visit with Santa
 1-1:30pm Storytime with Santa & Mrs. Claus
 1-5pm Write letters to Santa & make a kid's craft
 1-5pm Drop-in craft for adults
 4-5pm Visit the LIVE REINDEER

5:30 PARADE (Participants report by 5pm)
6:00 TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY
 Featuring Buchanan Choir & Band

It will start to get dark by 5:30pm, so try to include LIGHTS in your holiday wear and decorations!

Event Details on the City of Buchanan Facebook Page

Bucktown Christmas 2023 flyer

Event Info:

- **When:** Saturday, November 25, 2023 ~ 10am-7pm
- **Who:** City of Buchanan MI, Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce, and Buchanan District Library
- **Where:**

- 10am-5pm ~ Holiday Market throughout Downtown Buchanan MI
- 5:30pm ~ Parade starts from corner of Red Bud Trail and Front St, west through downtown to Oak St, then south to Buchanan Common
- 6pm ~ Holiday Lighting Ceremonies in Buchanan Common
- *Details:* Link to Event Page on Facebook [HERE](#)



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

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

www.cityofbuchanan.com

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

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

Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce Membership Annual Dues:

Citizen Supporter/Individual: \$50

Non-Profit Organization: \$100

Single Owner Business/Sole Proprietorship: \$150

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

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

www.facebook.com/TheCommonConcertSeries

www.cityofbuchanan.com/community/page/common

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Past Event – Ribbon-Cutting at Fork in the Road



Mom and Pop Restaurant “Fork in the Road” Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

by, Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Smiles and quality is what Fork in the Road restaurant is known for. In summer 2023 the food truck known as “Fork in the Road” became very popular around Buchanan, MI. Now they are at the next step of their business journey, and recently had the ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate opening at their new location, 111 Main Street in downtown Buchanan, a spot previously known as “The Meeting House”. To get moved into a space quickly, and to add another eating establishment to downtown as fast as possible, their solution was to put a tarp over from the back door out to the food truck kitchen, walking the food inside to costumers that is made to order in the actual food truck.



They were just approved to have some local donuts available, their soda machine can be made to work, different buffet options will be coming in the future, smoked goods from Cotton Gin Smokers (based in Niles) will be there and will help elevate their lunch menu.



Opening Celebration at Fork in the Road, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Fork in the Road is owned by Anthony Houser and his wife Tiffanee, and run by the team of his mother in-law Nancy, their young daughter Lyla, and their friend Monroe helps out on the weekends. Anthony states, "Smiles are our best product, with a focus on quality, our goal is for you to feel welcomed and feel at home when you, our customers, are here. This feels extra special as it has been 22 years in the making for me."



"Forks Boards" Charcuterie Spread available at Fork in the Road, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Forks Boards (also known as charcuterie boards) will start taking orders for holiday events on November 25th with a 20% discount, and currently they are taking orders up until November 23rd for Thanksgiving, where they are partnering with Cotton Gin Smokers. If you want your dinner to be made easy, give Fork in the Road a call!

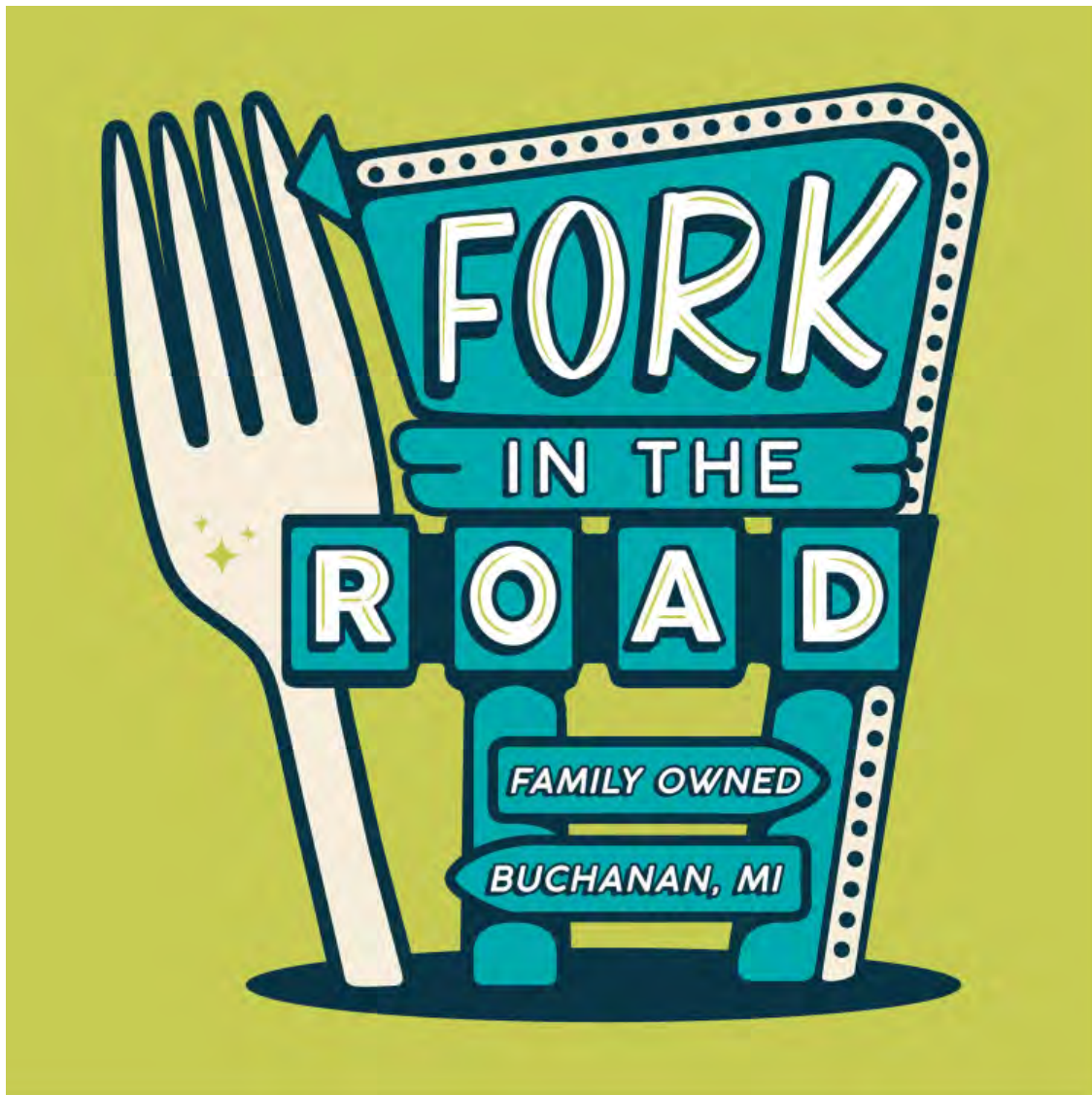


Opening Celebration Food Options at Fork in the Road, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Tony's wife Tiffanee and daughter Lyla cut the red ribbon as they counted down "1, 2, 3" with big smiles, as Tony and his mother in-law Nancy looked on. So head on in and grab some great food!



Inside Fork in the Road, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt



About Fork In The Road: Welcome to our new venture! We are so happy that you and yours are joining us. We appreciate your patience as we figure out our groove here. We are the definition of a "Mom and Pop" operation. It is just Tiff and Tony, with the help of a family friend Kimmie. You will also see Lyla floating around,

giving a wave, or saying Hello; she loves to chat with friends. Stay tuned for dates and times of our upcoming Sunday Breakfast Buffet, and any news. Thank you again, we look forward to a long continued friendship.

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(Inside "Meeting Haus on Main").

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- Tentative Hours:
 - Monday: 7am-3pm
 - Tuesday: Closed
 - Wednesday: 7am-3pm
 - Thursday: Closed
 - Friday: 7am-3pm
 - Saturday: Closed
 - Sunday: 7am-3pm



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Local Arts – The Roti Roti Art Center Artisan Market 2023



The Roti Roti Art Center Artisan Market 2023

Shared by Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan

Handmade items make the best gifts! The Roti Roti Art Center Artisan Market, features several local artists and artisans, on Saturday, November 25th from 10am-4pm ET. Enjoy perusing a variety of original creations; everything from European-style baked goods, jewelry, ornaments, dolls, wood-turned bowls and pottery. Visit the Gift Shop for additional treasures – perfect for holiday gift-giving! Kids of all ages will enjoy painting ornaments in The Pottery Studio. The Art Center is located at 117 W Front St, Buchanan, MI 49107. Additional parking is available at the First Presbyterian Church next door.

Cameron Covert – Ceramics: wheel-thrown porcelain & stoneware.

Claire Hagan – Hand-formed wire jewelry using cold connections.

Confectionary – Darya Lemay – European style baked goods.

Diana's Place – Diana Sterling Munro Fabric items made with love. Ornaments, dolls, Santas and snowmen.

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/dianasplace>

Hook Pottery Paper – Jon Hook A wonderful hand-made wood fired collection of garlic pots, oil bottles, cups, mugs, bowls, corn plates, bird whistles, tea pots, and tea cups. <http://www.Hookpotterypaper.com>

JMB Ceramics – Jane E Meijia-Borja – Ceramic dinnerware, sculptures and earrings.

Jeff Finn – Pottery. Vessels, bowls, lidded jars.

Lister Family Creations – Hand-painted Christmas ornaments, pottery, small toaster tongs.

Neil Benham – Turned wood bowls, boxes and shapes. Neil enhances the natural beauty of the wood.

Twisted Lizard Ceramics – Liz Dreitzler Hand-built pottery with a twist. Each item is built with a nod to Nature.

The Roti Roti Art Center Artisan Market is part of Buchanan's White Saturday/Bucktown Christmas.

<https://www.cityofbuchanan.com/community/page/bucktown-christmas-2023>



2023 Artisan Market at Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan flyer



Artisan Market Items for the 2023 Artisan Market, Photos provided by Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan

Event Details:

- *Who:* Roti Roti Art Center (RRAC) of Buchanan
- *What:* Artisan Market 2023
- *When:* **Saturday, November 25, 2023 from 10am-4pm**
- *Where:* Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan
 - 117 W Front St, Buchanan MI 49107



About Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan: The Buchanan Art Center, dba Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan (RRAC) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to nurturing the arts. The Center offers a variety of classes for all ages and in many different mediums. Visit and enjoy upcoming gallery exhibits, summer concerts and peruse the Mary Ruth and Al White Gift Shop, filled with treasures handcrafted by local and regional artists. RRAC is home to a full pottery studio, the Fehlner Family Gallery, an art-centered library housed in the Hess Gallery, and a versatile classroom space. Community support is appreciated as we continue to grow our robust programming to further our reach in the area. Visit our website to become a member, register for classes or to learn of the many opportunities in which you might become involved.

Current Leadership: Executive Director Kim Pruitt

www.rotirotiartcenter.com

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

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BCS Spotlight – BMS Teachers Accepted into Iconic Fellowship



Buchanan Middle School Teachers Accepted into the 2023-24 Iconic Michigan Teacher Fellowship Project

Press Release November 13, 2023 by Buchanan Community Schools

Buchanan Community Schools is thrilled to announce that Buchanan Middle School Teachers, Monica Luke (7th grade Social Studies) and Erin Kratky (Technology), have applied and been invited to participate with other 6-12th grade teachers across Michigan to bring media literacy, storytelling, and critical creativity into their classroom with PBS and the Michigan Learning Channel.



Monica Luke, Buchanan Middle School 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher, Photo provided by BCS



Erin Kratky, Buchanan Middle School Technology Teacher, Photo provided by BCS

From the Michigan Learning Channel website, the Iconic Michigan Teacher Fellowship Project is an opportunity for middle and high school educators across Michigan to learn from and use content from the PBS series *Iconic America*, be a part of developing new content based on teaching experiences, and support student-led learning as they incorporate learning into community storytelling and media production projects.

BMS Teachers Mrs. Luke and Mrs. Kratky will get to participate in virtual professional learning and community building meetups throughout the school year, share Iconic America content in their classrooms, provide feedback to help create new content for publication on PBS LearningMedia, a one-day trip to a Michigan PBS station, as well as implement a digital storytelling project in their classroom that utilizes provided media toolkits. They will also have the opportunity to publish educational content and be featured in programming across PBS platforms!



Iconic Michigan Teacher Fellowship with the Michigan Learning Channel graphic, [More Here](#)

Superintendent Patricia Robinson and Buchanan Middle School Principal, Shelby Beasley share in their enthusiasm, “We applaud and celebrate the dedication and innovation of Buchanan Middle School Teachers, Monica Luke and Erin Kratky, for their commitment to advancing education through the Iconic Michigan Teacher Fellowship Project. Their selection to participate with PBS and the Michigan Learning Channel is a testament to their passion for enhancing students’ learning experiences. As they embark on this exciting journey, we extend our wholehearted support. The impact of their efforts will undoubtedly resonate far beyond the school walls, enriching the educational landscape for both current and future students.”

We are excited to see Mrs. Luke and Mrs. Kratky, along with their students, are involved in this awesome project and look forward to seeing the educational content and creativity they will display!



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

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About Buchanan Middle School: Welcome to Buchanan Middle School, the home of the Jr. Herd! "Committed to Care, Striving for excellence" The staff, students and parents of Buchanan Middle School are committed to providing challenging learning experiences in a safe and supportive environment that promotes self-esteem, self-motivation and respect for others.

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Local Opinion – Bullying and the Need for Collaboration

OPINION

Bullying & The Need for Collaboration

Submitted by Heather Foster

Bullying is an unfortunate reality that affects countless children worldwide. These acts leave emotional scars that persist throughout adulthood. As society becomes more interconnected and digitally focused, we must confront the evolving nature of bullying, recognizing that it can occur anywhere at any time. To combat this pervasive issue, parents and society at large must comprehend the diverse ways in which bullying manifests and develop effective strategies to address it.

Traditionally, bullying took the forms of physical aggression, verbal abuse, and social exclusion, however, with our increasing reliance on digital platforms, bullying has extended its reach to the online world, where social media, texts, messaging apps, and even games serve as a breeding ground for cyberbullying. "42% of children" have experienced online bullying, with one in four students facing it repeatedly (www.annapolis.gov). Unlike in-person bullying, cyberbullying is inescapable. Both forms leave a lasting impact on its victims, leaving them with emotional scars for life.

Locally, our schools have witnessed a surge in both in-person and online bullying in recent years, indicating a concerning trend that shows no signs of slowing down. BCS school officials have taken some steps towards addressing the issues by implementing rules and expectations, establishing a zero-tolerance policy. While this is a positive move, it is clear that more must be done to alleviate the hurt and fear experienced by our children.

In the relentless pursuit of creating safe and nurturing environments for our children, it is imperative that schools and parents collaborate to combat bullying. The diverse and ever-evolving nature of bullying necessitates a proactive and multi-faceted approach. Schools must be proactive. Parents must be communicative. By sharing insights, resources, and strategies, we create a united front against bullying.

Together, we can create an environment where every child feels valued, supported, and safe from bullying. It's a collective responsibility to stand up against bullying and preserve our community as a beacon of kindness.

We invite you to join other parents at the next school board meeting on the third Monday of the month at 6pm in the high school auditorium to share your thoughts on bullying. Together, let us work towards keeping Buchanan as the nicest place in America.

Thank you,

~ Heather Foster, Buchanan

References: <https://www.annapolis.gov/908/Facts-About->

Cyberbullying#:~:text=Nearly%2042%25%20of%20kids%20have,it%20happen%20more%20than%20once.

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

Local Clubs – Friends of McCoy Creek Trail Update



Friends of McCoy Creek Trail Update

Submitted by Jerry Flenar, Friends of McCoy Creek Trail

This has been a busy and productive year for the Board.

- We have 3 new Board Members who have brought a lot of new ideas and enthusiasm.
 - Shawn Ward, Gina Textor and Ralph McDonald from the City planning commission.
- We also lost 2 of our founding Members:
 - Lloyd Miller and Sheila Daly. Their knowledge and history of the Trail will be lost. They LOVED the Trail.

- Projects completed in the last 12 months include:
 - Trail Extension from Schirmer Parkway to River St Joe Brewery
 - Metal deck rails on the two overlook decks
 - Added additional 8 American Chestnuts trees
 - Scouts built staircases on each side of Proud Creek
 - Scouts built a bridge over Proud Creek
 - Berrien County Prisoners worked to cut back brush so the Creek is visible to walkers (6 very productive days by the Prisoners)
 - We also had another very successful Trek-N- Treat (1200)
- Several benches were placed to Honor individuals
 - Bob Hoven
 - Lou Desenberg (President of Mich Gateway)
 - Class of 1962 – gift from Class reunion
- In an effort to get more people involved on the Trail we have asked two local firms to landscape an area for us.
 - Edgewater Automation – Bainton Mill
 - Redbud Roots – Corner of the Commons closest to the Creek.
- A big shout out to the DPW workers who assist the Board with several projects each year.

Jerry Flenar – Chairperson



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 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.

[Friends of McCoy Creek Trail Facebook Here.](#)

[Friends of McCoy Creek Trail Website Here.](#)

Mayor's Memo – Open Letter from Mayor Denison



Mayor Denison's Open Letter, as stated at City Commission Meeting November 13, 2023

Submitted by City of Buchanan for Mayor Sean Denison

Mayor Sean Denison addressed the people in attendance at the November 13th City Commission Meeting with the following words and wishes this to serve as an open letter to all the citizens of the City of Buchanan:

"Many of you have heard through social media that the city is facing State takeover due to bad financial decisions, corruption or some form of financial impropriety. I am here to tell you as Mayor: The City of Buchanan has not been contacted by the state concerning any such thing. That story is misinformation and unequivocally untrue.

I would like to update you on where the city stands on a few things, and how our financial future is a challenging one. The city collects property taxes to help pay for city operations, but much of what you pay as a taxpayer does not stay here in the city. Only roughly 35% of the property taxes collected from you, go towards city operations. A little over 1/3. The City will collect \$1.69 million dollars for itself this year – in comparison, you will pay \$1.37 million dollars for the combination of State education taxes and our Schools Operating budget. I don't say that to shame the schools in any way, but to try and make clear how little the city is actually generating in property tax revenue.

In the past there were ways the state helped provide revenue to our community. One of those ways was by way of something called revenue sharing. These funds came from sales taxes, and they were relied on by small municipalities like ours to be able to do things like pave roads, make infrastructure repairs and things of that nature. In 1996, reductions in revenue sharing allocations were made by the Michigan Legislature, meaning they started sharing less money with communities like ours. In 2011, the Governor then reduced revenue sharing again. By another 33%. From 2001 – 2018, there has been a shortfall in statutory allocations to cities, villages and counties of \$8.6 Billion dollars. This is a significant loss of revenue to the city that was used for infrastructure repair and maintenance. This is very important.

At the same time that Lansing has reduced allocations of funding, they have mandated certain things – meaning they have said "We are making a rule that you have to do "this", you are responsible for doing and funding this, and if you don't you will be penalized" for example – Lead service lines for water. Lansing has mandated that we are responsible for changing out every lead service line in our water system. There are hundreds of them.

So, we have to include in our budget every year, digging up and replacing these lines at the city's expense.

This is just one example of mandates the State has sent down – but put that on top of reduced revenue sharing and things start getting serious.

When Clark shut down in the 1980's, this town was devastated – I think we all know that. For whatever reason, since the 1980's – planning for future upgrades, making necessary updates and maintaining our infrastructure has been neglected. All of our buildings, water and sewer pipes – everything – are old. They are in disrepair. There is a great deal of things that need replaced. Some of our existing pipes in the downtown are 100 years old. They only had a 50-70 year life span when they were installed. Meaning they should have been replaced 30 years ago. In 2018 we received a grant – it was called a SAW grant, and its purpose was to inspect our water / Sewer infrastructure to see what maintenance was needed. It sent cameras throughout our entire city's water and sewer pipes. After the engineers studied their findings, we were told that to do the work that needed to be done throughout the city, the cost would be \$70 million dollars. We have whittled that work down to focus on the absolute most critical part of our system. That is what the downtown infrastructure project that you have heard about is all about. I will come back to that.

Just a few short years ago, the city invested in a new, state of the art oxidation ditch – commonly referred to as our wastewater plant. The cost for that was \$9 million dollars. Obviously we didn't have, and don't have that kind of money. So we have to borrow money through bonds to pay for a project like that. This year our bond payment for the oxidation ditch is somewhere in the area of \$240,000. Because of the way the repayment is structured, our payments continue to get higher every year. In 7-10 years our payments for the oxidation ditch will balloon to \$800,000 per year.

At the same time, we recently started on a new, replacement DPW building to house the millions of dollars worth of equipment used by the city to maintain our streets and roads. That entire project is in the neighborhood of \$5 million dollars. Same story – we have to borrow the money to pay for it, and then we have to make payments every year to repay the loan.

Now we are planning for the downtown infrastructure project. We have asked the designers and engineers of that project multiple times to remove things to redesign things and to try to reduce the cost of the project. Because with the current economic environment, and the sharp rise in labor and construction material costs, that project cost has risen by 30% just in the last 2-3 years. So what was a \$9 million project, is now a \$12 million dollar project. Not making those necessary repairs is not an option. Its vital to keeping our drinking water safe and to ensure your ability to flush your toilets, do laundry, and take showers.

The other thing I hear frequently is questions concerning marijuana revenues, and why that money can't be used to fix our streets, update our parks, make infrastructure improvements, etc. The honest answer is: we don't earn enough marijuana excise tax revenue to have an immediate impact on one project. Because of the cost of park equipment, because of the cost of construction materials and labor, it takes a few years of earning those marijuana revenues to be able to save enough money to do a project. We have only received those funds for 2 or 3 years now. The first years revenue was very small because all of the dispensaries were not operating, and the 3rd years revenues were smaller than the previous years, because, as usual – Lansing took their share first, and decided they wanted more of it.

I beg you, if you are as frustrated as I am. If you want to see Buchanan be the best it can be. Call your County Commissioner. Call your State Representative. Call your State Senator. Call the Governor. Tell your state legislators to reinstate revenue sharing. Tell them to pass legislation that would allow our local unit of government to add a 1% tax to retail marijuana sales. Tell your county commissioners to spend the money that they receive for marijuana excise tax in the communities that are actually enabling them to receive those funds.

We have been searching for ways to find other sources of revenue without raising taxes, and this commission has implemented policy aimed at reducing costs and finding new ways to do things and we have even suspended some events, like Thrill on the Hill. But we also need to continue looking to the future and planning for other upgrades and repairs not only to ensure we keep the city operating efficiently, but to also invest in expanding our quality of life initiatives, like the pavilion at Victory Park, the McCoy Creek Trail expansion, The River Access and other endeavors.

On top of all of that, we understand the importance of keeping Buchanan affordable enough for people to live here. I hope that you can understand – It is a difficult job.

Over the past week, I am sad to say that I have received some emails that were on the verge of threatening, but mostly harassing in nature. They accused this commission and myself of corruption and unethical behavior. And they made one thing very clear to me – just how uninformed a large portion of our community is, and how

much they have not been paying attention.

Since taking office I have worked very hard to remove the “good ol’ Boy network” stigma from city hall. This commission has made it clear that we want to provide an environment of trust, transparency and teamwork. We are so committed to doing that, that we implemented an ethics ordinance requiring the highest ethical standards for city employees, administration and staff. The only “Good ol’ Boy network” is the network of people – and its always the same people – who are continuously pitching in and showing up to help the community grow. The Jerry Flenars, the Randy Hendrixsons, the Tracy Dippos, The Ralph McDonalds, The Peter Lysys, and a long list of dedicated volunteers. You can be a part of that network too. Pitch in. Show up.

The people who work for this city are good people. Doing good work. All of them. They do not deserve to be publicly disgraced by way of social media or any other means. If you participated in spreading misinformation and making accusations based on hearsay – you should be ashamed of yourself.

I know I speak for my fellow commissioners when I say: This is your city hall, it is here for you. Doing work for you. There are no secrets. We have open books, and we are currently working to be able to give our citizens access to city financials online.

If you have questions concerning something you may not understand, please reach out. I will do my best to explain it, or I will find someone who can.

Thank you,

Sean Denison, Mayor”

Mayor Sean Denison invites any citizen of Buchanan who has additional questions or feedback to contact him directly at sdenison@cityofbuchanan.com.



Mayor Sean Denison, Photo submitted by City of Buchanan



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Upcoming Event – Senior Holiday Sing with Greta Pope



BASC Senior Holiday Sing with Greta Pope and Cultural Arts Everywhere

Shared by Dr. Greta Pope, Cultural Arts Everywhere

Bringing the art of singing to Buchanan this holiday season!
Discover the warmth of song this holiday season in charming Buchanan, Michigan!

We invite you to join us at the Buchanan Area Senior Center for our first annual Holiday Sing, an enchanting musical journey, where you'll unlock the true potential of your singing voice in a joyful and supportive environment. Dr. Greta Pope, a seasoned entertainer and accomplished instructor with years of experience, will be your mentor on this musical adventure.

Embrace the festive spirit as Dr. Greta Pope provides you with expert guidance, fostering your vocal skills while encouraging collaboration with your fellow participants.

As you immerse yourself in the world of song, you'll not only develop your musical talents but also create lasting memories and treasured connections with others who share your passion. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to elevate your singing abilities and celebrate the holidays through the power of music in Buchanan, Michigan!

Class Dates:

- ~ December 5 – 1:00 – 2:00pm
- ~ December 6 – 1:00 – 2:00pm
- ~ December 7 – 1:00 – 2:00pm
- ~ Concert on December 7 at 6:00pm

Refreshments provided after the concert.

Space is limited. Reserve your spot by calling the Buchanan Area Senior Center at 269-695-7119, or email diana@thebasc.org.



For more information and to stay updated on Cultural Arts Everywhere upcoming events, visit www.culturalartseverywhere.org and follow them on social media.



About Dr. Greta Pope: Greta Pope is an award-winning internationally acclaimed entertainer. Greta has

performed an array of styles from Jazz to Opera throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, the Far East, South Africa, and the Caribbean. Along with performing, she teaches voice lessons to students of all ages, educates aspiring singers and musicians on how to grow their profession in the music industry, hosts The Business Savvy Singer Podcast, author of Music, Money, And You...Managing the Business, and more!

www.privatemusicstudio.net

www.gretapope.com



About Cultural Arts Everywhere: Cultural Arts Everywhere is dedicated to fostering creativity as a means to positively impact the world. We showcase, educate, and advocate for the arts to unlock potential and affirm capabilities through discipline and self-trust. By helping individuals envision their future with purpose, we empower lives and promote opportunity, respect, and human connection.

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

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Press Release – HCS Holiday Concert 2023



Harbor Country Singers to Perform Holiday Concert to Celebrate the Season

Submitted by Pat Putnam, Harbor Country Singers Producer

The Harbor Country Singers community choir will perform its annual holiday concert on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. EST at the Episcopal Church of the Mediator, 14280 Red Arrow Hwy., Harbert, Mich. The concert is free, but donations are welcome. A food item donation such as nutrient-rich peanut butter or pull-tab cans of soups, stews, tuna, ravioli, spaghetti, or anything that is easy to heat is requested for Neighbor by Neighbor, a nonprofit connecting Harbor Country residents to social services.

The concert will be a blend of secular and sacred music and will contain Christmas and Hanukkah songs. It will feature area musicians, including a brass quintet and a piano, guitar, and bass trio. Songs will include favorites "Silent Night", "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas", "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year", "Light One Candle", and many others.

Harbor Country Singers Director Maggie Martin said, "We're so excited to be bringing this concert to the community. This concert is a great way to kick off the holiday season with your family."



Holiday Singers at Practice, Photo provided by School of American Music

Harbor Country Singers is a program of the School of American Music and is supported by a grant from the Pokagon Fund. The Episcopal Church of the Mediator is a partner providing the venue. For more information, please contact the School of American Music at 269-409-1191 or SchoolofAmericanMusic@gmail.com, or visit the website SchoolofAmericanMusic.com.



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

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Past Event – Faith and Blue Weekend 2023



Faith and Blue Weekend 2023

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

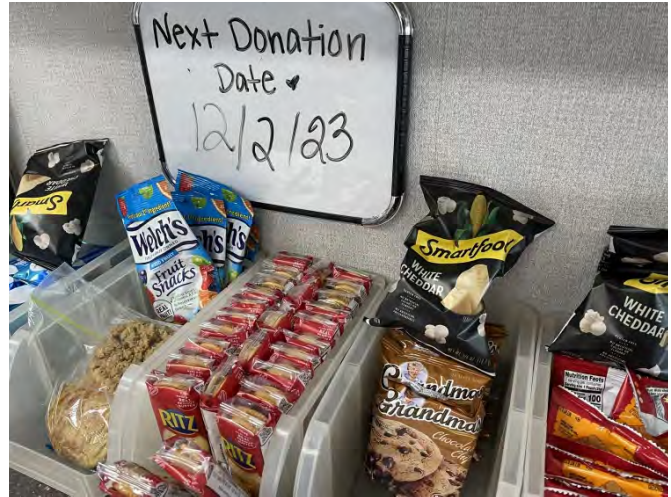
Faith and Blue Weekend was held this year October 6-9, 2023 nationwide but was enjoyed in our community on October 7 & 8. This is where local police departments and churches come together to build stronger relationships in their communities.



The events on Saturday October 6 were held at the Redbud City Center for "Pastries with Police," "Fill-a-Squad-Car food pantry donation for RAM" and the "Blood Drive" in the bloodmobile for the South Bend Medical Foundation. Pastries, coffee, juice and water were provided by Life Action Ministries while everyone enjoyed the fellowship of getting to know each other. Others came for the blood drive who signed up and there were some who didn't sign up and gave blood! Food was brought to fill the Buchanan City Police Department SUV, and you even had a chance to write encouraging words to the officers on the vehicle and not get in trouble!



On Sunday October 7, Buchanan's finest visited quite a few churches during their worship services where they told of their position, offered words of encouragement and some like Buchanan City Police Chief Harvey Burnett sang a song. Not every officer was able to attend as some were called to action. There was then an ice cream social and cookout at the Common downtown in hopes of attracting more to come to a more central location. Due to the coolness of the weather this weekend, it may be moved to a different location next year.

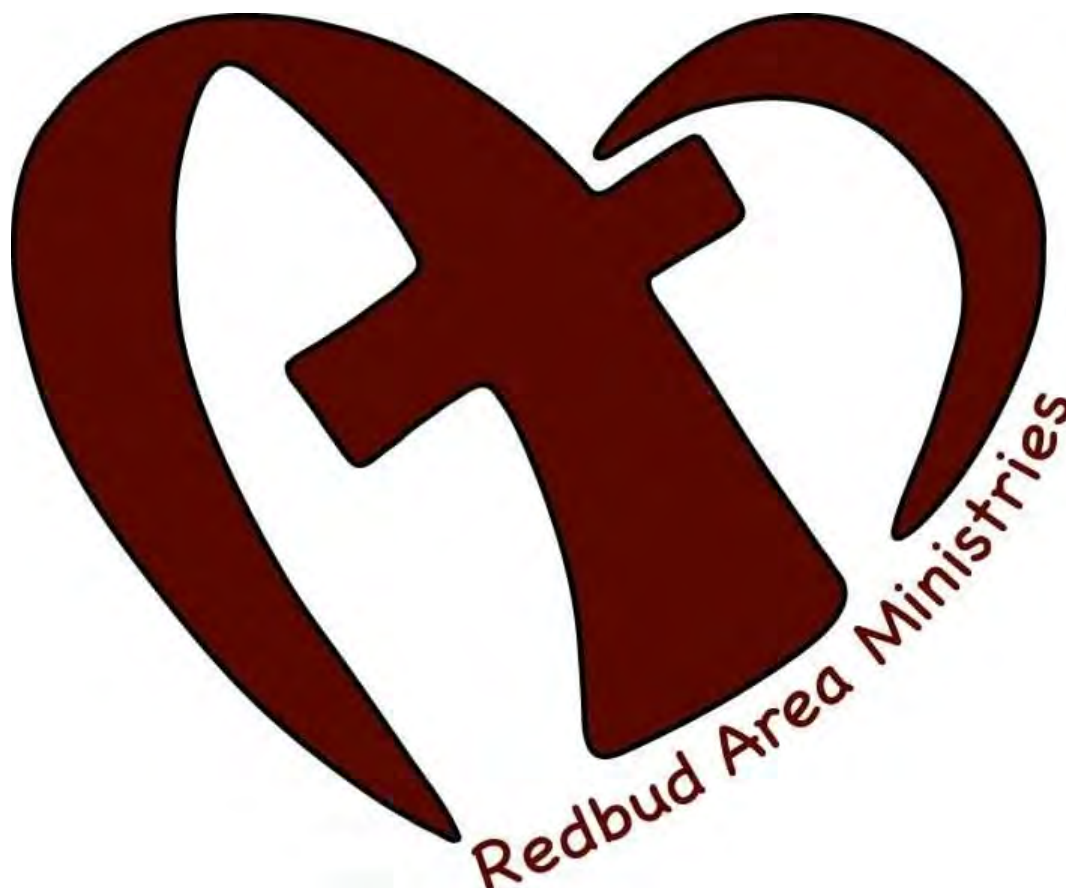


Thank you Buchanan City Police for keeping us safe and for all that you do in our community. Thank you to the churches for helping and leading us in the right directions during our lives.



About Buchanan Area Ministerial Association: This group is made of different churches in Buchanan. Their page is a great way to stay up to date on different events BAMA is hosting, but more importantly it is a great way to see how God is moving in Buchanan.

BAMA Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BAMACHurches/269-325-1227>
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About Redbud Area Ministries: RAM is an interdenominational and interracial ministry center started to organize the churches in the Buchanan and Galien School Districts to respond to individual and family needs.
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Redbud Area Ministries Facebook Page

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About Life Action Ministries: We help people thrive by inspiring them toward a lifestyle of saying YES to God. We do this through relationships, church experiences, camps, retreats, and resources.

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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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BCS Superintendent's Note – November 2023



A Note from the Superintendent



A November Note from our BCS Superintendent

by Patricia Robinson, Buchanan Community Schools Superintendent

While school has been in session for almost three months and teachers have established routines and built positive relationships, some students still have a difficult time adjusting to the school environment. This October, we have seen a 38% increase in student logs when compared to October 2019. Our staff works with students and families to address behaviors so students can have a smooth and rewarding school year. Our elementary school staff utilizes the Positive Behavior Interventions and Support Framework to build a positive school culture. PBIS is an evidence-based, tiered framework for supporting students' behavioral, academic, social, emotional, and mental health. It improves teacher health and well-being and is a way to create positive, predictable, equitable, and safe learning environments where everyone thrives (<https://www.pbis.org/>). Ottawa Elementary developed and uses the Buck 3 school-wide expectations, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe! In recent years, Moccasin Elementary adopted these expectations and as a district, we are planning to embrace the same expectations for all.

Below is an excerpt from an article that shares Tips to Help Parents Reinforce Positive Behaviors at Home. You can access the full article [here](#).

Changes in routine and seasonal transitions can cause emotional upheaval for families. A few strategies, described below, might help families keep things chill this summer and beyond.

These ideas come from education, where research has helped teachers see the benefits of using Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports ([PBIS](#)). PBIS has been implemented in more than 26,000 U.S. schools. The PBIS framework has been shown to decrease disciplinary removals and improve student outcomes, including grades and graduation rates. When done well, PBIS provides positive social skills, communication strategies, and "restorative justice," (working it out instead of punishing) and may prevent 80-90 percent of problem behaviors.

Define, teach, and routinely acknowledge family expectations

- Discuss how you want to live as a family and identify some "pillars" (important, building-block concepts) that represent what you value. Talk about what those pillars look and sound like in everyday routines. To help the family remember and be consistent, choose only 3-5 and create positive statements about them. Here are a few examples:
 - Speak in a respectful voice.
 - Be responsible for your actions.

- Be safe; keep your hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
- Identify a couple of “hot spots” to begin. Challenging behaviors often occur within routines. Perhaps mornings or mealtimes create hot spots for the family. After discussing 1-2 ways to be respectful, responsible, and safe in the morning, teach what each looks like. Have fun with it! Set up “expectation stations” for practicing the plan and assign each family member one pillar to teach to the rest.
- Behaviors that get attention get repeated. Notice when a child does the right thing and says something about each success: “I noticed you stopped to pick up your shoes in the hallway. Thanks for putting them away and keeping the walkway safe for others.” The easiest way to change a behavior is to point out what a person does right!
- Remember this catchy phrase, “5-and-1 gets it done” to ensure five positive interactions for each negative interaction. When the expected behavior becomes routine, the reinforcement can fade away.

Create engaging and predictable routines

- Children crave structure and routine. Adults may look forward to a relaxing evening or weekend, but kids often need regular activity and engagement. Consider that either the kids are busy, or the adults are busy managing bored kids!
- Use visuals to create predictability. A visual schedule can display major routines of the day with pictures that are drawn, real photos, or cut-outs from magazines. Create the schedule together, if possible. Parents can ask a child to check the schedule – especially when moving from a preferred to a non-preferred activity. It’s hard to argue with a picture!

Set the stage for positive behavior

- Teach, pre-teach, and re-teach. Children need to learn behavior just like they learn colors and shapes. A quick reminder can help reinforce a developing skill: “When we get in the car, sit up, buckle up, and smile!”
- Give transition warnings or cues to signal the end of one activity and the beginning of another: “In five minutes, it will be bath time.”
- First/then statements set up a child for delayed gratification: “First take your bath; then we can play dolls.”
- Focus on Go instead of Stop. Children often tune out words like No, Don’t and Stop and only hear the word that comes next, which is what an adult is trying to avoid. Tell a child what to do instead of what not to do: “Take your plate and put it in the sink.” Save Stop and No for dangerous circumstances that need a quick reaction.
- Choices prevent power struggles: “Would you rather play for five more minutes or get in the bath now?” “Feel free to choose the pink pajamas or the green ones.”

While these strategies may not eliminate all problem behaviors, they create consistency, predictability, and a more positive atmosphere. They teach new skills to help children get their needs met. The solid foundation will help even if challenging behaviors persist by creating a bedrock for additional layers of support.

PAVE. (n.d.). Tips to Help Parents Reinforce Positive Behaviors at Home. <https://wapave.org/https://wapave.org/tips-for-parents-summer-provides-time-to-reinforce-positive-behaviors-at-home/>. As always, thank you for being our partners as we work together to educate students for life-long success in their civic, academic, physical, social, and emotional lives, and

Go Bucks!

Educationally yours,



Patricia L. Robinson

Superintendent of Buchanan Community Schools

Michigan area.



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BCS Superintendent Patricia Robinson, Spring 2021, Photo from BCS

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Press Release – LMC Cross Country National Champion Olivia Ippel



Lake Michigan College's Olivia Ippel wins NJCCA Division II Cross Country National Championship

Submitted by Jeremy D. Bonfiglio, LMC Marketing Communications Specialist

Benton Harbor, MI ~ November 14, 2023

St. Joseph freshman among three Red Hawk runners to compete.

Lake Michigan College's Olivia Ippel is the national champion.

The Red Hawks freshman runner and St. Joseph High School graduate finished first with a time of 17 minutes and 56.6 seconds at the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II Women's National Cross Country Championship on Saturday at John Hunt Cross Country Park in Huntsville, Ala. She outdistanced runner-up Nora Brady of Heartland Community College, who finished second at 18:05 on the 5K course.



Olivia Ippel is National Junior College Athletic Association Division II Women's National Cross Country Champion, Photos provided by LMC

"At the beginning of the season, if you told me I'd be a national champion, I never would have believed you," Ippel said. "As the season went on and I went undefeated, I realized it was a possibility, and that's what I started to work for. At the national meet, I knew I had to get out faster than usual, which is what I did. Once I started leading the race, I began to believe in myself and focused on all the tips coach (Alan Martens) told me all season, which got me to the finish line. I'm so grateful for this team and coach (Martens); I wouldn't be here without them."

Ippel was one of three Red Hawks to qualify for the championship races. Fellow freshman runner Noemi Arevalo from Bangor, who started in 76th position, finished 60th at 20:27.80 in the women's race. LMC sophomore Tristan Ashley from Saugatuck, who began in the 157th position for the men, finished 69th at 27:16.40 in the 8K race.



Olivia Ippel, Noemi Arevalo, and Tristan Ashley all qualified for championship races, Photos provided by LMC

"We are so proud of our runners for the student-athletes that they are," said Mel Grau, LMC's Executive Director of Intercollegiate Athletics and Campus Life. "The efforts that they all put into this program are appreciated. We are ecstatic for Olivia and all her accomplishments and successes. It's a great day to be a Red Hawk."

The national title caps a remarkable season for Ippel, who won all six races she ran this season. She was named Michigan Community College Athletic Association Runner of the Year. She won the NJCAA Region XII and MCCA Championship on Oct. 27, navigating the Douglas Walker Park course in Byron Center in 18:29.3 seconds. She was named to the All-MCCA Women's Cross Country Team, the MCCA All-Freshman Women's Cross Country Team, and MCCA Runner of the Week four times this season.

Arevalo, meanwhile, was among the Top 25 runners in Region XII, and Ashley finished 17th at the NJCAA Region XII meet. For more information, contact Mel Grau, LMC's Executive Director of Intercollegiate Athletics and Campus Life, at grau@lakemichigancollege.edu or 269-6172.



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About Lake Michigan College: Together we empower people and communities to thrive through education, innovation, and experiences. Lake Michigan College is a two-year, accredited, nonprofit community college in southwest Michigan.

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Press Release – AARP Foundation Tax-Aides Needed at BASC



AARP Foundation Tax-Aides Needed at Buchanan Area Senior Center

Submitted by Maxine Brown, AARP Tax Aide Local Coordinator BASC

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is looking for compassionate, friendly people to join our team of volunteers for the upcoming tax season.

Tax-Aide is a free program that makes it easier for older taxpayers to file their tax returns. Neighbors like you help prepare tax returns or serve in other ways, like organizing client paperwork, managing computer equipment. There's a role for everyone.

You don't need to be a senior citizen to help prepare tax returns for your neighbors or others from your community. Training and computers are provided to every volunteer.

Please contact your local senior center listed below for more information to volunteer:

Buchanan Area Senior Center – 269-695-7119 / Niles Senior Center – 269-683-9380



AARP Foundation Tax-Aide at BASC image



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City Commission Regular Meeting Agenda • 11/13/23



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Agenda by City Clerk Kalla Langston

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Please note that a few highlights from the latest City Commission Meeting Agendas are posted below. At the end of each agenda's highlights, click on the link to take you to more detailed minutes of that meeting.

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Regular Meeting of the Buchanan City Commission • AGENDA Monday, November 13, 2023 – 7pm

I. Call to Order

II. Recognition

A. *Mike Baker, Director of Public Services for his 20 years of service to the City of Buchanan.*

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Roll Call

V. Approve Agenda

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

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

A. Minutes

1. Consider approving Regular Meeting Minutes from October 23, 2023.
2. Consider approving Special Meeting Minutes from October 20, 2023.

B. 2024 Notices:

- Consider approving the 2024 Meeting Notice Schedule and 2024 Holiday Schedule.

C. BS&A online records search of Assessing Records:

- Allowing Assessor Mindy Cole-Crocker to sign the BS&A online public search proposal.

D. Street Closure:

- Front St. for the Christmas Parade on November 25th from 4:30 PM till 6:30 PM

E. Expenditures

- Consider approving the expenditures for November 13th, 2023.

VIII. Scheduled Matters from the Floor (if any)**A. Closed Session**

1. *Enter Closed Session- Consider entering Closed Session, pursuant to MCL 15.3268 Sec. 8(1)(h) to discuss an attorney-client privileged opinion memo regarding an employment contract matter.*
2. *Re-enter Open Session.*

B. Lake Michigan STEAMWORKS: Phillip Place, President MegaHurtz Robotics Lead Mentor

1. *Consider approving Resolution 2023.11/30- local governing body resolution for charitable gaming licenses for Lake Michigan STEAMWORKS*

IX. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards**A. Friends of the McCoy Creek Trail** – Chair Jerry Flenar, Trail update.**B. Buchanan Tree Friends:** Chair Brian Murphy to give an update concerning grants BTF has applied for.**C. Community Development Report:** Director of Community Development Rich Murphy and Assistant Community Development Director, Ashley Regal

1. *Update on Demolition and Site Restoration at 111 Railroad St. and 708 S Redbud Trail.*
2. *Update on the sale of Ross-Sanders House*
3. *Consider Resolution 2023.11/31- allowing Rich Murphy to sign on behalf of the city of Buchanan for the sale of 123 Days Ave.*
4. *Update on Business Incubator 101 Days Ave.- Hometown & Co.*

X. Unfinished Business**XI. New Business****XII. Communications** *(informational only, formal board action is not necessary for these items, unless so desired)***XIII. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items Only** *(3-minute limit)***XIV. Executive Comments****A. City Manager Comments****B. Commissioner Comments****C. Mayor Comments****XV. Adjourn**

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- The Agenda is posted in the cabinet by the entrance to City Hall the Friday before a Monday Meeting.
- Recorded meeting sessions can be viewed on the City's YouTube Channel:
 - Current meetings: **Buchanan City**
 - Meetings prior to October 2021: **City of Buchanan, MI.**

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BCS Sports – Buchanan Athletics Fall Scores



Buchanan Athletics Sports Scores 11/04 – 11/17

Scores Compiled by Jen Garry, Publisher

Below you can find some of Buchanan Athletics recent sports scores. Current sports include Boys Varsity Football and Girls Varsity Volleyball.

Please do let us know any corrections or additions to the list. Go Bucks!

SPORT: Varsity Football (Boys)

Date	Time	H/A	Against	Final Score
11/4	1pm	Away	Constantine	LOST 14-21

Buchanan Bucks Varsity Football (Boys) Recent Scores Fall 2023

SPORT: Varsity Volleyball (Girls)

Date	Time	H/A	Against	Final Score
11/7	7:30pm	Away	Kalamazoo Christian	LOST 18-25 16-25 19-25

Buchanan Bucks Varsity Volleyball (Girls) Recent Scores Fall 2023



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Local Charity – Salvation Army Bell Ringers

BELL RINGERS NEEDED!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH EVERY RING.

Volunteer bell ringers are crucial to The Salvation Army's holiday fundraising efforts. When you ring bells at the iconic Red Kettles, you help to provide food, shelter and other essentials to your neighbors in need.

WHAT IS REGISTER TO RING?

Register to Ring is an online platform that will help you find the perfect time and place to ring bells in your local community.

REGISTERING IS EASY!



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RING

1

Visit
RegisterToRing.com
and select
"I'm Ringing as
an Individual."

2

Follow the
prompts to find
bell-ringing
opportunities
in your area.

3

Confirm your
shift(s) and receive
instructions with
further details
via email.

4

Spread the word
with friends and
family that
bell-ringing shifts
are available!



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT US!

The Salvation Army
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REGISTER TO
RING

Call for Salvation Army Bell Ringers 2023

Submitted by Timothy Douglas, Niles Salvation Army Office Manager

We are happy to announce that for the first time ever, Martin's Supermarket in Niles is allowing us to ring at their location and IT IS AN INDOOR SITE. We know many people would like to ring, but the cold is definitely a factor. Now we have a site that the cold is not an issue. Please help us spread the word to your congregations. To sign-up they can go to www.registertoring.com and put in 49120 as the zip code and they will be able to see all shifts available, or they can call the office 269-684-2660.

Thank You and God Bless

Register to Ring [HERE](http://www.registertoring.com).



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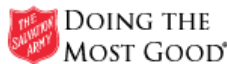
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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT US!

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Bell Ringers Needed flyer



About The Salvation Army of Niles MI: The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

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Local Faith – BAMA Meeting November 2023



November BAMA Monthly Meeting Recap

Submitted by Nate Babcock, Buchanan Christian Church Pastor

Greetings everyone,

We had good fellowship and a good meeting at St. Paul on Tuesday morning. Thank you Dan for your hospitality! Those present were: Dan Barz, Patti Mitchell, Brendan Shea, Jan Mitchell, Dave Mitchell, David Habicht, Bill Walters, Kevin Haizlip, Lyndon Azcuna, Rebecka Hoyt, Tim Douglass, and Nate Babcock.

- Treasurers' Report: After expenses associated with Faith & Blue, our balance stands at \$667.45.
- Faith & Blue Review: Church visits by police officers went well. The blood drive went well. Attendance was down for the cookout and ice cream social. Initial discussions about moving that event back to St. Paul for next year.
- Upcoming: BAMA Community Christmas Concert on December 3rd at 6:30 pm at BCC. Please be promoting this event to your congregations and ministries. If your music director has not yet contacted Dan Barz, please have them do so as soon as possible. Also, for the cookie & coffee fellowship afterwards, each church needs to contribute 6 dozen cookies.
- Report from RAM:
 - RAM is now taking applications for Christmas assistance.
 - They are seeing increased needs for utility assistance.
 - Support from the community continues to be strong.
- Report from Life Plan:
 - Had 288 people at their annual banquet.
 - New location opened in Benton Harbor at the end of October.
 - Will close on the purchase of property for the South Bend location at the end of December.
 - Lyndon shared about his ministry helping Christian men overcome pornography use and addiction. If you would like him to speak to men at your church about this, please contact him.
- Report from Salvation Army
 - They will take applications for Christmas assistance next week.

- Feeding His Sheep is still going strong: served 207 kids this week, with ability to serve more.
- Received a large donation from Core Well Health.
- Bell Ringing begins on November 18th.
- Upcoming Meetings:
 - Tuesday December 5th @ 9:00 am at Life Plan in Niles.
 - Tuesday January 9th @ 9:00 am at St. Anthony.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

– Nate

*If your church or club would like to highlight your meetings/events, please email us at:

buchananchronicle@att.net



About Buchanan Area Ministerial Association: This group is made of different churches in Buchanan. Their page is a great way to stay up to date on different events BAMA is hosting, but more importantly it is a great way to see how God is moving in Buchanan.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BAMACHurches/

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Name	Age	Born	Died
Leon Benjamin Hollingsworth	65	March 25, 1958	November 12, 2023
Jerry Allen Lausch	84	November 14, 1940	November 11, 2023
Gregory A. Morrow	74	August 23, 1949	November 11, 2023
Christie Jean Stovall Mitchell	72	November 27, 1952	November 7, 2023
Deborah Sue Ott-Romeo	71	November 24, 1951	November 4, 2023
Casey Jo Kener	32	March 14, 1991	November 3, 2023

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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Now That's Funny! – Issue 64



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by Thomas Hoyt, Writer

We all get older in life. The older we get, the more it seems there is to complain about. I believe this is due to when we are young, we understand for the most part all that is going on around us. As we get older, technology and culture changes, and much in the culture can change to something us older folks simply do not understand. Then we find ourselves saying things like “back in my day” or “when I was your age”.

Being a parent, I now have experienced things that my parents have experienced. I've been through things with my child, and when I have told my parents about it they just laugh! 🤔 All because they've been through it with me and are now thinking, “Yep, now it's your turn kid!”

Honestly, I think these kids today are soft. Know what I mean? I think we as parents say this because our kids haven't had to go through things that we did. Who remembers having to untangle the tape of a cassette tape and rewind it??? HA! These kids today have no idea. Oh well.

Keep laughing folks! 😊

A Note from the Editor – Issue 64



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by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor

Happy early Thanksgiving everyone! I am sure all of you have been watching the sales on Thanksgiving-filling-your-belly-foods as I have as well. This month, I have been thankful for so many things in the areas of family, friends, health and so much more that tears come to my eyes from time to time. Not only am I thankful for those things, but as I write this on the eve of Veterans Day, I would like to say “Thank you to two of our Buchanan Chronicle writers (click on the link to see their photos): Miranda Barger, a veteran of the U.S. Army, and Garrick Stubblefield, a veteran of the U.S. Navy, thank you for your service. Also, thank you to my brother in-law, Patrick Buzzard who currently serves at Fort Liberty in North Carolina with the U.S. Army. And of course to all of our veterans no matter the time you served for our country and freedom. Thank you!”

I have been sharing some fun “National Days” with our team, so in future issues you may see an article on a “National Day of _____” or in the “Now That’s Funny” section! So for today, Saturday, November 18, 2023 here are today’s National Days: “European Antibiotic Awareness Day, National Princess Day, National Adoption Day, Mickey Mouse Birthday, and National Vichyssoise Day” ([November 18, 2023 National Day Calendar](#) website). You can click on that link to learn more about those days and see the whole year as well!

Don’t forget, our next printed issue will be coming out around December 7, 2023. If you have not signed up to receive it in your mailbox, please do so very soon on our website: <https://thebuchananchronicle.com/>, or by phone at 269-697-9874 and/or mail: The Buchanan Chronicle, P.O. Box 143, Buchanan, MI 49107 before next Saturday, Nov. 25 so we know how many to tell the printers to print!

You will also be able to pick it up for free at these five local Buchanan businesses:

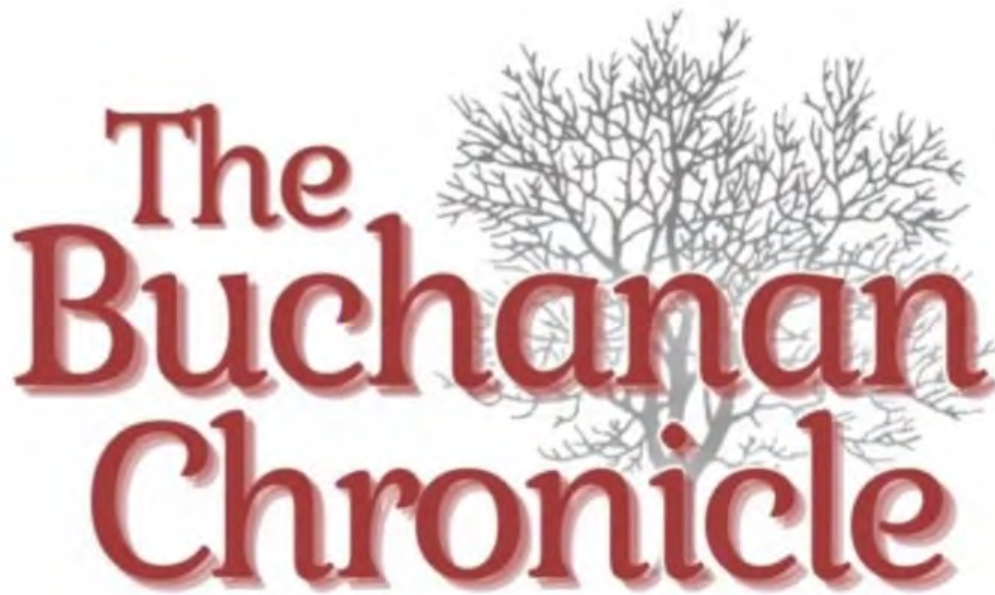
- *Buchanan Area Senior Center*
- *Buchanan City Hall*
- *Buchanan District Library*

- *Harding's Friendly Markets in Buchanan*
- *Honor Credit Union in Buchanan.*

Before I end my note, I would like to welcome a new writer to our team: Heather Foster! She is a wife and mom to two kids, and concentrates her writing on "Issues in Schools Column" such as bullying. Heather will also help with proofreading and advertising. She is excited to be on our team and she likes that we are "community focused." Welcome to the team Heather!

Enjoy reading the issue and have a happy and thankful Thanksgiving!

Happy Reading,
Rebecka Hoyt



The Clark Barker – Issue 64



It's Raining Leaves!

We all know that it's leaf pick up time! However, when those leaves are wet, it's a pain and more and more comes down. Thankfully it's been great weather recently for moving them to the tree lawn near the road to be picked up by the crews. I like to run through them and if you're a big kid at heart, jump in the piles that are in your yard, but not the piles next to the road. Remember to not include grass clippings or tree limbs in these piles. A big thanks goes out to the DPW crews for handling this big task.

Woof-Woof!

