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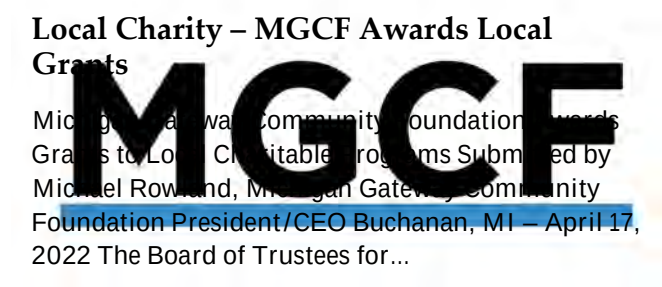
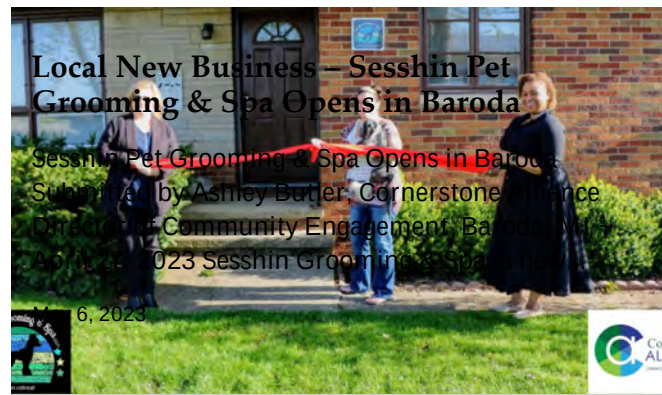
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Community Press Release – Munchie Mondays Food Trucks Coming to Buchanan

Buchanan Announces “Munchie Mondays” and Welcomes Food Trucks Downtown Submitted by Ashley Regal, City of Buchanan Main Street Manager/Assistant Director of Community Development

Buchanan, MI – April 18, 2022 Brace...

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Community Press Release – Roti Roti Fehner Family Gallery Dedication

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Submitted by Mary Lister, Roti Roti Art Center
Interim Executive Director Event Details

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Community Press Release – National Music Week 2023

National Music Week will be May 7-12, 2023
Submitted by Carol Kent MUSIC... IS A WORLD
WIDE ADVENTURE National Music Week is
sponsored by The National Federation of Music
Clubs. Monday Musical.

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Upcoming Event – “I Love My City” with Buchanan Nazarene

“I Love My City” Event with Buchanan Nazarene
 Shared by Buchanan Church of the Nazarene
 Facebook page We are excited for the first ever “I Love My City!” Basically the...

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Community Press Release – SAM Presents House Concert Fundraiser

School of American Music Presents House Concert
 “Piano and Violin Classics” Submitted by Donna Mitchell, School of American Music Executive Director Concert is a fundraiser for the School of American...

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Michigan Gateway Community Foundation Presents:
Upcoming Event – MGCF to Host “Show Me The Money Day”

Michigan Gateway Community Foundation to Host “Show Me The Money Day” by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer at Michigan Gateway Community Foundation here in Buchanan, MI is giving back to the community.

May 6, 2023
12pm-4pm
Redbud City Center
131 S. Oak St.

event featuring free and low-cost financial products, community resources, financial workshops, and fun.

- Doors open at 12:00pm, workshops start at 12:30.

Upcoming Event - Wrestling Club Adult Prom 2023

Save the Date

2nd Annual Adult PROM

Buchanan Youth Wrestling Club to Host 2nd Annual Adult Prom Fundraising Event Shared by Buchanan Youth Wrestling Club Facebook page "The Buchanan Youth Wrestling Club is hosting a fundraising event..."

Saturday, May 20th, 2023

SERENITY WOODS SUMMIT

May 6, 2023 Buchanan, MI

Tickets to go on sale January 2nd, 2023
299 max capacity- this event is expected to sell out

Community Press Release – Buchanan Seeks Riverfront Input

City of Buchanan Seeks Community Feedback on Revitalization Plans for St. Joseph River Waterfront Submitted by Ashley Regal, City of Buchanan Main Street Manager/Assistant Director of Community Development Buchanan, MI...

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Buchanan District Library – May 2023

May at Buchanan District Library Shared with permission from Buchanan District Library monthly newsletter. In the case of good books, the point is not to see how many of them...

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Buchanan Area Senior Center – May 2023

A Few of May's Announcements and Events at Buchanan Area Senior Center Submitted by Diana Smuda, BASC Program Coordinator Upcoming Events: SENIOR SAFETY TIPS TUESDAY, MAY 9 ~ 10:30AM Berrien...

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BUCHANAN AREA
SENIOR CENTER

BCS School Spotlight – BMS April 2023

Buchanan Middle School 5th Graders Learn About Arbor Day From Buchanan Tree Friends, Mayor Sean Denison, and the Miss Buchanan Court Submitted by BMS Principal Shelby Beasley On Thursday, April...

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Local Roads – BCRD Grind and Gravel Projects – LATEST UPDATES

BCRD Grind and Gravel Projects – Latest UPDATES
Berrien County, MI – April 25, 2022 Project Order
GRIND GRAVEL Road Termini Township 1
Completed 4/24/23* Lakeside Rd, Forest Lawn Rd....

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Local Clubs – Lions Club Donates to Legion

Buchanan-Gallen Lions Club Donates to Buchanan American Legion Shared by Jerry Flenar Lions Club members – Jessica Hendrixson and Jerry Flenar – representing Buchanan–Gallen Lions Club making a \$1,000 donation...

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Mayor's Memo – A Great Time To Be In Buchanan

A Great Time To Be In Buchanan by Mayor Sean Denison It's that time of year! The trees are blooming, it's almost parade time, and our town is bustling with...

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Event – 28th Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser Event

Empty Bowls Showcases Student Art in Support of Redbud Area Ministries by Miranda Barger, Writer The annual Empty Bowls event was held in Buchanan on Friday April 21st. This unique...

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BCS Sports – Buchanan Represents Galien Gaels

Save the Date 8/31/23, as Buchanan Football represent the Galien Gaels for Week 2 Provided by Mark Frey, BHS Assistant Principal Twenty years ago Buchanan Football welcomed our neighbors

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Remembering – Issue 51

Remembering – Issue 51 Buchanan Losses • 04/13 – 05/03 Name Age Born Died Jack Leroy NcNees 83 July 16, 1939 May 3, 2023 Dr. Kay Laurette (Sellers) Griggs 84...

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Puzzler Page – Issue 51

Puzzler Page – Issue 51 by Garrick Stubblefield Hello all and I hope you all have been having fun with the puzzles I've been doing for you and the chronicle....

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Now That's Funny! – Issue 51

Now That's Funny! – Issue 51 by Thomas Hoyt, Writer Well folks it's that time of year. The birds are singing, flowers are blooming, trees are budding, and the temperature...

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The Clark Barker – Issue 51

Spring Walk Trash Talk! Don't be a litterbug I say! I have been enjoying nice, long walks since spring has started! There are little flowers sprouting up and blooming, so...

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A Note from the Publisher – Issue 51

A Note from the Publisher – Issue 51 by Jen Garry, Publisher Super exciting to announce we are progressing toward our goal of providing Buchanan with a Printed Newspaper again!...

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Saturday, May 20, 2023

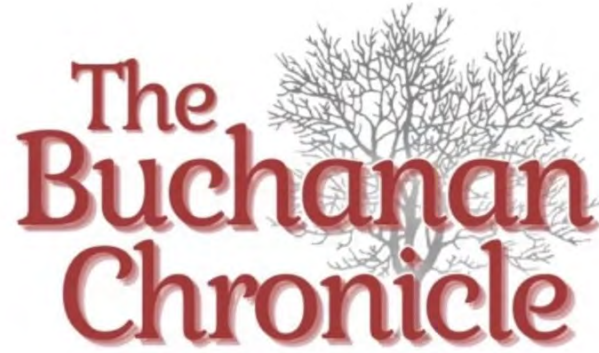


Spring 2023 is Springing in Buchanan MI, Photo by Rebecka Hoyt

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Local Business – The Salt Haven



Mother's Day Gift Idea: The Salt Haven

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

Mother's Day is approaching fast and you just might want to consider giving a gift of a "Salt Cave Session" at The Salt Haven on the northside corner of W. Ferry and S. Cass streets in Berrien Springs, MI! Jen and I were privileged to have an amazing experience there, owned by Tammy Pressler for the last couple of months. The gift shop is full of beauty and health products by local makers, art by local artists, and the largest variety and inventory of directly imported salt lamps in the area.



The Salt Haven is a great place to relax, unwind in their gravity chairs and have a seat on a 85 degrees lighted bench, a salt air mist, salt lamps, light music and the feeling of being to the ocean for three days as your bare feet or with socks on get to feel the Himalayan salt. You can also join a Yoga class (visit their website or Facebook page for more information). Dry salt therapy, also known as halotherapy, can help with many ailments such as allergies, asthma, colds and flu, psoriasis, eczema and acne.



The Salt Haven, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Tammy also has pamphlets on these conditions for your knowledge. Please note, according to the fine print on the back of the Salt Therapy Association education cards they state, "While there are many clinical and scientific studies conducted on dry salt therapy (halotherapy) throughout the world, the FDA has not evaluated the statements made on this educational card. Dry salt therapy is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure or prevent any disease. Dry salt therapy is not intended to replace any medications or treatments. Any health issues should be treated by a licensed medical professional and any further questions relating to halotherapy should be directed to your physician." (2018-20 Salt Therapy Association education card).

Before you enter the Salt Cave Tammy explains everything clearly so you know what to expect, and you will be given a water bottle while you enjoy the 45 minute session. There are lockers for you to place your belongings in and you don't need to bring a lock. Each session and gift certificates start at \$45. Want to bring a friend or two or more with you? You can, as you are able to split up the amount between the people in your party.



The Salt Haven, Photos by Rebecka Hoyt

Before or after your session, you can peruse the "Salty Shop" for unique gifts of "salt" items, essential oils, art made by local artists, and LaVazza Coffee. This is also a great place for you and your significant other to enjoy some downtime. However, you can bring your kids with you but if this is your time to relax, maybe have them spend some time with Dad or Grandma & Grandpa. So, go and enjoy this place and tell them you read the article in The Buchanan Chronicle!

Salt Lamp Benefits Can Include:

- Cleanse & deodorize the air
- Reduce allergy & asthma symptoms
- Increase energy levels
- Better sleep
- Improve mood & concentration levels
- Reduce static electricity in the air
- Boosts serotonin levels
- Reduces stress
- Supports immune system
- Eases Seasonal Affective Disorder
- Environmentally friendly light source
- Neutralizes positive ions from electronic devices

Salt Cave Benefits Can Include:

- Acne
- Allergies
- Anxiety
- Arthritis
- Asthma
- Respiratory Issues
- Bronchitis
- Colds
- COPD
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Skin issues (eczema, psoriasis)
- Ear Infections

- Emphysema
- Fatigue
- Hay Fever
- Headache Relief
- Insomnia
- Joint Pain
- Pneumonia
- Stress-related Issues
- Inflammation
- Sinus Issues
- Snoring

Find out more information about Salt Therapy here: www.SaltTherapyAssociation.org



About The Salt Haven: After researching the benefits of Himalayan salt for about a year, we were able to visit our first salt cave. We quickly fell in love with the relaxation it provided as well as easier breathing, and headache relief. When we seriously considered opening a business of our own, we began taking other people to the salt cave to get their feedback. Everyone we took had a positive response. Upon finding a location in downtown Berrien Springs, our family and friends worked together to renovate, creating a small retail showroom and salt cave. We chose a cabin theme for our salt cave with the intent of making it feel like a retreat from the stresses of everyday life. Our salt cave includes a halogenerator which disperses pharmaceutical grade salt into the air during the 45 minute salt cave session, offering our customers many additional benefits to a traditional salt cave. Recently the ownership changed hands from retiring creator to long-time customer, and we are thankful to have the opportunity to have a positive impact on the lives of people in our community.

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• Typical Hours:

- Monday & Tuesday: Closed
- Wednesday: 9am – 7pm
- Thursday: 9am – 5pm
- Friday: 10am – 7pm

- Saturday: 9am – 7pm
 - Sunday: 11am – 6pm
 - Prices:
 - Single Person: \$45 per 45 minute session
 - Two People: \$22.50/person per 45 minute session
 - Three or More People: \$15/person per 45 minute session
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Local Leadership – BACC Welcomes New Executive Director Brandon DeJaynes



Brandon DeJaynes, New Executive Director at Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce

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

In Brandon DeJaynes' first month as the new Executive Director of the Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce, he is meeting and getting to know many people. He's also been training on Quickbooks. He states that his role is to "Garner and foster new memberships, be a catalyst for ideas."



Working at The Livery in Benton Harbor for 18 years, plus doing what he does now for 9 years, has given him many years of experience in entertainment and business. While at The Livery, Brandon has booked bands, artists to come in for special events, and concerts. While having this energy at The Livery, he likes how he can use his energy and time with the Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce as it fits nicely into the community.

Just after he started his new position, the ribbon cutting ceremony happened for Fifteen-2-Twelve Evelyn Mae's BBQ grand opening. He also experienced the Chili Walk where his chili was at Lehman's Farmhouse and said that he ran out in the first thirty minutes and had to go back home and get the other pot off the stove, and was thankful that he lived nearby! Brandon is a people person who enjoys some light humor and is very approachable. He wants to "unlock the doors and open them up so others can come in and buy and support our local community. I want the Ma & Pa shops to have at least more attention and help them with promotions and sales, and once again paint Buchanan as the "Nicest Place in America."

Brandon lived in central Illinois, then moved to Lapeer, MI east of Flint. He has lived in Buchanan for the past 11 years with his wife, 3.5 year-old son, 1.5 year-old daughter, and their pet dog. He likes to play golf with friends here in town, listen to music, and enjoys camping, RV, the dunes, and visiting Torch Lake with the family.

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Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce Membership Annual Dues:

Citizen Supporter/Individual: \$50
 Non-Profit Organization: \$100
 Single Owner Business/Sole Proprietorship: \$150
 Regular Business: \$200; \$4/employee



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

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Local Entrepreneurs – New Path for Small Business in Buchanan

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New Path for Small Business Success in Buchanan

Submitted by Ashley Regal, City of Buchanan Main Street Manager/Assistant Director of Community Development

Buchanan, MI – May 4, 2022

Small town Buchanan, Michigan to host a small business incubator focussing on burgeoning businesses in the food and retail sectors. This project will be housed in Buchanan's largest vacant building located in the heart of downtown Buchanan. Previously Hometown Video, 101 Days Avenue is currently undergoing extensive redevelopment efforts and will be a huge signal to the community of continued investment in Buchanan. As an homage to the building's prior life, the incubator space will be called Hometown & Co. Mercantile and Food Market.

LiveBuchanan, Buchanan's downtown economic development team, plans to host ten to twelve emerging businesses to provide an additional food and retail space for the community as well as a launch pad for these businesses to be ultimately self-sustained and placed in the community. LiveBuchanan's board of directors includes architects, designers, entrepreneurs, and more that are helping bring this idea to life.

Says Ashley Regal, LiveBuchanan's Executive Director, "This is not just a team effort– it's a community effort. Obviously the vision of the Rowlands to invest in restoring this beautiful building and then entrusting us to do right by the community speaks to the town pride in Buchanan. And then our board is made of such a diverse group of super qualified individuals volunteering their time... All I can say is that the town pride in Buchanan is really unmatched."

Construction is slated to be completed in late summer with plans to open the incubator in early fall. The board is accepting applications now through June to participate in the incubator program. To learn more visit LiveBuchanan.com/business-incubator.



About LiveBuchanan: Our mission is to preserve, improve, and revitalize downtown Buchanan, the core of our community. LiveBuchanan is an organization whose task it is to coordinate communication and promotion, make design improvements, and encourage ongoing economic development by leveraging our unique history, culture and physical assets.

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Local Charity – MGCF Awards Local Grants

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Michigan Gateway Community Foundation Awards Grants to Local Charitable Programs

Submitted by Michael Rowland, Michigan Gateway Community Foundation President/CEO

Buchanan, MI – April 17, 2022

The Board of Trustees for Michigan Gateway Community Foundation are proud to announce that we have approved the granting of funds from the Foundation to the following programs:

1. \$10,303.41 to the Salvation Army of Niles to provide funding for the Feeding His Sheep program. Providing meal bag contents for local students. Funds made available through the Niles Area Fund, Ann S Cone Fund and the Niles Youth Advisory Council Fund.
2. \$15,000 to the Buchanan District Library to provide tutoring to Buchanan Area Students as well as contributing to their Capital Building Campaign. Funds made available through the Walt Schirmer Jr and Marjorie H Desenberg Fund. The B.R. & Marjorie H. Desenberg Fund made available to the tutoring program.
3. \$3,500 for the 2023 Cass County Backpack Spectacular hosted by United Way of Southwest Michigan. These funds will be utilized to provide new backpacks and grade-appropriate school supplies for 850 Cass County students who live in low-income households in Cass County. Funds made available through the Cass Youth Advisory Council Fund.
4. \$2,500 to fund the One Buchanan Equity & Inclusion seminars for the purpose of fostering cultural fluency and competence in the Buchanan Community, as well as surrounding areas. Funds provided through the Buchanan Area Fund and Buchanan Youth Advisory Council Fund.
5. \$10,000 to The City of Buchanan for Days Avenue improvements including artwork and lighting in accordance with the plans outlined in the strategic plan. Funds made available through the Walt Schirmer Jr Fund, George &

LaVonne Sullivan Endowment.

6. \$8,113 to Buchanan Community Schools as final pledge payment for tuition reimbursement for special education certification. This grant was made possible through the Buchanan Education Fund.
 7. \$20,000 for the City of Niles to help low income and senior citizens make home repairs they otherwise would not be able to afford. Funds made possible through the Help4Homes Fund serving the Niles Community.
- Special Note – On May 6th, 2023 Michigan Gateway Community Foundation will be hosting Show Me The Money Day between 12pm – 4pm. This event will be held at the Redbud City Center located at 131 S. Oak St, Buchanan, MI 49107. This is a free event that will provide resources, workshops and other financial assistance opportunities. Vendors and presenters will provide resources for first time home buyers, college saving, credit repair, senior citizen programs and much more.

Founded in 1977, Michigan Gateway Community Foundation serves southern Berrien County and Cass County Michigan. The Foundation was established with gifts from many citizens in amounts ranging from a few dollars to hundreds of thousands of dollars. Only the income generated by the investment of these gifts is used in grant making. A gift to the community funds, such as those from Niles, Buchanan, and Cass County, serve these communities in perpetuity.

The Foundation accepts grant proposals two times each year with submission dates of August 1, and February 1. Prompt consideration is given to all grant requests, with decisions usually available within one month. Each proposal will be evaluated by the Foundation for its potential value to the community and for the availability of funding resources. For more information on Michigan Gateway Community Foundation, or to make a contribution that supports your community, contact Michael P. Rowland at 111 Days Avenue, Buchanan, MI 49107, visit www.mgcf.org, or call 269-695-3521.

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Local Music – Buchanan Announces Line-Up for Summer Concert Series

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The Common CONCERT SERIES

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SATURDAY, JUNE 3	NICEST PLACE IN AMERICA	AMERICANA
	VAN DYKE REVUE & ABBY THOMAS	
THURSDAY, JUNE 8	DEAN ULRICH TRIO	JAZZ
THURSDAY, JUNE 22	SHREDDY TENDERGRASS	BLUEGRASS
SATURDAY, JUNE 24	DAVID GERALD	BLUES
	STEVIE RAY VAUGHN TRIBUTE	
THURSDAY, JUNE 29	BLUE WATER RAMBLERS	AMERICANA FOLK
THURSDAY, JULY 6	RIVER RATS	PUNK
SATURDAY, JULY 8	GRETA POPE'S MOTOWN	MOTOWN
	PRIDE OF THE MOTOR CITY	
THURSDAY, JULY 13	HEY ANNIE	ROCK
THURSDAY, JULY 20	STIFF	ROCK
SATURDAY, JULY 22	LITTLE SOMETHING	ROCK
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2	SAM GRISMAN PROJECT	PROGRESSIVE BLUEGRASS
AUGUST 11 (7PM-10PM) & 12 (12PM-10PM)	CHIPPEWAPALOOZA	MUSIC FESTIVAL
THURSDAY, AUGUST 24	BEN TRAVERSE	FOLK-SHANTY
SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 (6PM)	SHAKEDOWN SATURDAY	JAM BAND
	PRESENTED BY THE HAPPY CAMPERS	
THURSDAY, AUGUST 31	QUITE FRANK LEE	AMERICANA

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Buchanan Announces Line-Up for Summer Concert Series

Buchanan, MI – May 1, 2022

Every year the City of Buchanan and the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation team up to bring quality acts to downtown Buchanan that are accessible to everyone in the community. Due to generous donations from the City of Buchanan, Michigan Gateway Community Foundation, and numerous other sponsors, Buchanan is able to offer a world class experience free of charge at their open-air venue, The Common. This venue is situated in the heart of their historic downtown and features an iconic bandshell, expansive green space, and is bordered by McCoy creek where children and families dip their toes to cool off on hot evenings.

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Show Me The Money Day 2023 flyer

This free concert series in a beautiful park in a charming downtown honors Buchanan's distinction as The Nicest Place in America by Reader's Digest. This idyllic setting frames a diverse line-up this year as the series features bands from over ten genres. New to the stage are acts like Sam Grisman Project: the Music of Garcia and Grisman, and David Gerald: Stevie Ray Vaughan Tribute. Buchanan local acts include Greta Pope's Motown: Pride of the Motor City and Van Dyke Revue Nicest Place in America Tour featuring Abby Thomas. Check out their full line up at [facebook.com /TheCommonConcertSeries](https://facebook.com/TheCommonConcertSeries)

Events Details:

- *Who:* City of Buchanan and the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation
- *What:* [The Common Concert Series 2023](#)
- *Where:* The Common, 122 Days Ave, Buchanan MI 49107
- *When:* **Several Thursdays and Saturdays (and some other days) from 7-9pm**

Date	Band	Genre
Thursday, June 1	Southshore Concert Band	Big Band
Saturday, June 3	Nicest Place in America Concert – VanDyke Revue & Abby Thomas	Americana
Thursday, June 8	Dean Allrick Trio	Jass
Thursday, June 22	Shreddy Tendergrass	Bluegrass
Saturday, June 24	David Gerald – Stevie Ray Vaughan Tribute	Blues/Rock
Thursday, June 29	Blue Waters Ramblers	Americana Folk
Thursday, July 6	River Rats	Punk
Saturday, July 8	Greta Pope's Motown – Pride of the Motor City	Motown
Thursday, July 13	Hey Annie	Rock
Thursday, July 20	Stiff	Melodic Rock
Saturday, July 22	Little Something	Rock
Wednesday, August 2	Sam Grisman Project	Progressive Bluegrass
Friday, August 11	7-10pm : Chippewapalooza	Music Festival
Saturday, August 12	12-10pm : Chippewapalooza	Music Festival
Thursday, August 24	Ben Traverse	Folk-Shanty
Saturday, August 26	6pm : Shakedown Saturday – Presented by The Happy Campers	Jam Band
Thursday, August 31	Quite Frank Lee	Americana

The Common Concert Series 2023 – Table of Performances



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

www.facebook.com/TheCommonConcertSeries

www.cityofbuchanan.com/community/page/common

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Local New Business – Sesshin Pet Grooming & Spa Opens in Baroda



Sesshin Pet Grooming & Spa Opens in Baroda

Submitted by Ashley Butler, Cornerstone Alliance Director of Community Engagement

Baroda, MI ~ April 27, 2023

Sesshin Grooming & Spa, a new pet grooming and sitting business, celebrated its recent grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The business, located in Baroda, will offer a range of services for pets, including grooming and more.

The owner of Sesshin Grooming & Spa, Nikki Andrews, has been working in the pet care industry for over 16 year, and is excited to bring her expertise to the Baroda community. Nikki has a passion for animals and is

dedicated to providing the highest level of care for every pet that comes through her doors.



Ribbon-Cutting at Sesshin Pet Grooming and Spa in Baroda, Photo provided by Cornerstone Alliance

"We are thrilled to be opening Sesshin Grooming & Spa in Baroda," said Nikki Andrews, owner of Sesshin Grooming & Spa. "I have a love for animals and want to provide a safe and comfortable environment for pets to receive the care they need. I look forward to serving pet owners in the area."

Sesshin Grooming & Spa will offer a range of grooming services, including haircuts, baths, nail trimming, and more.

"It's been a joy to see Nikki Andrews turn her passion for pet grooming into a successful business with our guidance," said Jackie Yates, Women's Business Center Manager. "The Women's Business Center is happy for her success and takes pride in supporting women entrepreneurs like her."

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a zen retreat

Nikki Andrews

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Pet Sitting
Vet Assistant



1643 West Lemon Creek Road, Baroda MI 49101

Sesshin Pet Grooming and Spa in Baroda, Image provided by Cornerstone Alliance

Sesshin Grooming & Spa is located at 1643 Lemon Creek Road in Baroda. However, the groomers also

provide specialty house calls for stressed, elderly, or disabled animals that are best served in their own environment. Appointments can be made by calling (269) 930-0585 or by visiting their website at <http://www.sesshingroomingandspa.com>.

"This grand opening would not have been possible without the support of my dad, Glenn Andrews, the counseling and business advice from Jackie and Kristen at the Women's Business Center at Cornerstone Alliance, and the Village Board of Baroda, which welcomed my business with open arms," concluded Nikki.



About Cornerstone Alliance:

Cornerstone Alliance is a non-profit, investor-governed economic development organization. Our focus is to increase employment opportunities, private sector capital investments and the local tax base in Michigan's Great Southwest. We offer specialized business services particularly in economically distressed areas.

About Cornerstone Alliance Small Business Services:

We provide technical, business, and financial assistance to small businesses with an emphasis on income disadvantaged and women owned businesses. The Women's Business Center at Cornerstone Alliance is funded in part through a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration.



About Sesshin Grooming & Spa: Our commitment is to offer quality care to assure the maximum health of every pet that seeks services within the spa. The Sesshin's approach fosters a holistic environment in which the pet may feel safe, comfortable and relaxed which in turn will reinforce as well as renew the pet's family member to feel confident and joy in this joint moment of zen. This experience is supplemental with quality products and additional services that will support the health and welfare of both customer (pet) and client (owner).

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Past Event – BACC Annual Awards 2023



Fernwood Botanical Garden Host for Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

The Sims Education Center at Fernwood Botanical Garden was the location for Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual Awards and Meeting on a chilly spring morning Friday, April 28, 2023 from 7:30am – 9am. A lovely breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, cheesy potatoes, mixed fruit, muffins, coffee and water were enjoyed by the guests.

A short business meeting was led by the chamber's President, Fran Terry for elections on one director for a 3-year term, the financial report was given, comments were stated from the new Executive Director Brandon DeJaynes, and Fran Terry gave the election results.



Now to the awards presentation where Buchanan Community Schools Superintendent, Patricia Robinson also handed out their Hall of Fame awards with the help of Buchanan Board of Education member Trustee, Jennie Brackett. "Contributions to Society" which is given ten years after graduating from BHS. The award goes to: Dr. Erin McKean from the class of 1994. She attended University of Michigan medical school in 2003 & 2008 and received her MBA in 2013. Her brother Brian McKean accepted her award on his behalf for her.

"Contributions to Buchanan Community Schools" was given to Mr. Bill Weaver. He was a long time Girls Varsity Basketball coach, had nine Conference Championships and one State Championship. Mr. Weaver passed away last November, and his award was accepted by his wife, Pam Weaver.

"Performance in School-Related Activities" is given to alumni ten years after graduating and this award went to: Mr. John Karpinski, class of 1962. He received 12 Varsity letters, attended Michigan State

University, Class B Champs 1960 & 1961; Army HS all-American with four Varsity letters in Baseball.

Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce Awards were handed out also along with a signed certificate from Michigan State Senator Debbie Stabenow given by a representative from Stabenow's office: "Dale E. Florey Volunteer of the Year" goes to a person that puts their community's needs above their own. They have provided extraordinary service and dedication to the greater Buchanan community through their volunteer efforts in 2022. The nominees were: Karol Behrle, Dianne Ross, Elaine Rowland, Ann Tuite and Kyle Zelmer. The award goes to: Dianne Ross as her mom, Esther Florey presented it to her along with Fran Terry.

"Business/Organization of the Year" is presented to a business, nonprofit, club, or organization that has contributed to the community development and quality of life in the greater Buchanan area. The recipient of this award exhibits outstanding commitment to the greater Buchanan community in 2022. The nominees were: Buchanan Lions Club, Edgewater Automation, and Redbud Hardware. The award goes to: Redbud Hardware. Business owner, Joe Krueger of almost one whole year, accepted the award as his wife Jen was home with the kids due to school not being in session, but she really wanted to attend. Joe stated, "I buy tools and sell them."

"Young Professional of the Year" goes to a Buchanan area young professional who's between the ages of twenty one and forty and has a positive attitude, has shown professionalism, innovation, and is devoted to their career and community in 2022. The nominees were: Jessica Hendrixson, Patrick Swem, and Kyle Zelmer. And the award goes to: Kyle Zelmer who is a realtor which was nominated by four people, and he steps up to help.

"Lifetime Achievement" this award is presented to an individual that has devoted much of their time and energy throughout their lifetime to the betterment of our community and continues to do so in excellence. The nominees were: Karol Behrle, Cindy Bowerman and Alice Kring. And the award goes to: Karol Behrle, who volunteers, has compassion and unwavering dedication in the chamber for 8 & ½ years. Karol stated, "I am speechless! I was wondering why my family was getting up and ready this morning." Though everyone who knows her knows that she's hardly speechless!



Executive Director, Brandon DeJaynes of Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce.



Joe Krueger, owner of Redbud Hardware accepts "Business/Organization of the Year" award from Fran Terry.



Buchanan Board of Education Member Trustee Jennie Bracket and Buchanan Community Schools Superintendent Patricia Robinson present BCS Hall of Fame Awards.



Dianne Ross accepts her "Dale E. Florey Volunteer of the Year" award from Fran Terry and her mom, Esther Florey.



Kyle Zelmer accepts "Young Professional of the Year" award and certificate from Michigan State Senator Debbie Stabenow's office representative.



Joe Krueger, owner of Redbud Hardware accepts "Business/Organization of the Year" award from Fran Terry.



Brian McKean accepting his sister, Dr. Erin McKean's "Contributions to Society" award on his behalf from Buchanan Board of Education Member Trustee Jennie Brackett.



Karol Behrle accepts her "Lifetime Achievement" award from Fran Terry and Brandon DeJaynes.



At the end of the awards presentation, Michigan State Representative, Republican Brad Paquette said a few congratulations and thanked the chamber and Fernwood. After the ceremony, everyone was able to walk the gardens before it opened up to the public. The Buchanan Chronicle would like to congratulate everyone who was nominated and the winners. Thank you for serving in our community!



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

Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce Membership Annual Dues:

Citizen Supporter/Individual: \$50

Non-Profit Organization: \$100

Single Owner Business/Sole Proprietorship: \$150

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

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Upcoming Event – “I Love My City” with Buchanan Nazarene



"I Love My City" Event with Buchanan Nazarene

Shared by Buchanan Church of the Nazarene [Facebook page](#)

We are excited for the first ever "I Love My City!" Basically the idea of this event is that on Sunday, May 7th we will be serving in the Buchanan Community. We are hoping to make a difference through serving Buchanan as well as partnering with some of the amazing organizations that already serve our community. The projects we will be helping with will include:

- 🎨 Painting
- 🌳 Mulching
- 🧹 Cleaning
- 👉 Organizing
- 👏 And more

While this event is organized by our church, you do not need to attend our church to participate. We do ask you to register to help us plan on how many volunteers we have. You are able to register using the link below:

<https://forms.gle/LohYAVxUTfNNm2CX9>.



Image shared by Buchanan Church of the Nazarene

Event Details:

- *Who:* Buchanan Church of the Nazarene
- *What:* ["I Love My City" Volunteer Cleanup Event](#)
- *When:* **Sunday, May 7, 2023 – 2pm**
- *Where:* Begin at Buchanan Church of the Nazarene – 704 W Front St, Buchanan MI
 - Work to be done throughout Downtown Buchanan



About Buchanan Church of the Nazarene: Our Mission is Transforming Lives Through Christ: Our Mission as a church is sweet and simple. We want to see lives transformed through Christ. We know that in our world there is brokenness, heartache, addiction and much more, but there is also hope which is found in Jesus Christ. Our Vision is to see Buchanan and the surrounding communities become the people God created them to be: We believe that God created us in his own image, however sin has corrupted that image. We hope to see Buchanan and the surrounding areas become restored to who God is calling them to be. We know that when the surrounding area is impacted the world will be too!

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Community Press Release – SAM Presents House Concert Fundraiser



School of American Music Presents House Concert “Piano and Violin Classics”

Submitted by Donna Mitchell, School of American Music Executive Director

Concert is a fundraiser for the School of American Music Future Fund

The School of American Music presents its first House Concert of 2023, “Piano and Violin Classics”, on Sunday, June 4th at 4:00 p.m. EDT. Back by popular demand is Aglaja Petrova on piano and special guest Carly Paris on violin. The concert will be held at a private home in Harbert, Michigan. The address will be sent upon ticket purchase. All ticket proceeds go toward the School of American Music Future Fund, which ensures music education for under-resourced communities and students. The \$250 per person tickets are tax deductible and all receipts will be matched 100% by an anonymous donor. Tickets may be purchased at <https://www.schoolofamericanmusic.com/tickets/p/piano-and-violin-classics-with-aglaja-petrova-and-carly-paris>.

Mary Wilson, School of American Music Vice President, said “The piano and violin together make some of the most beautiful music imaginable. We hope you can join us for this small intimate concert. The tickets also make wonderful gifts.”



Aglaja Petrova, Photo provided by School of American Music

Aglaja Petrova is a classically trained pianist who is passionate about sharing her love of music. A recent graduate of Indiana University Bloomington Jacobs School of Music, she studied with French Classical pianist Jean-Louis Haguenaue. Aglaja has a zeal for Arts Administration discovered through her minor in Arts Management from the O'Neil School of Public and Environmental Affairs at IU. Aglaja hopes to explore this further at her upcoming summer internship at the Brevard Music Center in North Carolina. She has been accepted into the graduate program for Arts Administration at Indiana University for the fall. As a former piano instructor at the School of American Music, Aglaja has broadened her musical knowledge by preparing students of all ages to perform. She hopes to pass on her adoration of music to past and future students. This will mark her third concert to support the School of American Music.



Carly Paris, Photo provided by School of American Music

Born and raised in Concord, Massachusetts, Carly Paris began playing violin at the age of ten. She is currently a senior at the Eastman School of Music and studies violin with Professor Renée Jolles. Recently, she performed in Eastman's Kodak Hall as the concertmaster of the Eastman School Symphony Orchestra. In addition to performing, Carly has been teaching violin for six years and has a passion for making music education more accessible to all.



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 – MGCF to Host “Show Me The Money Day”



Michigan Gateway Community Foundation Presents:

SHOW ME THE MONEY DAY

A financial and community resource fair

EVENT DETAILS

May 6, 2023
12pm-4pm
Redbud City Center
131 S. Oak St.

- Show me the money day is a free event featuring free and low-cost financial products, community resources, financial workshops, and fun.
- Doors open at 12:00pm, workshops start at 12:30.

Michigan Gateway Community Foundation to Host “Show Me The Money Day”

by Rebecka Hoyt, Editor & Photographer

Michigan Gateway Community Foundation here in Buchanan, MI is giving back to the communities they serve by offering a “Show Me The Money Day” on Saturday, May 6, 2023 in the heart of downtown Buchanan. The event is being held at Redbud City Center 131 S. Oak Street on Saturday, May 6 from 12pm – 4pm.

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- Lunch is provided.

We will have drawings throughout the day with giveaways and prizes. Be sure to register!

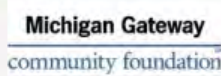
Scan this code or type in the website to register today!



<https://form.jotform.com/230406038383047>

TO LEARN MORE HEAD OVER TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE, WEBSITE. OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REACH OUT TO US AT [INFO@MGCF.ORG](mailto:info@mgcf.org)













Show Me The Money Day 2023 flyer

“Show Me The Money Day” is a financial and community resource fair with three great informative workshops, while a free lunch of hotdogs, chips, cookies and beverages and drawings for prizes/giveaways will happen all day. This was started by CEDAM (Community Economic Development Association of Michigan) along with their sponsor Consumers Energy to kick off the tax season to have events like this to help others “increase income, save and build assets,” (<https://cedamichigan.org/moneyday/>). Buchanan District Library will be hosting three – 45 minute workshops in their community room being presented by Stephanie N. Robinson, Financial Wellness Coach from Summit Financial Wellness.

Schedule of Workshops in the Buchanan District Library Community Room:

- Budgeting/Borrowing 12:30pm – 1:15pm
- Credit Strategies Part 1 1:45pm – 2:30pm
- Credit Strategies Part 2 3:00pm – 3:45pm

“This event helps us deliver on our mission of For Good, Forever by continuing to provide assistance to the community with access to low cost financial products, community resources, workshops and assistance. Without these important opportunities many community members are left with disadvantages that make reaching their goals very difficult. So, we are proud to be a part of lifting them up,” says Michigan Gateway Community Foundation President and CEO, Michael Rowland.

Local vendors will be in the Redbud City Center for you to peruse (more may be added on after this publication): Buchanan Area Senior Center, Buchanan College Club, Buchanan District Library, Buchanan Promise, Ferry Street Resources, Honor Credit Union, Kickstart To Career, Lake Michigan College, Niles Sturgis Bank, Southwestern Michigan College, Summit Financial Wellness, and United Federal Credit Union. “This is an “Open House” style so you don’t have to stay the whole day or come right at 12pm. Maybe just come for lunch and see which vendor you would like to visit and learn about, or just come for one or all workshops, or better yet, come for the entire time after you go to the Buchanan Farmers’ Market and Pears Mill opening day!” said Jennifer Popielski, event contact person and Senior Program Officer of Kickstart and YAC.

One important thing to know, and what the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation team needs to know is if you are planning to come so they know how much food to have. They are also “looking for volunteers to help serve food, setting up and tear down, door prizes, assist with the financial wellness coach in the community room and the survey,” states Jennifer Popielski. Please register your RSVP at their website: <https://www.mgcf.org/show-me-the-money-day>.

To volunteer to help with the event, register here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DA9AB2FA4F5C70-show>

The event is sponsored by: Buchanan Area Senior Center, Buchanan District Library, CEDAM, City of Buchanan, Consumers Energy, Gary Z’s Sub Shop, Honor Credit Union, Milano’s Pizza, Niles Sturgis Bank, Redbud Hardware, Summit Financial Wellness.

So, remember to keep this event in mind for the first Saturday on May 6 from 12pm – 4pm at the Redbud City Center. Don’t forget to register [here](#) or use their QR code. All ages are welcomed!

Event Details:

- *Who:* Michigan Gateway Community Foundation and many sponsors
- *What:* [Show Me The Money Day](#)
- *When:* **Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 12-4pm**
- *Where:*
 - Redbud City Center
 - 131 S. Oak Street, Buchanan MI
 - Buchanan District Library Community Room
 - 128 E Front St, Buchanan MI

MGCF

About Michigan Gateway Community Foundation: From our single community beginning in October of 1977, we have evolved into a full service, accredited, and standards compliant Foundation serving Southern Berrien County, focused on Niles and Buchanan, and all of Cass County. Our mission: fostering a community of philanthropy, for good, forever. Strong community support has steadily grown the Foundation. We now have over 135 separate funds, with new ones added every year. The largest single gift to the Foundation was transferred in 2016 from the estate of Walter E. Schirmer, Jr., son of one of the original founders of the Buchanan Area Foundation, which today is Michigan Gateway Community Foundation. In excess of \$8,000,000, the gift funds the Buchanan Promise, a place-based scholarship for graduates of Buchanan High School. The Foundation doubled in size with this gift, today holding endowment assets totaling more than \$25,000,500.

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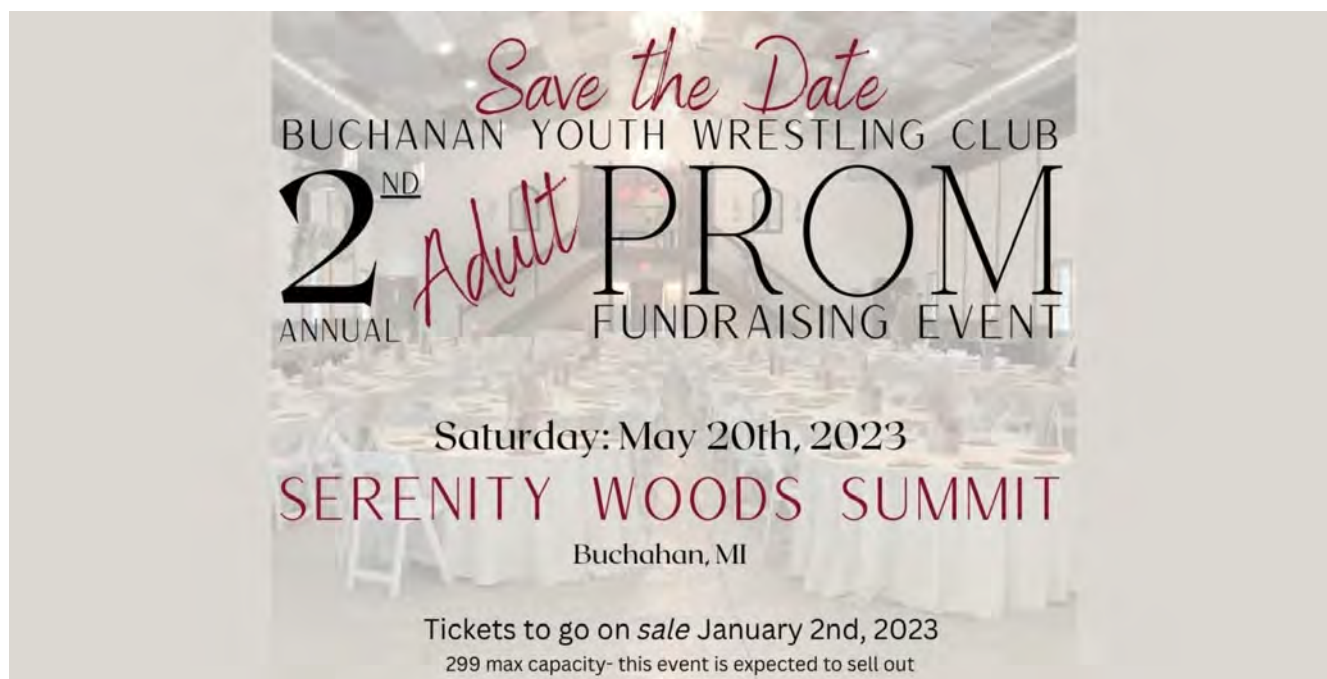
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Upcoming Event – Wrestling Club Adult Prom 2023



Buchanan Youth Wrestling Club to Host 2nd Annual Adult Prom Fundraising Event

Shared by Buchanan Youth Wrestling Club [Facebook page](#)

"The Buchanan Youth Wrestling Club is hosting a fundraising event on May 20th – at the Buchanan American Legion. Please consider attending our event and supporting our Club. All proceeds go back to the Club and help pay for equipment, uniforms, tournament fees and to cover the cost of enrollment for those in need. We are also saving for a Wrestling Room – we are one of the only sports in Buchanan that do not have the proper space needed for our sport. We had over 80 kids participating in the youth club alone this year."

– Shared by event host Libby Glossinger-Hein.



Buchanan Youth Wrestling Club 2nd Adult Prom event flyer

- *Who:* Buchanan Youth Wrestling Club
- *What:* 2nd Annual Adult Prom Fundraising Event
- *When:* **Saturday, May 20, 2023**
- *Where:* Buchanan American Legion
 - American Legion Ralph Rumbaugh Post 51 – 403 E Front St, Buchanan MI
- *Details:*
 - Tickets available for purchase on our event website: buchananwrestlingclubprom2.eventbrite.com.
 - 180 Max Capacity – This event is expected to sell out!
 - Should the event need to be cancelled for any reason, a full refund will be provided.



Buchanan Youth Wrestling Club
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Community Press Release – Buchanan Seeks Riverfront Input



City of Buchanan Seeks Community Feedback on Revitalization Plans for St. Joseph River Waterfront

Submitted by Ashley Regal, City of Buchanan Main Street Manager/Assistant Director of Community Development

Buchanan, MI – April 24, 2022

The City of Buchanan is actively engaged in the implementation of A Vision for Buchanan which imagines redevelopment opportunities in Buchanan and explores improvement of public access to the river and natural environment (image below). They are seeking community feedback to explore revitalizing and activating the Riverfront Park, Buchanan Boat Launch, and the St. Joseph River Waterfront.



St Joseph River at Buchanan Riverfront, Photo provided by City of Buchanan

The information collected in this survey will be used to guide the planning process for this project in the effort to create a waterfront master plan for Buchanan. This survey will be open from 4/24/23 – 5/22/23.

Link to survey: [Buchanan Waterfront Master Plan Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](https://surveymonkey.com/surveys/Buchanan-Waterfront-Master-Plan-Survey).

Link to A Vision for Buchanan: [Nicest Place to Walk | The Buchanan Vision | Concepts](#)



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.

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

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Community Press Release – Munchie Mondays Food Trucks Coming to Buchanan



Buchanan Announces “Munchie Mondays” and Welcomes Food Trucks Downtown

Submitted by Ashley Regal, City of Buchanan Main Street Manager/Assistant Director of Community Development

Buchanan, MI – April 18, 2022

Brace yourselves. Summer is coming. Summer in Buchanan looks like picnic tables coming out of storage, finalized outdoor concert line-ups, and full farmer’s market stalls. This year, summer in downtown Buchanan will feature outdoor dining bigger and better than ever before.

Buchanan Michigan’s downtown development team, LiveBuchanan, has begun a promotional event to attract area food trucks and promote outdoor dining in Buchanan. Munchie Mondays, as they are calling it, is a once a week promotion where food trucks will be stationed along Days Avenue in downtown Buchanan and downtown restaurants promote pick-up and window service options. Attendees are encouraged to buy their orders to go or stop by the new “food truck alley” and dine outdoors at our public outdoor seating areas.



Munchie Mondays Roll Into Buchanan this Summer, Image provided by LiveBuchanan

"Days Avenue is the perfect place to localize this event," says LiveBuchanan Manager, Ashley Regal, "It's historically the main entrance into town, so it's a nice wide road, lined with trees, and of course, is a strong connection point between our downtown, McCoy Creek, and The Common," Buchanan's outdoor concert venue.

Fliers for Munchie Mondays feature the tagline "Roll into Buchanan." This, coupled with Buchanan's preeminent cannabis dispensaries, makes it hard to believe the name was an accident. "We realize the name is a bit tongue-in-cheek," says Regal, "but we figured it was a fun way to engage our community, welcome visitors, and get the word out about this event."

Promotional event kicks off Monday, May 15th and runs through summer ending July 31st. Food trucks can always apply to participate in this and other events by filling out the food truck application at cityofbuchanan.com.



About LiveBuchanan: Our mission is to preserve, improve, and revitalize downtown Buchanan, the core of our community. LiveBuchanan is an organization whose task it is to coordinate communication and promotion, make design improvements, and encourage ongoing economic development by leveraging our unique history, culture and physical assets.

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Community Press Release – Roti Roti Fehlner Family Gallery Dedication



Roti Roti Fehlner Family Gallery Dedication

Submitted by Mary Lister, Roti Roti Art Center Interim Executive Director

Event Details:

- *Who:* Roti Roti Art Center (RRAC) of Buchanan
- *What:* [Dedication of The Fehlner Family Gallery](#)
- *When:* **Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 5:30pm**
- *Where:* Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan
 - 117 W Front St, Buchanan MI 49107
- *Details:*
 - Light refreshments follow.
- *Event Schedule:*
 - 5pm – Chamber arrives at Roti Roti (Ribbon cutting/dedication to be held inside. Location of actual cutting can be discussed here)
 - 5:30pm – Chamber Executive Director calls the room to attention, gives welcoming remarks, gratitude, and introduces Mary Lister to speak on behalf of Roti Roti.
 - Mary speaks about the gallery and introduces Thomas Fehlner to speak.
 - Tom speaks and hands envelope to Michael Rowland, MGCF.
 - Chamber + Board Officers unroll ribbon and hand the scissors to Mary/Fehlner family to cut the ribbon with a short:
"On behalf of the Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce and the greater Buchanan community, we hereby dedicate this gallery to the memory and legacy of the Fehlner family for generations to come!"
 - The Fehlner Family Gallery Plaque is unveiled.
 - Gallery officially opens for the public to enjoy!

Roti Roti ART CENTER OF BUCHANAN

About Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan: The mission of the Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan is to provide a place in our community dedicated to nurturing the arts by providing a quality educational program for all ages, as well as gallery exhibits, sales opportunities, and a gift shop that are supportive of class offerings and local artists, thereby enabling the Center to creatively enlist the power of the arts in promoting positive social change. It was founded in 2005 as the Buchanan Art Center, and renamed in 2022 as a result of an endowment from Joseph and Patricia Roti Roti.

www.rotirotiartcenter.com

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

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Community Press Release – National Music Week 2023



National Music Week will be May 7-12, 2023

Submitted by Carol Kent

MUSIC.....IS A WORLD WIDE ADVENTURE

National Music Week is sponsored!by The National Federation of Music Clubs. Monday Musical Club is a local chapter that offers monthly concerts, grants and scholarships. for more information contact MondayMusicalClubMi.org

National Music Week is celebrating 100 years of supporting performers, composers, music education and appreciation of the arts.

As mentioned with our theme, we are encouraging exploring many kinds of music. Perhaps this is the time to find out more about the music of other countries. What instruments are being used there. A good source for researching different instruments is: the Musical Instrument Museum at <https://mim.org>. There is a virtual tour. Other sources: You Tube, endless possibilities, search by artist, genre, instrument, country; APPLE Music, SiriusXm has many choices.

Enjoy National Music Week and expand your listening choices!

You can view a past article on [Music Week here.](#)



National Music Week 2023 flyer

NATIONAL FEDERATION *of* MUSIC CLUBS



National Music Week has as its objective “to create an understanding and appreciation of the value of music in the home, the community, the nation, and the world.” National Music Week is sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs (NFMC).

Additional information on the history of National Music Week may be obtained in the book “National Music Week” by Charles M. Tremaine.



Mayor's Memo – A Great Time To Be In Buchanan



A Great Time To Be In Buchanan

by Mayor Sean Denison

It's that time of year! The trees are blooming, it's almost parade time, and our town is bustling with activity. This weekend is the first weekend for the Buchanan Farmers Market. There will be nearly fifty vendors there on opening day! There will be programming at the library and other fun things for the kids as well. Saturday is also Spring Clean Up in Buchanan. You can take all that stuff clogging up your garage or attic over to River Street and dispose of it free of charge.

There are several construction projects happening downtown. The Rowlands continue their efforts to rehabilitate the Hometown Video store and Honor Credit Union is making progress on what will be their new home on Main Street. Thank you both for your efforts to improve the City.

Starting mid-May, the food trucks will be lining Days Avenue for lunch on Mondays. I have heard that there will be live music as well. This will be an awesome long lunch break – tell your friends. (not your boss)

The weather has finally broke for the better. Let's all get out and enjoy all of the wonderful things our town has to offer.

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



Mayor Sean Denison, Photo submitted by Sean Denison

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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.

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

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Past Event – 28th Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser Event



Empty Bowls Showcases Student Art in Support of Redbud Area Ministries

by Miranda Barger, Writer

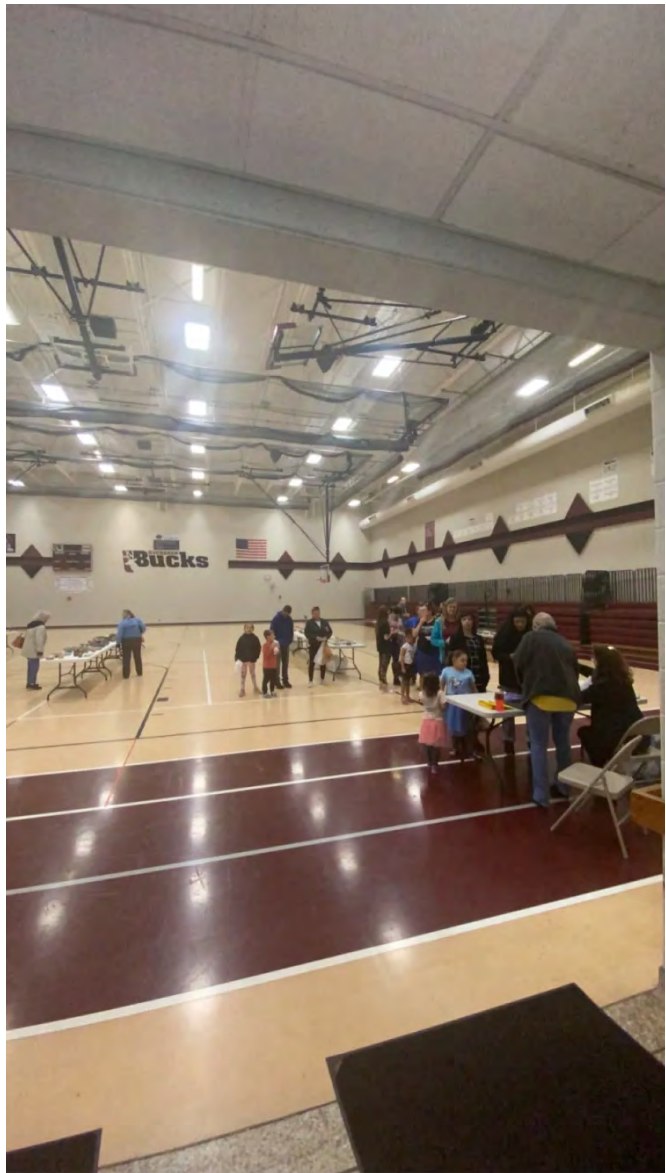
The annual Empty Bowls event was held in Buchanan on Friday April 21st. This unique event, which has been running for over 25 years, is organized by a group of dedicated volunteers in the community to raise funds and awareness for local food banks and hunger relief organizations.



Empty Bowls 2023, Photos by Miranda Barger

The event, which took place at the Buchanan High School, featured a variety of handmade ceramic bowls, created by students and local artists. Attendees could purchase the bowls for a minimum donation of \$5, which also included a simple meal of soup and cookies. Soups available were broccoli cheese, chili, macaroni and cheese, and a vegetarian option. All of the proceeds from the event went directly to the Buchanan Redbud Area Ministries.

The event was originally founded in 1995 by Buchanan High School alumni. I spoke with Marie Remington who was an art teacher at Buchanan High School from 1982-2004. According to Remington, the idea for the event came about as a way to bring together the community and create a sense of unity around a common cause.



Empty Bowls 2023, Photos by Miranda Barger

"We wanted to do something that would not only raise awareness about hunger in our community, but also give people a way to get involved and make a difference," said Remington. "The Empty Bowls event was the perfect way to do that."

Over the years, the event has grown significantly, drawing hundreds of attendees each year. In addition to the bowls, the event also features a silent auction, which includes items donated by local businesses and artists.

According to an event organizer, the success of the event is due in large part to the support of the community. "We have so many people who volunteer their time and resources to make this event happen, "It's really a testament to the generosity and compassion of the people who live here."

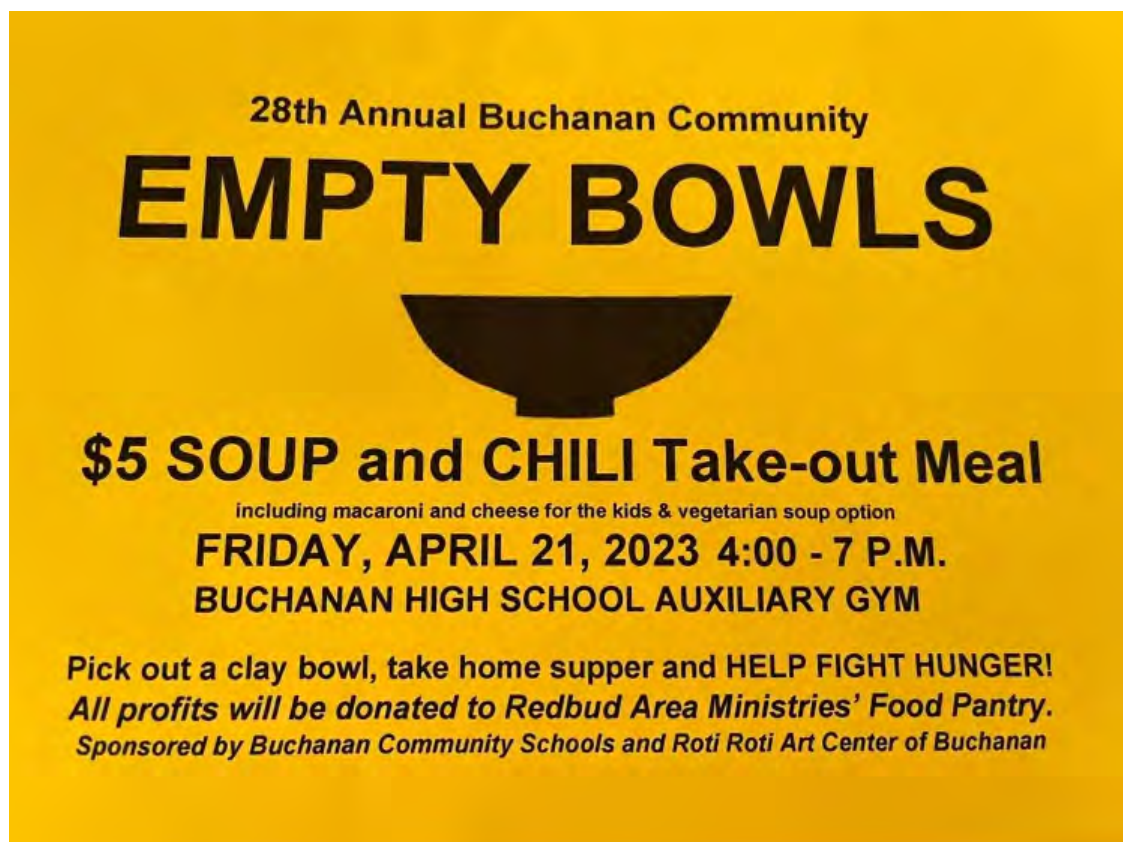


Empty Bowls 2023, Photos by Miranda Barger

Redbud Area Ministries, which is the primary beneficiary of the event, serves over 200 families in the area each month. Events like Empty Bowls are crucial to their ability to provide food and support to those in need.

"We rely heavily on donations and fundraisers like this to keep our pantry stocked and our programs running," "We're so grateful to everyone who came out to support us and to the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this event a success."

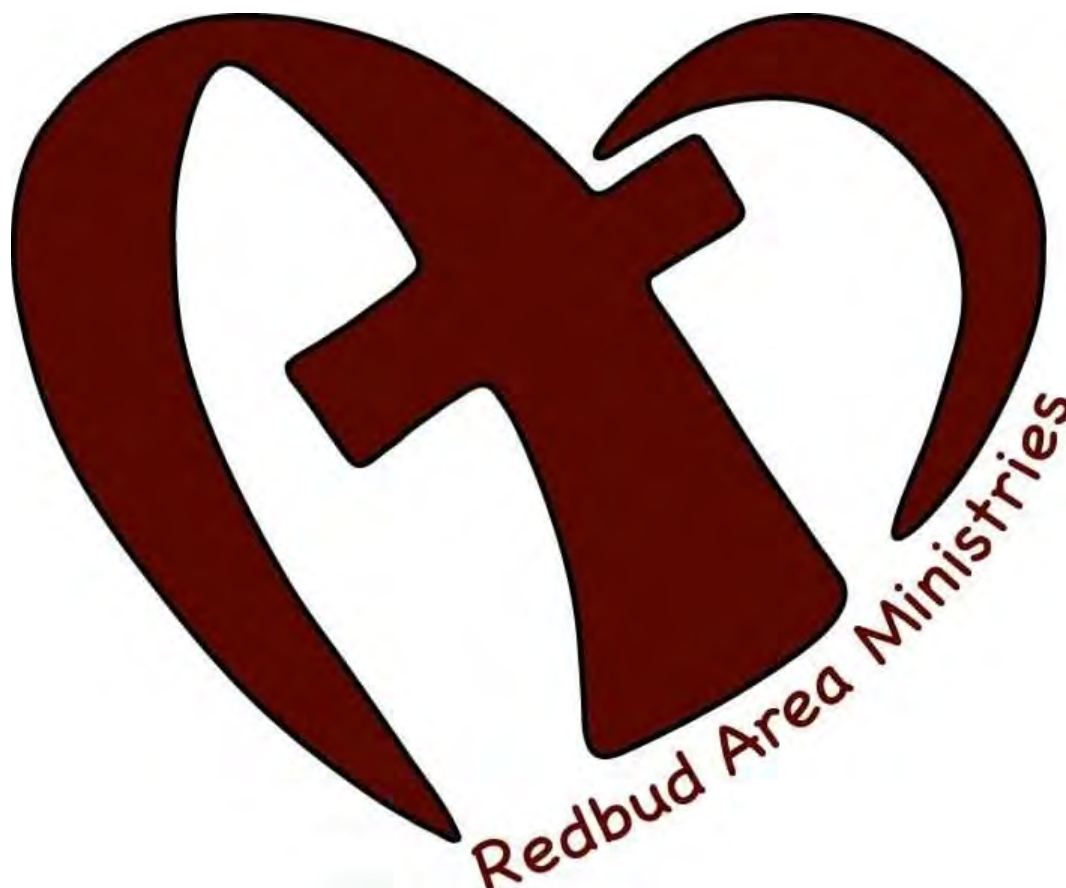
Big plans are already underway for next year's event, which promises to be even bigger and better than ever!



28th Annual Community Empty Bowls Charity Event flyer

PAST Event Details:

- *Who:* Redbud Area Ministries, Buchanan Community Schools, and Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan
- *What:* [28th Annual Community Empty Bowls Event](#)
- *When:* **Friday, April 21, 2023 ~ 4-7pm**
- *Where:* Buchanan High School Auxiliary Gym (401 W Chicago St)
- *Details:*
 - \$5 Soup and Chili Take-Out Meal
 - Including macaroni and cheese for the kids and a vegetarian soup option
 - Pick out a clay bowl, take home supper, and Help Fight Hunger!
 - All profits will be donated to Redbud Area Ministries Food Pantry.
 - Check the latest details on the Event Page [HERE](#).



About Redbud Area Ministries: RAM is an interdenominational and interracial ministry center started to organize the churches in the Buchanan and Galien School Districts to respond to individual and family needs. 269-695-5083

redbudareaministries.weebly.com

[Redbud Area Ministries Facebook Page](#)

redbudareaministries@yahoo.com

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About Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan: The mission of the Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan is to provide a place in our community dedicated to nurturing the arts by providing a quality educational program for all ages, as well as gallery exhibits, sales opportunities, and a gift shop that are supportive of class offerings and local artists, thereby enabling the Center to creatively enlist the power of the arts in promoting positive social change.

www.buchananartcenter.com

- Hours:
 - Wed-Sun ~ Noon-6

- Mon-Tue ~ Closed (Classes Only)

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About Buchanan Community Schools: Public School system for Buchanan, Michigan area. Our vision is to develop responsible, resilient, creative citizens capable of succeeding in a global society.

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BCS Sports – Buchanan Represents Galien Gaels



Save the Date 8/31/23, as Buchanan Football will represent the Galien Gaels for Week 2

Provided by Mark Frey, BHS Assistant Principal

Twenty years ago Buchanan Football welcomed our neighbors from Galien into our program. Today, we have many families in our program (especially of our current seniors) that have fathers or grandfathers who played for Galien. To recognize this merger and the contribution many of these families have had to our program in the last 20 years, Buchanan Football is excited to don the Gael Blue for our game against Coloma. Thank you to all of the sponsors of this event, we will do our best to represent you with class. Go Bucks & Go Gaels!



Buchanan Football, Photo provided by Mark Frey



GO BUCKS!

Buchanan Community Schools – Buchanan Athletics

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Buchanan District Library – May 2023



May at Buchanan District Library

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"In the case of good books, the point is not to see how many of them you can get through, but rather how many can get through to you."

Mortimer J. Adler



All The Feels – Winter Reading

ALL TOGETHER NOW – SUMMER READING

Summer Reading is almost here! We're gearing up for a fantastic summer of challenges, programs, prizes, and of course, reading! This summer we're All Together Now and adults, teens, and kids can participate in one points-based reading program!

Look for Summer Reading brochures to be available soon at the library with information about our MANY children's programs. Sign-up for the Summer Reading Program starting June 1!

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.



ADULT CRAFT CLASSES:

BROKEN PLATE JEWELRY

Thursday, May 11 ~ 11am-12pm

Friday, May 12 ~ 5:30-6:30pm

Create unique jewelry from broken ceramic plates. Sign up by calling 269.695.3681. Space is limited and is first come, first served. *Note: This class is currently full. We are looking into a larger venue so we can accommodate more people. If you would like to be added to the wait list, please call the library.



OPEN MIC @ THE LIBRARY!

Friday, June 2 ~ 6-7pm

Early in June, join us for an open mic night at the library! Think "grown-up show & tell." Enjoy an evening with fellow artists, musicians, and poets to share original works. Perform a song, poem, story, comedy routine, or bring a visual art piece and tell us about it! Sign-up is required for performers/presenters. [Click here to sign up!](#)



YOGA WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD!

Check out a FREE pass to River of Life Yoga at Buchanan District Library!

ONE BOOK | ONE BUCHANAN

STARTS: Saturday, June 17

SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, August 30



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. Save the date for the discussion event on Wednesday, August 30 at 6pm on the Common, which will include a conversation with the author, Alex Kotlowitz.

[Click here for more information and to sign up.](#)



Arroz Con Gandules

Puerto Rican Rice with Pigeon Peas

Submitted by Sonia Rodriguez



Ingredient	Quantity & Unit
Water	2 cups
Rice	1 cup
Gandules Verdes (Green Pigeon Peas) by Goya	15 oz. can
Sazon (con cilantro y achiote) by Goya	2 packets
Vegetable oil	1/4 cup
Cilantro	1/4 cup, chopped
Pimiento olives	1/2 cup diced or 1/4 cup whole
Salt (seasoned or unseasoned)	1 tsp.

Cooking instructions:

Add Gandules, Sazon packets and vegetable oil to a rice pot (children) until gandules are medium tender. Then add rice, water, olives, cilantro, and salt, bring to a simmering boil. Turn heat down low and cover with a lid. Simmer 20 minutes, or until all water is absorbed. Use a fork to check rice for tenderness and to mix the ingredients by fluffing. Allow 10 minutes longer for cooking time if needed.

About this recipe:

"This dish is part of my Puerto Rican heritage. It has many variations, much like our ethnicity! I learned this recipe from my father, Carlos Rodriguez, who would serve or bring this meal at every family cookout ever since I was a child. It brings so many memories of summer gatherings and holiday mealtimes enjoyed on both sides of my diverse family. This is a cross-cultural dish that is the most requested when long-distance family and friends come to town."

-Sonia Rodriguez

NEW! COMMUNITY COOKBOOK

Be part of our Community Cookbook! Also in partnership with One Buchanan, the library is bringing you recipes from our diverse community. Pick up printed recipes at the library and around town. If you would like to submit a recipe, a form is available on our website. We hope you enjoy this first recipe for Arroz Con Gandules from Sonia Rodriguez!

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT A RECIPE.](#)

SEED LIBRARY

Our Seed Library is now open! More than 100 varieties of flower, garden vegetable, herb, and native plant seeds are available for you to take home and plant in your garden. At the end of the season, harvest some seeds and bring them back to the library to help sustain our collection year after year!

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SEED LIBRARY](#)

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS & TEENS:



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesdays, 11am-12pm

March 1 through May 17

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



TEEN SCENE

Wednesdays, 2:30-3:30pm

March 8 through May 17

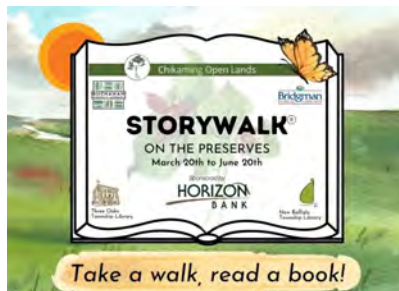
Come hang out with Ms. Jen and fellow teens at the library. Play games, do crafts, and just chillax!



NO-SCHOOL NONSENSE!

Friday, May 19, 1-3pm

Drop in for board games, video games, crafts, and snacks with Ms. Jen at the library!



STORYWALK ON THE PRESERVE

Through June 20

Take a walk, read a book!

Chikaming Open Lands is hosting Storywalk On The Preserve again this year! Check out four different stories at four different area preserves through June 20. Buchanan's Storywalk is at Burns Prairie Preserve on Mt. Zion Rd. At the end of the Storywalk there are Zinnia seeds that you can take home and plant in your garden!

[Learn more here.](#)



Tutor.com – Available with your library card or in the library!

Tutor.com provides on-demand tutoring, homework help, test preparation and writing assistance for students in grades K-Adult in over 60 subjects, as well as career coaches who are available to help navigate online job sites, complete applications, write/review resumes and cover letters, and even practice for an interview! No appointment is necessary! Tutors/coaches are available online 9:00am–12:00am.

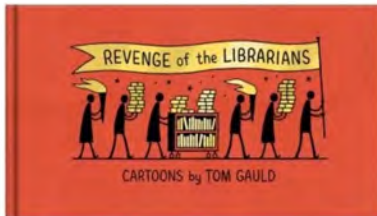
You can also use their drop-off reviews, practice quizzes, video lessons, and The Princeton Review® SAT®/ACT® Essentials and GMAT®, GRE®, LSAT® and MCAT® Practice Tests for self-study, 24/7. Tutor.com is accessible with your library card number, or while using the library's internet. Get started [here](#)!

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

WHAT WE'RE READING:

ERIN IS READING...

Revenge of the Librarians Tom Gauld

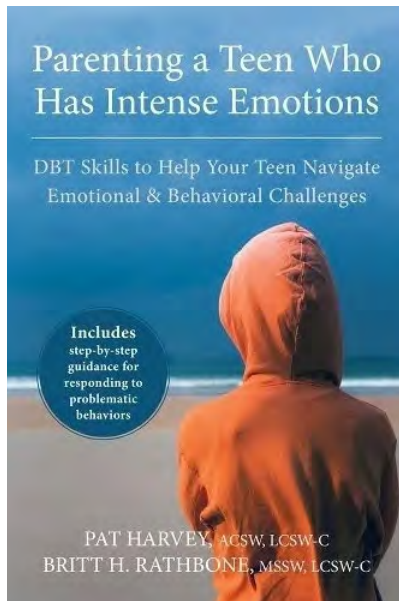


Tom Gauld returns with his wittiest and most trenchant collection of literary cartoons to date. Perfectly composed drawings are punctuated with the artist's signature brand of humour, hitting high and low. After all, Gauld is just as comfortable taking jabs at Jane Eyre and Game of Thrones.

Some particularly favoured targets include the pretentious procrastinating novelist, the commercial mercenary of the dispassionate editor, the willful obscurantism of the vainglorious poet. Quake in the presence of the stack of bedside books as it grows taller! Gnash your teeth at the ever-moving deadline that the writer never meets! Quail before the critic's incisive dissection of the manuscript! And most importantly, seethe with envy at the paragon of creative productivity!

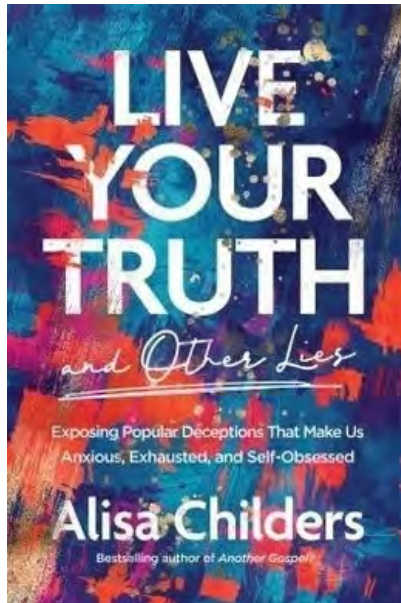
JEN IS READING...

Parenting a Teen Who Has Intense Emotions Pat Harvey & Britt H. Rathbone



The teen years can be daunting for any parent. But if you are the parent of a teen who lashes out or engages in troubling behavior, you may be unsure of how to respond to your child in a compassionate, constructive way. In this important book, two renowned experts in teen mental health offer you evidence-based skills for dealing with your teen's out-of-control emotions using proven-effective dialectical behavioral therapy (DBT).

Helping your teen to effectively deal with their feelings now can have a lasting, positive impact on their future. After all, honing skills for emotion regulation will act as a foundation for your teen's overall mental health. This book will help your teen gain awareness of their emotions, and offers tools to help them choose how to respond to these emotions in effective ways.



WENDY IS READING...

Live Your Truth and Other Lies
Alisa Childers

Are you tired of feeling like you have to check social media to find out what you're supposed to think? Are you weary of the latest self-help books that promise to set you free but only imprison you with laundry lists of studies to consider, positive affirmations to recite, and Facebook groups to join? We've all seen the memes that populate the internet: live your truth, follow your heart, you only have one life to live. They sound nice and positive. But what if these slogans are actually lies that unhinge us from reality and leave us anxious and exhausted? Another Gospel? author Alisa Childers invites you to examine modern lies that are disguised as truths in today's culture. Everyday messages of peace, fulfillment, and empowerment swirl around social media. On the surface, they seem like sentiments of freedom and hope, but in reality they are deeply deceptive.

LIBRARY OF THINGS FEATURED ITEMS:

3-Dish Buffet Server & Food Warmer:



Serve crowd favorites prepared in the electric buffet server's 3 oven-safe chafing pans on the food warming tray or serve food from your own heat-safe dishes and pans kept warm on the tray. The buffet server provides consistent, adjustable heat to keep food warm for hours. Easily adjust with the turn of the dial. Once set, the buffet server cycles on and off to maintain the right temperature. The stainless steel pans that come with the electric warming tray are dishwasher safe, and the lids can be easily wiped clean or rinsed clean in the sink.



Paint Sprayer:

The Wagner Flexio 570 takes the work out of a wide range of indoor and outdoor painting and staining projects. It has the power to spray unthinned paints coating broad surfaces like siding, garages, walls and ceilings. The user friendly adjustments result in complete control with low overspray and consistent coverage. Cleaning is faster than a brush or roller with a few removable parts that separate and rinse clean.



Two-Person Tent:

This two-person backpacking tent could be set up with the included trekking poles or any two sticks longer than 46 inches in under two minutes. This A-frame tent is designed with two A-frame net and fabric double-layer doors. These doors provide better ventilation and reduced condensation. This tent also offers two large vestibules to store backpacks or shoes during your adventure.

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

New Beanstack Challenges!

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

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



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

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

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

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

ARE WE MISSING SOMETHING??

Did you know you can request materials for the library to purchase? To make a request, log into [your](#)

LIBRARY ACCOUNT (in the upper right-hand corner, use your library card number and 10-digit phone number), click on the Reserves/Requests tab, and click the request link.

NEW! myLIBRO App

Buchanan District Library now has an app!

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

Download the myLIBRO app

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

Set up your account

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

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

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

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

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



The library is always closed Sundays & Mondays.

Thank you for being part of the Buchanan District Library!



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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Buchanan Area Senior Center – May 2023



A Few of May's Announcements and Events at Buchanan Area Senior Center

Submitted by Diana Smuda, BASC Program Coordinator

Upcoming Events:



**SENIOR SAFETY TIPS
TUESDAY, MAY 9 ~ 10:30AM**

Berrien County Sherriff Deputy Kelly Laesch will be at the BASC to talk about current scams and how to protect yourself from these scams.
Senior Safety Tips Deputy Kelly Laesch



ADVANCE CARE PLANNING: PEACE OF MIND FOR YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES

TUESDAY, MAY 9 ~ 2PM

Advance Care Planning Presentation by Julie Griffen, Corewell Health

If you're over 18, it's important to name someone you trust to speak for you in a medical emergency. If you can't, get a plan in writing, and share it with your family and healthcare providers. Getting this in order long before an emergency is a gift to your loved ones, removing the pressure of decisions and allowing them to "be your voice" instead.

These plans can and should be updated throughout your lifetime. Join us for an overview of how to choose a good advocate, what to discuss with them, and how to get your plan into the hands of everyone who needs it.

Please note the Advance Care Planning Presentation at the BASC is for those 55+ years old.

Please call 269-695-7119 to register.



SENIOR EXPO AT LMC

FRIDAY, MAY 12 ~ 10AM – 3PM

Celebrate the 24th annual Senior Expo at the Mendel Center at Lake Michigan College hosted by Region IV Area Agency on Aging and The Herald Palladium with the Corewell Health & Wellness Pavilion. There will be entertainment, activities, vendors and lots of new resources for area seniors, caregivers, families and individuals with disabilities.

Annual Senior Expo:

Friday, May 12, 10:00 am—3:00 pm

Mendel Center at Lake Michigan College

2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor, MI



ADVANCED CARE PLANNING WORKSHOP

Tuesday, May 23, at 10:00 am

Julie will be available to help complete the plans that were discussed at the Advance Care Planning Presentation on May 9 (attendance at that program is helpful, but not required.) Join us for a free workshop that will answer questions and assist with:

- Developing and completing your Healthcare Power of Attorney/Advance Directive
- Witnessing of signatures
- Adding your document to your medical record so it's available to all Corewell Health hospitals and providers, in case of emergency
- Having copies made for your advocates

FIELD TRIP:
POTAWATOMI ZOO
THURSDAY, JUNE 22 ~ 9AM



Potawatomi Zoo's goal is to strive for the highest level of animal care for all species, from hissing cockroaches to Masai giraffes. The Zoo houses nearly 400 animals—over 135 species—on 23 acres. Of these species, more than 60 are part of Species Survival Plans and more than 50 also serve as Ambassador Animals for their Education department. They are proud of their animals and all the people who care for them at the Zoo.

Meet at the BASC at 9:00 am.

61 and under: \$12

62 and over: \$10

We are hoping to feed the giraffes, the fee is \$3

Train ride is \$3

Carousel ride is \$3

Fees are due by Friday, May 26

Cash Only

We will go to Yellow Cat for lunch.

Lunch is patron's responsibility.

• **BASC NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

- Attend the BASC Board Meeting **Thursday, May 11**, at 3pm.
- Board minutes & agendas are available to be read at the center.

Thank you for supporting the Buchanan Area Senior Center!

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

Buchanan Area Senior Center - April 2023 Calendar

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda ³ 11:00 Dancing to the Oldies with CeCe 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 2:00 Qigong Exercise	9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy ⁴ 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing	9:00 Coffee Chat ⁵ 9:00 Fasting Blood Sugar 10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe 1:00 Hand & Foot 1:00 Lichtenberg Burning Demonstration 6:00 Pinochle 6:00 Euchre	11:00 Chair Yoga with Ulrike ⁶ 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day	 ⁷
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10:00 Chair Fitness with Linda ²⁴ 11:00 Dancing to the Oldies with CeCe 12:30 Ice Cream Social 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 2:00 Qigong Exercise	9:00 Osteo Fit with Missy ²⁵ 1:00 Pinochle 1:00 Quilting & Sewing	10:15 Chair Fitness with CeCe ²⁶ 1:00 Birthday Bingo 1:00 Hand & Foot 6:00 Pinochle 6:00 Euchre	11:00 Chair Yoga with Ulrike ²⁷ 11:30 Blood Pressure Check 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Game Day	9:00 Powerbeats with Missy ²⁸ 10:00 Chair Fitness with Lizz 11:30 Lunch Bunch 1:00 Fiber Friends 1:00 Movie Matinee: Harvey
	Play at the Tin Shop Theatre "Let Him Sleep" Sunday, April 23 4:00 pm Call 695-7119 to reserve your ticket. \$12/person	Veteran Programs Tuesday, April 11 2:30 with Berrien County Veterans Service Officer Tuesday, April 18 10:30 with Dept. of Veterans Affairs	Important Information About the Floor of Your Core Wednesday, April 12 2:00 pm Call 695-7119 to register	Field Trip to Hoosier Cabinet Museum, Coppes Commons & Lunch at the Barns Friday, April 21 See page 3 for more information



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

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BCS School Spotlight – BMS April 2023



Buchanan Middle School 5th Graders Learn About Arbor Day From Buchanan Tree Friends, Mayor Sean Denison, and the Miss Buchanan Court

Submitted by BMS Principal Shelby Beasley

On Thursday, April 27, volunteers from the Buchanan Tree Friends, Mayor Sean Denison, and Miss Buchanan and her court visited Buchanan Middle School. In honor of Arbor Day the following day, the group spoke with fifth-grade students about the importance and benefits of trees. Mayor Sean Denison made an official proclamation to show his support of Arbor Day as well. The icing on the cake of the assembly was each student left with their own tree sapling to take home and plant near their home. Miss Buchanan and her court gave out the saplings to students. Buchanan Middle School students and staff were very grateful for the visit from the mayor, the Miss Buchanan court, and the generosity of the Buchanan Tree Friends!





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Local Roads – BCRD Grind and Gravel Projects UPDATES



BCRD Grind and Gravel Projects – Latest UPDATES

Berrien County, MI – April 25, 2022



BCRD Graphic – Construction Notice

- **TOWNSHIP(S):** Three Oaks, Galien, Buchanan, Weesaw, Hagar, Benton
- **LOCATION(S) AND PROJECT ORDER:**

Project Order	GRIND	GRAVEL	Road	Termini	Township
1	Completed	4/24/23*	Lakeside Rd.	Forest Lawn Rd. to IN state line	Three Oaks
2	Completed		Hudson Lake Rd.	Olive Branch Rd. to IN State Line	Galien
3	Completed		Olive Branch Rd.	Nye Rd. to Beaver Dam Rd.	Galien
4	Completed		Beaver Dam Rd.	Buffalo Rd. to Olive Branch Rd.	Galien
5	Completed		Buffalo Rd.	Hamilton Rd to Beaver Dam Rd.	Galien
6	Completed		Second St. Rd.	Pardee Rd. to Village Limits	Galien
7	4/26/23 *		Warren Woods Rd.	Cleveland Ave. to Gardner Rd.	Weesaw
8	4/27/23 *		Wagner Rd.	Coveney Rd. to W. Clear Lake	Buchanan
9	4/28/23 *		Madron Lake Rd.	Wagner Rd. to Miller Rd.	Buchanan
11	5/3/23 *		Hicks Ave.	Roslin Rd. West to end	Benton
12	5/3/23 *		Hicks Ave.	Red Arrow Hwy. East to end	Benton
10	5/2/23 *		Kerlikowske Rd.	Coloma Rd. to twp line	Hagar

- **ESTIMATED DATES:** * Work and schedule is contractor and weather dependent
- **PROJECT:** A contractor started County grind and gravel projects on Monday, April 17, 2023. Additional projects and order will be updated on our website weekly. Road improvement construction will result in temporary road closures with a possible moving work zone. Motorists should anticipate possible temporary delays as work progresses.
- **SAFETY BENEFITS:** Grind and gravel projects will provide needed structure to road base which will be prime and double sealed later in the construction season. Improvement projects will correct some structural issues, provide greater stability and a smoother road surface.
- **TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS:** Temporary road closures or traffic delays will occur when contractor and equipment is present. Traffic will be permitted through by the contractor when safe to do so. Please reduce speeds and be alert when traveling through work zones. Individuals might wish to seek alternative routes or be prepared for possible delays until work is completed.
- **QUESTIONS:** For any questions regarding this process please contact the Road Department. Schedule and work is dependent on both contractor and weather. The website will be updated regarding anticipated road project order, which will be evaluated weekly for conditions.

[Full One Page PDF HERE](#)



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.

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Local Clubs – Lions Club Donates to Legion



Buchanan-Galien Lions Club Donates to Buchanan American Legion

Shared by Jerry Flenar

Lions Club members – Jessica Hendrixson and Jerry Flenar – representing Buchanan- Galien Lions Club making a \$1000 donation to Marv Pruitt – Commander of the Legion.



Buchanan-Galien Lions Club Donates to Buchanan American Legion, Photo provided by Jerry Flenar



"We Serve" is our motto – 87+ years strong – and proud to serve in the 2020 Nicest City in America
– Buchanan, MI!

About Buchanan-Galien Lions Club: Buchanan-Galien Lion's Club has been serving the community for more than 75 years. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at the Buchanan American Legion Hall – to learn more about becoming a Lion, contact us. Lions are men and women who volunteer their time to humanitarian causes. Lions extend their commitment beyond sight conservation through countless local efforts that include youth outreach programs, improving the environment, building homes for the disabled, and, through their foundation, provide disaster relief around the world.

[Buchanan-Galien Lions Club Facebook Here.](#)

The Clark Barker – Issue 51



Spring Walk Trash Talk!

Don't be a litterbug I say! I have been enjoying nice, long walks since spring has started! There are little flowers sprouting up and blooming, so the view is getting better compared to little twigs, and brown grass that is turning green.

Nose down into all the smells, I've noticed quite a lot of litter, some fresh and some that melt has revealed from under snowbanks. Out on our walks, my human has started a new habit: using one of my dog waste bags, they put their hand inside it, pick up any trash we encounter, and tie it up to throw away when we come across a trash can or when we get back home.

So, maybe while you're out with your canine or just going for a walk by yourself, take a plastic grocery bag or even a bread bag that you have saved and perhaps pick up some trash and make our city nicer looking for everyone. And if you have some gloves to pick up trash or a grabber tool, take those, along with another human so that I don't

run off from you.

Now, I know that there are times that you're not prepared to pick up trash. Perhaps remember where that trash is and then hopefully someone will see it and pick it up, or just go back out at a later time with a bag and pick it up. We all have to do our part, and I don't mind if I go back out another time or stay on the walk a little longer. You know I love the outdoors!

Also, a reminder to the humans that walk my furry canine friends: yes, we have to do our duty, so please remember to pick up after us (I believe I heard my owner say that it's a city ordinance). Help me and my humans to enjoy the view on our walks in the "Nicest Place in America," Buchanan, Michigan! Woof-Woof!

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(Ord. No. 2011-08/385, 8-22-11)

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Now That's Funny! with Garrick – Issue 51



What Did You Just Say?

by Garrick Stubblefield

I work in the deli at our local supermarket, Harding's. There was a regular customer that approached me the other day by asking if "I could please have two legs instead of my usual thighs." I said, "Sure, but I could offer my thighs, they have more meat than those chicken thighs." The customer laughed and responded, "Excuse me? Who's thighs are we talking about here, yours or the chickens?" Stunned, I was quick to say, "The chickens!" but he said, "I will pass... but thanks for the offer." 🤔

Now That's Funny! – Issue 51



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by Thomas Hoyt, Writer

Well folks it's that time of year. The birds are singing, flowers are blooming, trees are budding, and the temperature goes up and down like a darn yo-yo! One day you are wearing a hoodie sweatshirt, long pants, and your winter coat and hat, and the next day you are wearing shorts and T-shirt and wanting to go outside a play some golf. Some days you look outside and it's cloudy and rainy, and you just want to stay indoors. Other days you see the sun shining and look at the thermometer as it shows 70 degrees and think, "Woohoo!" Yep, only in the Midwest can you use the heater and air conditioner in the same day.

Today's Dad joke: Why did the rope get put in time out? Because he was very knotty. 🤔🤔🤔

Keep laughing folks! 😊

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A Note from the Publisher – Issue 51



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by Jen Garry, Publisher

Super exciting to announce we are progressing toward our goal of providing Buchanan with a Printed Newspaper again! Set to be published Mid/Late June 2023, look for it FREE to pick up at several local Buchanan businesses! Subscribe to our NEW Printed Editions by following the link [HERE](#) to have them sent directly to your door, Sponsor our Printed Editions by following the link [HERE](#), Advertise with us in our Printed Editions [HERE](#) (or as always in our Online Issues [HERE](#)), and let us know what articles you'd like to see in print!



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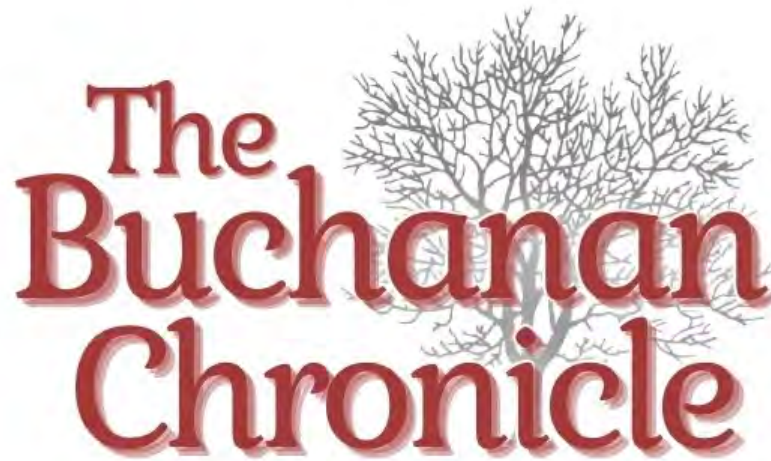
A special thank you to everyone who has taken our interest survey/form – there is definitely a desire for a printed newspaper in the Buchanan community, and we're so excited to be working toward providing one! We've seen interest in over 80 printed copies!

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)
- Recent Issues:
 - Issue 49 (April 1) Views: 1,842
 - Issue 50 (April 15) Views: 2,295
- WordPress Subscribers: 91
- Email Subscribers: 120
- Facebook Followers: 1,644 (Top Reach: 11.4K)
- Instagram Followers: 206

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](#), or message us on [our Facebook page](#). We really appreciate any communication – we want to know what's happening so we can tell our community! 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 Losses • 04/13 – 05/03

Name	Age	Born	Died
Jack Leroy NcNees	83	July 16, 1939	May 3, 2023
Dr. Kay Laurette (Sellers) Griggs	84	July 28, 1938	May 1, 2023
Elaine Ruth (Ott) Marsh	88	February 15, 1935	May 1, 2023
Judith Kay Bever	81	November 6, 1941	April 30, 2023
Jack Amos Hittle	79	October 27, 1943	April 27, 2023
Eugene L. "Gene" Benton	87	April 16, 1936	April 26, 2023
Michael "Mike" Eugene Smith	71	April 10, 1952	April 23, 2023
Larry Dwayne Underwood	75	June 17, 1947	April 21, 2023
Shirley Ward-Cronin-Milne	74	October 11, 1948	April 20, 2023
Lloyd Lee Miller	75	September 13, 1947	April 19, 2023
Edwin "Costa" Acosta	75	November 4, 1947	April 18, 2023
Edward Lee Bibbs	78	September 25, 1944	April 17, 2023
Dorothy "Dottie" Alice Ball Nelson	92	February 10, 1931	April 16, 2023
* Richard J. "Dick" Mann *	83	November 3, 1939	April 15, 2023
Jack Louis Phillipi	77	November 21, 1945	April 13, 2023

* As shared by Buchanan City Police Department on their [Facebook Page](#) [Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 10:13pm], "This is to inform you that today, our police department and the City of Buchanan lost our Code Enforcement Officer, and our Reserve Commander Dick Mann. He was a man of integrity and a hard worker. Dick dedicated his time not only to his family, but also the Berrien County Sheriff's Office Reserve Program and the Berrien County Youth Fair. Please pray for his family and keep them in your hearts during this difficult time."



Reserve Commander Dick Mann, Photo shared by Buchanan City Police Department

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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