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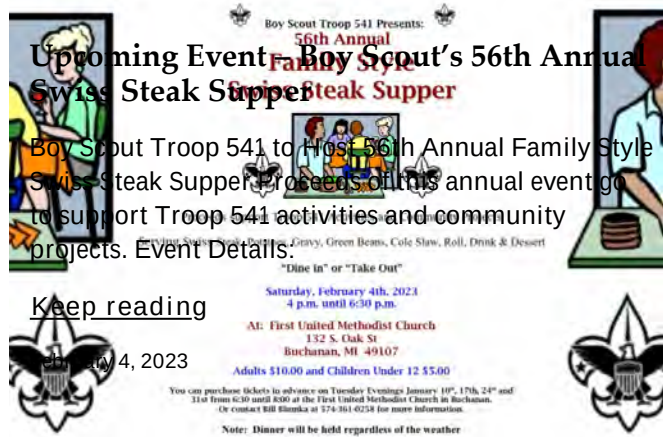


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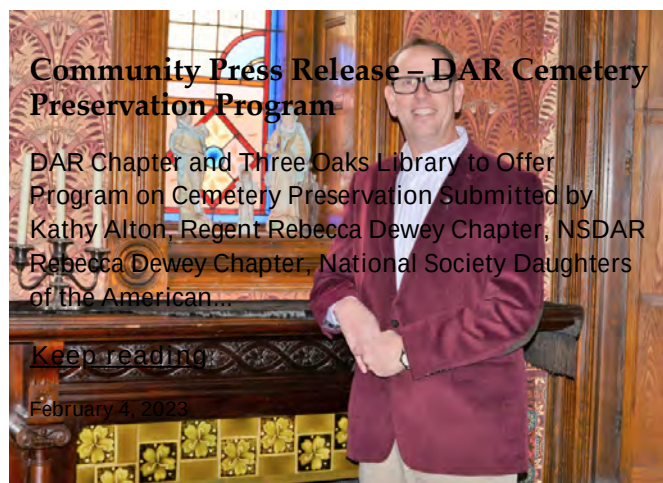
A graphic for a 'Community Impact Report' with a red background. It features the text '22 Community Impact Report' and 'Honor Credit Union Unveils 2022 Community Impact Report Submitted by Kayla Smith, HCU Brand Coordinator Berrien Springs, MI ~ February 03, 2023'. Below this, it says 'Honor Credit Union is proud to unveil its...'. There are two photo cutouts: one showing 'U.P. Teams volunteering at Jacobetti Home for Veterans' and another showing 'Giving back to our communities on CU Kind Day!'. The Honor Credit Union logo is at the bottom left, and 'Learn more HonorC' is at the bottom right.

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A photo of a woman in a maroon blazer standing in front of a wooden structure, possibly a library or cemetery entrance. The background has a decorative pattern.

Community Press Release – DAR Cemetery Preservation Program

DAR Chapter and Three Oaks Library to Offer Program on Cemetery Preservation Submitted by Kathy Alton, Regent Rebecca Dewey Chapter, NSDAR Rebecca Dewey Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American...

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A graphic for the Buchanan District Library. It features the text 'Bucchanan District Library – February 2023' and 'February at Buchanan District Library Shared with'. There is a large red heart with the text 'Love Families' inside it.

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A Few of February's Events at Buchanan Area Senior Center Submitted by Diana Smuda, BASC Program Coordinator FINDING JOY IN YOUR LIFE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023 ~ 1PM Have you or...

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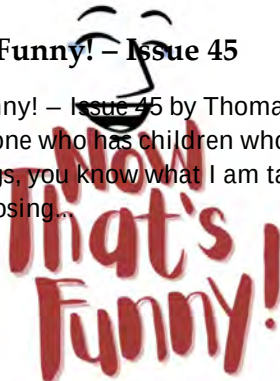


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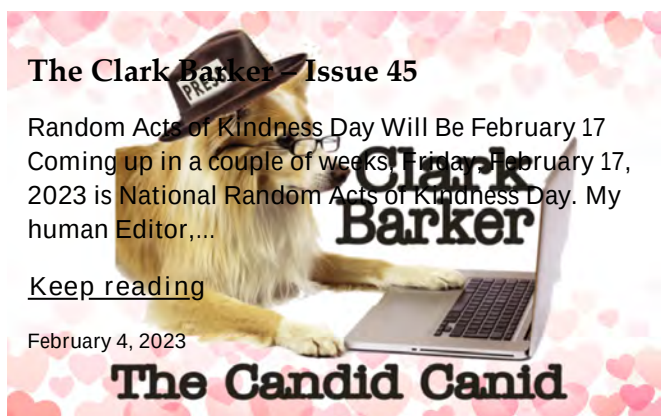
Now That's Funny! with Garrick – Issue 45

Expensive Chicken Mistake by Garrick Stubblefield I work at a local deli. One of my regular customers came to me and asked for the usual thing that she gets from...

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Puzzler Page – Issue 45

Puzzler Page – Issue 45 by Garrick Stubblefield Hello all and Happy New Year. I hope you all had fun last year with the puzzles I did for you and...

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Look for Our *Forty-Sixth* Issue:

Saturday, February 18, 2023



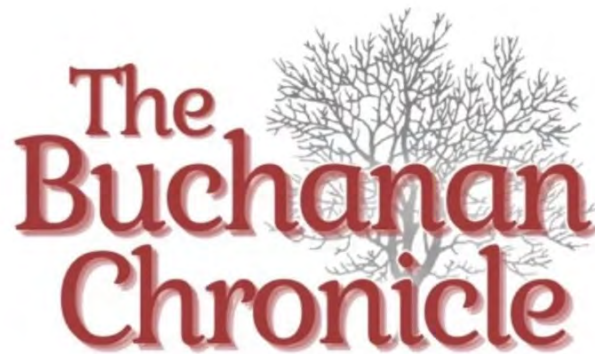
2022 Turns to 2023 at Midnight on New Year's Eve in Downtown Buchanan, Photo by Rebecca Hoyt

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Local Business – Fifteen-2-Twelve by Evelyn Mae's BBQ Opens in Buchanan



Fifteen-2-Twelve by Evelyn Mae's BBQ Opens in Buchanan

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

After much hard work and many details finally were worked out, Fifteen-2-Twelve by Evelyn Mae's BBQ has officially opened in Buchanan! Thursday night, February 2, 2023 was the soft opening, and it was a huge success. The evening served as a test for Anton and his team, and they learned a few things: for now, they won't be taking reservations, they will open for dinner (Thursday through Sunday, 4-10pm with kitchen closing at 9pm), and they aim to try for to-go orders in the future but for now they'll be focusing on dialing in their dinner and bar service for in-house guests before extending themselves to include lunch and to-go orders. Enjoy a few pictures of the fresh space below, and they can't wait for you to visit soon to try everything Evelyn Mae's BBQ has to offer!

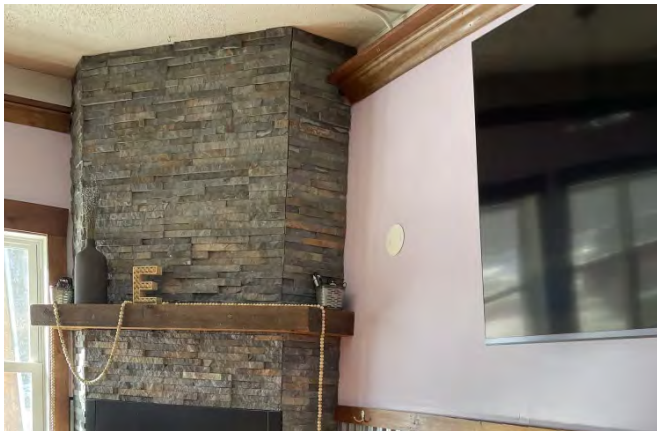
Congratulations to Anton and family, and all of Evelyn Mae's BBQ, on this exciting new venture! Thank you for choosing to bring your awesome business to our wonderful Buchanan community!



Entry Experience inside fifteen-2-twelve, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer



Bar (and Anton himself) Inside fifteen-2-twelve, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer





New Signs Outside fifteen-2-twelve, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer



About Evelyn Mae's BBQ: Evelyn Mae's BBQ's purpose is to provide high quality smoked meats and scratch made sides and sauces. This husband and wife owned business specializes in catering a wide range of events from dinner parties to weddings. Anton and Ariel Lockett created Evelyn Mae's BBQ through their love and passion for food, cooking, and sharing it with their friends and family. They are high school sweethearts and along with our love, our cooking ability grew as we did. The two began cooking together when they went away to college at Central Michigan University. They were two of the only college students skipping cafeteria food and creating their own four-course meals every night. Anton started grilling on a 14in. portable charcoal grill Ariel bought him at the dollar store for \$10. They have now been together and cooking for over 10 years, perfecting their trade and recipes. For each job Anton hand selects quality meats and uses his own house made rubs, then smokes them to perfection. Ariel is the official sous chef and helps create scratch made southern style sides and sauces. Anton originally named the business Lockett Down BBQ a play off of the couple's last name. However, in February 2018, Anton and Ariel changed the name to Evelyn Mae's BBQ. Their first born daughter Evelyn Mae tragically passed away January 31st, 2018, after Ariel went into early labor at 20 weeks. Evelyn lived for an hour and a half, she was 13oz and 10in long. With their beautiful daughter's name branding their business, they pride themselves on making sure to represent her with perfection, because she was perfect.

www.facebook.com/evelynmaesbbq

evelynmaesbbq.com

evelynmaesbbq@gmail.com

407-233-7848

(Catering and Food Truck based out of St. Joseph, MI)

NEW Buchanan Location:

15212 N Red Bud Trail

Buchanan, MI 49107

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Local Charities – Buchanan’s Little Free Pantries



Buchanan’s Little Free Pantries for February Coffee Chat Held at Buchanan Area Senior Center

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

On the first Wednesday of each month, senior citizens can come into the Buchanan Area Senior Center for a Coffee Chat with a local person of interest, business owner, school/city/government representatives, etc....February’s Coffee Chat was with visionary Ashley Hanson of Buchanan Little Free Pantries.

Ashley came up with the idea of having “freestanding little free food pantries, after working in the school and seeing the needs some children were having,” as she explained the “why” for the little free pantries. While “RAM (Redbud Area Ministries) has limited hours, and people have different job schedules, they can go to a little free pantry and see if there are items that they could benefit from when RAM is not open. This is not just for families of children in need, but as well as for the whole community, and the elderly are also struggling for some added help,” stated Ashley.



Buchanan's Little Free Pantries chat with Ashley Hanson and Britni Wall at Buchanan Area Senior Center, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

There are three little food pantries in Buchanan at these locations and are accessible 24 hours a day, every day:

- 1523 Main Street on the side of the Buchanan Township Hall building (north side of Buchanan)
- 122 Oak Street at the Mason's Lodge (downtown Buchanan)
- 704 W. Front Street at the Buchanan Nazarene Church (west side of Buchanan)

* BYOB (Bring Your Own Bag) when you come to get something



How can you help? Ashley suggested, "If you have an item(s) at home that you do not need, please bring them to the pantries." Canned goods, boxed goods that are complete meals, Mac & cheese, health care items, as well as baby and pet food are acceptable. Most items can be taken within 36 hours of being in the pantries. Food pantry donations can be taken to Buchanan City Hall, Buchanan Township Hall as well as the Buchanan Area Senior Center. When the Buchanan Farmers' Market opens this spring season, you can bring donations for the free little

pantries as well as RAM and be entered in a monthly market basket giveaway!

Live Here, Give Here...Little Free Pantry of Buchanan is a group on Facebook that you can join to stay updated on the little free pantries. If you need anything at any time, feel free to utilize these free pantries, that is what they are there for.



About Little Free Pantries of Buchanan: Little Free Pantry is a mission that has spread far and wide, that utilizes the concept of the Little Free Library. “Give what you can or Take what you need” philosophy to provide items to people in need, that may fall through the cracks of a regular food pantry or for whatever reason cannot get what they need elsewhere. This project is intended to help local food insecurity and create awareness of this issue to engage the community to help when they can to provide for a neighbor in need...Neighbors helping neighbors... Live Here, Give Here.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/buchananslittlefreepantries

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Local Business – Childcare at Redbud Fitness



Childcare is Back at Redbud Fitness

by Miranda Barger, Writer

The goal of our hometown gym Grandma is to complement and support programs already offered by the Redbud Fitness and Lifestyle Center. Miss Debbie has a passion for the care of children and parents alike. She understands the support that parents need to raise healthy children and is able to provide a safe, comfortable and fun environment. Busy parents know how important it is to take some time and nurture your body and mental health so you can be the best version of yourself. Miss Debbie makes it possible for members to really enjoy some worry free alone time.



Miss Debbie at Redbud Fitness Childcare, Photo by Miranda Barger

While the kids are occupied, adult members can enjoy the full gym with a variety of fitness equipment, workout spaces, and classes; also take advantage of the lap pool, warm water therapy pool, hot tub and cold plunge for all your water fitness and water therapy needs. Members can also reap the many benefits of using our sauna and steam rooms. Redbud Fitness and Lifestyle Center is pleased to offer 2 indoor and 8 outdoor Pickleball courts.

- Childcare availability is:
 - Monday-Thursday, 3:30pm to 8:00pm
 - Wednesdays & Thursday, 10:00am to 12:00pm
 - Saturdays from 9:00am to 1:00pm

- Furthermore, the price is incredible:
 - \$5 for the first child
 - \$1 more for each additional child.
- Parents/Guardians must remain on property and there is a two hour limit.
- Age guidelines for the fitness center daycare is 6 weeks to 10 years. Daycare is restricted to members only.



STOP IN AND TAKE A TOUR OF REDBUD FITNESS AND LIFESTYLE CENTER TODAY! Child care is available by appointment only at this time.

For more details on Childcare, contact a Redbud Fitness Member's Specialist at 269.695.7720. We hope to see you soon!



CHILDCARE has *returned!*

REDBUD FITNESS
& Lifestyle Center

DAYS & TIMES
Monday ~ Thursday
 3:30pm to 8pm
Wednesdays & Thursdays
 10am to 12pm
Saturdays
 9am to 1pm

CONTACT REDBUD FITNESS
 to speak with a Member's
 Specialist for more details,
269.695.7720

THINGS TO KNOW

- Reservations are required
- Parents/Guardians must remain on property.
- 2hr limit per weekday; 1hr limit on the weekend.
- \$5 for the first child; \$1 for each additional child.

Redbud Fitness Childcare flyer



REDBUD FITNESS

& Lifestyle Center

About Redbud Fitness: Welcome to Redbud Fitness and Lifestyle Center. We are conveniently located right in the heart of beautiful Buchanan, Michigan. At Redbud Fitness, we welcome anyone and everyone who is ready to make an improvement in his/her health. We pride ourselves on providing a very safe, encouraging, and supportive environment in which members of all ages, sizes and abilities can come together and work together to become better, healthier, and happier. Together, we are creating healthier minds, bodies, and spirits. Healthy Citizens = Healthy Communities!

Facebook: www.facebook.com/redbudfitness

269.695.7720

redbudfitness@gmail.com

500 E 3rd St

Buchanan, MI 49107

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- Main Facility Hours:

- Monday-Thursday: 5am-9am
 - Friday: 5am-7pm
 - Saturday-Sunday: 7am-1pm
 - *Aquatics building closes half-hour prior to gym closing for maintenance of water.
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Local Seniors – Senior Nutrition Services at BASC



Have Lunch at Buchanan Area Senior Center Provided by Senior Nutrition Services

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Buchanan Area Senior Center (BASC) is a great and welcoming place where senior citizens age 55 and up can attend and mingle with others while having lunch. Senior Nutrition Services puts on lunches and delivers Meals on Wheels to those in a 5-mile radius of the BASC.



Kerri Pettie and Linda Strohl Senior Nutrition Services and Meals on Wheels, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

The eating area at the BASC has plenty of room for more seniors to come have lunch. Their numbers are down a bit from 5-10 people on average and 10-12 before the pandemic. Lunch is served from 12 Noon to 12:30pm. There is no cost for the meal, however, donations are welcomed. If you are 55 or older, you may bring a younger friend/relative with you and they would pay \$5.75 for their lunch, which is a good price. You can also enjoy a view from the new sunroom while you are there. Dial-a-Ride gives free rides to the BASC as you stay there and eat lunch and then give you a ride home if you live in the city limits of Buchanan, MI. Any questions about living just outside of those limits, call Kerri Pettie, the BASC Site Manager of Meals on Wheels at 269-695-7119 and before 10am to request a meal for the next business day Monday – Friday.

As all kinds of events are held at the BASC before lunch is served, some seniors tend to stay to have lunch. Others come in to sit with patrons and chat, do some knitting/crocheting, puzzles/games, exercise groups, blood sugar/hearing aid checks, and the list goes on. Some of the meals that the patrons told me of what they like are: “meatloaf, BBQ chicken, sloppy joe’s, liver and onions (there are some who don’t like this item), pork/beef roast, and stuffed peppers.” Their menus coincide with the seasons.

Senior Nutrition Services/Meals on Wheels also provide “Supper Snacks” Mon – Fri for those individuals with high nutritional risks, and “Frozen Meals” for the weekend which many of the seniors like. Produce also comes to their door and Linda Strohl has been told by the seniors, “I wouldn’t be able to afford it.” To be able to have these meals a questionnaire is given and to be able to give at least face-to-face contact two times a week when they are delivered. For more information visit their website at: www.snsmeals.org.



About Senior Nutrition Servies / Meals on Wheels of Southwest Michigan: Senior Nutrition Services which does business as Meals on Wheels of SW Michigan is an independent 501c3 which provides meals that are served at senior centers and community sites in Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren counties offers a choice to eat a meal at a local restaurant and delivers meals to seniors' homes. The Cass County Council on Aging delivers meals in Cass county. Our goals are to nourish, support and connect seniors to services to help them to remain living independently, safely, and with a stable source of healthy food.

info@snsmeals.org

www.snsmeals.org

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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.

diana@thebasc.org, Diana Smuda – Program Coordinator

adam@thebasc.org, Adam Burck – Executive Director

[269-695-7119](tel:269-695-7119) (phone).

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Upcoming Event – Boy Scout's 56th Annual Swiss Steak Supper




Boy Scout Troop 541 Presents:
**56th Annual
Family Style
Swiss Steak Supper**



Proceeds support Troop 541 Activities and Community Projects
Serving Swiss Steak, Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Roll, Drink & Dessert

"Dine in" or "Take Out"

Saturday, February 4th, 2023
4 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

At: **First United Methodist Church**
132 S. Oak St
Buchanan, MI 49107

Adults \$10.00 and Children Under 12 \$5.00

You can purchase tickets in advance on Tuesday Evenings January 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st from 6:30 until 8:00 at the First United Methodist Church in Buchanan.
Or contact Bill Blumka at 574-361-0258 for more information.

Note: Dinner will be held regardless of the weather



Boy Scout Troop 541 to Host 56th Annual Family Style Swiss Steak Supper

Proceeds of this annual event go to support Troop 541 activities and community projects.

Event Details:

- *Who:* Boy Scout Troop 541
- *What:* 56th Annual Family Style Swiss Steak Supper
- *When:* **Saturday, February 04, 2023 ~ 4pm-6:30pm**
- *Where:* First United Methodist Church
 - 132 S Oak St, Buchanan MI 49107
- *Details:*
 - Serving: Swiss Steak, Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Roll, Drink, & Dessert
 - "Dine In" or "Take Out"
 - Note: Dinner will be held regardless of the weather.
 - Tickets:
 - \$10 Adults, \$5 Children under 12
 - You can purchase tickets in advance on Tuesday evenings, January 24 & 31, from 6:30-8pm, at First United Methodist Church in Buchanan.
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56th Annual Family Style Swiss Steak Supper flyer

About Buchanan BSA: Buchanan Boy Scout Troop 541 is in the Algonquian District, which is part of the LaSalle Council, Boy Scouts of America and supports local scouting units (Packs, Troops and Crews) in Southwestern Michigan and Northern Indiana.

Troop 541 [Facebook Page](#)
 269-695-3282
[Boy Scout Troop 541 meets at:](#)
[Buchanan First United Methodist Church](#)
[132 S Oak St](#)
[Buchanan, MI 49107](#)
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Upcoming Event – All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Supper



Sister Circle of Faith United Methodist Church to Host All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Supper

Submitted by Andrea Martin, Sister Circle of Faith UMC

The Sister Circle of Faith United Methodist Church is having an All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, February 25th from 4-6 pm at our church. We are located at 728 N. Detroit St., Buchanan, MI. The cost is \$8 for adults, kids 5-12 are \$5 and under 5 are free. The dinner includes spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, dessert and drink. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit various charities such as local food pantries and the backpack program for local area children. For more details or directions, or if you have any questions, please call 269-470-3514 or email at ramomma@yahoo.com.

Event Details:

- *Who:* Sister Circle of Faith United Methodist Church
- *All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Supper*
- *When:* **Saturday, February 25, 2023 ~ 4pm-6pm**
- *Where:* Faith United Methodist Church
 - 728 N. Detroit St, Buchanan MI 49107
- *Details:*
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 - \$8 for adults
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About Faith United Methodist Church: Welcome, we are glad you are interested in visiting our United Methodist congregation. You are warmly invited to come and worship with us and experience God's grace

through our time together. We recognize that people look for God in many ways. Whether you visit in person or online, we hope you discover something here to encourage you in your spiritual journey. Here is more info about [United Methodist beliefs](#) and if you are new to The United Methodist Church, here is a great place to [get to know us](#).

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Community Press Release – HCS Valentine’s Day Sing-Along



Harbor Country Singers Valentine’s Day Love Song Sing-Along February 12, 2023

Submitted by Pat Putnam, Harbor Country Singers Producer

The Harbor Country Singers will be leading a Valentine's Day love song sing-along on Sunday, February 12, 2023 at 3:00 PM EST at Episcopal Church of the Mediator, 14280 Red Arrow Hwy, Harbert, MI 49115. The sing-along is free, but a food item donation for Neighbor by Neighbor is requested. Peanut butter, pull-tab cans of soups, stews, tuna, ravioli, spaghetti, or anything that is easy to heat is preferred.

The sing-along will include songs such as "My Girl", "When a Man Loves a Woman", "Love Me Tender", "It Had to Be You", "Lean on Me", and "You're the Inspiration". Song books with music and lyrics will be provided.

Pat Putnam, the Harbor Country Singers Producer, says "If you like to sing, please come and join us. It will be fun and a great way to celebrate Valentine's Day!" Song leaders will be Diane Ruzevich, Donna Mitchell, and Pat Putnam. Accompaniment will be by Maggie Martin on piano, Cara Bettig on percussion, and Tom Parisi on guitar.



Sing-Along with Harbor Country Singers, Photo provided by HCS

The Harbor Country Singers is a program of the School of American Music and is supported by a grant from the Pokagon Fund. For more information, please contact the School of American Music at schoolofamericanmusic@gmail.com or by phone at 269-409-1191 or visit School of American Music on Facebook or the website <https://schoolofamericanmusic.com/>.



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

www.schoolofamericanmusic.com

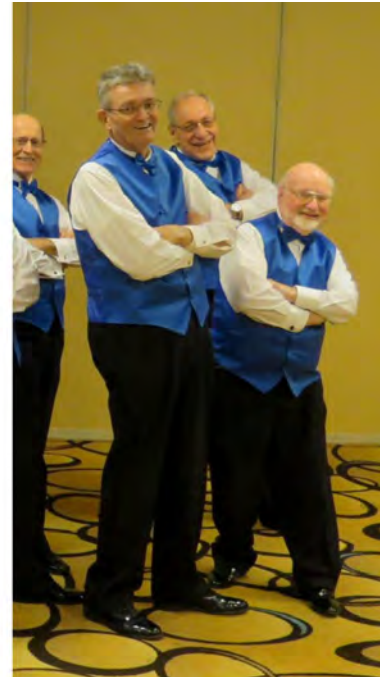
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Three Oaks, MI 49128

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Community Press Release – Singing Valentines with Lighthouse Chorus



Make Valentine's Day Memorable with a Singing Valentine

Submitted by Brenda Ropp, Lighthouse Chorus

Want to make Valentine's Day unique and unforgettable this year? With the help of the Lighthouse Chorus and its quartets, you can create a lasting memory with a Singing Valentine!

The delivery date for the Singing Valentines will be Tuesday, February 14 and will only cost you \$50, which includes two songs, a small box of chocolates and a personalized card. Surprise your family, friends, coworkers or clients with the perfect gift, while also supporting a local non-profit chorus. Orders may be placed by calling the Singing Valentine Hotline at 269/471-4559 or sending an email to lighthousechorus@lighthousechorus.org. There are a limited number of bookings available, so order now to ensure delivery.

"This is a great way to make Valentine's Day fun and unique," said Gene Hanover, President of the Chorus. "We can deliver telegrams to both men and women in almost any setting, including offices, restaurants, classrooms, stores and homes."

Chorus Seeks Additional Members

The Lighthouse Chorus is always looking for new members and welcomes any male who loves to sing to visit Chorus practice on Thursday evenings at 7 PM at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 9 South 4th Street in Niles. The Chorus performs primarily in the four-part harmony of the barbershop style, and their repertoire includes everything from Broadway to gospel to doo wop. They perform throughout southwest Michigan and northwest Indiana, singing in a variety of venues. Additional information on the Chorus is available at <http://www.lighthousechorus.org>.



About Lighthouse Chorus: The Lighthouse Chorus is a great group of men who gather together in celebration of the art form known as barbershop music. We are a chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. Our director is the talented Brother Giles Hanover, who inspires us to reach new heights with each performance. We can be heard throughout the year, singing for civic and charitable organizations, private groups, churches, community events, and fundraisers. We love to entertain by putting on our own musical events each year for the community, our friends and families. We hold an Annual Foodbank Fundraiser in the Fall. We also send "singing telegrams" for Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, birthdays or other special occasions. Also, in an effort to stay committed to singing and performing at the highest level possible, we compete in regional contests. Please contact us to sing at your next special event!

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Community Press Release – Pianist Patricia Baber at The Acorn



Celebrated Pianist Patricia Barber to Perform in Three Oaks in Fundraiser Concert

Submitted by Donna Mitchell, School of American Music Executive Director

In her first-ever performance in Harbor Country, renowned composer, singer, and pianist Patricia Barber will kick off Art Attack 2023 with a fundraiser for the School of American Music at The Acorn Theater in Three Oaks, Michigan.

Barber will perform an exclusive set of original music and classic jazz for an audience limited to 200 guests. The event will begin at 7pm (EST) on Friday, April 28, 2023, at the Acorn Theatre, 107 Generations Dr., Three Oaks. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased on the Acorn's website <https://www.acornlive.org/>.



Pianist Patricia Barber, Photo provided by SAM

Renowned songwriter, Barber infuses harmonic sophistication and incisive lyrics with distinctive style and passion. She won a Guggenheim Fellowship in 2003, and has released 13 albums, including the 2021 recording *Clique*, a collection of covers and standards released by Impex Records. According to NPR arts and culture reporter Susan Stamberg, who wrote the album's liner notes, Barber, "...respects traditions, bends them to make her own points, and freshens them into something new." Tunes include classics by Rodgers & Hammerstein, Stevie Wonder, Lee Hazlewood, Lerner & Loewe and Thelonious Monk.

Over the course of her career Barber has played jazz clubs and concert halls, produced records in Chicago and New York, collaborated with opera legend Renee Fleming and acclaimed composer Shulamit Ran, and concertized while teaching jazz singing as a Townsend Resident Fellow at the University of California, Berkeley. She was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2019.



Pianist Patricia Barber, Photo provided by SAM

Among her endeavors, Barber is a firm supporter of music education. “I believe music schools are a force for good in villages, cities, and countries that have them,” she said. “Music brings joy and social cohesion. Learning music can inspire passion, purpose, and appreciation for the larger musical institutions that are so important to culture.”

“I’m sure that anybody who lives in Three Oaks can see the positive influence the School of American Music brings to the community,” Barber said. “I am thrilled to do what I can to support it.” The concert is a benefit for the restricted Future Fund endowment for the School of American Music. Board President Garth Taylor said: “The restricted purpose of the fund is to compensate a future executive management when the volunteers who currently do the job are no longer in a position to do so. There could not be a better, or more responsible investment

to make to guarantee the future of low-cost music education in our area.”

The School of American Music provides education, performance, and audience opportunities in music and the related arts in the Southwest Michigan area. SAM is a 501(c)(3) organization; all contributions are tax-deductible and matched by the Michiana Arts Foundation. Donations can be made on SAM's website <https://schoolofamericanmusic.com/>.



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

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Community Press Release – HCU 2022 Community Impact Report



Honor Credit Union Unveils 2022 Community Impact Report

Submitted by Kayla Smith, HCU Brand Coordinator

Berrien Springs, MI ~ February 03, 2023

Honor Credit Union is proud to unveil its 2022 Community Impact Report. Throughout the year, Honor served its members and communities in many ways, including donating \$758,950 in support of 636 organizations. Serving its members and putting people first is at the root of the credit union.



“Seeing the impact our team makes in our communities each year is astounding,” commented Honor CEO Scott McFarland. “Our members are at the core of what we do every day, and they’re the reason we are here doing what we love, serving our communities. We look forward to 2023 and the opportunities to come.”



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For more information, call 800.442.2800, or visit www.honorcu.com.

Community Press Release – DAR Cemetery Preservation Program



DAR Chapter and Three Oaks Library to Offer Program on Cemetery Preservation

Submitted by Kathy Alton, Regent Rebecca Dewey Chapter, NSDAR

Rebecca Dewey Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution has partnered with the Three Oaks Township Public Library to bring Prof. of History Dr. Thomas Henthorn from the University of Michigan on [date and time TBD] in the library.



Prof. Dr. Thomas Henthorn of UofM, Photo provided by DAR

Cemeteries are more than meets the eye. These historic sites contain art, stories, and landscapes that tell us a great deal about our past and present. Dr. Thomas Henthorn will share ways he and his students at the University of Michigan-Flint are working to make our cemeteries active public spaces through preservation and how to interpret these historic gems in our communities.

Henthorn will give the current technology and procedures to preserve cemetery headstones and structures in relation to cleaning, repairing and restoring monuments to your local and family history. Dr. Thomas Henthorn is the Wyatt Endowed Professor of Public History at the University of Michigan-Flint. His research and teaching interests examine the intersection of public history and urban history. He created the cemetery preservation program in 2015.

Rebecca Dewey chapter members will present methods to research and locate cemetery history and burials.

Plans for a hands-on workshop for any that are interested is scheduled for May 18th of 2024 at a local cemetery. Just in time for you to plan cleaning of your family's grave markers for Memorial Day. Contact Rebecca Dewey Chapter at rebecca.deweyto@gmail.com or the Three Oaks Township Library for questions. Library location 3 N. Elm St. By the railroad in Three Oaks.



About the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Rebecca Dewey Chapter: The

Rebecca Dewey Chapter, NSDAR, Three Oaks, Michigan, was organized July 9, 1909, with a membership of seventeen. It was chartered December 21, 1909, with fourteen members. Since Three Oaks had secured the Dewey Cannon at the close of the Spanish-American War, it was decided to name the Chapter after Admiral Dewey's great grandmother. Rebecca Dewey Chapter NSDAR currently has 30 Members.

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Community Press Release – New Matching Campaign for BDL



Buchanan District Library Announces Matching Campaign To Support New Building Project

Submitted by Meg Paulette Perez, Buchanan District Library Director

Buchanan, MI – January 27, 2023

The Buchanan District Library is honored to be the recipient of a \$10,000 matching campaign in memory of Arthur C. Mayhew, Jr. and Helen L. Mayhew, fulfilled by their daughter, Susan Weber, from their estate. This campaign will match dollar for dollar all donations made to the library's Building Campaign before July 1, 2023, up to \$10,000.



Arthur and Helen Mayhew, Photo provided by BDL

Arthur C. Mayhew, Jr. and Helen L. Mayhew were born and raised in the Buchanan area. Arthur (Art) was the son of Arthur C. and Helen Mayhew, Sr. His parents lived on East 4th Street and operated Mayhew Photo Service and a candy store from the front of their house. Helen was the daughter of Wilbur and Caroline Schantz and grew up on a farm outside of Buchanan.

Arthur, Jr. served in the U.S. Army from 1946–48 and was among the first of the occupation troops stationed in Japan. He later owned and operated Mayhew Machine Products, a custom tooling company in Buchanan. He was a self-trained wood carver and also worked with clay.

Arthur, Jr. and Helen attended Buchanan High School and reconnected while both worked at Electro-Voice—Art as an engineer and Helen as the switchboard operator. They married in 1972. Job changes moved them from Buchanan to Sevierville, TN and Greenville, SC, where Art retired from Kemet Electronics (formerly a Union Carbide company).

Art was a voracious reader and after his passing Helen often talked about making a donation to the Buchanan District Library in his memory. Helen passed away in 2022, and her daughter, Susan Weber, reached out to the library to fulfill her parent's wish.

The Buchanan District Library also holds special meaning to Art and Helen's daughter, Susan. Growing up, she spent countless hours (and many summer days) immersed in the books and programs offered at the library, then located at 117 E Front Street, developing a love of reading that continues to this day. While Susan no longer lives in the Buchanan area, she supports the library's mission "to enrich the lives of our patrons and empower our community with knowledge and resources."

This campaign will support the library's fundraising efforts towards a community room on the second floor of the library, located at 128 E Front Street, the former Electro-Voice building where both Art and Helen worked. This new space will allow the library to offer a wider variety of programs to more patrons, and give the entire Buchanan community a beautiful new space in the heart of downtown for meetings, events, and gatherings. It is the sincere hope of the family that this campaign will be a success, doubling their gift and honoring the wish of Art and Helen to support their hometown library.

More information about the library's building campaign is available at www.buchananlibrary.org. Questions can be sent to the Director of the Buchanan District Library, Meg Paulette Perez, at m.paulette@buchananlibrary.com.



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

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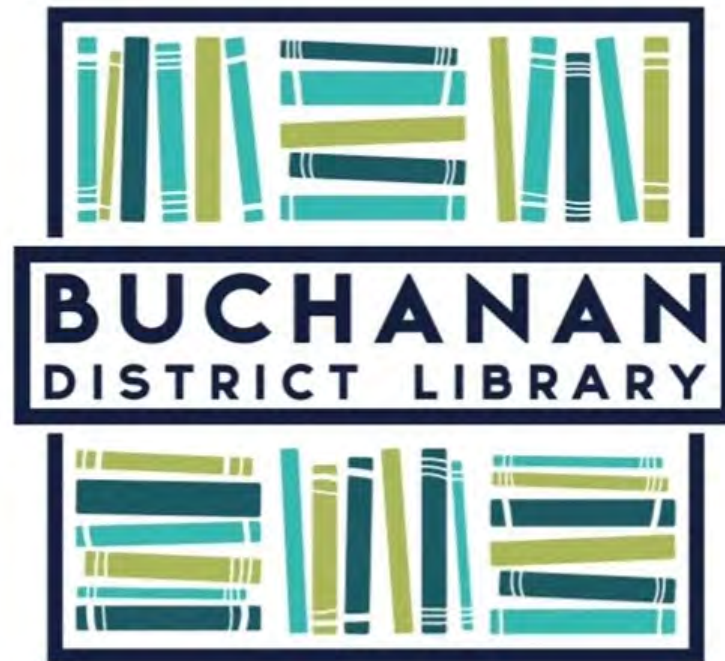
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Buchanan District Library – February 2023

**FEBRUARY
IS LOVE
YOUR
LIBRARY MONTH!**





February at Buchanan District Library

Shared with permission from Buchanan District Library monthly newsletter



"My alma mater was books, a good library...I could spend the rest of my life reading, just satisfying my curiosity."

Malcolm X

NEW COLLECTIONS COMING SOON

We are excited to announce not one but TWO new collections that will be available soon at the library.

SEED LIBRARY:

The Seed Library will be available in early March for patrons to start "checking out" seeds! A wide variety of vegetables, fruits, herbs, ornamental, and native plants will be available. Take your seeds home and grow them in your garden, then collect seeds from your plants and donate them back to the Seed Library in the fall! Join us for our Seed Library Grand Opening on March 11 (more information below) to learn more about starting plants from seeds, and attend our Seed Saving Seminar with Michigan author Bevin Cohen on September 9 at Fernwood.

MUSIC COLLECTION:

The Library will soon have a CD music collection available for checkout! The Library received a donation of 6,000 CDs from Canton Public Library (near Ann Arbor), as well as shelving (pictured below) to house the collection. We are currently working to process these items and add them to our catalog. We are also accepting donations of gently used or new CDs, and recommendations for what to buy. If there are albums you think we MUST have, let us know by sending [Meg](#) an email!



Seed Library Grand Opening

Join us for the official opening of our NEW Seed Library! Enjoy a program on starting seeds with Nate Kesler of Well Watered Farm and make a garden craft to get ready for spring!

Registration requested, on the library's website or by calling 269.695.3681.

[Click here to register for the Seed Library Grand Opening event](#)



ALL THE FEELS – Winter Reading

January 1 through February 28, 2023

Join us for our Winter Reading Beanstack Bingo Challenge during January and February! This challenge is open to all ages. Log your reading and complete activities to earn badges on your digital Bingo card. Getting a Bingo (5 badges in a row) earns you an entry into a drawing for a gift card. Completing your Bingo card (earning all badges) earns you another entry into the drawing. The adult drawing will be for Wonderland Cinema and the youth drawing for Galaxy Roller Rink.

[Click here to download the Beanstack App!](#)

[Click here to register!](#)



ADULT PROGRAMS:



ADULT CRAFT CLASSES
CERAMIC HEART MOSAIC
 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16
 11am-12pm &
 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17
 5:30-6:30pm

ADULT CRAFT CLASSES:

CERAMIC HEART MOSAIC

Thursday, February 16 ~ 11am-12pm

Friday, February 17 ~ 5:30-6:30pm

"Upcycle" some old ceramic plates into a stunning heart mosaic! Sign up required. Call 269.695.3681 to sign up.



OPEN MIC @ THE LIBRARY!
 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24
 6PM-7PM
 Join us for an open mic night at the library! Think "grown-up show & tell." Enjoy an evening with fellow artists, musicians, and poets to share original works. Perform a song, poem, story, comedy routine, or bring a visual art piece and tell us about it. Sign-up is required for performers/presenters. Only original work is allowed, performers may not perform a cover song, read a poem by a writer other than themselves, etc.

OPEN MIC @ THE LIBRARY!

Friday, February 24 ~ 6-7pm

Join us for an open mic night at the library! Think "grown-up show & tell." Enjoy an evening with fellow artists, musicians, and poets to share original works. Perform a song, poem, story, comedy routine, or bring a visual art piece and tell us about it.

Sign-up is required for performers/presenters. Only original work is allowed, performers may not perform a cover song, read a poem by a writer other than themselves, etc.

Time allotted will depend on the number of performers, but will not exceed 15 minutes per person. A microphone will be provided (if needed) but performers must bring any other equipment they need.

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR OPEN MIC NIGHT](#)

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS & TEENS:



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30am

January 18 through February 22

Join us for music, songs, dance, and stories! Recommended for ages 2-6 but families with children of all ages are welcome.

* February 8 will meet at 11:00am instead due to Berrien RESA's playgroup.



ART @ THE LIBRARY!
 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17
 1:00PM-3:00PM
 Drop-in the library to make art with Cathy Tapia from the Roti Roti Art Center! Cathy will bring a selection of art projects for kids preschool through 4th grade. Learn more about the Art Center and the wonderful classes they offer!

ART @ THE LIBRARY!

Friday, February 17 ~ 1-3pm

Drop-in the library to make art with Cathy Tapia from the Roti Roti Art Center! Cathy will bring a selection of art projects for kids preschool through 4th grade. Learn more about the Art Center and the wonderful classes they offer!



TEEN SCENE
 WEDNESDAYS 2:30-3:30PM
 JANUARY 18-FEBRUARY 22
 Come hang out with Ms. Jen and fellow teens at the library. Play games, do crafts, and just chillax!

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Questions? Visit our website, stop by the library, or give us a call at 269.695.3681. Click [HERE](#) to learn more on our website.

WHAT WE'RE READING:



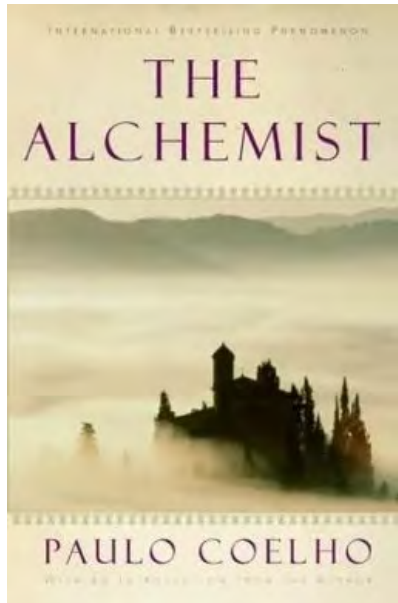
ERIN IS LISTENING TO...

ONE OF US IS LYING
KAREN M. MCMANUS

Five students go to detention. Only four leave alive. For fans of Gossip Girl and Pretty Little Liars, this is the perfect high school thriller.

Yale hopeful Bronwyn has never publicly broken a rule. Sports star Cooper only knows what he's doing in the baseball diamond. Bad boy Nate is one misstep away from a life of crime. Prom queen Addy is holding together the cracks in her perfect life. And outsider Simon, creator of the notorious gossip app at Bayview High, won't ever talk about any of them again. He dies 24 hours before he could post their deepest secrets online. Investigators conclude it's no accident. All of them are suspects.

Everyone has secrets, right? What really matters is how far you'll go to protect them.



KAREN IS READING...
THE ALCHEMIST
PAULO COELHO

Combining magic, mysticism, wisdom, and wonder into an inspiring tale of self-discovery, *The Alchemist* has become a modern classic, selling millions of copies around the world and transforming the lives of countless readers across generations.

Paulo Coelho's masterpiece tells the mystical story of Santiago, an Andalusian shepherd boy who yearns to travel in search of a worldly treasure. His quest will lead him to riches far different—and far more satisfying—than he ever imagined. Santiago's journey teaches us about the essential wisdom of listening to our hearts, recognizing opportunity and learning to read the omens strewn along life's path, and, most importantly, following our dreams.



THELMA IS READING...
CAPTIVE
IRIS JOHANSEN

Jane MacGuire is enjoying a period of domestic bliss as she focuses on her art and her partner Seth Caleb uses his unique abilities as an agent for the MI6 intelligence service. But when Seth crosses crime lord Hugh Bohdan, he incurs the wrath of one of the world's most powerful criminal empires...one whose tentacles reach across the globe and even to the idyllic Scottish retreat where Jane is working. Soon Jane is on the run, struggling to stay one step ahead of Bohdan's army and his devastating high-tech weaponry. Even with the assistance of Earl John MacDuff, she finds danger at every turn. But with that peril comes an astonishing discovery: a 200-year-old secret on the brink of becoming lost to history.

Jane and Seth must join forces to unlock the fascinating puzzle, even as they hurtle toward a lethal final confrontation in the Highlands. But before their adventure is over, Jane and Seth will encounter their biggest shock of all... and realize nothing can be the same for them ever again.



LIBRARY OF THINGS: SLEDS

Did you know you can check out a sled from the Library of Things? Before the snow is gone, check one out and visit the sledding hill by Buchanan High School.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn how to become an LoT patron at the Buchanan District Library!

New Beanstack Challenges!

The library has made new on-going challenges for kids and teens and a seasonal challenge for adults on our Beanstack site to encourage everyone to be a life-long reader!

1000 Books Before Kindergarten: This challenge promotes early literacy skills for children from birth to age six and encourages parent and child bonding through reading. Reading helps build social and emotional skills, sparks creativity and imagination, and helps kids do well overall in school. It doesn't matter if your child is three, or just three months – there's no better time to start than now! Take that motivation, open one book, and get started. And remember, 1000 is just a number. The goal is to work reading aloud into your regular routine, and let the magic of stories do the rest. This is an ongoing challenge with no end date, and readers can participate in this challenge at the same time as other challenges. Parents, don't forget to pick up your welcome packet at the library.



500 Books Before Middle School: Kids ages 5-11, are you up to the challenge? Read 500 books before middle school! Log your reading to earn badges along the way. Every 100 books you read earns you a pin-on button! This is an ongoing challenge with no end date, and readers can participate in this challenge at the same time as other challenges.

100 Books Before Graduation: Teens and pre-teens ages 11-19, read 100 books before graduating, log your reading in Beanstack, and earn a new set of badges, as well as a pin-on button at 50 and 100 books! This is an ongoing challenge with no end date, and readers can participate in this challenge at the same time as other challenges.

Genre Challenge 2023: Challenge yourself to read beyond what you can imagine and explore new genres! This challenge runs from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, and readers can participate in this challenge at the same time as other challenges.

[CLICK HERE TO CHECK OUT THE NEW CHALLENGES!](#)
or find the challenges in the **[BEANSTACK app!](#)**

ARE WE MISSING SOMETHING??

Did you know you can request materials for the library to purchase? To make a request, log into [your LIBRARY ACCOUNT](#) (in the upper right-hand corner, use your library card number and 10-digit phone number), click on the Reserves/Requests tab, and click the request link.

NEW! myLIBRO App

Buchanan District Library now has an app!

Now it's super easy to search our catalog, reserve and renew items, checkout eBooks and digital audiobooks, stay informed about library events, and more! Here's how to get started:

Download the myLIBRO app

– Go to your app store and download the myLIBRO app.

Set up your account

– Search for Buchanan District Library and log in with your library card number and phone number (PIN).

– Add family members by swiping sideways on the blue account box and tapping “Add library card.”

– To switch accounts, swipe to the account you wish to use and tap “Activate” in the top left of the blue account box.

Questions? Visit our website, stop by the library, or give us a call at 269.695.3681.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE ON OUR WEBSITE](#)



The library is always closed Sundays & Mondays.

Thank you for being part of the Buchanan District Library!



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Buchanan Area Senior Center – February 2023



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

Submitted by Diana Smuda, BASC Program Coordinator

AARP TAX-AIDE PREPARATION

The Buchanan Area Senior Center will once again offer free assistance in filing taxes (e-filing) for seniors (55+) who live in the BASC service area, through the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program.

Call the BASC at 269-695-7119 to schedule an appointment.

Pick up an "Intake Form" at the BASC before your scheduled tax appointment. Complete the "Intake Form" and return at your scheduled appointment.

Please bring the following documents to your scheduled tax appointment:



1. Social Security card and picture ID's for both you and your spouse.
2. All monthly or annual income statements for you and your spouse (W-2s, 1099s, etc.).
3. Social Security Benefit Statement(s), for SSA-1099, SSI Statement(s).
4. Pension(s) and information pertaining to the company you receive it from (1099-R).
5. All interest and dividend statements from your financial institution (1099-INT and 1099-DIV).
6. Homeowners bring your property tax bills for both winter and summer.
7. Renters bring in landlord contract including name and address. You will need to know your rent payment amount.
8. Total heat cost from the previous year.
9. Health insurance premiums you pay.
10. Completed "Intake Form."

Very Important to bring...

11. Blank Check
12. Last Year's Tax Return!

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FINDING JOY IN YOUR LIFE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023 ~ 1PM

Have you or a loved one been feeling a bit down and a lack of joy? Know, that you are not alone. Here at the BASC, we want to help you live a more joyful life.



Lots of people confuse joy with happiness, and although they are closely related and often occur simultaneously, these feel-good emotions aren't synonymous. Happiness is an emotion that brings bursts of intense pleasure, excitement, and satisfaction, while joyfulness is a stronger, longer-term state that results in feelings of inner peace and contentment.

Julie Weckel of Geriatric Connections will share with us different ways we can discover the joy that is already in our lives and to live a more joyful life.

Call 695-7119 to register for the class.

CIVIL RIGHTS HERITAGE CENTER
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023 ~ 12:30PM

The Civil Rights Heritage Center is committed to preserving and sharing the civil rights history of South Bend, Indiana, and its surrounding communities as part of the larger national narrative of activism among African Americans, Latinxs, LGBTQ, women, and additional marginalized and oppressed groups.



Born from the efforts of Indiana University South Bend students and professors, the Civil Rights Heritage Center transformed a once-segregated city swimming pool into an active learning center. It explores the civil rights struggles of the past so people can take action in the present and build a better future.

Join us at the BASC to learn more about the Civil Rights Heritage Center and what they offer.

Thank you for supporting the Buchanan Area Senior Center!

Read the full BASC Newsletter for February 2023 [HERE](#).

Buchanan Area Senior Center - February 2023 Calendar

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Valentine's Day Party Tuesday February 14th 11:00 pm Call 695-7119 to register	History of Modern Valentine Tuesday February 7th 10:00 am Call 695-7119 to register	9:00 Coffee Chat 9:00 Fasting Blood Sugar 10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe 1:00 Hand & Foot 6:00 Pinochle 6:00 Euchre	11:00 Chair Yoga with Ulrike 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day	9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz 1:00 Fiber Friends
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10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda 11:00 Dancing to the Oldies with CeCe 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 2nd Pick-Up Monthly CSFP Commodities 2:00 Qigong Exercise	9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 1:00 Valentine's Day Party 2:00 Hearing Aid Check	10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe 12:30 Root Beer Floats 1:00 Finding Joy in Your Life 1:00 Hand & Foot 6:00 Pinochle 6:00 Euchre	9:30 Eyeglass Repair 10:30 Book Club 11:00 Chair Yoga with Ulrike 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day	9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz 1:00 Fiber Friends Sunday, February 19 4:00 Tin Shop Theatre—Chic
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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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adam@thebasc.org, Adam Burck – Executive Director

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Notice of Special Board of Education Meeting • February 06 2022



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



Please take notice that there will be a special meeting of the Board of Education of Buchanan Community
Schools, Berrien County, Michigan;

Date of Meeting: February 06, 2023

Place of Meeting: Buchanan High School Auditorium, 401 W Chicago St, Buchanan MI 49107

Hour of Meeting: 6:00pm

Telephone Number of the Superintendent's Office of The Board of Education: 269-695-8401

Board Minutes are Located at the Superintendent's Office of The Board of Education: 401 W Chicago St, Buchanan MI 49107

~ Kelly Laesch, Secretary, Board of Education

You may view this meeting's completed Board of Education Meeting Minutes on [the Buchanan Community Schools website here](#).



Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education

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

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

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

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

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the school district's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting.

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

Thank you for your support of Buchanan Community Schools!"

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

- Dr. Harvey Burnett, President – hburnett@buchananschools.com
- Ruth Writer, Vice-President – rwriter@buchananschools.com
- Kelly Laesch, Secretary – klaesch@buchananschools.com
- Chris Lee, Treasurer – clee@buchananschools.com
- Katie Berry, Trustee – kberry@buchananschools.com
- Chris Carlson, Trustee – ccarlson@buchananschools.com
- Dr. Scott Carlin, Trustee – scarlin@buchananschools.com

Official minutes of school board meetings are stored and available for inspection in the Superintendent's Office. Meeting minutes are also posted on our district website under the Board of Education.

www.buchananschools.com

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

disabilities to be able to participate in the meeting.

Past Event – 101st Birthday for Geneva Swem



101st Birthday for Geneva Swem

Write-Up and Photos submitted by Jerry Flenar

Geneva turned 101 on 1/06/23. Cousins from Texas, Indiana, S Carolina, Georgia, Colorado and Michigan spent a 5 day weekend celebrating both the 101 and our wonderful – loving – gracious – family loving Aunt Geneva Swem.

A little fun fact: Geneva was born the year the Buch High School was built – 1922.



101st Birthday of Geneva Swem, Photos submitted by Jerry Flenar

Now That's Funny! – Issue 45



Now That's Funny! – Issue 45

by Thomas Hoyt, Writer

For anyone who has children whom have misplaced things, you know what I am talking about here. Kids are losing things all of the time. When you ask your son or daughter to go get something of theirs, many a time we as parents hear, "I can't find it." Moms have a superpower that allows them to find anything in an instant. As soon as Mom arrives to the scene, usually the child's bedroom, the item is found! So I believe our children need a bracelet or a T-shirt with the letters WWML on it. Yes, WWML... Where Would Mommy Look! Imagine how quickly we would find things if we pause and ask ourselves, "where would Mommy look?" 🤔🤔🤔

Today's Dad joke: What's Beethoven's favorite fruit? Ba-na-na-naaaa. Ba-na-na-naaaaa! 🤔🤔🤔

Keep laughing folks! 😊

Now That's Funny! with Garrick – Issue 45



Expensive Chicken Mistake

by Garrick Stubblefield

I work at a local deli. One of my regular customers came to me and asked for the usual thing that she gets from me. I replied to her by saying to her "2 chicken legs?" and she said "Yep." When I went to get them and put them on the scale, I made a mistake and did not know it at the time.

So I gave her the chicken and wished her a good day. When my customer was done shopping and went to checkout and pay, it so happened that she kept the chicken for last. She gave it to the cashier and then said "I'm on a pretty strict budget, but if I have to pay that much for 2 chicken legs I will not be able to afford it."

Then the cashier called back to the deli and I answered the phone. The cashier explained that there was a sticker for \$72.69 for two legs. I replied immediately and said that was wrong and gave her the new price of \$3.38. The cashier told the lady that it was a mistake and told her the new total. The lady quickly responded by saying, "Now that price I can budget on."

The Clark Barker – Issue 45



Random Acts of Kindness Day Will Be February 17

Coming up in a couple of weeks, Friday, February 17, 2023 is National Random Acts of Kindness Day. My human Editor, Rebecka Hoyt, of this newspaper has told me some ideas that I should put in this list of "Random Acts of Kindness." So, take a look over it, think about it, and then pick one, two or more to do on Random Acts of Kindness Day! After you completed it on that day, send us an email to buchananchronicle@att.net or in the comments on the Facebook article post of the action you did and how it went.

Ideas of Random Acts of Kindness:

- Give someone a flower.
- Pay it forward at a drive-thru.
- Put an encouraging note on a sack lunch.
- Shovel your neighbor's driveway/sidewalk (if you have snow where you live).
- Bring your neighbor's garbage can back to their house.
- Put a sticky note of encouragement on the bathroom mirror.
- Give a gift to your mail carrier/delivery person.
- Tip your waiter/waitress a little bit more.
- Send a Thinking of You Card to someone you haven't seen/talked to in a long time.
- Send city officials, school administrators an encouragement note, flower/candy delivery.
- Share an advertisement for free.
- Order a takeout meal for first responders.
- Donate to a favorite charity/group/business or to one you haven't donated to before.
- Donate feminine products, laundry soap – non food items to your local food pantry or shelter(s).
- Donate toys to daycares, clubs, etc....check with those businesses first before taking them.
- Make a dessert for dinner if you normally don't have dessert.
- Make bread/cookies on a plate for your neighbor, friends, or grandparents.
- Make dinner or a meal for someone else.
- Send/give your pastor, teacher, doctor, boss, coworker a thank you note.

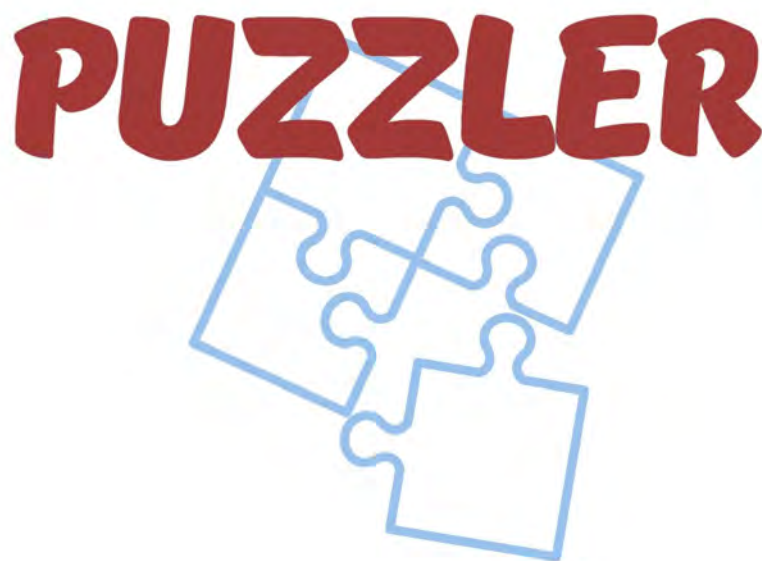
- Take a friend, sibling, cousin, aunt, uncle, grandparent out for lunch or coffee.
- Cleanup the McCoy Creek Trail or pick-up trash.
- Paying someone a compliment.
- Holding/opening up a door for someone.
- Give someone a hug.
- Shop at a business you haven't been to before.
- Player(s) on a team write a thank you note to their coach.
- Say "Hi" to someone you might not normally say hi to.
- Salute or say Thank You to vets who have symbols of military service.
- Pray with or for someone.

I hope that there is something on here for everyone! If not, you can visit [The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation](#) website to see how you can spread more kindness! Be kind citizens of Buchanan, and to all of the other places in the world. Not just one day out of the year, but everyday!

Woof-Woof!



Puzzler Page – Issue 45



Puzzler Page – Issue 45

by Garrick Stubblefield

Hello all and Happy New Year. I hope you all had fun last year with the puzzles I did for you and the chronicle. It has been a very good experience for me to do them because if you remember that all these puzzles are coming from my head. I'm excited to introduce you to a couple of new ones. I will continue to put you in the thinking mode. If you're interested in getting a whole series of them please contact me by phone and leave a message. My number is 269-256-0547. My proceeds go as follows: 40% goes to the chronicle 40% goes to our local veterans and 20% goes to offset the supply cost. 1-\$1.50 / 3-\$4 / 6-\$7.50 / 12-\$10. Also if you can text me at this number and give me your feedback. I will continue to make these puzzles for you to enjoy. Thank you for the support.

Puzzler Page

PUZZLE 1 – REDUCING THE WORD

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

- 6 Letter –
 - TRAINS
 -
 -
 -
 -
 -

- 5 Letter –
 - CRANE
 -
 -
 -

- 4 Letter –
 - PART
 -
 -
 -

- 3 Letter –
 - PAL
 -
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As this puzzle could have many answers, you can email your possible answers to Garrick at garrickstubblefield@gmail.com. He will check and respond as quickly as he can. One possible set of answers is on Page 2 – Puzzles Answer Page.

PUZZLE 2 – KNOWING YOUR STATES AND CAPITALS

- Instructions:
 - Riddles below are clues to State or Capital names.
- Clues:
 - STATES:
 - These two (2) States are like women yet unwed: _____ & _____
 - CAPITALS:
 - This Capital is known for a “Late Night Talk Show Host”: _____

PUZZLE 3 – CRACK THE CODE

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

1. CHANGE THE 2 TO A 7;
2. CHANGE THE 1 TO A 0;
3. CHANGE THE 7 TO A 4;
4. THE FINAL 3 DIGIT CODE IS: The Date we celebrate American Independence.

PUZZLE 4 – WORDS IN A QUOTE

- Instructions:
 - See if you can find the 4-letter words I found:
 - 3-4 you're doing good
 - 5-6 catching up to me
 - 7-more fantastic
- Quote:
 - GROUNDHOG DAY

3-Letter Words:

1.
2.
3.

4.
5.
6.

7.
8.
9.

10.
11.
12.

PUZZLE 5 – WORD WITHIN A QUOTE OR MOVIE TITLE WITH CLUES

- Quote:
 - HOME ALONE
- Clues:

1. The ____ Ranger.
2. There is a number in the movie title: ____.
3. ____ Vera.
4. You get THIS at Dinner Time: ____.
5. Not a Female, but a ____.

PUZZLE 6 – ANAGRAM WORDS

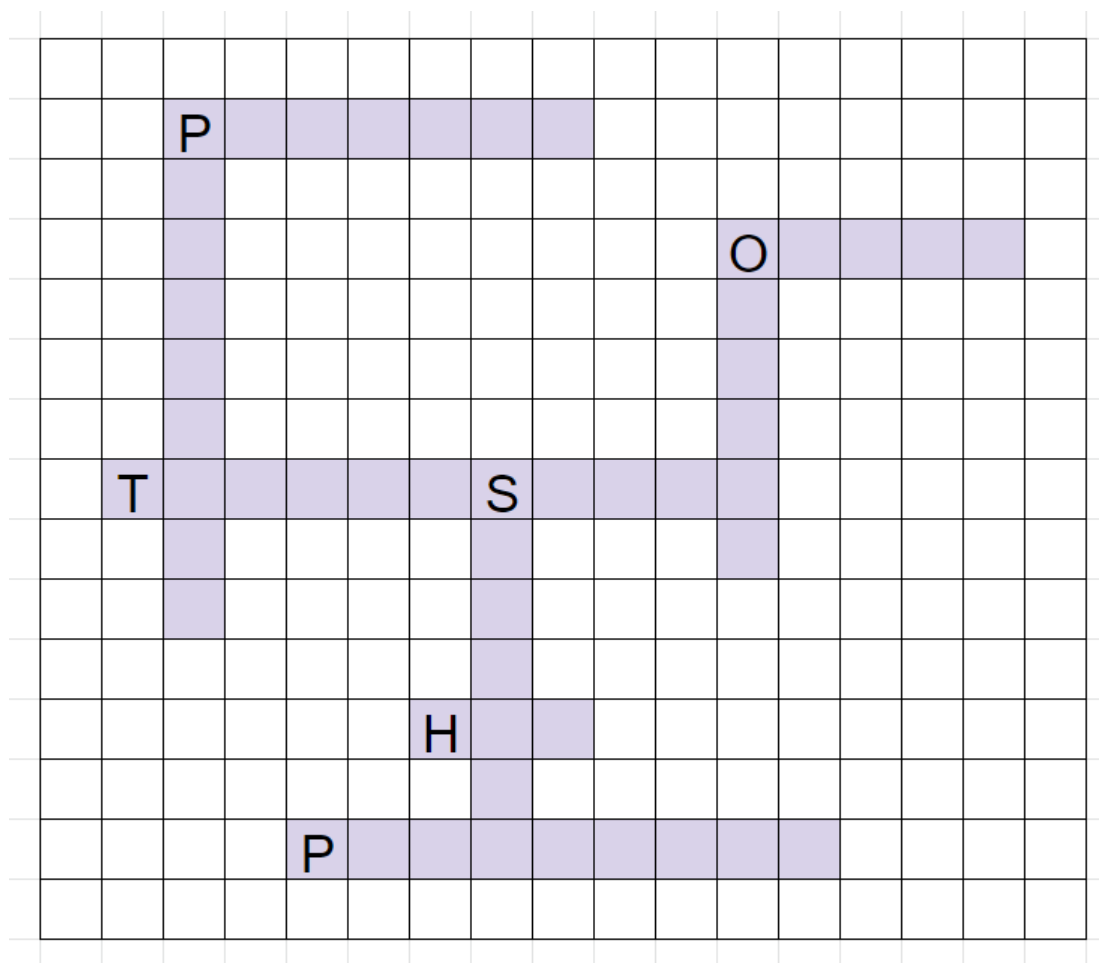
- Instructions:
 - Simply rearrange the provided word to make another word.
 - Examples: car ~ arc, rate ~ tear
- Clues:
 - RUN ~ _ _ _
 - NEAR ~ _ _ _ _
 - CREAM ~ _ _ _ _ _
 - SCREAM ~ _ _ _ _ _ _
 - REPORTS ~ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

PUZZLE 7 – ANIMAL COLLECTIONS

- Instructions:
 - Do you know the collective noun for each animal when its in a group?
 - Examples: PRIDE of lions, GAGGLE of geese
- Clues:
 - SLEUTH or SLOTH of BEARS
 - CARAVAN or TRAIN of CAMELS

PUZZLE 8 – BOXGRAM

- Instructions:
 - Fill the shaded boxes to complete all the answers that go with the clue.
 - We've given you the beginning letters of each answer.
- Clue: THINGS YOU SEE ON A PIZZA. (find 8 words)



Boxgram Puzzle – Issue 44

Thank you for playing along with our puzzles in this issue!

Follow to Page 2 next for all the Answers!

PUZZLER



Puzzles 44 – Answer Page

PUZZLE 1 – REDUCING THE WORD

- 6 Letter –
 - TRAINS
 - STAIN
 - TINS
 - SIT
 - IT
 - I

- 5 Letter –
 - CRANE
 - NEAR
 - EAR
 - AR
 - A

- 4 Letter –
 - PART
 - ART
 - AT
 - A

- 3 Letter –
 - PAL
 - PA
 - A

PUZZLE 2 – KNOWING YOUR STATES AND CAPITALS

- STATES:
 - These two (2) States are like women yet unwed: **Missouri & Mississippi.**
- CAPITALS:
 - This Capital is known for a “Late Night Talk Show Host”: **Carson City.**

PUZZLE 3 – CRACK THE CODE

215 to 704

PUZZLE 4 – WORDS IN A QUOTE

- Quote: **GROUNDHOG DAY**

3-Letter Words:

1. DAY
2. DOG
3. HOG

4. RUN
5. RAN
6. GAY

7. NOR
8. HAD
9. DAD

10. DUG
11. RUG
12. RAG

PUZZLE 5 – WORD WITHIN A QUOTE WITH CLUES

- Quote:
 - HOME ALONE
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- 2. There is a number in the movie title: **ONE** .
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- 4. You get THIS at Dinner Time: **MEAL** .
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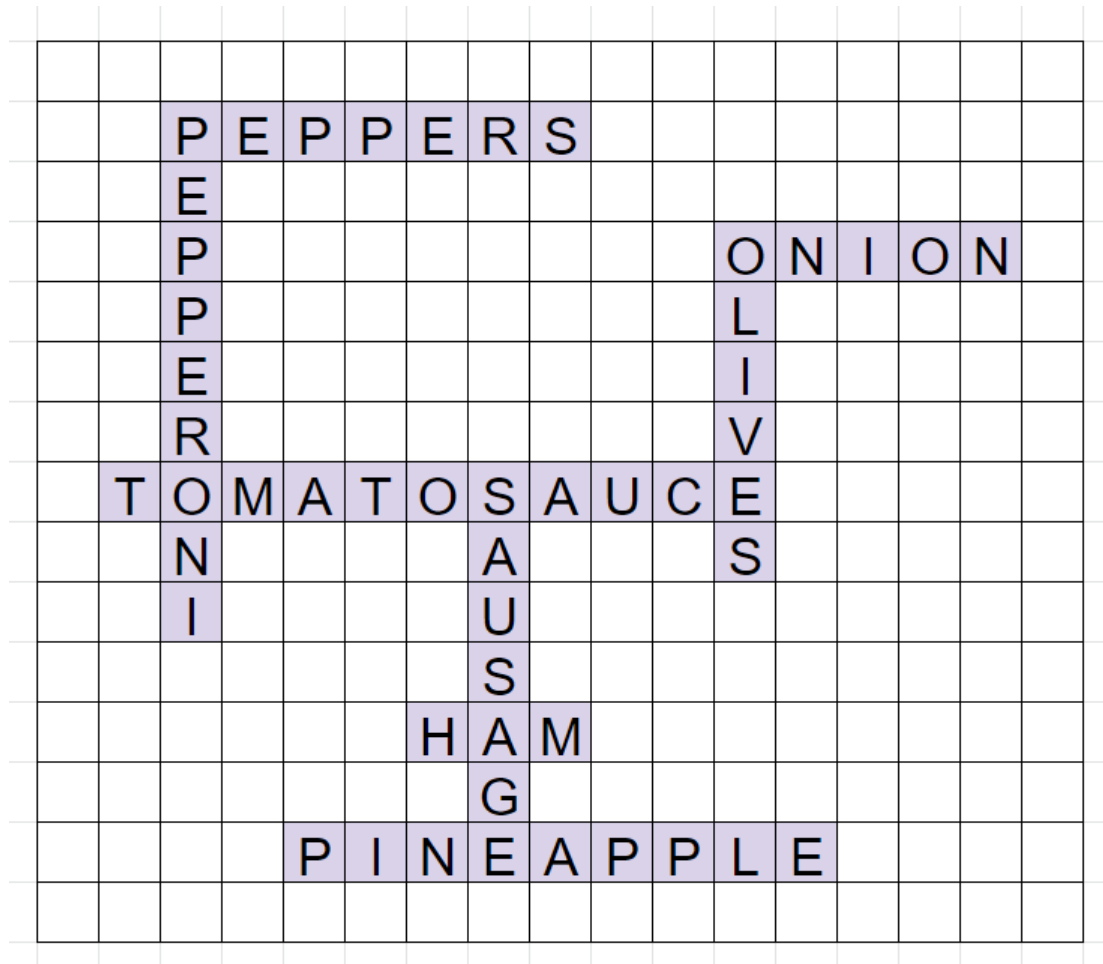
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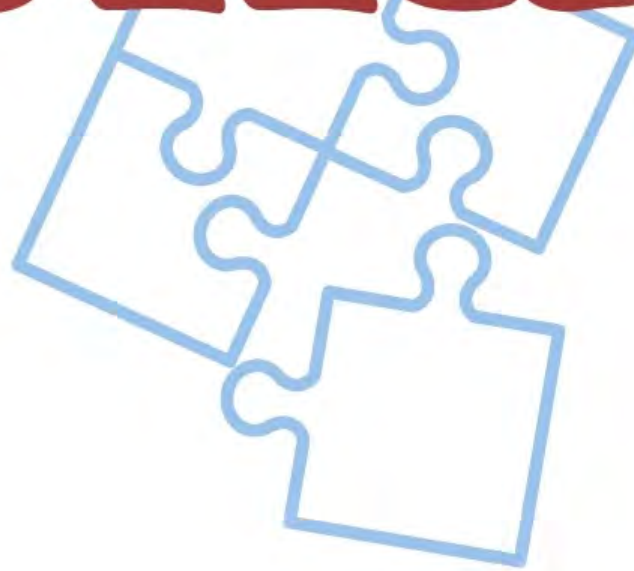
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Boxgram Puzzle – Issue 45

PUZZLER



Remembering – Issue 45

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Name	Age	Born	Died
Patsy Darlene Davis	82	August 13, 1940	February 2, 2023
Shirley Anita Robinson	89	December 26, 1933	January 30, 2023
Nadine Hagey-Corse	78	September 30, 1944	January 29, 2023
Leslie "Skip" A. Wilkey	82	July 14, 1940	January 29, 2023
Shirley L. Fedeli	81	June 23, 1941	January 28, 2023
Leonzo Saldivar	78	October 13, 1944	January 28, 2023
Cynthia Marie Forrester	50	September 27, 1972	January 26, 2023
Richard "Rick" Tingley	56	September 6, 1966	January 22, 2023
Christopher Lee Baich	50	March 17, 1972	January 21, 2023
Margaret LaVerne Lovelady	92	January 1, 1931	January 17, 2023
Mark Barczykowski	64	February 24, 1958	January 11, 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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www.hovenfunerals.com
info@hovenfunerals.com
269-695-2363
414 E Front St
Buchanan, MI 49107
USA

Starks Family Funeral Homes – Swem
www.starksfamilyfh.com/swem-chapel
269-695-6881
301 W Front St
Buchanan, MI 49107
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A Note from the Publisher – Issue 45



A Note from the Publisher – Issue 45

by Jen Garry, Publisher

Have you seen a light red / pink handout around town lately, asking about your interest in having a printed newspaper in Buchanan? We want to know if that's something you'd want! We have a form for you to fill out [HERE](#) to make it easy to give us your opinion!



Heard about our Printed Newspaper Handout? Give us your input: [Click HERE!](#)

Some Stats (with Editor Rebecka Hoyt):

2023 has started off strong for the views to our website! Our views to our website goal for this year is: 28,153. This number is the same as last year's website views. We are excited to let you know the number of views to our website from January 1, 2023 to February 3, at 9:20pm is: 4,006! We were over our monthly goal for January by 1,470.

Thank you to all of you for sharing our articles on your Facebook pages, and for clicking on the reminder email to our email subscribers to read them! Please continue to do all of this as well as telling others in person about any article that you liked. The more that everyone shares The Buchanan Chronicle, the more others will be informed

about us and they can learn more about Buchanan than what they thought they already knew! Once again, thank you. We greatly appreciate it!

As always, I'd like to remind you if you come across anything newsworthy, any announcements to share publicly, or anything you'd like your community to know about, please let us know by email (at buchananchronicle@att.net) or message us on [our Facebook page](#). We really appreciate any communication, we want to know what's happening so we can tell our community! We love to publish Opinion pieces from local contributors, feel free to write in if you have something to say to Buchanan!

Thanks again for reading and engaging in our Buchanan Community with us!

