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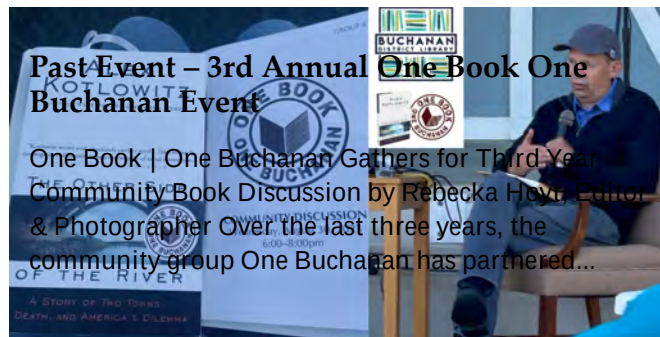


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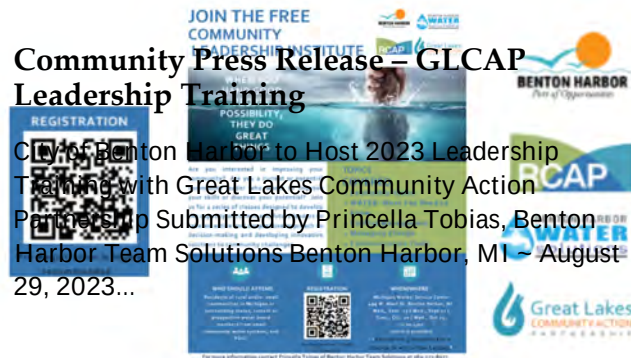


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As the Superintendent by Patricia Robinson, Buchanan Community Schools Superintendent The 2023-2024 school year is off to a great start with our staff, students, and families....

Community Press Release – GLCAP Leadership Training

City of Benton Harbor to Host 2023 Leadership Training with Great Lakes Community Action Partnership Submitted by Princella Tobias, Benton Harbor Team Solutions Benton Harbor, MI ~ August 29, 2023...



Community Press Release – HCU Announces Annual Teacher Awards



Honor Credit Union Announces Annual Teacher Awards Submitted by Kayla Smith, HCU Brand Coordinator Berrien Springs, MI ~ August 21, 2023
Honor Credit Union is thrilled to announce the kickoff...



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Community Press Release - Lighthouse Chorus Hunger Fundraiser

Saturday, September 16, 2023, 6:00 PM

Lighthouse Chorus to Hold Fundraiser to Fight Hunger in Southwest Michigan Submitted by Bill Ropp, Lighthouse Chorus Niles, MI – August 30, 2023

The Michiana Metro Lighthouse Chorus will hold...

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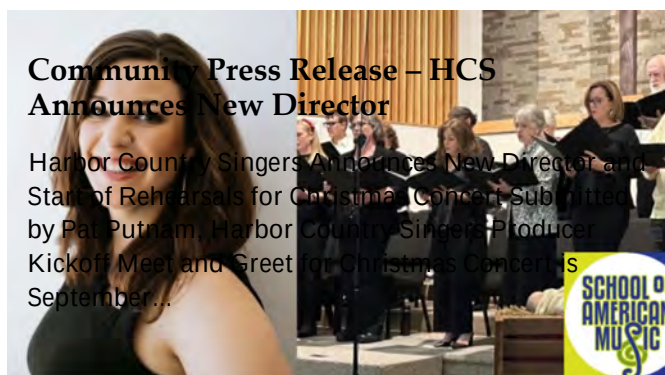
For more information, visit www.lighthousechorus.org



Community Press Release – Southwest Michigan Record Show at LMC

Southwest Michigan Record Show Returns to Lake Michigan College Submitted by Jeremy D. Bonfiglio, Event Organizer Benton Harbor, MI ~ August 30, 2023

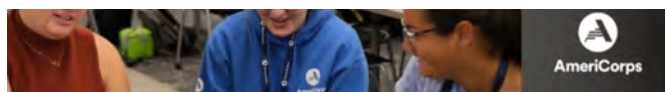
Vinyl record fans, rejoice! The Southwest Michigan...



Community Press Release – HCS Announces New Director

Harbor County Singers Announces New Director and Start of Rehearsals for Christmas Concert Submitted by Pat Putnam, Harbor County Singers Producer

Kickoff Meet and Greet for Christmas Concert is September...



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Community Press Release – AdviseMI College Culture with MCAN

Michigan College Access Network Launches Another
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Submitted by Katie Wittenauer of Michigan College
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Local Faith – BAMA Meeting September 2023

September BAMA Monthly Meeting Recap Submitted by Nate Babcock, Buchanan Christian Church Pastor September 5: Greetings! We had a good meeting this morning at First Presbyterian. Those present were: David...



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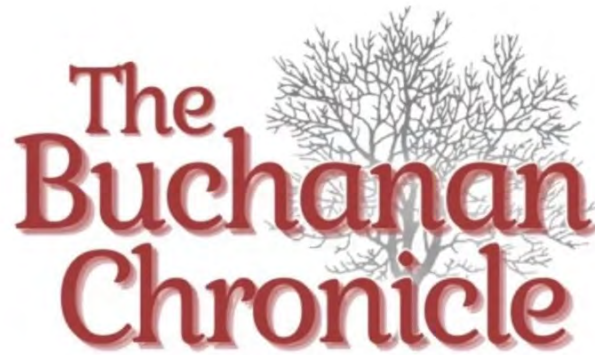
Summer in Downtown Buchanan 2023, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

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Local Business – 40 Under 40 Local Winner Kyle Zelmer



Kyle Zelmer Receives 40 Under 40 Local Winner

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Kyle Zelmer has much to be thankful for while having a humbling experience and was surprised as he received the "40 Under 40 Award" from Moody on the Market that his associate broker Courtney Spencer nominated him for. "It's nice to be acknowledged after the work that you put in is paying off," Kyle stated first.



Kyle Zelmer in Buchanan with his Award, Photo by Rebecca Hoyt

Raised in Buchanan his whole childhood, but now lives in Niles, Kyle graduated from Buchanan High School class of 2013, and had great mentors. "Buchanan Community Schools as a whole has shaped me into being successful, from my high school mentor Stacey Martin who was my 9th grade history teacher and also a real estate agent when I bought my first home later in life. LMC's early college program with mentor Barbara Craig Dean, in which I received my Associates degree, then my Bachelors at Grand Valley State University. I needed the push and that extra challenge, and LMC gave me that to help me get more integrated with Niles and the southwest community." His career path was different and tried biology, and then law school where he got his MBA at Davenport. Kyle's grandma was also a realtor, so this has come full circle for him and keeping positivity all the way.



Kyle Zelmer's 2023 40 Under 40 Award, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Bringing more communities together, Kyle is Vice President for Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce as well as the President of the Board of Education at Niles Community Schools. When he was 10 years old he was really sick and “the Buchanan community rallied together with a blood drive. I like the Buchanan neighborhood,” said Kyle graciously. He wants to help join the businesses and youth together and “embrace and teach our future leaders and bring more of a community feel into Niles too,” he stated. In addition to this award, Kyle has received other awards:

- 3rd year Best of the Best Realtor 2019, 2020, 2021 of Leader Publications
- Young Professional of the Year 2022 Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce

- 3rd year Platinum Producer SWM association Realtors (SWMR)
- State Tributes from Debbie Stabenow, Brad Paquette State Representative, and Gretchen Whitmer MI Governor
- Real Estate designations to enhance education



2023 40 Under 40 Local Winner Kyle Zelmer, Photo from Moody on the Market

Kyle works with many first time home buyers which is one of the best things he enjoys and stays positive with them through the buying/selling process. In the past seven years he has sold close to 130 homes. Yes, there are ups and downs but having good training within the brokerage that he received at Dorothy Mottl Realty has helped greatly and is instilling the training at his brokerage. Horizon Realty Group (his own brokerage) which is one year strong, they sell a variety of commercial and residential properties and he is planning to get licensed in Indiana as well.

We got to know Kyle a little bit more of his favorite things, so here they are in no particular order:

- Pets: 2 Pups – Golden Doodle named Oakley & Beagle named Rocky.
- Fun in the summer: he loves the summer months with yard work, projects, cooking on the grill with family and friends, going out on Diamond Lake, and traveling.
- Favorite food/restaurant: Italian! And restaurants with lots of variety.
- Favorite movie: any *Madagascar* movie with Tyler Perry.
- Favorite music: country, especially Luke Combs in concert.
- What he's reading: real estate magazines, books on negotiations, ways to coach your business.

The Buchanan Chronicle would like to congratulate Kyle on this achievement and maybe you can call on him for your buying/selling needs.

The Buchanan Chronicle congratulates Kyle Zelmer and all the 2023 40 Under 40 Winners for doing what they do (full list [HERE](#)). We're so appreciative to have these amazing local young people growing and desiring to move our communities forward into the future. We wish you well and good luck in your continued success.



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

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The Moody on the Market 40

Under 40 –

#SWM40under40

Hi, this is Pat Moody! Join me and local business leaders as we once again identify forty dynamic young professionals making a difference in our community. It's time for the 2022 edition of the 40 Under 40, a prestigious recognition program reserved exclusively for professionals under the age of 40.

Local Clubs – Bike Buchanan



Bike Buchanan Riding Since 2018

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Liz Martin – born and raised in Buchanan, came back to Buchanan after graduating college, and created the group Bike Buchanan in the year 2018. This was a way to bring the community along with her on her biking adventures.



Bike Buchanan on the road, Photo by Liz Martin

While living in downtown Buchanan, she was trying to find some things to do after she was done with work.

She always liked biking her whole life and has done some crazy bike adventures like from Buchanan to Traverse City, MI. Then others would reach out to her and want to join her on some bike rides. Liz made a bike event on Facebook and invited others to come join her and that's how it all started.



Bike Buchanan bikes, Photo by Liz Martin

Liz did try other biking groups, however some did not match up to her speed, and she also found this sport was more predominantly made up of males and not many females in it. So, she decided to create Bike Buchanan where all speeds and different distances, athletic abilities, to where the group is inclusive and all are welcomed. Anyone over the age of 18 and older can join, but also younger kids can join with a parent (kid bike trailers attached to the parent's bike is acceptable) and if a teen wants to join but not the parent, then they need written parent permission to join the group. All participants are required to sign a waiver once a year.



Bike Buchanan bikes, Photo by Liz Martin

Riding times range from 1 hour – 1 & ½ hrs, depending on the groups. Smiles for Miles at 10 mph which is a very casual group, each group goes up from 4 mph and all they go up to 20 miles away from the brewery. The biggest group goes up to 20 mph to get your heart rate up and you won't find Liz in that group. A lot of people enjoy the slower pace. People come from other cities like: St. Joseph and Benton Harbor of Michigan, and Granger, Goshen, Mishawaka, and South Bend of Indiana. This allows them to explore Buchanan and is a good way to spend an hour out in the woods instead of in the city on the roads less traveled. Feedback that Liz gets quite often is, "Buchanan is very hilly whether you want that as positive or negative feedback."



Bike Buchanan group at River Saint Joe, Photo by Liz Martin

Riders are single-filed or two-by-two for safety, and some roads are not ideal from loose gravel and debris and being cautious of falling. "Maintaining our cycling etiquette and also relying on vehicles on the road to maintain the etiquette of giving us the 3-5 feet between the vehicle and bicycle. Obeying by the laws in a safe manner for alertness. Each group has a specific ride lead (who are equipped with a first aid kit as well as tools for any mishap on the road) and ensure group members are keeping everyone in check in the right positions," states Liz. Bikers in the group are also in the medical group and a phone call away for someone to help when needed and to where they stop traffic at certain points along their routes.



Bike Buchanan setup at River Saint Joe, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

The number of groups range from seven all year and sometimes up to nine, which is dependent on the number of cyclists at the ride. Rides start the third week in May each year and end on the last Tuesday before November (before the time changes as daylight is decreased). Rides begin and end at the River St. Joe restaurant at 15475 Walton Rd. from 7 – 8/8:30pm. After Labor Day, they start at 6pm.



Bike Buchanan group on the road, Photo by Teresa Sheppard

If you don't have a bike and want to join, contact Liz Martin through the Bike Buchanan Facebook page for more information. She recommends a gravel-type bike just based on road conditions and how your tires hold up to hitting a pothole. Liz knows these roads like the back of her hand. "There are five paved routes and two with gravel. Buchanan consists of about 100 miles of gravel, and they are off the beaten path," she states. She also goes the day before or day of the ride to check on road construction, and the quality of the road in case a route needs to be changed (especially after a big rain). Gravel groups go along the river.

Pumpkinvine Cyclery from Middlebury, IN comes up to help with any maintenance and can bring a bike back on the following Tuesday if repairs are needed. City of Buchanan Police as well as the Berrien County Sheriff has led them out of River St. Joe for safety, and they have been very supportive of the group for the past six years for their safety. Liz is also appreciative of River St. Joe for allowing Bike Buchanan to have its starting and ending point at the restaurant.



Bike Buchanan group on the road, Photo by Teresa Sheppard

Do you want to join and are still not sure? Liz says, “If you’re shy like me, put that imposter feeling aside, but come early and talk to me one-on-one and I will share with you what to expect. Email, Instagram and Facebook are other ways to reach out to me and I’m the one behind the messages. There is no membership, it is for the community and anyone who has experience with cycling. It has also been others first touch point in meeting others and having friendships after they have moved to the area. 25 – 80 years old participate. After the ride is done you can enjoy a beverage with the group in the beer garden at River St. Joe.”

So, get out there Buchanan and enjoy the scenery as fall is about ready to start or share this with someone who has the love of cycling.



About Bike Buchanan: Empowering all humans to explore, move, replenish, & ride a bike!

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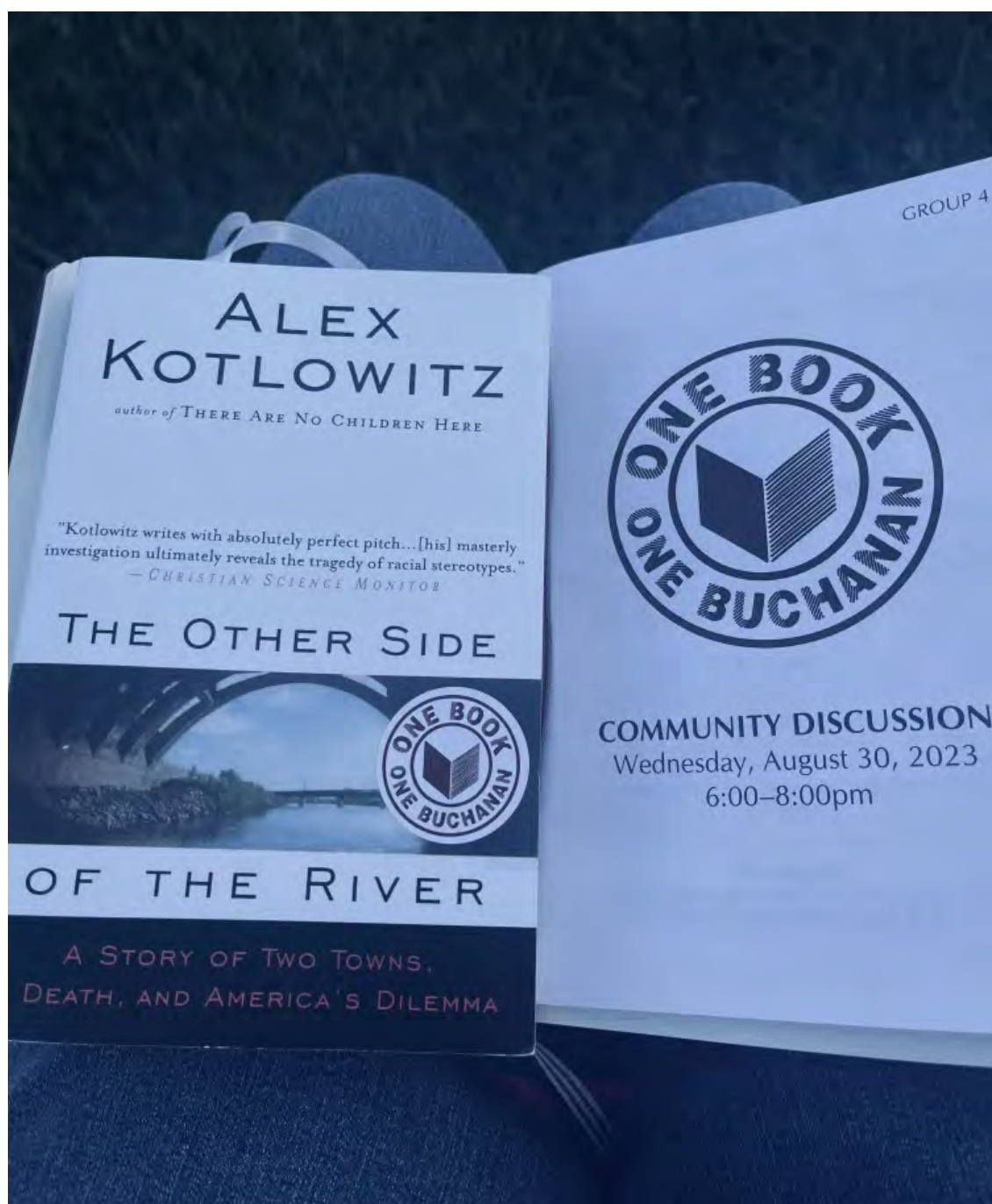
Past Event – 3rd Annual One Book One Buchanan Event



One Book | One Buchanan Gathers for Third Year Community Book Discussion

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Over the last three years, the community group One Buchanan has partnered with Buchanan District Library in a community book discussion on books of race which is now known as One Book One Buchanan. The Other Side of the River by Alex Kotlowitz was the book chosen for this year's discussion on Wednesday, August 31, 2023 at The Common in the evening from 6:00 – 8:00pm.



One Book One Buchanan 2023: The Other Side of the River, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Buchanan District Library won a transformation grant to do the One Book One Buchanan event. Facilitators of One Buchanan and others from various backgrounds led groups in discussions with all races and many young – older adults came together and shared their “Aha moment of what in the book spoke to them” and any other thoughts they had of the book. Rules were given to the attendees as they were inspired from last year’s book, High Conflict. If you have read this book, you may already know about it, however some people did not know about this true story.



Trish Robinson of One Buchanan listens to Alex Kotlowitz, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

The Other Side of the River took place in Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, Michigan of May 1991 when the body of a black teenager was found in the St. Joseph River. Author, Alex Kotlowitz dives into the history of how the boy died and how Benton Harbor and St. Joseph are two different cities as the St. Joseph River separated them.



Meg Paulette Perez gives introductions at One Book One Buchanan event, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

Throughout the groups, discussions were good. Others could sympathize with the family, some have lived in those areas and knew the boy, others learned about the race issue and shared how they grew up during that time or even before 1991.



Author Alex Kotlowitz answers questions, Photo by Rebecca Hoyt

Towards the end of the event, everyone came back together to listen to Mr. Kotlowitz answer questions that were submitted from the public given by Trish Robinson as well as one question from each facilitator's group. Author Kotlowitz said, "It's our responsibility to get white America to talk about race." In his first book: *There are no Children Here*, dealt with race and public housing. "People were reluctant to talk or avoid me. They would ask why do you want to do the story and they probably didn't have anyone ask them." Writing this book took him quite some time and it was hard for him to know when to stop and said that "I feel like I could write this same story today and this discomforts me. And twenty-five years ago, the Black Lives Matter March wouldn't have happened." He encouraged everyone to be with others in other communities to get to know others and their stories.



Attendees and group facilitators at One Book One Buchanan event, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

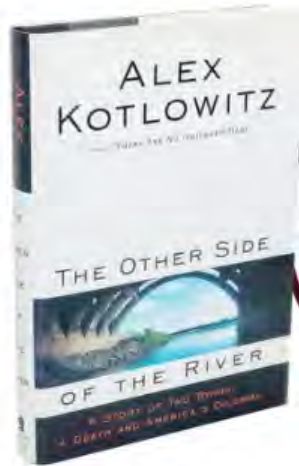
For us to have more love in this world, Maurice Burton, retired Michigan State Police who was one of the facilitators said, "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins," 1 Peter 4:8 (NIV Bible). For more information on this event that was submitted from Buchanan District Library in our last online issue, read this recent article on our website: [3rd Annual One Book One Buchanan Event](#).

PAST Event Details:

- *Who:* One Buchanan & Buchanan District Library
- *What:* [One Book | One Buchanan 3rd Annual Event](#)
- *When:* **Wednesday, August 30, 2023 : 6pm**
- *Where:* Buchanan Common, 122 Days Ave, Buchanan MI
- *Details:* Join us on Buchanan Common to discuss the book and for a conversation with the author, Alex Kotlowitz.

ONE BOOK | ONE BUCHANAN

OUR THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNITY-WIDE READING EVENT STARTS
SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023



In partnership with **One Buchanan**, this event brings our town together to read one book over the summer and then get together for a discussion on the Common. This year the book is *The Other Side of the River* by Alex Kotlowitz. Visit the library's website to sign up to receive a **free** copy of the book (**for you to keep!**). Pick up your copy at the Farmer's Market on Saturday, June 17, or anytime after at the library.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2023 AT 6PM

Join us on the Common to discuss the book and for a conversation with the author, Alex Kotlowitz.

LEARN MORE & SIGN UP AT
www.buchananlibrary.org



3rd Annual One Book | One Buchanan Event flyer



About One Buchanan: One Buchanan started in 2016 as a grass roots community organization focused on diversity and inclusion issues and was subsequently adopted by the City of Buchanan as a City Board. One Buchanan Vision is to be the catalyst to create an inclusive community which values and celebrates our diversity so together we can thrive. One Buchanan Mission is to promote awareness of our rich diversity through education, activities and programs that strengthen an inclusive community. One Buchanan Core Beliefs include

valuing our diversity of race, culture, ethnicity, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical ability, mental ability, age, socioeconomic status, and housing status; believing in a community that provides equitable resources and opportunities; believing that through listening with empathy we are able to connect and understand our diverse perspectives; and to promote a sense of belonging through acknowledging and celebrating our differences.

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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.

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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.

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Upcoming Event – Trek-or-Treat 2023



18th Annual Trek-or-Treat 2023

Shared by Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail

The 18th Annual TREK-OR TREAT will be Saturday, October 28, 2022 from 12:30pm-2pm! Thanks to Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail for putting on this Halloween tradition. 🍬 🎃

Join us in the E.B. Clark woods at the McCoy Creek Trail for some fun daytime trick or treating with costumed characters and plenty of candy! Trek-or-Treat is perfect for kids of all ages.



Trek-or-Treat 2023 graphic

Trek-or-Treat is funded by donations and always needs candy! Unopened candy donations can be made at Buchanan City Hall, River St. Joe, Redbud Insurance, Buchanan Senior Center and Redbud Fitness.

Event Info:

- *Who:* Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail
- *What:* Trek-or-Treat 2023
- *When:* **Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 12-2pm**
- *Where:*
 - E.B. Clark Woods Trailhead of McCoy Creek Trail
 - 209 Schirmer Pkwy, Buchanan MI 49107
- *Candy Donation Details:*
 - Please support McCoy's Creek Trail with their annual Trek-or-Treat by donating candy!!
 - Candy Donation drop-off locations are: City Hall, Buchanan Area Senior Center, and Edward Jones Buchanan!



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.

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

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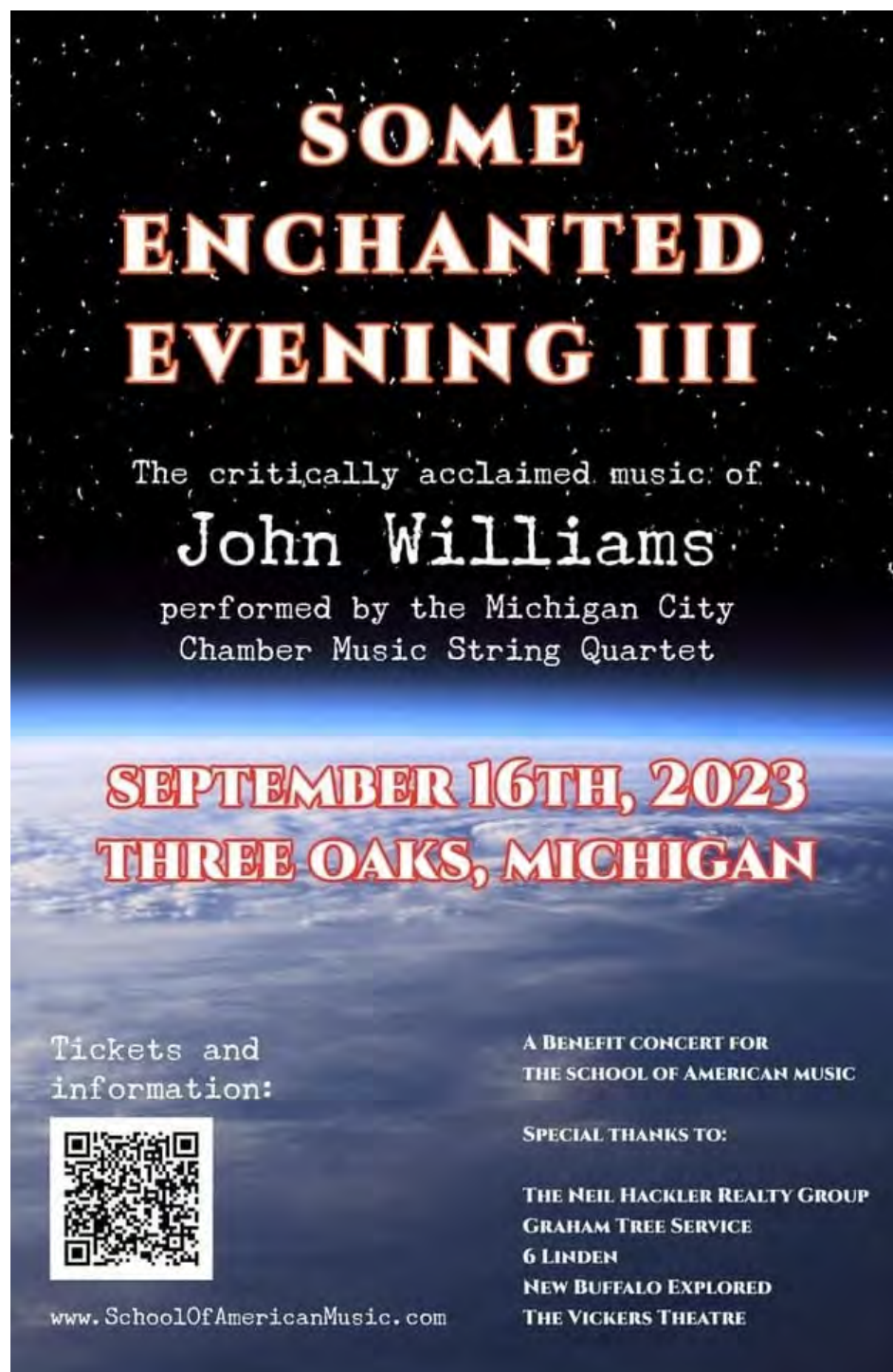


Some Enchanted Evening III Outdoor Picnic-Style Concert with School of American Music

Submitted by Donna Mitchell, School of American Music Executive Director

The music of John Williams performed by the Michigan City Chamber Music String Quartet for the benefit of the
School of American Music

“Some Enchanted Evening III,” the School of American Music’s annual end-of-summer outdoor picnic-style concert, will take place Saturday, September 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Eastern time on Spring Creek Stage, 14 Maple St., Three Oaks, Michigan, facing Dewey Cannon Park. The concert will feature the music of composer John Williams beautifully performed by the Michigan City Chamber Music String Quartet, including some interesting interpretations of famous soundtracks such as Jaws and Star Wars.



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Some Enchanted Evening III Outdoor Picnic-Style Concert, Flyer shared by School of American Music

Event goers are invited to arrive prior to the concert to set up picnic dinner spreads, including blankets, tables, and chairs. The lawn opens at 5:00 p.m. In case of rain, the concert will be moved to the Vickers Theatre, in which case an announcement will be made.

"Some Enchanted Evening is not just a concert; it's an opportunity to indulge in the magic of music while supporting a worthy cause," said event organizer Marco Chavarry. "This is my third year organizing this event and I love the festive feel and party-like atmosphere we have created. Get ready to be transported into a world of enchantment and musical wonder while listening to the timeless melodies of legendary composer John Williams. This event promises to be an extraordinary blend of live orchestral performance, community gathering and philanthropy, all set against the backdrop of a beautiful evening under the stars."



Some Enchanted Evening III Outdoor Picnic-Style Concert, Photo provided by School of American Music

The event is sponsored by Neil Hackler from Engel & Volkers Realty, 6 Linden, Vickers Theatre, Graham Tree Services and New Buffalo Explored.

Tickets for the event are \$50 and can be purchased online at SchoolofAmericanMusic.com/events-tickets or by calling 269-409-1191. Proceeds benefit the School of American Music's Future Fund, the fundraising campaign to establish an endowment for the school. Every dollar donated to the Fund is matched by the Michiana Arts Foundation. SAM is a 501(c)(3) organization, and all contributions are tax-deductible. For more information or to donate, visit 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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Upcoming Event – Patriot Day 2023



Patriot Day – The Remembrance of September 11, 2001

Shared by City of Buchanan

Patriot Day will be held at the Common on Monday, September 11 at 7pm.

Thank you to Buchanan City Police and Fire Chaplains, the Buchanan Area Ministerial Association, and American Legion Post 51 for sponsoring and hosting this event.

Event Details:

- *Who:* Buchanan City Police and Fire Chaplains, Buchanan Area Ministerial Association, American Legion Post 51
- *What:* Patriot Day – The Remembrance of September 11, 2001
- *When:* **Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7pm**
- *Where:* Buchanan Common, 122 Days Ave, Buchanan MI
- *Details:* Annual Commemoration Service



Patriot Day 2023 flyer



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.

EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

Non-Emergency phone: 269-695-5120, fax: 269-695-0014.

www.cityofbuchanan.com/police

dselir@cityofbuchanan.com

720 E Front St, Suite B

Buchanan, MI 49107

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- Hours: 24HR EMERGENCY SERVICE – 911
- Office lobby hours: Monday – Friday ~ 8am-4:30pm, except holidays.



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/

[269-325-1227](tel:269-325-1227)

[Buchanan, MI 49107](#)

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

403 E Front St

269-695-6633

legionpost51@yahoo.com

Meetings 1st Thursday each month at 7pm

[Auxiliary American Legion – Buchanan Post 51 Facebook Page HERE.](#)



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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Upcoming Event – Superintendent & Buck Parent Conversations

SUPERINTENDENT & BUCK PARENT CONVERSATIONS



Superintendent & Buck Parent Conversations Fall 2023

Shared by Buchanan Community Schools

The first Superintendent & Buck Parent Conversation of the 2023-2024 school year is scheduled for September 28th from 4:45-5:30pm at the Buchanan High School Auditorium! Superintendent Robinson wants to know what's on your mind, connect with you, and exchange information. We hope to see you there!



SUPERINTENDENT & BUCK PARENT CONVERSATIONS



JOIN US!

Mrs. Robinson wants to know what's on your mind,
connect with you, and exchange information.

MEETING DATE & LOCATION

Thursday, September 28, 2023

4:45-5:30pm

Buchanan High School Auditorium

Enter through entrances 1, 2 or 3

Superintendent and Buck Parent Conversations 2023 flyer

- *Who:* Buchanan Community Schools
- *What:* [Superintendent & Buck Parent Conversations](#)
- *When:* **Thursday, September 28, 2023 from 4:45-5:30pm**
- *Where:* BHS Auditorium, enter through entrances 1, 2, or 3



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

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Local Roads – BCRD Snow Road Reconstruction Update

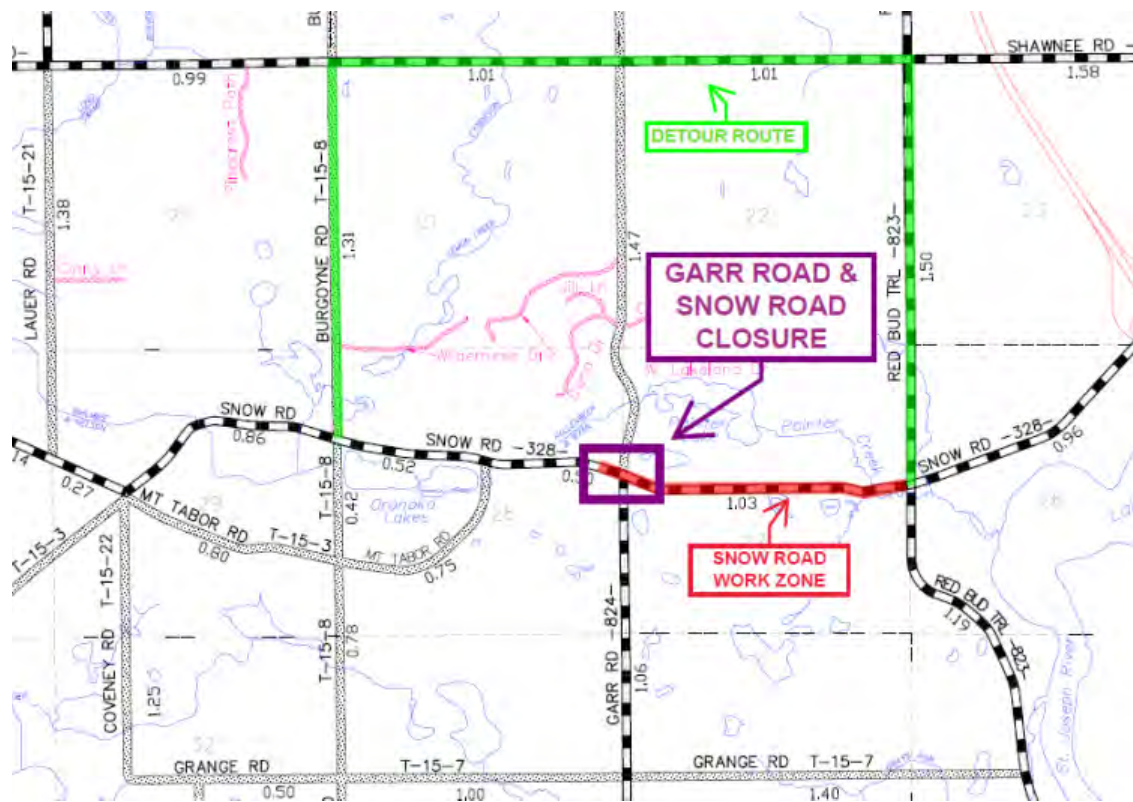


Snow Road Reconstruction Begins After Labor Day with Berrien County Road Department

Berrien County, MI ~ September 08, 2023

Road Work Project Details:

- **TOWNSHIP:** Oronoko Township
- **LOCATION:** Snow Road from the Garr Road intersection to Red Bud Trail
- **CLOSEST CITIES:** Berrien Springs, Baroda
- **START DATE:** Tuesday, September 5, 2023
- **END DATE:** November 2023
- **PROJECT:** Snow Road will be experiencing a road reconstruction. Contractors will be working to lower two hills and straighten Snow Road where existing S-curve is located. Road reconstruction will include drainage upgrades, drainage relocation; and roadway being crushed, shaped, trenched and widened with an asphalt overlay.
- **Traffic Restrictions Update #1:** Snow Road will be closed to all thru traffic starting on 9/5/2023. Starting the week of 9/11/2023, the Garr Road intersection will be closed to all traffic. Work will be taking place on both sides of Snow Road and the Garr Road intersection to pulverize roadway surface, complete grading related work, and begin construction activities to lower a hill.
- **DETOUR ROUTE:** Burgoyne Road to Shawnee Road to Red Bud Trail
- Work schedule is weather and contractor permitting.
- Local traffic is advised to reduce speeds when traveling through work zones.
 - Watch out for construction workers and equipment.
- Thru traffic is expected to use the detour route or seek alternative routes.



BCRD Work Zone and Detour Map



BERRIEN COUNTY
ROAD DEPARTMENT

About Berrien County Road Department: Our mission since 1882 is to maintain a county road system that is safe and convenient for public travel. This mission is carried out by a skilled, hard working staff.

Berrien County Road Department

bcroad.org

269-925-1196

2860 E. Napier Ave.

Benton Harbor, MI 49022

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BCS Superintendent's Note – September 2023



A Note from the Superintendent



A September Note from our BCS Superintendent

by Patricia Robinson, Buchanan Community Schools Superintendent

The 2023-2024 school year is off to a great start with our staff, students, and families. We are looking forward to a successful and dynamic year ahead.

We have seen overall academic growth as a district and we will continue to improve this year. An instructional coach has been added to our team to provide teachers with support and training at the secondary level. This type of support will help propel our students' academic achievement.

In addition to academic support, our elementary schools share an additional staff member who will provide guidance to students who may struggle to adjust to school expectations. With this guidance and additional tools, students can better focus and are poised much better to adapt to the learning environment.

With funding from our state leaders, schools across Michigan are able to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students. Having free breakfast and lunch available to all students will improve the physical and mental health of our students and in many cases their academic achievement.

We partnered with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Southwest Michigan to pilot a summer program at the middle school. This program ran for fifty days and offered families a safe and affordable option for summertime fun. Students were involved in daily activities and weekly field trips. Students joined other clubs at a Unity Day Celebration to have a day of food and fun.

We also held our district-based summer program where over 160 students in grades K-11 worked on strengthening their academic skills or taking classes to gain credit. This program has been successful and supported families by offering transportation and lunch daily. We look forward to offering these summer programs in the future.

This summer also found us busy purchasing new curricula and doing some minor repairs in our buildings. While there is much more to address, we are excited about completing these projects:

- Purchased new ELA curriculum (**Funding Source:** ESSER and General Funds)
- Completed Ottawa HVAC project (**Funding Source:** ESSER Funds)
- Installed HS hot water heater replacement (**Funding Source:** Sinking Funds)
- Repaired HS offices, classrooms, and culinary damaged by the burst pipes (**Funding Source:** Insurance Reimbursements and Sinking Funds)

- Installed auto shop gate (**Funding Source:** Sinking Funds)
- Repaired Moccasin front entry sidewalk (**Funding Source:** Sinking Funds)
- Installed ADA toilets at Moccasin(**Funding Source:** Sinking Funds)
- Repaired football field sinkhole (**Funding Source:** Sinking Funds)

Finally, district superintendents and building leaders from across Berrien County came together this summer to develop county-wide strategic goals. By working towards these common goals, districts will be able to leverage resources and extend achievement progress to all schools throughout the county. The goals are listed below.

- We are building educator capacity around common literacy standards, the Science of Reading, and the delivery of explicit foundational strategies.
- We are building educator capacity around common math standards, the eight mathematical practices, and the delivery of explicit foundational skills and strategies.
- We are building educator capacity around fostering belonging and engagement, where **All** are connected and accepted.

We are excited about working with our students, families, and community throughout the year as we partner to educate students for life-long success in their civic, academic, physical, social, and emotional lives.

Go Bucks!

Educationally yours,



Patricia L. Robinson

Superintendent of Buchanan Community Schools



BCS Superintendent Patricia Robinson, Spring 2021, Photo from BCS



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

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Mayor's Memo – Doing Your Part



Doing Your Part

by Mayor Sean Denison

This is a friendly reminder to do your part to help keep the city running smoothly. Please blow grass clippings out of the streets and gutters after mowing your lawn. Not only does it help to keep the city looking nice, but more importantly – it helps the gutters and storm drains to work properly. As we head into fall, it's also important to remember to keep the leaves from blocking the gutters also. When the grass clippings and leaves block the storm drains, the water has no place to go and pools up. This can lead to unsafe driving conditions, and potential property damage as well.

By leaving debris in the street, you may also cause damage to the city equipment that is used to keep the streets clean. The street sweeper is designed to pick up gravel, dirt and some amounts of leaves and grass, but larger objects can cause damage to its internal parts – which leads to expensive repair bills and down time.

Please do your part to keep the city's infrastructure working the way it is designed. It pays off for all of us in the long run.

Thank you, see you around town,
Sean Denison, Mayor



Mayor Sean Denison, Photo submitted by Sean Denison

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

About The City of Buchanan, MI: 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: (Interim) ~ Current Mayor: Sean Denison.

www.cityofbuchanan.com

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

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Community Press Release – Lighthouse Chorus Hunger Fundraiser



MICHIANA METRO LIGHTHOUSE CHORUS
PRESENTS
United in Harmony
Annual Fundraiser for Area Food Banks
Saturday, September 16, 2023, 6:00 PM
New Journey United Methodist Church
302 Cedar St., Niles, MI
Tickets: \$15;
Children Under Age 12: Free
Please bring a canned good to support our food drive.
Tickets can be obtained from any chorus member
or call: 269/471-4559
For more information, visit www.lighthousechorus.org

Lighthouse Chorus to Hold Fundraiser to Fight Hunger in Southwest Michigan

Submitted by Bill Ropp, Lighthouse Chorus

Niles, MI – August 30, 2023

The Michiana Metro Lighthouse Chorus will hold its annual Food Bank Fundraiser on Saturday, September 16, when it presents *United in Harmony*. Net proceeds from the fundraiser will be donated to several food banks in southwestern Michigan. Last year the Chorus raised nearly \$7,000 for area food banks, and with your help, they hope to top that number this year.




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Lighthouse Chorus Fundraiser flyer

The evening of entertainment and fundraising will begin at 6:00 PM at the New Journey United Methodist Church, 302 Cedar Street, Niles, MI. The program will include a variety of family-friendly music that appeals to all ages. General Admission tickets are \$15, and admission will be free for children under age 12. Advance tickets can be purchased by calling 269/471-4559, or they can be purchased at the door. Credit cards are accepted. Attendees are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the evening's food drive.

The Lighthouse Chorus is a local non-profit men's a cappella chorus that has performed throughout southwest Michigan and northwest Indiana. The Chorus performs primarily in the four-part harmony of the barbershop style, and their repertoire includes everything from Disney theme music to jazz to doo wop. Chorus President Gene Hanover noted that "the Chorus enjoys sharing its love of music with the community and raising

money for our local food banks makes it even more special.”

The 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 S. 4th Street in Niles. More information on the show and 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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Website: www.lighthousechorus.org

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Berrien County, MI

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Community Press Release – Southwest Michigan Record Show at LMC



Southwest Michigan Record Show Returns to Lake Michigan College

Submitted by Jeremy D. Bonfiglio, Event Organizer

Benton Harbor, MI ~ August 30, 2023

Vinyl record fans, rejoice! The Southwest Michigan Record Show, a new vinyl record fair in its inaugural season, will hold its second event on Saturday, Sept. 16, at Grand Upton Hall, Lake Michigan College Mendel Center, 1100 Yore Ave., Benton Harbor.

Music vendors from Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin will fill 65 tables with thousands of music items, including pre-loved LPs, new vinyl releases, 45s, CDs, cassettes, posters, record supplies, and more.

"We had a good turnout for our inaugural event in May, so we are looking forward to building on that for our September show," event organizer Jeremy D. Bonfiglio said. "Whether you are new to vinyl or have been collecting for decades, you will feel right at home at this event. We are all music fans. Our vendors get as excited as the customers when they find a record they've been searching for or discover music they didn't even know they needed. For us, that's the best feeling."



Record Show to be held at LMC, Photo provided by Southwest Michigan Record Show

Bonfiglio, who also runs the popular South Bend Record Show, one of the Midwest's largest record fairs, says that record shows' popularity has grown along with the vinyl record resurgence. According to the Recording Industry Association of America, revenues from vinyl records grew 17 percent in 2022 – the 16th consecutive year of growth – and accounted for 71 percent of physical format revenues. For the first time since 1987, vinyl albums outsold CDs.

“For some people, there is this misconception that vinyl records are only a thing of the past,” Bonfiglio said. “The format, however, has seen an incredible resurgence. Popular artists are releasing their music on vinyl again as a preferred format. What I find fascinating is that the RIAA statistics only show the growth of new vinyl releases and sales. It doesn't show the interest in pre-loved, vintage pressings, which has also grown. That's the market that has driven record fairs for years.”

Bonfiglio added that crate diggers at the Southwest Michigan Record Show will find plenty of classic rock, pop, metal, punk, prog rock, and '80s. Select vendors also will carry blues, jazz, R&B, soul, country, and more.



The Mendel Center at Lake Michigan College, Photo provided by Southwest Michigan Record Show

Admission to the show is free starting at 11 a.m. Customers can pay a \$5 early entry fee beginning at 9 a.m. to shop as vendors set up.

Door prize drawings will be held at noon, 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m., allowing customers to win shopping certificates and record products from BCW Supplies, the show's sponsor.

Cash is the preferred form of payment, but select vendors may also accept PayPal, Zelle, and credit and debit cards.

The Southwest Michigan Record Show is held twice a year. For more information, visit southwestmichiganrecordshow.com, facebook.com/southwestmichiganrecordshow, or contact Bonfiglio at 574-261-3650 or jeremybonfiglio@att.net.

Event Info:

- *Who:* Southwest Michigan Record Show with Lake Michigan College
- *What:* [Southwest Michigan Record Show](https://southwestmichiganrecordshow.com)
- *When:* **Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 9am-5pm**
- *Where:* Lake Michigan College
 - Grand Upton Hall, Lake Michigan College Mendel Center
 - 1100 Yore Avenue, Benton Harbor, MI



About Southwest Michigan Record Show: Welcome to the Southwest Michigan Record Show! This brand-new event is brought to you by the same organizers of the South Bend Record Show, one of the largest vinyl record fairs in the Midwest. Our inaugural show is scheduled for Sunday, May 14, 2023, in Grand Upton Hall of Lake Michigan College's Mendel Center, 1100 Yore Ave., Benton Harbor, Mich. Record vendors from throughout the Midwest will fill 65 tables with new and used LPs, 45s, CDs, cassettes, vintage stereo gear, posters, and more. Crate diggers will find multiple genres represented, but the show centers on classic rock, pop, metal, punk, prog rock, and '80s. Select vendors will also carry blues, jazz, R&B, soul, country, and more. For this inaugural season, the Southwest Michigan Record Show will hold two shows in 2023. The first will be Sunday, May 14. The second will be Saturday, Sept. 16. The official show hours are 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Do you want to come early and shop as dealers set up? Early admission begins at 9 a.m. and is \$5 per person. General admission is free

and starts at 11 a.m.

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Community Press Release – HCS Announces New Director



Harbor Country Singers Announces New Director and Start of Rehearsals for Christmas Concert

Submitted by Pat Putnam, Harbor Country Singers Producer

Kickoff Meet and Greet for Christmas Concert is September 26, 2023.

The Harbor Country Singers (HCS) community choir is pleased to welcome their new director, Maggie Martin, and will be starting rehearsals in late September for the annual Christmas concert. The concert is planned for Saturday, December 2, 2023. All are welcome to join HCS and participate in the Christmas concert, which will be a blend of secular and sacred music.



New Director of Harbor Country Singers: Maggie Martin, Photo provided by Harbor Country Singers

Maggie has been the piano accompanist for HCS since it started in 2016, and has assisted with directing throughout that time. She is a classically trained pianist and has 25 years experience in choral accompaniment. Maggie is from Three Oaks, Michigan and is a small business owner in Harbert. She is passionate about including all skill levels in choir and is excited to provide a space where all are welcome to sing and celebrate the holiday season!

The HCS meet and greet for new and current members will be Tuesday, September 26th at 6:30 p.m. Eastern time. There will be nine rehearsals for the concert: every Tuesday in October and November at 6:30 p.m. The concert will be Saturday, December 2nd at 4:00 p.m. The meet and greet, the rehearsals, and the concert will all take place at Episcopal Church of the Mediator, 14280 Red Arrow Hwy, Harbert, Michigan.

Harbor Country Singers **Seeking Singers** For Christmas Concert Dec. 2, 2023



All are welcome to join this community choir

Meet & Greet
Tuesday, September 26th 6:30 p.m.

Rehearsals
Every Tuesday in October
and November at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Concert
Saturday, December 2nd 4:00 p.m.

Location for All
Episcopal Church of the Mediator
14280 Red Arrow Hwy, Harbert, MI

More Info
SchoolofAmericanMusic.com



Christmas Concert Rehearsals Info, Image shared by Harbor Country Singers

"We're all very excited that Maggie has agreed to become the Harbor Country Singers director. She is an amazing musician and a great director. It's going to be so much fun to start rehearsals and prepare for and perform the Christmas concert." said Pat Putnam, HCS Producer.

For more information, please text Maggie at 734-730-1126 or email her at maggiemartinpiano@gmail.com.

Harbor Country Singers is a program of the School of American Music and is supported by a grant from the Pokagon Fund.



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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Community Press Release – AdviseMI College Culture with MCAN



Michigan College Access Network Launches Another Year of Building College-Going Culture with AdviseMI

Submitted by Katie Wittenauer of Michigan College Access Network

Lansing, MI ~ August 29, 2023

AmeriCorps program increases college access in communities with low college-going rates.

As another school year begins, AdviseMI, hosted by Michigan College Access Network (MCAN), embarks on its eighth year placing college graduates as college advisers in select high schools across the state, especially those located in underserved communities. The AmeriCorps program collaborates with high school counselors and school professionals to provide vital support to students as they navigate postsecondary options and successfully complete the steps toward higher education.



AdviseMI College Culture with MCAN graphic

Even as the state recovers from education disruption caused by the pandemic, Michigan's colleges and universities have continued to suffer enrollment drops steeper than the nation as a whole. Enrollment in Michigan experienced a 2.2% decline this spring, compared to a 0.5% decline nationally, according to the latest data from the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center. In the face of a shrinking number of high school graduates and the financial barriers that deter many from obtaining a postsecondary degree, advisers stand ready to guide students through their college-going process.

From identifying the right school to completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), advisers play a pivotal role in facilitating a seamless transition from high school to higher education. For the 2023 to 2024 academic year, AdviseMI has 56 adviser slots available across 65 schools and educational sites. With the invaluable support of last year's advisers, Michigan's graduating class of 2023 submitted 58,472 FAFSA applications as of June 30, putting the completion rate at 49.5%, a notable increase from the recorded 47.3% at the same time last year.

"Ensuring access to higher education is not just a goal, but a necessity for our students and their communities," said Ryan Fewins-Bliss, MCAN executive director. "Every student who takes the leap and enters higher education opens doors to personal growth, long-term economic opportunity and a brighter future. Through the advisers at AdviseMI, students are empowered to propel themselves forward with the support and tools they need, especially low-income students, first-generation college-going students and students of color."

AdviseMI has a strong and dedicated network of partners amplifying the program's impact on students' higher education paths across the state and right here in the South Bend-Elkhart region. The following schools in your area are participating in the AdviseMI 2023-24 program year.

- Buchanan High School
- Coloma High School/Watervliet High School
- Niles High School
- Three Rivers High School

To learn more about MCAN's mission and the impact of AdviseMI, visit micollegeaccess.org.



About Michigan College Access Network (MCAN): As the leader in the state's college access

movement, MCAN works to improve the futures of Michigan's students and communities by making college accessible to all. MCAN's work centers on one main goal: To increase Michigan's postsecondary educational attainment rate to 60% by 2030. MCAN engages partners statewide who are committed to systems-level change and the reduction of barriers to increase college readiness, participation and completion rates, particularly among low-income students, first-generation college-going students, and students of color. For more information, visit micollegeaccess.org.

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Community Press Release – GLCAP Leadership Training

JOIN THE FREE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

WHEN YOU HAND GOOD PEOPLE POSSIBILITY, THEY DO GREAT THINGS

Are you interested in improving your community? Are you a current or potential community leader who wants to improve your skills or discover your potential? Join us for a series of classes designed to develop the capacity of current and future leaders to take an active and cooperative approach to decision-making and developing innovative solutions to community challenges.

TOPICS COVERED

- Leadership Styles
- WATER: What You Need to Know
- Conflict Management
- Managing Change
- Communication Tools

WHO SHOULD ATTEND
 Residents of rural and/or small communities in Michigan or surrounding states, current or prospective water board members from small community water systems, and YOU!

REGISTRATION
 For more information contact Princella Tobias at Benton Harbor Team Solutions at 269-277-8077

WHEN/WHERE
 Michigan Works! Service Center
 499 W. Main St. Benton Harbor, MI
 Wed., Sept. 13 / Wed., Sept. 27 /
 Tues., Oct. 10 / Wed., Oct. 25
 9:00am-1:00pm
 Lunch is provided
 Attend all 4 sessions for a chance to win a free laptop

Logos: BENTON HARBOR, RCAP, BENTON HARBOR WATER solutions, Great Lakes COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

City of Benton Harbor to Host 2023 Leadership Training with Great Lakes Community Action Partnership

Submitted by Princella Tobias, Benton Harbor Team Solutions

Benton Harbor, MI ~ August 29, 2023

The City of Benton Harbor, Michigan, in partnership with Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP), RCAP and Benton Harbor Team Solutions, are hosting the 2023 Leadership Training Workshop. The leadership training event will be a four-part series. Session one is Wednesday, September 13; session two is Wednesday, September 27; session three is Tuesday, October 10; and session four is Wednesday, October 25, 2023,

at the Michigan Works! Service Center, 499 W. Main St., Benton Harbor, MI. All sessions are from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants who attend all four sessions will qualify for a drawing of a new laptop computer.

Benton Harbor Mayor Marcus Muhammad is confident the sessions will offer a comprehensive, one-stop-shop, that will give community leaders, city staff, and residents all the know-how they need to improve their management skills and find better ways of serving their communities.

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REGISTRATION



Pre-Registration is highly recommended



WHEN/WHERE

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Wed., Sept. 13 / Wed., Sept 27 /
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11:00-4:00

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For more information contact Princella Tobias of Benton Harbor Team Solutions at 269-277-8077

GLCAP, RCAP, Benton Harbor Solutions Leadership flyer

"There's a Scripture that says, 'My people are destroyed, for the lack of knowledge.' So, when you have alliances in multiple groups, that bring a reservoir of information, and education, that's what we need – to empower people, and empower communities," Muhammad said.

The sessions will cover a variety of leadership-related topics, from leadership styles to community involvement.

The four-day leadership training will consist of water challenges, as well as the understanding of what leadership is; management and community development; diversity, equity and inclusion; effective communication; and board development and planning. These are only a few of the topics to be discussed during this event.



Deb Martin



Mayor Marcus Muhammad

Photos provided by Princella Tobias of Benton Harbor Team Solutions

Staff members and others dealing with water systems are encouraged to attend, as well as elected officials, managers of municipal water departments and the residents they serve.

"The biggest part is the continuing education component – where we have to maintain momentum, to take the battle to eradicate lead in the City of Benton Harbor, and promote awareness, and exposure and ongoing education. That's what I hope residents and all participants will walk away with, from this water summit," Muhammad said.

Deb Martin, Program Development Coordinator, GLCAP said "We are thrilled to offer this leadership training to Benton Harbor and the Michiana area. There is no greater resource or force for change and growth in a community than its people working together. We understand the importance of preparing future leaders, as well as ensuring quality growth and development opportunities for existing leaders. We look forward to seeing YOU there!"



GLCAP, RCAP, Benton Harbor Solutions Leadership Framework, Graphic provided by BHTS

As Muhammad noted, Benton Harbor is being touted as a national model for the speed and success of its historic water project, in which it replaced 99% of its leaded water service lines within a year and under budget.

“The invitation to all is important,” Muhammad said. “I think that other municipalities can learn the ‘Who, when, what, where,’ as it relates to the Benton Harbor water crisis, to water triumph – where we’re in the 90th percentile, in our last testing, and we continue to work toward getting, ultimately, to zero.”

Preregistration is encouraged by Thursday, September 7. Enrollees are encouraged to attend all four classes and lunch is provided. This is a free event, and open to the public. For more information, or to register, visit: <https://forms.gle/h8QpEbiKkwoVzYjc6>

For more information, contact Princella Tobias, at Benton Harbor Team Solutions, (269) 277-8077, or email: ptobias@bentonharborsolutions.com.



About Benton Harbor Team Solutions: It is our mission to assist residents, businesses and stakeholders, by ensuring access to safe, clean drinking water for Benton Harbor residents. This is the top priority of the Benton Harbor Team Solutions, an independent and grassroots citizen's group committed to helping the city end its water crisis by 2023, when all lead pipes are scheduled to be replaced, as well as providing solutions for other impacts of this situation. Team Solutions is under the umbrella of BEST (Building Excellence in Science and Technology) Early, and spearheaded by Dr. Desmond Hartwell Murray and Princella Tobias (who was appointed Chair of the Benton Harbor Water Community Response Team) by Benton Harbor Mayor Marcus Muhammad and Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer on October 19, 2021. ptobias@bentonharborsolutions.com

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About Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP): The Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP) is a national network of non-profit partners working to provide technical assistance, training, resources, and support to rural communities across every state, the U.S. territories, and tribal lands. Through RCAP's regional partners, more than 350 technical assistance providers (TAPs) build long-term, trusted relationships with thousands of communities across the country.



About Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP): Great Lakes Community Action Partnership has been serving the northwest Ohio area for more than 50 years. We began in 1965 as WSOS Community Action Commission following the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, which helped create hundreds of community action agencies throughout the United States. Our mission is "We create partnerships and opportunities to help individuals, families and communities thrive." Our vision is "To make hope, ability, and opportunity possible for all whom we serve." Our tagline is "Helping communities thrive, one neighbor at a time."

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Community Press Release – HCU Announces Annual Teacher Awards



Honor Credit Union Announces Annual Teacher Awards

Submitted by Kayla Smith, HCU Brand Coordinator

Berrien Springs, MI ~ August 21, 2023

Honor Credit Union is thrilled to announce the kickoff of its Annual Teacher Awards. Honor is committed to recognizing our local teachers for the time and effort they dedicate throughout the school year. Honor invites teachers to apply for the Annual Teacher Awards by explaining in 200 words or less how they would use additional funds to benefit their classroom and students.

New this year, Honor Credit Union will be awarding 30 teachers across its member center communities \$500 towards their classroom, an increase in award value from previous years. Winners can choose between a digital Amazon gift card or a check cut directly to their school. These awards are just one way Honor recognizes teachers for their continued hard work and dedication.

Applications are being accepted now through Friday, October 13, 2023, at 11:59 PM, and winners will be notified by Friday, November 10, 2023. Applicants are not required to be a member of Honor Credit Union to be eligible to win. For complete details and to submit your entry for Honor's Annual Teacher Awards, visit honorcu.com/teachers.



Teacher Awards 2023, Photo provided by HCU



About Honor Credit Union: Honor Credit Union is a non-profit, full-service financial institution serving over 110,000 members in 28 member center communities throughout western and northern Michigan. Providing solutions for financial success and giving back to the communities we serve remain the driving forces behind Honor Credit Union.

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

Local Faith – BAMA Meeting September 2023



September BAMA Monthly Meeting Recap

Submitted by Nate Babcock, Buchanan Christian Church Pastor

September 5:

Greetings!

We had a good meeting this morning at First Presbyterian. Those present were: David Habicht, Dan Barz, Rebecka Hoyt, Bill Walters, Dave Mitchell, Jann Mitchell, Patti Mitchell, Lyndon Azcuna, Officer Brie Schmitz, and Nate Babcock.

Faith & Blue 2023:

Faith & Blue Weekend will be October 6th – 9th this year.

There will be a follow-up Faith & Blue meeting on Tuesday September 12th at 9:00 am at Buchanan Christian Church to finalize all plans. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Annual Patriot Day Service:

Monday September 11th at 7:00 pm at the Buchanan Common.

Life Plan:

The annual banquet is Tuesday October 10th at 6:30 pm at the Armory in South Bend.

Life Plan will begin their lease on their new location in Benton Harbor on October 1st.

Life Plan has signed their lease for the South Bend site, and will begin serving the community from that location in October or November.

RAM:

Continue to pray for RAM, and to encourage your congregations to give as generously as possible as RAM continues to meet many needs for food as well as rent & utility assistance.

The Buchanan Chronicle:

The new print edition of the Buchanan Chronicle will be available later this week!

Community Christmas Concert:

Community Christmas Concert will be Sunday December 3 @ 6:30 pm @ Buchanan Christian Church.

Upcoming Meetings:

- October: Tuesday October 3rd, 9:00 am, at Faith Global Methodist (formerly Faith United)
- November: Tuesday November 7th, 9:00 am, at St. Paul Lutheran
- December: Tuesday December 5th, 9:00 am. Hosted by Life Plan. Location TBD.
- January: Tuesday January 9th, 9:00 am, at St. Anthony.

– 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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Buchanan District Library – September 2023



September at Buchanan District Library

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"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need."

Marcus Tullius Cicero

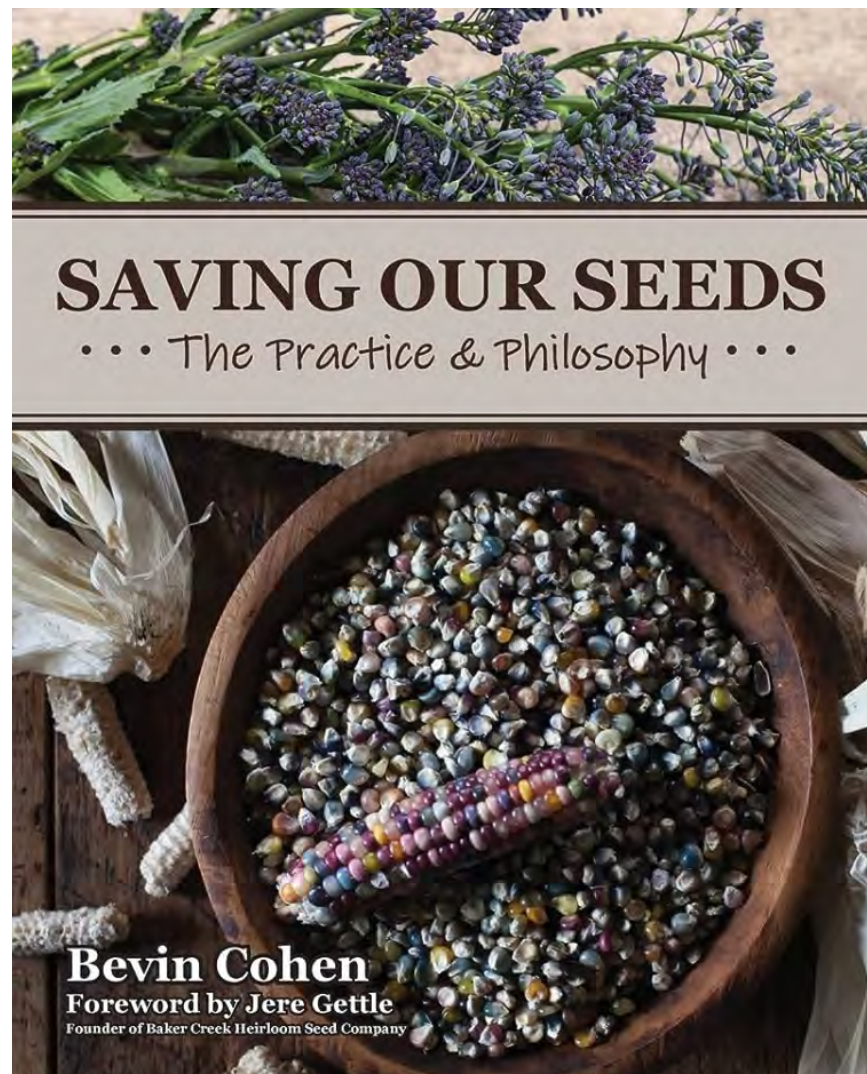
SEED SAVING 101 WITH BEVIN COHEN

(Author of [Saving Our Seeds: The Practice & Philosophy](#))

Saturday, September 9 at 2-3:30pm

at FERNWOOD, Sponsored by Buchanan Floral Co. & Greenhouses

Join us at [Fernwood](#) for this special program to celebrate our first successful Seed Library season! Have you ever wanted to save your garden seeds for the next season but didn't know where to start? This fun and informative presentation from author, Bevin Cohen, highlights the importance of saving and sharing our garden seeds and how to successfully do it at home! Learn why planting, saving, and sharing seeds is essential to the cultivation of sustainable neighborhoods and healthy communities. Bevin will share practical tips and advice through a blend of demonstration and lecture. Plus, you'll have the chance to get your own hands dirty with seed saving technique stations.



Bevin Cohen (Ben) is an award-winning author, herbalist, owner of Small House Farm, and host of the popular [Seeds & Weeds](#) podcast. He lives and works at Small House Farm with his wife, Heather, and two sons, Elijah and Anakin, on their family homestead in Sanford, Michigan. Bevin

Enjan and Anakin, on their family homestead in Sanford, Michigan. Bevin offers workshops and lectures across the country on the benefits of living closer to the land through seeds, herbs, and locally grown food.

Bevin is a freelance writer whose work has appeared in numerous publications including Mother Earth News, Hobby Farms Magazine, and The Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Company Catalog. He is the author of four books, including Saving Our Seeds – The Practice and Philosophy. The Cohen family grows seed crops, herbs, and flowers and also keeps a small flock of laying hens. Bevin is also the founder of the Michigan Seed Library Network, a community seed sharing initiative that has worked closely with a number of communities to help establish seed library programs across his home state and beyond. Learn more about Bevin's work at www.smallhousefarm.com.

This program takes place at Fernwood Botanical Garden and is free with Buchanan District Library card, Fernwood admission, or Fernwood membership card. Registration requested.

[Click here to register](#)

Thank you to Buchanan Floral Co. & Greenhouses for sponsoring this event!

ADULT PROGRAMS:

BUCHANAN BOOK CLUB 2023

Jan 4, Feb 1, Mar 1, Apr 5, May 3, Jun 7,

Jul 5, Aug 2, Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6

Come join our book discussion! The Buchanan Book Club meets the first Wednesday of the month from 6:00–7:00pm at the library. Please email laura.hauch@buchananlibrary.com if you'd like to join the club/ contact list.

Don't have the book and the library's copy is checked out? We can get it for you through MeLCat interlibrary loan! Go to www.mel.org or ask at the Front Desk to request it.



Sit & Knit

Friday, September 8 at 5:30pm

Novice and expert knitters welcome! Learn to knit or bring your expert projects with you to show off. Some materials provided but you are welcome to bring in whatever you are working on.



Grown Up Game Night

Friday, September 15 at 5:30pm

Who says kids get to have all the fun? Come to the library to enjoy a classic board game night just for grown ups!



Ukulele Club for Adult Beginners

Tuesdays at 5:30pm
September 26–November 21*
(no class on Oct. 31 & Nov. 14)

This Ukulele Club session is for adults who are new to ukulele. Join Meg to learn beginner chords, songs, strumming patterns and more! A ukulele can be checked out from the Library of Things for the duration of the class. Call the library to sign up.



NEW! Puzzle Club

Friday, September 29 at 5:30pm
Get your puzzle on with other puzzle enthusiasts!

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS & TEENS:



Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays at 11:00am
September 6–December 20

Join us for Preschool Storytime with Ms. Julie. Come sing, dance, and hear stories! Recommended for ages 2–6 but families with children of all ages are welcome.



Teen Scene

Wednesdays at 2:30pm
September 13–December 20
Come hang out with Ms. Jen and fellow teens at the library. Play games, do crafts, and just chillax!



Pajama Storytime

Thursday, September 21 at 6:00pm
Join us for a special evening storytime once a month. Pajamas encouraged!



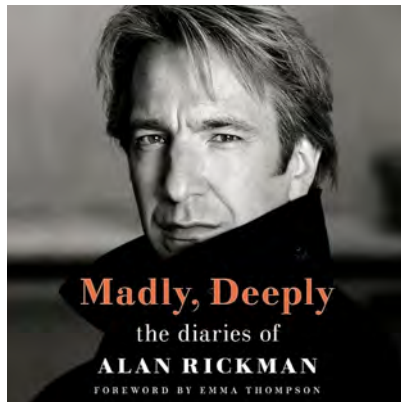
Ukulele Club for Kids
 Tuesdays at 4:30pm
 September 26–November 21*
 (no class on Oct. 31 & Nov. 14)

This Ukulele Club session is for kids 8 to 12 years old who are new to ukulele. Join Meg to learn beginner chords, songs, strumming patterns and more! A ukulele can be checked out from the Library of Things for the duration of the class. Call the library to sign up.



Lego Club
 Fridays, September 29 at 4:00pm
 Join Ms. Jen to have fun building with Legos!

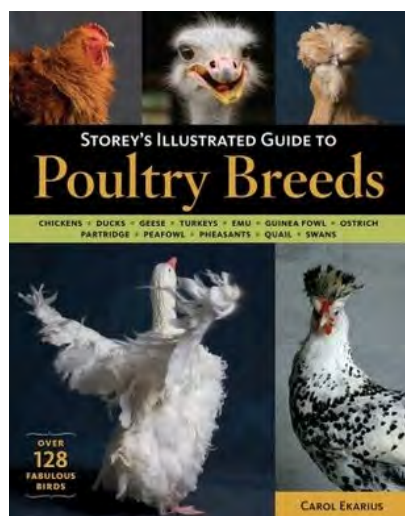
WHAT WE'RE READING:



JULIE IS LISTENING TO...
MADLY, DEEPLY
THE DIARIES OF ALAN RICKMAN

From his breakout role in *Die Hard* to his outstanding, multifaceted performances in the *Harry Potter* films, *Galaxy Quest*, *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves*, and more, Alan Rickman cemented his legacy as a world-class actor. His air of dignity, his sonorous voice, and the knowing wit he brought to each role continue to captivate audiences today.

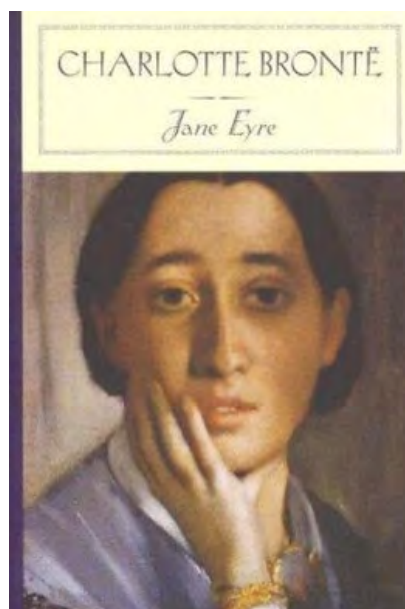
But Rickman's ability to breathe life into projects wasn't confined to just his performances. As you'll find, Rickman's diaries detail the extraordinary and the ordinary, flitting between worldly and witty and gossipy, while remaining utterly candid throughout. He takes us inside his home, on trips with friends across the globe, and on the sets of films and plays ranging from *Sense and Sensibility*, to Noël Coward's *Private Lives*, to the final film he directed, *A Little Chaos*.



WENDY IS READING...

STOREY'S ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO POULTRY BREEDS CAROL EKARIUS

More than 128 birds strut their stuff across the pages of this definitive primer for intrepid poultry farmers and feather fanciers alike. From the Manx Rumpy to the Redcap and the Ancona duck to his Aylesbury cousin, each breed is profiled with a brief history, detailed descriptions of identifying characteristics, and colorful photography. Comprehensive and fun, Storey's Illustrated Guide to Poultry Breeds celebrates the personalities and charming good looks of North America's quirkiest barnyard birds and waterfowl.



MEG IS READING...

JANE EYRE CHARLOTTE BRONTË

Immediately recognized as a masterpiece when it was first published in 1847, Charlotte Brontë's *Jane Eyre* is an extraordinary coming-of-age story featuring one of the most independent and strong-willed female protagonists in all of literature. Poor and plain, Jane Eyre begins life as a lonely orphan in the household of her hateful aunt. Despite the oppression she endures at home, and the later torture of boarding school, Jane manages to emerge with her spirit and integrity unbroken. She becomes a governess at Thornfield Hall, where she finds herself falling in love with her employer—the dark, impassioned Mr. Rochester. But an explosive secret tears apart their relationship, forcing Jane to face poverty and isolation once again.

One of the world's most beloved novels, *Jane Eyre* is a startlingly modern blend of passion, romance, mystery, and suspense.



Save the Date!

A Not-So-Silent Night at the Library!

Our annual Not-So-Silent Night at the Library is happening Saturday, December 9 from 6-8pm! Join us to celebrate the season and support the library! Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and a silent auction. Adults 21+ are welcome. All proceeds benefit the Buchanan District Library. Look for more information coming soon. This year will feature live music from Redbud Ramblers!

LIBRARY OF THINGS FEATURED ITEM:

LOT LIBRARY OF THINGS FEATURED ITEM



MICROSCOPE

Thanks to a generous donation from an anonymous patron, we now have a microscope in the Library of Things! This beginner microscope for children is the perfect first microscope for home or classroom use. There are pre-prepared slides to observe or you can make your own specimen slides. It is even equipped with a mobile phone holder so you can observe objects with a larger field of view, and it is more stable and convenient when taking pictures and videos with your mobile phone.

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

ARE WE MISSING SOMETHING??

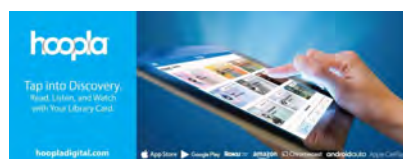
Did you know you can request materials for the library to purchase? To make a request, log into [your LIBRARY ACCOUNT](#) (in the upper right-hand corner, use your library card number and 10-digit phone number), click on the Reserves/Requests tab, and click the request link.

HOOPLA

Have you tried hoopla yet? Check it out!

What is hoopla?

Hoopla Digital is a service that provides online and mobile access to eBooks, audiobooks, comics, music, movies, and TV. The hoopla digital collection includes popular entertainment and educational content, such as hit TV series, newly released music, bestselling audiobooks and eBooks, and much more. With hoopla and a valid library card, you can instantly borrow, stream, and download dynamic content for free!



Unlike Libby (don't worry, Libby is still available too!), hoopla is a cost-per-circulation service, which means that the library pays for each item checked out so you can have it instantly—no waiting or reserve lists! Checkouts are limited to 5 per month, so choose your items wisely! Checkout limit resets on the first of each month.

How do I sign up?

Download the hoopla app on your mobile device or [go here](#) to get started. Search for Buchanan or enable your location and choose Buchanan District Library. Log in with your 14 digit library card number with no spaces. Your pin is your 10 digit phone number. You will need to set up an account with an email address and password. After signing up, you will log in with your email and the password you created.

[Click here to learn more about using hoopla](#)



NEW! Join the Reading Dragons challenge!

Kids 5–17, join our new Reading Dragons challenge on [Beanstack](#) and earn your own magical menagerie! Earn a new set of creature cards each week from September 1 through April 30. Register for the challenge and learn more details in the Beanstack Tracker app or on our [Beanstack site](#).

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!

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:

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– 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!



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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Name	Age	Born	Died
Richard Lee Hopkins	71	February 23, 1952	September 4, 2023
Edward Baker	88	October 29, 1934	September 2, 2023
Nina J. Carlson	72	December 26, 1950	September 2, 2023
Christine Louise "Christy" Kozlowski	88	July 25, 1935	September 2, 2023
Virginia "Jenny" Sittig	89	November 24, 1933	September 2, 2023
Larry Clyde Bristol	84	July 31, 1939	August 29, 2023
Darlene Marie Lockwood	87	July 26, 1936	August 29, 2023
Claudia Lee Deckard	81	September 30, 1941	August 25, 2023
Thomas "Tom" "Teedo" R. Mondschein	64	May 13, 1959	August 25, 2023
Michael Lloyd	57	May 17, 1966	August 24, 2023
Virginia Asmus	97	November 28, 1925	August 22, 2023
Jack "Bud" Hemminger Jr.	72	June 3, 1951	August 22, 2023
Essie Mickens	94	December 2, 1928	August 21, 2023
Judith Smith	84	May 3, 1939	August 21, 2023
Richard "Rick" E. Burger Jr.	55	March 10, 1968	August 19, 2023
Heather Fox Harwood	52	December 13, 1970	August 18, 2023
Margaret "Margie" Ann Walsh	64	January 27, 1959	August 16, 2023
Nadine Weightman	95	July 8, 1928	August 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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A Note from the Publisher – Issue 59



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by Jen Garry, Publisher

We are so excited to be bringing our Buchanan community our SECOND Printed Edition – Autumn 2023, as well as almost 60 Online Issues. WOW! THANK YOU for all your support of our efforts: sharing our articles, subscribing to our Printed Editions [HERE](#), buying cookies at our Buchanan Farmers Market Print Edition Bake Sale, purchasing advertising space [HERE](#), and especially word of mouth when you talk about our publications!

Make sure to come see us at our final Buchanan Farmers Market booth of the 2023 season – next Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 8am-1pm! Get a peek at our latest Printed Edition, sign up for a subscription, find out more information, tell us a story idea, or stop by just to chat – we'd love to see you there!

We APPRECIATE our Buchanan community and all our readers so much – we want to share all of Buchanan's local news and you're helping us do just that, online and now in print too! Next Print Edition (Autumn 2023) is available NOW and you can pick up your FREE copy at these locations around Buchanan (if there are any left): Buchanan City Hall, Buchanan Area Senior Center, Buchanan District Library, Buchanan Harding's Market, or Honor Credit Union in Buchanan; or you can subscribe [HERE](#) to have our Printed Editions sent directly to your door!

The Buchanan Chronicle Current Stats:

- Total Website Views by Month 2023:
 - January – 3,821 (2,482 in 2022)
 - February – 3,528 (1,961 in 2022)
 - March – 4,390 (2,481 in 2022; 2,668 in 2021)
 - April – 3,813 (2,102 in 2022; 4,444 in 2021)
 - May – 3,282 (1,915 in 2022; 3,517 in 2021)
 - June – 3,234 (1,595 in 2022; 3,016 in 2021)
 - July – 4,357 (1,986 in 2022; 2,927 in 2021)
 - August – 5,003 (2,101 in 2022; 3,227 in 2021)
- Recent Issues:
 - Issue 57 (August 05) Views: 1,282
 - Issue 58 (August 19) Views: 3,848
- WordPress Subscribers: 105
- Email Subscribers: 128
- Facebook Followers: 1,829 (Top Reach: 11.4K)
- Instagram Followers: 250
- NEW CATEGORY ~ Printed Edition Subscribers: 19

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), fill out our online form [HERE](#). We really appreciate any communication – we want to know what's happening so we can tell our community! Also, we love to publish Opinion pieces and Guest Writer spots 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!

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Buchanan Area Senior Center – September 2023



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

Submitted by Diana Smuda, BASC Program Coordinator

Upcoming Events:



GRANDKIDS DAY COUNTY FAIR:

Grandparents—bring your grandkids and make some memories at the BASC Grandkids Day County Fair event on Saturday, September 16, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Enjoy spending time with your grandkids while they have their face painted, play fair games, and be sure to get your photo taken at the photo booth. Have lunch at the center—hot dogs, brats, snow cones, tasty kid-friendly snacks and drinks will be provided. Everything is free! Registration is required before September 13th.

Grandkids Day County Fair

Saturday, September 16, 2023

11:00 am—2:00 pm at the BASC

Registration is required. Call 269-695-7119 to register.

ANNUAL FLU SHOT CLINIC:

Rite Aid Pharmacy in Buchanan will be providing our Annual Flu Shot Clinic At the Buchanan Area Senior Center 810 Ryneerson St., Buchanan, MI Monday, September 18, 10:00 am—1:00 pm Appointment Required Rite Aid accepts Medicare and most insurances. If you don't have insurance the cost for the Quad Flu vaccine is \$48.99 and the High Dose Flu vaccine is \$94.99



The Flu, Tdap, Shingrix, and Pneumonia vaccines will be available.

1. Call 695-7119 to schedule your flu shot appointment. Please let us know at that time if you want any of the other vaccines. If you need transportation to and from the Flu Shot Clinic, please let us know.
2. Stop by the BASC to pick up a Screening Questionnaire between September 1—September 13.
3. Complete the Screening Questionnaire and return to the BASC by Friday, September 13. Please have your insurance card(s) and Driver License/ID Card available so we can make copies.
4. Show up 5 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment and please make sure you have your insurance cards with you.

Annual Flu Shot Clinic

Monday, September 18, 2023

10:00 am—1:00 pm at the BASC

Appointment Required.

SELF-HELP LEGAL RESOURCE CENTER:

Self-Help Legal Resource Center Thursday, September 28 9:00 – 10:00 am.
Call 695-7119 to register. A representative from the Berrien County Self-Help Legal Resource Center will be at the BASC speaking on how they assist patrons with procedural steps involved in filing court documents.

They Can:

- Explain and answer questions about how the court works
- Provide referrals to attorneys or other resources
- Provide general information about court rules, procedures and practices
- Provide information about court scheduling
- Provide court forms and instructions on how to get forms
- Answer questions about court filing
- Check court forms and papers for completeness



Self-Help Legal Resource Center

Thursday, September 28, 2023

9:00 – 10:00 am at the BASC

Call 695-7119 to register.



WARM HEARTS – WARM HANDS:

Warm Hearts-Warm Hands is beginning to think about the giving season with making mittens for the Buchanan's Preschool program. The 3rd Annual Warm Hearts-Warm Hands program will provide every preschool student with a pair of mittens. We are asking for the time of those who are able to crochet and help create about 100 mittens to be given away. We will provide worsted weight yarn. The pattern is available at the BASC. We are hoping each person can make six pairs.

Please drop off the mittens at the BASC by October 27. If you have any questions or need assistance, please stop by the BASC on Fridays during Fiber Friends between 1:00 –3:00 pm. Thank you!

Thank you for supporting the Buchanan Area Senior Center!

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Buchanan Area Senior Center—September 2023 Calendar				
Fitness / Health / Cards & Games / Educational & Informative & Special Programs / Other Programs				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Grandkids Day County Fair Saturday, September 16 11:00 am—2:00 pm Call 695-7119 to register	Flu Clinic Tuesday, September 12 10:00 am—1:00 pm Call 695-7119 to schedule your appointment	Dance Party Friday, September 29 1:00—3:00 pm Bring a snack to share Call 695-7119 to register	Warm Hearts Warm Hands Help crochet Buchanan Pre-schoolers Mittens! See page 10 for more information.	¹ 9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz 1:00 Fiber Friends
⁴ 	⁵ 9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing—Make an Apron 5:30 Powerbeats with Missy	⁶ 9:00 Coffee Chat 9:00 Fasting Blood Sugar Testing 10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe 1:00 Singing! The Many Benefits! 1:00 Hand & Foot 6:00 Pinochle 6:00 Euchre	⁷ 9:00 6 Pillars of Brain Health 11:00 Chair Yoga 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day	⁸ 8:30 Field Trip 9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz 1:00 Fiber Friends 1:00 Movie Matinee: Persuasion (2022)
¹¹ 10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda 10:00 Skip-Bo 11:00 Dancing to the Oldies with CeCe 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 2:00 Qigong Exercise	¹² 9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 1:00 Pinochle 5:30 Powerbeats with Missy	¹³ 8:30 Walk Day 10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe 1:00 Hand & Foot 1:30 Matter of Balance 6:00 Pinochle 6:00 Euchre	¹⁴ 9:00 Foot Clinic 10:00 Blood Pressure Check 11:00 Chair Yoga 1:00 Caregiver Shenanigans Podcast 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day 1:00 Monthly CSFP Commodities 3:00 Board Meeting 3:00 Board Meeting	¹⁵ 9:00 Fishing Day 9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz 1:00 Fiber Friends
¹⁸ 10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda 10:00 Skip-Bo 10:00 Flu Clinic 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	¹⁹ 9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing—Make an Apron 2:00 Hearing Aid Check 5:30 Powerbeats with Missy	²⁰ 10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe 12:30 Root Beer Floats 1:30 Matter of Balance 1:00 Hand & Foot 6:00 Pinochle 6:00 Euchre	²¹ 9:30 Eyeglass Repair 10:30 Book Club 9:30 Bee Crafty, LLC 11:00 Chair Yoga 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day 2:00 Flags History	²² 9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz 11:30 Lunch Bunch 1:00 Fiber Friends 1:00 Movie Matinee: Big Eyes
²⁵ 10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda 10:00 Skip-Bo 11:00 Dancing to the Oldies with CeCe 12:30 Ice Cream Social 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 2:00 Qigong Exercise	²⁶ 8:30 Progressive Lunch 9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing—Make an Apron 5:30 Powerbeats with Missy	²⁷ 10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe 1:00 Birthday Bingo 1:00 Hand & Foot 1:30 Matter of Balance 6:00 Pinochle 6:00 Euchre	²⁸ 9:00 Self-Help Resource Center 10:00 Blood Pressure Check 11:00 Chair Yoga 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day 1:00 Meals in Minutes	²⁹ 9:00 Powerbeats with Missy 10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz 1:00 Dance Party



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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